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J Believe

That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance.

Same goes from true love.

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

Dear Brothers & Co-Workers:

Well, hopefully 'ole man winter has departed and we can soon see signs of a bright new beginning – it's called SPRING. After this past winter I for one am sure ready for it. And I'm sure each of you are tired of shoveling all that white stuff. Of course, all the guys with snowplows were happy – they had a good year.

I would like to thank everyone for a great Mid Year Conference. Everyone did a great job with their presentations and you are to be commended. Because of

the coordination, cooperation and consistency, we were able to conclude each session in a reasonable time frame and I believe we accomplished many good things and even had FUN along the way.

Now it is time to set our sights on the job at hand. The membership of this Association is drastically in need of promotion. The Moose Legions are in need of a lot of help and hopefully each one of you will hop on the train and help there. Not only should every fraternal be utilizing the International and Association membership campaigns, they should have an 'in-house' campaign as well. The new short term membership campaign by Moose International should be an added incentive for all members to ask their friends and families to join the Moose. Are the posters prominently displayed in your Lodge for all to see? And speaking of membership – just when was the last time you personally asked someone to join our great fraternity? Or ask a member to become a Moose Legionnaire? If anyone has any suggestions on membership campaigns, membership retention programs or any other areas that might assist our Association, please feel free to contact me.

At this time we have very few Lodges that have achieved even one quota. All it takes is a concentrated effort. I believe each of us have what it takes to get this association headed in the right direction. You proved you had it in you in February when we achieved over 90% of our lodges reporting. Now we need to continue that trend and start adding members. As I review the statistics, each lodge membership chairman should form a committee right away. Invite members to come with their cell phones for a free breakfast. After breakfast, start calling those members that have recently been dropped and invite them to come back. The Lodge Administrator can provide you with a list of dropped members and utilizing this will give you a start. Membership Retention is the name of the game. We gain nothing if we sign five new members in a month and five members fail to renew their dues. We remain at Status Quo and that is not where we want to be. I encourage each of you to aggressively work Membership Retention.

At this point and time every Lodge should be making plans to send the Lodge Administrator and Governor to the International Convention in Nashville. You say you can't afford it – You can't afford not to. There is time now to do some 50/50's, special raffles or whatever it takes to come up with the funds. YOU are expected to be there!

Once again, thanks to each team member that made presentations at Mid Year. You were great. And special thanks to all the members that took the time to attend the Mid Year Conference. It is our hope that each time you attend, you are enlightened by at least one new thing that you can take to your Lodge and share with others. You are the driving force that is the nucleus of this Association.

Until next time -



Fraternally, IIM Hale



Have you been a "Piece of the Solution" this year?

ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR NASHVILLE YET?



International Moose Convention

122nd Meeting of the Supreme Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose 98th International Conference, Women of the Moose 44th 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!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS, REGISTRATION AND MORE DETAILS COMING AT



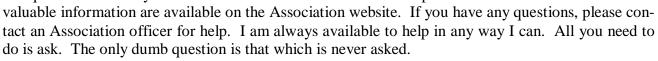
Message from President Tim McElwain

Brothers and Co-workers,

Wow, I trust everyone made it thru the blizzard and the cold temperatures. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I can address you with this important message. First, I would like to welcome to

the MD-DE-DC Moose Association our "New" Regional Manager, Jim Hale. I am sure that you will join me in giving Jim a warm welcome. Let's show Jim that he made a good decision in joining our Family once again. I hope to also reaffirm Dave's faith in us by showing him that we are THE TOP ASSOCIATION.

We need to continue to get the reports completed and submitted on time. Please don't wait until the last minute to try and complete these. Remember to report daily and often. If we transmit 1-2 members a day we can make a dent in our quotas and move your Association forward. Deadlines for reports and other



I would like to thank each of you for all of your hard work and dedication so far this year. I can't emphasize enough the importance of signing new members, retaining members, bring the arrearages down and working the programs. We need to spread the word," The MD-DE-DC Moose Association can be the GREATEST FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION!" We need to let our members, and potential members, know about our great organization and the benefits of being a Moose.

As an organization, our ability to continue supporting our children at Mooseheart and our senior members at Moosehaven, depends on membership. We need to encourage participation in activities and increasing membership. We need to keep our members informed either by mail or email of the events we are planning and getting them to come out to their Lodge Homes.

We are not an "I CAN'T" group. We have proven that we can accomplish anything we set our minds to if we work together and get the word out. WE CAN and WE WILL make 2010 a rewarding year. Spring is just around the corner and we can make this Association bloom. Together, we are the "PIECE OF THE SOLUTION".

Thank you for all of your support and help so far this year. It is my hope that we can depend on you for your continue support. If we continue to work together and communicate, 2010 will be a great year for all of us. It's time to shine, let's do it!

Thank you for all that you do. Thank you for being a "PIECE OF THE SOLUTION".



Fraternally, Your President,

Tim McElwain, Sr.

Be A
Piece of the
Solution Sign Members!



Community Service



Co-Workers from Camden-Wyoming Chapter #1546 presented Tommy Mooses to the Vice President of the Camden-Wyoming Fire Company. Past Regent Geri Clark and Senior Regent Anne Barnes gave the Mooses to Harold Willey, the Vice President of the Fire Company. The more Tommy Mooses we give out, the more children will be less traumatized in perilous situations.

On March 27th, Officers and Members of the Gardenville Moose #1242 participated in St. Baldrick's fundraiser at Martin's East. St. Baldrick's is the world's largest volunteer-driven fundraising event for childhood cancer research. The members from Gardenville who shaved their heads to raise funds are Governor Don Vasold, Jr. Governor George Mahla, Prelate Keith Mahla, Treasurer David Louden, Mike Collison, Mike Button and John Icenrade. To date, Gardenville Moose #1242 has raised over \$1800. Great job, guys!! We need more bald heads to help with this most worthy project - anything to save our kids.





Keep up the good work, Co-Workers!

Williamsport Administrator Mike Little presented Tommy Mooses to a representative from the Williamsport Fire Department.





New Castle Chapter #1418 Co-Workers presented a check to Barbara Loeslein for the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington, Delaware. Also, Senior Regent Sharon Panaccione and Co-Worker Lily Lyons presented a check to Ron Sweetman for the MD-DE-DC Moose Association John Lyons Scholarship Fund.

Community Service

Linda Popper, a Marketing Account Executive with the Blood Bank of Delaware, was the guest speaker at the 6th District's February meeting held in Middletown Moose FC #1295. She spoke of the many benefits of belonging to the Blood Bank and the need to encourage the younger generation to join at an early age.





Middletown Governor John Walther, Sr. presented a donation to the Blood Bank from the Lodge and also a hat and tee shirt to Linda. The group learned that one great benefit of the Blood Bank is that an unlimited blood supply is available to members anywhere in the United States.

Horseshoe Tournaments at New Castle

Moose Horseshoe Tournaments at New Castle Lodge
Men & Women Moose Members Only
June 12 - August 28 - October 9
Start Time 9 AM - Rain date next day
\$25 per 2 person team - walking doubles
For First 25 Teams who send Entry & Team Information
Entry deadline, 2 weeks before tournament
Round Robin format-21 pt games - bring your own shoes - house shoes available
Tournament held on 12 NHPA Sanctioned Clay Courts

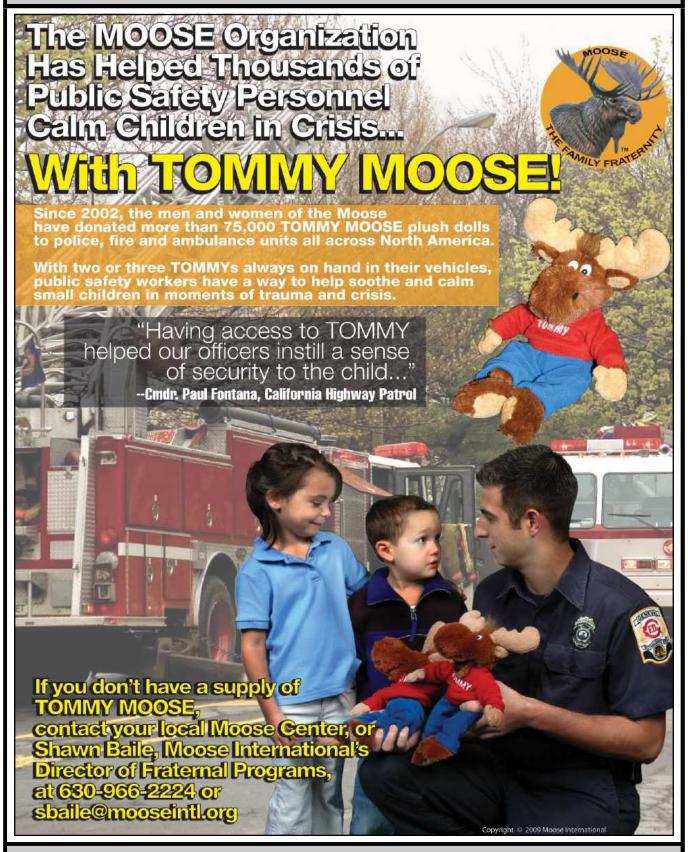






For more info call Dan Carter at 302-602-1045 or Bill Page at 302-598-5507

the "Tommy Moose" Program



Great for Community Service donations!!

Happenings around our Association



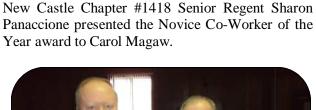
6th District President Ron Martin received the Moose Legionnaire of the Year Award from Ron Sweetman at a recent district meeting.

Moose Legion Area Manager Ron Sweetman congratulates Middletown Governor John Walther, Sr. on signing 25 members into the Fraternity.



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Moose Legion Ambassador Dan Walther presented the Moose Legionnaire of the Year Award to Joe Wiles from Brunswick Lodge.





Mike Stumbaugh presented 2nd District President Clint Rawlings a first aid kit for his travels around the District.



Past Governor Richard Smith, from Edgemere Moose Family Center is congratulated by Ron Sweetman on signing his 100th member into the Moose Fraternity.



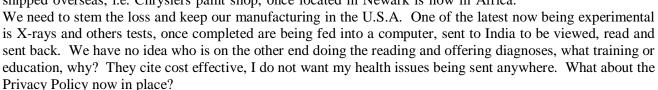
Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

Our Moose Fraternity was founded on care for children; we continue to serve in this capacity. In Maryland,

someone listened - they now have several bills introduced in the House and Senate pertaining to human trafficking, sexual offenders, predators abuse, stolen, and exploitation of our youth. Please follow through with asking these bills be voted into law. It's easy to find the bill numbers – go to **General Assembly** - use the drop-down go to **"everything else"**, then click on **"Legislative wrap-up"**. There, you may read a short version of these bills on line. If you were part or parcel, "kudos and well done".

When the budgets are proposed, stay alert; if some things are being introduced they have to find a way to finance them. This usually means cuts in some areas or extra taxes. We as non-profits are usually one area investigated.

With the loss of jobs in our areas (many outsourced) whole factories dismantled and shipped overseas, i.e. Chryslers paint shop, once located in Newark is now in Africa.



The latest disgrace is the "off shore wind project" - everyone supported thinking it would bring more jobs, plus help us get free of foreign oil. Diane Sawyer broke the story and started asking why the bulk of contracts are being granted to foreign companies? After the up-roar this caused the ones who granted said "they would do better in the future". I take this to mean they will hire a token amount of folks to keep us quiet. This is not acceptable. We are in a war on so many fronts we no longer have a front - we are surrounded. Some of this war is not engaged with real bullets, it is the assaults on the economy. Anyone who has a vote should be shouting RECIND THE CONTRACTS to every legislator in every area, local, state and national. If there is enough public outrage perhaps we can change some things.

Want to start helping in some other areas? When we go shopping check your bar codes - any starting 00-09 is from the U.S.A. and Canada. Middle Eastern countries are boycotting our products, we can retaliate buy using the products from Oil companies who do not import one barrel, Murphy, Valero, Sunoco, OA Sinclair, BP, Hess, Flying J and Arco. This can be checked with the energy commission.

We, the Moose Family, are a multi-talented, unique group of citizens; we have a heart and care for our fellow man and creatures who share our earth. We reach into our respective communities, give assistance and comfort wherever possible, we have never strived to be "movers and shakers" or make national policies, but, when the economy is affecting our members and communities we need to start making our voices heard. A helping hand is one of the greatest gifts; however, we need long term solutions and solid foundations if we want to re-build and restore our communities and country. I know many of us stood by in disbelief that we could lose so much, so quickly. We need a government relations person in each lodge and chapter. This is one place to start.

Respectfully Submitted, Bessíe 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 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

Moose Legion Area Manager Ron Sweetman

IT'S TIME - TO BE - ON THE MOVE

Moose Legionnaires, we are **moving** into the final weeks of our year and the clock is ticking. Are **YOU** On The Move to see where your Moose Legion stands in membership production? Has your Moose Legion met the criteria to earn the Moose Legion Fraternal Service Award? If not, you still may have time! By this time, your nominations should be complete, with your elections and installa-

tions taking place in the next few weeks. Hopefully, our Boards will include a number of **Movers & Shakers**.

My brothers, the Moose Legion is **On The Move** and we want the Moose Legionnaires of this Association to be part of this movement. By doing so, we can help the Moose Legion meet its membership goal for the year in the final month of April. In addition, **you** can make

a **timely move** in the month of May to set the pace for membership production in our Moose Legions. You might ask, How can I do that? By taking part in the "On The Move" Membership Campaign. All it will take is a little of your time. Tell those qualified to join us about "The Degree of Service" - How we do "some good thing for someone each day" and the Mission of our

degree. If you sponsor **two qualified candidates** into the Moose Legion and they attend a conferral ceremony (reported as enrolled prior to 10:00 PM CDT on May 31, 2010) your next year's Moose Legion Dues **Are Free!!!** There's more - those sponsors who qualify will be eligible for one of the **three** Moose Legion Life Memberships to be awarded on June 1, 2010. I think it's worth the **time**, don't you?

Speaking of time, the time is drawing near for our All-State Moose Legion Celebration. On April 30 through May 2, 2010, Capital Moose Legion No. 155 will host the Annual Celebration. All the festivities will be held at the Silver Spring Lodge. Please check our web page at www.mdmoose.org for the schedule of events and hotel accommodations. International Moose Legion Vice President Bruce Berger will be our guest. I want to remind all those who have not attended a MLEC School within the past 2 years, and are running for office, they must attended the school at Silver Spring Lodge on May 1, 2010. See you all there!!

In the year ahead I want to see all of our Moose Legions On The Move. I ask all of you to take the time to sponsor a member - take the time to attend a celebration - take the time to do some good thing for someone each day. If we do so, success will surely crown our efforts. Only time will tell.



Cordially and fraternally,

Ron Sweetman,

Moose Legion Area Manager



MD-DC-DE Moose Legion Ambassadors & their Territory

Bruce Dewey

A. Lee Poole #111 - President Richard Baker

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

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

New Presidents will be listed in next Communicator

Moose Legion Celebration

All-State Moose Legion Celebration



May 1 & May 2, 2010

Hosted by Capitol Moose Legion #155 at Silver Spring Moose Lodge #658 4343 Sandy Spring Road, Burtonsville, MD 20866





Official Visitor - Bruce Berger International Moose Legion Vice President

Schedule: Saturday, May 1st - 9 AM to 11 PM

- * 7:30 9:30 AM Breakfast served
- * 8 AM MLEC (Moose Legion Education Conference) Class starts 9 AM Sharp. Each Officer or Director who has not attend this session in the past two years will need to attend this class. Officers not qualified, must attend this session for qualification. Cost is \$35 for MLEC Certification.
- * 12 1:00 PM Lunch
- * 1:30 PM Celebration Opening Flag Ceremony by Burtonsville Boy Scouts
- * ML Organization Meeting followed by Conferral by ML Blue Hen #186. Presentations to Burtonsville VFD, EMT and Boy Scouts.
- * 6 8 PM Moose Legion Award Presentation
- * 6 8 PM Baked Chicken Dinner with scalloped potatoes, vegetable mix, tossed salad, roll & dessert
- * 8 11 PM Live Entertainment "Elvis" Viva Las Vegas by Mike Hurst A TOUCH OF ELVIS

Sunday, May 2nd - 11 AM to 5 PM

Lodge Breakfast Available 7:30 - 10 AM - 2 Pancakes, 2 Eggs, Roll with Sausage Gravy

- * 11 AM Moose Legion Family Fun Day Opens NO MEETINGS!!
- * Golf Putting Tournaments for Kids & Adults Awards & Cash Prizes
- * Racing Lawn Mower Rides for all the Kids and some Qualified Adults
- * Family Games: Outdoor Volleyball, Bean Bag Toss & plenty more surprises!
- * Moon Bounce, Face Painting & a Clown with balloons to entertain the kids
- * 12:30 PM **The Big Woody Pig Roast** including hot dogs, sauerkraut, coleslaw, macaroni salad, baked beans & then some
- * Raffle & Tournament payouts awarded throughout the day.

Your Cost:

Saturday & Sunday - \$40 per person or \$60 per couple Sunday only - \$20 per person Children 16 & under FREE accompanied by parent(s)





Our Moose Legion Celebration Visitor



Bruce Berger

Official Visitor Moose Legion Celebration 2010

The International Vice President of the Moose Legion, Bruce Berger, is our guest for the Annual Moose Legion Celebration held on May 1st & 2nd at Silver Spring Moose Lodge in Burtonsville, Maryland. Bruce has been in this position

since May, 2009 when he was installed at the 121st International Convention in Chicago. He has been a member of the International Moose Legion Council since 2004.

In 1982, Bruce joined the Quakertown, PA Lodge #1622 and has served as Jr. Governor and three terms as Governor. Bruce is currently a member of Sellersville, PA Lodge #1539, as well as a member of William Penn Moose Legion #3. He has held all chairs in this Moose Legion, including Secretary from 1990-1995.

Bruce has served as Pennsylvania Moose Association President for 2004-2005. Previously, he served as District #2 President and District Secretary. Also, Bruce served as Deputy Supreme Governor for the 1996-1997 year.

Currently, Bruce is a member of the 100 Division of the Moose 25 Club, received his Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1988 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1998.

Since 1974, Bruce has worked at Lawrence Schiff Silk Mills and is currently a supervisor. He enjoys golf and follows car races. Bruce and his wife, Donna, live in Quakertown and have one daughter, Amanda.

Let's all be a "Piece of the Solution" and welcome the Bruce and Donna Berger to our All State



Welcome back to the MD-DE-DC Moose Association Moose Legion Celebration

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

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



In the Spotlight

Walter Coopersmith, Jr.

The MD-DE-DC Moose of the Year for 2010 is Walter Coopersmith. He has been a member of the Loyal Order of Moose

since September 27, 1955 and has been a dedicated member of the Moose since

he joined. His first position in Aberdeen Lodge #1450 was as Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms and Sergeant-At-Arms in 1957-1958. He continued through the chairs as Treasurer, Prelate, Junior Governor and served as Governor in 1965-1966. Since being Governor, Walter has been in the positions of Treasurer,

Prelate, Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms and Sergeant-At-Arms many times. He has served on the Membership, Audit, Community Service and Endowment Fund Committees. As a member of the Ritual Team, he was the Sergeant-At-Arms since 1969. For 3 years, Walter was the editor of the Lodge newsletter and helped prepare it for mailing for over 40 years. He also served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the

Lodge Moose Legion Committee for 15 years.

Throughout most of his membership, he has volunteered his help for special events at the Lodge to include dances, shrimp feasts, bull roasts, oyster roasts, etc., by either working at the door or wheels at these events. Walter was always there to help set up the event and clean up afterwards. For 54 years, he has had a near prefect attendance record at regular Lodge meetings. Over the years, he has filled in as bartender in the Social Quarters, as well as custo-

dian. For more than 30 years, Walter has been the Installing Sergeant-At-Arms at Aberdeen's annual installation ceremonies.

On the District level, Walter has served as Sergeant-At-Arms, Treasurer, Secre-

tary, Prelate, Vice President, and, for the 1969-1970 term was elected as President. He has also served as the District Membership Chairman. In the State Association, he has filled the position of Assistant Community Service Chairman. Walter has served three terms as Deputy Director of Conservation in the Supreme Lodge. Since September 11, 1060, he has been a member of the peake Moose Legion #183 and is coming

Chesapeake Moose Legion #183 and is coming up on 50 years of membership.

Walter is a member of the 25 Club and has sponsored 40 members. In 1966, Walter was conferred with the Fellowship Degree of Honor and on May 25, 1986, he received the Pilgrim Degree of Merit at the House of God on the Mooseheart Campus.

He is active in his community by serving on Aberdeen's Appearance and Preservation Committee. Our Moose of the Year is also a veteran of the Berlin Airlift.

With 54 years of dedication and devotion to the Loyal Order of Moose, Walter is most deserving of the honor of being the MD-DE-DC Moose Association's Moose of the Year. We wish Walter many more happy and active years in this Fraternity. Congratulations!!

News from Bob & Nellie Manning

"As for Nellie and I, we have pretty well settled here in North Carolina. We've been down here now for close to eight months and have experienced their coldest Winter in 33 years. But that's all right because the snowfalls here have been minimal compared to what you all have suffered through this Winter. I've transferred my Moose membership from Wheaton Lodge to Mooresville Lodge #2012. However, I'm still a member of my home lodge, Aberdeen #1450. Nellie now belongs to three chapters, Wheaton #1435, Aberdeen #1209 and Mooresville #1513. We're both active in the North Carolina Moose Association. I'm a member of their Community Service Committee and Nellie is a Mooseheart/Moosehaven Marketing Rep. If anyone wishes to contact us, our address and phone number is: 21146 Kimbrough Lane, Cornelius, NC 28031; 704-237-3476."

We heard that Bob was in the hospital for a blood clot, but is now home and doing well.

We miss you guys!

Are you coming to the Golf Tournament?

Food - Fun - Fellowship OPEN TO ONE & ALL!!

lst 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

Shotqun Start 8:00 AM

Entry forms are available online to download at www.mdmoose.org

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:



Ronald Sweetman 19 Sheryl Dr Elkton MD 21921



- Sponsor one of 18 holes for \$100.00
- Sponsor a golf cart for \$50.00
- Closest to the Pin Sponsor for \$100.00
- 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.





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





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



July 30 - August 1, 2010 Mansfield, OH Lodge #341

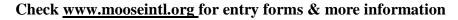
Phone: 419-589-9885

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



Sizzling Summer Bingo at Annapolis

Annapolis Moose #296

Presents

Black-Eyed Susan Council of Higher Degrees



Saturday June 12th, 2010



Doors Open at 11:30 AM Games Start at 1:00 PM





(EACH PLAYER MUST PURCHASE A SEPARATE TICKET)

Pull Tabs Sold

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES

Pull Tabs Sold

- 1) 9 Card Package for 18 Games of Regular Bingo
- 1) 6 Card Package for each of 3 Gimmick Bingo Games
 - 1) 3 Card Package for 1st Half Coverall Jackpot Game
 - 1) 3Card Package for 2nd Half Coverall Jackpot Game
 - 1) Lunch Buffet including Coffee & Iced Tea



PAYOUTS

18 Regular Games: \$100.00 per game

3 Gimmick Games: \$150.00 per game

1st & 2nd Half Jackpots: \$1000.00 per game

(Payout based on 100 or more tickets sold)



Extra 9 Card Regular Bingo Packages: \$16.00 each Extra 6 Card Gimmick Game Packages: \$5.00 each Extra 1st & 2nd Half 3 Card Jackpot Packages: \$5.00 each See any Officer for Tickets & Details or call

Millie Johnson-301-599-8727



Door Prizes



News from the District Presidents

District 1 - Mark Alderson, President

I hope you all had a good time in Ocean City. Now we need to get going and get moving to be a "Part of the Solution". Let's all start sponsoring new members.

I would like to thank all the governors - the best of luck and new lodge officers I hope we will see you at the district meetings.

Fraternally, Mark Alderson



District 2 - Clint Rawlings, President

Brothers and Co-workers.

Congratulations to all those who have been elected or re-elected to office. As many of you know, officers are required to give a lot of our personal time to be successful in their duties.

Those who occupy these positions are more then just volunteers. Each of us has a job to fulfill that is important to the continued future of our Moose fraternity. We swear an oath to uphold our responsibilities and to not give up when things become stressful or don't go our way.

The rewards of serving our Moose Lodge can be seen on the faces of the children at Mooseheart, the seniors at Moosehaven, within our local community, and in our members.

I welcome the new and returning volunteers. I look forward to seeing the many familiar faces that are returning and meeting the new ones.

Let us work together to grow this great fraternity.

Fraternally, Clint Rawlings

District 3 - Chuck Neal. President

WOW!!!! What a winter we all had. I know if you are like me all I want to do is forget about the snow and move on. Spring has sprung so it is time to invite a perspective member into the lodge and show them around. The end of the fiscal year is here and some lodges need all the help they can get to meet their membership quota. So, "Be a Piece of the Solution" and help out.

Moose International has started a "NEW" Member.....Ship Campaign. The posters should be hanging in your lodge. It is so simple. Sign two (2) members and your name will go into a drawing for a Cruise. There are three (3) cruises for you to try to win. By the way the cruise is for two (2) people. Yep - you and a guest. But, don't forget your next years dues will be waived if you sign the required two (2) members during

the March 1 to May 31 Campaign. They can not make it any easier to win.

By now most of you should have already received all the information from the Conference. I feel the Conference was a big success. Talk to your Governor and Administrator they will give you the information that was discussed. You can also download all of the speeches from the website www.mdmoose.org - just click on the convention news and scroll down to Conference Speeches. It's all there for you to read first hand.

Please do not forget our goal - to support the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven. They count on us every day. Support your lodge. Go to the activities and events. This is how your lodge meets its responsibility to them.

The Gimmefive campaign is still going on. It is \$36.50 a year or you can pay the full five year commitment of \$182.50 we are in the third year. So please help - time is running out. Mooseheart counts on every member to give what they are able. t amounts to only 10 cents a day. You can get more information on the web site or you can talk to the lodge Gimmefive chairperson. Never forget you can also contact me. My e-mail is **c.neal@comcast.net**.

Fraternally, Chuck Neal

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 **Reso** webmaster@mdmoose.org



News from the District Presidents

District 4 - Jim Beyer, President

I want to thank the Fantastic 4th District for all of their hard and diligent work that they have done throughout this year to date. I have visited all of your Lodges and I know that we are all on the same page as far as increasing membership and increasing our donations to Moose Charities. With the new stimulus program in effect, we should all reach our membership goals. We have 1 months to go in this program, so let's keep signing new members and continue to make our Lodges a fun place to be. Thanks, again, for letting me be your president and always making me feel welcome at

your Lodges.

Fraternally, Jim Beyer

District 6 - Ron Martin, President

The 2009-2010 Moose year is quickly coming to a close. I want to thank all the officers of the 6th District Lodges and Chapters for their support and look forward to working with the new officers who will start their year on May 1st. Without the help of the Lodges and Chapters, our district wouldn't be as successful as it is. Let's keep the momentum going, ladies and gents!

Even though we are coming into a new Moose year, we need to keep on signing members to keep our Fraternity moving along to be able to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We need to offer some interesting events to keep the members coming and supporting the causes of our organization. With the warmer weather we can move outside and offer picnics, horseshoe tournaments, volleyball and any other events to bring people to the Lodge and show them what the Moose is all about. Don't forget that we can hold events open to the public several times a year.

Good luck to the new officers and I hope you all have a successful 2010-2011 year. Fraternally, Ron Martin

District 7 - Warren Hall, President

I hope everyone had a great time at the Mid winter conference. Hopefully each and everyone took something away that they could use and apply at their home lodge.

With nominations under way, if not completed at this time, you should be encouraged by the roster of officers, with entirely new faces in some positions and previous officers moving up or laterally in others positions, and with new and great ides.

Please Brother, don't for get your reporting requirements keep current and be "A part of the Solution".

Remember our children at Mooseheart and our Senior members at Moosehaven.

Fraternally, Warren Hall

District 8 - Tom Niblett, President

Hi Brothers and Co-workers, it's been seven months now - "WOW" where has the time gone. I believe we've made some headway in our District, but we've got a ways to go!!! We all have to work hard on getting new Members and retaining them. What we have to do is change the thinking of most of our members from just thinking of the Lodges as Bars, and remind them what we Stand for and what our goals are, "Mooseheart/Moosehaven".

With this in mind I believe we can achieve all of our goals in the next five months. Fraternally, Tom Niblett

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:

Have a parent, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian who is a member of the Moose (Applicant not required to live is 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 <u>www.mooseintl.org</u> 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



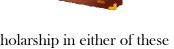
John Lyons Scholarship Fund

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.

Sharpen those Genes in your Brain and Stall Alzheimers for Years!

- 1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to chose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?
- 2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?
- 3. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday or Sunday?

Check page 35 for the answers - think them through, then check 'em out!!!

History of the R. Robert Dale Scholarship

R. Robert Dale served as Secretary/ Administrator of St. Charles, IL Lodge 1368. He was devoted to the Moose fraternity, its precepts and endeavors. He never married; never became a father. His sister married into a modest degree of wealth, but she never had children either. Following the death of her husband, she and Robert named each other in their wills.

Robert survived her - but only by a few months. Robert Dale died on August 15, 1983, leaving an estate of more than \$2 million, to be divided equally between the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home and the Loyal Order of Moose, both for the purpose of providing scholarships. In 1985, Director General Paul O'Hollaren and the Supreme Council approved a program in which the interest from the Dale Scholarship Fund was to be used to provide scholarships for sons and daughters of Moose members who had graduated from high school, to further their higher education, and the R. Robert Dale Scholarship Program was created.

Some 1,277 Dale Scholarships - totally \$1,277,000 - have been awarded since the R.

Robert Dale Scholarship Program began, with the graduating Class of 1987.

Applicants for the program must be high-school juniors with a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. They are eligible only if their father, mother, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian is a member of the Moose in good standing.

The number of scholarships awarded to each State and Provincial Moose Association, is computed based on the current membership of the Association and scholarship application submitted. This determines whether or not they hold an independent drawing during their Association convention. If the Association does not qualify for its own drawing, an at-large drawing is held at Moose International. Any individual Moose Lodge and its Chapter submitting 20 or more eligible applications qualifies for a bonus scholarship to be drawn from among just their applicants.

The Scholarship may be used for tuition, books, and fees at any accredited vocational or academic institution the winner chooses to attend.

Lodge Officers' Training Classes 2010



LODGE OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHEDULE

May 15 & 16 - Salisbury Moose Family Center

June 5 & 6 - Williamsport Moose Family Center

June 12 & 13 - Sparrows Point/Dundalk Moose Family Center

June 26 & 27 - Annapolis Moose Family Center

July 10 & 11 - New Castle Moose Family Center

Classes begin on Saturday at 9 AM (registration begins at 8 AM). Saturday's class will be **Lodge Leadership and House Committee**. This is a 7 hour class. Sunday's class will start at 9 AM with **Governors Workshop** 9 AM to 11 AM; **Audit Committee** from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

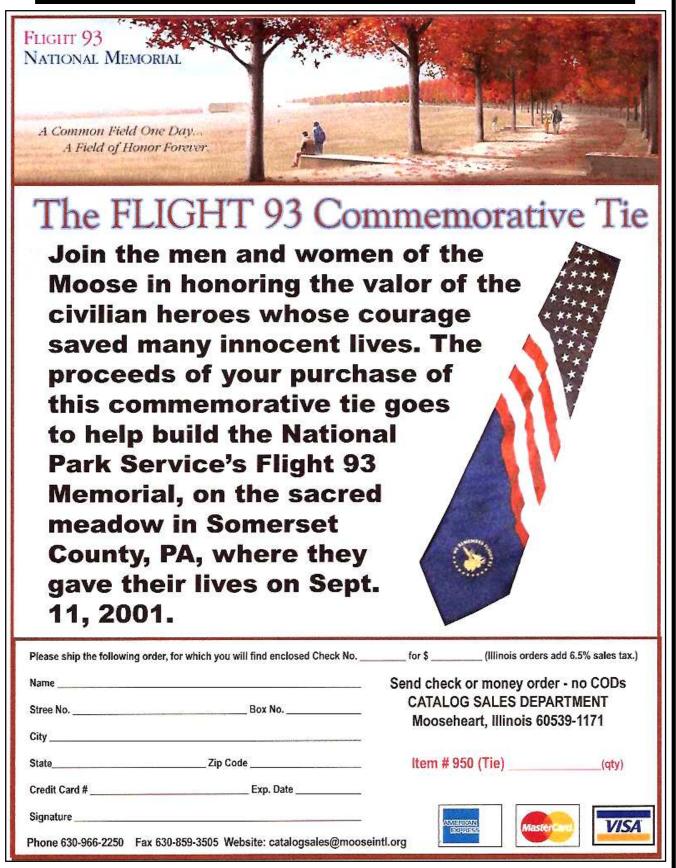
Cost is \$40 per officer.

The Lodge will have coffee and donuts in the morning and lunch available to purchase.

Any Questions? Please call:

Bryan Shepherd at 410-288-5348

"Flight 93" Ties are still Available



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

Faye Adams #661 Doris Allen #1418 Anne Barnes #1546

50 Division
James T. Beyer #1577

Roland D. Shimp #2046

75 Division

Elbert Harrington #534

Century Division

Richard Smith #537

Jerrell Howell #1456 Carina Shweda #1418 Donald Smith #537

125 Division
Ronald Martin

150 Division

Bonnie Garris #1208

Fern Thompson #661 Donald Vasold #1242 Douglas Webber #1456

200 & Higher

200 Nellie Manning #1435 300 Junior Fisher #1381 300 Ronald Sweetman, Sr. #1578

1600 William R. Price #654

Circle of Distinction

James A. Lofland #2316 William R. Price #654

John E. Walther, Sr. #1295

50 Year Members -

Frank Kowaleski #537 Lewis Mills #1228 Charles Murray #1577 Benjamin Petkof #453

Bernard Wright #537

International Five Club as 3/31/10

Loyal Order of Moose

Reiner Eckenbrecht #203
Randall Hart #203
William Rayne #203
Dennis Walston #203
Chris Miles #534
Larry Nichols #534
Richard Griner #630
Vincent Patton #630
Samuel Peirson #630
Robert Beshara #646
Frank Felice #646

Ronald Gooch #646 William Pride #646 Chris Ragni #646 Irvin Warner #646 Joe Witoski \$646 Frank Reynolds #1295 John Walter, Sr. #1295 Thomas Atwood #1578 Ernest Houchins, Jr. #1578 Martin MacLaren #1578 Donald Shelnutt #1578

Ronald Sweetman, Sr. #1578
Roland Shimp, Jr. #2046
Terry Bowden #2316
Bruce Dewey #2316
James Lofland #2316
Alton Wyatt #2316
Harry Daisey #2542
Glen Densmore #2542
Michael Donnelly #2542
Walter McFall #2542
Steve Peterson #2542

Women of the Moose

Pamela Boone #1229 Margaret Miles #1229 Doris Nichols #1229 Elizabeth Hall #1384 Doris Allen #1418 Virginia Shelnutt #1418 Carina Shweda #1418 Barbara Stepp #1418 Carol Ann Fell #1453 Denise Brown #1546

Sandra Rayne #1546 Rene Remus #1546 Christine Borek #1814 Joni Gray #1814 Ruth McFall #2204

A Message from our Deputy Grand Regent Loretta Horstman

Dear Co-Workers,

Our Conference in Ocean City went very well. Everyone seemed to enjoy our official visitor, Karol Smith. She made our meetings fun and very interest-

ing. Karol certainly made me feel at ease. I hope everyone learned some good information to share with their Chapters.

I would like to thank my Chapter, Edgemere #1146, for doing such an outstanding job hosting this Conference. Thank you goes out to Jim Bolling and our Association Officers for all of their help with the Conference.

Congratulations to all the new Academy of Friendship members. Remember - we are all a "Piece of the Solution".

There has been a decline in our membership so we need your help! Let's work together in all of our Chapters in signing new members, as well as reach-

> ing out to past Co-Workers who have let their membership lapse. By working together, we can be successful in helping our Chapters earn the Award of Achievement.

Finally, let's not forget the Gimmefive project. We really need everyone to help raising funds to secure the future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

I hope everyone had a Blessed and Happy Easter!



Yours In Friendship,
Deputy Grand Regent
Loretta Lee Horstman



And You Thought WE had it COLD!!!

Niagara Falls 99 Years Ago - 1911 Photos of Niagara Falls

A woman named Margaret writes: "Her mother had a cousin living in Niagara Falls that year. She told



the family that she and her neighbors woke up in the night feeling something was wrong. It took a while but they finally realized that it was the lack of noise. They had all become so used to the roar of the



THANKS!

falls that the silence was unusual enough to alert their senses. Of course at that time nearly all the houses were near the falls." Amazing pictures! Almost 100 years old. Can you imagine walking on Niagara Falls?



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News from "Our House"

Let me start by just saying "WOW"!!!!! I don't know how you guys do it, but you seem to outdo yourselves every year. It was such a joy to sit with the boys when they returned to campus and watch them open their gifts. They were so thrilled! We started opening gifts at 8:00 PM and weren't done until after 10:00 PM - I think I know some boys who are SPOILED!!! (and they deserve it!!!)

I am pretty sure I shared with you last year about how excited the kids are when they return and see the tree full of presents so far that they nearly touch the dining room table -- each one trying to guess what "this" gift is and that "that" gift is -- truly one of the most enjoyable days on campus. I hope you all know that that day would not occur if it weren't for all of you joining together and making their Christmas special. All we can say is thank you, thank you, and thank you!!!!

We are all doing well and the boys are busy as usual with their sporting activities. Mike, Angela and I are busy with just keeping these boys fed!!! Wow, talk about some healthy appetites!!! Danielle is anxiously waiting for track season, but doing very well in school. I can't wait for you to get to see everyone in May this year - you will most certainly be surprised. They are a handsome group of young men and one incredibly beautiful young lady - if I must say so myself!!!

Jon Corral, our only senior this year, is really doing exceptionally. We are certainly going to miss him come graduation this year. He is still uncertain about what school he would like to attend, but is looking at some schools in the area. When he crosses that stage, he will make his family proud - and I mean his family in Chicago, in the MD-DE-DC Home and all the amazing Moose Men and Women in the MD-DE-DC Lodges and Chapters who have helped to make that day possible. If you can, please stop by our home to see Jon and wish him well on that day.

Okay, time to close, but not without saying "Thank You" one more time. We love and appreciate you so much and will be happy to see you in May - please come by if you can.

With Sincerest Thanks, Linda S. Worden



For the newer members and some of those who haven't been to "Our House" at Mooseheart, here's a photo of it. It's quite impressive - each young man his own space and there is plenty of group space, too. Our Association sponsors this house and any changes that need to be made, such as our recent campaign to pay for the new carpeting and flooring. Linda, Mike and Angela are the family teachers who are doing a great job of caring for "our boys".

Bald Eagles Nest at Mooseheart

Pair of Bald Eagles Nests **On Mooseheart Campus**

hen they have looked skyward this spring, Mooseheart's children have occasionally been able to see something very special - a Bald Eagle. A pair of the birds known as the national symbol

of the U.S. has returned this year to the nest they built last year near the 23acre on-campus lake.

"Our kids have enjoyed having the eagles - I have had children walk up to me and say 'Mr. Hart, did you see the eagles fly over?" Mooseheart Executive Director Scott Hart said, "For the children and for the staff - myself included - we haven't

had the chance to see that before. It's been a special year at Mooseheart for this."

Kane County, in which Mooseheart is located, is becoming home to an increasingly diverse wildlife tapestry. Great Horned Owls nested in Geneva in 2008 while American White Pelicans have stopped at Nelson Lake Marsh in Batavia on their migratory flights in recent years.

Mooseheart's Bald Eagles are not the only ones known to exist in the county either. A pair have been spotted farther south on the Fox River, near Montgomery. Kane County Audubon President Bob Andrini said his organization does an annual bird count at Mooseheart and is looking forward to this May's count and a chance to see the campus' eagles. He said he has received reports of three Bald Eagles spotted along the Fox River this year, including two mature and one immature bird. Mature eagles have the distinctive white head, which appears after roughly five years.

"They're obviously magnificent birds," Andrini said. "They do a lot for creating an awareness of nature. Any time you can create that, especially in the younger population, that's a driving force. People see them and remember that and they claim ownership of them being here because they have seen them."

Andrini said that such "ownership" often manifests itself in further attempts to create conditions favorable to wildlife living in the area, which leads to more species living in the area.

The Bald Eagle came very close to extinction. In the 1950s, there were only 412 nesting pairs in the "Lower 48" of the U.S. A series of federal protections

was put in place, none more impacting than when the species was declared an endangered species in 1967 in all areas of the U.S. south of the 40th parallel. That law pre-dated the Endangered Species Act of 1973, which

set in motion habitat protection and other measures in an effort to preserve the eagle and a series of other species.

Illinois last year removed the Bald Eagle from its list of endangered species, following a move made by the U.S. in 2007. The birds are still covered under legislation such as the Migratory Bird Act, which makes it illegal to shoot any migratory birds.

"They still get protection by being the national symbol; even though they're off the federal and state protection lists, they still get protection," said Mike Ward, a professor of ornithology at the University of Illinois in

Jacque Nuzzo is the Program Director for the Illinois Raptor Center (IRC) in Decatur. He conducts educational programs throughout Illinois, Iowa and Indiana and the program includes a bald eagle named Ruby who was rehabilitated by the IRC.

Nuzzo said there is also a certain level of respect that should be shown for the birds. He said he never tells where an eagle's next is located because he fears some people won't be able to stop themselves from disturbing the birds.

Hart, who has advised all on the Mooseheart campus to stay in their cars when near the nest and to not leave the access road that runs near the nest, echoes that sentiment. He added that there are no plans to allow the general public to enter Mooseheart for the purpose of viewing the eagles and their nest.

We want to teach our kids at Mooseheart how to respect wildlife," Hart said. "It's called 'wildlife' for a reason. We want the eagles to feel that Mooseheart is their home and that it's a sanctuary for them. We want people to understand to keep a safe distance. It doesn't hurt to watch. But to be too intrusive or to pry into their habitat by trying to be too close could disrupt their mating and could cause them to choose not to be in Kane County."■

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Youth Awareness Coordinators Ernie Megee and Pat Cihak

Our Association's Moose Youth Awareness Program for the fiscal year 2009-2010 has come to a close. We really had a great year that began with our Association's Moose Youth Awareness Student Congress that was held October 2nd and 3rd, 2009 at the Elkton Moose Family Center #851. A good time was had by all, excellent participation, excellent guest speakers and wonderful hospitality provided by the Family Center members and co-workers. We had 23 students attend our Congress.

The only disappointment that we had is only two of the students who attended our Congress

completed the required minimum of three Kids' Talk Reports. Those two were Kacy Cassat, representing East Sussex Moose Family Center #2542, and Taylor Owens, representing Camden-Wyoming Moose Family Center #203, both from the 7th District in Delaware. They reached out to an audience totaling 139 four to nine year old children. This made them eligible to represent our Association at the 2010 Moose International Youth Awareness Congress in Indianapolis,

Indiana on April 29 through May 3, 2010. During the course of the International Youth Awareness Congress, each student will be asked to speak on his or her Kids' Talk presentations. This talk will share with the other attendees how they presented a positive message to four to nine year olds, including what kind of props were used, costumes and/or other materials. Before the end of the Congress, each student will be allowed a one-minute closing summary. At approximately 5 PM on Sunday May 2, 2010, the students will vote for the five individuals to receive scholarships. The winner will receive a



\$12,000 scholarship. Second place will receive an \$8,000 scholarship, third place a \$5,000 scholarship, fourth place a \$3,000 scholarship and fifth place will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the

Fraternity.

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PROGRAM

We are sorry to advise that Taylor Owens will not be attending the 2010 Moose Inter-



national Youth Awareness Congress this year due to her very busy school schedule. However, I am very pleased to advise that Kacy Cassat will be representing our Association in Indianapolis. We wish her the best and really hope that she will be bringing home at least one of the scholarships; hopefully, it will be the \$12,000 one. Good luck, Kacy!!

By the time this edition of the Association Communicator is delivered, the Lodge elections should be over and the new Lodge Officers should have been installed. We want to remind the Lodge Governors and Officers that now is the time to begin to prepare for the 2010-2011 Moose Youth Awareness Program. Do not wait until the last minute to have the chairman on the Lodge level appointed and begin their work. Do it now so that the chairman can begin to plan

and to make the necessary preparations and contacts for obtaining students to attend our 2010-2011 Moose Youth Awareness Student Congress. Please put the date on your calendar. Our Association's Student Congress will be held at the Elkton Moose Family Center #851 on Friday evening, October 1, 2010 for the Get-Acquainted Party, and the Congress will be on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

Lastly, we would like to thank all who participated, donated and helped with the 2009-2010 Youth Awareness Program in our Association. We had a very successful program. Hopefully, we have achieved the real mission of the program - if we saved at least one child's life, our endeavor was very, very successful and worthwhile.

Fraternally, *Emic Megee*

More on the Moose 'Member-Ship' Campaign

Moose 'Member-Ship' Campaign:

Through May 31, Sponsor 2— You're Eligible for a <u>Year's Free Dues</u> and You Could <u>Win a Cruise!</u>

Department has begun a three-month campaign designed to appeal not only to Moose members who seek a chance for an inexpensive getaway -- but also to members who are having a tough time finding the money to pay their dues in these tough economic times!

It's called "Climb Aboard the Moose Member-Ship," and it's simple:

Any member of the Loyal Order of Moose or Women of the Moose who sponsor two new- or former-member applications between March 1 and May 31, 2010 will have their

names en-

tered in a

drawing

LCL.Net by 10 p.m. CDT on May 31, 2010 to be eligible.

Should an applicant be rejected by the Lodge's membership, sponsors are asked to contact the Membership Department promptly at 630-966-2258.

Cruise packages will be awarded on April 1, May 1 and June 1, 2010. Sponsors are eligible to receive only one of the three cruises-for-two packages. The award is for the cruise only; it does not include air transportation to Los

Angeles.

Cruise tickets are transferable, but they must be used for the Oct. 10 departure.

AND—as an added bonus, if both applicants are reported as having been enrolled into the Lodge by May 31, 2010, Moose International will pay the



to win one of three cruises

for two aboard the Carnival cruise ship

Splendor, which sails with hundreds of Moose members to the Mexican Riviera from Oct. 10-17, 2010.

For each additional application reported during the campaign period, the sponsor will receive another entry in the drawing. All applications must be transmitted to Moose International via

sponsor's next year's dues.

It's so simple: Sponsor two applicants between March 1 and May 31—make sure they are enrolled by the end of the campaign—and WAVE NEXT YEAR'S DUES GOODBYE!■

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IT HAPPENS EVERY FRIDAY! Were you aware?

Mornings at the Pentagon

By JOSEPH L. GALLOWAY, McClatchy Newspapers

Over the last 12 months, 1,042 soldiers, Marines, sailors and Air Force personnel have given their lives in the terrible duty that is war. Thousands more have come home on stretchers, horribly wounded and facing months or years in military hospitals.

This week, I'm turning my space over to a good friend and former roommate, Army Lt. Col. Robert Bateman, who recently completed a year long tour of duty in Iraq and is now back at the Pentagon.

Here's Lt. Col. Bateman's account of a little-known ceremony that fills the halls of the Army corridor of the Pentagon with cheers, applause and many tears every Friday morning. It first appeared on May 17 on the Weblog of media critic and pundit Eric Alterman at the Media Matters for America Website.

"It is 110 yards from the 'E' ring to the 'A' ring of the Pentagon. This section of the Pentagon is newly renovated; the floors shine, the hallway is broad, and the lighting is bright. At this instant the entire length of the corridor is packed with officers, a few sergeants and some civilians, all crammed tightly three and four deep against the walls. There are thousands here.

"This hallway, more than any other, is the 'Army' hallway. The G3 offices line one side, G2 the other, G8 is around the corner. All Army. Moderate conversations flow in a low buzz. Friends who may not have seen each other for a few weeks, or a few years, spot each other, cross the way and renew.

"Everyone shifts to ensure an open path remains down the center. The air conditioning system was not designed for this press of bodies in this area. The temperature is rising already. Nobody cares.

"10:36 hours: The clapping starts at the E-Ring That is the outermost of the five rings of the Pentagon and it is closest to the entrance to the building. This clapping is low, sustained, hearty. It is appliause with a deep emotion behind it as it moves forward in a wave down the length of the hallway.

"A steady rolling wave of sound it is, moving at the pace of the soldier in the wheelchair who marks the forward edge with his presence. He is the first. He is missing the greater part of one leg, and some of his wounds are still suppurating. By his age I expect that he is a private, or perhaps a private first class.

"Captains, majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels meet his gaze and nod as they applaud, soldier to soldier. Three years ago when I described one of these events, those lining the hallways were somewhat different. The applause a little wilder, perhaps in private guilt for not having shared in the burden ... Yet.

"Now almost everyone lining the hallway is, like the man in the wheelchair, also a combat veteran. This steadies the applause, but I think deepens the sentiment. We have all been there now. The soldier's chair is pushed by, I believe, a full colonel.

"Behind him, and stretching the length from Rings E to A, come more of his peers, each private, corporal, or sergeant assisted as need be by a field grade officer.

"11:00 hours: Twenty-four minutes of steady applause. My hands hurt, and I laugh to myself at how stupid that sounds in my own head. My hands hurt. Please! Shut up and clap. For twenty-four minutes, soldier after soldier has come down this hallway - 20, 25, 30... Fifty-three legs come with them, and perhaps only 52 hands or arms, but down this hall came 30 solid hearts.

"They pass down this corridor of officers and applause, and then meet for a private lunch, at which they are the guests of honor, hosted by the generals. Some are wheeled along. Some insist upon getting out of their chairs, to march as best they can with their chin held up, down this hallway, through this most unique audience. Some are catching handshakes and smiling like a politician at a Fourth of July parade. More than a couple of them seem amazed and are smiling shyly.

"There are families with them as well: the 18-year-old war-bride pushing her 19-year-old husband's wheelchair and not quite understanding why her husband is so affected by this, the boy she grew up with, now a man, who had never shed a tear is crying; the older immigrant Latino parents who have, perhaps more than their wounded mid-20s son, an appreciation for the emotion given on their son's behalf. No man in that hallway, walking or clapping, is ashamed by the silent tears on more than a few cheeks. An Airborne Ranger wipes his eyes only to better see. A couple of the officers in this crowd have themselves been a part of this parade in the past.

"These are our men, broken in body they may be, but they are our brothers, and we welcome them home. This parade has gone on, every single Friday, all year long, for more than four years."

Did you know that?

Let us remember our military, wherever they are in this world, either at home or overseas, on this Memorial Day and every day.

MD-DE-DC Councils of Higher Degrees







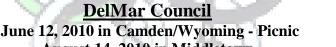
Black-Eyed Susans Council

June 12 - Special Bingo at Annapolis July 18 - Picnic at College Park 1 - 5 PM **Nominating Meeting Same Day**

Sept. 11 - Crab Feast at Waldorf 1 - 5 PM Sept. 19 - Tentatively at Wheaton with Elections November 21, 2010 - Banquet at Mechanicsville







August 14, 2010 in Middletown October 2, 2010 Banquet in Harrington Lunch at 12 PM, Meeting starts at 1 PM



All Degree Holders welcome to attend these meetings

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- 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.

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- 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.

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Ronny Dove Comes to Harrington - June 26

Ronny Dove

Coming to Harrington Moose FC
June 26, 2010
Prime Rib Dinner

Cocktails at 6 PM Dinner at 7 PM Show starts at 8 pm till 12 AM

Tickets \$35 per person
Call 302-398-4166 for reservations



Proceeds to benefit Seaford Moose FC



Happy Arriversary!



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

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March 2	Sparrows Point/Dundalk Lodge #1228	Instituted in 1929
March 5	Frederick Chapter #437	Instituted in 1941
March 5	Marlboro Chapter #1350	Instituted in 1959
March 6	Cambridge Chapter #1084	Instituted in 1949
March 10	Mechanicsville Lodge #495	Instituted in 1974
March 18	East Sussex Chapter #2204	Instituted in 2001
March 20	Caroline County Lodge #2332	Instituted in 1988
March 24	Glen Burnie Chapter #1176	Instituted in 1950
March 26	Easton Lodge #1520	Instituted in 1950
March 31	Smyrna-Clayton Lodge #2046	Instituted in 1985
April 8	Middletown Chapter #1453	Instituted in 1959
April 18	Baltimore City MSC #2631	Instituted in 2004
April 19	Waldorf Lodge #1709	Instituted in 1953
April 21	Williamsport Lodge #2462	Instituted in 1996
April 22	College Park Chapter #1262	Instituted in 1951
April 23	Rockville Lodge #1540	Instituted in 1950
April 24	Baltimore Lexington MSC #2638	Instituted in 2005
April 26	Indian Head Lodge #1712	Instituted in 1953
May 4	Cambridge Lodge #1211	Instituted in 1947
May 6	Bay Country Lodge #831	Instituted in 1973
May 7	Patuxent Chapter #2173	Instituted in 2000
May 8	Smyrna-Clayton Chapter #1088	Instituted in 1986
May 9	Harrington Lodge #534	Instituted in 1948
May 12	Brunswick Chapter #660	Instituted in 1944
May 16	Bel Air Lodge #1952	Instituted in 1962
May 26	Milford Chapter #1949	Instituted in 1991
May 29	Reisterstown Lodge #1577	Instituted in 1950
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Deputy Supreme Governor John Krass

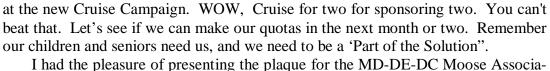
Brothers & Co-Workers:

Here we are just about to the end of Winter and I sure am glad of that. Don't think my back can take any more shoveling. Can't wait for Spring to get out and do some much needed yard work.

I hope everyone had a good time at the Mid-Winter Conference, as there was a lot of information passed out there to return to the Lodges. Hopefully, that is being done at your membership and officers meetings. The meetings at the Mid-Winter Conference were considerably shorter than previous years and everyone seemed to like that.



We seem to be having problems sponsoring members in this Association. We should be at approximately 90-100 % of our quota at this time of year and only a few Lodges are there. Take a look



tion, Moose of the Year, at the 3rd. District Meeting on the 2nd of March. We had a real hard time getting him there, so we lied, and he was surprised to say the or went to WALTER F. COPPERSMITH JR. from Aberdeen Moose Family Center

least. The honor went to WALTER F. COPPERSMITH JR. from Aberdeen Moose Family Center #1450. Walter is a 50 year member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and is very active in Aberdeen Lodge. An honor well deserved.

The Moose year is winding down, but that does not mean we can rest on our laurels and say we have done enough. We have till April 30th to complete our obligations, we swore to uphold. Let's all make a concerted effort to reach our goals by the end of the year and make a smooth transition to the next administration.

Thank you all for being a Piece of the Solution



Fraternally,

John Krass

Deputy Supreme Governor



Be a Piece of the Solution

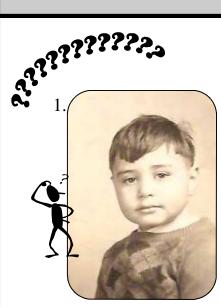
Messages from Millie Johnson about Floyd

April 4 - Just letting you know that Floyd is in the Clinton Convalescent Center on Stuart Lane in Clinton, MD. Not real happy with it, but it is the only one near that has a dialysis unit on premises. He is receiving therapy and will be there at least 3 weeks because he has to be completely mobile before he can leave due to the fast he has dialysis 3 times a week and needs to get to his dialysis center on his own. Thank you for all your calls, cards, and mostly your prayers. It means a lot to him.

April 17 - Floyd is still at the Convalescent Home. Therapy has him taking small steps on the parallel bars, putting partial weight on his leg with the broken hip. He can sit up on the side of the bed and eat his meals now, which is a great improvement. He is very bored and wants to come home, but he will probably be there 2 more weeks. I am sure the reason it has taken so long is because he has dialysis 3 times a week and therapy cannot work with him that much on those days, but there is improvement and that's a good thing. Thanks for keeping in touch.

Latest update - Floyd may be coming home on April 27th!! Keep Floyd and Millie in your prayers for better health and strength.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE PEOPLE?



these three little ones? The one in the middle could look familiar!!

How about



Do you know who this little guy is in the photo above?



Doesn't this little boy look like someone we know?



???????

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

the Buses are Rolling Again

Homecoming Weekend at Mooseheart is October 2nd and 3rd.

Danny is planning a bus trip to Mooseheart for this weekend - the bus will leave September 30th with an overnight in Ohio; arrive in the Mooseheart area on Friday, October 1st. The group will spend 2 nights in the Mooseheart area to attend the homecoming and other events going on that weekend. There will be another overnight in Ohio on the way home.

Cost is \$279 per person.

for more information call or email:

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DannyWMoose@aol.com



Fraternal Fundraising with Libby

I guess this month I will start off by saying Happy Spring! It's been a long hard winter and now that it's behind us, we should think good thoughts for the upcoming months. If you are like Carl & I,

we look forward to good weather and the time to be with our family and friends.



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 – Once again those 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 almost \$20,000 has

been raised? 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, and remember it's not over – it's still happening!

On another note, our Mid Year Winter Conference was certainly a big success, and I know everyone learned a lot of information on our new changes and enjoyed having our Official Visitor Karol Smith with us once again. From the jewelry raffle donated by Christa Mumford, we collected \$615.00 and our share from the 50/50 raffles at all of our WOTM meetings, amounted to \$846.00, which gave us a total of \$1,461.00 that was sent to Moose Charities for the GimmeFive program. Thanks to all who participated!

With reference to the GimmeFive, our Regional Association's list of donors is growing bit by bit. According to the new statistics that I received as of March 31st the MD-DE-DC Moose Association has donated \$98,865.37. However, as I look over the list of donors, there are still quite a lot of our members who still have not given their first year donation of \$36.50. We are now at our 31/2 year mark and it's time for another \$36.50 yearly 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 Moosehaven, our family - we helped them survive – AND – made their dreams become a reality.



Fraternally, **Libby Schmidt**

One of our Past Deputies has been missing in action lately. We know why!! Past Deputy Diane Wells has met someone special and gotten married. Meet Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Addington. They have moved to North Carolina and we imagine would like to hear from some Moose friends up north here. This is their address: 722 W Graham St, Shelby NC 28150. Congratulations Diane and Ernest - we wish you the best in your life together!!!



And the Answers from Page 20 are:

- 1. The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead. That one was easy, right?
- 2. The woman is a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry (shot; held under water; and hung).
- 3. Sure you can name three consecutive days yesterday, today and tomorrow!

Fundraising with Danny Williams



GimmeFive Endowment Fund Campaign

The Endowment Fund for the future

"GimmeFive Report of Mid Year 2010"

"GimmeFive" collections for the recent Mid-Year conference held February 18 – 21, 2010 in Ocean City, MD.

Donations were as follows: 2 individuals donated their yearly \$36.50, 2 individual donations of \$40.00 and one individual donated the full 5 year donation of \$182.50.

Total donations to "GimmeFive" were \$335.50. All donations that I collected have been forwarded to Moose Charities.

The "GimmeFive" project here in the Association has 703 members donating \$98,865.37 so far in the 3 ½ years of this project.

"GimmeFive" is a 5 year project and we have 1½ years to go. Donations are coming in very slow. If you haven't given yet, please do so! Thank you all for your support.



Danny Williams, Sr. Regional Co-Chair "GimmeFive"







5000 Club MD-DE-DC Moose Association



This is a year long raffle, that will conclude at the Annual Conference to be held in Hunt Valley, MD in August 2010. We started out very slow and there are plenty of chances out there. Please try to sell these chances and make this a successful raffle. Remember - there are 18 drawings per \$10.00 ticket.

Fraternal Fundraiser 2009-2010

The following are the WINNERS who have won so far:



February 20, 2010 at the Banquet in Ocean City, MD \$700.00 - Sarah Lentz, Edgemere Chapter #1146

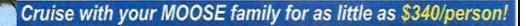
\$300.00 - Doris Moore, New Castle Chapter #1418 \$100.00 - Salisbury Moose Lodge #654

March 28, 2010 at Association Meeting in Harrington, DE \$400.00 - Salisbury Moose Lodge #654 \$200.00 - Carl Salo, Harrington Lodge #534 \$100.00 John Horstman, Edgemere Lodge #537

This is our main Association Fundraiser, so please sell all the chances that were given to you, your Lodge, Chapter, District and Moose Legion.

Danny Williams, Sr., Moose Charities Chairman

Cruise to Mexico with the Moose in 2010



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7 Night Mexican Riviera

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Sunday	Los Angeles, California		5:30 pm
Monday	At Sea		
Tuesday	At Sea		
Wednesday	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	9:00 am	10:00 pm
Thursday	Mazatlan, Mexico	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Friday	Cabo San Lucas, Mexico	7:00 am	3:00 pm
Saturday	At Sea		
Sunday	Los Angeles, California	9:00 am	

Category	Cabin Type	Double Occupancy Rate per Person	3rd/4th Guest Rates
4B	Inside	\$340.00	\$40.00
6B	Oceanview	\$440.00	\$70.00
8B	Balcony	\$590.00	\$100.00

Taxes & fees: \$228.99 pp. 3rd & 4th guest rates subject to availability at time of booking.

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Memories of Ocean City, 2010































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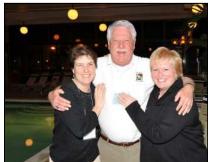






















Fundraising for Mooseheart, Etc.



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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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My forgetter's getting better, But my rememberer is broke To you that may seem funny But, to me, that is no joke

For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering
If I really should be 'there'
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,
Say 'what am I here for?'
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!
A zero, is my score.



At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,
Say 'Hi' and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
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DATE

LOCATION

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 Fami Annual Conference

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 see?? 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 is from New Castle Lodge - Floyd Seeney; #2 may have been a bit more difficult - the one in the middle is Barbara Seeney with her brother, Raymond, and older sister, Joan. Now #3 really does look familiar - it's Vice President John Cihak! Send in your old photos so we can guess who you are!



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