

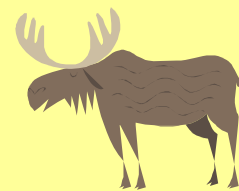
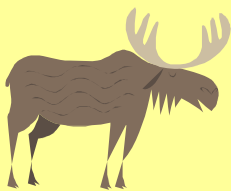
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*Got a problem in your Lodge or Chapter? Call one of these people. If you don't call, they won't know you need help!*

**I Believe**

**That we are responsible for what we do,  
no matter how we feel.**

## From the Desk of MD-DE-DC Regional Manager Jim Hale



What an honor it is to be asked to once again accept the position as Regional Manager for this Association. I can also say that it is an honor to have such a fine group of Association Officers that are more than willing to readily take care of the things that need to be taken care of locally, while I am here in West Virginia. I look forward to once again renew old friendships and to making new friends.

The last couple months it would appear that too many of our members have gone on an extended vacation (without an application or two in their pockets) or they have become tongue tied because our total membership is down. Our total membership for both the men and the women needs a major infusion of excitement. The men and women need to work together to provide some good wholesome activities for their members. And these activities need to be regular items for your members to look forward to. Do you have any regular activities planned? In my visits to the lodges, I keep hearing the same old things, “We are struggling –there just isn’t any money—or we can’t seem to get people to come to the Lodge?”

Well, when I review the newsletters that are sent to my office or on-line, for the most part I do not see any regular activities planned. And this is why they are struggling, why there isn’t enough money and why members are not coming into the lodges? What I do observe is that “happy hour” is advertised regularly; a free meal for the local seniors citizens is there and this is good, but what about a “Movie Night for the Kids”? What about a “teen night” or a “meet your neighbor night” or “meet the officers” night. There are so many things that could be done, but it will take work.

Not to leave anyone out of this picture, what about the Moose Legions? The number of new or former members is down drastically, and we must address this situation now. Moose Legion Ambassadors need to regularly visit these fraternal units and infuse excitement into them as well. The Moose Legion units are known as the “fun” part of our organization, but we need to let our Moose Legionnaires know what is happening, when and where and make them exciting.

In my years as an administrator, I learned that these are things that work to make a lodge successful. And the other thing that is needed is **YOU!** You are needed to step up with ideas, step up and volunteer your time and make sure that these functions are successful. After a while, you invite someone that is newer to the group to help you with one of these projects. Get a new member to help out with something small for starters just so they won’t feel overwhelmed. Then when another project comes up, invite them to invite someone else to help. Before you know it, there is a whole new network of volunteer workers to help carry the load in making your lodge successful. Volunteers are what make this organization work. There are three things that are needed to make a lodge successful:



1. **YOU** offering ideas,
2. **YOU** offering your services
3. **YOU** inviting others to help and participate.



These are just some of the reasons we see our membership dwindling. We must work together and plan more family activities for our members; we must invite newer members to participate and we must make it all **FUN**.

If we don’t have something for our members on a regular basis, why should they pay their dues to belong to an organization that is meaningless to them? We must cater to these new members, all the while letting them know in general conversations that there is so much more to our fraternity. Take the time while preparing a meal to talk about our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven and how we help in their everyday living; tell them how we help in our communities. Since new candidates are not required to sit through an enrollment ceremony, it is up to **YOU** and **ME** to let them know through general conversations about who we are, why we are and what we do.

Our total membership is down from last year, but we can turn this around through ‘word of mouth’, meaningful activities and the use of our Association membership campaigns.

You have the power of choice– will you be a part of a problem or will you

**BE A PIECE OF THE SOLUTION?**

*Fraternally,*  
**JIM Hale**





# ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR NASHVILLE YET?



## International Moose Convention

122<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Supreme Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose  
98<sup>th</sup> International Conference, Women of the Moose  
44<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Moose Legion



July 2-7, 2010 —at the fabulous **Gaylord Opryland Resort!**

### **OUR FIRST-EVER INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MUSIC CITY USA!**

**Who should attend?** Every member is invited! (Lodge Governors and Administrators are required by our General Laws to be in attendance, as is a delegate from every WO TM Chapter)...**and every Moose Legionnaire (the Degree of Service annual meeting is now part of the Convention)!**

**Learn...** of new programs to help you do the work of the Moose more effectively and efficiently  
**Interact...** with Moose members from four nations—discuss what's working & what may not be  
**Enjoy...** all the attractions and excitement of the laid-back city that creates America's soundtrack!

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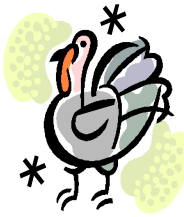


**GET READY, NASHVILLE-- HERE COME THE MOOSE!**



# Community Service

## Thanksgiving Dinner at Williamsport Lodge



The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Williamsport Moose Family Center #2462 looks like a big success!

First of all they had around 150 families there to dine, desserts, people cooking the turkeys and others cutting them up; noticeably Moose Legion Ambassador Dan Walther. Nice job there, Dan!! Then the serving line shows some other MD-DE-DC Moose Association celebrities - Deputy Supreme Governor John Krass and Association Treasurer Tom Bowman came to help serve dinner, as well as, District 2 President Clint Rawlings. Looks like they had a good crowd come for dinner and a lot of great help! Any leftover food was taken to Holly Place Retirement Home by Governor Russ Robinson. What a great way to give thanks and help celebrate the holiday with others.



A check for \$500 was presented for the "Shop with a Cop" Program so 10 under-



privileged kids from the area could go Christmas shopping with a police officer. Also, Tommy Moose were presented to Officer Carl Whitmire for the Washington County Police.



# Community Service



**Cecil Co., MD  
Special Olympics  
Christmas Party**



Awards were given to the athletes for various sports events.

Gold Medals for the Moose Bowling Team!! Coaches are Judy Martin and Ed Lombardo. **GO TEAM!!**



**Sportsmen of the year:  
Ryan Conway &  
Tanesha Johnson**

Power lifting Coach Ron Martin with one of his award winning athletes.



Judy got an award, too!



**Board of Officers Cecil Co.  
Special Olympics**



**the Kitchen Crew**



In the photo on the left is DJ Jack Cooney's son-in-law, Chris. Jack and his wife, Nancy have provided music for the Special Olympics Christmas party and Awards Banquet for 13-14 years. Ron and Judy Martin have been involved for over 30 years, thus, the event is held at the Elkton Moose FC



#851 every year. Several of the members have become involved in coaching teams or individual athletes. Once Chris got the music going, the athletes, coaches and board members got their dancing shoes on and had a great time!! Santa (AKA Jesse Cloud) even came to give out gifts. The smile on Amanda's face tells it all!



# Community Service



Past Governor Ben Petkiewicz was one of many bell-ringers from the New Castle Moose Family Center #1578 for the Salvation Army. The group rang the bells on an hourly schedule from 9 AM to 9 PM in front of a local grocery store for 3 days in December. Lodge and Chapter members rang bells .



Cecil County Special Olympics sent 4 baseball players to Lincoln, Nebraska for the National Tournaments. The team players are Jake Shivel #18, Shawn Caysinger #43, Ryan Conway #17 and Corey Muller #45. Ryan Conway is one of 6th District President Ron Martin's power lifters in the local Special Olympics competitions. Ryan won several awards at the recent Christmas Party and Awards Banquet at Elkton Moose Family Center #851.



Chapter Officers (l to r): Barb Gregory (Sec/Treas), Denise Inkrote (Jr. Regent), Brenda Guido (Recorder) and, of course, Santa.



'Children', parents, Chapter members and Santa!

the 'children'



On Sunday, December 20, 2009, Lower Eastern Shore Chapter 2089 held a Christmas party for a group of clients/'children' from the Somerset County Development Center. Due to budget cuts, this particular group would not



have had a party this year if not for the Chapter. The Chapter worked closely with the parents of these 'children' to provide a party that included a game, decorating their own 'tree', tasting 'snowflakes' (candy), and while eating a grand feast, were visited by a very special guest - Santa Claus!! Santa gave each 'child' a gift, a goodie bag and posed for pictures.



# the "Tommy Moose" Program

The MOOSE Organization  
Has Helped Thousands of  
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Since 2002, the men and women of the Moose have donated more than 75,000 TOMMY MOOSE plush dolls to police, fire and ambulance units all across North America.

With two or three TOMMYs always on hand in their vehicles, public safety workers have a way to help soothe and calm small children in moments of trauma and crisis.

"Having access to TOMMY helped our officers instill a sense of security to the child..."

-Cmdr. Paul Fontana, California Highway Patrol



If you don't have a supply of **TOMMY MOOSE**, contact your local Moose Center, or Shawn Baile, Moose International's Director of Fraternal Programs, at 630-966-2224 or [sbaile@mooseintl.org](mailto:sbaile@mooseintl.org)

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**Great for Community Service donations!!**



# Happenings around our Association



In the photo on the left, Governor Russ Robinson and his wife welcomed the visitors for the Thanksgiving Dinner at Williamsport Moose Family Center #2462. Russ, along with Mike Little and Jim Shipway helped deliver food baskets to one of 13 families in the Williamsport area, plus Holly Place (a last-stop retirement community for poor elderly with no other place to go). The baskets included a variety of dry and canned goods plus a turkey and a ham. Great job, Williamsport!!

## International Co-Workers of the Year 2009-2010



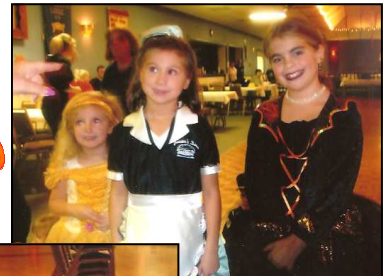
Seaford Chapter #1384 Senior Regent Gabby Dobbins presented the International Co-Worker of the Year certificate to Dee Lambert.

New Castle Chapter #1418 Senior Regent Sharon Panaccione presented the International Co-Worker of the Year certificate to Jr. Grad Loretta Clark with the assistance of Assistant Guide Gail Flynn.

## Kids' Halloween Parties



At Newark Moose FC #630



and  
New Castle  
Moose FC  
#1578

# Happenings around our Association

## New Year's Eve in New Castle



Governor Tom Rieg gave the countdown at midnight and then the balloons came down!!  
A great time was had by all!!!!

**Happy 2010!**



## the Lighting of "John's Tree"

On December 18, 2009, the Middletown Moose Family Center #1295 planted and lighted a tree in memory of John Lyons in front of the Lodge. John was a member of Middletown in the early days. He was a mason and, literally, helped build the



building prior to his joining the Fraternity. Lily Lyons, her daughter and her husband and granddaughter, as well as one of her sons, attended the event. The Lodge

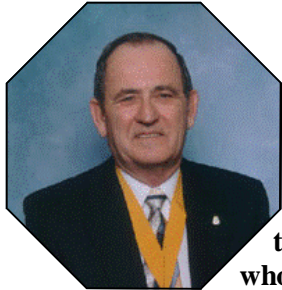


has hung a plaque in John's memory inside the hall. After the festivities outside, everyone went into the Lodge hall for a meal and fellowship.





# Moose Legion Area Manager Ron Sweetman



## FINAL COUNTDOWN - MOOSE LEGIONNAIRES LET'S ALL PITCH IN 2010

We are in the final quarter of our year. Needless to say, our membership production in our Moose Legions has been far from satisfactory. It is evident that more work needs to be done in the areas of promotion and recruitment. It all begins by the **development** of a catchy membership campaign. And once you do so, you have to **advertise** it! The best way to do that is to **Talk-About-It**. At the same time you can explain **who we are** and **what we do**. When and where? Any time opportunity presents itself, in your Lodge home, at the District meetings and at all your activities. Use your Lodge publication as a recruitment tool. And most import, have an active **Moose Legion Activities Committee**.

Well, as they say, I hope you've been keeping score. And if you have you know exactly what it will take to earn the Moose Legion Fraternal Service Award.



- Board of Directors Report filed by May 10.
- Moose Legionnaire of the Year Nominee filed by September 1.
- Complete Membership Goal.
- Increase of Moose Legion members on rolls.
- Have an active Moose Legion Activities Committee.
- Contributed to Special Project, Special Olympics, and  
Moose Youth Awareness Scholarship Fund.
- Show an increase in Endowment Fund collection.



Just a little more than a year ago, I assumed the position as Moose Legion Area Manager. I mentioned that it would take some time to fill all the leadership positions and improve upon the membership production. We have made very little if any progress in the past year. In order to be successful, in anything we do, we need the help and cooperation of each and everyone involved. **There lies the problem**. Each Officer or Director on our Moose Legion Boards has their individual **duties and responsibilities**. It is imperative that they carry them out if we are to be successful in our Moose Legion operations. At the same time, our Moose Legion members have a responsibility, as well, to "**Be A Piece of the Solution**". How? By sponsoring candidates for membership into the Moose Legion, being a part of your Moose Legion Activities Committee, attending your Moose Legion Celebrations and social functions.

That time of year is approaching when the nominations will be open for the Officers and Directors positions for the coming year (May 1, 2010 - April 30, 2011). We are looking for several good men (Moose Legionnaires) who are willing to accept the leadership role and fulfill the duties and responsibilities. Won't you **Pitch In** and accept one of the open positions in your Moose Legion?

I hope that you will all be in attendance at our **All-State Moose Legion Celebration** at Silver Spring Moose Family Center April 30 - May 2, 2010. Look for the posters/ tickets and join with us for good food, good fun and good fellowship.

**YOU "PITCH IT" - AND HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL CATCH IT -  
"MOOSE LEGION FEVER"**



Cordially and fraternally,  
*Ron Sweetman,*



## 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 Robert Lindsay ⚡ Capitol #155 - President Robert Mitchell

Western MD #218 - President James Shipway

## Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

I trust you and your family enjoyed a great Christmas. My wishes and prayers for you are a healthy and prosperous new year.

My dreams for our citizens and country are to have this nightmare end. Here's a few 'points to ponder'. Get our borders secure (Representative Castle just sent me a letter about some new legislation dealing with this issue), stop the financial bleeding and establish our own productivity in all areas instead of importing everything - appliances, food, cars and clothing just to mention a few. Are you aware the entire world's food supply and is being controlled by about 4 companies, doesn't this send up alarm bells? Why does our government give subsidies to farmers for not producing food and then allow the multitudes of products to be imported? Let's remember our auto industry; didn't Delaware just lose two huge auto manufacturers to foreign companies? What is happening to the Health Reform Issue - why the rush to get this passed and signed? What do they know that we do not? The one introduced for passage already has a foul odor, when concessions and deals are made to assure passage, something's not right. We deserve to have prices and care we can afford without sacrificing food and shelter.



Just caught a little of the proposed virtual fence that is to be installed on our southern border, cost is enormous, if it works it will be able to stem the flow of illegals from that area. BUT how are we to deal with the ones here WHO ARE DRAINING OUR RESOURCES? One other thing that is in place I now must show my I.D. when picking up medication or going for tests or specialist visits. This should slow the practice of multiples using the same I.D. and obtaining services to which they are not entitled. Delaware has added an amendment to Title 30, that deals with taxes, just be alert that non-profits are not included by using an add-on. I include the information received from the Washington Weekly because we have many who are retired military and other veterans.

1. VA to delay increase Prescription copayments
2. Tricare for gray area Reserve Retirees.

I think I've heard from about every veteran "now that I'm out I'll not stand in another line and wait". Well I urge you to do just that, visit your local veterans service center take your discharge papers and have them review your entitlements. There have been a multitude of changes over the years and it could prove to be beneficial in several ways. You may have things now that you did not receive in the past. Senator Carper has a website with issues he's working on you may want to visit there and see what's afoot.

*Respectfully Submitted, Bessie Staab-Hickman, Coordinator*



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

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Magnolia, DE 19972

Operations Uplink Chairman Carl F. Voigt  
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# DE Hometown Heroes Tour Comes to an End

Back on June 22, 2008, Bessie had asked a group of Moose members to attend ceremonies to honor Delaware's Hometown Heroes at the Smyrna, DE Rest Area. Below are the banners showing soldiers from Delaware who were lost in military conflicts around the world. The Program is sponsored by American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., Chapter No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware. In November, the tour of the banners ended with a dinner and ceremony in Wilmington. Bessie attended the event and had her picture taken with Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden, who has recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq with the Delaware National Guard. Beau is also the son of US Vice President Joe Biden.



We thank all of the soldiers from whatever era they served for putting their lives in danger so we can continue to enjoy our way of life. The biggest thanks goes to the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice of their life. The American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. started during World War I. These mothers, who have lost children in military service, help look after those who returned injured. God Bless them in their loss and their service to others.



"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy course; who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat." - Theodore Roosevelt

# New Association Campaign

## New Member Campaign

2009 - 2010



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

Sponsor 7 members earn an Association logo Golf Shirt.

Sponsor another 8 and earn an Association logo Wind Breaker

June 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010



***Be a Piece of the Solution***



**MD-DE-DC Moose Association**

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.  
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Mooseheart, IL 60539  
☞  
Resident's Name  
1701 Park Avenue  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
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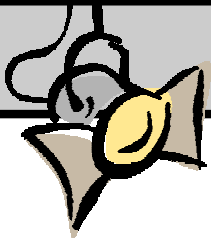


### Our Residents at Moosehaven:

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  
Mary Pelkey - 5/24  
Irene "Sandy" Raynor - 2/22







## In the Spotlight

### Leadership Changes at Mooseheart & MD-DE-DC

#### **Darrell O'Brien - Director of Department of Lodge Operations**

Darrell O'Brien has been selected as the Director of a new department at Mooseheart - the Department of Lodge Operations. This was created to offer "guidance and governance to the operations" to Lodges in our Fraternal Order within the framework of the Constitution and General Laws of the Loyal Order of Moose. The main object of this department is to develop and offer a comprehensive program of help to Lodge Boards of Officers to strengthen their fraternal and facility operations. We wish Darrell much success in his leadership in this department.



#### **Shawn Baile - Director of Membership Department**

The new Director of the Membership Department is Shawn Baile. Shawn stepped down from being the Director of Fraternal Programs and is now the 7th Director of Membership Department since its creation in 1934. Fraternal Programs Department has been dissolved and the areas governed by this department are now encompassed in the Membership and Lodge Operations Departments as determined during the transition period. Best wishes to Shawn in his new position.



#### **Robert Neff - Director of Moose Legion**

Director General William Airey has selected Robert Neff to be the first full-time Director of the Moose Legion. Bob has been a Moose Legionnaire for 29 years and served as the International President of the Degree of Service in 2005-06. As of January 1, 2010, Bob has assumed his duties at Moose International Headquarters and stepped down as a member of the Mooseheart Board of Directors. The Moose Legion was operated under its own department from 1984 - 1998, when its functions were eventually absorbed by the Department of Fraternal Programs. Best wishes go to Mr. Neff in his new position at Moose International.



#### **David Greenaway - Lodge Operations Analyst**

This is a familiar face to all of us - our former Regional Manager Dave Greenaway. Dave has been chosen to serve our area, and several surrounding regions, as a Lodge Operations Analyst. Dave works in the Department of Lodge Operations, under Darrell O'Brien's leadership, to help guide Lodge Boards of Officers to "strengthen their fraternal and facility operations". Many good wishes go to Dave in his return to this area of our Fraternity.



#### **James Hale - MD-DE-DC Moose Association Regional Manager**

Many of us also recognize this gentleman - he was our Regional Manager before Dave was reassigned from Assistant Regional Manager to Regional Manager about 5 years ago. Jim is also the Regional Manager of our neighbor West Virginia. Jim and his wife, Dona, hail from Michigan. They transferred to West Virginia when Jim was assigned as the Regional Manager of West Virginia. We welcome Jim back to MD-DE-DC and look forward to his guidance in the operation of our region.



# Golf Tournament Coming in May, 2010!!

## Food - Fun - Fellowship

OPEN TO ONE & ALL!!

1st Annual John Lyon's Scholarship Golf Tournament  
Jonathan's Landing Golf Course  
1309 Ponderosa Dr., Magnolia, DE  
Saturday, May 8, 2010

Registration 7:00 AM

Shotgun Start 8:00 AM

Entry forms are available online to download at [www.mdmoose.org](http://www.mdmoose.org)  
- or -  
call **Ron Sweetman** at **302-731-8145** or (cell) **302-757-2976** and he  
will send you one.

Entry fee is **\$65.00 per player** - includes green fees, cart, food and  
FUN!! Make checks payable to **MD-DE-DC Moose Association** and  
forward to:

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**Pitch in and be a Sponsor:**

- Sponsor one of 18 holes for \$100.00
- Sponsor a golf cart for \$50.00
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- Closest to the Line Sponsor for \$100.00
- Longest Drive for \$100.00

Proceeds from this Golf Outing will go to the John Lyon's Scholarships  
which will be awarded at the Annual Association Convention in August.

Let's be a  
piece  
of the  
solution!!



Help keep John's dream alive!  
Enter as a player or sponsor!  
We wish for a most enjoyable,  
fun-filled tournament



# International Sports Events

## WOTM Golf

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



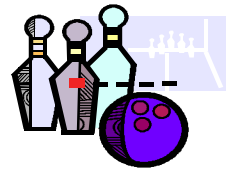
## Mixed Golf Scramble

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



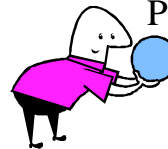
## Texas Hold'em Poker

Men/Women - January 10-13-2010  
Golden Nugget Resort, Las Vegas, NV  
Office Phone: 630-966-2224



## 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



## Softball

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



## Horseshoes

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



Check [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org) for entry forms & more information

For inquires about hosting a future sporting event contact the  
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630-859-2224 or  
email Henry Houck, Jr. Assistant Director Fraternal Programs at  
[hhouck@mooseintl.org](mailto:hhouck@mooseintl.org)



# News from the District Presidents

## District 2 - Clint Rawlings, President

Dear Brothers and Co-Workers:

I would like to wish you all a happy New Year! I would also like to congratulate Dave Greenaway on his promotion and welcome Jim Hale back to the MD- DE- DC State Association.



We have a new year and a fresh start for District II. Let's start this year off right by having 100% in reporting for the rest of the year! I know you all can do it. Don't forget to promote yourself and take pictures of your events.

I wish you all good health, happiness, and a profitable 2010!

*Fraternally, Clint Rawlings*

## District 3 - Chuck Neal, President

**Hello all from the Mighty Third District.**

It is Conference time again in Ocean City, MD. I hope everyone gets a lot of information to take back to their lodge. Yes, I know we will all have a good time but do not forget the reason for this Conference..... INFORMATION. Important information that our members will need to know so we can get them motivated into signing members, helping out in the lodge etc, etc.... the list can go on and on if we give positive feedback.

A new year is upon us. There will be new campaigns and new slogans for all of us to promote. Looking back, obtaining new members was a difficult thing to do in these economical times. But, we can not forget that we all took an obligation to sign new members. Remember our children at Mooseheart and our senior members at Moosehaven rely on all of us to support them. So, jump on the band wagon and start helping out. Your lodge will appreciate anything you can do.



I hope all the lodges are working towards the Premiere Lodge Award. It is obtainable if the Governor has all his committees filled and he follows through to help them out. Let's all be "A Piece of the Solution".

*Fraternally, Chuck Neal*



## **Riddles sharpen those genes in your brain and stalls Alzheimers for years.... We can all handle that!**



1. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!!
2. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?

Find the answers on the bottom of page 32

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.moose.org](http://www.moose.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](mailto:webmaster@mdmoose.org)





# News from the District Presidents

## District 6 - Ron Martin, President

Welcome to the new year, 2010. It's hard to believe we are one decade into the new century already. It's time to focus on our membership and get those members in arrears back into the group, as well as bring in new members to keep our Lodges and Chapters alive. Let's make this a banner year for MD-DE-DC and the 6th District, and get those members enrolled in due time for the end of the Moose year.



Past Governor Tom Kelley has moved to Nashville to be closer to his sister, who is very ill at this time. We wish Tom the best and hope all goes well with his sister.

We are 3/4 of the way through our Moose year and need to take stock of reports that need to be sent to Moose International so we all earn the prestigious awards at the end of the year. If we all work together in our Lodges, Chapter and Districts, we can pull the Fraternity out of the slump we seem to find ourselves in these days.

Welcome back to MD-DE-DC Moose Association to our returning Regional Manager, Jim Hale. See you all in Ocean City in February!

*Fraternally, Ron Martin*

## District 7 - Warren Hall, President

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Now it's back to work, rolling up our sleeves to meet our membership quotas and our retention figures for the year, while tracking the other projects within our Lodge.

Try to visit other lodges as I have read a newsletter, check flyers for up coming events, look at bulletin boards. There's always a new idea with a new approach.

We look forward to a successful District year, and wish everyone continues progress.

We would like to welcome Jim Hale back as our Regional Manager.

*Fraternally, Warren Hall*



**Ever been to a "Quarter Auction"?**  
**District 6 is hosting one at the Middletown Lodge**



**January 30, 2010**

**in place of the annual banquet due to their  
Past President Tom Kelley relocating to Nashville, TN**

**It's FUN < FUN > FUN**

**Doors open at 4 PM, Auction starts at 5 PM**

**Gifts are shown to bid on - up to 3 or 4 quarters, and if your  
number is pulled - YOU WIN!!!**



**Come join us! Refreshments available  
for more info, call 6th District President:**

**Ron Martin at 443-553-5806**



# R. Robert Dale & John Lyons Scholarships

## R. Robert Dale Scholarship

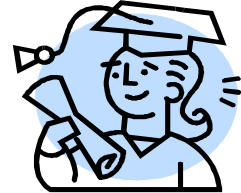
### Is there a High School Junior in Your Life?

Enter your Class of 2011 high school students **NOW** for a chance to win a \$1,000 R. Robert Dale Scholarship!!

#### Here are the requirements:

##### The Applicant must:

- Be a student in the Graduating Class of 2011
- Have a parent, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian who is a member of the Moose  
(Applicant not required to live in same house)
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (C+) or higher
- Send the completed application by **June 30, 2010**  
(Application must be completed in its entirety to be valid.)



The application is available from the Lodge Administrator or Chapter Recorder. Or it can be found online in the **MEMBERS-ONLY** Section of [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org) under 'Find it Here; A-Z links' click on 'Scholarships'. Mail or Fax the application to the address or fax number on the bottom of the application.

#### ALSO,

Your High School Junior will be eligible for drawings in the

## John Lyons Scholarship Fund

after the **R. Robert Dale Drawing**

There will be:

- 5 Scholarship drawings for \$605.00
- 2 Scholarship drawings for \$302.00



Don't miss this chance for these opportunities for your student to win a Scholarship in either of these drawings. The same application applies to all Scholarships.

## 2009 Scholarship Winners from MD-DE-DC

### **R. Robert Dale Scholarship:**

- Winner - Tara Lynn Bowden - Milford Lodge #2316
- 1st Runner Up - Andrea Ennis - Harrington Lodge #534
- 2nd Runner Up - Jacklyn M. Flemming - New Castle Lodge #1578

### **John Lyons Scholarships:**

1. \$550.00 - Andrea Ennis - Harrington Lodge #534
2. \$550.00 - Jacklyn Flemming - New Castle Lodge #1578
3. \$550.00 - Alyssa Hoeger - East Sussex Lodge #2542
4. \$550.00 - Morgan Ecker - Frederick Lodge #371
5. \$550.00 - Renee Marie DesRoches - Frederick Lodge #371
6. \$275.00 - Shelby Carter - Sparrows Point Dundalk Lodge #1228
7. \$275.00 - Nicholas Ritko - Sparrows Point Dundalk Lodge #1228





# Articles & Pictures from the Past



## Memories from Middletown Moose Family Center #1295

When Middletown Lodge was in construction, they hired a young mason from England to do the

brickwork on the building. Once he learned the story of the Moose, he joined and the rest is history. That young man was John Lyons and you can see him on the job in the photo on the right. John spent many years at Middletown Lodge before transferring to New Castle a few years ago, and he certainly made his mark on the Fraternity as a whole, especially in our MD-DE-DC Moose Association. John served many years in various capacities in the Association. He was the chairman of the R. Robert Dale Scholarship and convinced the Board to create a Scholarship Fund from the Association. We now have the John Lyons Scholarship Fund in his memory.



Looks like balloons were the thing at Christmas in Middletown. There are some familiar faces in these photos, and a few not known to this Editor. I'm sure John Carey can name them all!! John Lyons seems to be leading the group in the photo above. Looks like it might be at a College of Regents meeting. Thanks, Lil, for sharing these pictures with us.



# “Flight 93” Ties are still Available



## The FLIGHT 93 Commemorative Tie

**Join the men and women of the Moose in honoring the valor of the civilian heroes whose courage saved many innocent lives. The proceeds of your purchase of this commemorative tie goes to help build the National Park Service’s Flight 93 Memorial, on the sacred meadow in Somerset County, PA, where they gave their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.**



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





# New 25 Club Honorees



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

## New 25 Club Members

Diane McDermott #97  
Lloyd Snyder #371  
John P. Lafon, II #495  
William Pride #646

Patricia D. Guillion #1209  
Jane Beyer #1227  
Helen MacLaren #1418  
Michael Lynn Little #2462

## 50 Division

Cathy Gardner #1176  
Walter McFall #2542  
Wm. A. Highberger #2601

**50 Year Members** - Daniel M. Conlon #847, Constance Feraracci #1138, Iva Banning #1229

# International Five Club as of 12-31-09

## Loyal Order of Moose

Dave Greenaway #70  
Charles Neal, III #70  
William Rayne #203  
Roger Seigler #203  
Louis Semans, III #203  
Ferrill Wilson #203  
Willard Guthrie #271  
Harold Kerns #271  
Terrence Kollar #271  
Charles Adams #296  
CJ Adams #296  
John Barber, Sr. #296  
James Harris #296  
Brian Porter #296  
Richard Thompson #296  
James Eaton, Sr. #371  
John Johnson, Sr. #371  
Michael Kreamer #453  
Richard Martorana #453  
Mervin Allen #495  
Richard Copey #495  
Henry Hill #495  
John Lafon, II #495  
William Males #495  
John Vukovich #495  
Charles Wilkerson #495  
Roger Winn #495  
James Boone #534  
Chris Miles #534

Larry Nichols #534  
Thomas Free #537  
Greg Hess #537  
Russell LeVee #537  
Travis Luke #537  
Dan Smith #537  
Richard Smith #537  
Richard Griner #630  
Vincent Patton #630  
Samuel Pierson #630  
Robert Ames #646  
Robert Beshara #646  
Frank Felice #646  
Ronald Gooch #646  
William Pride #646  
Chris Ragni #646  
Charles Reynolds #646  
Irvin Warner #646  
Joseph Witoski #646  
Melvin Silwick #654  
Luther Leverette #658  
Gerald Hess #851  
Edward Lombardo #851  
Ron Martin #851  
Harold Whiteman #851  
David Taylor, Sr. #1228  
Frank Reynolds #1295

Glenn Williams #1295  
Stan Windsor, Sr. #1381  
John Stokes, Sr. #1456  
Doug Webber #1456  
George Zepp #1456  
Robert Mitchell #1504  
Calvin Fairbank #1520  
Lewis Plugge #1520  
George Davis #1540  
Leon Johnson #1540  
James Beyer #1577  
Martin MacLaren #1578  
Timothy George #1582  
Charles Delmar #1709  
Joseph Kaclik #1709  
Roy LaBrosse #1709  
Ernest Sowell, Jr. #1709  
Willie Jolly #1712  
Dale McDowell #1728  
Dale Timmons #1728  
James Cox #1775  
Dennis Fitzgerald #1775  
Robert Lawson #1775  
Gary Mean, II #1775  
James Martin #1775  
Humphrey Rigely #1856  
Richard Espey #1952

Barry Greer #1952  
Russ Sprague, Sr. #1952  
Justin Blisard #2046  
Jon Robinson #2046  
Roland Shimp, Jr. #2046  
Matt Steele #2046  
Terry Bowden #2316  
James Lofland #2316  
Charles Warren #2316  
Mike Bounelis #2279  
Leon Allen #2332  
Arthur Chouinard #2332  
Russ Anderson, Jr. #2393  
Robert Hall #2393  
John Guido #2431  
Doug St. Clair #2435  
Michael Little #2462  
Frank Weaver, III #2462  
Harry Daisey #2542  
Glen Dinsmore #2542  
Michael Donnelly #2542  
Walter McFall #2542  
Steve Peterson #2542  
Jeffy Rolfes #2542  
Walter Scott #2542  
Paul West, Jr. #2542  
Bill Highberger #2601  
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# A Message from our Deputy Grand Regent Loretta Horstman

Dear Co-Workers,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Let's make 2010 the best year ever.

I'm looking forward to the conference in Ocean City and hope you can all be there to welcome our official visitor, Past Grand Regent, Karol Smith. I know she will make our meeting fun, interesting, and offer plenty of good information to share with your Chapters.

Co-workers, we need to work on our membership and retention in our chapters so we can earn the Award of Achievement. I know we all can do it.

I would like to congratulate all the co-workers that will receive their Academy of Friendship in Ocean City. I know you all worked very hard to earn this award.



Let's not forget the Gimmefive Program. We need to ensure the future of our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. Let's all give our share!

At this time I would like to thank Ruth McFall for all of her hard work in raising money for feeding our boys at the MD, DE, and DC house.

Hope to see you all at the conference in Ocean City. It's sure to be a great time.

You are all a Piece of the Solution.



In Friendship,  
Deputy Grand Regent  
*Loretta Lee Horstman*



## International Five Club as of 12-31-09

Charmaine Barnhouser #97  
Diane McDermott #97  
Pamela Bittner #221  
Jaclyn McVey #347  
Ellen Harman #444  
Theresa Mead #576  
Joyce Weddle #660  
Deana Adams #661  
Faye Adams #661  
Patricia Ann Fritz #661  
Wilma Jean McElwain #661  
Barbara Spicknall #661  
Deborah Kreuzwieser #705  
Madeline Lindsay #783  
Jean Neal #783  
Linda Kessel #914  
Judy Martin #969  
Rose Whiteman #969  
Dorinda Stewart #969  
Helen Lewis #1084  
Heather Barkley #1088

### Women of the Moose

Elizabeth Hall #1384  
Kathy Young #1160  
Cathy Gardner #1176  
Elizabeth Manger #1208  
Evelyn Silwick #1208  
Jane Beyer #1227  
Deborah Ciancci #1227  
Shirley Bacorn #1229  
Pamela Boone #1229  
Margaret Miles #1229  
Doris Nichols #1229  
Jessica Szymanski #1229  
Mary Frances Crisman #1262  
Iris Harris #1262  
Cynthia Meredith #1262  
Janette West #1262  
Deborah Bean #1350  
Doris Buckler #1350

Gilberta Williams #1350  
Elizabeth Hall #1384  
Linda Perry #1418  
Carina Shweda #1418  
Mary Alice Carey #1452  
Susan Dunmon #1453  
Joan Lind #1469  
Valerie Sprague #1469  
Denise Brown #1546  
Geraldine Clark #1546  
Bonnie Lou Faulkner #1546  
Laura Horton #1546  
Renee Remus #1546  
Patricia Clymer #1814  
Amanda Galente #1814  
Joni Gray #1814  
Elizabeth Riedel #1814  
Gertraud Kulp #2089  
Vicki Robinson #2116  
Melissa Weaver #2116  
Ruth McFall #2204

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL OF THE 2009-2010 FIVE CLUB MEMBERS**



## Youth Awareness Coordinators Ernie Megee and Pat Cihak



Our students who attended the MD-DE-DC Moose Association Student Congress in Elkton last October should be working on their Kids' Talk presentations to the four to nine year old children in our communities. The coordinators of each Family Center should be in continuous contact with the students to encourage them to complete the minimum of three Kids' Talks.



Also, the coordinators should stress that completing the Kids' Talk will entitle them to be one of three finalists for the \$1,000 scholarships that our Association awards them for competing the minimum of three reports.

The three finalists will be entitled to represent our Association at the Moose International Student Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana April 30, 2010 to May 3, 2010. While there, our students will have a chance to be selected to receive one of the five scholarships that range from \$2,000 to \$12,000. In today's economy, this could go a long way in supporting the students' college education fund.

Our students will have until February 28, 2010 to complete their minimum of three Kids' Talks.

The completed Kids' Talk reports should be in our hands no later than March 8, 2010. This will

allow time for us to have the reports judged by a Youth Group so that we can advise Moose International the names of our representatives to the Moose International Student Congress on or before the March 15, 2010 deadline.

The coordinators for the Family Centers should not consider that their task is completed at the end of February. Now is the time to begin recruiting students for the 2010-2011 Association Student Congress to be held at the Elkton Moose Family Center #851 on Friday, October 1, 2010 and Saturday, October 2, 2010. I am sure that the way our economy is now, contacting parents, schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc. will make the task of obtaining students much easier especially if they are planning to go to an institute of higher education. Please get the word out with displaying posters in the Family Centers, at community gatherings, schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, and articles in local publications.

Fraternally,  
*Ernie Megee*

## Deputy Regional Manager Ernie Megee

It is that season again! Now is the time to begin planning for our nominations and elections of the officers for 2010-2011. During this season, it seems that a few of us cannot get the task executed properly. It is so simple if the General Laws are properly read. Be sure to use the green book that states "In Force and Effect as of June 1, 2009". It begins with Chapter 33 - "Lodge Officers Nominations - Election - Representation" on page 53 and ends with Section 33.10 - "Vacancy" on page 58. Plan ahead now!! Do not wait until the last regular general membership meeting in February as mandated in the General Laws. Take a calendar and mark the dates as to when the Nominating Committee meets, when a member who desires to run for an office is supposed to submit his name to the Nominating Committee, when the Nominating Committee makes their report to the Lodge, when a person can run on petition and when the elections take place.

Although very informative, some members do not particularly like to read the boring format of the General Laws. There is a Nominations and Elections Guide available on Moose International's website. The reading is much easier, has more details and depicts examples of common questions, problems and scenarios that could arise. Just download and READ the entire guide!!!

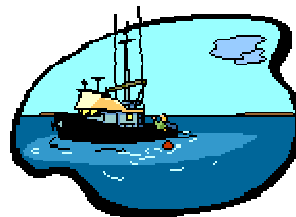
**I wish you all the best of luck to have a good 2010-2011.** *Ernie*

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# DelMar Council of Higher Degrees Banquet



New Degree Holders came to be Honored at the Banquet



The new Board of Officers were installed by Past Supreme Governor Ron Sweetman. Phyllis Brainard is the new Council President.



which she said would be one of Jack's gifts.



The wheel is always a popular fund raiser at banquets. There were a lot of interesting things to pick from. Phyllis found a Christmas basket



## Happy Anniversary!

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



Dec. 2 Newark Chapter #705  
 Dec. 7 South County Deale Lodge #2279  
 Dec. 11 Lower Eastern Shore Lodge #2431  
 Dec. 14 Laurel Chapter #1327  
 Jan. 2 Westminster Chapter #897  
 Jan. 4 Patuxent Lodge #2393  
 Jan. 7 Harrington Chapter #1229  
 Jan. 8 Elkton Chapter #969  
 Jan. 15 Silver Spring Chapter #1160  
 Feb. 2 Odenton MSC #2601  
 Feb. 6 Claymont Lodge #847  
 Feb. 9 Columbia Chapter #368  
 Feb. 11 Camden-Wyoming Lodge #203  
 Feb. 12 Antietam Lodge #2435  
 Feb. 15 Williamsport Chapter #2116  
 Feb. 15 Capitol Region MSC #2680  
 Feb. 16 Camden-Wyoming Chapter #1545  
 Feb. 25 Laurel Lodge #1504

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# MD-DE-DC Councils of Higher Degrees



## Meeting Schedule

### Black-Eyed Susans Council

March 21, 2010 in Frederick (tentative)  
 July 18, Sept. 19 & Oct. 17, 2010 - TBA  
 November 21, 2010 - Banquet - TBA



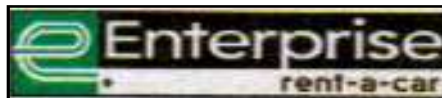
### DelMar Council

April 10, 2010 in Edgemere  
 June 12, 2010 in Camden/Wyoming - Picnic  
 August 14, 2010 in Middletown  
 October 2, 2010 Banquet in Harrington  
 Lunch at 12 PM, Meeting starts at 1 PM



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# In Memory of Fallen Members



**Carroll “Junior” Townsend**  
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit  
Past Governor of Salisbury Lodge

**Donald E. Fleming**  
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit  
Past Governor of Antietam Lodge

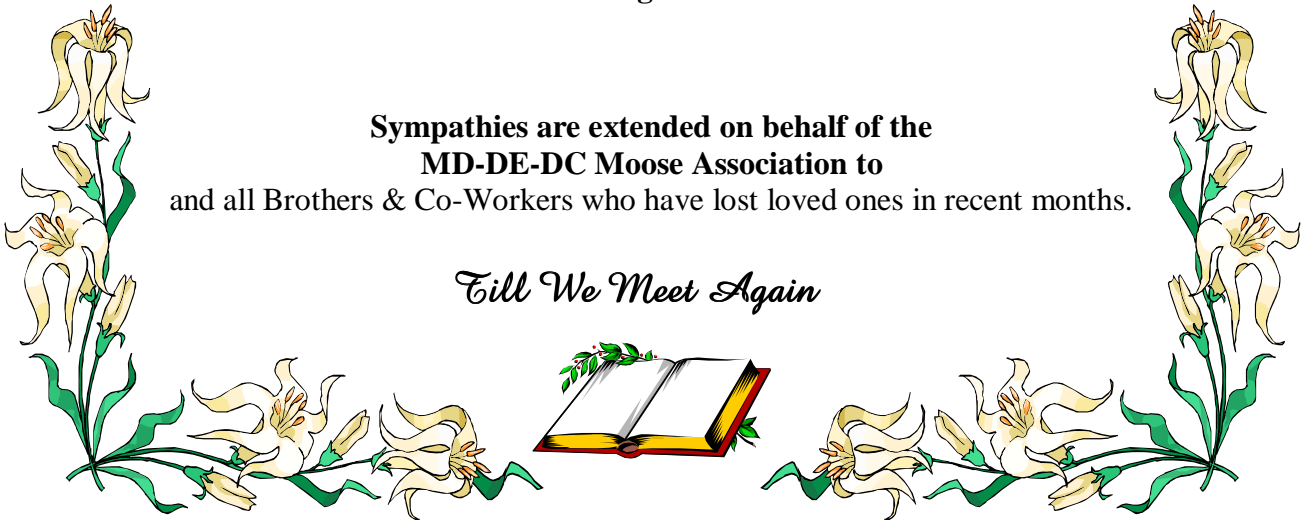


**Verna “Polly” Cole**  
Past Regent of New Castle Chapter  
Held the College of Regents Degree  
Academy of Friendship Member  
Widow of Pilgrim Edward Cole



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.

*Till We Meet Again*



I don't know how many of you remember Ed Cole. He was a major campaigner for the Loyal Order of Moose and wasn't afraid to tell the everyone he met about the Moose. My husband and I went shopping for new living room furniture in 1990 and our salesman was Ed Cole. While he talked to Tom about the Loyal Order of Moose and convinced him to become a member, I looked at the furniture. Ed was instrumental in instituting quite a few lodges in our Association and started New Castle Lodge in ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. His wife, Polly, was sometimes with him in his travels and she became my sponsor. She was diagnosed with cancer a couple of months ago; within three weeks we were there performing the Women of the Moose Funeral Ritual at her viewing. I guess you could say she was one of the lucky ones since it took her so fast, but I'm sure everyone who knew her misses her fun-loving spirit and enthusiasm for the New Castle Lodge and Chapter. Now she is resting comfortably with Ed in the Moose Lodge in the Sky. *the Editor*



# Deputy Supreme Governor John Krass

Brothers & Co-Workers:

The holidays are past and we are in a new year. **HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!!** I hope all of you had a great holiday season, and I hope and pray we have a prosperous new year.



Looking back, 2009 was a great year for me, as I got to my first ever International Convention and came back as your Deputy Supreme Governor. It was a thrill of a lifetime for me and I thank all of you for making that possible.

2009 brought lots of changes and this Association seemed to weather the storm very well. To me this means the Association is on a firm footing and can adapt to change easily and rapidly. With change we have to remember we do not always have to agree with it, but we must except it. Also without change not much progress can be achieved. If the same effort, energy, and foresight is exerted each day, one can only expect the same result. Change is needed to achieve a better result.



Membership is a bit slow through out the Association, and a number of reasons can be attributed. **ECONOMY** is probably the number one culprit, with **TIME MANAGEMENT, EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS, FAMILY OBLIGATIONS**, just to name a few. Do these excuses sound familiar? I'm sure they do and they have a certain validity, given the state of our economy today. We have to remember when trying to sponsor new members, we are going to encounter any number of excuses, why that person cannot join with us. It is our responsibility to counter those excuses positively so they want to join us. We must do whatever possible, leaving no stone unturned to make our program as attractive as possible to the prospective member so they feel they need to join our fraternity

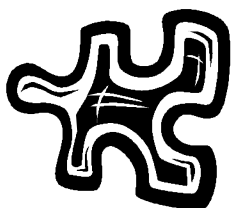
There are many short term programs initiated in our Family Centers that counteract or negate the excuses you encounter. These programs help build membership. Use these programs to your advantage. Call your family, friends, acquaintances and don't forget your lodges arrears list. Tell these folks about the promotions your family center is offering and the economic benefits afforded to Moose members. Lets make an extra effort to sponsor as many new members or re-enrollee's as possible. Our kids and our seniors need us.

I have been so blessed this year with all the help I have received. You all have made my position very pleasant and it's been a joy to work along side of you. Your dedication to this Fraternity is unquestionably loyal, and it does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Please keep fraternalism a priority in your life, for you are needed more than you can imagine. When everyone, such as yourselves, become "**A PIECE OF THE SOLUTION**" the picture becomes much clearer and brighter to what our vision, purpose and mission is, and will be.

From my house to your house, my wish is for you and yours, a year of peace, harmony, and prosperity.

Thank you for being a piece of the solution and all you do.

Fraternally,  
*John Krass*  
Deputy Supreme Governor



*Be a Piece of the Solution*



## Fraternatinal Fundraising with Libby

First off, I hope each of you had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the New Year bring you peace, joy and good health for you and your family.

As I think of our family, Mooseheart and Moosehaven also come to mind. They too are our family!! Where would they be without us – our love, our support and most importantly our donations!



Talking about donations – Special thanks go out to the Chapters, Lodges, Districts and our individual Moose members who have donated to the fundraising project “Feed the Children in the MD-DE-DC Home” that Ruth McFall came up with. Would you believe that an approximate total of \$15,500.00 was collected? WOW – what a wonderful way to start off 2010! The amount that was hoped for was greater than what was collected, but in these trying times, we are grateful for what was received. Again, my sincere thanks to all that participated by donating their time and money to make this a success. Special thanks to Ruth for putting her idea in action, and to Carl for cutting out, dividing and preparing for distribution the 6,000+ tickets that we made. To Ruth and Phyllis Donovan who donated the “Singing Bears” for the raffle; thanks go out to you for that also. As you can tell, it takes everyone working together to make a successful fundraiser and by golly, everyone sure did! And – last but not least - the winners of the “Singing Bears” were Newark Chapter 705 and Camden Wyoming Chapter 1814.

On another note, February is right around the corner and our Mid Year Winter Conference will be here before we know it. Once again Christa Mumford has donated a lovely “Sterling Silver Necklace with a Ruby Stone and a Matching Ring”. Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00. We are also holding 50/50 raffles at all of our WOTM meetings. They will be the same as always \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. I have written for approval from the Grand Chancellor and hopefully all will be approved and donated to the “GimmeFive” program.

With reference to the GimmeFive, our Regional Association’s list of donors is growing bit by bit. As I look over the list, there are still quite a lot of our members who still have not given the first \$36.50. We are now in our 3rd year and it’s time for another \$36.50 payment. We are only asking for 10 cents a day-\$36.50 per year. PLEASE!! If you haven’t done your share – please reconsider – and be part of the group that can say – we are here for Mooseheart and we helped save them – AND – made dreams become a reality.



Fraternally,  
*Libby Schmidt*



### Words of Wisdom by Audrey Hepburn

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone.

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your arms.

As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands; one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.

### The answers to our riddles on page 18:



#1 - The letter “e”, which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear even once in the paragraph.

#2 - Charcoal - as in barbecuing.



# DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE PEOPLE?



Think you who know this doll is???

???????????



This little babe in her Daddy's arms is the same gal in the photo next to it. Who is she???



Who is this cute little guy?  
Anyone you know???



How about this handsome dude? Do you know him???



??????

Guess first, then check page 39 to find out!!!!

## New Honorary Past Governors



Camden-Wyoming Moose Family Center #203 has a new Honorary Past Governor, Paul Richardson, posing with Lodge #203's Past Governor Larry Clark



New Castle Moose Family Center #1578 also has a new Honorary Past Governor, Benjamin Petkiewicz, posing with #1578's current Governor Tom Rieg.



**CONGRATULATIONS to both Gentlemen!!**

# Fundraising with Danny Williams



## GimmeFive Endowment Fund Campaign

The Endowment Fund for the future

There are rumors going around that the GimmeFive Endowment Campaign of the future is prematurely discontinued. This is NOT TRUE!

GimmeFive Endowment Campaign of the future was introduced in 2007 at the International Convention as a 5 year campaign which would conclude on April 30, 2012 and that is still TRUE!

All donations to GimmeFive are securely invested in a restricted Endowment Fund. At the completion of this 5 year program, the GimmeFive restricted funds will be transferred into the Mooseheart – Moosehaven Endowment Fund.

Just think if each and every one of our Moose Brothers and Sisters gave an extra \$36.50 per year, just a nickel in the morning and a nickel in the evening, that’s just 10 cents a day or \$36.50 per year. Appeals are on going and we’ll be at the Mid – Year in Ocean City, Maryland in February for your donations.

To date MD DE DC Moose Association has donated a total of \$94,995.87 toward GimmeFive. To all members who have already donated to this most important campaign “THANK YOU”!

Danny Williams, Sr.  
Regional Co-Chair “GimmeFive”



## “GimmeFive Referrals Update”

At the Convention held in Hagerstown, Maryland this past August we introduced a new Moose Charities program know as the “GimmeFive Referrals”. As of January 8, 2010 in our Association we had a total of 44 referrals from the Delaware area from the following Brother and Sisters:



- Ruth Ann Kemp.....1
- Ruth W. McFall.....4
- Carina M. Shweda.....1
- Don Shelnett.....38



That’s a total of 44 Referrals so far. Don is leading the nation with his impressive 38 Referrals to the “GimmeFive” Referrals Campaign by Moose Associations within our fraternity.

Just in - the total donations for “GimmeFive” is \$3,416,162.71 dollars from 25,386 members nation wide. Thanks to each and everyone who had donated to the “GimmeFive” program and keep up these referrals.

Don’s group posed for a photo at New Castle Moose Family Center #1578.





# 2009 in Review



Let's drink to '09  
with a good belt of wine  
(though whiskey may well be more fitting!)  
The recession was hairy,  
the Swine Flu was scary,  
and Oprah announced she was quitting!

While we loved Lady Gaga,  
the Octomom saga  
struck many as shameless and wrong.  
We witnessed the rift  
between Kanye and Swift,  
and Phelps was caught smoking a bong!



When a pilot's quick brain  
saved his passenger plane  
on the Hudson, the tale was a thriller.  
Balloon Boy was phony  
as rubber baloney.  
The abs on the werewolves were killer!

A governor's flame  
was an Argentine dame,  
bringing scandal to South Carolina.  
There were pirate attacks,  
there was Goldman and Sachs,  
there was poisonous drywall from China!

The prez was sworn in  
and he flashed us a grin  
while exuding his usual charms.  
Though some thought it shady,  
the stylish First Lady  
asserted her right to bare arms.



While Michelle was in Vogue,  
Sarah Palin went Rogue,  
and political tensions were showing.  
With the gathering storm  
over health care reform,  
the Tea Party movement was growing.

The Hollywood crew  
gave us "Transformers 2,"  
while "Up" was a true work of art.  
There was Brüno (a jerk!)  
plus a young Captain Kirk  
and an overweight mall cop named Blart.

Those admen on "Mad Men"  
were sexy-yet-sad men  
with lives full of pressure and toil.  
Adam Lambert came out,  
leaving no shred of doubt,  
and who didn't love Susan Boyle?



O'Brien shone bright  
as the star of "Tonight."  
Stephanopoulos stepped in for Sawyer.  
And of course a divorce  
was so quickly in force  
that we watched "Jon and Kate Plus Her Lawyer!"



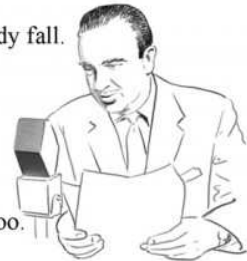
When a huge SUV  
hit a hydrant and tree  
and the juiciest rumors proved true,  
The endorsements went winging,  
for that kind of swinging  
just wasn't the Tiger we knew!

And Pop lost its King!  
What a terrible thing  
for an artist with hit after hit!  
There were songs and orations  
with loud lamentations,  
for everyone knew This was It.



There were others as well  
who went out, sad to tell.  
We saw Cronkite and Kennedy fall.  
Bea Arthur is gone,  
Ed McMahon has passed on,  
and Mary left Peter and Paul.

With the passing of Farrah  
we ended an era  
and Soupy and Swayze went too.



DeLuise said goodbye,  
as did Oxy-Clean Guy  
and the soft-spoken star of "Kung Fu."



Yet some news was brighter  
and made us feel lighter  
in spite of our sorrows and peeves.  
There was Google Wave chat  
and a keyboarding cat.

There were trendy new blankets with sleeves!  
Though we still can't erase  
all the troubles we face  
from the climate to high unemployment,  
Let's be of good cheer  
and they won't interfere  
with our holiday fun and enjoyment.

We'll turn from the news  
to whatever we choose,  
be it Lifetime or ESPN.  
And after a break  
we'll be ready to take  
the big plunge into Two Thousand Ten!

courtesy of an email from I don't remember who - the editor



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# Fundraising for Mooseheart, Etc.



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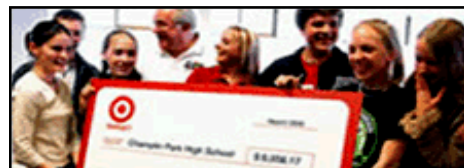
Recycle old printer-toner cartridges, old cellphones and old computers to help generate funds for Mooseheart. Check the website in **Moose Charities** and follow the directions to received shipping labels for sending your recyclables to help the "Cartridges for Kids" program.

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We now collect and recycle:

Target Stores has a fundraising program 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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Moose Charities is listed in **eBay's** nonprofit directory. If you use **eBay** you can help Moose Charities at <http://ebaygivingworks.com>.

Also, you can list Moose Charities on your **Food Lion** card and Moose Charities will get credit for your grocery purchases at Food Lion; sign in at: [www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopAndShare](http://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopAndShare)



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### When the Music Stopped

*For those who are unaware, at a military theater, the National Anthem is played before every movie.*

From a Chaplain in Iraq:

I recently attended a showing of Superman here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom back in the States, we stood and snapped to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All was going as planned until

about three-quarters of the way through the National Anthem, the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments, and everyone would sit down and call for a movie. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place. Here, the 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again. The Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. And again, at the same point, the music stopped.

What would you expect to happen? Even here I would imagine laughter, as everyone finally sat down and expected the movie to start. But here, you could have heard a pin drop. Every Soldier continued to stand at attention. Suddenly there was a lone voice, then a dozen, and quickly the room was filled with the voices of a thousand Soldiers, finishing where the recording left off. 'And the rockets red glare, The bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night, That our flag was still there. Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free And the home of the brave.'

It was the most inspiring moment I have had here in Iraq. I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you here. Remember them as they fight for you! Use this as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our Soldiers serving us here at home and abroad. For many have already paid the ultimate price.



Written by  
Chaplain Jim Higgins  
LSA Anaconda  
Balad Airport in Iraq, north of Baghdad



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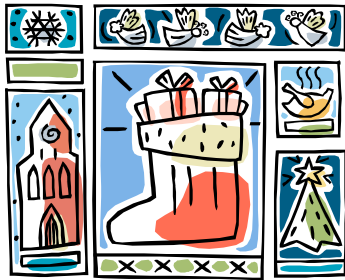


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February 18 - 21, 2010	Mid-Winter Conference Clarion Hotel Ocean City, MD
March 28, 2010	Seaford
April 25, 2010	Harrington
May & June, 2010	No Meeting
July 25, 2010	New Castle
August 19 - 22, 2010	Annual Conference Location to be announced
September 26, 2010	Dundalk
October 1 & 2, 2010	Youth Awareness Congress at Elkton Moose FC

*Thank you, Jim Bolling, Secretary*

WELL - did you guess before turning here to page 39?? Or did you turn here before trying to figure out who is in those pictures? Here is the identity of our mystery photos for this issue:  
1. The doll is Judy Martin from Elkton Chapter. 2. Government Relations Chairman Bessie Hickman is the babe. 3. That cute little guy is 2nd District President Clint Rawlings and 4. the handsome Dude is 6th District President Ron Martin. Send in your old photos so we can guess who you are!



Happy Birthday to George & Abe!



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