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**We Welcome 2012-2013
Supreme Governor James Henderson
to
MD-DE-DC Association**



Visits Scheduled for October 11 - 14, 2012
Thursday, October 11, 2012
Salisbury Lodge #654 - Meet & Greet
Friday, October 12, 2012
Camden-Wyoming #203 - Lunch / Milford #2316 - Visit / Harrington #534 - Meet & Greet
Saturday, October 13, 2012
East Sussex #2542 - Lunch / Seaford #1728 - Meet & Greet
Sunday, October 14, 2012 - New Castle #1578 - Lunch

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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



Our State Convention was absolutely wonderful. For those who did attend, a special ‘thank you’ for taking time off work, using vacation days or giving of your free time. If you didn’t attend, you missed some really great meetings and you missed all the FUN we had. I don’t think there is another organization that has as much FUN as Moose Members do - and to think – we actually ask you to pay to register, to pay hotel expenses, and to pay for all our special meal functions. Then, while you are there, we ask you to participate in our various fund raising projects. Like the real Moosers that you are, you do all this and more with a smile on your face. Why? If you are like me, it is because we believe in what we are doing. I believe that if a home on the Mooseheart campus bears our name, we should take care of that home. And yes, we ask for your contributions for this just cause too – **WHY? Because it is OUR HOUSE, WHOSE HOUSE? OUR HOUSE and WHY? BECAUSE WE CARE!** And then you are asked to make contributions to the Endowment Fund so that we can continue to care for our kids and senior members.

The Moose Fraternity was founded and built on the principle of caring for the children entrusted to our care and for providing for the senior members of our fraternity in their later years. It is because of each of you that we continue to do this each day. From the very beginning, we have been actively building a reputation, a reputation that speaks for itself today, not only within our Lodges, our membership, but within our local communities as well. When you donate Tommy Moose to a local fire or police department, you are building a good working relationship with them. When you donate blood during a Blood Drive you are generating good will and may be saving the lives of people you don’t even know. When you volunteer to ring bells for the Salvation Army, you are demonstrating that you care. When the senior members of your community attend a senior dinner held at your Lodge, more good will is demonstrated. There are so many ways that we can continue to promote the principles of our great fraternity, but we must continue today.

Throughout the years our reputation of caring and giving has preceded us. Now is not the time to rest on our past reputation, now is the time for our fraternal units to build a bigger and stronger reputation. While remembering our history is good, it is the time to create more history. This can be achieved by asking everyone you meet “Have You Heard of Moose?” Then proceed to tell them about the Moose – the achievements we have made and why we do this. It is my strong belief that the reason so many members join, are for the wrong reason. A fellow worker asked him or her to join so they could join them for a refreshment after work; or they wanted to be on a bowling team or soft ball team, a golf league, or they wanted to join so they could attend for a particular band. I believe that if that individual had been informed about our rich history, they would be asking you for an application and they would never let their dues expire.

Membership Growth and Membership retention begins with you. Let us continue to share our history with others. Simply ask “*Have You Heard of Moose?*”

From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of the residents of our Twin Cities, I thank you. Now, let’s go to work.

Fraternally,

JIM



Current Campaigns

HAVE YOU MADE SURE EVERYONE YOU KNOW HAS *Heard of Moose?*

FAMILY MEMBERS, DOCTORS, FRIENDS, POLICEMEN, FIREMEN, MECHANICS, NEIGHBORS,
MAILMEN, GOLFERS, SHOP OWNERS, CO-WORKERS, DRY CLEANERS & MILITARY VETERANS

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May 1, 2012 - April 31, 2013



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RECEIVE CAMPAIGN PIN**

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FREE DUES FOR ONE YEAR!**



**5 MEMBER AWARD
RECEIVE INVITATION
TO ASSOCIATION
5/25 CLUB PARTY**

**7 MEMBER AWARD
RECEIVE A
\$25 GIFT CARD**

**\$25.00
GIFT CARD**



OPEN TO LOOM MEMBERS OF MD/DE/DC, VA & WV MOOSE ASSOCIATIONS

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Family
Fun**
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**Serve
Share
Support**
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Get
Grow**
Caring for Kids

**Connect
Care
Comfort**
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1 Member Award



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**Loyal Order of Moose
5 Club Award**



**Women of the Moose
5 Club Award**



**Special Three-Year Incentive
Winding Down**



Special Three-Year Incentive Winding Down is available to members who have completed their 3rd year of membership by April 30, 2013. The incentive is a \$25.00 gift card. The gift card is available to members who have completed their 3rd year of membership by April 30, 2013. The gift card is available to members who have completed their 3rd year of membership by April 30, 2013. The gift card is available to members who have completed their 3rd year of membership by April 30, 2013.

Association President Thomas Bowman

Brothers and Co-Workers,

It is the start of a new year. I am honored to represent all of you as your President and I wish to congratulate all of the new elected and appointed officers and chairmen. As I said at the banquet, we are one fraternity and one association - men and women working together for a common cause.



I wish to congratulate all of the newly elected and appointed officers of the Association and all of the Districts. We have a lot of work to do and I am sure that we can and will get it done.

First of all – we need to embrace and act upon Regional Manager Jim Hale's membership message as stated on the web site. "If every 1 will save 1, renew 1 and sign 1, this Association will achieve our goals for the year with many 1's." I believe this. I support this. And I will make every effort to accomplish this myself.

One of the most important things the Lodges need to do is to make sure that all of the reports are done and submitted on time. As is always the case, some of the Lodges are delinquent on some of their reports. Gentlemen, this is unacceptable. You know when these reports are due and it is up to you to get them submitted on time.

How about those Red Ramblers? As I write this, they are unbeaten again. Louisa and I are looking forward to the end of the month when we are going on the bus trip for Homecoming Weekend.

This brings me to the act of giving. We all know that we have made the commitment to support OUR HOUSE because WE CARE. I implore all of the units of this Association to hold fundraisers and whatever else we can do to support this cause.

At the International Convention in Tampa, The Loyal Order of Moose and the Salvation Army signed a Statement of Understanding relating to disaster services. Mr. Hale has received a request for volunteers and box trucks to assist the Salvation Army in their "Fill the Truck" partnership with Walmart. He has asked Community Service Chairman Bill Trice to see what he can do and I am asking everyone for your support in a worthwhile endeavor that will look great on your community service report. This event takes place on Dec. 8.

Everyone - DON'T FORGET the upcoming Youth Awareness Student Congresses. The schedule is on the web site.

Supreme Governor James Henderson, Sr. will be in our Association from October 11-14. The schedule is on the web site. Make every effort to come out and meet and greet and welcome him to our Association.

Those of you who still need Officers' Training, Brother Bryan Shepherd has set up more training. The schedule is on the web site. You must have the training by Nov. 1.

Last but not least, come and join us for the John Lyons Scholarship Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground on October 6, 2012. Registration is at Noon and shotgun start is at one P.M. Prizes and the dinner will follow at Aberdeen Moose Family Center. Cost is \$65 per person.



Fraternally yours,
Thomas F. Bowman
President



A Convention is a group of men who individually can do nothing, but as a group can meet and decide that nothing can be done.

Anon.

Happenings around the Association

Valor Awards 2012



On June 22, 2012, Westminster Lodge 1381 held its annual Valor Awards Ceremony to honor outstanding Law Enforcement Agency and Fire Service Personnel serving citizens of Carroll County, MD. In the photo to the right Tommy Moose were given to Police Departments and Fire Companies. In the photo are Len Sprinkle, Valor Awards Chairman; Marvin Hollinger, Westminster Fire Company; Det. Sgt. Robert Stryjewski, MD State Police, Westminster Barrack; Cpt. Nancy



Yeager, Westminster Police Dept.; Major Thomas Long, Carroll Co. Sheriff's Office and Asst. Chief James Love, Reese Fire Company.

In the photo to the left, Det. Sgt. Robert Stryjewski accepted the Westminster Moose Law Enforcement Award for Sr. Trooper Frank Fornoff from Governor Junior Fisher. In the photo on the right, the Emergency Medical Team of the Westminster Fire Company received the Westminster Moose Fire Service Valor Award. Pictured from the left to right:

FF/EMT-B Mikel Hess, FF/EMT-P Robin Chenowith, FF/EMT-P William Brehm and Gov. Junior Fisher. In the photo to the right are Junior Fisher, Governor; Bob Reider, Jr. Governor; Stan Windsor, Administrator and Charlie Fogle, Treasurer of Westminster Moose FC 1381.



At the Convention in Hunt Valley, awards were presented on behalf of the MD-DE-DC Moose Association. The Law Enforcement Officer Valor Award was presented to Sr. Trooper Frank Fornoff of the Westminster State Police Barrack. Trooper Fornoff served 438 warrants, the 2nd highest in MD. He also is a member of the Westminster Fire Dept. and served with Safe Haven Homeless Shelter. The Firefighter Valor Award was presented posthumously to the daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly & Neill Beswick, of Deputy Engineer William Earl Shughart of the La Plata Volunteer Fire Dept. His expert abilities were called upon to help in special occasions to include the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho for fires burning over 504,044 acres, US Embassy bombing in Nairobi, Kenya, earthquakes in Turkey & Taiwan, our own US Pentagon on 9-11-01. Earl also earned "the Medal of Honor" for helping save 2 people trapped in a well in 1993. This is the highest Medal the Fire Department presents.



Happenings around the Association



Pool Night at Williamsport

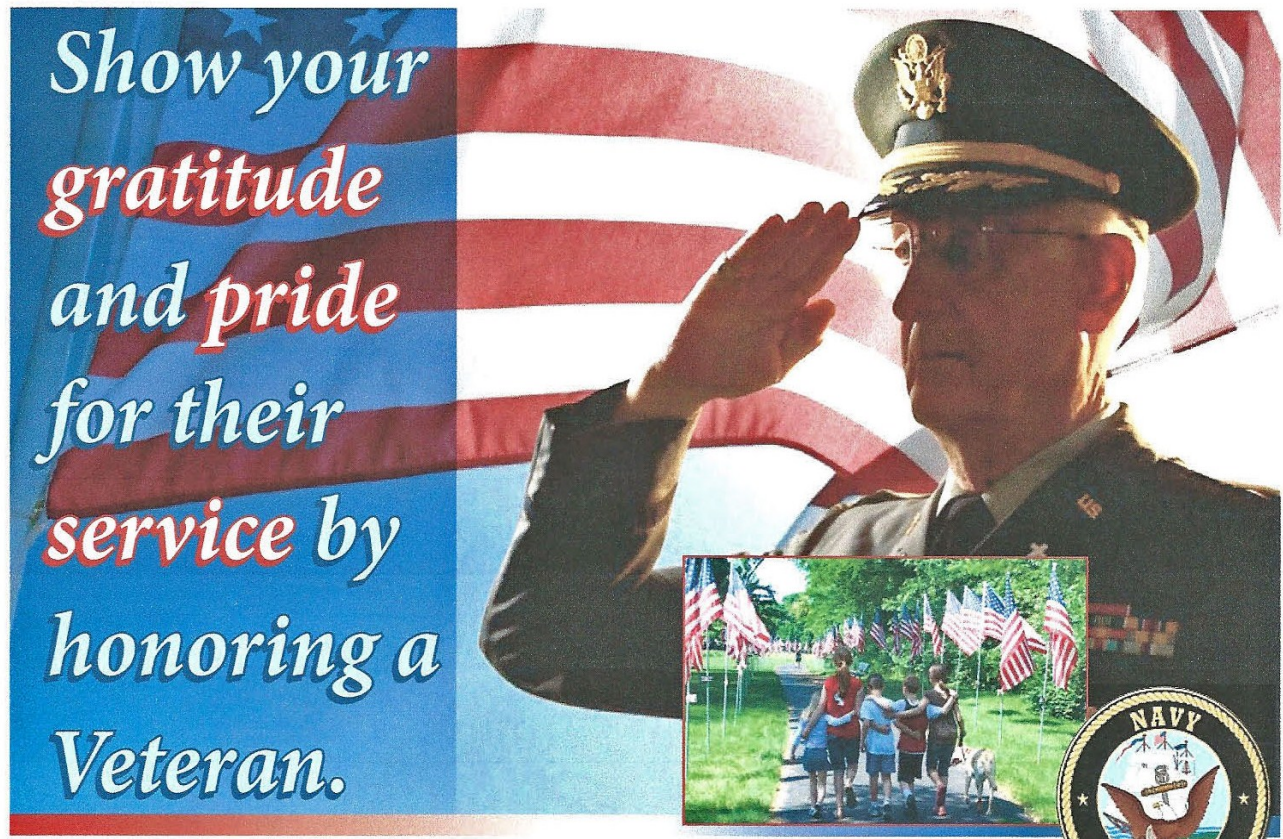


Crab Feast at Cambridge Lodge 1211



On Sept. 15th, Cambridge had a crab feast for the benefit of "Our House". Though the crowd was a bit small, the crabs were good! There were 7 lodges represented, and all had a good time beating on the shells to get the prize of crabmeat out. The bartender, Donna, advertised the crab company on the back of her shirt. Tracy spun the wheel for winners to choose a cake, and the chairmen, Governor Buddy Lowe and Danny Foster kept the crabs coming! They also had hot dogs, hamburgers and corn for the landlubbers. Latecomer Bill Highberger got right into his pile of crabs. He was held up with a heavy traffic day at the Bay Bridge. 6th District President Don Shelnut really enjoyed the corn!

Honoring our Veterans at Mooseheart



Show your
gratitude
 and *pride*
 for their
service by
 honoring a
Veteran.

Mooseheart's Veterans' Walk, opening in May 2012, will be a walkway tribute to men and women who serve and have served our country through military duty. It is a personal "thank you for your service" to family members, friends or fellow Moose members who have served so proudly and bravely. The Veterans' Walk is for all veterans, not just those who are deceased or who served during wartime. Flags can be purchased as a remembrance or a honorary gift.

Mooseheart's NJROTC unit has complete responsibility of the flag walk. Cadets will assemble and set in place your gift of an American flag and engraved name plate each Memorial Day Weekend in May and week of Veterans Day in November. American flags will line the sidewalks leading from Centennial Plaza to the House of God. Members and guests are welcome to walk through the Veterans' Walk between 9am- 5pm each day that the American flags are displayed.



Please complete the application form below and return it along with your donation. We appreciate your gift, as our NJROTC cadets honor our military veterans. Remember, every flag honors a Veteran!

PLEASE DETACH HERE

Please print clearly the information to be engraved on recognition plate attached to the American Flag Pole.

My \$100 donation to the Mooseheart's Veterans' Walk is in: Honor of *or* Memory of

Name of Veteran: _____ Branch of Military Service: _____

War or Conflict Served During (*may not apply*): _____

Your Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Check (*Enclosed*) Number: _____

Credit Card Name: _____ CC Number: _____

3-Digit CC Security Code: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

Return to: Moose Charities, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, Illinois 60539-1173
Questions? Call us at (630)906-3601 or visit www.mooseheart.org.

Give the Gift of Life - Donate Blood!!



**Cold Hands,
Warm Hearts**

Donate Blood.



It may be chilly outside, but when you donate blood, you help to warm someone's heart. We invite you to brave the cold this season and join us at the blood drive below:

Please call 800-RedCross to schedule
your life-saving donation!

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For more information, or to schedule an appointment to donate,
please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org

Delmarva Blood Bank Locations:

Wilmington, DE - 913 N. Market St.
Newark, DE - 100 Hygeia Dr.
Dover, DE - 221 Saulsbury Rd.
Salisbury, MD - 1309 Mt. Hermon Rd.

Baltimore & Washington, DC

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

Two Mischievous Boys

Two little boys, ages 8 and 10, are excessively mischievous.

They are always getting into trouble and their parents know if any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved.

The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys.

The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually.

The mother sent the 8 year old in the morning, with the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon.

The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, Son?"



The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open.

So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer.

The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and belted, "WHERE IS GOD?!"

The boy screamed & bolted from the room, ran directly home & dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened!"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time! GOD is missing, and they thing WE did it!"

5 Top Chapters in MD-DE-DC



Congratulations!

First Place Chapter
Dundalk 97
Jackie LeVee JGR



Second Place Chapter
Annapolis 661
Catherine Brantley JGR



Third Place Chapter
New Castle 1418
Rita Skinner JGR



Fourth Place Chapter
Harrington 1229
Virginia Richard-Hitchens JGR



Fifth Place Chapter
Lower Eastern Shore 2089
Represented by Virginia Sprinkle

Deputy Grand Regent Beatrice Megee



Hello Co-Workers:

Fall is in the air. Along with the Fall season arriving, it is time to plan and promote Christmas in October and the Cradle Fund project. It is imperative that you support the collection of the Endowment Fund in the Chapter. To supplement the nine o'clock ceremony, the Chapter should have fundraisers, such as raffles, earmarked for the Endowment Fund. Just remember, the residents at Mooseheart and Moosehaven are depending upon us for their futures.

Also, we need to support, on a continuous basis, the raising of monies for the MD-DE-DC House at Mooseheart. Our entire Association needs to work together to help meet the \$120,000 goal. This money goes for the operation of our home during each fiscal year. The home bears our Association's name, thus our Association should take pride and continuously support our home in lieu of being assigned to raise funds for another capital project at Mooseheart. Remember, our boys who reside there are counting upon us for support. If you get a chance, go see and tour Mooseheart and Moosehaven; both places will definitely touch your heart, make you a believer in our mission and purpose, and will instill in your minds as to what this fraternity is all about. I believe that we as members forget what our purpose is - Mooseheart, Moosehaven and helping our communities where we reside.

We need to constantly support our membership recruitment programs. We cannot survive without membership. When we obtain new members, we need to get them involved within our Chapters. Getting them involved will give them a purpose to want to come back often. Remember, if each member did a little, no member would have to be doing a lot which will definitely lead to the burnout of a co-worker. If a Chapter needs help with a project, make that telephone call to a co-worker and ask her to help with that project. This will make the co-worker feel wanted and needed. We are a Moose Family and we need to work together with the women of the Chapter and also with the Loyal Order of Moose.

Thank you and God Bless You.



Faternally,
Beatrice Megee
Deputy Grand Regent



Congrats to the 2012 Green Cap Recipients



Our new Green Caps are:

Sandy Albert - Elkton
Catherine Brantley - Annapolis
Amy Brannbr - Wheaton
Denise Brown - Camden/Wyoming
Barbara Hildebrand - Frederick
Jackie Levee - Dundalk
Mary Lou Malinis - Glen Burnie
Virginia Richard-Hitchens -
Harrington
Terry Rogers - East Sussex
Rita Skinner - New Castle
Karen Solomon - Westminster
**Best Wishes as you move on
to your College Degree!!**

Pilgrim Robings 2012



Richard B. Thompson
Annapolis Lodge 296

William E. Males
Mechanicsville Lodge 495



Harry M. McGray
Harrington Lodge 534



Frank J. Courtney
Silver Spring Lodge 658



Assistant Regional Manager - Ernest E. Megee, III

As most of you know, one of the most important continuous programs in our lodges is increasing membership and maintaining a lower than ten percent arrearage in our lodges. It takes many activities, much effort, and time to prevent our numbers from falling. Thus the reason for each individual lodge to have a membership chairman and committee to help the Governor and Administrator to reach the goals assigned to our lodges and to promote the various membership campaigns offered to help us to reach those goals.

However, there is currently another matter that is so important to our lodges that should be given our immediate support. This important matter is the training of our lodge officers. The lodge, even though it is operated through many unpaid volunteers, must be operated as a business in order for it to survive. Thus it is imperative that all officers avail themselves to continuing education to enable for them to become proficient in helping the lodge to become a profit center for supporting our efforts at Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and in our surrounding communities.

As I recently stated at a district meeting, the required training is something that our Chapter coworkers have had to go through for many, many years. Yes, it may be an inconvenience at times, however, they are not openly complaining about this requirement. Perhaps this is the real reason why the Chapters are so well organized and attuned to the policies that is helping them to be so successful in supporting the lodge, Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our communities.

Beginning this fiscal year the lodge officers are now required to attend these continuing education training sessions. These sessions are also open to any lodge member that wants to attend and is interested enough to learn about our policies, The General Laws, and how the lodge is to profitably operate. In the past, even though the officer training sessions were offered, the required attendance was not enforced. Now Moose International is enforcing the attendance policy for all officers to attend these very beneficial training sessions. Those officers that have not attended one of the lodge officers training sessions will have through October 31, 2012 to meet this requirement.

Let me just mention what the impact could be if the lodge officers do not attend one of these training sessions that will qualify the lodge officer for a period of three years. First of all, if any lodge officer did not attend one of the training sessions before the November 01, 2012 drop dead date, he will receive notification from the General Governor advising that he is being removed from office. If that happens, the officer that is removed will not be able to run for an officer or be ap-

pointed as an officer for a period of three years per The General Laws. Secondly if a group of officers in a lodge receive the officer removal notification from the General Governor for not complying with the officer training requirement, then there will more than likely be a lack of a quorum for officers, general membership, and House Committee meetings. If that is the case, then the lodge Social Quarters permit could be suspended. In other words, the Social Quarters would be closed for business which could result in a loss of much needed revenues even though the electrical, gas, etc. expenses would continue. If it reaches this point, the lodge will not be able to schedule a training session just to suit its individual needs. The lodge officers will have to wait until the next scheduled officer training session which could be one, two, or several months away. As you can realize and see, there could be a very serious consequence just because an officer or officers would not help the lodge to comply with the officer training requirements.

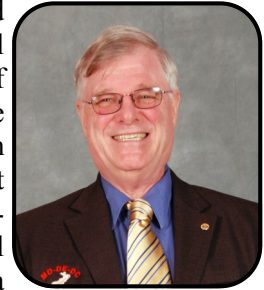
Fortunately our Association is trying to help those officers that need to take this training. There are two more training sessions scheduled before the November 01, 2012 deadline set by Moose International. The first session will be held at Sparrows Point/Dundalk Moose Family Center on September 22, 2012. The registration deadline of September 05, 2012 has passed but you can contact our Association's Leadership Training Chairman Bryan Shepherd for attendance details. The second session will be held at Annapolis Moose Family Center on October 20, 2012. The registration deadline is October 03, 2012, again contact Bryan Shepherd for details.

As you can see, this is a very, very serious concern. Please do your lodge and our Association a big favor, if you have not attended an officer training session since 2010, please make the necessary arrangements to attend one of these two remaining sessions. **YOU MIGHT JUST LEARN SOMETHING** as these sessions are not boring and are chocked full of very, very useful information.

HEARD OF THE MOOSE?



Fraternally,
Ernest E. Megee, III
Assistant Regional Manager
MD-DE-DC Moose Association



Youth Awareness Program

As most of you know, we have changed the format of the Youth Awareness Program this fiscal year. We will be having six Youth Awareness Student Congresses; one for each District in our Association. It is the feeling that we will have more student participation as the congresses will be more localized in lieu of having to travel great distances to attend a one day meeting. The District Presidents have made arrangements for the locations of the Saturday events and will obtain the two guest speakers for the student congresses. It will be the Lodge Coordinator's responsibility to obtain the two students from their local high school jurisdictions to represent their lodge to attend the student congresses. The high school students must be either freshman, sophomore, junior or a senior. The student congresses begin with an 8:00 AM registration along with breakfast snacks. The guest speakers will begin at 9:00 AM and last until the 12:00 PM break for lunch that is provided by the host lodge. After lunch, the students convene for the students barnstorming session. However, the adults cannot attend this session. The congress is normally adjourned around 3:00 PM.

Our Youth Awareness Student Congresses will be held:

- October 13, 2012 - 6th District at Elkton Moose Family Center
- October 20, 2012 - 5th District at Laurel Moose Family Center
- October 27, 2012 - 3rd and 4th Districts at Sparrows Point/Dundalk Moose Family Center
- November 3, 2012 - 2nd District at Williamsport Town Community Center
- November 10, 2012 - 1st District at Patuxent Moose Family Center
- November 17, 2012 - 7th District at Milford Moose Family Center

It should be noted that if a lodge has an interested student who wants to attend the Student Congress, but has another commitment on the Saturday that a particular district is holding their student congress, he or she can attend one of the other scheduled meetings in another district. The lodge and student will still receive credit for attending. The more students that we have in making contact with four to nine year old children, the more successful our program will be.

If there are any questions, please contact Pat Cihak or me. Thank you for your participation in this very, very worthwhile program. Our Fraternity's goal is to reach 100,000 four to nine year old children this fiscal year. Can your lodge help put your community's youth on a path to healthy living? Can your lodge implement or continue the Kids' Talk Program? For the sake of our youth and our next generation of leaders, the answer must be YES!! Thank you for your cooperation.

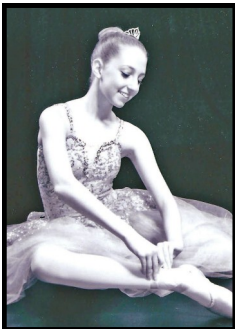
You can contact Pat Cihak at 410-687-9234, or me at 302-856-3020.

Fraternally,
Ernest E. Megee, III



Proud Moose Members' Grandchildren

Sierra Plath is the 14 year old granddaughter of Barbara Stepp of New Castle Chapter #1418. Her mother, BJ Plath, is also a member of New Castle Chapter. Sierra is a member of The Anna Marie Dance Studio and has been selected to represent Delaware with the dance studio at The Dance Excellence International Dance Festival in Los Angeles, California - March 30 to April 6, 2013. The dancers will also perform at Disneyland. Due to the expense of such a trip, the dancers are seeking sponsors to help defray the costs. Sierra is also an Honor Roll Student. We wish Sierra a successful trip to California.



Reba DeNeale is the granddaughter of Lee & Kaye Huston. She is the little gal who played the tuba in the marching band at her high school before she was even in high school. Reba is now 17 years old and a senior, an honor student and an Ensign in the JNROTC (Jr. Navy ROTC). She is now a member of that marching band, still playing the tuba, and has participated in the "Tuba Christmas" concert on Solomons Island since she was 12 years old. Reba participated in the presentation of the colors at Patuxent #2393 on Memorial Day. We wish Reba the best in her endeavors.



More Bowling for "Our House"

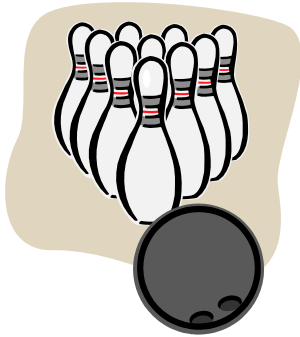
BOWLING TOURNAMENT FUND-RAISER **for the MD-DE-DC House at Mooseheart**

5 Person Teams, Single & Doubles Events
\$20 per person per event (3 games) plus shoe rental

NO AVERAGE NEEDED

PARKVILLE LANES

Harford Rd and Taylor Avenue
(Parkville Shopping Center)



DUCK PINS

OCTOBER 7, 2012
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



CONTACT: SARAH LENTZ
621 Aldworth Rd, Baltimore, MD 21222
Home - 410-288-2687
Cell - 443-842-1869
SPORTYSARAH@COMCAST.NET

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BOWL, WE WILL ACCEPT DONATIONS.
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
MD-DE-DC MOOSE ASSOCIATION

If you like to bowl, please plan to attend this fund-raiser. We only had 4 Chapters and Lodges represented at the July event, so it would be great to have more people involved. Many thanks to District 3 for supporting this event.
Fraternally, Sarah Lentz

John Lyons Scholarship Golf Tournament

John Lyons Scholarship Golf Tournament

October 6, 2012 - Register Time 12 PM - Start Time 1 PM
Ruggles Golf Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, MD

Come one, come all (Guys & Gals) for FUN, FOOD, PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIP
Help support the John Lyons Scholarship Fund. Aberdeen Lodge will supply the meal after the tournament. It's just a short ride from the course.

Cost: \$65.00 per player, \$260.00 for a foursome
Prizes awarded for Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Closest to the Center Line and, of course, the Winning Team. Door Prizes, Wheels, 50/50's will be at Aberdeen Lodge for the benefit of the MD-DE-DC House.

Great way to support 2 worthwhile programs at the same time!!
Mulligans will also be available.

Registration Form for Players:

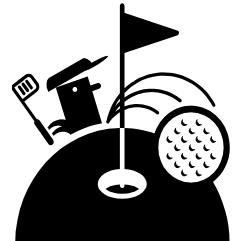


Player #1: _____

Player #2: _____

Player #3: _____

Player #4: _____



We need at least 18 hole sponsors and approximately 36 cart sponsors,
as well as, prize sponsors:

___ Hole - \$100 ___ Cart - \$50 ___ Hole in One \$100 ___ Longest Drive \$100
___ Closest to the Pin \$50 ___ Closest to the Center Line \$50

Name: _____
Individual, Moose Group or Business

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____




Checks to be Payable to "MD-DE-DC Moose Association"
Send Registration and Sponsor Forms (by September 28th) to:
John Krass, 1109 N Stepney Rd, Aberdeen MD 21001
Phone: 443-243-5561

Let's Keep John's memory alive!!!

John Lyons Memorial Golf Tournament in May



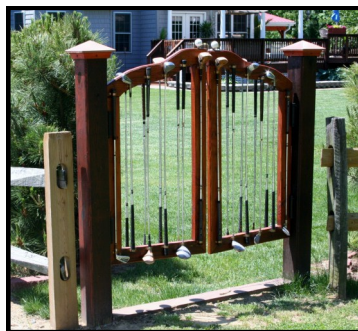
MD-DE-DC Moose Association
John Lyons Scholarship Golf Tournament
May 19, 2012

Hole #2 sponsored by
Bud & Rita Skinner



A C-5 flew over
approaching
Dover Air Force Base.



These are a few of the many teams who played in this tournament. It was very successful and we had more than a few spectators as you can see above on the left. The teams were careful not to disturb the two families of geese crossing the greens. Look for photos of the October tournament in the next issue of the Communicator.

Moose International Sports Events for 2013

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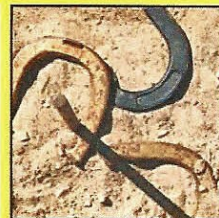
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INTERNATIONAL MOOSE SPORTS TOURNAMENTS



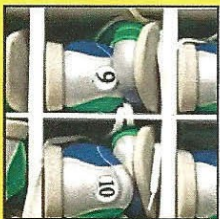
POKER

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament
Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV
January 6 - 10, 2013



HORSESHOES

Men's/Women's Horseshoes
Taylor Township, MI Lodge 887
July 19 - 21, 2013



BOWLING

Men's/Women's/Mixed Bowling
Aurora, IL
April 6 - May 19, 2013



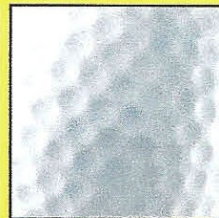
SOFTBALL

Men's/Women's Softball
Aurora, IL
July 26 - 28, 2013



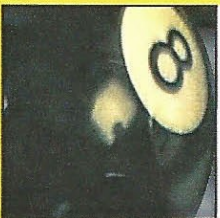
DARTS

Men's/Women's Darts
Belleville, MI Lodge 934
April 19 - 21, 2013



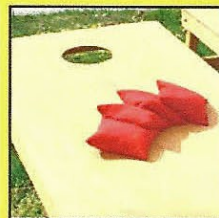
GOLF

Men's/Women's/Mixed Golf
Aurora, IL
August 2 - 4, 2013



POOL

Men's/Women's Pool
Elkhart, IN Lodge 599
June 19 - 21, 2013



CORNHOLE

Men's/Women's Cornhole
To Be Determined

Please visit the Moose International website
www.mooseintl.org/portal/Sports/sport.asp
for additional information on these events
— or call Membership at (630)966-2218.

Deputy Supreme Gov. John J. Cihak



Hello everyone. Here we are beginning the 80th year of our Association. Let's all do our best to make it the best year ever. There are so many things we can do to make this year more successful than before.

SUCH AS:

Every Lodge turning in their required reports ON TIME, which includes Moose, Rookie and Moose Legionnaire of the Year.

Reporting one, (preferably more) applications each month. Don't forget to enroll them.

Having at least one high school student at the Youth Awareness Congress and at least one student submitted for the R. Robert Dale Scholarship.

All officers trained.

One law enforcement officer and/or fire fighter/EMT person submitted for the Valor Program.

Making sure we talk to as many people as possible, so we know they have **"HEARD OF MOOSE!!"**

I am sure I probably missed something, so, you can add what was missed to the list. None of the above is really difficult or impossible; so let's all give 100% and make everyone even more proud to be a member of the Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia Moose Association.

Supreme Governor Jim Henderson will be in our Association from October 11th through the 15th. The visitation schedule appears on the front cover of the "Communicator" and on the Association website. (www.mdmoose.org) Many thanks to Brother Ron Sweetman who so generously volunteered to take care of Brother Henderson on his one day extended stay and taking him to the airport on the 16th. Brother Ron is hoping to make 1 or 2 short visits with the Supreme Governor on the 15th of October. Again, thank you Ron.

That's it for now. Looking forward to seeing many of you on the Homecoming Bus next week. **We will have fun!!!! and the Red Ramblers will WIN!!!**

Fraternally,

John J. Cihak

Deputy Supreme Governor

Crab Feast at Mechanicsville Moose FC #495



Crab Feast
October 6, 2012
1 to 5 PM



Entertainment - 4 til 8 PM

\$25 in advance - \$30 at the door

A.Y.C.E. Crabs - Fried Chicken, Sides, Draft Beer

Only 200 tickets available

All Proceeds go to Charity

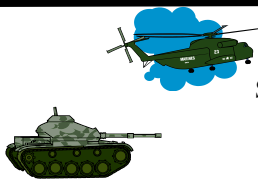
Government Relations by Bessie Staab-Hickman

Open Letter to a Legislator - "Heard of Moose?"

You have probably seen logos and signs on property or buildings in your area, passed by without knowing what really transpires inside where we proudly display "Moose Family Center". Contrary to what some believe we are not a "watering hole". We ARE a Not-For-Profit Fraternity. Inside those walls are men and women who come from all walks of life with varied talents and employment. In there they carry out projects they have planned for community service, youth programs in the form of scholarships, children's parties for the holidays, providing school supplies, drives to assist with food banks and clothing, participating in wounded warriors, operation up-link, snowball express (counseling for children who have lost a parent in combat), boots on the ground plus all the donations to veteran's hospitals in time and "Goodies". Participating in recycling programs, marking storm drains, volunteering in hospitals, schools, voting polls, animal shelters, assisting seniors with food, heat, transportation, shopping and other work they find difficult. Volunteering in fire departments, stepping up with assistance in times of local or national disaster. Our involvements in our communities are too many to itemize. Let's just say we are a "go to" place when assistance is needed. We willingly share our time, talent and resources in our respective communities. Our primary goal is continued support of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Mooseheart is our child city located outside of Chicago. We have a Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia House (one of many on the campus) many of the children there are from this area. We house, clothe, feed and educate children who have no other resources or chance of a decent life. Ages range from weeks to High School. Sixteen young men and women graduated from our high school last June. Moosehaven is our retirement home in Florida where after some years of service our seniors have a safe haven. We could go on for hours giving you information about our residents and children. Why are we giving you all this information? In order to continue all our projects we need income. To obtain this income we must have fund raisers in the form of Bingo Games, Raffles, Casino Nights, video machines, and ticket machines, how can you help? Many of the non-profit or gaming laws have had little or no changes in years. It would be easier if we could apply for a yearly license for our regular bingo instead of just three months, consolidating or editing the amount of paperwork needed for events, getting the licenses to us in a timely manner so that we can advertise (sometimes they do not arrive until a few days prior to the event), allowing us to redeem in cash (legalize or authorize) with guidelines as do some of our neighboring states, instead of merchandise on our video machines. We know the casinos are lobbying very hard to have some of the machines removed, however, it is large part of our income but it would hardly make a dent in theirs. Without this income it will surely curtail money we have at our disposal for our programs, without our donations you may have to limit or curtail some of your programs. We are asking for your assistance by introducing a bill or amendment that will be user friendly so we may continue or increase our monetary participation. Last but not least, inside those walls you will find families, couples, singles, sharing time, entertainment, or dinner. Many times those dinners are to raise funds so that others lives may be improved. Next time you pass by take the time to stop in, spend some time and share some views.



Bessie Staab-Hickman



Let's Say Thanks!!!!

Send a postcard to one of our members of the US military by logging onto

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!!!**

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

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New 25 Club Honorees



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

25 Club Members

25 Division

Jaclyn F. McVey 347
Mary Lou Malinia 1176
Russ Robinson, Jr. 2462
Steven Sechrist 1578
Richard W. Young 495

75 Division

Charles Neal 70

100 Division

Patricia F. Cihak 97
Ruth F. Seitler 897

50 Division

Margaret Kralic 97
Margaret Lee Miles 1229

125 Division

Ray P. Harding, Jr. 2393

Mooseheart Centennial Watch

Mary Lou Malinis 1176
Donald Shelnut 1578

50 Year Members

Gloria Hill 1227
Dorothy P. Smith 1227



Congratulations to all!!

Lodge Operations Analysts for MD-DE-DC

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John J. Krass, III	jjkkkrass3@comcast.net	443-243-5561
John Kitchen	Jwkitchen64@gmail.com	443-309-4538
William A. Highberger	whighberger1@netzero.com	410-923-3760

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

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

News from the District Presidents

District 1 - Robert L. Hall, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,



I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Moose members who went to The MD-DE-DC Moose Association Annual Convention in Hunt Valley. It was a pleasure meeting Patricia Walker from the WOTM, Shawn Baile, Director of Membership and F. Ross Fleet, Past Supreme Governor who is the Director of Admissions for Moosehaven in Florida. Jennifer and I were traveling to Florida for three weeks and along the way she said "let's stop by and see your future home" and I said, "Where is that?" Her reply "Moosehaven". So we stopped by on our way and just as everyone who has been there have said "WOW what a place". We had such a good time. Jennifer met her chapter's Sunshine Grandparent Diane

Temple. We will be returning.....

"Heard of Moose?" It is our responsibility to make sure that everyone in our families, everyone in our workplaces and everyone in our communities have heard of the amazing things for which our fraternity is responsible. We have heard people say time and time again, particularly our own members that Moose is the greatest story never told. Now we should all be focused on telling that story and in the process of doing so, inviting our friends and relatives to be added to the list of those who can share that story with others. We MUST create some interest and increase our membership. With four months already into the Moose Year we only have eight months to get the job done. If we all work together we can be the Top District. Everyone knows someone who has just turned twenty one years old. Talk to them and let's get them signed up.

Please try to attend at least one of Supreme Governor James Henderson Sr's. visits to MD-DE-DC. The schedule is as follows: October 11th, Salisbury Lodge #654 October 12th, Camden Wyoming #203, Lunch, Milford Lodge #2316, Visit Harrington Lodge #534, Meet & Greet. October 13th, East Sussex Lodge #2542, Lunch, Seaford Lodge#1728, Meet & Greet and October 14th, New Castle Lodge #1578, Lunch. You can view this from our Association web site at: www.mdmoose.org.

It has been an extreme pleasure to serve the members of this District, and I look forward for another year in serving you. There are so many unsung heroes in our 1st District who do amazing things for the Moose. Once again, I thank all of you for the respect and assistance as well as your attendance at our meetings during the past year. I presented a Certificate of Appreciation at our last District Meeting on September 6th for outstanding performance and lasting contribution to our District and for helping me the past year. The certificates were presented to: Millie Johnson, Gilberta Williams, Debbie Bayer and Larry Dean for all the help you have given not only me but our District.

MD-DE-DC Moose Association 8th Annual Shining Star Award in Hunt Valley: 1st District Awards awarded to the following: Top Community Service Chapter Nominees: Marlboro Chapter #1350, Top Community Service LOOM, Waldorf Moose F.C. and Top District President, Robert L. Hall District 1. Congratulations to all on their outstanding achievement. *Fraternally, Robert L. Hall*

District 2 - Russ Robinson, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS!!!!!!

Hope all of you have had a great summer, and that this message finds all of you in good health. Yes, I AM BACK.....lol District 2 is reorganizing, and we are readying the next board. The 2nd District is very proud to accept the Shining Star Award for District President & District !!!! Speaking for myself, I could never do it all by myself, with great pleasure I would like to THANK all the Governors, and Administrators, office help, and members of my District, who made this happen!!!!

Enough said, look out - Fall is closing in on us, everyone is readying their lodge for regular well known events, and introducing new ones. The only way to spread the word " Heard of Moose" is to still create interest and to have something to tell all of our new members and their guests. So, if you have not already approached an officer with a new idea, or go to a membership meeting, and express interest in how your lodge runs and works!!!

Fraternally, Russ Robinson



WHO'S HOUSE???? OUR HOUSE!!!! WHY???? BECAUSE WE CARE!!!!

News from the District Presidents

District 3 - Richard D. McDermott, President

To the Brothers and Co-Workers of the 3rd District:

As the new incoming District President, the Board and I are looking forward to working with each lodge in the Mighty 3rd District to build and strengthen membership, promote fraternalism and set forth goals so that we may continue to support our Child City at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven. We as a district must come together as one in order to achieve our goals. "Heard of Moose" has been launched as our new membership campaign, so let's encourage each other to foster enthusiasm for this program and challenge each other daily to make this a successful venture.



We must grow strong in our retention and reach out to brothers and co-workers who may have just forgotten to pay their dues. A friendly reminder via mail or just by telephone could net positive results and help maintain membership within our lodges and chapters. Remember, by sponsoring 2 members within the current campaign your next year's dues are paid.

We have been bestowed with a wonderful opportunity to support our MD-DE-DC home and we are asking each lodge and chapter to develop ideas and set goals in order to obtain the necessary funding for "OUR HOUSE".

Fraternally, Dean McDermott

District 4 - James Beyer, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

I feel honored and excited to be back as District 4 president. Our main focus this year will be on membership and our moose charities. Our main drive will be on supporting our MD-DE-DC house, and increasing our active membership in all of our lodges. Looking forward to working with all you, and if you ever need to contact me feel free to do so at 410-259-5948.

Fraternally, Jim Beyer

District 5 - Michael Boris, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

Where did it go???...Summer? I hope everyone had a great time at Hunt Valley. Both of the OV's were great! Anyone find a gavel lately?? For those of you who weren't there, the convention was great - I'm already looking forward to Ocean City in February.

The holidays will be upon us before you can say Moose. I hope all the lodges are planning holiday events open to the public - "Heard of Moose?". Let's let our communities know what we are all about and our great benefits, and sign some new members.

Lodges, we are in a new year. Make sure you get your reports in to the district, the Association and Moose International. Remember, Lodge reports are due by the 15th of each month.

Keep in mind Our House (MD-DE-DC House at Mooseheart) is an ongoing project. The kids really do appreciate all that we do. Let's not let them down - WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL!!!!

Membership, membership, membership - sign 2 members and your next year's dues are free!!

Support your Moose Legion. If you're not a member, it's easier than even to join. Ask any legionnaire - and it's fun!

If you are having problems, your local OA's are there to help - don't be afraid to call your Deputy Regional Manager and let him know you need some help. He will send an OA to assist in whatever your problems may be.

There have been some changes at both the Association level and at Moose International. If you aren't aware of them yet, please contact a district officer or an Association officer.

Any questions for me - check the website. See you at the meeting!!

Fraternally, Mike Boris

News from the District Presidents

District 6 - Donald Shelnett, President

It is my pleasure to have been installed as the new District 6 President for the ensuing year. I look forward to working with our 5 district lodges to make our district the best this year.

One major problem we need to work on is membership retention. Make this a priority in your lodges and chapters by asking higher degree members to help calling the delinquent members – a personal phone call might go a long way to help bring them back. Give it a try and see what happens. It just might help your lodge or chapter finish the year successfully.

Our district had a good year in 2011-2012 and I hope for a better year in 2012-2013. I am looking forward to working with the other district presidents and Association officers to make our Association one of the best in the Fraternity



Fraternally, Don Shelnett

District 7 - Larry Clark, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

Thank you for electing me to be your 7th District President for the coming year. With the help of all the Lodges and Chapters we will continue to make the 7th District the best in this Association.

“HEARD OF MOOSE” This is the new International membership campaign theme for the year. With your help the word will get out and when asked HEARD OF MOOSE the answer will be YES. By telling the story of the MOOSE you will get people to join and with that, if you sign two new or former members your dues are free for the next year. If you do this year after year you will NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN.

If you will help your Lodge with activities then their calendars will be fuller and everyone will be at your Lodge. That will bring in more money to do more things for your members and your community.

All of our Lodges have a membership quota for the year. If we think of getting it with the power of one, get one new, one re-enroll, and end the year with one more than last year. The Association is down in membership and it was at 22,446 as of the convention. We need to try to get this number to go in the other direction. All of our Lodges and Chapters need to start looking at the arrearage list on a monthly basis - a call may bring them back.

Fraternally, Larry Clark



District #6 Installation of Officers and Chairmen



District #1 Installation of Officers



Gone, but not Forgotten

John T. Ritko, Jr.

Member of Dundalk Lodge
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit



Charles Ferdock

Member of College Park Lodge
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit

Earl Sage

Member of Mechanicsville Lodge
Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor



Reiner Eckenbrecht

Member of Camden-Wyoming Lodge
Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor

Marian Aubertin

Member of Wheaton Chapter
Held the College of Regents Degree

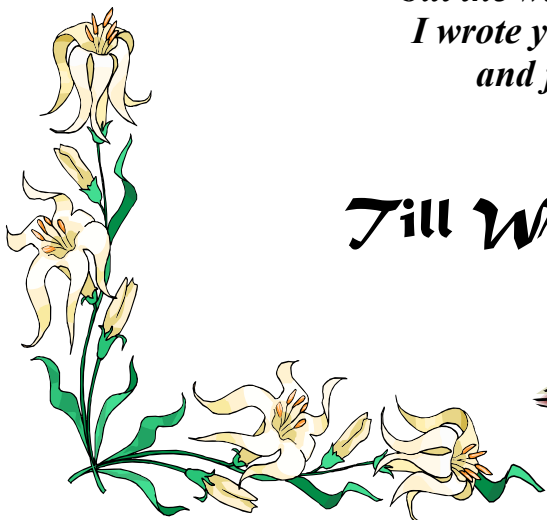


Gladys Bonowicz

Member of Seaford Chapter
Held the College of Regents Degree

*I wrote your name on a piece of paper,
but by accident I threw it away.
I wrote your name on my hand,
but it washed away.
I wrote your name in the sand,
but the waves whispered it away.
I wrote your name in my heart,
and forever it will stay.*

Till We Meet Again



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.

WOTM Members can order the Moose Magazine

Remember—All Moose (Men & Women) Can Get *Moose Magazine!*



Every man belonging to the Loyal Order of Moose automatically receives a subscription to *Moose Magazine*. The \$2 subscription price, paid as a portion of membership dues, roughly represents the true cost of editing, producing and mailing him the four annual issues of the Magazine.

And, for most of the nearly 500,000 members of the Women of the Moose who are married to (or live in the same household as) a male member, this also constitutes her issue of the magazine.

But what if you're one of the many Women of the Moose members who, for whatever reason, do not share a household with a male Moose member? You don't automatically receive a copy, because we do not burden our women's organization by removing the same \$2 subscription amount out of your lesser-amount dues.

So here's the solution: Any Women of the Moose member in good standing may purchase a \$10 Lifetime Subscription to *Moose Magazine*. Simply clip and fill out the coupon below and mail with a check, money order, or credit card number for \$10 to:

**WOTM Lifetime Subscription
Moose International
Department of Communications & Public Affairs
Mooseheart, IL 60539-1174**

Your name will then be entered on the subscription list for the rest of your life. Your subscription will be terminated only if you drop your Women of the Moose membership, or if you move without leaving a forwarding address.



Yes, please sign me up for my Women of the Moose Lifetime Subscription to *Moose Magazine*.
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Travels with the Moose

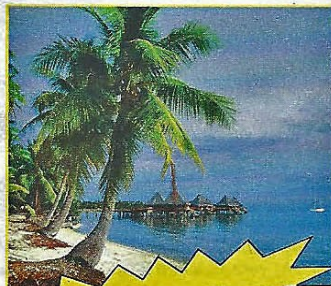
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Ask about our mini-suites!

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Imagine you're relaxing on a turquoise sea, the sunshine and waves gently washing over you. The sounds of steel drums float on the Caribbean breeze, while the fresh smell of the sea mixes with the delicious scent of a tropical meal prepared just for you. All of your worries and stress dissolve into the beautiful blue depths as a friendly waiter offers you a fruity refreshment. This must be paradise, you think to yourself.

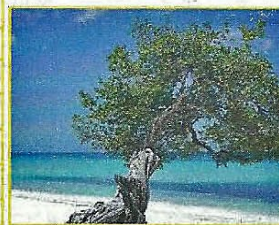
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		1st/2nd	3rd/4th
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7 Day Southern Caribbean *Itinerary subject to change.

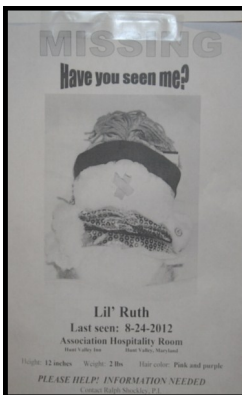
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Memories of Hunt Valley 2012



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Chapter 2089

Top Endowment Fund Lodge

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Moose FC 2046

Top Chapter of the Year

Dundalk 97
Jackie LeVee JGR

Top Lodge of the Year

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District 2
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Congratulations to All the Winners!!!

Congratulations to Patricia McMullen

Congratulations to Co-Worker Patricia McMullen from East Sussex Chapter as she has been chosen to be a part of the Academy of Friendship Conferral Staff at the International Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 2013. Pat is also a member of the College of Regents and has received her Star Recorder Degree. Best Wishes in being chosen for this great honor.



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A message from Past Grand Regent Libby

Hello Co-Workers,

Well, our very own Annual Conference is over and what a great time was had by all! For those of you who weren't able to attend, once again we had a challenge with our lodge brothers for Moose Charities which went towards the MD-DE-DC Home, thanks to Ruth McFall. AND, yes – again the WOTM came out on top. Our Lodge brothers worked just as hard as we did, they even sold their tickets at a higher price than we did. The hamsters (which the men claimed were muskrats) were a great asset this year. Our brothers raised \$1,257.00 and WE raised \$1,260.00. OH, what \$3.00 can do for egos! Oh, and yes, we did get our kidnapped baby hamster back.

Those of you who attended know about the many other items we offered of homemade canning items, candy and baked goods, which brought in \$539.00. We also raffled beautiful pearl jewelry donated again, by Crista Mumford which brought in \$602.00, and of course our share of the 50/50's was \$892.00. We (the WOTM) raised a total of \$3,293.00 for the MD-DE-DC Home and what a great time was shared by all.

As Moose Chairman for MD-DE-DC, is it my purpose to coordinate and promote the fundraising efforts of Moose Charities. I believe in our Fraternity, just as you do. We believe in those children who will have a good life and a good education. And what a great feeling, to know that our senior co-worker who goes to Moosehaven will have a good life, doesn't have to be worried about being home alone – no food on her table OR the possibility of someone breaking into her home to molest or kill her. WE help contribute to their care and a life without worry through your donations to Moose Charities.

The fundraising efforts of Moose Charities Chairman provide these opportunities, and Communications is the Key.

I now have 3 Assistant Chairmen who have volunteered to work with me:

Ruth McFall will be the Assistant Chairman for Fraternal Fundraising for the chapters of our Association, which encompasses our very own MD-DE-DC home at Mooseheart. She shall be promoting fundraising for the WOTM, throughout the chapter year, to help defray the cost of \$120,000 which the MD-DE-DC Association has pledged to support on a yearly basis.

Phyllis Brainard will be the Assistant Chairman for the Endowment Fund. She shall be assisting the chapters with ideas which will increase our Endowment Fund collections and fundraising programs such as the Cradle Fundraiser in October and the "NEW" Rocker Fundraiser which will be held in February.

Joyce Fefel will be the Assistant Chairman for ALL the Mooseheart School Support programs - such as Box Tops, Campbells, Recycling, etc. She



will be sending you info on clipping, saving and collecting, along with fun games to play, while donating your points to Moose Charities, to help Mooseheart School.

I will be working closely with these Assistants. When I receive information from Moose Charities, I will e-mail it to the Assistants who in turn e-mail the District chairman and they are to forward this information on to the Chapter's Moose Charities Chairmen. Please make sure all correspondence received from any of these chairmen is read to the chapter. It will be the same as official communications from Moose International.

Again, Communication **IS** important! The Chapter chairmen are very essential and should be making sure that all the programs for Moose Charities is made available in their newsletters, e-mails and **all** other means of communications.

I do have a **listing from** Moose International of the chapter **Moose Charities Chairman**. There are quite a few chapters that do not have a chairman listed on your ADMIN Screen in the computer. If you do not have a chairman at this time, please fill this chair as soon as possible. It is one of your 9 chapter development chairs, which is also a requirement for the Sr. Regent of your chapter to qualify for her Green Cap honors.

For some, I certainly hope - now will be a time for learning and planning some great fundraising ideas, which will help benefit Moose Charities. Let's not forget what and who we are, and why we are members of this great Moose organization. Our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven depend on us for their future care.

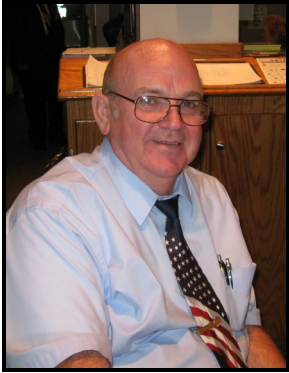
For those of you that did not attend the Tampa conference, our new fundraiser is: "**Join the Donors Circle**". This will be a recognition program designed to recognize **YOU** as an individual supporter when you send a tax deductible **Endowment fund** donation to Moose Charities. We are asking individual Endowment Fund gifts of any amount to Moose Charities. Your gifts are fully tax deductible and cumulative. When you reach \$100.00 and each level thereafter, you will receive a heart pin for different categories you reach, plus your Lodge/Chapter/Moose Legion will receive credit towards their recognition goals as well, for your individual donations. Your donation secures the future of our Twin Cities, Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Check out our website to see the details.

And, yes we are all about Money and Members! Our membership still is not where it used to be in our Lodges and Chapters. Less members, means fewer donations. Members are our survival, so let's work on this weak spot and make our Association #1. The time is now to spread our "**Heard of Moose**" in our lodges and chapters and fulfill this commitment, each and every year. **We can do it!**

**In Friendship,
Libby**



Moose Charities Chairman Danny Williams



Moose Charities Report

Annual October “Cradle” Fundraiser – honoring Mooseheart Founders Day - packets were mailed to the Lodges in late August.

Brother Administrators - let’s not forget to please forward this information to the Governors, Senior Regents and Recorders.

This is a Great opportunity for each Lodge and Chapter to work together for a GREAT FUNDRAISER !

Remember this is a “Endowment Fund” fundraiser !

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Remember ALL proceeds are “Tax Deductible” and go toward the Mooseheart School renovation project. Make all checks payable to Moose Charities, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100



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Danny Williams, Sr.
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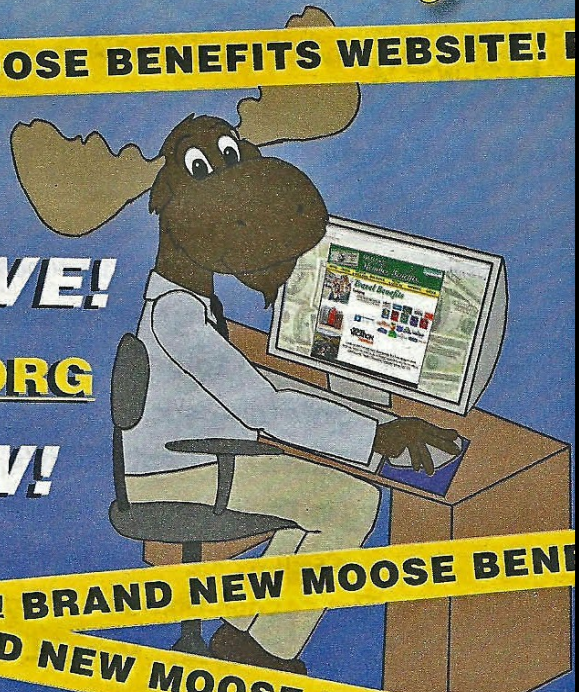
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Derick Graeser - 2/18/98
Wal Khat - 1/11/96
Aaron Moka - 4/20/96
Jacob Montano - 9/6/95
Adrian Owens - 3/18/97
Matthew Radkiewicz - 4/28/97
Dominik Solis - 3/18/95
Juan Solis - 6/23/96

Addresses:

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



Resident's Name
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Jim Bolling, Secretary

The Family Fraternity



Co-Worker Dottie Simpson, from Newark Chapter 705, went on a trip to Alaska by way of a cruise. She and her party visited Fairbanks Alaska Lodge and Dottie snap a picture of the above white Moose head hanging over the mantle.

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