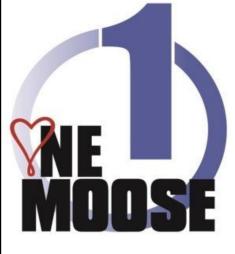


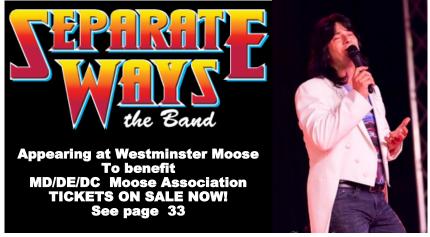
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#### ON THE COVER

SEPARATE WAYS The Band—A grand event to benefit MD/DE/DC Moose Association to be held at Westminster Moose Lodge. The ultimate Journey Tribute Band will take you back to 1980's Journey experience complete with Steve Perry doppelganger, Danny Gagliano. Get your tickets now before they're all sold out. This band is a smash at OC Sun Fest and other venues sell out when they're headlining! Our own Kevin Ray will open the show with his Neil Diamond Tribute. Great show for only \$35/pp. Westminster will offer a meal for the additional \$10.

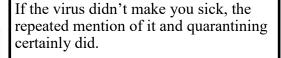
# The <u>DEADLINE</u> for the next issue of "The Association Communicator" is

August 10, 2020

Please email your articles to: Jean Neal Editor jean m.neal@Yahoo.com



# Thoughts from The Editor

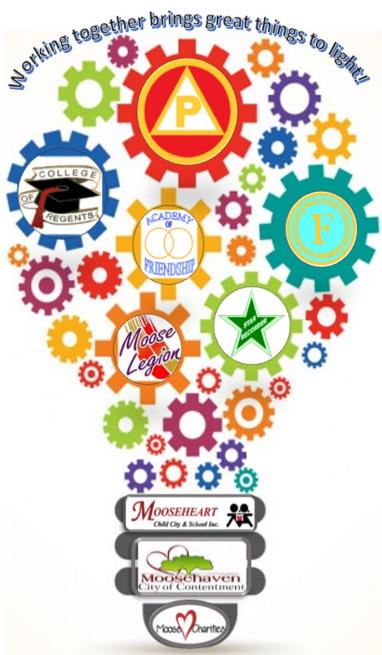


The tag line of "We're in this together." was a whitewash of a pandemic that never had us more isolated and alone in certain aspects of our daily lives. Finding peace and solace in groups, like our churches, support groups for illnesses or stages of recovery, and even our Moose families had anxiety peaking like never before.

While our State Governors had our States on lockdown (Governor Larry Hogan of Maryland earned his moniker of "Lockdown Larry quite quickly!) Many of our Lodges still found ways to keep giving to their communities or used the shutdown time as a great opportunity to clean up, freshen up, or down right remodel their lodges.

We saw our International Convention cancelled, but Moose International will be hosting a Virtual Convention June 25th and 26th. Even though our Class enrollments of our Higher Degrees will have to wait another year, at least we'll have updates on many anticipated points of information from the Virtual Convention. Don't forget to tune in. Look for info later in this issue.

Fraternally, Jean M. Neal, PDGR—Editor



Future Deadlines: August 10, 2020 October 10 2020 January 10, 2021, May 10, 2021

#### From the Desk of

# Territory #10 Manager Mike Stumbaugh

I am sure at this point, most are anxious to start socializing with one another again after the amount of time we have been away from each other. As thing begin to re-open please remember to abide by the outlines that each State has set when being in a Social setting.

As we begin a new year in the Moose World, a lot has already changed and I am sure will continue to change in the near future. This year will be the first time that an International Convention will be broadcast over the internet and voting will take place in the same manner. We will be voting on 1 MOOSE a huge step to unify the fraternity as one both men and women together creating a stronger future for the fraternity. Continue to keep watch on the International Web Site for



information on the Convention as to dates and times that information will be given to the members.

Now this talk MEMBERSHIP, the Association finished the fiscal 2019 year in April with statistics showing that we were down 1004 member's .Looking back over a 3 years period we have lost 2064 male members based on International figures. We need to start working the International and Association Campaigns hard and we need to become more involved in our communities to let people know who we are and what we do.

Two examples of this I would like to share, one being Rockville Lodge, if anyone didn't get an opportunity to see the Fox 5 interview it was a great opportunity to let the public know who we are and what we do. It is my understanding from speaking with the lodge that over 600 meals were given away to the community during this one day event by the lodge. Another example of community involvement during this pandemic was that of Williamsport in how they were setting up outside serving meals to their members and believe it or not, two individuals not members rode in on horseback and inquired and ended up joining the fraternity of course I understand that Russ is trying to get dispensation to allow the horses to join also.

Little thing like I have mentioned above can go a long ways to include during these times paying the dues of a charter member in their 90's not being able to pay on account of not being able to leave their residence. We can advertise and spend hundreds of dollars but the best advertisement is WORD OF MOUTH.

Continue working membership, Lodge Officers work your expired list together call and check on you senior members, a little kindness can go a long ways.

Mike



# Message from President Mike Boris

Brothers, WOTM and Co-workers,

I hope everyone is staying safe and heathy.

In these uncertain times our association, along with all other associations, are in a holding pattern with many regular events for our members. It's very hard to plan anything due to the restrictions brought on by the COVID19 pandemic effecting our country.

Hopefully we can all get back to normal as soon as possible and continue our work supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven! With that said you can make contributions directly to Moose Charities in your name – remember to include your MID# on any checks written; your support is very much appreciated.

Now, more than ever, is the time to work on retention. Lists are available thru your Lodge Administrators, District Presidents and from our Territorial Managers. Contact information is available on our Association Website. Our membership is down over 1000 members. Remember, only the strong survive – so please do as much as you can to keep our fraternity strong.

On the positive side, I have been informed that many Lodges are sprucing up both inside and out. Most of the work is being done by our members volunteering their time. "Thank you for all you do."

Congratulations are in order for the WTOM Chapters who have made their year. I'm sure it wasn't easy in these tough times.

To date, the only event that has not been canceled is the November 7<sup>th</sup> Separate Ways—Journey Tribute Band event at West Minister Lodge – please support this association fund raiser.

Stay tuned to the website for any further developments and changing dates.

Fraternally,
Mike Boris
MD-DE-DC Moose Association President

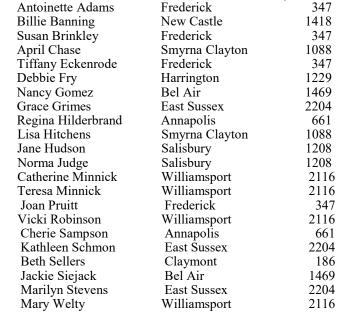


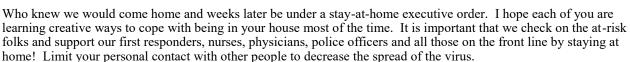
# Deputy Grand Regent Dr. Deb Frye

What a fabulous, fantastic and first joint mid-year conference we had! The weather inside was sunshine whereas the weather outside was pouring rain. Our conference was well attended with many new attendees!

Congratulations to those ladies who received their Academy of Friendship Degree!







Don't forget Mother's Day And Father's Day are around the corner so send all those wonderful wishes to those moms & dads across the states!

So, what is in store for the Moose in the coming months? Since the International Conference in May will not go as planned, hopefully we will be able to participate by attending a virtual meeting in June. Stay tuned for updates. I know that proposed changes have been sent out for everyone to review.

As we continue the stay-at-home order into May, here is some comic relief to keep you laughing:

You know if you keep a glass of wine in each hand you can't accidentally touch your face. 3

I am starting to understand why pets try to run out of the house when the door opens. ②

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands? ©

I'm so excited; it's time to take the garbage out. I wonder what I should wear. ②

Day 7 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture." (3)

Home schooling question: Does having your children prepare your mixed cocktails count as a chemistry lesson? 

My Mom always told me I wouldn't accomplish anything by laying in the bed all day, but look at me now! I'm saving the world!

I swear my fridge just said: "What do you want now?" 😉

I'm giving up drinking for a month. Sorry, punctuation typo. I'm giving up. Drinking for a month. ③

I have some extra facial masks (3)

I hope this provided some laugher in your house! I hope we will be together real soon!

Fraternally,





# Supreme Governor's Message

Due to Covid 19 and all it's glory, fun and surprises . . . We don't know who our DSG is yet! But we do know who the Supreme Governor is! Bruce Burger, who served as Deputy Supreme Jr. Governor for 2019—2020, Should have been sworn in already as Supreme Governor, (but hasn't). We enjoyed Bruce when he joined us as official visitor at our Mid Year Conference in March.

To honor him, MD/DE/DC Moose Association has had new challenge coins minted and they are for sale. Contact your lodge or any of the Association officers and they'll be glad to sell you one for \$10. Cheap as twice the price if you're caught at the bar (yeah, yeah when it reopens) and a brother or CoWorker slams their challenge coin down and you don't have one! That's right—you don't have the challenge coin . . . You buy those seated at the bar a round of the their last purchased beverage!

Below is the anticipated dates of his visit to tour our Association, (yeah, yeah, I know— if Lockdown Larry opens the State of Maryland and his next State neighbor cooperates!)



July 2020 Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday



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# **Messages from District Presidents**

I hope everyone is still well and preparing to reopen soon I HOPE! I again have to change the date of our District Meeting The meeting for June 2nd at Rosedale is moved to **August 4th** It will still be held at Rosedale and start at 7 p.m. The agenda will still be nomination of officers I hope this date is far enough out that we all have had time to get up and running

Reisterstown Lodge was able to get a lot of long needed work done on our social quarters. Several members stepped up and we emptied the kitchen cleaned and got it degreased and painted LOOKS LIKE NEW We got our pool room cleaned, waxed and painted. We cleaned and waxed our upstairs hall. Repaired the mens bathroom wall that was losing tiles and are in the middle of changing the ceiling tiles in the social quarters. The Board of Officers thanks everyone for their help. We hope everyone is well and look forward to seeing you soon.

If there is ANYTHING I can do for you PLEASE let me know Hope fully I can visit your Lodge before this August 4th meeting please let me know when I can stop by Looking forward to seeing and hearing from everyone soon.

Fraternally, Randy L. Freeman **District 3 President** 

Hoping that everyone is well out there, and hopefully things will be getting back to some sense of normalcy before to long. District 6 lodges are holding teleconference board of officer's meetings and have been working hard at projects in and around the lodges. So, there will be may updates to come and see when things get back to normal.

A BIG! BIG! Shout out to the Elkton Lodge #851 for the awesome job thinking outside the box with the Saturday drive through meals and donations coming in.

Hope everyone is preparing for the International Virtual Convention in June. There will be a lot important information shared and the ONE Moose vote. Stay safe, we will see you all soon in Realtime.

Fraternally, Brian Weaver, District 6 President

I hope everyone is doing well in this pandemic. In these crazy times is when we need to come together as one. We need to come together as one and work hard for this great fraternity. Coming together and give those who need a helping hand help, Looking after friends and family who really needs the extra help.

With our shut down, it's a great time for us to get are lodges ready for reopening. If that is repairing our lodges or just a good spring cleaning. Getting ready for that time when we can come together and have fun.

BE SAFE BROTHERS AND CO- WORKERS District 7 President Tommy 2

# **Messages from District Presidents**

Rockville Moose made the Channel 5 Fox News for some great community service! Social Hall. The Rockville Lodge #1505 has constructed a new outdoor deck and replaced their social quarter bar. On May 8th, 2020 Members of Rockville lodge offered a hot meal to all in the community with a curb side pick up. 800 meals were given out to the community at no charge. This Heart of the community event was broadcasted live on Fox 5 though out the day.

Dennis From Wheaton reports that the Wheaton #1775 Lodge took on a major renovation project to their Social Ouarters and

With the shut down in place our lodges remain closed. A couple of 5th District lodges have used this opportunity to do some much needed deep cleaning and repairs to their lodges. I hope all remain healthy and safe through these difficult times.

#### Submitted by Emmett Bisnett **District 5 President**









#### **Emmett Bisnett Makes It Official**



I've always been told that a job isn't "Official" until you draw blood. Well . . . Emmett Bisnett made the overhaul of not only his Lodge, but every Lodge in the Association "OFFICIAL"! While the Moose Organization has always asked their members to "Give Blood" I don't think that's what they

had in mind!







In Emmett's words: "Well...had a good day at work, Friday, remodeling the Moose Lodge until I realized what you **DON'T** do with the table saw...Had to put My thumb back together 30 stitches later!"

Thanks for "Taking one for the Team!". Now that we've got that out of the way - No more Boo Boos! Be safe everyone!



Don't forget! Check your dues card and pay your dues! It's easy and can be done from your phone!

https://secure.mooseintl.org/QuickPay/

# Williamsport Living the Moose Way!



Premier Twirler Member Brittany Showe



Premier Twirler Mom Holly Showe



LOOM Board Member Steve Mowen

On February 22, 2020, Williamsport Lodge donated the use of their hall for a bingo event benefiting the Premier Twirlers. The members of the group not only sold all the tickets but assisted in the event!





LOOM member Frank Weaver



WOTM member Melissa Weaver & Cindi Suddueth

# Williamsport—Making it Work







Williamsport members work hard to keep their Lodge earning money. Williamsport quickly swung into action to establish curbside meals—to-go! They even had a "ride through" window at one point! Their Dedication paid off and they were able to make an Eleven Hundred Dollar donation to the Endowment Fund!









# Bel Air Lodge #1952 Got the Hot Stuff!





On 2-29-2020, the Bel Air Moose Lodge held the 7th Annual Ronnie Harple Chili Cook Off. Fun for all attending. The 2020 Winner was Paul Slaby, with Doug Jenkins for Second Place and Mike Hoch for Third. All received a trophy and Paul received a CASH BASH Ticket for the Ocean City Conference



# Sproose the Moose



Charm City East, stripped and waxed the floor, scrubbed everything down in the bar area. Cleaned and sanitized the restrooms, walls, tables and seating areas and even safeguarded the Moose!

Below, CoWorker Penny Kremple scrubs up the Ladies room! Thanks Penners!







# Messages from International regarding elections

The General Governor's Office wishes to propose updated guidance for the nomination and election of Lodge Officers. Previously, through MI Official Communications, the Office has communicated: 1) no elections are to proceed due to the pandemic, state governmental mandates and CDC gathering restrictions, and 2) all officers elected for or appointed during the 2019-2020 Lodge year will have their term extended, and will remain in office until July 1, 2020.

The General Governor's Office wishes to supplement its guidance for the nomination and election of Lodge Officers for the 2020-2021 Lodge year:

- A reminder, all elections held this year before June 1, 2020 will be declared invalid.
- All officers elected for or appointed during the 2019-2020 Lodge year will remain in office until July 1, 2020, OR until their successor is duly elected (if later).
- Nomination Committee meetings may continue and elections may occur any time after June 1, 2020.
  - ♦ If the Lodge has re-opened by June 1st, the Lodge will have two (2) months from opening to nominate and elect their Board of Officers. All officers' terms may begin July 1, 2020, or the date of election if later, and shall run through April 30, 2021.
  - ♦ If the Lodge has not opened by June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Lodge will have two (2) months from opening to nominate and elect their Board of Officers. Officer terms shall begin on the date of election, and shall run through April 30, 2021.
- The General Governor's Office will issue a blanket dispensation for the use of the Australian ballot, without the necessity of a majority Lodge vote for this year only.
- There will be no dispensation for electronic voting at this time.
- Officer training requirements will be 60 days from day Lodge officers take office.

We ask all Lodges to re-familiarize themselves with the ELECTION OF LODGE OFFICERS HANDBOOK as to the proper running of an Australian ballot and other election proceedings. See <a href="https://www.mooseintl.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/LodgeElectionHandbook.pdf">https://www.mooseintl.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/LodgeElectionHandbook.pdf</a>

Lodges please contact your Territory Manager for more details if needed.



# Did you Know?

#### A Historical Summary of Mooseheart "The Child City"

James J. Davis - who later would serve as Secretary of Labor to three Presidents, then 14 years in the U.S. Senate - agreed late in 1906 to take on the job of recruiting members into the then - faltering Moose organization, on the basis of eventually using members' pooled resources to create a home and school where dependent widows of Moose members could take their children.

Within five years the organization had grown to membership of nearly 200,000, and Davis, now carrying the title "Director General," recommended that Moose leaders begin seeking the right parcel of real estate to set about establishing the so-called "Moose Institute." On Dec. 14, 1912, the leaders decided to purchase a 750 acre dairy operation known as Brookline Farm, 40 miles west of Chicago, plus adjacent acreage to the west and north, 1,023 acres in total. Final purchase took place in February 1913 totaling \$264,000. At a joint meeting of the Supreme Council and Institute Trustees unanimous approval was granted to Congressman John J. Lentz's proposal to name the new home and school "Mooseheart." "This," he said, "will always be the place where the Moose fraternity will collectively pour out its heart, its devotion and sustenance, to the children of its members in need."

Dedication of Mooseheart was set for Sunday, July 27, 1913. Thomas Marshall, then newly installed as Vice President of the United States, first balked at Supreme Governor Ralph Donges's invitation to speak at a ceremony for what he viewed as an "orphanage." Donges responded that "what we are planning will not be an orphanage at all. It will be a home and school for the children of our deceased members". Vice President Marshall, in his July 27 remarks, said: "Thank God, here in this Middle West, here on this most sacred day, humanity has again proved its right to be called the children of the Most High; has again reached out its hand in love and loyalty to the needy brother, and has disclosed not only the right, but the duty of this great Order to exist." On its dedication day Mooseheart featured a large farmhouse dubbed Aid Hall, a few other ramshackle buildings, and a huge circus tent rented from Ringling Bros. for the occasion, to shield the gathering from the summer sun. Several thousand Moose men and women, (for the Women of the Moose received formal recognition that year as the organization's official female component), gathered under the rented tent and placed the cornerstone for Mooseheart. Most importantly, there were 11 children present who would be the first to call Mooseheart home.

In August 1913, Supreme Secretary Rodney Brandon moved from Anderson, IN, where Moose headquarters had been located, to Mooseheart, to serve as the community's first Superintendent. Under Brandon's direction, the future design of Mooseheart began to take shape. James A. Young, city forester for nearby Aurora and owner of a nursery there, contributed landscape design services on a part-time basis. It was Young who also drew basic plans for a Mooseheart street layout, which he made roughly in the shape of a stylized heart. In 1918, on Mooseheart's fifth anniversary, Vice President Marshall returned to speak at a dedication of a new Auditorium named for former President Theodore Roosevelt, recalling five years before: "Let me tell you that when I spoke, there was a reservation in my mind . . . Thank God that today . . . the age of miracles has not passed. All that I hoped for, longed for and prayed for on that interesting occasion five years ago has come to pass at Mooseheart."

The Great Depression hit the Moose fraternity hard; membership plummeted from 600,000 to less than 250,000 in just seven years. Meanwhile, Mooseheart bore the responsibility for the largest population of children and teens it would ever have, flirting with the 1,400 mark throughout the 1930s

#### A Historical Summary of Mooseheart "The Child City" Continued

Up through the early 1960s, the original admission policy to Mooseheart remained largely unchanged, permitting only children of male Moose members who had died. As society changed swiftly throughout the 1960s, '70s and '80s, Mooseheart adjusted in response, steadily accepting more and more children whose families were in disarray due to divorce, substance abuse, severe economic reversal, or other reasons. Until 1994, however, admission generally required that there be a Moose member in a child's extended family. But that year, the Moose fraternity's leaders voted unanimously to expand the admissions policy to consider applications from any family in need, regardless of whether a Moose member was a part of their extended family. Also in 1994, the Mooseheart campus took its first step away from full financial reliance upon the Moose fraternity, when Mooseheart Child City & School was incorporated as a separate entity, a registered 501[c]3 charity under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

In 2003, Mooseheart gained its youngest Executive Director since its first one, Rodney Brandon, when 34-year-old Scott D. Hart assumed the post. Hart and his wife, Christie, had been career Mooseheart staffers since coming to the campus in 1991. The new Executive Director has served as a Family Teacher, Dean, and Assistant Executive Director.

There is nothing in the world as sweet as youth, and nothing in our fraternity as caring as the child city we call Mooseheart.

#### Mooseheart.

Call it love... call it security... call it a heartwarming chance to turn tragedies into triumphs.

Whatever you call it, Mooseheart is one of the most enduring contributions this fraternity makes to society.

Now we ask you to help us keep our dream alive, the dream that says every child without a family deserves to have one.

Since opening its doors, thousands of children have called Mooseheart home.

Let the little children come to me.

Do not keep them away.

For they are like the kingdom of Heaven.



# MD/DE/DC's Donation to Moosehaven

Moosehaven continues to enjoy the beautification of the Moosehaven grounds due to the generosity of our members, Lodges, Moose Legions and Chapters who donated in memory of our Brother, Bruce Pfarr. Former Executive Director John Capes told us that our donation was generous enough to keep the grounds in flowers for a couple years!





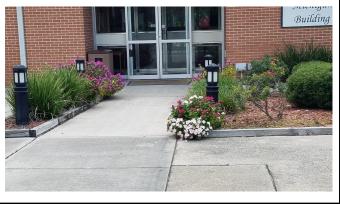












#### Mooseheart

There are so many reasons to be happy today! Sunshine, blue skies, a smile from a friend (or even from a stranger), an unexpected kind word or action, a home, a meal on the table—they all make a difference. So today, we are bringing you another reason to be happy, or actually a few reasons!

Our Mooseheart kids have been keeping busy with school work, crafts, cooking, outdoor activities etc. They are staying active and engaged while following the shelter-in-place order. But, the most important thing to remember—and to be happy about— is that **OUR KIDS ARE SAFE and SOUND!** They are protected, loved and being safely cared for. A HUGE reason to be happy today!

With your continued support our kids have many reasons to be "happy" each and every day. You help spread joy! THANK YOU!





Happy Graduation and many wishes for success for our two gentlemen from MD/DE/DC Home, who graduated May 23, 2020

Latif Adeboyejo

Eloy Munoz



#### Virtual Convention



"Attend" the Virtual Convention! Visit this webpage for more information and to watch. <a href="https://www.mooseintl.org/2020-virtual-convention/">https://www.mooseintl.org/2020-virtual-convention/</a>

The Moose will be having a "virtual" convention for the first time in the Fraternity's history. The Virtual Moose Convention will occur on June 25-26, 2020 and any member with internet access has the ability to participate in the live and taped sessions that are set to occur.

Included in the live sessions will be the address of Director General Scott Hart, as well as the reports of Mooseheart and Moosehaven, and the installation of officers. Further, addresses by Supreme Governor Rodney Hammond, Grand Regent Mary Froning, Grand Chancellor Barbara McPherson, and Director of Membership Mike Rios are expected be broadcast live. Additional live sessions are listed on the Schedule of Events, and other presentations will be recorded and stored on this special Virtual Moose Convention website for viewing at any time by Fraternity members.

Voting for the proposed changes to the Moose General Laws is scheduled to take place during this meeting. Loyal Order of Moose delegates will be required to register for this meeting in order to take advantage of this opportunity to vote. The General Laws proposals all revolve around the change to create a new and unified Moose membership where women and men have equal membership rights, privileges, opportunities, and a vote in Lodge business and activities.

Scheduled to be on the Virtual Moose Convention web page will be workshop presentations; convention and general Moose merchandise for sale; links to YouTube presentations; and access to the live events. Not all of the information will appear on June 1st. Some materials, such as Awards, nominations, merchandise for sale, and some workshop presentations will be added closer to the meeting dates, or in the case of Awards, after the announcement has been made

# Virtual Convention REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Virtual Moose Convention runs from June 25 – 26, 2020. Any member can attend by using a smart phone, tablet or computer and accessing this site, which will hold links to the live videos, recorded sessions, convention merchandise, and more. On those dates, you may view any of the sessions you choose, based on the schedule listed on this site. Sessions will also be recorded and posted to this site (via YouTube) so that members may view the sessions at a later date.

Participation in the Moose Virtual Convention is free and there is **no need to register** in advance, **WITH ONE EXCEPTION!** 

If you are a delegate (current Administrator, Governor, or Past Governor) for the Loyal Order of Moose and will be voting on the General Laws Amendments, approval of reports, or the nomination and election of Officers, you MUST register for the Convention.

The link to register is below and there is a \$10 registration fee to offset electronic voting costs. The fee is payable by credit card, or you may use 8,000 Moose Rewards points in lieu of payment. (Moose Rewards option will only appear if registrant has 8,000 available points) Only LOOM delegates will be allowed to register, so if you are a current Administrator or Governor you must be listed on your lodge's Board of Officers within the lodge's Admin Menu. For the Virtual Moose Convention, alternates to the delegates will only be allowed per the General Governor's guidelines, which are contained in the file below. All registrations must be done online, therefore, if a delegate needs help in registering for the meeting, he should contact his Administrator or Territory Manager for assistance.

Only delegates for the Loyal Order of Moose are allowed to vote per the current General Laws, therefore all non-delegates, including members of the Women of the Moose, need not register.

For delegates, registration begins June 1, 2020 and will close at 5:00pm on Tuesday, June 23rd. You may register at any time during this period in order to participate in voting during the Convention.

Online Registration (for delegates) if your computer does not redirect you, please copy paste the address below:

https://secure.mooseintl.org/MooseRegistration/Login.aspx?id=SKaawKkOiriLpcR9PKXznw%3d%3d& <u>Guidelines for Requesting an Alternate</u> if your computer does not redirect you, please copy paste the address below:

https://www.mooseintl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Guidelines-for-Requesting-an-Alternate.pdf

#### **Workshop Presentations**

\*\*Information regarding workshop presentations for the Moose Virtual Convention web page will be available prior to Thursday, June 25th. Please check back then for more information.\*\*

# Virtual Convention Schedule of Events (Tentative)

	JUNE					
	25-26					
VIRTU						
132nd Meeting of the Supreme Lodge / 108th WOTM Conference / Mooseheart, Illinois						
	Tentative Schedule of Events (Subjection					
Date	Presentation/Address	Scheduled Speaker				
Thursday, June 25	Virtual Convention - Morning Agenda					
9:00 a.m.	General Laws Amendments Workshop	Scott Hart/Mike Leuer				
10:30 a.m.	Report of Ritual & Higher Degrees	Bob Neff				
Thursday, June 25	Virtual Convention - Afternoon Agenda					
2:00 p.m.	Heart of the Community, Activities and Sports	Gordie Dailey				
2:30 p.m.	Report of Mooseheart Board of Directors	Gary Urwiler				
3:00 p.m.	Report of Moosehaven Board of Directors	Helen Taylor				
Thursday, June 25	Virtual Convention - Evening Agenda **Opening Session**					
6:30 p.m.	Opening Session Welcome	Scott Hart				
•	Invocation	Paul Curtis				
	National Anthems	Rusty Shields				
	Credential Committee Report	-				
	Rules & Order	Mike Leuer				
	Report of the Director General	Scott Hart				
	Report of the Supreme Council	Rodney Hammond				
	Nomination of Supreme Lodge Officers	Rodney Hammond				
8:30 p.m.	End of Session					
Date	Presentation/Address	Scheduled Speaker				
Friday, June 26	Virtual Convention - Morning Agenda					
10:00 a.m.	Publication Awards	Kurt Wiebe				
10:30 a.m.	Moose Charities Recognition	Pam Amundsen				
Friday, June 26	Virual Convention - Afternoon Agenda					
1:30 p.m.	Lifetime Achievement Award Announcement	Scott Hart/Barb McPherson				
1:45 p.m.	Report of the Grand Chancellor	Barb McPherson				
2:45 p.m.	Report of the Grand Regent	Mary Froning				
3:15 p.m.	Report of Moose Charities Board of Directors	Pam Amundsen				
Friday, June 26	Virual Convention - Evening Agenda **Closing Serssion**					
6:30 p.m.	Closing Session Welcome	Scott Hart				
		Rodney Hammond				
	Election and Appointment of Officers	Rodney Hammond				
	Report of Membership Department	Mike Rios				
	Report of Membership Department Top Association Announcement	Mike Rios Mike Rios				
	Report of Membership Department Top Association Announcement Premier Lodge Award Presentation	Mike Rios				
	Report of Membership Department Top Association Announcement Premier Lodge Award Presentation Report of Judiciary Committee	Mike Rios Mike Rios Mike Rios/Scott Hart Jim Brewer				
8:55 p.m.	Report of Membership Department Top Association Announcement Premier Lodge Award Presentation	Mike Rios Mike Rios Mike Rios/Scott Hart				

# Virtual Convention INFORMATION

#### **Video Presentations**

A link to a live streaming service will appear in this section starting June 25th. All sessions listed on the Schedule of Events will be broadcast live when possible and will be recorded at the same time for future viewing. All members can view any session listed, per the General Governor's Office, and lodges are encouraged to broadcast the convention sessions live for their members where safe and appropriate in their lodge homes. Voting information will be shown/discussed during those sessions where needed for registered delegates of the Convention.

Recordings of these sessions will usually appear approximately 4-6 hours after the initial presentation, or the following morning for those sessions that are broadcast live in the evening. All sessions will be posted to the Moose YouTube channel, although links to those videos will be available within this tab.

#### **Awards**

\*Award information will be listed following each award presentation.

#### Premier Lodge Award

The Premier Lodge Award is presented to those lodges growing their membership, operating in a fiscally responsible manner and exemplifying the Spirit of Moose through community service and outreach programs. When a lodge qualifies for the Premier Lodge Award, both the Governor and/or Administrator can earn a Leadership Award, provided they have met all the criteria.

#### Lifetime Achievement Award

A Lifetime Achievement Award is a prestige honor given to those who have committed themselves entirely to the Moose Fraternity. Annually, the Moose Associations each nominate one Lodge member and one Chapter member within their Moose Association to be considered for the honor of being recognized as the Order's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. The Associations each determine their own criteria for selecting their nominee. All Association nominees are judged and ranked, with just one Loyal Order of Moose member and one Women of the Moose member recognized during the International Moose Convention for their career of service and dedication to their Moose Lodge, Moose Legion, Moose Association, and the Order.

#### Moose Journalism Award

The Moose Journalism Awards program seeks to encourage and motivate editors of all Moose publications towards the achievement of consistently high journalistic standards in their newsletters and, through such achievement, to enhance communication and shared information between Moose members and their Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Higher Degree Councils, and Associations.

## Virtual Convention General Laws INFORMATION

During the 2020 Virtual Moose Convention, a vote will be taken by the delegates of the Loyal Order of Moose to approve or reject a series of changes to the General Laws which will enable the Fraternity to create a single (One Moose) membership category that provides equal rights for all members within the lodge.

There are several documents attached that outline the changes that are being proposed. The first document provides an overview and summary of all changes proposed; while the rest of the documents show redlined revisions to all impacted areas of the current General Laws.

Voting for the General Law Amendments will take place within this tab by the delegates of the Loyal Order of Moose who have registered for the Virtual Moose Convention. Voting will take place beginning at 10:00am (CDT) on Thursday, June 25 and end at 5:00pm (CDT) on Friday, June 26. The link to the voting portal will be available during this time frame only. Results of the vote will be announced during the report of the Judiciary Committee during the live presentations on Friday evening.

A special, interactive General Laws Workshop will take place online at 9:00am (CDT), Thursday, June 25 beginning with a presentation by Director General Scott Hart and General Governor T. Michael Leuer. At that time, questions from online participants may be emailed to a specified address (provided later) and the speakers will answer as many as time permits.

Although the current General Laws allows only the Loyal Order of Moose delegates to vote on the proposed changes, any member, male or female, may participate in the Workshop session.

The proposed amendments listed below will be voted upon by the delegates of the 2020 International Moose Convention. If approved by the delegates, the amendments will be effective on May 1, 2021. Page link: <a href="https://www.mooseintl.org/virtual-convention-general-law-amendments/">https://www.mooseintl.org/virtual-convention-general-law-amendments/</a>

2020 General Law Amendments Overview

General Law Amendments I- Constitution

General Law Amendments II – Supreme Lodge

General Law Amendments III – Lodge Organization

General Law Amendments IV – Social Quarters

General Law Amendments IX – Certification of Authentication

General Law Amendments V – State & Provincial Associations

General Law Amendments VI - Disciplinary Proceedings

General Law Amendments VII – Appeals

General Law Amendments X – Addendums

2020 Mid-Year One Moose Town Hall Recap

## **Fond Farewells**





#### **Cherie Mondrella**

Cherie Mondrella, Director of Lodgic Kids Camp. We bid a fond farewell to Cherie as Lodgic Kids Camp was closed due to the Pandemic.



# **International and Association Membership Campaigns**



May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021

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Sponsor 5 Members Funds will be donated toward the purchase of new golf carts for use throughout the Moosehaven campus. Plans are to purchase one multi-person golf cart and two regular golf carts. Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.

Sponsor 25 Members Members attaining Sponsors of Distinction status by sponsoring 25 members during the One Moose membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2021 International Moose Convention in Cincinnati, OH, Additional information can be found on www.mooseintl.org.

The program has been extended until 2022! Earn Rewards simply for doing things that strengthen the Order: sponsor a member; serve in office; **REWARDS** renew your dues or complete training. Each activity generates points automatically that you can use to pay dues, contribute to Mooseheart/Moosehaven, or redeem for Moose gift store purchases. Check your Moose Rewards points total today at **www.mooseintl.org** to see how many you have earned! Also, look for special promotions throughout the year for your chance to earn greater rewards.

# **International and Association Membership Campaigns**



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# Moose Charities by Past Grand Regent Libby

Gosh, how time flies! It doesn't seem possible but here we are – the year 2020 has quickly approached, which means there are only 4 more months left for this Chapter year! I hope you are having fun in your chapter and all your positions are filled, including that very important chairman for Moose Charities. As you know, she would be a "Special Chairman" - not installed as one of your regular chairmen - 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 forgot what and who we are, and why we are members of this great "Moose" Fraternity. 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 last Annual Conference for Women of the Moose in Ocean City. This Mid-Year will be joint with our very own MD-DE-DC Moose Association. Just think Co-workers, we will have the opportunity to be a part of this historic event in our Moose Journey.

I did want to mention some figures that were made by the WOTM Moose Charities committee this past conference. We have good Co-Chairman and they were on a mission, rolled up their sleeves, and helped prepare the future survival of our "Twin Cities" by raising money for Moose Charities. There was a lot going on and I know most of you spent your hard-earned money which helped us to be so successful! You purchased tickets for the beautiful baskets, 50/50's, perhaps a new badge holder, or some delicious desserts or treats. From these approved WOTM fundraising projects, we raised a total profit of \$4.607.50. With the approval from the Grand Chancellor, all proceeds were remitted and 1/2 earmarked for our very own MD-DE-DC Home and ½ earmarked for the new "Mooseheart Activity Center" (also called "MAC") that is being built at Mooseheart.

Plus, our Endowment Chairman Loretta Clark raised <u>\$400.00</u> on the Christmas items she purchased and donated and was earmarked "Endowment Fund" which secures the future of our beloved Mooseheart & Moosehaven. I cannot thank each of 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. Everything combined; we brought in a total of **\$5,007.50** for Moose Charities! GREAT JOB!

I also want to remind you that our very own MD-DE-DC Moose Association has taken on the responsibility of a YEAR-LY commitment of \$60,000, to fund our very own MD-DE-DC Home, so 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 and please be sure to include your Moose membership number on the check, so you get credit for it. 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 Chapters and Lodges and fulfill this commitment, each and every year.

And, YES - we are all about Money and Members! Our membership is still 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, playing Box Top Games when they are available, enter those sales receipts on "Shoparoo" and those Coke codes under "My Coke Rewards." Please let me know of any other programs available. Thank you for all you do! You're the Greatest!

## **Moose Legion**

In case you haven't heard – International Moose Legion will be having a Moose Legion Conference to be held closer to home this year in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, Halloween weekend October  $30^{th}$  thru November  $1^{st}$ , 2020. All Moose Legions in our Association let's get started on some fundraising to send some of our directors to this most important conference and be 100% represented with other Moose Legions from all over our fraternity. I am hoping to have more information available at our Mid-Year Conference to be held in March  $3^{rd} - 8^{th}$ , 2020.

Our "Moose Legion All State" will be held this year at Westminster Moose Lodge, sponsored by Baltimore Moose Legion #10. I expect all Moose Legions of our jurisdiction to be represented at this event – a roll call will be taken. More information will be available at the Mid-Year in March in Ocean City, MD.

Respectfully submitted, Danny Williams, Sr. PIP MD DE DC & WV Area Manager International Moose Legion Secretary



## **Moose Charities**

"Thank You" for all your donations toward the "MD DE DC Home Project" and to the "Mooseheart Activities Center" (MAC), and all Moose Charities projects at our Convention held in October 2019 in Ocean City Maryland.

With our Mid-Year Conference coming up I am asking everyone once again for their donations to the various Moose Charities Projects, most especially toward our "MD DE DC Home Project". Remember we have a commitment \$60,000.00 per year toward "Our House". So won't you bring a check for Moose Charities earmarked for "Our House", we would appreciate it very much and you would feel good doing so and all funds donated to Moose Charities are deductible on your Federal Income yearly.

Are you aware that our Association and Reisterstown Moose Lodge 1577 in the 90's handled by Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admissions Representative Bill Cobert and his wife Kathy, sponsored a student at Mooseheart in the name of Molly Robinson, a niece of Diane and Wayne Reiniman, (a Past President of this Association) a member of Reisterstown Moose Lodge #1577. Molly graduated from Mooseheart in 2004 and recently in the October/November 2019 Moose Magazine there was a short story on her "Thanks" to the existence of Mooseheart. She is now a Doctor, married and tries her best to stay active with the Moose and Mooseheart!

Respectfully Submitted, Danny Williams, Sr. LOOM Moose Charities Chairman



# **Messages from Moose Charities**

**Staying connected!** These past few weeks have certainly pushed each of us to find more ways to keep informed, connected and to feel a part of a community. The beauty of our Moose family is that no matter where you are someone is always there for you and you are there for them.

Moose Virtual Social Quarters, a Facebook group created only weeks ago, has brought together thousands of Moose members from across the country. A morning hello, a fun comment or even a prayer request has kept everyone connected and inspired. This same group has made a huge impact with its support of a "virtual t-shirt fundraiser," raising money for Mooseheart. A shout out to Stephanie Aanonsen (Green Bay WI Chapter 451) and Wesley Beebe (Charm City East MD Lodge 70) who made the t-shirt fundraiser happen.

#### Family, friends, loyalty, belonging, connected...Moose!



When you take action, you help bring so many together...virtually! THANK YOU!

Last shared count of the funds raised by Moose Virtual Social Quarters t-shirt sales as over \$11,000.00!



### Government Relations Message by Bessie Staab Hickman

I sincerely wish everyone had a great Holiday Season with family and friends, and this New Year brings the best of everything to you.

That being said I am convinced we have two new national flowers, the orange and white barrels and cones and the yellow signs along the roadways. I know there is not a road in ours or surrounding states that does not have a chunk out of it or widening and/or yellow signs plaster all over it. If they are anywhere near your lodge or home, better take the time even if it's taking your life in your hands to read the fine print in that little white square (bottom in the right



hand corner). These signs are usually on the highway with little or no parking, in a field or even on a tree, Who knows there could be a very unfriendly bull in that field. Why take a chance? If you care about your lodge you will take the chance to read that little white box. It is vital information, it will tell you what the plans are for the property under development or study, where the meetings will be held for said study, when the meetings will held and time. This is usually the only notice that will be given. Occasionally, you will find them in the back of a newspaper or one of your local flyers. We have too many developments going up and road widening to ignore these signs. This is a federal law Eminent Domain all they have to do is posts that sign if you do not attend the meetings you have agreed. Once passed there is little and in most cases nothing you can do. So you could lose property. Same with zoning, many times it's posted in for your usual monthly meeting agendas for town, county or parish. If you do not show to protest or in some cases ask to be grandfathered, you could wind up with a gas station on your doorstep or in your backyard. Folks this is only one or two reasons why we need chairpersons in every lodge and chapter.

We need to be sure we have the "members and guests only" on our marquees, unless that is stated on your sign the IRS can say you are open to the public. It has happened so please be aware. We have to be sure we are playing any games correctly and be aware if there are any changes in those regulations, so you need to touch base with the Professional Gaming for Charitable Organizations. They sometimes allow new games or change the rules or regulations of old games. They always have Inspectors out checking. Take nothing for granted better to be safe than pay a fine or lose a license. You can access this on line and check yourself, again the meeting agendas usually state what is being discussed and minutes of previous meetings posted. Please if you find something pass it along so it can be checked. If I can be of any assistance My Phone is 302-738-5932 E-mail besshick23@gmail.com

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# MD/DE/DC Moose Association Event



<u>http://www.separatewaystheband.com/</u>
Get to know a little more about Separate Ways The Band!

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Don't miss the Ultimate Tribute to the music of Journey with Separate Ways The Band...



November 7, 2020

Kevin Ray as "Neil Diamond" Tribute 7:00 —Separate Ways Journey Tribute 8:30

# Youth Awareness Chairman - Ken Hunt

Ken Hunt Youth Awareness Coordinator MD-DE-DC Association khuntmdmoose@verizon.net



Brothers and Coworkers:

2020 Moose International Announces Youth Awareness Congress Scholarship Winners.

This year the Moose International Youth Awareness Congress was held virtually as travel was restricted, as well as practicing social distance. Students from all across the fraternity competed for \$30,000 in scholarships. All entries by the students were exceptional and the voting by the students for the winners had to be difficult. However, they did vote and elected the top 5 scholarship winners.



1st - \$12,000 - Anastin Hornsby - West Virginia 2nd - \$8,000 - Breanna Coley - Virginia 3rd - \$5,000 - Lielani Leighton - Alberta 4th - \$3,000 - Avarie ens - Oregon 5th - \$2,000 - Kara Stover - Pennsylvania

> Fraternally, Ken Hunt Youth Awareness Coordinator

# **Moose Charities**

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# Upcoming Schedule

8/10/2020	**COMMUNICATOR SUBMISSION DEADLINE**		
8/22/2020	Association Picnic Annapolis Lodge		
9/12/2020	Mooseheart will hold its Annual Homecoming Weekend on September 12th, 2020. The Red Ramblers Soccer Team will be playing the Illinois Math and Science Academy at 1pm on this day. More information will be made available as the date nears.		
9/27/2020	Association Meeting Bel Air Lodge		
10/10/2020	**COMMUNICATOR SUBMISSION DEADLINE**		
10/ 21-25 /2020	Association Convention @ Princess Royale Ocean City MD		
11/7/2020	Association Fundraising Event:  Journey Tribute Band Show — \$35/pp  Opening by DJ Kevin Ray as "Neil Diamond"  Meal available separately from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$10—includes:  2pc fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll/butter, iced tea/coffee		
1/10/2021	**COMMUNICATOR SUBMISSION DEADLINE**		
ALL DATES	ALL DATES, LOCATIONS & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		

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James J. Davis

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