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Got a Moose Problem? Contact a Deputy Regional Manager!! They can't help, if you don't ask.

Natural Highs:

Getting out of bed every morning and being grateful for another beautiful day.

From the Desk of MD-DE-DC Regional Manager Dave Greenaway

MONEY, MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

Retention is the name of the game for 2009-2010. "Be A PIECE OF THE SOLUTION" and strive to have all of our Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion members renew their annual dues this year. This could happen in a perfect world,

but we live in a real world. You have probably heard all of the excuses over time for not renewing dues. If each fraternal unit could reduce drops by 50%, we would experience a significant increase in good standing members.

As we go through this period of economic uncertainty let us reflect back to what got us here as the strongest Fraternal organization in the world. Over the past decade we have lost sight of the basics. Many of our members joined the Moose Fraternity to have a sense of belonging to a group of people with similar ideals and goals that care about the individual, the family and the community. A sense of belonging made us strong in numbers in the past. We go to Cracker Barrels and local diners in search of "comfort foods", to rekindle pleasant memories of our past. The local Moose Family Center should rekindle fond memories of pleasant past experiences at the "Old Moose".

I remember the Friday night teen dances held at my Lodge, when I was a teenager. The dances were an important social event in our small community. The identity as a social pillar in the community has since faded, but I remember the men and women giving of their time on a Friday night to provide a safe and entertaining evening for us. Recreating the image of a caring and giving organization should be our goal this year. Each Fraternal unit has its strengths and weaknesses. What works in one community may not work in another. Share your success and failures at your next District meeting. What did not work in one Lodge may work in another.

When we stop sending the Get Well card, the Bereavement card, or the Birthday card, we smother that sense of caring and belonging. Our sense of **community** must be reinforced by highly visible good works (**Special Olympics, safe Surfin', Tommy Moose and Valor Programs)** in our communities. Our sense of **family** must be driven by family activities for all ages of our membership. With **recognition** of selfless service to our Fraternity, family and community comes a sense of belonging and caring. Does your Fraternal Unit send a card recognizing significant years of service (continued dues payment)? When is the last time representatives from the Lodge or Chapter visited a funeral home to pay their respects to a departed member? When was the last time someone called a delinquent member to remind them of their arrearage? When is the last time we asked why that member has not renewed or is it because we are afraid of the answer?

If we believe in and practice The Golden Rule, we will strengthen our numbers. Let us strive, this year, to make our Lodge Home the most active and friendliest place in town. What made us strong, as a Fraternity, in the past, is our blueprint for our future.

Activity + Caring + Recognition = <u>Retention.</u>

Fraternally,

Dave Greenaway

P. S. Congratulations to our newest Pilgrims, Collegians, Star Recorders and Fellows. We are especially proud of the 2008-2009 Moose International Moose of the year – Pilgrim Brother Carl Schmidt, PDSG.

Moose Chocolate!!!



CHOCOLATE PROGRAM

for Moose Fraternal Units/Members



- All items will be personalized with the Moose logo and will contain a \$2.00 Pizza Hut® coupon.
- Each case is purchased for \$32.00 and contains the following 30 items: 9 Milk Chocolate and Almond bars, 5 Crisp bars, 6 boxes of Mint Meltaways[®], 2 boxes of Caramel Whirls[®], and 8 boxes of Chocolate Covered Almonds.
- Recommended Selling price is \$2.00 or \$2.50 per item. Each case sold generates a minimum profit of \$28.00 that fraternal units keep.
- FREE shipping for orders of 25 cases or more. Also, receive an additional FREE case of chocolate (minimum \$60.00 value) for orders of 40 cases or more.

- Payment is not due until 30 days after delivery, thus allowing time to sell the chocolate before paying.
- To order, please complete the chocolate order form found on www.mooseintl.org in the "Community Service" section and fax it to the number indicated on the form.

The chocolate will be delivered to the requested address. Minimum order quantity is 8 cases.

· Proper signing authority is required.



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Community Service



Here's a better picture of John Barber's Endowment Fund Splash on January 24th. He ran into the room wearing a woman's bathing suit and splashed into a tub of water. The Endowment Fund was \$210 that night. Great Job, John!!!!

Elkton Lodge #851 and Chapter #969 joined

forces to donate \$500 to the Hospice of Cecil County at the April 7th meeting of the 6th District.

Registered Nurse Deborah Jarrell spoke about the programs available through the Hospice with 24 hour oncall availability for patients and family members. In the photo are (from left) Judy Martin and Marilyn Echols from the Chapter (Marilyn is Deborah's mother), Deborah Jarrell and Lodge Administrator John Kitchen.





Mark Alderson, Sr. is presenting checks to Ryan Burbrink on behalf of Marlboro Lodge #1856 and Capitol Moose Legion #155. Ryan is a student at a local Catholic school and the lodge and Moose Legion joined together with a fundraiser for Ryan's tuition at the school. Along with his studies, Ryan is involved in two sports at school. Ryan's mother is Michelle Burbrink, a member of Marlboro Chapter #1350.

Great Job!

Waldorf Moose FC #1709 was the site of a fundraiser for a young lady who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. The ladies from Waldorf Chapter #1387 presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 which came from the community as well as the Chapter fundraisers. This money will go into the Katie Haile Fund to be used to help with medical and household bills.





Delaware Military Academy Junior Alex Johnson was sponsored by Newark Lodge #630 and Chapter #705 to be a part of the Youth Awareness Program in our Association. Alex was chosen to attend the International Youth Awareness Congress in Hampton, VA this past May. He visited the 6th District meeting on June 2nd and told us about his experience and pride in having participated in the Congress. Newark Lodge and Chapter presented Alex with "some extra pocket money" for his trip to Virginia. Chairmen Bob Madill and Bessie Staab-Hickman join Administrator Rick Griner in presenting the money to Alex. Congratulations, Alex!

Community Service







On May 19, 2009, the MD-DE-DC Moose Association and members of Salisbury Moose Family Center #654 donated over 100 Tommy Moose to the Ocean City Police Department. This will give the officers an option to use to help small children who have been either victims of crimes or been involved in a frightening situation. Our Tommy Moose will help to calm the children and help create a level to trust when dealing with police officers. Also, it provides the police officers a resource to effectively and compassionately deal with children involved in traumatic situations.



College Park Moose FC #4532 donated a case of Tommy Moose to the Branchville Fire and Rescue Squad in March of 2009. Governor Carter and Administrator Cornell made the presentation.





At the "Preferred Member Party" at New Castle Moose FC



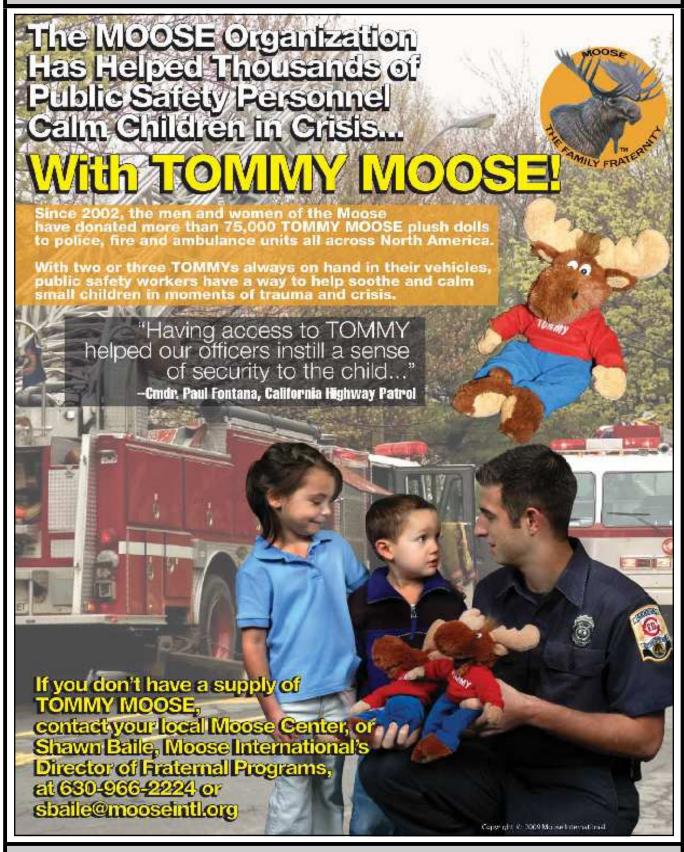
#1578 on May 9th, Valor Award Chairman Ron Sweetman presented awards to

two police officers along with a \$50 gift card to Home Depot and a case of Tommy Moose.

In the photo on the left is New Castle County Police Capt. Watson and honoree Officer 1st Class Herring with Ron. The photo on the right shows honoree Sgt. Jamie Rogers with Ron and Lt. Abrams from the New Castle City Police.



the "Tommy Moose" Program



Great for Community Service donations!!

Happenings at the Lodges & Chapters



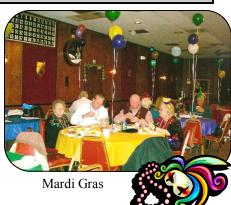
Waldorf Moose FC #1709 celebrated Family Day Spring 2009. Entertainment included International Clown of the Year, "Bunky the Clown", a moon bounce, games, planting flower seeds, food and lots of FUN! A great time was had by all.



College Park #4532 Celebrations







Hocus Pocus Band



Honoring Jr. Grad Dawn Shreves



Easter Party





College Park Lodge #4532 hosted a pool tournament March 13, 14 & 15. Looks like a good crowd.



Happenings at the Lodges & Chapters



New Castle Lodge #1578 and Chapter #1418 hosted their Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The kids enjoyed finding eggs and then eating pizza and cupcakes. Lodge and Chapter members worked together. The Chapter chanced off two Easter Baskets.





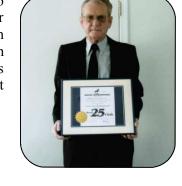






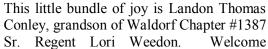
East Sussex Lodge #2542 had four new 25 Club Members recently. On the right is Charter Member Preston Hudson, on the left is Governor Gil Kuhn with Randy Porter and below is Walter Scott with the moose. Adam Cegielski, Jr. also received his

25 Club plaque, but was not photographed.





Congrats to new 25 Club Members







Newark Lodge #630 and Chapter #705 held their annual Easter Party for the kids in early April. Joan Murphy dressed up as the Easter bunny for the party. Looks like everyone had fun!!



Here and There, We're Everywhere!



Baltimore City MSC #2631 held a pig-roast recently. Several members of Odenton MSC #2601 came to join in the fun and fellowship. Everyone seems to be having a good time, except for the guest of

honor - the pig! Oh well - better luck next time!!!











Ucon-Jay Nelson is a Mooseheart student sponsored by Newark Lodge #630 and Chapter #705. While we were in Chicago, Administrator Rick

Griner and Past Governor Calvin Pettit visited Ucon at her home at Mooseheart - the Virginia House. She also posed with our Deputy Grand Regent Elva Freter at the 8th Grade Promotion held at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago. Congratulations Ucon - we wish you much success at Mooseheart.

CONGRATULATIONS Aberdeen WOTM Bowling Team - Team Victory

The bowling team from Aberdeen Chapter #1209 recently won the team victory in the 10-week Women's International Bowling Tournament held in Erie, PA with a team score of 3214. There were 20 teams in the competition from throughout the Fraternity. They call themselves "All Mixed Up". Pictured left to right are Charlotte Burns, Sheryl Davis-Kohl, Donna Coyne and Vickie Hawkins. Nellie Manning is pictured in the middle.



Greetings from Mooseheart

This is a letter I received after we were at Mooseheart. Linda Worden is one of the Family Teachers in our House and she wanted to update us on the boys.

HELLO!!! What a great convention this year!!! Mike and I have been on the Mooseheart campus for close to 12 years now and I think this year's graduation ceremony had more Moose members present than most of the previous years combined!!! What a blessing for the graduates of 2009 to have been shown such incredible support on their special day.

We were so amazed at the number of Men and Women of the Moose who were able to stop by the MD-DE-DC home this year and enjoy a time of food and fellowship. We are very proud of all the youth in our home and were so happy that many of you were meeting up with the boys "again", but especially how many of you were getting to meet the boys for the first time. They are truly a wonderful group, full of energy, ideas and of course outstanding manners!!!

Hopefully everyone who wanted a tour of our beautiful home was able to have one. The new carpet looks beautiful and there is more updating to come. We will have new flooring put in the basement recreation room, and brand new tile installed in the kitchen and back entry room. Also, our deck received a power washing and new stain applied. Things are really looking good at the MD-DE-DC home.

All of the boys this year will have the opportunity to travel to their guardian's homes, but the majority will be returning to campus on July 1st. Here's just a quick update on their plans:

Jon Corral

Home for the Summer - Jon will be working a job sponsored through the Daniel Murphy Foundation.

Paul Flores and Angel Rodriguez

Home for the Summer - This will be the first time in almost 2 years that the boys will be back in California with their grandparents.

Prince Kollie

Back to campus on 7/1/09 - Prince is planning on working for the Environmental Task Force on the Mooseheart campus.

Nezra McCarty

Back to campus on 7/1/09 - Nezra plans on returning with his **driver's permit** that he plans on obtaining while he is visiting with the guardian in Florida.

Aaron Moka

Back to campus on 8/14/09 - After returning from spending time with his mother in Iowa, Aaron plans on taking full advantage of the summer recreation program offered at Mooseheart.

Kendall Owens

Home for the summer - He will be with his parents and already has some jobs lined up to "put a little money in his pocket."

Vernon Owens

Back to campus on 6/8/09 - Vernon will be working with the Cosmetology program this Summer in hopes of earning his certification in this vocation.

Dominik Solis

Back to campus on 8/14/09 - Dominik will also be working with the Environmental Task Force on the Mooseheart campus. This will be his second year in the program.

Juan Solis

Back to campus on 8/14/09 - Juan will be spending the Summer with his grandmother in Aurora, IL.

Angela Pope - Family Teacher

Angela will be taking a much-deserved vacation to her home state of Alabama and may attempt to tackle the great state of Texas - BRAVE GIRL!!!

Mike, Linda, Bryan & Danielle Worden - Family Teachers and their children

Will be taking a trip to Colorado at the end of June to see the Great Rocky Mountains up close and personal!!! After that - WORK, WORK, WORK!!!

Anyway - We love you and appreciate all of you SOOOOO MUCH!!! It is people like you that keep Mooseheart a safe place for our kids to learn, grow, and leave better prepared to face the challenges that life will surely throw their way!!! God Bless You and God Bless Mooseheart!!!

With Sincerest Wishes for a Beautiful Summer,

Linda S. Worden

Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

I received an e-mail about the Tricare for Life - that is the health care for veteran retirees - which also covers the Medicare co-pay. This is a proposal of the Budget committee. If this approved by Congress the first impact will be

2011. It would require the retirees to pay the first \$525 of medical cost and 50% of the next \$4,725 for a first year cost of \$2,888 per person. It would be indexed to increase with inflation. You can check out this on line Congressional Budget Office Web site www.cbo.gov/ Article 189, option 95-98. I will forward the e-mail to anyone who would care to have it, just let me know. This is a thumbnail description of the entire proposal. Funding for some of the cyberspace laws will need to be passed if they are to be effective, we need to let our legislators know how we feel on these and any other issues that impact our fraternity family. I am still bewildered - we have oil resources that could make us independent of all foreign oil and have not developed them. They did pump millions of barrels out of the Bakkan strike last summer and it only cost \$16.00 a barrel; that's why the gas prices dropped. The senator from North Dakota has asked our government to allow the develop this strike and I think we should urge them to do so. They say it would require the



expansion of truck fleets, laying new or expanding pipe lines, increasing refineries. Let's see - wouldn't that open up more jobs and businesses we so desperately need to help put our economy back on track? Or am I just too naive to understand this is not a solution that would benefit everyone?

Delaware has been pretty quiet except for the "Eminent Domain" that has been passed, not to the entire approval of our state government, they wanted further concessions. It will be in our best interest to keep tabs on this as it could come up with amendments in the very near future.

Maryland has been busy. They have passed some Senate Bill 860 House Bill 1193 (chas 105 and 106) clarify the requirements for non-profits to qualify to receive assistance from the Maryland Not-For-Profit Development Center to provide technical and training to non-profits. There have been other laws passed that pertains to bingo licenses the maximum, payouts at Texas Holdem tournaments. These vary from county to county. You should try to stay abreast of all changes in your area.

Respectfully Submitted, Bessie Staab-Hickman, Coordinator

A Soldier's Thanks for VFW Free Call Days

Crystal Lauver, Commander of the 955th Engineer Company, recently returned from a deployment to Iraq.



"Through **VFW Operation Uplink** TM Free Call Days, Lauver and her soldiers were able to call home free of charge, once a month, at Internet cafes throughout Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Through **VFW Operation Uplink**, a vital link was provided back to the states for free, connecting those who serve with those who care. Lauver said the soldiers are more than appreciative of the Free Call Days. They can call home and talk for as long as they want. Lauver, who as a civilian works at the VFW National Headquarters, says this wouldn't be possible without VFW Posts, Auxiliaries, individual and corporate donors.

"Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible," said Lauver.



Help our military personnel and veterans communicate with their families and loved ones by providing them with free phone cards. Support *Operation Uplink*. or Write your check to:

"Dept. of DE VFW" or "Dept. of MD VFW" and earmark for "Operation Uplink". Thanks!!!

Mail your donations to:

Delaware VFW Quartermaster Jesse Kitson 167 Carnation Drive Magnolia, DE 19972 Operations Uplink Chairman Carl F. Voigt 895 Leesburg Court Huntingtown, MD 20639

A Tribute to the 4th of July & Our Troops

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC, FOR WHICH IT STANDS, <u>ONE NATION UNDER GOD</u>, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!









We must never forget who
Gets the credit for the freedoms we have,
of which we should be
Eternally grateful.



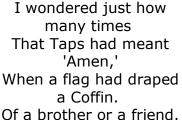
I watched the flag Pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine Saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.



One night,
When everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.

I heard the sound of Taps

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square
And eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.

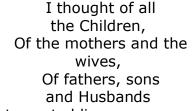






I thought how many men like him Had fallen through the years.

How many died on foreign Soil How many mothers' tears?



With interrupted lives.

How many pilots' planes shot down?

How many died at sea How many foxholes were soldiers' graves? No, freedom isn't free.



I thought about a graveyard At the bottom of the sea Of unmarked graves in Arlington. No, freedom isn't free.

Adapted from an email sent by Bessie.

For All of our other military personnel, wherever they may be Please Support all of the troops defending our Country.

And God Bless our Military who are protecting our Country for our Freedom.

Thanks to them, and their sacrifices we can celebrate the 4th of July.



Moose Legion Area Manager Ron Sweetman

Hello Moose Legionnaires! We find ourselves at the beginning of another year for the Degree of Service. I hope by this time the six Moose Legions of this Association have set their goals for the coming year and have a workable **solution** to insure your success.

We began our year with the All-State Moose Legion Celebration that was held at Harrington Moose Family Center, May 1-3, 2009. My congratulations go to the Officers and Directors of Blue Hen Moose Legion No. 186 and to the volunteers of Harrington Moose Family. Our official visitor, International Moose

Legion President Levis Hughes, was impressed with the planning, preparation, and performance. However, in spite of that, the attendance for the meetings and activities was **totally disappointing**. Although, International President Levis Hughes and his wife Paula were overwhelmed by the people and the Celebration he was concerned about the lack of participation. Moose Legionnaires let's make plans to attend the All-State Moose Legion Celebration April 30 – May 1-2, 2010 to be hosted by Capital Moose Legion No. 155.

At the Moose Legion breakfast, during the International Convention, Blue Hen Moose Legion No. 186 placed first in the Endowment Fund collection in the Charity Division. Past President Bruce Dewey and Secretary Mark Letterman accepted the award. **Congratulations – way to go!!**

Our Moose Legion Conferral was introduced at our June Celebration. I ask that Moose Legions/ Lodges consider forming a Conferral Staff and enter the up-coming International Competition November 5-8, 2009 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Beginning in 2010 the Moose Legion Conference will be held in conjunction with the International Convention.

Be creative in your Membership Campaigns and promotions during the coming year. All Moose Legion's have very attainable goals and you Moose Legionnaire's can, "Be A Piece of The Solution".

Let's not forget our motto of, "doing some good thing for someone each day". International Moose Legion President Mike Roach has asked all of us to help with his project this year - a Blocking Sled for the Mooseheart Red Ramblers. Make your checks payable to Moose Charities and ear-mark for Blocking Sled. And continue with the funding for our capital project, Moose Youth Awareness, Special Olympics, etc.

Remember our mission – To have fun while providing greater service to the Moose Fraternity.



Cordially and fraternally,

Ron Sweetman,

Moose Legion Area Manager



New Pilgrim Presentations Scheduled!!

William Hollandsworth at New Castle Lodge #1578 on August 8, 2009 at 7 PM

John Peckham at Elkton Lodge #851 on August 9, 2009 at 2 PM Homer Rouch at College Park Lodge #453 on September 26, 2009 at 7 PM Wayne Morgan at Frederick Lodge #371 on October 10, 2009 at 7 PM

Come help the New Pilgrims celebrate their Degree of Merit

MD-DE-DC Moose Legion Celebration







OOPS! Somebody sabotaged the vote!



Levis sat with the candidates.

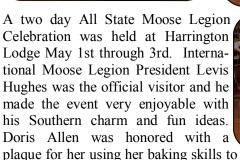


Blue Hen #186 Ritual Team



An award for our "cake lady".













supply cakes and other goodies.

Many of her cakes have been chanced off in the Blue Hen #186 monthly meetings and have netted as high as \$100 for one cake. The lower five photos show some fun on Sunday where a game was played with a beach ball. Evidently the circle shrank as the game progressed. Looks like Tom Atwood managed to beat Dave Greenaway for the prize! Even though the crowd wasn't as large as they wished, a good time was had by all. Let's join in the fun at the 2010 All State Moose Legion Celebration and have a better attendance.

MD-DC-DE Moose Legion Ambassadors & their Territory

Carl Salo

A. Lee Poole #111 - President Richard Baker

Chesapeake #183 - Pres. Charles Neal III 😽 Blue Hen #186 - Pres. Gilbert Kuhn Dan Walther

Baltimore #10 - President Bud York Scapitol #155 - President Robert Mitchell Western MD #218 - President James Shipway

New Association Campaign

MD-DE-DC Moose Association



2009 - 2010 New Association Member Campaign

7 and 8 - Ain't it Great to Sign new members!

June 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010



Sponsor 7 members earn an Association logo Golf Shirt.

Sponsor another 8 and earn an Association logo Wind Breaker





Be a Piece of the Solution

Everybody likes to get a birthday card - especially our children and seniors!! Here's a list of our Mooseheart and Moosehaven residents' birthdays - send them a card!

Our Boys at Mooseheart:

Jonathan Coral - 4/18
Paul Flores - 10/5
Prince Kollis - 12/1
Nezra McCarty - 5/18
Aaron Moka - 4/20
Kendall Owens - 10/4
Vernon Owens - 9/14
Angel Rodriguez - 2/14
Dominik Solis - 3/18
Juan Solis - 6/23

Addresses:

Boy's Name, MD-DE-DC House c/o Sunshine Dept. 115 James J. Davis Drive Mooseheart, IL 60539

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Resident's Name 1701 Park Avenue Orange Park, FL 32073

Our Residents at Moosehaven:

Emmett C. Johnson - 9/6 Genevive S. Loman - 6/5 James J. Lupo, Jr. - 1/24 Blanche E. Neighoff - 3/19 Edward Pelkey - 7/28 Rosa Saudade - 2/13







In the Spotlight

LOOM Official Visitor - Moosehaven Executive Director John Capes

The Men's Official Visitor for the Annual Conference in Hagerstown, MD will be Moosehaven Executive Director John Capes. John was appointed to this position on April 20, 2007 to head our retirement community in Orange Park, FL

John is a member of Lakeshore, FL Lodge #2020 and joined the Seminole Moose Legion #81 in September of 2007.



B e f o r e coming to Moosehaven, John was the Chief Operating Officer for Christian Homes, Inc. in Lincoln, IL.

John and his wife, Kristina, have three children and six grandchildren. Their home is on the Moosehaven campus in Orange Park.

John enjoys running and motorcycling in his spare time and, a little bird has told us that he

plans to ride his motorcycle up to Hagerstown from Moosehaven. We wish him a safe journey but heard that Kristina will be flying north.

Welcome to John and Kristina - we look forward to meeting you in Hagerstown.



MD-DE-DC Welcomes our Official Visitors

WOTM Official Visitor - Executive Director of Moose Charities

Janet Fregulia





The Women's Official Visitor is Moose Charities Executive Director Jan Fregulia. Jan was appointed to this position on August 1, 2008 after serving one month short of three years as Grand Chancellor of the Women of the Moose. Prior to being Grand Chancellor, Jan served as the WOTM Director of Sports and Ritual from 1996-1999, Director of Chapter Development from 1999-2004 and Director of Fraternal Fundrais-

ing for Moose Charities, Inc. between 2004-2005.

Jan is a native of Ontario, Canada, emigrated to California with her family as a young girl and is now a naturalized American citizen. In 1968 she joined Petaluma, CA Chapter #574 and has earned all three degrees in the Women of the Moose - Academy of Friendship in 1970, College of Regents in 1974 and Star Recorder in 1978.

She served as Deputy Grand Regent for California/Nevada in 1987-1988 and was a member of the Grand Council from 1994-1996.

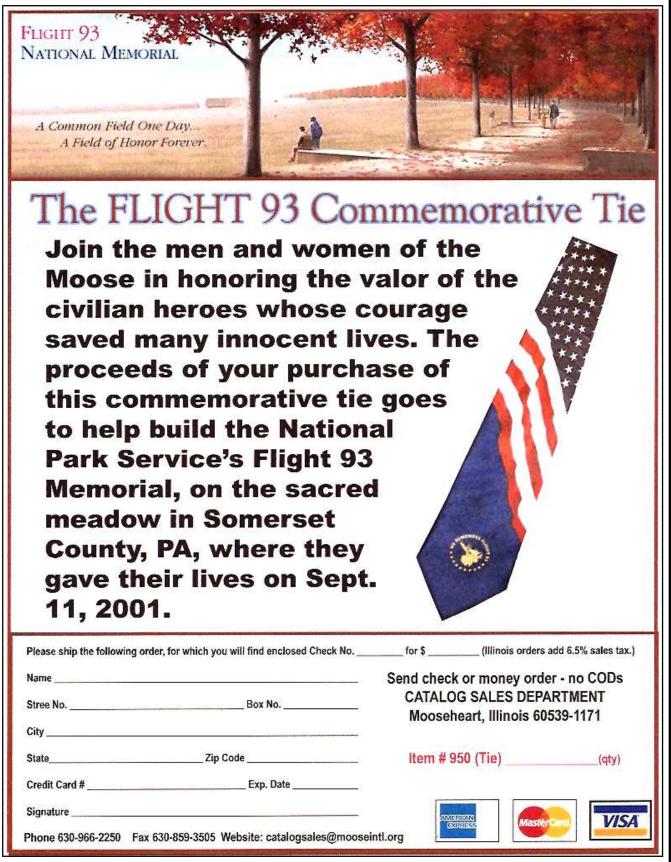
Jan worked in management positions in sales and purchasing in the building industry for more than 25 years before coming to Moose International.

Jan and her husband, Frank, live in the Mooseheart, IL area. Their son lives in Newport News, VA and their daughter lives in DeKalb, IL. Both children are members of the Loyal Order of Moose. Jan and Frank are also are proud grandparents of one grandson.

We look forward to the weekend with Jan as our Official Visitor in the WOTM meetings.



"Flight 93" Ties are still Available



Ties are still available - see John Krass if you need any.

International Sports Events

WOTM Golf

October 8-10, 2010 Murfreesboro, TN Lodge #645 Phone: 615-893-0145



Mixed Golf Scramble

August 6-8, 2010 Birch Run, MI Lodge #2426 Phone: 989-624-4988



Men's & Women's Golf

August 1-2, 2009 Barberton, OH Lodge #759 Phone: 330-825-7163



2009 Mixed Bowling

Sept. 26 - Oct. 11, 2009 Morgantown, WV Lodge #264 Phone: 304-983-8780





Men's & Women's Bowling

April 16 - June 6, 2010 Montgomery County, VA Lodge #1470 Phone: 540-382-8259

Steel Tip Darts

April 16-18, 2010 Lynchburg South, VA Lodge #1727

Phone: 434-237-4360



Belleville, MI Lodge #934 Lodge Phone: 734-697-2111



July 23-25, 2010 Columbus, IN Lodge #398 Lodge Office: 812-372-2185



Horseshoes July 24-26, 2009

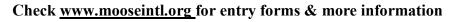
Okeechobee, FL Lodge #1753

Phone: 863-763-4954

July 30 - August 1, 2010 Mansfield, OH Lodge #341 Phone: 419-589-9885

Pool - Men's & Women's

June 16-19, 2010 College Park, MD Lodge #453 Phone: 301-935-5145



For inquires about hosting a future sporting event contact the Fraternal Programs Department/International Sporting Tournaments at

630-859-2224 or

email Henry Houck, Jr. Assistant Director Fraternal Programs at hhouck@mooseintl.org



News from the District Presidents

District 1 - Mark Alderson, Sr., Acting President

I would like to thank all who supported the shrimp feast. I think we all had a good time. We all are gearing up for Hagerstown.



Congratulations to all new officers - hope to see you at district meetings. Have a great Summer.

Fraternally, Mark Alderson



District 2 - Clint Rawlings, President

Brothers and Co-workers,

I congratulate the Williamsport Family Center on being the beacon of leadership within District II. They were the only Lodge in Maryland to receive the 2009 Premier Lodge Award. Their diligence

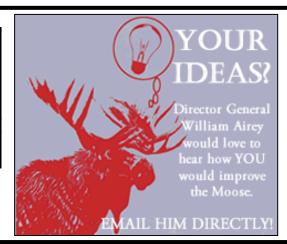
on turning in their reports on time and the aggressiveness of their brothers to exceed their membership quota is an example that should be matched throughout our district.

I know we have a lot of new officers, but I am confident that the fresh approach these new officers bring to our district will make us strong. Let us have a 100% year! I want to set an obtainable goal for us. The goal is to have every one of our Family Centers receive a Premier Lodge Award for 2010.

We have problems that face us all during this economic slow down. Stay positive! Let us be a piece of the solution and not a negative force that contributes to the problem.

Fraternally, Clint Rawlings

Email is wairey@mooseintl.org





In case you don't know, we have a website detailing events and dates for the Association, Districts, Lodges & Chapters information.

All you need to do is go to www.mdmoose.org. Check it out and if your information is not listed please give me a phone call or email.

Frank Courtney, Webmaster

301-655-9742 webmaster@mdmoose.org

News from the District Presidents

District 5 - Frank Courtney, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

Congratulations to all the members and Co-Workers who received their higher degrees at our International Convention this year.

On behalf of the Washington Area Wheelchair Society "WAWS", and DCSHARES I want to thank all Moose Members and the participating Lodges (College Park FC #453, Silver Spring FC #658, Laurel FC #1504, Edgemere FC #537 and the organizer, Capital Region MCS #2680) for the outstanding effort in April and May 2009. During this time we collected over 60 wheelchairs and other durable medical supplies that are now being distributed free of charge to local area families and individuals in a medical crisis who are unable to afford the device needed for personal safety and independence. The total MSRP on the equipment donations on our first effort total was over \$15,500.00! Any Lodges or Chapters who would like to participate in this Community Service Project please contact District President, Frank Courtney 301-495-9180 or WAWS President, Paul T. Holland 301-495-0277 for details.

Please remember the 5th District Elections are August 2 at Wheaton FC Lodge #1775. Although the officers are running unopposed we hope to see everyone show up to welcome in the new Board of Officers and congratulate soon to be installed District President Earl Sellars. Brother Earl will be looking for committee chairmen this year so please don't hesitate to ask to "BE A PIECE OF THE SOLUTION".

As my year as your District President comes to a close I wish to thank all the Members, Co-Workers, Chairmen and the Board of Officers for the constant support and guidance. Without your enduring commitment to the Moose we may not have instituted the Capital Region MSC #2680, started new community service projects or been able to continue our efforts to improve all the good works we do for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Thanks for all you do!

Fraternally, Frank Courtney

District 6 - Thomas Kelley, President

To all Members of the 6th District Lodges:

In September my term of office will expire as President of the 6th District. As I will become Past President, it is with Great Respect I have for your continued help in your efforts to make the 6th District noticed by our Superiors. It takes a great deal of work on all our parts to promote the Services needed for Mooseheart & Moosehaven. Thank all of you for help making my term a pleasant role in supporting our District. As my term comes to a close, remember the 6th District starts with you and all the help you can give of yourselves. Let it be known **now**, **the**

6th District is ALIVE & WELL and will continue helping to promote our Fellowship in our FRATERNITY. I thank so very much for your Support.

Fraternally, Thomas Kelley

District 7 - Randall Porter, President Hello from the 7th District

Well summer is right around the corner. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Summer. That means my year as your District President is almost over. It has been a lot fun representing you and working with the Governors and the Board of Officers and to my chairman and co-chairs for making this a very special year for ME. Congrats to all the new Pilgrims and Fellows this year. Congrats to all the Lodges that won the Premier Lodge Award. Keep up the hard work and work as a TEAM. See you all in Hagerstown.

Fraternally, Randall Porter

A Message from our Deputy Grand Regent Elva Freter

Brothers and Coworkers,

I can't believe this will be my last article for the Communicator! It has been an awesome year and truly Beyond Belief. I have met so many wonderful Coworkers and Brothers through my travels to your

lodges and chapters. I want to thank everyone for the many gifts and the memories that I will always have from the visits to your meetings and social functions. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you.

The Moose International Conference was great. It was wonderful to attend the 5th and 8th grade promotion ceremonies on Friday afternoon. It was even more gratifying to witness the graduation of 25 Mooseheart students who received their diplomas on Saturday morning.

I would like to Congratulate and Welcome the 500 new Collegians and 208 new Star Recorders who received their degrees at the Moose International Conference held in Chicago in May. What a beautiful sight that was. Our Association Chapters had 16 new Collegians and 6 new Star Recorders.

My congratulations to our Incoming Deputy Grand Regent – Loretta Lee Horstman of Edgemere Chapter #1146. I am looking forward to working with her. Also, congratulations to Deputy Supreme Governor – John Krass and Moose Legion Ambassador – Daniel Walther. And last but certainly not least, congratulations to the newly elevated Pilgrims and Fellows of our Association.

I wish the new Officers, Appointed Officers and Chairmen for Chapters and Lodges every success for your new year and that you will make your awards for the 2009-2010 year.

I am looking forward to our Association Conference to be held in Hagerstown August 20-23, 2009. The Official Visitor for the women is Jan Fregulia, Director of Moose Charities. I know you will enjoy the vivacious and knowledgeable person

that she is. Please make every effort to attend. I want to thank Marlboro Chapter #1350 for accepting the Hostess Chapter position. I know they will make every effort to make our Conference a great success.

Please remember to sponsor those candidates so that all of our Chapters and Lodges will make their honors at the end of this year. Don't be a part of the problem – Be A Piece Of The Solution!!



Yours in Faith, Hope and Love, **Deputy Grand Regent**

Elia L. Freter



A Message from our Incoming Deputy Grand Regent

When I received a letter to serve as Deputy Grand Regent for 2009 - 2010, words cannot describe how I felt. This is by far the highest honor I've ever received. I will make every effort to serve you well this year. I look forward to visiting as many chapters as possible, and meeting and talking with many members.

I would like to recognize and congratulate all of the College of Regents and Star Recorders who received their degrees during the International Convention in Chicago in May 2009. I would also like to extend my congratulations to John Krass for his appointment as Deputy Supreme Governor. For me, the most memorable highlights of the Convention this year were Carl Schmidt being named Moose of the Year at the Shining Star Awards, and Miriam Rieg winning First Place for Top Association Publication.

My hope for all of us is that we always remember that we are working to ensure bright futures for our children at Mooseheart, as well as secure futures for our seniors at Moosehaven. One way we can do this is to continue to support our GimmeFive Program. I'm confident that if we all work towards these common

goals, everyone can be a "Piece of the Solution."

Incoming Deputy Grand Regent

Loretta Lee Horstman

New Deputy's Reception will be October 18, 2009 at Edgemere Lodge at 1 PM

Youth Awareness Coordinators Ernie Megee and Pat Cihak

First I would like to correct a statement that I wrote in our March, April and May 2009 edition of the "Association Communicator". I guess I must have been looking out the window too much! The dates for our Association's Moose Youth Awareness Congress is Friday evening, October 2, 2009 and Saturday, October 3, 2009; not the dates I had in the article. Please change your calendars to reflect the correct dates. I am very sorry for the inconvenience that I may have caused.

Our Association was very fortunate in having two high school students represent us at the Moose Inter-



national Youth Awareness Student Congress in Hampton, Virginia during April 30 through May 4, 2009. The two who represented us were Kacy Cassat from East Sussex Moose Family Center #2542, representing Delaware, and Alex Johnson from Newark Moose Family Center #630, representing Maryland. Although neither won any of the six scholarships awarded, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, had a very good time and learned a lot about the pro-



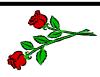
gram. Both of our students have indicated that they will be participating in our program this year. A young lady from Minot, North Dakota, Maria Pitner, won the \$12,000 first place scholarship.

As most of you know, our Association's Student Congress will be hosted by Elkton Moose Family Center #851 this year. Thanks to their dedication, hard work and planning, most of the program has been arranged. We are hoping that there will be a couple of surprises this year. Hopefully, within the next couple of weeks, all family centers will be receiving a request for the name of the Family Center Youth Awareness Coordinator. Please do not set this request aside. Send the requested information as soon as you receive the request. We need this information so that we can keep all of the family centers informed about this very worthwhile and important program. If you should have any questions regarding this program, please contact Pat Cihak or me.

Fraternally, Emie Megee

A Heartfelt Thank You from the Megee Family

Our family would like to thank all of the individuals, Family Centers, Moose Legions and the Association for the acts of comfort, kindness and support during our time of need with the untimely loss of our grandson, David E. Rowe, Jr. This certainly proves that "a burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many", as stated in the former rituals and the new conferral. Again, thanks and God Bless Each and Every One of You.



SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT



Before It Is Too Late

If you have a tender message
Or a loving word to say
Do not wait till you forget it
But whisper it today.
The tender word unspoken
The letter never sent

The long forgotten messages
The wealth of love unspent.
For these some hearts are breaking,
For these some loved ones wait.
So show them that you care for them
Before it is too late.

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People will forget what you said - people will forget what you did - But they will never forget how you made them feel.





New 25 Club Honorees

The MD-DE-DC Moose Association is proud to announce the names of our **25 Club** honorees:



Arthur Benton - #654 Rose Dalton - #1209 Robert Dorsey - #1952 Joyce Fefel - #2204 Greg Hess - #537

50 Division

Larry J. Keeper - #371 **75 Division**

Pasquale P. Cofelice - #537 Robert J. Jones - #537 Russell H. LeVee - #537 Charles T. Robison - #2462 Russell Sprague - #1952

100Division

Frank Courtney - #658 Jane Dickerhoof - #914

New 25 Club Members

Ernest Houchins, Jr. - #1578 Sarah Lentz - #1146 James R. Miller - #658 Carolyn Moran-Hayden #2173

125 Division

Paul R. Hardee, Jr. - #831 Donald W. Tipton - #271

Circle of Distinction

Frank Courtney - #537 & #638 Lewis J. Plugge - #1520

Heart of Distinction

Jean Dickerhoof - #914

James D. Penrod - #2393 John Reynolds #2542 Loretta Steffy - #97 Brad Stortzum - #1709 Maxine Wilkerson - #444

150 Division

George H. Davis - #1540 Dennis Scott Fitzgerald - #1775

175 Division

Rene Remus - #1546

200 Division

Donald Shelnutt - #1578

250 Division

Barbara Sue Cornell - #1262 (also received Life Membership)

50 Year Members

Delmar V. Brown - #1582 Benjamin F. Crowl, Jr. - #1381 Angela Dacre - #97

Francis S. Darling - #654 Robert A. Hambury - #654

Calvin C. Koloup - #183 - 50 Yr. Moose Legion

International Five Club last Qtr. 2008-2009

Clyde Alderson, Jr. - 296
Michael Alderson, Sr. - #831
Wendell Alford - #537
Arnold Allen - #1578
Michael Andres - #348
Brandon Coker - #2046
Frank Courtney - #2680
Glen Densmore - #2542
Willie Edwards - #1381
Charles Ferdock - #453
Jimmy Foster - #1211
Donnie Grant, Jr. - #371
Paul Hardee - #831
Dallas Hayman - #534

Loyal Order of Moose

Larry Hinch - #2332 Glen Kerschner - #296 James Lambert - #271 William Lawton - #534 Robert Manning - #1450 Joseph Marzocchi - #1578 Robert Mathis - #1381 Joseph McGeeney, II - #537 Walter Mills, Jr. - #654 Vincent Patton - #630 Michael Redman - #646 Donald Renotas - #271 George Schaefer - #1242 Louis Semans - #203 Bryan Shepherd - #1228 Mark Shores - #654 Richard Smith - #537 Bernard Sofranko - #1582 Kevin Stranski - #1456 Ronald Sweetman - #2680 William Trice, III - #1728 Donald Vasold - #1242 Frank Weaver, III - #2462

Amanda Billings - #1088
Pamela Boone - #1229
Karen Chouinard - #2209
Joni Devonshire - #1418
Elva Freter - #1384
Gertrude Kulp - #2089
Margaret Miles - #1229
Carolyn Moran-Hayden - #2173

Women of the Moose

Theresa Nicholson - #1208 Darlene Profitt - #897 Claire Remesch - #1138 Kristina Rochford - #1546 Diana Saunders - ##1814 Denise Sawyers - #1469 Vickie Shimp - #1088 Brenda Shores - #1208 Billie Smith - #347 Valerie Sprague - #1469 Karen Stauffer - #2173 Nancy Wallett - #2204 Alberta Wigginton - #1176 Maxine Wilkerson - #444

Congratulations Pilgrims, Fellows, College & Stars



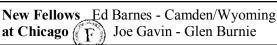
Our new Pilgrims for 2009 are Thomas Dean, Sr. from Mechanicsville #495, Wayne Ecker from Aberdeen #1450, William Hollandsworth from New Castle #1578, John Peckham from Elkton #851 and Homer Rausch from College Park #4532.





The new Star Recorders for 2009 are Sharon Bertrand from Claymont #186, Dee Lambert from Seaford #1384, Pat McMullen from East Sussex #2204, Carol Price from Newark # 705, Carina Shweda

from New Castle #1418 and Henrietta Williams from Glen Burnie #1176.





Shirley Boswell - Marlboro JoAnn Cofelice - Edgemere Jean Garver - Laurel Mary Lu Grimm - Annapolis Iris Harris - College Park Mildred Kerr - Seaford Susan Lawall - Glen Burnie Kay May - Dundalk Julia McMullen - East Sussex
Belinda Mitchell - Laurel
Jean Neal - Essex
Helen Simpson - Newark
Edna Steele - East Sussex
Kathy Whitehead - Salisbury
Janice Wyatt-Camden/Wyoming





Happy Arriversary!



to all Dedicated Lodge & Chapter Members who have made these Anniversaries possible

June 1	Cumberland Lodge #271	Instituted in 1910
June 8	Claymont Chapter #186	Instituted in 1986
June 10	Bel Air Chapter #1469	Instituted in 1963
June 15	Columbia Lodge #126	Instituted in 1909
June 20	Indian Head Chapter #576	Instituted in 1954
June 24	Annapolis Lodge #296	Instituted in 1910
June 24	Rockville Chapter #156	Instituted in 1951
June 26	Annapolis Chapter #661	Instituted in 1922
July 11	Dundalk Chapter #97	Instituted in 1937
July 12	New Castle Lodge #1578	Instituted in 1954
July 25	Aberdeen Chapter #1209	Instituted in 1950
July 25	Seaford Chapter #1384	Instituted in 1954
July 28	Pasadena Lodge #2389	Instituted in 1991
July 29	Wheaton Chapter #1435	Instituted in 1956
July 31	South County Deale Chapter #1887	Instituted in 1988
August 1	Waldorf Chapter #1387	Instituted in 1954
August 4	Bay Country Chapter #1696	Instituted in 1974
August 5	Lewes-Rehoboth Chapter #1814	Instituted in 1978
August 6	New Castle Chapter #1418	Instituted in 1955
August 8	Gardenville Lodge #1242	Instituted in 1948
August 8	Essex Chapter #783	Instituted in 1945
August 15	Frostburg Lodge #348	Instituted in 1910
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Moose Snack Program



In Memory of Fallen Members

Joseph Freda

Annapolis Lodge #296 Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit





Herbert Perry

New Castle Lodge #1578 Past Governor Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor

Sympathies are extended on behalf of the **MD-DE-DC Moose Association to**

and all Brothers & Co-Workers who have lost loved ones in recent months.





Memories of Raymond R. Robinson, Sr.

On March 15, 1956, Raymond R. Robinson, Sr. joined Elkton Lodge #851. He remained an active member until he moved to the Jacksonville, Florida area where he transferred his membership to Jacksonville Beach Lodge #1558. Ray joined the Moose Legion on June 5.

1965 while a member at Jacksonville

Beach.

In the early 1970s Ray and his family moved to Texas where he became a member of a Moose Lodge in the Dallas area for a short time. He helped institute Farmers Branch Lodge #2277 in Farmers Branch, Texas in 1972. Ray was a member in this Lodge when he received his Fellowship Degree of Honor on June 6, 1978. He served as Governor at the Farmers Branch Lodge and received his Past Governor's status on May 1, 1986.

While a member at Farmers Branch Lodge, Ray participated in the Annual Frontier Days in Farmers Branch. This event included of a parade, horses and a carnival where everyone dressed in traditional Western clothing. was a big fundraiser for the Lodge and Ray was there working with all of the other members involved. He also worked at Bingo at the Lodge

> on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

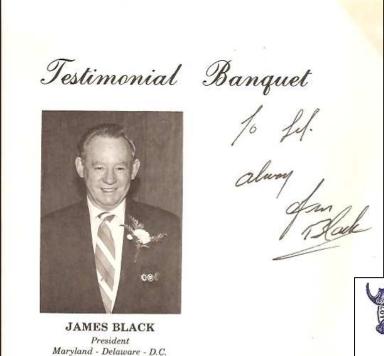
In the 1990's the family moved back to Delaware and Ray became involved in the failing Newark Lodge #630. With Ace Goad and Bob Wegman, he helped to lead the Lodge back to good standing with the Fraternity. Ray served

as Governor several times in the Newark Lodge. On May 30, 1998, Ray was called to the House of God at Mooseheart to receive the Pilgrim Degree of Merit.



God, in His infinite wisdom, called Ray to the Eternal Moose Lodge in Heaven on March 18, 2009. May we all continue Ray's devotion to our Fraternity. Eill We Meet Again!!

ARTICLES & PICTURES FROM THE PAST



Lily Lyons graciously loaned these items for the Articles from the Past page. The Banquet program from the right is from Hagerstown August 26, 1989, as are the tickets. It was the Annual Conference Banquet to honor Jim Black as President of the Association. The photo below is from Middletown Lodge #1295 on July 6, 1981 when the Chief Executive Officer of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain. The Ritual Team from New Castle #1578 was there for the enrollment. Many thanks to Lil for sharing these with us.

MARYLAND - DELAWARE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MOOSE ASSOCIATION MARYLAND - DELAWARE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Sat MOOSE ASSOCIATION Testimonial Banquet Saturday, August 26, 1989 Ramada Inn \$15.0 901 Dual Highway RAMADA INN . HAGERSTOWN, MD. Hagerstown, Maryland Saturday, August 26, 1989 + 7:00 p.m. Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia Music for Dancing by After All Moose Association, Inc. \$15.00 PER PERSON 184 TABLE No. 20

The members of the New Castle Lodge #1578 Ritual Team in 1981 are kneeling in the front row - from left to right -Tony Riccelli, Leo Backus, Clinton Connell, Ray Sharp, Ron Sweetman and Reggie Fanny. In the second row, John Lyons is at the far left, MD-DE-DC State Director Harry Berger is on the far right and Chief Executive Officer of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain Bryan White is the 3rd gentleman from the left.

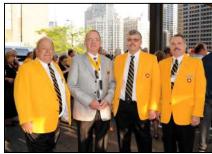
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Memories of Chicago 2009



5th & 8th Grade Promotions

















It was a full capacity crowd assembled to see our 2009 Graduates from Mooseheart. Afterwards we were invited to MD-DE-DC House for some food and fellowship with the boys and family teachers.













There was a crowd at the house, but none were turned away. John Horstman helped cook hamburgers and hot dogs. Ruth congratulated a former resident of our house, Blake Mason, on his graduation this year.

Memories of Chicago 2009



We saw 2008 graduate Andy Greenaway; Danny had to corral Ruth and the reporter toward the bus to leave Mooseheart.



MD-DE-DC House





International Moose of the Year



Pilgrim Conferral 2009













Congratulations and best wishes to all the new Pilgrims throughout our Fraternity.

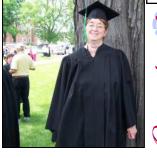
More Memories of Chicago 2009





















Our New Deputy







Lake Michigan

Graduates Heather Hensley and Marco Namowitz came and shared their stories with us after graduation. It was heartbreaking to hear of Heather's mother abandoning her and Marco's mother having to put him in Mooseheart at age 6, but both are looking forward to their futures and grateful for Mooseheart being there for them.



Then, Marco serenaded us with his clarinet. Our best wishes to both.



WOTM Membership Fundraiser



Hey, Co-Workers Have you gotten
your WOTM
Membership T-shirt yet?
See
Lee Horstman
Belinda Mitchell or
Janice Wyatt
to get your shirt!!

MD-DE-DC Councils of Higher Degrees



Meeting Schedule



Black-Eyed Susans Council



July 19, 2009 Picnic at Silver Spring September 20, 2009 at Marlboro October 17, 2009 Banquet at Annapolis (not confirmed) November 22, 2009 at Frederick



DelMar Council



Lunch at 12 PM - Meeting at 1 PM August 8, 2009 at Lewes-Rehoboth November 14, 2009 Banquet at Essex





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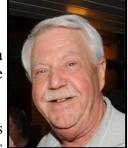
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Deputy Supreme Governor John Krass

Hello, MD-DE-DC Moose

It's been a busy couple of weeks since the convention in Chicago. I had made a commitment to the LPGA to work the McDonalds Championship and I have been there for the last three days. (two more to go).

I want to thank every one of you for the confidence you have placed in me as your Deputy Supreme Governor. I promise you this, I will give my all to this position and I will not let you down in any way.



First it was a surprise, and than I was honored and I'm very humbled, that you would put your trust in me to do this job. I hope and pray that I will find the strength and wisdom to carry on the traditions of this Association. I also have some big shoes to fill from our previous DSG, as he did one tremendous job. THANKS CARL.

I hope to visit each District as soon as possible and meet all the Governors and Administrators at these meetings - more about that at the Association meeting on the 28th.

Again Thank you for allowing me to be your DSG and for all you do -

Congratulations
John!!

Fraternally,

John Krass

Deputy Supreme Governor



Moosehaven resident Ed Pelkey is dressed for his participation in the Gong Show. He is riding the motorized bike he won when Ron Sweetman drew his ticket out of the bucket. Great outfit, Ed!!





Len and Marlene Sprinkle helped Ralph and Debbie Shockley celebrate his birthday recently in Ocean City.

Remember the little gal with the big tuba? Well, she's in the photo here with her grandmother, Kaye Huston and her mother. Reba is still winning awards playing her tuba and marching with the high school band.





A Message from the

Past Deputy Supreme Governor

& 2009 International Moose of the Year Carl R. Schmidt Jr.



Libby and I traveled to Chicago for the 121st Annual International Moose Convention and the 97th International Conference of the Women of the Moose.

At this convention, it was time to return my Deputy Supreme Governor's medallion. I did so, with mixed emotions. I sincerely enjoyed serving this association and especially you, the members as your Deputy Supreme Governor. I also enjoyed being with Deputy Grand Regent Elva Freter whose term will end at the August conference in

Hagerstown. Elva – it was great!!

During the Joint Grand Opening on Friday evening, our Director General William B. Airey gave his keynote Address to the packed convention hall. He outlined the many changes necessary to keep Mooseheart and Moosehaven above board. In this economic recession, it was noted that our members haven't lessened their pace of giving to our efforts through donations to Moose Charities.

Our trip to our Child City at Mooseheart on Saturday to witness once again the 91st Annual Commencement of 25 young men and women of the 2009 class of Mooseheart Graduates. With over 2,700 bus tickets bought and the many who traveled by car, this, I feel was the tip of the iceberg. The field house was packed and there was standing room only. This was a first to see the field house packed as it was, and we have attended many graduations.

After graduation, the field house had to be readied for the College of Regents Session, which was an hour later than planned. While this was done, we, the men of the Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia Regional Association made our way to the Michigan building to present a laptop computer to graduate Chris Cole from Salisbury Lodge #654. Congratulations Chris. Chris will be attending Hood College under a Scholarship provided by the MD/DE/DC Regional Association. Then it was off to the House of God to witness once again the 81st Pilgrim Conferral on 6 of our Fellows. Congratulations to each of you!!

The best of the best was the appointment of Lee Horstman as Deputy Grand Regent for the MD/DE/DC Chapters and John Krass as Deputy Supreme Governor for the MD/DE/DC Lodges. John assumed his position at the close of the International Convention in Chicago, while Lee will assume her position at the close of the conference held in August at Hagerstown. Congratulations and best wishes to both of you. I stand ready to assist you both, should the need arise.

And, here's Miriam - once again, for the 2nd year - First Place for General Excellence - State Association Publications; Miriam Rieg, Editor of the MD/DE/DC Communicator - way to go Miriam!!

And then – on Tuesday morning at the Joint General Session's Shining Star Awards, I was named the 2009 International "Moose of the Year." WOW!! What an honor. My profound thanks to all who made this possible

Along with Lee, John, Miriam and myself – we did "bring home the bacon" and this in itself is truly "Beyond Belief." We are the pieces of the solution.

It will be with much pride and humbleness that I wear my medallion as I'm sure Lee and John will do the same

I will be assuming my duties as Deputy Regional Manager at the request of Regional Manager, Dave Greenaway.

Bless our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. It is because of US that they enjoy what we so freely give them.

Bless the men and women of our armed services. Keep them safe and out of harms way.

To each of you - Keep up the fantastic work for our Association and Fraternity!

Thanks from a very humble individual—

Fraternal warm wishes,

Carl Schmidt



Fraternal Fundraising with Libby

First of all, congratulations to all our newly elected and installed officers of both Lodges and Chapters. Hope you have a fantastic year and work together as a team by being a piece of the solution this year.



Those of you that attended the International Convention/Conference and were in attendance

for Jan Fregulia's message, heard some upsetting news. Only 2% of our entire membership – nationwide – has made a donation and participated in the Gimme5 program, which means 98% of our total membership has absolutely given zero (-0-). What a disappointment! Where does this leave us?

The Gimme 5 program was designed for individual giving, but we're not getting it. Several years ago we asked for lodge and chapter representatives to volunteer as the Moose Charities fundraiser chairman. Even though I keep ask-

ing – all chapters have not complied yet. Please appoint that chairman! This is where they come into play – get them to personally contact your members – explain our Gimme5 concept. This way, everyone will do their part, commit and give the 10 cents a day - \$36.50 yearly for the 5 year commitment of \$182.50. This is all we are asking - - a mere 10 cents a day and it's not a lot of money, or a huge chunk out of your pocket. This is what is going to keep our organization alive and safe – only 10 cents a day! We are talking about **OUR** children at Mooseheart and **OUR** seniors at Moosehaven. This is the oath we took when we joined this great fraternity. Yes - in this day and age, times are tough. It's a known fact – when the times get tough - the tough get going! Let this apply to all of us who are Moose at heart. Remember what, why and who we are here for. Our main objectives are Mooseheart and Moosehaven!

Our Lodges and Chapters work very hard and are known in our areas for community service, which is good – very good. At one of our meetings at the conference, Jan's plea to our chapters was a request to give 50% to your charity and 50% to Moose Charities. Please remember Moose Charities is a 501c3 charity and let us think about sharing that donation with **our #1 community** - Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

Let's be a piece of the solution and not be responsible for or be a part of the problem. Again, thanks for all you do – Always keep in your hearts Mooseheart and Moosehaven. These are the basis for our fraternity and should be the #1 reason why you are a Member. This is the only way we can survive!



Fraternally, **Libby Schmidt**

One of our Co-Workers got on the Moose Charities Brag Board!!!!

Jan

I just wanted to express to you that this was my first time at Mooseheart and I truly believe the children are our future. Through your eyes I have seen how important the children are to you. I know the GimmeFive Program can and will work.

If everyone would keep that soda bottle they throw in the trash and take it back to the store, they won't have to reach in their pockets to get that nickel to put in that jar twice a day.

We have our members bring the bottles to us and we will get the nickels for the children. Three days of bottles gave us \$17.00 – doesn't sound like much but, if all the Chapters and Lodges did this, it would amount to \$\$\$\$\$\$. I have started this again for our Chapter and I know we will have over \$500.00 if not double by the end of the year. I know this 'Bottles for Mooseheart' program will get even bigger. The store wasn't too happy when I took in the first 300 bottles. The money that the large company got (Coke and Pepsi) for deposits is in the millions and they get to keep those funds because people throw the bottles away. Well, I want a piece of those funds for Mooseheart.

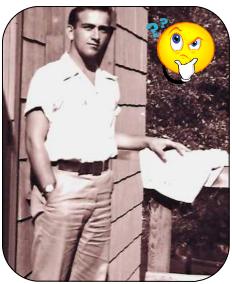
Loretta Clark, Jr. Grad. Regent, New Castle DE Chapter 1418

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE PEOPLE?

??????????

Can you guess who this little chick is?? A long, long time ago???





Who is the fine looking dude in the photo above????

How about this cute little guy in the photo below?????



Guess first, then see page 43 to find out!!!!

Messages from Danny

MOOSE CHARITIES

We are beginning our 3rd year of "Gimme 5" as of our Moose International Convention held in Chicago, IL. This past May, 2009 we have collected a total of \$2,820,724.47 into "Gimme 5". Which is 22,628 members donating this amount, which is only 2% of our men and women in the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose. Where are the other 98% of the members???? We all need to talk about "Gimme 5" and reach out to the other 98% of our membership. Remember to lead by example and donate what you can, when you can. Your entire contribution in the "Gimme 5" program is 100% tax-deductible. Please continue to give your \$36.50 per year for your 5 year commitment to "Gimme 5" or a one time donation of \$182.50 to cover the full five year donation.

MOOSE CHARITIES - "League of Guardians"

What is it?? The "League of Guardians" is a program developed to recognize individuals, businesses and foundations who have donated to the charitable endeavors of Moose Charities through total contributions of \$1,000.00 or more during the fiscal year (May 1 - April 30). This is a cumulative program that combines ALL donations from both husband and wife.

If you attended this past International Convention held in Chicago, IL, and you traveled to Mooseheart on the Saturday morning of the convention, you will know exactly where your donations are going. When you donate to "Moose Charities", you know where your money is going!

At our Banquet August 22nd, honoring Past Association President Mark Letterman and Past Grand Regent Elva Freter on Saturday night in Hagerstown, MD, we will have special seating for all "League of Guardians" for the year 2008-2009. These "League of Guardians" will be introduced. Tickets are available by contacting Danny Williams, Sr., Chairman at 304-258-1127 or DannyWMoose@aol.com.

Fundraising with Danny Williams

Gimme 5 Endowment Fund Campaign

By setting aside a nickel in the morning and a nickel in the evening – simply a dime-a-day - every member can afford to donate \$36.50 per year. In doing so, the Endowment Fund can be increased to a level that could generate the necessary income to operate the Child City and School and the Moose Retirement Community. Once accomplished, it would minimize the financial burden placed upon our Fraternal Units.

From the inception of this vital program to April 30, 2009, we have received \$2,809,763.00 from 22,633 donors – almost twice the number of donors as in the 2007 Fiscal Year. While donations have not met the original goal, we would not have received these donations if not for Gimme 5. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every donor for his and her tremendous compassion and generosity.

A new pin was developed for members who have exceeded the fifth 5-year level of donations – in other words, their total Gimme 5 donations have reach \$1,095.00 or more. We are calling this the "High 5" level of Gimme 5.

The Gimme 5 Endowment Fund Campaign was introduced as a program to enable personal donations from each member. And it remains just that – a program for personal donations. We do not expect our Fraternal Units, Councils of Higher Degrees or Associations to bear the burden of Gimme 5. However, we are very fortunate that many Fraternal Units and Councils of Higher Degrees have donated to this program. And we extend to them our sincerest thanks.

A program of this magnitude takes time to shift into high gear. We need to reach the 98% of our members who have not yet participated – possibly, because they are unaware of the program.

We all know personal communication is usually more successful – easier to explain why and how - and less easy to be ignored. We also know personal recognition is extremely important and, quite often, a challenge or competition can stimulate more action and better results. Our members also need to be recognized for their accomplishments....with special recognition to those who excel above all others.

We are introducing a new opportunity to reach more members. It is similar to the sponsor recognition program. Simply stated, we invite every donor to become a Gimme 5 sponsor of new donors. We are asking you to "put your heart" into helping to increase the Endowment Fund through Gimme 5. We ask that you:

- 1. Download a page of 10 'referral' cards from the Moose Charities website
- 2. Write your name and ID# on the 'referral' cards
- 3. Talk to members, relatives, and friends about Gimme 5. Invite them to donate \$36.50 or more. Remember this is a tax deduction and anyone, including non-members, can donate to Moose Charities
- 4. Give the 'referral' card to each first time donor and ask that it be included with the donation of \$36.50 or more
- 5. New donor sends 'referral' card and donation to Moose Charities (credit card donations can be made and the donor can type your name and ID number in the referral box)
- 6. The donor's name and donation will be entered as well as your name
- 7. When we receive the referral card, we will post your name on the Moose Charities website and update it each time we receive a new donor whom you have referred.
- 8. To be a contender for top recognition, a minimum of five referrals is necessary then the member with the most referrals over five will be notified

The top two members in each Association (one LOOM/one WOTM) will be recognized at the end of the 2009-2010 fiscal year

We hope this new incentive will help us reach more members and have them join us in our continuing efforts to increase the Endowment Fund. And we hope each of you will be active in this new referral program. Remember – "If it is to be, it is up to me".







Travels with Danny Williams

Attention to all members of the MD. DE. D.C. Moose Association

As most of you know we try to have bus trips for your enjoyment....

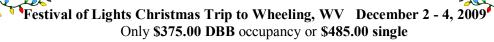
Presently we have trips planned to

Wildwood, N. J. September 13 - 17, 2009,

See below -- If interested contact me ASAP Cut off date July 1, 2009

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2 Nights Lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners including a Holiday dinner etc.

I am working on a Bus trip for our 122nd Annual Moose International Convention to be held in Nashville, Tennessee during July 2 - 7, 2010. More info to follow when available.

In order to have these trips and maintain these prices we must have at least 35 - 40 participants otherwise they will be canceled

If interested, or for any additional information, please contact me at 304 258-1127 or DannyWMoose@AOL.COM

> Thank You for all you do for the Loyal Order of Moose, Danny Williams, Sr.

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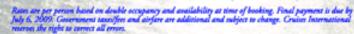
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called "Take Charge of Education". Moose members can help our schools by signing up their Target Visa or Target Card to benefit Mooseheart schools from their purchases. Twice a year Target will calculate the earnings - March & September - and distribute the donations to the school. Mooseheart School ID is 6427.

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Twinkies and Root Beer

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an elderly man. The man was sitting in the park just feeding some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

The man gratefully accepted it and smiled at boy. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer.

Again, the man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the man, and gave him a hug. The man gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the elderly man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a

season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally! ~author unknown~

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Nov. 23, 2008 Annapolis 9:00 a.m.

Dec., 2008

No Meeting

Executive Committee - TBA

Jan. 25, 2009 New Castle 9:00 a. m.

Feb. 11-14, 2009 Ocean City Conference

March 28, 2009 Council of Higher Degrees
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March 29, 2009 Bay Country 9:00 a.m.

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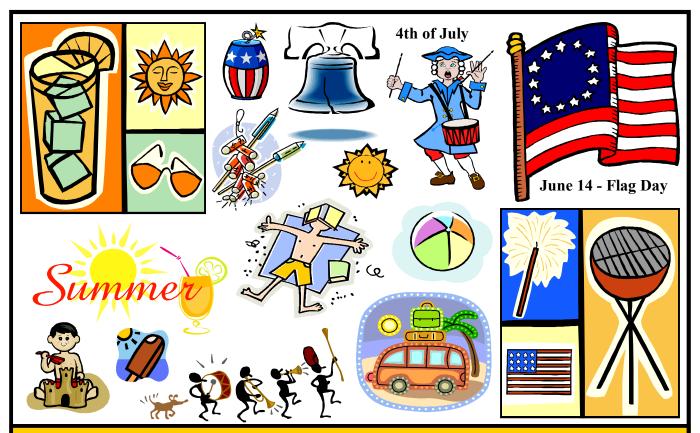
June 28, 2009 Waldorf 9:00 a.m.

July 26, 2009 Essex 9:00 a.m.

August 20-23, 2009 Annual Conference Hagerstown, MD

Thank you, Jim Bolling, Secretary

Did you guess who is in the pictures? Here's the who's who on page 36! The photo on the right is Tom Rieg, maybe age 4(?), the photo in the middle is Lee Huston in 1948, and the little chick is your ever-loving Editor, can't remember the age, but a long time ago, for sure!!!!! Let's make this a new item in our magazine. Got any old photos? Lend them to me and let's guess who they are! Only you and the Editor will know!!!!!!!!



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