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Bunco "Family and Friends" a unique event for Ohio chapter



Goshen Chapter Order of the Eastern Star has developed a unique fundraiser titled "Bunco Family and Friends". We do not make a lot of money, but as you may often hear, "money is not everything". This little get together has turned into a wonderful social and relationship building event, which was the main reason for its start. At first, we only charged to cover our expenses, but we did raise a small amount of funds, so it became a fundraiser. Since we do this on a quarterly basis a theme is usually chosen and appropriate decorations, prizes and snacks lend to the party atmosphere. The most recent themes were Patriotic on July 7th and Halloween on October 10th and Mardi Gras on March 2nd, which turned out to be the best one yet. The delicious food, interesting prizes, cool Mardi Gras shirts, colorful beads and masks, provided and made for a fun party. Here comes the question asked quite often, "What is Bunco"? Here is a brief explanation for those who are curious.

It is a dice game that depends on luck, requiring no specific skills, no deep concentration, no complex strategy to learn and anyone can play, even children. It is easily adapted to the size of the group of attendees. One of the logistics of the game is to move from table to table after a complete set is played, which allows

you to play with or against everyone. This is the social and get acquainted part that is so rewarding. Many of you may be familiar with the game but using it as a fundraiser has been quite rewarding for our chapter. Providing fellowship building with members and non-members, team building with our members as they plan and prepare for the event, an entertaining afternoon for all, and a small addition to our treasury. There is no need to go into a deep description of "Bunco" as to how to play, the rules, and the various options available. If you are interested everything you need to know is available on the internet. You can even purchase game sets with directions and everything you need to play. However, here is the opportunity to see how things worked for Goshen Chapter at the last Bunco Event we sponsored with pictures. Pictured with our giant Mardi Gras man is the DGM of District 22, our masked member wearing her theme shirt, and some tables of



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play. Not everyone is into wearing costumes, but they came and enjoyed the fun. We continue to increase attendance as the word spreads. We are now planning the next "Bunco" event in May. Looking forward to what we can do to make it a more exciting event and encouraging more people to attend. One good thing is that adjustments can be made to accommodate all that attend and wish to play. We owe a vote of thanks to the special member of Goshen Chapter who came up with the idea of "Bunco Family and Friends" to bring the members with their families together. Because of the increased membership over the past few years, it was a great idea to have the opportunity to meet and greet members of families, we would not get to know. These "Bunco" events have truly been successful.

