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From the Desk of Ed Thompson, Regional Mgr.

Since the Mid-Year Conference some of the information shared during the conference has changed. The King of Hearts is extended through the end of this fiscal year (April 30, 2015). As you know, all members who sponsor a new or former member by April 30th will receive a credit to play the game for each individual they sponsor. Although the sponsorship period ends on April 30th, they will have the ability to go online and play the game through May 10th. To date, nearly 1,000 members have played and over \$6,000 in promotional prizes have been distributed.

By now each lodge received information pertaining to \$0 application fee being waived beginning March 1 through April 30, 2015. The Supreme Council authorized the General Governor to issue a blanket dispensation to waive all application fees in March and April. It is the Membership Department thought that the \$0 Application Fee will provide momentum for the lodges as they move into the new-year on a positive note. No fees will be collected or billed, meaning Moose International will waive the \$10 it has been collecting throughout this year, and the lodges will no longer collect \$10 that they have been retaining for membership campaign purposes. No application fees will apply to lodges, chapters and Moose Legions. This may be the last time the fees will be waived with the new member incentives that will be offered. The new incentives are being developed and will be communicated once the development is complete.

The Lodge Grant Application and Award Process has changed for 2015-16. The application process for the 2015-16 Supreme Council Lodge Grant Program will open on May 1st, 2015 and close on June 30th, 2015, using the same electronic format in the Admin Menu accessed through the Moose International website as was used last year.

Note: Despite the earlier time frame for applications, attendance at the 2015 International Moose Convention in Nashville, TN will still be required for grant consideration.

When the application process closes at the end of June, attendance records for the 2015 International Convention will be verified. Territory Managers will be notified of the lodges in their area that have met all qualifications and will be given the rest of July to make any visits or verifications of proposed projects. They will then be asked to rank the lodges within their territories and the Regional Managers will have access next to provide further rankings for the region. The second week of August, Regional rankings should be available for Moose International's staff to review and make final recommendations to the Supreme Council, which will approve all final grants during the third or fourth week in August. Grant work can begin as early as September 1st to allow work be done before the winter cold sets in. All projects will have until April 30th to be completed. Information will be sent to all lodges within the next few weeks on how to apply and any changes that may have been made to the process in addition to those noted above.

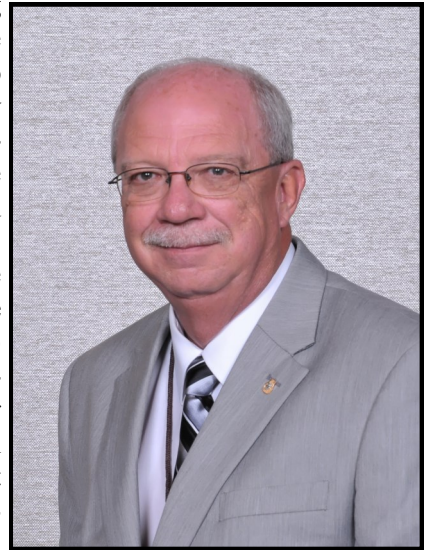
I encourage all lodges to take advantage of the \$0 application fee to increase their lodge active membership. Remember, the goal is for each lodge to have "Plus 1" on April 30, 2015 and to achieve at minimum a retention rate of 80%. Take advantage of this incentive.

I want to thank all for making the recent Mid-Year Conference a success. The lodge participation was great and everyone contributing did an excellent job. I look forward to the August Convention.

Fraternally yours,

Ed

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**\$0 Application Fee from
March 1st through April 30, 2015**

From the Desk of Territory #9 Manager Ernie Megee



We are nearing the completion of our fiscal year. Being that we have approximately one month and one-half remaining in this fiscal year, each Lodge officer needs to spend this period of time going over records of membership, events, and service projects within

our communities. We need to compare what we have done with the criteria of the individual Lodge and personnel awards that we could be entitled to be receiving in the form of honors and recognition. Have we met the requirements for the Five Star Program, Premier Lodge Award, and the various additional awards designed for the Lodge, Administrators, and Governors - just to name a few? What individual criteria line item have we overlooked that can be worked on to enable for us to be qualified? So, do not wait until the last moment as we are so accustomed to doing!

As you have heard, our Association, as well as other Associations, is having a very difficult time in maintaining our membership base, recruiting new members, and retaining existing members. It has been a disappointing year for our Lodges, Districts, Association, and Moose International. Currently, to help us to finish out the year and to help our Lodges to meet their membership goals, Moose International has extended the King of Hearts program and has dropped the application fee from March 01, 2015 through and including April 30, 2015. Use these and your Lodge short term membership programs to your advantage so that your Lodge can meet its membership goal.

The following message was used in a Lodge newsletter and has appeared in other service or-

ganization's magazines/newsletter. Please read it as it does make a lot of sense and brings the truth to home!

Ten Ways to Kill a Lodge:

1. Don't go to the meetings.
2. If you do go, go late.
3. If the weather does not suit you, do not think of going.
4. If you do attend a meeting, find faults with the work of the officers and members.
5. Never accept an office as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend committee meetings.
7. If asked by the officers to give your opinion on some matter, tell them you have nothing to say. After the meeting, tell everyone at the bar how things should be done.
8. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary, but when members use their ability to help matters along, howl that the Lodge is run by a clique.
9. Hold back your dues or just do not pay at all.
10. Do not bother about getting new members, "Let George do it."

It is a shame, however, there is a whole lot of truth to the above message. Let's all work together as a team so that we do not kill our Lodge.

Thank you and have a wonderful early Spring!

Fraternally,
Ernest E. Megee, III
Territory Manager
Territory No. 9 Mid-East Region

Lodges in Ernie's Territory:

Delaware: 203 Camden-Wyoming, 534 Harrington, 630 Newark, 646 Lewes-Rehoboth, 847 Claymont, 1578 New Castle, 1728 Seaford, 2046 Smyrna-Clayton, 2316 Milford and 2542 East Sussex

East Maryland: 70 Essex, 296 Annapolis, 654 Salisbury, 658 Silver Spring, 831 Bay Country, 851 Elkton, 1211 Cambridge, 1228 Sparrows Point-Dundalk, 1242 Rosedale, 1381 Westminster, 1450 Aberdeen, 1456 Glen Burnie, 1504 Laurel, 1577 Reisterstown, 1952 Bel Air, 2431 Lower Eastern Shore, 2601 Odenton and 2631 Baltimore City

East Virginia: 683 Exmore

From the Desk of Territory #9 Assistant Manager John Cihak

MEMBERSHIP

I was asked to write an article on membership for the new District Newsletter. After thinking about this, I decided to examine our District's and Fraternity's membership in a somewhat different way.



It seems we have no problems signing members; our problem is keeping those new and current members. As of February 17, 2015 our membership shows:

	<u>EXPIRED</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>
MD-DE-DC Association	2,636	2,156
Fraternity	126,529	102,432

These numbers are our LOOM members only and do not include the WOTM.

I think we all have to sit down and examine what we are **not** doing.

Do we **Invite** our prospective members to the Lodge for an Orientation Meeting?

This can be a social event held in the Social Quarters.

Do we **Treat** our members with respect when they are in the Lodge?

Do we **Require** our members to act in a gentlemanly and ladylike manner at all times when they are in the lodge?

Do we **Require** our officers to fulfill the obligations they took when they were installed into office?

Do we **Have** ongoing events during the week (and just not on the weekends) for our members to participate in and enjoy?

Do we **Insure** that we abide by the Private Policy? Why should anyone become a member when just anyone can come in and enjoy our many benefits; not to mention our violating Federal, State, County and Local laws and statutes; which could result in closure of the lodge.

Guess I could go on and on about membership, but let us not forget the mission of our Fraternity is to strive for excellence in:

1. A fraternal program and community service within our lodge and chapter system known as the Loyal Order of Moose and the Women of the Moose.
2. To provide a family environment and education for underprivileged children in residence at Mooseheart, Illinois.
3. To provide for the needs of senior members at Moosehaven, Florida.
4. To promote membership growth.



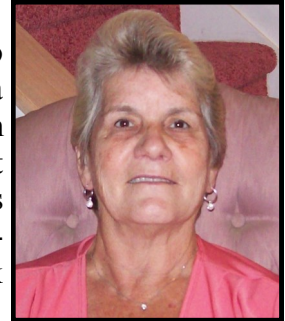
Fraternally,
John Cihak
Territory #9 Assistant Manager



Deputy Grand Regent Cathy Gardner

Hello Co-workers and Brothers

Our Mid-Year conference was very successful. I would again like to thank my Hostess Chapter New Castle for an outstanding job. Wasn't Sandra Richards awesome? I would like to say a big thank you to the Black-Eyed Susan Council for the skit on Friday afternoon and Glen Burnie Chapter for their skit on Saturday afternoon. Also, all who helped in any way with raffles, door prizes and etc. Our total number of co-workers in attendance was 243. The total number of new Academy of Friendship conferred 27. The fundraising projects took in \$4,202.00.



As we near the end of the year, are you on track for a gain in membership? Moose International has added two additional incentive programs to help everyone with their membership totals. First, \$0 application fees for the months March and April. Second, King of Hearts membership promotion extended through April 30, 2015. We've been given the tools now it's up to each of us to use the tools to be successful.

Will winter ever end? Spring arrives in a few short weeks and old man winter just doesn't want to leave us.

The month of March we should be winding our way down for nominations of new officer's for next year. If you haven't filled all the positions, remember to keep holding nomination meetings.

In April new officers, chairman and appointed officers will be installed. With the revamp of officers and chairman I hope all chapters will be able to fill positions.

If I can do anything to help anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me.

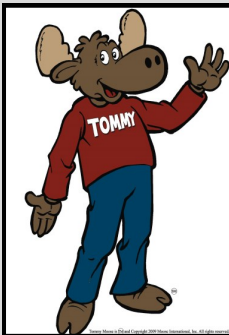
God Bless you, our Children and Seniors.



Mr. & Mrs. James Bolling - 55 Years!



**Congratulations to
Jim & Frannie Bolling
on celebrating
55 years of marriage
1960 - 2015**



QUARTER COW RESULTS

Winner of 1/4 Cow and Freezer

Milford Lodge 2316

\$200 won by Capitol Legion 155

\$100 won by Denise Dancy from

New Castle Chapter 1418

A Message from President Frank Courtney

Hello...by now, most of that cold winter weather should be behind us and soon we will all be welcoming those springtime blossoms...just in time to start the new Moose year. As we move into April, I'm wishing all of the Lodges and Chapters great success as we bring another Moose year to a close.

Here's hoping that the MD-DE-DC Moose Association finishes on top with a strong push to recruit and sign new members. With the zero application fee (through the end of April 2015), it is the perfect time to welcome new members into our fraternity. Let's not forget to mention the member benefits which are also a great selling point to join the fraternity. However, there is one more selling point that tops them all, and that is the charitable work we all do for Mooseheart, Moosehaven and our local communities. These are the best stories we have to drive new members into our fraternity and keep existing members contributing. These stories bring us back to basics!

As we wind down the Moose year, I'd like to say thank you to all of the Lodge and Chapter Officers who have done so much to keep the Moose Association on top and successful. Here's wishing continued success to the Lodges and Chapters and all incoming Officers for great success in the coming Moose year.

Help us get your Moose story told - we still have a need for all Moose units to send in articles with photos of events to the Association for publication. When sending an email, please include Miriam Rieg at tmrieg206@verizon.net, Frank Courtney at webmaster@mdmoose.org and Clint Rawlings at district2moose@live.com. Our goal this year is to tell everyone the story of the Moose and stop having the Moose known as "The Best Kept Secret". Our Moose Association Facebook page is reaching thousands of prospective members and listing your events will just bring in more followers, likes and hopefully new applications for membership. So please send in your stories and events!

I look forward to seeing many of you around town at a Moose function and wish you a wonderful spring season! Also a special shout out and **congratulations** to Mechanicsville Lodge for the Supreme Governor's visit, to the Laurel Chapter for the donation to Moose Charities that they collected at their annual Golden Ball Ceremony and the Williamsport Lodge on their renovation and grand reopening/open house event that supported a local charity called Safe Place - what a great showing of community commitment and involvement!

On a final note, I'd like to ask of all of our members to make sure you are sharing your Moose story with friends, family, colleagues and others to help get the word out about the Moose fraternity and the great work we do! It's Members like all of you that will keep our fraternity growing...just like those spring flowers. I appreciate all of your hard work and thank you for all you do to help our Moose Association continue to blossom.

Fraternally, **Frank J. Courtney**



Mooseheart Representative Jean Neal

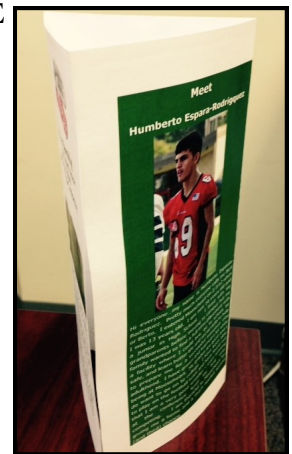


Make the connection personal to your members! Each of the boys and family teachers from MD-DE-DC Home has a special message for **YOU!** I have updated the towers and this year, I have included the Frank, Clark, and Anton children who are in different homes, but are from our area sponsored by Annapolis Lodge. Coming soon will be a tower for one of our children, sponsored by Williamsport Lodge, William Clark, as soon I get his information. Please print and assemble the table towers, as shown. They are now available on mdmoose.org under **FORM, TABLE TOWERS**. I have also sent these files to each lodge via email.

Wal Khat signs to attend Community College



Wal Khat, a resident at "Our House" and soon to be a 2015 Graduate of Mooseheart, signed a Letter of Intent for North Iowa Area Community College. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.



Deputy Supreme Governor Larry Clark

Dear Brothers and Co-Workers:



Hope everyone has made it through all the cold weather. By the time you read this the Supreme Governor will have been in our Association. I know you made the time to come out and meet and greet him. I thank all of you that took time out of your busy schedules to come out and make his visit the best. You all made his visit very enjoyable.

We all need to sign new members, but we also need to keep the ones that we have signed up from letting their dues lapse. Get the Lodge's arrearage list and make some calls - and do not forget the Moose Legion, they need your help too.

Larry Clark

Deputy Supreme Governor
MD-DE-DC Moose Association



Supreme Governor Danny Albert's Visit to MD-DE-DC

**Many Thanks to the
Lodge Brothers and
Coworkers who
helped in any way
during Danny Albert's
visit to
MD-DE-DC**

Supreme Governor
Danny Albert with
MD State Senator Mike
Miller at Marlboro Lodge,
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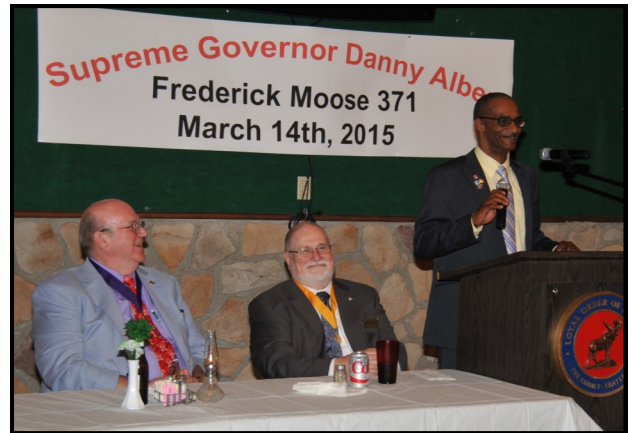


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Supreme Governor Danny Albert's Visit to MD-DE-DC



Supreme Governor Danny Albert's Visit to MD-DE-DC



Give the Gift of Life - Donate Blood!!

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

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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

Mid-Winter Conference Polar Plunge 2015



What can I say but, **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!** Thank you to all of the brave souls who took the plunge and all of you, my brothers and co-workers. And how about Darth Vader! – I sent Brother Scott a thank you on behalf of all the Chapters and Lodges in our Association. And lest I forget again, let me thank the Deputy Grand Regent (aka my other wife), Cathy Gardner for all her help over the last 2 years.

Our goal was to raise \$5,000.00 (\$300.00 more than we did in 2014). Well not only did we make that goal; we went over it to the tune of **\$7,633.00** for **“Our House”** at Mooseheart.

So, once again – Thank You – to all those who jumped in, to all those that contributed, to Scott Hart and one more for the Paramedics who watched over us.

**GOD BLESS
MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN**

Fraternally, John Cihak

P.S. Brother Scott Hart also sends his thanks to all participants and members for their support.

*Who is this masked man?
See page 19 to find out.*



Happenings in Williamsport



Williamsport Lodge recently underwent renovations, as you can see above and to the left. Governor Frank Weaver and Administrator Russ Robinson look pleased with the work done. Grand Reopening was March 22nd. Supreme Governor Danny Albert stopped in to check out the progress. Below, Russ is showing Kathy Young pictures of the work as it was done. Great Job, Williamsport!



Happenings in Williamsport



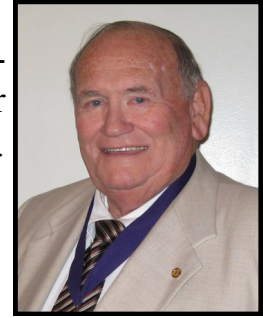
Grand Reopening
 of
 Williamsport
 Lodge -
 March 22, 1015
 Hosting a
 Fundraiser for
 Safe Place
 Washington
 County
 Child
 Advocacy
 Center



Moose Legion Area Manager Dallas Hayman

Moose Legionnaires:

I need your help badly - we are under 60,000 Moose Legionnaires. Active Moose Legion membership is currently down over 2,600 members. We started the year with 59,295 active members. As of this morning, AED looks like this:



Active	Expired	Dropped
56,653	7,888	5,495

But look at the opportunities we have in just the expired column! Over 7,000 opportunities to recover members who have let their dues lapse. Some of them simply need a friendly reminder.

Two months left and International has dropped the enrollment fee, only need to pay whatever the dues are in each Moose Legion. Each of us can make a difference.

We can have another gain in members this year - but we cannot wait any longer to put full retention efforts in place along with getting applicants to properly attend a conferral. The time for basic leadership is **NOW**.

Also, there is a MLEC School scheduled for April 18, 2015 at Annapolis 296 for all officers of the Moose Legions. Registration is at 8 AM and the class starts at 9 AM; this is for next year - 2016. This is for all directors (including the Jr. Past President).

I want to thank all Moose Legionnaires and their ladies for all that you do for the Moose Legion.

Fraternally,
Dallas S. Hayman
Moose Legion Area Manager



Del-Mar Council of Higher Degrees

2015 Calendar of Events

January 10, 2015 - Meeting at 1 PM - at Lewes-Rehoboth

April 11, 2015 - Meeting at 1 PM - at Bel Air

July 11, 2015 - Meeting at 1 PM - at Bay Country

October 10, 2015 - Banquet at 1 PM - at Harrington

Lunch at each of the meetings will be at 12:00 Noon



All Coworkers and Lodge Brothers holding the following degrees are members of the Council:
Academy of Friendship, College of Regents, Star Recorder,
Moose Legion, Fellowship Degree of Honor and Pilgrim Degree of Merit

A Heartfelt Thank You from the Werdens

Dearest Friends,

Mike and I just wanted to share a note with all of you to express our sincerest thanks for all the love, support, and prayers that you have given to our family in the wake of the terrible tragedy that affected our beautiful daughter, Danielle, and grandson, Ayden.

As many of you know, Danielle's fiancé, Eric Williams, was tragically killed in an automobile accident on 12/26/14. This horrific event left our daughter a single mother with a 2 month old son and a very uncertain future...and as any family would do, we began to notify family members and friends to please pray.

Cards of sympathy began pouring in immediately - many of those coming from our extended family - the Maryland/Delaware/DC Moose...she was floored and didn't really even know how to respond...except with tears and hugs for us. Beautiful cards with beautiful words, gift cards,...real support for a **VERY REAL TRIAL**.

Our daughter is only 20 years old, but as many of you know, spent almost all of her life at Mooseheart. She always saw how the Men and Women of the Moose took such great care of the kids entrusted to us there, loved seeing everyone at Homecoming, and even enjoyed being teased about boyfriends, painting bellies, etc...she truly felt like she was a part of that big Moose family but never imagined that when "her time at Mooseheart" was over that the same love and acceptance she felt from our home supporters would continue over to her - especially during such a devastating time in her incredibly young life. When she turns 21 this April, she will officially join our Moose family and proudly join the Women of the Moose.

Please know that Mike and I love and appreciate each one of you and your kindness to our family will never be forgotten.

P.S. We will have plenty of pictures of Ayden when we see you in May!!!!

**GOD BLESS YOU,
GOD BLESS MOOSEHEART
GOD BLESS MOOSEHAVEN
AND GOD BLESS THE MOOSE!**

Mike & Linda Werden
MD-DE-DC House at Mooseheart

Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

Wow, this has been a real rough winter! Be so glad to see sunshine for more than one day at the time above freezing. So very sorry I could not make mid-winter. The extra information could have made things a little easier for the Lottery yearend report. **AT THE RISK OF SAYING "THIS IS A RECORDING" IT IS.** The state is not playing games they want their monthly manual reports in on time, and they definitely want this year-end report on time. Remember they hold the key our gaming machines and licenses. We are currently searching for solutions which will probably mean we have to go back to our legislators for a permanent resolution. This is not a problem of our making but it is a problem that must be fixed. Your government relations reps have spent many hours on the road, phone, e-mail and meetings. Cannot thank those lodges who gave of their time, invited legislators, and gave us the opportunity to show them we are responsible, have safeguards in place for double check and accountable. WE must impress gaming is not our business, we are not casinos, these machines are a TOOL to assist us in what we do best "People Helping People". Currently we are asking support from them to add an amendment to allow us to keep our venders. We want the wording changed from "Connected to central" to "controlled by". Have one or two of those in place, need more set from New Castle County. We will be asking help from everyone to reach this goal.



Does anyone really believe this Government program is unnecessary? Last year alone in Delaware there were 35 bills introduced that had tag-along that could have been harmful to the non-profits. We're still watching for a revision 187. The non-profits are slowly but surely being regulated into oblivion. I really don't believe most people know **NON_PROFITS CAN'T MAKE MONEY< WE DO PAY TAXES.** We need to have folks in place that will meet greet and spread the word about who we are what we do and how to proceed. In my opinion this should be included in our training sessions. Many say "I would but I don't know how."

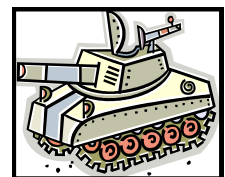
Examples:

Our kitchens are inspected, and licensed, added to this as of May one person either from Lodge or Chapter must pay a fee take an approved course to be certified. Why? Another license? In a way it's the state getting income. Have to mark any baked /soup sale goods that it came from your kitchen, not from an inspected one or you can be fined. Reason for another permit? The list keeps growing. Queen of Hearts game requires a \$15.00 a week permit until game is finished, as are others, check before you start any game. Some of the permits you have do not cover several.

God Bless America, and those left behind waiting.

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Youth Awareness Chairman Ken Hunt



Brothers and Coworkers,

I am pleased to present the students who will represent our Association at the upcoming International Youth Awareness Congress in Orlando, Florida, April 30th to May 4th. They will make their presentations to over sixty other students representing all the other Associations throughout the United States and Canada. They will be competing for five scholarships totaling \$30,000.00.

Johnson Tran will be our Maryland representative from Columbia Lodge. Fatima Asif will be our Delaware representative from Seaford Lodge. They have been invited to our Annual Convention in August at Hunt Valley to share their experiences with us. Please join me in wishing them good luck and a safe journey.

Fraternally,

Kenneth Hunt

Youth Awareness Coordinator

Meet our Youth Awareness Representatives



Fatima Asif

Senior, DuVal High School
Lanham Maryland

My name is Fatima Asif. One of my family's core values is caring for each other and ensuring a sense of safety. That's why I was so interested in doing a Moose Kids Talk. I used what I learned to declare my major of child development and psychology. As a senior in high school, I'm excited to graduate and continue my education. I'm planning to get my undergraduate degree at University of Maryland and continue my graduate studies in Pennsylvania. I'm only seventeen years old and I know my plans will change, but I have faith that everything will work itself out in the end.



Johnson Tran

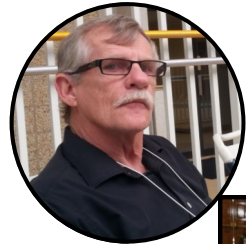
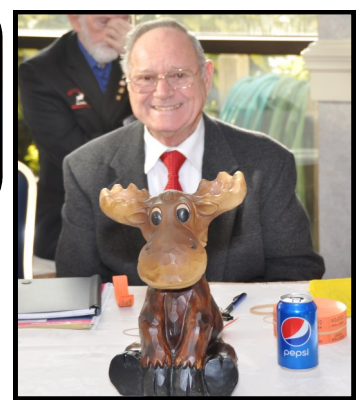
Senior, DuVal High School
Lanham, Maryland



My name is Johnson Tran, I'm 18 years old, I'm currently attending DuVal High and I'll be the first generation to be attending college. I'm an upcoming photographer trying to make a living out of it. I have taken 3 years of photography, 2 years of Adobe Photoshop and currently taking Adobe illustrator. I'm in an extended family, I'm the oldest out of 4, the rest are girls.

**We wish you both the best in the
International Youth Awareness Congress
representing the MD-DE-DC Moose Association**

Memories of Ocean City 2015



New Academy Members



More Memories of Ocean City 2015



KARAOKE!



Darth Vader AKA Scott Hart!

more Pix back page



Dick Gelfman's Ride to Fight Breast Cancer



Dick Gelfman's 15th Annual Ride Across Maryland May 30 - June 1, 2015



Registration is now OPEN

Thank you -- if you have previously participated -- for your fundraising efforts in **Ride Across Maryland's fight against breast cancer**. For those of you who are new to the Ride, we hope you will join us to continue the fight.

In the past 14 years, we have donated over **\$2.5-MILLION** to **breast cancer** research and breast cancer support and service groups.

We are lining up special events to celebrate our **15th Anniversary**. We'll have lots of food, music, local celebrities, blessing of the bikes and much more we're still working on.

The challenge we have set for this year's ride is to break all past records, and at the end of the Ride make donations that will push us over the \$3-Million in donations mark! We can't do it without your dedication and commitment to helping us make it happen. And, you'll have fun while doing it!

We'll be emailing you, occasionally, with ideas and suggestions on how to help you raise the most money possible as you help the Ride, and, most importantly, all of us, fight breast cancer! We'll also be sending you updates and information regarding the Ride as it becomes available.

We look forward to seeing you at **The Mall in Columbia on Saturday morning, May 30th, 2015, starting at 7:30 a.m.**

Join us for a record-breaking ride to the Francis Scott Key Resort in Ocean City -- for a fun-filled weekend!

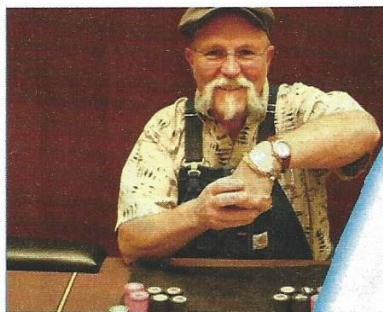
To learn more, go to our website: www.RideAcrossMaryland.org -- or, if you have questions, email us: info@RideAcrossMaryland.org.

Thank you !

Ride Across Maryland Foundation, Inc.

Hop on board and contribute to the cause!

Moose International Sports Events for 2015



2015 International Moose **SPORTS** **TOURNAMENTS**

TEXAS HOLD 'EM JANUARY 11-15

Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV

BOWLING APRIL 11 - MAY 17

Michigan City, IN Lodge 980

STEEL-TIP DARTS APRIL 24 - 26

Lynchburg South, VA Lodge 1727

HORSESHOES JUNE 12 - 14

Strasburg, VA Lodge 403

POOL JUNE 24 - 27

Merritt Island, FL Lodge 2073

SOFTBALL JULY 24 - 27

Bedford, VA Lodge 1897

GOLF JULY 31 - AUGUST 2

Henry County, GA Lodge 2170

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1

Williamsburg, VA Lodge 757

For additional information on these events please visit the Moose International website
www.mooseintl.org/portal/sports/sport.asp
or call Activities at (630) 966-2214.

In Memory of Lost Brothers & Co-Workers



William Marvel

Past Governor of Camden-Wyoming Moose
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit



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 beautiful - He always takes the best.
He knew you were suffering - He knew you were in pain.
He 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.**



New 25 Club Honorees



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

25 Members

Frank Anthony 534
Arthur Sherman 2316
Harold Whiteman 851

75 Members

Charles Adams, Sr. 296

50 Members

Barbara L. Spicknall 661

100 Members

Richard B. Thompson 296

Top Sponsors 9/1 to 12/31/2014

John Kitchen won a \$100 Amazon Gift Card
Arthur Sherman won \$25

Members Receiving Academy of Friendship Degree February 8, 2015 at Ocean City, MD

- Virginia Smith - Chapter 97 - Dundalk, MD
- Clare Leonard - Chapter 186 - Claymont, DE
- April Utterback - Chapter 661 - Annapolis, MD
- Janet Lazarczyk - Chapter 705 - Newark, DE
- Connie E. Banks - Chapter 1208 - Salisbury, MD
- Sharon Hagen - Chapter 1208 - Salisbury, MD
- Elizabeth A. Manger - Chapter 1208 - Salisbury, MD
- Mary E. Shapiro - Chapter 1208 - Salisbury, MD
- Patricia L. Crouse - Chapter 1262 - College Park, MD
- Debbie Herbert - Chapter 1262 - College Park, MD
- Carol A. Koppal - Chapter 1262 - College Park, MD
- Marlene Lucian - Chapter 1262 - College Park, MD
- Agnes M. Thornburg - Chapter 1262 - College Park, MD
- Delores Wachtman - Chapter 1262 - College Park, MD
- Patricia Beach - Chapter 1418 - New Castle, DE
- Darlene Denton - Chapter 1418 - New Castle, DE
- Barbara Huber - Chapter 1469 - Bel Air, MD
- Jennifer A. Karr - Chapter 1469 - Bel Air, MD
- Lisa Phillips - Chapter 1469 - Bel Air, MD
- Mary Ellen Phillips - Chapter 1469 - Bel Air, MD
- Candace L. Trowell - Chapter 1469 - Bel Air, MD
- Ariane Cain - Chapter 1546 - Camden-Wyoming, DE
- Alice E. Coventry - Chapter 1546 - Camden-Wyoming, DE
- Amy Weber - Chapter 1546 - Camden-Wyoming, DE
- Anne E. Creech - Chapter 1814 - Lewes-Rehoboth, DE
- Harriet J. Long - Chapter 1814 - Lewes-Rehoboth, DE
- Christine Irwin - Chapter 2204 - East Sussex, DE



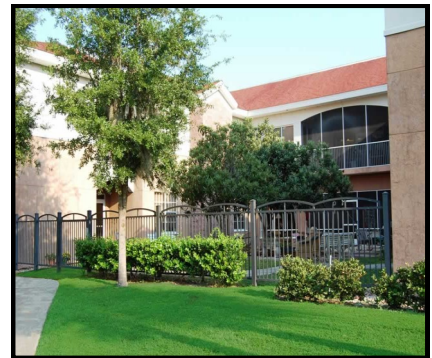
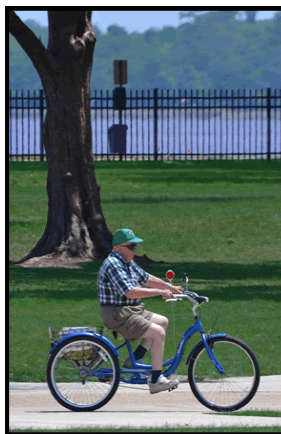
Congratulations to all!!

Moosehaven News from Bill Cobert

Brandon Place continues to grow as construction is now in progress on St. John's Apartments. This two story building will house eight 2-bedroom apartments and twelve 1-bedroom apartments. Each apartment will face St. John's River and have either a patio or balcony. Just imagine, sitting outside any time of day or early evening and enjoying the peace and tranquility of your new home.

As with all the housing at Brandon Place, you will be afforded all the amenities offered at Moosehaven. You will have daily opportunities to socialize, exercise, learn, share and just enjoy life.

Contact Bill Cobert, Moosehaven Admissions Consultant,
at 410-381-6004 or GWmCobert@comcast.net
for further information or assistance.



A few sights at Moosehaven - upper left is the Katherine Smith Center. Below left is Moosehaven's pier into the St. John's River. The photo on the right is the Life Care Center and the photo in the center shows a leisurely bicycle ride on the campus.

**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:

Mason Barraco - 12/21
Kenneth Brown - 3/16
Humberto Esparza-8/3
Derick Graeser - 2/16
Wal Khat - 1/11
Jeff Leigh - 3/15
Howard Nealon - 1/16
Demitrian Perez - 7/8
Kameron Williams - 12/25

Our Resident at Moosehaven:

Edward Pelkey - 7/28



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

News from the District Presidents

District 1 - Robert C. Hall, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

The warmer weather is finally on the way. It is now time to start planning all of those fun summer events. Don't forget to include all age groups in your events. Welcome the younger people into our Lodges for they are the future of our organization. Listen to everyone's opinions and try to make our Lodges an enjoyable place for everyone.

Remind all of our Members that they all should treat the Lodge as they do their own home. We all need to take ownership of our Lodges. Clean up after ourselves and notify the officers of any repairs or safety issues that need to be addressed. Too often the Board of Officers are expected to do everything. They need your help. Everyone is able to do something. Whether it is cleaning, cooking a dinner, or helping plan an event. Don't forget to make it fun.

Every new or former Member that we can get to take part in our events will take a little bit of the burden off of each one of us. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to come join us. Make sure to explain what we are all about and the many things that we support especially Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Right now is the time to join! Moose International has approved to waive the application fee until April 30, 2015. Help our Fraternity grow so that we may do more for those in need.

Keep up the good work. "Back to Basics"

Fraternally, Robert Chris Hall



District 2 - Frank Weaver, President

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

We had a wonderful time in Ocean City at the Mid-Year Conference. The Karaoke singers were great and it was a very close completion. Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to them to represent MD/DE/DC Association in Nashville.

It has been a long and cold winter here in Western Maryland. The snow will be thawing soon and we will be able to get out and enjoy the Spring.

There will be lots of fun activities happening at all our lodges in the Spring and Summer months. Look for updates on the MD/DC/DE Association Facebook page.

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:

I hope that everyone had a good time at the Mid-Year Conference. It was very educational for me. Well - it is time for you to be doing your nomination committee meetings. Let's try to get the younger members involved by asking them to be on the Board of Officers. Sometimes they have a lot of ideas and bring in new members.

I bet a lot of us are ready for Spring. After all this sloppy mess we have been getting this year. Then we can begin to clean up things from the bad weather and clean up outside. So, let's spruce the Moose. Let's keep signing new members or try to get our members on the drop list back.

Thank you for what you do. Please keep up the good work. *Fraternally, David Taylor*



News from the District Presidents

District 4 - James Beyer, President

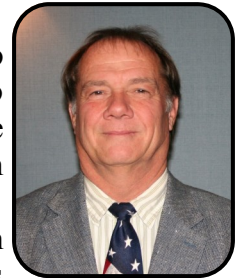
Brothers and Co-Workers,

As we come to the end of our year, I hope everybody is making a sincere effort to meet their membership goals. Moose International has made our job a lot easier to sign members by waiving the application fee through April 30, 2015, so let's make one more big push to meet our goals, and make District 4 one of the top districts in the Association.

With Spring in the air, start planning all of your fun activities and publish them well in advance of their action dates. Make sure all of your members know what is going on at least 30 to 90 days in advance. Ask your members for ideas of fun activities to have for the Spring and Summer, and let some new members chair these activities. Try hard to get your Millennials and Generation X members involved in planning these activities and chairing them. Without their involvement and input, there will eventually be no Lodge or events to be had. Please make your young members feel welcomed and wanted. If they enjoy their Lodge and feel welcomed, they will become active and sign their friends up. Once this occurs, your Lodge will flourish for generations to come.

Remember our theme, "Back to Basics". Explain to your new and prospective members what the Moose is about, make sure your Lodge is a fun place to be, and make sure your Lodge is the "Friendliest Place In Town". Have fun being a Moose.

Fraternally, Jim Beyer



District 5 - Jay Stover, President

Hello Brothers and Co-Workers:

First thing, I would like to thank you all for all your get well wishes I have received in the past months. I have been out of the loop except for what some of you have been sending me. I seems that everything is okay.

Here we are coming to the end of another Moose year. I know that ll the lodges in the 5th District will do their best in Membership, and all the raffles that are going on. By the time this comes out, all lodges should be doing their elections or have finished them. I hope we have a great team of governors and administrators, like we had this year.

Again, thank you all for all your support and well wishes.

Fraternally, Jay Stover



District 6 - Ronald Martin, President

Dear Brothers & Co-Workers:

The end of the 2014-2015 Moose year is coming fast, so we need to get our membership numbers up to par to end the year. Moose International has advised the there will be *no application fee* through the end of April. It's a great opportunity to get those friends and family members who have been holding off to join our Fraternity when the cost is only the price of dues for this short time. It will also give your Lodge or Chapter a chance to make the year with a positive number of members.

Let's all help keep our Fraternity alive and well for the rest of this year and the one starting in May.

Fraternally, Ron Martin



News from the District Presidents

District 7 - Dale H. Timmons, President

Brothers and Coworkers:

We should be in the nominating process of our new officers. Please keep in mind that these new officers have to take the officers' training class which can also be taken online.

Hope that everyone had a great time in Ocean City. I would like to thank everyone for stopping by the District 7 hospitality room. I would like to thank all District 7 lodges for their reports being sent on time. We need to work hard on retention; we are signing up members, but are losing at the same time.

District 7 is excited that the Moose Legion Celebration will be held on May 1 - 3 in Seaford this year. Please support the celebration and have a good time.



Fraternally, Dale Timmons

Events at New Castle Lodge



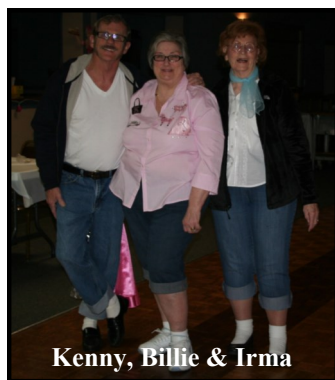
On February 13th Downs Syndrome held their Valentine's Dance New Castle Lodge. Barbara Stepp, her daughter BJ & Granddaughter Sierra were on hand to help. Everyone attending had a great time.



On Feb. 20th, ARC held New Castle. Joyce Rosel & Steve Sechrist helped make pizzas for the made a quick stop to join in the fun. Loretta Clark helped and danced photos on the bottom row are from the 50's and sponsored by the College Committee.



their Valentine's Dance at party. The Easter Bunny with the members. The Dance held on March 14th James Dean made an appearance and posed by the desserts. The winner of the best dressed contest was Melody Tharpe in the photo on the right. It was really fun!



Kenny, Billie & Irma



The Beach Family



Melody's saddle shoes won the prize!!

Reisterstown Cash Bash March 21, 2015



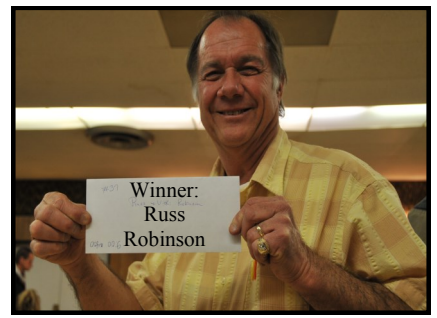
Looks like a great time was had by all attending. Great Job, Reisterstown!



Charity Cash Bash Winning #'s

7:00 # 41-pd	9:00 37
7:10 # 78-pd	9:10 6
7:20 # 64-pd	9:20 91 pd
7:30 # 107-pd	9:30 167 pd
7:40 # 250-pd	9:40 95 pd
7:50 247-pd	9:50 69 pd
8:00 105-pd	10:00 231 pd
8:10 233-pd	10:10 233 pd
8:20 27	10:20 122 pd
8:30 223 pd	10:30 203 pd
8:40 169 pd	10:40 118 pd
8:50 192-pd	10:50 73 pd

* 11:00PM Grand Prize #26



Win a Trip to Nashville Convention

Win a Free Trip to Nashville 2015 Gaylord Opryland Resort



**Enroll 5
New Members
To Enter Drawing**
May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 **



Gaylord Opryland Resort

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- Discover sumptuous dining options at Gaylord Opryland's premier on-site restaurants.
- Indulge in world-class spa treatments and fitness activities at Gaylord Opryland's famed Relâche Spa

**Winner Receives
6 Days at the Gaylord Opryland
Resort, Airfare & Moose Interna-
tional Convention Registration.**



**** Initial Terms & Conditions:**

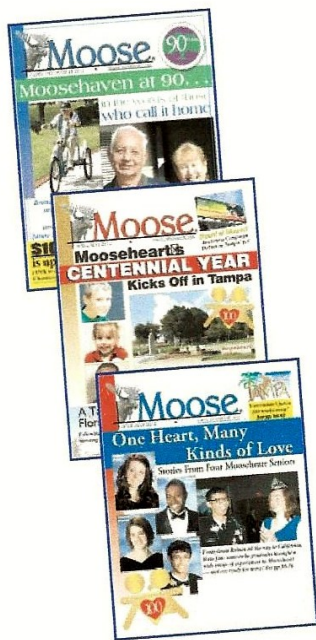
Sign and enroll 5 new members from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 for drawing and a chance to win.—Winner agrees to registered and attend Moose International Convention, estimated 6 day stay — If winner is unable to attend Convention, next runner up will go in winners place —No cash Advances —No cash value or payout —Total trip expense not exceeding \$1000.00 —Terms and conditions subject to change as more information from Moose international becomes available.

Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Moose Association

Moose Magazine Is For WOTM, Too!



Women of the Moose can receive their OWN copy of *Moose Magazine!*



Every man belonging to the Loyal Order of Moose automatically receives a subscription to Moose Magazine. The subscription charge is paid as a portion of membership dues. For Women of the Moose who are married to (or living in the same household as) a male member, this also constitutes as her copy of the magazine.

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, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1174.

Your name will then be entered on the subscription list for the rest of your life — only terminated if you drop your WOTM membership, or if you move without leaving a forwarding address.

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Yes, please sign me up for my Women of the Moose Lifetime Subscription to Moose Magazine.
My check or money order for \$10.00 payable to Moose International is enclosed.

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Moose Charities by Past Grand Regent Libby

Gosh, how time flies! It doesn't seem possible but here we are -- just completed nominations and elections in our Chapters and before long -- installing. With our upcoming changes taking effect May 1st, 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 2015-2016 Chapter and Lodge year. Let this be a time for learning and planning some great fundraising ideas, which will help benefit Moose Charities. Even though we will no longer have a Moose Charities Chairman installed in a chair beginning May 1st, you can still have someone serve as a "Special Chairman" for Moose Charities and do those fundraisers, which are so important for their survival. Let's not forget what and who we are, and why we are members of this great Moose organization. Our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven depend on us for their future care.

As I mention "Moose Charities", I do want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your help at our February conference in Ocean City. We have good Co-Chairman that went the distance, rolled up their sleeves, got back to basics -- all 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. 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 \$4,302.00, which was \$870.00 more than February, 2014. With the approval from the Grand Chancellor, the proceeds were split: \$2,151.00 for the MD-DE-DC Home and \$2,151.00 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 \$230.00 that went directly to the Endowment Fund, earmarked "Rocker 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 get the job done 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 Chapters and Lodges. **Members are our survival**, so let's work on this weak spot, work retention by making those personal phone calls, make those necessary changes in your chapter and lodge home which will bring our members back into our fold and make our Association #1. **We can do it -- When we all work together!**

In Friendship,

Libby

Olivia "Libby" Schmidt
WOTM Moose Charities Chairman
MD-DE-DC

P.S. Don't forget to keep collecting those Box Tops, Campbell soup labels, My Coke Rewards and participating in the recycling program. Thank you!



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The Donors Circle recognizes you for your individual tax-deductible Endowment Fund donations.



James J. Davis, founder of Mooseheart

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Moose Charities Chairman Danny Williams



Moose Charities Report

Did you know you can double your donations to "Moose Charities"?

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by you.

If your company is eligible, check with your HR Department, request a matching gift form from your employer and send it completed and signed with your gift - then we will do the rest!

The impact of your gift may be doubled or possibly tripled. Some companies match gifts made by retirees and or spouses, check with your retired company HD Department

Moose Charities is a 501-C-3 on-profit membership organization so donations are tax deductible as charitable contributions.

For any additional information please refer to www.moosecharities.org or phone # 630 966-2200

At the present time I have no information on the "Rocker Fundraiser" that just concluded February 28, 2015.

Thanking all of you in advance!

Fraternally,

Danny Williams Sr.

Moose Charities Chairman

International Moose Legion Vice President

Join Us on the Bus Trip to Mooseheart at Homecoming. A trip to see Camp Ross will be included in this trip. It's a great chance to meet the boys in "Our House" and get to know them.

The football game is awesome and our head cheerleader, Russ, keeps the crowd going with cheers and fun watching him and his "Cheerleaders".

Check page 35 for more information on the trip and the registration form. Get signed up early to make your payments for a fun time on the bus and get to know more

MD-DE-DC Moose Members.

If you've never been to Mooseheart before, this is a great chance to see what it's all about!

MD-DE-DC Home Project/Fundraiser 2015 12 Week Club Raffle

**Giving away \$10,000 prize money (based on 750 tickets sold)
Starting May 24 through August 8, 2015
Weeks 1 thru 12 - 1st Prize Drawing \$250 and 5 Prizes of \$50
Weeks 6 and 12 - Bonus Drawings - 1 at \$1,000 and 2 at \$500
Donation \$20 per chance - Bonus weeks June 28, 2015 & August 8, 2015
Sell 10 chances by 1st Drawing on May 24th, you receive 2 FREE CHANCES!**

ATTENTION: State Executive Board, International Appointments, State Board Members,
Committee Chairpersons, Lodge Officers, District Officers, Moose Legions Officers,
Chapter Officers and members of MD-DE-DC Moose Association:

MD-DE-DC Home Project – Annual Summer “Fundraiser 2015” – 12 Week Club Raffle!
We will be giving away a total of \$10,000.00 Prize Money (based on 750 tickets sold). It will run
from Sunday, May 24, 2015 thru August 8, 2015.

**Weeks 1 thru 12 - 1st Prize Drawing \$250.00 and 5 – 2nd Prize Drawings of \$50.00.
Weeks 6 and 12 - BONUS DRAWINGS - 1 @ \$1,000.00 and 2 @ \$500.00
BONUS WEEKS are June 28, 2015 and August 8, 2015**

Donation of \$20.00 per chance. That's 78 chances for \$20.00. A savings of \$58.00 based on \$1.00 a chance. Sell 10 chances by the 1st Drawing of May 24, 2015 and you receive 2 – FREE CHANCES!
Another savings to you of \$40.00.

WE ASK - EVERY CHAPTER to participate and ALL LODGES, DISTRICTS, MOOSE LEGIONS, OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN TO SELL THE ALLOTTED CHANCES GIVEN TO YOU. EARN 2 FREE CHANCES FOR EVERY 10 YOU SELL.

FREE chances are RED and included with each pack of TEN.

Incentive for Districts: sell all of your District (10 chances), Lodges 20 (chances each), Chapter (10 chances each) and you will be presented with an Association check in the amount of \$300.00 for the District. You must sell 100% !

**“Now is the TIME” to “Create Some Interest”, “Go the Distance” and get
“Back to the Basics” to help us in many ways to accomplish our GOALS for the
“Summer Fundraiser” for the MD-DE-DC Home Project.**

We all want to be “Team Players” and “I Believe” we can “Be a piece of the Solution”, sell at least 10 chances and watch our improvements at Mooseheart and Moosehaven grow.

Remember “The Time is Now”!

Checks are to be made out to: **MD-DE-DC Moose Association** and sent with sold chances &
payment to:

**Danny Williams, Sr.
454 Swaim Lane,
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411**

If additional information or more chances are needed, feel free to contact me –
Danny Williams, Sr. (Chairman) @ 304-258-1127 or DannyWMoose@aol.com

Bus Trip to Mooseheart Homecoming 2015

**MD-DE-DC Moose Association Sponsors
6th Annual Association Day
at Mooseheart for "Homecoming" at
Mooseheart High School and
trip to Camp Ross
5 Days - 4 Nights**



**September 17 - September 21, 2015
\$390 per person (Double Occupancy)
\$550 per person (Single Occupancy)**

Package Includes:

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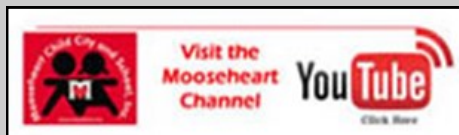
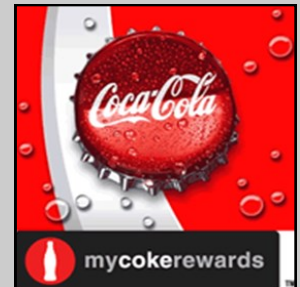
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A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. "Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-94, pushing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

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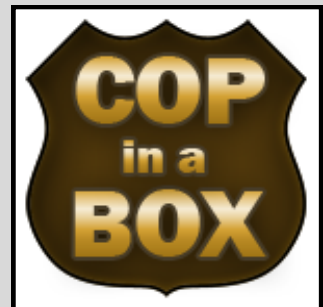
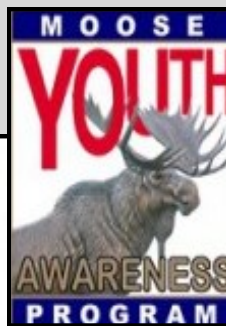
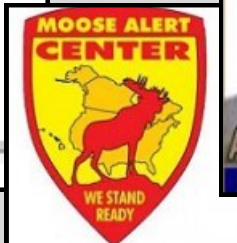
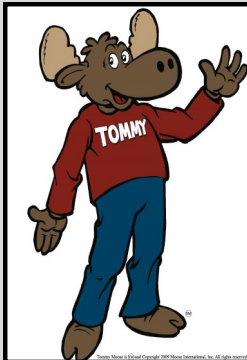
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