

**THIS IS ONEIDA
HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS**

I am sure you have heard the old adage, "Home is where the heart is." In the last 115 years so many people, both young and old, have called Oneida their home. For most, it started out as a temporary home away from home, but for many Oneida became a place they loved and now cherish. In the nine years Angie and I were in Florida, I can't say Oneida was always on our minds, but I can say Oneida was always in our hearts. In those years away from Oneida, Angie and I did not attend any OBI Homecomings. We lived a thousand miles away and just like all of you, we led busy lives. Perhaps that was a poor excuse for not attending, but now that we are back we are looking forward to being a part of Homecoming on Saturday, June 28. If Oneida is in your heart, please find a way to join us and come home on June 28.

We are diligently working to prepare for our Homecoming on Saturday, June 28. The day will include a hymn sing; free lunch and dinner; anniversary class recognitions, which will include the class of 1964 for their fiftieth anniversary; OBI Athletic Hall of Fame inductions; the grand re-opening of Anderson Hall (the oldest structure on our campus that has been undergoing major remodeling for six years); time to look at old yearbooks and pictures; a Shire horse team from the Kentucky Horse Park; a petting zoo; swimming; an alumni basketball game; a garden tour; an outdoor movie; and much, much more. Best of all, you will get to see and reconnect with some folks you maybe haven't seen or heard from in many years. Perhaps you will reminisce about Oneida days gone by. It will be a great day on our campus.

A new feature this year is a golf tournament fundraiser the day before Homecoming. On Friday, June 27 there will be a golf scramble at Crooked Creek Golf Club in London, Kentucky. I will be out there hacking up the course, and would love to see some golfers just as bad as I am swinging their clubs! Below is some information on the tournament:

- Four-Person Scramble: \$55/individual, \$200/team
- Lunch and some great door prizes are included!
- Tee sponsorship available! 2x2 vinyl signs with your choice of text placed at tees throughout the course for a donation of \$35 for one sign, \$60 for two, \$75 for three. All proceeds will help to purchase equipment for our brand, new OBI student golf team.
- For more information, contact OBI Alumni Director, Amanda Roberts, at 606-847-4111 ext. 268 or amanda.roberts@oneidaschool.org

The golf tournament and Homecoming are not just for graduates of the school. They are for alumni, former students, former faculty and staff, friends, family, and just simply for anyone who loves Oneida. If Oneida has meant something in your life, we want you here. So please plan on joining us for this wonderful day on June 28!



**Larry A. Gritton, Jr.
OBI President**

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