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From the Desk of Territory #10 Manager Mike Stumbaugh

HAPPY NEW YEAR



As we start out 2016, we need to keep focus on our primary objective that being **retention** and new member **production**. We have 4 months left to show an **increase in the lodges and be plus one** and there is no doubt that this can be **accomplished**. We are also fast approaching our **Mid Year Conventions** in our association and I can assure that there is a lot of **valuable information** that will be presented - information that can be vital to your own operations upon return from the Mid Year. Please make every effort to have **representation at all 3 days of the convention and prepare to learn**.

As you have heard me talk about before, we need to develop new ideas and programs for the members and retain interest in our Fraternity. Recently an idea was shared which I think could be a benefit in two ways. Not only will it generate additional income but will reward a member as well. This idea can be used by any lodge that has a claw machine with animals or other novelty items placed within. We all know how kids love to play these in chain stores, so this spice it up a little and place a **TOM-MY MOOSE** inside and who every wins the Moose from the Machine get 1 years free dues. This is just one way that we can entice our membership to support the lodge.

We will be seeing a big change at Moosehaven starting this year and each Association has been given a goal amount to obtain. I ask that you and your lodge support this program and contribute over this 3 years whatever they can afford and to the other charities as well. Without our help, these projects and other tasks, especially for our Children, would not be possible. The next time you receive your Moose Magazine look at the smiles on the kids' faces and seniors as well. Brothers, if it was not for us these smiles could be upside down or perhaps there might not be any smiles or frowns at all.

I would like to take the time to thank each and every one of you for your continued support, not only to me, but the Fraternity over the past year. Without each and every one of you we would not survive and not be able to support our main purpose as the Loyal Order of Moose.

Fraternally,
Mike Stumbaugh
Territory #10 Manager



John Lyons & R. Robert Dale Scholarship Recipients

John Lyons \$750 Scholarship

Cara Gillespie - Claymont
Kennedy Scott - Salisbury
Joelle Marseno - New Castle
Carla Montgomery - Lewes-Rehoboth
Danyelle Mozingo - Annapolis

John Lyons \$350 Scholarship

Nicole Parks - Westminster
Ashley Jacobs - Westminster

R. Robert Dale \$1000 Scholarship

Matthew Dees - Perry Hall, MD
Shannon McCall - Milton, DE

***CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL!!***

History of the R. Robert Dale Scholarship

R. Robert Dale served as Secretary/Administrator of St. Charles, IL Lodge 1368. He was devoted to the Moose fraternity, its precepts and endeavors. He never married; never became a father. His sister married into a modest degree of wealth, but she never had children either. Following the death of her husband, she and Robert named each other in their wills.

Robert survived her - but only by a few months. Robert Dale died on August 15, 1983, leaving an estate of more than \$2 million, to be divided equally between the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home and the Loyal Order of Moose, both for the purpose of providing scholarships. In 1985, Director General Paul O'Hollaren and the Supreme Council approved a program in which the interest from the Dale Scholarship Fund was to be used to provide scholarships for sons and daughters of Moose members who had graduated from high school, to further their higher education, and the R. Robert Dale Scholarship Program was created.

Some 1,277 Dale Scholarships - totally \$1,277,000 - have been awarded since the R. Robert Dale Scholarship Program began, with the graduating Class of 1987.

Applicants for the program must be high-school juniors with a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. They are eligible only if their father, mother, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian is a member of the Moose in good standing.

The number of scholarships awarded to each State and Provincial Moose Association, is computed based on the current membership of the Association and scholarship application submitted. This determines whether or not they hold an independent drawing during their Association convention. If the Association does not qualify for its own drawing, an at-large drawing is held at Moose International. Any individual Moose Lodge and its Chapter submitting 20 or more eligible applications qualifies for a bonus scholarship to be drawn from among just their applicants.

The Scholarship may be used for tuition, books, and fees at any accredited vocational or academic institution the winner chooses to attend.

Many thanks go to R. Robert Dale and his sister who both believed in the value of further education for our young people. We wish the best for all the students who have received a portion of this scholarship fund to further their education.

the Editor



Deputy Supreme Governor John "JJ" Johnston

Hello everybody and greetings from southern Maryland. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Our Association Conference is Feb 4 – 7 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842. Please make sure your Family Center/Lodge is represented at all sessions. Information exchanges during meetings and social events both up and down the line is very important. Communications is the key to a successful lodge, district and association.

The Council of Higher Degrees Banquet is Saturday April 16, 2016 at Harrington Lodge 534. Get your tickets from your District President. Also each lodge is selling Higher Degree Raffle tickets \$1 each/6 for \$5 to be drawn at the banquet. 1st prize is \$350, 2nd prize is \$250, and 3rd prize is \$100.

And lastly, please send Moose Charities the Endowment funds collected at lodge meetings and other Moose gatherings. Make the check out to "Moose Charities" and write "Endowment Fund" on the memo line of the check. Mail by the 15th of each month to Moose Charities, 155 S. international Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539.



Thank you for all you do,

John "JJ" Johnston

Deputy Supreme Governor
MD-DE-DC Moose Association

2015 Happenings in District 7



7th District working at Milford Food Bank of Delaware on November 10th.



7th District Youth Awareness Session held at Harrington Family Moose Lodge #534 on 11/21/15. Community Policing Officer Carl Klotz, Ken Hunt with 7 representatives for MD and DE.

Harrington Family Moose Lodge #534 had Kid's Karaoke contest in June 2015 and the winner was Tyler Lowe, Grandparents Judy and Vernon Lowe.



**Kudos to
District 7 -
Great Job!!**



Deputy Grand Regent Loretta Clark

I would first like to wish everyone the best for 2016 and congratulate all of our co-workers receiving their Academy of Friendship Degrees at our Midyear Conference in February. I am looking forward to our conference. Along with our official visitor, Past Director of WOTM Operations Judy Sisson, we plan to have an informative and exciting conference. I want to thank the New Castle Chapter for hosting this conference and am looking forward to working with all the officers and co-workers to insure that we have a successful conference. I know it is not an easy task to host a conference; it takes a lot of hard work and planning.



As we make our way to the end of another chapter year, I am sure every chapter is on their way to achieving their Award of Achievement. We hope to make this year's Green Cap ceremony a celebration for all of our chapters, so please check your member numbers, get everyone on board to make those calls to keep the co-workers we have and bring back the ones we may have forgotten. Please let every call you make be the most important call that you make. Let our co-workers know it's not about the dances that we have every month, it's not about the pool league we have every week - it's about the funds that each function we have brings in to support our Seniors at Moosehaven and our Children at Mooseheart and that includes your yearly dues. Let your co-workers know that every time they pay their dues it creates another year we are able to help carrying out our promise to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

I thank you for all your hard work.

Thank you all!
God Bless Mooseheart and Moosehaven

Loretta Clark



MD-DE-DC Chapters



Harrington Chapter's "Dress a Snowman" contest
2016



Linda Green (Senior Regent pro tem); Mary Kolpack (Recorder); Yvonne Tucker (Secretary-Treasurer pro tem); Linda Merica (Jr Graduate Regent/Green Cap honoree); Karan York (special guest); and Yvonne "Andi" Guard (Junior Regent pro tem) at Yvonne's New Collegian Celebration.



To the left is a plaque DGR Loretta Clark's daughter gave her. She found this at Marshall's and thought it described her mother to a "T"!

Message from President Russ Robinson

Brothers and Co-Workers:

WOW, is it the New Year already? From my family to yours I wish everyone a very Happy New Year. It is hard to believe we are entering the halfway point of our year. Just a glance we have experienced another trip to Mooseheart, another Cradle Project finished, the second installment of the International Lodge Grant Program finished. I would like to congratulate all lodges receiving monies for their much needed projects.



Recently, I had the opportunity to speak at a District meeting, the theme was it is the end of another high school, college and professional season. As a coach, when a season ended it was time to heal, hang up the cleats and pack away the equipment, with hopes for a new season, the following year. The interesting point to being a Moose member is that we NEVER get to hang up our cleats or pack away our gear. Everyday is a new day, and a goal has been put in front of us, not just a membership goal, but the pact we signed, when we inked our membership application.

To those of us who have worked our way through the chairs, of our lodges, chapters, districts, etc. and volunteers who help event after event - once the chairs have been filled the degrees reached, we are not finished, it is not the time to rest, this is actually the time to share and expand the knowledge we have gained and pass these things down to those, who have yet to make their path. So be active and be a leader with or without the title.....

The Executive Board of Officers has been very active in the last several months, trying to keep lines of communication open, adjusting schedules, changing some ideas, making decisions to help "Build Our Foundation". A strong lodge makes for a strong District etc., etc. There have been new ideas pushed, fundraising styles changed. Hopefully, some or all of these things have enabled the lodges and chapters to function stronger. Not every idea will be 100% liked or successful, but the idea is to freshen up and strengthen our fraternity.

Hope to see and chat with many of you at Mid -Winter Conference!

Fraternally yours

Russ Robinson Jr.

MD-DE-DC Moose Association President

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.

Happenings at Williamsport



The Williamsport Moose Lodge 2462 and Chapter 2116 want to extend a very large **THANK YOU**, to all of you who made the efforts in many ways, to make our Community meal another success this year!!!!

More Happenings at Williamsport



Thank you to Homewood Retirement Village for their donations of pumpkin pies, cookies, and paper products for the Sunday, Nov. 22 FREE to the public **THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL.**



Williamsport Lodge held a Scentsy/Thirty-One bingo at the lodge for a local family who's home burned down on 12/13/15.



Moose Riders of Harrington Lodge 534

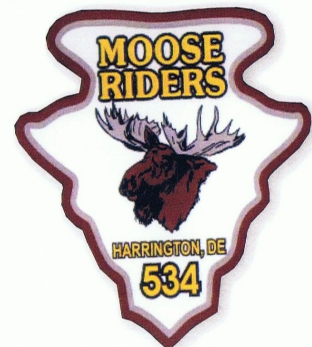
Good-day All,

The Moose Riders of Harrington Lodge 534 had a very **busy** year, so we thought we'd share a few pictures with you all. We're always selling something around the lodge, raising funds for our projects. Moose Rider Kids Day was great - having a ride, eating BBQ and playing Putt-Putt golf. We were able to send \$800 to Mooseheart and to the MDA Camp for kids from DE & MD. We build Handicapped Ramps for folks in need around the Community. We rebuilt some Playground equipment at the lodge and *sometimes* we actually go **RIDING!** If you see us on the road, give us a wave!

Ride Safe,
Fraternally, Brother Bill Tice



Great Job, Guys!



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Newark, DE - 100 Hygeia Dr.

Dover, DE - 221 Saulsbury Rd.

Salisbury, MD - 1309 Mt. Hermon Rd.

Baltimore & Washington, DC

For Information please call:

Nelson Tucker, Sr.

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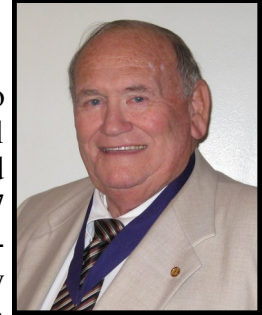


the
Ramps
they've
built



Moose Legion Area Manager Dallas Hayman

Welcome Brothers!



Well Brothers and Co-workers, we are heading into the final round-up to our fiscal year and all of us need to be getting our houses in order for a successful conclusion. In the Moose Legion, Boards of Directors need to be forming and finalizing their Nominating Committee to elect new Directors for the 2016 – 2017 Moose Year. They also need to be planning to attend a Moose Legion Educational Conference so that they are qualified to represent their Moose Legion if they have not already done so. With some exceptions, we have done well in that area in this Association so thanks to all have helped and participated in that process. I especially want to thank Administrator Chuck Adams and the Annapolis Moose Lodge for opening their doors and accommodating the time and space for that school. I greatly appreciate that.

I have seen an increased amount of participation and involvement by all of the Moose Legions in our Association, not great gains, but positive gains none the less. My assistant and I have seen more lodges step up and get active Moose Legion Activities Committees functioning and reporting to their Moose Legion Secretary, most notably Blue Hen #186 as we felt we needed to fix our own house first. Again, not perfect, but beginning to function and report and contribute. Notably Smyrna-Clayton, East Sussex and Milford have stepped up and we are headed to Claymont this week to work with them. Camden-Wyoming, Harrington, Seaford Lewes-Rehoboth, and New Castle already had good, functioning committees and I sincerely thank them for that. That only leaves 2 to go in Blue Hen #186 before we reach 100%, a goal Past Moose Legion President and longtime Moose Legion Secretary Mark Letterman has hoped to see for many years. After that we will be heading west into the rest of the Association one lodge at a time until we have them all, we are undeterred in that mission I can assure you.

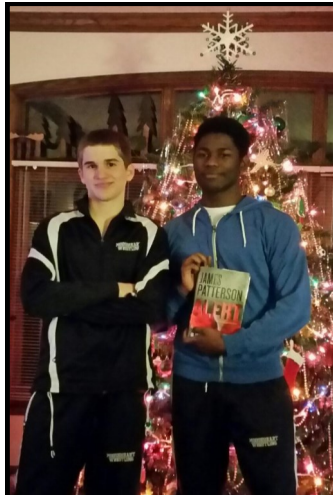
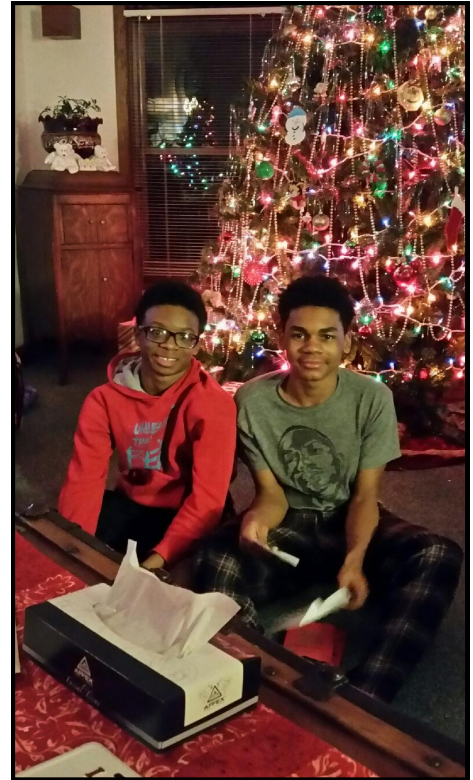
Fraternal, as defined by Webster's is the process of "having to do with **brothers** made up of **members** banded together like **brothers**" and *Fraternity* as "a body of people associated by common interest". The reason I mention this is that my assistant had a conversation with a Past Association President recently and related that conversation to me that they both felt that some of that Brotherhood over time has eroded that concept, that it has been misplaced and he and I had a long conversation about that topic. I completely agree with that analysis as I have also had similar conversations with a number of members over the same time span about the same topic. We cannot, in this organization, let personal issues and goals take over for the oath(s) that we have all taken at many levels continue or we will further erode the cause of Brotherhood and continue to go down the path of dwindling numbers and participation and will cease to exist. I think my point will **not** be lost on many of you out there and I am not criticizing any one person or group, we are all guilty in some way. Let's fix it, let's have fun again. I wish the best to all of you.

Fraternally,

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



Christmas at "Our House" 2015



Our Official Visitors for Mid-Year Conference

LOOM Official Visitor David L. Smoot

David L. Smoot serves Moose International's Membership Department as Assistant Director for Field Operations. Before this appointment he served as Regional Manager for Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. He has been on the Membership Department Field Staff since June, 2010.

In September, 1986, Dave joined the Moose at Connersville, IN Lodge. He also holds a Life Membership at Albany, GA Lodge 1285. He has served at Albany Lodge through all the offices and currently holds membership in 11 other Lodges throughout Georgia, Tennessee, and Alabama.

In April 1991, Dave was elevated to Hoosier Heart (IN) Moose Legion 27 and transferred to Chattahoochee Valley (GA) Moose Legion 130 in 2005, where he holds a Life Membership. He also holds membership in 6 additional Moose Legions in Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. He served through the offices at Coastal Plains Moose Legion 128 in Georgia and is also a Past President of Hoosier Heart 27.

Dave has also served the Georgia Moose Association as District President, Vice President, Prelate, Treasurer and Family Activities Chairman, receiving a conferral as Past President in 2011.

He is also a member of the 200 Division of the Moose 25 Club; received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1992 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 2011.

Dave also belongs to the Elks and the Sons of The American Legion. Before joining the full-time Staff of Moose International, he worked in the railroad industry for more than 30 years in various management and administrative positions.

Dave resides in Leesburg, GA.



Let's give Judy and Dave a warm welcome to our Mid-Winter Conference!!!

WOTM Official Visitor Judy B. Sisson

Judy B. Sisson served the Women of the Moose as Director of Operations from August 2008 through August 2013. Previously, she served as Executive Assistant to the Grand Chancellor from May 2007 to July 2008.

She joined the Women of the Moose San Diego, CA Chapter 2 in 1985 and holds a Life Membership there. Judy is also a Life Member of Mooseheart, IL Chapter 301. She remains active in her Chapters and has served many capacities to include Senior Regent, Junior Graduate Regent, Recorder, Secretary/Treasurer, Mooseheart Chairman and Ritual Coach.

In 1997-2001, Judy served as the CA-NV Ritual Chairman, Deputy Grand Regent 2001-2002, Deputy Regional Manager 2005-2007 and as an International Ritual Judge in 1998-2007.

As a member of the Moose 25 Club, Judy achieved her Academy of Friendship Degree in 1988, College of Regents Degree in 1991 and Star Recorder Degree in 1992.

As well as her Moose activities, Judy enjoys playing WOW, going to the movies, participating in water sports and relaxing near the river.

Judy's husband, Bill, is a member of San Diego, CO Lodge 508 and their daughter, Jill, is a member of San Diego, CA Chapter 2. The Sisson family resides in the San Diego area.



Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

Christmas and New Year's festivities are past. Certainly my wish for everyone is you enjoyed each minute and are ready to face this year revived and in good health.

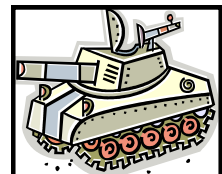
Maryland. SB 30 and 109 have been signed into law. SB 30 Procurement-veteran-owned small business enterprise participation- Award of contract. We have many members who have a business and are veterans. SB109 is to make sure contracts are awarded fairly and consideration is given to the veteran owned business if possible. I'm not sure if any are aware when the casinos were opened in Maryland some new laws were enacted guidelines for machines and etc. Once again the state laws may be there but your county laws pertaining to machines, raffles and bingo are controlled by your individual counties and most all are different. My suggestion is go to General Assembly Charitable Gaming scroll down to your county and print it out along with the state and Federal rules. Once more I implore you to obtain a Government Relations person in each lodge. Maryland has over the years made some changes in the rules, so you need to have someone stay abreast with the changes. What you don't know can bite you hard. Delaware learned that lesson the hard way, we were legal until the casinos arrived in the new law that came with it stated all machines "CONNECTED" to a central site. That made us illegal. I read the new guidelines for Maryland is written the same way. At one time Maryland had a non-profit coalition, you should try to get it back you may think this is not important and does not apply. I assure you it does. One non-profit, if they are organized, can get the attention of one or two of your legislators. A group can make things happen. A show of strength will get the attention of all legislators needed to present your concerns and make a difference.



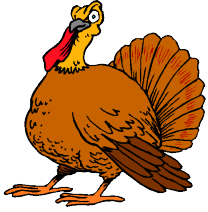
Delaware HB 224 needs to be defeated. Delaware Veterans Commission currently has only veterans on this committee. This bill proposes to be "diversified" this would allow non-veterans to be placed on a committee to make decisions for combat and other veterans who have been deployed. How can anyone who has not experienced what they have make decisions for their benefit and welfare. If you care call your legislator. Now that we have settled the machine issue the gaming task force is out looking for any and everything on other issues, bingos and raffles. They are a different division than the machines. The coalition concern - if a unit is convicted breaking the law in this area - it can cost your ABC license and the machine license as well. We have an issue, one non-profit was raided. They had some things right, but others wrong, state actions are still pending. We attended one of the Charitable gaming Bingo and Raffles meetings to ask that when they grant a license for a game they give out the rules at the same time. WE have several games where one says "legal" and another says "not Legal". We have asked for clarification hopeful we will have one by next month, until then be careful about any game you are playing. Just from observation, the committee has not kept up on the different games, and little or no law changes in years. We came away from that meeting more confused and with less solid information. Here's what we have - "Queen of Hearts" Board must be purchased from a vender, no other license required covered under Instant Bingo License. Bar Bingo - State police said they do not see a problem but the committee a big objection to the term Bingo, so if you still want to run it, it's 'take your chances' but change the name. Again this game is under consideration legal or not? It's election time again please listen carefully, choose wise and well. Once more if I can assist - Phone 1-302-738-5932 e-mail besshick23@gmail.com.

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

Bessie Staab-Hickman, Government Relations



Happenings Around the Association



Seniors' Thanksgiving Dinner at Milford Lodge 2015



Pictured are some of the "Seniors" enjoying the Thanksgiving Dinner at Milford Moose F/C 2316.

This has been a very successful event for the past 22+ years, with no cost to anyone who attends.

Pictured is Renee Shuler (left) Representative Jack Peterman (middle) and Joanne Oberly (right) Representing "Home of the Brave" in Milford



Every year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Milford Moose F/C has a free dinner for all Seniors in the community. Pictured are Children and Grandchildren of our Moose Members and Girl Scout Troop #677 that meet at the Lodge. All of the youth did a great job serving; busing tables and making our senior Thanksgiving Dinner run so smooth.



Happenings Around the Association



Newark Chapter held it's College of Regents Meeting to honor two new Collegians who happen to be the wife and daughter of Newark's Administrator Kim L'Heureux.

Seaford Chapter 1384 sponsored a coat drive for the homeless. There were 22 boxes of coats, clothing and personal articles collected from co-workers and lodge brothers.

Pictured are: Pastor Dan Southern and Bryan Shepherd representing Code Purple, Jim Parrish, Lodge Governor and Junior Regent Ellen Shaw, chairman of the project.



Libby had a Moosehaven board meeting at Moosehaven in November and had a picture taken of Past Grand Regent Sandy Thompson, Past Deputy Grand Regent Nellie Manning, Past Grand Regent/ Moosehaven Board Member Libby Schmidt and Pilgrim Carl Schmidt.

Youth Awareness Chairman - Ken Hunt



Brothers and Co-workers:

I hope the New Year finds you well and you and I can look forward to good times this year.

I am pleased to announce that we have 40 students enrolled in our 2015-2016 Youth Awareness Campaign sponsored by 20 Lodges in the Association. The students are working on their Kid's Talks peak and their reports are due by the end of February.

This year's International Congress will in Williamsburg, VA the end of April and we will chose two students to represent our Association in March.

Thank you to the Lodges that hosted the District Congresses, Columbia, Sparrows Pt./Dundalk, Harrington, Elkton, and Annapolis, and all the other Lodges and Chapters who sponsored our students on this very worthwhile project.

Ken Hunt
Youth Awareness Coordinator
MD-DE-DC Association



**With Apologies
to Milford Lodge -
this is a reprint
of their picture
with the correct
information.
Thank you!**

On September 27th, Milford Moose Family Center #2316 hosted an annual picnic in appreciation for all non-profit organizations that were involved in getting the gaming machines re-activated in the State of Delaware. This undertaking started with the Milford Moose taking an active leading role 2½ years ago.

(PICTURED): **Back row-left to right:** Buddy Clark-VFW; Harvey Kenton ® Representative for 36th District-Milford; John Mitchell-VFW and Russ Hall-VFW.

Second row: Jim Lofland-Moose; Jeff Crouser-American Legion; Bessie Staub-Hickman-Moose and Frank Coulborn-Eagles.

Front row: Jack Peterman, Representative ® 33rd District-Milford

Missing: Calvin Pettitt-Moose; Tom Cook, Chief Financial Officer and Vernon Kirk, Lottery Director.

Youth Awareness Training Sessions

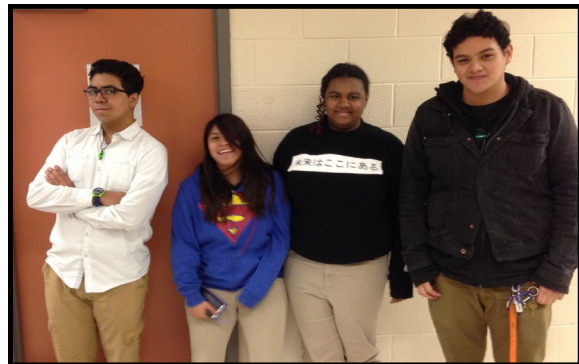


**Districts 1 & 2
Session at
Columbia Lodge**



**Districts 3 & 4 Session
at
Sparrows Point/
Dundalk**

**District 5
Session
at Annapolis Lodge**



**District 6
Session
at Elkton Lodge**

Youth Awareness Training Sessions



District 7
Session at Harrington
Lodge

Session
at DuVal
High School



Dundalk Chapter Breakfast 9-19-15

Dundalk Chapter 97 held a fundraiser - 'All You Can Eat Breakfast' on September 19, 2015. All the proceeds are being donated to "For 3 Sisters Foundation" (for breast cancer). The pink firefighter was at Sparrows-Point/Dundalk Lodge 1228. He is the founder of the foundation.



In Memory of Lost Brothers & Co-Workers

Ed Pelkey

Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit
Member of Essex Lodge
Resident of Moosehaven



William Penn, Jr.

Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit
Member of Mechanicsville Lodge

Wayne Wilkens



Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor
Member of Seaford Lodge
Member of Harrington Lodge

Afterglow

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



Till We Meet Again

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

A Message from Danny Williams

Attention all Association, Lodge, Chapter, District Officers, Moose Legion Directors, All Chairmen and members:

Once again we are going to try to have another "Silent and Live Auction" during the Annual Fundraiser Banquet, last year we had very little participation in either Auction. It depends on YOU if we will continue this auction in the future.

We are requesting all the above members to bring a donation of items that were not needed by YOU (that is in good condition) or a gift that YOU received for Christmas and you didn't want, we want YOU to donate this item to our Silent or Live Auction. As long as it is in good working condition or new we will accept it.

If YOU have a larger, more valuable item we will Live Auction these items off after the Banquet, that will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at the Clarion in Ocean City, Maryland. Checks will be accepted for the winning bids.

All items are greatly appreciated and all moneys received will go toward paying of the annual \$80,000.00 for the MD-DE-DC Moose Association Home Project. If YOU don't have any items, we will appreciate any and all cash or check donations toward this project.

Hoping YOU and yours had a very Happy Holiday season.

Fraternally,

Danny Williams, Sr.
Larry Dean
Auction Committee



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.



Moosehaven News from Bill Cobert

Residents at Moosehaven are not cloistered. Activities both on and off campus provide many opportunities for each resident to be with people of all ages.

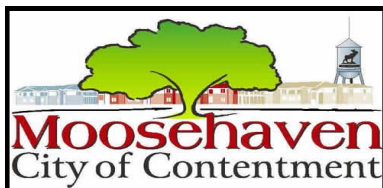
In 2007, Executive Director John Capes began a program called "Heart of the Community". This program provides opportunities for residents and people of all ages in the community to share activities together. These affordable activities include Easter Egg Hunt, Community breakfasts, Trick or Treat and Chili Cook-Off.

On other occasions, Moosehaven residents leave the campus for shopping, dining in local restaurants, attending church services, and visiting Moose Family Centers.

There are also many activities on campus for the residents to enjoy each day. The calendar is filled with various events and activities. Life at Moosehaven is busy, busy, busy.

For the past thirty years, it has been my pleasure to serve as the Moosehaven Admission Counselor. As of December 31, 2015, I officially retired from this position but I will not be completely finished until the member that I am presently assisting with the application process has been admitted to Moosehaven.

I will always be available to assist. Do not hesitate to call or e-mail me if you have questions.



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:

Latif Adeboyejo - 11/7/2000
Mason Barraco - 12/21/1999
Corey Blackman - 5/22/2000
Jacobe Blackman - 5/22/2000
Derick Graeser - 2/16/1998
Jeffrey Leigh - 3/15/1998
Howard Nealon - 1/06/1998
Demitrian Perez - 7/8/2001
Kameron Williams - 12/25/2000

Indiana House

Corie Clark - 7/31/2000

Antoinette House

William Clark, III - 10/14/1998

Our Residents at Moosehaven:

Drena Mae Jenkins - 3/26
Nellie Manning - 7/8

Family Teachers:

Mike Worden - 9/6
Linda Worden - 10/1
Sue - 3/10

Addresses:

Child's Name
c/o Nancy Backmeyer
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

I hope you have survived the Holidays and are rarin' to go in the New Year.

We were pleased to bring our Kid's ID to three of our District kid's Christmas Parties in December at Waldorf, Indian Head, and Marlboro. We ID'd almost 40 kids and some seniors. The parents and seniors were very appreciative and so were we.

We are working with the members at Waldorf to set up our Kid's ID Systems a Blue Crab Fan Fest in March or April. We'll report on the results in the future.

District 1 held their Karaoke Finals on January 8 at Waldorf Lodge. We had five finalists from the District Lodges, Mark Boswell and Stephanie Weis from Mechanicsville, Bill White and Celia Lopez from Waldorf, and Michelle Edinger from Columbia. Mark was our winner and Michelle our runner-up and will represent our District in the Association finals at Mid-Winter Conference in Ocean City. Special thanks to our Karaoke Chairman, Janice Hedges, for a terrific job organizing our professional judges and providing the equipment for a very exciting and pleasant evening. Thanks to Waldorf Lodge for being a wonderful

Thanks to all in District 1 for the hard work you put in and I am looking forward to working with you in the coming year.

Fraternally, Ken Hunt



District 2 - Jamie Vann, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,



A big hello from Western Maryland. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. The Lodges of the 2nd District have been busy with events to keep the members supporting our Fraternity. Most offer dinners, dances, sports events, pool, bingo, cornhole and other activities. I hope you all support your Lodges and Chapters by participating in the activities they have planned. Now is the time to think of retention. All of our Lodges have members who have not renewed their dues for whatever reason, in my lodge calling members on the arrearage list does make a difference. What does your lodge do to retain and encourage new members? Here's a short list of what lodges in district 2 are doing. Member appreciation dinner (free) every Sunday or once a month. Sign a new member, name goes into a drawing, pulled every quarter for \$50. First drink free until next member signs new member. Pay your dues get happy hour prices for 1 day. These little things do make a difference to retain and encourage new membership. I want to thank you for all you do for your Lodge and Chapter. I am looking forward to seeing you at our MD-DE-DC Moose Association Mid-Winter Conference in Ocean City.

Fraternally, Jamie Vann

District 3 - Dave Taylor, Sr. President

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday - the weather was wonderful, but now we are getting the cold Winter that we don't want. It is now time to start working on the new year getting ready for the Mid-Winter Convention. I hope to see everyone there, we're going to have a great time with the karaoke and learn some new things at the meetings. I hope that everyone is working on retention and signing up new members so that we can stay strong has a fraternity remember. It is very important to keep our members and keep them happy in our LODGES. So, please keep up the good work and we'll see you all at the Winter Convention in Ocean City.

Fraternally, David Taylor, Sr.



District 5 - Tim Gaverth, President

First, happy New Year to everyone! Hopefully our Foundation is being well built by now, and there are only 4 months left in this Moose year. Let's finish strong.



Fraternally, Tim Gaverth

News from the District Presidents

District 6 - Andy Zeager, President

Dear Brothers & Co-Workers:



Where did the time go? It was just Halloween and all of the sudden it's the Mid-Year Convention!!

Fortunately, the lodges and chapters in District 6 have been extremely active. Elkton lodge hosted the following events since our last newsletter: Safe Surfing Congress, Blue Hen Legion Meeting, District Meeting and our most recent Association Meeting!! They hit the Moose Grand Slam! Thank you Elkton officers and co-workers for all of your hard work. Also, I believe Elkton won the Cornhole Challenge against a strong Williamsport Lodge with, as Russ stated, the real winner being Mooseheart as a \$500 donation was on the line.

We have all had a very philanthropic holiday season - donations to local families in need, food shelters, numerous toy drives, and individual help to people within our lodges! That is what we are about. And, the Claymont crew proudly participated in our annual Christmas Parade, handing out goodies to the children and our 4 legged friends.

We all look forward to the karaoke contest in Ocean City with District 6 being represented by Sid Trump (no relation) and Joe Torres. Hopefully we have a Marco Mendoza in the making! Also, congrats to Nancy Barefoot and Kelly Miller, our alternates.

As my father used to tell me, "Think positive, even a blind man knows when the sun is shining." So let's work hard, stay positive, stick together and make the Loyal Order of the Moose what we know it should be!!

Fraternally, Andy Zeager

District 7 - Chris Miles, President

Brothers and Co-Workers all:

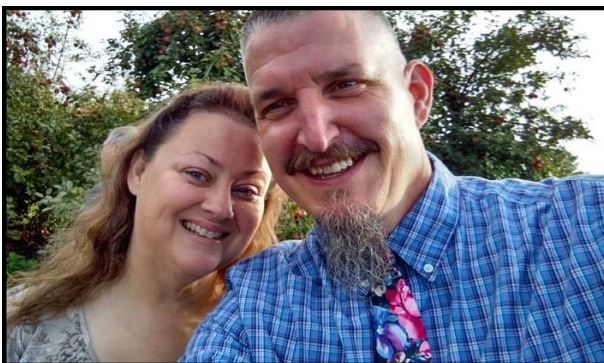
By now all the Lodges should have had their karaoke sing-offs and picked their 2 finalists. We are looking forward to the district competition on January 16th in Harrington.

The Mid-Winter conference in Ocean City promises to be a very informative and fun time for all. Hope to see you there!!! We should still be ever mindful on membership retention and talk MOOSE at every opportunity we can!!!! There is no greater fraternal organization in the World!! Our Youth Awareness Congress was a success and good luck to the students who entered.



Fraternally, Chris Miles

Family Teachers at "Our House" Honored



Mike & Linda Worden

Mooseheart is thankful for all of the married couples and individuals that make up our high-quality Family Teaching staff. This month we honor Mike and Linda Worden, who first joined the Mooseheart team in October of 1997. Mike now serves as the chairman of our Family Teacher Advocacy Committee.

For more information about Family Teaching at Mooseheart visit

<http://mooseheart.org/EmploymentOps.asp>
found on Mooseheart.org website

2016 International Moose Sports Tournaments

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Bowling

Janesville, WI Lodge 197
April 9-May 15
(No bowling on weekend of May 7-8)

Steel-tip Darts

Charles Town, WV Lodge 948
April 22-24

Pool

Frederick, MD Lodge 371
June 29-July 2

Horseshoes

Lynchburg South, VA Lodge 1727
July 8-10

Softball

Bedford, VA Lodge 1897
July 22-24

Golf

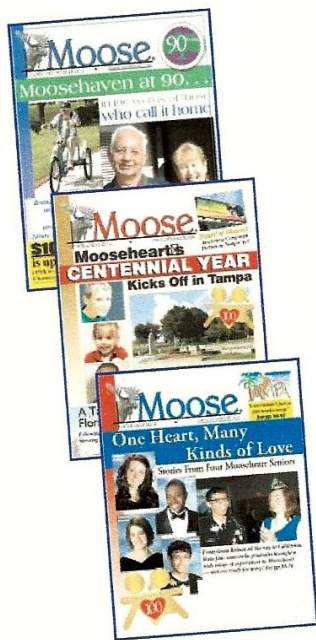
Elkhart, IN Lodge 599
July 29-31
Surfside Beach, SC Lodge 2531
October 28-30

For additional information on these events, please visit the Moose International website at www.mooseintl.org/members/index.php./sports/ or call Camille Ruffino at (630) 966-2213

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Moose Charities by Past Grand Regent Libby

Carl & I want to take this time to wish you a very Happy New Year and we sincerely hope each of you had a wonderful holiday, filled with love, family and friends! It's impossible to believe that it's 2016. And as we stop and think about the past and look into the future, we think of our families and friends and what's in store for them. While doing so, I certainly hope you think of your extended family at Mooseheart and Moosehaven. As I have said many times before, they also depend on us - **we are their lifeline** – We can help to make a difference in the lives of children and seniors, and that can only happen with your help - through your Moose Charities Donations.

We have so many programs out there for each of us; all you have to do is take the time to look at them. Lodges and Chapters should be putting them in their newsletters and you can check them out in this communicator addition or by going to the Moose International website. Have a car you would like to donate? Anything to sell on EBay? Are you using Goodsearch? Do you save your School Support Program Boxtops and Labels? Is your employer a matching gift company? Do you have someone you would like to honor or have passed away and you would like to make a donation in their name? Do you make personal donations to the Donor, Endowment and are you a Mooseheart Booster? And, now we are adding the "Moosehaven Centennial Project". These are currently available so you **are** "Making a Difference in the lives of Children and Seniors"!

Now that it has been announced officially, we will be raising \$10 million dollars for the "**Moosehaven Centennial Project**". So, at our Mid Year conference in Ocean City, all net proceeds derived from the WOTM fundraising committee, 1/2 will go the this project and 1/2 will go to our MD-DE-DC Home.

Mentioning our Mid Year, I hope you are

making your plans to attend. As always, we are planning on holding our fundraisers, and all monies collected through our 50/50's, jewelry, basket raffles, snacks & canned items, along w/beaded badge holders; will be donated to Moose Charities, and earmarked as mentioned above. If you have anything you would like to donate, please see that I receive it before Friday morning. Endowment Fund Co- Chairman, Phyllis Brainard, will also be raffling off 2 - \$50.00 gift cards, and the net proceeds from that will be donated for the "Rocker" Endowment Fund. As you know the Rocker Fund is to be held during the entire month of February. In the past some Chapters & Lodges were digging into their general funds rather than simply inviting members to participate.

This **should not be** an expense to the Lodges & Chapters. It should be **our members** participating and having fun while doing it. So let's innovate ways we can involve the members who are frequenting the Lodge home: place rockers on tables: i.e. at functions such as dinners, dances, etc. Challenge our Lodge brothers and have a rock a thon. Find out who can "Do it Better!"

I know many of us are very excited about our upcoming conference, and looking forward to our Official Visitor Judy Sisson, Past Director WOTM Operations, who is no stranger to us, and I'm sure we will have a very fun filled week-end.

Hopefully I will see you there-----

In Friendship,

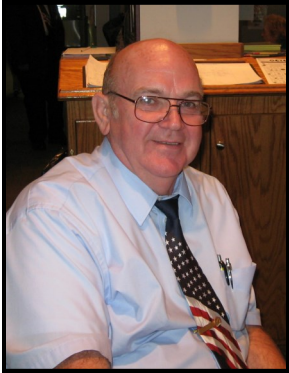
Libby



**If there were to be no Tomorrow -
How would you live Today?**



Moose Charities Chairman Danny Williams



Moose Charities

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Remember February is Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund – “Rocker Fundraiser”. Let’s each and everyone make a donation at your Lodge or Chapter in this February for this worthwhile fundraiser. Information was sent to your Lodge and Chapter in January 2016.



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

**Stealing Someone’s
Coffee Is Called
Mugging.**

**Energizer Bunny
Arrested:
Charged With Battery**



**Pasteurize:
Too Far To See**



Moose Legion Chairman Danny Williams

MOOSE LEGION REPORT

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Thank You for all you do!

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



Fraternally,
Danny Williams Sr.
Moose Charities Chairman



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On Speed Dial,
I Call That Instagram!**



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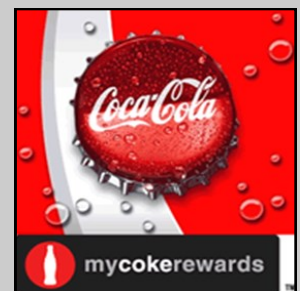
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THOUGHTS FROM MIRIAM

As I sit here at my computer, trying to get another issue of the Communicator finished, I can't help but have some feelings about what I've accomplished and how there are times when I am annoyed when someone asks when the deadline is. If you look up into the left corner of this page - you should be able to see the deadline date, which is early enough for me to get it put together within the time frame to have it at the next meeting. Usually someone is running late with their time and wants to send me pictures and messages on the day I'm trying to get the darn thing finished for the printer. I realize everyone has a different schedule, but when I've given a date to have the information to me, I hope to receive whatever I need to work on the book by that date, if not before. There are several people who send me their messages early, which helps when another person is late sending theirs.

When it is close to being ready for the printer, and someone asks if they can have a picture or article put in, it's not always easy to rearrange the book to accomplish this, but I do what I can to get the new information into the current issue. I know we usually have three months between the magazines, but if you plan ahead and get the information to me earlier, I'm not having a problem getting everything into the book on time. The more we work together in getting this put together, the better the book will be. There are times I've had to rearrange pictures and some fill-in items to get last minute items into the book. This is not an easy task when pictures have to be resized to fit the space and the explanation box with the pictures has to be adjusted. It takes time from my plan to have someone proofread the book before it goes to the printer, and this month I won't have time for this. So if you see any mistakes, errors, etc. in this issue, just bite the bullet and try to get your stuff in earlier next time, so I can have my proofer do his job!! Fraternally with thanks, Miriam

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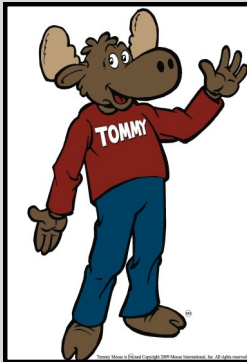
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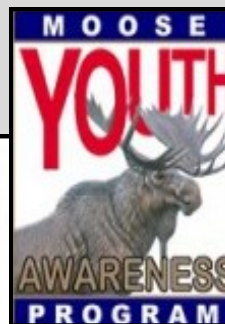
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James J. Davis

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