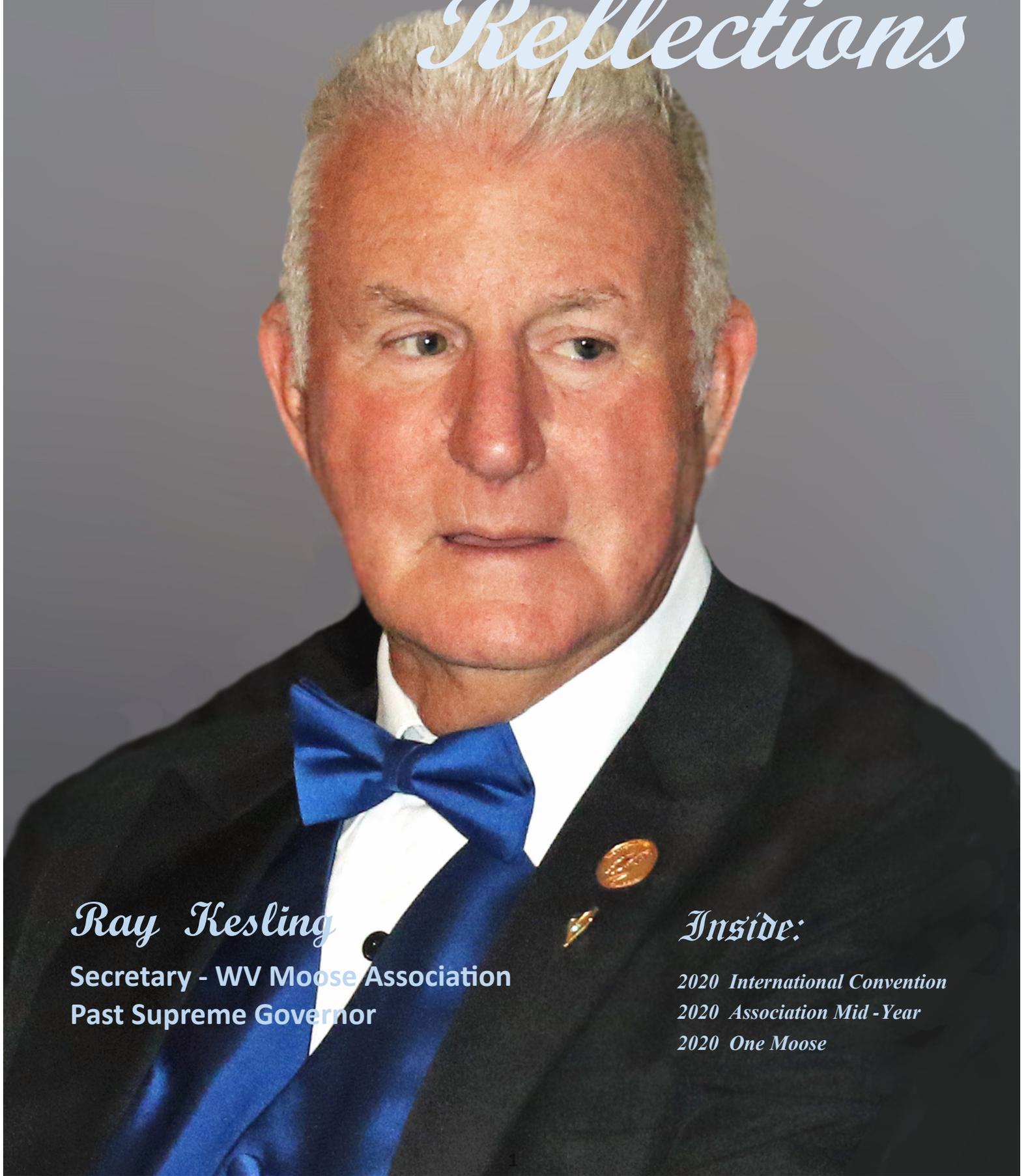


West Virginia Moose Association

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Reflections



Ray Kesling

Secretary - WV Moose Association
Past Supreme Governor

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LIFE always offers you a second chance.
IT'S CALLED TOMORROW

The deadline for the next issue of *Reflections* is:

May 10, 2020

On The Cover:

Ray Kesling, “Past Supreme Governor, Secretary– WV Moose Association”, and a respected friend of everyone in the association, has held the Association Secretary position for as long as I can remember, is retiring. Ray will certainly be missed. He was always there to take care of us and help in any way he could. Ray has been a mentor to many of us who would not be here today with him. “ Thank You! for your service and your guidance.

Jim Means



No Smoking!

**As off January 1st our
Lodges are all to be
Tobacco FREE!**

FROM EDITORS DESK

Jim Means

This Year, as we embark on a new decade, we will see many changes coming our way. While Losing some of our most senior leadership, we are transforming our fraternity into something new and different. We must combine our LOOM and WOTM into a “One Moose” organization, while staying true to our original intent and purpose. There will be many frustrations, but our fraternity is strong and we will find the way, which many others will follow.

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**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
JUST
BECAME
MORE
VALUABLE!**



**FROM THE DESK OF
TERRITORY MANAGER**

Bill Przelenski



As we come to the end of another fiscal year, we have and will see changes now and in the future. One major change that is about to take place is One Moose. Yes, men and women working together as one team for the same goals of our fraternity – Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

This change will take place on May 1, 2021. The vote for this change will take place at the Milwaukee Convention in May of this year. Do I sound like I know the outcome? Been wrong on predictions, before however this is one prediction that will take place. During the May convention when we take the vote for One Moose. I firmly believe this will pass. Yes, we have some individuals that are living in the past however this is the future that is staring us in the face, and we need to accept change. If we want to continue our support of Mooseheart and Moosehaven we must accept change. Let me put it this way, do you have to like change? No, but you must accept it. Change is here, and change will not stop.

This Fiscal year is ending. Teamwork is necessary for our lodges, District and this Association to finish the year, by officers and members working together on membership retention to end this year strong on membership. Phone calls do work and if every officer and a strong membership committee working together as a team can change a lodge from a minus in membership to a plus in membership. This is what we should be working on daily.

Reminder, Elections are here. This seems to be the busiest time of the year. There is a pamphlet online that some 30 pages long that goes step by step on how to have a proper election. We need to read this pamphlet and follow it to tee, and you will have no problems with your election. Gentlemen too many elections have been overturned because we were told this and that. Do not listen to those who think how an election is to be held just follow the pamphlet. One last thing nothing pertaining to the election is to be held, seen and advertise in the social Quarters. Remember who turns in a request to be nominated for an office is a complete secret until the nominating committee reads the nominations at the last meeting in March. Elections are held the first Meeting in April.

Lets finish the year strong and stay strong as the new fiscal year begins. It is time to start moving West Virginia Moose Association forward and upward.

Bill Przelenski

STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Jim Turner



Hello Brothers and Co-workers.

Hello brothers and co-workers.

Well old man winter is playing games with us this winter. I hope everyone has been able to stay away from the cold and flu bugs, and stay healthy.

I hope every one has made plans for the mid-winter conference in Morgantown, and are making plans to attend the International Convention this year. They both will be interesting with lots of information about One Moose.

As for the Mid- Winter conference there will have a lot to offer . Starting on Thur. with the elimination dinner and with the Moose legion Dinner that evening. Friday evening is the State Kareoke Contest. There will be a lot of information at the meetings so plan to attend.

We are still facing the same old problem ,membership . I do not think we are selling the benefits of being a Moose. There are enough discounts offered to more than pay for a years dues. We are also not working retention . A lot of our members are one and done. We need to change this.

Are we giving our members events and activities to keep them? Are we making all our members feel welcome ? Are we telling our new members the story of the Moose, and all the good we do? If the answer is no to any of these questions we are not doing what we need to do.

Are you aware of the current Membership campaign? This information should be posted in the lodge so that EVERY member can see it. If you don't see the information ask the board of officers where it is, and why it is not posted.

Change is coming we can either embrace it or get left behind. What worked Twenty years ago is not working out today . Members want different things to do than they used to , we need to try to figure this out so they will come to the lodge and encourage their friends to join.

Remember the sports events coming up. Get a team together go out and have some fun. You never know who you will see ad you might make some new friends

The big topic this year is One moose. A lot of members want to know how it is going to work and how it will effect their Higher Degrees. An other question is about the dues and what changes are coming. At the mid- winter in Morgantown there will be a workshop where these and many more questions will be answered , please attend and be informed. At the Mid-winter a straw vote will be taken concerning women joining the association The delegates at the conference will vote on Sat. afternoon. We need to be proactive not reactive in this Change is coming.

Remember be Moose proud.

God bless you all and may God bless Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

Jim Turner WVMA president



ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT

Marc Miller

Greetings,

I would like to say how proud I am of Saint Albans 868 with what they have done with the Valued Veterans program and Brian Harper you have exceeded all expectations we may have had for you. Continue in your endeavors.

Given the forces of change, we need to develop a plan to position the Moose to thrive in an evolving landscape. Our members need to lead by example! Every single member has his or her fingerprints on controlling our destiny. We need to seize the opportunities in this season of change to find a way to succeed. Remember who we are and what we stand for.

Looking forward to a new decade with my Moose brothers and sisters. I am very proud of what we do and I would like to wish you and your family a safe and healthy 2020. See you all in April at the convention in Morgantown.

Fraternally,

Marc Miller
WVMA Vice President

**FOR OVER
100 Years**

We care about and for
Children at risk
and Seniors in need.

We care about our
Community.

We are Moose



www.MooseCharities.Org

A Note from the Director General



SCOTT D. HART
Director General

Who's ready for the Roaring Twenties? So a new decade has begun and the dawning of a new Moose era is here. We have taken a bold step forward in moving tobacco use outside our Lodge homes throughout our entire fraternity. Wherever you travel for business or pleasure, your next visit to the nearest Moose Lodge won't have you guessing if it is or is not a smoke-free environment. You may wonder how membership is doing overall. Well, with less than four months to go until we close the books on the Moose fiscal/membership year, the Women of the Moose are showing a gain in membership versus same time last year. The Loyal Order of Moose and Moose Legion are making headway and are insight of being Plus One – we all need just a little more effort on Retention. If your Lodge just went tobacco-free, then you have an incredible new opportunity to reconnect with many former members!

During 2018 and 2019 we heard more and more members expressing the opinion that women and men needed an equal voice, vote and leadership opportunity within the Lodge. Would Moose International be so bold to create a new Moose organization and by-laws that allowed for this equal representation? The answer is a resounding "YES"! As a first and separate step towards this end, 32 of 43 Associations will be holding Mid-Year Conferences with men and women working hand-in-hand, as Chapters are now an integral part of those Associations. In November we held a special International Town Hall meeting to discuss becoming One Moose. Over 600 members attended and made their voice heard. We opened up a Straw Poll voting website and had over 3,300 members give us direction on whether or not we should pursue a One Moose fraternal organization. 74% of Loyal Order of Moose members participating in the Straw Poll voted in favor of unifying our fraternity. 92% of the Women of the Moose members participating gave their thumbs up to unify. The path is clear and so we head in that direction together!

There will be General Law Amendments sent out to all Lodges prior to the International Convention in Milwaukee and delegates will take a historic vote once onsite at the Convention. We urge you to get your Convention registration completed and to make your hotel reservations now. You won't want to miss a moment, especially since we will spend the day with our children at Mooseheart on Saturday, May 23rd.

Thank you for making all things Moose possible. We are stronger, more compassionate and more loving with you as a key member of our Moose family. 2020 is set up to be an amazing year for the Moose. Remember, the best is yet to come!



Edward Orndorff

Deputy Supreme Governor

Hello Brothers and Coworkers

It has been an enjoyable time being your Deputy Supreme Governor, Rodney Hammond was truly an experience. He seemed pleased and enjoyed talking with all. By talking with all the ones present is how he does his reports which are sent in to International.

He has been in contact since he left and informed me that he had tried the WV Apple Butter and thought it was good. Thanks to all who provided gifts for him to take back to Florida. We mailed two boxes stuffed full after his departure. I would like to thank all the six lodges in district three for their cooperation during Rodney's visit. Each lodge was well prepared with a warm greeting plus lots of fun, laughs, talk, and of course, food. I'd especially like to thank Albert Aimsforth for his part in transporting me in going to the airport to pick Supreme Governor Rodney up and to take him back, Also, thanks to Bill Territory Manager, Jim Turner, President WV Association, Jim Dun, President District 3 and wife Jean, Mickie Brooks ATM WV Moose Association and wife Alta, who took the time to visit the lodges with Rodney and me.

Hope to see you in April at Convention!

Ed Orndorff
Deputy Supreme Governor

CAPS

I hope you have survived the cold dreary days of winter and are ready for spring and the bright rays of sunshine.

Continue to check your lodges for anything that needs attention so as to avoid any Slip, Trip, or Falls. We must do this regularly to eliminate any law suits. With the time change, darkness comes early, check your outdoor lighting for proper illumination. As we head into Spring, let us make a special effort to insure that our lodges are a safe Home Away From Home for our Members and Guests. Let us Share Good times with our Brothers and Sisters and Qualified Guests, yet make sure we stay focused on keeping everyone safe by Partying Responsibly. Remember we are our brothers (and sister's) keepers. It is up to all of us, (know you will do your part).

When people come through our doors, attend our social functions or Heart of Community events to benefit some family in need or charitable cause, we have the opportunity to make an impression

Goals for 2020:

Safety - Premises & Alcohol

Lodge maintenance inside and out.

Food handling and kitchen safety

Responsible alcohol service

Looking forward to our Conference in April, but in the mean time keep plugging away signing, Reenrolling, and getting those expired members back in the lodge. If any questions you can Email me at peoseo@comcast.net. Remember, an ounce of prevention is cheaper than a day in court with a lawyer trying to explain a safety problem that got a member hurt.

Ed Orndorff
CAPS Chairman



Sara Held
2019 - 2020
WV WOTM DGR
Sports & Activities Chairman

Hello Co-Workers! WOW it's true what they say, time flies-but I have not been able to have much fun with all of you during the first half of my year as DGR. Health reasons of my own and my close family members are the culprit. Although I did have a blast with our District IV coworkers in Barboursville! I pray that hopefully I will be able to visit with many more of you this spring and summer.

I hope to see all 25 WV chapters represented at our Midyear Conference and Conferral the first weekend of April at the beautiful Lakeview Resort in Morgantown. As I have notified all chapters in an email sent in early Feb., we are having a Roaring 20's themed party Friday night. This will be taking place in conjunction with our State Karaoke Finals. Please join in the fun by dressing up in your favorite look from the 1920's. Maybe you will be a flapper, G-man, Mobster, or Great Gatsby character. You might even find something in your registration packet that you can wear. You don't have to spend a lot of money to participate. You can go to a thrift store and the dollar store to put something together. Let's have fun!! Also, as part of our Sports & Activities events at mid-year we are having a Pick your Theme Display Contest open to all Chapters. For all of you proud Rosie moms get her dressed up in her Easter outfit and create her an Easter Bonnet! Coworkers can vote on their favorite bonnets at \$1.00 per vote. In addition, our committee will be selling chances on a Moose & a WVU themed basket. All proceeds will go to OUR WV House at Mooseheart.

We have 21 new Academy of Friendship Matriculants, 7 Co-Workers of the Year Nominees and 12 Lifetime Achievement Award Nominees. Please make sure that your co-workers are present to receive their honors and recognition for their devotion to our fraternity.

**As you know, the theme for the first half of our 19-20 year is Create Our Future. I would like to add this little ditty; The Future is created by what we do in the Present. Thank you for supporting your chapter, district, state and of course our International Moose Fraternity. As we look forward to working as One Moose remember the most important consideration, to ensure the future support of our twin cities-Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Looking forward to seeing you in April!
Fraternally Yours with Love, Sara**



One Moose Vote Scheduled For Milwaukee Convention

Over 600 Moose members attended the One Moose Town Hall Meeting on Nov.2at the Rosen Shingle Creek Orlando to see and hear how the Fraternity plans to move toward a unified membership. This plan, formulated by the Stand as One Committee, was presented in a day long seminar designed to show how a Moose where men's and women's memberships had equal rights and privileges would look. The concept, first mentioned by Director General Scott Hart at the 2019 International Convention, advances the desire of the Supreme Council and Grand Council to create One Moose and to do so as quickly as possible. In the weeks since that meeting, the Stand as One Committee has processed through the many comments and suggestions made by those who attended. A vote by Loyal Order of Moose delegates on changes to the General Laws is planned during the 2020 International Moose Convention in Milwaukee. Should the proposal pass, the Fraternity will officially become "One Moose" on May1,2021. Information concerning One Moose has already been sent to lodge leadership via Official Communications from Moose International. Further information, including scripts and Power Point presentations from the Town Hall Meeting, a straw poll to track interest in One Moose and al ink to YouTube videos from the Town Hall meeting are available at www.onemoose.org.

BARBARA SHEPARD
WOTM Fraternal Fundraising
Moose Charities Charmin



MOOSE CHARITIES UPDATE from Barb Sheppard, PDGR, WOTM Moose Charities
What can I say, but thank you, thank you and thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your participation in the Moose Charities program has been amazing, and I am looking forward to another amazing year in 2020 and anticipation of a great Mid-Year Conference from the Moose Charities standpoint.

When you are out there browsing the web, please do not forget to visit the Moose Charities website. There is always something new and exciting to view. Our children and our seniors depend on us and we should not let them down. We pledged to take care of them when we joined the Women of the Moose and Loyal Order of Moose through your continued support of our program, and we have not let them down.

This October the Cradle Fundraiser raised over \$110,000 for the Mooseheart and Moosehaven Endowment Fund! *That's a grand slam in our books! February is the rocker month. Let's rock the night away for Moose Charities!!!*

The amount of effort, creativity and determination to make a difference does not go unnoticed. It's because of your hard work that the Endowment Fund continues to prosper and in turn, helps to create our future.

I have secured dispensations to have the silent auction and 50/50's for fundraising at the Mid-Year Conference. Gift baskets, craft items and other new or gently used items will be greatly appreciated and please remember that all proceeds go to support our WV Home at Mooseheart.

I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas season and cherished the moments spent with family and friends. As a lot of you know, my husband Charlie passed away on December 29. Cody and I would like to thank you for your phone calls, cards and prayers during this difficult time. They were sincerely appreciated.

Please stay safe and healthy in this full blown flu season. Drink plenty of fluids and take the precaution's necessary to prevent getting sick. I hope to see each of you in Morgantown at the Mid Year Conference. Remember this is a time to renew old friendships and make new ones.

As the song goes, make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold.

Til then, Love, Barb Sheppard

Mick Brooks
H.O.C. Chairman
District 3 ATM



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(304) 296-9812, contact: Shelly Herter sherter@seniormons.org

Thank you so much for choosing our organization as the recipient of your generosity this year! Although our center does offer fun activities like bingo and video bowling, those are run by volunteers and are donation-based activities. Our primary responsibility is as a service agency for all seniors (age 60+) in Monongalia County. We have a nutrition program that provides a free, daily, congregated hot lunch. Our nutrition program also provides, free of charge, the same meal in a home delivery format to seniors in the county that are homebound. We receive a per-meal re-imbursment that varies by type of meal from the state of West Virginia, however, we also must rely on local donations to sustain the program. Things like fuel for the delivery trucks, some wages for the staff, disposable supplies, etc. are not fully covered by that per-meal reimbursement. We also provide several in-home personal care and respite programs. These programs assist individuals with daily tasks such as bathing, dressing, toileting, meal prep and Alzheimer's respite services. The goal for such programs is to provide this assistance to keep the client in their home as long as possible to delay a placement in a skilled facility. We receive a per-hour reimbursement from either the State of West Virginia or the Federal Government, however, it does not cover the entirety of program expenses such as gloves for the workers and paper for the required documentation we have to maintain in files, so we also rely on local donations to sustain these services. There are other services we offer as well (see brochure for details or visit our website). Your donations to help sustain these services, or allow us to provide something fun that is not in our services budget, is VERY much appreciated!

Moose Lodges Wish List 2020
(in no particular order)

White letter size copy paper
Manila file folders, mainly letter size but also legal size
Brown expandable letter and legal size file folders
Blue and Black Ink gel pens
Postage Stamps
Brother P-Touch label maker cartridges: ¾" white tape with black letters
Paper Clips, Small and Large
Binder Clips, Medium and Large
Post It Note pads
Clear tape for our desk dispensers
Dry Erase Markers (all colors, fine tip and bullet tip)

2 Commercial Electric Xlerator Hand Dryer machines for our public restrooms (voltage 110-120)
Antibacterial Hand Soaps (jugs or individual bottles)
Antibacterial Wipes
Hand Sanitizers (jugs or individual bottles)

Individual Wrapped Plastic Drinking Straws
Coffee in cans that we scoop into a large brewing machine (regular and decaf)
Coffee filters (Bunn commercial size 13 ¾ x 5 ¼; 2 cases only)
Pepper in shakers or to refill shakers (we have lots of salt donated already!)
Napkins
Tea Bags, individual assorted flavors
Hot Chocolate, individual packets
Styrofoam cups, 8oz or 12 oz (we use about 100 each day)

Puzzles, any size
Large print puzzle/word search/crossword/maze books
Adult Coloring Books and markers/gel pens
Large print playing cards
Craft kits, Craft supplies (anything!)
Hot glue gun and glue sticks
Glue Dots
Scissors
Games that we can set up indoors such as indoor shuffle board, corn hole, air hockey, foosball, mini golf, 'arcade' style basketball hoop shoot, ring toss, etc. (we only have pool tables right now)
Karaoke Machine

Medical Gloves: Vinyl Powder free size Medium and Large (up to 50-60 boxes each size due to storage limitations)

AA Batteries (we use a lot for our cordless microphone)
AAA Batteries (not as much need as AA)

\$10 gift cards that we can use as prizes for special days/holidays (restaurants, anything)
\$25 Sheetz gift cards to use for fuel for meal delivery vehicles
Lowe's gift cards for minor maintenance expenses

Sports and Activities

2020 International Moose Sports Tournaments

Register Early!

New in 2020!
Skeet-Trap-
Sporting Clays
Shoot

TEXAS HOLD'EM

Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, NV

January 12-15, 2020

Entry deadline November 30, 2019

BOWLING

Cedar Rapids, IA 304

March 28-29,

April 4-5, 2020

Entry deadline February 28, 2020

STEEL-TIP DARTS

Belleville/Swansea, IL 1221

April 17-19, 2020

Entry deadline March 17, 2020

SKEET-TRAP-SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT

Branson, MO 2692

June 12-13, 2020

Entry deadline May 12, 2020

POOL

Duncan, OK 2202

June 23-28, 2020

Entry deadline May 22, 2020

HORSESHOES

Iowa City, IA 1096

July 10-12, 2020

Entry deadline June 10, 2020

GOLF

Ionia, MI 998

July 24-26, 2020

Entry deadline June 24, 2020

Moosehaven

October 23-25, 2020

Entry deadline September 23, 2020

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

West Virginia Moose Association Scholarship Awards Program



IS THERE A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR IN YOUR LIFE?

Enter your Class of 2021 high school students NOW for a chance to win a \$1,000 West Virginia Moose Association Scholarship!

There is no better way to help the youth of the Fraternity than to offer them the opportunity to further their education, and that is exactly what the West Virginia Moose Association Scholarship is all about.

The following requirements must be met in order to be eligible.

The applicant must:

-  Be a student in the high school graduating class of 2021
-  Have a father, mother, step-parent, grandparent, or legal guardian who is a paid up member of the Moose (Applicant is NOT required to reside in the same household)
-  Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (C+) or higher on a 4.0 scale
-  Send the completed application by the deadline (application must be completed in its entirety to be valid)

Applications may be obtained from any Lodge Administrator

APPLICATIONS MAY BE FAXED TO 1 (304) 455 - 3796

OR MAILED TO:

WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION

c/o RICHARD ERLEWINE, CHAIRMAN

180 NORTH STREET

NEW MARTINSVILLE, WV 26155

Faxed applications must be received by June 30, 2020.

Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before June 30, 2020.

Winners are randomly drawn and will be notified by September 1, 2020

\$1,000 checks will be mailed directly to (4) winners.

Questions on the West Virginia Moose Association Scholarship Program can be addressed to Richard Erlewine at lodge931@mooseunits.org or by calling 1(304)-455-3796.



WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Class of 2021 Application

Lodge # _____
Chapter # _____

MUST BE FAXED OR POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2020 - NO EXTENSIONS!

Please type or print legibly. One application per student.

APPLICANT'S NAME DATE OF BIRTH / /
MAILING ADDRESS
CITY STATE/PROV. ZIP/POSTAL CODE
BEST FAMILY DAYTIME PHONE ASK FOR EMAIL ADDRESS

All information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID!

Applicant's Signature Date

Applicant's father, mother, stepparent, grandparent or legal guardian must be a member of the Order in good standing. Applicant is not required to reside in same household.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

(Please Check One Box)

Father Stepfather Grandfather Legal Guardian

NAME
PHYSICAL ADDRESS
CITY
STATE/PROV. ZIP/POSTAL CODE
BEST DAYTIME PHONE
LOOM ID #
LODGE NAME
STATE/PROV. LODGE #

MUST BE SIGNED BY ADMINISTRATOR TO BE VALID!
I verify the above member is in "Active" status

Administrator's Signature Date

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

(Please Check One Box)

Mother Stepmother Grandmother Legal Guardian

NAME
PHYSICAL ADDRESS
CITY
STATE/PROV. ZIP/POSTAL CODE
BEST DAYTIME PHONE
WOTM ID #
CHAPTER NAME
STATE/PROV. CHAPTER #

MUST BE SIGNED BY CHAPTER RECORDER TO BE VALID!
I verify the above member is in "Active" status

Recorder's Signature Date

This section must be completed in full by a high school official. Please type or print legibly. Transcript not required.

APPLICANT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE.

- Be in the high school graduating class of 2021.
Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. (If school uses other grading system, student must have a C+ or better.)

Is applicant in the graduating class of 2021? (check one) yes no

If school uses 4.0 scale - applicant's GPA is: /4.0

OR applicant's letter grade is: (circle one) A+ A A- B+ B B- C+

Name of High School Physical Address
City State/Prov. zip/postal code
School official to contact with questions (name) (title) (contact #)
School official completing this section: (name) (title) (signature) (date)

MAILING ADDRESS: WVMA Scholarship
180 North Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
Att: Richard Erlewine

WINNERS ARE RANDOMLY DRAWN AND WILL BE NOTIFIED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

TELEPHONE: (304) 455-3796
(304) 455-6697
FAX: (304) 455-3796

MEMBERSHIP:

THE MOOSE FRATERNITY: WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

In our local Lodges, you will find a wide array of activities to participate in both as an individual and as a family. From holiday parties, dances, sports, themed dinners and live entertainment, the Moose has much to offer.

There's no better feeling than making a difference in the lives of children, seniors and communities. Become a Moose and start making a difference today!

You may have heard the saying, "A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many." This is at the core of the Moose organization and what makes us unique in our Lodges, local communities and charitable "cities" that we support.

How to Sponsor a Member

Simply ask....how would you like to join the finest non-profit organization around? You are a dear friend and I would like to take you to our local lodge and have you discover the love I have for our fraternity. The cost is minimal and you would not believe the benefits you are eligible for, simply by joining. Who wouldn't want to accept your offer?

Sponsoring is not just asking, it's guiding that new member and encouraging them to become active in your local lodge. Once they become familiar with their own lodge, take the time to explain what their membership means to the rest of the fraternity. Further expand on Mooseheart, Moosehaven and Community Service. They will not believe what the fraternity does for those in need. Don't hesitate—sponsor them today! Print/Download our [Sponsor Guide](#) for tips on talking to potential members.

****Get applications from your fraternal unit, or print off of this website. Ask a member to join, making sure they legibly fill out the applicant side and sign the Obligation of Membership located on the back of the form. You will need to fill out the sponsor section in full. Fill out the receipt listing the appropriate monies, and provide to the new member. Turn the application/monies into the Lodge they are joining. Explain the process for joining and encourage them to attend the orientation program. Once a member, they will receive a membership card from the fraternity.**



Stan Ellison

MOOSE LEGION AMBASSADORS

Robert Ellifritz - Ambassador North
Stan Ellison - Ambassador South



ROBERT ELLIFRITZ

Why Join the Moose Legion?

What is Moose Legion?

The Moose Legion is known as being the "Degree of Service" because of the many programs it supports. It is also possibly even better known as the "Fun Degree." Our members do like to enjoy themselves! Our mission is: "To have fun while providing greater service to the Moose fraternity." Our motto is: "To do some good thing for someone each day."

Enjoy the Benefits of Being a Legionnaire

Many of the Legion sponsored events are free to Legionnaires, while non-Legion members must pay to enjoy the same food and fun. Your \$17 annual dues pays for itself within 2-3 events! Other events are open only to Legionnaires and their guests (WOTM are not eligible to join Legion).

Contact any Moose Legionnaire, Board Member or our Administrator to Join

Start Your Journey to the Higher Degrees

Opportunities to be leaders and to provide additional support for the Order's philanthropic causes in relation to Mooseheart & Moosehaven are recognized through involvement in this degree. To move to a Fellow Degree and ultimately Pilgrim, you must first be a Legionnaire, among other requirements.

Have fun!

Take an active part in all the fun Legion sponsored activities, such as our Summer Deck Parties, Sporting Event Tailgates and Celebrations, Annual Baseball Trip, Chicken Shoot and Cornhole Tournaments, and a host of other great fun-filled activities! Feel the pride of volunteering and giving your fellow Moose members a wealth of entertainment!

*You can even enjoy some Legion sponsored refreshments while you help!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Richard Findlay
District 1 President

This is hoping everyone had a safe and joyful holiday season. According to the groundhog we are to have a early spring, and with that we can look forward to the mid-year conference at the Lake View Resort in Morgantown. Don't forget items for the community service project. Lodges should have a list posted.

District one needs your support and so we are doing a gun raffle in each lodge in the district. Tickets are only \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00 and you can take \$300.00 if you don't want the gun. Winner to be drawn at mid year in April. Also Mt. Legion 160 which is district one is having a Nite at the Races on Sat. March 21st at the Weirton Moose Lodge beginning at 6 oclock. Admission is free, food is free, all are welcome. Come and enjoy the evening and maybe bet a couple of dollars on the races and who knows maybe you will go home with more money then you came with.

Please don't forget to work membership and retention and to support our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Mooseheaven.

Richard Findley



Barry Wood
District 4 President

As we start a new year we start with a new commitment to help make our Lodge and Fraternity stronger. Do you have a membership campaign lined up and lodge activities spur interest for the coming months? By now you should have your karaoke competition completed and sending your winners to Pt. Pleasant Moose Lodge on February 22. Winners from there go on to the state competition to be held at our Mid-Year conference, good luck!

Don't forget upcoming events from the West Virginia Moose Association. Ticket sales from these events are important to help keep cost down for our conventions, With your help, we can achieve it.

Our next District Meeting will be held at Logan Moose Lodge on 3/15/20, officers meeting at 12:30 and membership at 1:00.

See You AT The Moose
Barry Wood

Ernest Deerfield
District 5 President



Hello fellow moose members I want to thank everyone for there help selling the 12 week drawing tickets and gun raffle tickets. I hope to see everyone at this years WV Moose Association Convention in April. I would like to remind our fellow members to please help our lodges by keeping our current members and signing up new members

Ernest Deerfiels
Dist. 5 President

Jenny Lambert
Youth Awareness



Moose KidsTalks

For more than 25 years, we have organized high school students into a highly effective speakers' bureau with the goal of educating preschool and elementary school-aged children on a variety of topics, including drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, "stranger danger," bullying and peer pressure, and healthy habits and nutrition.

Through Moose KidsTalks presentations, participants in the program have reached an audience more than 750,000 children throughout North America. Students also have a chance to compete for \$30,000 in college scholarship money that is awarded annually through this program.

For more information about how youth can participate and for the Association Youth Awareness Congress Schedule and lists of Loyal Order of Moose & Women of the Moose Youth Awareness Coordinators, please visit our Forms/ Documents section.



Join us in one of America's fastest-growing cities from Thursday, May 21st – Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 for the 2020 International Moose Convention.

Please note that this year's convention takes place earlier in the year to line up with the Pilgrim Conferral and the Mooseheart Commencement Ceremony.

The Brew City. The City of Festivals. Whether you know it as America's Third Coast or the Bloody Mary Metropolis, Milwaukee is a friendly, vibrant city filled with things to explore. Visit the flying art museum, discover the birthplace of Harley-Davidson, sip a locally-brewed cup of coffee – it's totally random, totally wonderful, and totally Milwaukee.

Two opportunities in one! If you have always wanted to go to an International Convention, but also have dreamed of visiting Mooseheart, this is the perfect opportunity to do both. Milwaukee convention attendees will take a break on Saturday, May 23rd to travel by bus or car to the Mooseheart campus, and participate in commencement and Pilgrim conferral ceremonies.

Registration and housing information will be available on Tuesday, December 10th, 2019.

See you in Milwaukee!

**2020 International Moose Convention – Milwaukee
Preliminary Schedule (subject to change)**

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Registration, Gift Store and Displays Open – 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday, May 22, 2020

Registration Open – 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Moose International Gift Store and Displays Open – 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Moose Legion Breakfast & Session – 8 a.m.

WOTM Academy of Friendship Breakfast & Meeting – 8 a.m.

WOTM Academy of Friendship Conferral – 10:30 a.m.

5th Grade & 8th Grade Promotion at Convention 3:30 p.m.

Joint Grand Opening – 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 23, 2020

Registration Open – 5:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Buses leave Milwaukee for Mooseheart – 6 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Campus tours throughout the day WOTM College of Regents Registration-7 a.m.- 9 a.m.

Pilgrim Registration – 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

WOTM College of Regents Conferral – 9 a.m.

Food Tent Open – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pilgrim Degree Conferral – 12 n.

Dedication of the Mooseheart Activity Center (MAC) 2 p.m.

Mooseheart High School Graduation – 3 p.m.

Church Service - 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Buses return to Milwaukee throughout the day Open Evening

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Registration Open – 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Moose International Gift Store and Displays Open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WOTM Star Recorder Breakfast & Meeting – 8 a.m.

WOTM Star Recorder Conferral – 10 a.m.

Supreme Lodge Opening Session – 10 a.m.

WOTM Opening Session – 1:30 p.m.

Moose International Workshops – 3:30 p.m.

WOTM College of Regents Dinner – 6 p.m.

Pilgrim Dinner – 6 p.m.

Monday, May 25, 2020

Registration, Gift Store and Displays Open – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fellowship Breakfast & Conferral – 7 a.m.

WOTM Panel Session – 9 a.m. Supreme Lodge

Closing Session – 9:30 a.m.

Moose Charities Panel Session and March of Checks – 12:45 p.m.

Moose International Workshops – 2:30 p.m.

WOTM Closing Session – 2:30 p.m.

Moose Fun Night & 25 Club Party – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Men's and Women's Joint Installation Session – 9 a.m.

Community Service Event – 1 p.m.

League of Guardians' Event – 6 p.m.

WELCOME OFFICIAL VISITOR
SUPREME COUNCILMAN JOHN SIPES
PAST GRAND REGENT KIM PETTIT



Kimberly Mary Pettit

Kimberly Mary Pettit currently serves as the Grand Regent for the Women of the Moose. She was appointed and installed to this position at the International Conference of the Women of the Moose in Tampa, Florida in July 2017. Prior to this, Kim was appointed Deputy Grand Regent of Iowa-Eastern Nebraska 1988-1989, served on the Academy of Friendship Board 1992- 1994, was appointed Dean of the Academy of Friendship Board 1999-2000, served on the Grand Council 2001-2003, was appointed Justice of the Supreme Forum 2005-2008, was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Forum 2008-2009, and served as Judiciary Committeeman 2009- 2012. Kim joined the Women of the Moose Dubuque, IA Chapter 850 in May 1974, La Crosse, WI Chapter 1526 in

October 2006 and also joined Griffin, GA Chapter 1288 in February 2018. She served Dubuque Chapter as Secretary/Treasurer, Recorder, Junior Regent, and Senior Regent and has also held multiple chairman positions and appointed offices. A member of the 25 Club, Kim achieved her Academy of Friendship in May 1976, her Star Recorder degree in May 1984, and her College of Regents degree in May 1986. When she is not attending to Moose matters, Kim enjoys crocheting and needlepoint. She also enjoys outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing and camping with her family. Kim and her husband, Michael, have 4 children, 4 grandchildren, and reside in Gays Mills, Wisconsin where Kim is serving a second term as trustee for the village board.

JOHN R. SIPES

John R. Sipes serves the Loyal Order of Moose as a member of the Supreme Council, the Fraternity's Corporate Board of Directors. He was elected to this position in July 2016 at the 128th International Convention in St. Louis, MO. Prior to this post, John served on the Moosehaven Board of Directors and the International Audit Committee (2011-2016), Mooseheart Board of Directors (2010), Moose Charities Board of Directors (2006-2010), and the International Family Activities Committee (2000-2006). John joined the Moose in 1981 as a member of Galion, OH Lodge 303. He has served his Lodge as Administrator, Governor, Community Service Chairman, and currently serves as Chairman of the Membership Committees. John is also a member of Indian Lake, OH Lodge 1533, Findlay, OH Lodge 698, and is a Life Member of Central Ohio Moose Legion 63 as a Past Herder. John has served at the State Association level as Secretary (1994-present), President (1993-1994), and Deputy Grand North Moose (1990-1991). He has long been an active Ritualist; he was State Champion three times and has finished as high as third in the International Competition. He is a member of the 175 Division of the Moose 25 Club. John received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1986 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1991. He is a member of Moose Charities "League of Guardians." Professionally, John is president of Galion Medical Supplies and has a degree in Business from Ohio State University. John is a member of the Elks, Eagles, and "Design Review Board" for the city of Galion, OH. Aside from his professional and Moose duties, John enjoys boating, camping, and golfing. John and his wife, Linda, reside in Galion. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren.



*West Virginia Moose Association
2020 Mid-Year Convention*



REGISTRATION:

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD 8 AM – 3 PM

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH 8 AM – 1 PM

THURSDAY APRIL 2ND

9:00 AM LEADERSHIP TRAINING

9:00 AM MOOSE LEGION EDUCATION CONFERENCE TRAINING

6:00 PM MOOSE LEGION APPRECIATION NIGHT – DOORS OPEN

6:30 PM MOOSE LEGION APPRECIATION NIGHT INCLUDES DINNER (CASH BAR)

FRIDAY APRIL 3RD

SESSION 1 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER – JIM TURNER PRESIDENT

OPENING PRAYER – KEN SIMMONS PRELATE

PLEADGE OF ALLEGIANCE – JIM TURNER PRESIDENT

NATIONAL ANTHEM

ROLL CALL OF STATE OFFICERS & CHAIRMAN – DICKEY FOSTER SECRETARY

ROLL CALL OF LODGES – DISRICT PRESIDENTS

OPENING CREDENTIALS REPORT – DAVE HAUN CHAIRMAN

INTRODUCTION OF OV (JOHN SIPES) – JIM TURNER PRESIDENT

VIDEO PRESENTATION – SCOTT HART DIRECTOR GENERAL

PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION – JIM TURNER PRESIDENT

**VALUED VETANS RECOGNITION – FIRST TME ATTENDEES - STAN ELLISON ASST TER-
RITORY MANGER**

ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT – RICK HARRIS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SESSION DRAWING – DICKEY FOSTER, SECRETARY

ENDOWMENT FUND COLLECTED AT THE DOOR

WORKSHOP 11:00 AM (Attendance encouraged by all WOTM and LOOM members)

SESSION 2 – 2:00 PM

Meeting call to order – President – Jim Turner
Moose Legion Review – Danny Williams – Area Manager
Heart of the Community Report – Mickey Brooks – Chairman
Association March of Checks – Danny William
Endowment – WV Home – The MAC – Safe Surfin make checks payable to Moose Charities. WV Scholarship make checks payable to WV Moose Association.
Announcements & Session Drawing – Dickey Foster – Secretary
Recess
Endowment Collected at the Door

WORKSHOP – 3:00 PM

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Bill Przelenski Territory Manager
Understanding how to read and use the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement. LOOM and WOTM attendees may attend.

FRIDAY NIGHT – STATE KARAOKE FINAL – DOORS OPEN – 6:30 PM (CASH BAR)
ROARING 20'S THEME

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH

JOINT SESSION – 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order – James Turner – President
Video Presentation – Grand Chancellor – Barb McPherson
Introduction of WOTM O.V. by Sara Held
Comments of WOTM Official Visitor – Kim Pettit, Past Grand Regent
Introduction of LOOM O.V. Visitor by Jim Turner – President
Comments of LOOM Official Visitor – John Sipes – Supreme Councilman
Mooseheart/Moosehaven update – Peggy Sinn
Video Presentation – Mooseheart Executive Director – Gary Urwiler
Video Presentation – Moosehaven Executive Director – John Sipes
Comments of Association Liaison – Bill Przelenski
Recess
Endowment collected at the Door

WORKSHOP – 11 AM

LODGE MEETING MINUTES – TM BILL PRZELENSKI
Why and how to keep meeting minutes (Open to all attendees)

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12:30 PM PILGRIM LUNCHEON – (REGALIA REQUIRED)

SESSION 4 – 1:30 PM

**Call to order by President Jim Turner
Entrance of Pilgrims – Rodney Wade - Chairman
INTRODUCTION OF OV – JIM TURNER – PRESIDENT
ADDRESS BY OV – JOHN SIPES
COMMENTS FROM REGIONAL MANAGER – LARRY MEADE
VIDEO PRESENTATION – MIKE RIOS – DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP
REQUIREMENT ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – MEMBERSHIP
CAMPAIGNS – MEMBERSHIP PRODUCTION/RETENTION – BILL PRZELENSKI – TM
ROLL CALL OF LODGES – DISTRICT PRESIDENTS
FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT – DAVID HAUN – CHAIRMAN
STRAW VOTE ON JOINT ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCEMENTS & SESSION DRAWINGS – DICKEY FOSTER – SECRETARY
CLOSING PRAYER – KENNETH SIMMONS – PRELATE**

**WORKSHOP 3:00 PM ONE MOOSE - Kim Pettit – Past Grand Regent
(Attendance encouraged by all WOTM and LOOM Members)**

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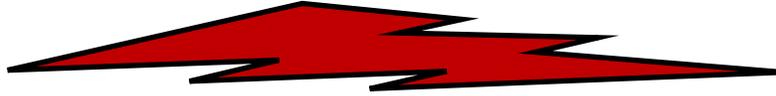
**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION BANQUET
DOORS OPEN 6 PM – DINNER 7 PM
LIMITED SEATING – PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BEFORE 11 AM SATURDAY**

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH

**8:30 AM Executive Committee Meeting
9:00 AM Association Executive Committee Board Meeting – Association Officers-
District Presidents – ATM's – Moose International Appointees –
Association Chairmen**

**EVERYONE RETURN HOME SAFELY AND MORE COMMITTED TO MAKING WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE THE
BEST ASSOCIATION IN THE FRATERNITY.**

Around The State



Successful Stocking for Heroes

100 Christmas Stockings filled with assortment of goodies were handed out to veterans at the VA Hospital in Martinsburg Sunday by Cindy Fridley Beverly Groves, Tina Miller, and Lisa Cadwallader

To everyone that donated and stuffed the stockings from each site, CT American Legion, KCR Barrell, and the Charles Town Moose Lodge, A Big Thank You. Without your generous donations and time this would not have been possible



The Charles Town WOTM has had a busy weekend. Friday night was a late night preparing for our Mystery Bag Auction, Bake Sale, and Craft Sale for Saturday evening, then then this afternoon the CT Moose Lodge Children's Christmas Party followed by the Family Dance.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped at the Children's Christmas Party. Hoping all the children enjoyed the Christmas Party and visiting with Santa and parents have also enjoyed their time at the Charles Town Moose Lodge this weekend



Wellsburg:

I know a few special little ones who had a wonderful time at the children's Christmas party today. A big thank you to all who were able to attend. Santa, Mrs. Claus and their helpers from the North Pole definitely brought smiles to a lot of faces



Thank You Point Pleasant Moose Lodge #731 For The Great Time & Making It A Fabulous Fundraiser For Our Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Thank You Everyone For Coming Out Tonight & Supporting The Point Pleasant Moose Lodge #731 & The Gallipolis Shrine Club.

**Wellsburg Women of the Moose
Chapter 1354**

was happy to make a donation of items plus a \$50 check to Family Connections in Colliers today and wishing all the girls a very Merry Christmas and Hap-



MOOSE - CREATE OUR FUTURE

May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020

The future of our Mooseheart children's education and well-being depends on what we do today. The responsibility to continue to provide what we promised to our senior members rests with us now. It's up to US to make sure that there IS a future! To do so, we need to Create Our Future now.

The best way to do so is to introduce our friends and family to the Moose. Sponsor a member today so that we can grow the Fraternity for the future. We may never enjoy the shade of the trees that we plant but our legacy will live on in the hearts of those that we support.

Sponsor 1 Member

Moose - Create Our Future pins are presented by your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.

Moose Legion Pin



Lodge & Chapter Pin



Sponsor 5 Members

Funds will be donated toward Mooseheart's 4-H and Equestrian programs for our Mooseheart children and for those participating in County Fairs.

Plans are to purchase a new show horse, equestrian attire/tack and two used utility vehicles for the farm.

Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.



Sponsor 25 Members

Receive free basic registration for our 2020 International Moose Convention in Milwaukee, WI.

Does your family say a prayer before you eat your food?

Nope. We're Hillbillies
My mom knows how to cook.



WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

JANUARY 1 2020 TO APRIL 30 2020

YOU CAN WIN

\$200

\$400

\$600

**SIGN UP 3 NEW OR REENROLL MEMBERS
OR ANY COMBINATION**

YOUR NAME WILL GO INTO A DRAWING

FIRST NAME DRAWN WINS \$200

SECOND NAME DRAWN WINS \$400

THIRD NAME DRAWN WINS \$600

**YOU CAN ONLY WIN BY SIGNING UP
MEMBERS**



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

From

West Virginia

Moose Association