

Emergency Meeting of the NJ Eastern Star Home

On November 2, 2024, we held an emergency meeting to inform everyone where we stand with renewing our loan. Our loan comes due in October 2025 and at that time we will owe about 5.9 million. We will most likely have to pay off some of the loan when we refinance it. This is *your* Eastern Star Home. If you would like to hear what is going on, we encourage you to attend a Home Board meeting where your questions can be answered. If you would like to attend a Home Board meeting, please contact Debbie LeDoux. Our next meetings will be April 24th, May 15th and our Delegates meeting will be June 7th.

Home Day

Sister Sharon Rosequist, MWGM will be doing a Home Day this year. It will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Crescent Shrine in Westampton. I hope to see you there. We will be having the Gown Boutiques at Home Day.

Rehabilitation Unit

We have a state-of-the art Rehabilitation Unit and hope that you will consider our facility should you or someone you know need our services. They provide Physical, Occupational and Speech therapy. All inquiries should be made to Shelretha LaSure at the ES Home.

Volunteers

We are now open to volunteers. The residents miss the BINGO games, arts and crafts, sing-alongs, the plays and Chapter meetings that some of the districts used to do. If you would like to volunteer to run any of the above, please call Simone Rudich at the Eastern Star Home. The Board of Directors and the Home thank you for your dedication to the residents and our Home. Simone is always looking for help with getting the wheelchair residents to the Boutique and to the salon. If you are interested in helping, please contact her at the Eastern Star Home.

Bequests

When planning for the future, you may not only be thinking about how to help your family, but also how you might benefit one or more charitable organizations. A charitable bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. You can create a bequest of any dollar amount. When you are preparing your will, please think about including our NJ Eastern Star Home.

Tree of Life

The Tree of Life has received some new leaves and rocks, make sure you check it out the next time you are at the Eastern Star Home. If you would like to have a leaf or rock added to the Tree of Life, you can obtain the form by calling the Eastern Star Home at 908-722-4140. The forms for Leaves and Rocks are also printed in the Star Journal. Leaves are \$500 and rocks are \$1000. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Home, I thank you for supporting this project.

Donations

There are other opportunities for giving that will benefit our Home, besides those previously mentioned. You can contribute towards the Commemorative Gardens, which provides a beautifully landscaped outdoor space for our residents to enjoy. At this time our Building Fund, which helps maintain our facility, is in need of donations. In the past couple of years, we have had to replace both furnaces, both chillers and the roof on the old and new section of the Home along with other major repairs. No matter where you choose to direct your donation, remember that the NJ Eastern Star Home is a 501c(3) Organization, and your donation is tax deductible. Please designate your choice on the memo line of your check, and mail it to Carole Moore, PGM, our treasurer.

Claire-Marie Scheffbuch Wing

Due to the generous donations received in the past from the Estate of Sister Claire-Marie, a wing of our facility has been dedicated in her name. The date of the dedication will be announced in the future. As soon as we have a date, it will be posted on the District Facebook pages and on our website. We are truly grateful to Sister Claire-Marie for everything that she has done for our Home.

In Star Love,
Deborah Lynn LeDoux, GO
President,
Home Board of Directors