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From the Desk of Territory #9 Manager Ernie Megee



Two very important issues for October and November are Membership and the Fellowship Degree. Yes, as we should be doing every day, membership recruitment and retention should be the priority of all members.

As of the close of September, membership production via enrolled applications is up compared to the same period last year. However, membership is still down 1.1% compared to 2.5% last year which is an improvement. Retention remains to be the biggest problem that is preventing us from meeting our overall goal of Plus 1. At the end of September, our retention rate was a deplorable 67%. Through our leaders in our Lodges, we must instill in the minds of our officers that they must push to increase our membership through renewals, in other words retention. During the first week of November, a huge opportunity is at hand. November 01, 2015 through and including November 07, 2015 is our Fraternity's one week focus on retention. Yes, working on retention should not be just this one week, retention is a year-long commitment. By the time that this article is printed and distributed to our members, your Lodge should have already scheduled plans for participating in Member Retention Week. Events such as dinners, sign-up challenges, and etc. should be ready to go on November 01, 2015. Additionally, telephone contact to those members that their dues have expired or are about to expire should be made. This is a relatively inexpensive project that does work in reminding those members that we really do need and appreciate them so that our Lodges can support Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and their surrounding communities. As an added feature, why not solicit the help from your area Council of Higher Degrees. After all, membership retention is the main goal/subject of their Mission Statements. Get them involved as it is their duty to do so. The Council of Higher Degrees is there to help, we obviously are not utilizing their expertise.

Also, important in November, is Fellowship

Honor Month. Our Lodges should be making arrangements to honor and to promote the Fellowship Degree in all Lodges. Moose International Legion Director Robert Neff has sent via e-mail to all Lodges a packet containing instructions and a recommendation form for a Moose Legionnaire to be elevated to the Fellowship Degree. Please keep in mind that each Lodge must notify each and all Fellows via USPS mail inviting them to a Fellowship Committee meeting that is scheduled in November. Some Lodges make this a nice affair by having a dinner for all Fellows with a meeting following dinner. The purpose of this meeting is for all Fellows to have an opportunity in choosing a Moose Legion member to be recommended for elevation. This member should be a true Fraternal Brother - not just someone that takes out the trash, cuts the grass, or cooks in the kitchen. The recommendation form must be completely filled out along with an attached resume' of the Moose Legionnaires' service to the Moose. The completed form along with the resume' is to be forwarded to the Lodge's Territory Manager on or before the December 10, 2015 deadline. Again, please be sure to read and follow ALL instruction.

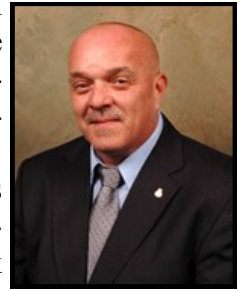
Yes, there are other important tasks to do as well. For the time being, we need to work on new members, retaining members, and building our Moose Legions so that we will have qualified Moose Legionnaires to choose from for elevating to the Fellowship and Pilgrim Degrees. Thank you for your assistance, cooperation, and help with these important tasks.

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



From the Desk of Territory #10 Manager Mike Stumbaugh

Wow, it's hard to believe that another Convention has come and gone and in another 4 months we will be in Ocean City for another .I would like to thank all the Lodges for a great turn out and hope the next one goes just as well. I would however like to see more Lodges and District become more involved with running a hospitality room at the next convention.



It's time we now focus on Member Retention and with that in mind, what has your lodge planned for retention week in November. It's up to the Board of Officers to promote this program and with that said we are asking that during this week you either make calls to expired members or offer to them an incentive to visit the lodge and pay their dues. The information for this event has already been mailed to each lodge and should already be placed inside your Social Quarters. Each District President and Association Officers has been asked to work with the lodges in their areas to see that forms are submitted. REMEMBER this should just not be a one week campaign but a practice that should be continued monthly. Remember to keep activities in your lodge occurring to entice your members to keep coming back to your lodge home. Without events members are going to think twice about renewing when the time comes.

With the upcoming Holidays remember the less fortunate and what can your lodge do in some way to help. Is there elderly and children whom are less fortunate that you can help? Remember the old saying that a little kindness can go a long way and after all isn't that what this great fraternity is all about and what it was founded for? Remember the words of James J. Davis "No man is so tall that when he stoops to pick up a Child "words that we need to live by and practice every day. An act of such kindness will last a lifetime and just who knows, the ones we help could be the future of this fraternity.

Our campaign for this year Build our Foundation, what is your lodge doing to achieve this. Have you done any of the items that I have listed above in this letter? Have you developed your own ideas and set goals to achieve building your own foundation? I cannot help at this point but to use the phrase again "If it's going to be then it's up to me. It's up to each and every one of us to grow this Fraternity and to make sure that it remains for future Generations...

In conclusion I would like to wish each and every one a Joyous Holiday Season and remember "God Bless Mooseheart and Mooseheaven.

Fraternally,
Mike Stumbaugh
Territory #10 Manager



APHORISM: A SHORT, POINTED SENTENCE THAT EXPRESSES A WISE OR CLEVER OBSERVATION OR A GENERAL TRUTH.

Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind and the ones that mind don't matter.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. - like, it could be the right number.

Deputy Supreme Governor John "JJ" Johnston

I would like to thank everyone who attended Supreme Governor Terry Wall's visits to our various Lodges in our Association in July. We visited the New Castle, Frederick, Williamsport, Annapolis, Wheaton, and Reisterstown Family Centers/Chapters and met approximately 400 people. Terry was given a walking tour of the C & O Canal in Williamsport. Terry was presented with \$300 for Moose Charities, \$1,534 for the Maryland House and \$2,501 was presented to local charities. Also \$3,500 was donated to an Arundel police officer who was wounded in the line of duty and 15 boxes of household items were donated to a shelter. Endowment collected was \$701.



Thank you for all you do,

John "JJ" Johnston

Deputy Supreme Governor
MD-DE-DC Moose Association

Supreme Governor Terry Wall's Visit at Wheaton



Supreme Governor Walls' visit to Annapolis

Annapolis Moose Lodge #296

1890 Crownsville Road Annapolis, MD 21401 Phone: 410-266-0688

On Saturday July 25, 2015 the Annapolis Moose #296 held its annual car show. The lodge was happy and honored to have Supreme Governor Terry Walls visit that day and join in the festivities. Upon his arrival he was greeted by all with his favorite greeting, "Hello Walls".



During his visit he assisted with the presentation of "Tommy Moose" to the volunteer firefighters of West Annapolis VFD Co. #40. He also joined in the presentation to Corporal Larry Adams of the Anne Arundel County Police Dept., who was shot in the line of duty, of a check for \$3500.00 that was raised by the lodge from a

previous fundraising event.

Still keeping him busy, the lodge had a dunk tank set up with proceeds benefiting the local Cub Scout Pack #91. Both the lodge Governor, Skip Howard, and Supreme Governor Walls bravely took a turn in the tank. Everyone enjoyed their sportsmanship and the Cub Scouts received \$200.00.



Supreme Governor Walls received a robust round of applause when he addressed the crowd with his personal stories about the Moose Fraternity and the great work



it does. As he walked the show he was greeted by many and engaged in one on one conversation. Before his time with us was over the lodge presented him with a check to Moose Charities for \$500.00, earmarked for the MD-DE-DC House Project.

Annapolis Moose Lodge #296 and WOTM Annapolis Chapter #661 sincerely appreciate the time Supreme Governor Walls spent with us and hope he enjoyed his afternoon. Thank you and feel free to stop by anytime you are in the area and we'll definitely say, "Hello Walls".

Fraternally, Boards of Officers Annapolis Lodge #296 & Chapter #661



Deputy Grand Regent Loretta Clark

We are now into the month of October and I hope all have started their Cradle Fund projects. We need to make sure the Cradle Fund is a successful project as Mooseheart is counting on us for all our continued support for our children.

Now that we are 6 months into our chapter year and making sure we have the co-workers in place for November's Membership Retention Weeks is important. Let's put a contest together with your co-workers and line up the phones to have a successful membership growth.

The February conference is quickly approaching and I am looking forward to a great conference. Please meet with your co-workers for any concerns and questions they might have to be addressed at the conference. Not all co-workers are able to make these conferences so it's up to the board of officers to address any concerns they may have at the conference. I am looking forward to all chapters receiving their Award of Achievement for the 2015-2016 year. I know we can do this, when we have all the right co-workers in place. Let's make sure that we are letting each co-worker know how important they are to the success of a great chapter year.

I would like to thank all who were able to attend the reception that was held for me at Harrington Moose on Oct 4th. I know the weather was really bad and I thank you all. The New Castle and Harrington Chapters did a great job and the food, of course, was fantastic.



Thank you all!
God Bless Mooseheart and Moosehaven
Loretta Clark

Chapters & Community Service

Helping the children in our community

The Board of Officers and Community Service Committee of the Women of the Moose, East Sussex Chapter, Frankfurt, collected funds to purchase school supplies, which were donated to John M. Clayton Elementary School.

The committee is thankful to the East Sussex Moose Lodge, East Sussex Moose Men's Card Club, Wal-Mart in Rehoboth Beach and Wal-Mart in Georgetown for their monetary donations, as well as Moose members and co-workers who donated school supplies into the lodge drop box.



Featured are Stephanie Larsonfield, senior regent; April Foster, co-chairman, Higher Degree Committee; Barbara Lynch, chairman, Community Service Committee. Not pictured are Susan Tard, junior regent; Christine Irwin, junior graduate regent; Nancy Walker, secretary/treasurer; and Christine Safford, recorder. SUBMITTED BY: MARY

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The Board of Officers and Community Service Committee of East Sussex Chapter 2204 raised funds to purchase school supplies to donate to John M. Clayton Elementary School. The Chapter thanks the East Sussex Lodge and Men's Card Club, Wal-Mart in Rehoboth Beach, DE and Georgetown, DE for their donations, as well as school supplies donated by members and co-workers of East Sussex.

The photo is from the Lewes-Rehoboth Chapter #1814 and Lewes-Rehoboth Moose Family Center #646. The Chapter donated \$500.00 and the Lodge donated \$250.00. The donation was made to the Georgetown Kindergarten Center to be used for the purchase of reading materials for the students. Shown in the photo left to right: Senior Regent Prela Bunting, Recorder Harriet Long, Junior Regent Valerie Wing, Teachers Michelle Johnson and Linda Rubino, Governor Edward Olanowski, and Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Guenther.



Reception for DGR Loretta on Oct. 4th



DGR Loretta and DSG John 'JJ' Johnston



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 Playroom 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.

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

Delmarva Blood Bank Locations:

Wilmington, DE - 913 N. Market St.
Newark, DE - 100 Hygeia Dr.
Dover, DE - 221 Saulsbury Rd.
Salisbury, MD - 1309 Mt. Hermon Rd.

Baltimore & Washington, DC

For Information please call:

Nelson Tucker, Sr.
at 301-919-4026

Child ID at Nashville Convention



Here is the Moose International Convention Community Service Day. As the MD-DE-DC Moose Association Chairman, I was part of 7 teams that did ID kits that day. In all 151 Child ID kits were done. The local Sheriff's office brought their mobile booking unit for walk thru tours and for us to use the canopy for shade.

JOHN KITCHEN, ADMIN. LODGE 851, ELKTON, MD.

Moose Valor Awards at Bel Air Lodge

On Friday, April 10, 2015 Bel Air Moose Family Center #1952 in Forest Hill, Maryland held their annual "Public Safety Recognition Night" in the center hall. This program is part of the Moose Valor Program.

There are five law enforcement agencies located in Harford County. The Lodge recognized a member from each agency as well as a member of the U.S. Army. The award recipients were each nominated by their respective agency. Members of the Lodge served a sit down dinner to all in attendance. Representatives from the Maryland State Senate, Maryland House of Delegates, Harford County Council, and, District Moose officials attended. Each award recipi-



ent received proclamations from each representative and an award plaque from the Bel Air Moose Lodge. The agencies represented were; The Aberdeen Police Department, The Bel Air Police Department, Harford County Sheriff office, Havre de Grace Police Department, Maryland State Police-Bel Air Barrack, Maryland Transportation Authority-Hatem Bridge Detachment, and, The U.S. Army.

ent received proclamations from each representative and an award plaque from the Bel Air Moose Lodge. The agencies represented were; The Aberdeen Police Department, The Bel Air Police Department, Harford County Sheriff office, Havre de Grace Police Department, Maryland State Police-Bel Air Barrack, Maryland Transportation Authority-Hatem Bridge Detachment, and, The U.S. Army.



A unique and special part of the awards program was a special Color Guard composed of a representative from each law enforcement agency, who presented and posted the colors and was also accompanied by a bagpiper. It was a special occasion for all of those attending.

Plans are already underway for the 2016 program. *Submitted by John Harkins, Bel Air Jr. Gov.*

Happenings at Claymont Lodge



Lorraine & Smitty at the Beach Party

Linda Sandone at the 70's Party

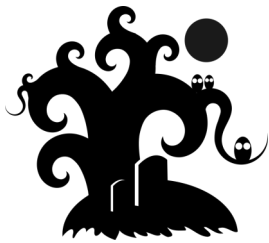


Lorraine & Bob Cannon at the Country Western Party



Chantel & Mike Connolly at the Crab Feast

Edmund Cruciano, on the left, with Dick Ringie at his 90th birthday party! Looking darn good for 90 years old!!!



The Kids' Halloween Party

Happenings at Williamsport Lodge



August 22, 23 from 9 til 5
First-time event for the lodge, sold out on first day!!!! Restocked and ready to go for Sunday.



We joined forces with the Cruise In Committee of Williamsport to Support Holly Place and our Christmas Families. We ran the concession for the event.



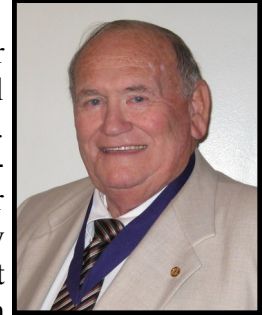
Williamsport Moose Governor Jamie Vann presented **ARROWHEAD** award winners Norm Wolfe and Jack E. Lushbaugh their certificates Friday night 9/11/2015 at our Mini 75 Bonanza.
Great job, Guys!!



Moose Legion Area Manager Dallas Hayman

Welcome Brothers!

Well, here we are almost half way through the year. It was a great summer and I hope everyone took advantage of the fun and freedom summer brings to all of us. BBQ'S, lodge events, Family picnics, a sampling of what summer is about. In the Moose Legion, summer is over and it is time to get back to work and address the issues and problems our lodges and Moose Legions face in today's ever changing marketplace. I am not going to bore you with statistics, they pretty much remain the same...our fraternity is troubled. We need a new direction or at least a re-emphasis on the things that brought us to being the great organization that we became but seem to have lost for some reason or another. It is a time to focus on how we can recover and bring our former Brothers and Co-workers back into our fold and how we can get members to re-embrace the call to fraternal service. My assistant and I spent a lot of time contacting lodges to find out who, and if, lodge Governors were appointing and setting up Moose Legion Activities Committees as required by the General Laws. Our analysis was very disappointing. Not only did we discover that Lodge Governors were not appointing Moose Legion Activities Committees, they were not appointing ANY committees. I guess my question is "if you are a lodge Governor and still do not understand the importance of committees, Moose Legion or otherwise, what are you doing...why are you there?" We have ample resources to educate and inform every officer or chairman at every level of the duties and responsibilities that each officer or chairman shares. We have many members in our Association who have held these positions and fulfilled their responsibilities, if you are having a problem fulfilling your accepted obligation contact one of those members for support, advice or help so that you can fulfill your commitment. I know many of them and they will step forward and help, all you have to do is ask. There is no shame in being wrong or making a mistake, we all do, the shame is in not acting and not asking. Please read again the motto of the Moose Legion: Do some good thing for someone each day! That includes your Moose Legion...and yourself, by fulfilling the responsibility of the oath that you took.



In visits to lodges my assistant and I had some very interesting conversations and some fun nights at various lodges while trying to establish Moose Legion Activities Committees. What we found were lodges that had Moose Legion Activities Committees that were there and functioning they were simply not organized and not reporting to their respective Moose Legions. It is important for all lodges to look and see if this is happening in your lodge you may very well be active and functioning but just not reporting. The rules of establishing a Moose Legion Activities Committee are simple, my assistant has all the information and will assist you in any way you desire to get you up and running. He or I, or most likely both would love to come to your lodge for a visit and get you all up and running on this issue so please do not hesitate to call him or me to set this up and get involved. I do so thank the members and officers of Smyrna-Clayton #2046 and East Sussex #2542 for their participation and cooperation and best of luck to you both, please feel free to contact us at anytime for any assistance. Thank to all of you for what you do.

Fraternally,

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Bruce Dewey, Assistant Moose Legion Area Manager (302) 270-0109



2015 Shining Star Awards



Top Community Service Chapter
 Presenter: Bill Trice, III
 Winner: Harrington Chapter 1229
 Accepting: Michelle LaVenia



Top Community Service Lodge
 Presenter: Barbara Johnston
 Winner: Harrington 534
 Accepting: Harry McGrey



Top Sponsor WOTM
 Presenter: John Cihak
 Winner: Jane Dickerhoff
 Cumberland Chapter 914



Top Sponsor LOOM
 Presenter: Roz Bowman
 Winner: David H. Murphy
 Mechanicsville Lodge 495



Top Moose Legion
 Presenter: Dallas Hayman
 Winner: Capitol Legion 155
 Accepting: Robert C. Hall



Top Moose Legion Sponsor
 Presenter: Danny Williams
 Winner: Robert C. Hall
 Capitol Legion 155



Top Endowment Fund Chapter
 Presenter: John Johnston
 Winner: Laurel Chapter 1327
 Accepting: Lillian Woods-Shawver



Top Endowment Fund Lodge
 Presenter: Barbara Sue Cornell
 Winner: Newark Moose FC 630
 Accepting: Cim L'Heureux



Top Chapter of the Year
 Presenter: Carl Schmidt
 Winner: Lewes-Rehoboth Chapter
 Accepting: Harriett Long

2015 Shining Star Awards



Top Lodge of the Year

Presenter: Olivia "Libby" Schmidt, PGR

Winner: Mechanicsville Moose Family Center 495

Timothy J. Barnes, Jr. Past Governor

(Looking Down from the Moose Lodge in the sky)

Accepting: David Murphy, Governor & Mark A. Tasciotti

Photo on Right with Territory 10 Manager Michael Stumbaugh



Top District of the Year

Presenter: Ernie Megee, Territory 9 Manager

Winner District 7

Accepting: Dale Timmons, President

Congratulations to all!!

Star Recognition Award



Presenter: Ernie Megee, Territory 9 Manager

Columbia Moose Family Center 126, Elkton Moose Family Center 851, Indian Head Moose Family Center 1712
Lower Eastern Shore Moose Family Center 2431, New Castle Moose Family Center 1578

Waldorf Moose Family Center 1709

Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

Maryland: When we were in Hurt Valley, I gave a report on one of the newer laws enacted ("Vaping" electronic cigarettes) in Delaware and asked if the same thing applied in Maryland. Did some searching, Maryland had done a study - it came back very unfavorable, the state as I read it the same laws and guidelines that apply to "non-smoking" applies to the electronic devices, searched further and found that 3 or more counties have completely banned their use. Best rule of thumb is to check your county laws as well as the state law. Many come under the Clean Air Act, others under health. Then I heard one county (don't know which one) has voted to have a different language for the primary instead of English.



This to me sends all kinds of red flags. Haven't been able to track this down as yet but we need to get folks together, once one county changes others will follow, then it's the state. No one can tell you what to do as citizens, you must each decide for yourselves as to what you will or will not accept. One person or one organization cannot carry the load by themselves it takes a group with the same agenda to make headway. It is too late once you allow a law to be enacted, it takes twice as long, if ever, before it can be rescinded. How does that saying go? "The best offence is a good defense." It does take time to get a good defense in place.

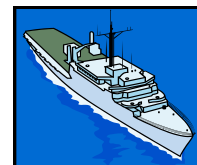
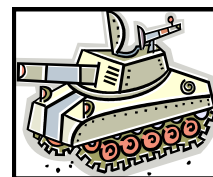
Delaware: Finally after over two years the non-profits and government have reached a mutual understanding and respect. The governor's advisory board met last week with chief finance officer and lottery director. After our end of the year reports were checked and totaled, they admitted they had no idea of how many programs we had in place and the monies expended in our communities. We received a well done, an apology and assurance of cooperation. They expected at least a partial if not complete failure of us meeting the 40%, we not only met it we were over. They did have some difficulty figuring out some of the reports. Some were very vague. I will say they were very lenient this year and we need to continue to improve. But, some need to keep an on-going separate file of all donations and "in kind donations", I am sure they will not be as lenient this year. You will probably get an updated list and better examples of codes to be used. They also met with the vendors they will be sending in the reports, this way they will be in on time, there is a three day area where we have the opportunity to correct if there is a problem. Please keep up-to-date so that it will not be as confusing and difficult when the End of the Year Report is due.

Once more we are being asked to take in "refugees" I cannot believe they had the money to pay for passage, get to Europe and now are demanding to be let into countries by the thousands; they look well dressed, and well fed, some have sent others on ahead so they have employment. How many will come through that have nothing on their minds except destruction of the traditions, religion, of the host countries? Some are already making demands and accosting some for their attire. How long will we be this tolerant?

God Bless America, those in harm's way and those left behind.

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Happenings Around the Association



Pictured are the members of the Governor's Advisory Board. They are Chief Financial Officer Tom Cook, Lottery Director Vernon Kirk, Jeff Crouser, Russ Hall, Bessie Staab-Hickman and Buddy Clark. Calvin Pettitt is also a member of this coalition but was not in the room at the time.

Bessie was presented with two awards of appreciation at the same picnic event in Milford. On the left are Jim Loftland and Ron who made the presentation for the Milford Moose Family Center, and the other is Bill Trice from Seaford who made the presentation from District 7.



Frostburg Lodge was awarded the "Commander's Award" for their support of the US Marine Corps Reserve's "Toys for Tots Project". Great job, Brothers and Co-Workers!



Columbia Moose Lodge 126 hosted a Boy Scout Troop Weekend on September 19, 2015. The troop came from Beach Haven Moose Lodge in Manahawkin, NJ.



Youth Awareness Chairman - Ken Hunt



Brothers and Co-workers:

This year's Youth Awareness (YA) Congress schedule is finalized and is as follows:

- 1st District – Columbia FC #126 – 10/24,
- 3rd/4th District – Sparrows Point/Dundalk FC #1228,
- 5th District – Annapolis FC #296,
- 6th District – Elkton FC #851, and
- 7th District – Harrington FC #534.

Contact me or the host Lodge for start times and any additional information you need.

The YA Program is open to **ALL** high school students, grades 9–12. Each student must attend one of the Congresses in any District to be eligible for the program. They must have a parental consent form filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and provide it at their Congress. Lodges sponsoring students are requested to send a \$50 per student contribution with the student or send it to the Host Lodge.

Again this year, we will be providing Kid's ID to all the students. All Lodges are encouraged and welcome to bring their children to their Congress to participate in this extremely vital service.

My goal this year is to double the number of students that participated in the YA Program last year. With your help, we can accomplish this goal and provide the mentoring our students give to our elementary children.



Ken Hunt
Youth Awareness Coordinator
MD-DE-DC Association

The Future Is Now

The Moose Youth Awareness Program has a bright future. Through Moose 'KidTalks' presentations, our participants can educate the youth of their communities to make wise decisions and to avoid adverse situations. They can also motivate and inspire. In fact, the voices of those students who have attended Association and International Youth Awareness Congresses during the last 26 years have reached an audience of more than 750,000.

Our Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, and State/Provincial Moose Associations also support many other outstanding programs that benefit children. Our fraternal leaders are dedicated to this most worthwhile program that affects youth all over North America. The Moose Youth Awareness Program reaffirms our commitment to providing today for a better tomorrow.

The future rests in the hands, hearts, and minds of our children. Without a doubt, members of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Women of the Moose will continue to provide assistance to make our communities a better place for families to live and for children to grow.

For more Information, see the entire Article in the Mooseheart Website

Childhood Memories & Cliches' by Jean Neal

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES AND CLICHÉS

By: Jean M. Neal
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MD/DE/DC Mooseheart Marketing Representative & Moosehaven Admission Counselor

Photos by: Jean M. Neal and Frank Courtney

Every now and then, life seems like a cliché. . . you know, those old one liners your parents and grandparents used to throw around. But in them, I have found much wisdom and subsequently, comfort from their lessons. As you go through life, childhood memories will pop up in your head and a cliché seems to be the subtitle.

On our recent MD/DE/DC Moose Association Bus Trip for Homecoming Weekend at Mooseheart, I saw many clichés in action. Some broke my heart, some filled me hope, and some filled me with pride and the resolve to work even harder on our fraternal mission. Things that happened, sights and smells had many childhood memories dancing through my head.

The special stop added to this year's bus trip was a visit to Camp Ross, a wonderful facility supported by The Moose Legion. Rustic buildings brought my memories of Girl Scout camp flooding back. Complete with a director's cabin, Chapel, Mess Hall, Pool, Ball fields, Cabins, sledding hill, Picnic Pavilion and pond. Come take a virtual tour of Camp Ross. The Chapel was built by Students of Mooseheart!



Childhood Memories & Cliches' by Jean Neal

Walking through the pine trees on a dirt road we visited the Chapel, then the Picnic Pavilion, and then the newly refurbished Mess Hall. The food prep area has all new equipment and most of the building had been updated the fireplace and seating area remain original. There's lovely screened in deck overlooking the river. The surroundings had my Girl Scout days flooding through my head, but when I stepped through the door and got the first whiff of the Mess Hall . . . "Holy Cow! It even smells like Girl Scout Camp!"

Except that those bags and boxes on the tables contained donuts, chips, and fresh bananas for Camp Ross visitors to snack on. . . all we got at Girl Scout camp were old Girl Scout cookies that hadn't been sold the previous March (hopefully from the same year!) that were frozen then thawed out . . . well ... sometimes not so thawed. :-/



Childhood Memories & Cliches' by Jean Neal

Across from the Mess Hall was a beautiful in ground pool complete with solar cover to keep the water warm. At Girl Scout Camp, we had a lake with icky things in it and it was COLD! Further down the path, there was an artfully carved horse with a saddle . . . of course we had horses at Girl Scout camp, but they pooped and we had to muck the stalls. . . (I think I like this one better!) There's also a ball field at the bottom of the sledding hill . . . Word to the wise: If you get as far as the backstop when you're sledding, roll off the sled, because the next thing is the river!



Camp Ross cabins sleep eight and are equipped with 6 inch high mattresses on each bunkbed. Well ... Girl Scout camp leaves much to be desired . . . (feel free to insert the voice of Dr. Evil from Austin Powers on any of the following quotes) our "upgraded" campsite was equipped with a wooden platform with army surplus cots if you were lucky you got ones with springs – if not – you got the bunk beds with the wooden slats, but both models came with 1.5 inches of cotton batting with ticking on which to place your sleeping bags and all that "luxury" was surrounded by canvas walls that leaked profusely during rain storms or heavy dew provided on a nightly basis! But that's okay . . . we were "roughing" it! Oh – Did I mention that each Camp Ross cabin is equipped with TWO FULL BATHROOMS with, flushable toilets and hot and cold running water in the showers and sinks that you don't even need a flashlight to find during the night! *Yeaaaaahhhh*. . . Girls Scout camp had the lovely quad of latrines equipped with spiders, an occasional snake, lots of Pine Sol for a daily scrub to ward off the odiferous emanations and hopefully kill the natural inhabitants of said "comfort station".

At least we know our Children at Mooseheart will have great (at least cleaner) memories of their childhood camping experience! ;-/

Childhood Memories & Cliches' by Jean Neal



Mooseheart Alumnus, David Telp from New Castle Lodge provides history and shared his experiences as a camper at Camp Ross.



Homecoming 2015



Homecoming 2015



more photos on back cover

To all the Moose members and people who do not know about the Moose, this is why we do belong. It is to help children of all ages, especially this little one.

Ethel Cedrone



In Memory of Lost Brothers & Co-Workers

John Potter

Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit
Life Member of Seaford Lodge



Thomas Dean Sr.

Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit
Member of Mechanicsville Lodge

John C. Horstman, Sr.

Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit
Member of Salisbury Lodge
Member of Moosehaven Board of
Directors for 10 years

Thomas J. "Nibs" Niblett

Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor
Member of Salisbury Lodge
Honorary Past President of MD-DE-DC
Moose Association



Mary Johns

Held the College of Regents Degree
Member of Laurel Chapter 59 Years



Bernice Wolfer

Held the College of Regents Degree
Member of New Castle Chapter

An Eternal Memory...

...Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile
if only I could have you back for just a while.
Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do -
you always meant so very much and always will do, too.
The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain,
but you're forever in my heart until we meet 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.

We Remember Them . . .

Brother John C. Horstman, Sr.

John was born in Edgemere, Md. on June 28, 1935 and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1956. While on leave he joined Edgemere Moose Lodge 537. After his Honorable Discharge from the Marines in 1959, he then started through the chairs of Edgemere Moose.

After John held all the offices possible in the Lodge, he then moved up to the State Association, where he earned his Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1975, while serving as State President.

In 1989, he was asked by incoming Supreme Governor Frank Buckler to serve as Supreme Outer Guard, then he served as Supreme Inner Guard and Supreme Sgt.-At-Arms.

He was appointed to the International Relations Committee for several years, then was appointed to the Moosehaven Board of Directors which he served for 10 years.

John is survived by his wife, Loretta Lee, son John, Jr., Granddaughter Haley Jewel, and Daughter-In-Law Sharon Horstman.



Brother John Potter



Brother John joined Seaford Moose Family Center in August, 1986 and soon became active in working on several committees. In 1992, he was elected as Prelate and Community Service Chairman the same year. John served as Jr. Governor 1993-1994 and his interest turned to the Government Relations Committee from 1994 through 2015.

He served through the chairs and was Prelate again in 1996-1997. He was chosen as Moose of the Year in 1996, Treasurer in 1997-1998 and Jr. Past Governor 1999-2000. Throughout the years John served on several Committees, to include Application Review, Moose Charities, Audit, Ritual Committee and, of course, the Endowment Committee in 2008. John was at the lodge for all meetings and every Friday night Karaoke to do the 9:00 Ceremony. If he couldn't make it for any reason, he would call to remind us them take care of it. John also served on the State Association and the District at the Endowment Chairman. He also enjoyed being part of the Seaford Lodge Ritual Team for several years.

John joined the Blue Hen Moose Legion in April, 1990 and soon became active. He served on the Ritual Team and was Moose Legionnaire of the Year for 1999 and 2000. He also served as President of the Blue Hen Moose Legion in 2001-2002 and signed 23 members.

In 1995, John received his Fellowship Degree of Honor and in May, 2001 was called to the House of God at Mooseheart to receive the Pilgrim Degree of Merit. In 1997, John became a member of the 25 Club and signed 44 members. He served as President and Past President of the Del-Mar Council of Higher Degrees.

In March of 2015, John became a Life Member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Seaford Moose Family Center. He also belonged to the Sons of the American Legion, Elks and Am-Vets.

Brother Thomas J. "Nibs" Niblett

Tom joined the Loyal Order of Moose in Salisbury, Maryland in 1998. He also had a dual membership with another Lodge in Maryland. He served as Government Relations Chairman between 1999 and 2002. He followed the chairs from Sgt.-At-Arms in 2001-2004 through Jr. Past Governor in 2008-2009. The Fellowship Degree of Honor was bestowed upon him in 2010.

He served as Treasurer of the 8th District in 2008-2009 and was the District President from 2009-2011, being selected as Top District President while serving in this position.

In 2010, Tom became a member of Cambridge Lodge in 2010-2011 and served as Administrator. He joined the A. Lee Poole Moose Legion in 2010, serving as Vice President, President and Jr. Past President from 2010 to 2012.

In 2011-2012, Tom served as MD-DE-DC Moose Association Treasurer, Prelate in 2012-2013, Vice President in 2012-2014.

In 2014 the MD-DE-DC Moose Association recognized Tom for his outstanding contributions to the Fraternity by honoring him with the title of Honorary Past President of the MD-DE-DC Moose Association.





New 25 Club Honorees



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

25 Members

Lorrie Harrington 1229
Carl Martin 1242
Tommy C. Wilkins, II 1728

75 Members

Joseph Franco 1228
Olivia L. Schmidt 1949

100 Members

John Kitchen 851
Robert Mathis 1381

50 Members

Kathleen Durrell 705

200 Members

Frank Courtney - 200 members
Thomas D. Wood - 1100 members

50 Year Members Receiving Life Membership

Loyal Order of Moose

James Bolling
Lawrence Dean



Thank you for your loyalty to our Fraternity



Congratulations to all!!



Councils of Higher Degrees Schedules

Del-Mar Council of Higher Degrees

Meetings:

January 9 - Lewes-Rehoboth
April 9 - Smyrna-Clayton
July 9 - Cambridge
October 8 - Banquet (to be announced)

Officers:

President - James Hickman
Vice President - Dorothy Wiest
Chaplain - Jerry Hayman, Sr.
Sec.-Treas. - Margaret "Peggy" Miles
Outer Guard - Joe Rubalcado, Jr.



Black-Eyed Susans Council of Higher Degrees

Meetings:

**Information to follow
in next issue**

Officers:

President -
Vice President -
Chaplain -
Sec.-Treas. -
Outer Guard -

Moosehaven News from Bill Cobert

Hopefully by this time you have read the article titled "Moosehaven Looks to Better Serve Residents and Meet Growing Demands in Healthcare" in the Moose Magazine for August/September 2015. Moosehaven Executive Director John Capes was interviewed for this article which gave a glimpse of Moosehaven yesterday, today and tomorrow. Here are some highlights of the article.

Moosehaven began as a 65 room renovated hotel on 26 acres along the St. Johns River in 1922. The residents did all the work to keep costs down. By the 1930's, more Moose members became eligible for admission so additional services needed to be added. Since many residents could not work, additional staff was needed.

Today, Moosehaven sits on 73 acres and currently serves an average of 260 residents. The cost of operating the campus has increased as health issues have shown a need for a variety of health services and facilities. The larger campus has increased the need of additional staff to maintain buildings and grounds. The construction of Brandon Place has added a much needed option to Moose members.

As Moosehaven goes forward, ideas are being generated for additional health facilities to meet ever growing health needs. A new congregate residence hall with central dining facility is being considered.

Please take a few minutes to read this article. It will be worth your while to see how this campus has expanded and continues to meet the needs of its retired Moose members.



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 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

Our Resident at Moosehaven:

Nellie Manning -
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 - Kenneth "Ken" Hunt, President

Brothers and Co-Workers:

Now that we have survived Hurricane Joaquin, it's time to get down to business. I am excited and honored to represent you as your First District President. I am looking forward to working with all the Lodges in our District with our goal to make the First District the best in the Association.

One of my main focuses will be community service. We have many tools at our disposal to better service our communities. Youth Awareness, Safe Surfin', Cop in a Box, Kid's ID, and Special Olympics to name a few. Our Fraternity was founded on the principal that we work together to provide care and comfort to the children. We have a Kid's ID Unit available to any Lodge in our District for any community function you become involved in.

"No man stands taller than when he kneels to help a child." Let this be our mission.

Fraternally, Ken Hunt



District 2 - Jamie Vann, President

Brothers and Co-Workers:

I would like to thank all of the members of District 2 for accepting my offer to be your President this year. I would also like to congratulate the new officers and committee chairmen for the Association. At this time, I have visited two Lodges and spoke at one Chapter meeting. I plan on visiting all Chapters in our district to invite them back to our District meetings. I am very INTERESTED in hearing from all of the Chapters as well as the Lodges as to what functions they have planned. The men need to support your endeavors as much as we need you to support ours. I pledge to give my time to the needs for the good of District 2. If at any time I can be of help, please contact me by phone, email or let me know at the District meeting. I would like to see the Lodges and Chapters in our District work together to make our District the best it can be.

Fraternally, Jamie Vann

District 5 - Tim Gaverth, President

Hello Brothers and Co-Workers:

Happy New Year from the Fabulous Fifth! I need to officially start this year by thanking our new 5th District Junior Past President, Jay Stover, for all the great work he put in over the last two years he served as District President. We are poised for greatness due to Brother Jay's fraternal leadership. It seems to me that a lot of newly elected leaders immediately start talking about how things are going to change for the better; we don't have that here. The 5th District has had a history of good leadership, starting with our Past Presidents and officers, who have all helped us continuously improve. We don't have to make any drastic changes now, we just need to continue to get better each day/month/year to keep 5th District Family Centers and Service Centers doing the good work of the Moose.

Thanks to the other men standing as 5th District Officers: Chuck Adams (Secretary), Bill Highberger (Prelate), Mike Boris (Treasurer), Jay Stover (JPP), Bob Lawson (SAA). Thanks to the Women of the Moose in the 5th District for your excellent work with us over the years; we expect to continue working together in the 5th District.

Now, let us all go get a +1 across the board! +1 member, +1 to Moose Charities, +1 Equity, +1 rating in our communities.

Fraternally, Tim Garverth

News from the District Presidents

District 6 - Andy Zeager, President

Dear Brothers & Co-Workers:

It is an honor and a privilege to be elected 6th District President and represent the men and women of the Moose from Claymont, Elkton, New Castle and Newark. I know I have big shoes to fill with the history of Presidents from the 6th District, most recently being Ron Martin. Ron, thank you for working with us this past year and get healthy soon!! You want to learn about the history, glory days and inner workings of the Moose at all levels, start carpooling with The Rons, Sweetman and Martin, to the Association meetings. Priceless!

The 6th District is the smallest, but most proud District. We capped off a Summer and early Fall of activities at our lodges with car shows, crab feasts, shrimp feasts, Beef and Beer benefits, karaoke nights, corn hole and pool tournaments, beach parties and ultimately kids and adult Halloween parties. We even had 6th District Moose Night at the Wilmington Blue Rocks Stadium! Wouldn't you know that night was the only rain out all Summer! We are rescheduled for the Spring. More importantly, at the Hunt Valley Convention, the 6th District had 100% attendance!! Thank you Frank Courtney for a very successful year, and I look forward to working closely with Russ Robinson this year.

As my father would tell me, "Life is short, enjoy it with the ones you love." So let's work hard, stick together and make The Loyal Order of the Moose what WE know it can be!

Fraternally, Andy Zeager

District 7 - Chris Miles, President

Brothers and Coworkers:

Can't believe it is October already. MD-DE-DC Moose Convention at Hunt Valley was well attended and very informative. It was a great honor and privilege to be elected as the President of the 7th District. I want to personally thank Dale Timmons for all of his help and guidance as our 7th District Past President. I know in going forward all the Lodges in the 7th District working together can keep our District as successful as it has been.

Our picnic at our September meeting was a great success and everyone there thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our heartfelt thanks to the Milford Moose Family Center for putting it on for us. Thank you!!!

Reminder: Karaoke competition for this year - no time like the present to get started. February will be here before you know it.

Hope everyone will have a Happy and Safe Holidays.

Fraternally, Chris Miles

Gentle Thoughts for Today--

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way.

Chicken & Dumplings at Harrington Oct. 18th



PDGR Dottie Weist is always there to lead the crew. She always has a smile for everyone.



If you like Chicken and Dumplings, Harrington is the place to go for the best meal you can find. They keep the food coming and if you're hungry when you leave, it isn't their fault!! The next dinner will be on January 17, 2016. Come early and enjoy!!!



Libby and Carl are regulars at this sumptuous feast!



DGR Loretta worked with the crew filling dishes with food.



the "Take-Out" line



Governor Jerry Hayman helps clean up

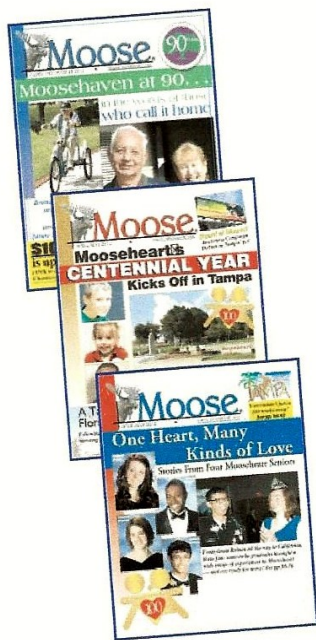


This trio from New Castle had their after-dinner wine before heading home.

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.

Name:

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WOTM ID #:

Chapter Name & #:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip+4:

Name on Credit Card:

Credit Card #:

Expiration Date:

3 Digit Security Code:

Mail with check or money to WOTM Lifetime Subscription, Moose International, Department of Communications, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1174.

Moose Charities by Past Grand Regent Libby

Well, our very own Annual Conference is over and what a great time was shared by all! Those of you that attended know about the many items we offered of homemade canning items and a variety of baked goods, which brought in \$417.00. We also raffled beautiful jewelry again that was donated by Crista Mumford, which was \$390.00, badge holders \$9.00 and of course our share of the 50/50's was \$940.50. And let's not forget the gorgeous variety of baskets donated by chapters and individuals, which totaled \$1,832. All of these items combined, we (the WOTM) raised a total of \$3,588.50, which was earmarked our very own MD-DE-DC Home, to help defray the cost of \$80,000 which our Association has pledged to support on a yearly basis.

As Moose Charities Chairman for WOTM in our very own MD-DE-DC, is it my purpose to coordinate and promote the fundraising efforts of Moose Charities. And all my assistant chairmen feel the same way. WE believe in our Fraternity, just as each of you do. All of us believe in those children who will have a good life and a good education. And what a wonderful feeling to know that our senior members at Moosehaven have a great life. WE help contribute to their care and a life without worries through your donations to Moose Charities. To help fund this, I received permission to purchase and give a tiara to every person (Co-worker & Lodge brother) that donated at least \$25.00 or more to the Donor's Circle. With donations from individuals – including the competition with the men at one of their meetings, we raised a total \$3,535.50 plus \$258.00, from a Lodge brother who was unable to be there that week-end. And, for the Endowment fund raffle of two \$50.00 gift cards, they brought in a total of \$210.00. So the TOTAL of ALL combined fundraising the entire week-end for the WOTM was --- \$7,592.00. WOW! How fantastic!!

On behalf of Moose Charities, I want to take this time to thank every chapter and individual that donated homemade items, baskets and/or money, to make this project such a huge success. There are so many PDGR'S that always help with the fundraising - thank you so much for all your help over the years. We can't do anything alone, it takes all of us working as a team, and that you did! I cannot thank you enough – Chapter and Individuals – you are the greatest and you truly have our fraternity at heart. ♥

Communication IS important! So don't get discouraged and not read info when it comes to the chap-

ter. Your Chapter chairman are very essential and should be making sure that all the programs for Moose Charities is made available in their newsletters, e-mails and **all** other means of communications. This month is "Cradle Month", so don't forget to challenge your Lodge and have fun. I bet I know who will raise the most money!

Beginning with the new chapter year May 1, 2015, Moose Charities is not one of the 4 or 5 installed chairmen. You **should still have** a Moose Charities Chairman who is a "special chairman" and should be holding fundraising projects with all of her net proceeds, sent directly to Moose Charities – No money stays in the chapter funds like the other special chairman who are required to leave ½ of their fundraising money in the chapter funds. So please make sure you follow thru with this – without YOUR HELP, where will we be! The Moose Charities chairman is very important for the survival of Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

I certainly hope you are planning some great fundraisers which will help benefit Moose Charities. Let's not forgot what and who we are, and why we are members of this great Moose organization. Our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven depend on us for their future care.

As a final plea -- For those of you that haven't already done so, please **"Join the Donors Circle" or the M + M Club.** Your donation secures the future of our Twin Cities, Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Check out our website to see the details.

And, yes – as always - we are all about Money and Members! Our membership still is not where it used to be in our Lodges and Chapters. Less members, means fewer donations. Members are our survival, so let's work on this weak spot and make our Association Remember:

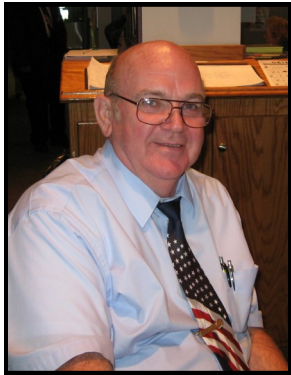
IF IT'S TO BE, IT'S UP TO ME!

In Friendship,

Libby



Moose Charities Chairman Danny Williams



Moose Charities & Homecoming Report

Just got back from Mooseheart and Camp Ross for Homecoming. We had 50 Moose Members (Inc. driver) who visited Camp Ross (49 the 1st time) and enjoyed the Homecoming Football Game on Saturday (even though we lost). We had our own Cheer Leaders, without our Leader (Russ) who is going to Aruba. The "Cheer Leaders" did fairly well, but our real cheer leader Russ Robinson surely was missed very much. He'll be back next year, I hope.

Even with the leaks on the bus and the rain WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME!

Weeks prior to leaving on the trip I requested donations from individuals, Lodges, Chapters, Districts and Moose Legions. You all came through in "Royal Fashion" the donations. On Saturday at the MD-DE-DC Home lawn we presented a total of \$14,352.50, and since returning I sent in additional amount of \$704.00 to Moose Charities which brings our Grand Total of donations of \$15,056.00 that went to various projects.

I want to take this time and say "Thank You" for all of your donations to various Moose Charities projects that were presentation at the MD-DE-DC Home at this year's Homecoming weekend.

"Special Announcement" I have been informed that we have completed our goal of \$11,300,000.00 toward the Mooseheart High School Renovation, 3 year project for all Moose members. Thank You for all of your donations in the past 3 years toward this project.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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



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



MOOSE LEGION REPORT

This is a busy year so far and I have a lot of dates on the books. With that being said "I'm Lovin' It". Each and every visit is different and you meet so may new Moose Legionnaires and their wives and renew friendships with others. Everyone has picked us up on time and has taken very good care of us. At the present time the Moose Legion Council is working with John Capes at Moosehaven setting up a council meeting there in January. I'm sure I will be able to see a former member of our Association, Nellie Manning, who now resides at Moosehaven.

Moose Legions remember to pay you Camp Ross Project Obligation in full by November 30, 2015 to get your discount.

I would appreciate any Individuals, Lodge, Chapter, District or Moose Legion who could donate any amount toward my International Moose Legion Presidents Project - Mooseheart Student Center Flooring in the Exercise Room. The total cost is \$30,000.00 and at the present we have had donations of \$7,359.31.

When donations are made, make the check out to Moose Charities and lower left hand corner earmark it "M/L Pres. Project". Of course any amount is deductible on your Income Taxes.

Thank You for all you do!

Isn't "It GREAT to be a PROUD Moose Legionnaire"!



Fraternally,
Danny Williams Sr.
Moose Charities Chairman
International Moose Legion President



Danny in Berkeley Springs, WV Newspaper

Williams is International Moose Legion President

by Kate Evans

The Loyal Order of the Moose is all about protecting children, the elderly and performing community service, said Berkeley Springs resident Daniel Ray "Danny" Williams, Sr. — and he has spent much of his life promoting its cause.

Williams was tapped last month as the International Moose Legion President at

the 127th International Moose Convention in Nashville.

Williams previously served the Loyal Order of the Moose as International Moose Legion Vice-President from 2014 to 2015 and as an International Moose Legion Councilman since 2010. He has also served on the International Level as Deputy Supreme Governor, Deputy Grand North Moose, Supreme

Outer Guard, Supreme Inner Guard and Supreme Sergeant-at-Arms.

Williams joined the Glen Burnie, Maryland Lodge No. 1453 in 1971 and is a dual member of the Berkeley Springs Order of the Loyal Moose Lodge No. 1483. He is a lifetime member of both lodges as well as other Moose lodges.

see WILLIAMS page 3



Daniel Ray "Danny" Williams Sr.
photo courtesy
Moose Internatio

Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015

Williams

(from front)

Williams has lived in Berkeley Springs for nearly ten years with his wife Beryl and is retired from the *Baltimore Sun*.

Honors

Williams has served all elected positions at the lodge level and received the Governors Merit and the Governor's Excellence Awards.

Williams received the Moose Legion of Honor and the Moose Legion Elite Ring. He has also served as past president of the Maryland, Delaware, D.C. Moose Association and the West Virginia Moose Association.

Williams is also a member of the Masonic and Elk Fraternities, the American Legion, and the VFW and is an Army veteran.

His mission

Williams said his mission this year is retention and recovery—calling Moose members to make sure their dues are paid.

Moose membership dues support Moose heart, a 1,000-acre residential facility outside of Chicago for orphaned children of Moose members and other youth in need. They also support Moose haven, a residential community in Orange Park, Florida for dependent retired Moose members and their spouses.

Members' dues also fund

local Moose donations to community organizations and activities such as local food pantries, school sports, Special Olympics, senior citizens, D.A.R.E. and Red Ribbon.

Williams said he recently has traveled to Ohio, Illinois, Oregon and Washington State speaking to groups about the organization and promoting Moose membership.

He has upcoming visits to Virginia, Oklahoma, California and more places in Illinois. Williams said he gets an invitation almost every week to travel somewhere. His wife Beryl travels with him when she can.

About the Moose Lodge

The Moose is considered a powerful protector and preserver of its herd in the wild. It was chosen to represent the fraternal organization because of the animal's instincts to protect the young and the old and infirm.

Moose lodges offer family activities for members including dinners, games and social interaction. They also sponsor sports leagues and tournaments.

Famous Moose members include Presidents Harry Truman, Warren Harding and Teddy Roosevelt, Senator Robert C. Byrd, astronaut Eugene Cernan, actors Jimmy Stewart and Ernest Borgnine, entertainer Danny Thomas,

golfer Arnold Palmer and boxer Rocky Marciano.

Berkeley Springs

At the Moose Lodge in Berkeley Springs, members have social activities and take on special community projects.

During the whole month of October, they're having an Eerie Acres for kids. Members also hold children's activities for Easter and bring Santa for Christmas.

Their lodge holds yard sales in the parking lot, teams with the fire department and reserves for a Cash Bash and offers a Queen of Hearts night jackpot every Friday. They also take gifts to the nursing home.

The lodge sends a couple of students to the Youth Awareness Day in Martinsburg every year. The students speak to younger kids in the schools about staying away from drugs. Kids can win scholarships through the program, he said.

The Moose Lodge tries to help families in need if there has been a catastrophe, including food and clothing drives. The lodge also considers requests for financial aid and donations to community organizations.

Williams said he felt that the Moose does a lot for people from all walks of life and ages—"from the cradle to the grave."

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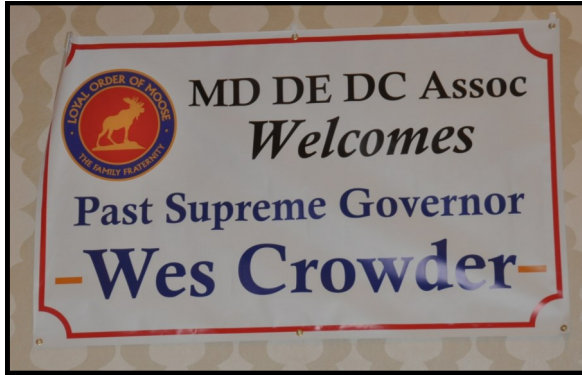


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- William Hildebrand-Frederick #371
- Cim L'Heureux-Newark #630
- Edward Lombardo-Elkton #851
- Greg Pyles-Cumberland #271
- Howard Scott-Glen Burnie #1456
- Michael Slotwinski-Claymont #847
- Samuel Tuch-Frederick #371

Received in Hunt Valley:

- Dennis Crowl-Reisterstown #1577
- Vernon Dustin-College Park #453

Kenneth Fisher-East Sussex #2542

Joseph Franco-Sparrows Point-Dundalk #1228

Gerald Hess-Elkton #851

Dale Holmes-Laurel #1504

Robert Korwek-Lewes-Rehoboth #646

Paul Messman-Essex #70

Robert Payne-Patuxent #2393

Matt Shell-lodge not listed

Carl Spraker-Mechanicsville #495

Mark Tasciotti-Mechanicsville #495

Donald Vasold-Rosedale #1242

Charles Warren-Milford #2316

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Another successful Food Drive at Hunt Valley!



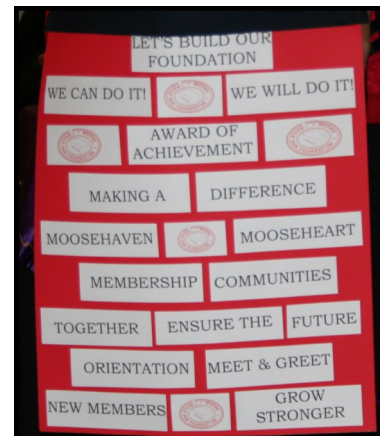
Sarah Lentz presented a check for \$5000, in memory of her husband, to Danny for "Our House".

5 Top Chapters for 2014-2015

1. Lewes-Rehoboth Chapter 1814
2. Harrington Chapter 1229
3. Annapolis Chapter 661
4. Dundalk Chapter 97
5. Seaford Chapter 1384



2015 Green Caps



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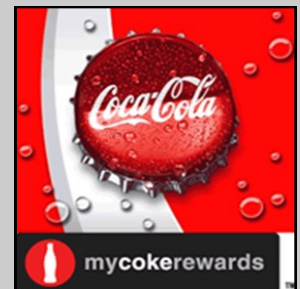
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Fable of the porcupine

It was the coldest winter ever. - Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions even though they gave off heat to each other. After awhile, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. This way they learned to live with the little wounds that were caused by the close relationship with their companion, but the most important part of it, was the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

Moral of the story: The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but the best is when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.



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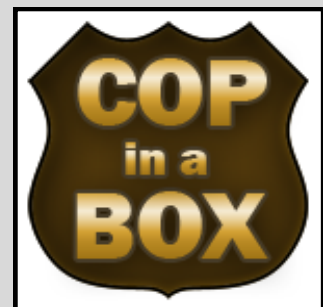
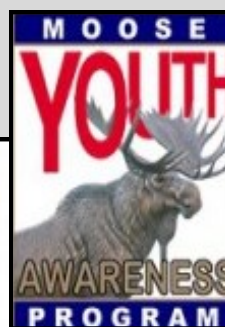
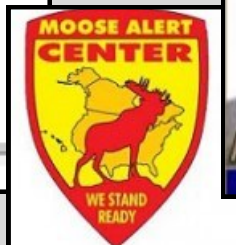
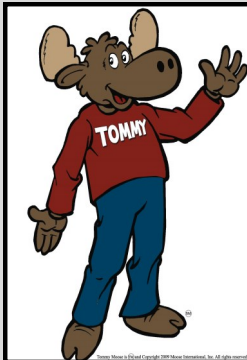
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August 25-28, 2016 - Annual Conference
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James J. Davis

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