

With the International Convention in New Orleans right around the corner, we will be celebrating the achievements of our newest class of Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder, and College of Regents members. As you receive our congratulations for honors well and truly earned, remember that the hard work and dedication of your Co-workers was vital to your success. Be sure to “pass it on”. Your chapter will certainly benefit from the inspiration, encouragement, and assistance that you will continue to provide. You will derive great satisfaction from mentoring new members and watching their level of involvement increase.

In with the old... out with the new? Never! Successful chapters of the Women of the Moose, and we all want to be members of successful and productive chapters, value the experience, wisdom, and counsel of their long term Co-workers as well as the fresh ideas and enthusiasm brought by those more newly installed. While we all have different interests and tastes, do not be afraid to try something new or revisit ideas that were tried in the past. Support and encourage each other, don't turn away those who wish to volunteer, and don't forget that members we think of as purely “social” may be delighted to help from time to time if asked. Never underestimate the power of praise.

As we near the completion of the first quarter of the chapter year, our new officers, appointed officers, and chairmen are becoming more comfortable with the responsibilities they have assumed. Officer Training classes are being scheduled, offering the opportunity to deepen our understanding of the duties of our officers and chairmen and the policies governing the Women of the Moose. 2 HOTS classes offer additional information regarding record keeping, accounting, and financial obligations of the Recorder and the chapter. Please be sure that all Co-workers of your chapter are encouraged to attend these sessions and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about how they can help strengthen our organization.

With the announcement of our new theme, “Moose on a Mission”, summer and early fall are the perfect times to focus, not only on raising the funds necessary to support our twin cities – Mooseheart and Moosehaven – which is always our priority, but also to show off our lodges and chapters in the best possible light. Judging by the many emails, Facebook posts, and flyers I've received, many of you have been doing just that! Bar-b-ques, picnics, and other outdoor activities abound. Showcase you lodge home with functions that are open to the public.

Sponsor and participate in fund raising activities benefitting your communities and other nonprofit organizations. Invite your friends and family members, those you work with, and members of other service organizations to join you in these endeavors. Consider joining forces with other lodges and chapters to work on a joint fundraising activity to benefit a charity or cause that you all feel strongly about. By working together you may gain greater exposure, generate more funds, demonstrate the true nature of fraternalism and your pride in our organization, AND attract new members!

Work hard, play hard, and enjoy your summer!

Fraternally,

Carol Eckenbrecht, Deputy Grand Regent