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*Got a problem in your Lodge or Chapter?
Lodges call your Deputy Regional Manager - Chapters, call Pat Cihak.
If you don't call, they won't know you need help!*

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



GO THE DISTANCE – When we learned what the new membership campaign theme would be, it should have made us do some thinking. We should be asking ourselves just what kind of distances have we traveled through the years? Though the Moose fraternal organization was founded in the late 1800s with the modest goal of offering men an opportunity to gather socially, it was reinvented during the first decade of the 20th century into an organizational dynamo of men and women who set out to build a city that would brighten the futures of thousands of children in need all across North America.

It was on October 27, 1906 that James J. Davis, on his 33rd birthday, became the 247th member of the Loyal Order of Moose joining the Crawfordsville Lodge in Indiana. Davis was a native of Wales and had worked from boyhood in the steel mills of Pennsylvania. He also became a labor organizer and immediately saw potential to build the Moose fraternity into a force to provide protection and security for a largely working-class membership. Realizing the need to provide a “safety net” for the wife and children of a breadwinner who died or became disabled became his dream and goal, all for an annual dues of \$5 to \$10. Davis was given the title of “Supreme Organizer” and he along with a few other colleagues set out to solicit members and organize Moose Lodges across the U.S. and southern Canada. In 1926 the presence extended across the Atlantic, with the founding of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain.

Davis’ marketing instincts were on target and by 1912 the Order had grown from 247 members in two lodges, to a total of nearly 500,000 members in more than 1,000 lodges. Remaining true to his promise, the Moose began a program of paying ‘sick benefits’ to members too ill to work and then he and the other officers made plans for a “Moose Institute” that would provide a home, schooling and vocational training to children of deceased Moose members. In late 1912 the Moose Supreme Council approved a purchase of what was known as the Brookline Farm – more than 1,000 acres along the then dirt surfaced Lincoln Highway. Ohio Congressman John Lentz, a member of the Supreme Council, conceived the name “Mooseheart” for the new community. He said, “This will be the place where the Moose fraternity will collectively pour out its heart, its devotion and sustenance, to the children of its members in need.” And so it was that on a hot summer Sunday of July 27, 1913 under a rented circus tent, the cornerstone for Mooseheart was placed.

Realizing the need of providing care for the opposite spectrum of life, a limited number of aged members that were having trouble making the ends meet in their retirement were allowed to live on the Mooseheart campus since 1915. But then 26 acres of shoreline property near Jacksonville, Florida was purchased and in the fall of 1922, Moosehaven, the “City of Contentment” was opened and welcomed the first 22 retired Moose residents. It has since grown to a 63 acre community providing a comfortable home, a wide array of recreational activities and comprehensive health care to the residents. In 1913 the Moose Legion, known as the Degree of Service, and the Women of the Moose were formed and both have continued to grow through their first century.

The efforts of our founding fathers have proven for over a century that they had what it takes and were willing to **GO THE DISTANCE**. Now my question to each of you is - Are you willing to do whatever it takes and **GO THE DISTANCE**? Are you willing to share your pride about our great fraternal history and invite your family, friends and neighbors into this fraternity? Are you willing to step up and make sure your lodge is operating a fraternal organization? Director General Hart has stated that our goal should be to rid ourselves of the ‘bar mentality’ and concentrate on fraternal mentality. If we would do this and promote our history and our good deeds, people will be asking you how to join. And if someone does join for the right reason, they will be more likely to remain a member. Therefore, membership would grow and member retention would be slowed.

To **GO THE DISTANCE** may mean that our price structuring may need to be altered. I realize that everyone wants cheap food and beverages, but that does not mean that it has to be given away. The Board of Officers need to be sure that the cost of goods to be sold is priced more than the cost of goods bought. Each lodge is a corporation and we all know that a corporation does not exist long if profit margins are not in place. The Board of Officers

was elected by the people and is expected to perform their duties responsibly and demonstrate that they are willing to **GO THE DISTANCE**. So again I will ask, “Are you willing to **GO THE DISTANCE**?” I’ll be looking for you at the finish line at the end of the campaign.



Fraternally, JIM

Current Campaign



\$0 APP FEES ALL YEAR!



SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

Scan this code
with your mobile
device for more
information!



During this Year of Celebration, Moose International will **not** collect application fees between May 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014.



Completed applications must be remitted with full first-year dues. **Remember**—members that sponsor two applications between May 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014 will receive a **free year's dues**, provided these applicants are reported as “enrolled” by 10 p.m. (CT) April 30, 2014.



WHY IS MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?



Because of members like you, nearly 12,000 children have been assisted by **Mooseheart**, our community and school for children and teens in need. Our seniors at **Moosehaven** reach out to our membership daily for a helping hand, and we have never failed to respond.

Our Go The Distance Campaign

**Sign 1 Member-Receive
GO THE DISTANCE
Lapel Pin**



GO THE DISTANCE
Loyal Order of Moose
ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

**Sign 2 Members - Receive
1 Year FREE Dues &
COMMEMORATIVE
Membership Card**



**Sign 4 Members - Receive
COMMEMORATIVE
Travel Bag**



**Sign 3 Members - Receive
1 Year FREE Dues &
COMMEMORATIVE
Membership Card**



100 YEARS



125 YEARS



May 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013



Schedule of Pilgrim Robings 2013

Harry Blendt at Camden-Wyoming Lodge on August 17th

Robert Mathis at Westminster Lodge on August 18th

Thomas F. Bowman, Jr. at Bel-Air Lodge on August 25th

John "JJ" Johnston and Thomas Maddox
at Mechanicsville Lodge on August 31st



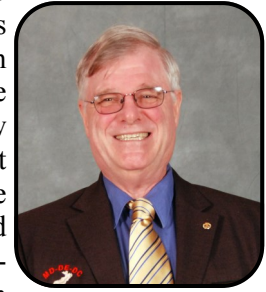
Barry Spicer
Pilgrim Robing
at Seaford Lodge
on July 20th

Assistant Regional Manager - Ernest E. Megee, III

We have just recently began a new lodge fiscal year and we are about to end our Association's current fiscal year. As you realize, we did have a loss in membership the past year, but we want to thank all who put forward the effort to do their best to help us with trying show a gain in membership. Now, we need to put the past behind us and work very diligently and hard on the New Year by using the many tools that were given to us via Moose International, our Association, and the individual lodge membership promotions. Moose International has given us the zero application fee for signing a new member, for two enrolled new members your dues will be paid for a year, and you will receive a commemorative membership card. Please keep in mind that the zero application fee for this fiscal year will not be the usual year ending program that we have had in the past fiscal years. So do not hold back signing new members towards the end of the fiscal year in hopes of a new gimmick; so far Moose International has not indicated that there will be one. Our Association has given us for the **Go The Distance** membership campaign a lapel pin for signing a new member and a Commemorative Travel Bag for signing four new members. This short-term campaign began on May 01, 2013 and will end on December 31, 2013. On the lodge level, many lodges are promoting a program that if a member pays for two years dues, they will receive the third year free. With this lodge program the lodge will not have to worry about contacting members to pay their dues annually, you will have retained them for a three year period. All of us will still have to keep in mind that by sponsoring new members and/or re-enrolling former members we are continuously making good things happen at Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and in our individual communities. Also, all of us will need to think outside the box by being creative with our individual lodge campaigns. Get your lodge involved in surrounding communities by having open houses and supporting local community service efforts by using lodge volunteers; not by just passing monies to them. Be proud that you are a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and your lodge by wearing shirts advertising the Moose and the lodge to the open house and when you support the local community service efforts. We must continue to seek out opportunities to participate within our local communities. Also, we must show on a daily basis that we are a vital part in helping to maintain the structure of our communities through programs such as Youth Awareness, Scouting, Special Olympics, Safe Surfin', the Salvation Army, and the Valor programs.



As many of you know, I have requested on several occasions that we spend our energies in focusing on the members of the lodge that are about to not renew their membership in this great Fraternity. We need to work the about to expire lists, expired lists, and the dropped lists religiously. Only a few lodges in our Association have adopted a viable Membership Committee that makes personal contacts with the lodge member whose dues are about to expire within a month. From what we hear, those lodges that do have a viable working Membership Committee that makes these contacts are having good results in retaining those members. The personal contact is a very simple program and is not a time consuming program if all committee members or a group of volunteers help to make the personal contacts mainly by a simple telephone call. When this committee contacts a member, they will need to remind them that our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven are counting on their continued support through the maintaining of their membership in our Fraternity. Just remember, it is really up to the lodge officers to push membership in lieu of just keeping the beer taps flowing! If you allow for your lodge membership to keep decreasing, the flow of beer will also keep decreasing. The ultimate duty and goal of every lodge officer is to protect the assets of the lodge. By continuously ignoring retention is doing just the opposite. Also, the lodge officers need to promote the lodge as the friendliest place in our communities. We must aggressively grow our organization. New members add life to our lodges, Association, and Fraternity. Those new members bring new ideas for growth, new innovations, enthusiasm, and a fresh prospective into our lodges which will ultimately help us to retain members by continuing to provide a value to them.



As a reminder, take a look at the message on our website that our Regional Manager, James Hale, wrote. Basically, it is about the Magic of One: obtain one new member every week, obtain one former member every week, and increase the number of lodge active members by one each month. By doing this, at the end of the fiscal year (April 30) you will have at least one more active member at the end of the year (April 30) than you had at the beginning of the year (May 01). It is as simple as that!!

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Ernie Megee's Message (continued)

As for our Association's Youth Awareness program, we are now planning for the 2013-2014 Youth Awareness Student Congresses. Again, we are holding Student Congresses in each District in hopes of making it easier by decreasing travel for our students. It will be a one day affair, a Saturday. We have requested for each District to advise the date and location of their Student Congress and also we have requested for each lodge to advise the name of their Youth Awareness Coordinator that the lodge Governor should have appointed at the beginning of his lodge year. We will keep all of you updated as soon as more details are given to us.

Just as a reminder, remember and avoid the hefty fines from the IRS. Get the IRS

Form 990 filed before September 15, 2013. Also, on October 01, 2013 the Lodge Safety Surveys are due. Moose International is currently accepting the completed forms now. Please do not continue the habit that we have; please **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY – get it over with NOW!!**

Heard of Moose? Moose – Go the Distance!



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

Valor Awards in MD-DE-DC Association



Westminster Moose Family Center 1381 held its annual Valor Award Ceremony on June 28, 2013 to recognize outstanding service by members of Carroll County Maryland law enforcement agencies.

The picture on the left shows (from left to right): Junior Fisher, Governor Westminster Moose Family Center 1381, Master Deputy Douglas Reese, Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Detective Corporal Jeffrey

Schuster, Westminster Police Department, Patrolman First Class Russell Halterman, Hampstead Police Department, Bob Reider, Westminster Moose Valor Program Chairman.

During the ceremony, each law enforcement agency received a dozen "Tommy Moose".

The picture on the right shows (from left to right): Junior Fisher, Governor Westminster Moose Family Center 1381, Chief Jeff Spaulding, Westminster Police Department, Major Tom Long, Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Captain Jay Gribbin, Hampstead Police Department, Bob Reider, Westminster Moose Valor Program Chairman.



Great Job, Guys!!



1st District Valor Award dinner at Waldorf
 Thank you Larry Dean for yours and the great dinner you put on at Waldorf.

Association President Thomas Bowman

Brothers and Co-Workers,

Where has the time gone? It seems like August of 2012 was only yesterday.

I would like to take this time to thank all of those who have helped me and supported me throughout the year. By the time you read this, you will either be at the Annual Convention or it will already be over. I want to wish the incoming President all of the luck in the world and I pledge my support. I have been blessed to have a Board of Officers who have been and are very dedicated. We have all worked very hard and your efforts are greatly appreciated.



What a year. It began at Blob's Park with the lawn mower races - Mike and his guys did a fantastic job as always - then we went to Mooseheart for another winning Homecoming game for the Ramblers. Great job Danny Williams, Bryan Shepherd and the rest of the MD-DE-DC Cheerleaders. Russ, just to let you know that you are not forgotten, your cheer of "Who's House" has become a regular staple for the Mooseheart Faithful.

At our Mid-Winter Conference in February, we got to meet and welcome a new fresh young face from Mooseheart as our OV in Brother Kyle Rife. I think that it is great to see fresh YOUNG faces leading our Fraternity into the future.

During the course of this year, three Lodges held fund raising events with dinner and dance with "Rick K and the Alnighters" as entertainment. Those Lodges - Westminster, College Park, and New Castle, their Administrators and their volunteers all deserve and have our appreciation. Through their efforts, we are better able to work towards our commitment to the MD-DE-DC House.

In May, it was off to Milwaukee for the International Convention that was highlighted by a Fun Night with Larry the Cable Guy. He was hilarious.

On May 25, 2013, I was honored to join Barry Spicer of Seaford Lodge, Harry Blendt of Smyrna Clayton Lodge, Bob Mathis of Westminster Lodge, John Johnston of Putuxant Lodge, and Thomas Maddox of Mechanicsville Lodge in the House of God at Mooseheart as we were honored to receive the Pilgrim Degree of Merit along with our Class Representative Scott Hart, Director General.

I wish to say that it has been my honor to serve you and this Association as your President during the past year. I look forward to continually serving you and the Children at Mooseheart and the Seniors at Moosehaven.



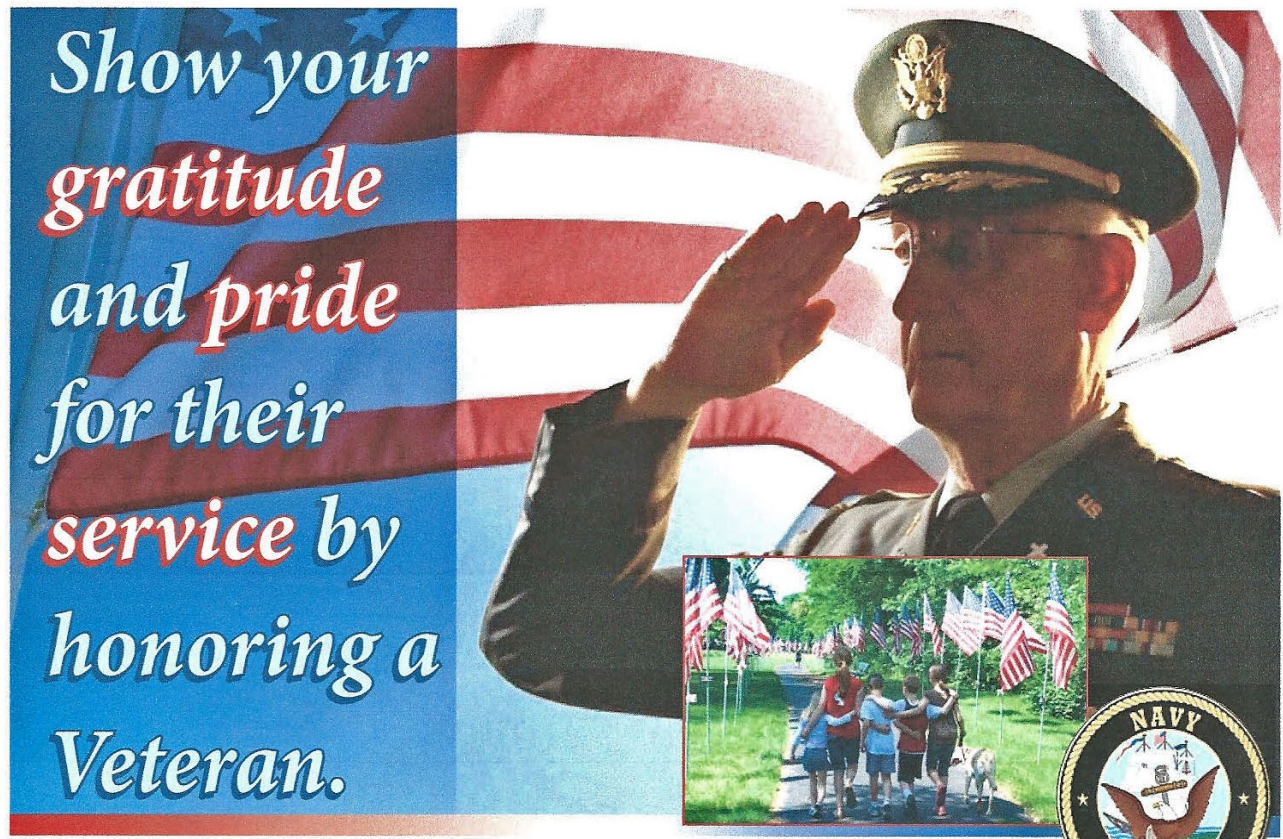
Fraternally yours,
Thomas Francis Bowman, Jr.
President

\$0 APPLICATION FEE!!!

CONTINUING THROUGH
April 30, 2014

*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



**Installation of
2013-2014
Men & Women
Officers
at Waldorf Lodge
#1709**

Easter Party at Waldorf



Happenings at Williamsport Lodge

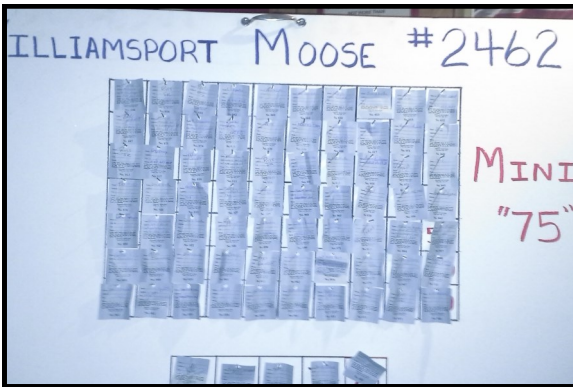


Chuck Neal and his wife, Jean, visited Williamsport Lodge while on the MYSTERY BUS TOUR from Essex Lodge. The photo on the right shows the Poker Run traveling to several lodges.



Photos on the left are from "Friday Night Cruise In at the Park" - Vicki Robinson, Gary Gruber and Mike Mills raised \$145.00 for the Christmas Families Project at Williamsport Lodge.

The photos below are from Williamsport Mini 75 Bonanza. ...fundraiser



Moose Legion Ambassador Dan Walther presented a plaque to 2nd District President Russ Robinson recognizing him for his three years of service and dedication to the Fraternity as District 2 President. Congratulations to Russ and, also, to Dan for being chosen as a Moose Legion Ambassador.



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

See the information below
to see who you
need to call for information.

MD & DC Blood Bank Information

The Red Cross info is Michelle Atwood cell #202-369-7079
e-mail michelle.atwood@redcross.org for Calvert, St. Mary's & Charles counties.

Eddie Hicks e-mail Edward.hicks@redcross.org for P.G. County.

I do not have a cell # for him. When we had our Blood Drive in June we collected 26 units and saved 78 lives, each donation has the potential to save 3 lives. That's a pretty incredible thing for a little time and effort. The Indian Head Lodge has drives scheduled for October 31 2013, February 20, 2014, and June 26, 2014.

FYI for anyone who would like to pay those Blood Drives a visit. Tricia Lodge 1712
Blood drive chairperson.

Hawkeye - moose2393@verizon.net

“It Really Is A Home...”



“It Really Is A Home...”
by Jean Neal
Maryland/Delaware/DC
Mooseheart Marketing Representative



May 25, 2013 dawned cold and dreary, we were attending the International Conference in Milwaukee, WI and expected a busy day. But today I was exceptionally excited because after over twenty years of being a member, I was headed to Mooseheart campus with one objective in mind. My husband, Chuck and I were finally going to have the opportunity to visit the Maryland/Delaware/DC house for the very first time. Yes, we had been on Mooseheart campus once before when I received my College Degree, but it was such a whirlwind trip, the only thing I got to see was Centennial (the imposing Moose Statue) and the inside of the field house.



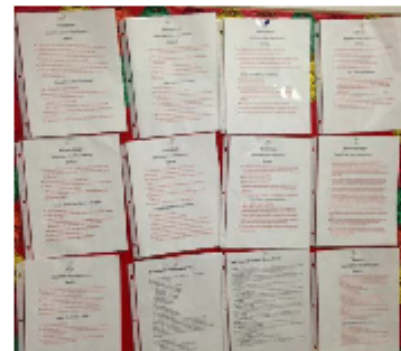
The bus trip seemed to take forever, but the excitement waned through the bus when we spotted the directional sign to Mooseheart. Then when we spotted Mooseheart’s security car at the corner of Mooseheart Road, the excitement of the members on board became a tangible thing! The busses dropped everyone off at the Fieldhouse and from there, we dispersed to the events we needed to attend. Some of our Co-workers were to be honored with their College Degree, while other, would drink from “the cup of human kindness” as their Pilgrim Degree was conferred upon them.



As Chuck and I made our way down Fellowship Lane to the Maryland/Delaware/DC home, JJ and Barbara Johnson arrived at the home the same time we did. Barbara said that she too was excited because this was her first visit to “Our House”. As we approached, we spotted several young men on the porch neatly attired in their NJROTC uniforms and other finery. Although the house tours weren’t scheduled to start for another 20 minutes or so, they eagerly invited us all inside. In addition to the boys, we were greeted by Angela Pope, Mike and Linda Worden the Family Teachers. We stood in the dining area meeting and greeting the residents of MD/DE/DC home and as Barb turned toward me, her eyes were brimming with tears and her fingertips covered her lips. I asked what was wrong, and she smiled and said, “I can’t believe I’m finally here and how beautiful this home is! It’s so overwhelming!”



Chuck and Barbara began talking with Mike as I snapped pictures and met some of the boys. They graciously offered to take us on a tour of the home. One of the first things that grabbed my attention was the “Chore Board”. Yep – just like any other kid, these boys are expected to contribute to their household and a bulletin board with chores they’re expected to accomplish and it even gives them guidelines on when and what they need to do to complete the assignment correctly! They explained that doing chores is one of the ways they earn ‘points’ which eventually lead to privileges. A valuable lesson for any child to learn, that what they get should be earned through their own work and



“It Really Is A Home...” *continued*



discipline. Sometimes, it's not an easy transition for them when they first arrive, but Humberto and Jeff assured us that they understand the concept and have quickly acclimated to system.



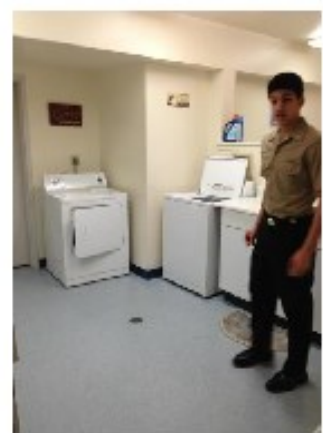
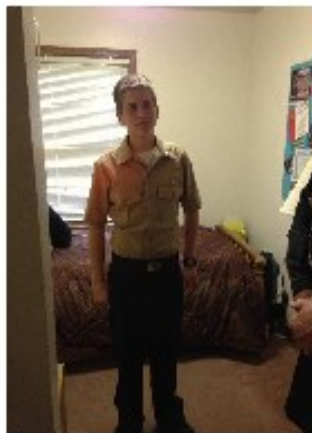
As Jeff and Humberto guided us through their home, I was struck with the difference between the mental image that probably most Moose members have of a residence of parentless children; a sterile institution and possibly not a lot of parental figure involvement verses what I was actually seeing. The home itself is well kept, but lived in



and lovingly cared for. The entrance is softly lit, with reminders that their home is "MOOSE COUNTRY" and the interior of the home is painted with calm neutral tones, comfortable furnishings, and warm wood work. Quiet work spaces and places to display each child's trophies, ribbons, and awards abound. The refrigerator in the kitchen is like ours at home, covered in magnets holding papers from school and important reminders. The dining table looks more like a conference table in size, but the walls and mantle display photographs of the Family Teachers and boys that WE care for; quickly dispelling the corporate feel into one of family. These are not anonymous photos, but those of a family and of events that they experience together as a family that are now cherished memories not to be forgotten.



Signs of childhood is everywhere you look, plush moose stuffed animals, Moose totem, baseball caps hanging on the hall tree waiting for a hurried hand to snatch upon exit. The back deck, now quiet, but standing ready to host a family barbeque or evening meal, a quiet place to enjoy your morning cup of coffee or cocoa. The back steps lead to a spacious back yard are flanked by a rack holding bicycles. Various sports pennants displayed on bathroom walls (why the Ravens and Redskins are relegated to the bathroom walls, I don't know . . .) and a laundry room that anyone would kill for is equipped with several of each machine and bigger than most living rooms. Jeff explained that while the home has room for 12 boys, there are only 10 because two of the boys have earned a 'room to himself'. Each bedroom is subdivided in to two private sleeping quarters, but if you accumulate enough points, you are eligible to have one of the rooms all to yourself! Don't think that each boy isn't aware of how many points is in their accounts and where they stand in achieving that all important "room of my own" that all teenagers long for!

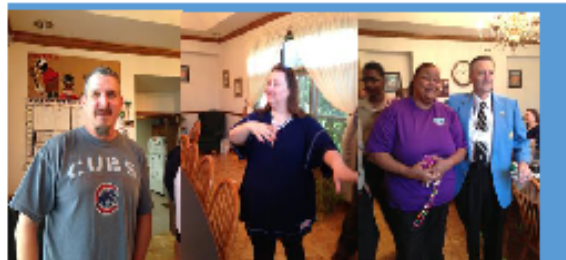
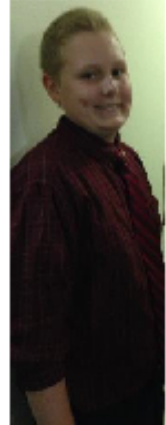


“It Really Is A Home...” *continued*



Of course, no predominately male residence could be complete without the “Man Cave” in the basement replete with recliners, sports memorabilia and a couple TVs. . . (again, strangely lacking Ravens, Redskin, Orioles and Nationals items. . .)

Along the way, we met up with KC, our newest resident in MD/DE/DC home. He says he loves his new home and getting to know his newest brothers. After Jeff and Humberto finished their tour, I walked through the house again, looking for my husband, Chuck. Unfortunately, he was unable to climb or descend stairs so his visit was relegated to the first floor.



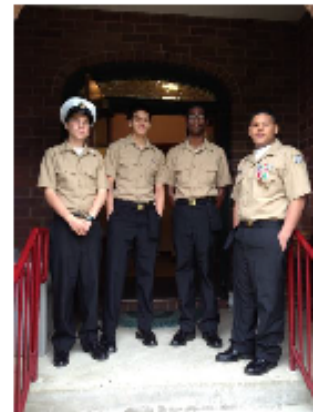
Family Teachers: (L to R) Mike Worden, Linda Worden, Angela Pope with JJ Johnson



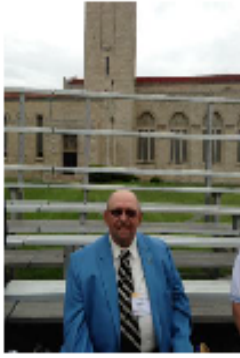
When I found Chuck in one of the sitting rooms on the first floor, he seemed unusually quiet and I asked him, “What’s the matter?” He turned toward me and I could see his eye begin to well up and he said, “I’m so overwhelmed, this is so beautiful and homey. I just didn’t expect this; it really is a home. If every Moose member could see this and experience this – we’d never have to ask for dues again! We’d never have to ask for our members to help at the Lodge – they’d just volunteer. I just . . .”, overcome with emotional tides within, he was unable to complete his thought.

There is no doubt that there is a family unit in this household, but what made this visit even more poignant is that we finally felt the fruits of our labors, of the many hours spent at the Lodge in endless, countless fundraising efforts. When any Moose member inevitably asks themselves, “What the heck am I doing this for; I have a family and home?” I knew – we all knew – because we’re blessed to have a loving family and a safe, comfortable home to call our own. These kids didn’t and it’s because of that moment when we signed our name on the LOOM application that we all agreed to support this and other homes on the Mooseheart campus and pledge that these kids would also experience what it’s like to be loved and cared for – that’s why we work so hard – that’s why we keep going.

We left MD/DE/DC home and waived good-bye to Jeff, Humberto, Howard, and Dominic as they stood on the front porch. We left with light hearts knowing that these children in our care are growing into responsible, well-adjusted young men. Best of all, we left knowing that we are a part of that and they didn’t miss a chance to say “Thank you for all you do to make sure I have a home.” Even with that knowledge it wasn’t enough to make that huge lump in our throats disappear!



“It Really Is A Home...” *continued*



We made our way to the swelling crowd on the lawn of the House of God where many of our Moose Brothers awaited their secreted journey to Pilgrimhood.

Chuck and I found Tom Bowman sitting on the bleachers outside of the House of God. When we approached to greet him and congratulate him on his achievement, he couldn't prevent the tears from flowing. "I can't believe this . . ." again, I found myself in the midst of a fellow Moose member emotionally overwhelmed by the task that we and others before us have accomplished. When on the campus of Mooseheart you are met with a realization that YOU are a part of something much greater than yourself but at the same time it is because of you that these beautiful grounds and homes are possible. More to the point an ever invading fear that this may not be possible if we don't continue the diligent work of making sure this fraternity remains viable so these children and those to come have a home. We sat with Tom a few moments to thank him for all his hard work on behalf of the children of Mooseheart, and I eagerly showed him the photos I had just taken at "Our House". The tears continued to well in his eyes as words failed him.

There was so much more of the Campus to be seen, but Chuck's legs weren't up to the challenge. Baby Village, where babies of just a few month old to pre-school age call home, and all the furnishings and plumbing are of miniscule size to accommodate the tiny stature of its residents, would have to wait for another visit . . . besides, I don't think our hearts or tear ducts could have survived that tour on this day. As we boarded the busses to take us back to Milwaukee, the only voice in my head that I could hear was the booming voice of Williamsport Moose Lodge's Administrator, Russ Robinson. . . . "Who's House?" "Our house!" "Why?" "Because we care!" The knowledge that I have carried in my mind all these years has finally bloomed to understanding in my heart. I wish the same for you and encourage you to visit Mooseheart – more importantly – I encourage you to become involved and GO THE DISTANCE!



Support your Lodge and Chapter and you will be supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven, as well. *the editor*

Moosehaven News from Bill Cobert

Swimming in either an indoor or outdoor pool, fishing from a pier on the James River, watching fireworks over the James River on July 4th - these are only a few of the activities that make living at Moosehaven so enjoyable. Maybe you would rather attend a luau, or Mardi Gras. Your preference might be attending a dance to welcome Spring or celebrate St. Patrick's Day!! If you prefer, maybe attending an activity at a nearby Moose Family Center is more your style or just eating out in a nearby restaurant. You also might enjoy attending the community activities that are held on the Moosehaven Campus. As always, traditional holiday celebrations such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter are remembered in special ways. Whatever you like best, Moosehaven is guaranteed to meet your social needs.

Recently two new halls have been dedicated. The Katherine Smith Special Needs Hall will house up to 16 residents who are challenged with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related maladies. The Don R. Eisel Assisted Living Hall will house those residents who need special assistance with their daily living routine. Both of these facilities will be available for any resident who needs change **WHILE** at Moosehaven.

If you have been thinking about a move to sunny Florida on the Moosehaven campus, please give me a call and we can discuss the admission process. Remember, you have two plan choices - the Traditional Plan or Brandon Place. Call now and find out the details.

Bill Colbert, Moosehaven Admissions Advisor at 410-381-6004

Hoping to hear from you soon!

Deputy Grand Regent Beatrice Megee

Hello Co-Workers and Lodge Brothers:



My position as Deputy Grand Regent for MD-DE-DC Association has come to an end. On the last day of the Conference, I will become a Past Deputy Grand Regent, so you still will be seeing me.

I want to thank every Co-Worker and Lodge Brother for all of the assistance and the help they have given me. Most of all, thank you for the very important smiles and the words of encouragement that were given to me. A special thanks to all of you who were there for me when I needed you. No names because you know who you are. I will always have you in my heart.

A special thanks goes out to all of the Chapters that I visited as a Guest speaker. You always made me feel a part of your Chapter, not just a guest. I also enjoyed sharing the special celebrations honoring the co-workers that received their Green Caps and College degrees.

I believe all of the chapters in MD-DE-DC did a great job this past year. Congratulations to all of the Chapters that received their honors. This year we will GO THE DISTANCE!!

Our purpose for being a member is to support Mooseheart, Moosehaven and our communities that we live in. It is not about what they can do for us. It is about helping out others that will al-

ways make you feel better about yourselves.

I am very happy that Moose International has come up with an orientation program for the WOTM. I feel it was very much needed. It will help new members to better understand what Mooseheart and Moosehaven is all about and the reasons that we have the organization, which is very important for new members to know. We do not want to encourage new members to join thinking they do not have to get involved. If everybody did a little bit, no one would have to do a lot.

The great thing in this **WORLD** is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving and we do want to **GO THE DISTANCE!** The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined efforts of each individual.

Please support our incoming Deputy Grand Regent Dorothy (Dotti) Wiest of Harrington Chapter. Dotti will do a great job as Deputy Grand Regent.

Please have a safe summer. Tell we meet again.

Fraternally,

Beatrice Megee

Deputy Grand Regent



Meet our New Deputy - Dorothy "Dotti" Weist

Dotti has been a member of Harrington Chapter since September 14, 1978. She was Hospital Chairman in 1979 and received her Academy of Friendship in 1980.

She has worked her way around all of the officer positions of the Chapter and received her Green Cap in 1984, College of Regents Degree in 1986, receiving her Red Stole in 1990, and the Star Recorder Degree in 1991.

Our new Deputy has been Audit Chairman, Star Recorder Chairman and College of Regents Chairman. For 12 years, she has been the Kitchen Chairman and was selected as Co-Worker of the Year in 1991 and 2005.

Dotti has been employed by James Thompson & Co. in Greenwood, DE for 42 years.

She lives in Milford, DE with her poodle "Buttons" and loves to arrange flowers and making crafts. Dotti has 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

We welcome our New Deputy and wish her well in her year as our Deputy Grand Regent.



John Lyons Scholarship Golf Tournament 2013



This homeowner must be a golfer!!



More Golf pictures on Page 27.



Bowling for MD-DE-DC House - 10/27/13

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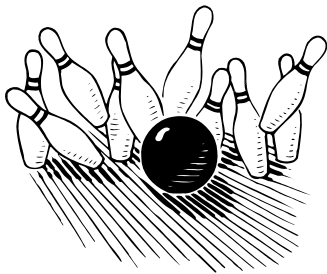
MOOSE
International, Inc.

Location: Parkville Bowling Lanes

Address: 7605 Harford Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21234

Lanes are located in the Parkville Shopping Center



Date: October 27, 2013

Times: 2:00 to 5:00 PM

Cost: \$20.00

Includes 3 games of bowling
Shoes are not included

All proceeds benefit the MD-DE-DC House
at Mooseheart

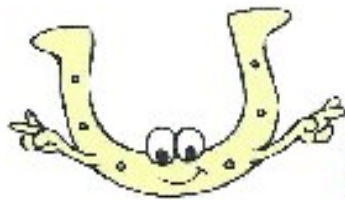


Donations will be accepted
in lieu of bowling



Come Join in the Fun!!

Tri-State Doubles Horseshoe Tournament



MOOSE LODGE #1577 TRI STATE DOUBLES HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

DATE: August 24th 2013

LOCATION: Reisterstown Moose Lodge #1577

1101 Westminster Pike

Reisterstown, Md. 21136

410-833-4209

PITCH TIME: 10:30 A.M.

FORMAT: Partners (must be from same lodge)

Double Elimination

May Bring Own Shoes

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Trophies Awarded

Food: Complimentary Continental Breakfast 9 am - 10:30 am

Lunch Available - Grilled Burgers, Sausage & Hot Dogs

\$5.00 Unlimited Draft Beer

Games & Raffles

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30.00 per Team Donation

Limited to 48 Teams

PRE-REGISTRATION: E-mail MooseLodge1577@gmail.com / or

Call: Jim Beyer @ 410-259-5948

Randy @ 443-677-0715



Moose International Sports Events for 2014

INTERNATIONAL MOOSE 2014 SPORTS TOURNAMENTS



TEXAS HOLD 'EM

JANUARY 19-23
GOLDEN NUGGET HOTEL & CASINO
LAS VEGAS, NV



BOWLING

APRIL 5 – MAY 18
SPEEDWAY, IN LODGE 500



DARTS

APRIL 25-27
VINELAND, NJ LODGE 434



HORSESHOES

JUNE 13-15
MANSFIELD, OH LODGE 341



POOL

JULY 2-5
WILSON, NC LODGE 989



SOFTBALL

JULY 25-27
ASHLAND, OH LODGE 1383



GOLF

AUGUST 1-3
NITRO, WV LODGE 565/
ST. ALBANS, WV LODGE 868



CORNHOLE

REGIONAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS
WILL BE HELD IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS
YET TO BE DETERMINED.

PLEASE VISIT THE MOOSE INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE WWW.MOOSEINTL.ORG/PORTAL/SPORTS/SPORT.ASP
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS OR CALL ACTIVITIES AT (630)966-2214.

2014 TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

**MOOSE
INTERNATIONAL**



5TH

ANNUAL

**TEXAS HOLD 'EM
POKER TOURNAMENT**



**AT THE FAMOUS
GOLDEN NUGGET
HOTEL & CASINO
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

JANUARY 19-23, 2014

More Happenings around the Association



**BASKETS -
BASKETS -
& MORE BASKETS!**



At the conference in Ocean City, the Chapters were asked to bring theme baskets. As you can see from the pictures above, they really came up ➔



with some great baskets! These were chanced off as part of the WOTM fundraising at the Conference. Great job!!



John and Andrea Potter attended the Pilgrim Robing for new Pilgrim Barry Spicer at Seaford Lodge. Andrea is doing very well and lives at a rehab center at the present time. We all happy to see her out and about with John. Best wishes to both of them!



den-Wyoming, Harrington and Lewes-Rehoboth Chapters participated in a walk on Sunday May 19, 2013 to benefit Breast Cancer Research. Great job, Ladies!

Some of the Chapter members from Cam-



At the 6/23/13 Association Meeting at Williamsport Lodge, the Lodge presented a \$1000 Scholarship to the 2013 Class Salutatorian Stephen Flessner. Also in the photo are Jim Hale, Russ Robinson, Danny Williams, Stephen Flessner, Dan Walther, Governor Frank Weaver and the proud parents, Mr. & Mrs. Flessner.

**Everybody likes to get a birthday card - especially our children and seniors!!
Here's a list of our Mooseheart and Moosehaven residents' birthdays - send them a card!**

Our Boys at Mooseheart:

Kenneth Brown - 3/16/2000
Humberto Esparza-Rodriguez -
8/3/1998
Derick Graeser - 2/16/1998
Wal Khat - 1/11/1996
Jeffery Leigh - 3/15/1998
Mason Miller - 6/24/1996
Howard Nealon - 1/1/1998
Dominik Solis - 3/18/1995
Juan Solis - 6/23/1996
Eric Wilson - 8/3/1998

Addresses:

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



Resident's Name
1701 Park Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073

Our Residents at Moosehaven:

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





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

Freddie Clark 2393
James Harris 296
Howard P. King 534
Deborah Kreuzwieser 705
Trent Showe 2462
Debbie Wallace 1084

50 Division

Richard Brown 1712

75 Division

Faye Adams 661
Loretta Clark 1418

100 Division

Patricia Copsey 444
Thomas Remus 203

125 Division

Ruth McFall 2204

150 Division

Ronald Martin 1578

125 Division

Frank Courtney 658

200 & Higher Division

300 - Jimmie Cornell 453
400 - Michael Stumbaugh, Sr. 1582

What is Willie Sampson holding in that bag???



See page 39 to find out!!

3 Year Award Winners



Ronald Martin 1578

Russell Sprague, Sr. 296

Charles Wilkerson 495

Leonard Willis 1456

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



This is my final message to you as your District President. I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and helping me the last two years. It is because of you and your efforts that put our Association in such high standards with the Moose Organization. Let's make our MD-DE-DC Moose Association one of the top five this upcoming year.

Keep in mind the promise we made to aid and protect Mooseheart and Moosehaven to the fullest extent of our ability. We are a business and our job is to work to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We need to fill our lodge calendars with activities and food and entertainment functions as often as possible. Incidents including the removal of entertainment machines in several of our lodges have hurt cash flow. Having a full calendar of events will aid in raising needed funds for our lodges. We need to increase lodge membership and retention by promoting campaigns and recognizing those members that bring in new members. We need to be promoting volunteerism. We should never be afraid to ask anyone to volunteer for anything. Volunteerism is the backbone of the Loyal Order of Moose. These volunteers must be recognized every chance we can. The more members you recognize the more you will get to volunteer. We should be working every single day to make our lodges the "Friendliest Place in Town". We need you now more than ever to get our lodges through these hardships.

We will strive to make our 100% during this year's campaign. Don't forget \$0 Application fee for all new or former members during the entire campaign year effective NOW. As our new theme says, (GO THE DISTANCE). Let's get started TODAY. Reach out to your family and friends and invite them to join as a new member or re-enroll. Invite them to your lodge and show them how important the Moose is to your community and the fact that their membership dues are important for the daily maintenance of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Contact those family members and friends who have been putting you off all these years and invite them again to join our organization.

Our Association is glowing with pride, and with pride comes rewards. Here are some... If you sponsor 2 new or former members in your Lodge or Chapter this current campaign, you will receive your next year dues free! Moose Legion is only \$10.00.

See me at Hunt Valley for tickets on our raffle for the Hybrid Grill. This grill comes with everything you need. It has a gas grill, charcoal grill, and an infrared burner. This grill is perfect for cooking for a large event or a quick meal in the evening. Chances are \$1.00 each or (6) for \$500.

Thanks for being a Moose, be well and may God bless you, Mooseheart, Moosehaven and our men and women who are working to keep us safe.

Fraternally, Robert L. Hall

District 2 - Russ Robinson, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

Due to a GLICHE in my mainframe, I neglected to realize that there would be another Communicator prior to my last days as a District President.....(lol! Thanks Miriam for all you do!)

Looks like a great fun filled summer throughout District II, plenty of activities, and family fun. GO THE DISTANCE, I did not think there was anything else. As a Moose Member, we all signed the same style of application, to contribute and support the fraternity which we were applying too. Is this a MYSTERY?? Then why is it so hard to explain to people WHY we have fundraisers, and what they are aimed at....paying bills of the lodge, making money for our pledge to Moose International, Mooseheart, and Moosehaven. Is there anything easier to explain???

And donations just do not come from the pocketbook, the heart, volunteering time, all of the above...for the fraternity we all love so dearly!!

It is our daily duty as a member, lodge officer, committee chairperson or committee member, or association representative to GO THE DISTANCE!!! As the members of the choir always do....Be a Leader, make it easier for others to follow.....It's not a secret what we do, if we sell the MOOSE!!!

Have a great summer, cannot wait to see you in Hunt Valley, it has been a pleasure to serve the 2nd District as president these last three years. Now on with the next phase of Moosedom!!!!

Fraternally, Russ Robinson



News from the District Presidents

District 4 - James Beyer, President

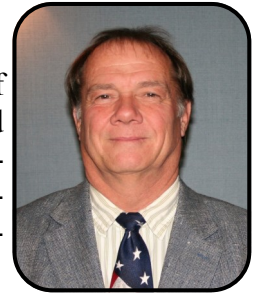
Greetings Brothers & Coworkers,

Hope everybody has been enjoying this beautiful summer, and having a lot of great Moose events, activities, and fundraisers. Summer is a fun time of year, and should present a lot of opportunities for our members and our communities to enjoy our lodges. Bring in a friend or relative, and let them see how many fun activities your Lodge has planned for this summer. Remember to “GO THE DISTANCE.”

We are 3 months into our campaign “GO THE DISTANCE”. This means that all Lodges should be at 25% to goal on their membership drives. There are plenty of tools available to promote new membership and membership retention. Use Moose International’s campaign, your Associations campaign, And your Lodge’s in house campaign. We, the members, are the best promoters of our Lodge, and what Moose is all about. Remember to keep promoting the great benefits, activities, and fundraisers that Moose provides to its members, communities, and charities.

Have a great summer! Look forward to seeing everybody at Hunt Valley, Maryland for the summer convention on 8-8-13 thru 8-11-13.

Fraternally, Jim Beyer



District 5 - Mike Boris, President

Thanks to everyone in the 5th District for all the support I’ve received throughout the year! I want to especially thank the officers and past Presidents who worked with me. I know you will give the new officers the same support I have received.

Thanks also needs to go out to the Association Officers and Operation Analysts for their guidance and help**THANKS BROTHERS!!!**

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR

Moose International has extended the \$’0’\$ Application Fee. Let’s take advantage of this again and build membership. Don’t forget: 2 new members get’s your dues paid for the next year.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. See you at Hunt Valley.

Fraternally, Mike Boris



District 6 - Donald Shelnett, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

We have survived the 2012-2013 year and are looking forward to a new year to accomplish our goals in membership and keeping our Lodges and Chapters in good standing. The new program of “Go The Distance” should give us incentive to keep our membership up and hold successful projects to keep our heads above water.

Let’s strive to contact those members who aren’t happy with our program and find out what’s bothering them, so we can make amends and keep our members involved with our programs. Let them know about Mooseheart and Moosehaven, and the gratitude our children and seniors have for all that we do for them. One trip to our MD-DE-DC House at Mooseheart would give you an idea of how these kids, who have nothing to call home, appreciate our efforts to give them a home. Let’s keep them safe and looking to a better future.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Conference in Hunt Valley.

Fraternally, Don Shelnett



News from the District Presidents

District 7 - Larry Clark, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,



I would like to thank all of you for this past year as your 7th District President. You have helped me and the Lodges and Chapters and we have continued to make the 7th District the best in this Association, thanks to all of you.

“HEARD OF MOOSE” - This has been the International membership campaign theme for the past year. You have helped get the word out and when asked, HEARD OF MOOSE, the answer has been YES. By telling the story of the Moose, you have gotten people to join; and because of that, if you signed two new or former members, your dues have been free for the next year. You have helped your Lodge with activities and their calendars have been full. Everyone is coming to your Lodge, which has brought more money to do more things for your members and your community. So keep up the good work this coming year, as we still need more members.

All of our Lodges get a new quota for the year. If we work at getting it with the power of one, get one new, one enrolled, and end the year with one more than last year. All of our Lodges and Chapters need to keep looking at the arrearage list on a monthly basis - a call may get them back. We also need to work on the expiring list to keep the members that we have.

Fraternally, Larry Clark

More Photos from John Lyons Golf 2013



These turtles came out to watch the action. The one below is moving off the green before he gets hit with a ball.



Tom Bowman shows off his lucky Moose head golf club cover. Hope it worked!



The geese heard Dallas was around, so they left the scene. I think he missed them this time. Dallas is sending his ball somewhere other than towards the family of geese!! Good Job, Dallas!



Everyone had golf carts, to ride on the three part golf course at Jonathan's Landing. Several of our finest USAF airplanes flew over the golf course which is just below Dover Air Force Base in Dover, DE.



In Memory of Lost Brothers & Co-Workers

Thomas K. Atwood

Past Governor of New Castle Lodge #1578
Administrator of New Castle Lodge for 21 years
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit



Annon "Bud" York

Past Governor of Baltimore Moose Lodge #70
Past President of Baltimore Moose Legion #10
Member of Reisterstown Lodge #1577
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit



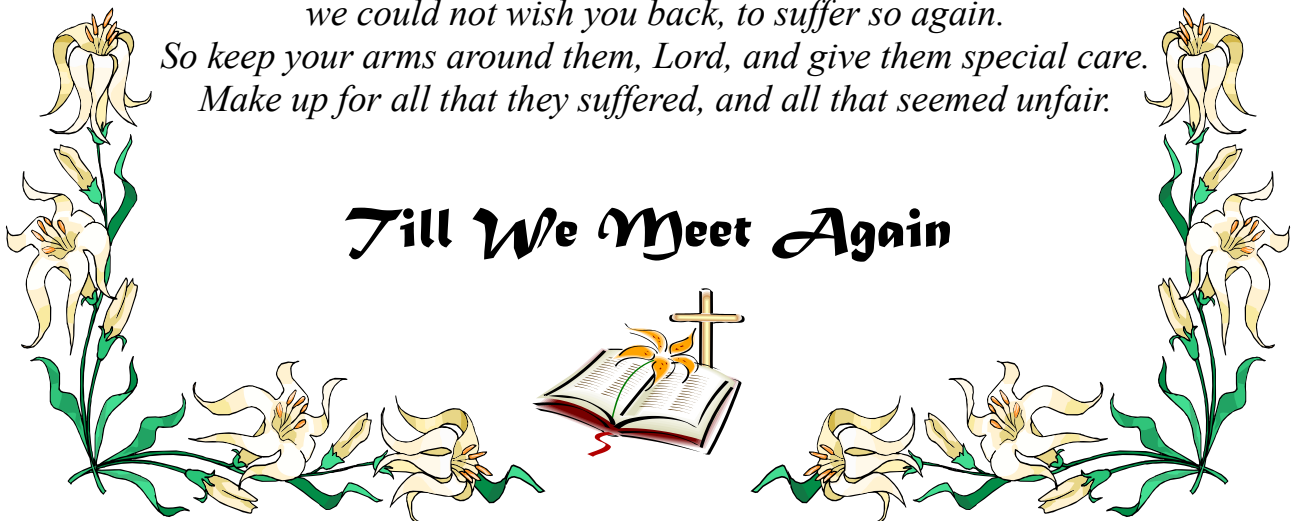
Mary Jane McLamb, PDGR

Past Deputy Grand Regent
Held the Academy of Friendship,
Star Recorder and College of Regents Degrees
Member of Gardenville & Reisterstown Chapters



*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come home to me."
In tears we watched you sinking, we watched you fade away.
Our hearts were almost broken, you fought so hard to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping, so peacefully free of pain,
we could not wish you back, to suffer so again.
So keep your arms around them, Lord, and give them special care.
Make up for all that they suffered, and all that seemed unfair.*

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.

Gone but Never Forgotten

With great sadness, we have said "Goodbye" to two of our Pilgrims of Merit. They both served to the best of their abilities and made a mark on our hearts from the devotion they both have shown to our Fraternity. Our condolences go to their families and encouragement to the ones who follow in their footsteps.

Annon "Bud" York *August 5, 1934 - June 22, 2013*

Bud York joined the Moose Fraternity in Eugene, Oregon with his father as his sponsor in December of 1955. In 1962, he dropped his membership due to family obligations.

In December of 1967, Bud reenrolled in the Fraternity into Baltimore Moose Lodge #70. He held many officers and positions in the Moose and the Moose Legion throughout his years starting with Sgt-at-Arms on up to Governor of the Lodge. In 1976, he became a member of Baltimore Legion #10 and the Treasurer of District #4. Through the years, Bud also became a Ritualist on the Baltimore Moose Legion #10 Ritual Team between 1970 and 1988; they entered into International Competition 7 times. He served as President of the Moose Legion several years and on July 1, 1975 received the Fellowship Degree of Honor. In 1985 Bud became a Life Member of Baltimore Moose Legion #10. On May 30, 1998, Bud was elevated to the Pilgrim Degree of Merit and continued to be involved in many more Moose activities. He dedicated 46 years to the Fraternity which he loved very, very much.

We thank you, Bud, for all your dedication and service to the Loyal Order of Moose.



Thomas K. "Tommy" Atwood *November 19, 1931 - July 6, 2013*

Tommy Atwood proudly served in the US Army during the Korean War; he became a professional truck driver when he returned to his civilian life, working for NKS Distributors until his retirement.

He joined the Loyal Order of Moose on April 21, 1960 and eventually became a Life Member of the Fraternity. Tommy served as Administrator of New Castle Moose Family Center for #1578 for 21 years, having retired a couple of years ago. On February 21, 1964, he joined the Moose Legion and was presented the Fellowship Degree of Honor on September 15, 1970.

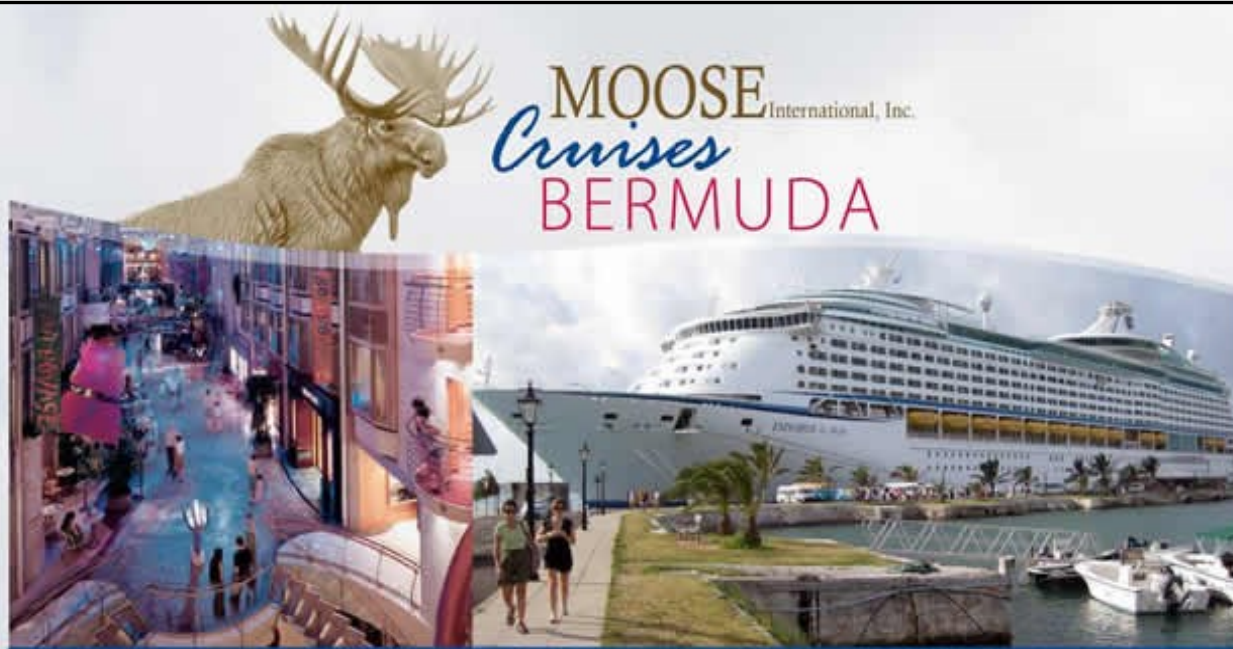
During his membership Tommy became a member of the 25 Club in 1969 and signed over 300 members during his membership. Tommy served as Governor of the Lodge several times. On May 28, 1994, Tommy was elevated to the Pilgrim Degree of Merit, the highest Degree of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Also, during his time as a Moose member, Tommy worked with Bill Cobert in helping members apply and gain admittance to our Home of Contentment, Moosehaven, in Orange Park, Florida.

We miss his smile and laughter, especially his smile when calling "BINGO" on Friday nights at the Lodge.

**It's not what you gather, but what you scatter
that tells what kind of life you have lived.**

Travels with the Moose



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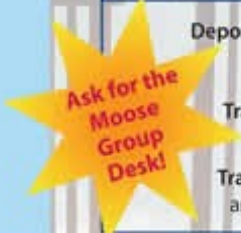
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Moose Charities by Past Grand Regent Libby

Hello Co-Workers,

Gosh, The International Milwaukee Conference is over and here we are again, back at home and working with our new ideas to support our chapters, lodges, communities and of course let's not forget our beloved Mooseheart and Moosehaven. I hope you are reading your books and obtaining the correct and much needed information for a very successful 2013-2014 Chapter and Lodge year. For some, perhaps (and I certainly hope) this will be a time for learning and planning some great fundraising ideas, which will help benefit Moose Charities, and our very own – MD-DE-DC Home. 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.

As I mention "Moose Charities", I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has been faithful in committing donations for our 100 years of celebrations, through our first Mooseheart School Renovation project by being an "Honorary Member of the Class of 2013".

NOW WE HAVE A CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE **TIME CAPSULE CAMPAIGN**, which will be put in place on Founder's Day. This opportunity is for you as an individual, Chapter/Lodge, or committees. Don't pass up the opportunity to be a part of this very special Moose history event. Be remembered hundreds of years from now by supporting the Time Capsule campaign. When it is opened one hundred or more years from now, your name will be in the book for those current residents of Mooseheart to learn about your contribution which should guarantee their future. They will remember you --and be gratified that you became a part of their history without even knowing them. All you need to do is go to Moose Charities on the website, click on the words **TIME CAPSULE** and follow the link to make your donation. Whether it be for 1/8 of a page, one-quarter page, half a page or a full page, it's up to you, to be remembered in history.

For those of you that did not attend the Milwaukee conference, our new fundraiser that was introduced last year: "**Join the Donors Circle**", is still in effect. This is 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.

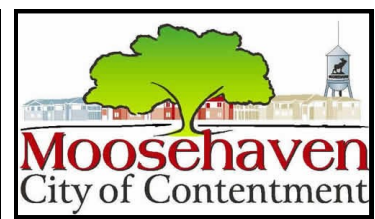
As you know, our local conference in Hunt Valley will be upon us before we can turn around. As usual, again at this conference we will be holding several fundraisers to make money for our very own MD-DE-DC Home. Our 2nd basket raffle will take place. We are asking chapters and/or individuals to make their wonderful mind boggling donations. We will also have jewelry donated by Christa Mumford, delicious home-made canned and baked items-donated by co-workers/PDGR's and our 50/50 raffles at each meeting. And, as in February, all monies collected for the above fundraising will be donated to our very own MD-DE-DC Regional Association, who has taken on the responsibility of a yearly commitment of \$120,000, to fully fund our very own home at Mooseheart. All donations are welcome **and** tax deductible, **if** made payable to "**Moose Charities**" earmarked MD-DE-DC Home. All donations are appreciated, regardless of how large or how small your check will be! Remember these are our children and they are what we are all about, and the time is now to promote our new theme: "**Go the Distance**" in our lodges and chapters and fulfill this commitment, each **and** every year.

And, yes we are all about Money and Members! Our membership still is not where it used to be in our Lodges and Chapters. **Members are our survival**, so let's work on this weak spot and make our Association #1. **We can do it!**

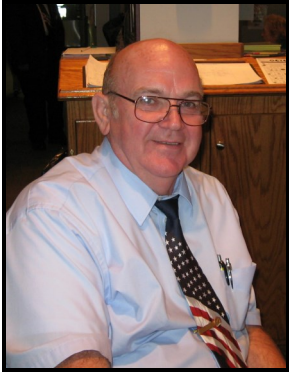
Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Libby

WOTM Moose Charities Chairman
MD-DE-DC



Moose Charities Chairman Danny Williams



Moose Charities Report

The Moose Charities fundraiser “Honorary Member Class of 2013” is now history. We “Thank You” to those members who signed up for this project to raise funds for the High School Renovation. Your Gradation pack will be mailed to you this summer and for those who are “Honorary Valedictorian” your yearbooks will be shipped to you in the fall of this year.

Now you can share your message and photos with the future by donating to the “Time Capsule” fundraiser with all donations going to the “School Renovation”, this opportunity will end on October 1, 2013. Your group photos and messages from officers of Lodges, Chapters, Districts, Councils, Associations, Moose Legion, Moose Riders and the list goes on and on may be included in the “Time Capsule Tribute Book” to be placed in the Mooseheart Cornerstone on Founders Day weekend.

Mooseheart needs all of us to support the school renovation project at a estimated cost of ten Million dollars. At present we have approximately \$3,314,000.00 pledged to this project.

Be part of the 2013 Moose Fraternities Book of Tributes. I will have information on this project at my table at our annual convention in August or to donate and be part of this project go to www.moosecharities.org
TIME CAPSULE.

Danny Williams, Sr.

International Moose Legion Councilman



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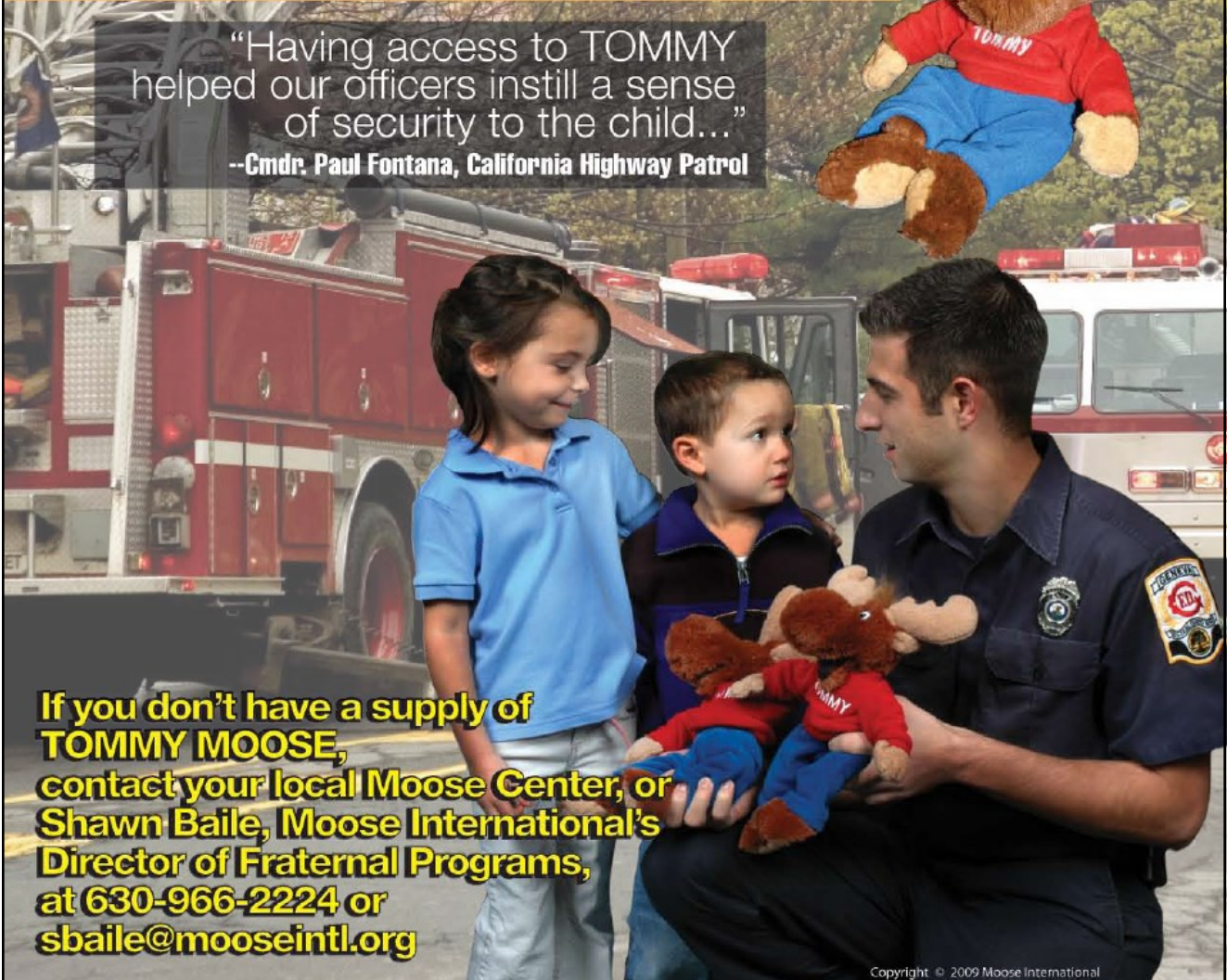
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GOD HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR

A woman received a call that her daughter was sick.

She stopped by the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys inside.

The woman found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground.

She looked at it and said "I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her HELP.

Within 5 minutes a beat-up, old motorcycle pulled up.

A bearded man, wearing an old biker skull rag, got off of his cycle and asked if he could help.

She said: "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in my car.

I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said "Sure." He walked over to the car and in less than a minute the car was open.

She hugged the man and through tears said, "Thank You SO MUCH! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am NOT a nice man. I just got out of PRISON yesterday. I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God!

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Is GOD Good or What!?

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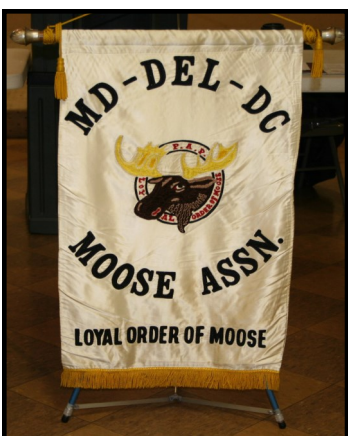
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Thank you for your patience.



Rick K visited New Castle Lodge 7/13/13



This is what's in Willie's bundle.





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