



The Oregon Moose News

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Bob Steffens, Territory Manager
Southern Idaho, Utah, and Oregon

Dave Jackson, State President

2014-2015 International Karaoke Contest

For the first time ever, the Moose will also crown an International Karaoke Champion who will have worked his or her way up from the Lodge competitions all the way to the international finals. Come see what kind of talent our Brothers and Co-workers possess – the winner may be from your Lodge or Chapter!

All active members of the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose are eligible to participate and the top 12 finalists will travel to the 2015 International Convention to compete for the top prize in front of a packed convention audience. Each finalist will receive round-trip airfare (or equivalent) and two nights lodging at the Opryland Hotel with cash prizes of \$5,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 going to the top three performers.

Singers will first enter their local Lodge/Chapter competition; then move up through District and Association competitions in order to qualify for the finale at the Nashville Convention. Association winners will be responsible for sending DVD's or audio recordings to Moose International, where music professionals and media contacts from around the Chicagoland area will narrow the field to the final 12.

2014-2015 International Karaoke Contest Guidelines

<http://www.moosintl.org/members/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Karaoke-Guidelines.pdf>

Ask you Lodge Administrator for times and locations of your local competitions.



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 Thanks for your attention in this matter.
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District 1 Officers

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 Southern Oregon
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 Redmond
 Stayton
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 East Portland
 Estacada
 Irrigon
 Portland
 St. Helens
 Stanfield
 The Dalles
 Tillamook
 Wilsonville



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LODGE, CHAPTER or LEGION	#	Institution Date	Years
Waldport Moose Lodge	396	12/2/1956	58
Astoria Moose Lodge	408	12/4/1910	104
The Dalles Moose Lodge	2075	12/7/1963	51
Gold Beach Moose Chapter	1963	12/14/1991	23
Beaver Legion	171	1/7/1920	94
Medford Moose Lodge	178	1/10/1937	77
St Helens Moose Lodge	591	1/21/1940	74
Grants Pass/Merlin Moose Chapter	2075	1/25/1997	17
Southern Oregon Moose Lodge	2647	1/28/2006	8

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LETTER FROM YOUR EDITOR

Dear Readers,

It is my hope to make this newsletter "ALL OREGON MOOSE". What I mean by that is NOT everything in these pages being submitted from a State Officer or VIM (Very Important Moose) or even Moose International. All of these entities contribute something to this letter on a regular basis (Good job CONTRIBUTORS!!!) so it is our Lodges, Chapters and "everyday moose" that I'm encouraging to contribute to the filling of these pages. E-mail **moose-news@molalla.net** with Lodge goings on that perhaps other members from throughout Oregon might like to attend (like Kla-

math Falls Special Olympics or Southern Oregon's recent Armed Forces Day).

The more we communicate with one another the closer the bond will feel within our fraternity, thus attempting to narrow the gap that is created by the large distances separating each lodge. (excerpt from the Oregon Moose Association website)

Thanks in advance for helping me make this newsletter

ALL OF OREGONS NEWSLETTER!!!

Christy, OMA Moose News Editor

To do this
I NEED
YOUR HELP!



Association Membership Retention Campaign

November 1, 2014-February 28, 2015

Winner Lodges: Best Retention Rate Percentage Differences
Awards: One Quarter Full Credit in Association Dues

Two Lodge Winners:

One for Lodges with Less than 150 Members
One for Lodges with 150 or More Members



Calculation is Based on Retention Rate Entries In November 2014 Stats Report and March 2015 Stats Report:
Percentage Difference (2 decimal points) = (March Percentage ÷ November Percentage) - 1

Greetings from the
OMA "Webmaster"

I really need ALL of the lodges to send me their newsletters for the OMA website. I do get several, but a majority NEVER send them to me. PLEASE send them to: snowindmedia@gmail.com in

whatever format you use (I prefer .pdf). I'll get them on the site. By the way, have you had a chance to visit the OMA website? Please follow this link: www.oregonmooseassociation.com.

Thanks,
Barry Snow



Oregon Residence at Mooseheart

OMA has asked Laurie Preston to be the coordinator for our Mooseheart Oregon House. Laurie is from St. Helens Chapter 490. She will be spearheading Oregon's efforts to help maintain Oregon Residence at Mooseheart and helping the girls who are currently living in the home. There are 10 girls, aged 12 to 16. She is confident that we are going to do wonderful things in the future for them.

Laurie writes:

Oregon Moose Association Lodges and Chapters need to have a person in contact with Mooseheart and the Oregon Home. Someone to be the go between to get information out to our Lodges and Chapters on what our girls need and to let our Lodges and Chapters know who's there and what they are doing. Sending Birthday & Christmas cards out to them and just

making sure they know we are here for them. Some Lodges and Chapters are already interacting with the Oregon girls in some way. If you could email me on what your Lodge or Chapter is doing, I would appreciate it. This will help me in the coming months to determine what we need or can do. One thing is certain- We don't

want to make any of the girls feel left out or to treat any one girl with special gifts. Our projects/gift giving must be centered on all of the girls in the home. If you would like to take on a specific project please consider all of the girls in the home.

The OMA knows that not every Lodge or Chapter will be able to help 100%... if at all. Your Lodge and Chapter's obligations to your Moose Home, Moose Charities and to the OMA projects must be met first. We can all work together for the Oregon Home as one. Here are a couple of examples: If one lodge/chapter wants to supply hair products but can't for all of the girls, then we ask a 2nd or 3rd lodge/chapter until the need is met. If your Lodge/Chapter can meet a full need, that is fabulous. If you want to take on a project and you need to do it in two phases let's work on that. The possibilities are endless on what we can do.

Please let me know if you would like to do something; I will make sure we are not duplicating projects with the Oregon Home Consultant and the Family Teachers and that we have the correct information before the project starts. Remember the cost of postage to mail items is high and we have different sized girls and tastes. Although it's not as satisfying as picking out something yourself and putting it in a box and mailing it, the girls may have a great time shopping for their own individualities and needs. VISA gift cards are acceptable everywhere and this would eliminate postage and returns. The Family Teachers could just take them shopping. A \$300 gift card ÷ by 10 is \$30.00 per girl.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

I have sent the Lodges and Chapters additional information about our Oregon girls. The information details each girl's name, age, grade, interests, sizes, etc. If the lists are unavailable at your Lodge/Chapter please notify me. I will email you copies.

Laurie Preston

OMA -Oregon House Coordinator

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Go to www.mooseintl.org for more information

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BACK TO BASICS

MAY 1, 2014 - APRIL 30, 2015

SIGN 1 MEMBER
"Moose - Back to Basics" Lapel Pin

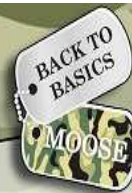
SIGN 5 MEMBERS
\$5 Donation to Build the Elementary Academic Center at Mooseheart

SIGN 25 MEMBERS
Brick Dedicated in Your Name to the Mooseheart School Renovation Project

Use your voice for kindness,
 your ears for compassion,
 your hands for charity,
 your mind for truth,
 and your heart for love.

★ MOOSE ★ BACK TO BASICS

MAY 1, 2014 - APRIL 30, 2015



DISTRICT 2 NEWS

Hello my fellow Oregon Mousers'!

As the new District 2 President I'm still learning the ropes. Just found out I needed to get in an article for this publication. I learned of this via a bun chewing from Christy. Not a problem... I have plenty to go around. That being said my first article to you will be short and sweet.

Districts 2's first meeting was held at the Waldport Lodge and I'd like to thank Willie and the gang for their hospitality and for making it a great event.

Our next district meeting will be held at the Oakridge Lodge on January 10th in conjunction with the higher

degree and Beaver Legion celebration on the 11th. If you can make it, love to see you there. We'll have a great time.

To the Lodges in District 2, you'll be hearing from me via e-mail and I look forward to talking to you in Oakridge.

I've got so much more to day , but I was told SHORT and SWEET!

Forward in the good, onward in the right.

Fraternally,
Bobby Lowe



DISTRICT 3 NEWS

District 3 held its October meeting at the Stanfield lodge. The hospitality of the lodge was tremendous and the luncheon put on by the Stanfield chapter was delicious. Considering the distances that had to be traveled there was an amazing turnout. We were able to sell one of our Supreme Governor bobble heads. If anyone would like to add one to their collection District 3 has some available for purchase.

Deputy Supreme Governor Warren Kilby and his lady, Suzi, were present for the meeting.

At the meeting much discussion revolved around Membership Retention Week and what lodges were planning. Also Territory Manager Bob Steffens' mini membership campaign was reviewed and posters distributed. WOTM Grand Council member, Betty

May, shared information about the lodge and chapter competition that was ramping up. The lodges shared their plans for the holiday season, and their support for those in need of assistance during this time of year.

Further discussion took place regarding upcoming meetings. As it stands now the January meeting will be held in Wilsonville; the April meeting will be in Astoria to celebrate the end of Moose Legion President Doug Flesey's term of office; the July meeting is scheduled for St. Helens; while next October's meeting is planned for Tillamook as the District wants to support this lodge as it continues to strengthen its role in the association.

Roger DeVille
District One president

Territorial Manager News



The year is moving along quickly and I am very pleased that many of the lodges I visit have great and friendly competition going on with their Cradle Funds, demonstrating they understand and participate in what we are all about.

Our OMA October-December 2-2&2 Membership Campaign will result in one coworker or LOOM member receiving lodging and banquet tickets for our March mid-year in Klamath Falls – sponsor a minimum of two LOOM members to qualify for the drawing, with “tickets” for each sponsorship beginning with two.

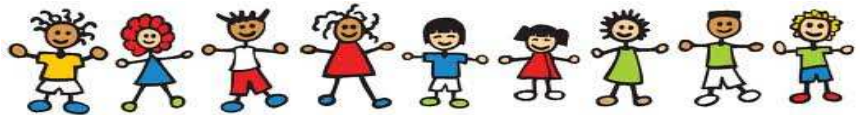
What a privilege we will have with former Mooseheart resident (Class of 1987), former Mooseheart coach (Chicago Bear’s High School Coach of the Week), former Mooseheart Teacher and Principal, and current Executive Director of Mooseheart, Gary Urwiler, as our LOOM Official Visitor. We are planning an entertaining and informative program, chuck full of fun and workshops, that will be a “*ya’ had to be there!*” dynamite event.

Our next major activity is Retention Week; as you know, we had a major focus on this at our recent convention. I also am very pleased with the activities our Higher Degrees are planning to support lodges and chapters with this extremely important campaign. Again, Retention Week is just the start of what needs to be a continuous, *not continual*, effort to keep our valued members active and engaged. Additionally, we will be running an OMA retention campaign for the lodges November-February, with two winning lodges receiving credit for their quarterly dues.

Think membership. And, this is not coming as a campaign or other marketing scheme for the sake of increasing our fraternity’s status. This is, as you know, survival: we simply cannot continue to abuse the same handful of members who are doing all the cooking and activities; nor, can we attend to our facilities’ upkeep, community service/activities, and charitable charges without increased revenues. We must strengthen the Defending Circle and we are remiss if we are not in our Preferred Members status, inviting family and friends to join with us in our fellowship and endeavors. Please, please take this to heart.

Have a super Holidays Season,

Fraternally,
Bob



MONDAY MOOSE HEALTH TIP!



**THERE IS NO BETTER EXERCISE
FOR THE HUMAN HEART
THAN TO LIFT THE BURDEN OF OTHERS!**

www.moosecharities.org/donors_circle

“It is what it is” vs “What it is”

If you project the “it is what it is” mentality, how can you expect the membership to feel any other way? However—if you can establish a positive environment centered on making the Lodge an asset to its members and your community, you will be proud to know that you played a part in making it “WHAT IT IS!”

~Shawn Baile



Nashville will be “home” to the 2015 International Moose Convention from July 3 – 7 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. As one of the Moose Fraternity’s most popular destinations, Nashville has offered our members a unique and entertaining experience each and every time we’ve visited. Our convention, over the 4th of July weekend, features new and exciting events and includes opportunities to visit the world-famous Grand Ole Opry and watch one of the best fireworks displays in the country!

For the second year in a row, Moose members will also have the chance to participate in a variety of Heart of the Community events, where we’ll again show the local community what it really means to be

a Moose. For the first time ever, the Moose will also crown an International Karaoke Champion who will have worked his or her way up from the Lodge competitions all the way to the international finals. Come see what our Brothers and Co-workers possess – the winner may be from your Lodge or Chapter! Don’t miss out on your opportunity to learn more about the Moose while having a great time with members from across our great Fraternity. For many of you, Nashville is a reasonable drive away, so there’s no excuse not to be there. Whether you are an officer or simply an average member, this convention has plenty to offer. We look forward to seeing YOU in the “Music City” in July 2015.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION LINKS

Copy and paste any of the following links into your browser to get information you may need on the provided topics. Please note that at this time Pre-registration, Travel specials and Events are not yet available but keep checking back.

HOUSING

<http://www.mooseintl.org/members/index.php/2015-nashville-housing>

Housing for this year’s International Moose Convention will take place at two hotels: Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center and The Inn at Opryland.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

<http://www.mooseintl.org/members/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Nashville-Preliminary-Schedule.pdf>

At this time the schedule is subject to change.

REGISTRATION

<http://www.mooseintl.org/members/index.php/2015-nashville-registration>

Pre-registration is not scheduled to be posted until early January. Please check back at that time for details about how to register!

TRAVEL

<http://www.mooseintl.org/members/index.php/2015-nashville-travel-info/>

Travel information is not yet available. Please check back at a later date for special Moose travel deals!

EVENTS

<http://www.mooseintl.org/members/index.php/2015-nashville-events/>

Event information is not yet available. Please check back at a later date for fun things to do in your spare time while in Nashville!



A Note from the Director General

My office window on the Mooseheart campus looks directly out at the Campanile Clock Tower, so knowing the time of day is always a breeze. Fairly large gears keep the hands of the clock moving day and night, whether I am watching or not. When I think about everything Moose, I see a lot of similarities with the magnificent Campanile and its clock feature. We as Moose, stand strong and

mighty, ready to provide aid to those in need at any hour. You, the member, are at work in your Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion and community, providing valuable aid, whether I am watching or not. Your Lodge home is the Heart of the Community and whether it is the bottom of the hour or the top of the hour, we stand unified, resonating the same chime - "It's good to be a Moose!"



SCOTT D. HART
Director General



<i>November</i>	
HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
<i>December</i>	
12/13/14	2pm Executive Meeting 3pm OMA Board Meeting 6pm OMA Holiday Party and gift exchange – Upper Rogue
MERRY CHRISTMAS	
<i>January</i>	
01/10/15	District 1– Upper Rogue Emerald Empire Council of Higher Degree 11:00
01/11/15	Crater Lake Moose Legion
01/10/15	District 2– Oakridge Ski-to-Sea Council of Higher Degree 11:00 Beaver Moose Legion
01/10/15	District 3- Wilsonville Two Rivers Council of Higher Degree 11:00 Columbia Moose Legion
HAPPY NEW YEAR	
<i>February</i>	
02/07/15	Pinochle Tournament– Molalla

