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From the Desk of Territory #9 Manager Ernie Megee



As most of you know by now, a fairly large group of attendees from our Association who attended the Moose International Convention in Nashville just arrived home.

What a great Convention it was! We feel that the meetings were not dull and long - the meetings were very informative, a lot of information

was given at the breakout sessions, and the entertainment was great. Also, I should mention that the Gaylor Opryland complex was superb, the wait staff was very, very accommodating, and the food was plentiful, but costly. With all of the required walking, not many of us gained a large amount of pounds. We felt that it was one of the better Moose International Conventions.

From what we received from the Convention is more emphasis is going to be put on membership recruitment, membership retention and community service. As for recruitment, all of us should be promoting to our new applicants our mission which is Mooseheart, Moosehaven and Community Service. We should not be looking for just any person to be a member; we should be looking for a person that we can mentor so that they can become an officer of our Lodge, District, or even our Association. We desperately need members with leadership qualities and one who will volunteer for our projects within the Lodge as well as our communities. As for retention, all of us should be requesting the arrearage lists and drop lists from our Lodge Administrators so that we can form a committee/group that will contact these about-to-be former members. The committee/group needs to politely mention that they notice that the member has not paid his dues and if he received the dues notice. If not, has his address changed or it is was accidently misplaced. Also, if that is not the case, the caller needs to find out the reason why the former member does not wish to renew his dues. The results of this conversation needs to be shared with the Board of Officers so that they can possibly correct the situation that the member is feeling dissatisfied. I do know that the personal telephone contact does work as one Lodge that I know of had approximately 30 members who were about to be dropped or be in the dropped status. Their committee called all thirty on the list, 17 remitted their dues as the result of the committee reaching out to the member. I do know that if I was contacted, I would feel that I belonged and that the Lodge really does care

whether I am a member or not.

To help with our membership recruitment and retention efforts, Moose International has given us another tool by unveiling a new program that will benefit our current membership. It is tagged as The Moose Rewards Program. It is so darned simple. You earn points for helping your Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion and the Moose Fraternity to grow and prosper. These points can be redeemed for valuable awards, gifts and experiences. These points are easily attained by sponsoring members, attending meetings, holding an office, or just renewing your dues. Every member has the opportunity to participate and your points are awarded automatically without any paperwork or submissions. This works very similar to the Plenti card that some of us carry to earn points for shopping that can be used for telephone services, gasoline, department stores and rug stores. For Moose members the points can be redeemed for LOOM dues, WOTM dues, Moose Legion dues, Moose International Convention registration, Moose Charities contributions for Mooseheart and Moosehaven, Moose gift store merchandise, gift cards, such as Kohl's, Amazon, Walmart, Target and Bass Pro Shop, Cash, Entry in the Texas Hold "Em tournament, and Moose Cruise fees. To access the program, you will need to go online for your membership record. This program began on May 1, 2015 and is scheduled to conclude on April 20, 2020. Please refer to the brochure and/or Moose website for all details.

There is another change that could help our Lodges to explain to a new member what the Fraternity is about. I do not know all the details, however, it is being proposed that the membership cards are going to be sent to the Lodges for distribution, similar to the way it was when I joined this great Fraternity. This will be a great way to solve the problem that most of us have been complaining about - the lack of an orientation. We will be able to require the new member to attend a Lodge orientation program in order for him/her to receive their membership card. You will get the member and his/her spouse into the Lodge, spend approximately one hour for them to learn about our Fraternity, give them a dinner at no charge and give them their membership card.

We hope to see all of you at our Association's Annual Convention this coming August at Hunt Valley. All of the items I have mentioned very briefly will be presented with more details at our Convention. Please plan to attend as many, many changes have been made in hopes of changing the image of our great Fraternity.

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From the Desk of Territory #10 Manager Mike Stumbaugh

Brothers and Coworkers:

It's been an interesting couple of months to say the least. In May I was called to the House of God to receive quite an Honor - that of Pilgrim, and what an experience. When brings me to this message to all of the Pilgrims of this great Fraternity and this Association. We are struggling with retention and, being a Pilgrim, you should be working with your lodge in achieving their membership goals, as well guiding your lodge into the future. Because an individual receives this great honor is no reason to set back and say, well this is as far as I can go, I have done my time now it's someone else's turn. We need all the higher degrees to come together and promote the Fraternity and continue to carry us on into the next century, to work retention and membership production. Remember Brothers and Coworkers, we are here to support our Children and our Seniors.



For those attending the Nashville Convention all I can say is "Wow! What a lot of walking." We got to witness our own Danny Williams being elected to Moose International Moose Legion President, congratulations. We heard from our Director General on a new membership Moose Rewards Program and we heard about our new campaign for this year "Building our Foundation". And for those attending the 25 club Grand Old Opry, what a show!

Now, back to reality. July is going to be a busy month with the Supreme Governor visiting and followed a few week later by our association convention. The Association is working on a different approach for the 25 club this year which I believe all will be very happy. I would like, at this time, to thank all the officers for 2014-2015 for the job they have done and look forward to working with the new board next year.

In closing, I would like to personal thank those who attended my Pilgrim Ceremony on July 11th, and to those who brought gifts and cards. Unfortunately everything got put into the same bags so I don't know who brought what, I guess I will have to fire the chauffeur.

Again thanks to all for what you do and God Bless.

Fraternally,
Mike Stumbaugh
Territory #10 Manager

Ernie Megee Message continued

Speaking of images, there are a couple of things that I experienced very recently. We need to change our image as well as to get the word out as to what we are about. We need to show the public what is behind those windowless exterior walls of our Lodges so that there is not any mystery on the public's part. Yes, getting the word out via Community Service is one excellent vehicle. However, we are not doing a good job of that. I have a daughter who is currently dating a young gentleman. We have described to him what the Moose Mission is and what we stand for. During this discussion we learned that he is originally from the Chicago area, about a ten or fifteen minute drive from Mooseheart. What was a shock is he knew absolutely nothing about Mooseheart and was not aware of its existence. Thus, Moose International needs to get the word out as well as our membership. The second experience was we attended a Lodge Installation of Officers, LOOM and WOTM, joint ceremony and dinner. The cake was

beautiful, however, it depicted what the cake-maker envisioned, in his opinion, as to what we are about. It depicted a bar with several Moose sitting at the bar imbibing beer and mixed drinks. Perhaps I was looking at this wrong, but to me it was embarrassing that our Fraternity is still being envisioned as being bar patrons. We need to change our image to the public by becoming more involved in our communities by providing the much needed services to those in need.

This is a new year. We wish all of you much success and by working together, we will have a great new fiscal year. Thank you for all that each of you has done to make our Lodges, Districts, Association and the Fraternity the best.

Fraternally,
Ernest E. Megee, III
Territory Manager
Territory #9 Mid-East Region

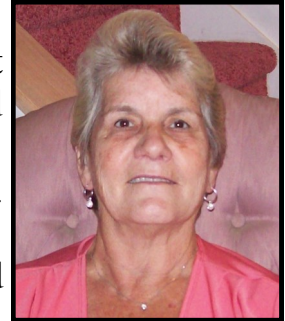
Deputy Grand Regent Cathy Gardner

Hello Co-Workers and Brothers,

It is hard to believe my year as Deputy Grand Regent is almost complete. I would like to say 'Thank You' to everyone who helped me during my year. I've made new friends and renewed with old.

Congratulations to our new Deputy Grand Regent, Loretta Clark. I look forward to working with Loretta this year.

Congratulations to all co-workers and brothers who were elevated to higher degrees this year.



God Bless you, our Children and Seniors.

Cathy Gardner
Deputy Grand Regent

Incoming DGR Loretta Clark



Our Theme this year is "Build Our Foundation". It is up to us to continue to Build the Foundation of Mooseheart and Moosehaven to ensure the future of our children and seniors. I know the WOTM will continue to sponsor new members, retain the members we have and hold great fundraisers so our foundation for the future will be a strong one. So let's do it ladies, working together we can accomplish anything. Build our Foundation strong for a brighter future.

I look forward to the upcoming year and serving as your Deputy Grand Regent. I thank you all for this honor.

Looking forward to another Great Year -

Fraternally,
Loretta Clark



Moose Appreciation to Lodges for Youth Awareness



At the Association meeting on March 29, 2015, the lodges who participated in the Youth Awareness Program were presented a certificate thanking them for their participation in the program. Great job accomplished by all lodges who joined in to the cause by sponsoring students in this Moose program.

A Message from President Frank Courtney

By the time you read this, my term as Association President will be winding down and wow, what a busy year that came and went so fast. They say that happens once you turn 50 and now I can agree, I blinked, turned 50 and the Moose year is over!

Many of us just returned from Nashville, where we had a fun filled international convention and had an opportunity to visit Opryland, celebrate many Moose successes and enjoy fellowship with new and old friends. Nashville is such a welcoming city, filled with country hits, good food and that southern hospitality and those that live in Nashville certainly know how to host a convention or some would say throw-a-party!

Nashville hospitality reminds me of our Moose fraternity...where we all know how to host an event and treat everyone as one of our own! We all believe in the key principles and stay active because we care about Mooseheart and Moosehaven and the great principles of our fraternity. I truly believe you all are the foundation of this fraternity and I want to give a **big thank you** to the MD-DE-DC Moose Association members for continuing to support all of the efforts we have in the Association. Whether it was a visit to a Lodge or Chapter in Maryland, Delaware or D.C. during this past year, welcoming an Official Visitor, attending a Karaoke competition or visiting for some other special event, everyone should be proud of the contributions you've made to the Moose fraternity and our Moose Association – your Moose pride never failed to show through and is a great example that fits with our campaign – Build Our Foundation!

When looking back on this quick year, I've had an opportunity to welcome visitors to our Association and travel around MD-DE-DC and enjoy your Moose hospitality! I thank you for showing our guests, that despite tough times, our Association continues to thrive and we continue on our journey to move into the top 10. Thank you for your many hours of volunteer time, your monetary donations to the Moose Association and special projects, Moose Charities and the community endeavors we support. We may hit a roadblock from time-to-time, but we bounce back even stronger! Please never lose sight of why you became a Moose member!

To the MD-DE-DC Moose Association Officers – I also send a big thank you your way for your support this past year and look forward to working with the new Officers as they begin their term in August.

Congratulations to our new Deputy Supreme Governor – JJ - John Johnston, our new Deputy Grand Regent – Loretta Clark, and newly appointed International Moose Legion President – Danny Williams! We are so grateful to have each of you in our Moose Association. I'm also sending congratulations to our new Pilgrims and Collegians! Our Moose Association will continue to support you in your Moose journey.

With thanks and continued support!
Fraternally, **Frank J. Courtney**



2015-2016 Theme

MOOSE - Build Our Foundation

May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016

Building our membership to make the Moose stronger at the core level will be our commitment during the "Moose - Build Our Foundation" campaign year.

Last year we emphasized the children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, and the communities in which we serve during the "Moose - Back to Basics" campaign.

This year we will focus on growing our lodges and chapters, our foundation, in order to support these core values.



Lodge & Chapter Pin



Moose Legion Pin

Sign 1 Member

Moose - Build Our Foundation lapel pins are presented by your lodge, chapter or Moose Legion to members that sponsor their first member during this campaign.



Sign 5 Members

Help replace the flooring in the Indoor Playground at the Student Center at Mooseheart.

Funds will be donated for every man, woman or Moose Legionnaire who qualifies by signing 5 members courtesy of your State Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.

Deputy Supreme Governor Larry Clark

Dear Brothers and Co-Workers:



I would like to thank the Lodges that hosted the Supreme Governor Danny Albert's visit and I would like to thank all of you that came out to visit with him for he is a great guy we had a lot of fun and a whole lot of miles. I would like to thank Jim Bolling he did most of the driving. We visited 9 Lodges, had 488 people visiting. The Supreme Governor took \$1890 back to Moose Charities and \$2275 for the School Renovation. The Endowment that was collected was \$471.

There were 14 Cases of Tommy and Rosie Moose given away.

The 9 Lodges we visited where, Mechanicville, Sparrows Point/ Dundalk, Silver Springs, College Park, Marlboro, Williamsport to check out their new Hall, Frederick, Annapolis for Sunday Breakfast, and Glen Burnie. Before we let him off at the airport we made one last stop at the casino but we did not win, we did not lose, we just did not play.

I would like to thank all of you I had a good year and a lot of fun.

Larry Clark

Deputy Supreme Governor
MD-DE-DC Moose Association



Incoming DSG John "JJ" Johnston

As your Duty Supreme Governor, I would like to thank all the lodge brothers and chapter co-workers who hosted Supreme Governor Terry Walls during his visit July 23 - 26, 2015.

I look forward in helping this Association to become one of the top ten Associations in the Fraternity.

Hope to see all of you at the MD-DE-DC Moose Convention at Hunt Valley August 27 -30,2015.

Thank you for all you do,

John "JJ" Johnston

Deputy Supreme Governor
MD-DE-DC Moose Association



Meet Our New Pilgrims 2015



Pilgrim Robing Schedule

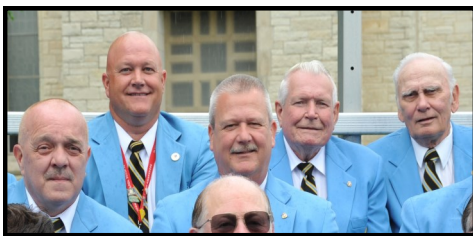
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| July 11th | Michael L. Stumbaugh | Williamsport |
| July 18th | Calvin Pettitt | New Castle |
| August 22nd | Brian Weaver | Harrington |
| August 23rd | Charles E. Neal | Wise Ave. Fire Dept. |
| Sept. 12th | James Lofland | Milford |

Pilgrims in the photo to the left: top row - Calvin Pettitt, Michael Stumbaugh, Brian Weaver;
bottom row - James Lofland, Chuck Neal

Pilgrims & Graduation at Mooseheart



Jean Neal is among the witnesses to the graduation of the class of 2015 at Mooseheart. In the row above Jean are Family Teachers Mike and Linda Worden with their grandson, Ayden, and their daughter, Danielle. Wal Khat, from "Our House", is in the graduation photo on the right.



Our new Pilgrims on the bleachers for a group photo before the ceremonies begin.



This trio trying to stay dry.



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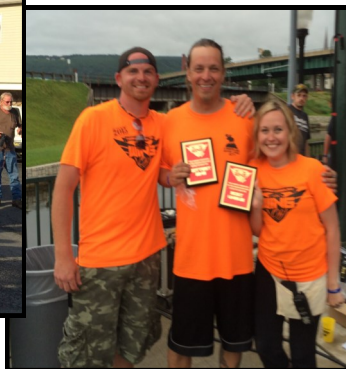
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Happenings at Cumberland Moose Lodge 271



Cumberland Moose Lodge 271 has had a busy summer so far - they won "Hottest Wings" again this year, as well as "Most Unique Wings" at the Cumberland JC's Wing-Off event on June 20th. Jim Bolling joined them as Tommy Moose. Also, they held a Flag Day Celebration and Dedication to Robert Munday and all Veterans of the Moose. A brief history of how Flag Day came to be and the symbols of the American Flag were presented prior to reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Great job by all!



Happenings at Westminster Lodge 1381



Westminster Lodge was visited by the Easter Bunny April 5th.



On May 9th, Junior Fisher was given a surprise 89th birthday party where he was presented with a Moose Service Award. Belated Happy Birthday, Junior!



2015-2016 Officers installed on April 22, 2015. Seated, L to R, Administrator Stan Windsor, Governor Bob Reider, Sgt.-at-Arms Richard Whitmore. Standing - Treasurer Gary Kesselring, Prelate Bob Mathis, Jr. Governor Charlie Fogle, and Trustee Pat Mullins.

**Great Job
Westminster!!**



The Fire Service Valor Award was presented (posthumously) to Firefighter Robert W. "Bob" Fogle III, Pleasant Valley Fire Company. Pictured left to right: Larry Dean, Bob Reider, Carroll County Commissioner Stephen Wantz, Jonathan Harman, Casey Harman, Carol Fogle, III, Charlie Fogle. Awards presented on June 12, 2015.



Six Tommy Moose were given to each of the Agencies attending the ceremony. Pictured left to right: Bob Reider, Chief Jeff Spaulding, Westminster Police Department, Chief Ken Meekins, Hampstead Police



Also recognized were personnel from the Reese and Community Volunteer Fire Company. Pictured from left to right: Cody Green, Kenneth Hyde, Don Raver, Norman Schaeffer, Sgt. Jeff Schaeffer, Commissioner Stephen Wantz, and Chief Don Love.

Department, Commissioner Stephen Wantz, Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company, Charlie Fogle, Chief Don Love, Reese and Community Volunteer Fire Company.

Marco Mendoza - Karaoke Winner at Nashville

As the son of two opera singers, Hagerstown resident Marco Mendoza found his own voice in Nashville by winning a karaoke competition.

Mendoza, 32, who came to Hagerstown from Mexico in 1997, won the first ever Moose Karaoke contest Monday at the 2015 International Moose Convention, which ran from July 3 through July 7.

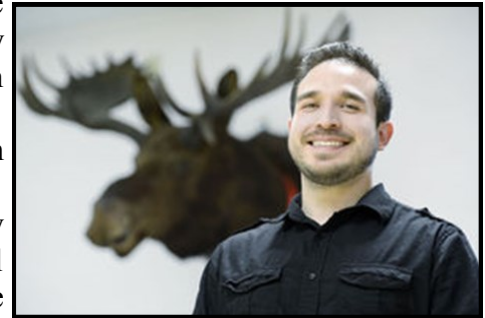
A member of the Williamsport Moose Family Center Lodge 2462 Chapter 2116, Mendoza had to beat out local and district competitors before moving onto regionals, where he beat out competitors in the overall Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Moose Association in Ocean City, Md. He then beat out 11 other competitors in Nashville who won their own regional competitions.

"It just ended up being a lot of fun in Nashville, meeting all the people and seeing the Moose brotherhood, everybody just being close and seeing them just be everywhere and having fun," he said.

During the local, district and regional competitions, Mendoza stuck to what worked by singing "Here Without You" by Three Doors Down and "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban. But while still singing "You Raise Me Up" in Nashville in the second round, he switched it up with his other two songs, singing "Just Pretend" by Elvis Presley for the first round and "Gira con me," an Italian song by Josh Groban as well, for his winning performance.

Mendoza said he was nervous at first during the competition in Nashville.

"I felt like I was not doing as good as I should be doing in my songs, but they were just cheering me on, and there in the final song, they were just clapping two or three times throughout the song, and they just kind of inspired me," he said. "It's like I fed off of them to even give a better performance, and in the end it paid off."



Marco Mendoza

For the past two years, Mendoza has been involved with the Williamsport Moose Lodge after one of his friends who would DJ at the lodge asked him to stop by and sing.

Lodge Administrator Russ Robinson said he was "proud as a peacock" for Mendoza and noted that it has helped put the lodge on the map.

"We're getting recognized nationally now," he said. "This will be in our Moose magazine that goes all over the world, all over the continental United States, and it's going to put Williamsport on the map even heavier than it already is."

Robinson said it was a "no-brainer" for him and anybody who has heard Mendoza sing karaoke to encourage Mendoza to enter the competition.

"He's a very incredible singer," he said. "He's a very humble individual, and you can see it and hear it in his voice when he sings."

Mendoza said he has won around 10 competitions overall, many of which were in the area.

He said he likes singing rock, but his strength is more classical power ballads.

"That kind of style suits me naturally, so I go with those songs for competitions," he said. "If you see me out in karaoke I sing everything from Korn to Marilyn Manson, but that's just for fun."

Mendoza also sang at The Maryland Theatre last year for the production of "Annie" and said doing that along with the success of the karaoke competition has inspired him to see how far he could take his singing.

"I feel a lot more confident to maybe pursue it more than I have before," he said. "I always wanted to pursue singing."



Caleb Calhoun

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Happenings at Williamsport 2462

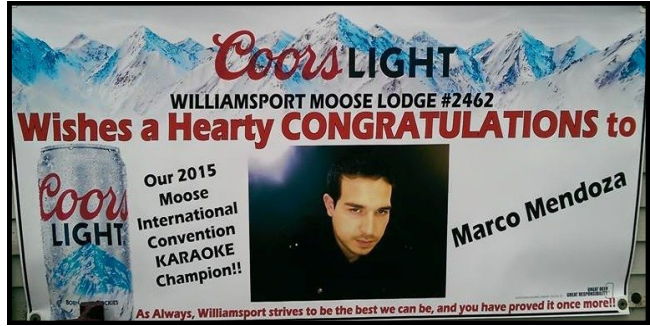


Governor Jamie Vann presented a \$1000 Moose Scholarship to Ben Curry's mother, Amy Curry, on – Ben's behalf.



5-3-15 - Another Community Service day in Williamsport, for Quinn Hoover Scholarship Fund. This is a photo of Quinn, he died three years ago, he fell asleep at the wheel, coming home from a date.

The Lodge hung this banner outside to honor Marco Mendoza for winning the **2015 International Moose KARAOKE Championship** at Nashville.



The Williamsport Moose Lodge presented Tommy Moose dolls and Tommy Moose books to Court Appointed Special Advocates of Washington County, a volunteer group that works with children that have been abused to offer them a better life. Program Director of the group, David Bonebrake, and Brinley Holmes, Volunteer Coordinator, accepted the donation and spoke about the group.



We took Tommy Moose through the Town of Williamsport to get Ads for the Hunt Valley program, anybody who purchased a \$50 Ad received a Tommy Moose for their store....Zeldas, The Cutting Lane, and The Desert Rose all jumped on Board. Vicki transported Tommy in the backpack.



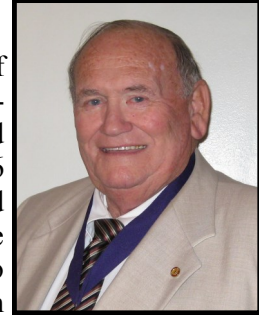
4-19-15 - Another Community Service day, a 31/Origami Bingo....."For NIKKI"



GREAT JOB, RUSS & VICKI!!!!!!

Moose Legion Area Manager Dallas Hayman

Welcome Brothers!



With this report I bring the usual good news/bad news information with the hope of spreading the good news so that others may learn and benefit and finding answers to fixing the bad news. Good news: Moose Legion #218 made their Key Club and achieved their quota. Moose Legion #155 made their Key Club and quota. Moose Legion #186 made their Key Club. Congratulations to all of those Moose Legions for all their hard work and great effort and please do it again this year and best of luck to all of you in the coming year. We are already 2 months into our new year and we have a lot of work to do. The total Moose Legion Quota for this Association for the coming year is 225, which is only a slight increase over last year. Per Moose Legion they are as follows: Moose Legion #111 – 21, Moose Legion #183 – 32, Moose Legion #186 – 67, Moose Legion #10 – 28, Moose Legion #155 – 61, Moose Legion #218 – 16. With the right effort all of those quotas are attainable and some barely missed their numbers last year. While the numbers in our Association remained fairly steady in total members, the numbers of members in arrears and in dropped status is quite large leaving ample room for improvement just by working on the dropped and past due lists. Why do we want to do this? The members who make up our Moose Legions are some of the busiest people in our lodges. They are the members who volunteer, they are the members who support lodge functions, they are leaders in their lodges as well as in other units of our fraternity. Sadly, many of our lodges do not have any form of a lodge Moose Legion Activities Committee, a REQUIRED committee. Not only can a Moose Legion Activities Committee schedule events and activities for the lodge it could also be used as a tool for calling our expired and dropped members and trying to get them back into our lodges. Nothing means more to a member than a simple phone call or a visit to let our members know that we care and are thinking about them and want them back into our lodge. To help with this problem I have appointed Bruce Dewey as my assistant to work on contacting and establishing lodge Moose Legion Activities Committees. He, along with the Moose Legion Ambassadors, Moose Legion Presidents and Secretaries will go into a lodge and help set up these committees. When contacted please respond as this is an important committee to have up and running in every lodge. If you are trying to set up a committee in your lodge please contact him and he will help you do so and report back to me on the progress of your committee. We have to reverse the trend of dropping membership in our lodge system or the end result is obvious. As always thank you for your effort and support.

I want to mention the Moose Legion All State Celebration held on May 1, 2 and 3 at Seaford lodge who did an outstanding job hosting the event. International Moose Legion President Bruce Snyder was our Official Visitor and provided a lot of information and gave a lot of members a chance to speak with him on an individual basis and was just a fun person to be around. We had representation from all six of our Moose Legions but attendance was still lighter than it should have been. Hopefully this will improve next year when Capital #155 hosts this event. Again, thank you Seaford for a job well done. I thank all the members of the WOTM who have helped us over the years and all the Moose Legionnaires for all that you do.



Fraternally,
Dallas Hayman, Moose Legion Area Manager (302) 242-4640
Bruce Dewey, Assistant Moose Legion Area Manager (302) 270-0109



Councils of Higher Degrees



2015 Calendar of Events

Del-Mar - October 10, 2015 - Banquet at 1 PM - at Harrington
Lunch at each of the meetings will be at 12:00 Noon
Black Eyed Susan - October 17, 2015 - Banquet at Williamsport



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

Hunt Valley Pre-Registration for WOTM

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE
MD-DE-DC
ANNUAL CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
August 27 – 30, 2015
HUNT VALLEY INN
245 Shawan Road
Hunt Valley, MD 21031
1-866-764-8359

Pre-registration fee as follows:

- Conference registration fee: \$10.00
- Matriculate registration fee: \$25.00 *
(This include \$15.00 matriculate fee and \$10.00
Conference registration fee)

Matriculates bring Call Card or \$5.00 fine

Make all checks payable to: College Park Chapter #1262

Mail pre-registration to: College Park Chapter #1262
Attn: Recorder
P. O. Box 868
College Park, MD 20740

CUT-OFF DATE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION

August 17, 2015

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Upon arrival at the hotel, please go to the pre-registration area. Upon showing your current membership card, you will receive your badge.

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| Registration Desk Hours: | Thursday, August 27, 2015 | 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM |
| | Friday, August 28, 2015 | 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM |
| | Saturday, August 29, 2015 | 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM |
| | Sunday, August 30, 2015 | 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM |

Cut on dotted line and return bottom portion only!

- Please return the bottom portion of this form only.
- Please type or print legibly
- One co-worker per form (Make copies for multiple registrations).
- Enclose a Chapter check to cover the pre-registration(s) or Co-worker may enclose a personal check for pre-registration.

CHAPTER NAME _____ NUMBER _____

CO-WORKERS NAME _____ MID # _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ TITLE _____

Please check which degree(s) you hold: Academy of Friendship College of Regents Star Recorder

Green Cap Matriculate - I will be coming to receive my Green Cap: Yes No

Hunt Valley Pre-Registration for LOOM

Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia Moose Association
82nd Annual Convention
August 27-30, 2015
Pre-Register Form

Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, MD

245 Shawan Rd. Hunt Valley, MD 21031 - Hotel Reservations call (410) 785-7000

Please complete below portion. Type or Print Clearly

Name _____
(Last Name ----- First Name)

Email _____ Moose ID# _____

Lodge & Unit Number _____ Unit # _____

Past Governor? Yes _____ No _____

Lodge Delegate? Yes _____ No _____

List Moose Office's you currently hold. Lodge – District – Association - Moose International:

Administrator & Governor Luncheon \$20.00 Yes _____ No _____

Pilgrim Luncheon (Pilgrim Regalia Required) \$20.00 Yes _____ No _____

(No charge for luncheon if you received the Pilgrim Degree in 2015. Check YES & don't pay if attending and check in with Association Secretary Jim Bolling before the Pilgrim Luncheon for instructions.)

Fellowship Breakfast (Pilgrims & Fellows only) \$20.00 Yes _____ No _____

(No charge for Moose Legionnaires that received the Fellowship Degree in 2015. Check YES & don't pay if attending and check in with Association Secretary Jim Bolling before the Fellowship Breakfast for instructions.)

Pre-Registration (Registration at Convention \$35.00) \$20.00 Yes X

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Check# _____

DEADLINE for Pre-Registration August 17, 2015

Checks made payable to **"MD-DE-DC Moose Association"** mail Pre-Registration Form with payment to:

**James J. Hickman
14646 Coastal Highway
Milton, De. 19968
Home # (302) 645-8586**

*Hotel Room Reservations call Hunt Valley Inn (410) 785-7000

*Pre-Registration Packet & Agenda Book will be available at Convention Registration Desk.

* Banquet Tickets contact your District President, or Deputy Grand Regent. If you get no response call Danny Williams (304) 258-1127

* Pre-Registrations submitted are none refundable

Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

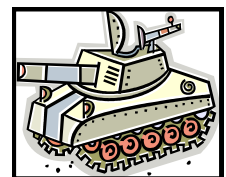


Received some information over a month ago concerning the intentions of the federal government to once again audit and review the non-profits. They are reviewing to assure we are structured properly in the tax system. Once more they need money and of course the non-profits, military, and seniors are the first places (in my opinion) where they seek additional income, by changing tax laws and cutting benefits. In Delaware they have already audited, one Moose, one Am-Vets, two American legions and others are scheduled. You would believe the non-profits who contribute to so many and various projects would receive a "thank you" for the assistance given freely in caring for our community projects, seniors and military. We begin where the government local, state and federal government's assistance stop. They are seeking to obtain more. Traditionally funding from the government is never sufficient, or in many cases even the "emergency funds" are depleted half-way through the year. This is when we receive most requests for assistance oil, warm clothing, food, medicines and funds for utilities. Over these past three years of dealing closely with our legislative body with the machine issues, it is obvious most have a contaminated idea of who the non-profits are and what we do. Some ideas are we are a local watering hole using a non-profit status to obtain "cheap drinks and food", to avoid taxes and have scads of monies stashed. It has been along hard road to "educate" our lawmakers to the truth. It has taken non-profits to form a coalition, submit a total of all monies donated back into our communities, invite them to witness how the machine monies are gathered and accounted for. Until you invite them in they will never know what goes on behind our "members only" doors. They will speculate or take someone else's contrived skewed view. They really need to know the definition of Fraternity and non-profit. Invite them in when you have a presentation of monies to community projects. Put news articles in our local papers with pictures and when possible invite the radio and television to come and report. Until you do these things nothing will change. We will continue to be first on the list when funds are needed, and to stay non-profit more will be demanded.

At this time many seniors are being bombarded with the changes in the Medicare provisions for prescriptions. For many years they have been filled either for no charge, or a co-pay, now many of the ones covered are being denied. It is a long process to get them approved, many are being told to ask the pharmaceutical companies for assistance. This changed with the inception of Health care laws. One positive change has transpired, for the betterment of our veteran, they have deleted the term of "as the crow flies for medical care" to forty miles. Work is still on-going to have them treated privately in the community if the nearest facility is not within certain mileage. Nothing will change until we make it so by contacting your legislators to make an amendment. If you care, take the time to call, e-mail or go and visit your local Representatives better still take others along. We have so many issues that slowly but surely are leeching away at our rights as stated in our constitution, we need to have active participation to get back on track, but, it takes more than one voice. Concentrate on one issue at the time.

God Bless America, and those left behind waiting.

Bessie Staab-Hickman, Government Relations, E-Mail: besshick23@gmail.com, 1-302-738-5932



Happenings Around the Association



The Moose Legion weekend was held Seaford Lodge on May 1st, 2nd & 3rd. In the photo on the right Robert Chris Hall received the Moose Legion Medal of Honor. In the photo on the left, the Capital Moose Legion received the Key Club Award. Moose Legion President Bruce Snyder was the Official Visitor for the weekend.



Happy July 4th

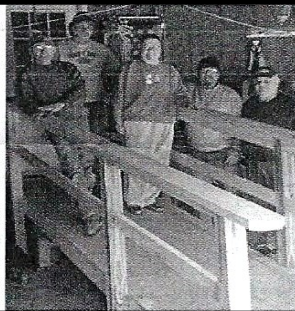
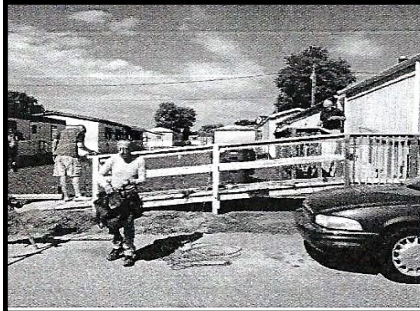
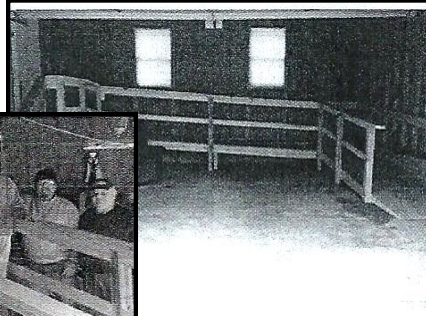


Members of Dundalk Lodge and Chapter rode the float they made in the 4th of July parade in Sparrows Point-Dundalk.



This group had a reunion at the hotel on the Pilgrim/Graduation weekend at Mooseheart.

The Moose Riders of Harrington are always busy building ramps for those in need in the area. They are always working and doing a great job!!



Ron Sweetman added congrats to new Deputy Loretta Clark on the sign in front of New Castle Lodge.



ARC of Delaware recently held a pizza party and dance for handicapped members of the community at New Castle Lodge. Steve and Janet kept the drinks available for the dancers, as Sue and Barb kept making pizzas for the hungry group.



Youth Awareness Chairman - Ken Hunt



Brothers and Co-Workers,

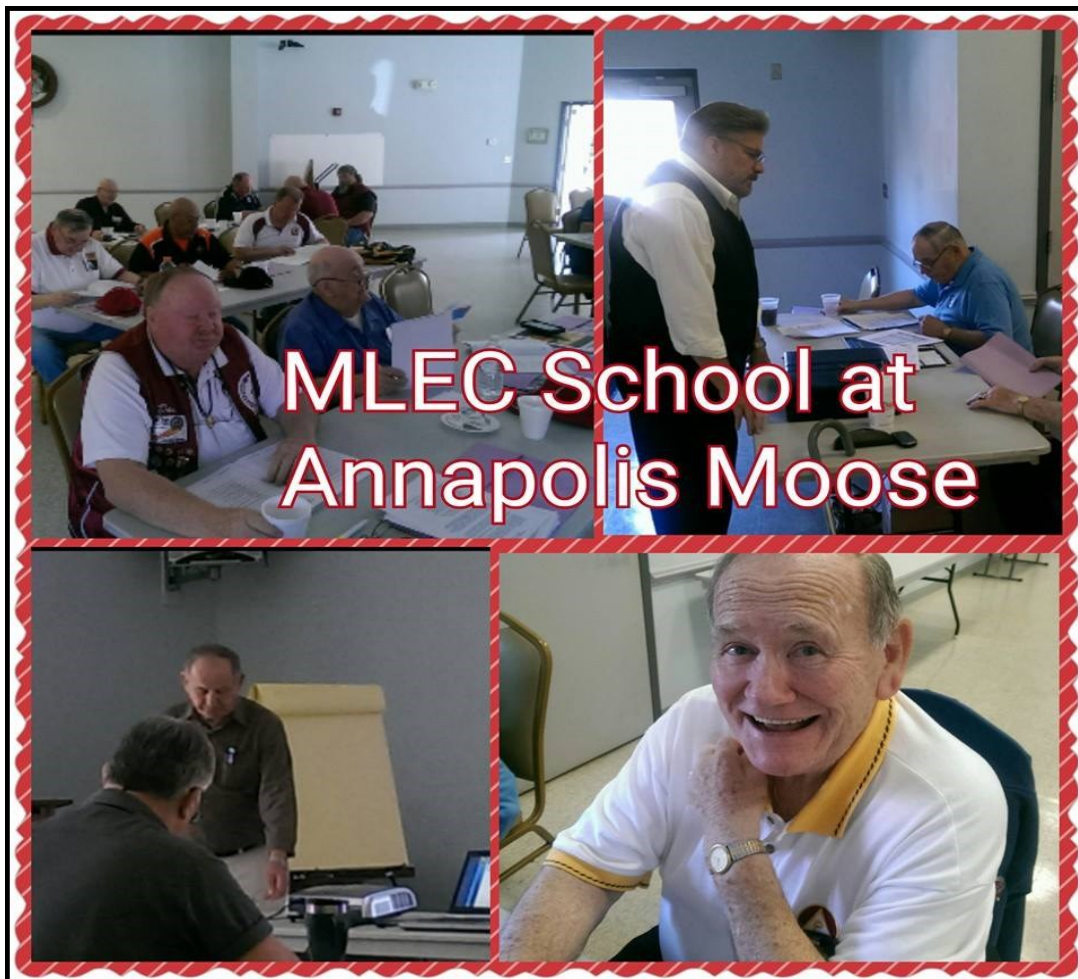
I hope everyone's summer is going well. We have survived one of the rainiest Junes in history and now the "dog days of summer" are upon us.

It's time to begin cranking up our efforts for the upcoming 2015-2016 Youth Awareness (YA) campaign. Governors, it's time to appoint your Lodge YA Chairman and forward that information to me. Moose International will be sending me this year's campaign program and I would like to forward that to your chairman.

A number of our District Presidents will be finishing their terms in August. When the new Presidents are in place, I will begin setting up Youth Congress dates for each District beginning in October.

Stay cool and have a safe Summer.

Ken Hunt
Youth Awareness Coordinator



Thank you to all who turned out over the April 18th weekend in Annapolis to receive their Moose Legion training. Thank you, Russ Robinson, for the pictures.

Moose Legion Chairman Dallas Hayman

2015-2016 Supreme Governor & Grand Regent

Supreme Governor Terry Walls



Our new Supreme Governor is Terry Walls. He was elected into the position at the 127th International Moose Convention in Nashville in July of 2015. He has served as Supreme Jr. Governor in 2014-2015 and Supreme Prelate the during 2013-2014 year. Terry has served on the Supreme Council since 2003 and had previously served on the Mooseheart Board of Directors and the Moose Legion Council.

Terry joined the Loyal Order of Moose in 1980 as a member of the Tulsa, OK Lodge 862, where he served as Administrator from 1988 to 1996, and holds a Life Membership in this lodge. He is also a member at Farmers Branch, TX Lodge 2277 and joined the Sooner Moose Legion 147 in 1983 and is a Past President.

During his time as Administrator, Terry's lodge earned the Lodge Merit Award every year, won a Shining Star in 1995 as "Lodge of the Year" and Terry was a finalist for "Administrator of the Year" at the same time. Also, as Editor of the lodge publication, Terry won first place in the Moose Journalism Awards.

In the Oklahoma Moose Association, Terry served as President, Vice President, Prelate, Treasurer and District President and has chaired the Sports, Community Service, Endowment Fund, Fraternal Giving and Family Activities Committees.

He is a member of the 300 Division of the Moose 25 Club, received his Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1988 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1995.

As well as being involved in the Moose, Terry is involved with the Oklahoma Council for Workplace Safety and volunteers with the Red Cross. He also enjoys golf and family gatherings.

Terry and his wife, Kathy, reside in Tulsa, OK. They have four children and five grandchildren.

We wish Terry the best in his year as Supreme Governor and hope he enjoyed his visit with our Association from July 23rd through 26th.



Grand Regent Jeanenne E. Lautzenheiser

Jeanenne E. Lautzenheiser currently serves as the Grand Regent for the Women of the Moose. She was elected to this position at the 103rd Conference in Nashville. Jeanenne is also a Past Grand Council Member, having served on the Grand Council from 2011-2013, and Moosehaven Board of Directors from 2007-2014.

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

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

Jeanenne previously served the fraternity as Deputy Grand Regent for Ohio from 1976-77. She served on the International Academy of Friendship Board from 1978-1980 and Dean of the Academy of Friendship Board from 1987-1988. She has also served on the Moose International Supreme Forum from 2005-2007.

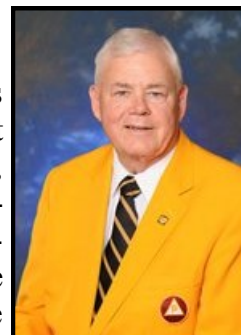
Jeanenne was employed by Moose International in the Women of the Moose Department as Director of Chapter Development from 1990 to October, 1999 and Director of Finance from October, 1999 to March, 2004. Jeanenne retired in 2004.

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

Official Visitors for Hunt Valley

LOOM Official Visitor Wesley I. Crowder

Past Supreme Governor Wesley I. Crowder serves the Moose Fraternity as Chairman of the Moosehaven Board of Directors. He was appointed to this post at the 125th International Convention in Milwaukee in May, 2013. Prior to this post, he served as Jr. Past Supreme Governor 2012-2013 and as Supreme Governor during the 2011-2012 Moose year. He had previously served as Supreme Jr. Governor in 2010-2011 and Supreme Prelate in 2009-2010. Wes served on the Supreme Council since, June 2005, and served on the Mooseheart Board of Directors since 2004, as well as the Moose International Government Relations Committee since 2001.



Wes joined Belford, VA Lodge 1897 in 1963. He served his Lodge as Governor, Past Governor and Sports Chairman and many other Lodge activities.

He also has served as District 6 President, Past District President and District Chairman for the Virginia Moose Association. He is a Past President of the VMA and served as Deputy Supreme Governor, Outer Guard and Sergeant-at-Arms.

A member of the 50 Division of the Moose 25 Club, Wes received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1974 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1982.

In addition to his Moose involvement, Wes is an active supporter of his local school district and is a leader of numerous homebuilders' associations in Virginia. He is on the board of the Safe Surfin' USA Foundation and also serves on the Department of Charitable Gaming Advisory Board for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He resides in Bedford, VA.



WOTM Official Visitor Cathleen Russell

Cathleen Russell currently serves as the Junior Past Grand regent. She served as Grand Regent for the Women of the Moose in 2012-2013. Cathleen previously served as a Grand Council Member from 2003 to 2005.

Cathey joined the Women of the Moose Kirksville, Missouri Chapter 824 in June, 1987. She has served her Chapter in many capacities, as well as fulfilled appointments by International Headquarters. Cathey served the Women of the Moose as President of the College of Regents Board in 2001-2002 and served on the College of Regents Board in 1998-2000. At the state level, Cathey served Missouri as Deputy Grand Regent in 2994-2995.

A member of the Moose 25 Club, Cathey achieved her Academy of Friendship Detree in 1990, College of Regents Degree in 1993 and Star Recorder Degree in 1994.

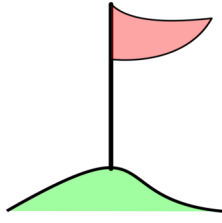
Cathey and her husband, Ray, reside in Kirksville, Missouri.

**Let's all show Wes and Cathey a warm
welcome to MD-DE-DC!**

2015 John Lyons Scholarship Golf Tournament



First Place Team
 Ace Wheathing - Tom Frantz
 Ed Jackson - Dan Simmons



Placement of winning teams' info not necessarily under their photo.



The tournament was very successful. All expenses were covered, as well as the scholarships.



2015 John Lyons Scholarship Golf Tournament



Second Place Team
D. Mills - Rick Niblett
Rob Vansant - Bill Warwick, Jr.



Third Place Team
Dave Green - Ken
Dave - Russell Locke



Longest Drive - Kevin McDonald
Closest to the Pin - Russell Locke
Closest to the Line - Dan Self



Jerry Hayman, Carol Eckenbrecht and Sandy Raines came to help sell tickets and register the golfers. The gal in the cart to the right was the most looked-for person on the golf course - she had the refreshments!



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.

Bingo for Danny at Annapolis 296



In Memory of Lost Brothers & Co-Workers

James Henderson

Past Supreme Governor
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit



Don E. Baker

Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit
Member of Laurel Lodge 1504

Charles Poteet, Jr.

Charter Member of New Castle Lodge 1578
Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor



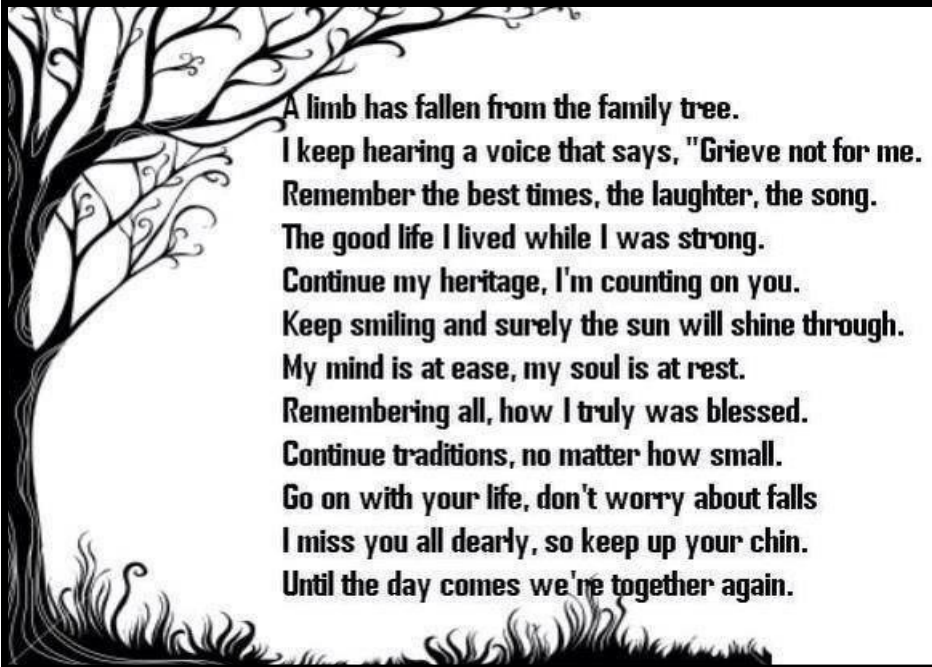
Richard Gardner

Husband of DGR Cathy Gardner
Member of General Assembly Lodge IL
3000 & A. Lee Poole Moose Legion 111



Irene Woodrow

Past Regent of New Castle Chapter 1418
Held the College of Regents Degree
Held the Academy of Friendship Degree



A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.

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

- D. Scott Barninger 2431
- Michael Boris 2601
- Rita Bryant 1546
- Vicky A. Edwards 1546
- Tim Garveth 1504
- Barbara Gregory 1208
- Audrey Hess 97
- Earl E. Higdon, Sr. 1456
- Michael Hock 1952
- Verlo Hocks 2316
- George Mohla, Jr. 1242
- Michael Stolwinski 847
- Nancy Walleth 2204

50 Members

- Deana N. Adams 661
- Bettie Jane Beyer 1227
- Chris Rogni 646
- Jessica Szymanski 1229

75 Members

- Ellen Shaw 1384

125 Members

- Chuck Neal 79

200 Members

- Doris Raymond 1229

50 Year Members Receiving Life Membership

Women of the Moose

- Joanne Coffin 1208
- Loretta Horstman 1208
- Nancy A. Tenney 897



Loyal Order of Moose

- Paul H. Anderson 296
- Edward P. Meals 1228
- John B. McDaniel, Jr. 1578
- Lloyd N. McNutt 1952
- David L. Turfle 1381
- George E. Washington 1582
- Henry H. Whitcomb, Jr. 1381



Thank you for your loyalty to our Fraternity

Congratulations to all!!

Moosehaven News from Bill Cobert

Moosehaven is known as the 'City of Contentment'. Have you ever thought about what that statement means? Well, I have.

First, I went to Macmillan Dictionary. I discovered that contentment means "...the happiness you feel when you have everything you want and you enjoy life". This is definitely what I would want from a retirement community. Does Moosehaven offer this?

Next, I went to Moosehaven's website to learn if the campus offered everything I would want. I discovered that Moosehaven is a Continuing Care Community. There are two admission programs, the Traditional Plan and Brandon Place. Let's see—what would I want at Moosehaven?

HOUSING: The Traditional Plan offers cottages for the residents. In the cottages, each resident has a private room with a private bath. There is a large community activity room with comfortable furniture, large screen TV, and tables for games and puzzles. At Brandon Place, residents live in villa and apartment homes.

MEALS: Each cottage has a dining room where three meals are served each day. The residents in the villa and apartment homes are responsible for preparing their own meals. There is also a Café on campus where food can be purchased.

HEALTH: The Life Care Center is a state-of-the-art health center available to meet all the medical needs of the residents. Health professionals are on staff 24 hours a day/365 days a year.

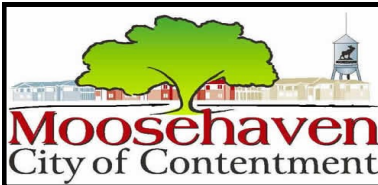
SAFETY: Moosehaven is a gated community with security 24 hours a day/365 days a year.

I also checked out the website to see what was available for enjoying life.

ACTIVITIES: Whether you like crafts, knitting and crocheting, painting, card games, or board games, you will find these activities scheduled each day for your enjoyment. If you prefer sports, there is swimming and fishing for you.

OFF-CAMPUS: Trips are provided for shopping in local malls, eating in near-by restaurants, and Family Center visits.

Moosehaven does fulfill the definition of 'contentment' and is a good place to consider if you are planning your retirement. Give me a call and we can discuss this 'City of Contentment' as a possible future home for you.



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

**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 Resident at Moosehaven:

Edward Pelkey - 7/28

Our Boys at Mooseheart:

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



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 of “Our House” at Mooseheart

Here are a couple pictures I snapped of Wal when he opened Laurel Chapter’s Card. He was so excited and very appreciative. This email carries with it MANY hugs and heartfelt THANK YOUs! from Wal that I received on your behalf. He also shared the group photo of him in his Graduation cap and gown. He is standing next to his cousin Akeem who also graduated on May 30th. I had the privilege of sitting with Linda, Mike and Danielle Worden, baby Ayden and the boys from MD/DE/DC Home during the Graduation. When Wal entered the Gym next to his classmate and began his march to the stage as the strains of “Pomp and Circumstance” played, I turned to look at Linda Worden; she had dissolved into tears as any proud momma would do. (We had to sop her up with a sponge. . . next year I told her we’d have to get an industrial mop for her because, Derek, Humberto, Howard and Jeff all graduate!)



He’s a lovely soft spoken young man. Very humble, respectful and genuinely focused on his studies. He’ll be leaving MD/DE/DC Home in the next week to head to the Community College of Wisconsin-OshKosh to pursue his dream of becoming a pilot. He had a rare opportunity the day before he graduated in which a benefactor of LOOM/Mooseheart offered Scott Hart his assistance with anything he may need. Knowing this gentleman was a pilot with a plane based at an airfield very close to Mooseheart, Mr. Hart asked if he’d consider taking Wal Khat up in his plane. He was very happy to be able to provide that service to Mooseheart and this surprise to Wal! The day before Graduation, Wal Khat and a few other folks from Mooseheart boarded the plane and headed in the direction of Mooseheart. Once above our beautiful campus the owner of the plane turned the controls over to a very excited Wal so he could fly the plane over the campus he called his home for the past 4 years. Wal circled the campus three times. Why does Wal want to be a pilot? His dream is to become a pilot, return to his native South Sudan and fly humanitarian missions for UNICEF. He has taken to heart the motto of Mooseheart, **“Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve”**.



Here are a couple of updates for the home in case you haven’t heard. Mason Miller left Mooseheart early this year. KC (Kenneth Brown) left Mooseheart on the last day of school and will remain with his family. We have a new boy, his name is Anthony Padilla a very nice young man. He is among several boys and girls who have been displaced from their regular homes on campus for asbestos eradication. I’m not sure if they’re tearing down the homes or just doing abatement procedures; so in the meantime, we have Anthony as one of our new boys. The week before graduation, Mike Worden moved his daughter and her baby, 8 month old Ayden, to Illinois arriving on May 29th. You’ll remember that Danielle’s Fiancé (Ayden’s Daddy) was killed in an automobile accident the day after Christmas 2014. Ayden and Danielle were enjoying their Moose family. Ayden is growing fast and just took his first steps Sunday, June 7th.

While Chuck and I were visiting the home over the Memorial Day weekend, we met a new young man, Anthony Padilla who was assigned to MD/DE/DC Home during renovations of his home. I had the opportunity to visit shortly with Mike and Linda Worden while in Nashville. Mike and Linda also are anticipating the arrival of Twin Boys for the start of the new school year and will be meeting them at for the summer session at Camp Ross. This short visit will help acclimate them to Mooseheart in an informal atmosphere. Mike and Linda are also enjoying having their daughter, Danielle home with grandson Ayden. They moved back to Illinois Memorial Day weekend. The boys are loving having “a little brother” around while Danielle gets situated after the tragic loss of Ayden’s daddy. I am working on Phase two of the admission process for two sisters from Laurel. Fifteen year old, Miss Olabisi Victoria Obe will be sponsored by Frederick Moose Lodge #371 and twelve year old, Miss Olayombo Rachael Obe will be sponsored by Essex Moose Lodge #70. We hope for them to be at Mooseheart for the start of the new School Year. I’ll keep you posted on the progress of their application. *Jean Neal, Mooseheart Admissions Consultant*

News from the District Presidents

District 1 - Robert C. Hall, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the hot weather summer activities. Soon enough we will be in Ocean City complaining about the cold weather. I am getting ahead of myself. We have to get through the Association's Annual Convention First. There will be a lot of useful information at the Annual Convention in Hunt Valley, so don't miss it.

It is hard to believe that it has been two years since I committed to the position of First District President. It has been a lot of hard work and a lot of fun being able to assist the Lodges in the First District with all of their endeavors. I want all of you to know that I will always be there to do what I can, weather it is cleaning crab-pots or selling tickets. I would like to thank all of those who have pushed me to do better and helped me to do so. I don't think that our members know how much hard work is put in to accomplish what we do. I would like to thank all of these people, from the Lodge Chairmen to the Director General, keep up the good work.

Don't forget to "BUILD OUR FOUNDATION." Continue sponsoring new Members and involving our current ones and their families. The Moose is now offering an awards program. You will receive points for doing basic things such as renewing your dues, sponsoring new members and many other things. These points can be used for everything from paying your dues to gift cards.



Fraternally, Robert Chris Hall

District 2 - Frank Weaver, President

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



It has been a wonderful 2 years serving as District 2 President. I've learned a lot about the Moose and the MD/DE/DC Association. I've met numerous of great people and hope to continue to the friendships I've made during this time. My time as District 2 President will be coming to an end in Hunt Valley. I want to wish the new District 2 President Jaime Vann good luck.

There have been great events going on in Western Maryland during the summer months, and many more events coming over the next few months. Before we know it summer will be over, the winter months will be upon us and we will be preparing for the Fall and Winter Events.

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 everyone is having a good summer. The summer is going fast, August will be here soon and time to get ready for the convention. I hope to see everyone there and congratulate our incoming president for the Association and the district. I have enjoyed being District 3 president.

We need to still work on membership and retention it is important that we keep signing new members, so talk to friends and family members and the people you work with. That's a no what's a moose stands for and what we are about our kids and our seniors are the most important thing that we take care of. Remember we are building Foundation.

Thank you for all you do, keep up the good work and remember a smile goes a long way.

Fraternally, David Taylor



News from the District Presidents

District 4 - James Beyer, President

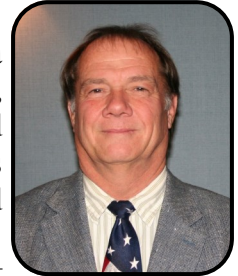
Brothers and Co-Workers,

Our year has ended and I trust all Lodges and Chapters have ended the year on a positive note. The new theme is "Build Our Foundation". With a strong foundation, our Fraternity should prosper and keep Mooseheart and Moosehaven safe and sound for many years to come. Keeping these two campuses surviving the current times should be our main focus in all that we do, as well as keeping our facilities in good working order.

With the new theme, we need to keep in mind that new members are as important as keeping the older members involved. If we contact older members we haven't seen in a while and let them know that we are thinking about them, they will be more likely to return and help out in our projects and remain members of our Fraternity. We also need to keep the new members interested in what's going on at the Moose. Keep them involved in helping plan events and working together to make them happen. Give them advanced notice of events so that they will plan to attend and help. We need to work together to keep our Lodges and Chapters successful.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as District 4 President these past few years. I hope everyone works together to keep our district moving forward in supporting our Fraternity and working with all the other Lodges to keep our Fraternity alive well into the future. Thank you for your support and work together for the betterment of the Moose.

Fraternally, Jim Beyer



District 5 - Jay Stover, President

Hello Brothers and Co-Workers:



As I come to the end of my second term as 5th district President, I would just like to say, "Thank You", to all who have supported me during this endeavor. This past year has been good, but some lodges and service centers need to concentrate more on making deadlines more closely. We are entering the second quarter of the campaign year, "Build the Foundation", so let's all continue to sign quality members and retain the members we have. Don't be afraid to try those new ideas. As the August convention approaches, new officers will fill positions; give them the support they need to make MD-DE-DC Moose Association the number one Association in the Fraternity.

Thank you for all you do.

Fraternally, Jay Stover

District 6 - Ronald Martin, President

Dear Brothers & Co-Workers:

The end of the year brings changes in the leadership of our districts, lodges and chapters. Hopefully, we have chosen well and have people who care about Mooseheart and Moosehaven, as well as our Fraternity, to lead our areas of the organization through a successful year in membership, community service and caring about our children and seniors. In this year of "Build Our Foundation", let's work together in harmony to achieve the goals of building membership, working together, and keeping our Lodges and Chapters in good working order. I wish the best to all of the new district presidents being sworn in at the Hunt Valley Convention.

Fraternally, Ron Martin



News from the District Presidents

District 7 - Dale H. Timmons, President

Brothers and Coworkers:

I would like to thank the officers and chairmen from the 7th District who have served with me for the past two years. I am confident that they will do the same with the new board for the upcoming year. Our new board has been selected except the president which will be elected at Hunt Valley in August. Good Luck to everyone!



A special thanks to Linda Blendt for the many meetings, selling raffle tickets for various items and doing an outstanding job with serving in the Hospitality Room in Ocean City; I couldn't have done it without you. Many other people have helped me along the way; there are too many to name.

Congratulations to John Gamble from Lewes Rehoboth Family Center 646 who received his fellowship degree and Governors Award of Excellence - Christopher Miles from Harrington Moose FC 534! Congratulations to the following lodges who received the Premier Lodge Award - East Sussex Moose FC 2542, Harrington Moose FC 534, Lewes- Rehoboth Moose FC 646, and Seaford Moose FC 1728.

Congratulations to Brother William Trice III who was also appointed for his 2nd 2 year term on the Moose International Community Service Committee!

closing, I look forward to seeing everyone in Hunt Valley. I have already had my last district meeting and this is my last newsletter but I promised the 7th District that I will return.

Fraternally, Dale Timmons

Message from ML 155 President Chris Hall

Brothers and Co-Workers,



As the new Moose Legion President for Capital 155, I am looking forward to working with all of you. We are planning a lot of fun activities and events this year. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend and enjoy time together as a fraternity.

Capital 155 will be hosting the Hospitality Room at the Annual Association Convention in Hunt Valley. All members of Higher Degrees will be welcomed to join us in the festivities with convention registration. You must also have your membership card with you. We have many raffles and fun activities planned but are always looking for volunteers, donations and ideas. Anyone wishing to volunteer or make donations, please contact me at: robertchall@ymail.com.

This year we are again doing the Annual Home Depot \$500 Gift Card Raffle. There will be only 200 tickets sold and will be drawn on Saturday evening at the Annual Association Convention in Hunt Valley.

The Moose Legion is the Degree of Service. Our mission is to have fun while providing greater service to the Moose Fraternity. So let's have fun and enjoy this year!



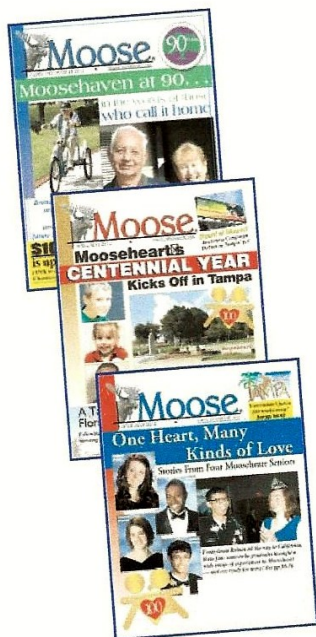
Fraternally yours,
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Moose Charities by Past Grand Regent Libby

Gosh, The International Nashville Conference is over and here we are again, back at home and hopefully working with our new ideas to support our chapters, lodges, communities and of course let's not forget our beloved Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

I hope you are reading your books and obtaining the correct and much needed information for a very successful 2015-2016 Chapter and Lodge year. For our chapters - chairmen have changed and lessened than from previous years. The Moose Charities chair is now a "Special Committee" which means the chairman is appointed by the Sr. Regent. This committee is a very important committee as Moose Charities is there for the **future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven**. I hope each and every chapter has taken care of filling this position, and has chosen co-workers who will have some great fundraising ideas, which will help benefit Moose Charities. We have 38 chapters in our MD-DE-DC Moose Association and to date only 9 chapters have replied to the e-mail that I sent out many weeks ago, and provided me with the name, address, etc of their Moose Charities Special Committee chairman. I hope each and every chapter will complete this task and send me the additional chairman names that I need to get and stay in contact with. Let's not forget 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 continued future care.

As I mention "Moose Charities", I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has been faithful in committing donations, in the many different programs available. The "**Donors Circle**", is still in effect, and we will be available to take your individual donations at this upcoming conference in Hunt Valley. This program was designed to recognize **YOU** as an individual supporter when you send a tax deductible **Endowment Fund** donation to Moose Charities. We are asking individual Endowment Fund gifts of any amount to Moose Charities. Your gifts are fully tax deductible and cumulative. As all of you know by now, when you reach \$100.00 and each level thereafter, you will

receive a heart pin from Moose Charities for different categories you reach; plus your Lodge/Chapter/Moose Legion will receive credit towards their recognition goals as well, for your individual donations. Your donation secures the future of our Twin Cities, Mooseheart and Moosehaven!

Since our local conference in Hunt Valley will be upon us before we can turn around, as usual, we will be holding **several** fundraisers to make money for our very own MD-DE-DC Home. Again, we will be having our basket raffles, and are asking chapters and/or individuals to make their wonderful mind boggling donations. There will be delicious home-made canned and baked items-donated by co-workers/PDGR's and our 50/50 raffles at each meeting, plus other surprises. And, all monies collected for the above fundraising will be donated to our very own MD-DE-DC Regional Association, who has taken on the responsibility of a **yearly commitment** of \$80,000, to fully fund our very own home at Mooseheart. All donations are welcome and appreciated, regardless of how large or how small your donation will be **and** tax deductible, **if** made payable to "**Moose Charities**" **earmarked MD-DE-DC Home**. I don't want to be repetitious, but Remember these are **OUR** children and they are what we are all about, and the time is now to promote our new theme: "**BUILD OUR FOUNDATION**" in our lodges and chapters and fulfill this commitment, each **and** every year.

And, yes we are all about Money and Members! Our membership this past year has drastically dropped and still not where it used to be in our Lodges and Chapters. **Members are our survival**, so let's work on this weak spot and make our Association #1. **We can do it!** Looking forward to seeing you soon,

In Friendship,

Libby

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



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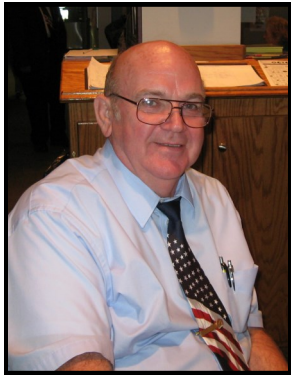


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Moose Charities Chairman Danny Williams



Moose Charities Report

We are now going into our 3rd month of a NEW YEAR and I would like for all Lodges to send to me via DannyWMoose@AOL.COM your Moose Charities Chairman and their e-mail address for better communication with in Moose Charities and the MD DE DC Moose Association. Do it for the "Kids and Seniors"!

At our International Convention recently held in Nashville, Tennessee, "Moose Charities" spoke on a new project named "M and M". It's a program that you can have donations made directly from your banking, debit account or from your credit card on a monthly basis. Look into your latest "Moose Magazine" for further information or contact me personally and I will be glad to help you.

Our MD-DE-DC Moose Association Annual Convention is upcoming very shortly, let's not forget to bring our Personal, Lodge, Chapter, District and Moose Legions checks for the "March of Checks" to include MD-DE-DC Home Project, Endowment Fund, MD DE DC Scholarship Fund Etc.

Let's "Lead by Example" and "BUILD OUR FOUNDATION"!



Fraternally,
Danny Williams, Sr.
MD-DE-DC Moose Association
Moose Charities Chairman



MOOSE LEGION REPORT

What an honor it was to stand before the 49th International Moose Legion Conference, and 127th meeting of the Supreme Lodge - Loyal Order of Moose Convention recently held in Nashville, Tennessee representing the members of Glen Burnie Moose Lodge #1456, Baltimore Moose Legion #10 and the members of the MD-DE-DC Moose Association as their New "International Moose Legion President" for the year of 2015 thru 2016.

Beryl and I will be traveling through out the United States visiting Moose Legion Celebrations for the next year. A week later after I returned home from Nashville, I was OV for a Illinois State Moose Legion Picnic at Camp Ross on July 17 - 19, 2015 and then the next weekend July 23 - 27, 2015 Beryl and I were guests in Lakes Moose Family Center #1865, for the Washington Annual Moose Legion Celebration. We were well accepted and enjoyed both visits and met a lot of devoted Moose Legionnaires and their wives.

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Fraternally,
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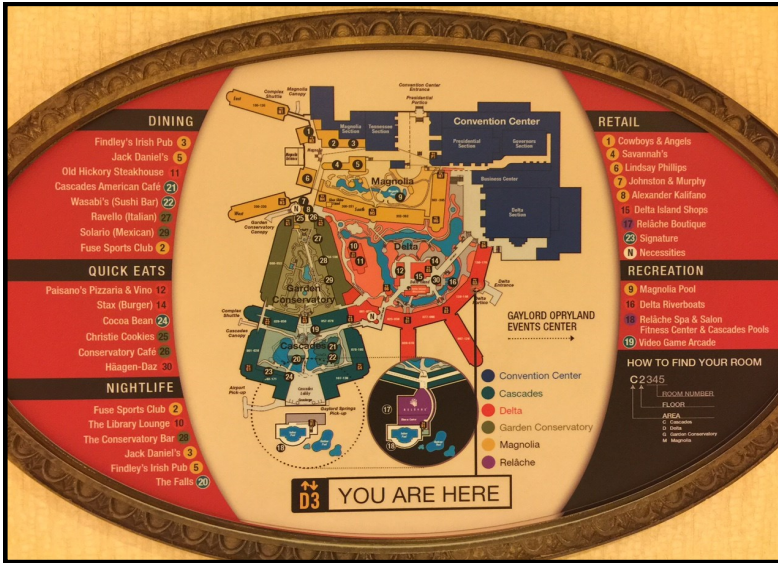
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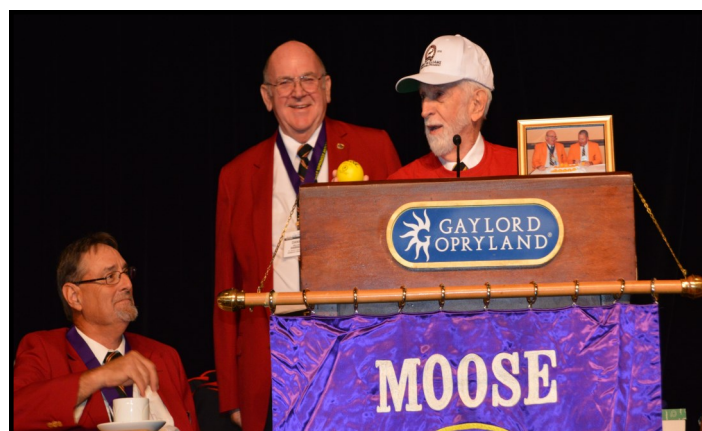
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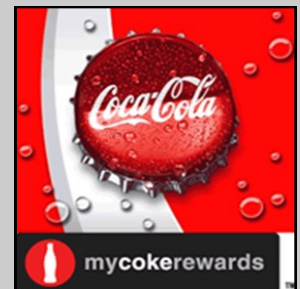


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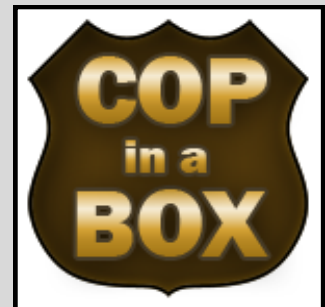
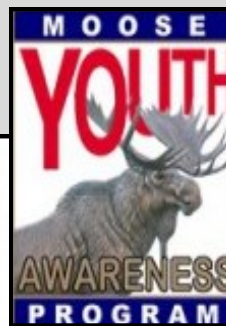
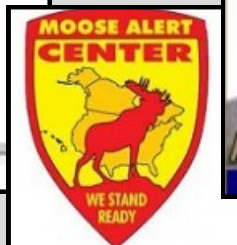
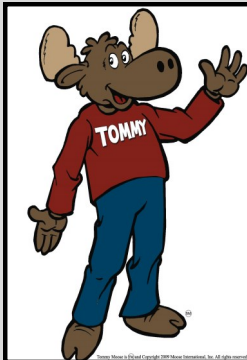
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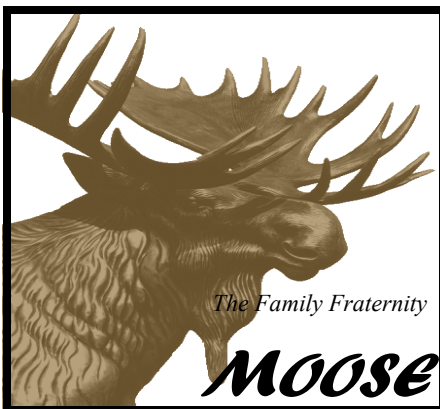
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