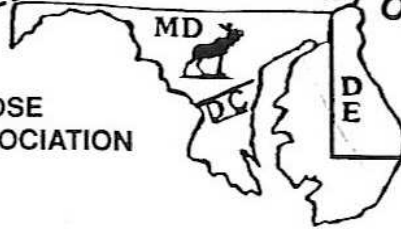




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From the Desk of MD-DE-DC Regional Manager Dave Greenaway



Take the Time - Please

I had written about our economic plight with everything going up in price, including the ABCD, but I am going to save that for another issue. I just got off the phone with a widow of a 50-year member. He was a member of the **25 Club** and she is a Collegian. She probably will not renew her dues. Our conversation made me realize that this is an important topic. As we struggle to gather new members and retain those that we have, incidents like these can do irreparable damage to the perception that we are a caring Fraternity of men and women.

I am disturbed, embarrassed and confounded by a recent letter and a phone call from a daughter and a widow of former LOOM Brothers. It seems that after over 30 years of paying dues and supporting the Moose Family Fraternity, their Moose Brothers could not send a card of condolence to the widows and their family, upon their recent passing.

Has this ever happened in your Lodge or Chapter? In one instance the Lodge BOO never received the death notification from the family. An honest mistake, but unfortunately in most cases it is just the lack of a policy concerning the death of one of our members. Does your Lodge have a box of cards at the bar? It is simple to pull out a card when a member delivers the news that one of our members is sick or has passed away. Pass it around the room and mail it off in a couple of days. This act of kindness takes no more time, than it takes for caring members to affix their signatures to the card.

It may seem a mundane chore to the living; but neglect to perform this simple act of condolence, and a lifetime of service and continued support of a deceased member goes for nothing. His or her family becomes bitter, because what meant so very much to the deceased means nothing to the living members that he/she called Brother or co-worker. One member's daughter wrote *"We were very disappointed during his services that there was no contact from the Moose. My Dad would have been very hurt because he was so proud to be a member of the Moose, and always told us that if anything ever happened to him - the Moose would be there to help! That's why he paid dues for over 30 years."* His Lodge never sent a card.

The other widow called to tell me that the lodge Governor, when asked to extend a *Service of Tribute* at the funeral home did not have enough men or enough time. How would you feel if your father or husband had paid his dues for 50 years and you were told that we did not have time for him? I know that both, the wife and the daughter are bitter. I know that these families are disillusioned about their Fathers' belief in the "defending circle". I know that I listened to one widow for over an hour trying to find a redeeming virtue of our Family Fraternity. I know that I sympathized with her for not finding a redeeming quality in her husband's present day lodge Brothers and officers.

Eventually our families are going to need the support of friends, immediate family and our Moose Brothers and Co-Workers. Imagine how your surviving spouse will feel if no one sent a card or attended a viewing. Imagine if their simple request for a ten-minute **Service of Tribute** was denied because Lodge or Chapter members did not have time. One deceased member and his spouse had time to attend Lodge and Chapter meetings and drive countless miles to District meetings for scores of years. Is this the legacy of the Moose Family Fraternity we want our survivors to witness?

It would be **Beyond Belief** for me to believe that we, the greatest fraternal organization in the Free World, would condone such neglect for our survivors. Please do not allow your Lodge or Chapter ever be guilty of not having enough time, or simply not caring to make the time. In two unintentional, unthinking and selfish situations, a Lodge has crushed the goodwill and good works of each lodge, in the eyes of our deceased Brother's families and friends. Please do not let this happen in your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion. Have a plan to recognize when a member is ill or has passed away.

Thanks for all that you do for Mooseheart, Moosehaven and your Communities.

Fraternally, *Dave Greenaway*



To Show You What Dave's talking about:

This is a progression of emails showing how our Regional Manager handled a very delicate situation. The family member of a deceased Brother emailed Bill Airey. Mr. Airey forwarded the email to Dave and here you can see Dave's response in this situation. The final message is sent from Mr. Airey to the other Regional Managers commending Dave for his handling of this unfortunate occurrence.

Dear Mr. Airey:

I am writing regarding my father's Moose membership -

My father was a dues-paying member for over 30 years. He passed away on October 18, 2007. At that time, we contacted his local Lodge to notify them of his passing. They took down the information. Since not notifying them, we have heard nothing - no card, no condolences, no representation at his viewing or funeral, no calls to my mother - nothing! That was until we received a notice to pay his dues by June 30, 2008. I returned that notice advising them of exactly what I just wrote above to you. Still we have heard nothing - until today when we received a reminder notice to pay his dues or his membership would expire. I will return that notice with the same note.

I would ask that you please take whatever action is necessary to stop sending notices to him. We were very disappointed during his services that there was no contact from the Moose. My Dad would have been very hurt because he was so proud to be a member of the Moose, and always told us that if anything ever happened to him - the Moose would be there to help! That's why he paid dues for over 30 years. It is just very hurtful and angers me when I receive them.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

(Name withheld for privacy)

I am sorry to hear of your father's passing, and I apologize for the lack of communication from the Family Center. I contacted the Junior Past Governor and the Administrator and explained your situation. Notification of your father's passing was not given to either officer by whomever took your message about his passing. The Family Center has a reputation of sending cards and visiting their ill and shut in members, when they are aware of a particular situation.

I understand that this does not turn back the clock to October. The lodge will strive to have a better notification system. They are now using a notification book in the Social Quarters. Your particular situation and that of a call today from a recently widowed member, has compelled me to send a message to our lodges via our Association's quarterly newsletter "The Association Communicator". In writing this message, I hope that all 50 Lodges and 46 Chapters in Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia, will examine their handling of bereavement and illness policies, so that these oversights are not repeated. I have attached a copy of my open letter to this e-mail. Your letter was part of my inspiration, and with your permission, I would like to have it published in our upcoming edition.

Your family should receive no more notices from Moose International. Your father's record was updated June 23, 2008. Again, please accept my sincere condolences and apology.

Sincerely,

Dave Greenaway



Mr. Greenaway - I am so deeply moved by your response and the attached open letter. You have captured mine and my family's feelings, and have my permission to use my letter in whole or in part in your publication. I really can't put into words how much your response and this action means to me and my family, but we are honored to be a part of what it will mean to those families who will find themselves in the same situation. True - we can't turn back the clock, but I do believe that your open letter will make a difference to so many in future. Thank you so much, (Name withheld for privacy)

Gentlemen

While this information is not for publication, as far as the family or the Lodge involved, I want to show you what happens when you show compassion and concern. Dave did an excellent job and is to be commended.
Bill

Community Service



New Castle Moose Family Center honored local police and fire personnel on May 3, 2008. Cpl Arlene Redmond and her K-9 partner, Rex, were awarded a plaque. DE State Police officers Cpl Natalie George, Trooper Megan Boswick, Cpl/3 Michael and Trooper James Agnor were chosen as the Law Enforcement Officers of the Year. Each received a plaque and gift certificate. The Fireman of the Year was William Erv Thatcher from the Goodwill Fire Company in New Castle. His family and several firemen were present when he received his

plaque and gift certificate. Each group received a dozen Tommy Moose.

Elkton Moose FC #851 Administrator John Kitchen presented 6 Tommy Moose to the Singerly Fire Company. John is on the left standing next to Rescue Captain Tim Poore and EMS Chief Phil Scott.

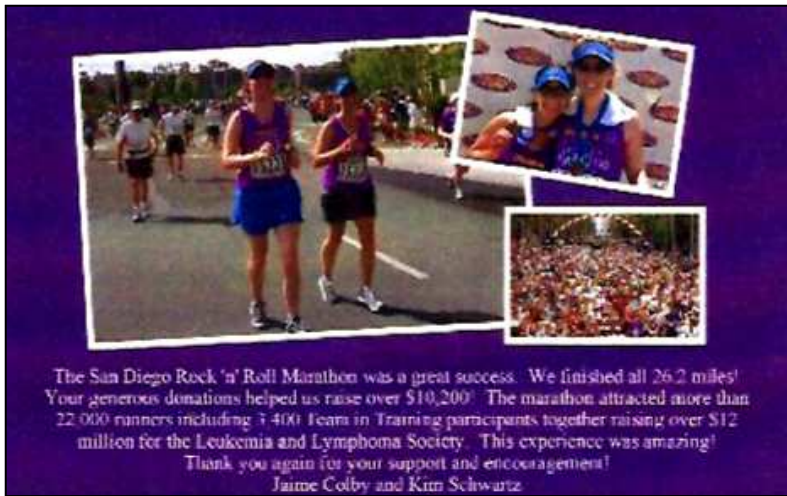


Elkton Moose FC #851 Past Governor Ron Martin and new Governor Adam Story presented DFC G. Reynolds 6 Tommy Moose for the Cecil County Sheriff's Department.



The officers of Sparrows Point-Dundalk Moose FC #1228 answer the call of a Chapter member to sell tennis shoes for \$1 each for the Juvenile Diabetes #Walk for the Cure" on April 27, 2008. Between Friday and Saturday night, they raised \$135 for the cause. The Co-Worker's granddaughter was diagnosed with Type #1 Diabetes 2 years ago at age 11. Great job, guys!!

Community Service



This postcard was received by Lewes-Rehoboth Chapter #1814 from Jaime Colby. Her note attached reads:

"A note from Jaime Colby on her race:

The San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon was a great success. With help from your generous donation, I raised \$5,017. A total of \$12 Million was raised for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. My Dad and In-Laws have all fought cancer and won their battles. Their strength and courage gave me the inspiration to finish the race in 5 Hours, 53 Minutes and 43 Seconds!

Thank you again for all your support and encouragement."



On Sunday, June 1, 2008, the WOTM Aberdeen Chapter #1209 walked at the Baltimore Zoo in memory of Rose's son, Christopher, for the 5th year. Team "Christopher's Angels" raised \$1010.00 together for the National Kidney Foundation of Maryland. Rita and Maleah Boothe, Linda Rivas, Rose Dalton, Ingrid Barton are in the picture. Debbie Race and Shirley Miller also walked, but are not in the photo. Great success for a cause near and dear to Rose Dalton's heart.

Winnie Beattie works with the program Sarah Pyle Academy for Academic Intensity with the Christina School District in Newark, Delaware. Winnie is a math teacher with the program wherein students who have dropped out of school can work half a day and take classes half a day in an effort to graduate with their class from high school. There are no extracurricular activities involved in this program. New Castle Chapter #1418 SR Loretta Clark presented a \$250 donation from the Chapter to Winnie on July 1st to help fund yearbooks for the graduating class. These books show the great accomplishments these students have made in this program. Many of them continue their education in business or technical college.



Community Service



At the May 6th meeting of the 6th District, Neil Fonzeallaz presented a check to Rebecca Reynolds from C-Line Stables for the Center for Therapeutic Riding. The program provides riding lessons for children and adults with physical and mental disabilities. They have 9 horses and give 95 to 98 lessons a week, with 40 lessons on Thursday alone. There are nine instructors and five of them are nationally certified.

The ladies in the picture below are Betty Hand, Sue Cornell and Mary Rouse from College Park Chapter. They are helping Mack McGehee assemble Easter baskets for Walter Reed patients.



Members from Waldorf Moose FC #1709 tended a table showing what the Moose is all about at an open house in one of the Charles County Schools. They gave out literature about the Moose Youth Awareness Program.



Mack is showing the room where treats are gathered to be packed for the servicemen and women in the hospital. That's a lot of goodies!!



Mack McGehee is always busy collecting goodies for the boxes he and his group fills and delivers to the Walter Reed Hospital for patients injured in the line of military service for our Country. Mack is like the Energizer Bunny, he keeps the spirit going and gives the patients and their families something to look forward to when he and his crew visit them. In the photo above on the right Shirley Weaver is with Mack. In the photo on the left Jeanette West is helping Mack. They make their trips to the hospital every week to deliver their good will.



Changes at Moose International



As of August 1, 2008, Grand Chancellor Janet Fregulia will be the Executive Director of Moose Charities, Inc. She will then be responsible for fundraising for all Moose endeavors - developing, implementing and promoting funding programs for the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose. Also, she will be in charge of seeking contributions from outside corporate and foundation sources to support Moose programs, especially Mooseheart Child City and School. Jan and her staff will be at Moose International headquarters at Mooseheart. We wish her the best in her new position.

Barbara McPherson has been named as the 9th Grand Chancellor of the Women of the Moose. She has served as a senior staff member at the WOTM headquarters for nine years. Since May 1999 Barbara has served as Director of Administration, Director of Sports and Ritual, and in 2005-2006 as Director of Youth, Family Activities and Ritual for the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose. She has been the Director of Operations since June, 2006, working with Grand Chancellor Fregulia. We look forward to her guidance as our Grand Chancellor of the Women of the Moose.



The new Director of Operations will be Judy Sisson. She is a member of San Diego, CA Chapter #2 and moved to the Mooseheart area with her husband, Bill, in 2007 to take the position of Executive Assistant to Grand Chancellor Fregulia. Mrs. Sisson has earned her Academy of Friendship and College of Regents Degrees in 1991 and the Star Recorder Degree in 1992. In 2001-2002 she was the Deputy Grand Regent for California/Nevada and served as Deputy Regional Manager for the Association from 2005-2007. We wish Judy success in her new position at Mooseheart.

Our Supreme Governor & Grand Regent

Supreme Governor James J. Gallagher

Jim joined Vallejo, CA Lodge #468 in 1965 and soon became very active by serving as Trustee, Prelate, Jr. Governor, Governor and Membership Chairman. He also has been a leader in the California/Nevada Moose Association having served as Treasurer, Prelate, President, Membership Chairman, Conservation Chairman and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Internationally, Jim was a Deputy Supreme Governor and Coordinator of the Moose Youth Awareness Program. He is a member of the 50 Division of the 25 Club.

In 1974, Jim received the Fellowship Degree of Honor and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1984.

Jim and his wife, Linda, live in Vallejo, CA, and have three children and four grandchildren.



Grand Regent Marion Friend

Our Grand Regent joined Kalamazoo/Portage, Michigan Chapter #350 in 1967. Marion has served her Chapter in many capacities, as well as fulfilling appointments made by International Headquarters.

Her received her Academy of Friendship Degree in 1970, College of Regents Degree in 1973 and Star Recorder Degree in 1975. Grand Regent Marion has been an Academy of Friendship Board Member between 1991-1993 and served as Dean in 1998-1999. She has served on the Grand Council from 2001-2003.

Marion is a retired family teacher, has two grown children and lives in Portage, Michigan.



Welcome to our Official Visitors

Director of Fraternal Programs Shawn M. Baile



Shawn M. Baile will be the Men's Official Visitor for the 75th Annual Conference in Dover next month. He hails from our neighbor to the North - Pennsylvania. Shawn joined York, PA Lodge #148 in 1997 and transferred to Gettysburg Lodge #1526 in 2004. He is a member of the Keystone Moose Legion #41 and has served various chairs in his Lodge and Moose Legion. As a District Prelate and Vice President, Shawn served in the Pennsylvania Moose Association; he also held the Community Service Chair for the Southeast Region. A member of the 25 Club, Shawn received his Fellowship Degree of Honor in 2003. He holds memberships in the Elks Fraternity and the Sons of the American Legion. Along with his wife Denielle and their son and daughter, Shawn resides in Sandwich, IL. We welcome Shawn to MD-DE-DC!!

Past Grand Regent Marge J. Walsh

We welcome Past Grand Regent Marge J. Walsh to MD-DE-DC as our Women's Official Visit for the 75th Annual Conference in Dover. Marge is from Illinois and is active in the Moose River Park Chapter #780. She has been a member since 1961 and was installed as Grand Regent in Orlando on July 3, 2007.

Marge earned her Academy of Friendship Degree in 1966, her College of Regents Degree in 1968, and Star Recorder Degree in 1970. In the 1970-1971 year Marge was the Deputy Grand Regent for Illinois. She served on the Grand Council 1973-1975 and was our Grand Regent last year, 2007-2008.

She has been nominated for International Co-Worker of the Year and was nominated as Mother of the Year for the Chicago Boys Club in 1955. After 30 years as an Executive Secretary for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Marge retired in 1999. She is a Deputy Regional Manager for Illinois, currently lives in Melrose Park, IL and has one stepson.



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News & Views from Association Pres. Ralph Shockley

Brothers and Co-Workers,

I hope everyone who attended the International Convention in Las Vegas in June had a wonderful time. During my stay I attended all sessions and gained a lot of valuable information that will be beneficial to the Association and myself in the months to come. When the winners and nominees in different categories for the Lodges, Chapters and individuals were announced, our Moose Association was well represented. These people will be honored at our July Association Meeting in Essex, Maryland. I was really pleased to see the number of people who attended the convention representing our Association. We finished 8th out of 44 Associations. This shows that the MD-DE-DC Moose Association is on its way to become the top Association very soon.



The State Association is busy getting ready for the Conference in Dover in August. This will be a very special one because it is our 75th Anniversary. There will be a lot of special things taking place during the Conference. Try to take time out of your busy schedule and be part of this special event.

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We are now 3 months into our new membership year and we need to reach our quota to be successful. The Association is running a membership program "Take Ralph's Money" to try to reach our quota. Let's make sure all Lodges are participating by posting the flyers in your lodge so all members are aware of this campaign.

It's hard to believe that my year as President of MD-DE-DC Moose Association is quickly coming to an end. My wife and I have traveled many miles and met many wonderful people. I'm proud of the support I have received this year from all the members of the Association. I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to this Association. I believe with your continued support, this Association will grow and move forward to be the TOP ASSOCIATION. My wife and I feel that we have made a lot of true Moose friends and we know that those friendships will last a long time.

My term as your Association President has truly been "BEYOND BELIEF".



Fraternally,
Ralph Shockley
Association President
2007-2008

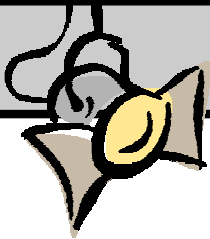


Congratulations to our new Pilgrims who were part of the 80th Pilgrim Conferral Class on May 24, 2008

Clyde Alderson, Jr.
Timothy McElwain, Sr.
Thomas G. Rieg, Jr.



Bruce Dewey
Robert Mitchell
Herbert Smith



In the Spotlight

Around Mother's Day, Mooseheart held a search through the Fraternity for "Extra-Special Moms". Marlboro Chapter #1350 submitted the following article and picture of Chapter member Shirley Boswell. Shirley was chosen as one of the winners and we share her story with you as written by Linda L. Green, Recorder and Bert Krakosky, Mooseheart Chairman.

"Extra-Special Mom, that's Shirley Boswell. Shirley has passed along her wonderful traits of being smart, funny, strong, caring, independent and beautiful inside and out to her daughter, Wendy. On top of that, she has given her niece, Heather, the motherly care and attention that she so needed while growing up. In addition, Shirley has been more than a grandmother to her grandson, Steven. He will have a lifetime of memories of the quality of time spent with his grandmother. She continues to be there for him with warm hugs, lots of patience and endless love. Also, Shirley provides her special "motherly love" to all four of her younger sisters after the death of their mother.



In 1998, after raising her family and nearing retirement, Shirley became a "Mom" again. After the sudden death of her mother-in-law, she graciously opened her home to her brothers-in-law, Wayne and Ricky Boswell. With no thought of the inevitable changes that would occur in her home, and her already busy life, she quickly became their angel of hope. More important than the material things she has provided for them, she gave them someone to depend on. At a time when they felt lost, Shirley gave them a home, a great family atmosphere, a future and added lots and lots of love.

What makes Shirley so special is she doesn't do anything for a "pat on the back", she simply does "the right thing" at the right time. She has that unique talent of displaying her strong side and still coming through with a heart of pure gold. She even finds time to cater to a few senior ladies in the community by taking them to the store, doctor appointments or the beauty shop. Throughout these years, Shirley has kept a full time job that included travel along with being a valuable member of the Baden Volunteer Fire Department. Her eagerness to help others, the generous love she gives so freely, and her abundance of energy makes her extra special to all those she touches.

In addition to all of the above, Shirley's loyalty and dedication to Marlboro Chapter #1350 continues to be at the utmost. Throughout her years of service to her Chapter, she has eagerly served on many committees, earned and received the Academy of Friendship degree, successfully served as Senior Regent in 2006-2007, and, as of April 30, 2008, successfully completed her term as Junior Graduate Regent. She is truly an asset to our Chapter, and Co-Workers that cross her path truly love her. We look forward to working with Shirley as she proceeds to receiving her College of Regents Degree and her future endeavors."

Congratulations, Shirley!!

**Supreme Governor Jim Gallagher
comes to MD-DE-DC in October!!
October 19 - Frederick Moose Family Center
October 20 - Edgemere Moose Family Center
October 21 - New Castle Moose Family Center
Dinner at 6:30 PM at each Lodge**



Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

After the launching of the new "Safe Surfin" program and with our Association needing the support of our legislators to get some bills passed to protect our youth, now is the perfect time to get to know your legislators, local, state and national. Lots of information from national is available and how successful this and other programs will be is your participation. ONE HUGE REQUEST, please will the District Presidents share the name, e-mail, and phone number of their chairman with me? Officials do not bite, they are user friendly if approached with the right attitude and you have good information. I think we, at least, in this Association have found this to be true.

Maryland - have any of you pursued the issue of having a designated area or place on your grounds to provide for smokers, this was still pending in your legislature. Have you gathered any data of how much it will cost in revenues if some members are not provided such option? You still have a chance, let's say last ending, score tied, two outs, one to bat. You can either strike out with not trying to swing, or take the chance on really swinging away and knock it out of the park. I had one person tell me that with the footage and distance required from the building at present would require their members leaving the building, crossing a highway to light up and many had said rather that be subjected to this they would not be coming the Lodge. Isn't this worth taking the time to contact someone while it's still pending? Keep in mind you are not the only organization facing and fighting this issue, get with some others. I know you have fraternity brothers and sisters who are members of other non-profits and their concerns are the same as yours. Need some assistance in getting started? Let me know - I'll help in any way possible.



Just received this info about Free Military State Park Passes for Operation Iraq and Enduring Freedom Veterans. Also free hunting and fishing license information. It's online Delaware State Parks, check where it says saluting Delaware's Veterans. Guidelines, be a resident of the state, have served at least 90 days, been discharged after June 29, 2004, send a copy of DD214 papers as proof of military status, proof may be faxed, internet or mailed. I do not know if Maryland or D.C. has a similar program but it's worth a checking.

There has been a lot of publicity about the eminent domain amendment, keep a close eye, this has not gone away, this still has shark's teeth. It's still very much alive, only the approach has been changed now it states good for public use not private contractors. Please tell me when areas are to be developed, who will do the developing and therefore reap profits? Even if eventually it is for public use and I know it states raising bonds and etc. who will benefit most? No, this issue is far from resolved, it's just a slight concession to those who are strenuously opposing the taking of their properties under the current guidelines. We need to keep making those calls and writing those e-mails in support of these property owners. A question to ask of yourself, could my home or Lodge home be in development's way in the future?

One last item, I am so proud of members from the 6th District for taking the time to come and share in the ceremony and the support for our "Hometown Heroes" at the Smyrna Rest Stop, that was presented and chaired by the Gold Star families, Am-Vets, and Del-Dot (the Gold Star started for those killed in line of duty or from injuries that resulted in loss later). The banners are on display at the rest stop and they will be there for a period of time, then taken to another site. Please spare some time when they come to your area.



Help our military personnel and veterans to communicate with their families and loved ones by providing them with a free phone card. Support *Operational Uplink*.

Donations can be mailed to Delaware VFW Quartermaster Jesse Kitson at
167 Carnation Drive, Magnolia, DE 19972. Write your check to
"Department of DE VFW" and earmark for "*Operational Uplink*". **Thanks!!!**

Honoring Delaware's Hometown Heroes



On June 11, 2008, members from the Loyal Order of Moose attended the ceremonies to honor Delaware's Hometown Heroes at the Smyrna, DE Rest Area. The banners shown above will travel to locations through Delaware to honor these members of the military who have lost their lives in the line of duty. DE Adjutant General Francis Vavala and Chief MSgt Holly Morris were there as well as the DE National Guard Color Guard. DE Governor Ruth Ann Minner made an appearance. Gold Star Mother Pauline Anderson is posing in the photo with Ron Sweetman. She also sent a copy of the poem to the right which honors the Gold Star Mothers who have lost a child in wartimes.



A GOLD STAR MOTHER SPEAKS

Sleep, my son, with heroes of a by-gone age,
 And though my heart is heavy, sad and blue,
 I know that in travelling pilgrimage,
 You looked to God, as I would have you do.
 You were my pride, and always will be 'til
 I walk the same path you did, to the skies,
 And may I gain the courage to fulfil
 My earthy tasks as well as you, in your demise.

Sleep, my son, your valor through eternity,
 Will be the watchword, for sons not yet born,
 And may your fight, for right, equality,
 Stand out as bright as sunshine in the morn.
 I should not grieve, I had your loan for years,
 And you were all a mothers' heart could ask,
 Should I deface this thought with useless tears,
 Or not go on to finish worldly task?

Sleep, my son, I shall not weep for your lost prime,
 For youthful years, too swiftly sped along
 But I shall set my heart upon the time,
 When with the angels, I shall hear your song.
 You see me here, and watch with constant care,
 I feel your presence in the trees, the sun,
 And that is more the reason that I dare,
 To say, sleep well, beloved one, my son.

MRS. JOHN GILBERT LEACH,
 Poet Laureate of the State of Delaware

Written at request of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
 Chapter No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware



Here and There, We're Everywhere!!



Have you been to the Edgemere Lodge lately?? They've renovated the building and **it's beautiful!!** And the inside is as gorgeous as the outside!! They have a huge deck along the back leading down to the pier, horseshoe pits and playground. The Social Quarters is topside now - it's worth the trip to have a look at the new Edgemere Lodge.



Meet the WOTM Membership Chairmen. Lee Hortsman and Janice Wyatt are Chairmen for the MD-DE-DC Moose Association and Belinda Mitchell is our International Chairwoman.

Frederick Lodge's Boy Scout Troop #371 presented the colors at the May 18th Association Meeting.



The PDGR Chauffeurs' Club gets together when the ladies have their meeting, usually to pose on the steps at Lib & Carl's house.

Lori James visited the March 30th Association Meeting on behalf of DE Senator Tom Carper. Ron Sweetman presented her with a flag that was flown on a CHD Helicopter on 9/11/01.

The little gal with the big tuba below is Lee and Kaye Huston's 13 year old granddaughter, Reba Williams. She is the #1 tuba player in the Calvert County Music competition and has been asked to march with the Patuxent High School Marching Band this Fall. Reba has won positions in the Calvert County Honors Band as well as the Tri-County (Calvert, Charles & St. Mary's) Honors Band. This talented teen has been invited to play in the Solomons Island Tuba Christmas for several years.



The gentlemen pictured above were the cooks at the June 19th Brunch at Baltimore City #2631. Left to right - Governor Tony Kline, Sgt-at-Arms Barry Miller and Jr. Governor David Lease. We hear they are great cooks!!!



"Flight 93" Ties are still Available

FLIGHT 93
NATIONAL MEMORIAL

*A Common Field One Day...
A Field of Honor Forever.*

The FLIGHT 93 Commemorative Tie

Join the men and women of the Moose in honoring the valor of the civilian heroes whose courage saved many innocent lives. The proceeds of your purchase of this commemorative tie goes to help build the National Park Service's Flight 93 Memorial, on the sacred meadow in Somerset County, PA, where they gave their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.



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East Sussex Co-Worker Phyllis Brainard is selling chances on 2 Flight 93 Scarves to benefit the GimmeFive Program. Winners will be drawn at Sept. Assoc. Meeting. Tickets are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. See Phyllis in Dover for chances.

News from the District Presidents

District 1 - Tommy Dean, Jr., President

Hello to one and all from the 1st District,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying their summer. Our 75th Anniversary Celebration is only a few weeks away. I can hardly wait! I am looking forward to seeing you all in Dover.



Congratulations and my best wishes to all the incoming lodge officers. Now that the new lodge officers have had time to adjust to their role on the lodge board of directors, I know that with hard work and due diligence together we will make the 1st District one of the finest districts in the state association. I would like to congratulate Joseph Kaclik, from Waldorf FC 1709, on receiving his Fellowship Degree while at the convention in Vegas.

I would like to thank everyone that helped to make my year as 1st District President a good one. This year was a very informative one. I especially enjoyed the interaction with a lot of people and made some new friends along the way. That's what we are all about; fraternalism, fellowship, friendship. It still means the Loyal Order of Moose to me no matter how you spell it.

With the new membership campaign "Beyond Belief" well under way and President Ralph giving money away for signing up new members everyone should be jumping at the chance to sign up a new member. Spread the word, "Take Ralph's Money" along with our own in house campaigns and we should be well on our way to making our quotas. Remember an application a day keeps Dave away!!!

Fraternally, Tommy Dean, Jr.

District 3 - John Krass, President

Hello from the Mighty 3rd District

This article for the Communicator will be my last as 3rd District President.

I have witnessed some fantastic experiences in the past year that will always be with me. I have met so many great people in this District and Association, that it's hard to believe there are that many good people still in this world. It has been my honor to serve in this capacity and all of you will never be forgotten. It was a pleasure to work side by side with so many dedicated individuals united together for our vision and purpose. These are the people who have made my job a lot easier.



The State of the District

Let me start by saying we are not where we should be, nor where we could be. This is not for the lack of trying. Our Lodge officers and members are out beating the bushes every day to find new members, thinking up new and inventive ideas to help support our children and seniors.

The renovation in one of our older lodges seems to have given that lodge a big shot in the arm. It is truly a beautiful lodge and should bring them members by the bus load.

Our lodges, as most lodges, are struggling a bit membership wise, and financially; but, with the history of this District, Association and fraternity, I feel secure enough to say they will overcome these obstacles and again return to the prosperous lodge homes they once were.

To keep this short, I feel the District is in fair shape, and some improvements could and should be made. Communication, I think, is the key to correcting a lot of our problems. Lodge officers of our respective lodges should talk to one another and unite in a single-minded body to improve and preserve the welfare and pride of this District. We are not six individuals in the 3rd District. We are one for all and all for one.

Again, it has been my pleasure to serve you, the members, in the 3rd District of the MD-DE-DC Moose Association.

May the Supreme Being bless each and everyone of you and yours, and may His light shine upon our mighty 3rd District.

Fraternally, John Krass

News from the District Presidents

District 6 - Donald E. Shreves, Jr., President

Well as my year as District President is coming to an end and the new Board of Officers will be taking over. I want to thank everyone for the last year. We have started some new ideas that will continue into the next year. But don't forget that September 6, 2008 is our district picnic at Annapolis Lodge #296. Hope everyone can attend it will be a lot of fun for all ages. Thanks again for the great year and keep up the good work we do for Mooseheart and Moosehaven.



Fraternally, Donnie Shreves

District 6 - Calvin Pettitt, President

Brothers and Co-workers,



Congratulations to all the guys who received the Fellowship, and to the ladies who received their College of Regents. In our District we had two Lodges who obtained Silver Status - Elkton and Middletown, three chapters who received the Award of Achievement - Claymont, New Castle, and Newark. A big "HATS OFF" to the editor of the Communicator - Miriam Rieg - for being awarded first place in the Association Publications Contest. Let me say to all of you who received any recognition "job well done" - BUT there's more to do. With the launching of all the new partnership programs that were introduced in Las Vegas, we better roll up our sleeves and give them our renewed resolve to make them successful. Our "gimme five" program needs work, our membership needs help, but try to find some fun way of accomplishing these goals. In two months new officers will be at the helm, so try to give them a good start for the old and new programs. We're on a new year and time is passing quickly, and since we know we are "Beyond Belief" we can make our communities realize this is true.

Fraternally, Calvin A. Pettitt

District 7 - Carl Salo, President

It's that time of year again, this will be my last report as President and it has been a good year for the District with four Lodges receiving awards, four Chapters making the Award of Achievement at the International Convention and Richard Stec, of Lewes /Rehoboth #646, taking 2nd award for the Best News Story in the Publications Contest. Every lodge in this District works hard to meet all deadlines with all reports. All do their best to meet monthly membership quotas. They have my heartfelt gratitude for the help and cooperation they have given me. I leave the District in the very capable hands of the next President Randall Porter and his very good Board of Officers and know that they will surpass what we have done this year. I thank you all for the privilege I had of serving you.



Fraternally, Carl Salo

Happenings around the Districts



6th District meetings have been taking on themes lately. Elkton Lodge proclaimed the evening of July 1st to be Western Night.



Sheriff Judy Martin talks to John Lyons about his dastardly deeds of collecting pull tabs and coins for Community Svc.

News from Sergio

Sergio Mazón
606 S. Linden #16
Normal IL 61761

Dear Maryland/Delaware/DC Moose Association:

I write this letter as an attempt to keep in touch with all of the lodges that saw me grow and develop myself while I was in Mooseheart. I write to keep myself from never forgetting those who have given me so much and to inform you of my latest successes. As most of you might know, I graduated from Mooseheart in 2006 and now I am about to become a junior at Illinois State University, with a double major in International Business and Marketing.

I have just finished my summer classes that I had to take in order to get accepted in the Business Department and to not be in school an extra year. I also am glad to tell you that I passed those classes with flying colors and got accepted into the Marketing Department with no difficulty. I have also moved into my apartment, my home away from home. I share the apartment with another student who I met in my fraternity, and plan to have a good time while we are there.

I am a very outgoing person, and have gotten the opportunity to meet many kinds and types of people with different personalities and tastes. I have explored uncharted waters in my life and I think college has been the best thing that has happened in my life. I work for a living and working almost full time and being a full time student is not easy, but I am hanging on. They say that it all pays in the end; well, I cannot wait to see that end.

I have an expected graduation from ISU in December of 2010, and then joining the workforce after that. I am really excited to get to work and do something that I love and leave the books behind. Things are going great for me and focusing on my future has been the best choice that I have made. Life is short and let me tell you, I am enjoying it as much as I can. I will try to keep in touch with you guys and hope that you all are doing great. The Moose has helped my family get through hard times for I am not the only one that you have helped, my brother is now a junior at the Mooseheart High School with many dreams and ambitions upon graduation. You guys are doing a great thing and I am really thankful to have you as a part of my life. So all that I have to say is Thank you.



Illinois State University Redbird
copyrighted mascot of ISU

When we were at Mooseheart for the 2008 Graduation and Pilgrim Conferral in May, Nellie Manning and I saw Sergio and talked to him. He agreed to send a letter to let us know how his life has been since his 2006 graduation from Mooseheart High School. We look forward to hearing from him again. Thank you, Sergio!

A Message from our Deputy Grand Regent Barbara Johnston

Co-Workers,

Congratulations to our six brothers who earned our fraternal organization's highest award, the Pilgrim Degree of Merit. They received their Degrees in May 2008.

I attended the Moose International Convention in Vegas last month. My congratulations go out to all the new Collegians and Star Recorders. I know your chapters are very proud of you and wish you continued success.

I hope that everyone is making plans to attend the 75th Annual Conference for the Maryland/Delaware/DC Moose Association held August 21- 24, 2008 in Dover, Delaware. This is a special conference as it marks the 75th anniversary of our Fraternal Association. Our Women's Official Visitor is Marge Walsh, Past Grand Regent. I meet her last year in Orlando and I'm sure everyone will have a great time at the conference. Also be sure to purchase your ticket to our special 75th anniversary banquet that will be held on August 23rd. See your Governor or Administrator for tickets.



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By now your new Board of Officers is working very hard to support our cause, the children at Mooseheart and seniors at Moosehaven. Please give the board all the support you can. They will always be glad of your assistance.

Please remember to sponsor new candidates so our membership can increase. I believe that we can help to keep our membership growing, now and in the future. Also, remember to donate to the "Gimme 5" Campaign. Just 5 cents in the morning and 5 cents in the evening from every member can insure the future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We can't do it without your love and support.

My year as Deputy Grand Regent comes to a close on September 1st. Elva Freter from Seaford Chapter is the new Incoming Deputy Grand Regent for 2008-2009. What a great year I have had. Thank you for your support and I hope you will continue to support our cause. Remember, if you dream it, if you BELIEVE it, you can achieve it. I know because my year was "**Beyond Belief**".

Fraternally,
Barbara Johnston
Deputy Grand Regent



MEET OUR NEW DEPUTY GRAND REGENT



On August 24, 2008 Elva Freter, a member of Seaford Chapter #1384, will be installed as our new Deputy Grand Regent at the 75th Annual Conference for our Association. We wish her much success as she begins her year as our Deputy and look forward to seeing her around the Association.

**RECEPTION FOR ELVA WILL BE
October 18, 2008
at Seaford Moose Family Center #1728**

Jake Stegeman's Graduation Speech

This is the speech Mooseheart Class of 2008 Valedictorian Jacob Stegeman gave at graduation. He lived in our MD-DE-DC House and did not want anything to do with the life there when he first came. After nearly 4 years at Mooseheart, he graduated with top honors and earned a full scholarship to Purdue University Calumet, funded by the Women of the Moose. We wish Jake the best of everything for a great future.

Here we are at last. After the many days of contemplation and daydreaming, here I stand, in a position I never fully expected to be in. Behind me are twenty men and women, transformed from the children that still exist in our hearts. In just four short years, I have seen these guys grow up, as I have matured beside them. In fact, we have almost raised each other, and in turn, become family.

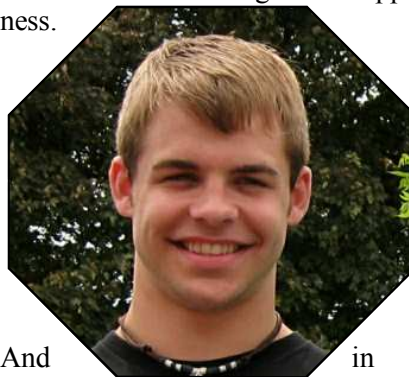
As children, it is almost impossible to believe that you will ever grow up. Adulthood is a status that is not to be achieved, only admired from afar, beautiful yet obscure and unknown. But one day it hits you. You find yourself trying to remember the last time you built a fort. The last time you read scary stories, or played flashlight tag by moonlight. Or the last time you helped your father sweep grass off the sidewalk, while simultaneously warding off evil ninjas with your broomstick/samurai sword combination.

You finally realize that those times are no more; that memories imprinted in your mind are nothing more than the emotion of the moment. You may even try, in vain, to slow this inevitable process. Yet, unbeknownst to most, we have been fitted with the magical wheels of time, made to never stop. These wheels roll, never ceasing, only increasing speed as you travel through your life.

So now, here we are, atop this new hill, with our skates fitted, waiting for that last push from above. From here on, all will be a blur, so let's not forget where we have come from.

I drove through those stone pillars almost four years ago, unsure and not fully convinced that this place could be a home. For many weeks my room remained as sterile as it had upon my arrival. Only months later had the shock, and the love set in.

Mooseheart wrapped me in its wings, crystallizing me in hope and passion, easing me into a cocoon of which I have been bursting from day to day, learning life and learning to love, shedding the layers of hate under the sunlight of happiness.



And in turn we have all become part of this, and made it home. For this place has been a home, and a heart for many.

As I stand before you, take a second to think about where your heart may lie. Maybe nestled between the pages of inspiration, or cradled in the arms of nature, energized by sunshine of the wilderness. Or perhaps your heart lies in the classroom, organized and tentative. Or for some, your heart may lie between the notes on a page, or intertwined among passionate melodies of which you dedicate your heart.

Yet, for many of you among us, you have found your heart within others. You have dedicated your lives to help others find the way.

We are forever in debt to your passion, for without yours we may have never realized our own.

For me, my heart is strewn about this place, remnants of my soon-to-be-departed past. The very halls of this building, and the fields beyond them, have seen my blood and sweat, and my growing love and passion, as they have for years.

I shall forever hear my youth laughing in the school halls, and the locker-bank melodies on the tail of that.

School mornings with fresh dew on the front of my sneakers and the smell of Irish Spring. Dazzling summers with hushed heated nights, the AC unit revving outside my window.

Sunrise snow shoveling and the House of God on Sundays, with the sound of vacuuming and the swish of brooms upon our arrival.

Sleepless nights and sweaty sheets, with the wind counting sheep outside my window pane.

Family Teachers have come and gone, yet my brothers and sisters have remained the same.

All these things have become a part of me, as I have become a part of them, yet they shall never be the same, for the eyes of children are blessed in their ignorance.

Mooseheart, more than I could have ever comprehended, has become a home for me, even as I leave through its gates for the last time. While even though I have left, my heart shall never leave, remaining as steadfast as the love that made Mooseheart possible.

JACOB STEGEMAN
May 24, 2008



Mooseheart Graduation 2008



The NJROTC Color Guard and Honor Guard's precision in their duties were very impressive and made the graduation a more special occasion.



Salutatorian Chris Marones and Valedictorian Jake Stegemen lead the procession to music by the Mooseheart Concert Band.

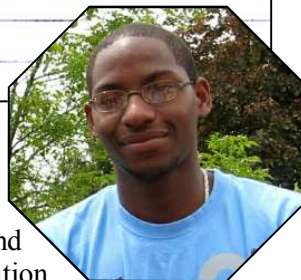


Jake was the first to find the \$50 bill Frank Courtney had hidden in the laptops given the boys by our Association.

Dear Women of the Moose,

I am very excited as I begin a new chapter of my life! Mooseheart was a place that I could call home for eleven years and it will always be home. It's really hard to let go. I just really wanted to thank you all for all the years that you've supported me. You all are family to me and I love every single last one of you! Thank you for everything.

Love Pedro Gonzalez



Mooseheart Graduate Pedro Gonzalez sent this letter to New Castle Chapter #1418 in recognition of the cards and money sent for his graduation. Pedro will attend Northern Illinois University with a scholarship from the Illinois Moose Association.



These are the three 2008 graduates from our house. From the left - Jake Stegeman, Andy Greenaway and Pedro Gonzalez. Andy was presented a scholarship to Cleveland State University funded by the Ohio Moose Association. All 3 received 4 year scholarships.

Local Sports Events

Golf outing on Thursday August 21, 2008. We will be playing at
Jonathan's Landing Golf Course in Dover.



This will be a bragging rights only tournament.
THERE WILL BE NO PRIZES!



The event is open to ANY Moose or WOTM member who wishes to participate.
We are hoping for enough participants to have a gross and
net winner for the men and the women.

If we have enough people, we will ask the golf course to utilize a modified
calloway scoring system to determine a net score winner.



We ask that anyone interested contact:
Tom Bowman at thomasb1@comcast.net or (410) 939-2191 or
John Krass at jjkrass3@comcast.net or (443) 243-5561.



International Sports Events

Golf - Men's & Women's

August 2 - 3, 2008
Hosted by Elkhart, IN
Lodge #599
Phone: 574-264-1712

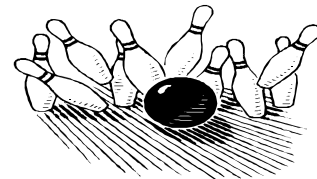


22nd Annual International Mixed Bowling

Oct. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 2008
College Park, MD
Lodge #453
(USBC Sanctioned)

Email Questions: ROM1504@verizon.net
Bob & Belinda Mitchell
Chairmen

Entry forms available on mooseintl.org website



42nd Intl. Moose Legion Ritual Competition & Conference Golf Tournament

November 6, 2008 at 8:00 AM
at The Hamptons in Hampton, VA
Hosted by Blue Ridge Moose Legion #82
Robbie Robertson - Secretary
Check www.mooseintl.org for entry form

For more information check web site www.mooseintl.org

For inquires about hosting a future sporting event contact the
Fraternal Programs Department/International Sporting Tournaments at

630-859-2000 Ext. 6224 or
email Henry Houch, Jr. Assistant Director Fraternal Programs at
hhouch@mooseintl.org





New 25 Club Honorees



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

New 25 Club Members



Charles Adams #296
Justin Blisard #2046
Michael Bounelis #2279
Andrew Brehm #348
Charles Hicks, Jr. #537

Gilbert C. Kuhn #2542
Robert Norment, Jr. #562
Lewis J. Plugge #1520
Edwin Whitney #296
Wayne Wilckens #1728



50 Division

Charles E. Fogle, Sr. #1381

75 Division

Robert Mathis #1381
Richard B. Thompson #296

100 Division

James W. Cox #1775



125 Division

Robert E. Andrews #2332

200 Division

Dallas S. Hayman #534

Circle of Distinction

Bill Knee #70 for the "I Believe" Campaign 2007-2008
Michael L. Stumbaugh, Sr. #2435 for the "Beyond Belief" Campaign 2008-2009

In the near future, the ladies will be acknowledged for their membership in the **25 Club**. Once we start receiving notices of accomplishments, they will be listed here on this page, too.



New Lodge Member \$Reward\$



Take Ralph's Money!!!!

MD-DE-DC Moose Association will give Sponsors of New Members



\$5.00



for every application submitted with dues and fees

From July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008

Sponsor 10 and earn \$50.00

Sign 20 and get \$100.00

Help Ralph spend his \$\$\$\$



Baltimore City MSC #2631 won one of the GPS systems as a Membership Award from the State Association. Governor Anthony Kline (third from left in the back row) presented the GPS to winner Thomas Zentgraf. Other Lodge members in the photo are (front row, left to right) Don Miller, Ed Reisinger, Jr., and Bob Miller. Sgt-at-Arms Barry Miller is on the left side end and Jr. Past Governor James A. Wichael, Sr. is on the right. Congratulations to Baltimore City Lodge for winning a GPS by going 333% over their quota!! Lewes/Rehoboth FC #646 was in second place with 163% over their quota. Camden/Wyoming FC #203 won the last GPS with 207% increase over their monthly quota. Great job, guys!!





Sunshine Grandparent Program



Have you found your Moosehaven Grandparent yet???
Call Helen Taylor or email her today!

This is a great way to keep our Moosehaven residents young and happy!!

They love getting mail from us and take the time to write back!!!

As we all enjoy getting cards and packages, they like them, too.

To participate in this great program, you can email Helen Taylor at htaylor@moosehaven.org,
or call her at 904-278-1217. Give it a try - what are you waiting for?

Bring some Sunshine to our seniors 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:

Jonathan Coral - 4/18/1991
Paul Flores - 10/5/1995
Nezra McCarty - 5/18/1994
Devin Moore - 4/28/1993
Vernon Owens - 9/14/1992
Dominik Solis - 3/18/1995
Juan Solis - 6/23/1996

Addresses:

Boy's Name, MD-DE-DC House
c/o Sunshine Dept.
115 James J. Davis Drive
Mooseheart, IL 60539

Resident's Name
1701 Park Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073



Our Residents at Moosehaven:

Larry Grosso - 7/23/1922
Emmett C. Johnson - 9/6/1922
Josephine Jones - 7/15/1923
Genevive S. Loman - 6/5/1919
James J. Lupo, Jr. - 1/24/1927
Edward Pelkey - 7/28/1930
Rosa Saudade - 2/13/1918



Happy Anniversary!



to all Dedicated Lodge & Chapter Members
who have made these Anniversaries possible

June 1	Cumberland Moose Family Center #271	Instituted in 1910
June 8	Claymont Chapter #186	Instituted in 1986
June 10	Bel Air Chapter #1469	Instituted in 1963
June 15	Columbia Moose Family Center #126	Instituted in 1909
June 20	Indian Head Chapter #576	Instituted in 1954
June 24	Annapolis Moose Family Center #296	Instituted in 1910
June 24	Rockville Chapter #156	Instituted in 1951
June 26	Annapolis Chapter #661	Instituted in 1926
July 11	Dundalk Chapter #97	Instituted in 1937
July 12	New Castle Moose Family Center #1578	Instituted in 1954
July 25	Aberdeen Chapter #1209	Instituted in 1950
July 25	Seaford Chapter #1384	Instituted in 1954
July 28	Pasadena Moose Family Center #2389	Instituted in 1991
July 29	Wheaton Chapter #1435	Instituted in 1956
July 31	South County Deale Chapter #1887	Instituted in 1988
August 1	Waldorf Chapter #1387	Instituted in 1954
August 4	Bay Country Chapter #1696	Instituted in 1974
August 5	Lewes-Rehoboth Chapter #1814	Instituted in 1978
August 6	New Castle Chapter #1418	Instituted in 1955
August 8	Gardenville Moose Family Center #1242	Instituted in 1948
August 9	Essex Chapter #783	Instituted in 1945
August 15	Frostburg Moose Family Center #348	Instituted in 1910

A Message from Prelate Tim McElwain, Sr.

Dear Brothers and Co-workers,

I'd like to congratulate all the nominees and winners of this year's International Shining Star Awards, the Family Centers that received the Premier Lodge Awards and the Chapters that receive the Achievement Awards. Congratulations also go to Miriam Rieg for taking the Top Regional Association Newsletter in the fraternity.

This past year, 2007-2008, has been very good for the MD-DE-DC Moose Association and now it's time to look toward the upcoming year. Let's step it up! *'I BELIEVE'* we can be #1 in the fraternity! Let's make Dave the happiest Regional Manager, to assure that he's here for years to come, and we can be proud of a great achievement (which will be *PRICELESS*). Let's show Moose International that we really care for our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. If we each give our \$.05 in the morning and \$.05 in the evening, those at M & M will always be safe. I'd like to see our Association walk away with more awards next year.



This year, our Association website will be judged as well. I'd like to see full participation from all Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Council of Higher Degrees, Moose Riders, etc. All suggestions and comments are welcome.

Use our Fraternal Programs, Moose Legions and Councils of Higher Degrees, Family Activities and Community Service, etc. to maintain our membership and strengthen our 'Defending Circle.'

I hope to see everyone at our 75th Anniversary in Dover, Delaware in August. I also hope to see representation from every division of our Association at the upcoming seminar, *BRINGING HOME THE BACON*, to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Golden Nugget in November.

I'd like to thank everyone, from all levels of this great Association for their support and belief in me during this past year, as I served as your Prelate. I have learned a lot in the past year. I look forward to serving you even better in the years to come.

Lastly, congratulations to the Class of 2008, the 80th Pilgrim Conferral, Billy Alderson, Bruce Dewey, Bob Mitchell, Tom Rieg, Herb Smith, and myself. It truly is *'BEYOND BELIEF'* what we can accomplish when we pull together and work as a team. Remember, a burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many.



Fraternally,
Tim McElwain Sr.
Association Prelate



Edgemere's Annual Crab Feast

Saturday, August 16, 2008

Crabs & Food: 1 - 4 PM

Music: 2 - 6 PM

Raffles

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

Wheels

**Menu: Steamed Crabs, Crab Soup, Hot Dogs & Kraut, BBQ,
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob, Draft Beer & Soda**

Moose Members & Qualified Guests - No Children

In Memory of Fallen Members



Benjamin Whitmer

Past Association Secretary
Honorary Past President of Association
Past Governor of Baltimore Moose Lodge #70
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit



Earl D. Leisure, Sr.

Past Governor of Sparrows Point-Dundalk Lodge #1228
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit

Lance Carlaise

Past Governor of Laurel Lodge #1504
Acting Administrator of Laurel Lodge #1504
Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor



Edward A. Paris

Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor
Widower of PDGR Clara Mae Paris

Betty Garner

Past Regent of College Park Chapter #1262
Held the College of Regents Degree

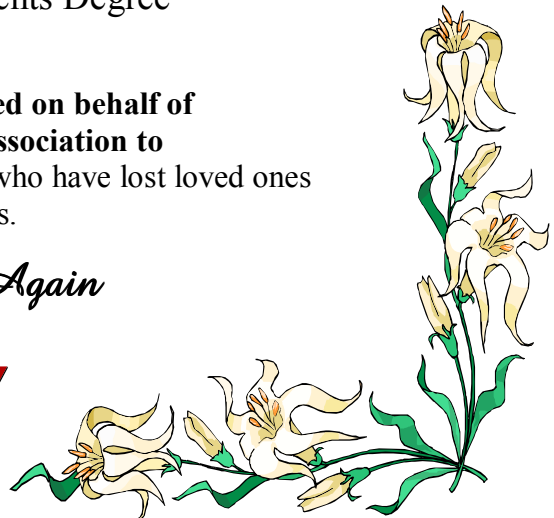
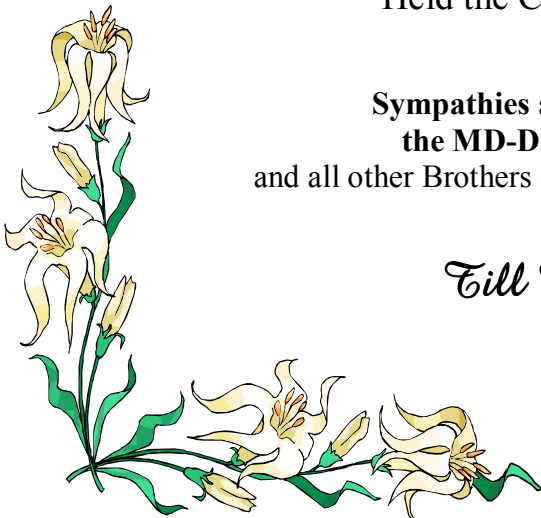


Ginny Collison

Past Regent of Laurel Chapter #1327
Held the College of Regents Degree

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

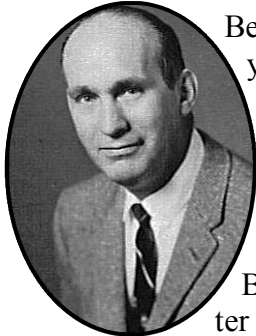
Till We Meet Again



Gone But Not Forgotten

Our Association has recently lost two of our long-time members who have guided us throughout the years. We need to keep them in our memories as they have touched the lives of many members through their years of service in this great Fraternity - the Loyal Order of Moose. *the editor*

Pilgrim Benjamin Whitmer



Ben Whitmer joined Baltimore Moose Lodge #70 in 1968 and started his 40 years of dedication and service to the Moose Fraternity. Throughout these years, he served as Governor of Baltimore Lodge #70, was a Past North Moose in the Moose Legion #10, and Past President of the 4th District. He served the MD-DE-DC Moose Association for 8 years as the Secretary, was an Honorary Past President of the Association and obtained his Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1985.

Ben served all of the Lodge offices and served as Governor for two years. After he left the position of Secretary for the Association, Ben was an advisor to many Moose Lodges.

At the time of his passing, Ben was a member of Gardenville Moose Family Center #1242. He will be missed by all, most especially his wife Nunie and daughter Susan.

Pilgrim Earl D. Leisure, Sr.

Earl D. Leisure, Sr. joined Sparrows Point-Dundalk Lodge #1228 on February 20, 1949. After serving through the chairs, Earl was Governor for two years, 1956-1958 and was a Past Governor of the Lodge. Between 1974 to 1982, he served as Secretary of Dundalk Lodge. He became a member of the 25 Club in 1974 and sponsored 101 members throughout his membership. Earl joined the Moose Legion Degree of Service in 1951, received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1955 and was conferred into the Pilgrim Degree of Merit on May 29, 1999 at the House of God at Mooseheart.



Earl worked at Bethlehem Steel for 39 years and 8 months. and was a World War II Veteran. He held life memberships in the American Legion, Balco Club and the Loyal Order of Moose.

He was the father of Earl D. Leisure, Jr., Janice E. Stulich and the late Kenneth W. Leisure. He is also survived by his 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Earl will also be missed greatly by his long-time companion, Past Deputy Grand Regent Jeanette Barrett.

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid out for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play,
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy,

I'm Free

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow,
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undo grief,
Life up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Moose Legion Weekend 2008



The Annual Moose Legion Weekend was held April 19 & 20 at Glen Burnie Lodge. Lawnmower racers were running full speed. After Tim rounded the curve, he ran into some bales of straw on the sidelines. Good job, Tim!!!



Awards were presented before the show on Saturday night. Then Comedy Hypnotist Russ Clarke kept the crowd entertained.



And Danny slept.

Mr. Clarke asked for volunteers and then hypnotized them. He asked seven and then proceeded with his stage. They were given scenarios which Near the end of the show, Mr. Clarke told song "YMCA". Danny slept through the show



eral to return to their seat in the au- show with the remaining 6 people on made for some very funny actions. Tim McElwain to lead the group in the and said he had the best sleep that night!!

MD-DC-DE Moose Legion Ambassadors & their Territory

Carl Salo

A. Lee Poole #111 - President Richard Baker

Chesapeake #183 - Pres. Charles Neal III & Blue Hen #186 - Pres. Bruce Dewey

Dan Walther

Baltimore #10 - President Bud York & Capitol #155 - President Tim McElwain, Sr.

Western MD #218 - President Jim Shipway



Moose Legion Weekend 2008

The Official Visitor for the Moose Legion Weekend was Bruce J. Berger, a member of the International Moose Legion Council since June, 2004. Bruce joined Quakertown, PA Lodge #1622 in 1982 where he has served as Junior Governor and three terms as Governor. He is a member of the Lehigh Valley Moose Legion #118 and has held all of the Moose Legion chairs to include Secretary from 1990 to 1995. Bruce served as the Pennsylvania Moose Association President in 2004-2005. Prior to that time, he served as District 2 President and District Secretary. He is a member of the Century Division of the 25 Club, received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1988 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1998. Aside from his Moose duties, Bruce plays golf and follows car racing. He and his wife, Donna, live in Quakertown and have one daughter. Bruce's enjoyment of car racing was put to the test when he rode one of the lawnmowers in the racing at Glen Burnie. We enjoyed having him visit and he and Donna really enjoyed themselves, too.



Baltimore Moose Legion #10 President Bud York and his wife, Karan, presented Bruce and Donna gifts. As Bruce is an avid Eagles fan, he was given an Eagles jersey; Donna was given a floral arrangement.



Baltimore Moose Legion #10 Secretary Bill Highberger also presented gifts to Ron Sweetman - a pair of \$\$ Glasses and to Danny Williams - a little something to help out on his trips from West Virginia to MD-DE-DC.



Moose Legion Area Manager E. Mark Phillips called on several Moose Legionnaires to join the newest member in an old tradition. In the photo on the immediate right, you can see Donna Berger holding the ancient paddle used in Moose Legion new member initiations a few years back. Mark read the story and had each of the men knighted by their wives and then at the end of the ceremony, each woman gave her man a whack on the rump with the paddle. Bet the guys sure are glad this is something not done these days!!

Moose at the Baysox on May 4th



Our MD-DE-DC Moose Youth Awareness Coordinators Ernie Megee and Pat Cihak



The DE Lodge Governors will be receiving a letter from me requesting the names of their Lodge coordinators for the 2008-2009 program in the very near future. Please note that we will be having only one Student Congress this year. We are planning to have our Session at Bay Country Moose Family Center #831 during the weekend of September 19 and 20, 2008. Additional information will be sent once I am advised of who the new Lodge Coordinators area for the Delaware Lodges. We will be following the same format as the new improved and very successful program that we instituted last year at the Seaford Moose Family Center #1728.

I attended two special Moose Youth Awareness Sessions at the recent Moose International Convention in Las Vegas. The program has been immensely improved for the year 2008-2009. Through the Moose Legion, the incentives have been vastly increased. The Moose Legion has endorsed the program by enriching the amounts of the scholarships that will be awarded to our participating students. They will be providing a total of

\$30,000.00 that will begin with the Moose International Moose Youth Congress to be held at Hampton, VA this coming May, 2009. The scholarships will be as follows: 5th Place will receive \$2,000.00, 4th Place will receive \$3,000.00, 3rd Place will receive 5,000.00, 2nd Place will receive \$8,000.00 and the 1st Place student will receive a whopping \$12,000.00 scholarship! Thanks to the Moose Legion!! With these improvements to the program, our students should want to be more competitive and to vie for one of these great scholarship opportunities. This should be a great added tool to obtain students for our program.

If any of you should have any questions, or even new ideas for the Moose Youth Awareness Program, please contact Patricia Cihak or me. Thank you for all of the support that you have given this great and worthwhile program.

Ernie Megee

MD-DE-DC Moose Association Youth Awareness
Coordinator for Delaware

MD-DE-DC Past Deputy Supreme Governor

The year for me to serve as your MD-DE-DC Deputy Supreme Governor is now over. I really appreciated the invitations to the various Lodges for the presentations that were made. I really believe that we had a very successful year. This was evidenced by our Supreme Governor, Eugene Huggins. At the Past Moose International Convention that just recently took place in Las Vegas, our Supreme Governor honorably made reference to our great Moose Association. If you will recall, he visited Lodges in our Moose Association during the month of December, 2007. During his address in the opening session, he made reference to the Camden/Wyoming Moose Family Center #203. Those of you who attended this visitation will recall how efficiently that the Teen Club was involved by serving the dinners and accommodating all of the guests that attended. This comment really made me so very proud of our great Moose Association. In closing, thanks for all of the cooperation and support that was afforded me during my term as our Deputy Supreme Governor. Although it was not mentioned by our Supreme Governor, I will always remember and cherish the "Ode to Ernie Megee" that was presented by the Annapolis Moose Family Center #296.



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A Message from the Deputy Supreme Governor Carl R. Schmidt Jr.



To say I was thrilled and honored to have been chosen to serve the MD/DE/DC Moose Association as your Deputy Supreme Governor is an understatement. It is **“Beyond Belief!”**

As we forge ahead this year, never let us forget our commitment to our Children at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven. Until you visit both places you have no idea how much they appreciate all we do. We’ve given thousands of young people the gift of a bright future at Mooseheart and peace to our seniors in their golden years at Moosehaven. Our “Gimme5” program was designed with that thought in mind, to make sure Mooseheart and Moosehaven will become self-sustaining within the five year period of this program. Those funds will be used exclusively for the operation of both of these entities.

Congratulations are in order to our Shining Star Winners – Fern Thompson, JGR, Annapolis Chapter 661 for Top Chapter of the Year – Bill Knee, Essex FC 70 for Rookie of the Year. Way To Go! Not making the winners circle, but need recognition were Nominees – Edward Barnes, Gov., Camden-Wyoming FC 203 (Lodge of the Year) and Robert T. Manning, Aberdeen FC 1450 (Moose of the Year).

The Degree of Honor was bestowed on four new Fellows: Reiner Eckenbreck, Camden-Wyoming FC 203; Leroy Bookhultz, Westminster FC 1381; Joseph Kaclik, Waldorf FC 1709 and William Highberger, Odenton MSC 2601. Best wishes, guys!

Congratulations go to the eight Chapters in Delaware and the sixteen Chapters in Maryland that earned the Award of Achievement. Also to the Lodges who earned their Lodge Awards – Bronze: 2 Lodges; Silver: 10 Lodges; Gold: 2 Lodges; Platinum: 2 Lodges. A couple of lodges are having a review on their award status and could be added to our winners. Too numerous to mention, but you know who you are-AWESOME JOB!

The Editor of our State Communicator, Miriam Rieg, was awarded 1st Place, out of six entries for the publication. The time and effort on her part is awesome and often goes unnoticed. Thanks, Miriam for the many hours spent doing what you do. It’s **“Beyond Belief!”**

Awards! Awards! Awards! WOW – What accomplishments. Another area of winning awards is the Membership Program. It has been proven that short term membership programs work. These should be posted in the lodge and put in your newsletters. If you don’t post and publish these programs, you are doing a discredit to the members. If you are not excited about these incentives, your members won’t be excited.

In closing, I want to say “THANKS” for allowing me the opportunity to serve the MD/DE/DC Moose Association as your Deputy Supreme Governor. A person might have many titles, but the one I’m most proud of is “MEMBER” of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Now that we don’t have formal enrollment ceremonies, if you want to recognize a member for some outstanding service or award, I would be happy to come and present that to him if you so desire. All you need to do is to contact me. I’m happy to be of service.

Thanks to each and every one of you. Keep doing what you do best – supporting Mooseheart, Moosehaven and your communities.



Fraternally,

Carl Schmidt



**MD-DE-DC Councils of Higher Degrees
Next Meeting:**
**Black-Eyed Susan Council - Banquet being rescheduled
at Columbia - January 18, 2009**
**DelMar Council - at Newark - August 9, 2008, 1 PM
Banquet - November 8, 2008 at Bay Country**



Fraternal Fundraising with Libby

First of all, I want to say Happy 75th to our Association! It's hard to believe that Carl & I have been fortunate enough to see the 50th and now are enjoying the 75th. Hope to be around for the 100th. What a celebration that will be!!



Now to get down to business—For at least 10 months, I have been asking for **ALL** chapters to send me names of the Chairman that will head up the “Gimme Five” project – The simple plan to help ensure the future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven, and help make that personal contact with all your individual chapter members. This is a **MUST**. All Chapters are to have an active Chairman for this most worthwhile and crucial task we have undertaken.

We need you to get the word out – on your Lodge and Chapter level. Make that personal phone call, reach those members that don't come out or participate and would be willing to set aside 10 cents each day for our kids at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven.

Doing nothing is not going to make this go away. We will **STILL** be working and asking – until we reach the goal that is needed to maintain our twin cities. You know – first hand – what a difference we make in their lives – or you wouldn't be a Moose member. In the 10 months we have been working on this, to date, International has raised \$1,358,000 which is a far cry short of the annual goal of \$36,500,000.

WE NEED YOU TO MAKE THIS GOAL HAPPEN.

For decades, we (Moose members) have expressed our pride in these two great Moose campuses – and you – our members – tell us that you want these two campuses to remain healthy and operating well into the future. Well, we can't do it without your help!

The Gimme Five program can establish a legacy we can all be proud of, but only if we **ALL** participate – every Lodge and every Chapter member! A handful of us can't do it alone. We need each and every one of you to set that 10 cents a day aside - \$36.50 a year or \$182.50 for the entire 5 years, and help make things happen.

Again, thanks for all you have done so far, and will continue to do in the future, for our great organization. Remember –

TOGETHER WE CAN AND WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN!



Fraternally,
Libby



New Fellows Conferred in Las Vegas

Leroy Bookhultz - Westminster FC
Reiner Echenbrecht - Camden/Wyoming FC
William Highberger - Odenton MSC
Joseph Kaclik - Waldorf FC

Intl. Rookie of the Year 2007-2008

Bill Knee - Essex FC

Intl. Chapter of the Year 2007-2008

Aberdeen Chapter

New Star Recorders

Betty Lee Dewey - Edgemere Chapter
Peggy Miles - Harrington Chapter



New Collegians

Donna Baker - College Park Chapter
Fran Bolling - Edgemere Chapter
Mary Bookhultz - Westminster Chapter
Julie Dent - Patuxent Chapter
Kathleen Durrell - Newark Chapter
Vickie Hawkins - Aberdeen Chapter
Linda Heller - Camden/Wyoming Chapter
Christine Ledford - Indian Head Chapter
Virginia Metzler - Seaford Chapter
Dawn Ramer - Bel Air Chapter
Miriam Rieg - New Castle Chapter
Helen Sisson - East Sussex Chapter

If there are any more Star Recorders or Collegians, please let me know.
thanks - the Editor

Travel & Fundraising with Danny Williams



White Star Tours - 2 days + 1 night Christmas in New York City - *Including a visit to Atlantic City*



December 8-9, 2008 - \$310 per person (*double occupancy*) - \$390 Single

Send your reservation fee soon so we don't lose our orchestra seats for the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall. Danny needs the \$100 deposit before 8/25/08. You can pay him at the Conference in Dover, if you like. Let's not let this trip slip by - some of us are really looking forward to it!!



If you are interested in this trip, call Danny Williams 304-258-1127
or email him at DannyWMoose@aol.com
or email DannyWMoose@aol.com



gimme five!

A big "THANK YOU" to the members of the MD-DE-DC Moose Association for their donations and efforts to date on behalf of "Gimme five".

Nationally, "Gimme five" has received \$1,353,348.92 in its first year. Our MD-DE-DC Association, as of May 31, 2008, has donated \$42,272.00. We should have donated \$1,682,905.50. So you can see we are way behind.

Each and every Lodge was sent a poster on "Gimme five" - "Wall of Honor" to be posted on the wall in your Social Quarters for all members to see and to let them know who donated to the "Gimme five" the amount of either \$36.50 or the full amount of \$182.50. Their names are to be placed on this "Wall of Honor" by the Lodge's or Chapter's Gimme five Chairman. Please mount this poster on your wall in the Social Quarters (if you haven't done it yet).

Knowing that many dedicated Moose members feel the need to give more than their fair share of \$36.50 per year or the \$182.50 over 5 years, Moose Charities has created the following gold and raised enamel pins with cubic zirconium chips recognizing multiple increments of giving at \$182.50.

- 2 Increments of \$185.50-\$365.00 a pin with 2 stones
- 3 Increments of \$182.50-\$547.50 a pin with 3 stones
- 4 Increments of \$182.50-\$730.00 a pin with 4 stones
- 5 Increments of \$182.50-\$912.50 a pin with 5 stones

We will certainly acknowledge that everyone's fair share is \$36.50 per year and for the 5 year total of \$182.50. When it comes to giving, I know everyone must find his or her own comfort level; remember - our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven will benefit.

Thanks for all of your efforts and for what you do for the Loyal Order of Moose. Any questions, call me at 304-258-1127 or email me at dannywmoose@aol.com.

MD-DE-DC Moose Association

75th Diamond Anniversary Raffle

Choice of 5 ct. weight Diamond Bracelet, OR 1 ct. total weight Diamond Earrings
OR \$750.00 Cash



Drawing held at the 75th Annual Conference Gala Banquet
Sheraton Hotel in Dover, Delaware

Tickets - \$5 each or 2 for \$10



Limited amount of tickets to be sold. District Presidents have tickets to distribute to Lodges.
If you need any more tickets, contact Danny Williams at 304-258-1127 or dannywmoose@aol.com

ARTICLES & PICTURES FROM THE PAST

Many thanks to Bob Manning for searching his archives and sharing these memories with us.

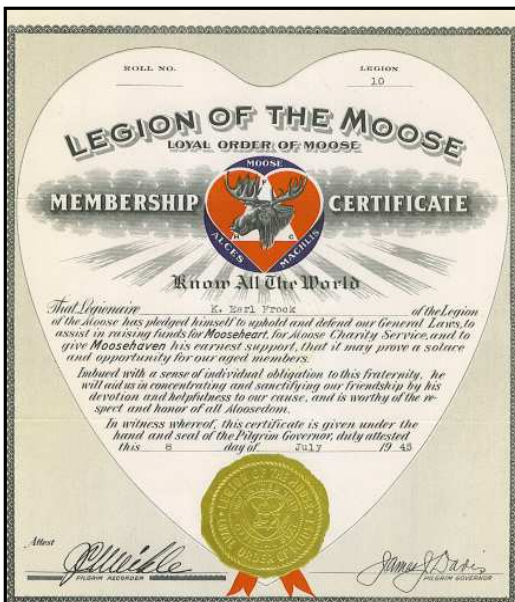
Looking Back 50+ Years



K. Earl Frock
Association President 1952-1953



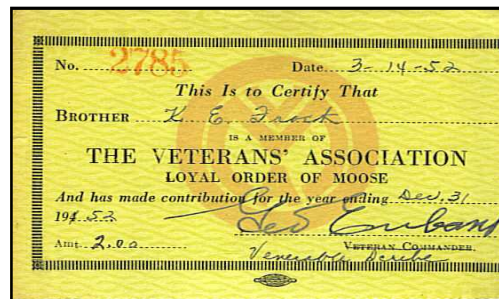
1953 Annual Convention, Hagerstown, MD
President Earl Frock is being pushed down the main street by New Jersey President Norman Pelham in payoff of a bet on which Association could sign the most members!



This certificate was issued in 1945.
Earl joined the Moose in 1936!
Signed by Director General James J. Davis



1953 Annual Convention, Hagerstown, MD



Anyone ever heard of this Moose organization? Let us know!!

Bike Riders for Breast Cancer



Association Prelate Tim McElwain, Sr. and Shelley States rode in the Annual Dick Gelfman's Ride Across Maryland for the benefit of breast cancer research. The entire group of 1173 bikes/participants collected \$225,000.00 this year. Tim's team of 2 people received pledges in the amount of \$2,355.27. It is Tim's goal to increase the number of bikes in Moose on Bikes to between 15-20 bikes next year with a team goal of \$5,000.00 for the cause. Tim would like the MD-DE-DC Moose Association to have a Moose Riders team in the hopes of meeting this goal.

If you are interested, please contact Tim - his information is on the inside front cover of this magazine. Tim thanks everyone for their support!!



Colette Nichols, in the photo above on the left, is a 2 time survivor of breast cancer having been first diagnosed when she was 38. She beat the cancer the first time, but it has returned and metastasized within her making it no longer curable, but is controllable. She is currently in remission. Essex Lodge and Chapter sponsored a silent auction for the "American Cancer Relay for Life" which is a motorcycle ride for women riders. Colette wanted to participate, but wasn't able to financially, hence the Lodge and Chapter organized the silent auction. International Shining Star Rookie of the Year Bill Knee volunteered to have someone shave his long hair and beard. Association Secretary Jim Bolling won the option with his bid of \$120. The 4800 Club donated \$200 for Colette's cause and the Association donated \$1,000 and 10 boxes of Moose Chocolate. Colette asked The Harley-Davidson Buell Store of Baltimore to teach her to ride a bike for the 1,000 mile trip from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

That's a lot of hair given for a great cause. Thanks for caring, Bill!!!



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Oceanview (EE)	\$1,174.00pp
Balcony (BB)	\$1,349.00pp
3rd/4th person	from \$399pp

Transfers not included \$75.00pp
Government taxes are additional. \$93.06pp

(11 Night Alaska Cruise Tour)

Inside (JJ)	\$1,581.00pp
Oceanview (E)	\$2,031.00pp
Oceanview (EE)	\$2,106.00pp
Balcony (BB)	\$2,281.00pp
3rd/4th person	from \$1,210pp

Land transfers are included \$32.00pp
Government taxes are additional. \$108.11pp

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Tuesday	Juneau	8:00am	9:00pm
Wednesday	Skagway	7:00am	8:30pm
Thursday	Glacier Bay	6:00am	3:00pm
Friday	College Fjord	5:30pm	8:30pm
Saturday	Whittier	12:30pm	---

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Category	Rate	
	1st / 2nd	3rd / 4th
Inside (4A)	\$430.00pp	\$140.00pp
Oceanview (6A)	\$600.00pp	\$170.00pp
Balcony (8A)	\$760.00pp	\$200.00pp
Taxes and Fees: \$239.29pp		
Fuel Surcharge:		
1st & 2nd	\$49.00pp	3rd & 4th - \$14.00pp
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Deposit Due: \$250.00pp		
Final Payment Due July 6, 2009		

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Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Saturday	New York, NY		4:00 pm
Sunday	Boston, MA	2:00 pm	10:00 pm
Monday	Portland, ME	8:00 am	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Saint John, NB, Canada	8:00 am	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Fun Day At Sea		
Thursday	Halifax, NS, Canada	7:00 am	6:00 pm
Friday	Fun Day At Sea		
Saturday	New York, NY	8:00 am	

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Options are available upon request.

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Fundraising for Mooseheart



Campbell's Soup Labels for Education and General Mills Box Tops coupons are a great way to help our schools at Mooseheart. Just save the labels from the cans and clip the box tops to send in bundles of 50, either with a rubber band or plastic bag to hold them, to **Moose Charities, 155 South International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100.**



Drink Nestle Pure Life, collect labels and earn rewards toward healthy activities for Mooseheart. Send the labels to Moose Charities for 2 **Go Play** points per label. It provides healthy activities for our Mooseheart children.



Target Stores has a fundraising program called "Take Charge of Education". Moose members can help our schools by signing up their Target Visa or Target Card to benefit Mooseheart schools from their purchases. Twice a year Target will calculate the earnings - March & September - and distribute the donations to the school. **Mooseheart School ID is 6427.**

Recycle Technology Here!



We now collect and recycle:

Recycle old printer-toner cartridges, old cellphones and old computers to help generate funds for Mooseheart. Check the website in **Moose Charities** and follow the directions to received shipping labels for sending your recyclables to help the "Cartridges for Kids" program.



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The Moose Fraternity has entered into a partnership with the **Safe Surfin' USA Foundation**, a Virginia-based organization which has lead attempts to keep the Internet a safe place for children to explore. The foundation is an offshoot of the Internet Crimes Against Children Federal Task Force based out of the Bedford County Sheriff's Department directed by Sheriff Mike Brown. The three basic functions of the foundation are: criminal apprehension and prosecution, legislative advocacy to enact mandatory laws for Internet Safety education and education of students and parents utilizing the NetSmartz software program. The Foundation uses celebrity spokespeople, such as actor Erik Estrada, who came to the Convention in Las Vegas and is in the photo to the right with Camden-Wyoming Jr. Regent Ann Barnes, Shaquille O'Neal, Oakland Raiders center Jack Grove and fighter Diego Sanchez. The overall goal is to provide NetSmartz software to school districts throughout North America and, eventually Canada.



Also, our Fraternity has entered another new alliance with **Special Olympics** on a national level. Fraternal units are encouraged to contact Special Olympics on a local level and offer volunteer services during competitions and fundraising events. A third party to this relationship is **Amateur Softball Association** which wants to promote the Special Olympics softball program on a national level. With the ASA, Special Olympics and Moose Charities working together, four regional softball tournaments will be developed based on a combination of ASA regions and our state and provincial Moose Associations. The top two teams from each tournament would qualify to play in a national tournament on Mooseheart campus. Our Fraternity will also be involved in the Special Olympics National Games held every four years. Let's join in these great programs!



The deadline for the next issue of
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Hello to all Brothers and Co-Workers:

2008 had been an awesome year for my husband, Tom, and me. In May he received his Pilgrim Degree of Merit and in June, at the International Convention, I received my cap and gown which entered me into the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose. Also at the International Convention our "Association Communicator" earned the **1st Place Award for State/Provincial Association Publications**. This was the topping on the cake of awards this year. It was hard for me to believe it when Tom called me to advise the results of the contest!! I just

want to thank all of the contributors through this past year who have made this all possible. My talents are a great help, of course, but if you all hadn't submitted articles and pictures of happenings at your Lodges and Chapters, our magazine wouldn't have been as competitive to earn the 1st Place Award. **THANK YOU ALL!!**

When we went to Mooseheart in May, we attended the graduation of 21 students from the school. It was an awesome event to me. The students marched in to "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the Mooseheart Concert Band. The NJROTC Honor Guard formed two lines near the front of the aisle and when the graduates-to-be marched between them, their swords were raised as the graduates walked through and then lowered after each passed. It was very impressive to me - there was a lot of precision in the NJROTC members - it was beautiful to watch the graduates as they waltzed up to the stage. Valedictorian Jacob Stegeman gave a very moving speech, which has been included in this issue of our magazine. In it Jake told his feelings of the changes Mooseheart had made in his life in the short time he resided on campus. His words were very moving to many of those attending.

After the Pilgrim ceremony at the House of God, we went to our MD-DE-DC House for a picnic and to meet the boys. After presenting my Chapter's gift checks and graduation cards to Jake, Andy Greenaway and Pedro Gonzelez, they showed their gratitude and made me feel like I had given each of them a lot more than I had. I was overwhelmed with the politeness and friendliness of all of the boys in our home. Jon and Nezra gave us a grand tour of the house, both eager to show us their own rooms. You cannot realize how much these children appreciate all that we do for them, as well as our seniors at Moosehaven, until you go to either campus and meet the residents and talk with them. I am most impressed in the program Mooseheart has to help these children overcome the heartbreaks in their young lives. All three of our graduates are attending college in the Fall. Once you have met these kids at the school, it really gives you an idea of what our organization is all about. It really makes the challenges we face in our Lodges and Chapters worth the desired results. *Miriam Rieg, Editor*

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
September 23, 2007	Bay Country #831
October 28, 2007	Marlboro #1856
November 18, 2007	New Castle #1578
December, 2007	No Meeting
January 27, 2008	College Park #453
February 21-24, 2008	Princess Royale, Ocean City
March 29, 2008 March 30, 2008	Assn Higher Degree Banquet Camden/Wyoming #203
April, 2008	No Meeting
May 18, 2008	Frederick #371
June, 2008	No Meeting due to Intl. Convention in Las Vegas
July 27, 2008	Essex #70
August 21-24, 2008	Sheraton Hotel, Dover

*Thank you,
Jim Bolling, Secretary*



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 As When He Stoops To Lift Up A Child.”**

James J. Davis

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