Gary Marsh receives top award from LeadingAge Kentucky

Homes earn five honors at annual conference

President and CEO Gary Marsh received the Leadership Award from the state’s largest industry association, LeadingAge Kentucky, recognizing his outstanding leadership to the Association.

“Gary’s successful career, visionary leadership and passion for making a difference in people’s lives make him an outstanding choice for this honor,” said LeadingAge Kentucky President Timothy Veno.

Since joining Masonic Homes in 2003, Marsh has led the organization through its most significant period of growth since its founding in 1867, including the opening of a memory care neighborhood in the assisted care center; envisioning a state-of-the-art nursing care and rehabilitation facility, spearheading the fundraising and planning to make it a reality; and creating Kentucky’s first independent living community with a life care product with the development of Miralea Active Lifestyle Community.

Two honored for board service

Two long-time members of Masonic Homes Board of Directors have ended their service.

Dennis Rutledge of Louisville served as a director for more than 18 years. As vice president of the St. John’s Day League, he helped raise thousands of dollars to help purchase furniture, vehicles and equipment for Masonic Homes.

“Dennis has been an advocate of providing the best possible care to the people we serve,” said Homes CEO Gary Marsh. “We appreciate his many years of service to our organization.”

Rick Nation of Shelbyville has served as a director since 2004 and was active on numerous board committees throughout his tenure. “Rick has been a strong supporter of our initiatives and has encouraged others to become engaged in our mission,” Marsh said. “He may be leaving our board, but his commitment to the Homes will last for many years.”

Once a Rebel, always a Rebel

Village resident recognized by Atherton High School

It had been 59 years since Masonic Home Village resident John Blake represented Louisville’s Atherton High School as the school’s very first quarterback. But this fall, he accompanied team captains and game officials at center field to present the opening coin toss as Atherton hosted North Oldham.
One thing I enjoy about providing services for older adults is that the business is continuously changing.

In the past, many of those changes were provider-driven as those who offered services discovered ways to do things better. Over the years, rules and regulations have changed to ensure that care and services meet specific standards, so everyone receives the same quality of services no matter where they are.

Today, those changes are predominately customer-driven, with an increased demand for services that enable older adults to age successfully, healthfully and independently. Masonic Homes has already responded to the market by providing independent living communities with comfortable, maintenance-free homes and social opportunities designed to promote physical, mental and spiritual health.

In 2015, I am pleased that older adults who live independently on our Louisville campus will have access to more services to address their health needs. In partnership with the University of Louisville’s Department of Geriatric Medicine, Masonic Homes will open a medical clinic staffed by U of L physicians, along with nurse practitioners and other medical professionals.

At the clinic, our campus residents can obtain primary healthcare, lab work, medical tests and other specialized services. Clinic staff will be able to provide services such as pharmacy, X-ray and laboratory services to meet each individual’s needs, in addition to rehabilitation therapies, dialysis and other options that are currently available on the campus.

In addition, the medical service group operating the clinic will also offer home health and non-medical home care services that is often the lifeline separating an older adult living independently from the need to move to a higher level of full-time residential care.

As the old administrative area in The Pillars Assisted Care Center at Masonic Home of Louisville is transformed to accommodate the clinic, we continue to explore other opportunities to offer even more services for our residents, our employees and older adults in the greater community. That not only helps set Masonic Homes of Kentucky apart from other providers; it helps the people we serve live life to the fullest.
How you can help

“Masonic Homes of Kentucky values your support. Your time and gifts reflect your belief in our mission and help us serve hundreds of people from across the Commonwealth every day.”

By MEG GAMMAGE-TUCKER, Ph.D., CFRE
Sr. VP/Mission Advancement & Chief Development Officer

We are often asked, “How can I give to the Homes?” Here are some of the ways you can help.

Payments by check (made payable to Masonic Homes of Kentucky Inc.), may be mailed to Masonic Homes of Kentucky. You may also donate via credit card (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express) in person or online at www.masonichomesky.com/giving.

We are pleased to receive gifts of goods and services that provide financial savings or fulfill a particular organizational need. Please contact us for information on current needs.

Many corporations will match philanthropic donations made by their employees, maximizing your gift. Simply include appropriate forms from your employer with your gift to Masonic Homes.

Masonic Homes is honored to receive accept gifts of real estate and personal property. In addition to discussing with your legal and/or financial advisors, please contact us as these contributions require additional review.

You may be able to realize tax savings by making a gift of stock or other securities. For information on potential tax savings, please call your tax advisor. To coordinate security transactions, please contact us.

Gifts can be designated through your will or other planned giving arrangements. Many ways of giving can benefit you with tax savings or income during your lifetime while providing income for the Homes. Please consult your financial advisors regarding all estate plans.

Masonic Homes of Kentucky invites you to become involved in our mission. If you are interested in helping through one of the ways I’ve mentioned here, participating in an upcoming event or volunteering, please let us know. Please join us in the experience of helping the residents and children in our care.
Masonic Home
Milestones

We’re proud to announce:

• Community Outreach Director Glenna Godsey won second place in LeadingAge Kentucky’s Kentucky Idol talent contest.

• COO J Scott Judy was named to the Masonic Communities & Services Association Board of Directors.

• Walter Evans of Masonic Home of Louisville’s dining services team was honored by Louisville Metro Mayor Greg Fischer for his participation in the Louisville Visual Art Association’s “Infinite Perspectives” Gallery at Louisville Metro Hall.

• Masonic Home of Louisville congratulates Employees of the Month Donna Prewitt (June), Joyce Caise (July), Gale Baber (August) and Jennifer Lewis (September).

• Masonic Home of Shelbyville congratulates Employees of the Month Carolyn Harris (June), Judy Williams (July), Carla Larkins (August) and Anna Gordon (September).

• Sproutlings congratulates Employees of the Month Lauren Bonifacino (August), Leigh Ann Neuendorf (September) and Beth Loster (October).

• Miralea congratulates Employees of the Month Donna Taylor (June), Beth Frymire (July), Ronnie Thorp (August), and Mary Proctor (September).

• Masonic Homes of Kentucky recognized Brittany Cecil and Louisville Campus Landscape and Grounds Team as Employees of the 2nd Quarter.

• Brenda Travis was honored as Corporate Employee of the 3rd Quarter.

Welcome to Masonic Home of Louisville:

• Francis Archie, Nurse Manager

• Vicki Bogard, Nursing Staff Schedule Coordinator

• Ryan Hamilton, Physical Therapist

Candler recognized among Louisville’s up-and-comers

Communications Director Nicole Candler was honored among Business First of Louisville’s 2014 Forty Under 40.

For 19 years, Business First has recognized 40 young professionals in the Louisville area as up-and-coming leaders who are making a difference in our community — not only in their work, but in their volunteer efforts. Nicole was selected among 500 nominations for the award.

“Nicole is an exceptional person, illustrated by her professional achievements and community service,” said Sr. VP/Communications CJ Parrish. “Her leadership, vision and hometown pride make her a natural selection to this elite group.”

As Masonic Homes’ communications director since 2011, Nicole helps manage marketing strategies and tactics for our family of services. Nicole also donates time to Kentucky Commission on Women, Southwest Dream Team, American Cancer Society and Metropolitan Louisville Women’s Political Caucus.

MHL continued:

• Sheila Hammond, Community Liaison

• Emily Lenihan, Physical Therapist

• Alicia Oskins, RN

• Brittany Rayborn, Life Enrichment Assistant

• Tonya Sacra, RN

• Amy Smith, RN

• Katherine Webb, RN

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Miralea resident Nancy Sybeldon and Lifestyles Coordinator Erin Schmidt were among 70 residents, employees and volunteers who made up the Masonic Home Memory Marchers. The Home’s team joined more than 240 teams participating in the 2013 Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s at Louisville’s Waterfront Park.
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Wearing an Atherton sweatshirt bearing his name and number 13, Blake said being at the school was a celebration. “It’s an opportunity to celebrate being on the first football team that the school fielded.”

Blake was quarterback of the first Atherton Rebels football team under Coach Charles Jones, Jr. when the school became co-ed in 1952. Blake’s teammates included University of Louisville All-American and NBA player Charles Tyra and All-State guard J. Frank Yeager.

The football team began its season wearing old practice uniforms from the University of Louisville. However, a game against Valley High School, ranked 2nd in the state, raised them enough money to afford new gear and jerseys – even though it cost them a 62 to 2 loss.

Blake led the Rebels from 1952 through the 1955 season. He recalls games against rival Shawnee High, the size and speed of Flaget running back Paul Hornung, and Blake’s favorite play – Option.

Blake and his wife, Marjorie, have three children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

“No one really taught me how to play football until I went to high school. It was just something you grew up doing with the boys in the neighborhood,” said Blake. “My years at Atherton are some of my fondest memories,” said Blake. “Once a Rebel, always a Rebel.”

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Marsh has served on the Board of Directors for Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities, Masonic Communities & Services Association, LeadingAge Kentucky, Community Health Charities of Kentucky and Seven Counties Services.

Four statewide honors awarded
Masonic Homes earned four additional awards at LeadingAge Kentucky’s annual conference and awards luncheon, held in Louisville on October 8.

Masonic Home of Shelbyville Director of Environmental Services Don Carey received the Supportive Services Award, recognizing his devotion to residents throughout his 35-year career. “Don always goes above and beyond when it comes to our residents,” said Shelbyville Executive Director/ Administrator Nick Cooper. “Resident satisfaction and quality care are high on Don’s list of priorities.”

Masonic Home of Louisville Chaplain Tim Morrow received the Spiritual Care Award for the positive impact he has on the lives of residents. “Tim is the voice of reassurance about life, faith and spirituality,” said Kim Sublett, director of The Pillars Assisted Care Center. “Residents and their families find peace and solace in his counsel, as he shares not just his ministry, but also his heart.”

W.G. Simpson Masonic Lodge was honored as the Group Volunteers of the Year, recognizing lodge members’ outstanding service to Masonic Home of Shelbyville since 2000. “W.G. Simpson Lodge is an integral part of our family,” said Cooper. “Their countless hours spent with residents and the projects they have accomplished have made our Home a better place.”

Diane Howell, CNA at Masonic Home of Louisville, was posthumously honored with the Caring Hearts Award for her commitment to providing residents the highest quality of care. “Although illness ended her 29-year career at the Home, Diane’s smile, hug and wisdom continue to inspire us,” said Sublett.
Stepping up support for clean water
Louisville campus independent living residents donated more than 100 pairs of shoes to Waterstep, helping support the organization's effort to save lives worldwide through safe water.

Grand gift ends Grand Master’s year
During his year as Grand Master, Rick Nation encouraged Masons to continue their obligation to help those who rely on Masonicare for services at Masonic Homes. His effort included a clay shoot, golf shamble and fishing tournament that raised $81,165.59. On hand to acknowledge the gift were CEO Gary Marsh and Sr. VP/Operations J Scott Judy.

First Lady helps Giving Tree grow
First Lady Karen Nation’s year-long campaign, Our Roots Run Deep, raised $10,547 for Masonic Home of Shelbyville’s Giving Tree program, funding innovative services for residents. A long-time supporter of the Home, the First Lady was inspired by the care her mother received from 2011 until she passed away in late 2013. Pictured with the First Lady are J Scott Judy, Rick Nation and Gary Marsh.

Swope’s generous support continues
Sam Swope attended the Grand Lodge Annual Communication to deliver a $40,000 gift to the Homes. Grateful recipients were (from left) First Lady Karen Nation, Homes’ Sr. VP/Operations J Scott Judy, Homes’ Board Vice Chair Martin Walters, Sr. VP/Mission Advancement Meg Gammage-Tucker, CEO Gary Marsh, Mr. Swope, Board Chair Joe Conway and Grand Master Rick Nation.
League continues legacy of giving
Since 1887, the St. John’s Day League has raised money to benefit Masonic Homes of Kentucky, helping to purchase vehicles, furniture, medical equipment, or whatever was needed to enhance the lives of residents. Continuing the legacy of giving, VP/Planned Giving and Fraternal Relations Bruce Lott (center) presented Board Chair Joe Conway (left) and CEO Gary Marsh a check for $15,000 from the St. John’s Day League.

Feeding families and minds
Masonic Home Village and Miralea residents donated more than 200 pounds of nonperishable food items to Kentucky Harvest. Their gift provided meals for the hard-working students and their families at Family Scholar House, a program that helps end the cycle of poverty by empowering families to succeed in education and life.

Teams tee up for Sproutlings
The Med Care Pharmacy team captured top honors in the annual Golf Shamble to benefit Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care & Preschool. Twenty-four teams competed on the course, joining sponsors Medline Industries, Greystone Communities, Med Care Pharmacy, Bosse Mattingly Constructors, BB&T Bank, and Siemens in raising more than $54,000 for programs and initiatives at Sproutlings.

Holiday cheer for American troops
Neighbors and staff at The Pillars Assisted Living Community at Masonic Home of Shelbyville jumpstarted the holidays by assembling star-spangled bags filled with Christmas cheer. Gifts included resident-painted wooden ornaments that were cut by members of W.G. Simpson Masonic Lodge.

Lodge shares its treasure with Home
Masonic Home of Shelbyville’s Sally Jo Magness and Donna Farmer accepted a $1,000 gift from W.G. Simpson Masonic Lodge members John Fearnster, Dallas Cohorn and Eric M. Burke. Members of the lodge have been regular volunteers at the Home since 2000 and also host an annual fish fry for residents. Recently, lodge members made Christmas ornaments for residents to paint and built a trophy case to display the Home’s numerous awards.
Making rounds and making a difference
“Country doctor” is 2014 Friend of the Homes

Shelby County physician Dr. Ronald Waldridge was honored as Masonic Homes of Kentucky’s 2014 Friend of the Homes. As Masonic Home of Shelbyville’s medical director since 1990, Dr. Waldridge makes weekly rounds at the Home to personally check on his patients and consult with staff.

“He’s known many of his patients their entire lives,” said Masonic Homes’ CEO Gary Marsh. “When the time comes for short-stay recovery or long-term care at a nursing facility, Dr. Waldridge is there to reassure families that he will still be looking after their loved one.”

A tireless community servant, Dr. Waldridge is a trustee of the Clear Creek Foundation, Shelby County Parks Board, Shelby County EMS and Shelby County Health Department. Since 1972, he has served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church. He also is an active member of Solomon’s Masonic Lodge in Shelbyville.

“The quality of services and the quality of life for our residents have improved since Dr. Waldridge became the Home’s medical director,” said Marsh. “Masonic Homes is honored to call Dr. Waldridge our friend.”