



A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF A VOYAGE CONTINUED

Welcome to Our
150th Anniversary Gala Event

Columbus Colony Community Center
1055 Colony Drive
Westerville, Ohio 43081

August 27th thru 30th, 2020

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owner sponsor of COLUMBUS COLONY

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The 150th Anniversary Gala is a major Fundraising Event for
OSDAA's "Robert MacGregor Fund" in conjunction with the
Columbus Foundation to build a Group Home on the Columbus
Colony Campus for isolated individuals with hearing or
hearing+sight losses.

The Voyage of the Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association (OSDAA) began 150 years ago in 1870. Founded by a group of educators led by Robert Patterson and Robert MacGregor OSDAA became the nation's largest and oldest alumni association, serving graduates from the Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD) with needed care for their elderly and isolated Deaf alumnus and all individuals with hearing+vision issues.

With the purchase of 171 acres of rural farmland in historic Central College, Ohio, the Voyage began as the Ohio Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf (OHAD) a self-supporting farm community with then 2 residential halls. Over time the City of Westerville grew to include what is now Columbus Colony one of the nation's only continuum campus serving the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind population nationally. Owned and managed by the Deaf of OSDAA. It is home to over 300 individuals of specialized hearing and hearing+vision needs.

Established in 1979, **Columbus Colony** consist of facilities and services to 165 units of Independent and Assisted Living along with a 150 bed Skilled Nursing Care. It is home to a Cultural Center serving as a major Local & Statewide gathering facility for the Alumni and surrounding community, with a 400-seat exhibition hall, a 222-seat educational theater and a historical hall showing the voyage to date.

The Voyage continues with this 150th Anniversary Gala as a benefit event to begin fundraising for an Independent Group Home for 8 to 10 on the current 47-acre Columbus Colony campus. A house provided for those Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind isolated individuals to live independently in a home-like environment.

The 150th Anniversary Gala features;

- Sessions on the Past, Present and Future of OSDAA
- Tours of the Original OSD on East Town Street, the current OSD on Morse Road and the Columbus Colony Campus
- Major Recognition Banquet followed by a LIVE Las Vegas Magic Performance
- Commemorative Book (hard bound historical 60+ page coffee table type) and gifts along with fellowship with friends, alumnus and classmates.
- Ending with an all-day Fall Festival and LIVE Silent Auctioned items benefitting the Voyage.

This 3-day Anniversary Gala Event brings individuals from across the country for this one time gathering that will not happen for another 25 years. What personal experience it will be to participate in this benefit honoring a rich 150-year Deaf Culture and a be part of the next future of OSDAA.

Noted Helen Keller shared this..."Alone we can do little, together we can do so much".

Come Join Us as we Sail into the next headwaters together on **The Voyage Continued**.

Mary Owen, Chairperson
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