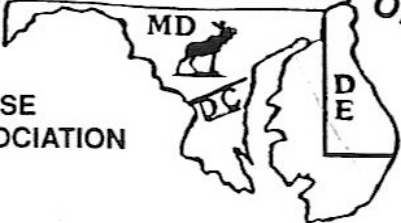


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*Got a problem in your Lodge or Chapter? Call one of these people. If you don't call, they won't know you need help!*

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



Message from the Regional Manager -

WOW! Another International Convention is history and although the attendance was not nearly as good as in years past, everyone had a good time in Sunny California-I-A. All the locals complained about the high heat and the humidity. I believe one of the warmest days, it was about 85 degrees, but the evenings were very pleasant. We just smiled and knew that in our area we experience much higher temperatures and humidity and this summer has already sizzled.

Now – if only we could get our members to sizzle as much as the heat is sizzling, we could see some great changes in our membership and membership retention. I truly believe that the majority of our current members do not have a clue what Mooseheart and Moosehaven are, or the thousands of children and seniors that have benefited from our existence. I do not believe that prospective members are really told about all of the good works that are performed throughout the fraternity through the local lodges, chapters and communities. Somebody just asked them to join their “personal social club”, or they were a sports enthusiast who wanted to play sports on the lodge’s team and they had to be a member to play. We **MUST CHANGE** the way we are doing things. **YOU**, as a loyal member can make changes; the lodges and chapters can make changes. Do you remember when Moose International introduced *Millennium Magic*? The theme was “**THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE – IS TO CREATE IT!**” That is what each of us needs to do - **NOW**. The future is in our hands. We need

**CARING STEADFAST INDIVIDUALS who are COMMITTED, SERIOUS and INVOLVED.**

We finished off last year with some very good numbers, but what are numbers without commitments? The last two months have been anything but exciting and July is not much better at this time. In May, 94.5% of our lodges reported, but only 169 new or former members were reported. June showed a growth of 185 members but only had 85.5% of the lodges reporting. We must make changes. To help in this process, Moose International will be holding a Special Seminar at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. The dates are January 8-12, 2012. This Special Seminar will be for current Lodge and Association Officers and ALL Past Governors. This information is all posted on the Moose International website at [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org). One change that is needed immediately is that the cost of sending these officers to Special Meetings, Conventions and Mid Year conferences is the price of doing business. If need be, start some special fund raising events now.

A lot of good information was gleaned in Anaheim and I look forward to sharing this with everyone at our State Convention in Hunt Valley. Of course, everyone looks forward to starting the weekend with the Shining Star Awards on Thursday evening and I wish everyone good luck.

My congratulations to each Lodge and Chapter member that has achieved special recognition for your achievements. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Hunt Valley.

Fraternally,  
JIM

We need **CARING STEADFAST INDIVIDUALS**

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# **FOCUS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN WINNER**

We would like to thank all of our members who seized the opportunity to sponsor and enroll three (3) members during Our ***FOCUS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN***. Sorry to say, not all members could win the Ford FOCUS but all of our sponsors are winners in the fact that they shared the story of the Moose with at least three (3) of their friends, families or neighbors. Our children, our seniors and our fraternity thank you.

A total of ten names were randomly drawn at Moose International on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with the first name being the winner. MD-DE-DC Moose Association had one name amongst the ten, West Virginia Moose Association had four names amongst the ten and VA Moose Association had five names amongst the ten.

## **AND THE WINNER IS**

**Clarence F. Tolley of Lexington, VA Lodge #1700**

Mr. Tolley joined the Moose in 1967, is a Past Governor of his Lodge and a 25 Club Member.

On behalf of all the members of the MD-DE-DC Moose Association, the West Virginia Moose Association and the VA Moose Association, we say thank you and

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

# **Pilgrim Degree of Merit Class of 2011**



**New Pilgrims:** L-R Top Row - Charles Robison, Williamsport; Dennis Fitzgerald, Wheaton;  
Arnold Allen, New Castle

L-R Bottom Row - Larry Clark, Camden-Wyoming; Daniel Walther, Frederick  
Conferral was on June 6, 2011 at the House of God at Mooseheart

# Community Service

## East Sussex Lodge donates beach wheelchair to Fenwick Island State Park

**ROXANA** -- Thanks to East Sussex Moose Lodge 2542, Fenwick Island State Park will have a new beach wheelchair to use for the 2011 summer season.

The lodge of 762 members used money raised from a pit beef fundraiser to purchase the chair for \$1,425. In the summer, members of the lodge sell \$5 pit beef, pulled pork and pit ham sandwiches on Fridays.

"We do a lot of community service work in the area," said Glen Densmore, lodge administrator.

Pat Cooper, coastal regional administrator for the state parks, said the chair will serve a variety of purposes.

"Beach wheelchairs are used for not only those who are handicap, but for people who have trouble walking," he said. "I've also seen them used for medical emergencies."

Cooper said due to the size of their wheels, they can also be wheeled into the water and assist people suffering from heat exhaustion.

Last year the Fenwick Island State Park had two beach chairs for beachgoers -- one needed repairs and is being replaced by the one that was recently donated.

Cooper said the chairs are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis and can be used with the assistance of the lifeguards.

"Lifeguards are the ones that control and maintain the chairs," he said.

While the parks buy the wheelchairs when needed, Cooper said it's not uncommon to receive one from a civic organization.

"I'd like to meet the Moose lodge and thank them personally," he said.

Rosetta Grimm, a member of the Fenwick Island State Park office personnel, said she hears many comments of appreciation about the chairs being available.

"Many people are grateful for the chairs," she said. "Some people didn't even know they were an option. It helps people enjoy the beach."

Densmore said the lodge is happy to help people enjoy the coastal area.

"I think it means a lot to someone who can't walk out onto the sand," he said. "It's great even for people who are on crutches ..."

Written by  
**Mary Daisey Shockley**



## Williamsport Lodge sponsors Little League Baseball Team

Some shots of our team and families, at end of season party. The team and families were treated to



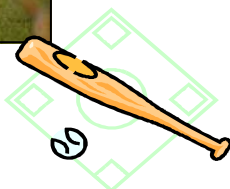
**Moose Coach Wayne Albright**

pizza, french fries, and soft drinks. After photos, team was walked downtown to Williamsport Creamery for dessert.

The team was elated to get "Bobblehead" style trophies for their season.



**Player at rest**



# Community Service



## Lower Eastern Shore Chapter 2089 –

On April 28, 2011, the Lower Eastern Shore Chapter 2089 presented canned food items to the Seton Center to help replenish their food pantry shelves which had been drastically depleted to the rising number of people in need in the Lower Shore area. Shown L to R are: Ellen Dorsey-Recorder, Sister Cecilia McManus, Barb Gregory- Senior Regent, Dottie Ford - Secretary/Treasurer, and Sister Regina Hudson.

## Cumberland Lodge #271

This picture is of the recipient of our annual \$1000 scholarship to our local community college, Potomac State of WVU. The college held a dinner for the sponsors and recipients to meet. The dinner was held at the college and was prepared by students. This event took place 4/28/11 in Keyser, WV.

*In the photo are Molly Campbell and Governor Greg Pyles*



Recently, Essex Chapter 783 of Women of the Moose held their first annual “Tommy Moose Walk” to raise funds to purchase Tommy Moose dolls to donate to local Fire and Police departments. The Chapter raised over \$500 and just prior to the Wilson Point Community Parade on July 4, Essex Chapter 783 Women of the Moose Senior Regent, Kim Dodson, presented Wilson Point Volunteer Fire Company with a case of Tommy Moose dolls. The Loyal Order of Moose’s Tommy Moose program assists police and fire department personnel with a comforting tool when they



A Jedi fist bump

are met with a child in crisis. Often, in times of stress, a child is comforted by something as simple as having a ‘friend’ to hold. Pictured with Tommy Moose is Kim Dodson – Essex Chapter Senior Regent presenting the Tommy Moose dolls to a member of the Middle River Volunteer Fire Company. Also pictured is Len Dodson, Governor of Essex Moose Lodge #70. MRVFC will share the Tommy Moose dolls with their Middle River Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Company.



This photo is of Tommy Moose with a 1 year old at the Wilson Point 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Her name is Willow and she won the title “Little Miss July 4<sup>th</sup>” for her patriotic themed bathing suit and body paints! She was engaged in licking her Tootsie Pop when she saw Tommy and came running, with her aunts and mom trying to keep up with her. She wouldn’t leave Tommy alone and was quite delighted to have a BIG playmate for a few minutes. She danced, hugged, high fived, blew kisses to, and even tried to share her lollipop with Tommy Moose. Tommy was a hit in the community and children coming up to give him a fist bump or hug! Parents and children alike were calling out “Tommy!” as he rode passed their parade viewing spot! *(Thank you, Jean, for sharing!)*



# Association President John Cihak



How time flies! My term as President will be over in about a month. I feel privileged that the membership of this Association entrusted me with this position. I did my best to uphold the duties and responsibilities of this office, and to represent our Association in my travels. I appreciate all the help and support received from the Executive Committee, the Association Board, District Presidents, Committee Chairmen, Lodges, Deputy Regional Managers and mostly our Regional Manager – Jim Hale. I will continue to do my best for the remainder of the year and in the years ahead.

Unfortunately we again had a loss in the membership this past year. But, on the positive side we did submit more applications this year than the previous year. So, let's try a little harder; especially in contacting our members in arrears and on the drop list. If we can bring back 50% of our members in arrears in addition to the new members signed each year, we will always have a gain in membership. Wouldn't that be great!

Our Annual Convention in Hunt Valley is just around the corner. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during this weekend. We will be having our official opening on Thursday night with the presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance to our flag and the singing of the national anthem prior to the Shining Star Awards. We ask everyone to dress appropriately for this gala awards evening.

Once again, thank you for all you do for our children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven and our communities.

Let's continue to **CREATE SOME INTEREST** in the coming year!!



Yours in Fraternity,  
*John J. Cihak*  
President



## Give the Gift of Life - Donate Blood!!

Blood is urgently needed in the MD-DE-DC area. The Blood Banks are very low. We have had so many catastrophic events recently that we need to be prepared and fill our Blood Banks. I am asking that all Lodges consider holding a Blood Drive or get together with nearby Lodges and jointly hold a Blood Drive. If your Lodge is having a Blood Drive or a Joint Blood Drive, you need to advertise it in your area at local stores and public places. If you need information regarding how to have a Drive, contact me and I will help your Lodge get the proper information. If you hold a Blood Drive, please let me know so I can report it to the Association. Remember, this is a Community Service function and will go on your Community Service Report. My email is [cillfloey@hotmail.com](mailto:cillfloey@hotmail.com); telephone 301-599-8727.

Floyd E. Johnson, Blood Chairman

### Delmarva Blood Bank Locations:

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### Baltimore & Washington, DC

Call Floyd and Millie Johnson  
and they can  
direct you as to who you  
need to call for information.

# Happenings around our Association

## Cumberland #271



Cumberland Moose #271 held a "Steak Feed" on March 19th - Looks like good meal and a fun time for everyone.



## Memorial Service



## May 7, 2011 "Officers' Bash"



These pictures were taken at our "Officers Bash". There was a steak dinner, D.J. and Karaoke, and the new officers were introduced to the membership.

*(Submitted by Governor Greg Pyles)*



Sr. Regent Linda Kessel & Gov. Greg Pyles

## Williamsport #2462 - 15th Anniversary

Celebrated on April 23, 2011, with a AYCE Crableg feed, and band "Hicktown"....was a great night



for the lodge and all who attended. *(Thanks, Russ, for sending this in.)*





# Happenings around our Association

Five-year old J.P. Goddard of Leonardtown (Diane Wells-Addington's grandson) misses his Pop Pop.

His grandfather was one of the more than 5.4 million Americans who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

J.P.'s grandfather, John M. Wells of Clinton died Nov. 13, 2008 of Alzheimer's, and now all that J.P. has is a photo of the two of them on his nightstand. His message is simple: "Other kids have their Pop Pops and I don't, so love your Pop Pop all you can, while you can. You will miss him very much when he goes to live with God."

J.P. is a two-time veteran of the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's™. On Sept. 17 at Asbury~Solomons Island, he will be participating in his third walk in honor of his grandfather.

For his fifth birthday, J.P. received a Target gift card from one of his friends. Looking around at all the toys he already had, he told his mother, Rebecca, that he wanted to donate the gift card because the people who do the walk have to walk a long way and get very thirsty and need something to

drink and he wanted to buy water.

Rebecca Goddard explains: "J.P. loved his Pop Pop very much and when he died he took it very hard. He has a photo of his Pop Pop in his bedroom and tells it goodnight almost every night. He and his Pop Pop got very close when he lived with us."



Besides donating the gift card to purchase water for the walkers, J.P. has set a personal goal of raising \$300. "I was so touched by his story," stated Linda Gottfried, Director of the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter's Southern Maryland office. "This little boy has a big heart."

J.P. agrees that the world would be a better place without Alzheimer's and he is supporting the 2011 Walk to End Alzheimer's so that other kids won't have to lose their Pop Pops.

Alzheimer's disease currently is the sixth-leading cause of death and the only cause of death among the top 10 causes in America without a way to

prevent, cure or even slow its progression. While death rates for most major chronic diseases continue to decline, Alzheimer's continues to rise. Every 69 seconds someone develops this devastating disease.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's Association will hold two Walks in Southern Maryland on Saturday, September 17: one at Asbury~Solomons in Solomons and the other at Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf. In addition to the walk, participants will learn more about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical trial enrollment, and support programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association.

For more information on the Walk to End Alzheimer's, call 301-934-5856 or go to [www.alz.org/nca](http://www.alz.org/nca).

April 22, 2011

Coastal Point

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## Frankford Moose Family Center welcomes national director

By Laura Walter  
Special to the Coastal Point

"You are the most outstanding, most generous individuals in the country, and I thank you very much," Jan Fregulia told a roomful of Moose members on Saturday, Apr. 16.

Jan Fregulia, executive director of the Moose Charities nonprofit organization, concluded a five-stop tour of the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Association to meet Women of the Moose and celebrate their fundraising efforts. The visit culminated in a dinner sponsored by Frankford's Loyal Order of the Moose at Roxana Fire Hall.

The Frankford Moose Lodge Family Center serves the Loyal Order, Lodge 2542, and Women of the Moose, Chapter 2204.

"This happens to be one of the most successful chapters, and they do an outstanding job," Fregulia said. "To culminate here in East Sussex is such a pleasure."

The MDDC Moose Association contributes \$120,000 annually, which fully funds operating expenses for a house in Mooseheart.

The East Sussex Family Center members gave around \$12,500 on

CHAPTER AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS



Ruth McFall (left) and other Women of the Moose #2204 members present donations to Executive Director of Moose Charities Jan Fregulia (second to left).

Saturday. Regional Manager Jim Hail said the tour had collected around \$52,000 total in other Moose events.

Member Ruth McFall said Fregulia's visit was "unbelievable," because

national administrators rarely visit individual branches and usually only attend major conferences.

Fregulia said it was a humbling and outstanding experience to travel and

meet members who contribute to the fraternity.

Fregulia praised the East Sussex chapter for the many official and individual contributions, saying McFall "is a dynamic motivator, and she just got everybody excited and working hard."

Founded in 1913, Mooseheart is a community and school serving around 220 children from birth to age 19. Fregulia said guardians may send children who would do better there than in their community or home environment.

She said it is one of the largest childcare facilities in Illinois.

The Moose mission is to care for the young and old, celebrate life and bring communities closer together through service. Two major Moose establishments are Mooseheart near Chicago, Ill., and Moosehaven retirement community near Jacksonville, Fla.

Additional information on the organization can be found online at [www.mooscentl.org](http://www.mooscentl.org) or [www.mooseheart.org](http://www.mooseheart.org).

# Jan Fregulia visits East Sussex Lodge



Jan Fregulia came to visit our Association in May.



Festivities were held at the Roxana VFD & they welcomed Jan with their sign.



East Sussex Gov. Frank O'Heron and Jan presented a plaque and Tommy Moose coloring books to Todd Marvel, president of Roxana Vol. Fire Dept. To the left, East Sussex's Moose Charities Chairman Ruth McFall welcomes Moose Charities Exec. Director Jan Fregulia to East Sussex.



East Sussex Lodge #2542 & Chapter #2204 presented a total of \$12,535.50 to Moose Charities from various projects. Far Right, the Chapter Officers & Chairmen.



Jan presented a \$200 check from East Sussex Chapter as a donation to the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. This is one of the many projects the Chapter does every year and it was an honor to have Jan Fregulia present the check for them.



Lodge Brother Henry Miller recycled cans and gave \$1228.00 for endowment fund in 2010-2011 and received a plaque. Alice Miller received a \$100 check for Indian River High School Jr. ROTC - given by East Sussex Chapter #2204.

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

An article printed in a local paper as an editorial titled "Information is only useful if someone knows it". This brings many thoughts. We have the Freedom of Information Act; this is to assure our government brings everything out to the public. We should be able to trust all phases of our government in change or introduction of laws and/or ordinances. Anything pending should be given open, aboveboard in a timely manner. To form any decision you need "Just the Facts" to determine if it has a negative or positive impact. Just like those yellow signs along the highway, all the important information is there in the tiny white box at the bottom you have to get close and read the fine print. Some of the bills, ordinances and laws being introduced or amended are to assist in balancing budgets on all levels. Many times if deemed unpopular to the public, the title does not reflect the "fine print facts" or it aired very late, or appears in smaller publications. They have complied with the law, unfortunate for us if we were not alert, and did not react to protect our interests. We need a government relations person in every lodge and chapter to assure this does not happen. Most every ward, parish, town, city, county, state and national government publishes a planning /meeting time and a thumbnail of what will be introduced and discussed. Our government relations should keep track, go beyond titles, evaluate the fine print, and relay the information. This will assure ample time to digest the information, make an informed decision, and react. This will reduce negative impacts on our lodge brothers and sisters and our Fraternity's interests now and in the future. We are encouraged to interact with other non-profits; they can be a good source of information, many times they receive notifications that can be useful to our Lodges and members. That being said I have current listings for legislators' and/or how to obtain them in your area. Let know if you need them.



The "Dream Act" is back in the news again, to give those brought here at a young age by others an outlet to become citizens is one issue. To expand to include those who have been here illegally, working, using bogus paper's, or being paid under the table, taking health care, monies, and other benefits to which they and their families are not entitled is another issue. Some solutions being aired seems to reward unlawful entry and disregard for existing immigration laws. It's a slap in the face to those that have complied with the laws who came here seeking a better life. (Just my opinion).

We have a national holiday this month, when we are celebrating with family and friends please take the time to reflect the real meaning of the day. Remember all those under crosses all over the world, those currently serving, in harm's way, and those at home waiting and praying for a safe return. **"GOD BLESS AMERICA"**

Respectfully Submitted, Bessie Staab-Hickman



### Let's Say Thanks!!!!



Send a postcard to one of our members of the US military by logging onto [letssaythanks.com](http://letssaythanks.com) - this is sponsored by the Xerox Company.

There are over 80 postcards made by school children across our country. Choose one and have it sent today to tell our soldiers that we remember them and hope they are home soon. It only takes a few minutes to send someone a note from home!!



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!!!**

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# A.Lee Poole Legion #111



## Got Your Goat! Raffle

Win a Live Goat for that  
'Special' Someone who is  
always getting yours. . .  
and have it delivered!!



Drawing at the meeting September 11, 2011  
Tickets \$5 each

**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:

Daniel Bowen - 6/18  
Paul Flores - 10/5  
Prince Kollis - 12/1  
Nezra McCarty - 5/18  
Aaron Moka - 4/20  
Kendall Owens - 10/4  
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:

James J. Lupo, Jr. - 1/24  
Blanche E. Neighoff - 3/19  
Edward Pelkey - 7/28  
Mary Pelkey - 5/24

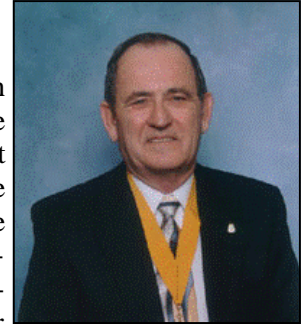
Two of our Moosehaven Residents  
have recently passed on:  
Genevive S. Luman and  
Irene "Sandy" Raynor

# Moose Legion Area Manager Ron Sweetman

## Moose Legionnaires Are You Listening??

### We Need Creation Not Procrastination - Create Some Interest

Moose Legionnaires we are nearing the end of the first quarter of our year with very limited production in membership and retention, as well. It is evident that we have not been successful in our membership recruiting or in retaining our members. It is up to us to take the time and **interest** to get in touch with Lodge brothers who are qualified and **ask them** to join with us as a member of the second degree. You have the resources available to you for the asking. Each month a contact list of those eligible to join the second degree is forwarded to each Lodge by our Moose Legion Secretaries. It is up to us to initiate the **contact**. Brother Moose Legionnaires - it's in our best **interest** and you are the **creator**.



Let us analyze the word **interest**. It has many different meanings and most apply or refer to exactly what our intentions may be. To engage and keep the attention of – You can do that through your personal contact and a thorough explanation of **who we are** and **what we do**. To arouse the curiosity of – Hopefully through your information provided you will be doing just that and the eligible member will be in contact with you. Regard to personal profit or advantage - You as the individual sponsor would not only profit personally by adding to your Moose Legion Units, a years dues that you would earn, but also you would increase the membership of the Moose Legion in our fraternity. Add to that, how your **Moose Legion Pride** would profit knowing that you are fulfilling your obligation by strengthening the rolls of the Moose Legion. Take **advantage** of the opportunity. Having a share in – Knowing that you have done some good thing for someone by sharing with them the mission of the Moose Legion. Thereby, you have introduced them to yet another opportunity for involvement within our Order. Moose Legionnaires, just think if we could **compound that interest** the **dividends** that could be generated because of that personal **contact**. Won't **you** make that contact today and **Create Some Interest?**



We not only have to Create Some Interest in building the memberships in our Moose Legion's but we also have to **Pay Attention To Retention**. It is extremely important that we make that **personal contact** with those who are in the arrears. Again, a list of those dropped or delinquent Moose Legionnaires is distributed to each Lodge. Each Lodge & Chapter have within their midst a capable group of men and women to work this program, the **Council of Higher Degrees**. Why not make it a point to meet once a month? Devise a list of comments and questions before making that personal contact. By creating some interest the members of the Council of Higher Degrees cannot only fulfill their obligation, but just might spark the interest and attention of those they contact. Be a Proud Moose Legionnaire and let's do all we can to grow our Moose Legions through membership production and paying attention to retention.

I wish to congratulate A. Lee Poole Moose Legion No. 111 and Blue Hen Moose Legion No. 186 on earning the Fraternal Service Award. This program began four years ago and Blue Hen has earned the award all four years.

I want to express thanks and appreciation to all of the Moose Legions for your financial contributions during the past year. Congratulations once again to Blue Hen Moose Legion No. 186 on placing third in the Charity Division for their contributions to the Endowment Funds. A. Lee Poole Moose Legion No. 111 also had a substantial increase in their Endowment Fund donations during the year. Thanks to all Moose Legions for your generosity.

Cordially & Fraternaly,

*Ron Sweetman, Area Manager*

## MD-DC-DE Moose Legion Ambassadors & their Territory

Bruce Dewey - 302-270-0109

A. Lee Poole #111 - President Ralph Shockley

Chesapeake #183 - President David Taylor ⚡ Blue Hen #186 - President Larry Clark

Charles Neal, III - 410-598-3955

Baltimore #10 - President Robert Lindsay ⚡ Capitol #155 - President John Bayer

Western MD #218 - President Clint Rawlings

## Joseph Mech - Men's OV at Hunt Valley

### Joseph R. Mech - Chief Financial Officer of Moose International

The official visitor for the Men's side of the Annual Conference is Joseph R. Mech. Mr. Mech is the Chief Financial Officer at Moose International, as well as the Treasurer for the Loyal Order of Moose. After serving as Controller in 1995 and Assistant Controller from 1985-1995, Joe was appointed to the Financial Officer positions in July of 2004.

Joe joined the Naperville, IL Lodge #1290 in December of 1985 and is an honorary Past Governor. In 1986, he joined the Mecca Moose Legion #9. He is a member of the 50 Division of the 25 Club and received his Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1990 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 2002.



Joe earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting at the Illinois State University. Before coming to Moose International, he was a manager with the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand, (now Pricewaterhouse Coopers) and he is a CPA in the state of Illinois.



Currently serving his second term as Treasurer at Downers Grove, IL Lodge #1535, Joe volunteers on the boards of several not-for-profit organizations in his community.

He resides with his wife Barb in Downers Grove and they have three children.

We welcome Joe to MD-DE-DC Moose Association's Annual Conference and hope he enjoys his time with our Association.

## Joyce Sarnecki - WOTM OV at Hunt Valley

### Joyce Sarnecki - Past Academy of Friendship Supreme Forum



Our official visitor for the WOTM meetings, Joyce Sarnecki, joined the Women of the Moose Perth Amboy Chapter #1247 in 1965. She is also a member of Atlantic City, NJ Chapter #340.

She has served her Chapter in many capacities, as well as fulfilled appointments as made by International Headquarters.

Her accomplishments are:

- Academy of Friendship Degree - 1969
- College of Regents Degree - 1972
- Star Recorder Degree - 1975
- Deputy Grand Regent - 1973-1974
- Academy of Friendship Board Member 1976-1978
- 25 Club Member - 1990



Currently, Joyce is serving New Jersey as a Chapter Analyst. Her husband, Frank, was the Supreme Governor of the Loyal Order of Moose during the 100th year and he served as the Director General from 1994-1999.

Joyce enjoys boating, fishing and traveling. She and her husband live in Lanoka Harbor, NJ and they have two children and two grandchildren.

We welcome Joyce to our Association and look forward to her learning from her vast experiences in the Women of the Moose..


# International Sports Events

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE & WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

## INTERNATIONAL SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

# 2011

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### HORSE SHOES

Men's/Women's Horseshoes  
Strasburg, VA Lodge 403  
(Jul. 29-31)

### GOLF

Men's/Women's/Mixed  
Scramble Golf  
PGA Natl. Resort & Spa  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL  
(Aug. 5-7)





### SOFTBALL

Men's/Women's Softball  
Elgin, IL  
(Aug. 26-28)

Poker — January 8-12  
Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament  
Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino  
Las Vegas, NV



Bowling — March 17-May 13  
Men's/Women's/Mixed Bowling  
Springfield, OH lodge # 536 (weekends Only)



Darts — April 20-22  
Men's/Women's Darts  
Barberton, OH Lodge 759



Pool — June 20-23  
Men's/Women's Pool  
Mansfield, OH Lodge 341



Softball — July 13-15  
Men's/Women's Softball  
Muncie, IN Lodge 33



Horseshoes — July 20-22  
Men's/Women's Horseshoes  
Lynchburg South, VA Lodge 1727



Golf — August 3-5  
Men's/Women's/Mixed Scramble Golf  
Murfreesboro, TN Lodge 645



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# John Lyons Scholarship Golf Tournament



These aren't all the teams that played golf, but most of them are shown here. It was a cloudy day and ended up raining, but the sturdy golfers completed the course while some of us ran for cover! \$5224 was profited for the Scholarship Fund. 1st & 2nd Place Teams are marked above - 3rd Place Team is Scott Gredlire, Rusty Eaton, George Jungle, and Jason Johnson. Great Job, Teams!!





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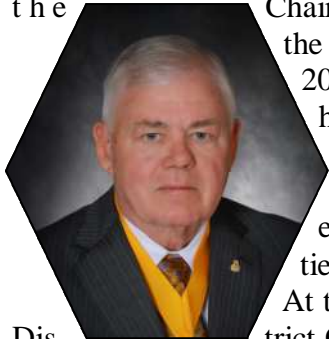
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# Supreme Governor Wesley Crowder

Our new Supreme Governor is Wesley I. Crowder from Bedford, Virginia. He was elected to this position at the 123rd International Convention in Anaheim, CA this July. He is also serving as the



Chairman of the Moose International Board of Directors. Previously, Wes was the Supreme Jr. Governor in 2010-2011 and Supreme Prelate during 2009-2010. Wes has been a member of the Supreme Council since June, 2005. He has previously served on the Mooseheart Board of Directors since 2005 and the Moose International Government Relations Committee since 2001.

Joining the Bedford, VA Lodge #1897 in 1963, Wes has served as Governor, Past Governor and Sports Chairman, also many other Lodge activities.

At the State level, Wes was the District 6 President, Past District President and District Chairman for the Virginia Moose Association Transportation System. He is a Past President of the Virginia Moose Association and has served as Deputy Supreme Governor, Outer Guard and Sergeant-At-Arms.

He is a member of the 50 Division of the 25 Club and received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1974. In 1982, Wes was bestowed the Pilgrim Degree of Merit at the House of God.

As well as Moose involvement, Wes is an active supporter of his local high school district and a leader in numerous homebuilders' associations in Virginia. He is on the board of the Safe Surfin' USA Foundation, and also serves on the Department of Charitable Gaming Advisory Board for the Commonwealth of Virginia. His home is in Bedford, Virginia.

We wish Wes to have a great year in his travels throughout our Fraternity in 2011-2012.

# Grand Regent Carolyn Allen

Our new Grand Regent is Carolyn Allen, who is also a Past Grand Council member of the Women of the Moose. She also served as a member of the Supreme Forum of the Loyal Order of Moose in 2004-2005.

In 1985, Carolyn joined the Women of the Moose at Mankato, MN Chapter #606. She served her Chapter as Chairman, Senior Regent, Junior Regent, Recorder and Junior Graduate Regent. She received her Academy of Friendship Degree in 1987, Star Recorder Degree in 2005 and, in 1990, entered the College of Regents.

After serving on the Academy of Friendship Board from 1999-2001, Carolyn was the Academy of Friendship Dean in 2002-2003. She also served her state as Deputy Grand Regent in 1993-1994.

At the State level, Carolyn served as a Government Relations Chairman for Minnesota. She is also the Past President of the Minnesota Council of



Higher Degrees and has served as editor of her Lodge's newsletter. She is also a CIS coordinator and trainer.

Along with her Moose duties, Carolyn is active in her church and enjoys crafts, camping and traveling. Carolyn and Louis Allen are parents of three children and they have five grandchildren.

Several years ago, Carolyn was our Official Visitor for the MD-DE-DC Association Women of the Moose. She is very knowledgeable of the Moose and gave us a lot of great information.

We wish Carolyn the best in her year as Grand Regent and hope she has many wonderful memories of her travels throughout our Fraternity.



# Deputy Supreme Gov. Don Shelnutt

Dear Brothers and Co-Workers:

I am looking forward to the year ahead and the opportunity to serve as Deputy Supreme Governor for the MD-DE-DC Moose Association.

For those of you who were not in attendance at our Convention in Anaheim, California, you missed the opportunity to hear and witness a number of excellent reports and presentations. The General Sessions were filled with information, fun and finished on time.

I want to congratulate all Brothers and Co-Workers who received higher degrees in the past few months. You all worked hard to attain your degrees and I am proud of all of you for your hard work and devotion to this Fraternity.

Now is the time for all of us to “roll up our sleeves” and go to work in the areas of membership and retention. We can do this by **Creating Some Interest** in our Lodges and in our communities. In the area of retention, we need to get our **Council of Higher Degrees** involved by holding monthly meetings and working together to contact those who are in arrears.

Our Association will be hosting the Supreme Governor, Wesley Crowder, later on in the year. I will inform you of the Lodges that will be hosting his visits and the dates that he will be there.

Our Annual Association Convention at Hunt Valley is fast approaching and I am indeed looking forward to the opportunity to share a little fun and fellowship with all of you.



Fraternally,  
*Don Shelnutt*  
Deputy Supreme Governor

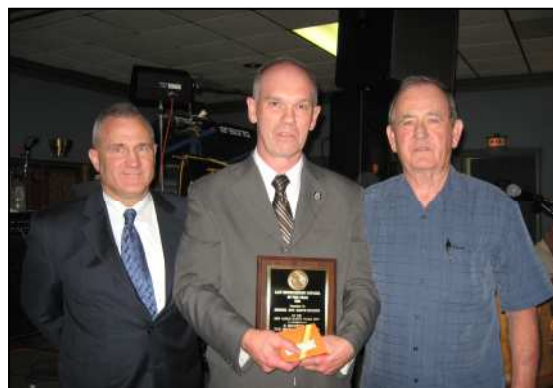


## Valor Award Presentations



Waldorf Moose FC #1709 held its 10th Annual Valor Awards Program. In the photo to the right kneeling in front of the group are MD-DE-DC Moose Association Secretary Jim Bolling and Valor Awards Chairman Larry Dean from Waldorf Lodge. Standing, from the left, are: Association President John Cihak, Waldorf Fire Department Chief J.R. Hayden, Jr.; Award Winner Wilhelm (Bill) Bauer; Deputy Regional Manager Len Sprinkle; LaPlata Sheriff's Department PFC Travis Yates; Charles County Sheriff Rex Coffey and Waldorf Governor Pat Hines. Cases of Tommy Moose were presented to the Fire Department and Sheriff's Departments.

New Castle Moose FC #1578 held its annual Preferred Member Party in early May and presented an award to Sr. Sgt. Keith Sparks. Sr. Sgt. Sparks' superior officer, Capt. Matthew Jamison came to the members present about Sr. Sgt. Sparks courage and valor in saving a woman from a burning building. Sr. Sgt. Sparks sustained injuries to himself in this incident and is now back to health. New Castle Administrator Ron Sweetman presented a plaque, gift card to Sr. Sgt. Sparks and case of Tommy Moose to the New Castle County Police Department.



# News from the District Presidents

## District 2 - Russ Robinson, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,



Hope all of you are having a wonderful safe and INTERESTING summer. CSI has limitless possibilities for stirring the fraternal instinct, in all of us. My home lodge is engaging in the possibilities of comedians, and hypnotists, as new types of safe, clean fun in the Moose atmosphere. Doing the same old thing returns the same old results...people are constantly wanting and willing to try new and different things. New and possible candidates for membership, want to go somewhere where they can do and enjoy something that is not offered anywhere else.....Give It to them !!!!!

The end of another year is quickly coming upon us, but that does not mean we rest on our laurels. The kids at Mooseheart, and residents of Moosehaven, are unable to say well maybe we can gear up and take care of that next week. No, they need our help each and everyday, and it is our job as members to put this information into the hearts and minds of each member of the Moose, and carry it on for the ones whom need it most. One more time - **WHOSE HOUSE??? OUR HOUSE!!!**

*Fraternally, Russ Robinson*

## District 4 - John Stokes, President

Brothers,

Welcome to the Moose fiscal year 2011-2012. You should have already planned most of this year's activities so that you can do the necessary bookings and make sure your Committee Chairmen are arranging for all their Committee's activities.

But - did you plan for the Premier Lodge of the Year? You should have! When you took the oath of office, you vowed to do everything you could to help your Lodge.

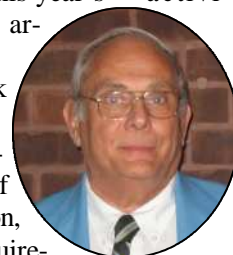
By now you should have your membership program in effect, have already completed officer training and submitted your nominations for Moose of the Year and Rookie of the Year. If you did not donate \$100 to Safe Surfin' and Special Olympics at the International Convention, then get it done and donate the \$100 at the Hunt Valley Convention. The Tommy Moose requirement would have been completed if you have already honored your Valor Program Recipient and donated 2 cases to him or her. Attendance at the International Convention and the Hunt Valley Convention is another requirement. If you have completed all of the above, you have met seven of the requirements.

Lodge Safety Report and four Community Service Reports are mandatory - all you have to do is report on time. That's 9 requirements met. General Law states that whenever Moose are gathered and endowment collection should be taken; if you do this religiously, your endowment will increase - that's 10.

The other 5 or 6 require a little more work and attention, but they can be accomplished. I believe the most onerous for many Lodges in increasing membership and with good planning and hard work, we will prevail.

Wouldn't it be great if MD-DE-DC has the highest percentage of Lodges in the Four Premier Lodge categories?

*Fraternally, John C. "Skip" Stokes, Sr.*



## District 6 - John Wilson, President

Brothers & Co-Workers:



It's hard to believe that this District year is coming to a close at the Hunt Valley Convention in August. We've all worked hard to achieve our goals this year, and though some haven't made the high honors, it was a worthwhile attempt on everyone's part. With the current economy, some people are unwilling to jump into something new, but we need to convince potential new members to give us a try and help us make our Lodges and Chapters successful in our endeavors.

I wish success to the new District Presidents and hope their year as the leader will be filled with people willing to work together to achieve the goals, not only for their Lodges and Chapters, but for the Districts as well. If we all work together and **Create Some Interest**, our Fraternity will prosper and continue to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven for a long time.

*Fraternally, John Wilson*

# News from the District Presidents

## District 1 - Mark Alderson, President



Brothers and Co-Workers,

I would like to say thank you all for the time and effort the Lodges have put in during my time as District President. *The Time Is Now to Create Some Interest* in our lodges and chapters, so we can sponsor some new members.

*Fraternally, Mark Alderson*

## District 5 - Willie Sampson, President

Hello Brothers, Co-Workers, and Lodges in the 5th District.

My year as President is coming to a close. I want to thank everyone who supported the 5th District this year. We had some lodges making their quotas, membership and membership retention. As the New Year is upon us let us work hard as a team and be the best District.

A special thanks to my Officers and Chairmen for making this a good year and a fabulous 5th District.



*Fraternally, Willie Sampson*

## District 7 - Harry McGray, President

Hello Brothers and Co-Workers,



I want to take this time to congratulate the 7<sup>th</sup> District's newest Pilgrim Larry Clark from Camden-Wyoming Lodge 203. Larry worked exceptionally hard to receive the highest honor, The Pilgrim Degree of Merit. We are pleased and proud that Larry is in the 7<sup>th</sup> District. Also congratulations to Frank D'Heron from East Sussex Lodge 2542, he received his Fellowship Degree in Anaheim, Ca. at the International Convention. These brothers are to be honored for their achievements and hard work receiving their degrees.

We must all pull together to **CREATE SOME INTEREST (C.S.I.)** - this is the theme for this year. Put in place some in-house campaigns and C.S.I. for new members as well as the members that have supported the lodges for many years.

My year as 7<sup>th</sup> District President is coming to a close; I want to thank the entire Board of Officers, appointed Officers, Administrators, Governors and Chairmen for their support. You were at my side all year and your support and dedication is appreciated immensely. I know you will be there to support the newly elected President and the Board of Officers as you have supported me.

*Fraternally, Harry McGray*

## District 8 - Tom Niblett, President

Dear Brothers and Co-Workers:

**WOW!!**

Time sure flies when you're having FUN!! It doesn't seem like two years since I began as District President, I've learned a lot in the past two years and I hope I've helped the District and the Association. I am still learning and I hope every Administrator and all the Officers strive to learn every day to better serve our Senior Members and our Children at Mooseheart and Moosehaven. This can be done by making it enjoyable for your members to come out to your Lodges...



**C.S.I. - CREATE SOME INTEREST**

*Fraternally, Tom Niblett*



# 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

Christopher Bateman #562  
Jarod Bitner #348  
Charles Demarr #1709  
Bonnie Dixon #347  
Michael Donnelly #2572  
Ellen Dorsey #2089  
Joseph Franco #1228  
Jane Sharon Fuller #97

### 50 Division

Ethel Cedrone #783  
Joni Gray #1814  
Claire Greenaway #783  
Edward Lieske, II #1450  
Diane McDermott #97  
Chris Miles #534  
Judy Penrod #2173

Mike Harris #1952  
Joan Haslam #1418  
Brad Lewis #2279  
Dale McDowell #1728  
Ernie McVey #371  
Jimmie Nanney #646  
Doris Nichols #1229  
Linda Perry #1418

### 100 Division

Leroy Bookhultz #1381  
Richard Copsey #495  
Russell Sprague, Sr. #1952  
Paul Starke #126  
125 Division  
James Lofland #2316

Harry Scott #203  
Barbara Seeney #1418  
Travis Sirman #1384  
Ronald Snoeberger #2462  
James Stover #296  
Gerry Thompson #1229  
Bonnie White #661  
Thomas White #1856

### 150 Division

David Greenaway #70  
Evelyn Silwick #1208

### 200 Division

John Barber, Sr. #296  
Rene Remus #1546



### Heart of Distinction

Diane McDermott #97 Valerie Sprague #783



## 50 Year Members

Lloyd Alger #1578  
Mary Louise Basore #347  
Rayburn T. Carothers, Jr. #453  
Joseph T. Correlli, Sr. #537  
Rodolfo G. Cruz #1228  
John Hairsine #296

Milton M. Hasselhoff #70  
Illean Nicol #1327  
Harold D. Miller #1578  
Donald L. Steger, Sr. #1577  
Milton R. Vaughn #2435

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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**Need help? Call your Deputy Regional Manager first - he'll send you to an analyst.**

**Remember - Sign 2 members a year and get a years dues!**

# Everyone can get the Moose Magazine

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# Marlboro Poker Run for Moose Charities



On June 4th, we, here at Marlboro Moose Lodge #1856 along with Chapter #1350 held a joint fundraiser. Our 1st Annual Poker Run for Moose Charities.

Boy, what a fun time we had. It started with a beautiful day, a wonderful ride thru Southern Maryland, stopping at several friendly establishments and ending back at the Lodge. The Best Hand won \$200, Second best \$100 and the Worst Hand winner was reimbursed his registration fee and given a warm invitation to try again next year.

We had an awesome band, Snakebite, for our musical entertainment while enjoying a delicious chicken dinner. Additional activities include 50/50's, several raffles, door prizes and both a Silent & Live Auction with the auctioneer being our own member Ronnie Call. It was a wonderful time where we got to see old friends and make a few new ones.

We are planning to have the "2nd Annual Poker Run" in late May or early June of 2012 so please be on the lookout for our flyers or check our website <http://moosepages.org/home/lodge1856>. Hope to see you then.

Bob & Yvonne Guard  
Moose Charities Chairpersons



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**THANKS!**



# In Memory



**Genevive Luman**  
Resident at Moosehaven  
Member of Cumberland Chapter



**Irene 'Sandy' Raynor**



Resident at Moosehaven  
Member of Marlboro Chapter  
Held the College, Star & Academy Degrees



**James E. Jones**

Member of Gardenville Lodge  
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit

**Ceibert C. Bragg**

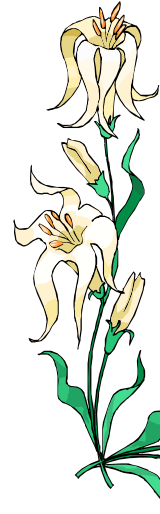
Member of Harrington Lodge  
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit



**John C. 'Jack' Carey, Sr.**

Member of Middletown Lodge  
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit

*Till We Meet Again.*



One night a man had a dream. In it he was walking along a beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the final scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed many times along the path of his life there was only one set of

footprints, and realized that they came at the hardest and saddest times of his life.

Bothered about this, he questioned the Lord saying, "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most burdensome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you the most you would

leave me."



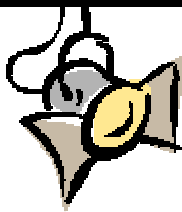
The Lord replied, "My dear child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



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.



# In the Spotlight - Pilgrim John Carey



If pictures were next to definitions of words in the dictionary Uncle Jackie's name and face would be next to the word MIRACLE. Its meaning is a wonder, a marvel, a wonderful or surpassing example of some quality; an effect or event manifesting or considered as a work of God.

These definitions describe the blessed event which occurred on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1942 when a 2lb, 3oz baby boy was born in Wilmington, DE to the proud parents of John and Margaret Carey. He has three siblings at home waiting for him, his brother Sonny and his sisters Sandy and Beverly.

It was a miracle that such small baby survived in a time when modern medicine wasn't as advanced as it is now. He was a miracle baby surpassing all odds under the watchful eye of the Lord and a lot of love and care from his family.

It was also a miracle that he survived childhood with being the youngest of four. When he was little his sisters were supposed to be watching him upstairs while their Mom was scrubbing the floor downstairs in the kitchen. There was a hole in the floor for heating purposes and, yes, you guessed it, here he goes falling through that hole, down onto the tops of the stove, bouncing off and landing in a chair. He made it through this without a mark but I can't say that about the girls when their mother got through with them. They were tough on the little guy who had to be carried around on a pillow as a baby.

He was a single Dad bringing up his son John. They would sit and play board games in the evening for entertainment. They would go to his Father's Fifth Wheel at the beach and crab, clam or fish. What a joy Johnnie was to both men. He may not have grown up with a lot of material things in his life, but he sure did have an overabundance of love, for Johnnie was everything to his Dad.

We have all read in Hallmark Cards of finding your soul mate, you make me complete or I'll love and cherish you forever but another miracle happened when Uncle Jackie found Mary Alice, for he found all of these things. They truly loved and adored each other as much, if not more, as they did the day they were married 25 years ago. What they had together was unique and precious, no matter what they did they did it together and had fun doing it. With Mary Alice came two sons into this marriage Craig and Brian. We all know how he felt about children, so to him this was just two more kids to love.

Next was his other pride and joys. Little Johnnie was the first grandchild who would go on vacations with his grandparents to places like Williamsburg and Disney World, I wonder who would have been the bigger child Uncle Jackie or Little Johnnie. To complete his family, along came his other children, Shelby, Colby, Ryan and Aden. His great nephew Donnie even calls him Pop-Pop Jack. What joy and excitement these children brought to his life. They are so lucky to have him for a grandfather for they were so loved by him.

That love also extended to all of his nieces and nephews. I know how much fun I have had personally with him since I have been in the family, so I can only imagine being little and growing up like Skeet, Dawn, Darla, Tammy, Sharon and Debbie must have had throughout the years and having him for an Uncle. He did give our children a coin collection with the year that they were born on it. What a keepsake for them to have from their special Uncle.

Speaking of children and his love for them goes far beyond his own family. He would do many things to brighten a child's life like baking cookies and going to the Children's Hospital to deliver them to burn victims, dressing up like Santa to deliver presents, handing out Easter baskets as a bunny rabbit and dancing with

kids in wheelchairs who had Downs Syndrome. He also made sure that their families had food on Thanksgiving and Christmas so that they could have a special holiday.

As you know he spent many years in the Moose Lodge doing things from being the janitor all the way up to being governor.



You can see all of his awards accomplishments and the fun that he had doing this outside on the boards. Take a peek of the photos of him being a pimp, a beautiful woman, the New

Years Eve Baby (diaper included) and you can see the pure joy on his face.

He was truly a medical miracle in all of his different operations and procedures and how he stayed positive and happy through it all. He had two open heart surgeries, ninny by-passes, twenty some stints in his legs and heart and dialysis three times a week. In these times he followed in his father footsteps overcoming and beating the odds many times. Since Carey is an Irish name they both lived up the motto of the Fighting Irish.

One of his favorite past times was dancing. It didn't matter what kind it was from jitterbug to line dancing, he was just happy to have his feet flying on the dance floor.

His second one was bingo, especially basket bingo. He and Mary Alice were the two luckiest people at winning that I ever witnessed. One look at their home and you can see what I mean, baskets, and baskets everywhere.

I will also associate April and Uncle Jackie with Easter itself. It is a time of rebirth with mother nature at her best with the budding of trees an array of colorful flowers, the warmth of the sun on your skin, everything sunny and bright and everyone's outlook is more cheerful. This is how I see him and how I will remember him as a perfect spring day, full of sun-

# In the Spotlight - Pilgrim Ceibert Bragg

Ceibert C. Bragg, "CB", as he was affectionately known by many of us, was born on June 27, 1921 in Eskdale, West Virginia. He was one of six boys and had one sister. CB graduated from Annapolis High School and served in the Army Air Corp as a gunner/engineer on a Martin Marauder B-26. His airplane, "Honest Injun", was involved in a total of 63 combat missions. For his actions and bravery, CB earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 9 clusters, the Presidential Unit Citation, as well as numerous other medals and citations. He also served in the Korean War, retiring as Master Sergeant after 21 years of service.

CB worked at General Foods as a mechanic and retired after 20 years. He was fond of prospecting, especially for gold and was a member of the Gold Prospectors Association. It is believed that his prospective was more than just looking for gold as he wanted to be of further service in other ways and in September, 1978, CB joined the Loyal Order of Moose as a member of the Harrington Lodge #534. He spent the following years filled with caring, kindness, emotion and generosity to people, whether it be our kids at Mooseheart, seniors at Moosehaven, the Community where he lived or the Lodge to which he belonged.

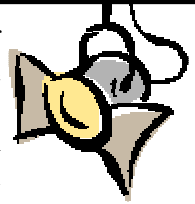
CB had the vision of future good and was one to search and explore to find what he was looking for - self-satisfaction. He found it in being involved in Lodge Committees, meetings and activities involving

the Lodge and Chapter. In June of 1979, he became a member of the Moose Legion and gave his full support throughout his membership. On May 29, 1984 he was elevated with the Fellowship Degree of Honor after serving the chairs of his Lodge and as Governor in 1982.

He never forgot the oath he took at his enrollment into the Fraternity and knew he had a dual responsibility to the children and seniors, and building the membership strength of his Lodge and the Order. In April of 1988, he became a member in the 25 Club and would continue to sponsor members.

CB continued in leadership and participated in all areas of our Order. He would be found in the kitchen on Fellowship Steak Night, Moose Legion meetings, helping the WOTM in their activities and continuing his quest for GOLD. He was rewarded on May 29, 1993 when he was called to the House of God at Mooseheart and received the highest degree of our Order - the Pilgrim Degree of Merit. It was the same date 9 years earlier that he received his Fellowship Degree of Honor.

After CB found the gold he was looking for, he never stopped serving his Fraternity and its people. He never stopped searching for ways to help others through the Moose. Our prospector left his mark on the Loyal Order of Moose. Farewell, CB, till we meet again. (adapted from eulogy by Ron Sweetman)



## continuing Memories of Pilgrim John Carey

sunshine, vivid colors, warmth and being blessed with the job of just having being alive.

When he knew that this time on earth was near he called his family together and told them that he had a long conversation with God and his Mom and that it was his time he was ready to go home, to be with his parents and to a better place. He told them not cry, to be happy for him. He didn't want to be in a lot of physical pain anymore and said how good he felt when the doctors removed all of the tubing and wires connected to him. He told them how much he loved each one of them, how important they were to him and how much he would miss them. He said to his wife that the best years

of his life were the ones spent with her. He was smiling, winking and making jokes; again an example of living life to its fullest every in his last moments. Here's his last showing of the deep concern that he had for others when he said that he was sorry that he ruined their day. To me, he started his life with a miracle and he got to end his life with a miracle. Rarely does one get to spend their last moments on earth with the opportunity to be surrounded by the people who mean the most to you and to be able to say what you feel from the heart with the clarity and sincerity that he did. This in itself is a true miracle.

All that I can say is remember him as the kind, unselfish, giving,

loving, caring big hearted and happy man that he was. He was a person that loved life in every aspect. He loved a good time, helping others and making people smile and laugh. We should all take a lesson from him, a man who lived with a lot less than some, but a man who thought that he had it all and he did. He was far richer than most.

In closing to Uncle Jackie, I would like to say keep having "sweet dreams" about your loving wife, his song to her, know how much you are loved, how much you will be missed for you are a "Miracle Man" to all of us.

(Excerpts from a message given by John's niece at his funeral.)

# MD-DE-DC Councils of Higher Degrees



## Meeting Schedule

### Black-Eyed Susans Council

August 13 - Crab Feast at Marlboro

\$30 per person 1-4 PM

Donations needed for wheel

September 15 - Election at Westminster FC, 1 PM

General Meeting to Follow

October 15 - Banquet & Installation  
at Wheaton FC, 1 PM



### DelMar Council

August 13, 2011 at Seaford

October 8, 2011 at Banquet at Camden-Wyoming

Menu, Time and cost TBA later

Lunch at 12 PM, Meeting starts at 1 PM



All Degree Holders welcome to attend these meetings

## DelMar Council Picnic 6/11/11 at Milford



Horseshoes



the cooks - great job!

Larry Clark & John Cihak took turns spinning the wheel.



the prizes



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# News of Nellie Manning

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Bob

Also, new address and phone number was sent by Bob:

**228 McKendree Rd  
 Mooresville, NC 28117  
 Ph: 704-660-3061**

Thanks, Bob, for keeping us updated on Nellie. We send best wishes and good health to both of you.



## Happy Anniversary!



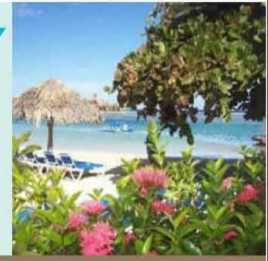
to all Dedicated Lodge & Chapter Members  
who have made these Anniversaries possible

June 1	Cumberland Lodge	Instituted in 1910
June 8	Claymont Chapter	Instituted in 1986
June 10	Bel Air Chapter	Instituted in 1963
June 15	Columbia Lodge	Instituted in 1909
June 20	Indian Head Chapter	Instituted in 1954
June 24	Annapolis Lodge	Instituted in 1910
June 24	Rockville Chapter	Instituted in 1951
June 26	Annapolis Chapter	Instituted in 1922
July 11	Dundalk Chapter	Instituted in 1937
July 12	New Castle Lodge	Instituted in 1954
July 25	Aberdeen Chapter	Instituted in 1950
July 25	Seaford Chapter	Instituted in 1954
July 28	Pasadena Lodge	Instituted in 1991
July 29	Wheaton Chapter	Instituted in 1956
July 31	South County Deale Chapter	Instituted in 1988
August 1	Waldorf Chapter	Instituted in 1954
August 4	Bay Country Chapter	Instituted in 1974
August 5	Lewes-Rehoboth Chapter	Instituted in 1978
August 6	New Castle Chapter	Instituted in 1955
August 8	Gardenville Lodge	Instituted in 1948
August 9	Essex Chapter	Instituted in 1945
August 14	Capitol Region Chapter	Instituted in 2010
August 15	Frostburg Lodge	Instituted in 1910

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Final Payment Due 7/8/11

## 7 Day Exotic Eastern Caribbean October 1 - 8, 2011

Date	Itinerary	Arrive	Depart
Saturday, Oct 1	Miami, FL		4:00 pm
Sunday, Oct 2	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas	9:00 am	5:00 pm
Monday, Oct 3	Fun Day at Sea		
Tuesday, Oct 4	St. Thomas	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct 5	San Juan	7:00 am	3:30 pm
Thursday, Oct 6	Grand Turk	11:00 am	5:30 pm
Friday, Oct 7	Fun Day at Sea		
Saturday, Oct 8	Miami, FL	8:00 am	

Stay an extra night before or after your cruise!  
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\*Itinerary subject to change.

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**Also - a cruise is being planned for the Eastern Caribbean in 2012 on November 11-18. Call Cruises International for details at 800-255-7447.**

# A message from Jr. Past Grand Regent Libby

Hello Co-Workers,

WOW – How time flies. It’s unbelievable, but it just seems like yesterday when I was installed as your Grand Regent.

Two months have already passed for the new chapter year and I sincerely hope the newly elected officers, chairman and co-workers are striving to make your chapter the best it can be. My belief is, if we all work together as a team, we will be successful!

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if all chapters earn the Award of Achievement this year, and all co-workers make personal honors? It can be done with **Teamwork!**

Talking about personal honors: Congratulations to our newest co-workers who qualified for and received their Academy of Friendship, College of Regents and Star Recorder Degrees. It doesn’t matter which degree you obtained, as the individual receiving them, you have worked hard for your chapter, and you have had the help of those committee members and co-workers that worked with you, so please don’t forget to thank them, because you did not accomplish it alone.

I hope those of you who attended the International Conference had a good time and enjoyed the various speeches that were prepared by our Grand Council members, along with the Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder and College of Regents board members. They worked diligently and the topics were great - I certainly hope you made notes to take back to your chapters.

Also, don’t forget to boast to our lodge brothers that nationwide the WOTM had an increase in membership of 5,794 members this past year. Way to go Co-Workers! Let’s keep on a roll, and try to do it again next year.

Those of you who attended the conference found out there was only one new change made this year to the WOTM General Laws: A demonstration party shall not be held in the name of a committee or chapter **unless 100% of NET profits** from the demonstration party are being **donated to the chapter.** (A co-worker or non-member may not make a profit from a Woman of the Moose function.)

I would also like to take this opportunity to

thank the chapters that donated door prizes at the International Conference. As always, it was greatly appreciated and hopefully the winners will send you a thank you note, for your generosity.

As my year as Grand Regent is over, I would like to say in all my travels this past year, which have included Official Visitor for our MD-DE-DC Annual Conference, chapter meetings and receptions, it has indeed been a pleasure to meet so many great co-workers and brothers. Everywhere I traveled, Carl & I have always felt welcomed and loved. You have shown your appreciation to us and all of you are truly dedicated members to our organization and I want to thank you for what you do and will continue to do for our fraternity.

I would be remiss, if I didn’t thank my hubby, chauffeur and executive secretary for being there for me. Those of you who know us, you know when you see one, the other is nearby. He is my rock and love of my life and gives me the confidence I need.

And, last but not least, - one of my favorite topics - let’s not forget the programs of the Women of the Moose, Moose Charities and Gimme5. Our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven really do need us, so please continue to support these programs to ensure the future of our Twin Cities. Remember, their future is in our hands. Be a “**Moose CSI**” – **Create Some Interest!!!!**

*In friendship,  
Libby*





## Moose Legion Councilman Danny Williams



### MOOSE LEGION REPORT

The “Annual Moose Legion Project” for the year of 2011-2012 fiscal year was announced recently. Our “Child City” Mooseheart is in need of 2 additional passenger vans at an approximate cost of \$33,000.00 each and they are also in need of 21 “Office Computers” at approximate cost of \$1,000.00 each. This is a combined amount of approximately \$87,000.00.

We are requesting each Moose Legion jurisdiction to “Create Some Interest” and raise funds in the amount of \$1.75 per active member as of April 30, 2011 as their goal. This amount per member is the same level as last year. The opportunity for early “Fundraising” efforts with payments can result in discounts again as in the past year.

Every jurisdiction completing their goal and submitting “Full Payment” prior to November 30, 2011 will be given a 20% discount. After that date all jurisdictions submitting full payments prior to February 29, 2012 will be allotted a 10% discount.

Let’s put the MD DE DC Moose Association on the map and have all of our Moose Legions 100% by November 30, 2011 ! What do you think ? We can do it ! the “Time is Now”, Let’s go out and “Create Some Interest” and get that 20% discount ! See you in Hunt Valley in August !

Fraternally yours,  
*Danny Williams, Sr.*  
Int. Moose Legion Councilman



### Moose Charities & “Gimmefive”

We are now in our final and 5<sup>th</sup> year of Moose Charities “Gimmefive” program. The “Time is Now” for your 5<sup>th</sup> installment of \$36.50 donation. If you haven’t given as of yet, you can still make the whole five year commitment of \$182.50 at our Annual Convention to be held in Hunt Valley, MD in August.

Here in the MD-DE-DC Moose Association we have had 730 individual members who have donated \$113,839.02 toward “Gimmefive”. Here in our Association we would like to see these numbers increased, so please pass the word and remind the members that this is an “Endowment Fund” for the future for “Our Children” at Mooseheart and “Our Seniors” at Moosehaven.

I will have my booth/table at Hunt Valley for any and all donations that you would like to make. Remember all donations to “Moose Charities are 100% tax deductible.

Fraternally,  
*Danny Williams, Sr.*  
LOOM Moose Charities Chairman



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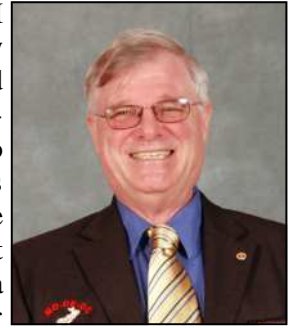
# Youth Awareness with Ernie Megee

The 2010-2011 fiscal year's Youth Awareness Program finally came to an end on May 2, 2011 in Charlotte, North Carolina. If you will recall, our Association's Moose Youth Awareness Program began with our Moose Youth Student Congress on Friday evening, October 2, 2010. We had 15 students who attended our 21st Annual Congress that was hosted by the Elkton Moose Family Center #851. Our attendees were challenged to make three or more Kids' Talk presentations to groups of four to nine year old children. The topic of these talks was to include the abuses that are encountered in today's daily living. Our students had from October 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011 to make the required presentations. They were given until March 7, 2011 to submit their completed reports to me. On March 10, 2011, the three reports that I received were judged by 3 teens who are members of the Milford Moose Family Center #2316 Youth Group. The three students who did complete the challenge of making the minimum of three Kids' Talk presentations were Kacy Cassat representing East Sussex Family Center #2542, Sara McCall representing Essex Chapter #783, and Haley Gerardi representing Harrington Moose Family Center #534.

The two winners who were chosen by the Moose Youth Group to represent our Association at Moose International's Youth Student Congress in Charlotte, North Carolina on April 28 through May 2, 2011, were Haley Gerardi representing Delaware and Sara McCall representing Maryland. Haley's topic was the Internet and social networking safety. Sarah's topic was cafeteria rules and stranger danger. Both of these ladies will be receiving a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$100 gift card from our Association at our Annual Association Convention in August, 2011. While at the Moose International Student Congress, they were in contention for one of five scholarships from

Moose International totaling \$30,000. Thanks to the Moose Legion for raising the funds to make it possible for our Fraternity to present these scholarships. I have made several unsuccessful attempts to contact both of our students to hear their comments on our program and Moose

International's program. I guess they have been very busy with their exams and the final days of school activities. However, (and I do not know how accurate this information I heard from the grapevine is) I did hear that one of our students, Sara McCall, was next in line for a Moose International scholarship if there were six to be awarded.



This year's statistics were very, very impressive. The three students who completed their minimum of three Kids' Talks reached a total of 422 four to nine year old children in our Association. One student, Kacy Cassat of East Sussex Moose Family Center made three presentations reaching 95 young children. Sara McCall made three presentations reaching 49 young children and Haley Gerardi made nine presentations reaching 278 four to nine year old children. Our students reached the most targeted four to nine year old children since I have been the Youth Awareness Coordinator for our Association.

In closing, just because this fiscal year's program has been completed does not mean that we can rest on our laurels. This project is meant to be an ongoing project for the entire year. Our new Lodge Governors should already have a Youth Awareness Coordinator in place who should be continuing to work on this program by recruiting students to attend our 2011-2012 program. The arrangements for this year's Youth Awareness Student Congress have been finalized. Our 25th Student Congress will again be held at the Elkton Moose Family Center #851. The date is etched in stone - Friday evening, September 30, 2011 will be the Get Acquainted/Ice Breaker party with an overnight stay at the Comfort Suites on Elkton Road. The Student Congress will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 1, 2011. All Family Centers in our Association will be receiving mailings requesting information shortly. Please answer these requests promptly. If anyone should have any questions or require additional information, please contact me. If any of you should hear any questions during your visitations or attendance to functions within our Association, please advise me, as I will gladly contact them with the answers and information that they may need.

Fraternally,  
*Ernie Megee*



# Meet our New Deputy Barbara Sue Cornell

Imagine my great surprise when I opened my mail and there was the letter from Mooseheart with my appointment as Deputy Grand Regent for MD-DE-DC Association. I know that 2011-2012 will be a great year because of all the wonderful Co-Workers and Lodge Brothers who will be helping along the way.

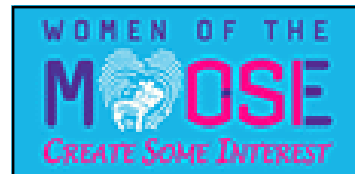


As always we must remember the goals of Mooseheart, Moosehaven and Moose Charities.

In closing let me tell each and every one of you what a great and humbling honor that has been bestowed on me.



Fraternally,  
Barbara Sue Cornell  
Deputy Grand Regent  
2011-2012



## Flight 93 Memorial Site



About a year ago, Barbara and JJ Johnston sent me the above photos of the progress on the Flight 93 Memorial being built near Shanksville, PA. The pictures below were taken by Arnold and Doris Allen on their way home from the Pilgrim Conferral this June. These photos show that progress is being made on the Memorial and we soon may be able to visit and pay our respects to those brave people who gave their lives to save many more. God Bless Them ALL! *the editor*



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# Tommy Moose Gives Comfort to Kids

By Betty Klinck, USA TODAY

Sometimes something as simple as a stuffed animal can make a difference.

Police officers interviewing young sexual-abuse victims in Piedmont, W.Va., in 2007 were struggling because the children were too nervous to give investigators the information necessary to lock up the abuser, says Police Chief Chris Paitsel. That seemed to change, at least in one case, when the victim was handed Tommy Moose, a plush moose doll distributed by the Moose International non-profit group.

"We gave Tommy Moose to the little girl, and it was like a little light had come on. She started smiling and playing with the Tommy Moose, and when we started questioning again she just opened up," Paitsel says.

"She was telling the story to Tommy Moose. It was just like night and day."

Moose International founded the Tommy Moose program in 2003 to provide police officers, firefighters and ambulance personnel with friendly-looking moose dolls to distract and comfort children in traumatic situations. The Moose, a community service organization of about 1.2 million men and women, distributed its 100,000th Tommy Moose in November.

Kurt Wehrmeister, director of communications at Moose International, based in Mooseheart, Ill., says appreciative comments like Paitsel's are not uncommon. The group has heard from organizations such as the California Highway Patrol and Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where Tommy Moose comforts sick kids.

Theresa Palome, a child life assistant at Vassar Brothers, uses Tommy Moose in play therapy to calm kids going for chemotherapy, MRIs and surgery, and even uses him sometimes to demonstrate where children will get "boo-boos" by putting bandages on the toy.

"They'll smile and hug the moose," Palome says. "It's just something to hold on to so that you're not feeling so frightened."

Jennifer Smith, child life specialist at St. Jude Chil-

dren's Research Hospital in Memphis, says she, too, uses play therapy with sick kids that ranges from playing with race cars to making music to reading books.

She says therapeutic and expressive play are often used not only to help distract children from traumatic situations but also to offer them a sense of familiarity so they feel comfortable enough to cope with their feelings as they endure illness or medical treatments. Smith adds that St. Jude typically does not permit plush or fabric toys in cases where children are highly susceptible to infection because fabric toys cannot be as thoroughly sanitized as materials such as plastic.

Play can be just as vital to the parents of traumatized children or children with behavioral problems as it is to the kids, says Joyce Nolan Harrison, a child psychiatrist and director of Preschool Psychiatry and Community Programs at Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore.



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Hopkins Children's Center runs a program called "child center time" during which parents and children play together, allowing the child to lead rather than being quizzed or taught by parents along the way, which helps "teach parents to enjoy their kids again," Nolan Harrison says.

She adds, however, that there are many forms of therapy and that Hopkins Children's Center often does not use formal play therapy but methods such as cognitive behavioral therapy, which focuses on understanding the thoughts and feelings behind behavior and then working to repair the child's misconceptions.

Children who are traumatized, for example, often struggle with the fear that their parents or caregivers cannot keep them safe, and so cognitive behavioral therapy would work to reassure children that sometimes scary things happen that are out of their or their parents' control, Nolan Harrison says.

"The thing about play therapy is that it's pretty complicated and it takes a sophisticated therapist to do it correctly. It's about seeing what's there, what the symbolism in the play is, and interpreting the play," she says. "It takes a skilled senior therapist."

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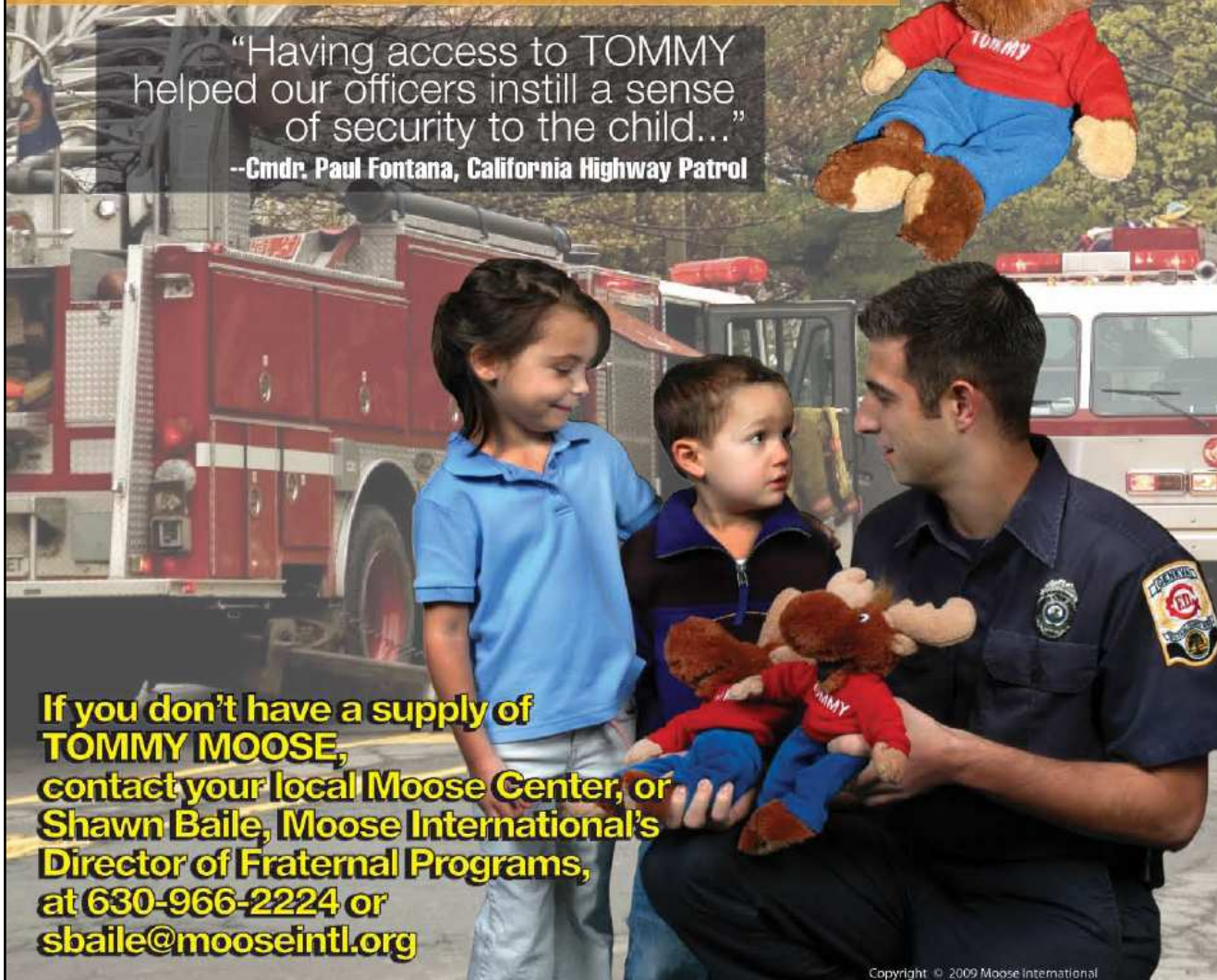
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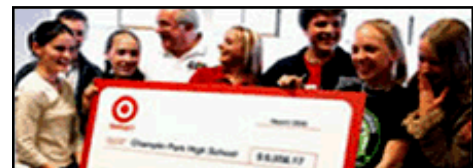
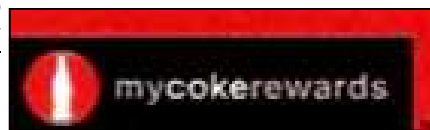
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## Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of Passage?

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.



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He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own. The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and Earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm. We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

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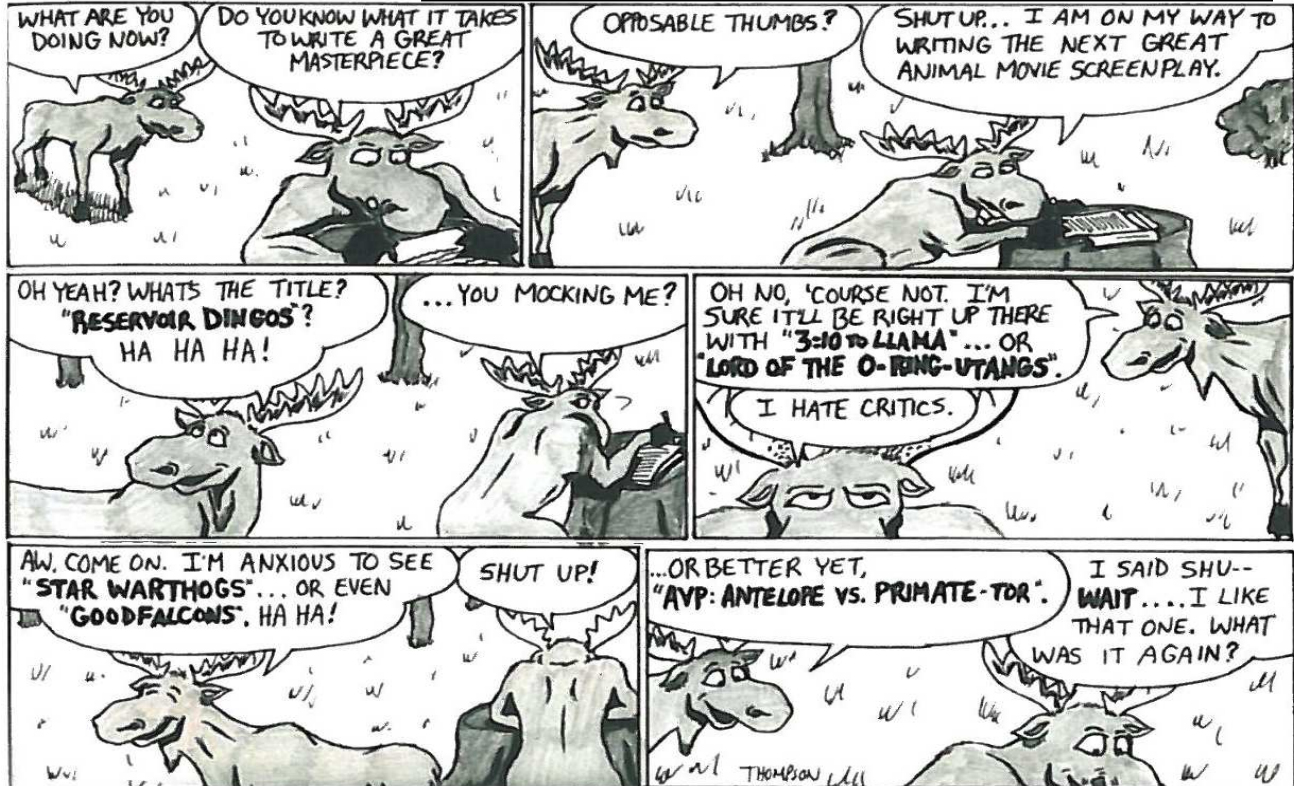
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<b>March 27, 2011</b>	<b>Elkton, MD</b>
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<b>July, 24, 2011</b>	<b>Silver Spring, MD</b>
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<b>September 25, 2011</b>	<b>Annapolis, MD</b>

*Jim Bolling, Secretary*

# THREE, TWO, MOOSE

By Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson is a security guard at Moosehaven and, when he gets time, he is a cartoonist. This is one of his creations. Very creative guy!!



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