

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



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**MD DE DC MOOSE ASSOCIATION**  
**DASH FOR THE GREEN**  
**MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**  
**January 1, 2014 - April 30, 2014**

**THE FINAL DASH!**  
*Special Membership Promotion*  
Here's your chance to  
**DASH FOR CASH!!**

An illustration of a crowd of runners in silhouette, running towards the right. In the background, there is a large yellow sun setting over a horizon. A small "MOOSE GO THE DISTANCE" logo is visible in the upper right corner of the illustration area.

*See Page 11 for the Scoop!!*

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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



Holidays got you strapped for some extra cash? The heating bills a little higher this year? Wondering how you're gonna pay your dues? Not to worry! You still have time to sponsor two members and your next year's dues are free. That is, if the applications are turned in and reported before the end of April. Doesn't get much better than that! Well – maybe it does.

Our membership theme this year has been **GO THE DISTANCE**. Every member throughout the fraternity has been encouraged to share our great history of the Moose with more friends, more family members, more work associates and more people you do business with on a regular basis. For all of our readers that accepted and followed through with this challenge we offer our thanks. It is your commitment and dedication that allows us to care for our extended families.

As much as we would like to say that our fraternity grew in leaps and bounds this past year, that just isn't the case. Someone forgot to close the back door. This means that when you saw a new face in the lodge for the first time, you didn't go over and introduce yourself and make him feel welcome. You didn't invite him to sit with you and introduce him to others; you didn't take the opportunity to get to know him and about his family. You didn't invite him and his family to be your guests (that means you pay) when you have a hamburger and hot dog night. Trust me, when he leaves he'll remember this and in all likelihood, he will return. And who knows – you may have just made friends with a future lodge leader or famous dignitary. You were instrumental in making sure the back door was closed to one new member and you helped **GO THE DISTANCE**.

With the few remaining months we are busy to **DASH FOR THE FINISH**. Once again your help is needed and we are counting on you. Because lodges do not operate on their own, Administrators and Governors are a vital part of our business. They are responsible to ensure that every application is reported and added as an active membership of the lodge. The goal for each lodge is to have a minimum of one more active member at the close of the year than they had last year. Realizing their importance, this Association is promoting now through the end of April an opportunity to **DASH FOR THE GREEN**. If your lodge had 50 active members on January 30, 2013 and on January 30, 2014 you had 55 active members, the Administrator and/or Governor would receive \$5. each for those 5 increased active members; in other words the Association would be giving them a check for \$25; they can do this each month through April 2014. Please see the flyer in this magazine for the details.

Our Mid-Year conference is fast approaching and all lodges should be reminded that per the General Laws of the Order, each lodge Administrator, Governor or appointed delegate should be in attendance and answer roll calls. We look forward to seeing you there.

This year we have encouraged everyone to **GO THE DISTANCE** and to **DASH FOR THE FINISH** and now possibly **DASH FOR THE GREEN**. Each of you play a vital part of the greater whole of this fraternity to ensure our continued support of our Twin Cities, our Lodges and to have a positive image in our respective communities. We can't say thank you loud enough or often enough.



*Fraternally, JIM*



## Assistant Regional Manager - Ernest E. Megee, III



I realize that all of you get tired of hearing about money and membership. Without membership our lodges, districts, and the fraternity would not exist because there would not be any monies coming in. Thus, the reason for our officers and Moose International to keep promoting new members and the retaining of existing members. It is all about the money. The decreasing membership that we are currently experiencing is causing a decreasing of revenues which adversely affects how our lodges are able to give back to our individual communities. With that in mind, Moose International and our Association will be giving to you two more tools to use for obtaining and maintaining membership in our lodges.

Moose International has a new special membership promotion The Final Dash! You have a chance to win cash up to \$ 500.00 just for sponsoring at least one new member from February 01, 2014 through and including April 30, 2014. For every member that you sponsor during that period, your name gets entered into a drawing to win at least \$ 100.00. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the promotional period. Potential winning names, one each for LOOM and WOTM (Wednesday only for the Moose Legion) will be posted to the Moose International website at approximately 09:00 am CST each day. If your name appears on the site, you must contact Moose International Membership Department within twenty-four hours to claim your prize. If you do not make contact to claim the prize, the



cash amount will be rolled over to the next day's contestant. The MD-DE-DC Moose Association has a new membership promotion ***Dash for the Green!*** This special promotion period is January 01, 2014 through April 30, 2014. Every lodge that shows an active increase in member on the rolls each month during January through April of 2014 over the comparative months of January through April 2013 will qualify. For each lodge that shows an active increase in membership, the lodge Administrator and Governor each will receive \$5.00 per increased member.

All of us have examined our numbers and realize that all of us had a decent December. However, overall, the membership in our Association is down compared to last year which translates into one simple message - we continue to lose our existing members. It is time for us to get out to the lodges, district meetings, and other venues where we can push membership - both retention and production. Now we have two additional "Dash" tools that will help us to retain members and to obtain new members. If this is done positively and our units have solid activities on a regular basis for our members, then the shortage of monies should ease so that we can serve our communities through service. Through working on membership - both retention and production - will give us a way to do more, give more, and be more; just think about it and strive to make it work!!

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

# Youth Awareness Coordinator Ernie Megee

The Youth Awareness program is the "flagship" of Moose International's Community Service Six Point Program. As most of you are aware, this program encourages high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors to become a speaker bureau to deliver a message to four to nine year old children in our individual communities. The unscripted messages, Kids Talk, can vary from alcohol and drug abuses as well as the other abuses affecting our society such as sexual, bullying, and internet abuses through various not so safe social medias. The high school students try to impress upon the children the importance of being safe and how to avoid the dangers of these abuses by encouraging them to make positive and healthy choices in life. Our Fraternity's goal is to reach 100,000 four to nine year old children each year. If we are able to "save" one child from these abuses, then we have achieved our goal with this program.

Early this fall our Association held six Moose Youth Awareness Student Congresses, one in each of our Association's Districts (Third and Fourth combined their efforts). It was the District President's responsibility to locate a suitable site and date for their District Youth Awareness Student Congress as well as obtaining guest speakers for each Student Congress. The District Presidents all had excellent speakers this year. One district added an extra step which made the Student Congress to mock the real situation in making a presentation to four to nine year old children by a student. A segment of the guest speaker's presentation was how to make presentations to four to nine year old children. The students there during the "barnstorming" session actually made presentations to a group of four to nine year old children that were at the lodge during the Student Congress. This proved to

be a good learning experience with the help of the guest speaker.

I do believe that our Student Congresses were successful this year. We had a total of twenty-eight students that represented thirteen lodges in our Association which equates to a thirty percent participation. Yes, we had quite a few parents and members to attend, however, attendance by Association officers needs improvement. Our students at the present time should be making their presentations to groups of four to nine year old children. All that they have to do is to complete a minimum of three Kids Talk presentations. When their completed reports are returned to me, we have a Moose Teen Club to judge the reports and to pick out two winners that will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship from our Association.

Additionally, the two winners will be eligible to represent our Association at Moose International's Youth Student Congress at Gettysburg, PA this Spring. There, the students will be vying for at least one of five scholarships totaling \$30,000.00 that the Moose Legion is providing.

Again, we appreciate all of the hard work and dedication that each district put into this program this fiscal year. As a reminder, our Association is still looking for a member to step up to the plate in becoming our Association's Youth Awareness Coordinator. Please contact me, Regional Manager James Hale, or President Bryan Shepard for details.

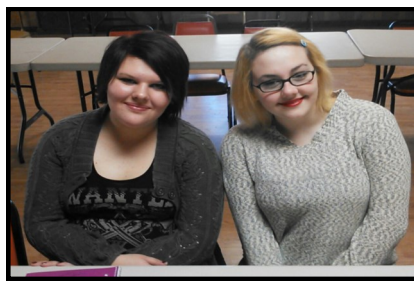
*Fraternally,*

**Ernest E. Megee, III**

Youth Awareness Coordinator  
MD-DE-DC Moose Association



## District 6 Youth Awareness Congress held at Elkton Lodge



This year Elkton Lodge hosted the 6th District's Youth Awareness Congress on 11/23/13. The students who participated this year are Kirsten Pannell and Sabrina Brackett from Elkton, Liz Slotwinski and Anglina Rickards from Claymont, and Jessey Moore and Danielle Moser from New Castle. Good luck to all in their Kid Talks.

# 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.

# Association President Bryan Shepherd

Brothers and Co-Workers,

OH my! With this Communicator the Mid-Year Convention is here. With that, my year as president of this great Association is almost over.

When I started in August I stated my goal was to try to help our Association to be a top 10 Moose Association again.

Your help is needed in this endeavor to do this. Please think about taking advantage of the \$0 application fee and sign that family member or friend you have not done yet. I do not think you will see the \$0 application fee after April 30<sup>th</sup>. Also do not forget, if you sign **2** members your next year dues are free and now we have been **GOING THE DISTANCE**, your MD-DE-DC Moose Association is making the final push with **DASH FOR THE CASH**! For each lodge that shows an active increase in membership the lodge administrator will receive \$5.00 per increased member and the lodge would receive \$5.00 per increased member. For instance, in January 2013 you had 50 active members on the rolls and in January 2014 you show an increase of 5 active members to 55, the Lodge and the Administrator would each receive a check for \$25.00.



I have had the opportunity to visit our lodges and I can say I am seeing younger members starting to sign up and getting involved in their lodges. I met 3 young officers in my travels this past month - a treasurer who understands his job is more than signing duplicate copies of bank deposit slips; the other gentleman is learning the trustee's position and one day I feel will be a good lodge governor; and a prelate who visits the members in the hospital and sends cards also to the sick. Younger members are starting to step up and bringing new ideas. We need to be receptive to these ideas and assist them with our experience.

We need to make our lodge meetings more interesting and fun while still taking care of the business. Like, in the Good of the Order, maybe fining an officer for not having his badge, having a dinner after your meetings or just listen to some of the longtime members' stories of things they enjoyed when they were officers.

We have great programs like Safe Surfin', Special Olympics, blood drives, and lodges that feed the families for the holidays. Our lodges in this Association are working the programs, **BUT WE NEED YOU TO PASS THE WORD** about what we do and sign those members.

By signing good responsible members, our Fraternity will keep growing another 100 YEARS. **I NEED YOUR HELP.** Please sign a member and, don't forget, we only have 4 more months to beat the West Virginia Mountaineers in the membership drive. They are starting to catch up. So come on BLUE HENS and TERP FAITHFUL - we need to bring home a winner!



*Fraternally,*  
**Bryan Shepherd**



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

CONTINUING THROUGH  
**April 30, 2014**

*New Members and Re-Enrollees*

# Deputy Grand Regent Dotti Wiest

Hello Co-Workers and Lodge Brothers:

We are well past one half of the 2013-2014 year. I hope all of you are having a successful year in your chapter and lodge.

Have all of your reports been turned in on time? Have the chairmen had their projects or have they planned them? Have all signed two members and enrolled them?

Time is fleeting and I only wish and want the best for you. Go the distance!! I know you can do it.



I hope to see all of you at the Mid-Year Conference in Ocean City on February 7<sup>th</sup>. I know you will enjoy our two official visitors – Jeanenne Lautzenheiser, Past Grand Council Member and serving on the Moosehaven Board and Byron G. Dalton, Sr., Assistant General Governor for Moose International. I am sure they will give us some important information to take back to our chapters and lodges that will help us be successful.

*Fraternally,*

*Dotti Wiest, DGR*



## Delmar Council of Higher Degrees Schedule

**Meeting Schedule - January 2014-January 2015 - Lunch 12 PM - Meeting at 1 PM**



January 11, 2014 ..... Seaford Lodge 1728 PH 302-629-8408

March 22, 2014.....New Castle Lodge 1578 PH 302-328-8756

Association Higher Degree Banquet Dinner & Show

Honoring Supreme Governor Joe Koons

(Regalia Requested for anyone in attendance)



Hors d'oeuvres at 6 PM Dinner at 7 PM Show at 8:30 PM

April 12, 2014 ..... Harrington Lodge 534 PH 302-398-4166



July 12, 2014 ..... Bay Country Lodge 831 PH 410-827-7900

October 11, 2014 ..... New Castle Lodge 1578 PH 302-328-8756

January 10, 2015 ... Lewes Rehoboth Lodge 646 PH 302 684-4004



**Please Remember: The Primary mission of the Council of Higher Degrees is Retention. Any sponsoring lodge that would like their Retention Chairman to speak or make a presentation, please contact President Bernie Miller at 443-359-0067 or email bernie@elecspec.net. Thank you!**



# Meet our Official Visitors for Ocean City



## Men's Official Visitor - Byron G. Dalton, Sr.

Byron G. Dalton, Sr. serves as Assistant General Governor for Moose International and was appointed to this post on February 3, 2010 after serving as Assistant Director of the Membership Department since 2005.

Prior to coming to Moose International, Byron served as a system administrator for the Great Lakes Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, IL.

He joined Carpentersville, IL Lodge 1958 in 1991, then transferred to Elgin, IL Lodge 799 in 1994 where he was active in the operation of his Lodge, as well as serving as Governor, Jr. Governor, Trustee and Prelate. Byron also holds a dual membership in St. Charles, IL Lodge 1368.

As a member of Mecca Moose Legion 9, Byron served through all the directors' chairs, as well as on the Financial and Fraternal Committees and as Chaplain. He was conferred as Past President of Mecca Moose Legion 9 in August of 2006.

The Illini Shining Star as Moose Legionnaire of the Year of 2002 was bestowed on Byron in 2002. He is a member of the Century Division of the Moose 25 Club, received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 2002 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 2008.

Byron and his wife, Terri, reside in North Aurora, IL. They have three children and eight grandchildren.



## Let's "Go the Distance" and Welcome Byron & Jeanenne to our MD-DE-DC Moose Association

## WOTM's Official Visitor - Jeanenne Lautzenheiser

Jeanenne Lautzenheiser currently serves as a Past Grand Council Member for the Women of the Moose, having served on the Grand Council in 2011-2013. She also currently serves as a member of the Moosehaven Board of Directors which she was appointed to in July of 2007 at the 119th International Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Jeanenne joined the Women of the Moose Van Wert, OH Chapter 6 in August of 1967. She became a Life Member in January 1991. She also holds a dual membership in Griffin, GA Chapter 1288. She has served her Chapter as Chaplain, Jr. Regent, Sr. Regent, Jr. Graduate Regent, Recorder, College of Regents Chairman, Star Recorder Chairman and Ritual Director.

She is a member of the Century Division of the Moose 25 Club and earned her Academy of Friendship Degree in 1970, College of Regents in 1973 and Star Recorder in 1974.

Jeanenne served as Deputy Grand Regent for Ohio in 1976-1977. She also served on the International Academy of Friendship Board 1978-1980 and was Dean of the Academy of Friendship Board 1987-1988. She has also served on the Moose International Supreme Forum in June 2005-2007.

In 1990 through October 1999, Jeanenne was employed by Moose International in the Women of the Moose Department as Director of Chapter Development and Director of Finance from October, 1999 through March of 2004. She retired in 2004.

Aside from Moose activities, Jeanenne enjoys gardening, golfing and volunteering in her spare time. She resides in Newnan, Georgia and has one son, Randal, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia.



# 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**



**May 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013**

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



*Rick K. and the Allnighters*

at New Castle Lodge on  
Dec. 15, 2013



and the drummers' duel begins!



Guess who got the toilet seat this time! See page 39.



# THE FINAL DASH!

## MD DE DC MOOSE ASSOCIATION DASH FOR THE GREEN



### MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2014 - April 30, 2014

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For instance, in January 2013 you had 50 ACTIVE MEMBERS on the rolls and in January 2014 you showed an increase of 5 ACTIVE MEMBERS, the Lodge Governor and the Administrator would each receive a check for \$25.00.

All funds to be paid by the 15th of the month following qualifying month. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP is based on the final reports supplied by Moose International for the qualifying month.

# 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



**Annual  
Children's  
Fun Day at  
Seaford Lodge  
#1728  
July 21, 2013**



Seaford Moose Lodge holds an "Annual Children's Fun Day" each summer. The Blades, DE Fire Department came to visit this year and took the children and adults for a ride in the fire truck all afternoon. This was part of a Moose Olympics event at Seaford. The Lodge presented the fire company with 2 cases of Tommy Moose which has been a part of their Community Service Project for several years. In the photo at the upper right the woman kneeling to the left of Tommy Moose is the driver of the fire truck. Of course we all know Tommy Moose; and the gentleman kneeling to Tommy's left is Todd Reilley from the Lodge. Governor Kevin Greenwood is in the photo to the right on the far right of the photo.



**Mr. & Mrs.  
Santa Claus  
visited  
Nurses 'N Kids  
in  
New Castle, DE**



On December 16, 2013, Mr. and Mrs. Claus (aka Ron & Judy Martin) made a visit to Nurses 'N Kids in New Castle, DE. In the three photos above

are: (from the left) Blake, Caitlyn and Christian, who were among the children in the nurses' care that day. The photo on the bottom left shows Santa and Mrs. Claus with some of the staff, (from the right) Jessica, Hope, Nathalie, Vicky and Amber. These ladies are part of the kind and gentle staff at this place where they take care of these special children during the time their parents are at work. There are also a group of kids who come from school every day to stay until their family comes to pick them up. In the photo on the lower right with Santa is Janet Carrol, the founder and CEO of Nurses 'N Kids. Great job, ladies!!

# Williamsport Chapter's Christmas Party

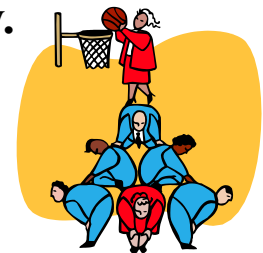
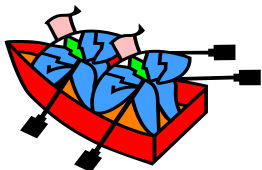


Great turnout for the WOTM Chapter 2116 of Williamsport at the Chapter's Children's Christmas Party. ...and a special guest!!

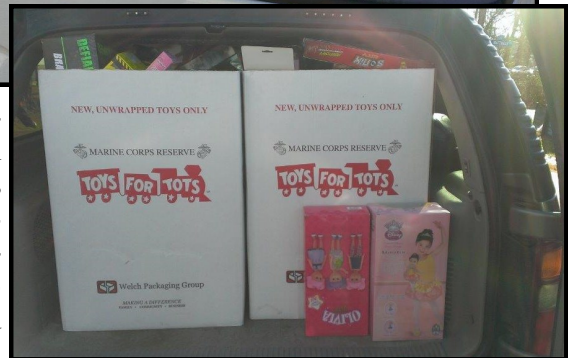


## 11 Commandments for an Enthusiastic Team

1. Help each other be right .... Not wrong.
2. Look for ways to make new ideas work .... not for reasons they won't.
3. If in doubt .... check it out! Don't make negative assumptions about each other.
4. Help each other win and take pride in each other's victories.
5. Speak positively about each other and about your organization at every opportunity.
6. Maintain a positive mental attitude no matter what the circumstances.
7. Act with initiative and courage as if it all depends on you.
8. Do everything with enthusiasm .... it's contagious.
9. Whatever your want .... give it away.
10. Don't lose faith .... never give up.
11. Have fun!



# Happenings around the Association



Indian Head Family Moose Family Center #1712 ran an awesome Toys for Tot drive this year! In combined efforts with the Accokeek Firehouse, we collected a total of 6 full boxes of toys and 12 bicycles!! The Marine Corp and Waldorf Jaycee Center advised us that we were the biggest donation collection they had received in all of Charles County, MD. Earlier in the morning they ran out of toys and were so excited that we collected so many toys/bicycles for the children! They brought 3 trucks for pickup and our goal next year is to have them bring 4 trucks!!

*Robert Hawkeye Lewis, Administrator of Indian Head Lodge #1712*



In the picture on the right a box of Tommy Moose is presented to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office by Governor Mike Ploch, Chairman Libby Sweeney-Austin, Deputy Angela Deposer and Robert L. Hall, Jr, Past President of District 1. In the picture on the left a check was presented to the Center for Life Enrichment in the amount of \$1,126.00 for a Competition Fundraiser by Patuxent Moose Family Center wherein the Lodge played the Sheriff's Office in a benefit softball game. Pictured are Governor Mike Ploch, Deputy Angela Deposer, Deputy Christy Nelson, Libby Sweeney-Austin (chairperson) PJ Joy and Robert L. Hall Jr. Past President of District 1.



Williamsport Governor Frank Weaver and Recorder Melissa Weaver, help decorate the town's Charlie Brown Christmas at the Springfield Barn.



# Happenings around the Association



Don Shelnutt, Past District 6 President, was honored by members of District 6 at New Castle Lodge for his service to the Fraternity. New District 6 President Jim Miller posed with Don under the mighty Moose head in the New Castle Lodge lobby. In photo in the middle, Don is accompanied by his daughter, Sandy, and her husband, Kevin. Congratulations, Don, for a job well done.



Frank & Melissa Weaver, and Russ & Vicki Robinson helped shop for the Christmas Families Project which includes a Community Thanksgiving Dinner and delivering 25 food boxes to needy families in the community. This is an annual event at Williamsport Lodge 2462 and shows the pride our Fraternity takes in helping others. Keep up the great job, Williamsport!





# Williamsport & Marlboro Help Others

## Williamsport Lodge's Annual Project benefits 25 families

WILLIAMSPORT — Volunteers at the Williamsport Moose Lodge on Saturday packed up boxes of food for 25 families in the area who agreed to receive help. This is the sixth year of the lodge's Christmas Family Project, in which needy families are given boxes of food that could last two to three weeks.

The boxes this year include a turkey, a ham and a variety of other foods, including cereal, bread and canned goods.

Dot Foods, a food redistributing company in Williamsport, donated the turkeys.

The lodge raised around \$3,000 to help pay for the project, said Russ Robinson, administrator of the lodge.

"This is our sixth year of having this project," Robinson said. "We have people that we have helped in previous years that don't have addresses ...

They don't have places where they are living or know where their next meal is coming from in this little community."

Robinson said the lodge reached out to the families through four local schools — Williamsport High School, Springfield Middle School, and Williamsport

and Hickory elementary schools — to find out which families were in need of assistance.

"It is a way to give something back .... Maybe one day, we might need some help," Robinson said. "This is a yearlong project for us. We do multiple fundraisers. It is not hard to get volunteers when you know where it's going."

Food and other necessities also will be donated to Holly Place, an assisted-living facility in Hagerstown, Robinson said.

About 15 volunteers helped pack the boxes Saturday, but more than 35 volunteers helped through the year.

"It is well over 150 hours that were volunteered to take care of things," Robinson said.

The boxes will be delivered today.

"It was a great thing that we do," said Melissa Weaver, who was volunteering Saturday. "It is a very sad situation that we are in right now .... I'm glad we are able to help with the 25 families that we can help with."



Gillian Thomas picks out canned foods that will be boxed up at the Williamsport Moose Lodge on Saturday. The food items will be given to needy families in the community by the lodge.

*Photo above taken by Ric Dugan/Staff Photographer*



*This from an article in the Williamsport Herald-Mail about Williamsport Lodge's Annual Christmas Family Project written by Kaustuv Basu, a reporter for The Herald-Mail*



## Marlboro Moose Lodge donates to needy family for Christmas

The members of Marlboro Moose Lodge 1856 have come together to make Christmas a little better for one local family. They will give a Christmas tree, with all the decorations, through Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church.

Bringing Christmas cheer to children in Upper Marlboro, the Marlboro Moose have lots of festive spirit. Just like Santa, generous members of the Moose came together to deliver an early Christmas gift to a needy family this year.

The members of Lodge 1856 were discussing ideas about helping the local community when one longtime member suggested a tree donation. Moose member Russell Wells came up with the idea used in his previous career as a Firefighter -- and the idea was embraced by the Moose Lodge 1856 officers and members. *(Submitted by Marlboro Moose Member Russell Wells)*

# Happenings around the Association

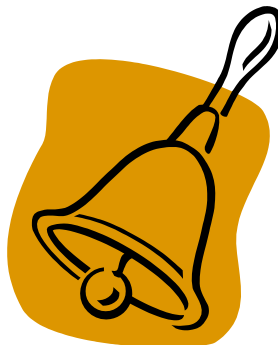


## Milford Chapter Presentation

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.

## New Castle & Williamsport Rang the Bells for the Salvation Army.



Future Moose Member  
Shane Rawlings

# Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

Brothers and Co-Workers:



Welcome to the New Year! Sorry we still have some of the same issues and have added one or two. All of our veterans should take a long hard look if you have any type of disability, health or retirement benefits from the government. Please do check your medical benefits from whatever insurance you have, many things are not what was promised with the Obama Care, and certainly not was promised by the military. So many things have slowly but surely changed over the past few years, no prayers in school were the start, now just about everything this country was founded upon is offensive to someone. Really irked me when I discovered some military hospitals would not accept Christmas cards. Someone in the southwest complained about a retreat in the northwest established by some military folks because the cross placed there to honor the memory of fallen comrades was offensive. My solution for those who object stay in the southwest and you won't see it. If you don't like a cross on a building turn your head. Some marines were censured for bowing their heads in prayer. What's next? Years ago I read a statement made by a dictator: "The United States will never fall from without, it will fall from within" and it appears to me little by little the values that our forefathers had and what so many crosses all over the world represent those who died to keep "Our Freedoms" are being leached away one by one. We need to be more vocal, quit griping among ourselves and gripe to those who can make a change or get someone who can.

Please start keeping all your donation, money, and facility and grounds. Use the form I gave out or something similar. I will be distributing another form for the end of the year. All the state wants is who you are, who you donated to and how much for the year. Started Jan.1, 2014 first report will be due March 2015. Everyone should use the computer and get a copy of this Senate Bill 112 Charitable gaming machines and the other Charitable Gaming. Two separate offices many of the questions asked are answered there.

Maryland you have even more issues. The Comptroller's office handles only the alcohol, tobacco, slots (nine Counties). The charitable gaming handles bingo, raffles and lottery and casinos. BUT you also have the individual counties with their set of rules and licenses so you need to have copies of those that regulate your area. Find out who your government persons are that represents your county, how to contact them. That's your starting points if you want anything changed or added. Senate Bill 1 for video lottery (70 pages) and Maryland Charitable Gaming Laws.

My wishes for the New Year are good health and prosperity to everyone. Peace, God Bless America that in harm's way, those recovering and the others at home waiting.



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**

**or call Co-Chairman Sarah Lentz at 410-288-2687**

**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.**

# Amazing Vintage Photos from a Friend



US Letter Carriers on Motorized Scooters



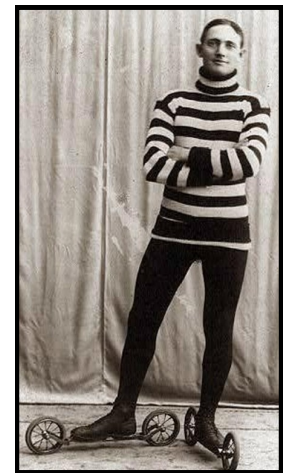
Ingenuos Serenading Cows 1930



Charlie Chaplin and Helen Keller



Bathing in a Bomb Crater, Okinawa, 1945



Roller Skater, circa 1905



Lumberjacks Fell A Giant Sequoia, CA, 1905



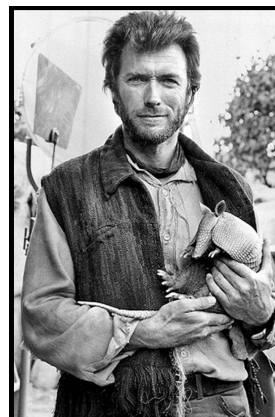
Joy Ride, 1924



Frank Baum Oz creator



Happy New Year, 1907



Clint Eastwood and Armadillo, 1964

**It's always fun  
to see how life  
was in the past  
century, isn't it?**

# 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.

# 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.**



*Did you print out these pages yet and set them around at the lodge??*

## Moosehaven News from Bill Cobert

The year 2014 has arrived. Maybe this is the year you will decide to consider living at Moosehaven in Florida. You would be joining 107 men and 138 women who presently live there.

December was a busy month for Moosehaven residents. Many attended Christmas parties held both on and off the campus. Some residents attended a Christmas concert held at Island View Baptist Church. A road trip was taken by some residents to view holiday lighting of the surrounding area. A Christmas Eve service at the nearby Methodist Church was well attended also. New Year's Eve found some residents at Lakeshore Lodge celebrating the end of another busy, wonderful year.

Remember, you have two choices to consider for residency. You can choose either the *Traditional Retirement Plan* or *Brandon Place at Moosehaven*. Either plan provides you with the opportunity to take advantage of all the amenities offered on campus.

The youngest resident on campus (65 years old) and the oldest resident (105 years old) are finding life on campus rewarding and relaxing. It is hoped that living at Moosehaven is adding life to their years with the many activities provided as well as the opportunity to socialize daily.

If you are considering a move to Moosehaven or would like additional information, call Bill Cobert, Moosehaven Consultant, at 410-381-6004.

I will be happy to assist you - Bill

**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

### 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

Debbie Bickleman 1814  
Chris Dutra 1712  
Lisa Fogle 897  
Henry Hill 495  
Mary McCormick 1176  
Rose Whiteman 969

### 50 Division

Susan Lawall 1176  
Richard McDermott, Jr. 1228

### 200 & Higher Division

1700 - William Price 654

# Congratulations to all!!

## 50 Year Members



Philip Ates 1856  
Frederick Frankowski 1228  
Clifford Patterson 851

Vernon Snyder 1456  
Leslie Sutton 1138  
Harry Walters 371



John Zeranko 1228

## 3 Year Award Winners

None this Quarter



## 50 Year Moose Legion Member

None this Quarter



## Lodge Operations Analysts for MD-DE-DC

David Greenaway, Sr. Analyst	dgreenway@mooseintl.org	443-846-7606
Mark L. Letterman	spaonstru@aol.com	302-270-3778
John J. Krass, III	jjkrass3@comcast.net	443-243-5561
John Kitchen	Jwkitchen64@gmail.com	443-309-4538
William A. Highberger	whighberger1@netzero.com	410-923-3760

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

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

# News from the District Presidents

## District 1 - Robert C. Hall, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. I would like to thank all of those who supported all of the Food Drives, Toy Drives and all of the other community service projects that supported the less fortunate. I hope that you all kept our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven in your thoughts and prayers during this holiday season.

We are a little more than halfway through the Moose year, and what a good one it has been so far. The MD-DE-DC Moose Association is working hard to ensure we have the best year yet. They are planning many new activities and raffles to help support our Moose obligations. Please spread the word. Without these activities and raffles we would not be able to support the children at Mooseheart the seniors at Moosehaven, scholarships, Safe Surfing, Youth Awareness Program, Special Olympics, and many other projects that we support in our communities.

Don't forget our current membership campaign, GO THE DISTANCE! Sign 2 members and get your dues paid for one year. There is also no application fee until April 30, 2014, so let's get those friends and family members who are not yet members and sign them up! Don't forget that to join the Moose Legion it is only \$10!!

Let's keep our Lodges active! As you plan activities in your Lodge, don't forget to hold events for children on a regular basis. Movie nights, family fun days, and holiday parties are just a few ways to keep our Lodges active and include the whole family! Get feedback from these members to find out what they like and how we can better serve them. Good luck with all of your future endeavors.

Let's finish this year strong! *Fraternally, Robert C. Hall*



## District 2 - Frank Weaver, President

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



Hard to believe we are into 2014 already, seems like yesterday it was just the beginning of 2013. I guess what they say about time flies when you are having fun is true. The holidays came and left quickly. Here in Western Maryland in between the snow and freezing temperatures our lodges have been keeping busy with Community Events and their weekly activities. We will all see each other in less than a month at the Mid-Year Convention in Ocean City. District 2 is getting their best singers prepared for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Karaoke Contest. We hope to hear lots of wonderful singers on Friday, February 7, 2014. Bring your singing voices and hopefully win some money. If not, a good time will be held by all. Please keep in mind as always our Children at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven.

*Fraternally yours,  
Frank Weaver*

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

Brothers & Co-Workers:

Can you believe that we are getting ready to start the fourth quarter? The last quarter time to having nominating meetings to make sure that the new officers are sincere and commit to the job they are about to take on. Remember - it is like running a business. Also we need to work on our quotes and sign more members.

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

*Fraternally, David Taylor*

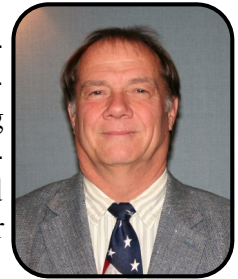


# News from the District Presidents

## District 4 - James Beyer, President

Brothers and Lodges of District 4:

I hope your Holiday season was great. Now that we have started 2014, just a reminder that we only have 3 months left in our Moose Year. Everybody has been doing a great job on signing new members, working the retention lists, and re-enrolling expired members. Let's keep up the great work and make our membership goals reality, by the end of this quarter. As always, thank you for all you do for Moose and Moose Charities. Looking forward to visiting with all of you at the Mid-Winter Conference in Ocean City, February 6<sup>th</sup> thru February 9<sup>th</sup>.



*Fraternally, Jim Beyer*

## District 5 - Jay Stover, President

Brothers & Co-Workers:

The New Year is here. I hope everyone had a safe and happy Holiday Season. As we move forward in 2014 let's all remember our campaign slogan, "GO THE DISTANCE". With just four months left in the Moose year it's time to ramp up our efforts to finish the year strong.

Participation in activities at the lodge level and the association level builds a stronger fraternity. Hold events, buy raffle tickets, attend meetings, all of which makes for a strong district. 5<sup>th</sup> District lodges should be fun, but along with fun comes responsibilities. Remember operating a lodge is a business so timely reporting and paperwork is required. Lodge officers should have received leadership training, (if not please do so ASAP), use this information to guide your membership.



In closing I would like to Thank-you for your efforts in making this district successful. Together we can finish the "Distance" strong.

*Fraternally, Jay Stover*

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

## District 6 - James L. Miller, President

Dear Brothers & Co-Workers:

I hope that everyone had a fun filled Christmas and joyous New Year.

Now that the holidays are behind us I would like to remind everyone that the Mid-Winter Conference is being held February 6-9, 2014 in Ocean City, MD and is fast approaching. I am eager to see the karaoke competition that is to be held Friday night the 7<sup>th</sup> at the convention and to learn new things all weekend long.

I would as like to thank all of you who came out in November to honor our Past District President Don Shelnett. Also, the Supreme Governor Joseph R. Koons will be at New Castle Lodge on March 22, 2014, the day of the Delmar Higher Degree Banquet.

I hope everyone has a great 2014 and I will see you in Ocean City in a few weeks. Also on March 22, 2014 at New Castle Lodge, if you can come to meet and greet our Supreme Governor Koons.

Congratulations to all the lodges on your awards for donations and to all members who have received their duffle bags from the Association for signing 4 members.



*Fraternally, James L. Miller*

# News from the District Presidents

## District 7 - Dale H. Timmons, President

Seaford Moose Lodge deserves special recognition for winning the Mayor's Choice Award trophy in The Seaford Christmas Parade!

There are a lot of tickets being sold for the Association but please remember that it is essential that we continue to try as hard as we can so the Association can continue to give us the quality of conventions from our past. Please continue to sell those tickets.

We are now 8 months into the membership year. Some of the lodges are doing very well and have a chance to meet their quota while others still have work to do. With a lot of hard work, they will make it, too.

Just a reminder, zero application dues are still in effect.

Finally, District 7 had a fundraiser on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Seaford Lodge along with the District Karaoke Square Off. A great time was had by all and we raised a lot of money. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a success.

Remember, we can "GO THE DISTANCE".

*Fraternally, Dale Timmons*



## Our New Supreme Governor - Joseph Koons

Our new Supreme Governor, Joseph R. Koons, vice to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1999. He still serves as a part-time consulting therapist for troubled youth. He served on the Township Municipal Authority and is a member of the Masons, Elks and Eagles fraternal orders, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and Sunnybrook playground. He has coached Little League and served as a Boy Scout Scoutmaster. Currently, he is on the board of Danville Playground Association and serves as a member of the Valley Township Municipal Authority.

Joe joined the Moose in 1970 at the Danville, PA Lodge 1133 and holds a Life Membership there. He served through the chairs, served as Administrator and is a Past Governor of the lodge. He also is a member of Selinsgrove, PA Lodge 1173, a member of Susquehanna Moose Legion 89 and have served on the Pennsylvania Moose Association as District President, Youth Awareness Coordinator and as Government Relations Chairman. During the 1999-2000 year, he served as the Association President.

Joe is a member of the 250 Division of the 25 Club, received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1984 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1991. Joe retired after 36 years of professional ser-



In his spare time, he enjoys golf, gardening and politics.

Joe and his wife, Connie, live in Danville, PA and have two children and four grandchildren.

On March 22, 2014, the Delmar Council of Higher Degrees Banquet Dinner and Show will be held at New Castle Lodge 1578 to honor our Supreme Governor Joseph Koons. Anyone wishing to attend may call New Castle Lodge at 302-328-8756 for reservations. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM and the Show will start at 8:30 PM. For more information on the event, please call the lodge.

# *In Memory of Lost Co-Workers*



*Patty Salo*

Harrington Chapter 1229  
Held the College of Regents Degree



*Katherine Petkiewicz*

Member of New Castle Chapter 1418  
Held the Academy of Friendship Degree

## **God's Garden**

God looked around His Garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's Garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.  
He knew you were in pain

He knew that you would never  
Get well on Earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered, "Peace be Thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you

*The day God called you Home.*



**Till We Meet Again**

**Sympathies are extended on behalf of the MD-DE-DC Moose Association to  
and all Brothers & Co-Workers who have lost loved ones in recent months.**

# Travels with the Moose

SAIL THE CARIBBEAN WITH

YOUR FELLOW  
Moose Members



7 Night Western Caribbean Cruise • October 12 - 19, 2014



on the  Freedom of the Seas



CABIN CATEGORY	RATES (per person)	OPTIONAL INSURANCE (per person)
Interior (M)	\$519	\$42.47
Oceanview (I)	\$609	\$48.12
Balcony (E2)	\$839	\$63.07
Taxes & Fees \$131.25 per person		
Deposit Due: \$530 per cabin.		
Final Payment Due: July 16, 2014		
Air Travel and Universal Studio Hotel Package Options Available.		
Travel Guard Insurance is highly recommended.		

DAY	PORTS-OF-CALL	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sun, Oct 12	Port Canaveral		4:30pm
Mon, Oct 13	Cruising		
Tues, Oct 14	Labadee	8:00am	4:00pm
Wed, Oct 15	Falmouth, Jamaica	10:00am	7:00pm
Thurs, Oct 16	Grand Cayman	8:00am	4:00pm
Fri, Oct 17	Cozumel	10:00am	7:00pm
Sat, Oct 18	Cruising		
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# Moose Charities by Past Grand Regent Libby

Hello Co-Workers,

Hope each of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and are looking forward to the New Year 2014 with enthusiasm, not only for you and your family, but also for Mooseheart and Moosehaven, through your Moose Charities Donations.

As you are already fully aware, Moose Charities has a lot going on at the present time and they rely on our help, and we need to concentrate on **our** giving to **them** – **which funds our Children at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven.**

As you know, every October we hold our “Cradle Fundraiser” and unfortunately it was not as successful as was hoped. In 2012 our Association raised a total of \$6,024.40, and this year it was considerably less: \$4,958.55. It seems the majority of the Chapters & Lodges who are sending funds for this, may be digging into their general funds rather than simply inviting the members to participate. This should not be an expense to the Lodges & Chapters. It should be our members participating, and having fun while doing it. There are many Chapters and Lodges who have embraced this program and have come up with innovative ways in which to involve the members who are frequenting the Lodge home. And that is exactly what needs to take place. This same principal should followed for the “Rocker Fund” in February, which is right around the corner - let’s “Go the Distance” and get r done – the right way!

Our “Mooseheart School Full Renovation Project” is underway to raise \$10 million dollars. To date we have reached the halfway mark. As you know, The WOTM has committed \$1 million dollars, International Moose Legion has committed \$100,000.00 dollars, and our very own MD



DE DC Moose Association has committed \$25,000.00 dollars. If each of us participated by donating \$10.00, \$50.00, \$100.00 or whatever you can afford, we would achieve that goal. For convenience, I will be taking any personal donations; you may have at our Mid Year conference in Ocean City.

Talking about our Mid Year, I hope you are making your plans now to attend. As always, we will be holding our fundraisers, and all monies collected through our 50/50’s, jewelry, basket raffles, snacks & canned items, along w/beaded badge holders; will be donated to Moose Charities, and earmarked ½ for the Renovation of the Mooseheart School, and ½ for the MD-DE-DC Home. The Endowment Fund Chairman, Phyllis Brainard, will also be raffling off 4 - \$25.00 gift cards, and the net proceeds from that will be donated for the “Rocker” Endowment Fund.

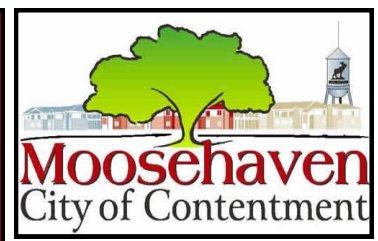
We are very excited about our upcoming conference, and looking forward to our Official Visitor Jeanenne Lautzenheiser, who is no stranger to us, and I’m sure we will have a very fun filled week-end.

Hopefully I will see you there-----

**In Friendship,**

*Libby*

WOTM Moose Charities Chairman  
MD-DE-DC



*“As we journey down the road this year  
Let’s be kind.  
Let us share each other’s load,  
Let’s be kind.”*

*We’re all co-workers on the way,  
Going whither none can say.  
Long the night - but while it’s day  
Let’s be kind.”*

From a message by Mrs. Mary Wallace, Grand Dean of the Academy of Friendship in March, 1938

# Moose Charities Chairman Danny Williams



## Moose Charities..... " Donors Circle "

Join the "Donors Circle" (This replaced Gimme 5 May 2012). Together we can secure the future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. The "Donors Circle" recognizes donors like you for your individual tax-deductible Endowment Fund donations. Your Endowment Fund donations are cumulative. Receive a lapel pin when you reach your first \$100.00 donation.

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### **"A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many"**

by James J. Davis, founder of Mooseheart

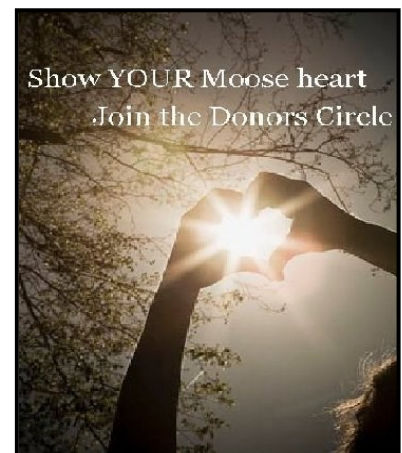
This visionary's dream became our mission - providing the funds needed to secure the future operations of both Mooseheart and Moosehaven'

Fraternity wide since the inception on May 1, 2012 thru November 30, 2013, 2,748 members have donated \$698,446.96 to the "Donors Circle". Donations in MD DE DC Moose Association are low....only 55 persons donated a total of \$17,565.73. We need to increase this number of donors to let the rest of the fraternity know that MD DE DC Moose Association is among the top of giving to the "Donors Circle". I will be available in Ocean City for our Mid-Year Conference in February to accept any & all donations.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
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7. Business conventions are important. . .because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a cat . . . and you will have a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.
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12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. - like, it could be the right number.
13. No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.
14. I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.
15. Be careful about reading the fine print. . . there's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
17. Do you realize that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!)
18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Cadillac than in a Yugo.
19. After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you're probably dead.
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*James J. Davis*

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