

**Sign 2 members a year - Never Pay Dues Again!!**



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**CONGRATULATIONS GO TO:**

**Pilgrim Paul Starkey**

*Paul was recently told he has been a member of the Moose for 60 years!*

He joined Columbia Lodge #126 on 11/15/63, served as Governor in 1955, received his Pilgrim Degree on 5/29/93 and his Life Membership in 1998. He is 92 years old and always willing to fill in when needed.

**Great job, Paul!! We Love You!!**



**Grand Council Member Patricia Cihak**

*Pat was appointed and installed to this position at the WOTM Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in May, 2013*

Pat has been a member of the Dundalk, MD Chapter #97 since 1980 and also hold Memberships in

Glen Burnie Chapter #1176 and New Castle Chapter #1418. She has been active in many areas of the Women of the Moose, and is a member of the 100 Division of the 25 Club. She has received all three higher degrees of the WOTM.

**Great Job, Pat, and we know you will do us proud!!!**

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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



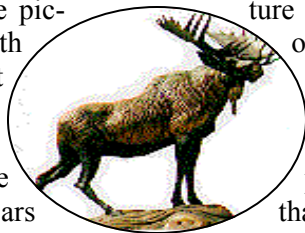
Do you recognize this? I am sure just about everyone would recognize this as Mr. Peanut of Planters Peanut fame. Have you seen the Planters commercial? It's a cute commercial that ends by stating 'it's the power of the peanut'.



The other day when the commercial came on, it started me thinking.

So often we use the power of association to remember a person's name, an event or an important date. So when you see a picture of the Moose, you would associate it with a great fraternity of members that believe in taking care of our own, providing excellent learning opportunities for our kids where they have a safe and secure environment. This also holds true for our senior members.

To me to see the picture of the Moose, I associate it with our fraternity and for what it can and should be – The Power of the Moose People. The power of Moose people that have proven throughout the years that they are willing to **GO THE DISTANCE**.



When we joined the Moose, we made a commitment and we take this commitment seriously. Our Moose people, our Lodges, our Chapters and our Moose Legion units all work within our communities to raise public awareness to what we are, who we are and what we stand for. Our labors of love provides for a sound education with possible scholarships, an inviting home to live in, wholesome meals to eat, a safe environment and an opportunity to make new life-long friends at Mooseheart and Moosehaven.



Growing up we learned the three basic R's – Readin', Ritin' and Rithmitic. With this article I ask you to remember the three R's of the Moose.

1. Remember our oath,
2. Regular giving
3. Retaining our members.

These R's are just as important as the first. The first three provided us with the ability to read and further our education. It provided us with the ability to learn and understand the Moose fraternity. The second provided us with a means of communication, the ability to share this great fraternity with others and the last provided us with the understanding of finances and how we can provide for our extended families.

This historic year for Moose members proves we are here for the long haul. Just think— over 100 years and counting. Our iconic founders and leaders literally paved the way providing us with sound principles to build on. Now, it is up to this generation (you and me) as Moose members to continue the work that was started long before. We can do this if we will only **Go The Distance**.

The month of November has been designated as Member Retention month. A month long endeavor for a year long celebration. And remember, the application fee has been waived. When you sponsor and enroll two members before April 30th, your dues will be free for next year.

Are you willing to



As the holiday season fast approaches, please remember others with the spirit of the moose in all that you do. Dona and I would like to wish each of you the 'spirit of the moose' for the holidays, a safe and memorable season full of fond memories and safe travels.

*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.

# Assistant Regional Manager - Ernest E. Megee, III



## YOUTH AWARENESS

Our Association is currently holding Moose Youth Awareness Student Congresses in each of our Association's Districts. So far, the attendance has been good. The guest speakers that the District Presidents have obtained have been excellent with their very educational presentations. The Youth Awareness Program is a WIN-WIN situation for the lodges which gives us exposure in our individual communities. The program allows for us to teach the four to nine year old children to say "NO" to alcohol, drugs, gangs, inappropriate behavior, and the many other abusive problems that they may face while growing up in today's society. If we do not step up to the plate to get the high school students to attend our student congresses, then we will not be able to help the young children who are our future. With higher education expenses being very high today, the students who make three or more Kids Talk presentations have a chance to help defray the college expense by winning one of the two \$1000 scholarships from our Association, as well as having a chance to win one of five scholarships from Moose International in the amount of \$30,000.

As I have advised earlier, our Association is still looking for that special person who would like to chair this very worthwhile and rewarding program. I believe that it is time for me to step down from chairing this program due to the additional responsibilities that have been recently given to me. The ride would be very enjoyable for the person who would like to chair this program, I will gladly assist them in any way. If you are interested and have questions, please contact me and/or our Association President Bryan Shepherd. Our phone numbers are listed on the front inside cover of this magazine.



## ASSISTANT REGIONAL MANAGER

By the time the Communicator is out, the focus on the Membership Retention Program by Moose International will have ended. If you will recall, the program was for a period of one week in which all lodges were requested to put more than the normal emphasis on re-

taining members. Moose International has furnished our lodges a packet of suggestions for this special week, as well as the May through September Expired Member Kit that was emailed directly to your lodge. These tools should have been of much assistance to the lodge committee that was working on retention during that special week. This is all well and good, however, we need to take this program one step further. Even though we supposedly went through a one week emphasis on retention, **RETENTION IS ACTUALLY A YEARROUND COMMITMENT!** This is where we may fall down because Moose International has requested us to focus on this problem one week. We cannot just drop the program after that one week, we must continually work on this program all year long. Our Governors need to form a viable, dedicated and working membership committee that would spend at least an hour or two each month to make contact with those members who appear on the lodge's drop/expired list. Find out why the member may not be renewing his dues and explain the many benefits of staying a Moose member. Use the tools that Moose International has furnished such as the zero application fee. Also, push the lodge membership campaign - such as pay two years' dues and get the third year free. The committee could also make contact with those members whose dues are about to expire to remind them of the due date, to thank them for participating in lodge events, and to answer any concerns or questions that the member may have. It is a program that could definitely retain the membership by making them feel appreciated, that they belong and giving them a warm and fuzzy feeling about the lodge and Fraternity. To me, it would be much easier to work on retaining membership than to continually recruit new members. Hopefully, Moose International's Retention Week program will shed enough light on retention to where all of our lodges put more emphasis on retention programs on a year round basis.

In closing, Bea and I want to wish each of you who travel safe during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year Holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our house to your house!

*Fraternally,*

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



# Association President Bryan Shepherd

Brothers and Co-Workers,

I can't believe that this is my first article in the Communicator since becoming President in August. When you are reading this, the first four months of being this great Association's President is almost gone. It is an honor and privilege to be your president this year. It has been fun meeting our members across the Association and seeing friends that I have not seen for a while.



In visits to our lodges, I am worried about how we are missing out on one of the biggest programs that we have ever had. NO \$0 Application Fee. Although some of us are taking advantage of this great opportunity, too many are not. Have you signed at least 2 new or former members this year? Also, spread the word to your lodge brothers and chapter members. As a friend of mine used to say "It's just that simple!" With that being said, I need your help. We have been challenged by the WV Moose Association to a membership drive that will end April 30, 2014. So far, we are slightly ahead, but we need to keep sponsoring members. We also need to get active and provide activities within the Lodges and Chapters that retain our current members. Hopefully, each Lodge and Chapter had successful Member Retention activities during the first week of November. But, it shouldn't stop there. We need to find ways to keep our current members. So, please get out there and sign a member or get a member who is in arrears to pay their dues. We are all here for the same reason, to support Mooseheart, Moosehaven and our communities. Let's put our egos and personal feelings aside and work together for our common goals. I know that the Fighting Terps and Fighting Blue Hens will not let a Mountaineer beat us.

The holiday season is upon us. Please do not forget our courageous service men and women who protect our freedom and the opportunity to be thankful for all that we have! Also, what a better present to give for the holidays than a Moose membership.

I hope to continue to see you all at my visits to your Lodges. From myself, Beth, Brett, Leigh and Jessica, have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Fraternally,*

**Bryan Shepherd**



**\$0 APPLICATION FEE!!!**

CONTINUING THROUGH  
**April 30, 2014**

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

# Deputy Grand Regent Dotti Wiest

Hello Co-Workers and Lodge Brothers:

Just a note on membership - We must make effort to maintain our memberships. Help your membership chairman with the arrearage list. See if there is a member on the list that you sponsored. Maybe you could contact them by phone or in person and ask why they are dropping their membership or if you can help them in any way. A friendly greeting and a kind word goes a long way. Every member is important to us. We are members of a family and a family of members. Every member is an integral part of the family. We must also enroll new members. Spread the word moose. Ask your relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join our great fraternity. If we could keep them interested and they would learn about Mooseheart and Moosehaven as we have they would never drop their dues. Doesn't it make you feel good that you are helping a child or a senior? That is what life is all about – caring!



I assume by now that all of know about the expired member kit that was sent to every lodge and chapter. If you don't already have a membership retention committee in place, perhaps you could implement this new tool that was created for us, by Moose International.

Sign two members and receive your dues paid for one year. What a bargain.

Co-workers and lodge brothers, we must go the distance!!

Our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven need us.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Let's make the New Year a good one, too! Thank you and God bless.

Fraternally,

*Dotti Wiest, DGR*



## Fun at Our New Deputy's Reception



Friends and family, many Moose members, as well as, Dotti's devoted kitchen crew helped to celebrate her new appointment. Harry talked and sang, the crew danced their way up the floor and the Past Deputies dressed Dotti in her attire for the year! It was a fun time for all of us and the cocktail hour and dinner were excellent, as usual.



# 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  
T-shirt**



May 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013



## Convocation 2013 at Hunt Valley



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
to our newest class  
of 2012-2013  
Senior Regents  
who have made the  
year and are on  
their way to receiving  
their College of Regents  
Cap & Gown!!

Denise Sawyers - Bel Air 1469  
Amanda M. Vanscoy - Elkton 969  
Yvonne Tucker - Marlboro 1350  
Hope Hewins - Patuxent 2173  
Bernice Hanes - Harrington 1229  
Constance S. Taylor - Lewes-Rehoboth 1814  
Nancy A. L'heureux - Newark 705





# Congrats to Our Shining Stars 2012-2013



**Community Service Chapter**  
 Betty Yeaton - Glen Burnie  
*V. Sprinkle - Lower Eastern Shore*  
 Jennifer Cole - Patuxent



**Community Service Lodge**  
 Greg Hess - SP Dundalk  
*Larry Dean - Waldorf*  
 Bruce Bounds - Salisbury



**Top Sponsor Chapter**  
 Margaret Kralic - Dundalk  
*Mary Lou Malinis - Glen Burnie*  
 Beth Shepherd - Dundalk



**Top Sponsor Lodge**  
 Charles Michener - Lewes-Rehoboth  
*Charles "Chuck" Neal - Essex*  
 William "Ronnie" Price - Salisbury



**Top Moose Legion**  
 Blue Hen 186 - Harry McGray  
*Chesapeake 183 - Greg Hess*  
 Western MD 218 - Livingston Van IV



**Top Moose Legion Sponsor**  
 James R. Miller - Capitol 155  
*Harold Whiteman - Blue Hen 186*  
 Robert Hall - Capitol 155



**Top Endowment Fund Lodge**  
 Smyrna-Clayton - Ken Bolyard  
*Lewes-Rehoboth - Jim Hickman*  
 Annapolis - Jay Stover



**Top Chapter of the Year**  
 Lewes-Rehoboth - Constance Taylor  
*Bel Air - Denise Sawyers*  
 Dundalk - Sue Taylor accepting



Bill Trice compares notes with  
 Assoc. Pres. Tom Bowman



**Top Lodge of the Year**  
 Reisterstown - Mathew Beyers, Gov.  
*Williamsport - Clint Rawlings, Gov.*  
 New Castle - Bill Hollandsworth, Gov.



**Top District of the Year**  
 District 6 - Don Shelnutt, Pres.  
*District 1 - Robert Hall, Pres.*  
 District 2 - Russ Robinson, Pres.



New Pilgrim JJ Johnston  
 & PDGR Barbara Johnston

# 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](http://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](mailto:michelle.atwood@redcross.org) for Calvert, St. Mary's & Charles counties.

Eddie Hicks e-mail [Edward.hicks@redcross.org](mailto: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](mailto:moose2393@verizon.net)

# Happenings around the Association

Once the weather cleared, Essex Moose Lodge 70 held their 2 X 4 Poker Run. There were 2 wheeled bikes and 4 wheeled cars in the group. They visited Gardenville, Bel Air and Dundalk Lodges along the way for refreshments and each participant received a card. Essex Lodge provided a lunch at the end of the run and they all received their last card. The best poker hand of the crowd wins. The proceeds from this run went to Essex Moose Lodge's Special Projects Fund. Great way to have fun and benefit a worthwhile project!



Dundalk Lodge 1228 held a community service event in late September wherein they donated the use of their parking lot to the Central Alarmers of Baltimore County to hold a flea market as a fund raiser. The truck shown above is the one used to supply drinks and food to the firefighters and police during an emergency. Jr. Governor Greg Hess presented the members of Central Alarmers with Tommy Moose.



Claymont Chapter 186 donated \$500 to the Delaware Humane Association towards the building of their new facility. Karen Faust's project "Pretzels for Pups?" sold soft pretzels during football season 12-13 to raise the funds. In the photo from the left are Karen Faust, Mary Jane Sheftz, DHA Director Patrick Carroll and Rita Anderson presenting the check.



# Happenings around the Association

WWW.DOVERPOST.COM / WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21, 2013

## CAMDEN WYOMING MOOSE LODGE DONATES TO CLAYTON POLICE, FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Camden Wyoming Moose Lodge donated three boxes of Tommy Moose stuffed animals Aug. 13 to the Clayton Police Department and Clayton Fire Department. Tommy Moose stuffed animals are given to children by police officers and firefighters during times of stress such as a fire or a car accident. Two boxes will go to Clayton Police while one box will go to the fire department. Kneeling (from left) during the donation are moose lodge members Joe Mazola and Larry Clark. Standing (from left) are moose lodge members Don Rayne, Gary Bryant, Tom Remus, Sam Tharp, Clayton Councilman Dave Letterman, Clayton Police Chief Brian Hill, and moose lodge member Bill Carnivale. JENNIFER DAILEY PHOTO



District 6 Community Service Chairman Tom Rieg, District VP Ron Martin, his wife Judy and, our Editor, Miriam Rieg, delivered pull-tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington, DE.



Williamsport Governor Frank Weaver presented the "Moose of the Year" award to Chris Clark.



Williamsport Lodge sponsored a trip to the Washington County Sheriff's Office for the District 2 Youth Awareness Congress. Association President Bryan Shepherd also attended. The Congress was held on November 9, 2013.



Camden-Wyoming Chapter members Sandy Rayne, Karen Krouse, Denise Brown and JoAnn Walston presented the "New Member Orientation" in one of the WOTM meetings at the Conference in Hunt Valley.



This members of this lucky group were all winners in Williamsport Lodge's Retention Nite Event - Mini 75 Bonanza - on November 8, 2013.

# Happenings around the Association



The Youth Group at Camden-Wyoming Moose Family Center are very active and make a float for the Camden-Wyoming Annual Peach Festival every year. The lodge also had the Moose Child ID available for people to have their children registered in the program at no charge.

## Erik Estrada visited Waldorf Lodge



Erik Estrada is very involved in the "Safe Surfin" Program and made another visit to Waldorf Lodge. He posed with the local Scout Troop and several members of the Lodge and Chapter. The Lodge is always ready to welcome him when he is in the vicinity - especially Billy & Mark Alderson's Mom!!

# Mooseheart's 100th Birthday



## Happenings at Cumberland Lodge



In the photo on the right, Herb Smith is presenting the Lodge Banner to Governor Bill Lindsay. In the center, Herb and Governor Lindsay are presenting the Moose of the Year Award for 2012-2013 to Mike Weaver. These awards were presented at a picnic at the Cumberland Lodge. Great job, guys!!

# Happenings around the Association

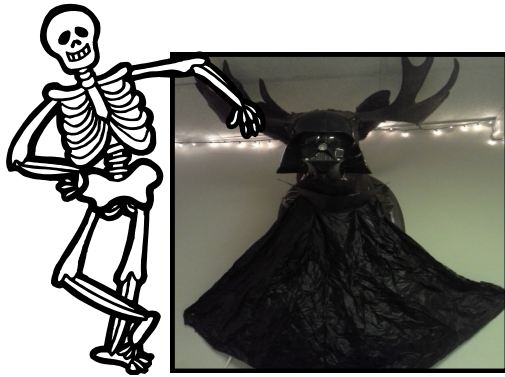


## East Sussex Chapter Presentation

We were happy to present this check for the two sons of Kat and John Stapleford. The boys suffer from MDNA Depletion Syndrome and needed new beds called "Comfy Sacks". Dren wanted a blue one and Devon a green one. We are happy to report the beds have arrived and both boys seem to enjoy being in them watching their fish swim in an aquarium.

L to R: Phyllis Brainard - Chaplain, Kat Stapleford, Fay Traylor - Junior Regent, Elaine Knoll - Guide, Rose Warren - Junior Grad Regent, Suzanne Warren - Sec./Treas., Annie Waddington -Senior Regent.

## Halloweeners at New Castle & Waldorf



# Chicken n' Dumplings Harrington Style



If you love something good to eat - you need to visit Harrington Lodge on a Sunday when they have Chicken and Dumplings. You need to get there early because they might run out of food! Next C&D day is in January.



As most meals do, it all starts in the kitchen where they prepare cole slaw, chicken salad, beets, etc. ahead of time and the cooking goes on as the day is moving along. All is served family style.



Co-workers bring the dishes of baked chicken, green beans, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, and, of course, dumplings right to the table for all to enjoy. Dessert is a light one - jello.



The A #1 dumpling cook is our Deputy Grand Regent Dotti Wiest. She's busy stirring a pot full of dumplings in the photo above. Dotti has been the Kitchen Chairman for over 20 years! Great job!!!

Dallas keeps things moving when people arrive. He takes their name and how many in the group and lets them know when a table is ready for them.



As with any big dinner, someone gets cleanup duty. At the Harrington Lodge, they have a commercial dishwasher which helps keep things cleaned up as the day goes on. Great job by a Great Lodge where everyone works together. They really know how to "Go The Distance"!





# Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

**Maryland:** I have been contacted by several individuals asking for assistance with the gaming issues. I am more than willing to share any information that could be helpful. Just have no idea of who to share it with. Do you have any government relations persons in your districts? Or any “go to” persons? Before any attempts are made you need to have some things in place for information sharing and etc. It will take all reps working together to be effective. To my knowledge no one has contacted any other Fraternal Organizations in their area. This should be one of your first priorities you all have the same issues. Second, Maryland has a non-profit coalition in place but it consists of veterans organizations. Find out who their representatives are and propose a meeting, (if my information is correct, at one time Maryland had a coalition of all non-profits.) At the meeting ask to revive the former coalition. Decide what your goals are, then pursue by setting up mini meetings with your government representatives. Make sure you have facts and figures to back up any information given pertaining to donations, and your involvement in the community. I will try to attend any meetings and assist when possible.



**Delaware:** We have had a few “glitches” implementing our machine usage, some because of rumors and miss-information. Some from a couple of vendors who were not privy to a lot of information, they were the last one brought on board. Please ignore and do not spread the rumors. Recently the state lottery office sent out an-email to ask for membership information. We do not give out any information on any member except with permission and to duly authorized persons. This can be considered “Invasion of Privacy”. The coalition responded and this resulted in a new e-mail message from the state. YOU DO NOT need to have the membership number notarized each month. Just provide the number of members. THIS INCLUDES CHAPTER MEMBERS. This number determines how many machines you are allowed. The agents are very busy visiting posts and etc, they are targeting NASCAR, weekly books, Queen of Hearts (that game requires a license) sports pools and bingo to mention a few. Please be aware and prepared. Currently the coalition is working trying to get the state to come up with an end-of-the-year donation form to satisfy the 40%. To date we have not come to any agreement. The form I gave out has been revised. I still believe we need to keep this form for everyone. It gives only the information needed to verify any information you provide for the state. Keep this in a file separate from your other business files. The state does not need to go rummaging through files that do not pertain to them should they visit. We need to be one the same page. The coalition is asking that everyone keep either this form or one like it for this purpose. If I can be of assistance just call or e-mail me.

God bless America, those in harm’s way, and those left behind. Have blessed and healthy holidays.



Fraternally,  
Bessie



## Let’s help give2thetroops!!!!

For a list of items to send to the organization to ship to our members of the US military you can log onto

[www.give2thetroops.org](http://www.give2thetroops.org)

Let our military know we are thinking about them and hope for a safe return to home and their loved ones.



# What Is the EZ Child ID System?

## EZ Child ID System

**Provided in Cooperation with Moose International and Safe Surfin'  
Now Available for MD-DE-DC Moose Lodges**

Every day 2,000 children are reported missing. Every year 200,000 children are taken by family members. 58,000 children are victims of non-family abductions. The key to recovering these children is quick action by parents and law enforcement. A statistic by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children states that "the first 2 hours after a child is abducted are the most critical."

The Manufacturer of the EZ Child ID System has worked with law enforcement officials to ensure that this digital fingerprinting system is up to their standards. We have taken it one step further and included a *digital fingerprint analysis* software package to make sure all the necessary "*points*" on a fingerprint are obtained. We ensure that we capture all the vital information required by the Amber Alert System.

EZ Child ID form includes all 10 fingerprints and is saved in the universal PDF format. The parent not only receives an EZ Child ID form, they also get a CD with all the information on it. This allows the parent the opportunity to reprint the EZ Child ID form at home if they desire. To help protect from identity theft, our software was written so that no information from the child is saved on the computer. Once you start over, all of the data is permanently erased. The parent is the only person who retains their child's information.

**ALL DONE AT NO CHARGE!**

**THE LODGE MAY HAVE TO BUY CDR ESTIMATED COST OF \$20 PER 100.**

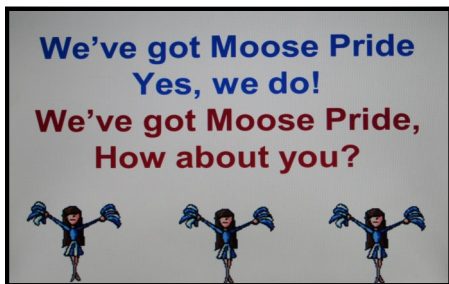


**ANYONE WANTING TO USE THIS WONDERFUL TOOL AT A  
MOOSE EVENT CAN CONTACT THE MD-DE-DC MOOSE  
ASSOCIATION'S SAFE SURFIN' CHAIRMAN JOHN KITCHEN AT:**

**443-309-4538 OR 410-398-7938**

**WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET TO YOUR EVENT AND TRAIN  
YOU ON THE SYSTEM. WHEN SETTING UP, YOU NEED  
AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET, AT LEAST A 4 FOOT TABLE, 2-3 CHAIRS  
AND A TENT OR POP-UP COVER.**

# Memories of Hunt Valley 2013



# 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](http://WWW.MOOSEINTL.ORG/PORTAL/SPORTS/SPORT.ASP)  
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS OR CALL ACTIVITIES AT (630)966-2214.

**Welcome to**  
**“Our House”**



**115 James J. Davis Drive**  
**Mooseheart, IL 60539**

**Come and meet “Our Boys”**  
**& their Family Teachers**

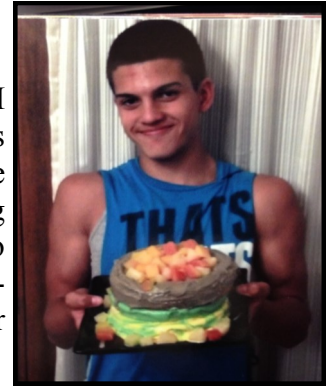
## Kenneth Brown



“I am 13 years old and have been at Mooseheart for less than 1 year. I was living with my grandparents in Ohio. They wanted me to get a better education than what I was getting there in the public school system. I will be going into 7th grade this year and am going to join the football team! I still miss being with my grandparents, but I am glad that I live in the Maryland/Delaware/DC Home and consider it ‘my second home and family.’”

## Humberto Esparza

“I am 15 years old and have been at Mooseheart for almost a year and a half. I attended another school before coming to Mooseheart and wasn’t sure if I was going to like the change and struggles at first. Everyone was patient with me but firm at the same time and wouldn’t let me “slide” through. I am doing very well now and am 4th in my class! I play football and will probably get to see some time on the varsity team this year. I am thankful for all that Mooseheart and the men and women of the MD/DE/DC Moose Association do for me and for providing us with such a great home.”



## Derick Graeser



“I am 15 years old and a sophomore at Mooseheart High School. Originally, I am from Missouri. Both of my parents are deceased and I was living with my aunt and uncle. They decided that they couldn’t provide me with the things that they wanted me to have and felt like I would have a great educational opportunity and the chance to live and interact with kids my age if I came to Mooseheart. I have been at Mooseheart 2 years now and consider it my home. I currently am 1st in my grade and know now that I will have the opportunity to attend college. I am on the varsity football team and enjoy the NJROTC program offered at school. I was an attendee at the leadership training that was offered at Great Lakes Naval Academy during the Summer. Thank you for all you do for Mooseheart.”

## Howard Nealon

“I am the newest youth to MD/DE/DC Home. I’ve been at Mooseheart less than 6 months and am from the Chicago area. My parents placed me at Mooseheart to get a good education, earn a scholarship, and to be away from all the violence and gangs in the city and my neighborhood. I will be a sophomore this year and am planning on being on the track team. My favorite football team is the Baltimore Ravens (I thought you’d like to know that fact about me!) and I also like to read. Thank you for all the things that you do to keep Mooseheart going and for making it possible for us to have a safe place to live and go to school.”



## Wal Khat



“Hello! My name is Wal Khat and I am from South Sudan, Africa. I have lived at Mooseheart for 2 years and love this campus and school very much. Everyone here is very nice and wants to make sure that I have a chance to get a great education. My hope is to receive my diploma from Mooseheart, go on to college and earn a degree, and then return to my homeland and help my people. I would live to become a licensed pilot so I could help deliver food and medicine to areas in need. I am a runner and won many medals and trophies. I placed 2nd in the State of Illinois Track and Field this past competition and hope to compete again this coming year. I am very thankful for all the opportunity that Mooseheart gives to me and also very grateful to the Men and Women who are so generous to

my home and me.”

## Jeff Leigh

“I’m from Missouri and am 15 years old. I will be starting my Sophomore year at Mooseheart. I have been here for just a little over a year and am doing really good! My family teachers say I have a lot of energy and call me “The Human Tornado” - that’s pretty accurate! Before coming to Mooseheart, I did struggle behaviorally in school and found myself getting detentions and that made my grades suffer. Now, I do well in school and am doing great in the home. Everyone makes me feel welcome, safe and there is a lot to do here. I especially love it when we get to go camping at Camp Ross. I am a wrestler and volunteered to be team manager for our track team. I would like to join the NJROTC Color Guard team this year. Thank you for the things that you do to make Mooseheart a success and for taking such good care of my house!”



## Mason Miller



“Thank you Men and Women of the Moose!!! My name is Mason Miller, I’m from Indiana, am 17 years old and a Junior at Mooseheart this year. My father placed me at Mooseheart to help me have a better quality of life. I was bullied a lot at my old school and was having some trouble in my community. Overall, I wasn’t a very happy kid. I have been here almost a year now and am beginning to find my niche. I excel at band and am developing other interests. I ran my first 5K race and finished first for my age group. I’ll be on the Teens Accepting Christ Team this Fall and am being taught how to run the sound system for church. I love my home and appreciate all the care and concern that everyone shows me. It is nice to know that I no longer have to worry that the bills are paid or if there will be food on the table. I know if I

need help with anything there are people that care enough to make me a priority.”

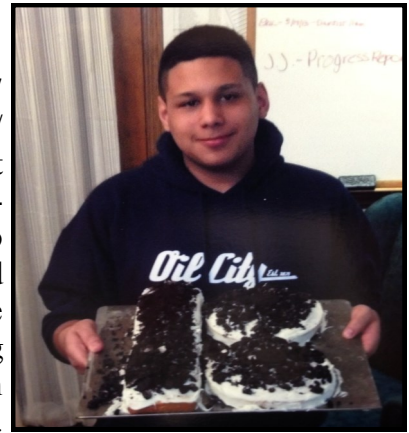


**Want to see some great High School Football?  
Jump on the Bus with Danny and go to Mooseheart next year!**

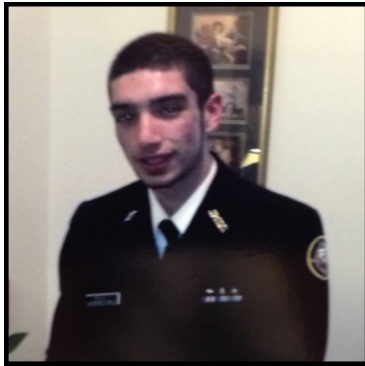
## Dominik Solis

“Hi! My name is Dominik Solis and I have been at Mooseheart for 7 years. I am going to be a senior this year. I have lived in the MD/DE/DC Home for the past 6 years. I am from a city close to Mooseheart called Aurora. My mother placed me at Mooseheart because she needed help with me. She felt like she didn’t really have the time needed to spend with me and help me with school and learning to do right instead of wrong, because she had to work a lot to support our family. She wanted me to have a chance to have more one-on-one time with caring adults who would be committed to help me become a successful youth and eventually into a young adult and probably most of all - to be safe.

There was a lot of gang influence in my neighborhood. I am planning on pursuing a career in mechanic. Thank you for giving me a much-needed second chance and for the help that you have given my family.”



## Juan Solis



“Mooseheart has been my home for nearly my whole life and I am not sure where I would be right now if it weren’t for Mooseheart and the Men and Women of the Moose! My parents placed me at Mooseheart when I was 17 months old and I am now 17 years old and a senior in High School. My father and mother were young and without insurance and really couldn’t provide a secure life for my sister and me. I am so thankful for all the things that Mooseheart has done for me. I have had the opportunity to have a childhood, play baseball, go to Six Flags, enjoy camping trips and “family” vacations. I have been given a great education and will earn a scholarship to go to college. I know that I am safe, loved and supported by the people in my life. I am planning on pursuing a career in broadcasting. To say “Thank You!” really doesn’t seem like enough to repay all you have done for me, but **THANK YOU MEN AND WOMEN OF THE MOOSE!** . . . You have made me what I am today.”

## Meet the Family Teachers Mike & Linda Worden and Angela Pope

Mike and Linda Worden came to Mooseheart in October of 1997 and have been in the MD/DE/DC Home since September 2006. Mike is originally from Peoria, Illinois, and Linda is from Poplar Bluff, Missouri. They have 3 children. Their plans do include to retire (someday) and Mike hopes to be able to ride his motorcycle and play poker. Linda just wants to win the lottery!!!

Angela Pope is from Mobile, Alabama and has been at Mooseheart since July 2006. She has dedicated most of her life to the human services field. She, too, plans on retiring someday and would like to return to her home state and enjoy “just having nothing to do for a while.”





# Go the Distance to Help a Child



Do you know of a child who is at risk in his or her present living conditions? The reason may vary, domestic strife, hanging with the wrong crowd, Mom and/or Dad not present in the home or perhaps living with relatives who may be unable to care for the child.



Consider your options, contact me, your Mooseheart Marketing Representative for more information.

Jean M. Neal  
MD/DE/DC Marketing Representative  
1322 1st Road, Middle River, MD 21220  
410-598-8427  
jean\_m.neal@yahoo.com

**You can show members of your Lodge and Chapter the pictures and messages from the boys in Our House.**

**Jean has made stand-up displays which you can print out from the Website on regular paper. Fold at the lines and tape the edges together to create the “stand-up” item to place on your bars or tables in the Lodge to show members where some of their money is going. These pages are found in the “Membership” area on the MD/DE/DC Website.**



**Let's keep Mooseheart and Moosehaven alive and well!**

# Moosehaven News from Bill Cobert

Presently, 111 men and 136 women reside at Moosehaven for a grand total of 247 residents. These persons already know the advantages and joys that come with living in this retirement village in Florida.

Moosehaven now offers another option for persons wishing to reside at Moosehaven - Buckeye Hall at Brandon Place. This apartment complex offers independent living and all the amenities of the Moosehaven campus. It is presently accepting residents and Ross Fleet, semi-retired marketing director, has taken up residence there.

Included in this issue of the Communicator you will find additional information on Buckeye Hall. Look over this information and if you need additional information or have questions, please call me, Bill Cobert, Moosehaven Consultant at 410-381-6004. I will be happy to assist you.



Beautiful Buckeye Hall at Brandon Place offer a spectacular view of the St. John's River.



The living room/dining room view from Buckeye Hall at Brandon Place.

**For more information on Buckeye Hall, please see page 27 for more details and contact information.**

**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



# BUCKEYE HALL AT MOOSEHAVEN

There is an exciting new opportunity available for members of the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose with 15 years or more of continuous membership to live at Moosehaven! Introducing the newly renovated Buckeye Hall, we can now offer a more affordable housing option under the Brandon Place admission program. The well-appointed one-bedroom apartments in the newly renovated hall provide spectacular river views.

Each apartment has a full kitchen. Amenities include an emergency call system, cable television and utilities. Buckeye Hall offers generous storage, a laundry room, snack area, library, and outside deck for grilling and entertainment, and a beautiful river room for leisure and socializing.

The eleven apartments range from 497 to 673 square feet with Entrance Fees starting at \$75,047 up to \$115,490, and Monthly Fees from \$422 to \$757, based on the size of the apartment and whether it is occupied by a single person or a couple.

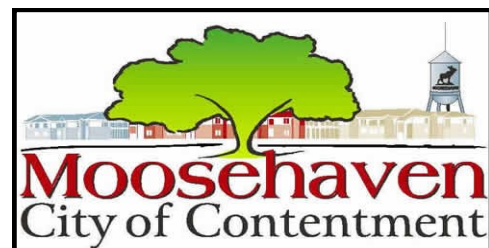
Buckeye Hall residents are Moosehaven residents but will come through the Brandon Place admissions program. Residents have several qualifications to meet for admission, starting with the 15 years or more of Moose membership. They must also financially qualify to demonstrate they have the financial means to support them through their expected lifetime. They have to physically qualify; that is to show they can live independently and without assistance.

Residents enjoy the campus and its numerous amenities, activities, and newly made friendships. Similar interests and hobbies bring all Moosehaven residents together for a harmonious campus. However, Brandon Place residents pay for some of the services rendered at Moosehaven such as meals, beauty shop, special maintenance request, medical bills, and co-pays and any long term care not covered by Medicare and supplemental insurance. Residents come to Moosehaven to live in maintenance free homes, to enjoy the activities, services, and amenities provided by Moosehaven and to rest assured that they know where their future care will be provided and who will provide it.

If Buckeye Hall/Brandon Place is beyond one's financial means, then consider coming to Moosehaven under the **Traditional Program**. For more information, contact **Ross Fleet** at [rfleet@moosehaven.org](mailto:rfleet@moosehaven.org) and by calling **904-278-1217**.

With so many options available, now is great time to visit, or contact us, to learn all that Moosehaven has to offer.

**Sandra Simmons Duggan**  
Director of Marketing  
[ssimmons@moosehaven.org](mailto:ssimmons@moosehaven.org)  
904-278-1281





# New 25 Club Honorees



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

## 25 Club Members

### 25 Division

Frances Bolling, 97  
Mary Lou Grim, 661  
Hope Hewins, 2173  
Sharon Murphy, 444  
David Shockley, 654  
Pearl Sweetman, 1418  
George Zepp, 1456

### 50 Division

Greg Hess, 1228  
Barry Spicer, 1728  
Kathy Young, 1160

### 75 Division

James Queen, 495

### 100 Division

Charles Neal, 70

## Congratulations to all!!

### 200 & Higher Division

200 - Ernest Houchins, Jr. 1578

## 50 Year Members



Ruth S. Furr, 660  
Wallace Hansen, 1578  
Arthur Hermann, 1856  
Robert L. Harris, 831

Sylvia Smith, 2116  
Rhoda L. Staley, 897  
Lonnie Strickler, 2542



## 3 Year Award Winners

Mary E. Cawley, 1435  
Mary Ann Jones, 914  
David H. Murphy, Jr. 495



## 50 Year Moose Legion

### Member

Richard P. Showe  
Moose Legion #218



## Lodge Operations Analysts for MD-DE-DC

David Greenaway, Sr. Analyst	dgreenway@mooseintl.org	443-846-7606
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John Kitchen	Jwkitchen64@gmail.com	443-309-4538
William A. Highberger	whighberger1@netzero.com	410-923-3760

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

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

# News from the District Presidents

## District 1 - Robert C. Hall, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

I would like to thank all of you for allowing me the honor to serve as District 1 President. We have done a great job in the past few years. Now it is time to "GO THE DISTANCE." The MD-DE-DC Moose Association has given each and every one of us a challenge. The challenge is to be one of the top Associations in the Moose Organization. This challenge is a simple one, but it is going to take the support and dedication of all of us. We need to think back to the oath that we all took as new members. We promised to support membership growth, to support the well-being of the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven. We cannot forget about those in our communities. In order for the Moose to continue to grow, we need to continually hold events for our children and younger people in our communities. The work that we do today will reflect on the Moose for years to come, so let's make it good.



"GO THE DISTANCE" is our campaign for this year. Remember, \$0 application fee until April 30, 2014. Also, sign 2 members and receive one year free dues. Hurry and sign 4 members by December 31, 2013 and you will receive a commemorative travel bag. The Moose Legion also has no application fees, and it is \$10 for the first year.

Thank you to everyone who helped, either in attendance or by making a donation, to the Fundraiser for Lt. Ryan Emmons, the 2013 Recipient of our Valor Award. Your help and support made the fundraiser a huge success.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you. I hope that everyone has a safe Holiday Season and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention in Ocean City.

*Fraternally, Robert C. Hall*

## District 2 - Frank Weaver, President

HELLO!!!!!!!!!! From District 2.



This Frank Weaver, the new District 2 President. This is my first year as the District 2 President. Boy is there a lot to learn. Thanks for giving me this opportunity to serve our Fraternity.

The Summer passed quickly with lots of activities in the District. Now the holidays are quickly approaching with lots more events happening around Western Maryland. Williamsport will be serving their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal on November 24, 2013. The events around Christmas will be here before we know it, lots to do to serve our communities.

I hope everyone has a GREAT Holiday season. See everyone in February in Ocean City for the Mid-Year Conference. Please keep in mind, as always, our Children at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven.

*Fraternally, Frank Weaver*

## District 3 - David C. Taylor, Sr., President

Well, the year has started slow, but, I want to say Thank You for picking up and making the membership good. We can do better with the campaign that is going on. Also don't forget retention, and our drop list as well, and don't forget we take care of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Our children and seniors are what we are all about. When you talk to people about the Moose let them know what we are representing. Thank you for all the good work you do.



Remember: **LET'S GO THE DISTANCE!**

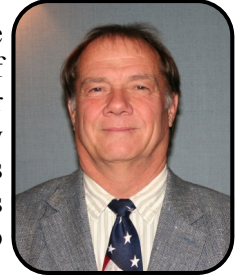
*Fraternally, David Taylor*

# News from the District Presidents

## District 4 - James Beyer, President

Greetings Brothers:

We are now halfway through our "Go The Distance Campaign", and I know that some of us are not halfway to our membership goals. In order to reach our goals we must think of activities that will bring new members in, keep our loyal members happy, and entice our dropped members to renew. What better time of year to do this, than during the Holiday Season. A special Thanksgiving dinner a Santa Claus visit for the children, a Christmas party for your members and their families, and a New Year's Eve Party for your members and their guests. These are all fun activities that will bring members and their guests into your lodge. Let's have fun and keep our membership drives alive.



This is also a great time of year to do community service activities. Let's all try to feed a couple of needy families during the holidays, donate some unwanted clothing to the less fortunate, and buy and donate some Christmas gifts to children in need.

Don't forget to lend your hall out to Girl Scout Troops, Boy Scout Troops, and to any other community service organization that may need a facility to hold holiday season activities and festivities. Last, but not least, let's do our best to be extra generous with our giving to Mooseheart and Moosehaven during this holiday season. Hope everyone has very blessed and joyous Holiday Season.

*Fraternally, Jim Beyer*

## District 5 - Jay Stover, President

Brothers & Co-Workers:

I would like to thank everyone for their vote of confidence in electing me to the office of 5th district President. I vow to do the best job I can for the District, Association, and the Fraternity. The focus to start out the year will be to get back to basics.



Timely and 100% reporting by all lodges is the goal. My board of officers and I are there to help you in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance. Communication and reminders will be the key to a successful year.

REMINDERS: Zero Application fees still in effect. Short Term Membership Campaigns do work. Working the Expired & Dropped Lists for membership retention is good for business. Raising funds to support Moose Charities, Mooseheart, Moosehaven, the MD-DE-DC House, and the school renovation project creates a sense of pride and fulfillment.

Keeping the lodge calendar full with community service projects and family activities builds a stronger lodge, thus a stronger District, Association, and Fraternity.

Together we can **"GO THE DISTANCE"**.

*Fraternally, Jay Stover*

Phone:443-534-1910/E-Mail:jvstover1808@Yahoo.com

## District 6 - James Miller, President

Dear Brothers & Co-Workers:

Let me start off by introducing myself: My name is James (Jimmy) Miller, I am from New Castle Lodge 1578 and was sworn in as your next District President on August 10, 2013 at our Association Conference in Hunt Valley, MD for the 2013-2014 year. I look forward to working with all of you, my board of officers, my committees and the committee chairman through the next year. I would also like to thank Past District President Don Shelnutt and his board of officers and the committees and chairman for all the work that they have done throughout this last year, which we did on November 9, 2013 at New Castle Lodge 1578 with a dinner and dance to Dry Run. Many thanks go to all who attended. Let's keep up the good work and continue to **"Go The Distance"** through the 2013-2014 year.



*Fraternally, Jimmy Miller*

# News from the District Presidents

## District 7 - Dale H. Timmons, President

Congratulations to all 7<sup>th</sup> District newly appointed and elected officers. I would like to thank all of the lodges in the 7<sup>th</sup> District for sending their reports to Moose International in a timely manner. This makes everyone's job a lot easier.

By the time that the Communicator is published, member retention week will be completed. I hope that everyone had a successful week with bringing back the former members and keep it as a goal throughout the year.

*Fraternally, Dale Timmons*



## New Pilgrims' Robings 2013



# *In Memory of Lost Brothers*



*William "Bill" E. Mooney*

Past Governor of Essex Lodge #70  
Member of Gardenville Lodge #1242  
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit

*Floyd Seeney*

Past Governor of New Castle Lodge #1578  
Past President of District #6  
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit



*Leon "Butch" Switzer*



Past President of MD-DE-DC Moose Association  
Past Administrator of Laurel Lodge #1504  
Past President of District # 5  
Member of Laurel Lodge #1504 & Westminster Lodge #1381  
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit

*Arnold V. Allen, Sr.*

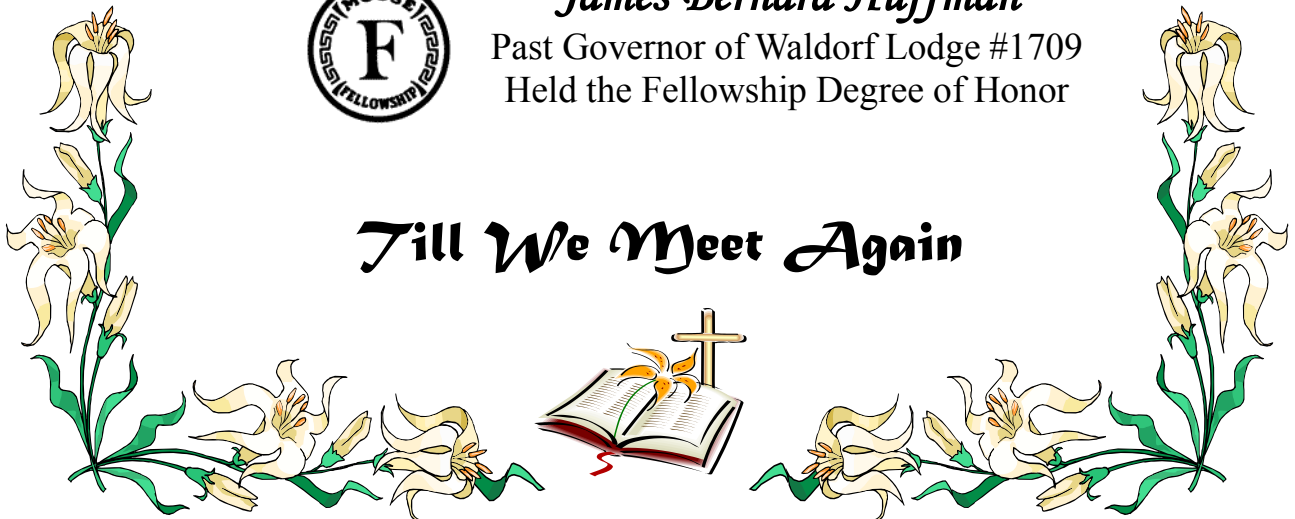
Past Governor of New Castle Lodge #1578  
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit



*James Bernard Huffman*

Past Governor of Waldorf Lodge #1709  
Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor

*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*

## **Mary Jane McLamb, PDGR**

Mary Jane McLamb became a co-worker of the Women of the Moose in October of 1982. She received her Academy of Friendship Degree in 1985. After serving as Senior Regent for the 1988-1989 year, Mary Jane Received her College of Regents Degree in 1991. She also was a member of the Star Recorder Degree.

Mary Jane was installed as Deputy Grand Regent on June 16, 1994 for the 1994-1995 year at the International Convention in Las Vegas.

She was active in the Gardenville Chapter #1138 and served 3 years as Recorder and served on the Audit Committee.

Mary Jane and her husband, Jim, were married for 30 years and were the parents of two daughters, Wanda June Hayes and Mary Lynn Watson. Mary Jane worked at Rogers and Dickerson, a Timonium Law Firm, as Bookkeeper.

She was active in the Meals on Wheels Program, the Girl Scouts, her church and various school activities. Her most heartfelt work was in the area of Down Syndrome with The Kennedy Institute.

She always enjoyed cooking, baking and sewing. Her hobbies were reading, trail walking, shuffleboard, arts and crafts and attending good theatre productions.

In her later years, Mary Jane moved to Hanover, PA and lived there until her recent passing. We will all remember her beautiful smile and love of life.



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## **Pilgrim William “Bill” E. Mooney**

I didn't really know Pilgrim Mooney, so I ask several members to send me something about him. Below are comments from former Essex Administrator Bryan Shepherd, close friend Jim Black and current Gardenville Administrator Don Vasold. Danny Williams did tell me that Bill received his Pilgrim Degree of Merit with him in 1991. *the editor*

“The thing I remember is when Bill Eisley, Ben Whitmer, Jim Bolling, and other gentlemen would pick on Bill about being short. They would bring a stool for him. I will say he was a good Essex member; he was there with his first wife. When she got sick, he stood beside her. When he transferred to Gardenville, I was Administrator of Essex Lodge and remember when he called me and told me why - it was closer for him to go to. I thought that was very upstanding. When he was Governor, he always hired a band for an enrollment. Bill will be missed.” *Association President Bryan Shepherd*

“Mr. Bill, or ‘Bill’, as he made us call him, transferred to Gardenville in March of 2010. He had been coming in for a while, and I would make it a point to announce that we had royalty, a Pilgrim, in the Social Quarters. He hated it when I did that! Anyway, I was talking to him one day about transferring. He told me a ‘story’ about a Lodge in Florida that did not have a Pilgrim on the rolls and wanted him to transfer there. According to Bill, they were so desperate for a Pilgrim member that they offered him a house as incentive to move! So Bill then asked me what I could offer him to transfer.

I said “Mr. Bill...” and was immediately interrupted by ‘Mr. Bill? What’s this Mr. Bill Stuff? It’s Bill...’ So I said “OK, Bill. I’ll give you free beer every time you come in if you transfer...” He thought for a moment then said “Damn - I guess being a Pilgrim just ain’t worth what it used to be!” A few days later he transferred to Gardenville 1241 - and he told me about that Lodge in Florida every time I saw him!

He certainly was a character! We always had fun kidding each other! More importantly, he was a very nice man who was always willing to help. He had vast experience and knowledge of all things Moose. He will be sorely missed. *Don Vasold, Administrator of Gardenville Lodge 1241*

Jim Black and Bill traveled around the State Association when Jim was going around in the Association chairs. On one occasion, they went to a district meeting at Lewes-Rehoboth Lodge which was a 2 hour ride for them. They got home around 3 AM after that trip, but it was the only time they were that late. Jim wrote, “Mr. Bill was a good friend and we had a lot of good times together. I am sure Bill and I will meet again someday under better times, at least I hope so. Mr. Bill Mooney will be missed by all that knew him...”

*Past Association President James Black*

*(I thank all three of these gentlemen for their responses. the editor)*

# ***Gone but Never Forgotten***

## **Pilgrim Floyd E. Seeney**

Floyd joined New Castle Moose Family Center #1578 in 1987 and joined the Blue Hen Moose Legion #186 in 1992. He became involved in the lodge and moved through the chairs to serve as Governor for the 1994-95. Floyd became interested to moving farther into the Fraternity and took on chairmanship of several committees in the 6th District. He served as President of the District in 1998-1999.



In 2004, Floyd was called to the House of God at Mooseheart to receive the Pilgrim Degree of Merit. He wore his gold jacket proudly and attended many Pilgrim functions until his illness kept him from traveling away from his home area.

Floyd has been greatly missed since he became ill, as he was always busy at the Lodge. He helped tear down the old house on the adjoining lot where the pavilions now are. With the help of his equipment and his knowledge of the outside area, the lodge became hooked up with Artesian Water for the pavilions and the numerous motorhome hookups along the back parking lot. Floyd was a member of the New Castle Ritual Team for years and helped to enroll many new members and acquaint them with the Loyal Order of Moose. He also served as the Community Service Chairman for several years and worked with his committee to serve many meals to football and baseball leagues, high school teams, and several other sports and music banquets for local schools, most notably William Penn High School in New Castle. Floyd also helped with the annual family picnics and many fundraisers sponsored by the Lodge. He also was a Life Member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

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## **Pilgrim Leon “Butch” Switzer**

Butch joined Laurel Moose Lodge #1504 in 1969 and served as Treasurer, Junior Governor and Past Governor as well as serving on several committees, to include membership, application review, endowment and sports chairman.

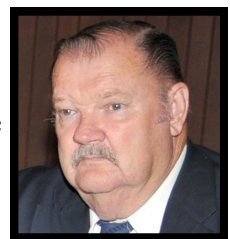
Through 2002-2005, Butch served as Administrator of Laurel Lodge. He also served through the chairs of the 5th District and was a Past District President of District 5.

He joined the Capital Moose Legion #155 in 1992 and received his Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1994. He was to Mooseheart in 2001 to receive the Pilgrim Degree of Merit.

Butch was also a Life Member of Laurel Moose #1504 and sponsored 92 members during his Moose career. He also served through the chairs of the MD-DE-DC Moose Association and was the President in 2007. He served on several Committees in the State Association.

In 2006, Butch joined Westminster Moose #1381 and soon became very active in the Membership, Application Review, Ritual and Audit Committees. He helped at all functions at Westminster to include dinner dances, chicken fries, family picnics, car shows, yard sales, and selling pull tabs on Friday nights.

Butch enjoyed sports on TV and was a Redskins and Orioles fan. He never talked much, but was a kind and gentle man with many friends throughout the Association. We all will never forget Butch Switzer, he was a good friend to all.



# *Gone but Never Forgotten*

## **Pilgrim Arnold V. Allen, Sr.**



Pilgrim Arnold joined the Loyal Order of Moose on December 18, 1977 and became a Legionnaire on January 4, 1981. He served several terms as Governor, Past Governor among other officer positions and was called to the House of God on June 4, 2011 to receive his Pilgrim Degree of Merit.

Arnold was retired from Preston Trucking Company, where he spent many years as a mechanic. He also drove a bus for Nurses N' Kids and Easter Seals in his later years.

He was seen at the front door of the New Castle Moose quite a lot, as he was able to stay off his feet and let the people in when a function was happening at the lodge. Arnold was a presence in the kitchen when a dinner was to be made, as well an experienced baker, along with his wife, Doris. They have made many cakes, pies and puddings for dinner-dances at the lodge for quite a lot of years. We will miss Arnold's wry sense of humor and the way he could give you the look when he was trying to get your goat. He will be missed terribly by his wife and family, as well as their Bischon Frise, "Lucy". She was the apple of his eye and he was to her, also. God Bless, till we meet again, Arnold!



## **Valor Award Recipient Ryan Emmons**



After being involved in an accident while the fire truck he was riding on was enroute to a crash on the Outer Loop of the Beltway in Baltimore on January 30, 2013, Ryan Emmons was given eleven surgeries to reattach his severed right arm. Another fire truck had reached the scene of an auto accident and advised Ryan's truck they were not needed. As the fire truck was leaving, it was struck behind by a tractor trailer which pushed the fire truck about 180 feet. The

fire truck then smashed into a concrete barrier and landed on its side. Six other people, including two firefighters, were also injured in the crash and released from the hospital.

Ryan's right arm at the elbow was severed in the crash and he endured the 11 surgeries to reattach it at the elbow. When the fireman driving the fire truck advised that the crash was coming, Ryan thought it was just another car crash in the middle of the night. The other firemen had the presence of mind to save Ryan's arm and put in on ice in time to get him to the hospital. At the present time, Ryan can move his fingers a little bit, but cannot feel anything. There will be more surgeries and, hopefully, these will help his arm to recover fully from the accident.

In the photo above, the MD-DE-DC Moose Association is presenting Ryan with a case of Tommy Moose for his fire company and presented him with the Valor Award for 2013. Among the people in the photo are the women's Official Visitor, Judy Sisson, Ryan, men's Official Visitor, Warren Black and District 1 President, Chris Hall.



Information taken from report by Erika Gonzalez on NBC4 Washington dated August 12, 2013 - the Editor

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# Moose Charities by Past Grand Regent Libby

Hello Co-Workers,

Well, here it is October already and Time for our "Cradle Fund Fundraiser" for Moose Charities. I certainly hope by now both the Women of the Moose Chapters and Loyal Order of Moose Lodges, are working together to make this a very successful event. Remember, this is for the Endowment Fund, which is the future of our beloved Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

October 1<sup>st</sup> came and went very quickly – and I certainly hope many of you did your part for the "Time Capsule." I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that participated. Just think, you will be a part of the future 100 years from now, and by your participation, you helped the Mooseheart School Renovation while being a part of the 2013 Moose Fraternity's "Book of Tributes".

Our very own Annual Conference is over and what a great time was had by all! For those of you that weren't able to attend, once again we had a very successful week-end as far as our fundraising is concerned.

Those of you that attended know about the many other items we offered of homemade canning items and baked goods, which brought in \$308.50. We also raffled beautiful Black Diamond jewelry donated again, by Crista Mumford which brought in \$717.00, and of course our share of the 50/50's was \$858.50. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Basket Raffle was very successful too – it brought in \$1,112.00. And then, very special thanks, to the Co-worker who made a \$200.00 donation to our fundraising projects. With all that said and done, The WOTM raised a total of \$3,196.00 for the MD-DE-DC Home and what a great time was shared by all.

We had two baskets – Number 7 and Number 12, which didn't have a chapter or individual name, as to who donated them, so you didn't get a thank you from Ruth McFall. If it was yours, thank you so much for your participation!

Special thanks to everyone that donated any items, helped sell tickets or worked the tables - along with you – the co-workers and brothers, who purchased these items and/or tickets. You are the best and we wouldn't be able to raise all this money if it wasn't for you!

**As most of you know by now, I now have 3 Assistant Chairmen that have volunteered to work with me:**

**Ruth McFall** is the Assistant Chairman for Fraternal Fundraising for the chapters of our Association,

which encompasses our very own MD-DE-DC home at Mooseheart. She is promoting fundraising for the WOTM, throughout the chapter year, to help defray the cost of \$80,000 which the MD-DE-DC Association has pledged to support on a yearly basis.

**Phyllis Brainard** is the Assistant Chairman for the Endowment Fund. She is assisting the chapters with ideas which will increase our Endowment Fund collections and fundraising programs such as the Cradle Fundraiser in October and the "Rocker" Fundraiser which will be held in February. At this conference she had a raffle of a \$100.00 gift card which grossed \$235.00 after expenses.

**Joyce Fefel** is the Assistant Chairman for ALL the Mooseheart School Support programs-such as Box Tops, Campbell's, Recycling, etc. She will be sending you info on clipping, saving and collecting, along with fun games to play, while donating your points to Moose Charities, to help Mooseheart School.

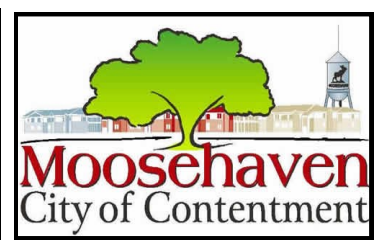
I am working closely with these Assistants. When I receive information from Moose Charities, I will e-mail it to the Assistants who in turn e-mail the District chairman and they are to forward this information on to the Chapter's Moose Charities Chairmen. Please make sure all correspondence received from any of these chairmen is read to the chapter. It will be the same as official communications from Moose International. Communication **IS** important! The Chapter chairmen are very essential and should be making sure that all the programs for Moose Charities is made available in their newsletters, e-mails and **all** other means of communications.

Again, thanks for everything you do – especially for our beloved Mooseheart and Moosehaven. You are their Lifeline---

**In Friendship,**

*Libby*

WOTM Moose Charities Chairman  
MD-DE-DC



# Moose Charities Chairman Danny Williams



## HOMECOMING BUS TRIP....

Fourth Annual MD DE DC Association Day at Mooseheart for homecoming 2013 was successful (only thing wrong-the Ramblers lost) with a total of 45 Brothers and Sisters on the bus. We had a wonderful cook-out at the MD-DE-DC Home with our house parents and children doing the cooking. I think we all had a good time and some even wanted me to take a deposit for next year.

On Saturday morning at 11 AM at the MD-DE-DC Home we presented cash and check's from the members on the bus and a few Lodges of our Association in the amount of \$4,638.00 toward the Home Project. When I got home and did the worksheet from the trip.....we always run the trip for no profit and no freebees. But with the "pull tabs", 50/50's, and other donations for overage in beer etc. we made a profit of \$1,462.71 which will go also to the MD-DE-DC Home Project. So the Grand Total donation toward "Our Home" is \$6,100.91.

I want to say "Thank You" to all the candy makers, cookie bakers, ice & beverage helpers and sellers on the bus with the coolers, tip jars, 50/50's etc.

**"A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU" !**

## Moose Charities.....

### "Mooseheart School Renovation Project - Honorary Member Class of 2013"

To the ones who donated to be an "Honorary Member of the Mooseheart Class of 2013" you should have received your graduation packets in the past few weeks. If you did donate toward this project please contact me and I will look into it for you. For those who didn't participate "Too Late".

The "**Mooseheart Cradle**" Project was for the whole month of October and I don't have the figures for it at the present time. When I get it I will forward the information on to you and your Lodges and Chapters.

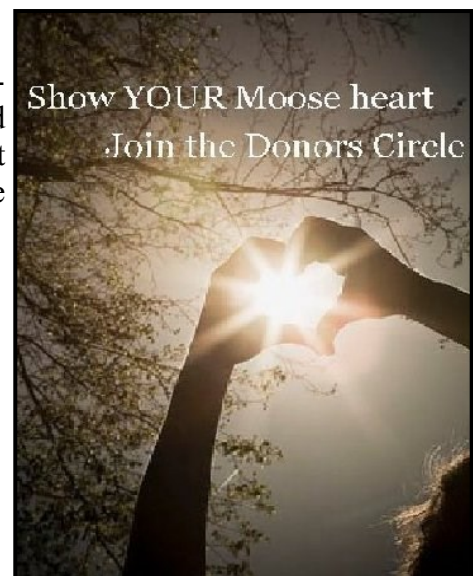
Remember the February Project is the "**Moosehaven Rocket**" project. Information will be coming to the Lodges and Chapters by the end of the year so that you will have enough time to get ready for it in 2014.

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*Fraternally,*

**Danny**



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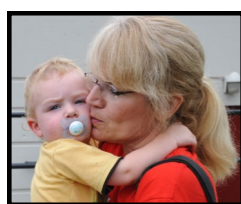
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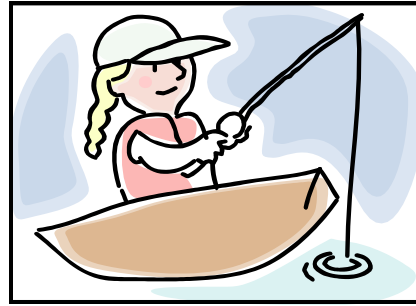
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## Never Argue with a Woman

One morning, the husband returns the boat to their lakeside cottage after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap.

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‘If you do that, I’ll have to charge you with sexual assault,’ says the woman.

‘But I haven’t even touched you,’ says the Game Warden.

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The picture on the right is from 1995 when Bob Baker and his band, "Rhythm Makers", played for New Year's Eve at the Catonsville Lodge. The young fellow in the middle is Bob's son, Bob, Jr., who performed as Elvis in the photo on the right. Bob, Sr. is at the microphone and his son, Bruce, is on the drums.



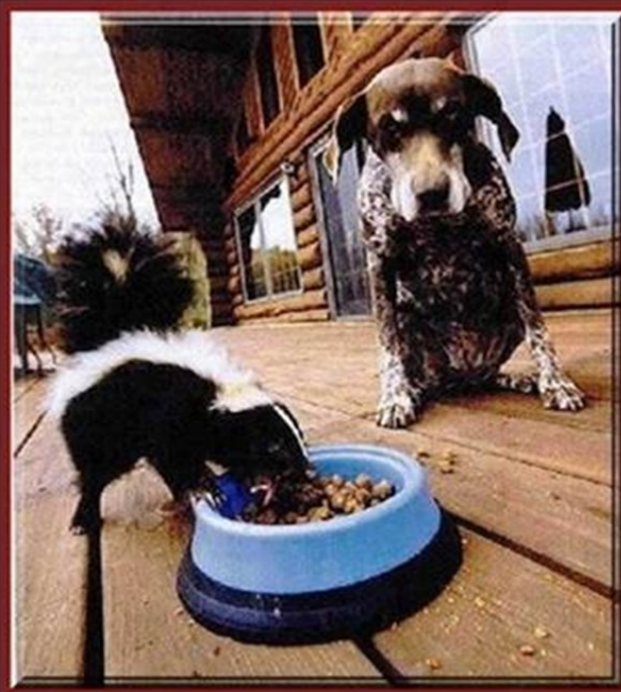


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