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Message from President Russ Robinson

Brothers and Co-Workers:



Happy Spring ??? Yes, "Phil" saw his shadow, but we are surely living a bad joke about Groundhog Day.

With that being said, it is time to continue "Building our Foundation" by the time this Communicator reaches you. A new short and long term membership campaign will be in place, with rewards offered of Association Polo Shirts, Cash Bash Tickets, Seats on the Homecoming bus trip, and yes, even a Lifetime membership will be up for grabs.

There will be a new Saturday Night Cash Bash, at Hunt Valley. Hopefully this will invigorate and excite persons to attend.

Would like to congratulate the Association for being 100% for their Lodge Safety Inspections Reports. We were not as good on the membership marks for February and March but very close. I want to thank all the lodges that did their job!!

It is nearing the end of my year, wow, how fast this is going! Everyone that is, has already made plans for International Convention at St. Louis. Hope to see many of you there.

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.

Saturday morning the weather was too bad to play golf. I was bored with nothing to do. Suddenly there was a knock on the door. I opened it to find a young, well-dressed man standing there who said:

"Hello sir, I'm a Jehovah's Witness."

So I said, "Come in and sit down." I offered him a fresh cup of coffee and asked,

"What do you want to talk about?"

He said, "Beats the hell out of me. Nobody's ever let me in before."

Deputy Supreme Governor John “JJ” Johnston

Dear Brothers and Co-Workers:

Hope everyone has made it through all the cold weather and spring is here to stay. By the time you read this, Supreme Governor Terry Walls will be on the last couple of months of his lodge visitation schedule: Indiana, April 21-24; Michigan, April 28-May 1; Colorado, May 2-6; North Carolina, May 11-15; California/Nevada, May 19-23 and Montana, June 9-11.

Now I know this list of places and dates will not mean a lot to most of you, but I wanted to keep your attention (some people like dates and numbers), so I could encourage you to request your Higher Degree members, both new and old to support your local Council of Higher Degrees, be it Del/Mar or Black-Eyed Susan. And let us not forget the All State Celebration at Mechanicsville Lodge 495 April 22-24, great food, and great fun.

And finally, we all need to sign new members, but we also need to keep the ones that we have signed up from letting their dues lapse. So get the Lodge’s and Chapter’s arrearage list and make those calls. Showing we care can make all the difference in strengthening our defending circle.



Thank you for all you do,

John "JJ" Johnston

Deputy Supreme Governor

Moose Legion Training



On March 19th, a Moose Legion Training Class was held at Annapolis Lodge. ML Trainer Ron Sweetman has been training Moose Legion Officers for the past 6 years.

Deputy Grand Regent Loretta Clark

I would like to start off by thanking all the co-workers who stepped it up for the chapter year 2015-2016 - the co-workers who filled the chapter committee chairs and officers' positions and all the co-workers who helped with all the chapter functions. Now that we are embarking on a new chapter year, I would hope that we have encouraged our new co-workers to get involved in their chapter. Whether this would be by filling the officers' positions or the committee chairman positions, it's up to us to show these co-workers how important they are to our chapter. If you see a co-worker in your lodge and you're not sure who she is or even if she is a member, don't just keep walking, stop say 'Hi', and start a conversation. This may be a co-worker who would like to get involved but has never been asked or who has been told they were not needed. There is no such thing as a co-worker not being needed, if you think you have too many for a function and you don't accept this co-workers offer to help, you probably will never get the chance again. So find something for them to do. Never ever say we have enough help for now. I have seen too many co-workers not come back to help for this reason. Please remember this is their chapter also.



I hope all have had a successful year and I am looking forward to the Green Cap ceremony in August. This upcoming conference is for you, the co-workers, so fill that question box and ask that question. We had another successful basket raffle in February; I hope to see the same for August. Think about getting together as a chapter to purchase tickets for baskets and taking them back to your chapters as a chairman project to raffle off. I have met so many great co-workers over the years that truly know the meaning of what we are all about. Please encourage your co-workers to keep their dues current for the sake of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Make sure you give out all the information at your chapter meetings about Moose Charities, the Donors Circle, etc.



I look forward to the rest of my year as your Deputy Grand Regent and I thank you all for all you have done for me and Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Let's keep building that foundation. We are the foundation for the future.

Thank you all!
God Bless Mooseheart and Moosehaven
Loretta Clark

Crazy Sock Exchange with New Castle Chapter



New Castle Chapter 1418 had a "Crazy Sock Exchange" at their December meeting. Crazy Socks are filled with goodies. Each person picks a number and then they take turns picking socks until everyone had a pair. A person could even pick the socks someone had already picked!! Just like that darn Tupperware game when someone could steal your prize! After emptying out the goodies from the socks, each person puts on her socks. It looks like a fun game for a Chapter Christmas Party.

Happenings at Milford Lodge 2316



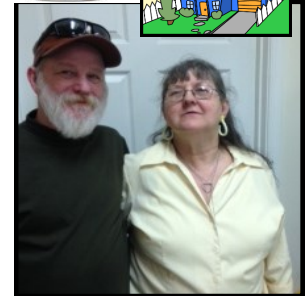
Milford Moose F.C #2316 presented a \$1,000 check to the Food Bank of Delaware on March 2nd. Pictured (left to right) Terry Bowden-Administrator, Pilgrim Jim Lofland-Treasurer, Senator Gary Simpson, Verlo Hocks-Governor, Representative Harvey Kenton and Past Deputy Supreme Governor Carl Schmidt. Throughout the year, the Lodge holds 3-5 food drives, and remits regular donations throughout the year which amounts to approximately \$5,000.00, per year.



On Saturday March 26th The Milford Moose Family Center 2316 hosted an Easter Egg Hunt and Party for children with Down Syndrome. The kids were from different towns in Delaware. Their parents, brothers and sisters also attended. Needless to say, these kids were great and they had a GREAT TIME!



Super job, Milford Lodge!!!



Ted & Laura Welch



A Benefit for Ted and Laura Welch was held at the Milford Moose Family Center 2316. Ted and Laura were burned out of their home, so the community came together to help them out, and over 150 people attended. There were three country bands and plenty of food. The benefit raised \$4100 in just one afternoon.

Happenings at Williamsport Lodge



Presentation to Rowan, she is on the left, during the Bingo Fundraiser held for her 3/13/2016. We raised \$1300.00. Rowan is 11, and has a debilitating bone disorder, already at this age she has to wear leg braces, has had toes removed, and she is scheduled for dental surgery this month to have most of her teeth removed. After the presentation, she informed me that Tommy would be marrying her other stuffed animal, her favorite bear. The fundraiser was to assist in medical bills. What a great attitude!

We held a 31 Bingo for Baby Camden in which we raised \$1800.00. Both of Camden's parents committed suicide a few months ago, just a week apart. Camden's father was a member of Williamsport, the brother and sister-in-law are applying for custody of Camden. We did inform the family that Mooseheart is also an option.



Our In-House Membership Program Find Tommy Moose in the claw machine, signed two new members and four of our members have won free dues for a year.



Tommy Moose is everywhere - he's everywhere!!



Visitors from Keyser Lodge & Chapter

Thanks for the hospitality you were the 6th of 10, of our Moose stops. Thanks for making our "MOOSE HOP" A GREAT SUCCESS!!
MEMBERS OF KEYSER LODGE 662/191
How NICE of YOU to be so THOUGHTFUL!
Doreen Redman ed orndorff
Alta Brooks - Mick Emke
Bryan Redman Cindi Butler
Jeff Beaver Sharon Orndorff
Andi Brady
Tom Brooks Autumn Beamer

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:

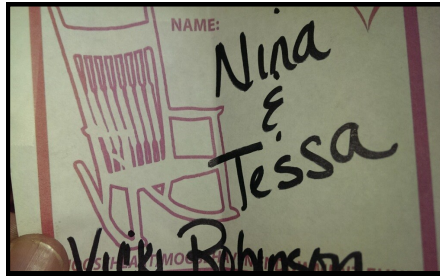
Wilmington, DE - 913 N. Market St.
Newark, DE - 100 Hygeia Dr.
Dover, DE - 221 Saulsbury Rd.
Salisbury, MD - 1309 Mt. Hermon Rd.

Baltimore & Washington, DC

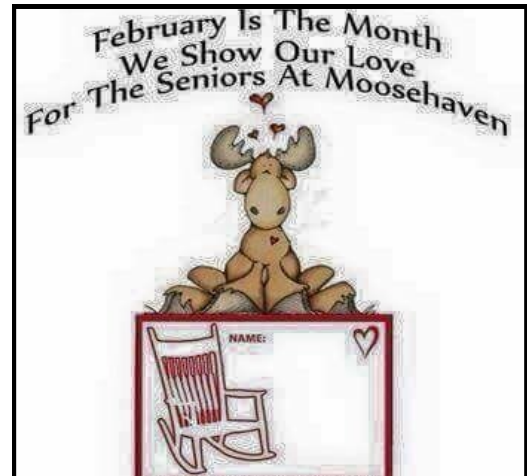
For Information please call:

Nelson Tucker, Sr.
at 301-919-4026

Happenings at Williamsport Lodge



Our Rocker Fundraiser, also produced a winner for the actual Rocker/Recliner from WOLFS Furniture.



Nikki is an employee of Meritus Hospital in Hagerstown, Md. She developed Cancer about 16 months ago - we had one Fundraiser about 8 months into her treatment. She had a setback about 4 months ago, and is now on a new experimental treatment and is having success.



Hopefully everything works out well and the next Bingo she attends will be strictly for entertainment and not to pay her medical bills.

The persons attending the event, helped raise \$2100.00 for the cause.

John Lyons Golf Tournament 2016

Food - Fun - Fellowship

OPEN TO ONE & ALL!!

8th Annual John Lyon's Scholarship Golf Tournament



Jonathan's Landing Golf Course
1309 Ponderosa Dr., Magnolia, DE
Saturday, May 14, 2016



Registration 7:00 AM

Shotgun Start 8:00 AM

Entry forms are available online to download at www.mdmoose.org

- or -

call Ron Sweetman at 302-731-8145 or (cell) 302-757-2976
and he will send you one.

Entry fee is \$75.00 per player - includes green fees, cart, food and FUN!! Make checks payable to MD-DE-DC Moose Association and forward to:



Ronald Sweetman
19 Sheryl Dr
Elkton MD 21921



Pitch in and be a Sponsor:

- ◆ Sponsor one of 18 holes for \$100.00
- ◆ Sponsor a golf cart for \$50.00
- ◆ Closest to the Pin Sponsor for \$100.00
- ◆ Closest to the Line Sponsor for \$100.00
- ◆ Longest Drive for \$100.00

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

Help Keep John's dream alive! Enter as a player or sponsor!

We wish for a most enjoyable,
fun-filled tournament.

John Lyons Golf Tournament Registration

8TH ANNUAL MARYLAND-DELAWARE-D.C. JOHN LYONS SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

**WHERE: *JONATHAN'S LANDING GOLF CLUB*
1309 PONDEROSA DR.
*MAGNOLIA, DE 19962***

**WHEN: SATURDAY – MAY 14, 2016
REGISTRATION – 7:00 AM SHOTGUN START – 8:00 AM**

ENTRY FORM

Player #1	Player #2
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____	City _____
State & Zip _____	State & Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Player #3	Player #4
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____	City _____
State & Zip _____	State & Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____

The entry fee is \$75.00 per player which includes green fees, cart, food and fun.

Make checks payable to **MD-DE-DC Moose Association**.

Enter in the memo section: **Golf Tournament**.

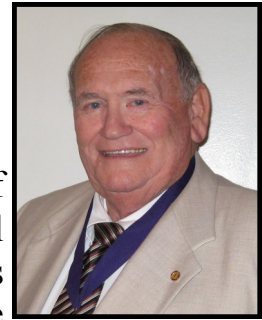
Send your entry to:

Ronald L. Sweetman, 19 Sheryl Dr., Elkton, MD 21921

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS GOLF OUTING WILL GO TOWARDS
FUNDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Moose Legion Area Manager Dallas Hayman

Welcome Brothers!



Brothers and Co-Workers,

Here we are at the final month of our Moose Year. I hope all of our Fraternal Units have achieved the goals necessary to make us all successful and strong in preparation for the year to come as well as many years in the future. The Moose Legions in our Association have worked hard to make their year successful and some of them will reach all or most of their goals as well. After four years in the position of Moose Legion Area Manager I am stepping down from that position as of April 30th and I am retiring from any official position in the Moose Fraternity. My goal in the coming years is to enjoy being on the golf course and reflecting back on 56 years of active service in the Loyal Order of Moose, a record I am proud of. I will always be a member of this fraternity and cherish the good works that we do and the many things we have accomplished and have truly been privileged to serve in the many capacities that I have either been elected or appointed to in this wonderful organization. To the many friends and associates I have been honored to work with over this period I can only say thank you for the warm and gracious pleasure of your friendship, your advice and assistance, and more importantly, your hard work on behalf and in belief of this organization. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart and send my best wishes for your continued success and dedication to the Loyal Order of Moose. I look forward to my future as a retiree and will always be available to any of you for any assistance that you may need. My heart has always been rooted in the principles of the Moose Legion and I will, for the time being, remain on the Moose Legion Ritual Staff which I feel tells the story of our organization and its dedication to the promotion of Brotherhood and service to our organization and to our communities. One project I hope to see continued is the establishment of more Moose Legion Activities Committees and my assistant and I worked hard this past year to get those committees active and I hope my successor continues that program as it is the base for all Moose Legion involvement and a training ground for our future leaders to learn about this great fraternity. With that I leave you all to “Do some good thing for someone each day”. Thank you all, I wish all of you success and happiness.

Fraternally,

Dallas Hayman, Moose Legion Area Manager, Retired



Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

It's time for the "changing of the guard for another year". Sometimes the same officers are kept, sometimes many are changed. Here's my observation. Many times information is not given to the incoming officers and chairman. It is not deliberate, just information you may never need. Like where the Charter is kept, where are the contracts, if any. Where is all the information for licenses, the papers for the Johnson Act when you must file, the rules and regulations for your fund raisers, where do you find the forms needed and etc.

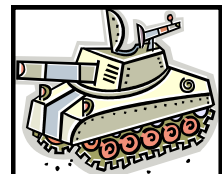


Over this past year we have distributed the "Rules for Bingo and Raffles, Fund-raisers Others than Bingos and Raffles, the professional charitable gaming rules and the consequences for violations. The machines come under the Lottery - you should have a copy of HB 112 - this is the law governing the machines on file should which also has the report forms and guidelines. Every officer should know where these documents are located. If you are changing administrators, the when and how to fill out these forms once a year should be passed along. Violations can have dire consequences. Prior to starting any fundraiser, check these documents for guidelines. Sometimes "we have always done it this way" is the wrong way. The changing of one word in these rules and regulations can make a legal game illegal. They certainly do not inform everyone when they make changes. Currently being worked on is what was called "bar Bingo" played with cards. You cannot have any bingo game in the same room with alcoholic beverages. Therefore, the name must be changed. You cannot have a "winner take all". What you can do is have a jackpot with percentage - Example: 90% for winner 10% to lodge. ABSOLUTELY NO ROLLOVERS! What you must do is apply for a license with a complete description of game to be played and all information pertaining to the game. Do not leave any blank spaces on application. Submit, if you are denied correct what was denied and resubmit. If your Chapter has a separate EIN number, they can request a permit. This will at least allow you to run two games a month legally. The Coalition is currently working on getting some changes made to have maybe a quarterly or yearly license, be able to have weekly games, after the event reports to monthly. It takes time to have things changed. In the meantime, you need to find what the state will accept as legal, to do this you have to submit your version of the game, such as the game "Queen of Hearts, etc.". One part of the group says it falls under the Instant Bingo License, the other says not. Best scenario is apply for a specific license if you are playing it and make double sure your board was purchased from a licensed Delaware vender. I guess the best advice is to be safe rather than sorry. If you have questions, check your paperwork - still no answer contact me, Jim or Cal, or you could call the Gaming or Lottery Office. We're still working to get things resolved.

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



Westminster Moose Lodge 1381



**2016
MD-DE-DC
Moose Association
Pool
Tournament
held at
Westminster Lodge
March 4th thru 6th**



First Place : Westminster 1381 Team Number 1

Second Place: Essex 70 Team Number 2

Third Place: Westminster 1381 Team Number 4

Tournament Top Individual Shooters: Westminster 1381 Team 1



Congratulations to the winners!!



Happenings at Westminster Family Center



The Easter Bunny visited Westminster Moose Family Center for an Easter Party and Easter Egg Hunt



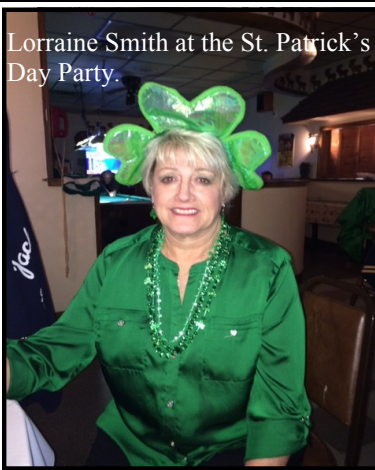
On January 17, 2016, the Black Eyed Susan Council of High Degrees presented Tommy Moose to the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Happenings around the Association



Above are Andy Zeager, Chantel Connor, Bob Cannon and Mike Connolly celebrating St. Patrick's Day at the Claymont Lodge.

Below is Kalissa Matthews with the Easter Bunny at Claymont's Easter Party.



Lorraine Smith at the St. Patrick's Day Party.



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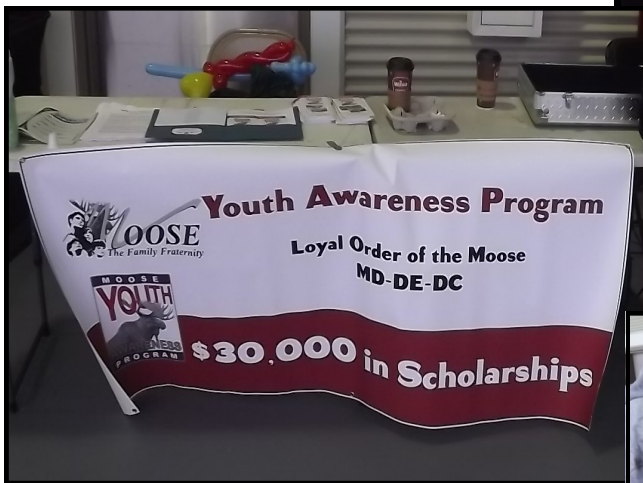
When a big snowstorm came through, Bobby Hall took the day off to build a snowman for his **Snow Day Party!!!**



District 1 Kids ID at Blue Crab Fan Fest



Tommy Moose and his friends braved the cold day to help draw a crowd for the Kids ID at the Blue Crab Fan Fest at Regency Stadium in Waldorf, MD



2 inches of snow made for a cold, cold day at the ball park! They hope for a warmer day later in the season when a ballgame will bring more people out and can see what the Moose is about. Thank you, Ken Hunt, for sharing the photos.

Happenings Around the Association



At Frostburg Lodge, Herb Smith donated his Moose Legion jacket and presented Lodge Administrator Rick Wolford with his Certificate.



Lifetime Achievement Awards at Ocean City



Claymont Chapter member, Rita Anderson, was presented the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award for the Women of the Moose at the Ocean City Conference. She has been a member the Chapter for over 30 years and has assisted in many projects and created many meals for different meetings.

Congratulations, Rita!!



Pilgrim Herb Smith was presented the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award for the Loyal Order of Moose. Herb has been a member of Frostburg Lodge for many years and has been involved in many projects and events with his lodge and the MD-DE-DC Moose Association.

Congratulations, Herb!!



Can you guess what this is floating on the ocean at Ocean City? My roommate and I watched to see what this was! See page 38 for the answer.

the editor

Youth Awareness Chairman - Ken Hunt



Brothers and Co-workers:

I am proud and pleased to announce the students who will represent our Association in the upcoming International Youth Awareness Congress in Williamsburg, Virginia on April 28-May 2, 2016. They are Lena Berry and Abigail Harrington, sponsored by Harrington Lodge 534, and Destiny Davenport, sponsored by Cambridge Lodge 1211.

Each student will receive a \$100 gift card and \$1000 scholarship from the Association and compete for a total of \$30,000 in five scholarships in Williamsburg.

Please join me in wishing them good luck and God's guidance in their endeavors.

Ken Hunt

Youth Awareness Coordinator

MD-DE-DC Association

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Youth Awareness Students from MD-DE-DC



My name is Lena Berry, I am 16 years old and a Junior at Caesar Rodney High School in Camden, Delaware. I am active in field hockey, soccer, 4-H, Student Council, Arabic Club, National Honor Society, and Girls Athletic Association. In college I plan to major in Environmental Sciences and attend Franklin and Marshall. Finally, I am so excited for the opportunity to attend the 2016 Moose International Youth Awareness Congress!

My name is Abigail Harrington and I'm currently a 17 year old Senior at Caesar Rodney High School. A few of my hobbies include 4-H, DECA and FFA. In my spare time, you can find me reading, babysitting, or serving as a camp counselor through 4-H. This Fall I will be attending Virginia Wesleyan College to study Marketing.



I am Destiny Davenport and am 17 years old. I live on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and attend North Dorchester High School



and Dorchester County Technology Center. My favorite subject is Welding and I will be attending the Advanced Technical Institute in VA Beach when I graduate High School. After graduating ATI, my future goals are to be a nondestructive/destructive weld test inspector.

Living on the Eastern Shore with my grandparents and sister give me the opportunity to enjoy many hobbies. I love the water and kayaking. We are avid campers and enjoy fishing. I also enjoy 5K events and among those the more extreme: Man Meets Mud, Color Run and Run or Dye. My most enjoyable hobby would be volunteering because it has given me the most opportunities and self satisfaction. I have been introduced to a variety of interests and people. I am excited for the future, to enjoy friends and family, and to get my degrees and start a business.

How you know you're from Maryland...

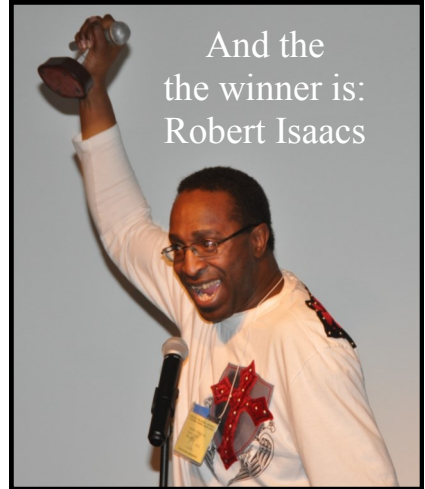
YOU know you are FROM MARYLAND WHEN...

- ***You know how to pronounce ' Towson '***
- ***You remember what the Inner Harbor looked like before it was the Inner Harbor .***
- ***You ate at Haussner's.***
- ***You remember Friendship Airport .***
- ***You remember driving over the old Kent Narrows Draw-Bridge that snarled weekend traffic coming home from the Ocean.***
- ***You love the Domino Sugar sign you can see across the harbor.***
- ***You remember the rotating restaurant on top off the Holiday Inn on Baltimore Street .***
- ***You know Annapolis & Hopkins are national treasures & you get a kick out of hearing them named in movies or TV.***
- ***You know B&O is not body odor.***
- ***That downtown smelled great near McCormicks.***
- ***Every kitchen has a can of Old Bay .***
- ***You refer to your state as Marilyn."***
- ***You and your Mom shopped at Hutzlers, The Hub, Stewart's, Hoschild Kohn's & The May Company.***
- ***You know where 'Downey Ocean 'ls.***
- ***You remember the Civic Center .***
- ***You know Pam Shriver is from Maryland .***
- ***You know how to eat steamed crabs, but also know how to tell the males from the females.***
- ***You don't think that Assawoman Bay is a strange name.***
- ***M R Ducks makes perfect sense.***
- ***You have fond memories of Memorial Stadium.***
- ***You still root for the Orioles even when they aren't doing well.***
- ***Everybody knows what a zink'nd payment'tre.***
- ***When anywhere else, you can only laugh when you see signs saying 'Maryland Crab Cakes!'"***
- ***You say 'Blare Road 'for Bel Air Road***
- ***You remember Jerry Turner and Al Sanders.***
- ***You remember Oprah & Richard Sher together in the a.m. on Ch-13.***
- ***Vince Bagli was the'sports announcer on TV.***
- ***You remember Mayor Schaeffer swimming with the seals at the National Aquarium.***
- ***You swore Frank Perdue kinda looked like one of his tender chickens. (HE DID!)***
- ***You know which bridge they're talking about, when someone says The bridge traffic is backed up. "***

You revere the names of Johnny U, Brooks & Frank!

You actually understand all of these and pass them on to other Marylanders to enjoy!

Karaoke 2016 at Ocean City



Marco's Mom



News from "Our House"



Our 2015 Graduate, Wal Khat. He has advanced to the Nationals in Track his Freshman year of College! Here is a picture of him standing on the #1 spot on the Podium!



Two Maryland/Delaware/DC boys, Seniors Jeff Leigh and Howard Neelon, made up two-thirds of the Rambler's Team when they advanced to the Princeton Class 1A Sectionals in Wrestling. However, they could not hold on to their position and were eliminated in the first round. Coach Johnson states that Mooseheart athletes are at a disadvantage in this event because our boys are fairly new to the sport of wrestling, going up against students who have been wrestling since they were very young. While our students know the basics, and are aggressive, it's not always enough when faced with years of experience. Still – we're very proud of Jeff and Howard! **WHO'S HOUSE?**



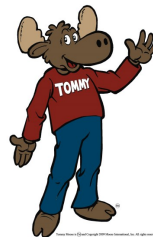
Military Events at Mooseheart



In the photo above:
Our boys have been active in NJROTC. Kameron, in the center, is squad leader for the Military Inspection.

In the photo to the right:
Seniors Jeff Leigh and Derrick Graeser (on the right) stand Honor Guard for the opening of the Military Ball

In the photo in the upper right corner:
Derrick Graeser and his date at the Military Ball



In Memory of Lost Brothers & Co-Workers

Timothy Speakman

Past Governor of Claymont Lodge
Member of the Moose Legion

Gladys Sparks

Member of New Castle Chapter
held the Academy of Friendship Degree

Horace Coffin

Charter Member of New Castle Lodge

*God saw you getting weary so He did
what He thought best.
He came and stood beside you and
whispered "come and rest."
You gave no one a last farewell
not even a goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it
and only God knows why.
May you always walk in sunshine;
God's love around you grow,
For the happiness you gave us
no one will even know.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*



Till We Meet Again

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

News from Moosehaven

Dear Moosehaven Admission Counselors,

Dated March 17, 2016

I have informed Moosehaven Resident Services Director Helen Taylor and Executive Director John Capes my intention to retire effective no later than September 30, 2016. Our Moosehaven Residents were informed this afternoon at the monthly Residents Council meeting.

My last day in office will depend upon the hiring of my replacement and their training but, no later than September 30, 2016.

You will be kept informed as the search unfolds.

I want to thank you all for your support and ask that you also give the new person that same support.

I will be attending the International Convention in St. Louis with our Moosehaven Team and will be helping out in the Moosehaven booth and I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
F. Ross Fleet, PSG

A Little History of F. Ross Fleet, PSG

F. Ross Fleet has served as Director of Admissions for Moosehaven since September 2009, is a Past Supreme Governor and former member of the Moosehaven Board of Directors. He joined Winchester, VA Lodge 1283 in 1959, where he holds a Life Membership, and is a Past Governor of that lodge. Mr. Fleet was also active in the Virginia Moose Association as District 4 Secretary and President in 1967-68. He also served through the Association chairs and served as President in 1971-72. In 1973, he served as Deputy Supreme Governor for Virginia.

He has been a member of Shenandoah Valley Moose Legion 47 since 1961 and holds a Life Membership. He is also a member of Seminole Moose Legion 81 since 2010. Mr. Fleet received his Fellowship Degree in 1964 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1973. He is a member of the 100 Division of the 25 Club. At the 118th International Convention in Chicago, he was conferred the honor of Past Supreme Governor by an acclamation vote of the Supreme Lodge.

Ross has two sons, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; he resides in Orange Park, FL.

We wish Ross and healthy, relaxing retirement and know that everyone at Moosehaven will miss him a lot.



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:

May 15, - Marlboro
July 17 - Brunswick
October 16 - Banquet at Reisterstown
January 15 - College Park

Officers:

President - Louise Lawson
Vice President - Darlene Cline
Chaplain - Jean Gaverth
Secretary - Karan York
Sgt.-at-Arms - Mary Ann Vann



The board looks forward to seeing you at the upcoming meetings. The Board of Officers meeting will be at 11:00 AM, lunch at noon, and general meeting to follow.

Any questions, please contact Louse Lawson.

Moosehaven News from Jean Neal

The following is from the April Moosehaven Newsletter and very important message for most of our members. What better message than from one of our Moosehaven Residents:

Jean

A WORD OF ADVICE FROM A MOOSEHAVEN RESIDENT:

Moosehaven is one of the unsung fruits of our fraternity... I have been a Moose member for more than 30 years but like so many of us in this fraternity, I never truly knew what a gem we had until I came to live here.

Before I decided to apply to Moosehaven, I looked at many other options. I belong to other fraternal organizations that have retirement homes and none compared to what I would be getting at Moosehaven. I looked into a reverse mortgage and realized most banks and other institutions wanted at least a \$50,000.00 window in their favor at the time of the mortgage. This means if you died the next day the bank was guaranteed \$50,000.00 profit. If you died 5 years later and the value of your house had gone up another \$20,000.00, that money would also belong to the bank even though you paid to maintain the home.

Yes, to fully understand what we have here at Moosehaven, our 5-star retirement community, you have to live here. In this modern era there are so many ways to apply to Moosehaven, such as to live in a Villa, an apartment or through the Traditional program. Stop by, visit and talk to any of us who live here, and see why we are truly blessed. We wouldn't exchange our beloved Moosehaven for any other retirement community.

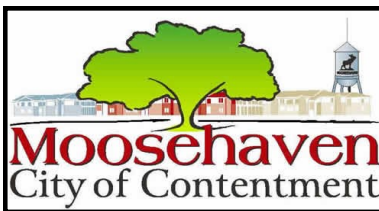
The burdens society puts on us and our families after retirement to Moosehaven are non-existent. The variety and quality of food for the amount of us who are served daily is superb; activities and shopping never stop; the hospitality from the lodges and associations in our area are above reproach and the health care available 24/7...not one of us could ever afford the out of pocket monies for. The best care ever. Yes I'm retired and living at Moosehaven, one of the worlds best Crown Jewels with more amenities than I ever could afford and it all belongs to us who live here and you, our members.

A big thanks and a tip of the Moose antlers to all our brothers and sisters out there who work so hard to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We all hope that some day you will come to Moose-

haven and in your golden years be as blessed as we are.

Everett C. Goodwin

Moosehaven



For More information on Moosehaven, visit YouTube.com and search Moosehaven to see promotional videos about Moosehaven and Brandon Place! If you're on Facebook, LIKE Moosehaven for the latest news and happenings at Moosehaven.

**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

Brothers and Co-Workers,

We have some exciting events going on in District 1 this month.

Through the help of Waldorf Lodge and Governor Frank Rozell, we have been invited to the Blue Crab Fan Fest at Regency Stadium in Waldorf on April 9th to provide tables for our Kid's ID and information on next years Youth Awareness Program. If all goes well, we will schedule another during the season at a ballgame highlighted for the kids.

Also at this event, we will be asking for donations to purchase K-9 Bullet Proof Vests for the County through Safe Surfin' Foundation. The Charles County Sheriff's Department is excited to receive this valuable tool to protect the wonderful service dogs that protect our communities.

The students from the MD-DE-DC House will be in District 1, July 30-August 1, 2016. Plans are being finalized to take them on a tour of Patuxent Naval Air Base, the museum, and put them in flight simulators on Saturday. We are planning a huge picnic on Sunday, July 31, at the Waldorf Lodge. Everyone in the Association is invited to join us to meet and greet with the students. Times will be forthcoming.

As we begin to get into summer, please take care and be safe in all your family activities.

Fraternally, Ken Hunt



District 2 - Jamie Vann, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

Hello from Western Maryland. I hope everyone has survived all of the cold and snow and are looking to better weather. I know I am.

Hopefully, by now all Lodge nominations are done and elections are taking place. Remember all Lodge officers MUST attend officers training school. Look on the mdmoose.org site for when its taking place near you or take the class online from mooseintl.org.

New Governors ,I can't stress enough about getting an audit committee together, the Prelate is an automatic member, but not the chairman.

Membership, what can I say, I know most Lodges are struggling in that regard although it does seem to be getting a little better over here in District 2.

In closing, I want to thank Cumberland 271 for hosting the District 2 gun raffle. All Lodges in the district have tickets. \$5 each, a chance at 5 different rifles and \$500. Drawing June 4th - need not be present to win.

Fraternally, Jamie Vann



District 3 - Dave Taylor, Sr., President

Well, by now all Lodges should have their nominating meetings and elections done or close to being done. I hope that you interview all nominees for office to make sure they realize that it is a business and a cooperation they are running not just the idea of wearing a badge.

Now that winter is over please check your parking lot for potholes and clean up all trash to make it safe for people to park their cars and walk, so they don't trip or damage their vehicle. Also, the end of the Moose year is coming up and I hope that all Lodges make their quota for the year.

Retention and the Drop Lists are something that all Lodges need to work on to retain members so we can get our numbers back up. All Lodges should have a membership chairman and a membership campaign in place.

Remember we are **Building a Foundation.**

Fraternally. David Taylor, Sr.



**May the warm winds of Heaven blow softly upon your home;
May the Great Spirit Bless all who enter there;
May your moccasins make happy tracks in many snows; and
May the rainbow always touch your shoulder.**

News from the District Presidents

District 5 - Tim Gaverth, President

Dear Brothers and Co-Workers in the 5th District,

It is officially Spring, and hopefully last weekend was the last snow we see for a few months. It's time to get on the golf course, toss some bean bags, and get into the 'shoe pits. Oh, and go see some O's at the yard. Am I right?

Now, to business; I want to thank all of you for all you have done over this past year to keep us at the 100% reporting level. If it was not for your hard work, every day, we would not be there. At the time of this writing, there's a month and a couple of days until the end of this Moose year; make sure your units are actively working towards that all-important +1 across the board. There's not much time left.

Lodge elections should be done by now, and the long-timers in the 5th District need to get ready to welcome new Governors, Administrators, and their boards into the big time. Some of those new officers are new to involvement outside their own lodges, and they'll need our collective encouragement and support as they move forward in the good, and onward in the right. We'll all work together to make each next year better than the one before. Remember, we're all counting on each other.

And, I thank you for all you've done, and all you're going to do in the future.

Fraternally, Tim Gaverth

Gaverth.loom1504@gmail.com

301-648-1266



District 6 - Andy Zeager, President

Dear Brothers & Co-Workers:

It is with a heavy heart that I start this message with the announcement of the passing of Claymont Lodge's own Timmy Speakman. Timmy was only 54 but packed 100 years into those 54 years. Timmy worked a pivotal role in the success of the Claymont Moose, not only holding office but actively pursuing new members. He was a member of numerous clubs, but his heart was always with the Moose as he was the heart and soul of the Claymont Moose. Timmy, we will miss your Wolfman Jack voice and your Packers attire, but most importantly, we will miss your loyal friendship and dedication to the Moose fraternity. From all of us in The Association, District 6 and specifically the Claymont Moose, RIP Wildman!!



Now looking back, the District 6 lodges were extremely busy these past 3 months. Starting off with 100% attendance at the Mid-Year Convention, each lodge had successful Valentine's Day dinners, St. Patrick's Day parties and children's Easter festivities. Elkton had another corn hole tournament and a very enjoyable and fun Wild Game tasting. There I had delicious alligator, beaver, and camel. Yes, camel!

Getting back to the convention - we would like to congratulate Rita Anderson of the Claymont Moose for her dedication being recognized with this year's Lifetime Achievement Award for the Women of the Moose. Congrats Rita. And I would personally like to thank everyone for their support of the Polar Moose Plunge where we raised almost \$8,000 for the MD-DE-DC home!! What a great fraternity.

Everyone be safe and support and enjoy your lodge's upcoming Spring activities.

Fraternally, Andy Zeager

District 7 - Chris Miles, President

Brothers and Co-Workers all:

Spring is finally here, nothing like some warm weather and spring flowers to help you cheer yourself up from winter cold and grey weather!!!

Congratulation to Lena Berry, Abigail Harrington and Destiny Davenport!! These young ladies participated in the Youth Awareness congress kids talks and were chosen to go on to the next level representing the 7th District. GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!! We are looking forward to the International Convention in St. Louis, and hosting the children at the MD/DE/DC House from Mooseheart in August!



Fraternally, Chris Miles

2016 International Moose Sports Tournaments

2016 International Moose Sports Tournaments



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

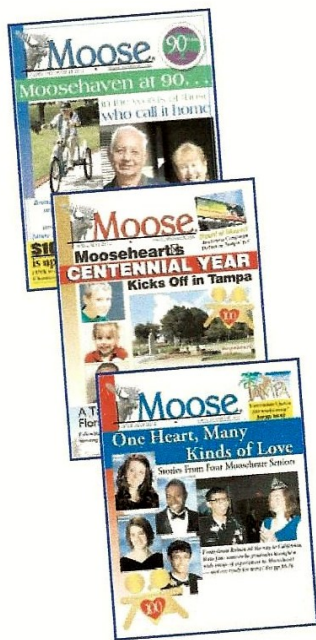
Elkhart, IN Lodge 599
July 29-31
Surfside Beach, SC Lodge 2531
October 28-30

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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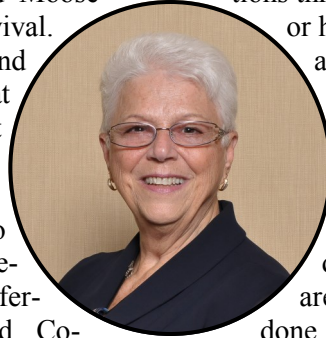
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Updated 5-12-2014

Moose Charities by Past Grand Regent Libby

Gosh, how time flies! It doesn't seem possible but here we are – Beginning a new Chapter year! Congratulations to the newly installed and appointed officers and chairman. Also I would like to remind you that it's very important that you obtain a Moose Charities Chairman. She would be a "Special Chairman" - not installed in the chair, but will be very helpful fulfilling the Chapter's obligations to take care of the "Cradle" and "Rocker" and hold other fundraisers to support our beloved Mooseheart and Moosehaven, which is so vital for their survival. Let's not forget what and who we are, and why we are members of this great "Moose" organization. Our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven depend on us for their future care.

As I mention "Moose Charities", I do want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your help at our February conference in Ocean City. We have good Co-Chairman that went the distance, rolled up their sleeves, and helped "**Build our Foundation**" by raising money for Moose Charities. We did have a lot going on and I know most of you spent your hard earned money which helped make us be successful! You purchased tickets for the Baskets, 50/50's, and the beautiful jewelry. You even purchased homemade food items and a new beaded badge holder. From these approved WOTM fundraising projects, we raised a total profit of **\$4,149.50**. With the approval from the Grand Chancellor, the proceeds were split: \$2,074.75 for the MD-DE-DC Home and \$2,074.75 for the "Moosehaven Centennial Project". I cannot thank you enough for your participation and help in making this so successful. Special thanks go out to everyone. We couldn't have been so successful if you hadn't been there to help us, either by donating, purchasing or working. This shows what we can do when we all work together – **As a Team** - to accomplish what needs to be done to ensure the future of our Twin Cities, by supporting our programs and most importantly Moose Charities. And I don't want to forget to let you know that the raffle for the 2 individual \$50.00 gift cards raised a net total of \$264.00 that went directly to the Endowment Fund, earmarked "Rocker Fund". Everything combined; we brought in a total of \$6,468.50 for Moose Charities and Jan



Fregulia sends her thanks to you!

I also want to remind you that our very own MD-DE-DC Regional Association has taken on the responsibility of a **yearly** commitment of \$80,000, to fund our very own MD-DE-DC Home at Mooseheart, and have also pledged an additional \$50,000 for the "Moosehaven Centennial Project". That is why we earmarked the checks to support our Association's Project. You can also help with your personal donations throughout the year. Regardless of how large or how small your check will be, all donations are welcome **and** tax deductible, **if** made payable to "**Moose Charities**" earmarked MD-DE-DC Home or "Moosehaven Centennial Project" and be sure to include your Moose membership number on the check. Remember these are "our children" and our "senior members"; and they are what we are all about! Let's get the job done in our lodges and chapters and fulfill this commitment, each **and** every year.

With the help of all of you with your individual donations and purchasing Tiara's again, \$1,970.00 was given from "Donors" and \$85.00 was donated for the competition between Sandy Thompson and Jeepy McCullough. And to let you know the results, Bronco's (Sandy's team) raised \$3,853.00 and Panthers (Jeepy's team) raised \$2,509.79 (Sorry Jeepy) Total: \$6,362.79, which also went to the Moosehaven Centennial project.

And, yes we are all about Money and Members! Our membership still is not where it used to be in our Chapters and Lodges. Membership continues to decline! **Members are our survival**, so let's work on this weak spot, work retention by making those personal phone calls, make those necessary changes in your chapter and lodge home which will bring our members back into our fold and make our Association #1.

We can do it – When we all work together!

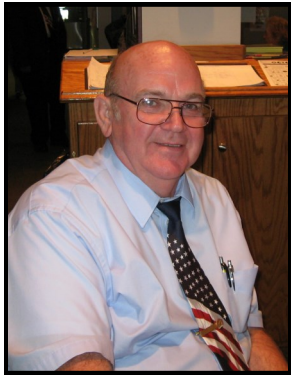
In Friendship,

Libby

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



Moose Charities Chairman Danny Williams



Moose Charities

A BIG “Thank You” to everyone who made donations at our Mid-Year Conference to Moose Charities. To those of you who took chances on raffles and Silent Auctions where the proceeds were earmarked for the MD DE DC Home Project etc., we say “Thank You”. Keep up the good work that we do for our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven.

I don’t have the final results of the “Rocker Project” for the month of February. When I get them you will be informed. All proceeds were to be sent to Moose Charities on or before the 15th of March.

As I mentioned in my last report we have a new project started at Moosehaven and it is known as “Moosehaven Centennial Project”. This will improve the quality of life for “Traditional Residents” with 105 Residential Apartments, with in-house kitchens and dining rooms.

The cost of this project is approximately \$10 million dollars. What we need now is your support in making this a reality. Won’t you please make any donations toward this most worthwhile project.

More information will follow in future issues. Thank You for all you do for the Children at Mooseheart and the Seniors at Moosehaven.



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

Moose Legion Chairman Danny Williams

MOOSE LEGION REPORT

What a year and I’m still visiting your Moose Legion Jurisdictions across this Great Fraternity of ours. No matter where I am I run into old friends and make many new friendships that will last a lifetime.

We are still working on R & R – “Retention and Recovery” on each and every visit to the jurisdictions and we have added a NEW R, know as Re-activation! It’s working wherever I go. The average of members paying their dues for the coming year is anywhere from 7 to 17 during our calls of R R R. If this works for me on my visits, it would work for you if we could get our Council of Higher Degrees to work at least once a month in our areas we would be much better off. In most areas I have visited the Council of Higher Degrees has come out in support of our endeavors and made many calls to members who forgot to pay their dues. Thank You very much for all you do !

Isn’t it GREAT to be a Moose Legionnaire !

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



Mooseheart Bus Trip 2016

MD-DE-DC MOOSE ASSOCIATION

Sponsors Seventh Annual Association Day

“Homecoming” - at Mooseheart High School

5 Days – 4 Nights

September 29 – October 3, 2016

\$ 425.00 per person (Double Occupancy)

\$ 625.00 per person (Single Occupancy)

PACKAGE INCLUDES

Two overnight lodging in Ohio, w/Breakfast

Two overnight lodging at Mooseheart, Illinois, w/Breakfast

Event Shirt

Motor coach transportation

Snacks, drinks, gaming on board motor coach

Football Game at Mooseheart, bonfire and other events

(to be announced at a later date)

Limited to 50 participants – FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED

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Memories of Ocean City 2016



Lifetime Achievement Awards
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LOOM Official Visitor
David Smoot

Memories of Ocean City 2016



OOPS!!!
He fall down, go boom!



Moose Polar Plunge in Ocean City 2016



**Hooray!
We did it!!!**

WOTM OV Judy Sisson



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Become a Mooseheart Booster!



Why Become a Mooseheart Booster?

Mooseheart Child City & School is a residential childcare facility, located on a 1,000-acre campus 38 miles west of Chicago. The Child City is a home for children and teens in need, from infancy through high school.

Mooseheart cares for youth whose families are unable, for a wide variety of reasons, to care for them. Some have lost one or both parents; others are living in environments that are simply not conducive to healthy growth and development.

Children live in one of roughly thirty residences designed like a spacious single-family residence. Each is home for six to twelve children. The heart of the

program are the Family Teachers — providing a consistent, systematic method of care, with emphasis on social-skills development — skills essential for success in later life.

It is Mooseheart's policy to admit qualified children who have a need. The Admissions Committee considers **all** applications of children in need.

By becoming a Mooseheart Booster you help



provide a home and education to children in need from across the continent. Your generosity, along with that of the men and

women of the Moose fraternity, will enable Mooseheart Child City & School to provide services to children who need, and deserve, the opportunity to live a happy and successful life.



Mooseheart's K-12 School



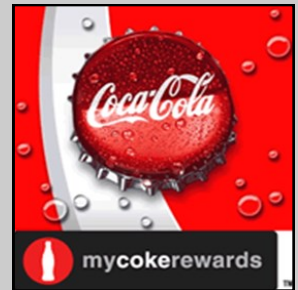
When you become a Mooseheart Booster YOU help to provide the financial resources that fund the programs needed.



Make a difference in the life of a child — they are our future.



More information about Mooseheart can be found online at www.mooseheart.org!



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THOUGHTS FROM MIRIAM

This is the time of year for the “changing of the guard” when the last year’s officers step down and new officers take over to lead the Fraternity into the next Moose year. It is always helpful if the past year’s officers stay involved to help the new ones adapt to the Moose criteria for leading the Lodge and Chapter members through the new year. If we help each other in this way, the new year should prove to be successful. Congratulations to all of the new officers for 2016-2017.

When I was a new member of New Castle Chapter 1418 in 1990, I was a bit shy about joining in for the “after the meeting” gathering with refreshments. An older member was sitting at a table away from the others, so I sat down with her. She wasn’t too friendly, so I mention that I should be getting home. She said I should stay and get to know the members, and then she got up, left me by myself and went to the back of the room where they were sitting with their cake and coffee. So much for helping me to feel I was a part of anything! I then moved to the back of the room, but didn’t feel like I was welcome as they kept on with their conversation and so I went home. When you sign up a new member, it would be helpful for her to feel as if she’s a part of the organization if her sponsor was there to make her feel welcome, especially if she is a new acquaintance to the sponsor. My sponsor wasn’t there. We need to make new members feel that they are welcome into the group so they will want to get involved in the chapter. The next senior regent, Marjorie Jones, asked me to be a chairman for her year, and I accepted. She is still a very good friend of ours and I appreciate her getting me involved in this great Fraternity. New members need to be made aware of the reasons we do what we do, and the best way to accomplish that is to get them involved and let them become an asset to the organization.

Let’s remember our first encounter with the Moose and make new members feel welcome. *the editor*

PS - the picture at the bottom of page 18 is a flock of snow geese floating on the ocean at Ocean City. As we watched the island moving closer to the shore, some of them started flying away!! That’s when we knew what they were.

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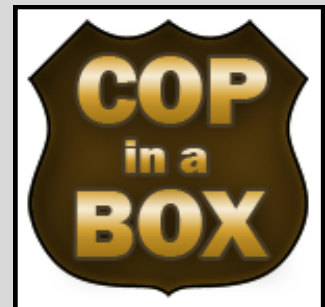
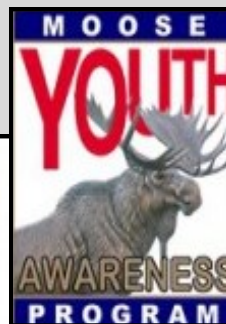
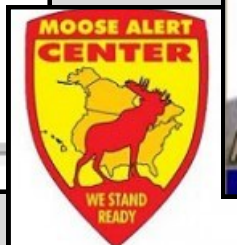
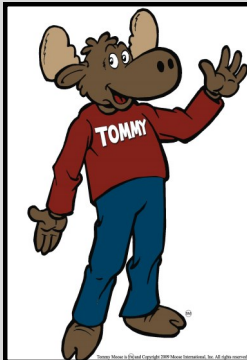
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