

I had a wonderful time at the Mid-Year Conference in Ocean City, MD last month and I certainly hope that you did too. The Mid-Year, International, and Annual Conventions and Conferences provide such a great opportunity to meet with friends both old and new, exchange ideas, recharge and renew the sense of pride and commitment that we all share as members of this incredible fraternity – The Loyal Order of Moose and the Women of the Moose.

Past Deputy Grand Regent Jean Neal is an organizational whiz, the Co-Workers of Dundalk Chapter are beyond friendly, always helpful and providing everything you could ask of a Hostess Chapter, and our Official Visitor Past Grand Regent Judy Davis educated, informed, and inspired while being entertaining and approachable. Even Mother Nature was on our side! What more could you ask?

Congratulations to the Co-Workers of Bel Air Chapter on being named Top Chapter and to all those Lodges, Chapters, and individuals recognized during the Shining Star event. To all of our new Green Cap recipients, you and your chapter members have demonstrated a level of drive, dedication, and enthusiasm that we all hope to achieve. We are so proud of you!

The support of all of us is required to insure the continued operation of both Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We are now at the half way point in our chapter year. Special emphasis is being placed on membership, the retention of our current members and making our lodge homes and Chapter meetings reflect the type of friendly atmosphere that will be attractive to new members as well as old. Please be sure to work those arrearage lists. When you contact members who have not renewed their dues be sure to find out the reason why. Sometimes health issues, family or financial problems are holding them back. Sometimes you can help.

As the holiday season approaches, we now move into one of the busiest times of the year. We celebrate the accomplishments of our new Collegians, Red Tassel and Stole recipients. Lodge and Chapter community service projects, Valued Veteran programs, fundraisers, dinners, dances and holiday parties are being planned and implemented. These events provide the perfect opportunity to invite your friends who have not visited the lodge to join you and to enlist the help of Co-Workers that may not have a history of involvement. By letting them know that you value their input and assistance, you can instill a sense of accomplishment and pride in what our fraternity is all about - and potentially provide a whole new pool of volunteers.

I would like to wish you and your families a safe, happy, holiday season and look forward to working with all of you to ensure a productive and successful Chapter year.

Fraternally,

Carol Eckenbrecht, Deputy Grand Regent