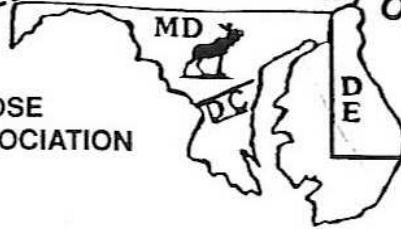




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*Got a Moose Problem? Contact a Deputy Regional Manager!!
They can't help, if you don't ask.*

Natural Highs:

**Making new friends or
spending time with old ones.**

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



On Sunday February 15, 2009 Capitol Region MSC 2680 was instituted. Seventy of our Brothers witnessed the institution of our first lodge, in 100 years, in Washington, DC. Congratulations to Organizer Frank Courtney and Governor James Singletary. Thirty-seven new members were seated for this event, and enrolled by the Enrollment



Ceremony performed by a ritual team of ritualists representing 5 lodges. In all, 55 members were enrolled in the new Charter.

The Charter remains open until March 17, 2009. If you want to be a Charter Member you can forward a completed application and \$60.00 to Secretary/Treasurer Frank Courtney- 6794 Mid Cities Avenue, Beltsville MD 20705. If you submit an application after March 1, 2009, the enrollment fee is waived and you need, only submit \$40.00 as the result of The Moose Stimulus Program.

The next step is to organize a WOTM Chapter Moose Service Center.

Please extend a welcome to our newest District 5 Moose Service Center.

Fraternally,

Dave Greenaway



**Congratulations
to
Capitol Region
MSC #2680
and welcome to
MD-DE-DC Moose
Association**

Left to right - Regional Manager David Greenaway Jr., our newest Governor James Singletary and Danny Williams.



Moose Chocolate!!!



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The chocolate will be delivered to the requested address. Minimum order quantity is 8 cases.
- Proper signing authority is required.



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Community Service



East Sussex Chapter #2204 Educational Advancement Chairman Linda Bunting (on the right) presented a check to Pam Munro, Director of the Selbyville Public Library.



At Christmastime, Marlboro Moose Family Center #1586 Administrator Humphrey Ridgely (on left) and Governor Charlie Bean delivered a pickup truck full of toys donated by Marlboro Lodge & Chapter members to Trinity Episcopal Church in Upper Marlboro. The church provides Christmas for more than 100 needy children in the area.



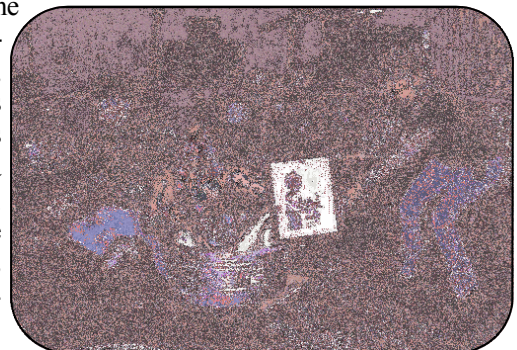
This is the story of a Fun & Fantastic Family activity that turned into a great Community Service Project. Annapolis Moose FC #296 planned and held a football playoff Sunday on January 18, 2009. Leading up to the Sunday event, between the Baltimore Ravens and Pittsburgh Steelers, a challenge was born. Trustee Wade Harris (in the middle of the photo to the right), an avid Steelers fan, and Exceptional Volunteer Deana Adams Hasselberger (on the right in the same photo), an avid Ravens fan, decided to have a friendly wager on the game. The representative of the losing team would participate in the MD State Police Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics held on January 24, 2009. In order for a person to participate in this event, they must be sponsored. It was agreed the plunger would represent



Annapolis Moose FC at the polar bear plunge. When this was presented to the members attending the playoff, it took off. Due to the fact that both of these individuals are loved by the members, the sum of \$261 was raised to sponsor the plunger. As the world knows, the Pittsburgh Steelers won the game leaving Deana to be the plunger. Although disappointed about the Raven loss, Deana was proud to represent Annapolis #296 for this good cause. As so many of our members have good hearts, winner of the wager, Wade Harris, and his son, Jimmy, agreed to plunge along side Deana, so together they represented Annapolis Moose FC to benefit this great cause.



However, the story continues as 15 to 16 members traveled to the event in support of our plungers. One longtime member, Johnny Barber, was not able to make the trip and this bothered him to no extent; so, Johnny came up with an idea of his own. He decided to hold his own plunge that Saturday night, January 24th, in the Social Quarters during the entertainment going on that night. His plunge would be a special Endowment Fund Collection. After the 9 O'clock Ceremony, to the surprise and delight of all attending, Johnny, wearing a female one piece bathing suit, plunged into a wash tub of water. During this spectacle, \$210 was collected for the Endowment Fund. Thanks to Deana, Wade, Jimmy & Johnny for a great Community Service Project.



Community Service



Elkton Moose Family Center #851 and Chapter #969 donated an AED machine to the Cecil County PT for Seniors. The machine is laid on the chest of a patient and gives information on what treatment is needed, such as whether to start CPR or not. In the photo (from the right) are Governor Adam Storey, Senior Regent Lisa Hamm and Recorder Judy Martin with the staff of Cecil County PT for Seniors. The cost of this machine is \$1500.



The bingo group at New Castle Moose Family Center #1578 and #1418 donated items ranging from Halloween candy, 6 large boxes full of travel size items sent to the troops in Iraq and grocery items for food baskets given to those less fortunate at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Most recently, the group has been donating candy for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Lodge.

Great Job by All! Keep up the Good Work!!!!

Happenings at the Lodges & Chapters

Edgemere Chapter #1146 held their Valentine's Dance on February 8th and crowned two Chapter members as queens. 2008 Senior Regent Jean Mueller and 2009 Senior Regent Marjorie Long crowned Nora Willy and Sarah Lentz as the queens for 2008 and 2009 Chapter years.



New Castle #1578 Moose Legion Activities Committee also held a Valentine's Dance on February 7th. A good crowd came to enjoy dinner and dancing at New Castle.



New Castle #1418 Co-Worker Winnie Beattie was recognized at the February meeting of the 6th District for receiving the "Teacher of the Year" award at Sarah Pyle Academy in the Christina School District. Ron Sweetman presented the plaque to Winnie.



Congratulations, Katherine!!

Academy of Friendship members of New Castle Chapter #1418 gather around Katherine Petkiewicz (sitting to the left of Deputy Regional Manager Olivia Schmidt in the photo) after a special Academy ceremony was held to bestow the degree to Katherine. She is legally blind from glaucoma and has a had time getting around due to arthritis, so the Chapter asked Libby to inquire if the ceremony could held at New Castle. Women of the Moose headquarters approved the request and now Katherine has her new degree.



Waldorf Chapter #1387 was proud to have four new Academy of Friendship members after the Mid-Winter Conference in Ocean City. From left to right are Lori Weedon, Edith Schmitz, Mary Cook and Kimberly Sowell. Congratulations, gals!!



Happenings at the Lodges & Chapters



A Celebration of the Life of Brother John Lyons was held at New Castle Moose Family Center #1578 in February. Many members came to pay their last respects to John. In the photo to the left, family members surround Lily to comfort her.



Senior Regent Loretta Clark (on the left) of New Castle Chapter #1418 presented a check to Ron & Judy Martin for the Association Special Olympics Committee.



Elkton Lodge #851 Governor Adam Storey presented Doris Allen a plaque for her donations of baked goods.



At the 6th District meeting in March, Claymont Moose Family Center #847 celebrated the last mortgage payment of their building by burning the mortgage. Moose Legion Area Manager Ron Sweetman was on hand to light the document. Claymont members Lee Anderson, Administrator Ed Tobin and

Governor David Moore proudly watched the paper burn.



New Castle Chapter #1418 Star Recorder Committee held the Annual St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance on March 14th. Tommy Thomas and his band entertained everyone who came to celebrate. The second lady from the right is 90 years old and sure out-danced a lot of the attendees.

New Student at Mooseheart from MD-DE-DC



WELCOME

Bob and Nellie Manning, Newark Administrator Rick Griner, U-Conjay Nelson and her mother, Sara Nelson, stopped at the Newark Moose Family Center #630 on their way to the airport to travel to Mooseheart. U-Conjay is now living at the Virginia Home at Mooseheart and is on the girls' basketball team.

Best wishes for wonderful years at Mooseheart to U-Conjay.



WELCOME

Mooseheart extended a big welcome to U-Conjay Nelson. She was sponsored by Newark Moose Family Center #630. U-Conjay, her mother, Sara, and Nellie Manning are standing next to the huge sign welcoming U-Conjay to Mooseheart.

the "Tommy Moose" Program

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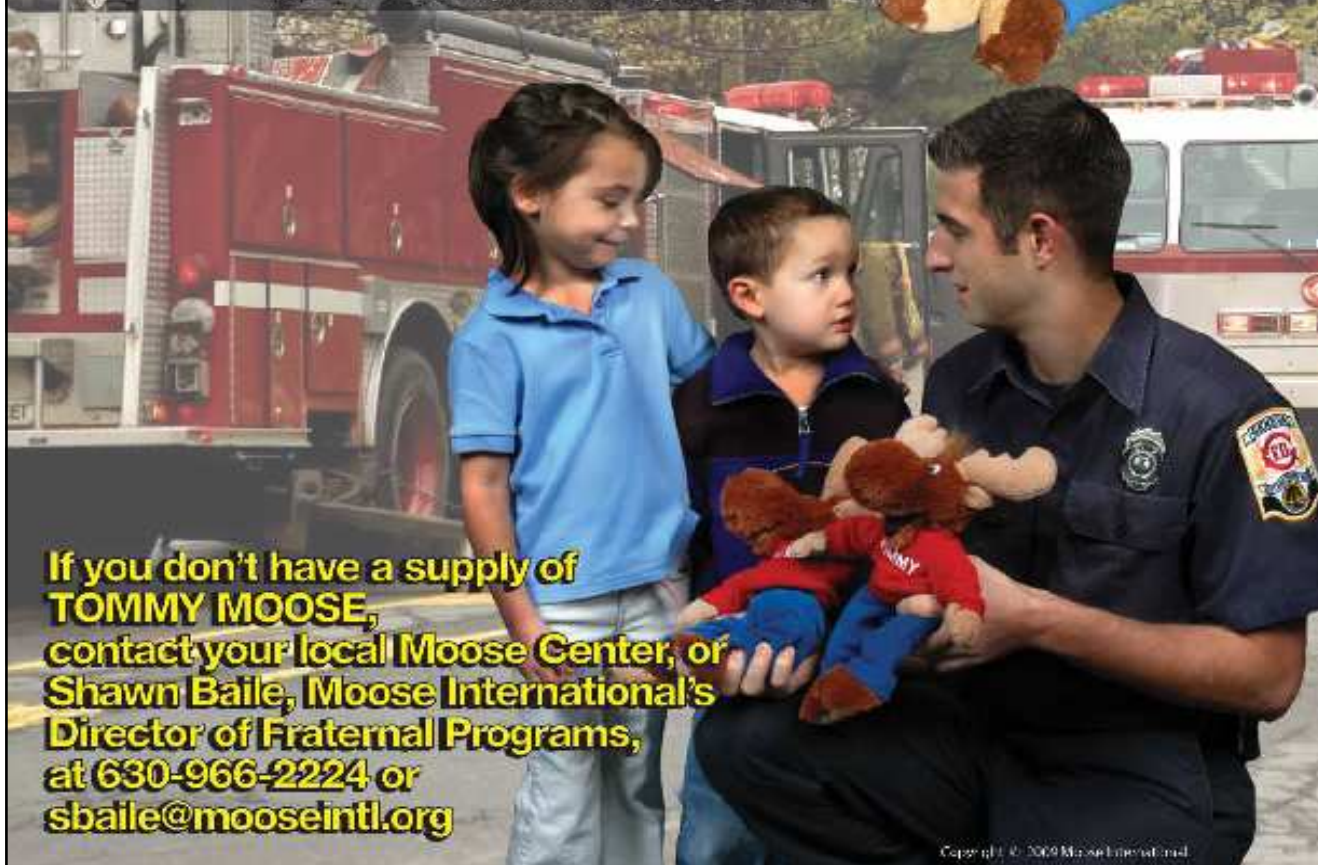
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Great for Community Service donations!!

R. Robert Dale Scholarship - 2009

It's time for yet another educational opportunity. They say that the mind is the intellectual power of a person. And that intelligence is the capacity to know knowledge whether imparted or acquired. It should be apparent to all of us in today's world that knowledge and intellect through advanced education is a necessity. We are able to provide assistance for educational opportunities through the R. Robert Dale Scholarship Program. We are asking the father, mother, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian, who must be a member in good standing of the Order, to submit an application for the qualified student in the **High School Class of 2010**.

Just think, if each lodge in the State Association submitted just 2 applications each, we would be able to provide **FOUR R. Robert Dale Scholarships** and assist these young students to obtain their dream of a higher education. With the cost of college these days, **who would turn down an extra \$1,000?** I am asking you to get the word out. The applications are now available and must be submitted by **June 30, 2009**. We owe it to the families and to our communities to make sure that all Moose members with a high school student graduating in 2010 get the application and get it turned in. The more applications that are submitted, the more scholarships we can award. In addition, all applications submitted are qualified for the **State Association John Lyons Scholarship** drawing.



LET'S GET IT DONE !



The above message is from the late John Lyons. This was truly a passion of his and we need to keep it going. So - let's get our 2010 high school graduates signed up for these great scholarship programs.

Applications are available in the mooseintl.org website or see the Administrator of your Lodge.

When students get to college - every little bit helps!! Fill out the application today!!!!

2008 R. Robert Dale Scholarship Winners - John Lyons, Chairman

The 2008 Scholarship drawing took place at the Association Annual Conference in Dover, DE in August. Each candidate was randomly assigned a number. Three numbers were drawn for the \$1,000 R. Robert Dale Scholarship. The first number drawn was the winner of the scholarship. The next two numbers were designated as R. Robert Dale Scholarship runners-up in case the winner does not or cannot accept the funds. Seven additional numbers were drawn for the John Lyons Scholarships.

The winner and runner-ups of the R. Robert Dale Scholarship are:

WINNER - Tyler Mineo from Aberdeen Lodge #1450, Parents - Richard & Cindy Williamson
1st runner up - Stephanie Chouinard from Caroline County Lodge #2332

Parents - Arthur & Karen Chouinard

2nd runner up - John Suite, Jr. from Mechanicsville Lodge #495, Parent - John Wayne Suite

Winners of the John Lyons Scholarships

\$500 winner - Cody Tabor from Lower Eastern Shore Lodge #2431, Parent - James C. Tabor

\$500 winner - R. Gage Salisbury from Westminster Lodge #1381, Parent - Katherine Y. Arney

\$500 winner - Nicholas Thomas from Elkton Lodge #851, Parents - John & Kathryn Thomas

\$500 Winner - Karl Shuey from Westminster Lodge #1381, Parent - Bonnie Prentice Gerlach

\$500 Winner - William Strotman from Bay Country Lodge #831, Parents - William & Stacey Strotman

\$250 Winner - Sara Eye from Waldorf Lodge #1709, Parents - Edward & Lorrie Eye

\$250 Winner - Jessica Ewing from Easton Lodge #1520, Parent - Michael Ewing

Congratulations to all Scholarship Winners!!

Get your 2010 graduate entered in the Scholarship Drawings before 6/30/09!!!!

News & Views from Association Pres. Mark Letterman

Brothers and Co-Workers

This year is flying by - we have just finished with the Mid-Winter Conference and the feed back has been Positive. In just a few short months we will be at the Association Annual Convention and the planning is going well and should prove to be another success. I feel certain that our OV's will be as informative and motivating as Tom Hatcher and Barbara McPherson.



We are also winding up Nominations and Election of Lodge, Chapter, and Moose Legion officers, and the Membership year is coming to a close. With the help of the Stimulus package we should close out with most of these FRU'S making their Quotas.

It's also time for International Convention in May and it is gearing up to be Informative and exciting and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there. Chicago has always been a Great place for Convention, and the trip to Mooseheart for those of you that have never made the trip its well worth it.

I would also like to ask everyone to work the Stimulus Package and meet their Quotas this will help YOUR Association reach number one and that's something that we can all be proud of. Remember with all FRU'S pulling together, this is possible.

The weather is starting to break and now is the time to think about our Lodge Homes and spring cleaning, this would be a great time to have open house and show the community what we represent and perhaps sign a few members, with no application fee your membership has the potential to grow BEYOND BELIEF.

Please keep in mind this may be hard times for some, but for all FRU'S this should be the best of times for membership growth if we promote the Moose Benefits and short term membership programs.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!

Fraternally Yours,

Mark L. Letterman



**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
- Paul Flores - 10/5
- Prince Kollis - 12/1
- Nezra McCarty - 5/18
- Aaron Moka - 4/20
- Kendall Owens - 10/4
- Vernon Owens - 9/14
- Angel Rodriguez - 2/14
- Dominik Solis - 3/18
- Juan Solis - 6/23



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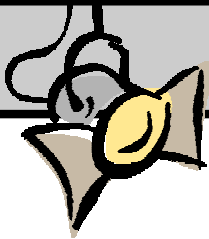
- Boy's Name, MD-DE-DC House
c/o Sunshine Dept.
115 James J. Davis Drive
Mooseheart, IL 60539
- Resident's Name
1701 Park Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073



Our Residents at Moosehaven:

- Emmett C. Johnson - 9/6
- Genevive S. Loman - 6/5
- James J. Lupo, Jr. - 1/24
- Blanche E. Neighoff - 3/19
- Edward Pelkey - 7/28
- Rosa Saudade - 2/13





In the Spotlight

Levis R. Hughes, Jr.

2008-09 International President of the Moose Legion



On May 1st through 3rd, we will have the honor of Levis Hughes and his wife, Paula, being a part of the Moose Legion Celebration at Harrington Moose Family Center #534.

Mr. Hughes is the current International President of the Moose Legion and is a member of Tallahassee FL Lodge #1075. He has been a member of the Moose Legion Council since 2002.

His wife, Paula, is also an active Moose member. She is a Past Grand Council Member and has been involved in Tallahassee, FL Chapter #1103 since 1976. Paula has received all three of the WOTM higher degrees and served as Deputy Grand Regent for the State of Florida in 1990-1991. She was a member of the Grand Council from 2000 to 2002.



Levis joined Lodge #1075 in January of 1976 and became involved in the Ritual Team in March of 1976. He was served in all the chairs and was Governor in the 1986-1987 year. In June of 1976, Levis joined the Northwest Florida Moose

Legion #182 and became active on the Moose Legion Ritual Team between 1976 and 2002. He is a Past President of Moose Legion

#182, as well as District #12 and the Florida/Bermuda Moose Association. Serving as President and Past President, he was involved in establishing the first Council of Higher Degrees in Florida.

He served his Association as Deputy Supreme Governor in 1996-1997 and was the International Moose Legion Ambassador from 1997-1999. Levis is a member of the 100 Division of the Moose 25 Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes reside in Tallahassee, Florida and have four children and three grandchildren.

Let's extend a warm MD-DE-DC Moose Association welcome to Levis and Paula while they visit our Association for the Moose Legion Celebration in early May. Come to the Celebration, enjoy the fun the committee has planned and meet our International President and his wife.

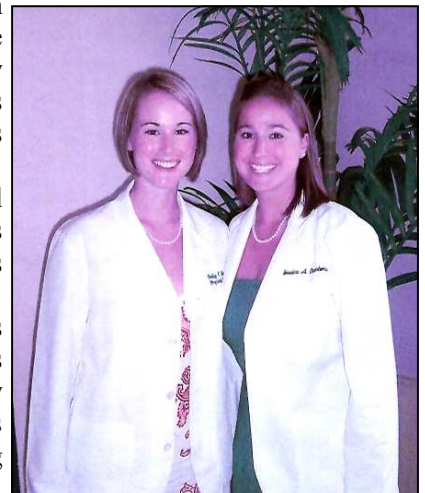
EMILY + JESSICA CHAMBERS

Granddaughters of Gilbert & Martha Kuhn of East Sussex Lodge #2542 & Chapter #2204

Gilbert and Martha Kuhn both beam with pride as they talk about their granddaughters, Emily and Jessica Chambers. Both young women are doctoral candidates in the College of Health Professions. Jessica, on the right in the photo, is in her last two rotations before graduating this Spring, and Emily is in her second year of classes. Both participated in the white coat ceremony for the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program in July of 2007. The physical therapy curriculum was adjusted as the program recently obtained doctoral status. This included the timing of the white coat ceremony to include the following class and put both sisters together in the ceremony and celebration..

They are natives of Charleston, SC and are trailblazers for the young doctoral program in physical therapy. The ladies have an advantage of being sisters living on campus and are there for each other when scholastic guidance is needed.

Emily will travel to the state of Washington for clinical experience; she is interested in seeking employment in a military facility. Jessica states she hopes to work with a professional team in sports. The medical field runs in the family as their parents, Bruce and Deborah, are both registered nurses. Bruce also is an MUSC employee and alumnus. Congratulations to both of these fine young women as they realize their dreams.



Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

Rather than dwell on the obvious "fine kettle of fish" the U.S.A. is currently embroiled. We need to look around and see how we can help our members and communities. Delaware has a help line, it can guide you as to where to find assistance with fuel, utilities, housing, food and some monies and mortgage help. It certainly wouldn't hurt to post a list of these help agencies on your bulletin boards and put in your news letters. I'm sure Maryland has the same assistance available. Sometimes folks are so overwhelmed they do not know where to start. Many are turning in their pets because they can no longer afford the food or medical care, you might consider taking some dry food to a local shelter, that does not destroy pets if they cannot place them right away. Many of our food bank shelves are being depleted and need to be restocked, consider using the "buy one get one" and if you don't need it save for the food bank. Some times a little effort goes a long way. A large can of beef stew could provide someone a full meal. Please check the elderly you have in your lodges and chapters and find out if they need assistance, especially if they have not been around for awhile. A lot of the lodges have dinners, what becomes of your leftovers that have not been used as in a buffet? The Ronald McDonald House here accepts food if it will feed at least 25, they freeze it to use when they have more than expected or if one of the designated providers do not show up. Some food kitchens accept prepared food as well, or you might divide it up with your members who could use a little help. You can call the local representative in your area to ask for numbers for those who can provide services and assistance.



On to the next, we have a national government stimulus package, my concern is that the monies go to where and to whom they are intended. Currently we have multitude of illegal's who are getting the benefit if our social services, medical, educational and housing to which they are not entitled. The monies and services need to be used for the citizens first. I think the statement is "Charity Begins At Home". We need to voice our concerns to our legislators and insist that people getting help should be screened again and those applying be doubly screened to assure they are entitled. The same persons using a common social security number and name, same drivers license and bogus papers need to be brought to a screeching halt, we cannot afford to have "business as usual" the cost is too high. If we can afford to export the industrial and manufacturing business to out of the states they can afford to send the ones who are here illegally back. I have made inquiries to Senator Carper's office on several issues to date - I have not had a reply. We all need to make our own calls.

Our Mid-Winter Conference had many highlights and several delightful twists. One real disappointment was the fact we could not hold a joint opening; many were looking forward to this, in the few years past we shared the same information from both the men and women chairpersons, each brought a different view and it was refreshing. To be able to see our colors posted with history and verbiage was another event we were anticipating along with the visits from the local dignitaries and legislators. Because we could not share a joint opening we missed the services, the presentation of the keys of the city to our regional manager. The absence of the Co-Workers was noticed and commented on by the color guard and the mayor. No politician or unit participates in anything that comes close to excluding anyone because of being closed to male or female. This certainly did not reflect the image of our organization we want those who are not familiar with our Lodges and Chapters to have if we want to increase our membership.

I do have the current listings for the newly installed Legislators, and some have requested the flag fold meaning and etiquette. All you need do is ask.

Respectfully Submitted, Bessie Staab-Hickman, Coordinator



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Write your check to:

"Dept. of DE VFW" or "Dept. of MD VFW" and earmark for "Operation Uplink". Thanks!!!

Remember on Memorial Day

I just wanted to get the day over with and go down to Smokey's. Sneaking a look at my watch, I saw the time, 1655. Five minutes to go before the cemetery gates are closed for the day. Full dress was hot in the August sun. Oklahoma summertime was as bad as ever--the heat and humidity at the same level--both too high.

I saw the car pull into the drive, '69 or '70 model Cadillac Deville, looked factory-new. It pulled into the parking lot at a snail's pace. An old woman got out so slow I thought she was paralyzed; she had a cane and a sheaf of flowers--about four or five bunches as best I could tell.

I couldn't help myself. The thought came unwanted, and left a slightly bitter taste: 'She's going to spend an hour, and for this old soldier, my hip hurts like hell and I'm ready to get out of here right now!' But for this day, my duty was to assist anyone coming in. Kevin would lock the 'In' gate and if I could hurry the old biddy along, we might make it to Smokey's in time. I broke post attention. My hip made gritty noises when I took the first step and the pain went up a notch. I must have made a real military sight: middle-aged man with a small pot gut and half a limp, in Marine full-dress uniform, which had lost its razor crease about thirty minutes after I began the watch at the cemetery.

I stopped in front of her, halfway up the walk. She looked up at me with an old woman's squint.

'Ma'am, may I assist you in any way?' She took long enough to answer. 'Yes, son. Can you carry these flowers? I seem to be moving a tad slow these days.'

'My pleasure, ma'am.' Well, it wasn't too much of a lie. She looked again. 'Marine, where were you stationed?'

'Vietnam, ma'am. Ground-pounder. '69 to '71.' She looked at me closer. 'Wounded in action, I see. Well done, Marine. I'll be as quick as I can.' I lied a little bigger: 'No hurry, ma'am.'

She smiled and winked at me. 'Son, I'm 85-years-old and I can tell a lie from a long way off. Let's get this done. Might be the last time I can do this. My name's Joanne Wieserman, and I've a few Marines I'd like to see one more time.' 'Yes, ma'am. At your service.'

She headed for the World War I section, stopping at a stone. She picked one of the flowers out of my arm and laid it on top of the stone. She murmured something I couldn't quite make out. The name on the marble was Donald S. Davidson, USMC: France 1918. She turned away and made a straight line for the World War II section, stopping at one stone. I saw a tear slowly tracking its way down her cheek. She put a bunch on a stone; the name was Stephen X. Davidson, USMC, 1943. She went up the row a ways and laid another bunch on a stone, Stanley J. Wieserman, USMC, 1944. She paused for a second. 'Two more, son, and we'll be done.'

I almost didn't say anything, but, 'Yes, ma'am. Take your time.' She looked confused. 'Where's the Vietnam section, son? I seem to have lost my way.' I pointed with my chin. 'That way, ma'am.'

'Oh!' she chuckled quietly. 'Son, me and old age ain't too friendly.'

She headed down the walk I'd pointed at. She stopped at a couple of stones before she found the ones she wanted. She placed a bunch on Larry Wieserman, USMC, 1968, and the last on Darrel Wieserman, USMC, 1970. She stood there and murmured a few words I still couldn't make out.

'OK, son, I'm finished. Get me back to my car and you can go home.' 'Yes, ma'am. If I may ask, were those your kinfolk?'

She paused. 'Yes, Donald Davidson was my father, Stephen was my uncle, Stanley was my husband, Larry and Darrel were our sons. All killed in action, all Marines.'

She stopped. Whether she had finished, or couldn't finish, I don't know. She made her way to her car, slowly and painfully.

I waited for a polite distance to come between us and then double-timed it over to Kevin, waiting by the car. 'Get to the 'Out' gate quick. I have something I've got to do.' Kevin started to say something, but saw the look I gave him. He broke the rules to get us there down the service road. We beat her. She hadn't made it around the rotunda yet. 'Kevin, stand at attention next to the gatepost. Follow my lead.' I humped it across the drive to the other post.

When the Cadillac came pattering around from the hedges and began the short straight traverse to the gate, I called in my best gunny's voice: 'TeheHut! Present Haaaarms!'

I have to hand it to Kevin; he never blinked an eye--full dress attention and a salute that would make his DI proud. She drove through that gate with two old worn-out soldiers giving her a send-off she deserved, for service rendered to her country, and for knowing duty, honor and sacrifice. I am not sure, but I think I saw a salute returned from that Cadillac. Instead of 'The End,' just think of 'Taps.'

As a final thought on my part, let me share a favorite prayer: 'Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us.'

Let's all keep those currently serving and those who have gone before in our thoughts. They are the reason for the many freedoms we enjoy. **'In God We Trust.'**

If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under!

Moose Legion Area Manager Ron Sweetman



HEY –HEY –HEY DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOUR QUALIFIED LODGE BROTHER TODAY

There has never been a more opportune time to invite your Lodge brother to advance to the second degree of our Order – than **now**. The Moose Legion Council has eliminated the **\$10.00** enrollment fee. This window of opportunity will remain open through April 30, 2009. This is part of our stimulus package. So you see, for just a years dues, qualified members, can join the Degree of Service, participate in the program and have **fun** doing it. I ask that you use the eligibility lists that have been provide to your Lodges and contact those who are qualified to join us. Some of our Lodges are adding other incentives in their recruiting of members for the Moose Legion. This unprecedented program will hopefully **jumpstart** membership and activity throughout all our Moose Legions. The plan is in place and **you are the stimulus**. With just one month remaining in our Membership year we are asking **each of you** to help us grow the membership of our Moose Legions.

My sincerest Thanks to one and all for those who participated in the Moose Legion Education Conference that was held in Essex Moose Family Center on March 21, 2009. I surely want to say a **special thank you** to our Moose Legion Trainer and Moose Legion Councilman Bruce Berger. To our host Lodge, Essex No. 70 and Moose Legion Ambassador Dan Walther for your time and effort in making the day a successful one on behalf of the Moose Legionnaires, I say **thank you**.

With those additional Moose Legionnaire's qualifying for an officer or director position I am hopeful that we can fill all of the elected chairs in our Moose Legions for the coming year. In saying that, I want to wish for all of our Moose Legions the very best on your up-coming elections and installations.

HEY – HEY – HEY FIRST THREE DAYS OF MAY ALL-STATE MOOSE LEGION CELEBRATION INTERNATIONAL MOOSE LEGION PRESIDENT LEVIS HUGHES WILL BE THERE - I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US, TOO!!



Cordially and fraternally,
Ron Sweetman,
Moose Legion Area Manager



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Economic Stimulus Plan No Applications Fees!*

From March 1, 2009 through April 20, 2009

***Completed application must be remitted with the first years' dues.
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MD-DE-DC Moose Legion Celebration



MAY 1 - 3, 2009



Host - Blue Hen Moose Legion #186

Location - Harrington Moose Family Center & Chapter

SPECIAL TICKET PRICE - \$40.00 PER PERSON

(for Saturday & Sunday events - other prices shown, if you want to come to some, but not all)

FRIDAY

Buffet from 5:30 to 7:00PM

\$10.00 per person

**Meet & Greet International Moose Legion President Levis Hughes
& his wife, Paula**

SATURDAY

Breakfast 8:00 to 10:30 AM - \$6.00 per person

**Buses leaving Lodge at 9:30 AM to visit the Air Force Museum
Dover Downs & Dover Mall**

Moose Legion Organizational Meeting at 10:30 AM

Moose Legion Meeting & Enrollment at 2:30 PM

(Please wear regalia for Moose Legion Meeting & Enrollment)

Reception 6:00 to 7:00PM

Dinner 7:00 to 8:00 PM

(Entrees - Steamship Round & Chicken Cordon Bleu)

Entertainment 8:30 to 11:00 PM

\$25.00 per person



SUNDAY

Breakfast 8:00 to 10:30 AM - \$6.00 per person

Fun and Activities start at 10:30 AM

Pig Roast with Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, etc. at 12:00 PM - \$10.00 per person

Dress Code:

Friday & Saturday Evening - Business Casual

Sunday - Casual

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.

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International Sports Events

WOTM Golf

April 24-26, 2009
Vero Beach, FL
Phone: 585-721-5281



Mixed Golf Scramble

June 13 & 14, 2009
Jamestown, NY Lodge #1681
Phone: 716-488-2800

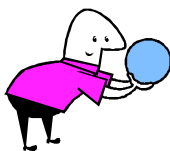
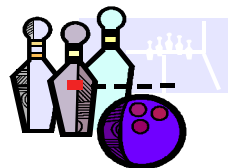
Men's & Women's Golf

August 1-2, 2009
Barberton, OH Lodge #759
Phone: 330-825-7163



2009 Mixed Bowling

October 3-18, 2009
Morgantown, WV Lodge #264
Phone: 304-983-8780



Moose International Bowling

Men's - April 4 to June 14, 2009
Women Only - April 25-26, 2009
East Erie, PA Lodge #593
Phone: 814-899-8113

Darts - Men & Women

April 17-18-19, 2009
Hopewell, VA Lodge #1472
Phone: 804-224-0479



Softball - Men & Women

July 24 - 26, 2009
Belleville, MI Lodge #934
Phone: 734-697-2111



Pool - Men & Women

June 17 - 20, 2009
Nitro, WV Lodge #565
304-755-9645



Horseshoes

July 24-26, 2009
Okeechobee, FL Lodge #1753
Phone: 863-763-4954



Check www.moosintl.org for entry forms & more information

For inquires about hosting a future sporting event contact the
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630-859-2224 or
email Henry Houck, Jr. Assistant Director Fraternal Programs at
hhouck@moosintl.org



News from the District Presidents

District 2 - Clint Rawlings, President

Brothers and Co-Workers,

It is important during these tough economic times to remember the positive things we have going for us and to share those things with our fellow Moose Brothers and Co-workers.

This is a great time to take advantage of the stimulus package and sign up friends and family that may have been holding back from joining. Remind potential members about the family activities we have available, the importance we play in our communities, and the many friendships that have been fostered at your Moose Family Center. I know that if we stand together and help each other through these times we will come out stronger within our individual Family Centers and nationally.



Take advantage of the promotional opportunities available to us through the mdmoose.org webpage and the Communicator. Be a host to community service events in your area. Go into your communities and educate them about the many things that we do through Moose Charities like Safe Surf'n and Special Olympics. Educate the public about our scholarships through Youth Awareness. Give Tommy Moose dolls to your local police, emergency personnel, and organizations that work with physically and sexually assaulted children. Invite the news media to these events!

We all hold the key to make our Family Centers successful! Be positive and be proud to be a Moose!

Fraternally, Clint Rawlings

District 5 - Frank Courtney, President

Another Moose calendar year is quickly drawing to a close. I thank the Fifth District Lodges for getting all your reports in on time and making us 100% reporting. It was nice to see the large turnout we had at the OC Conference and a big Thank You to all that helped set up and assisted with our hospitality room!

The Fifth District has grown to some degree, but we still have room for improvement. One very special highlight was On Sunday February 15, 2009 Capitol Region MSC 2680 was instituted. Seventy of our Brothers witnessed the institution of our first lodge, in 100 years, in Washington, DC. Congratulations to Organizer Frank Courtney and Governor James Singletary. Thirty-seven new members were seated for this event, and enrolled by the Enrollment Ceremony performed by a ritual team of ritualists representing 5 lodges. In all, 55 members were enrolled in the new Charter. The next step is to organize a WOTM Chapter Moose Service Center. Please extend a welcome to our newest District 5 Moose Service Center.



Don't forget application fees have been eliminated for all new and former member applications dated from March 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009. Everyone should be taking advantage of this unprecedented Stimulus program.

Fraternally, Frank Courtney

In case you don't know, we have a website detailing events and dates for the Association, Districts, Lodges & Chapters information.

All you need to do is go to www.mdmoose.org. Check it out and if your information is not listed please give me a phone call or email.



Frank Courtney, Webmaster

301-655-9742  webmaster@mdmoose.org



News from the District Presidents

District 6 - Thomas Kelley, President

Because the time is approaching for elections of Lodge and Chapter officers, every Lodge should encourage loyal and hard working officers who will help maintain good leadership and ones that will want to advance into other programs that the Moose Lodges offer. Please be advised that for two months the processing administrative membership fee has been suspended and the only fee to be paid is the annual membership fee that each Lodge offers.



Thanks again for **three consecutive months of 100% for the 6th District!!!** Everyone I talked to seemed to have a good time in Ocean City. Well, enough talk - now for more action. Please sponsor new members during the Stimulus Package that Moose International has offered. Also keep in mind the 'Gimmefive Program'; it is running slow and needs a boost. Please help! Remember all our Brothers and Co-Workers who have fallen this year in your prayers for their families. If you need help, ask me.

Thanks for all you do to help me in my present obligation to the 6th District.

Fraternally, Thomas Kelley

District 7 - Randall Porter, President

Hello from the 7th District

Well, Winter is almost over and Spring is around the corner. So it is time to start doing some Spring cleanup. That is the Lodge Quota. We need to have one big push on the Membership. If we all work together we can get it done. I hope everyone had a great time in Ocean City this weekend. We all enjoyed our Official Visitors Tommy Hatcher and Barbara McPherson.



I would like to welcome all the new Governors and Senior Regents and their officers for this year. I wish all of the Lodges a very good year.

Fraternally, Randall Porter

Congratulations to MD-DE-DC Moose Association Honorees for 2008:



**Novice Co-Worker of the Year:
Joan Haslam - New Castle Chapter #1418**

**Co-Worker of the Year:
Janet Kline - Westminster Chapter #897**



**Rookie of the Year:
Ernest B. Sowell, Jr. - Waldorf Moose Family Center #1709**



**Moose of the Year:
Carl Schmidt - Aberdeen Moose Family Center #1450**

**Moose Legionnaire of the Year:
Chuck Neal - Essex Moose Family Center #70**



This Jailhouse Really Rocked!!

On Thursday night at the Mid-Winter Conference in Ocean City, we had a jail back in the corner of the room and, so-called “friends” had people arrested and put in the jail. We had a sheriff, clerk of the court, judge and bailiff, with a few deputies. Friends of the detainees came to their rescue and paid the fine to get them out of jail. It was fun - almost everyone was in there! No one was exempt from arrest!! Dave was in several times. The funds collected were given to the Capitol Project.



This one escaped!!



Got him cuffed this time!!



The Three Musketeers



A Message from our Deputy Grand Regent Elva Freter

Dear Coworkers,
 WOW!! What a great conference we had in Ocean City!! The hotel and all of the accommodations were excellent. Our Official Visitor, Grand Chancellor Barbara McPherson, was full of enthusiasm and fun. I am sure we all enjoyed her and were able to take a lot of great information back to our Chapters. And the great gift of the Moose Stimulus package is really exciting. We had a total of 291 Coworkers registered and 43 chapters represented. Our attendance was down from last year but I think everyone will agree the Higher Degree appreciation dinner on Thursday with the Jailhouse theme was a lot of fun as was the Friday night "Deal or No Deal". The Sweetheart banquet on Saturday night was excellent. I would like to thank the Association Officers for all of the planning that went into these events.



I would like to Congratulate and Welcome our 60 new Academy of Friendship members.

Congratulations to the following Brothers and Co-Workers who received honors on Saturday at the banquet:

- Novice Co-Worker of the Year – Joan Haslam of New Castle Chapter 1418
- Co-Worker of the Year – Janet Kline of Westminster Chapter 897
- Rookie of the Year – Ernest Sowell Jr. of Waldorf Lodge 1709

- Moose Legionnaire of the Year – Charles Neal of Essex Lodge 70
- Moose of the Year – Carl Schmidt of Aberdeen Lodge 1450

As we are getting ready to wrap up our 2008-2009 Chapter and Lodges, please keep in mind if you don't have qualified nominees for your available positions, please don't just stick anybody in to have a full board. The right person will come along for your positions. Always work together in love and harmony and it will go a long way to help your chapter, lodge and community.

I cannot close without, again, thanking my Hostess Chapter, Seaford 1384 for all of your hard work and efforts to make our conference run smooth. My thanks to other Chapter Coworkers and all of the Past Deputies for your assistance. It was most appreciated.

Please remember to sponsor those candidates so that all of our Chapters and Lodges will make their honors at the end of this year.

In Faith, Hope and Love,

Elva L. Freter

Deputy Grand Regent



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Youth Awareness Coordinators Ernie Megee and Pat Cihak



This year's program is almost to an end. We are waiting for the completed minimum of three Kids' Talks from our students who attended our Association's Moose Youth Awareness Congress last September. Once we receive these reports, we will have them judged by a family center youth group. Each of our three winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from our Association as well as be entitled to compete for one of five scholarships from Moose International at the Moose International Youth Student Congress to be held April 30 through May 4, 2009 in Hampton, Virginia.



As mentioned in our article in the last issue of our Association's Communicator, Pat and I are feverishly working on our Association's 2009-2020 program. As a reminder, please mark your calendars now - the Association Student Congress will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4, 2009 at the Elkton Moose Family Center #851. Thanks

to the continuing efforts of Elkton Moose Family Center, we feel that our student congress will again be a huge success. James Grimm and Kelly Stutzman, our guest speakers last year, will appear again this year. Also, Elkton Moose Family Center has also scheduled Marie Allen to speak to our students about heroin alert and drug awareness. Marie uses her daughter's diary and memoirs as a basis for her program. It is a poignant, heart-rending and emotional account of her daughter's addition, struggles, successful rehabilitations and collapse.

In helping us to make next year's program a huge success, please continue to work on our program. Yes, we realize that the Lodge and Chapter elections are around the corner, however, your family center leadership hopefuls should already have in mind who they would like to serve as chairpersons for the year 2009-2010. Youth Awareness should be one the chairs that are considered very early.

Fraternally,
Ernie Megee

Drug Awareness Presentation

On February 17, 2009 Elkton Moose Family Center #851 hosted a Drug Awareness Program presented by Marie Allen and Cpl Browning of the New Castle County Police.

Cpl Browning started the program relating incidents he has encountered in his work and showing very graphic pictures of young men and women who have died from drug overdoses. It was an eye opening experience for those of us who have never dealt with such loss.

As you can see from this photo on the right, there was a large group of people attending. Quite a lot of Moose members, but also people who have a family member involved in using drugs or in rehabilitation.

Elkton Chapter #969 Senior Regent Lisa Hamm

has dealt with the trauma of her son and two daughters using heroin. She was instrumental in scheduling this program at Elkton Lodge. Two of her children were there for the presentation.

Marie Allen has dealt with this situation firsthand with her daughter, Erin. The program was created from her daughter's journal when she was in prison for stealing her mother's car. Mrs. Allen wrote a book in 2006, "Dope Help", based on Erin's diary. In the presentation, photos were shown of Erin before



From the left - Cpl Browning, Lisa Hamm, Marie Allen, Judy and Ron Martin.

she was using heroin, through her recovery and, eventually, her death. She was making progress in fighting the addiction until she had to go for blood work. The needle piercing her arm for the tests brought back a desire for the drug and led to her death.

If you would like to have Marie Allen present this program at your Lodge, please call her at 302-395-8062. We need to support her program.





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

75 Division

Richard Niblett - #654

100 Division

Travis J. Luke, Jr. - #537

William E. Bennett - #126

Carla Buck - #1229

Adam J. Cegielski, Jr. - #2542

Jean Foster - #1084

Georgia E. Sullivan - #1387

200 Division

JoAnn Thompson - #660

250 Division

Robert J. Donze, III - #203

Circle of Distinction 2008-2009

Arthur Benton - #654

William R. Price - #654

Donald W. Tipton, Jr. - #271

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!

50 Year Members

Robert E. Black - #534

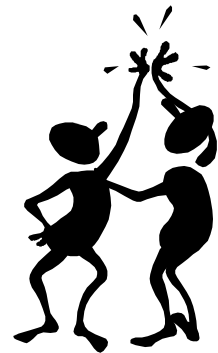
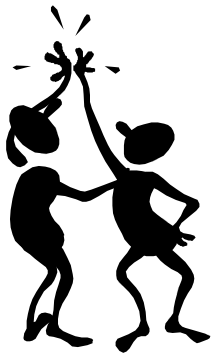
Frances Hobbs - #1146

William B. Parks - #654

J. Harold Thomas - #831

Willis F. Vanvorst - #534

Wilson Wamsley - #534



International Five Club Qualifiers 2008-2009

Loyal Order of Moose

Leonard Dodson, Jr. - #70 Essex
David Greenaway, Jr. - #70 Essex
Timothy McElwain - #296 Annapolis
Richard Thompson - #296 Annapolis
Lloyd Snyder - #371 Frederick
Jimmie Cornell - #453 College Park
Wayne Suite - #495 Mechanicsville
Harry McGray - #534 Harrington
Joseph Nitowski - #646 Lewes/Rehoboth

Richard Niblett - #654 Salisbury
David Weber - #1211 Cambridge
Richard McDermott, Jr. - #1228 Dundalk
Richard Whitmore - #1381 Westminster
Larry Stephan - #1381 Westminster
Douglas Webber - #1456 Glen Burnie
Donald Shelnutt - #1578 New Castle
Jesse Thompson - #1582 Brunswick
Kenneth Bolyard - #2046 Smyrna/Clayton

Roland Shimp, Jr. - #2046 Smyrna/Clayton

Women of the Moose

Susan Marie Hunt - #444 Mechanicsville
Lisa Hamm - #969 Elkton
Sue Cornell - #1262 College Park
Mary Crawley - #1435 Wheaton
Susan Dunmon - #1453 Middletown
Anne Barnes - #1546 Camden/Wyoming
Stacey Sinsabaugh - #1814 Lewes/Rehoboth
Erica Willis - #2209 Caroline County



a Fundraising Dip in the Atlantic



The worst part - going in the cold water.

Ocean
City, Md
2/14/09



The Polar Moose Club 2009

\$2017 was donated to the "Nurse Call Project"



Mark found a quick way!



The best part - coming out and finding a big towel.



Happy Anniversary!



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

March 2 Sparrows Point/Dundalk Lodge #1228
 March 5 Frederick Chapter #437
 March 5 Marlboro Chapter #1350
 March 6 Cambridge Chapter #1084
 March 10 Mechanicsville Lodge #495
 March 18 East Sussex Chapter #2204
 March 20 Caroline County Lodge #2332
 March 24 Glen Burnie Chapter #1176
 March 26 Easton Lodge #1520
 March 31 Smyrna/Clayton Lodge #2046
 April 8 Middletown Chapter #1453
 April 18 Baltimore City MSC #2631
 April 19 Waldorf Lodge #1709
 April 21 Williamsport Lodge #2462
 April 22 College Park Chapter #1262
 April 23 Rockville Lodge #1540
 April 26 Indian Head Lodge #1712
 May 4 Cambridge Lodge #1211
 May 6 Bay Country Lodge #831
 May 7 Patuxent Chapter #2173
 May 8 Smyrna/Clayton Chapter #1088
 May 9 Harrington Lodge #534
 May 12 Brunswick Chapter #660
 May 16 Bel Air Lodge #1952
 May 26 Milford Chapter #1949

Instituted in 1929
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Snack Size (suggested retail \$1.00)

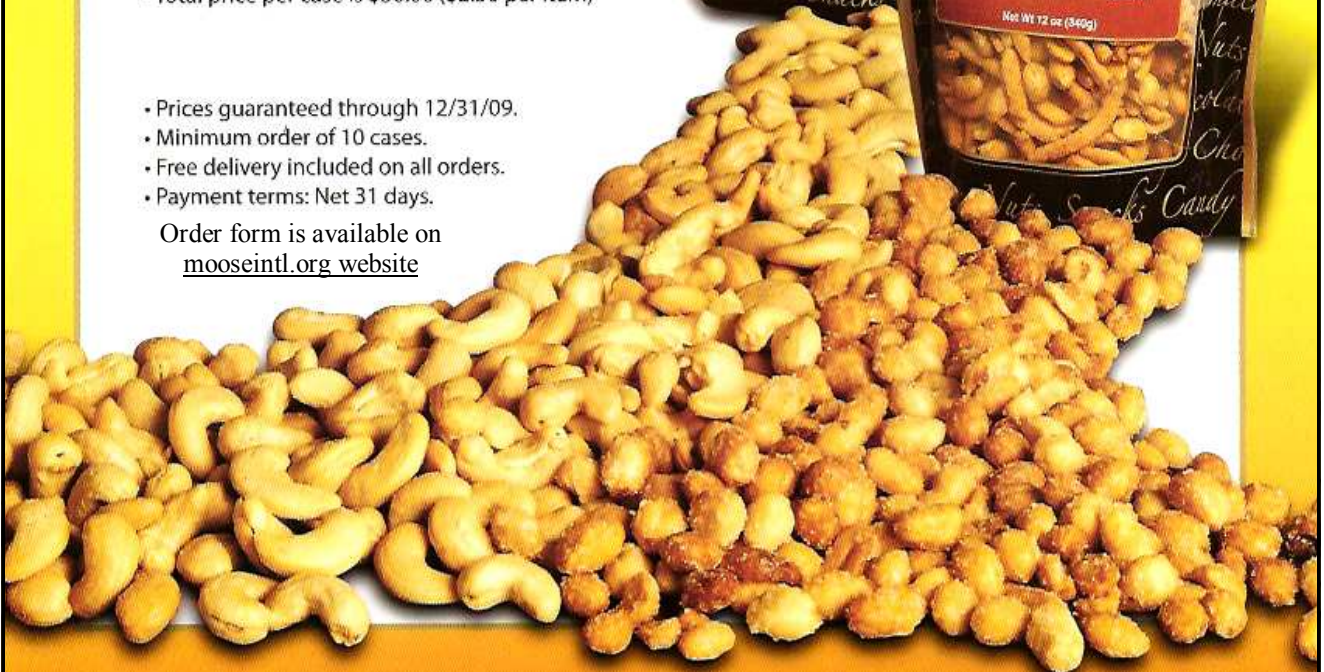
- Items offered:
 - Cajun Crunch Snack Mix 3 oz.
 - Honey Roasted Peanuts 3 oz.
 - Crunchy Peanuts 2 oz.
 - Cashew Splits 1.5 oz.
- 24 bags per case
- Total price per case is \$12.00 (\$0.50 per item)

Stand Up Bag (suggested retail \$5.00)

- Items offered:
 - Whole Cashews 10 oz.
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 - Cajun Crunch Snack Mix 12 oz.
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 - Honey Roasted Peanuts 12 oz.
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In Memory of Fallen Members

John Lyons

Past Governor Middletown Lodge
Past President of 6th District
Past President of MD-DE-DC Moose Assoc.
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit

James E. Oliver

Past Governor of Harrington Lodge
Past President of 7th District
Past President of Blue Hen Moose Legion
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit

Eugene L. Meekins

Member of Elkton Lodge
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit



Ray Robinson, Sr.

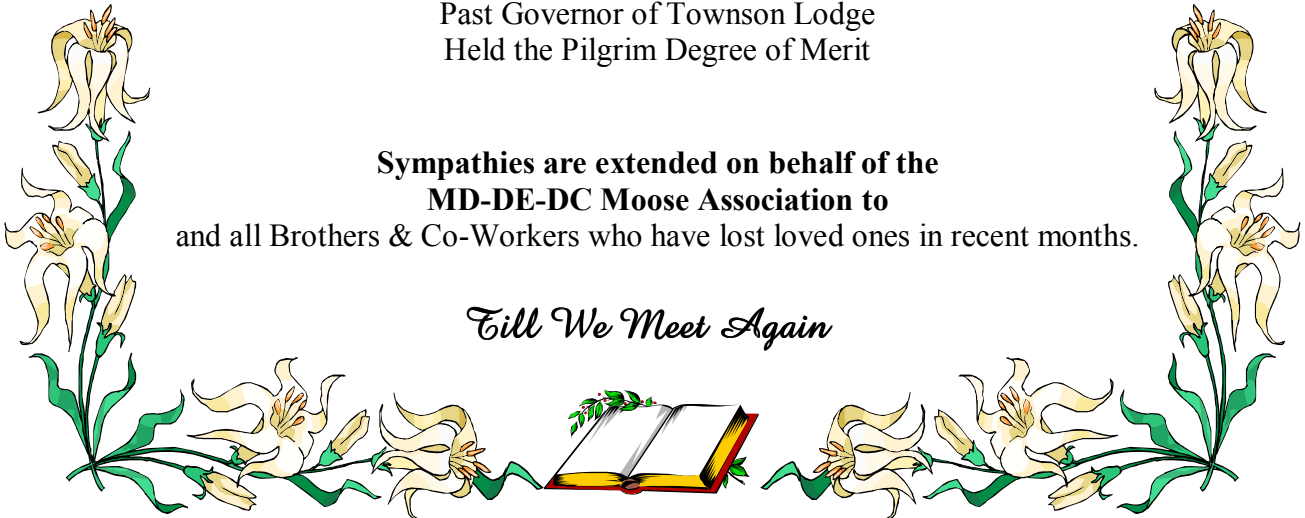
Past Governor of Newark Lodge
Past President of 6th District
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit

Donald Bolger

Past Governor of Townson Lodge
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit

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

Till We Meet Again



To Those Whom I Love and Those Who Love Me

by Mary Alice Ramish

When I am gone, release me, let me go,
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that I have had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess,
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love each have shown,
But now it is time I travelled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories in your heart.

I will not be far away, for life goes on;
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you cannot see or touch me,
I will be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.

Then, when you must come this way alone,
I will greet you with a smile and a Welcome Home.

In Memory of John Lyons and Jim Oliver



John Lyons



John Lyons, age 77, of Wilmington and formerly of Surrey, England died on Sunday January 25, 2009 at Christina Hospital.

John trained to be a bricklayer in Guildford Technical School in Surrey, England. At the age of 18, he built a new brick home for his parents and siblings. He served 2 years in the British Royal Air Force during which time he met the love of his life. He married Lily Rayner of London, England in 1954 and built a home for his bride in the village of Tongham. In 1960 he emigrated to America with his wife and children and settled in Wilmington, Delaware where he has lived ever since.

In America he worked as a bricklayer for D&W Masons until 1968, and then started his own home remodeling business, "The House Doctor". He was self-employed for 25 years, and built many fireplaces that were not only functional, but also works of art. His innovative style and sense of creativity could e seen in everything he built. Of particular interest to passersby, even to this day, are the corkscrew brick pillars he built for his home in the 1960s. In 1981, he and his brother, Stan, took over the Ulmer's Hardware store in Elsmere, and started the Lyons Hardware Store.

One of his greatest joys was playing "Santa Claus" at Christmas time. Every Christmas Eve from the 1970s until the last few years when he was too ill to get around, he visited hospitals, neighbors and needy families with toys, gifts and food. His son, David, and his family carry on this tradition to honor his memory and his spirit of giving.



His other hobbies included jaunts to Atlantic City, jigsaw puzzles and fixing anything that was broken.

He was a long time member of the Loyal Order of Moose, joining in 1966 after he had completed the brickwork on the newly-built lodge in Middletown. He served three terms as Governor of Middletown Lodge, and was also President of the 6th District and President of the MD-DE-DC Moose Association. He had been part of the Moose Legion, and earned the Fellowship Degree and the Pilgrim Degree. He was most recently a member of the New Castle Lodge and was passionate about his position as the State Association Scholarship Chairman. He worked tirelessly to raise funds to increase both the number, and the amount of scholarships that could be awarded to High School students.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lily Lyons; 3 children, Janet Balderson and her husband, Barry, of Newport, DE, Allen Lyons and his wife, Kathy, of Oxford, PA, David Lyons and his wife, Sherry, of Newark, DE; 6 grandchildren: Emily and Diana Balderson, Brittany and Benjamin Lyons, Maxwell and Sierra Lyons. He is also survived by brothers, Stan Lyons and his wife, Leila, of Pike Creek, DE, Jim Lyons and his wife, Kit, Keith Lyons and his wife, Gill, sister Sylvia Davies all living in England; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends who will miss his sense of humor and fun loving spirit. He was pre-deceased by his older brother, Clary Lyons.

Written by Janet Balderson.



James E. Oliver



On February 15, 1982, James Oliver joined the Loyal Order of Moose at Harrington Lodge #534. Jim became involved in the Lodge from the start of his membership by serving as Sergeant-At-Arms and eventually moving through all of the appointed and elected officer chairs. He volunteer for many committees and activities inside and outside Harrington Lodge.

In 1982, Jim became a member of Blue Hen Moose Legion #186 and received his Fellowship Degree of Honor in May of 1987.

Jim became a member of the 25 Club in 1989 and he sponsored 90 members into the Loyal Order of Moose.

He helped institute Milford Lodge #2316 and held a dual membership, having served as the first administra-

tor between 1987-1991. Milford Lodge selected Jim as "Moose of the Year" for 1988-1989 year.

During 1995, Jim was the President of the Blue Hen Moose Legion #186 and sponsored 19 members. He also served as 7th District President in 1995.

Jim served on the Harrington Ritual Team for nearly 18 years in the part of Prelate. He also was involved in many activities at the Lodge such as the Moose Legion Activities Committee and the Youth Club. He was very proud when a former member of the Youth Club became a Moose member.

1995 was a very special year for Jim - he was selected as the Moose of the Year for Harrington Lodge, received the Pilgrim Degree of Merit at

the House of God in Mooseheart, and was appointed as the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admissions Representative in Delaware for the MD-DE-DC Moose Association.

Jim is survived by his wife of 44 years, Joyce Oliver, a son, William, daughter and son-in-law Camela and John Wyatt, Jr., sister, Mary Louise Trapana, brother and sister-in-law, William and Mary Oliver, 3 grandsons, a great-grandson and several nieces and nephews. He will be missed by everyone.

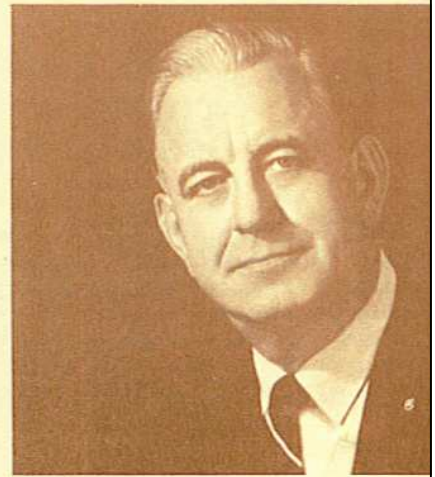
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

November 25, 1960

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. -- The Supreme Governor, Loyal Order of Moose, Mr. Clayton J. Crooks, Wausau, Wis., was a recent visitor to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Mr. Crooks along with Mr. George W. Aten, State Director, Loyal Order of Moose, for Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia, were guests of Thomas C. Wagman, Governor of the Aberdeen Lodge 1450 and other brothers of the lodge who work at the Proving Ground.

The governor and his party toured the Army Ordnance Museum and Ordnance laboratories during their visit to the Proving Ground.

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Letter from Aberdeen Proving Ground relating to the visit of Supreme Governor Clayton Crooks to Aberdeen Lodge in 1960. In this letter, you will also find reference to Brother Aten. Note in the letterhead that our phone system back in those days required calls to be made through an operator.

ARTICLES & PICTURES FROM THE PAST



MOOSEHEART, WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET

This picture is of Mooseheart in England at Winscombe in Somerset. Many thanks to Bob Manning for delving into his archive files and finding items for our magazine.

Friday Night "Deal or No Deal"



Ladies first



Jean Neal won \$30!



Then the Men



Pearl's bag wouldn't open. Ron came to her rescue.



Warren Hall won \$300!!



Vanna White-Schmidt



The Bankers



Howie & the Crew

Memories of Ocean City 2009



We are happy to report that \$7,379 was realized from all of the events - "Deal or No Deal", "Jailhouse Rock", the Polar Plunge, and other collections, etc., over the weekend. This is all going to the "Nurse Call" project.

Memories of Ocean City 2009



New Castle #1418 Senior Regent Loretta Clark was emotional when she accepted Joan Haslam's award.



Past Association President Ralph Shockley received his Past President's plaque.



Our DGR Elva Freter had 3 friends come from VA to be with her for this conference.



OKAY - who spilled the tickets this time???



Seaford Chapter #1384 Senior Regent Virginia Tyler's husband bought chances on a beautiful heart necklace and won! She wore it to the Valentine's Day Banquet.



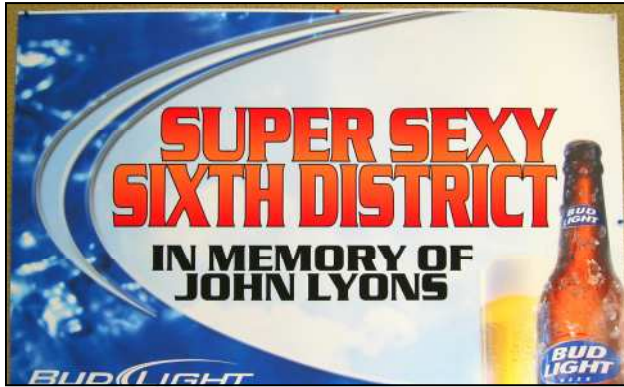
Looks like Waldorf's Tommy Moose was a big hit!



Is that bright light coming from our VP's head?



Memories of Ocean City 2009



This sign hung on the wall outside the 6th District Hospitality Room at Ocean City. The District wanted to pay homage to their Past President John Lyons. John passed away January 25, 2009.



WOTM Membership Fundraiser



Hey, Co-Workers -
 Have you gotten
 your WOTM
 Membership T-shirt yet?
 See
 Lee Horstman
 Belinda Mitchell or
 Janice Wyatt
 to get your shirt!!

MD-DE-DC Councils of Higher Degrees

Meeting Schedule

Black-Eyed Susans Council

April 26, 2009 at Williamsport (not confirmed)

July 19, 2009 Picnic at Silver Spring

September 20, 2009 at Marlboro

October 17, 2009 Banquet at Annapolis (not confirmed)

November 22, 2009 at Frederick



DelMar Council

Lunch at 12 PM - Meeting at 1 PM

April 4, 2009 at East Sussex

June 13, 2009 Picnic at New Castle

August 8, 2009 at Lewes-Rehoboth

November 14, 2009 Banquet at Essex



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If 500,000 Moose members utilized this link once a day, \$5,000 a day would be generated toward operational expenses at Mooseheart & Moosehaven. If that happened 365 days a year, \$1.825 MILLION would be generated for Mooseheart & Moosehaven!

So - when you need to search a topic on the Internet, use www.goodsearch.com. Be sure to designate *Mooseheart* as your *Charity* in the "Who Do You GOODSEARCH For" bar

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



First of all, I hope each one of you that attended the Mid Year Conference in Ocean City had a fantastic time. This was our first time at the Clarion Hotel and I feel that we all had a better time than in the past years. Granted, we had some bumps in the road, but that is to be expected. Next year will be smoother. We learn by our mistakes and we fix them.

Our Official Visitors, Tom Hatcher for the Loyal Order of Moose and Barb McPherson for the Women of the Moose were both dynamic speakers. Tom is no stranger to our Association while Barb's was the first visit and as Grand Chancellor!

Those of you who attended the meetings listened to a host of speakers that were both motivational and filled with enthusiasm. Our evenings were filled with a lot of entertainment, Thursday evening, with the Council of Higher Degrees Appreciation Night Dinner, Friday hosted for the first time, Deal or No Deal produced by Ron Sweetman and starred Howie McElwain and Vanna White-Schmidt. What a superb job done by all.

And, finally on Saturday evening; the Moose Charities Banquet and Fund Raiser, including the Associations Awards Presentation. The recipients were surprised and very deserving of these honors, I know I was.

On Sunday, another first was the institution of Capital Region MSC #2680, the first lodge in the Washington D.C. area in 100 years.

This will probably be my last message for the Communicator as your Deputy Supreme Governor. There are many of you to thank and if I were to write your name down, I would more than likely forget a name or two, so YOU know who you are. To you goes my heartfelt thanks and appreciation. I could not have done it WITHOUT YOU! You made my job easier and I AM PROUD!!

Keep up the fantastic work you all are doing and will continue to do for our Association and Fraternity.

Bless our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. They wouldn't be where they are today, if it weren't for you!

And a final thought --- Keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Bless their families as well.

They are the reason for the many freedoms we so richly enjoy. From a humble individual,



Fraternal warm wishes,

Carl Schmidt



**Youth Awareness Awards
were presented to:**

East Sussex Chapter #2204

Received by Diane Kavlich

Waldorf Chapter #1387

Received by Kimberly Sowell

by Youth Awareness Chairman Pat Cihak



Fraternal Fundraising with Libby

Hope all of you that went to the Clarion enjoyed the conference week-end. We had great Official Visitors for both the Women of the Moose and the Loyal Order of the Moose. This was a first having our newly elevated Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson with us and she certainly did a remarkable job. It was most interesting and certainly a lot of FUN! And who would ever think that the Grand Chancellor would solve our curiosity about why men have nipples?



I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your presence at our Mid Year Conference. You were such a tremendous force behind our fundraiser endeavors for the Gimmefive project.

The WOTM table collected a total of \$1,729.30 for personal individual donations. Our additional out of pocket fundraisers held were: sale of handmade angles and homemade moose droppings candy which took in \$290.00, a beautiful diamond heart necklace raffle donated by Crista Mumford made \$442.00 and our half of the 50/50's at each meeting amounted to a total of \$1,032.50; which gave us a grand total of \$1,764.50, for our fundraising. WOW – Co-Workers we couldn't have done it without all of your help. The grand total derived from WOTM personal individual donations and fundraising amounted to \$3,493.80.

Special thanks to all who helped by making and donating items to be sold, working tables, collecting donations, selling tickets and to those of you who made purchases of same. Each of you played an important role and without everyone's help, we wouldn't have been so successful! Where would we be without you?

I'm sure all of you who are members, are dedicated, believe in our fraternity and feel you are part of the Moose family, which includes our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven.

Where would they be without us – our love, our support and most importantly our donations?

I know times are difficult at the present time, not only for each of us and our families, but can you imagine what it's like at Mooseheart & Moosehaven?

Our Moose family needs a roof over their heads, food on their table, clothes on their back, schooling and medical attention. This can be accomplished **only, IF WE continue** to support the Gimmefive Program.

As of January 7, 2009, I received a copy of the MD-DE-DC Moose Association list of donors, which is growing very slowly. As I look over the donor list, there are many members here today, who have not given their first \$36.50. In 2 years time, our entire association has only raised a total of \$65,922.75.

If you have already paid your \$36.50 for last year, you have completed your first year commitment. This week-end represents the end of the 2nd milestone in our 5 year journey.

For 5 cents in the morning and 5 cents in the evening, 10 cents a day, \$2.80 a month, you are making a difference in the life of a child – a child you pledged to help when you joined our fraternity – a child that belongs to you and is a part of **YOUR** family!

Let our slogan be – “Save a Dime in 09. Once a Day - without delay!”



Fraternally,
Libby Schmidt



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Several Brothers & Co-Workers are experiencing health problems at this time. Please remember them in your prayers and let the Board of Officers know of any others who are ill.

Pat Hayman, Floyd Johnson, Andrea Potter, John Horstman (knee surgery), Dave Greenaway (had knee surgery)

Travels with Danny Williams

Ride the bus with Danny to Chicago, IL

to the 121st Annual International Moose Convention

MAY 20 - 28, 2009

prices - \$910 per person, double, tripe or quad occupancy

\$1310 per person single occupancy

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * Overnight lodging to & from Chicago
- * 6 Nights lodging at the Hyatt Regency Hotel along Chicago's Riverfront
- * 2 Full course breakfasts & 2 Full course dinners
- * Souvenir gift
- * Baggage handling
- * Taxes & standard gratuities
- * Motorcoach transportation (includes trip to Mooseheart)
- * Snacks & drinks on board motorcoach

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SEPTEMBER 13 - 17, 2009

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- * Visit historic Cape May or Stone Harbor
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- * All taxes & standard gratuities
- * Refreshments & snacks on motorcoach
- * 4 Breakfasts
- * Tour at the Renault Winery
- * Visit to Towne of Historic Smithville
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- * Enjoy the finest & safest bathing beach in the World
- * Fabulous all new entertainment
- * Luggage handling
- * Motorcoach transportation



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Fundraising with Danny Williams



gimme five!

"GIMME FIVE" -- What Is It? Nothing More, or Less, Than A Simple Plan to Help Ensure The Future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven

Five cents – set aside from the change you pour into your pocket or purse in the morning. Five more cents – set aside from the change you empty from your pocket or purse in the evening. Just that: a nickel in the morning, a nickel in the evening, set aside and sent to Moose Charities, for the kids of Mooseheart and the seniors of Moosehaven.

That's the new "GIMME FIVE" program -- it's really nothing more than that. But it's also nothing less than this:

If anything close to the entire membership of the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose were to do just that much . . . every day . . . for five years . . . it could ensure the financial future of Mooseheart Child City & School in Illinois, and of our Moosehaven retirement community in Florida -- without having to keep coming to Moose members every year to ask for more. How can this be? Remember the wisdom of our Enrollment Ritual: "A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many." Then, do the math: We honestly believe that very, very few of our nearly 1.3 million Moose men and women would find it a hardship to set aside a nickel in the morning, and a nickel at night, for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. But let's be conservative and say that only 1 million can or will do so. For each of those caring members, then: Five cents in the morning, five cents in the evening is ten cents a day -- or \$36.50 a year. That amount multiplied by 1 million members . . . is \$36.5 million per year. After five years, by the end of 2012, that could be \$182.5 million -- before accumulating investment interest is added in. All of this from five cents in the morning and five cents in the evening.

It's that simple -- but participating in "Gimme Five" can be even simpler: Instead of trying to remember to physically set aside a nickel in the morning and a nickel in the evening from now through 2012, you can...-- Mail Moose Charities a check for your annual "Gimme Five" contribution of \$36.50, or all five years at once for \$182.50, to Moose Charities, 155 S. International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100. (Any questions, please phone Moose Charities at 630-966-2200.)

Donations can be made by check, check by phone, debit card one time or monthly withdrawal or by credit with a one time or monthly donation

Make a secure Gimme Five donation at the phone number above or online at:

www.moosecharities.org/Donate.asp

-- Visit the Gimme Five Direct-Debit Plan webpage at: <http://www.moosecharities.org/pdf/Gimme5.pdf>

Donations can be made by check, check by phone, debit card one time or monthly withdrawal or by credit with a one time or monthly donation

As you do, know that all contributions to the Gimme Five Program are KEPT SEPARATE from any other donations -- ensuring that they are not used for any other purpose. And because Moose Charities is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 charity.

YOUR ENTIRE CONTRIBUTION IS 100% TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.

If EVERY Moose participates in the Gimme Five program, we can reach a goal for which our fraternity has struggled for more than 90 years -- financial security for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We have expressed our pride in these two great Moose humanitarian creations for decades -- and our members have told us, loudly and clearly, that they want to keep these two campuses healthy and operating well into the future. Well, the GIMME FIVE program can make that happen -- but only if we ALL participate! Let's make it happen -- together!

Sincere fraternal regards,

MOOSE INTERNATIONAL

William B. Airey, Director General

Leonard J. Solfa Jr., Chief Operating Officer

Gimme Five! Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who should contribute to Gimme Five? Every member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Women of the Moose is urged to contribute. The program will only be successful if near-100% participation is achieved.

2. How much should I donate to start? This is up to you--any amount will be appreciated as long as you reach the \$182.50 total within five years. The sooner we receive your donation, the more interest it will earn for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. That breaks down to an annual donation is \$36.50

3. Can I make a donation online? Yes, go to www.mooseintl.org and click to link to Moose Charities or go directly to www.moosecharities.org and click on the Gimme Five! icon then follow the directions.

4. Can I set up an automatic withdrawals to fund my donations to Gimme Five?

Yes, go to www.moosecharities.org and download a Direct Debit enrollment form.

5. Is my donation tax deductible? Yes! Moose Charities has a 501(c)3 Tax status. Your donation will be confirmed with a "thank you" letter from Moose Charities, which will serve as proof of your tax-deductible donation.

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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	

Stay in New York before or after your cruise!
Options are available upon request.

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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.**

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Please send, fax or email your articles to:



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Another though provoking email came to me:

A young couple moved into a new
neighborhood.

The next morning while they are eating break-
fast, the young woman sees her neighbor
hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is
not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know
how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs

better laundry soap." Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the
same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and
said to her husband:

"Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?"

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."



And so it is with life.

What we see when watching others
depends on the
purity of the window through which we look.

Miriam Rieg, Editor

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sept. 28, 2008	Bay Country 9:00 a.m.
Oct. 26, 2008	Williamsport 9:00 a.m.
Nov. 23, 2008	Annapolis 9:00 a.m.
Dec., 2008	No Meeting Executive Committee - TBA
Jan. 25, 2009	New Castle 9:00 a. m.
Feb. 11-14, 2009	Ocean City Conference
March 28, 2009	Council of Higher Degrees Bay Country Executive Committee 9:00 a.m.
March 29, 2009	Bay Country 9:00 a.m.
April, 2009	No Meeting Executive Committee - TBA
May 17, 2009	Westminster 9:00 a.m.
June 28, 2009	Waldorf 9:00 a.m.
July 26, 2009	Essex 9:00 a.m.
August, 2009	Annual Conference Dates & Location TBA

Thank you, Jim Bolling, Secretary



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**“No Man Stands So Straight and Tall
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James J. Davis

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