

Reflections



*West Virginia House Renovations
Are Well Underway*



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ON THE COVER:

FROM EDITORS DESK:

Holiday Issue!

The Holiday Season is fast approaching, and as we gather to celebrate with our friends and family, let us not forget our seniors ant Moosehaven and the Children at Mooseheart.

This is a time for Friendship, Kindness, Compassion, and giving that our Fraternity was founded on, and is the key principal of our organization. I am wishing everyone a Happy Holiday and prosperous New Year.

James Means
Communications Chairman

Moose—The Family Fraternity

The Moose—A fraternal and service organization of 1.5 million men and women in four nations, dedicated to bettering the lives of children and elderly in need, to helping our communities on both the national and local level, and to providing family recreation at a modest cost.

*“No Man Stands So Straight
and Tall
As When He Stoops
To Lift Up A Child.”*

James J. Davis

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Diversity Statement

The Moose Fraternity is committed to cultivating and preserving a culture of inclusion and connectedness. We will only be able to grow today as an organization, and provide meaningful help to others, with a diverse group of members, employees and partners that are representative of the communities and individuals which we serve.

Therefore, we do not discriminate against any member, potential member, employee or applicant for employment based on race, color, ancestry, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, citizenship, marital status, disability, gender identity or Veteran status.

A Message from Director General Scott Hart



SCOTT D. HART
Director General
Chief Executive Officer

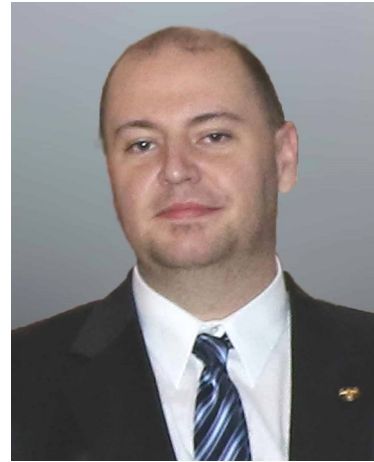
One of my favorite summer foods is a BLT with a thick slice of a freshly picked garden tomato. So juicy that it soaks the bread a little and runs out the corners of your mouth. I can almost taste it as I write! Now that red ripe tomato didn't just magically appear one day in our garden. First the ground had to be prepared; tilling, adding fertilizer and organic material. Rows were marked out, seed purchased and planted, consistent watering, plenty of sunshine and lots of weeding took place. There is a lot of time and prep work that goes into those tomato plants, but the hard work is worth every savory bite – YUM!

Our Moose Fraternity grew again this year – so much so that there wasn't any suspense as the final days of the membership campaign year wound down. It was as if someone sprinkled our lodges with Miracle Grow TM! Over 800 lodges and 24 Associations showed a gain in active membership this year. Twenty days prior to the close of the campaign year the lodge's board of officers didn't say, "We

better start thinking of how we are going to attract new members and reconnect with former ones." Our incredible Sponsors also didn't respond with a, "Hey, I better get busy talking to my friends, co-workers, and family about joining our lodge." Those actions and conversations started at the beginning of the campaign year (May 1st), and they involved a massive amount of social activities at the lodge and heart of the community efforts outside the lodge. The membership ground had to be prepared, watered and even weeded to keep the lodge strong and flourishing. Bottom line is that membership growth is a result of an enormous amount of planning, followed by tireless effort devoted to carrying out those initiatives.

Just as I am asking you, I have to ask myself, "What is my personal plan to help The Moose grow even more this year?" The children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven are counting on us. The soil is fertile and the reward is great – now let's grow our membership for a third year in a row. Our bacon is cooked and the bread is toasted; now to head outside and pick that tomato! God Bless!

Adam East
Territory Manager



Progress of the WV House at Mooseheart. All new furniture has been ordered for the Family Teacher's rooms and are waiting for it to be delivered. Once received it will be placed in the home, and we'll share some pictures. We also ordered the windows yesterday (roughly \$1,000 per window). Once we receive them, we'll begin installing them.

Lastly, we started the driveway yesterday. See the pictures attached. I'm so grateful for all of your support in making this project a reality. We're getting closer and closer to completing the renovation project and getting the children back into the home. Keep up the good work so that we can provide for the children and seniors in our care



West Virginia Moose Association 2023 Pilgrims



Congratulations to our newest Pilgrims of West Virginia Bear Duffer St. Albans Moose Lodge, Jamie Stewart New Martinsville Moose Lodge, & Ernest Deerfield Richwood Moose Lodge. So very well deserved!!!

West Virginia Moose Association 2023 Fellows



West Virginia Moose Association Past Deputies



Danny Williams, Sr. PIP
MD DE DC & WV Moose Charities Co-Chairman



DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

WV Moose Charities Report

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for all your generous donations at our recent Annual WV Moose Convention held in Flatwoods, WV. No matter how small or how big we appreciate each and every donation no matter what project it went to.

Remember October is “Cradle Month” lets all take up special endowment fund collections during this month for the “Cradle Fund”, all moneys will go toward the Endowment Fund. Sell copy of “Cradles” to every member that comes into the Social Quarters and ask for a donation toward the “Cradles Fund” and all donations will go to the endowment fund.

Once again, I cannot “Thank You” enough for all that you do for your Lodges, Moose Legions, Chapters, WV Moose Association and the children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven!!!!!!

Thank You!
Danny Williams, Sr.
WV Moose Charities Co-Chair

Cheryl Foster
INTL Chapter Advocate



Mooseheart, 2023 Graduation



**Danny Williams, Sr. PIP
WV Moose Legion Area Manager**



DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

Moose Legion Report September 2023

Congratulations to Monongahela Valley Moose Legion #52 on the rebuilding efforts taking place. With the untimely death of Secretary Paul Fisher we needed a new Secretary and it was agreed that Bob Myers would handle this position till we could find a permanent Secretary. Thank Bob for stepping forward! The list of officers that I was given is President Terry Perkins, Vice President Chuck Ledsome, Jr. Past President Chuck Claypoole, Chaplain Tim Frame, Financial Director Keith Greene.

We were in attendance at the Kanawha Valley Moose Legion Annual Picnic and Car Show. Enjoyed the band and music on Friday night at the Beckley Moose Lodge to a fine group of members and I know everyone enjoyed themselves. The weather was iffy on Saturday, but a good time was had by all who attended. Lots of tip jars, raffles and of course a Queen of Hearts Board and the food was very good and plenty of it. On Sunday there was a Moose Legion Conferral and either 6 or 7 new Moose Legionnaires were conferred. Congratulations to our new Legionnaire Brothers!

Once again “Thanks” to all the Moose Legionnaires for all they do here in the WV Moose Association!

**Fraternally,
Danny Williams, Sr. PIP
WV Moose Charities Co-Chair**

MOOSE LEGION AMBASSADOR SOUTH

**Stan Ellison
WV Moose Legion Ambassador South**



Well after much planning this year's event was held and the Kanawha Valley Moose Legion's Fun Day for this year kicked off on Friday night with a Pool Tournament starting at 6:30 pm with band later that evening. The picnic was held the following day Saturday, August 26, 2023 with a Conferral the following Sunday morning. It was held at the Beckley Lodge and featured many activities, a car show, kids activities and jump houses, bicycle giveaways, Karaoke contest along with music entertainment from a Motown show. The winner of the Karaoke contest was Tim Sammons from Charleston Lodge who took home the \$ 200.00 prize. As everyone was aware we sold \$ 1.00 tickets for a chance to win 500 lottery Scratch Off tickets 50 Power Ball and 50 Mega Ball tickets along with 4 other lottery giveaways as well. Finishing 5th was Mike Showalter who received 25 Scratch off tickets, 4th was Jack Spear who also received 25 Scratch offs as well, 3rd was Mark Shannon received 50 Scratch offs and 25 Mega Ball Tickets, 2nd was Jay Silverman, who received 100 Scratch Off tickets and 50 Power Ball tickets and the Grand Winner finishing first and received 500 Scratch Offs. 50 Power Ball and 50 Mega Ball tickets was Solana Sigmon. What a great day it was and along with the many who attended. Yesssss, one other thing, the food was great and enjoyed by all. True fraternalism was shown that day and we received numerous comments from those in attendance.

Kanawha Valley Moose Legion 123 Board of Directors are once again in the planning stage for next year's event. Once everything is formed up I'll send out the information to all lodges. This event is not only for our members in Districts 4 & 5 but any members in the three other Districts may attend. You don't have to be a Moose Legionnaire to enjoy our events. So plan on attending and enjoying a day of enjoyment.

We continue to work on retaining our Moose Legion members and signing new and former members. I'm still not receiving any Moose Legion applications from most of the lodges so I'm asking each lodge to attempt to sign up one (1) new or former Moose Legionnaire each month and forward the application to me. As all should be aware any new members must attend a conferral to be enrolled. Contact me with any questions!!!

**Stan Ellison
International Moose Legion Ambassador (South)
Kanawha Valley Moose Legion 123, Secretary**

Bill Przelenski
West Virginia Moose Association
Moose Legion Ambassador North



Moose Legions 160 and 196

The first quarter has come to a close and members is good but needs some work. Moose Legion 160 as of September 10 is a plus 10 in membership. Gateway as of September 10 is a -10 in membership. So far not bad. Keep working on the expired list and I know the Moose Legions have new members that need to be enrolled but as of now they have not showed up for their enrollment.

We need to work the arrears list. The list we get goes back one year hopefully reviewing this list and make a couple of phone calls we can have these individual reenroll back into the Moose Legion.

Need to discuss activities. Some of the members who have not paid thier Moose Legion dues have stated the Moose Legion does nothing, why should I belong? Do you explain about our obligations to Moosehaven? Plus we support Moose Heart. We help support the Moose Heart Museum. Youth enwareness plus other projects that we are asked to support. This just might change their minds.

Moose Legion Committees at the lodge leven. Why we do not have a Moose Legion Committee within our lodges I do not understand. Brother Moose Lodge President this is your appointmet in the lodge. Why has one not been appointed.

Bill Przelenski
Moose Legion Ambassador
Moose legions 160 &196



Car Show





Karaoke



Kanawha Valley Moose Legion Fun Weekend - Entertainment



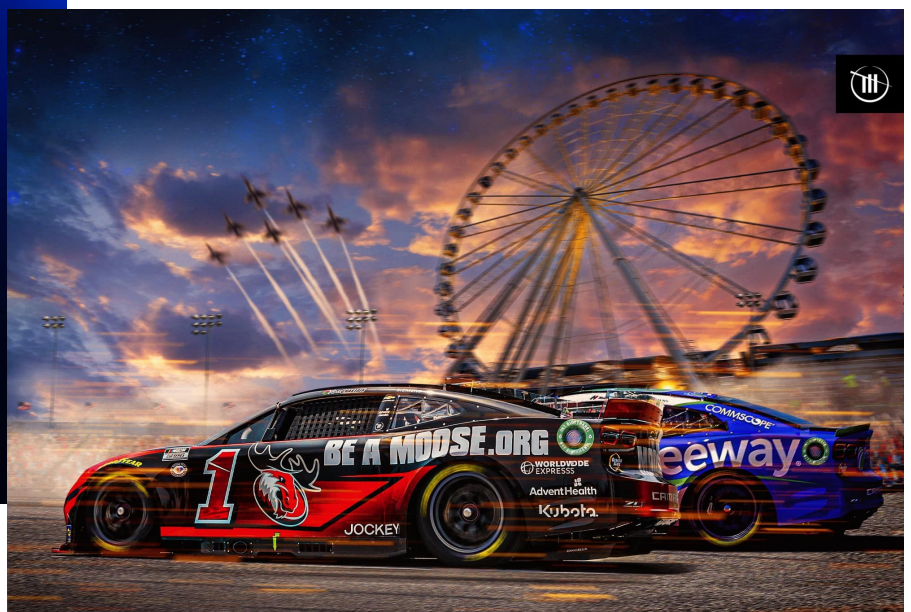
Cindy Fridley of Charles Town WV Chapter 1028 Lodge 948 was appointed to the WOTM 2023-24 Higher Degree Board in Reno at the International Convention. Cindy is honored to have been chosen to sit on this board with this wonderful group of ladies. Cindy has always had a love for the Women of the Moose and continues to support them in any way she can. She wants to remind everyone that the Women of the Moose are still the financial providers of:

- Mooseheart School.
- Pharmacy assistance at Moosehaven.
- Vision, hearing and dental needs at Moosehaven.
- Christmas on both campuses.
- The Mooseheart music program.
- The Moosehaven beauty and barber shop.

She will continue supporting the WOTM will you? Cindy wishes all chapters and lodges an amazing prosperous year. Its good to be a MOOSE!



Ross Chastain



Bill Przelenski

WVMA Sports Director



SPORTS

Another Moose Year is upon us and it we have no one or lodge asking about any of our Tournament. Are we at the point were we feel we do not need any activity for our member? Or maybe we just want them to remain in the lodge for activities.

We need to revamp the sports program and it is a recruiting tool for the Moose. It seems like we just want to make it day to day and not bother with activities for our members outside of our lodges.

As of now the Bowling Tournament is the only activity we is being schedule for West Virginia Moose Association. The Bowing Tournament will be sponsor by the Romney Moose Lodge. they participate in our tournament each and every year and the desire to sponsor the tournament this year.

Last year we had 21 team in our tournament. 12 from district 1 and 5 from district 3. Thats 17 teams from two district. I know we have bowlers in the central ad south-erb part of the state. We have not seen these for the pass couple of year. These activitives are set for you the members. Please ask your lodge if they have anu entry forms for our Association Tournaments. Its time we get the word out to our members and lets have a successful year for our Sports Program.

Bill Przelenski
Sports Chairman

2022-2023 Premier Lodge Award



Beginning May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023, in order to earn the Premier Lodge Award a Lodge must:

- 1) Increase Active Membership over the fiscal year ending 4/30/2022
- 2) Increase in Total Giving to Moose Charities, excluding amounts for Safe Surfin' over the fiscal year ending 4/30/2022. Includes Youth Awareness and individual Donor Circle donations to Moose Charities for your members.

OR

Lodge per capita contributions to Moose Charities during the fiscal year ending 4/30/2023 must equal or exceed the fraternity-wide per capita average of \$6.51 per member (as established during the prior 2 calendar years)

- 3) Submit Heart of the Community Reports and receive a grade of "Good" or better on each report
- 4) Indebtedness on the monthly Moose International Consolidated Billing Statement is less at April 30, 2023 than the balance due shown on the May of 2022 statement (any April 30, 2023 balance of zero or less is considered less than the prior year)
- 5) Submission of Moose of the Year nomination form by established deadline
- 6) Lodge must be represented at the 2022 International Convention
- 7) Lodge must remit Endowment Fund contributions to Moose Charities in at least 10 months during the year
- 9) Lodge must hold an Orientation/Lodge enrollment a minimum of every two months during the year.

Leadership Awards

When the Lodge qualifies for the Premier Lodge Award, both the President and/or Administrator can earn a Leadership Award, qualifying each of them for 100,000 Moose Rewards points. In order to qualify, the following criteria must be met individually:

- Must serve a full term from May 1 through the following April 30th
- Must be an active Chapter/Moose Legion member at the close of their term, April 30th
- Must sponsor at least three members into The Moose during term of office
- Must, during their term of office, have personally attended all meetings below during their year of service (Alternate Delegates qualify for a Lodge's representation but does NOT qualify for the Leadership Award)
 - Association Annual Convention AND Association Mid-Year Conference
 - 2022 Moose International Convention
- Must have successfully completed the minimum required training, pursuant to the Training rules and regulations.

Without exception, ALL of the above conditions MUST be met in order to qualify for the award.

***At the discretion of the Chief Compliance Officer, a Lodge may be disqualified from earning the Premier Lodge Award or Leadership Award for failing to abide by our General Laws.

REVISED 5/1/2022



Melissa Stanislawczyk

WVMA Endowment Fund Chairman

Happy Fall Y'all!

Big shout out and thank you to all the Lodges and Chapters for their contributions in the march of checks at our Annual Conference in Flatwoods. Keep up the good work!! October is a great way to keep the momentum going with your Cradle Fundraiser. Plan some fun stuff to get your members involved in helping Moose Charities and the Endowment Fund. Pit your Lodge against your Chapter in a friendly fight to see you can connect the most Cradles and win a small prize, all in good fun for a Great Cause!!

As we approach the holiday seasons; Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas please, please, remember our Children at Mooseheart, our Seniors at Moosehaven and those less fortunate in our communities. Reaching out does not always mean you have to donate money, sending a Halloween card to a child at Mooseheart may brighten their day or a Thanksgiving or Christmas card to a Senior at Moosehaven could be the best medicine for a great day! Make a visit to your local nursing home or police station just to say hello and thank you.

I hope each Lodge and Chapter has a successful Cradle fundraiser. We are in this together, Lodges, Legions, Chapters and Members, just think if each member of our Lodges, Chapters and Legions donated \$1.00 what a great contribution that would be to the Endowment Fund. The Cradle projects could be a great tool for Retention and getting new members, explain that the proceeds go to the Endowment Fund to provide funds for the daily operation of Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

Now that we are into fall and heading into winter stay warm, stay safe and stay committed to our Twin Cities Mooseheart and Moosehaven. God Bless Mooseheart, God Bless Moosehaven!

Wishing you and your families a Happy Halloween, a Blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Melissa "Stan"islawczyk

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Stan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chairman, Endowment Fund Committee

GOOD AS NEW



New Table 4 chairs & Bench



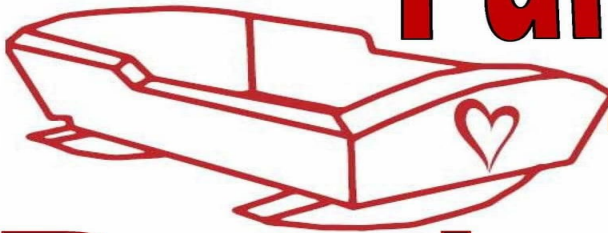
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Good As New
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Show your *Support to the* **Cradle Fundraiser**

Moose  Charities



October

1-31

Purchase a Cradle

BECAUSE WE CARE



MOOSE PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE

May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024

We are proud of the history of this great Fraternity. While keeping our past successes in mind, we look forward to the bright future with like-minded members who continue to play an important role in their local communities and supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven for years to come.

Working together, our future is bright.

Sponsor 1 Member

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



Sponsor 5 Members

Funds will be used toward the AAA project at Moosehaven. 5 Club members will be providing equipment for the sports complex including a top of the line Golf Simulator. Exercise is important for our residents and they look forward to perfecting their golf swing even in inclement weather. Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.



Sponsor 25 Members Members attaining Sponsors of Distinction status by sponsoring 25 members during the **Proud Past - Bright Future** membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2024 International Moose Convention in New Orleans, LA. Additional information can be found on www.moosintl.org.



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

*West Virginia Moose Association
2023 Convention
Flatwoods WV*



Elimination Drawing



Opening Session



Fellowship Conferral



AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



MEMBERSHIP RETENTION



Top Sponsors



MOOSE OF THE YEAR

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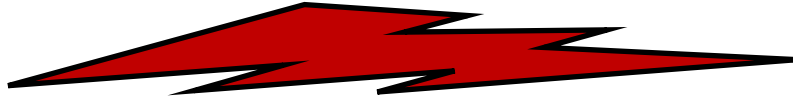
Heart of the Community



Golden Gavel



Activities Around the State



POINT PLEASANT, W.Va. — Point Pleasant Moose Lodge #731 is on track to possibly break last year’s fundraising record with its charity bingo events that support local, community organizations.





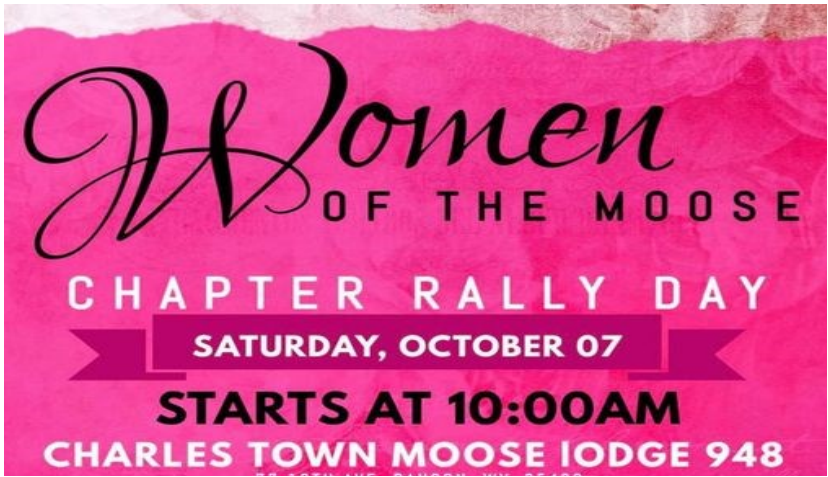
Sutton Moose Lodge 825 presenting a check for \$500 to the BCBS Girl's Volleyball Team. They showed great teamwork during the WV Moose Association Convention and helped immensely during the Elimination Drawing Luncheon and Friday evening dinner.



Tonight the Valentine family and WOTM presented a tent canopy to the Lodge President Rose Hanshaw and Administrator Eugene Huffman, represented by his wife Gloria. This canopy will be used at events to help easily identify us. Look for us this weekend at the citywide yard sale. Presentation was made by Senior Regent Dianne Criner and WOTM secretary Carla Wisman.



Congratulations to Julia Kirby for being selected for our 2023/24 Richwood Moose Lodge \$1000 scholarship.





Merry Christmas!