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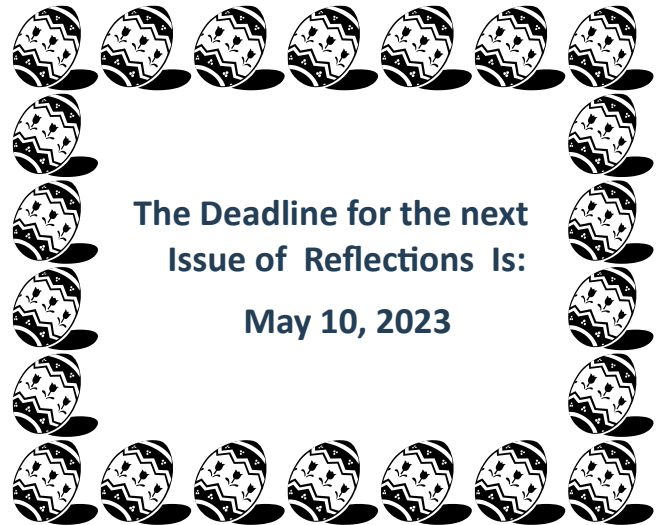
Reflections

2023

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ON THE COVER

Winter Issue - First Snow!

FROM EDITORS DESK

It's A New Year! 2023 started with a clean white sheet. We have a chance to make this year bigger and better than the last. "One Moose" has been established with some good solid roots and is coming along better than most expected. We have been able to merge our organization where most others have failed. We now have, (One Lodge, One Association, One Fraternity).

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
Chief Executive Officer

Once the overcast skies of winter arrived, my mom began saving every bread bag that was emptied (some of you know where this is going). The snow boots we could afford weren't very waterproof, and it didn't take long for the insulation inside to become soaked. So, we slipped our socked feet into bread bags to keep them dry while we built snow forts and pounded each other with snowballs. You made do with what you had and didn't think twice about your feet smelling like Butternut Bread all day.

You can share many of your own "unique" childhood stories and ways you made do with what you had at your disposal. This is much the same in our lodges, as we don't always have the best equipment, furnishings and facilities to attract new members and retain the current ones. What we do have is people. People who care, people who are fun to be around and people who can share with us in our celebrations and be there for us in days not quite so bright. Having warm

dry feet while building an igloo by yourself is okay, but doing it with a brother, sister or friend is so much better. Having a beverage and meal by yourself is okay, but how much more enjoyable to share it with friends at the Moose lodge?

We've had a number of great moments in The Moose which we've shared together – a gain in active membership, an incredible International Convention in Orlando, FL and a celebration of Moosehaven's 100th Anniversary. We saw the Mooseheart Activity Center (MAC) open in June and kicked off Moosehaven's AAA recreation-focused project. Ross Chastain took the No. 1 Moose Fraternity Chevy Camaro to victory lane at Talladega and "Hauled the Wall" in Martinsville. National PR was strong, but even stronger on the local level, as we saw a record number of lodges marketing their value in the community through the Local Marketing Grant Program.

As a fraternity, if we have had all this success by simply making do with what we have, then I can't wait to experience being part of the Moose family in 2023. When life gives you a loaf of bread, break out the strawberry jam and share it with friends and family. Just remember to keep the bread bags – the snow is falling and it's time to put our boots on and make something great together! God Bless!

UGENE HUFFMAN
President
WV Moose Association



As winter ends, it is time once again to when we will all be heading to Huntington, for our Mid - Year Conference at the end of March. I hope to see every single lodge, in attendance for the first time in many years. Each lodge should have at least one member in attendance, we can all find at least one member who is willing to represent our lodges. These conferences are learning experiences, as we hear from Moose Charities, Moose International representatives and our own state chairpersons.

The conference is a change for members to share what has been going on within their lodge, chapters, and legions, and to raise money to help support our favorite charities, including our beloved West Virginia House. There will be a presentation to inform our members of current issues with our Moose home and its future.

We are also inching towards the close of this Moose year, hopefully many of our lodges are working hard towards earning the Premiere Lodge Award. Double check to make sure that your lodge doesn't miss out on this honor as a result of membership losses or not fulfilling our obligations to our organization.

As one Moose year ends, another one begins, by now, all of the lodges should have begun their election process and have had their nominating committee meetings, hopefully members of your lodge and chapters have stepped up to help serve our fraternity in the new year. Please help your new officers to guide your lodges and chapters toward a successful 2034/2034 year.

To the many who support our lodges, chapters and legions, I hope that you are being told thank you, if not, on behalf of our fraternity, I would like to say thank you. Without you, none of what we do would be possible.

Whether serving on your lodge board, attending meetings or volunteering, the little things we do, when we do them together; we are able to achieve greatness. I know that there are days when we all, including myself, wonder why we do what we do. Take a look at the children at Mooseheart, the seniors at Moosehaven and know that they are why we exist, why we do all that we do.

UGENE HUFFMAN
President
WV Moose Association

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



DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

WV Moose Charities Report

Moose Charities Report (February 10th, 2023)

“Thank You”, “Thank You”, “Thank You” for all your generous donations toward the Endowment Fund, WV Home Project and other Moose Charities Projects.

Our Annual “12 Week Club” 2022-2023 was very successful ! Congratulations to all the WINNERS. To hear how successful it was please attend the Moose Charities presentation at Session 3 at our Mid-Year Conference.

Congratulations to District’s 1, 3, and 5 for selling their entire allotment of chances to their Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions. They each will be presented an Incentive check in the amount of \$300.00 for their individual Districts effort. Thanks to each of these Districts. With a little more effort we could have been 100% with all Districts. Who knows maybe next year. I’m working on new incentives for our “12 Week Club” for 2023-2024 to be approved by our Executive Board in August.

Donations currently as of December 31st, 2022 we have donated \$15,149.73 toward the Moosehaven AAA Project, \$36,413.24 toward the WV Home Project, with a balance of \$23,586.76 of our Commitment of \$60,000.00 per year. Please bring your checks to our Moose Charities March of check’s on Saturday at our Mid-Year Conference and get the recognitions you so rightly deserve.

Thank You once again and see ya in Huntington!!!!

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

BARBARA SHEPPARD
PDGR/Co-Chair WV Moose Charities



FROM THE MOOSE CHARITIES STANDPOINT.....

We are all *Proud Moose and you MAKE IT HAPPEN* at your lodge homes by volunteering your time participating in so many activities and events that support the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven.

Twice per year your members participate in the Cradle or Rocker Fundraiser. This fundraising program is easy to make happen at your lodge. Just make copies of the cradles or rockers and walk around the lodge asking for a donation for the children or seniors. Sign the member's name and display them in your lodge home. These donations go to the endowment fund.

Moose Charities is proud to recognize outstanding donors who contribute \$1,000 or to Moose Charities throughout the fiscal year and they are members of the League of Guardians. An exclusive dinner will be held for them at the Moose International Convention in Reno NV. Two sweepstakes mailing are held each year. To ensure you are on the list, make a donation directly to Moose Charities. All other member addresses are chosen randomly from the membership database. The winners are notified and listed on the Moose Charities Website. Winners are also announced by email. This is a very successful fundraiser for us and we hope you watch for the next mailing at the end of April 2023.

Moosehaven AAA project is the newest project. Our seniors are always active at Moosehaven and YOU make this happen. You will be hearing more about this in Huntington at Mid Year. Rudolph Run/Walk was held on November 19, 2022 and this took place in-person at Mooseheart and virtually throughout November. Thank you for participating from near and far. There were Inspiring teams and supporters and OVER \$77,000 was raised by teams near and far bringing their spirit to Mooseheart.

In May of 2022 Moose Riders groups from across the country attended the Mooseheart bike blessing including a march of checks this event raised over \$37,000!!! Talk to your Moose Rider groups about the 2023 Blessing of Bikes. If your Moose Rider group cannot ride to Mooseheart in person, we ASK that you start your group now online at the Moose Charities website. Host your own ride. Join the enthusiasm of Moose Riders!

Many of us use Amazon to do our shopping. Some of you use the amazon app on your phone. Attention Amazon shoppers! If you have connected your Amazon account to AmazonSmile and have chosen either Mooseheart or Moosehaven as your charity of choice, we have good news for you. Total Raised from Amazon is \$15,655.88 since January 2022!!! Keep up the shopping! If you haven't selected Mooseheart or Moosehaven as your Amazon charity of choice yet, please make that your new year's resolution to update your account as soon as possible.

And finally - What else can I say, but THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all that you do for our children and seniors.

**Sincerely, Barb Sheppard, PDGR
Co-Chair – WV Moose Charities**

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

Loss Prevention

Brothers and co-workers

Well old man winter was really as bad as he could have been. Now is the time to think spring and spring safety.

Did your parking lot, side walks floors, etc. survive ok? now is the time to repair them. No one wants a trip and fall in or outside of your lodge.

Are all your bartenders TIPS trained? if not why not? all servers are required to be trained. This needs to be done or the officers could be in for a bad day if an incident happens involving alcohol.

Start getting your lodge safety reports in order and ready to turn in. Do not wait til the last day to get it done. This a good tool to use to be sure your lodge is in tip-top shape.

Check all of your insurance to be sure the amount is enough to cover the cost of replacement of building and contents.

Thank you for all you do in keeping other members safe.

Jim Turner
Loss Prevention Chairman.

June 24th 2023 the third annual **TEDDY BEAR RUN**



**In memory of Jaxson Cotrell
Proceeds to benefit the WVU Medicine
Children's Child Life Program**

Please bring a donation of a new Teddy Bear
Dice run, 50/50, Raffles, Door prizes,
Dinner and Live Music at the Sutton Moose Lodge
Registration 9 am, kick stands up at 11

\$10 rider \$10 passenger

Starting location: Luzaders 3 Girls Diner
53 Mid Mountain lanes Sutton, WV 26601



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



DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

WV Moose Legions Report (February 10, 2023)

Congratulations Kanawha Valley Moose Legion 123 Directors they have made their “Key Club” ????
It’s not too late for any of our Moose Legions to earn their “Key Club”, all your Director’s still have till April 30th, 2023 to sign your Brother Moose into our 2nd Degree, “Moose Legion”.

All of our Moose Legions have paid their obligations for the year and most have volunteered to donate to the Intl. Presidents Project and Students trips. Monongahela Valley #52 could help out by donating to the Student Trips and be 100% with the rest of our Moose Legions.

In case you don’t know, Shawn Baile, our Director of Moose Legion and Higher Degrees will be our Official Visitor at Mid-Year Conference to be held in Huntington, WV on March 30th thru April 3rd, 2023. If you are attending make sure you attend the Thursday evening Moose Legion Memorial Service at 7:00 PM, March 30th, 2023. We are requesting all Moose Legions to send me the names of departed Moose Legionnaires this past year. Just a reminder all Moose Legion Presidents and Secretaries are participants in this service and if they can’t make it send someone in your place with Regalia. By the way women attending may wear their Regalia.

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

MOOSE LEGION

AMBASSADOR NORTH

Bill Przelenski
WV Moose Legion Ambassador North



What is the Moose Legion?

Dedicated members of the Loyal Order of Moose continually look for ways to provide even greater service to our children at Mooseheart and our senior members at Moosehaven. The Moose Legion provides a venue for these enthusiastic members to direct and lead special programs that accomplish this fraternal mission.

Who belongs to the Moose Legion?

Moose Legionnaires come from all walks of life and occupations. They are leaders in their communities and they prevail in positions of responsibility and leadership within the Moose fraternity. Each Moose Legionnaire believes strongly in doing some good thing for someone each day.

Why should I consider joining the Moose Legion?

Membership in the Degree of Service offers you additional opportunities to serve childhood and old age, and opens the door to you and your family for theme parties, sporting events, community service projects and other unique activities available only to members of the Moose Legion. Moose Legion Celebrations are held at various Lodges within the jurisdiction of your Moose Legion, and serve as a means to share ideas and enjoy good times with fellow Moose Legionnaires. Leadership skills may be developed through the Moose Legion Committee of your Lodge or within the Moose Legion jurisdiction.

Membership in the Moose Legion is the stepping stone to the Honorary Degrees of our Order – the Fellowship Degree of Honor and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit. Being called to receive these Honorary Degrees within the Loyal Order of Moose is only possible through recognized achievements in the Lodge and Moose Legion.

How do I join the Moose Legion?

An application for membership is included with this invitation. Simply complete and sign the application, and have it endorsed by any Moose Legionnaire. Then mail the application, along with the required fee and dues as shown, to the Moose Legion Secretary. You will be notified as to the date, time and location of the next Moose Legion conferral ceremony.

WV Moose Legion Ambassador North
Bill Przelenski

MOOSE LEGION AMBASSADOR SOUTH

Stan Ellison
WV Moose Legion Ambassador South



As the International Moose Legion Ambassador (South) and Kanawha Valley Moose Legion 123's Secretary for Districts 4 and 5 we have kicked off 2023 running with a new membership campaign which is described below. This is for members and lodges of Districts 4 and 5 only, Hopefully this will not only help to add new and former members to the next step in fraternalism but also put some cash in your pockets as well. The rules are stated below and a copy was also sent last month to all the lodges in Districts 4 and 5 to post.

ATTENTION!!

EARN SOME CASH

Lodges submitting 5 new or re-enrolled Moose Legion applications per month during the months January, February, March & April; April 2023 will receive \$50.00 for each qualifying month.

May 1, 2023 every lodge that qualifies will be in a special drawing for an additional \$100.

Each month that a Moose Legionnaire sponsors 5 applications he will be eligible for a \$50.00 drawing per month.

At the special drawing on May 1, 2023, those Moose Legionnaires that have qualified by signing 5 new or former members each month will be eligible for \$100.00.

P.S. As of January 1, 2023 we are down 13 members from achieving our goal of a PLUS ONE for the year.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

DISTRICTS 4 and 5 have been selling chances on a Kimber Micro 9mm pistol to be given away at the banquet during the upcoming convention in April. Sales have been very good and we may or may not have any tickets left but for the lodge members outside these two districts we may have leftovers at the convention to sell so check with me.

Last August Districts 4 and 5 held the first Moose Legion Fun Day in a while at the Beckley Lodge. It was attended by many and upon receiving numerous compliments we have already scheduled the next one for 2023 on Saturday, August 26th. Mark your calendar and we hope to see you there. We promise this coming year will be bigger and better and lots of giveaways and drawings will take place as well as the car show.

With Summer approaching the Moose Legions in the South are actively working to promote membership. With that being said please consider taking the next step in fraternalism and become a member of the Moose Legion.

WV Moose Legion Ambassador South
Stan Ellison

**John Lantz
District 1 President**

District 1 held their most recent meeting at New Martinsville Moose Lodge #931 on January 15, 2023. President Rodney Wade of the New Martinsville Moose Lodge welcomed guests to the Lodge, which treated everyone to Pizza following the meeting.

Upcoming events were reported on by all four Lodges represented and in attendance for a 100% participation rate.

Old and new business was discussed. There were not many updates other than informing the District about the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference in Huntington.

Our Mountaineer Moose Legion Secretary Bill Przelenski reported that the Moose Legion is running a fundraiser for a \$5.00 chance for tickets based on the West Virginia Daily 3 drawing.

During the meeting, discussions centered around upcoming nominations for District offices. The board of officers encouraged all members to become more involved.

As this newsletter was being drafted, the District learned that Bill Przelenski's wife had passed away. Our sincerest condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to Brother Bill and his entire family.

The next scheduled district meeting is slated for April 16, 2023, at 1PM at Weirton Moose Lodge #688 in Weirton, WV.

**Fraternally,
John Lantz
District 1 President**

**Bonita Belcher PDGR
WVMA Membership Chair**

SPRING IS IN THE AIR AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS A NEW LODGE, CHAPTER AND LEGION YEAR IS ABOUT TO START. I HOPE EACH OF YOU HAVE AN IDEA AS TO WHERE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS ARE AND WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO MAKE YOUR PLUS ONE THIS YEAR. THESE NUMBERS ARE POSTED MONTHLY ON THE WVMA PAGE. AS OF THE LAST MEMBERSHIP REPORT, THE LODGES AS A WHOLE ARE DOWN 385 MEMBERS, THE CHAPTERS ARE DOWN 164 MEMBERS AND THE LEGIONS ARE DOWN 15 MEMBERS.

I HAVE ALWAYS TOLD EACH OF YOU THAT WE CAN SIGN UP MEMBERS. IT'S THE RETENTION THAT IS HURTING US. INSTEAD OF HARPING ON RETENTION, LET'S FOCUS ON OUR NEW MEMBERS. WHEN THEY FILL OUT THEIR APPLICATIONS, DO YOU AS SPONSORS LET THE PERSPECTIVE MEMBER KNOW WHAT THE MOOSE MISSION IS? DO THEY REALIZE THAT OUR

LODGE HOMES ARE MORE THAN A BAR WITH CHEAP FOOD, CHEAP DRINKS, GOOD BANDS AND GAMING? THIS IS NOT THE MOOSE MISSION, THIS IS HOW WE PAY OUR BILLS AND HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES A BETTER PLACE. THE PERSPECTIVE MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT TWO AMAZING CITIES, MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN. WITHOUT THEIR MEMBERSHIP WE CAN NOT FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THESE TWIN CITIES. MAYBE IF WE EDUCATE THE PERSPECTIVE MEMBER ON WHO WE ARE AND NOT WHAT THEY PERCEIVE US TO BE WE WOULDN'T HAVE A RETENTION ISSUE. IF WE START WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND LET THESE NEW PERSPECTIVE MEMBERS KNOW THAT WE ARE MORE THAN JUST "A BAR", MAYBE THEY WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO BECOME A LIFETIME MEMBERS. I REALIZE TO SHOW A PLUS ONE IN MEMBERSHIP WE MUST

WORK ON RETENTION; HOWEVER, LET'S START THE RETENTION PROCESS WITH THE APPLICATION. LET'S PUT MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN IN THE SPOT LIGHT TO EVERY APPLICATION FILLED OUT SO THAT WHEN THEIR DUES ARE ABOUT TO EXPIRE THEY DON'T GIVE A SECOND THOUGHT TO PAYING THEM. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR MOOSEHEART, MOOSEHAVEN

**BONITA BELCHER, PDGR
WVMA MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Cheryl Foster Chapter Advocate



Hello Moose Sisters, Hope all is well in your families and our chapters. By now you should have your nominating meetings out of the way and a "Full Slate" of Sisters running for an office. Are you planning a beautiful Installation ceremony?

Mid year Conference will be here before you know it. Hope all the Incoming Officers are planning on attending the WOTM Training session on Thursday, March 31st starting at 8:30. This is will held in the meeting room on the 2nd floor like last year. This is a very convenient way to learn about your duties being prepared before taking office.

March of Checks for Sunday Morning, Academy of Friendship Conferral, should be made out to Moose Charities, and earmarked for the Mooseheart Music Dept. There will also be an Endowment fund collection during that mtg. as well.

During the Fri. Morning session, a March of Checks for the WV House renovation will take place and on Sat. Morning session Danny Williams will conduct the Moose Charities March of checks for: Triple A Moosehaven project, Safe Surfing, WV Scholarship and Endowment.

Please don't forget Baskets for Betty's table and new or gently used items for Barb Sheppard's Auction table

We always have a good showing for the Heart of the Community Service event. This year should be no exception, are you collecting the items needed for the Campbell Huntington Children's Hospital of Toys, Coloring books and crayons, (Moose Intl. Catalog sales has Tommy Moose Coloring books, which would be perfect), Tommy Moose and/or other stuffed animals, games, rattles or teething rings. See flyer in this magazine. LET'S FILL THE LOBBY!!

CONGRATULATOINS to our Incoming Academy of Friendship members getting their degree on Sunday April 2nd . Looking forward to seeing all our Sisters in Huntington at our Mid Year. Safe Travels,

Cheryl Foster
Chapter Advocate.

WV MOOSE ASSOCIATION

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY PROJECT

Saturday
April 1, 2023
Huntington
WV



HOOPS
Is for
Children
0-13

Suggested Donations

TEETHING RINGS, RATTLES, COLORING BOOKS,
CRAYONS, STUFFED ANIMALS (TOMMY THE MOOSE
HAS BEEN SUGGESTED), TOYS, PS4 GAMES &
ACCESSORIES . \$5-\$10 ITUNES & APPLE GIFT CARDS
MONETARY DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO HOOPS

THEY NEED **OUR** HELP

WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

February, 2023

Welcome to Spring, we hope!

Here we are three/ four months into a new year 2023, it just doesn't seem possible, I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. I also hope everyone survived the cold, wind, snow and ice and we will see each other in a few weeks in Huntington.

Yes, the Mid-Year Conference is just around the corner, I hope each Lodge and Chapter had a successful Cradle fundraiser in October and wishing each Lodge and Chapter had an even better Rocker fundraiser for February. 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 Rocker and Cradle projects could be a great tool for Retention and getting new members, show them a Rocker and explain that the proceeds go to the Endowment Fund to provide funds for the daily operation of Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

Looking forward to seeing old friends and hopefully making some new ones, in the mean time stay safe, stay focused and stay committed to our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven.

Happy Easter, Happy Spring, Happy, Happy Everything! God Bless Mooseheart, God Bless Moosehaven and God Bless You!

See you soon!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa".

Melissa "Stan" Islawczyk

Chairman, Endowment Fund Committee

Supreme Governor Visits Southern West Virginia



St. Albans Moose Lodge #868

Sutton Moose Lodge #825



Beckley Moose Lodge #825



MOOSE YOUTH AWAIRNESS

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 Kids-Talks 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.

I want to congratulate Anastin Hornsby from Summersville, WV. She is the 2022-2023 first place Youth Awareness winner (\$2,000 scholarship), and Anastin will be West Virginia's representative at the International Youth Awareness Congress April 2023 at St. Louis Missouri.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention in March, 2023.

Jenny Lambert
Youth Awareness Chairman

Bill Przelenski
WVMA Sports Director



2022 SUTTON MOOSE LODGE #825 POOL TOURNAMENT CHAMPION - DANIEL LACY

West Virginia Moose Association

State Pool Tournament

April 14th -16th, 2023

Richwood Moose Lodge 770

1 White Ave

Richwood WV 26261

304-846-6163

304-619-7549



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The Richwood Moose Lodge invites all West Virginia pool players to the Annual State Moose Eight Ball Tournament that is being held April 14th - 16th, 2023.

Player Eligibility: A player must be in good standing with the Moose Association and at least one player per team must be a valid West Virginia Moose member. Moose membership cards must be presented at the tournament.

Applications must be certified by your lodge secretary or Administrator. Registration must be accompanied with the full payment of \$240 per team made payable to the Richwood Moose Lodge. If a player cannot gather a team from his/her own lodge, he/she may join another team to help represent their lodge. In order to assure an organized tournament, all applications should be received by April 7th, 2023.

A captains meeting will be held at 9:30 am Saturday morning with play beginning at 10am.

A copy of the rules will be available at the time and Moose International rules apply. Teams will consist of four players. A separate women's event will be held if at least three women's teams are entered.

Friday evening Oct. 21st: 9 ball tournament (optional) \$25 entry fee.

First Day- First Event: Doubles Play-Double elimination. Win 2 out of 3 games to advance to the next set.

First Day-Second Event: Second Event: Singles play with double elimination. Win 2 out of 3 games to advance to the next set.

Second Day: Team play: Double elimination. Must win 4 out of 6 sets to advance. If the set is tied 3 to 3, there will be a play off game. One set of singles: each team will select one player for the playoff.

Disbursement of entry as follows:

WV Moose Association	\$5.00 per person
Trophies or plaques	\$5.00 per person
Prize money	\$50.00



WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION MID-YEAR CONVENTION 2023

OFFICIAL
VISITOR



Shawn Baile

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MARCH 30TH -
APRIL 2ND

MOOSE
"MAKE IT HAPPEN"

**WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION
MID-YEAR CONFERENCE
MARCH 30th.-APRIL 2nd, 2023
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA**

REGISTRATION:

Friday March 31st 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Saturday April 1st 8:00 am. – 1:00 pm.

Thursday March 30th, 2023

- 9:00 AM Officers Training – Bill Przelenski (2-Hott Class)
- 9:00 AM WOTM 6 Hour Training Class – Michele Dudley
- 12 PM – Benefit Drawing (Doors open at 12:00 pm Lunch at 1:00 pm. And Drawing at 2:00 pm.
- Moose Legion Memorial Service – Danny Williams (Doors open at 6:00 pm. Memorial Service at 7:00pm. Open to everyone, men and women of Higher Degrees please wear your Regalia.

Friday March 31st, 2023 - Registration 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

SESSION 1 9:00 AM

- Call to Order – President Eugene Huffman
- Invocation – Chaplain Keith Bailey
- Pledge of Allegiance- President Eugene Huffman
- National Anthem- Power Point
- Safety Briefing- Junior Past President Marc Miller
- Roll Call of Officers and Committee Chairmen – Secretary Dickey Foster
- Roll Call of Lodges – District Presidents call Lodges in their District
- Initial report of the Credentials Chairman – Chuck Ledsoe
- Recognize First Time Attendees, First Responders, Veterans Past Presidents & Past Deputy Grands –
WVMA Liaison Adam East
- Introduction of O.V. President Eugene Huffman (no comments at this time)
- Video Presentation – CEO Scott Hart
- Video Presentation – Grand Chancellor Barbara McPherson
- Higher Degrees Report – Rodney Wade
- Lodge Elections – Treasurer Barry Wood
- Introduction and comments of Regional Manager – Troy King
- Drawing for Betty's Baskets – Betty Kesling
- Comments of Association Secretary – Dickey Foster
- Recess and Endowment Fund Collection at door.

12 PM - Lodge President & Administrators Luncheon – (Theater Room) Everyone else lunch on their own

SESSION 2 1:30 PM

- Call to Order – **President Eugene Huffman**
- Safety Briefing – **Jr. Past President Marc Miller**
- Roll Call of Lodges – **District Presidents** calls lodges in their District
- Recognize First Time Attendees, First Responders & Veterans – **President Eugene Huffman**
- Lodge Operations 101 - **WVMA Liaison Adam East**
- Heart of the Community Report – **Cindy Fridley**
- Chapter Advocate Remarks – **Cheryl Foster**
- Video Presentation – **Executive Director of Mooseheart Gary Urwiler**
- West Virginia House Renovation Presentation – **Past Supreme Governor Ray Kesling**
- Drawing for Betty's Baskets – **Betty Kesling**
- Comments of Association Secretary – **Dickey Foster**
- Recess and Endowment Fund Collection at door.

7 PM MOOSE CHARITIES APPRECIATION EVENING (BY INVITATION ONLY)

SATURDAY APRIL 1st, 2023

SESSION 3 9:00 AM

- Call to Order – **President Eugene Huffman**
- Safety Briefing – **Jr. Past President Marc Miller**
- Roll Call of Officers and Committee Chairmen – **Secretary Dickey Foster**
- Roll Call of Lodges – **District Presidents** call lodges in their District
- Recognize First Time Attendees, First Responders & Veterans – **President Eugene Huffman**
- Lifetime Achievement Award Discussion – **Association Secretary Dickey Foster**
- Endowment Fund Report – **Melissa Stanislawczyk**
- Video Presentation – **Director of Moose Charities Pamela Amundson**
- Moose Charities Report & March of Checks - **Danny Williams and Barb Sheppard**
- Operating a Solid Social Quarters - **WVMA Liaison Adam East**
- Video Presentation – **Director of Membership Mike Rios**
- Membership, Membership Retention and New Member Orientation – **Bonita Belcher**
- Scholarship Report – **Rich Erlewine**
- Past Supreme Governor Remarks – **Ray Kesling**
- Drawing of Betty's Baskets – **Betty Kesling**
- Comments of Association Secretary – **Dickey Foster**
- Recess and Endowment Fund Collection at door

12 PM - Pilgrim Luncheon – (Regalia must be worn) – Everyone else lunch on their own

SESSION 4 1:30 PM

- Call to Order – **President Eugene Huffman**
- Safety Briefing – **Jr. Past President Marc Miller**
- Roll Call of Lodges – **District Presidents** calls lodges in their District
- Recognize First Time Attendees, First Responders & Veterans – **President Eugene Huffman**
- Address of Official Visitor – **Shawn Baile**
- Video Presentation – Executive Director of Moosehaven - **Helen Taylor**
- Mooseheart/Moosehaven Report – **Michele Dudley**
- Lodge Budget – Why & How - **WVMA Liaison Adam East**
- Final Credentials Report – **Chuck Ledsome**
- Betty's Baskets Drawing – **Betty Kesling**
- Silent Auction Winners – **Barb Sheppard**
- WVMA Liaison Comments – **Adam East**
- Comments of Association Secretary – **Dickey Foster**
- Recess and Endowment Fund Collection at door

6PM Banquet (Limited Seating, purchase your tickets by 11 AM Saturday. Doors open at 6:00 and Banquet starts at 7:00pm (CASH BAR)

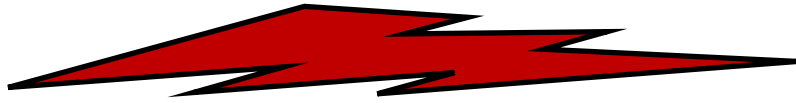
- Doors open at 6 PM
- Dinner 7 PM
- Call to Order – **President Eugene Huffman**
- Awards, Recognition, Drawings
- Official Visitor's Final remarks
- Regional Manager's Final Remarks – **Troy King**
- WVMA Liaison Final Remarks – **Adam East**
- Announcements and Drawings – **Secretary Dickey Foster**
- Closing Prayer – **Chaplain Keith Bailey**
- Motion to Adjourn – **Sine-die**

SUNDAY MORNING APRIL 3RD, 2022

- **8:45 AM** – Academy of Friendship Conferral
- **8:45 AM** – Association Executive committee meeting
- **10 AM** Full Board Meeting (District Presidents, Committee Chairpersons, and Moose International Appointees)

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

Activities Around the State



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Logan Moose Lodge #514



We are give away free coats for those in need! Come on down to the Logan Moose Lodge @ 237 Thunder road Pecks Mill, Wv.



Collection And Sorting Stuffed Animals



Spelter Vol Fire
Department



Shinnston Police
Department

SHINNSTON MOOSE LODGE



Shinnston Vol Fire
Department



Lumberport Vol.
Fire Department

Cindi Utley DiPetta

In November, we collected Stuffed Animals to Donate to the Shinnston, Spelter and Lumberport Fire Departments and our Police Department in Shinnston, for children being displaced due to a medical, fire, accidental or domestic situation. Our drive was a huge success. Please join me in thanking Linda Collier, Penny Watson, Lori Thacker, Dan Olson and Maria Ganoe for helping me to separate and bag the animals for distribution. I would also like to give a "Shout Out" to Lori Thacker and Maria Ganoe for assisting me in delivering the Stuffed Animals, as well.

1.Sorting & Bagging

2. Shinnston Fire Dept...Donnie Lindsay Fire Chief, Maria Ganoe, Cindi DiPetta, Charles Blake President.
3. Spelter Vol Fire Dept...Cindi DiPetta. Matthew Shingleton Deputy Chief
4. Lumberport Vol Fire Dept...Wilbur Cook, Cindi DiPetta, Maria Ganoe and Brian Robey.
5. Shinnston Police Dept...Jon Harbert, Lori Thacker and Maria Ganoe.

Mullens Moose Lodge 750



Members of Mullens Moose Lodge 750 were Santa's helpers this year by assisting the Wyoming County Toy Fund with the purchasing, transporting, sorting and storing toys prior to distribution. The toys were kept in the lodge's ballroom until delivery to the Wyoming County fire departments where parents picked them up for the needy children. This was the 24th year the toy fund has held a toy distribution and the Mullens Lodge members have been involved from the beginning. Over 1,100 toys were given out this year.

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The WOTM presented

a check to the Superintendent of the Muskego Norway School District. Donated funds will be directed to delinquent student lunch accounts.



Posted by:

Moose Virtual Social Quarters

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Keyser Lodge 662.

Trish Pancake received Valued Veteran of the Year for the Keyser Lodge 662.



Reno 2023



INTERNATIONAL MOOSE CONVENTION

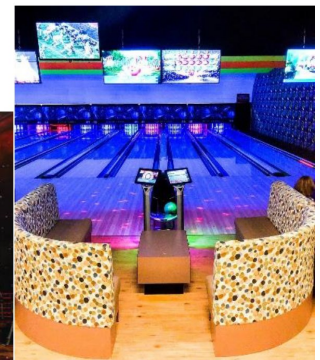
JUNE 20 – JUNE 23



Preliminary Schedule - December 2022
 Sessions held at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino
 (Subject to change)



Monday, June 19	Tuesday, June 20	Wednesday, June 21	Thursday, June 22	Friday, June 23
8:00am - 5:00pm 2-HOTT Training 12:00n - 6:00pm Registration Open Moose Gift Store Open Moose Member Center Open	7:00am - 6:00pm Registration Open 8:00am - 5:00pm Moose Gift Store Open Moose Member Center Open 8:00am - 11:00am Moose Legion Breakfast and Session 9:00am - 11:30am WOTM Topical Session 11:15am - 12:00n Moose Communication Awards 12:00n - 2:30pm Star Luncheon & Conferral 12:30pm - 1:30pm Moose Legion Conference Session 1:00pm - 3:45pm Moose Workshops 1:45pm - 2:45pm Moose Legion Conference Session 3:00pm - 4:00pm Moose Trainers Meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm Opening Session of The Moose	7:30am - 9:30am Fellowship Breakfast & Conferral 8:00am - 5:00pm Registration Open Moose Gift Store Open Moose Member Center Open 8:00am - 5:00pm Moose Legion Ritual Competition 10:00am - 12:00n Second Session of The Moose 12:30pm - 2:00pm College of Regents Luncheon 1:00pm - 3:45pm Moose Workshops 2:30pm - 4:30pm College of Regents Conferral 6:00pm - 8:00pm Moose Slot Tournament	7:30am - 8:30am Academy of Friendship Breakfast 8:00am - 1:30pm Registration Open Moose Gift Store Open Moose Member Center Open 9:00am - 11:00am Third Session of The Moose 12:00n - 1:30pm Pilgrim Luncheon 2:00pm - 3:00pm Chris Tuff Special Session 3:30pm - 4:30pm Moose Workshops 5:00pm - 7:00pm Moose Legion Ritual Dinner 8:00pm - 10:30pm 25 Club/Moose Fun Night	10:00am - 11:30am Installation of Officers 2:00pm - 4:00pm Moose Bowling Outing 5:00pm - 7:30pm League of Guardians Event



2023 International Moose Sports Tournaments

TEXAS HOLD 'EM
Golden Nugget Hotel
& Casino, Las Vegas, NV
January 8-12, 2023

PICKLEBALL
Gulf Cove, FL 2554
February 11-12, 2023

STEEL TIP DARTS
Hopewell, VA 1472
April 15-16, 2023

BOWLING
Dubuque, IA 355
April 29-30, 2023
May 6-7, 2023

POOL
Wilson, NC 989
June 6-10, 2023

BBQ
Mooseheart, IL 2655
June 16-17, 2023

HORSESHOES
Ionia, MI 998
July 7-9, 2023

GOLF
Williamsburg, VA 757
July 28-30, 2023

New!
SOFT TIP DARTS
Yuba City, CA 1204
October 13-15, 2023

TRAP & SKEET SHOOT
Muskego, WI 1057
August TBD

New!
CORNHOLE (AKA Bags)
Bloomington, IN 1081
September 15-17, 2023



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