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Homecoming at Mooseheart 2012

Our Team won the game 35-0
(More photos on page 16)



Friday Night Bonfire at Mooseheart



If you missed "Rick K. & The Allnighters" at Westminster on January 19th, you can still plan to see them at:

College Park Lodge on March 16, 2012

It's worth the trip!!! (More photos on page 29)

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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

Just when I think there may be a little time to catch my breath after the holidays, January 1st rolled around and with it came phone calls, an e mail or 'new message' on my computer and I was reminded that time waits for no one. The Christmas decorations are all down now and guarding the inside of the garage until there is time to box them all back up and put them away for another year.



And so it is with our other families residing at Mooseheart and Moosehaven. They too have to get back to their routines of going to school, back into their winter sports and for many, getting ready for graduation. And while they are preparing to take their place in society, our seniors have another ride to take, another day of enjoying life. They have arrived at a time in their lives where they can relax and just enjoy each day as it comes. From reading the Moosehaven newsletter, it is amazing how active they all are. While they are all retired now, they have before them a time to be able to plan, participate and enjoy the many activities at Moosehaven. All too often we see so many seniors who think that since they are retired, they can do nothing. While that may be true to a certain degree, it does promote stagnation of the body, mind and spirit.

And so it is for all of us. We must keep our bodies and minds active by the continuance of doing for others. We must challenge everyone we meet and ask "Heard of Moose"? We need to encourage more friends and families to join our fraternity and be a member that does want to continue our legacy of caring for other. But this will probably not happen unless you have done your homework. If you sell a 'bar attitude' type of membership, 9 out of 10 will not renew their membership the next year. But if you sell a fraternity and you sell our rich history of over a century of fraternal endeavors, which is our legacy, and you invite him or her to get involved, then you will see that member for many years to come.

Through the years our membership has fallen off. Much of that is the result of not enlightening our prospective members of our rich history. Some would say it is the bad economy, families just don't have time to get involved or a lot of other excuses – and that is just what they are, excuses. How can you expect them to get involved in something they know so little about? In my opinion, we have too many members that want to know what's in it for them. They may have been an officer in days gone by and they were afforded the opportunity to attend International and State conventions and conferences at no cost to themselves. Well, things have changed!! Lodges can no longer afford to pick up the tab for the entire Board of Officers to attend these functions. Big Government, federal and state, has continued to take a bigger share of the proceeds from the lodges, and have curtailed these expenditures. As a result, lodges throughout the fraternity are affected. But we must get by with what we do have and not what we would like to have.

One thing that has remained consistent is recognition. Everyone wants to be recognized for what they do, even if it is as small as filling salt shakers. Our members are recognized for sponsorship in a variety of ways, annual membership campaigns, 5 Club, 25 Club, life memberships, various gifts of achievement, etc. If your lodge prepares a newsletter, it is a simple thing to obtain the list of sponsors from the office secretary or administrator or Membership Chairman. Insert this information in your newsletter. Members like to see their name in print.

Because of the declining membership, we have learned that incentives also work. I am happy to say that once again the Supreme Council has authorized the "0 Application Fee" for Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions, ending on April 30, 2013. This is a \$20 savings to the prospective member. And for the sponsor, do this twice and you receive next year's dues free.

So, now we have member recognition, prospective member incentive and membership reward. We have all the tools available, now it is just up to you to use these tools.

Our Mid-Year Conference is right around the corner. I certainly hope to see everyone there. Our goal is to make this time together to be informative for you, a time to see old friends and make new friends and have FUN. And then before you know it, we will be packing up for International Convention in Milwaukee, WI. This is an exciting year for everyone as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Mooseheart School. And, after all these years, we now have the Mooseheart School renovation project before us. I hope everyone has read about this either in the magazine or on line and have committed a personal donation to this much needed endeavor.

It is never too late to make New Year resolutions. May I suggest resolutions for each of us that are not hard, can be attained and it is free to you. Let each one of us resolve to: A renewed commitment; a resolve to continued membership growth; and a resolve to celebrate our achievements.

And now my fellow friends and members, I look forward to seeing you at Mid-Year and remember, the ball is now in your court.

Fraternally,

JIM



Assistant Regional Manager - Ernest E. Megee, III

HEARD OF THE MOOSE? - THEN TELL SOMEONE!

As most of you have heard, our membership recruitment has gone flat. We are not continuing to grow our membership as we promised when we took our oath when we joined this great Fraternity. Now, we have an additional tool to grow our membership. Moose International has dropped the membership application fee as of December 17, 2012. Still, even though it is early and we were in the holiday mode, there has not been a real noticeable upwards spike in our membership recruitment during the month of December. We need to take it one step further other than investing a lot of time in new member recruitment. We need to spend more of our energies in membership retention. After a rather lengthy conference call with Moose International early in December, I believe that Moose International is going to put more effort in retention. In fact, I will be attending a Regional Managers meeting early January for helping and making recommendations for formulating a retention program for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. I truly believe that our Association could adopt a retention program that is relatively simple that a couple of our Family Centers are already using. One of the programs that I heard of being used is to have five or six members to meet at the lodge on a Saturday morning, eat breakfast together, and then call members that their dues have expired or about to expire. It is a short survey type of telephone call and each calling member only makes three or four calls which is not a big burden. The Family Center using this method has stopped the downward spiral of their membership which does prove that this program works when it is executed on a regular basis. Also another lodge had a member that normally does not attend lodge meetings but did attend a District Meeting. At this particular District Meeting membership retention was mentioned several times. This particular member obtained a listing of members whose dues were about to expire from the Administrator and called all nineteen members on the list. Fourteen of the nineteen have renewed their dues. So personal contact does work.

It is almost that time of the year again - the lodge elections. Please go to the Moose International website and download the nomination and election guide, read it, familiarize yourself with the guide, and use the guide for the lodge nominations and elections. More importantly, begin now in looking for qualified members to become officers of the lodge during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. By qualified, I am emphasizing that we

should be looking for candidates that have met the qualifications by attending the Officers Training & House Committee seminars. Those that want to be nominated for an office should obtain the training at one of our upcoming scheduled sessions. One such session is currently scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2013 at our Mid-Winter Conference at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. Even those members whose training credentials are about to expire should attend this session to renew their credentials. Why wait until the last minute? Get it over with now and avoid the hassle in obtaining the training within the sixty day grace period after being elected and trying to meet the required obligation by attending a session traveling far from where you reside.

Our Association's Youth Awareness Program was more successful this year than in years past. As you are aware, we changed our format by having a Student Congress in each District in lieu of one central Student Congress. There were two motives for this change: less travel because of the gas prices and more students would attend if a Student Congress was available within the proximity of their locale. This year we had Student Congresses in the First, Third and Fourth (they combined), Sixth, and Seventh Districts. All had excellent guest speakers that covered quite a variety of topics that dealt with the several abuses that the four to nine year old child could encounter. Attendance was up, a 65% increase in Association Officers and parents, and a 65% increase in student participation over last year. We do believe that next fiscal year's participation will improve even more as now the District Presidents will have the experience in meeting our simple requirements. Right now, our students are working on their Kids Talk presentations until February 28, 2013.



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



Association President Thomas Bowman

Brothers and Co-Workers,



It is my sincere wish that all of you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Speaking of the new year, we all must put forth a maximum effort to increase our membership with new members and retaining the members that we have. On Dec. 17, 2012, Moose International dropped the application fee in an effort to help all of us sign new members. I am certain that everyone reading this has HEARD OF MOOSE. And by now, I am sure that you are aware of the fact that if you sign 2 members in a campaign year you will receive the next year's dues paid for. If you look closely at the Heard of Moose display on our website, near the bottom right, you will see that if you sign 7 new members or former members the Assn. will provide you with a \$25 gift card. There are plenty of reasons to inspire you to fulfill your commitment of signing members.

By the way, over the holidays Mr. Hale had, what I thought, was a great idea. What better gift can a Moose member give than the gift of Fraternal-ism. I, for one, took advantage of this. So, not just for Christmas, this could be a great idea for a birthday present, anniversary gift, graduation gift or any special occasion.

Governors and Administrators, visit the website and view the section on how each lodge can save 70% on your per capita.

Everyone, don't forget to get your chances to win 1/4 of a cow with a chest freezer. The meat will be cut and wrapped to your specifications. Ask any Governor, Administrator, or District President for your chance to win. This is a great opportunity for \$5.00 per ticket

Speaking of chances to win, you still have an opportunity win approximately \$4,000 with a 5000 club ticket. Follow the same procedures listed above. This opportunity only costs \$10.00 per ticket.

For anyone that is interested, Mooseheart has offered everyone the opportunity to be an Honorary Member of the Class Of 2013. This opportunity is offered on the International website.

As of, Dec. 21, 2012, William B. Airey is no longer the Director General. He has been replaced by Scott Hart. I direct everyone to the Moose International website for the official statement.

On Jan 10, 2013, the service organizations of DE assembled in Dover to state their case for gaming machines in their organizations. More information on this will be forthcoming.



Fraternally yours,
Thomas F. Bowman
President

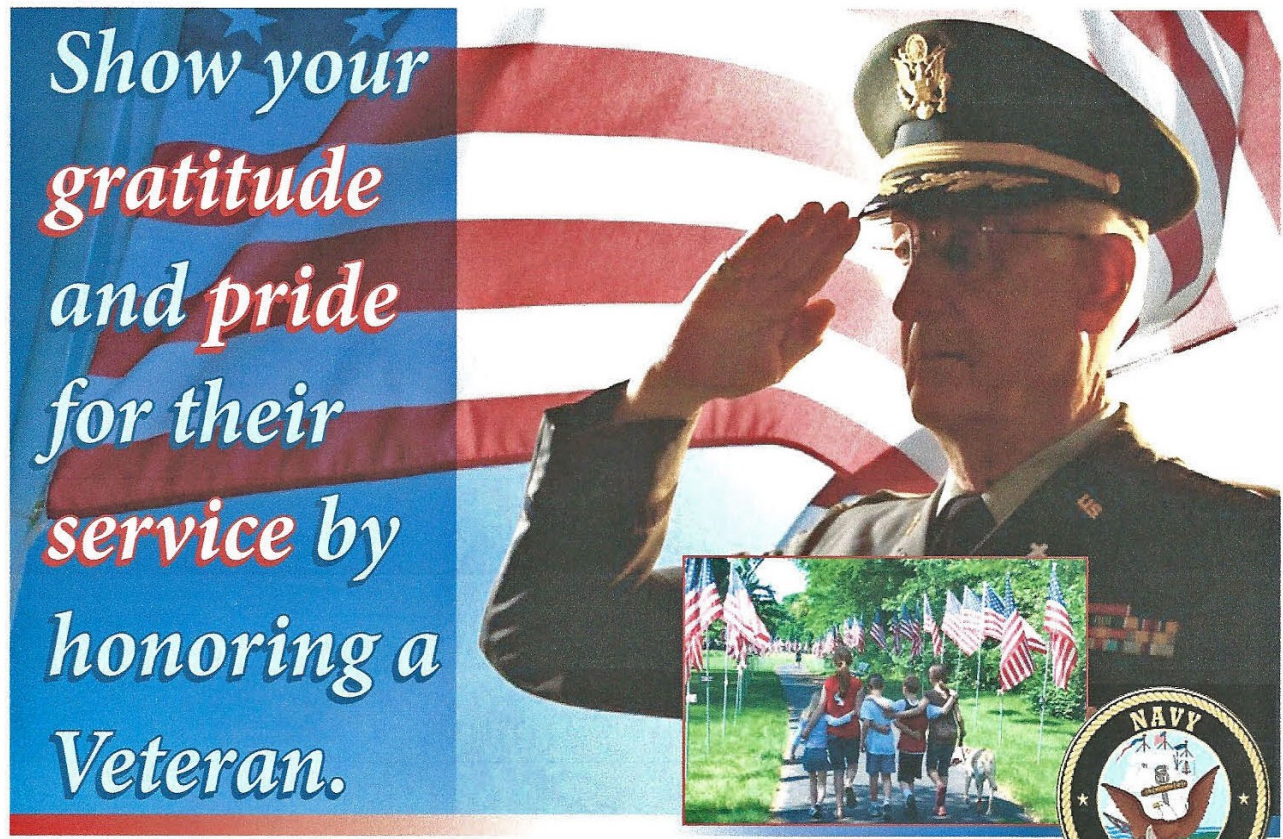


\$0 APPLICATION FEE!!!

CONTINUING THROUGH
April 30, 2013

*New Members and Re-Enrollees
only have to pay the amount for Dues*

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.

Happenings around the Association



Lewes/Rehoboth Chapter 1814 presented a \$500 check to the Rehoboth Elementary School to purchase a new world globe, books and t-shirts for the kindergarten class. The Chapter has adopted a classroom for the past 7 years. In the picture are Teacher Maria Gaito, Recorder Beatrice Megee, DGR, Secretary-Treasurer Ruth Fulkersin, Junior Regent Cheryl Gadsby, Co-Worker Francis Cox and School Principal Patricia Mumford.

Wayne and Mary Ecker donated a case of Tommy Moose to the members of the Level Fire Department on behalf of Aberdeen Lodge 1450 and Chapter 1209.



Williamsport Lodge 2462 was notified by their contact at the local CASA shelter that 10 new infant/children had arrived a week or so before Christmas. The next day Shirley Nigh delivered Tommy Moose to the shelter for the children.

Clint Rawlings and Russ Robinson were the only 2 members in the Association who qualified in the 12 for 12 membership drive. Both are from Williamsport Lodge 2462. Angle Showe is the lady standing between the two gentlemen and is the one who flipped a quarter to see who would win the trip to Milwaukee. Clint was the winner.



Iris Harris received her red stole this year. Congratulations, Iris!!



Happenings around the Association

DGR Beatrice Megee's Reception



Our new Deputy Grand Regent Beatrice Megee was honored at her reception held in Harrington Moose Lodge. In the photo above, Bea and Ernie are surrounded with their family members who came to help celebrate her appointment as our new Deputy. It is a tradition with all of the Past Deputies to dress the new member in an outfit which shows the new theme for the year. They seem to be showing a Christmas spirit with their headgear. Best wishes from all of us to you, Bea. We know that you will have the best year ever. Congratulations!



We Welcomed Supreme Governor Jim Henderson in October



When Jim Henderson came to MD-DE-DC, he visited Salisbury, Milford, Camden-Wyoming, Harrington, East Sussex, Seaford and New Castle Lodges, as well as a few others in Northern DE.



Give the Gift of Life - Donate Blood!!



**Cold Hands,
Warm Hearts**

Donate Blood.

 **American
Red Cross**

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.

Blood Mobile Scheduled at Indian Head

The Loyal Order of the Moose Family Center #1712 will be hosting a **Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on Wednesday, January 30 from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m., at the Indian Head Moose Lodge, 11 Town Street, Indian Head, Maryland.**

According to the American Red Cross website, each pint of blood collected can affect up to three patients in need, and every two seconds someone in America gets a blood transfusion. It goes on to say that five million patients will need blood this year.

For more information
Contact: Robert Lewis, Administrator Indian Head Moose Lodge
(301) 743-7555



Official Visitors for the Ocean City Conference

Men's OV is Kyle J. Rife

Kyle Rife has served the Mooseheart Chile City and School Director of Admissions and Recruiting since November 2004. With his wife, Krystal, he was a Family Teacher from 1999-2004.

Kyle joined Mooseheart, IL Lodge 2655 in 2006 as a Charter Member and elevated to Mecca Moose Legion 9 in 2008. He is a member of the Moose 25 Club and currently serves as Treasurer at the Lodge, having previously served as Administrator in 2011-2012.



Outside of the Moose, Kyle belongs to Village Bible Church of Aurora. He is a fan of the University of Michigan and Detroit Tigers and enjoys playing basketball, reading and watching movies. He is committed to his faith, his family and Mooseheart; he loves seeing children enjoying childhood.

Kyle and his wife live in Montgomery, IL with their three sons.

We welcome Kyle to MD-DE-DC and hope he enjoys his weekend at the beach in Ocean City.

We Welcome Kyle & Wendy to MD-DE-DC

Women's OV is Wendy Matthew

Our Women's Official Visitor is Wendy Matthew, who serves on the International Activities Committee. She was appointed to the position in July, 2010 at the 122nd International Convention in Nashville.



Wendy joined the Women of the Moose Chatham, Ontario Chapter 304 in October, 1976. In 1997, she became a Life Member of the Fraternity. She has served as an active member of Chapter 304 in many capacities, as well as fulfilling appointment made by International Headquarters.

She earned the Academy of Friendship in May, 1979; College of Regents in May, 1983 and Star Recorder in May, 1984. Wendy has served as Deputy Grand Regent for Ontario in 1994-1995, Star Recorder Board Member 1999-2001, President of Star Recorder Board 2002-2003, and Grand Council Member 2006-2008.

Previously, Wendy served as a member of the Council on Canadian Operations in 2008-2010. She currently serves as Moose Charities Chairman, Chapter Analyst Coordinator and Graining Coordinator in Ontario. Also, she has served as Chairman of the Ontario Life Care, Gimmefive and Fraternal Fundraising Committees. Wendy served as a Deputy Regional Manager in 2006-2010.

Her home is in Chatham, Ontario where she also works in Office Administration for Can Art Aluminum.

Showing Our Holiday Spirit



Christmas Spirit is all around our Lodges. Elkton and New Castle have Breakfast with Santa every year. Dundalk ladies donated Tommy Moose.



Williamsport Lodge has a Thanksgiving Dinner every year and fed around 183 people this year. The youth help out. Also, they make up food baskets for about 25 families at Christmas. The Lodge asks the school for names of those who need baskets, and they have fundraisers to help pay for the project throughout the year. Great Job, Williamsport!!



Tommy Moose walked in the Christmas parade in Williamsport along with Moose members.



Several of the members at Williamsport ring the bells for the Salvation Army. This is an annual project at New Castle Lodge also. On the left, the kids are helping put baskets together for those in need in the community.

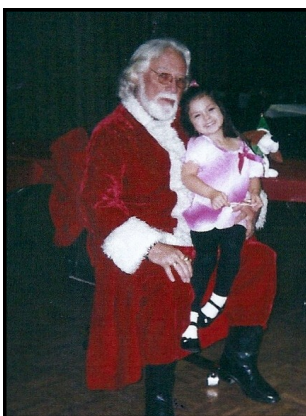
The Santas Were Busy!



Christmas always means a trip to Nurses-N-Kids in New Castle for Ron & Judy Martin. They play Santa & Mrs. Claus for the kids. Most of them aren't even aware of who Santa is, but the little girl in the middle photo above took one look and came running to Santa. She even came back for another photo before we left. Judy helps get Santa ready then it's off to see the little ones.



A lot of them are severely handicapped and several didn't want anything to do with Santa, but just being there is a worthwhile trip. The ladies the picture are some of the nurses who work with these children every day. The handprints on the walls of the hallways are of children who have left the care of these wonderful, patient nurses. The name and date of each child who has left is written by their handprints. At the end of the visit, Santa turns back into Ron Martin and will surely be back later this year.



Santa came to visit Westminster Lodge this past Christmas. He had his hands full with three at one time, but the little one who didn't get a seat said she'd have more time to talk with him after the other two are finished.

The little one to the left was happy to see Santa - she just knew he would come see her again!



Bowling for "Our House"



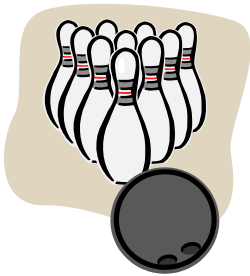
Our Association Sports Chairperson, Sarah Lentz, is ecstatic after making a spare for her team. Great job, Sarah!



Bookkeeper & Tabulator - John Krass



The Bowlers - Great Job Guys and Gals!!!!



Sarah asked a co-worker, Paul Ciepiela, to join in the fundraiser for "Our House" at Mooseheart. Paul is a Detective with the Baltimore County Police Department, where Sarah works when not being involved in Moose projects. Welcome aboard, Paul!



One of the Spectators -
Deputy Supreme Governor John Cihak

Lawn Mower Races in September



Looks like Jim has his mower under control, but Tom seems to be having a problem with his!



The fellow on the left is from the local fire company and the one on the right of Tommy Moose is from the Anne Arundel County Police Department. Cases of Tommy Moose were given to each of these men for their respective departments.



And the winner is waving the checkered flag!!



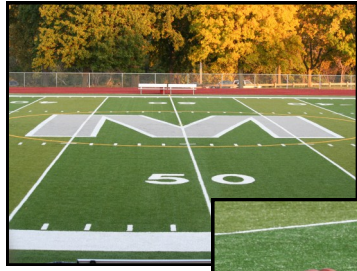
An old wrecked car is brought to these events - gives some guys a way to work out their frustrations.



Local Moose Lodges & vendors set up food booths on the grounds.



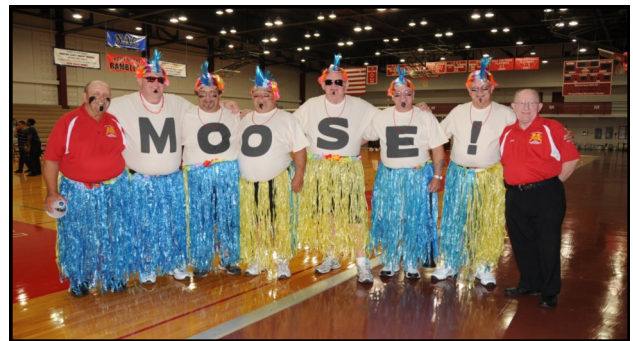
Homecoming Weekend at Mooseheart 2012



On duty at the bonfire, Friday night.



Mooseheart Fire Dept.



Moon over Lake Erie



Lodge at Lake Erie



News from "Our House"

Dearest Men and Women of the Moose:

Hello again!!! What an eventful homecoming we were able to enjoy this year!! It is always so nice to see everyone and get to catch up on what's new and exciting. As you know, the homecoming weekend was filled with much excitement and fun activities. Your home was the proud winner of the decorating contest for the second year in a row, the football team had a magnificent game and victory, and Linda was surprised by some men in hula skirts singing happy birthday to her!!! (Thanks to everyone - you guys really got me with that one!!)

Since we have some new faces in the crowd now, I thought I would catch you up on all the boys and let you know a little bit about them...besides the fact that they are GREAT KIDS!!!

Humberto Esparza - 14 year old, freshman in high school, played on the junior varsity football team and even got to dress with the varsity team for a few games. Humberto has been at Mooseheart since February, 2012 and is from Illinois.

Derick Graeser - 14 years old, a freshman in high school (and highest GPA holder in his class!!!). Derick earned a spot on the varsity football team and is going great. He has been at Mooseheart for over a year now and comes to us from the GREAT STATE of MISSOURI - just like Linda!!!!

Wal Khat - 16 years old, a junior in high school. Wal participated on the first Mooseheart Cross Country team this year and is a standout. He finished 1st in the conference and will more than likely be earning his way to state competition...a very gifted runner.

Jacob James - 16 years old, a junior in high school. The newest to the bunch, and just come to campus in October 2012...is a great kid from Oregon. He is a fun kid to talk to and is making friends quickly in the home and school...we are happy to have Jacob in the Maryland/Delaware/DC family...you guys are gonna love him.

Jeff Leigh - 14 years old (but as he likes to tell everyone...not the youngest 14 year old!!!) A freshman in high school. He also played on the junior varsity football team, does well in school, and is from the GREAT STATE OF MISSOURI...how about that?!! Jeff came to the home in June 2012. Many of you will remember him as the young man that did such a great job on homecoming day asking if you needed anything to drink or cleared your plates, etc.

Mason Miller - another very new face to the home, came to campus in September 2012 from Indiana. He played on the Mooseheart junior varsity football team and is hoping to start a pep band for the basketball season this year. Mason is 16 years old and is a sophomore in school.

Aaron Moka - 16 years old, junior in high school, and will be with the Maryland/Delaware/DC home for 5 years this June. He is on the varsity football team and continues to do well at Mooseheart...his beautiful Mother, Ve'Ve', is the one who makes the delicious peanut butter chicken!!! They are a magnificent family from Iowa.

Dominik Solis - 17 years old, junior in high school, and is lovingly referred to as the "King Pin" - since he is the one who really runs the show (not Mike, Linda or Angela!) Dominik is working on getting his driver's license this year and sadly could not play football due to needing to let a back injury heal - so hopefully we can get him back onto the wrestling team...He is from Illinois.

And last, but certainly not least...

Juan Solis - 16 years old, junior in high school, and is about to celebrate his 15th year at Mooseheart...yes, 15 years!!! Juan participated on the cross-country team this year and did an excellent job. He hopes to be able to

go into a career of sports broadcasting when he is older and may have the opportunity to announce some of the basketball games this year for practice. Juan is also from Illinois and LOVES all things Chicago - especially sports teams... sorry RAVENS fans!!!

Mike, Linda and Angela are doing well...keeping busy...trying to stay young (at heart anyway) to keep up with the boys!! Angela celebrated her 5th year as a family teacher this past summer and Mike and Linda celebrated 15 years on the job on October 15th. We truly feel blessed to have such a wonderful group of people supporting us and making us feel appreciated for the job that we do with the kids. Over the past years, we have been able to meet so many great people who share the same sentiments as we do for this incredible campus, fraternity, and even more importantly for our incredible kids!!! Thank you all again for what you do every day to keep Mooseheart going strong!! God Bless Mooseheart and Moosehaven and all the Men and Women of the Moose and keep us safe until we can meet again!!!!

With Greatest Respect, Linda S. Worden



Moose International Sports Events for 2013

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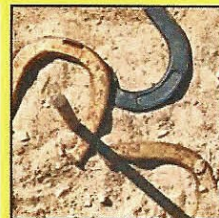
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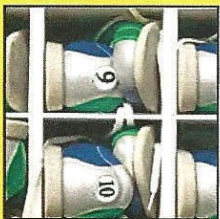
POKER

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



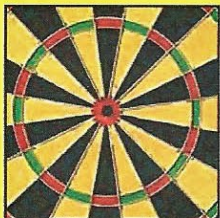
BOWLING

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



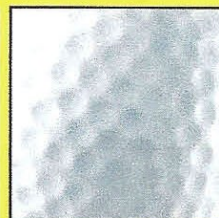
SOFTBALL

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



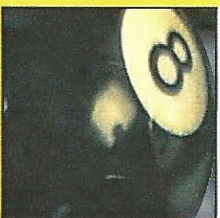
DARTS

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



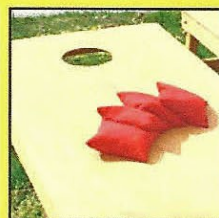
GOLF

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 Grand Regent Beatrice Megee

Hello Co-Workers:



Hope all of you had a very nice Christmas. I want to thank everyone that came to my reception and for all the support that all of you gave to me. The Harrington Ladies put on a beautiful reception. Thanks to Lewes-Rehoboth, my Lodge and Chapter, for making the reception possible and supporting me.

Time does go by fast; we only have four months left in this Chapter year. Now there is not an application fee to which should help us to obtain new members. All of us need to teach our new members about Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Please support your Lodges and Chapters by attending the meetings and supporting their fundraisers

The Lodges and Chapters will be sponsoring the Rocking Chair Fun-raiser for the Endowment Fund honoring our Moosehaven Seniors. Please note that I called it Fun not Fund raiser because that is what we should be doing more of, having fun. Then our projects would not seem like a chore or work. Please support your Lodge and Chapter on this during the month of February.

Congratulations to the co-workers whom will be receiving their Academy of Friendship Degree at the Association's Mid-Winter Conference in February in Ocean City. Hope to see a good turnout of co-workers at our Conference. All of us can learn something new when we go and we can enjoy the fellowship.

Co-workers that received their Green Cap degree in August, 2012 will be having their celebrations at their Lodges in March. Please go out and join them in celebrating their accomplishment.

The Council of The Higher Degree Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at College Park Family Center. There will be a cake wheel and we are requesting donated baked items, etc., your attendance and involvement will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. All proceeds will go to our MD-DE-DC home at Mooseheart.

I am thanking you in advance for your participation in the above tasks. I look forward to seeing you at our Association's Mid-Winter Conference in Ocean City. Please be safe and tell your loved ones you love them.



Fraternally,
Beatrice Megee
Deputy Grand Regent



WOTM Chance-Off at Ocean City

**WOTM Endowment Fund Committee
is chancing off a
Rocking Chair
at the
Mid-Year Convention in Ocean City
Don't be like George Jones -
Everyone needs a Rocking Chair!
Support the cause!!! *Thanks!*
Tickets are 3 for \$5.00**



Deputy Supreme Gov. John J. Cihak



HELLO and HAPPY NEW YEAR. I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and hopefully we all will have a prosperous New Year ahead of us.

It was really good to see so many members present at Supreme Governor Jim Henderson's visit to our Association in October. He visited 11 Lodges in 4 days and was greeted by 384 members and guests. He also accepted donations of \$830.00 for the Mooseheart School renovations, \$953.40 to the Endowment Fund and \$9,206.55 for the MD, DE, DC Home for a grand total of \$10,794.95. Thank you all for your generosity. Also, let's not forget all the local dignitaries that took time out of their busy schedules to come and visit with Brother Jim. Brother Henderson has asked me to pass along his sincere thanks for all you did to make him feel welcome and for all the work you do for our Fraternity and your communities.

In addition to the Supreme Governor's visit I have made some additional visits on his behalf. To date, I have been to 4 of our 7 Districts and hopefully will get to the other 3 before my term is over in May. I have also had the pleasure to carry his congratulations to one new Star Recorder, two new Collegians and to our very own Deputy Grand Regent – Bea Megee.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Mid-Winter Conference in Ocean City. Until then, let's ask everyone we meet if they have **"HEARD OF MOOSE?"** and do our best to **Sign One, Save One and Re-Enroll One.**



Fraternally,
John J. Cihak
Deputy Supreme Governor



Wreaths Across America.org

Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman, Morrill Worcester, in 1992. College Park Lodge and Chapter members are volunteers in this organization.

"Our mission, Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies a specified Saturday in December at Arlington, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. We also organize a week of events including international veterans' tributes, ceremonies at State Houses and a week-long "Veteran's Parade" between Main and Virginia where we stop along the way to spread our message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.

This week of events is made possible by thousands of volunteers who organize local ceremonies, raise funds to sponsor wreaths, and participate in the events. We receive no government funding. The cost of our programs is paid by individual wreaths sponsors."



Mooseheart/Moosehaven - Jean Neal

START THE CONVERSATION!

By Jean M. Neal

Mooseheart / Moosehaven Marketing Representative



Do you know of a child who needs Mooseheart? If you do – please make the services of Mooseheart known to the family at your earliest opportunity before Child Protective Services becomes involved. Perhaps you know of a family facing strife and have concerns for the safety or living conditions of their children.

No child should have to grow up “in the system”. “The System” is the Department of Social Services Child Protection’s foster care system. While these folks operate behind a benevolent façade, and granted - most of the employees and care givers have a genuine desire to assist children in need, make no mistake that DSS/CPS is most definitely a flagrantly tolerated bureaucratic disaster.

I do have personal knowledge of the Baltimore City’s Child Protective Services organization for over 25 years. From my personal experience, the most glaring fault is the inability to determine victim from perpetrator. Their record keeping and record accuracy is deplorable. They tend to treat the clients in a punitive manner. While establishing their position of power in any given case, they exempt themselves from the law and make defamatory accusations against parents or any household member where the children reside in establishing cause for removal of the children from their home. This leaves the accused in the position in having to clear their name, but too late, the children are now ‘in the system’ and can not be returned to the home until the process has played out. This takes MONTHS! In addition, once the accusation is made, it becomes a documented fact in the courts. CPS is under no obligation to retract or correct anything they say or do. Some people have lost their jobs because of false accusations made by the department that is supposed to protect. Once a child is in the custody of CPS the parent has absolutely no say or rights when it comes to the child’s care or placement. The worst fault is when CPS has realized a mistake was made on their part or that the cause of removal for the child is deemed unnecessary, the process still has to play out as they can not admit on record that CPS is in error in any way and the family is at the mercy of CPS the courts and is utterly powerless.

You may ask how this can be an acceptable practice? Because the courts and or municipalities have sovereign immunity and while anyone can bring suit it will be extremely costly to the plaintiff, if not impossible, to find a lawyer who would be willing or brave enough to take the case because these are all his/her co-workers.

So before any family is subjected to the trials and tribulations of DSS/CPS, take some stress out of an already stressful situation and have some say as to where your children go and who will be caring for the children. When the family feels they are fully able to provide for the child again, the child can come home because Mooseheart does not take custody of the child. If a family would like for the children to visit home on holidays or for the summer – they’re more than welcome to bring the child home.

Remember, Mooseheart is not just for the children of Moose members, but for any child in crisis. Maybe a family you know is facing difficult financial problems, homelessness, domestic strife, substance abuse, death of a spouse or perhaps the children may be in the care of a family member who is no longer able to care for them. Do not hesitate to offer a solution that they may not know exists for them. Start the conversation. . . “Heard of Moose?”

If you would like more information sending a child to Mooseheart, contact Jean at 410-598-8427 or email her at jean_m.neal@yahoo.com or at her office 410-238-2003 ext 146 jneal@hdstore.com

Government Relations by Bessie Staab-Hickman

This will be one of the most difficult articles I have ever written. Why? There are so many facets to the problem. Each time you thought you found a solution or something buried in the archives that would be of assistance, you hit a blank brick wall. These past two months have sure been an eye-opener of how, everything can be manipulated to suit a time or purpose. For years the state has known these machines existed, for years we have been inspected and visited by undercover agents, for years as long as the signs were posted no problem. This has been a long hard road, to everyone who sent a letter or e-mail, please believe it counted. I overheard several of the lawmakers say their mailboxes were stuffed and more coming in, that was our goal.



We have formed a very strong coalition which we want to keep intact so that our non-profits stay on the same page. I would like to see the same thing transpire in Maryland, I want to work on that as soon as we can breathe again. There seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel, it may not be everything we hope for, but at least we will not be living under the threat of losing licensees, arrest, bank accounts frozen and anything else they could think of.

There are three representing the coalition for our lodges, Jim Lofland for the seventh district, Calvin Pettitt for the sixth and I. Without these two helping with all the calls, meetings, visits and input, we may not have gotten this far this fast. To the Lodge administrators - if you had not gotten your information to me so that it could be put into a presentable form and get where it need to go on time, we may not have gleaned an agreement for a senator to sponsor a bill on our behalf, some did not, others did not have it there. We are negotiating, do not have an agreement as to what will be the final Bill that will be put into law. We have another meeting with the governor's two reps this Thursday - his chief Deputy Aide Greg Patterson and the Secretary of Finance Tom Cook. Most all the representatives and senators have been more than helpful and really listened to information. Please be patient and keep it positive.

Our rally was orderly and impressive; it did get the attention we wanted. Thank everyone who came to participate.

One thing very positive has come from this, we have been able to de-bunk a ton of unfavorable, misinformation, of who we are, what we do, our goals for our seniors and children and involvement in our communities. We cannot allow that impression to ever take hold again, we need to be visible with everything we do, in other words "toot our own horns". We do not want to go back to what our lawmakers said - "We had no idea you were doing all these things" and "You are the Best Kept Secret in Delaware".

God Bless America, Those in harms way and their families, and Our great Moose Family.

Bessie



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



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

- Patricia Clymer 1814
- Richard Espey 1952
- Kenneth Gartrell 1577
- James Lambert 271
- Michael Steven Lang, Sr. 1775
- Virginia Marquis 2173
- Sharon Robinson 705
- Judy Sandman 1431
- John Wilson, Sr. 630

50 Division

- Joseph Franco 1228
- John Kitchen 851
- Jean Neal 783
- Beth Shepherd 97
- Lawrence Shorback, Jr. 2393
- Janet Toulson 1418

75 Division

- John Cihak 70

100 Division

- N. Louise Lawson 1435

Mooseheart Centennial Watch

- Sophie Beaver 1229
- Junior Fisher 1381
- Jimmie Cornell 453
- Russ Robinson, Jr. 2462
- James Dickerhoof 914
- Michael Stumbaugh, Sr. 1582
- Stanley E. Windsor, Sr. 1381

50 Year Members

- Pauline Allen
- Norma Kershner
- Patricia Ranocchia



Congratulations to all!!

Lodge Operations Analysts for MD-DE-DC

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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



I hope all of you had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving and Christmas. I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to thank all those who made 2012 a great year. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Let us all make a New Year's resolution to step up to help and support our Lodges.

With the \$0.Application Fee our membership should be soaring as it has in the past years. Remind all your members to talk to everyone they meet on a daily bases about the Moose and the benefits we offer our Members. We all need to push for New Members, which means you have to talk this up at all your meetings. ALL Officers must lead by example by getting New Members and showing all the other members we can do this by working together. I want you to pass this onto your next lodge meeting and insure all hear our message. Each of your officers should have at least signed up two members if not more as of this date. Remember, members that sponsor two applicants between May 1, 2012 and April 30, 2013 will receive FREE DUES for one year, provided these applicants are reported as enrolled by 10:00 p.m. (CST) on Tuesday, April, 30, 2013.

"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. Everyone knows someone who has just turned twenty one years old. Talk to them and let's get them signed up. I encourage all lodges to have an active Membership Committee as well as an active Retention/ Recovery committee. Remember, a committee is more than a committee of one. Let's be #1 in our fraternity in both membership and retention. You can get a list from your administrators and make those calls. It would take no time for these calls and I guarantee you will get some of these members back into the lodge.

My vision for this year is that we rekindle our dedication and our commitment to our children at Mooseheart and to our seniors at Moosehaven. We will focus only on our set goals, while we ignore distractions that may steer us away from our objectives and our commitments. We will be strong and relentless in our endeavors and it is my commitment that we, the men and the women of this Association, work hand in hand as we have in years past to further our resolve as members of the Moose.

Thank you for all you do each and every day for your Lodge and Chapter. Our great Fraternity we belong to could not succeed without all of you. Furthermore, thank you Patuxent Moose Family Center for sponsoring the MD-DE-DC MOOSE ASSOCIATION YOUTH AWARENESS 2012-2013 PROGRAM. We all had a great time with several students who attended. The future rests in the hands, hearts and minds of our children. The Moose Youth Awareness Program reaffirms our commitment to providing today for a better tomorrow.

Ernest E. Megee, III the Youth Awareness Coordinator and Assistant Regional Manager did a great job. He empowered these students to make healthy choices and resist danger, and went home determined to put them to practice by speaking to 4-9 year-olds in their communities.

I hope this finds everyone very well this New Year. I hope everyone has a safe, prosperous and Healthy 2012 and please remember, without your continued support Mooseheart and Moosehaven would not exist. I am looking forward to seeing you at our MD-DE-DC Moose Association Mid-Winter Conference February 14-17, 2013 at the Clarion Resort Hotel, Ocean City, Md.

Fraternally, Robert L. Hall

District 2 - Russ Robinson, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

Greetings and Salutations from Western Maryland, hoping this message finds all of you in good health and spirits, after a wonderful Christmas and New Years.

Here we go again, what a great way to get rolling toward our quotas in membership than to have the "ZERO" Application Fee in place again. With all of the great things the Moose has to offer, this just adds a cherry to the top!!!! So, now the ball is in "OUR COURT", its our job to help preserve all that we love about the Moose, and sign New members, talk to those who have left their membership drop, maybe they just need a helping hand to stay in the Moose groove.

We all want to do a good deed and help the needy during the holidays, sometimes those who need help the most, are to prideful to ask. Talk to your friends, family and spread the good word of the Moose!!!! Believe me it sells itself.....

Fraternally, Russ Robinson



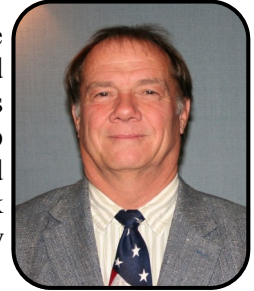
News from the District Presidents

District 4 - James Beyer, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

Brothers, hope all of you and your families had a wonderful holiday season and are doing well. As we head into the new year, I am very excited to see that Moose has waived the \$20 application fee until 4-30-13. This always makes it easier to sign new members and bring old members back in. So let's get going and see if we all meet our membership goals by 4-30-13. Remember to keep your in house membership campaigns active and exciting, this will also help increase your membership. I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing all of you at convention in ocean city, on February 14th thru February 17th.

Fraternally, Jim Beyer



District 5 - Michael Boris, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

**GREETINGS FROM THE 5TH DISTRICT
WELCOME TO 2013 – WHERE DID 2012 GO...???
I HOPE EVERYONE HAD GREAT HOLIDAY'S!**



New Year...new members...new goals Heard of Moose - \$\$\$ - "0" - \$\$\$ application fee, now is the time to sign new members, remember, 2 new members and get your dues paid for a year. "THAT WAS EASY." Plan a short term membership drive. You have until April 31st to sign and enroll new members. This applies to Lodges, Chapters and The Moose Legion.

Reports: Get them in on time. This applies to district reports too. Forms are all on the website. If you need help you can contact your friendly Lodge Operations Analyst. They are there to help.

The Association has several fund raisers going on, please support them.

Want to pay less per capita??? Our association has a great program to help you do that – check into it.

Don't forget "Our House" at Mooseheart (MD., DE, D.C. House). Plan a fundraiser to help meet our goal. "Who's House" – "Our House."

Be Recognized Help rebuild the school at Mooseheart. There are several levels to consider, information on line and in your Moose Magazine.

Looking forward to Wisconsin.

Fraternally, Mike Boris

District 6 - Donald Shelnett, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

The Lodges of the 6th District have been busy with events to keep the members supporting our Fraternity. Most offer dinners, dances, sports events, pool, bingo, horseshoes and other various activities. We hope you all support your Lodges and Chapters by joining in the activities they have planned.

Now is a great time to get those people who are hesitant about joining our Fraternity to join up and be a part of our Lodges and Chapters. To join they only need to pay dues as the application fee has been waived until April 30, 2013. In these current times, it is great to have a place to go to enjoy yourself in a comfortable atmosphere where your membership is used to support a great program for our children at Mooseheart and seniors at Moosehaven and it's always great to save \$20, too!

It was my pleasure to have attended the Rick K. & The Allnighters show at the Westminster Lodge on January 19th with 5 other members from New Castle. If you didn't get to go, you really missed a very good show. It raised in the neighborhood of \$2350 for the MD-DE-DC House at Mooseheart.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and wish you all the best in 2013.

Fraternally, Don Shelnett



News from the District Presidents

District 7 - Larry Clark, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,



The 7th District has had a busy start, I hope that everyone had a chance to visit with the Supreme Governor, James Henderson. He visited man of our Lodges and each had something different for him. I would like to thank all that came out for his visit.

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that this reaches all of you in good health and spirit. I hope that the coming year is as good, if not better, than last year.

Now is the time to think of retention. All of our Lodges have members who have not renewed their dues. For whatever reasons, we do not know. Call them and find out why they haven't paid their dues yet. Hold a telethon, have a competition in your lodge to see who can bring back the most members. Talk to the sponsors who signed them up at one time - maybe they can bring them back.

By now all of the Delaware Lodges have felt the effects of the loss of the machines we had for so long. We have to make changes to overcome this loss, but I am certain we will get through this just as we have done in past adversities. We can make this year as good as any.

Thank all of you for all you have done and all that you will do.

Fraternally, Larry Clark

College Park Picnic for Fire Department



Members of the College Park Lodge and Chapter hosted a picnic for the Chillium Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department this summer. Jimmie Cornell - Administrator, Wes Brady - 3 Year Trustee, Woody Wood - Jr. Past Governor, Sue Cornell - Deputy Regent, and Debbie Herbert - Jr. Graduate Regent, were there to cook and serve these fine men and women and their families. There were a total of around 200 people attending the event and all had a great time.

In Memory of Lost Brothers

Clinton Connell

Member of New Castle Lodge
Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor



Cliff Quicksell

Member of Wheaton Lodge
Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor

Neil Fongelaz

Member of Claymont Lodge
Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor

James Seymour

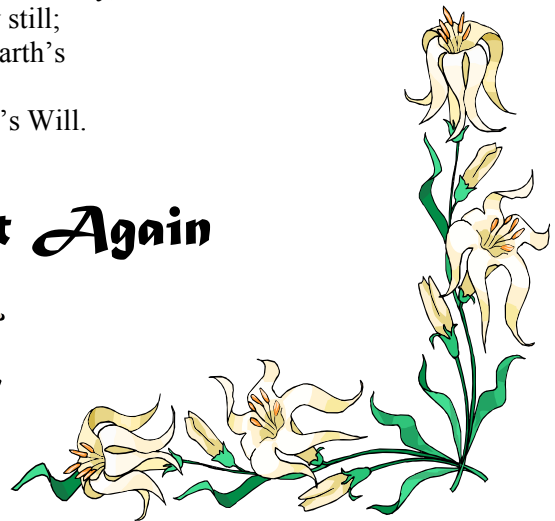
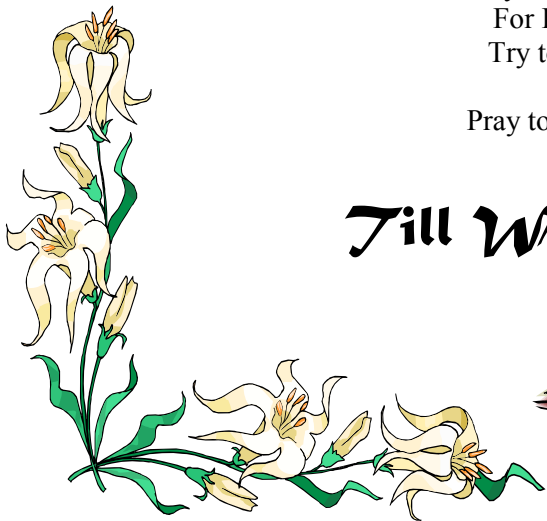
Past MD-DE-DC Director
Member of Westminster Lodge
Past Administrator of Westminster Lodge
Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven dear ones;
Oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.
And He came Himself to meet me
In the way so hard to treat;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond Earth's
shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of the meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

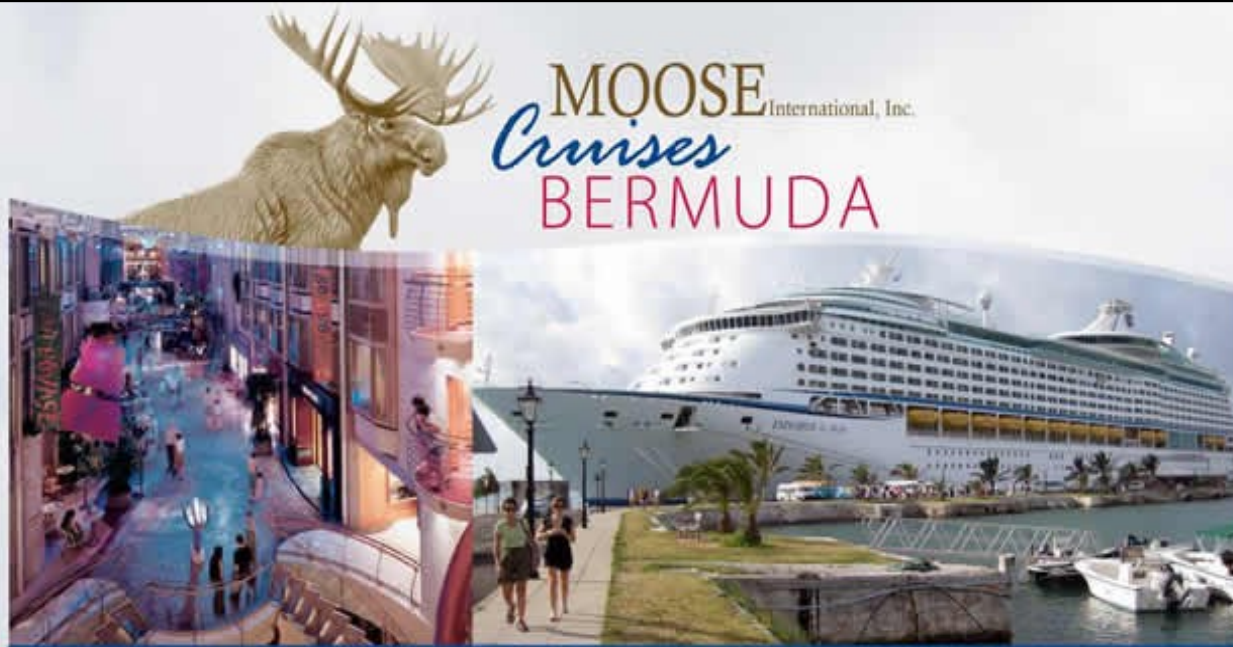


Till We Meet Again



**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.**

Travels with the Moose



October 13, 2013 • 7 Days on the Explorer of the Seas

Is it adventure you seek, or a restful retreat from life on land? Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas® is home to an array of innovations that give you whatever type of vacation you desire. Climb a rock wall that overlooks the sea, or find your adventure on the basketball court, ice-skating rink or mini-golf course. If it's zen you seek, achieve it poolside or at the relaxing Vitality™ Spa. Live up your nights on the Royal Promenade, with parades, dancing, and duty-free shopping deals. And bring along some friends—with spacious public areas, enhanced staterooms, and a spectacular three-story dining room, this ship has room for your whole crew.



DAY	PORTS-OF-CALL	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sun, Oct 13	Cape Liberty, NJ		5:00pm
Mon, Oct 14	Cruising at Sea		
Tue, Oct 15	Cruising at Sea		
Wed, Oct 16	Kings Wharf, Bermuda	8:00am	
Thu, Oct 17	Kings Wharf, Bermuda		
Fri, Oct 18	Kings Wharf, Bermuda		4:00pm
Sat, Oct 19	Cruising at Sea		
Sun, Oct 20	Cape Liberty, NJ	8:00am	

CABIN CATEGORY	RATE (per person) 1st & 2nd person	RATE (per person) 3rd & 4th person*
Interior (N)	\$539	N/A
Interior (M)	\$559	N/A
Interior (K)	\$589	\$359
Oceanview (H)	\$739	\$499
Balcony (E2)	\$859	N/A
Balcony (D3)	\$909	N/A
Balcony (D1)	\$949	\$549
Junior Suite (JS)	\$1,159	\$699

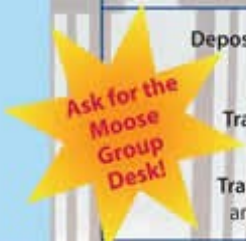
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A Great Show to benefit “Our House”!!



If you didn't get to Westminster on January 19th, you missed a super-fantastic show and delicious dinner! “Rick K. & The Allnighters” took all of us on a journey through the music of the 50's through the present time. The dance floor was full for each song and, at times, the band members roamed around the dance floor while playing their instruments. They have been all over the world & US entertaining and are a very talented group of musicians. Rick is very knowledgeable of the music and kept things moving throughout the show with a lot of fun and frolic. He joined in on a few dances, too.

In the first set (of 3), Rick and the drummer had a competition on the drums. They both played the same set at the same time! At one point, Rick pulled out a garbage can (shiny and new, of course) and had 3 people hold items for him to drum on, as well as the can. He played his “solo” in the middle of the dance floor.



During one song, Rick pulled a chair out into the middle of the dance floor and stood on it while he sang. One of the gals on the side, stood on a chair to see - the floor was that crowded.



Proceeds were about \$2350 for “Our House”.

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A message from Past Grand Regent Libby

Hello Co-Workers,

Hope each of you had a very Happy Holiday and are looking forward to the New Year with enthusiasm, not only for you and your family, but also for Mooseheart and Moosehaven, through your Moose Charities Donations.

As you are already fully aware, Moose Charities has a lot going at the present time and they rely on our help, and we need to concentrate on our giving to them.

If you read Danny's message you know the "Cradle Fundraiser" was not as successful as was hoped, and I give special thanks to those of you that participated in this event.

February is just around the corner, a reminder that lodges and chapters are encouraged to participate in the "Rocking Chair" Fundraiser, our first time ever "Moose Charities Fundraiser for Mooseheart/Moosehaven". Let's have fun, be creative, get sponsors to help you earn money, and challenge our lodge brothers, while you "Rock" the night away. Let's see who can really raise the most money and have bragging rights!

Our "Mooseheart School Full Renovation Project" is underway to raise \$10 million dollars. The WOTM has committed \$1 million dollars, International Moose Legion has committed \$100,000.00 dollars, and our MD DE DC Moose Association has committed \$25,000.00 dollars. You can help by donating \$10.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00. If each of

our members participated in becoming an "Honorary Member" of the Mooseheart Class of 2013 for a \$10.00 donation, we would practically achieve our goal. You can also make your personal donations at our Mid Year conference in Ocean City.

Talking about our Mid Year, I hope you are making your plans now to attend. As always, we will be holding our fundraisers, and all monies collected through our 50/50's, jewelry, basket raffles and beaded name holders, will be donated to Moose Charities. The Endowment Fund Chairman, Phyllis Brainard, will also be raffling a rocker (since February is the Rocking Chair month) and proceeds from that will be donated to the Endowment Fund.

We are very excited about our upcoming conference, and looking forward to our Official Visitor Wendy Matthew from Ontario, Canada.

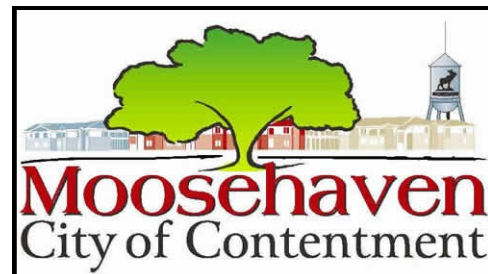
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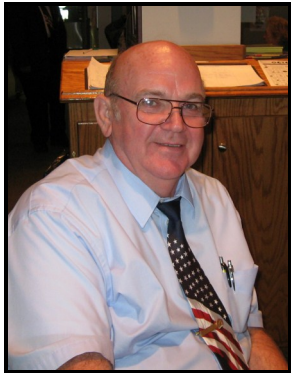
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MD-DE-DC



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Moose Charities Chairman Danny Williams



Moose Charities Report

Now that the “Holidays” are behind us we need to concentrate on our “Moose Charities Fundraising”! The month of October 2012 was our “Cradle Fundraiser” and “Moose Charities” received as of December 3, 2012, \$171,727.93 compared to October 2011’s total amount of \$193,261.59. To each and everyone who worked this program our heartfelt “Thank You” for all you did during October 2012.

Just a reminder for the month of February, our first time ever “Moose Charities Fundraiser for Moosehaven” is the “Rock’in Chair Fundraiser”. All Lodges and Chapters should have received the information for this event in January. Let’s make this “first time” event one for the books! Be creative, get sponsors and “Rock” the night away, around the clock. Remember the more you rock, the more money you will earn for Moose Charities. Lets go out and make this a “Great Fundraiser” and just have fun doing it.

At the Tampa Convention it was announced that the goal for the “Mooseheart School Full Renovation Project” is to raise about \$10,000,000.00 million dollars. The renovation would include construction of an additional 15,500 square-feet of office, classroom and multi-purpose space. The WOTM has committed \$1,000,000.00 million dollars, International Moose Legion has committed \$100,000.00 dollars, your MD-DE-DC Moose Association has committed \$25,000.00 dollars and many other Lodges and Associations have made individual commitments.

Each of you can do your part by becoming an “Honorary Member” of the Mooseheart Class of 2013 for \$10.00, or better yet, an “Honorary Salutatorian” for \$50.00, and even better a “Honorary Valedictorian” for \$100.00. All monies received from this promotion will be put toward the renovation project. Applications can be found on the “www.Mooseintl.org” web site, at our Mid-year Conference to be held in Ocean City, MD and in the “Moose Magazine” (December/January edition). Let’s all become an “Honorary Member of the Mooseheart Class of 2013”!

Once again “Thank You” for all donations you have made in the past toward “Moose Charities”!

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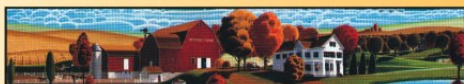
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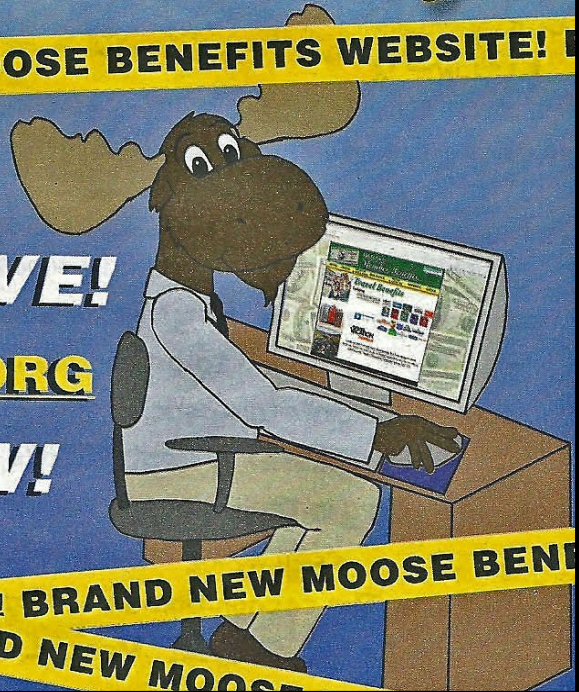
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Our Residents at Moosehaven:

James J. Lupo, Jr. - 1/24
Edward Pelkey - 7/28



The True Story of Rudolph

A guy named Bob May, depressed and brokenhearted, stared out his drafty apartment window into the chilling December night. His 4-year-old daughter Barbara sat on his lap quietly sobbing.

Bob's wife, Evelyn, was dying of cancer. Little Barbara couldn't understand why her mommy could never come home. Barbara looked up into her dad's eyes and asked, "Why isn't Mommy just like everybody else's Mommy?" Bob's jaw tightened and his eyes welled with tears. Her question brought waves of grief, but also of anger. It had been the story of Bob's life. Life always had to be different for Bob. Small when he was a kid, Bob was often bullied by other boys. He was too little at the time to compete in sports. He was often called names he'd rather not remember. From childhood, Bob was different and never seemed to fit in.

Bob did complete college, married his loving wife and was grateful to get his job as a copywriter at Montgomery Ward during the Great Depression.

Then he was blessed with his little girl. But it was all short-lived. Evelyn's bout with cancer stripped them of all their savings and now Bob and his daughter were forced to live in a two-room apartment in the Chicago slums.

Evelyn died just days before Christmas in 1938. Bob struggled to give hope to his child, for whom he couldn't even afford to buy a Christmas gift. But if he couldn't buy a gift, he was determined to make one - a storybook. Bob had created an animal character in his own mind and told the animal's story to little Barbara to give her comfort and hope.

Again and again Bob told the story, embellishing it more with each telling. Who was the character? What was the story all about? The story Bob May created was his own autobiography in fable form. The character he created was a misfit outcast like he was. The name of the character? A little reindeer named Rudolph, with a big shiny nose.

Bob finished the book just in time to give it to his little girl on Christmas Day. But the story doesn't end there. The general manager of Montgomery Ward caught wind of the little storybook and offered Bob May a nominal fee to purchase the rights to print the book. Wards went on to print "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and distribute it to children visiting Santa Claus in their stores.

By 1946 Wards had printed and distributed more than six million copies of Rudolph. That same year, a major publisher wanted to purchase the rights from Wards to print an updated version of the book. In an unprecedented gesture of kindness, the CEO of Wards returned all rights back to Bob May.

The book became a best seller. Many toy and marketing deals followed and Bob May, now remarried with a growing family, became wealthy from the story he created to comfort his grieving daughter.

But the story doesn't end there either. Bob's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, made a song adaptation to Rudolph. Though the song was turned down by such popular vocalists as Bing Crosby and Dinah Shore, it was recorded by the singing cowboy, Gene Autry.

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was released in 1949 and became a phenomenal success, selling more records than any other Christmas song, with the exception of "White Christmas." The gift of love that Bob May created for his daughter so long ago kept on returning back to bless him again and again. And Bob May learned the lesson, just like his dear friend Rudolph, that being different isn't so bad. In fact, being different can be a blessing.

The creator of "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" passed away at the age of 71 in 1976. Rudolph himself turned 72 in January 2011.

*Merry Christmas to all,
Norm D.*

PS: A side note to this great heart warming story. Gene Autry was looking for a flip side song for another song he had already recorded. If you will remember all the great hits by artists had a throw away song on the back side of the record that no one liked or ever played. The throw away song, Rudolph, became the hit song.

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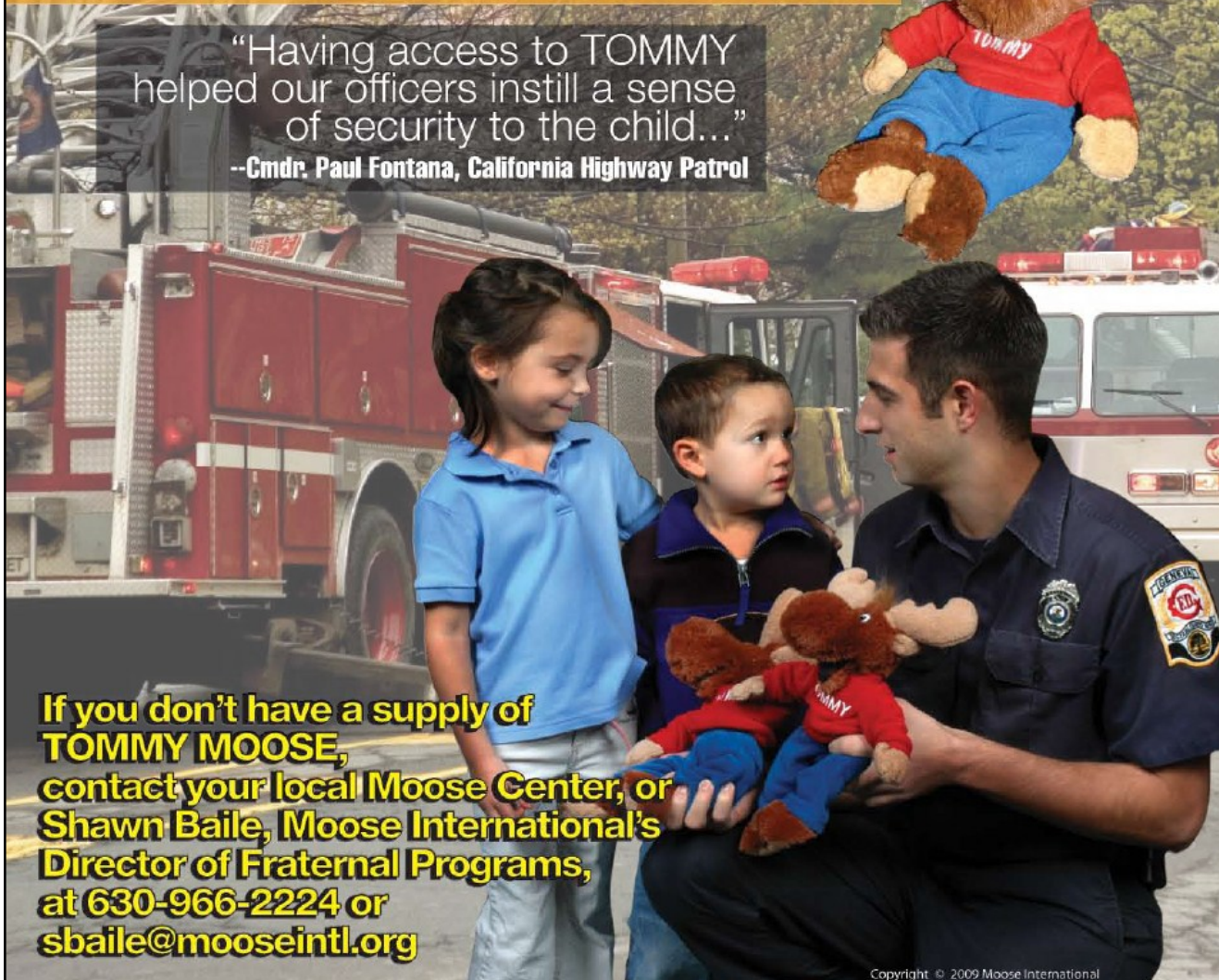
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A senior citizen drove his brand new *Corvette* convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. "Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-94, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this," and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival. Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the *Corvette*, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

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