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Mooseheart Rudolph Run Walk 2023—Nov 18th

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**Springfield Moose Lodge 1726 also has a team.
Their link is below.**

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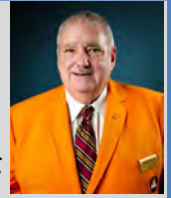
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Territory Manager, Roger DeVille



As of Friday, October 27 our association was down only 31 members. This is an improvement of over 230 since the beginning of the month.

We know that the number will change as we move into November. However, it is pleasing to note the positive direction that membership has taken. This needs to continue.

The Oregon Moose Association ranked 10th in the fraternity last year. It would be great to improve on that number this year. Membership is a prime consideration in the rankings. While having a top association is great it is the lodges that matter most. All lodges should be focused on achieving the Premier Lodge Award as it is a measure of a lodge's success.

It is important to add new members as they provide fresh ideas and energy to the life of the lodge. It is also imperative to maintain our members. If your lodge achieves an 80% retention rate over the course of the year past data shows that your lodge will be at Plus One on April 30.

You may not like data targets, but remember—if your lodge achieves all of the data targets on the All-Stat not only will you be growing your lodge, but you will be supporting Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and your local community.

Membership retention committees should be diligently working the expired members list NOW not waiting until April. A personal contact whether by phone or in person is far better than a mailing. If your lodge has not yet starting doing so, suggest that it organize an activity where members can start calling the expired members.

If we all work together then the association will be at Plus 1 and your lodge increases the odds that it will achieve the Premier Lodge Award.

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QuickBooks assistance for all fraternal units...

Effective immediately, the Moose International Membership Department will provide all Fraternal units, Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, and Associations, with real-time assistance with QuickBooks/Online issues. Senior Financial Review Specialist Glenn Neil will respond to inquiries and provide this vital service and can be contacted at (630) 906-3655 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm CST Monday through Friday.

The Moose Fraternity

*An International Organization of Men and Women
Dedicated to Caring for Young and Old, Bringing
Communities Closer Together, and Celebrating Life.*





Banquet Fun Was Being Had By All!



Member Recognition Presentations



Lodge Membership Chairman

Al Plecas, Medford
Jane Downs, Springfield
Duane Edmondson, Jct City and Winner



Lodge Retention

Tammy Bice, LaPine
Jane Downs, Springfield
Duane Edmondson, Jct City And WINNER



Lodge Volunteer

Leslie Poll, Medford
Adam McFarlin, LaPine
Annette Hayden, Bend



Lodge Mentoring

Jack Brown, Jct City
Michelle Mayo, Bend and WINNER
Russell Downs, Springfield



Lodge Steward

Sue Smith, Irrigon (not pictured)
Mianna Coats, Medford
Meghan Stormont, Bend (not pictured) and WINNER



Lodge Community Service Volunteer

Rick Thomas (not pictured)
Lorene Sykes, St. Helens (not pictured)
Michelle Mayo, Bend and WINNER
Sue Sturman, Jct. City
Lois Price, Springfield (not pictured)



Friendliest Oregon Moose Home

Stanfield
Medford
Springfield and WINNER



Annual Convention fun in Pictures!



Our new President-Karen!
 She almost died!
 It tried to kill her!
 She is not a Karen!!

Dammit Doll Gavel!!

Michelle Waits
 receiving Outgoing
 President plaque from
 TM Roger DeVille



Phone a Friend—Betty May

Betty was sick in bed in her hotel room. Marty called her to read the resolutions.

Betty May was awarded the Honorary Past OMA President. We could hear her crying on the phone. Would have been fun to see her cry in person.

Well deserved Betty!

A little fun at the Banquet!

Shannon Lancaster giving the TP Committee Report— Report received a motion to accept and unanimous 2nd!





Premier Lodge Recipients

- Gold Beach 2101 (1st Time Qualifier)
- East Portland 1891
- Junction City 2238
- Klamath Falls 1106
- Medford 178
- Molalla 1277
- Portland 291
- Redmond 323
- Springfield 1726
- Wilsonville 1598 (12 Time Qualifier)

- HOC Lodges – Plaque and Coin
- Medford
- Wilsonville
- Bend
- Jct City
- Honorable Mention
- Tillamook
- East Portland

Friday Night Pilgrim Presentation Ceremony at East Portland

Honorees

Joe Parker & Jim Sehl

Pilgrim Ritual Staff

and Honor Guard

Collegians in Regalia



We had 67 women having fun and laughing throughout our entire WOTM Session.
It was so much fun.



Assn Official Visitor, WOTM Grand Regent Debby Evans, sharing her words of wisdom with the chapter members.

Our Assn President, Michelle keeping an eye on the clock. We finished right on time and she had a good time too.



Pics of Sundays Convocation and Golden Gavel Ceremony
Recipients:
Linda Bruni, Wilsonville
Sandi Jones, Grants Pass
Suzi Keel, Waldport
Melissa Sanford, Springfield



RALLY DAY AT GRANTS PASS CHAPTER
OCTOBER 21ST FUN TIMES!



Oregon Chapters donated \$905 for Moosehaven Daily Needs, \$1175 for AAA at Moosehaven, \$1053 for Josephine Co Search and Rescue, \$614 for Fire Department plus over 100 Tommy Moose.



Cornhole Tournament—Medford Lodge—October 22nd
 Winners were (Teams):
 1st Place—Ashley Jones Lodge 178 and Jerry Lichvar Lodge 178
 2nd Place—Corey Rauch Lodge 178 and Frank Rose Lodge 2454
 3rd Place—Cameron Wegner Lodge 178 and Paul Muzzioli Lodge 178





OMA State President, Karen Ingram

I first want to give a huge shout out to Past President Michelle Waits. What a fantastic job she did this past year, and I am forever grateful for her leadership example and her friendship. Most definitely have some huge shoes to fill!

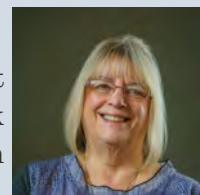
My hope for this year is that we all take a minute and choose to make each day a good day. Sounds simple, yes? But it's not always so easy. When we purposefully choose to have a good day, we purposefully choose how we are going to handle the frustrations coming our way. When we choose to have a good day especially in our Lodge homes, that choice will directly affect those around us. When the "group" in the corner are unhappy and complaining, your choice to have a good day and respond in kind, will just maybe rub off on them. Instead of complaining, maybe the group can find a solution to the problem. Ok I know those of you reading this might be rolling your eyes and saying to yourself "Oh sure". I agree one moment might not make a big change, but that one moment will most definitely create more good moments. It's those small moments that matter. That small choice to make the day a good one may be the reason a member stays a member. That small choice to make the day a good one might be the moment that mattered to someone who just needed to hear a positive comment. If we work on those moments, if we work together to engage our members not just when their dues are due, maybe we won't have to scramble all the time to work the arrearage list. Those members will readily renew without calls and prodding, because we /you made a choice each day to make it a good one and one that mattered.

I really do want to thank you all for your faith and support as we travel this year together. I would like to encourage all of you to visit other lodges and support one another. Just think how much we can learn and share with one another. Now those are some moments that will matter don't you think?

As always, if you have questions, need information or support, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,
Karen Ingram
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OMA State Vice President, Judie DeVille



It's still sinking into my head that I am the vice president of one of the greatest associations in the fraternity. I truly appreciate all the support I have received and look forward to visiting every lodge in our association. I think we have a great association with an awesome board of officers!

This year's Annual Membership Campaign is "Proud Past, Bright Future" which runs from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024. While keeping our past successes in mind, we look forward to the bright future with like-minded members who continue to play an important role in supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven for years to come. Working together, our future is bright!

Utilizing the technology right at your fingertips (your smart phone), you can start receiving your membership dues notice electronically either by simple text message or in an email. Once you opt-in to text messaging or an email notice, you'll be just a simple tap or click away from the Moose International renewal page and paying your dues by credit card in a matter of minutes.

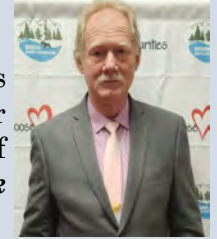
You can also download the Moose Membership app and have your membership card in your hand at all times, as well as pay dues, sign up new members, locate Lodges, and read the General Laws.

I am excited about visiting as many Lodges and meeting as many Moose members in the Oregon Association as I can. I am immensely proud to serve as your vice president!

Judie DeVille
OMA Vice President
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State Secretary, Marty Peterson



As we start into the 2nd quarter of the 2023-2024 Moose fiscal year, I hope that this article finds all our members in good health and spirits. We are excited to find that our commitment to the AAA (Always Active At) Moosehaven project is within reach of completion. We are about \$13,500 short of our \$60,000 commitment. ***A great big thank you goes out to all our members for their generosity and commitment!***

Our Midyear Conference will again be hosted by the Holiday Inn Portland South in Wilsonville. The dates will be March 14-17, 2024. There will be a link that can be followed to take you directly to our guaranteed rates for online booking, or phone the property directly at (503) 682 2211 and ask for the event code “OMR”. The link is below, but it is way too long to try and write it down. It is on the OMA website and can be clicked on for access from there. The event schedule and meals are not finalized yet but will be and the units will be notified by email.

<https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=PDXSO&PMID=99801505&GPC=ORM&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

I just found out that our official visitor will be Barbara McPherson, Grand Chancellor of the Women of the Moose! That is very impressive that our small association is going to be visited by such an extraordinary member of the Moose! **WOW!!** That means we will have had back-to-back visits from the Grand Regent and the Grand Chancellor. We must be doing something right...I sure hope it isn't because we aren't!

The Youth Awareness Congress 2027 will be coming upon us quickly. Oregon is very proud to have been selected to host the event. We will have a committee assigned very soon and will want to intensify our fundraising efforts over the course of the next few years. More to follow on this...

Marty Peterson

OMA Jr Past President, Michelle Waits



Hi there! She's back.....Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a very Happy 2024 to all. I was recently asked what PAP stood for on our older emblems and podium flags. I was really embarrassed that I could not remember after all my years of membership. I told this member I was going to have to go ask my husband. He thought about it for a minute (he was trying to remember too) and bingo! He got it Purity Aid and Progress – PAP! So, I told this Lodge member what PAP means and they just kind of looked at me like really? Then I started thinking. Maybe it should be PPAP – Purity, Prosperity, Aid and Progress. We have the PURITY of our children and older Moose members. The PROSPERITY of our Lodges. Therefore' we can AID Mooseheart and Moosehaven. This brings PROGRESS to us all.

So, being who I am. I came up with this little memory tune to remind me of PAP. Think of the tune to the Bunny Hop (come on we are all old enough for this). Hear the tune and instead of Hop, hop, hop: Purity, Aid & Progress!!!

Well, since you still have to put up with my input, I'm going to dazzle you with my semi-wise words of wisdom. Keep a tight rein on your temper (OOPS). Buy vegetables from truck farmers who advertise with hand-lettered signs. Put the cap back on toothpaste. Take out the garbage without being told and avoid overexposure to the sun. ☺

Below is my contact information. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time.

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ELEPHANT STEW
1 elephant (medium size)
Salt and pepper
2 rabbits (optional)

Cut elephant into small bite-sized pieces. This should take about two months. Add enough water to make brown gravy. Cook over a kerosene fire about 4 weeks at 465°. This recipe serves about 1380. If more people are expected, the rabbit may be added but do this only if necessary. Most people do not like hare in their stew.



State Chaplain, Jeanie Bewley



Welcome Fall! Well, I've recovered from tax season, the Annual Convention and other functions, so now I'm looking forward to some fun stuff. Not that the Convention wasn't fun, but a lot of work goes into those, also. Thanks to Pacific Dunes for hosting the District meeting and Collin, good job. Another big thanks to Molalla for hosting the Higher Degree for their meeting and banquet. The food was great. And Grants Pass Chapter for a fun Rally Day.

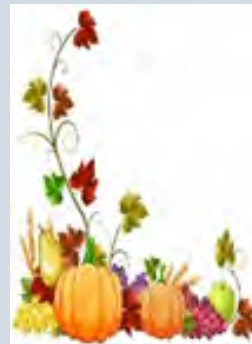
A big congratulations to all new Board members who were installed: OMA, Districts, Higher Degree. & Legion. Hoping nothing but success comes our way on our Moose Mission to a "bright future."

And, in case you haven't been watching, catch the latest travels of Lucy & Ethel's Rudolph Fun Run on FB. It's all in good fun and get your donations ready. They would like to be No.1 this year.

Speaking of fun, we hope to see a large group of you poker players in Springfield for the OMA Texas Hold 'Em tournament on November 4th. Sign in at 10 am, play begins at 11 am. Brent, we're looking for you. Also, in Bend for the 9 Ball Tourney Nov. 18th.

As the holidays approach, please be reminded of the things you are thankful for and the blessings you've been given and share them with others. Not just during the holidays, but every day, I count you as one of my blessings.

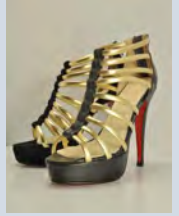
Jeanie



State Treasurer, Jacki Brinser

Greetings Members,

First, I want to take a moment to say how excited and privileged I am to be a new OMA State Officer. I am looking forward to meeting new members and traveling to the different District meetings. I would also like to thank East Portland Lodge 1891 for the referral to make this possible.



What a great Annual Conference we had. Congratulation to the new OMA State Officers, District Presidents and Chairmen. We are going to have a fantastic year! Our official visitor, Grand Regent Debbie Evans, was such a delight. There were so many great reports and informative information given. We definitely have a great State Association! The Pilgrim Presentation was fabulous on Friday night and the Memorial Service held on Sunday was truly touching. It's always a pleasure to spend time with Moose Family.

I hope everyone had a great District Meeting! I encourage you to attend these quarterly meetings. It is important to know what is going on within your District and what events are going on in the Lodges' near you. And hopefully, have a little fun as well!

With the Holiday's knocking on our door, I hope everyone is gearing up for some great Holiday Fun with friends and family. There are so many great events going on throughout the State as well. So be sure to check them out. And, be sure to stock up on snacks as you never know when Lucy and Ethel will show up on their Run Rudolph Run travels!

Wishing each one of you a fun, safe and joyous Holiday Season!

Happy Holidays!

Jacki Brinser
OMA Treasurer

Heart of the Community—Samantha Osborne

HOC News!

As always, if there is anything I can assist you with, please let me know.

Fraternally yours,
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“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”

— Audrey Hepburn



DISTRICT NEWS

District 1 Officers

President: Collin Summers
V. President: Rick Thomas
Chaplain: Frank Rose
Secretary/Treas: Linda Andrade
Sgt-At-Arms:

District 1 Lodges

Gold Beach
Grants Pass/Merlin
Klamath Falls
Medford
Pacific Dunes
Southern Oregon
Upper Rogue

District 2 Officers

President: Martin Holland
V. President: Adam McFarlin
Chaplain: Suzy Kaser
Treasurer: Missy Eggers
Secretary: Linda Peterson
Sgt-At-Arms:

District 2 Lodges

Bend
Junction City
LaPine
Molalla
Oakridge
Redmond
Springfield
Stayton
Waldport

District 3 Officers

President: Judy Schmidt
V. President: Dunja Markham
Chaplain: Shannon Lancaster
Treasurer: Shannon Preston
Secretary: Cindy Tullis
Sgt-At-Arms: Gina Thorsen

District 3 Lodges

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

District 1 Report—Collin Summers, President

Greetings Moose Friends,

Visiting lodges within District 1, I am always lifted up by seeing caring moose volunteers doing the things that keep our lodges open and working to better our own communities, Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

This year promises to be, maybe, one of the best in a very long time for membership growth. I'm seeing younger people join, enjoying and bringing their friends. So, when I hear some say lodge days are numbered, I point to young people that not only join but want to help. As their children get older those are the members that will take on leadership roles.

Last Saturday the GP/Merlin Lodge 2454 hosted a great Rally Day for the chapters, and the turnout was nothing short of wall busting – good job! Then, on Sunday, the Gold Hill / Medford 178 Lodge held the OMA Cornhole tournament. The turnout was so fantastic not even the light rain dampened anyone's spirit of competition and comradery. Soon you'll see more fun coming from lodges in district one – a Memorial week-end campout – great activities that will remind members how much fun you can have just being a moose member. I see Legions stepping up to do breakfast and dinners again, and more importantly I see smiles in every direction.

My friends, we're getting stronger. We're creating fun, helping our communities, Mooseheart and Moosehaven all at the same time.

Your beautiful hearts are in the right place.

Cheers!

Collin Summers

District 1 President

District 2 Report—Martin Holland, President

Hello District 2 members here are a couple events going on in our district. Hope you can make it 11/4 OMA Texas Hold'em tournament at Springfield Lodge 1726. Registration is at 10 am, game starts at 11am .11/18 OMA 9-Ball tournament at Bend Lodge. Sign up starts at 11am, tournament starts at 12pm. SEE you all at the next district meeting Jan 6th at Junction City.

Martin Holland, District 2 President



DISTRICT NEWS-Cont.

District 3 Report—Judy Schmidt, President

What a compliment to be included in the officers of District 3. We have a new board. We installed Shannon Preston, as treasurer; Cindy Tullis, as secretary; Shannon Lancaster, as chaplain; and we elected and installed Dunja Markham as vice president. Gina Thorsen is our sergeant at arms. We look forward to working together and hope to see many of you at our next District meeting January 6th at Portland Lodge. I will be visiting many of the lodges in our district throughout the next few months.

We are just wrapping up the cradle fundraiser, and hope that you all were very successful in raising lots of donations for Mooseheart endowment fund. The WOTM have their college meetings coming up very shortly in November and if I am able, I would like to go to many of those as well. I'm wishing you the happiest of holiday seasons. Stay safe and be kind and humble in all that you do. See you around the corner.

Judy Schmidt
District 3 President
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Contributions from the many HATS of Bob Steffens

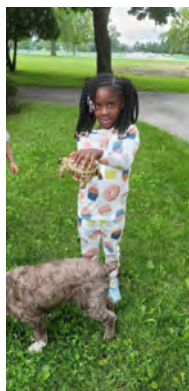
By the time you read this, your By-laws Committee will have met to incorporate final changes in our Board of Officers & Chairmen Guide that we'll be presenting to the Board of Officers during their December meeting. If approved, Marty will distribute it to Fraternal Units and Association officers prior to January's District meetings. If not, we should be able to make necessary changes for distribution prior to the end of this fiscal year.

Currently, we have no recommended changes or plans to update our by-laws. However, we will be reviewing the policy manual next quarter: please take some time to go through it and send me changes you recommend (bobsteffens@msn.com).

Take care, stay safe, be a worthy Moose, and enjoy a wonderful holiday season.

Bob, in behalf of the Committee (Molly Brown, Al Plecas, Marty Peterson, and you-know-who)

Oregon Home Girls , Family Teachers & their children



OMA Historical Chair—Jane Downs

It is hard to believe we are halfway through 2023-2024 Moose year. It amazes me how quickly the time goes and forget how precious it can be. I know there are many of us that we look at completing so many things and somehow what set to do on Monday is slowly ending up being finished on Friday. But we assure ourselves we had good intentions.

I know I am behind in researching and gathering items to share. I will have a new historical items at the Midyear Conference in March. If anyone has anything they would like to share, please do not hesitate to contact me. Our Vice President of the Lodge, Bryan Wickman found a small binder of “The Moose Docket”. While looking through it, I found an advertisement for some Moose Emblems. (Moose Docket Vol, 41 -No. 3 Third Quarter -1973) These emblems were made to be worn for the lodge attaining its reasonable quota it would be awarded as an Emblem of Office Jewel for each officer, a complete set of twelve. I received only 5 in a tote of items last spring from Al Plecas (Medford Lodge 178. Also, I want to thank Ron Waits for helping me go through and label several members in a photo album that I had received. These will be displayed at the Midyear Conference.

Please look around your own Lodges see what Jewels from the past you may have. Be Proud of your place in the history of the Moose.

Wishing all of you a wonderful Holiday Season! Make those beautiful memories. They will soon be in your past, may they make your future strong.

Jane Downs/OMA Historian

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Shannon Lancaster, OMA 50/50 Chairman

50/50 here, sorry a little behind for we were busy being racers!



Thank you for my helpers. 1st of all Leo, Suzy K, Sandy you're my rock stars.

We managed to support the 50/50 raffle at Annual Convention with a total of \$2910. With \$1455 going to 4 lucky winners. 1st session was \$330 to Keith Campbell of Tillamook, 2nd session to Cindy Tullis of Astoria \$329, 3rd session winner was Linda Woodall of St Helens \$466, and 4th session was Marge Bernard with \$330 of Molalla. Again I want to thank everyone for their support. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 and in the event that we do not have a claimed ticket drawn it will be carried on to the next. A second ticket will not be drawn for that session. Sorry for the confusion. I look forward to March 2024 at Midyear Conference.

Come see me and you can help.

Thank you. Shannon Lancaster





Moose Charities

Just a quick recap on how we are doing as an association as of 9/30/2023 (we are pretty amazing by the way).

AAA Project: \$46,972.50 raised towards the \$60,000 pledge only \$13,027.50 remaining.

Endowment: \$37,923.99 - Over \$1,412.78 from previous year

Rocker: \$4,208.50 - Over \$ 488.00 from previous year

Booster: \$750.00 - Over \$160.00 from previous year

I am excited to see how we did with the cradles this year. Last year we did \$4863.15.

Every time I see our numbers from Moose International, I am overwhelmed by your generosity and commitment to both our children and seniors. Be proud of what you do in support of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. I know I am proud of you all!!! I would love for you all to sign up and get the Moose Charities newsletter. It is filled with some great stories, and really good information. It's easy to sign up, just go to Moosecharities.org and subscribe.

Ohhhhh! I nearly forgot... it is not too late to donate to our virtual Rudolph 5K run. Our team's name is Lucy & Ethel's Amazing OMA Rudolph Run Adventures. We have been having a blast "running" to all our lodges and leaving a couple of gifts and hopefully some smiles. We have posted some videos of our adventures on the OMA Facebook page for your enjoyment. But if you would like to start your own team there is still time! Just head over to Moosecharities.org and follow the links.

Again, thank you for all you do and continue to do! Without each and every one of you, there would not be them.

Fraternally,

Karen Ingram & Marty Peterson
 Moose Charities Chairmen

Moosehaven
It's never too late to have fun!

MOOSEHAVEN AAA PROJECT
 Always Active At Moosehaven

<p>Pavilion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large enough space to seat all residents under the same roof! • Picnics and evening events with bar hold over. • It will have lighting, ceiling fans, and restrooms. • Portable Tai Bar 	<p>Sports and Recreation Complex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A social area for all to enjoy • Bowling alley • Electronic Darts • Billiards • Indoor shuffleboard • Golf simulator • Card room 	<p>Amenity Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A complete remodel of the indoor therapeutic pool • Outdoor patio including a fire pit • Multi-purpose room for group exercise • Gym equipment designed for seniors.
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DONATE TODAY!
 To make a gift by mail, send your check made payable to Moose Charities, Inc. 165 N. 10th Street, Mooseheart, IL 61551-1000. Please "AAA" in the memo line.

Visit our website: MooseCharities.org/AAA
 To make an online donation to support the project!



OMA Membership Chairman, Jacki Brinser

Greeting Members:

Here is a re-cap of the Membership Report from Convention.

CONGRATULATIONS to all Chapters who phenomenally all made their plus 1 this past year. Though we are saddened by the Chapters we lost the previous year, we are excited and grateful for our remaining Chapters and recognize all the hard work they continue to do.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 10 Lodges that received their Lodge Premier Award for the 2022-2023 year. Including Wilsonville with their 12th consecutive award and our 1st time winner Gold Beach. Keep up the great work and let us aim high for this year and have all 26 Lodges achieve this goal!

We are going to re-instate last year's State Membership Campaign, which will be **Retention: Hit the Mark** and run through quarter 4 that will end on 4/30/24. Refund values are as follows:

= 80%	100% Q4 dues refunded
>80% to 85%	125% Q4 dues refunded
>85% to 90%	150% Q4 dues refunded
>90% to 95%	175% Q4 dues refunded
>95%	200% Q4 dues refunded

The winners of last year's campaign ending 4/30/23 are:

Tillamook Lodge 1260	83.8% retention rate
Gold Beach Lodge 2101	87.9% retention rate

Great job! I encourage all Lodges to utilize their Membership Chairman and committee to continue to work the arrearage list. Make the calls or send out friendly reminder cards. While signing new members is important, retention is key.

RETENTION WEEK: The dates have not yet been announced, but should be coming in November. Be sure you plan some fun activities for current and new members.

Another important key factor to Membership is to be sure you are holding your orientations. It is crucial that our new members know and understand our mission statement and the importance of our contributions to Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Orientations are also required in order for you to obtain your Lodge Premier Award.

I am wishing each and every one of you Happy Holidays. Enjoy friends and family! And stay safe!

Jacki Brinser

OMA State Membership Chairmen

Membership PLUS ONE is our goal! Retention IS KEY!



2023-24 Membership Campaign!
Proud Past—Bright Future
Working together our future is bright



MOOSE PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE

May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024

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

Sponsor 1 Member

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



Lodge pin



Moose Legion/
WOTM pin



Sponsor 5 Members

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



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



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



Betty May, Assn Training Coordinator

What's Up with Training?

I have scheduled a 2-HOTT class for November 16 at Molalla Lodge. I know this is a Thursday, but weekends this time of year are pretty busy.

Attendees must register for the 2-HOTT class by November 9 as I have to get materials printed. If you do not register by that date, you may have to share materials with another attendee.

Also, I have scheduled an Administrator School for November 17 and 18 at Molalla Lodge.

So, if you are an administrator, you can get your training done the same week.

All training is good for 3 years. So, let's get everyone who needs these 2 classes trained for this Moose year.

Thanks and hope to see you soon!

Betty May
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Chapter Advocate—Molly Brown

What's up this quarter?



Our 15 chapters who earned the Award of Achievement should now have presented their medallions and have them proudly displayed in the AOA plaque. Congrats to all.

Letters should be being received for call cards for College of Regents degrees. We look forward to you receiving degrees in New Orleans. Star and Academy of Friendship call cards will be arriving soon. Please let me know as call cards are received, so I can give 'shout outs' to you on Facebook.

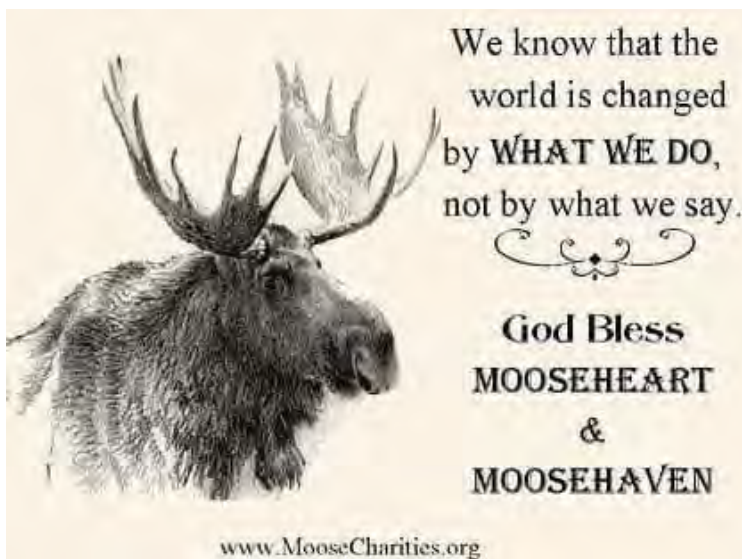
November 15th was your deadline for the Audit Report this quarter. If you haven't noticed, there is a revised audit form dated 8-28-23 in the forms section of the MI website. Please download the new form and start using it. It has a couple little issues that WOTM is working on. Just do your best. When completing the audit, please remember to check your balance sheet, you should not have negative balances. If you need help correcting them, please reach out to me. I'm always here to help. When you email your report to wotmmail@mooseintl.org, also email me.

Rally Days in Grants Pass was a great success. See pics and totals on another page. Next years Rally Day will be at East Portland on October 19th.

Enjoy your Holidays the next few months but don't forget to sponsor and enroll new members.

As always, if you have any questions, I am here to help you. Give me a call or email.

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To find training classes go to the Moose International website. Click on Moose Training, scroll down to the Moose Training Schedule box on the right side. Select All or the class you want in the first box and Oregon in the second box. Pick a class and RSVP to the session leader.



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Hello Oregon Moose Lodges,

The holiday seasons are upon us to enjoy our family, friends, and the friends we call family. One of our families is the Moose lodges and in the next few months, many are having activities that are fundraising for Mooseheart and Moosehaven, so if you can, please support those lodges. As OMA Sports and Activities chairman, I'm here to help. I have both pre- and post-event forms that will assist you in planning your activity as well as getting the word out. I have re-activated our Bend Moose Members Facebook page and have dedicated to any and all events: Lodge, WOTM, Legion, OMA, and Moose International that you would like to share your post on.

In September, East Portland 1891, hosted the OMA Dart Tournament. The cost was \$10 per person, with 10 singles players and 16 doubles players, with both East Portland and Stanfield 920 representing. In the Singles division: 1st Place: Jeff Meinke, 2nd Place: Jeff Post, and Dan Hankins, 3rd Place. In the Doubles Division: 1st Place: Mike Doty/Keith Pankratz, 2nd Place: Jim Pope/Jay ?, and in 3rd Place: Crystal Morgan/Sheila ?. 100% of the entry fees were paid back to the players.

October 22nd, Medford/GH 178 hosted the OMA Cornhole Tourney.

Coming up OMA events: November 4th - Springfield #1726 will host the Texas Hold'em Tournament and on November 18th - Bend #384 will host the 9-Ball Tournament. Look for this information soon on both Facebook and posted in your lodge. In January 2024 (ugg, are we that close to a new year??), Moose International will be having their Texas Hold'em tournament from January 7th - 11th at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. You can register online at mooseintl.org.

And finally, as a reminder, in order to host an OMA event, a member from your lodge must participate in that particular event to be eligible (i.e.: Stanfield participated in the Darts tournament so their lodge is eligible to host a Dart tournament next year.)

As always, you can contact me on either my cell phone: 541-480-5448 or my email: mayomil1270@yahoo.com.

May everyone have a safe and love-filled holiday season.

-Michelle Mayo

OMA Sports and Activities Chairman

OMA Texas Hold'em Results

The OMA Texas Hold'em Tournament held in Springfield on Nov. 4th was well attended with 32 entrants and a \$2,400 prize pool. Members of 5 lodges participated: Springfield, LaPine, Junction City, Portland and Irrigon. Top three spots went to Jason and Guy McGuire and Gordon Simeral, all from LaPine; 4th place, Martin Holland; 5th, Beryle Ferriera, both of Springfield; 6th, Dawn Surace, Junction City & 7th, Mary Olsen of Springfield. Thanks to all the players who spent their Saturday with us. And thanks to Marty Peterson, there were three OMA officers present.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 2023

Any Date Valued Veteran's Recognition Month
 4th Texas Hold 'Em - Springfield
 15th Heart of the Community Report -
 Deadline for Quarter Submission
 15th Moose Charities Cradle Fundraiser -
 Submissions Deadline
 18th 9 Ball Pool Tournament -Bend

DECEMBER 2023

9th OMA Board Meeting - East Portland 3pm
 OMA Christmas Party - East Portland 5:30pm
HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS...

JANUARY 2024

6th Emerald Empire Council of Higher Degree 11am
 District 1 - Grants Pass/Merlin 2:30pm
 District 2 - Junction City 1pm
 Beaver Moose Legion - Junction City after District
 District 3 - East Portland 1pm
 Columbia Moose Legion - E.Portland after District
 7th Crater Lake Moose Legion - GrantsPass/Merlin 1pm
 7th - 11th Texas Hold 'Em - Golden Nugget Las Vegas

OMA Activities/Sports

Texas Hold'em Tournament

November 4th —Springfield 11am

9 Ball Pool Tournament

November 18th—Bend

Moose International Texas Hold'em

January 7th—11th

Golden Nugget Las Vegas

Registration deadline is November 30th



Future Conventions/Conferences

Midyear Conference
 March 14th thru 17th
 Holiday Inn—Wilsonville

2024 International Convention
 July 24th thru 27th
 New Orleans

You can begin making hotel reservations 12/11
 Check the mooseintl.org website



Chastain Moose Sponsored Races

Moose Fraternity NASCAR driver Ross Chastain will drive 4 races in the 2024 season in the Moose car. He sure has made watching NASCAR so much more fun.

If you see Gene & Shannon Lancaster, ask about their amazing experience at the Las Vegas race. A once in a lifetime experience.

