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Southern Idaho, Utah, and Oregon

Dave Jackson, Oregon State President

GARY L. URWILER

Gary L. Urwiler was named Executive Director of Mooseheart Child City & School on an interim basis on Dec. 21, 2012; the Mooseheart Board of Directors made the appointment permanent on Jan. 8, 2013. Urwiler had previously served as Superintendent of Education and Principal for the campus's K-12 school system since August 2003. Since 2004, he has also served as Mooseheart's head football coach. Gary had previously served Mooseheart as Dean of Students, Athletic Director and head football coach from August 1995 through May 2000. From 1992-1995 and 2000-2003, Gary had been a teacher, coach and administrator with West Aurora, IL School District 129. Gary is a product of the Mooseheart campus that he now leads. He is a member of the Mooseheart Class of 1987, having first come to the Child City in 1981 at age 12, sponsored by Riverside, NJ Lodge 279. He quarterbacked the Red Ramblers football team to two straight unbeaten regular seasons in 1985 and 1986. Following graduation, he went to Eureka (IL) College—and quarterbacked the undefeated Red Devils, who were ranked 3rd in the nation in Division III and NAIA Division II. During his senior year, he also led the nation in NCAA Division III passing (quarterback rating) in 1991. Gary has also received the honor of being named "Football Coach of the Year" in 1996 by the Aurora (IL) Beacon News; he was named "Chicago Bears Coach of the Week" late in the 2011 season. Gary received a bachelor's degree from Eureka in secondary education in 1992, and a master's degree in educational administration in 2001 from Aurora (IL) University. Gary joined Aurora, IL Lodge 400 in 1994; he later transferred membership to Mooseheart, IL Lodge 2655. He elevated to Mecca (IL) Moose Legion 9 in 1999. A member of the Century Division of the Moose 25 Club, Gary received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 2009. He also served as "Junior Governor" of Mooseheart Lodge from 2006-2007 and later became "Governor" of the Mooseheart Lodge for two terms 2008 and 2011. Gary and his wife Donna were married at the Mooseheart House of God in 1997. They are the parents of three sons: Zachery, Quinton, and Trey. The Urwilers reside on the Mooseheart campus.



Judy Sisson

Judy B. Sisson served Women of the Moose as Director of Operations from August 2008 -August 2013. Judy previously served as Executive Assistant to the Grand Chancellor from May 2007 to July 2008. Judy joined the Women of the Moose San Diego, CA Chapter 2 in 1985 where she holds Life Membership. She is also a Life Member of Mooseheart, IL Chapter 3001. Judy remains active with her Chapters and has served in many capacities including Senior Regent, Junior Graduate Regent, Recorder, Secretary/Treasurer, Mooseheart Chairman and Ritual Coach. Judy further served the fraternity as CA/NV Ritual Chairman 1997-2001, Deputy Grand Regent 2001-2002, Deputy Regional Manager 2005-2007, and as an International Ritual Judge 1998-2007. A member of the Moose 25 Club, Judy achieved her Academy of Friendship Degree in 1988, College of Regents Degree in 1991 and Star Recorder Degree in 1992. Aside from her Moose activities Judy enjoys playing WOW, going to the movies, participating in water sports and relaxing near the river. Judy's husband Bill is a member of San Diego, CA Lodge 508. Their daughter, Jill, is a member of San Diego, CA Chapter 2. The Sissons reside in the San Diego area .



2015 Oregon Moose Association
Mid-Year Conference

Klamath Falls, OR
March 19-22, 2015

Join Official Visitors Gary Urwiler & Judy Sisson
for a fun filled, information packed,
Hawaiian themed good time!

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District 1 Officers

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 Pacific Dunes
 Southern Oregon
 Springfield
 Upper Rogue

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 Lebanon
 Lincoln City
 Molalla
 Oakridge
 Redmond
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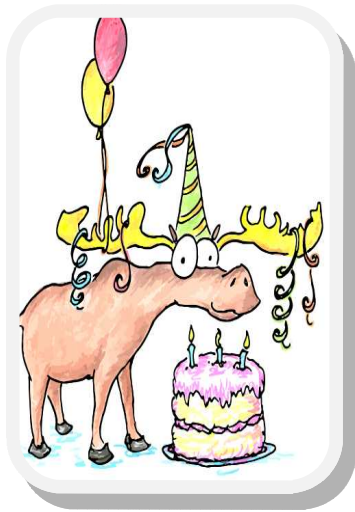
District 3 Lodges

Astoria
 East Portland
 Estacada
 Irrigon
 Portland
 St. Helens
 Stanfield
 The Dalles
 Tillamook
 Wilsonville

I'm not rich,
 but I have time.
 That's what I give.

LODGE, CHAPTER or LEGION	#	Institution Date	Years
Redmond Moose Lodge	323	2/16/1975	40
Stanfield Moose Lodge	920	2/24/1974	41
Tillamook Moose Lodge	1260	2/28/1913	102
Oakridge Moose Chapter	1580	3/1/1969	46
Grants Pass/Merlin Moose Lodge	2454	3/2/1996	19
Junction City Moose Chapter	487	3/8/1980	35
Florence Moose Lodge	2110	3/12/1961	54
Astoria Moose Chapter	422	3/16/1941	74
Irrigon Moose Chapter	2144	3/27/1999	16
Upper Rogue Moose Chapter	2206	3/31/2001	14
Stayton Moose Lodge	2639	4/2/2005	10
Lebanon Moose Lodge	1866	4/7/1974	41
Estacada Moose Lodge	333	4/13/1979	36
Pacific Dunes Moose Lodge	2442	4/15/1995	20
The Dalles Moose Chapter	1494	4/17/1965	50
Bend Moose Chapter	674	4/23/1944	71
Gold Beach Moose Lodge	2101	4/24/1960	55
Lincoln City Moose Lodge	2619	4/26/2003	12
Portland Moose Chapter	297	4/28/1917	98
Florence Moose Chapter	1184	4/30/1965	50

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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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



It is once again with a warmed heart that we congratulate the outstanding Moose members of the State of Oregon, We have learned that Oregon has completed its **FOURTH** naming project for the benefit of the Mooseheart School Renovation Project. We took on the Pre-School Classroom and completed it in record time, we knocked out the Art Room, we handled the Counselor's office, and now we can add the Health Occupations Classroom! A very grateful fraternity wants to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts!

However, our work is never done. February is the month for the Rocker Fundraiser. Each October we do the cradle fundraiser for the children at Mooseheart and each February it is time for the Rocker Fundraiser for the benefit of our seniors at Moosehaven. Both of these fundraisers are a great

way to involve some of our casual members that may not always attend our meetings or follow us as closely. The lodges should have their packets. Brothers please make sure that we share this opportunity with our Co-Workers. I hope we can plan some fun and interesting rocker events. We need to also instruct our staff to ask members in the social quarters if they would like to participate, remember we have to ask for them to know about this campaign.

Please note that our Cradle and Rocker campaigns have been doing better each year. During 2013 Oregon units raised \$1646 for the Cradle fundraiser and \$2032 for the Rocker fundraiser. Last year we raised \$2149 for the Cradle fundraiser and \$2897 for the rocker campaign. That is a 30% and 42% year over year increase respectively. We know that this year can be even better and we look forward to your participation.

Thanks For All That You Do,
Don, Karen, and Marty



Territorial Manager News

Holiday Season is over and we're heading toward the final quarter of this fiscal year – wow, it truly is going by fast. We had more lodges that participated in our Mooseheart Cradle fund this past Fall than before and I'm hoping we do equally well with the upcoming Moosehaven Rocking chair fund.

I am putting together the results of our OMA October-December 2-2&2 Membership Campaign, which will result in one coworker or LOOM member receiving lodging and banquet tickets for our March mid-year in Klamath Falls – the winner should be announced by the time you read this.

I am repeating one of the paragraphs in my last article: 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 have the agenda almost completed for our mid-year and it definitely will be entertaining and informative. We will be presenting "how-to" and other interactive presentations, and there will be two workshops – the format will be interesting and worthwhile: again, one of those "ya' had to be there!" dynamite events.

Likewise, with Moose International's convention/conferences in Nashville. If you were in Las Vegas last year, you noted the agendas, the format, and the community interaction have resulted in a paradigm shift from previous not-so-interesting, less than informative, and questionable value events. Hopefully, you have already planned your transportation and registered: if not, it's time to do so.



Here is another worthwhile repeat from our last newsletter: *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.

See you at Mid-year ... Bob



Deputy Grand Regent

Hello Co-Workers
Are you ready to attend Spring Conference in Klamath Falls? Conference dates are March 20 thru 22, 2015. The Hostess chapters are going to be Bend #384, LaPine #1851 and Redmond #1801. I've met with these ladies and they are excited. Registration Chairman has already sent out Registration. If your chapter recorder hasn't

received yours yet email me and I'll get one out to you right away. Our Official Visitor will be Judy Sisson, Grand Council Member from California.

Mid-year conference schedule will be posted on the Moose web Page and Internationals web page.

Be sure to get your Academy of Friendship matriculates signed up for conference and be sure to include any matriculates from past years to attend. If they can not find their call card, please let me know and I will take care of it.

If you're planning to attend the banquet the theme is Hawaiian with a twist. Come and find out what the twist is.

Friday Morning session I would encourage you to wear some camouflage. Make it fun and inexpensive. It doesn't matter what color it is. Just come and have some fun.

Saturday Morning there will be a joint session at 8am. I would encourage you to attend. There will be a couple of videos from International that I know you will enjoy.

Saturday Afternoon Session, I believe that back to basic to me is going to Grandma's House. So in honor of going back to basics I will be having an apron contest. Get them out of the closet and wear them Saturday afternoon. A prize will be given to the best apron.

I hope I haven't overwhelmed you with information. I'm excited and nervous. I want you to have fun and learn a lot to take back to your



OMA State President

Brothers and Co-workers, it is now time to prepare for the Midyear Conference, March 19th through the 22nd. It is time for fun and learning new ways to excite your members (new and experienced alike). All lodge governors and administrators are required to attend and Conference is open to all members of the Order. We have some excellent speakers and programs for you to partake in. The theme of the banquet is Hawaiian dress. I can not think of a more comfortable attire than Hawaiian shirts for the men and muumuus for the ladies. OMA Karaoke finals will be held on Friday Night. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Dave Jackson
OMA President



chapter.

If you have any questions or I forgot something or if you just want to say HELLO email me at swells@bendbroadband.com.

See you in Klamath Falls.

Sandra (Sandi) Wells
Deputy Grand Regent

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DISTRICT 1 NEWS

District 1 is holding the district Karaoke contest at Southern Oregon lodge #2647 on Saturday February 28 after dinner. Each lodge is sending one winner

from their lodge contest to the district competition.

Michael Fuller,
District 1 President.

DISTRICT 2 NEWS

Hello my fellow Mooser's,

I hope you and yours had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I personally made a couple of New Year resolutions which by the time I woke up on the 1st.....I'd already broken! Oh well, always next year.

We had a great District 2, Higher Degree and Legion meeting which was held on Jan. 10th and 11th at the Oakridge lodge. I'd like to thank all you folks at Oakridge for the hospitality and hosting this event. Well done. Also want to thank ALL of you who made the trip there. It was a great time. I realized I screwed up during the district meeting when I said out of the 8 lodges in our state to receive the premier lodge award...4 were from district 2. It was 5!! Silly me got caught up in the moment.

We held our Districts karaoke competition after the meetings and boy was there some talent. Excellent singers. Congratulations to Amy Kordosky, Gail Booth and Lydia Beckett who will be representing our district

at the mid-year conference. I'm bias but I'm thinking 'winner winner chicken dinner'! BAM!! I would also like to congratulate Nancy Christianson from Redmond chapter #1801 for receiving the award of achievement, the Green Cap. Great accomplishment and well deserved. I know your lodge and we, are proud of you. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our OMA mid-year conference in March at Klamath Falls. Our next District 2 meeting will be held April 11th and 12th at La Pine in conjunction with Ski to Sea Higher Degree and Beaver Legion #171. I encourage anyone who can make the trip to please do so. A great time will be had by all.

I'm sure I'm forgetting something, but for now.....I'm out. Take care all, see you soon. Forward in the good, onward in the right.

Fraternally,
Bobby Lowe
District Two President



DISTRICT 3 NEWS

The January District 3 meeting was very well attended. Lodges and chapters shared many great ideas for activities and fundraisers to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven as well as local charities and organizations. Besides the report outs it was great to renew friendships with Moose from the far ranging boundaries of the district.

A huge shout-out goes to Assistant Territory Manager Mike Hauzenberger for his detailed explanation of the various dispensations available (and required) from the Governor General's office. Mike's explanations and the Q and A that followed clarified greatly the paperwork needed and specifically why we need to complete and submit the forms. It is safe to remark that following Mike's presentation no one in attendance can legitimately state that they have any confusion or questions as to the "whys and hows" of the dispensation requirement.

A sobering report came on membership retention--something that, unfortunately, is being heard over and

over. We are adding new members, but we are not holding them. Concerted efforts must be employed to ensure that once individuals become Moose that we engage them in the wide-ranging activities of the lodge and chapter, district, association, and the fraternity at large. Once they are engaged retention basically would be automatic.

Saturday evening those members who chose to remain enjoyed a great night of Karaoke starting with the District Karaoke Contest and continuing on with members showing their "chops" with a variety of songs.

The District 3 April meetings will be at the Astoria Lodge. All are looking forward to a visit to the north coast. Perhaps, we will see you there!

Roger DeVille
District Three president

Change is Inevitable and Necessary

By **BOB NEFF**/Director, Ritual and Higher Degrees

A long standing and consistent saying is that "The one constant in life – is change!" Virtually all things change over time. A flower can start life looking like a weed but eventually blossom into a beautiful plant. A vegetable garden does a similar transformation from mere seeds to producing edible and healthy foods.

Without change, there is often no advancement in our efforts or in our lives. We should not think the organization we are members of would be so different. Each year we see change in some of our officers and chairmen. This brings new and fresh ideas from a different perspective, often resulting in some change in our operation.

This can be good – as long as we channel that change to be positive. But how can we assure things done differently, or those members we mentor, will bring about positive change? In honesty, we cannot have that assurance. However, leaving them as they are, especially if they are not currently successful, means there is virtually no chance of positive change. We must work together and plan to try some things differently than we have been doing.

So then, what changes should we implement? While Moose International

tries to make policies that navigate down the middle of the stream, it is impossible for a one size fits all approach. That is exactly why Boards of Officers, Boards of Directors and appointments of Chairmen in each unit become so important.

As we head into "nomination season" in our Chapters, Lodges and Moose Legions, those potential "changes of the guard" become critical to our future success. Higher Degree members have generally pledged and are asked to do all we can to assure the right changes are made on our boards. We must encourage the 'right' people to step forward as leaders.

When serving on nomination committees – we must have the fortitude to make tough choices in order to maximize the potential for positive change in coming years. This is necessary to assure the future of our fraternal units. We must do that to protect the future of our philanthropic work at Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

It is up to each of us as leaders to evaluate and initiate basic and necessary change so that there will be a future for our fraternal unit, allowing it the opportunity to be a positive component of our Order. We can stand tall and proud when we work side by side with open minds to make changes that assure a progressive future. Change is necessary. ■



02/07/15 Pinochle Tournament, Molalla



03/07/15 Pool Tournament, E. Portland

03/20/15 2pm Executive Board Meeting, Klamath Falls

03/19-22/15 Mid Year Conference– Klamath Falls



**04/11/15 District 1– Medford
Emerald Empire Council of Higher Degree 11:00**

04/11/15 Crater Lake Moose Legion

**04/11/15 District 2– La Pine
Ski-to-Sea Council of Higher Degree 11:00**

04/11/15 Beaver Moose Legion

**04/11/15 District 3– Astoria
Two Rivers Council of Higher Degree 11:00**

04/11/15 Columbia Moose Legion



05/02/15 Past Presidents & DGR's– TBA

CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITES!

Districts have held their competitions and there will be nine finalists going to State competition for a chance to participate at International level.





Nashville, “home” to the 2015 International Moose Convention from July 3 – 7 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. 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! Moose members will also have the chance to partici-

pate 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. We look forward to seeing YOU in the “Music City” in July 2015.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION LINKS

Copy/ paste the following links into your browser to get information you may need on the provided topics.

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>

Convention pre-registration begins December 9th and continues with all forms submitted electronically or postmarked on or before May 22nd, 2015.

- Pre-Registration rates are:- Registration: \$50.00 online / \$60.00 by mail- Optional Breakfasts: \$30.00- Optional Luncheons: \$35.00

All forms submitted electronically or postmarked by mail after May 22nd, 2015 or onsite in Nashville are considered regular registrations and will be assessed the following:- Registration: \$100.00- Optional Breakfasts: \$45.00- Optional Luncheons: \$50.00

TRAVEL

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

Moose International will be offering a travel deal for the 2015 Nashville Convention through Southwest Airlines! Southwest Airlines will give Moose members a 10% discount off Anytime & Business Select fares and a 5% discount off select Wanna Get Away fares.

[Book your flights from April 1st through June 23rd to take advantage of these discounted rates!](#)

By flying Southwest Airlines, as a Moose International traveler, you will also receive 25% bonus points when enrolled in the [Rapid Rewards program](#).

EVENTS

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

On Sunday, July 5th the Moose 25 Club program will be an evening at the Grand Ole Opry.

Monday, July 6, Men’s and Women’s Heart of the Community Events, Karaoke Finals

Tuesday, July 7, League of Guardians Event