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MOOSE — Go The Distance Membership Campaign

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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



Dear Brothers & Co-Workers,

My Congratulations and thanks to all of our Team who have worked so hard since the last newsletter. With their constant vigil and many pestering phone calls, every lodge has reported. To these lodges, I offer you my special thanks. Hopefully in March and April you won't wait until the last day or two to submit a new or former member.

Our Mid-Year conference was another outstanding event. To everyone that worked to make this so, we say thanks. It takes TEAM WORK and everyone demonstrated that they are a part of the TEAM. Thanks.

Spring has got to be around the corner and hopefully it will get here pretty quick. I know we are all tired of Winter. It has had an adverse effect on many of the activities for our members and that means it affected revenues for the lodge.

As way of reminder, I would ask each administrator to review all of the accepted applications in your computer. We have far too many applications that need to have an enrollment date entered and then transmitted. If you wait until after the end of April to enter this information, the lodge will be 'back billed' for the application fees.

We are now in the **"FINAL DASH"** of our membership year. If you haven't been keeping track, you need to verify that you have increased you donations to the Endowment Fund over last year; that you have increased you net assets; reduced your indebtedness to Moose International and are showing an increase in active members.

International Convention will be our next big event and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Fraternally, JIM



Assistant Regional Manager - Ernest E. Megee, III



In our last issue of The Association Communicator I briefly mentioned the problems that can be had with a dwindling membership on the lodge level. As most of you realize, this is not the only area that is affected. In that article I mentioned the virtues of working the about to expire, arrearage list, renewal list, and the expired list. We need to make those personal or telephone contacts so that we can find out why a member has not paid his dues. Maybe there is a misunderstanding that can be solved during this personal/telephone contact which would more than likely result in saving that member.

Another area that is greatly affected by the drop in membership is our Association. Each lodge is supposed to pay to our Association a per capita fee of \$ 1.50 for each member. Yes, we all complain about the large amount of monies that we pay into the Association. These monies go towards the paying of the bills that enables the Association to operate such as postage, telephone, incidentals and some of the Convention and Mid-Winter Conference expenses. As our membership dwindles, less monies come into our coffers and contributes to deficit spending. Much like our Federal and State governments, when there is a shortfall, they raise taxes. In our case, the Association will have to raise the per capita fee to remain solvent. In my travels and contacts with other Association personnel, our Association's per capita fee is more than half as much as many others; they are charging \$ 3.00 to \$ 4.00 per member. We are very fortunate in being able to managed ours to keep the fees low for so many years. However, when asked, all of us complain about the various chances that we are asked to sell to help to defray the expenses of our

conventions and conferences. If we did not have these chances available, then guess what - our per capita fees will soar and the quality of our Conventions and Mid-Winter Conferences will suffer greatly. So please help to keep the Association per capita fees stabilized by really pushing the sale of the chances that our Association has available and pushing the membership and retention hard.

As most of you know by now, a new field management program has been announced by Moose International. There are a lot of rumors going around and I do not know all of the details as of this writing. However, we should not allow for this to get into the way of our current membership programs. We need to stay focused on the 2013-2014 campaigns. We are in the Final Dash to the Finish and the Final Dash for the Green, so let's not lose focus of our goals and objectives for the current fiscal year. Those that have sponsored a new member during the Final Dash program should check daily the Moose International website to see if their name was drawn for a cash prize for at least \$ 100.00 up to \$ 500.00. I have seen three or four \$ 400.00 cash prizes as the result of a sponsor allowing his/her \$ 100.00 rollover into the next day's drawing by not contacting the Moose International Membership Department within twenty-four hours of their name being posted.

Remember, all of us are doing this so we can support Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and to service our communities through community service.

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



RIDDLE TIME!



A couple is standing on the corner of a block. A woman sees the couple from the other side of the block and decides to attack. She suddenly rushes to the other side of the block and attacks the other lady who then suddenly vanishes, while the man flees for his life from the attacker.

What has just been described to you? See page 39

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.

Happenings around Williamsport



Tommy Moose presentation at Williamsport during District II Karaoke Championships....WCSO Rep Carl Whitmer accepts from Assoc. Pres. Bryan Shepherd, District II Pres. Frank Weaver and Williamsport Administrator Russ Robinson

Governor Frank Weaver and Administrator Russ Robinson of Williamsport, present plaque and VOLUNTEER T Shirt to their ARROWHEAD Award Winner for 2013....Trent Showe



Williamsport member and Moose Legion 218 President Jamie Vann, is presented a check for \$650.00, from the basket raffle at Mid-Winter Conference, from his wife Mary AnnWinner of Drawing was Clint Rawlings



Williamsport Moose Community Service, hosting 31 Bingo Fundraiser for Junior Duckpin Bowlers of Washington Co.



First Williamsport Moose Co-Ed Softball Team Bonanza 2014, a huge success



District II Moose Idol winners from Frostburg and Brunswick lodges

2013 Moose Legion All State - May 3-4, 2014

Baltimore Moose Legion #10

Held at Glen Burnie Lodge #1456
1911 Crain Highway S., Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Saturday May 3

8:00 AM
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

12:30 AM - 2:00 PM
2:00 PM - ?
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
8:00 PM - ?

Registration Open (coffee & donuts) - \$25(entire weekend)
“Not-So- Special” Olympics (pool, darts, horse shoes, corn hole,
Golf putt & ‘poor man’s NASCAR’)
USLMRA Racing Mowers Demo and Intro Rides/Selected “Races”
Pig Roast
Casino Run (round trip bus to Maryland Live Casino)
Live Band entertainment at Lodge

Sunday May 4

9:00 AM
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Coffee & Donuts
Conferral Ceremony (performed by Blue Hen Conferral Team)
Organizational Meeting for 2014
Buffet Lunch
Vegas quality Russ Clarke Hypnotist Show

NOTE: All those being conferred are our guest (\$25 fee waived) for this entire All State Celebration.

Also any Moose Legionnaire turning in a valid completed ML Application with \$10 fee/dues attached will also be our guest (\$25 fee waived) for the entire All State Celebration – the Host ML Secretary will insure your ML Application gets to YOUR ML Secretary and YOU will get the sponsor credit and enjoy the weekend on us. It’s just our way of thanking you for being a good Moose Legionnaire and helps you fulfill your oath to support the growth of the Moose Legion.

Request all sponsors contact their recent conferees (done by Mini-Conferrals not using a Ritual Team) and invite them to sit in this Conferral Ceremony to experience the pomp and circumstance of being conferred by an experienced Ritual/Conferral Team. Don’t forget – the Celebration fee of \$25 is waived for new conferees. Please dress appropriately for the conferral ceremony. Hope to see you all there.

Point of Contact for this event is Baltimore #10 Moose Legion Secretary (Bill Highberger) at 410-923-3760 or highberger1@netzero.com or legion10@mooseunits.org.

See page 8 for Hotels in area.

Since the Russ Clarke Show is the last event in the weekend, the show will be open to all lodge members - not just legionnaires. The price to attend is \$25 per person. Come and enjoy the fun on Sunday afternoon.

GET HYPNOTIZED!
RETURN EVENT!
CAN YOU BE HYPNOTIZED?
DON'T MISS THIS SHOW!
Russ Clarke
Comedy Hypnosis Show
May 4, 2014
MOOSE LODGE 1456
GLEN BURNIE, MD
2:00PM
The "Not JL Napoleon" Tour
Copyright 2014
For bookings Call 866-570-3544

Association President Bryan Shepherd

Brothers and Co-Workers,

WOW, where has the time gone. With this letter we only have 5 weeks to the end of this Moose year. **GO THE DISTANCE!**

That means \$0.00 app fees will be done with, so please get on the ball and sign those family and friends. Also do not forget if you have members that have just signed 1 member, please advise them if they sign 1 more they get their next year's due's free.



With this issue your nomination committees should be winding up. When you find that right person for a position please explain the job duty's to them. I find we lose new officers because they did not know there duties are.

By the time the next issue of our Communicator comes out we hopefully will be bringing home pictures and a lot of awards from our International Convention. When I became president in August I stated I was hoping all of us working together, this Association could be a top 10 Association. Well, we will let you know as soon as we can.



Fraternally,
Bryan Shepherd



Moose Legion All State Celebration May 3 & 4, 2014

Hotels in Glen Burnie Area

Hampton Inn/Balt/Glen Burnie - 6617 Gov. Richie Hwy, Glen Burnie \$80 - 866-264-5744

*Days Inn/S. Glen Burnie - 6600 Gov. Richie Hwy, Glen Burnie \$99

Red Roof Inn - 827 Elkridge Landing Rd, Linthicum Hgts. \$67 - 866-295-5798

Courtyard by Marriott - 1671 W. Nursery Rd, Linthicum Hgts. \$79 - 866-286-0843

*Wingate by Wyndham - 1810 Aero Dr, Linthicum Hgts. \$93

**Sleep Inn & Suites - 6055 Bell Grove Rd, Brooklyn \$95

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**1-800-258-2847 member ID# 00801789

\$0 APPLICATION FEE!!!

CONTINUING THROUGH
April 30, 2014

New Members and Re-Enrollees

THE FINAL DASH!

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!!



Every Lodge that shows an **ACTIVE INCREASE** in members on the rolls each month during January thru April of 2014 over comparison months of January thru April 2013 will qualify.

For each lodge that shows an **ACTIVE INCREASE** in membership, the lodge Administrator will receive \$5 per increased member and the Governor would receive \$5 per increased member.

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.

Deputy Grand Regent Dotti Wiest

Hello Co-Workers and Lodge Brothers:

First of all, I would thank everyone who helped to make our Mid Year Conference run so smooth. You were all there to give a helping hand and I am truly grateful.

Co-workers and Lodge Brothers we have less than two months left in the 2013-2014 year. Most of you know that MD-DE-DC has been down in membership for quite some time and this year I was hopeful that we could build it back so we could be one of the top 5 again. There is no reason why we can't do our part to enroll members and reach our goal. Are we using the mentoring program to enroll new members? Have we each done our part by sponsoring two members.?



All of us know that Membership is the key to helping Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Get involved with the membership retention committee and help them make personal contact with our members who are in arrears and make sure we keep the back door closed. Retention is an important word for us and one that we can never forget.

Let's sponsor those members and instill in them a desire to learn about our program by leading them in the right direction. With this accomplishment, our lodges and chapters will surely be successful.

Lets get with the program and on April 30th we can say our goal was "TO GO THE DISTANCE" and we did.

Hope to see you soon. God Bless.



*Fraternally,
Dotti Wiest, DGR*



Delmar Council of Higher Degrees Schedule

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



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!

Supreme Governor Joseph Koons' Visit



Supreme Governor Joseph Koons & his Wife visited MD-DE-DE 3-21, 22, & 23



Our Association was proud to show the Supreme Governor our part of Moosedom. Joe Koons and his wife visited Bel Air, MD on Friday. The Association held its



Annual Higher Degree Banquet at New Castle Lodge on Saturday night and the Supreme Governor and his wife visited Elkton, MD Lodge on Sunday. A new member from Silver Spring Lodge, Pete Tzamaras had his photo taken with the Supreme Governor.

Pete is the Prelate at Silver Spring Lodge. Barbara Bryce presented a corsage to Mrs. Koons in the middle photo at the top. Barbara is the Recorder for New Castle Chapter. The wheel rolled to award many homemade cakes to anyone willing to try and the dancers all enjoyed the music!



Give the Gift of Life - Donate Blood!!



**Cold Hands,
Warm Hearts**

Donate Blood.



**American
Red Cross**

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

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

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

Delmarva Blood Bank Locations:

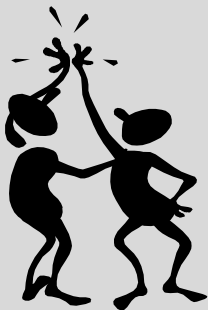
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Newark, DE - 100 Hygeia Dr.
Dover, DE - 221 Saulsbury Rd.
Salisbury, MD - 1309 Mt. Hermon Rd.

Baltimore & Washington, DC

For Information please call:

Nelson Tucker, Sr.
at 301-919-4026

Final Dash Winner in MD-DE-DC Moose Assoc.



Congratulations to:

Robert L. Hall

for winning

\$100.00

in the

“Name of the Day” drawing on 3/19/3014



Mid-Winter Conference Polar Plunge

WOW!! – There aren't enough Thanks to go around. So, on behalf of the Senior Plunge Team let me express my sincere thanks to everyone who supported this project back in February. Our goal was to raise \$1,000.00 for the Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia home at Mooseheart "OUR HOUSE". Thanks to the generosity of the members of our Association, we far exceeded our goal.

We would like to give a special thanks to Len and Marlene Sprinkle and the Marlboro Chapter of the Women of the Moose for their generous donations.

Our very special thanks go out to all those who braved the 30 degree air temperature and 34 degree water temperature – Cindy Bowser*, Jane Beyer, Jim Beyer*, Mathew Beyer*, Matt Shell*, Megan Meyers, Tony Cline*, Ed Olanowski, Kenneth Fisher, Charlotte Gooch and the Senior Plunge Team. Also, a special thanks to the EMT and Water Rescue Teams who watched over us. (*Those who made the plunge later in the day due to meetings running late).

Because of you; the plungers and the generosity of the men and women of our great association; we raised a total of \$4,716.00 for "OUR HOUSE".

**Thank you for all you do and continue to do,
The Senior Plunge Team
Cathy Gardner & John Cihak
God Bless Mooseheart & Moosehaven**



WOTM Mid-Winter Basket Chance-Off



Mid-Winter Conference Feb. 7-9, 2014



Good Times with Good Friends & Good Memories at Ocean City, MD



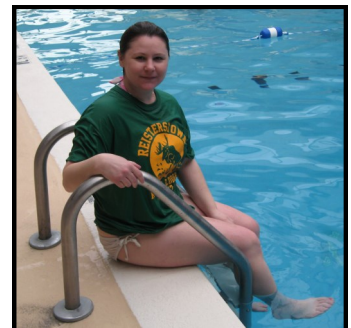
Mid-Winter Conference Feb. 7-9, 2014



Loretta Clark selling items at the Moose Charities Booth



John Cihak and Cathy Gardiner made a presentation for the money earned from the Polar Bear Plunge into the Atlantic Ocean on Saturday. Below are some of the brave ones after the plunge.



RIDDLE TIME:

B, C, D, G, J, ?

What letter comes next in the given order & why?

For answer, see page 39. No peeking!!



Dundalk Lodge Honors Officer for Courage

Baldwin now in running for regional award

by Nicole Rodman

On Feb. 15, members of Dundalk/Sparrows Point Moose Lodge #1228 paused during lodge festivities to honor a member of the law enforcement community.

The honoree was Maryland Department of Natural Resources police officer Annette Baldwin.

Baldwin was recognized for rescuing a lodge member who had become lost in the woods during a hunting trip last December.

For Moose member Dave Taylor, Sr., his son Dave Taylor, Jr., and their friend, the hunting trip began normally enough.

The group was hunting in the Stoney Demonstration Forest in Harford County around 1:30 p.m. when the elder Taylor and the friend became separated from Taylor's son.

As darkness fell - and his son had not yet returned - the father became worried and attempted to contact his son via cell phone and radio. All attempts at contact failed.

As the night wore on, the seriousness of the situation became clear. The younger Taylor, who is prone to seizures, was lost in the snowy woods on a night when temperatures struggled to climb past 30 degrees.

By 7:30 p.m., officers with the Department of Natural Resources had begun their search.

In the hours that followed, officers searched for the young man on foot and via helicopter.



David Taylor Jr. (left) posed with his rescuer, Officer Annette Baldwin (right), during a ceremony to honor Baldwin on Feb. 15.

photo by Nicole Rodman

After a few hours, the helicopter and two of the three officers on foot had returned. They had been unable to locate the missing man.

A third officer, Baldwin, continued the search.

For two hours, Baldwin followed a lone set of tracks over rugged terrain and through a river. She lost the trail two times but was able to pick it back up.

At 10:30 p.m. she found Dave Taylor, Jr. suffering from mild hypothermia and unable to walk long distances; he was otherwise uninjured.

In recognition of Baldwin's rescue of one of their own, members of the Dundalk/Sparrows Point Moose Lodge honored Baldwin during a brief ceremony at the lodge.

In remarks delivered during the ceremony, Moose officials praised Baldwin for her "courage, tenacity and perseverance."

"Officer Baldwin refused to give up the search amidst the inclement weather and rough terrain," officials

noted, adding, "She did so without regard for her own safety or well being."

Baldwin was presented with a plaque in recognition for her efforts.

For her part, Baldwin remained modest despite the honor.

"I really didn't want it," she said of the award. "I was just doing my job. I'm sure there are others who deserve it more."

Asked about what drove her to continue the search, Baldwin was similarly modest.

"You just kind of got to keep going," she explained.

In addition to being honored at Dundalk Lodge, Baldwin's name will be entered into contention for the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Moose Association's Valor Award.

Each of the 42 Moose lodges in the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Moose Association nominates a law enforcement official for the region-wide honor.

If chosen for the award, Baldwin will be honored later this year during a ceremony to be held in Hunt Valley.

Article written and photo taken by Reporter Nicole Rodman from *The Dundalk Eagle, Dundalk, MD* issue on February 27, 2014.

Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

Brothers and Co-Workers:

Politics - how many times have you heard when information is being given or a discussion starts you hear "I can't stand politics". You live with politics. This country was founded on some of the world's most powerful documents ever created, our freedoms - do you dislike them? Many other countries have followed suit. Let's look at this from another angle. What is it you dislike? Could it be that you are living with decisions and laws enacted while some were in office, or are currently serving? Did you believe all the promises made, voted and trusted that everything would go as promised? Did you leave it up to the elected ones without input to make decisions? So is the answer Politics or politicians? Can't have prayer in schools, want to have the American flag removed from classrooms, have the word God stricken from our public buildings, can't have the Nativity at Christmas. Our military being chastised for bowing their heads in prayer, the list is endless. Do you bear any responsibility for allowing some of these things to occur? Did you vote, have you spoken with, called, sent a letter or e-mail? Let's bring this up, when we were denied use of the machines we responded in a classic act of political action. In numbers we brought change. The same thing applies to any issue use your right to respond as you see fit. House Bill 135 - if passed, that will give you the right to raise the limits at your Bingo games. One that we hope will be withdrawn before it ever comes to the floor your reps for the coalition have been very active in contacting senators and representatives to have this occur, we have asked repeatedly that our members respond with the same determination. This is HB187, it will create more chaos and damage for the non-profits than the loss of the machines. Any fund raising ticket sold to anyone other than your member or immediate family, you must take the name and address, keep a record, buy a license, turn in each and everyone at the end of the year. This gets everyone, Girl and Boy Scouts, fire companies, schools, Veteran's donations. Only ones exempt are the ones created by an "act of congress" - the persons running for office. All this under the guise of protecting the consumer from giving to fraudulent charities. Pure and simple BUNK - **READ THE FINE PRINT**. WE have elections, if you are not content with your representatives and their choices, use your right to choose to elect some who will.



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 away from home, you can log onto:

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
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AND A TENT OR POP-UP COVER.**

Happenings around the Association

Educational Advancement Committee at Lewes-Rehoboth Chapter 1814 Raise \$2657 for Mooseheart School Renovations/Needs

Diana Baker Prino, Educational Advancement Chairman at Lewes-Rehoboth Chapter 1814, and her committee raised money by chancing off floral arrangements, auctioning off donated items and holding a dinner-dance on January 18, 2014.

Diana worked in the kitchen at the lodge to raise more money to help pay expenses for her project. There were approximately 140 people attending the dinner and dance



with band "Go With the Flo". Besides an auction, the committee had 3 Friday night dinners.

The band played for 1/2 hour longer than planned and was paid by the donations of the people attending.

The total money taken in \$3147 by the auction, Friday night dinners, the band and required donations to Mooseheart. The amount of \$2657 was profited and donated for the Mooseheart School Renovation/Needs.

Kudos to Diana and her committee for a project well done!

from February 23, 2014 issue

**CapeGazette.com**

Milton Elementary students plant positive seeds for future choices

As part of the Moose Youth Awareness Program, Cape Henlopen High School senior Courtney Bowski recently visited third-grade classes at Milton Elementary School to talk to students about peer pressure. The program's focus is planting positive seeds in children 4-9 years old.



In addition to peer pressure, topics include self-esteem, alcohol and tobacco abuse, violence and respect for each other. High school students who show leadership skills and want to become involved in their communities are eligible to participate.

Students in Michelle Donnelly's class gather with Bowski during the visit. In back are (l-r) Emma Morris, Isabella Guarino, and Autumn O'Donnell. In front are Maria Bair, Mikaylah Lyndsay and Haylie Bundick.

RIDDLE TIME!

As it mirrors waters from the seas up to the land,
It stretches over jungle trees to the desert sands,
& when the sun sets for the day it glitters through the night,
A place that the birds call home as they take to flight.
What is it? Guess - then see page 39.



2014 John Lyons' Golf Tournament

Food - Fun - Fellowship

OPEN TO ONE & ALL!!

6th Annual John Lyon's Scholarship Golf Tournament



Jonathan's Landing Golf Course
1309 Ponderosa Dr., Magnolia, DE
Saturday, May 17, 2014



Registration 7:00 AM

Shotgun Start 8:00 AM

Entry forms are available online to download at www.mdmoose.org
- or -
call Ron Sweetman at 302-328-8756 and he will send you one.

Entry fee is \$65.00 per player - includes green fees, cart, food and FUN!! Make checks payable to MD-DE-DC Moose Association and forward to:



Ronald L. Sweetman
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Elkton, MD 21921



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We hope our Lodges, Chapters, individuals, other organizations, etc. will continue to support this event. Proceeds from this Golf Outing will go to the John Lyon's Scholarships to be awarded at the Annual Association Convention in August.



Help keep John's dream alive!
Enter as a player or sponsor!
We wish for a most enjoyable,
fun-filled tournament

Moose International Sports Events for 2014

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BOWLING

APRIL 5 – MAY 18
SPEEDWAY, IN LODGE 500



DARTS

APRIL 25-27
VINELAND, NJ LODGE 434



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MANSFIELD, OH LODGE 341



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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



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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

As of February, there are 36 Brandon Place residents. 23 of the 38 constructed homes are either occupied or reserved. Three of the villa homes are being re-marketed. Brandon Place is an entry fee/fee-for-service admission program. The residents live independently on the campus and are responsible for their own finances, personal items such as automobiles and clothing, as well as their travel and entertainment. These residents are also responsible for any out of pocket healthcare not covered under Medicare or supplemental insurances. These residents must financially qualify for admission.

Included under Brandon Place is another option—Buckeye Hall. This building offers 11 one-bedroom apartments, three guest rooms, abundant storage, a laundry room, library, refreshment area, riverside deck and the Great Room for socials and leisure. Each apartment has a small living room, complete kitchen, spacious bathroom, emergency call system, cable television, and utilities. Entrance fees begin at \$75,000 for a single person up to \$108,000 for a couple. Monthly fees start at \$422 to \$757 respectively. These residents must financially qualify for admission and demonstrate their ability to live fully independently at the time of admission.

The Traditional Plan is also available. If you are over the age of 65 and have been a Moose member for 15 years, you are eligible today to live at Moosehaven under this plan. Your current income and assets will be used to provide for your housing, clothing, meals, activities, events, security and health care needs. You will be supported by the Moose fraternity through dues and donations if your income and assets are not enough.

If you are thinking of retiring and feel that Florida would be a good place to consider, Moosehaven might be the best place for you. Additional information can be found in the February/March 2014 edition of the Moose magazine. I will be glad to assist you. Just call 410-381-6004 or send a message to gwmcobert@comcast.net.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Bill Cobert, Admission Counselor




**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:

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.

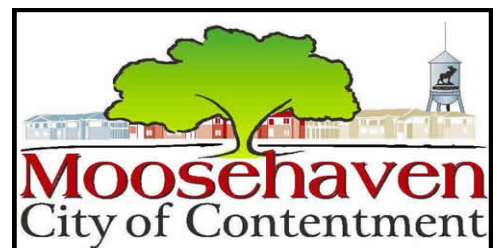
Buckeye Hall residents are Moosehaven residents but will come through the Brandon Place admissions program. Residents have several qualifications to meet for admission, starting with the 15 years or more of Moose membership. They must also financially qualify to demonstrate they have the financial means 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 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
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

Terry Bowden 2316
Doris Buckler 1387
Debbie Herbert 1262
Thomas F. Howard 296
Leon Johnson 1540
David Readmond 2393

75 Division

Lawrence Dean 1709

200 & Higher Division

350 - Ronald L. Sweetman, Sr. 1578

50 Division

Edward P. Lieske, II 1450
Harry McGray 534

50 Year Members

Earl Baker 1381



Congratulations to all!!

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,

Spring is finally here. Warmer weather is on its way. We are all starting to plan those summer time activities. Make sure that you lookout for the interests of every age group. We need to follow up with our members to make sure the events are positive experiences for all. Don't be afraid to try new things. What did not work in the past maybe very successful now. With all of the time we spend planning functions in our Lodges, do not forget why we are here and do not let your Members forget either. Each and every one of our Members play an important role in supporting our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven.

Your Moose Campaign is coming to a close. Let us all do exactly what it says and "Go the Distance." Please use the Higher Degrees of your Lodge to support retention and membership. Remind your Members to check International's web site to see if they are winners of the current membership drive "Dash for Cash." In this special membership drive if you sponsor a new member between now and April 30th you could win as much as \$500. Remind all of our members that there are no application fees until April 30th. Don't forget about the Moose Legion. A qualified member can join the Moose for only \$10.

In District 1, I have seen Lodges working together and helping each other out when needed. This is great, we are all in this together, working towards a common goal. Capital Moose Legion 155 is planning a few events in our District this summer. So when surfing the Lodge websites looking for something to do, don't forget to look them up. We have been doing a great job. Keep it up.

I hope everybody has a happy and safe summer. I will see you all in Las Vegas this June.

Fraternally, Robert Chris Hall



District 2 - Frank Weaver, President

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



I hope everyone had a good time at the Mid-Year Conference in Ocean City, MD this year. We had a wonderful turnout for our 1st Annual Karaoke Contest. Congratulations to all the great singers and the lodges who supported them. Hope to see everyone in Hunt Valley. There is lots of good stuff happening here in Western Maryland. If your travels bring you west in the next few months, stop into one of the local lodges and enjoy all the fun. 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

Brothers & Co-Workers:

Well, the Moose year is winding down. By now you should have had your nominating meetings, getting ready for your election of officers and having the installation of the newly elected officers.

We now have in the 3rd district a Child's Safety ID Kit. It can be used for the kids and seniors. When you have a event that involves kids, let me know and you can use this kit. It is a good community tool. So let's get it out in the community also.

Also let's keep signing up new members so MD-DE-DC can receive a 100% gain and beat WV Association. Let's end the year with a bang! Thank your for all you do.

LET'S GO THE DISTANCE!

Fraternally, David Taylor

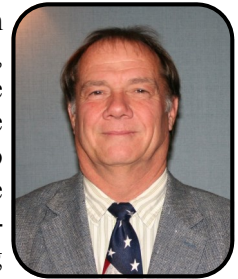


News from the District Presidents

District 4 - James Beyer, President

Brothers and Lodges of District 4:

Hope everybody has survived this long, hard Winter. I know it has been stressful to all, with higher energy costs, and less participation by some of our membership due to lack of funds, and difficult driving conditions. But rejoice, Spring is here! That means our members are going to want to come out to our lodges to eat, socialize, and have fun. Please make sure you have your next 3 months of fun activities planned and available for our membership to see and to mark on their calendars as important dates not to be missed. Remember we are coming into the home stretch of our current membership campaign "Go The Distance". What better time to attract new members from our communities than by showing them how much fun they can have in our friendly, family-oriented lodges. Please keep working on retention, and signing new members. Hope every lodge meets their goal, and have fun doing it.



Fraternally, Jim Beyer

District 5 - Jay Stover, President

Brothers & Co-Workers:

I hope everyone has gotten through all the snow and cold weather.

I want to thank all of you for all you have done over the last months to get the district to 100%. If it was not for all your hard work we wouldn't be there. We only have two months to go till the end of this Moose year, so let's do all we can to stay there.

Lodge elections should be started by now and we may have some new governors and administrators to bring up to speed, but I know all you older brothers will help out the best you can. So keep up the good work. Thanks for all you do now and in the future.



Fraternally, Jay Stover

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

District 6 - James L. Miller, President

Dear Brothers & Co-Workers:

This year has flown by and my time as the 6th District President will soon come to a close. I want to thank everyone who has helped me in any way this year. It has been a great learning experience for me.

By this time, the nomination committees have been meeting and choosing the next group of officers to lead our lodges and chapters in the next year. I trust their choices will be good ones for the good of our Fraternity and the new officers will have some new ideas to keep the lodges and chapters active and prospering for the future of the Moose.

New Castle Lodge hosted the Higher Degree Banquet which honored Supreme Governor Joseph Koons. It was a pleasure to meet him and his wife, as well as, hear him tell some humorous stories of his time with the Moose and other activities. We wish him a pleasant journey for the remainder of his year as our Supreme Governor.

The International Convention in Las Vegas will be here soon and our own Annual Conference in Hunt Valley, MD. It would be a good idea to attend our local Conference to hear of any changes that are coming in our Fraternity, especially if you cannot attend the International in Las Vegas. There are always changes coming and we need to be informed of them to keep the ball rolling to support our children and seniors.



Fraternally, James L. Miller

News from the District Presidents

District 7 - Dale H. Timmons, President

It is hard to believe that we are in the last quarter. The 7th district has 4 or 5 lodges that have a great shot at meeting their quota. I would like to sincerely thank the 7th district, as well as the other districts, for being 100% with reporting a new member. Fun was had by everyone at Ocean City Mid-Winter Conference and we learned a lot about some changes which may be occurring soon.

Remember "Dash for the Green"!

Fraternally, Dale Timmons



Dallas' Lifetime Achievement Award

As we all probably know by now, Dallas Hayman is in rehab after suffering a stroke a few months ago. He was honored at our Mid-Winter Conference in Ocean City, MD with the Lifetime Achievement Award for the MD-DE-DC Moose Association for 2014. As you can see, he is proud of this achievement and looks to be getting along quite well since his stroke.



Frank Courtney was present when they took the award to Dallas, so he took these pictures. We can see that Dallas is doing better by showing his usual smile and laugh. We wish him the best and hope he will be back in the flow of Moose activities soon. Let's keep him in our prayers for a full recovery. *the editor*



Cumberland Lodge & Ronald McDonald House



Cumberland Moose Lodge 271 and Women of the Moose Chapter 914 recently donated over 70 pounds of can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Morgantown, WV. Pictured is Aiden, 10 year old Grandson of member Brenda Ross, born at WVU weighing 2 lbs. 9 oz. at birth. His parents stayed at the Ronald McDonald House until he was strong enough to go home. Also pictured is Abby Bible granddaughter of Brenda. The members of the lodge are proud of their continued donations to the Ronald McDonald House of the community.



Proudly Submitted by
Brenda P. Ross

In Memory of Lost Co-Workers



Maynard Bowman

Member of Wheaton Lodge 1775
Held the Fellowship Degree on Honor

June Russ

Member of Waldorf Chapter
Held the College of Regents Degree



Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun,
And think of the happy memories
when the day is done.*



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.

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Thurs, Oct 16	Grand Cayman	8:00am	4:00pm
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However, if you do not reside in a household with a Loyal Order of Moose member, or you simply want your own copy, you can purchase a lifetime subscription to Moose Magazine for only \$10. Simply clip and fill out the coupon below and mail with a check, money order or credit card information to WOTM Lifetime Subscription, Moose International, Department of Communications & Public Affairs, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1174.

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Moose Charities by Past Grand Regent Libby

Hello Co-Workers,

Gosh, how time flies! It doesn't seem possible but here we are -- just completed nominations in our Chapters and getting ready to elect and before long -- installing. I certainly hope the soon to be newly installed and appointed officers/chairman will be reading their books and obtaining the correct and much needed information for a very successful 2014-2015 Chapter and Lodge year. Let this be a time for learning and planning some great fundraising ideas, which will help benefit Moose Charities. Let's not forgot what and who we are, and why we are members of this great Moose organization. Our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven depend on us for their future care.

As I mention "Moose Charities", I do want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your help at our February conference in Ocean City. I have good Co-Chairman that "Go the Distance" for Moose Charities. We did have a lot going on and I know most of you spent your hard earned money to help us be successful. You purchased tickets for the Baskets, 50/50's, and the beautiful jewelry, which I just happened to be the lucky winner of. You even purchased homemade food items or perhaps a new beaded badge holder. From these approved WOTM fundraising projects, we raised a total profit of \$3,432.00. With the approval from the Grand Chancellor, the proceeds were split: \$1,716.00 for the MD-DE-DC Home and \$1,716.00 for the Mooseheart School Renovation. Thank you for your participation and help in making this so successful. Special thanks go out to everyone. We couldn't have been so successful if you hadn't been there to help us, either by donating, purchasing or working. This shows what we can do when we all work together -- **As a Team** - to accomplish what needs to be done to ensure the future of our Twin Cities, by supporting our programs and most importantly Moose Charities. And I don't want to forget to let you know that the raffle for the 4 individual \$25.00 gift cards raised a net total of \$237.00 that went directly to the Endowment Fund.

I also want to remind you that our very own MD-



DE-DC Regional Association has taken on the responsibility of a **yearly** commitment of \$80,000, to fund our very own MD-DE-DC Home at Mooseheart. You can help -- with your personal donations throughout the year. Regardless of how large or how small your check will be, all donations are welcome **and** tax deductible, **if** made payable to "**Moose Charities**" earmarked MD-DE-DC Home, and included your Moose membership number on the check. Remember these are our children and they are what we are all about! Let's "Go The Distance" in our lodges and chapters and fulfill this commitment, each **and** every year.

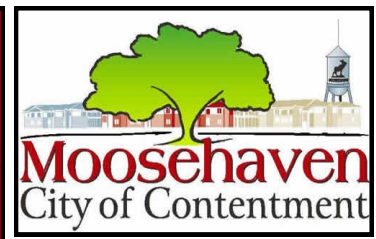
And, yes we are all about Money and Members! Our membership still is not where it used to be in our Lodges and Chapters. Members are our survival, so let's work on this weak spot and make our Association #1. **We can do it!**

In Friendship,

Libby

WOTM Moose Charities Chairman
MD-DE-DC

P.S. When you get time, please check out the Moose Charities website and see how you can help by collecting Box Tops, Campbell soup labels and participating in the recycling program. As of Nov. 1st we actually received the biggest check **ever** since we have been working with Box Tops--\$9,371.63. In school rankings, Mooseheart School is **still** #1 in the Chicagoland area. Additionally, Mooseheart is ranked #30 nationally for Box Tops collections. WOW! Thank you!



*"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

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Moose Charities Chairman Danny Williams



Moose Charities.....

The following is a note that I received from our Executive Director Jan Fregulia recently.....

“Mooseheart Ramblers ‘Go The Distance’, Claim 1-A Basketball State Championship!

Mooseheart Celebrates First Ever State Championship In Its 101st Year.”

Mooseheart’s 63-47 victory over Heyworth ended a journey for the 2013-2014 Ramblers boys basketball team that started in November, not far from Peoria, at the Canton Thanksgiving tournament. The team ended the season with a 29-3 record.

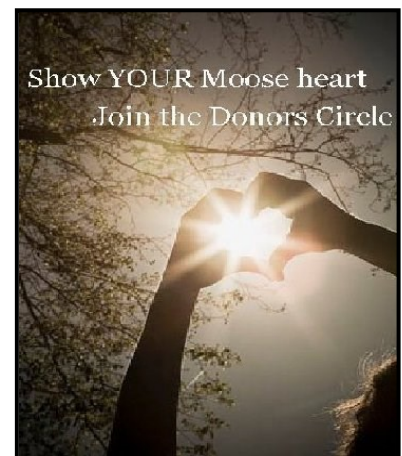
There may be no better way to show support for our Championship Rambler Basketball team than ensuring they, and future generations of Mooseheart students, have a modern facility with the latest technology to support their academic efforts. All Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions are encouraged to show their support for this century in the making achievement by sending an additional contribution to the “Mooseheart School Renovation Project”. Be sure to include “State Champs” on the memo line for your check.

Contributions can be mailed to:

**Moose Charities
155 South International Drive
Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100**

Please, if you can donate, let’s all do what we can and DONATE any amount.

Fraternally,
Danny Williams Sr.
Moose Charities Chairman



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RIDDLE TIME ANSWERS

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A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P.....

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