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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."

FROM EDITORS DESK

As we head into summer, all of the major holidays are over and vacations are just around the corner. The slow season begins for most Lodges and chapters, which means we must work extra hard to maintain or advance our membership. Its time to shift our activities to things like cook-outs, picnic's, car shows and other outdoor events.

We had a very eventful Mid-Year Conference this year, as you will see in this issue. With 2020 just around the corner our institution must evolve in ways we are still trying to discover to stay relevant. We must all work together to find our way to the future.

"See you at the Moose".

Jim Means

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP JUST BECAME MORE VALUABLE!

MOOSE REWARDS

FROM THE DESK OF

TERRITORY MANAGER

Bill Przelenski

Spring has arrived and the birds are out. People are out cleaning up their yards and porches getting ready for the summer months. By the time you read this article, our Fiscal Year will come to a close. I sincerely hope that everyone had that April Madness and went that extra mile to have your expired members renew their dues. Although we finished a little better than last year we still have a long way to go in order to mover our Association forward.

We can move our association forward but it will take a lot of hard work and dedication to make this happen. This will take a commitment form all newly elected officers not only at the lodge level, but the district officers must get involved within their districts and work with the lodges that need help. Only YOU can make this happen. How? by working as a team and working together as one. We can no longer wait for that knock on the door from someone wanting to join the lodge. We must be able to talk with individuals and explain what we are all about. That means Mooseheart and Moosehaven. If you cannot explain what Moosehaven and Mooseheart are how can you expect to inform a new member what the Moose stands for.

We do have some bad news. By the time you read this, we will more than likely be one Lodge short. Gentlemen, we lose lodges because all we do is make excuses on why we cannot do what is necessary to keep our lodges financially stable and we do not make that effort to sign up members. We will be setting some goals not just for our lodges but for our members if we meet these goals or come close to these goals we will be successful.

With that being said we are in the process of starting a new Service Center in Mercer County. This is the Princeton/Bluefield area. As of this article, we have 25 new or re-enroll members that have signed an application. We need at least 50 in order to institute this new Service Center. We are meeting the third Wednesday of each month and the turnout has been good. Anyone wishing to help in signing up members please contact myself or Bonita Belcher who has been a great help as my point of contact especially due to the distance from my home to Mercer County.

The New Year is here. Let's show our pride and start moving the great association forward. Lodge officers can start by making sure they do their jobs. First and foremost they must attend not just lodge meetings but district Meetings and Association Meeting. You can receive a lot of information during these meetings and if you do not, then may the state officers need to visit the Districts to see why. Yes, that's correct state officers need to start visiting all district meeting and it would not hurt to visit a lodge meeting. This is the best way for us to stay informed and correct problems before they turn from small problems to large problems.

WE ARE WEST VIRGINIA LETS SHOW HOW PROUD WE ARE OF OUR LODGES AND OUR ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP

Today is the 8th of April and sitting here looking at the latest membership numbers the Men have a long climb out of the minus column. We need all the support of all our officers and Membership Chairmen to start making phone calls to those on the arrears list and either have them pay their dues or find out why they are not renewing their dues. Why do we need to know why they are not paying their dues? How do we know what the problem might be if we do not asked. You may find out we may be able to solve the problem and the member may renew. We will never know unless we make phone calls or personal contact with these members. Gentleman now is the time to start moving our association forward on membership. Why are we being so complacent on this area of importance to our lodges and our Fraternity as a hole. Here are the latest states as of this article

West Virginia Moose Association	**Members (Active) 2018**	**14179**
	Members (Active) 2019	**13188**
	Members (Expired)	**3158**

This is not good and as of now we will finish with another minus in membership

The Women of the Moose however are working hard and are very closed to finishing the year at 100% plus. Maybe we need to talk with the women to find out how or what they are doing to have their members renew and sign up new members.

Women of the Moose	**Members (Active) (2018)**	**7933**
	Members (Active) (2019)	**7912**
	Members (Expired)	**1602**

Looks like the ladies will be 100% plus.

The Moose legion has a lot of work to do on membership. This is the or suppose to be the worker of the Fraternity and they have to worked had in order to make 100%. Looks like the Ambassadors need to work with the Moose Legions and start some type of membership drive.

Moose Legionnaires	**Members (Active) 2018**	**1587**
	Members (Active) 2019	**1426**
	Members (Expired)	**307**

WILLIAM PRZELENSKI
TERRITORY MANAGER

STATE PRESIDENT

Chuck Ledsome

Spring has sprung, trees are budding, flowers are blooming and the grass gets greener every day. Spring adds new life, color, beauty and new beginnings My hope for our association is that we will grow too.

May 1, is the beginning of a new Moose fiscal Year, the lodges have installed the new officers. The governor of each lodge appointed a membership chairman. Also I have asked the districts to appoint a membership chairman and soon I will announce at State Membership Chairman. Please make sure that the membership chairmen information for your district and lodge has been submitted to me. We need to do whatever we can to assist the membership chairmen in the lodges to promote incentives to help with membership retention and to promote new membership. With everyone working together we will be able to move the West Virginia Moose Association forward.

The West Virginia Moose Association is currently conducting a gun raffle you should have received these tickets. The guns that will be raffled are Remington 870 Express Turkey 12 Gage, Glock 42 380, Glock 19 65 9mm. One ticket drawn will win all three guns. A $5.00 donation per ticket The winning ticket will be drawn at West Virginia State Moose Association Convention in August 2019.

Spring adds new life, color, beauty and new beginnings. Let's make the beginning of this Moose year one of the best yet Let's work on signing new members and retaining the members we already have!

Thank you for all you do !

Chuck Ledsome,
President
West Virginia Moose Association

WV Moose Association
Mid-Year

I am Privileged…

I am privileged to be a member of the Moose Fraternity.

As such, I pledge:

That I will be a good member and abide by its rules,

That I will support it through service to our community,

That I will treat my fellow members with respect,

That I will be a positive member of the Moose Fraternity, and

That I will live by the Moose Fraternity motto.

"No Man Stood So Straight and Tall as when He Stoop to Lift Up a Child"

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMRNT AWARDS

Jim Hale and Alta Brooke receive Lifetime Achievement Awards At the 2019 Mid-Year Convention.

JIM TURNER

WVMA Vice president

Brothers.

Well, the new Moose year has begun. The same problems face us as in years past.

We all need to sign more members and need to keep the members we have. If I had all the answers these problems I would share them. The one thing I can say is that we all need to try a little harder. We do a pretty good job of signing new members, that is those members that sign up new ones. The percentage of members that sings a new member is extremely low. Are they ashamed to be a Moose member?

We all should be proud to share the story of the Moose. Maybe some of you do not know the whole story. Then you need to sit in on a member orientation. Your lodge should be having them if they are not then you should ask why.

When you are talking to prospective members, you should tell them the value they are getting with The Moose discounts ant the fact that when they get old, they may be able to go to Moosehaven.

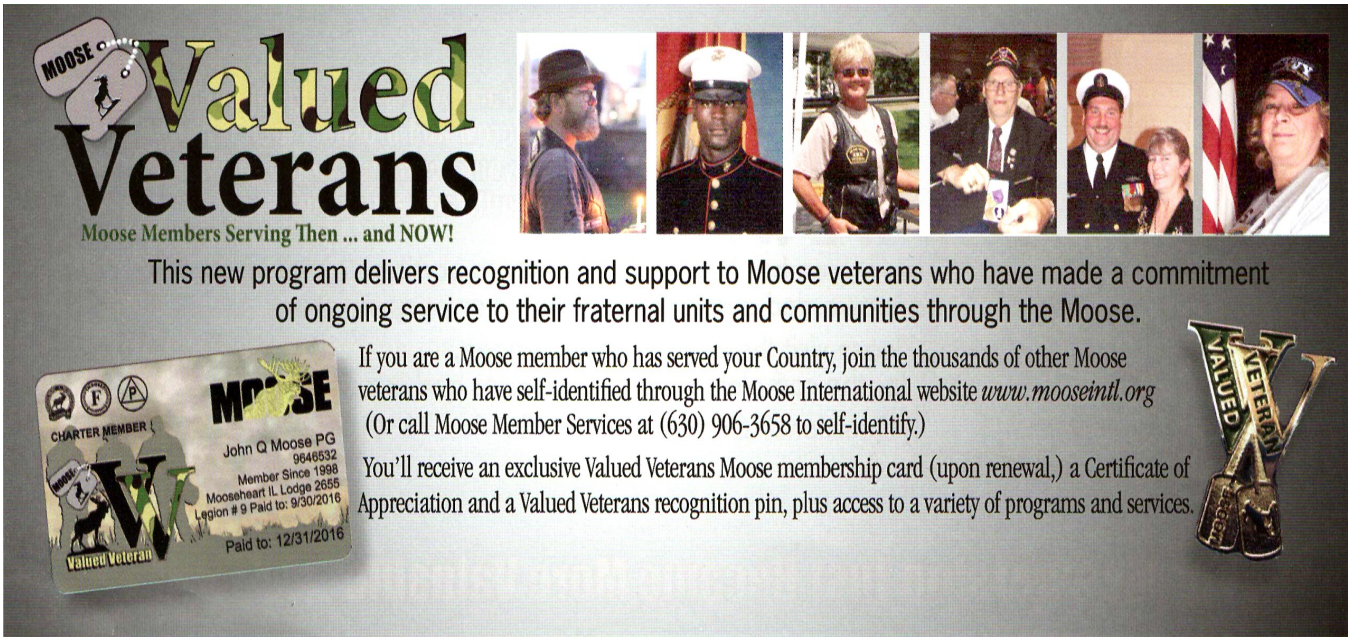
I am sure I am preaching to the choir, but we all need to try. I do not want to fail our kids or our seniors. The kids are our future, and the seniors taught us the things we needed to know to survive this thing called life.

I hope to see everyone in Las Vegas. There will be a lot of information we all need to hear.

Remember the golf event coming up in Parkersburg. The golf ball drop that you sold tickets for, You did sell the tickets and return them to Barry Wood didn't you? I thought you did, just checking.

Enjoy the warm weather share the story of Moose, and may God bless you all.

Jim Turner WVMA Vice president



Bonnetta Belcher

Deputy Grand Regent 2018 –2019

BONITA BELCHER, DGR

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL OF OUR WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE MEMBERS. IN MARCH WE HAD OUR MID-YEAR CONFERENCE IN MORGANTOWN AND IT REALLY WAS A FUN AND INFORMATIVE WEEKEND. IF YOU MISSED THE CONFERENCE, YOU MISSED OUR WONDERFUL OFFICIAL VISITOR DE-NIELLE BAILE AND HER WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE.

WE ALSO HAD 12 LADIES RECEIVE THEIR ACADEMY OF FRIENDSHIP DEGREE. WE PRESENTED OUR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO ALTA BROOKS FOR HER HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE. WE ALSO RECOGNIZED PEGGY SHINN, PEGGY ROACH AND MICHELLE DUDLEY FOR ALL THE EXTRA WORK THEY DO FOR EACH OF US AS CHAPTERS AND CO-WORKERS. WE HAD 22 CHAPTERS WITH REPRESENTATION AT THE CONFERENCE.

THESE CONFERENCES ARE IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO ATTEND SO THAT YOU CAN SEE WHAT CHANGES ARE IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR OUR ORGANIZATION AND SEE HOW THEY WILL IMPACT YOUR CHAPTERS. ONE VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT IS THAT ATTENDANCE AT THESE CONFERENCES ARE REQUIRED TO EARN YOUR AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT AND YOUR PERSONAL HONORS. THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS SLATED FOR AUGUST AND WILL BE HELD AGAIN IN MORGANTOWN. SO PLEASE try to MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE.

WE ARE GETTING READY TO EMBARK ON A NEW CHAPTER YEAR AND I HOPE EACH CHAPTER IS WORKING ON THEIR POLICIES TO GUARANTEE A SUCCESSFUL CHAPTER YEAR. I WISH ALL THE INCOMING OFFICERS AND CHAIRS A WONDERFUL AND EXCITING NEW YEAR. I HOPE YOU WATCH YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS CLOSELY AND START FROM DAY ONE MAKING SURE YOUR ACTIVE MEMBERS STAY ACTIVE.

LADIES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION. WHERE WOULD MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN BE WITHOUT YOU. WE ARE "MOOSE ON A MISSION", AND IF THAT MISSION IS GOING TO SUCCEED WE NEED EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING YOUR CHAPTERS. LADIES KEEP DOING WHAT YOU ARE DOING, IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO.

NOW THAT THE WEATHER IS GETTING PRETTY I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO VISIT MORE OF OUR LODGE HOMES SO DON'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU SEE MY SMILING FACE WALKING THROUGH YOUR DOORS. THANK YOU, MY MOOSE SISTERS,

BONITA BELCHER, DEPUTY GRAND REGENT.

BARBARA SHEPARD

WOTM Fraternal Fundraising
Moose Charities Charmin

Moose Charities

MOOSE CHARITIES UPDATE…….

Dear Coworkers:

Many thanks to those who attended the Mid-Year Conference in Morgantown and helped to support our Moose Charities fundraising. From the raffles for Betty's baskets, the silent auction, the country ham raffle, and raffle of the Mooseheart football helmet in memory of Bob Roach, we raised close to $3,000. This again proves that the members of the Loyal Order and Women of the Moose in our state believe in taking care of our own through the West Virginia home. Thank you thank you, thank you! We are one team, working for the same goal, for our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. We took an oath to take of them when we joined the fraternity and we continue to do so.

There are other Moose Charity programs, such as the M & M Club, Endowment Fund, Mooseheart boosters, and Donor's Circle, details of which can be found on the Moose Charities website. Please check it on a regular basis because it is continuously changing and being updated.

Spring is finally beginning to "blossom" in the Eastern Panhandle and likewise throughout the state and spring is also happening at Mooseheart. This includes the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Festival for kids.

Those of you who are traveling to Las Vegas for the International Conference, please travel safely and have a wonderful time. It is always a fun time and a wealth of knowledge for the attendees.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Huntington and please remember that there will be a joint opening session on Thursday evening at the conference. Some state chairman reports will be given at the session.

Sincerely, Barb Sheppard,
PDGR/ WV WOTM Moose Charities Chair

Danny Williams Sr.

LOOM Fraternal Fundraising
Moose Charities Charmin

Moose Charities

LOOM WV Moose Charities Chairman……..

"Thank You" for all the generous donations that were presented at our recent WV Moose Association Mid-Year Conference.

You don't have to wait till Conferences or Conventions to donate. You can write a check to Moose Charities any time of the year and your donations are 100% deductible on your federal income tax returns each and every year.

It's that time of the year to make sure you are a "League of Guardian"! A League of Guardian is a member and his or her spouse or significant other has donated a total of $1,000.00 during the Moose year from May 1st thru April 30 the following year. You, as a "League of Guardian" will be invited to a special dinner during our Annual International Moose Convention wherever it is held.

Remember, we are obligated to donate $60,000.00 per year toward our WV Home Project. We are still a little shy in this amount and could use a few donations toward this project. If you are going to our International Convention in Vegas, please try to help and donate to our WV home! If not, we will have our Association Convention in August in Morgantown for all donations.

Once again "Thank You" for your donations and all you do……

Fraternally,
Danny Williams, Sr.
LOOM WV Moose Charities Chairman

HIGHER DEGREES

Wayne Bargeloh, Chairman

The new Moose year is here. Congratulations to all the lodge and chapter officers on your election. Thanks to all the officers who retired? I know that you will continue to work for your lodge, chapter and for Mooseheart and Mooseheaven.

Did you attend the WV Moose Association Mid-Year Conference, If not you miss a great conference? Thursday evening started with the Moose Legion Appreciation meeting and ended with a very impressive Legion Memorial Service. Friday you missed an extremely completive Karaoke contest. A lot of good singing and good fun by everybody. Saturday's events concluded with the banquet and awards. Sunday Morning the Women of the Moose held an Academy of Friendship conferral service for several new Academy members.

To the Higher Degree Members: I urge you to step up and take part in promoting membership and retention of members. As Higher Degree members it is our duty to honor all newly elevated Higher members. Another task the Higher Degree members are asked to do is remember members that are sick or hospitalized by a phone call or a visit. We should attend all Tributes of Service and funerals. The Mooseheart High School graduation and the new Pilgrim Conferral is coming in June. If you have never visited Mooseheart, this is a wonderful time to visit..

With Great Sorrow We Must Report that Our Defending Circle Has Been Broken, May our Brothers Rest In Peace - Pilgrim Fred Dahmer, Weston Lodge #1376 and - Pilgrim Edward Miller, Keyser Lodge #682

ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

Barry Wood

WOW! Was that fun or what. The Karaoke contest held at Lakeview Resort with all the District winners throughout the state was packed with great singers. Congratulations to Maggie Bailey of Summersville lodge 1536 for winning. Her songs have been sent to Mooseheart and hopefully she will be one of the final 7 and head to Las Vegas on 6/29/19 for a chance to win $5000.00. Good Luck Maggie!

The bowling and pool tournaments were also a success. Thank you to all the members who participated in these events. Next up is the golf tournament that will be in Parkersburg at south Hills Golf Course on July 20th & 21st, followed by the Golf Ball Drop. Lets get these tickets sold and sent back to Barry Wood - 1230 Oakmont Rd. - Charleston, WV 25314. The deadline is May 1st, lets make this a success too!

Thank you for your help & we will see you at the Moose

Barry Wood Sports/Activities Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION
2019 Membership Campaign

WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION

CREATING OUR FUTURE

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

May 1 2019 Thru October 30 2019

NON 25 CLUB MEMBERS

SIGN UP 5 MEMBERS AND RECEIVE THE BLUE POLO SHIRT WITH WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION AND THE MOOSE INSIGNA IN THE MIDDLE

25 CLUB MEMBERS

SIGN UP 3 MEMBERS AND RECEIVE THE RED POLO SHIRT WITH WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION AND THE MOOSE INSIGNA IN THE MIDDLE

MOOSEHEART & MOOSEHAVEN

WV ENDOWMENT FUND

Shawn Beckom, Chairman

As we begin our new "Moose year", I want to say "THANK YOU" to all our Chapters, Lodges and individual members for your contributions to the Cradle, Rocker and the Endowment Funds over the past year. Please keep up the good work. Also, please have your monthly endowment fund contribution in by the 15th of each month.

Our website www.wvmooseassociation.org has a lot of information and is a great way to communicate with all our members throughout West Virginia. While I have many requests asking for information, I cannot update our website with the information I do not have. If you or your Lodge has something you want to be posted on our webpage, please provide me with an electronic file with the information, dates, times, etc. you want to communicate with the rest of our Association and a call back number where I may reach you if I have any questions. I try to update the website within 48 hours of receiving information from you as long as I can verify its completeness and can make it presentable for our webpage. Have a great summer

Fraternally
Shawn Beckom

YOUTH AWARENESS

Jenny Lambert

WOTM Youth Awareness Coordinator

The Moose Youth Awareness Program is a community service program sponsored by the MOOSE LEGION. It is designed for high school students (9th - 12th grade) with the goal of educating preschool and elementary school age children (4 - 9 yr. old's) on a verity of topics. High school students are becoming our Mentors and Leaders of tomorrow. The 4 9 yr. old's are given good roll models and life skill training to help themselves to become Nobel citizens of tomorrow.

Through Moose Kids Talk presentations our students can educate the youth of their communities to make wise decisions and avoid adverse situations. They can also motivate and inspire.

This is a great opportunity for students to help their community and earn money for collage, that is awarded annually through the WV State Association and Moose International.

West Virginia - 1st Place = $3,500, 2nd place = $500 (saving bond)
Moose International - 1st place = $12,000, 2nd = $8,000, 3rd = $5,000, 4th = $3,000, and 5th Place = 2,000

TO BE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST;

1. Attend a one day Youth Awareness Congress training session.
2. Develop kids talk presentation on topic of their choice.
3. Submit presentations to children 4-9 years old.
4. First place winner will be selected representitive for W.V. at the International Congress.

We need each lodge participation. We as coordinators can't do it alone, it takes everyone's participation to make it a success.

2018 Winners; 1st place = Brayden Hornsby of Summersville Lodge
2nd place = Ripley Cottrell of Weston/Buckhannon Lodges

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mick Brooks, Chairman

Heart of the Community Report

Once again, the West Virginia Moose Lodge and Chapters came together to make the Heart of the Community Project at the Mid-Year Conference a great success. Thanks to all who made this possible. The Veteran's Welcome Home Kit Project was just awesome. The Veterans Administration representatives from Clarksburg, WV, were amazed by the number of items donated this year. They estimated our giving to be around $8000 to $10,000. It took several Moose volunteers approximately an hour to load the truck. Every year we seem to better our Heart of the Community project donations.

The Moose Fraternity is continually moving toward becoming a fine-tuned Community Service machine. It doesn't seem to matter what challenge is placed in front of them, they always rise to the cause. In the past years, we have helped numerous non-profit organizations all around the state, there is no reason this can't continue for years to come. We are good at what we do!

As I look forward to the convention in August, I am already seeking out non-profit organizations to work with for the Heart of Community Project in the Morgantown area. I am sure no matter what the project, the support will be overwhelming. The closer we get to August, the more I narrow the search for a qualified charity we all can be proud to support. I will be sending out e-mails and flyers to all Lodges and Chapters in the WVMA in the future with information of this year's Heart of the Community Project. Information will also be forwarded to the WVMA web page at (http://www.wvmooseassociation.org).

Thanks for all you do.
Raeford "Mick" Brooks Sr.

Stan Ellison

MOOSE LEGION AMBASSADORS

Robert Ellifritz - Ambassador North

Stan Ellison - Ambassador South

ROBERT ELLIFRITZ

One of the toughest sells we, as members have is to sell the Moose Legion to qualified lodge members. After all, it was hard enough to get the guy to join the Moose, right? So how do we convince them to join the Second Degree? Here are some observations I have made over the years.

1. Explain what the "Moose Legion" is. A surprising number of people confuse the Moose Legion with the American Legion. It has been a standing joke within the Moose Legion, whenever someone says "Legion," we ask, "which one?" or "did you mean MOOSE Legion?" and often it'll cost you a fine! But I have had to explain to several people that the application they are filling out is not for the "American Legion," the veterans' club (Even though we have a Valued Veterans Program), but for the "MOOSE Legion" which is a degree of the Loyal Order of Moose. We need to explain to our prospective candidates what the Moose Legion is, including its history and reason for being. (If you need some insight into the history and workings of the Moose Legion to check out the Moose International website under the "Moose Legion" tab.)

2. Why should I join and must pay the extra dues? This may be the hardest question yet, but if you know your Moose Legion history and what we're about, you can handle this. Tell them about our yearly Celebrations, activities in your lodge, such as fund-raisers, events, dinners, etc. performed by Moose Legionnaires and any meetings or special events that your lodge has for Moose Legionnaires. You should also tell them about all that the Moose Legion does for Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and of course, Camp Ross. Do you know how much of our annual dues goes to each of these factions? Ask at your next Celebration/Meeting - it is good information to have. Tell them about upcoming events. It is so sad to see "one-year" members who had someone talk them into joining, then never got invited to a picnic or celebration, never got invited to the Moose Legion committee meeting or Moose Legion event; then when their dues come up for renewal, they do not renew, and why should they? What did they get for their money? Nothing - UNLESS you sold them on the fact that their dues help our kids at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, and the operation of Camp Ross

3. Have monthly Moose Legion Committee Meetings. It became mandatory several years ago that all lodge Moose Legion Committees hold at least one meeting per month. The Moose Legion is a standing (aka "mandatory") committee and your lodge Governor MUST have someone appointed as the committee chairman AND he must make sure that the chairman is complying with Moose International by-laws by holding a monthly meeting. Have a social hour after the meeting (better than 'before' if you get my drift); incorporate some type of activity, drawing, or entertainment to make your members want to attend. It is also a good idea to try to have at least one function per year designed solely for Moose Legionnaires and their families. Let's face it, no matter how hard we sell, a lot of people want to see a personal return on their investment. Let's give them that opportunity.

4. This is the year to join. This is the perfect year to get someone to join our Second Degree. Lodges in the South are continuously working to attract new and former members. There will be news forthcoming of a major event in September 2019 in the South once we finalize our agenda. In the past, we have had a poor turnout on our Celebrations, but I guarantee you will not want to miss this one. So standby!!!!!

5. Wear the vest, shirt or regalia at lodge functions or meetings? You should. Some member may walk up to you and say, "what's those items stand for?" It's good advertising and may just gain a new Moose Legionnaire within your lodge. Remember the old saying that if you see a turtle sitting on a fence post, he didn't get up there by himself. Someone had to help him. That my brothers is what it's all about!!!! I have seen each of the items described above in action and they do work. But not if we don't do them, not if we just sit back, doing nothing.

Brothers, it is up to us to "Sell" the Moose Legion to our qualified Moose members. This coming year as your Moose Legion Ambassador for the South and the Secretary for Kanawha Valley Moose Legion 123 I want each of the lodges in the South to set a goal of having at least 20% of all Moose members of your lodges enrolled into the Moose Legion. If you can sign more, we'll take that as well. This by far is not an unattainable as we already have a certain percentage of Moose Legionnaires enrolled. I don't think we have ever done or attempted this but we by working together can make it happen or come close. What percentage of qualified members in your lodges belong to the Second Degree? You might be surprised at how low that percentage is. It is up to us to go out and find those non-Moose Legionnaires and convince them to join. Remember, we are MOOSE ON A MISSION!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Stan Ellison,
International Moose Legion Ambassador (South)

Glad to see all those who attended the Mid Year Conference. I would like to thank Bill Przelenski, the State Board, the WOTM, and all others involved in making it another great success.

Make sure everyone gets their Moose Legionnaire of the Year turned in to your legion secretaries as soon as possible. The deadline was February but most lodges haven't turned them in yet. We need these applications to decide who will receive the WV Moose Legionnaire of the Year Award.

I hope all Moose Legions are planning some sort of fun weekend within their moose legion districts since we are not having a state one this year.
Have a great summer and I hope to see some of you at International in Los Vegas.

Robert Ellifritz
North Legion Ambassador

DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

MOOSE LEGION
DEGREE OF SERVICE
Danny Williams - Area Manager

Message from WV Moose Legion Area Manager…….

"Thank You" for all the support that you have given to your Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions in the WV Moose Association this year!

We didn't set the world on fire, but were NOT last either.

But we can this coming year that started May 1st, 2019.

Our numbers at International Moose Legion are down for the current year by approximately 3,353 (-6.3%) as of April 8th, 2019 of which 274 Moose Legionnaires were from West Virginia Moose Association. This shows me that we MUST work RETENTION.

The Jr. Past Moose Legion President is the chairman of the Retention Committee of each Moose Legion Jurisdiction in our Association. Let's help these chairman do their jobs and bring these loyal members back and have them pay their dues. Remember "To do some good thing for someone each day" and they will appreciate you for what you do.

We had 2 Moose Legions in Our jurisdiction who made their Key Club. They were Gateway Moose Legion #196 and Kanawha Valley Moose Legion #123. When you see a member from these Moose Legions congratulate them for a job well done!

As announced at our Moose Legion Appreciation Night held at our Mid-year Conference, there will be no "Moose Legion Fun" weekend scheduled for this year – Why? No Participation! Not one of our Moose Legions would step up and be the host. I have a few plans to run by our Associations Officers for next year and get their approval.

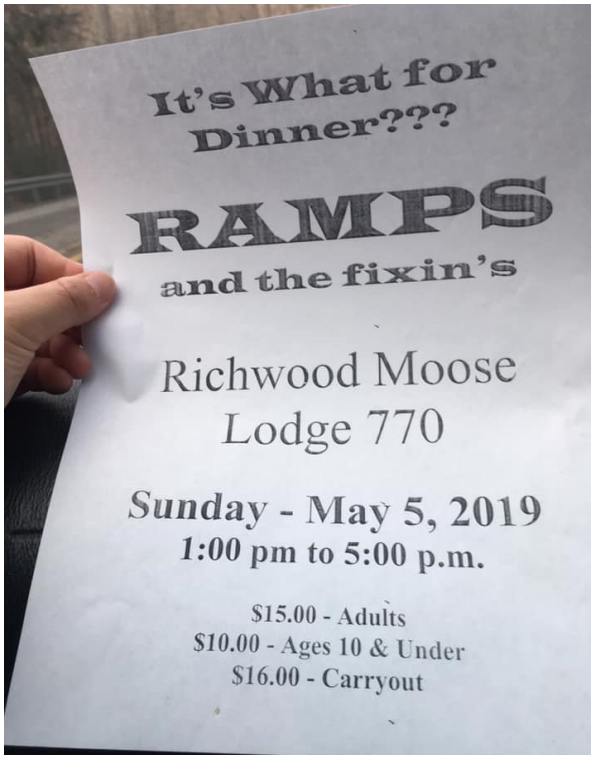
Remember the Moose Legions took $2,500.00 off the top of these "Fun Weekends" to pay for the food on these Thursdays Moose Legion Appreciation nights. If we continue with these Appreciation nights, we will need to prorate the costs by your membership as of May 1st, 2019 for each Moose Legion in our Association.

If you are going to the International Convention this year in Las Vegas, Nevada, make sure you attend the Moose Legion Annual breakfast to be held on Friday, June 28, 2019, for some valuable information and of course attend the various Moose Legion Sessions during that Convention. Hope to see you in Vegas…….

Fraternally,
Danny Williams, Sr. PIP

our Lodge is closed and we have all shed lots and lots of tears over it. But we are not down and out not by a long shot. We have been down before and that just made us work harder to rebuild. Yes we have lots and lots of memories inside that building, boy could we write a book. Some of you will remember when the old Lodge burnt down, the Men stepped up and rebuilt the Lodge that you see today. So never say never, it can be done. I'm willing to fight and work until my body or mind won't let me, that could be any day LOL Its going to be hard to figure out ways to conduct fund raisers now. Our problem is there is only a few of us that do all the work. We need you all to come and help in ways that you can.

Cheryl Woodall Foster



NEWS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Ray Bennett
District 2 President

Hello Brothers:

In the Aug, Sept, Oct. edition of the Reflections Magazine, our Territory Manager stated in his travels around to the lodges that he was disturbed by the attitude of some officers, Well, I am too in my District, no wonder the lodges are losing members, most of the officers I have talked to don't have any idea what their job responsibilities are and some have never even looked at the General Laws handbook. If you don't know about the moose how can you expect to talk to potential members about the Moose? In District 2 we only have 6 Lodges left and in the last few years 5 have closed, and if officers and Administrators don't start doing their job, there is going to be more close and not just in this District. I know no one wants to hear all this but we all need to open our eyes to what is happening, we can increase our membership but it has to be the officers that show the way.

In District 2 the six lodges Quota Goal for membership this year in no particular order is
41 & 15 signed so far / 64 & 20 signed so far / 43 & 44 signed so far / 27 & 9 signed so far
41 & 14 signed far / 27 & 15 signed so far
The year is half over and only one lodge has done their job and done it well, and this lodge has officers that know what their responsibilities are, if one can do it, you all can if you set your mind to it.

Ray Bennett
District 2 President

Jim Dunn
District 3 President

Well, our year is almost over and our district has had a pretty good year. We made some changes and had some issues but all in all we are growing. We made the key club for Legion membership. Our district is working on new members and trying to retain the ones we have.
Don't forget the elections and the new board must be installed by April 30 and report the new board to Moose Intel.

Being the District 3 president this past year has been a real learning experience. My thanks to Bill Przelenski and Mickey Brooks for their guidance. Thanks to all the Administrators, Governors, board of officers, and the district board officers for your help. And to the lodge secretaries. YOU ROCK.

Jim Dunn

David Webster
District 4 President

Happy May! By now the Lodge elections are over and your new officers are in place. Please make sure all your Lodge's officers training courses have been completed and are up to date. Summer brings many things, a lot of outdoor activities as well as vacations. It also means we do not get to our Lodges as often as we do during the rest of the year. The children at MooseHeart are on summer vacation too and get to spend time at Camp Ross. Please make a conscious effort to stop by your Lodge over the summer months and throw a few dollars in the MooseHeart "bucket" to provide for our kids at MooseHeart and Camp Ross. A few dollars from each of us will allow them to look forward to and enjoy their vacations just as we do our own. Be safe, enjoy your summer and I will see you in Morgantown at our August Convention.

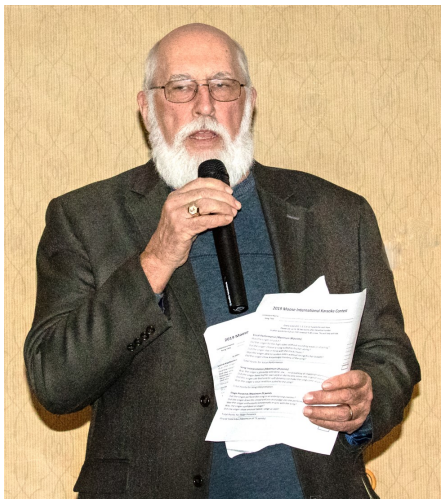
Fraternally
David Webster
WVMA District 4 President

Kenny Simmons
District 5 President

Hello Brothers, I hope everyone enjoyed the Mid-Year Convention as much as I did. We Still have our work cut out for us we need to sign new and former members and keep the members we have now active with our lodges. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Morgantown in August this year. Also, remember we need to do our parts to take care of our children at Moose Heart and our Seniors at Moose Haven.

Fraternally
Kenny Simmons
District 5 President

ASSOCIATION KARAOKE CONTEST



Rich Erlewine

The 2019 Association Karaoke contest was the Highlight of the Mid-Year Conference. Rich Erlewine, master of ceremonies, was spectacular and our winner, (Maggie Bailey), was incredible. Everyone in the house came out of their seats with a standing ovation each time she performed.

Maggie Bailey

Moose International - Special Guests

Aaron Lee Russwll

Larry Meade

Danielle K Baile

Shawn & Danielle Baile

Danny Williams

Awards Presentations

Above **- Jim Hale and Alta Brooke receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.**

Kenny Simmons Received his Membership Sponsor's ring. Presented By Shawn Baile.

Left **- Aaron Russell makes a call from the Banquet Room at the Mid-Year convention to Mooseheart, Moose Charities informing them of a record breaking donation by a WV Lodge.**

Heart of the Community

Welcome Home Kit

This year's community service project at our Midyear convention was collecting donations for creating welcome home kits for returning Veterans.

Janet Vickers - Senior Administrator

Safe Surfin'

The Safe Surfin" Foundation (SSF) was formed in 2000 as the educational 'arm' of the Southern VA Internet Crime Against Children Task Force, which was one of the first of 10 in the country. There is great need to raise awareness of internet safety because of the unrelenting predators lurking online in search of their next child victim. SSF continues to lobby for mandatory internet safety education in the public schools of the United States.

The main mission of SSF is to implement and continually support nationwide internet safety education for all students, from K - 12 their parents, teachers, community members, and law enforcement at minimal or no cost to the recipients.

The Loyal Order of Moose has been a proud sponsor of SSF since it's inceptions.

Riley Moves Home

A LITTLE GIRL'S JOURNEY TO FINDING A SAFE HAVEN AT MOOSEHEART

Born into a family broken apart by addiction, it seemed that a stable life for Riley just wasn't in the cards. As a baby she was bounced back and forth from parent to parent. Her father, Steve, couldn't seem to hold a job and often moved in order to find work. Rachel, her mother, battled a serious addiction and juggled a series of bad relationships.

In her younger years, Riley didn't know that her life was any different from other kids. She grew accustomed to the constant moves, different people in her life, and even her mother's addiction. As she grew up and went to school, however, things at home became worse. Her mother's addiction became the center of their world and she moved so many times she couldn't even keep count.

One day at school, Riley brought the fact that drugs were being abused in her home to the attention of school officials. She wasn't sure what would happen, but she knew it was the right thing to do. Once her parents found out she had made their lifestyle known they immediately left town and kept Riley out of school for several months.

Eventually, Child and Family Services were able to locate Riley and intervene. Placed with her grandparents, Riley was given the opportunity to start over again.

Riley enjoyed living with her grandparents and they enjoyed having her around, but unfortunately their age and financial situation kept them from committing to raising Riley long-term. They wanted the best for their granddaughter and they knew that in order to provide it they would need help.

Luckily, Riley's grandparents, Al and Julie, were active members of the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose. Thanks to their membership they knew about Mooseheart and the opportunity it afforded their young granddaughter. So, they sent in the application confident that Mooseheart was the best choice for Riley's future.

Today, Riley is thriving at Mooseheart. She lives in a home with other girls her age and enjoys the stability the campus provides. Cooking meals with her family teachers, doings arts and crafts, and visiting the farm are some of her favorite activities. For Riley, being at Mooseheart means she finally has a home to call her own—and that's more than she ever could've wished for.

Moose Charities

To hear more stories about how your donations are changing lives at Mooseheart sign-up for the Moose Charities monthly E-Newsletter at www.moosecharities.org

Phone: 630-966-2200
Address: 155 S. International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539

Moose International 2019 Convention

In a city synonymous with fun, Las Vegas offers countless opportunities to enjoy life to the fullest. Join us in one of America's most exciting cities from Thursday, June 27th – Monday, July 1st, 2019 for the 2019 International Moose Convention.

2019 Moose Convention Registration Now Open

Registration and housing for the 2019 International Moose Convention in Las Vegas is now open via the Moose International website. The June 27 – July 1 Convention promises to be exciting for first-time attendees as well as those that have participated in the past.

New workshop offerings, more concise general sessions and first-class evening events promise to deliver a memorable week for all involved.

Bally's Las Vegas and Paris Las Vegas will be our host hotels for this event and all meetings will take place within these interconnected properties.

For more information, please visit **www.moose2019LasVegas.org** or the Moose website **www.mooseintl.org**. ■

2019 International Moose Convention

Las Vegas Preliminary Schedule

Thursday, June 27, 2019

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

Friday, June 28, 2019

Registration Open –7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Moose International Gift Store and Displays Open – 8 a.m. - 5 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.
WOTM Opening Session – 1:30 p.m.
Moose International Workshops – 2 p.m. Joint Grand Opening – 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 29, 2019

Registration, Gift Store and Displays Open – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fellowship Breakfast & Conferral – 7:30 a.m.
WOTM College of Regents Conferral – 9 a.m.
Supreme Lodge Opening Session – 10 a.m.
WOTM College of Regents Luncheon – 12 p.m.
Moose International Workshop – 1:30 p.m.
Moose Charities Panel Session and March of Checks – 3:15 p.m.
Karaoke Preliminaries – 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 30, 2019

Church Service – 7 a.m.
Registration, Gift Store and Displays Open 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
WOTM Star Recorder Breakfast & Meeting – 8 a.m.
Supreme Lodge Closing Session – 9 a.m.
WOTM Workshop – 9 a.m.
WOTM Star Recorder Conferral – 10 a.m.
Pilgrim Luncheon – 12 p.m. WOTM Closing Session – 1:30 p.m.
Moose International Workshops – 2 p.m.
Moose Ritual Dinner & Results – 5 p.m.
Moose 25 Club Party – 8 p.m.

Monday, July 1, 2019

Men's and Women's Joint Installation Session – 10 a.m.
Community Service Event – 1 p.m.
League of Guardians' Event – 6:30 p.m.

Around The State

Congratulations to our middle school girl's basketball team on a winning season!!

At the Nitro Moose

Field Press box, BJ Javins, and John Slater presented a check on behalf of the Lodge to the Nitro/Cross Lanes Little League Vice President, Cody Javins for $430. We would like to thank everyone who donated at our recent Saint Patrick's Day Party. This is the 65th consecutive year we have supported the Little League.

SENIORS

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Cutting a Rug

Parkersburg Moose Lodge hosts monthly dances for senior citizens

PARKERSBURG – The Parkersburg Moose Lodge holds a monthly Senior Dance and Dinner at its lodge hall.

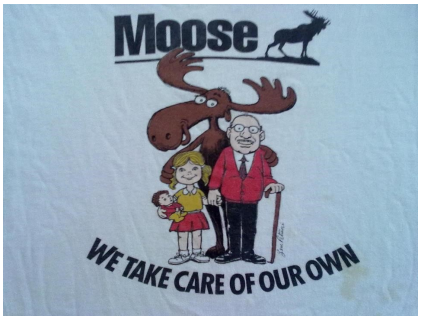
The event is held the second Sunday of each month from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the hall, located at 1 Moose Lane, Parkersburg, which is off W.Va. 95. The lodge hall is located behind Napoli's restaurant and is behind the old southside K-Mart.

"This event is a way for the Moose Lodge to give back to the community," said organizer Gary Cunningham.

Each Moose Lodge is encouraged to do a community project. Parkersburg Lodge 1118 has cleaned roadsides and manned the Salvation Army's Red Kettle program during the holidays.

Photo Provided

RIGHT: The Parkersburg Moose Lodge holds a monthly Senior Dance and Dinner at its lodge hall in Parkersburg. The dances have been going on for 4-5 years. They have been averaging around 80 people. The music featured is from the 1950s, 60s and 70s with requests that can include songs from the 80s and other party favorites.



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The dances are geared for people 55-years-old and older. They provide a free dinner.

"It is our way of giving back to the seniors in our area," Cunningham said.

Cunningham worked as a DJ for gatherings for a number of years. He eventually sold his equipment to the Moose Lodge . He was the only one who knew how to operate it, so he began DJing the dances.

The Keyser Lodge & Chapter support local cub scouts - Pack 27

Charleston Moose Lodge Host's "Sissonville Prom"

Guest Speaker at Charleston Chapter 317

Steve Sheets, a representative of CAMC GENERAL stroke Awareness and support, visited with the Charleston Chapter 317 at their meeting Wed. April 11 for a talk on preventing, recognizing, and assessing stroke-related conditions and complications by the general public.

Just a reminder to all you Moose members out there. When you come to a Moose function, no matter what it is, you are required to show the doorman/bar tender your membership card or you can be refused entrance or drinks. PLEASE understand this is not the Lodge being hard on anyone, but this is a Moose rule. Carry your Moose card proudly and make it a habit to show it every time you come in, do not be ashamed of it. Be Moose Proud!!!!!

Show your Moose Pride...

present your card without being asked!

Moose ♥ Charities

St. Albans Loyal Order of Moose - Lodge 868

Fifth Annual "Schultzie" Golf Tournament

Proceeds to Benefit Moose Charities

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Big Bend Golf Course -Tornado, WV

Registration 8:30 AM Tee-off 9:00 AM

$60.00 Per Golfer

Fees & Cart/Lunch/Prizes/2 Mulligans/FUN!!

Four-Person Scramble Everyone is Invited!

⇒ Hole Sponsors Appreciated - $50.00

⇒ FIRST HOLE-IN-ONE ON #14 WINS $200.00!

Gary Criner 304.400.8109 Marc Miller 304.546.4150

Big Bend GC 304.722.0400

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P O Box 608

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16TH ANNUAL

Mooseheart Blessing of the Bikes

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois Moose Riders

Mooseheart thanks you, the Moose Riders of Lombard, IL Lodge 2350/Chapter 1967, for supporting our Mooseheart children since you founded this event 16 years ago. YOU are the real "Blessing!"

Saturday, May 18, 2019

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
Riders and non-riders welcome.

On-Site Registration	■	8:00 a.m.
Riders' Motorcycle Tour	■	11:30 a.m.
Bike Blessing	■	12:15 p.m.

Mooseheart children will participate in a bicycle ride as one of the day's other activities.