

Good Morning Deputy Grand Regent Cheryl, and Welcome home Director of Moose Charities Jan Fregullia and Co-Workers

Congratulations California Nevada Co-Workers on your Community Service Contributions last year. Your contributions totaled; cash donations of \$27,658.00, 34,393 miles and 91,704 hours. Great job.

Co-Workers today we would like to discuss the Moose International 6 point program, and clarify what is and is not Community Service. First Community Service is not taking your neighbor or fellow Co-Workers to Dr. appointments or shopping. It is not the Holiday Parties your chapter hosts for the children and Grand children of your members. Acceptable Community Service are projects and donations sanctioned by and participated in by the entire chapter. We will give examples and details in point five of the 6 point program.

When you look at the 6 point program the top point is Mooseheart/Moosehaven. This is to remind us as Moose Members they are our first and most important priority. When thinking of Community Service projects Mooseheart and Moosehaven should always top the list. We can do more than the Special Projects, the Scholarship and Maintenance Fund and Endowment contributions. We can go to the Wish lists for each and donate to those projects. We can do more for our Sunshine children and Grand Parents. We can collect and donate Box tops for Education, coke rewards, Campbells labels, use Good Search, Shop with your Target Red Card and designate Mooseheart Schools. And remember if we do a fund raiser in our community we should always divide the funds equally between the community and Moose Charities.

The second point is our Youth Awareness program if you are unsure please listen carefully to the report and be sure to ask questions of our Youth Awareness Coordinator. Lets support this project and help our children win these great scholarships.

The third point is Scouting Programs, Tommy Moose and Safe Surfin. I hear all the time from Co-workers that there are no Scouting programs in our area, well I can solve that problem Mooseheart has a great scouting program and can use your donations. Are you utilizing the Tommy Moose program to promote a positive image in your community. Believe me the Police, Fire Departments and City Council will remember the Chapter who donates for such a good cause as traumatized children. Tommy or Donny Moose are also great for Assisted Living Facilities. The new Tommy Moose coloring books will make the children in hospitals very happy and will make the parents aware of the Moose program. The Safe Surfin program that we are now partnered with is truly working to protect children from Internet predators. And since we are a fraternity that cares about Children and Seniors this should be a priority donation for our Chapters. Remember a small donation is better than no donation.

Our fourth point is Moose Alert Centers and Food & Shelter. We can help the Loyal Order if they choose to become a Moose Alert Center by collecting can goods and clothing and toiletries for those in need

when a disaster happens. Encourage your lodge to check the Moose International web site and your local city offices to see what they need to do to become a Moose Alert Center. We can also support our local food banks and shelters with clothing items and foods. In these tough economic times everyone can use extra help and volunteers.

Point 5 is Local Volunteer Services and here is where those miles and hours can be counted. Volunteer at your local hospital, get a group together and go to the Assisted living homes to read to the residents or play cards. Make toiletry gift bags and donate them to the Veterans Hospital in your area. You are all staying here in the Hotel all those cute shampoos, lotions and soaps make great gift bags. Organize a blood drive with your local Red Cross and use your Lodge home as the donation site. Several chapters in my District make NO SEW LAP Blankets every year for Christmas gifts for local Hospitals and Assisted Living homes. You can use your fun time after your meetings for knitting or crocheting items for donations. You can create a transportation group of Co-Workers who would not mind donating time and mileage for your local Senior Center. Start after school programs for your local Elementary school.

As a chapter sanctioned activity these are true Community Service hours and Miles. Not only are you helping your community but you are also making the Community Aware of this wonderful organization that we belong to.

The sixth and last point is Youth Sports and Special Olympics. As we all are aware in this economy everyone is looking for cash donations. But Special Olympics and most of the local sports also need volunteers to help with fund raising. They also need volunteers to help at events, contact participants by phone, or donate water, snacks or do mailings. If you don't have funds to donate find Co-Workers who have time.

Now, that you understand the 6 point program I believe that we can all increase our Community Service this year by 10 percent. Please come by the Community Service table and check out your individual Chapter Totals for last year and the total for the first quarter of this year to see what you need to do to get that 10 percent. I also believe that if we are doing Community Service well we will increase our Membership. Who would not want to join an organization that works to improve the Community they are a part of.

At this time I would like to introduce the Members of the Community Service team.

Janet Schindler – Gardena Chapter

Bridgett Robinson Garden Grove Chapter

Polly Jefferies – Fresno Chapter

Charla Kanz – Downey Chapter

Stacey Woods Gridley

Thank you for all you do and I look forward to reporting that increase at our next meeting.