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President Message



Hello Moose Family,

I would like to thank everyone that attended the second seminar for District Presidents/Secretaries & Committee Chairs meeting. We had a great turnout, and a lot was accomplished. The feedback from all who attended was this was one of the best ones they have attended. I want to thank the Monterey Moose Lodge for hosting our Seminar. The food was remarkable.

Our Executive Committee meeting went well. We discussed our upcoming California Nevada Moose Association 2024 Mid-Year Conference. We will be having a **Casino Fun Night** again. I know I had a lot of **FUN** last year so if you did not go last year you need to go this year to see what **FUN** we all had.

This year John Sipes Chairman of the International Board of Directors will be visiting with us in April. We will be visiting Lodges in Northern California since last year we visited the southern portion of our Association. If your Lodge is selected for a visit let's make it a memorable visit for Chairman John Sipes and his wife Linda.

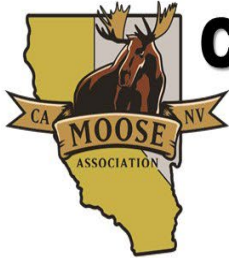
I have visited Lodges on my Journeys, and I would like to thank all of you for your hospitality. I will be stopping at several Lodges on my way home from Costa Mesa. I am looking forward to visiting your Lodge.

On another note, if you have not registered or booked your room for Costa Mesa please do so. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

My President's Project, the Mooseheart Utility Vehicle has been purchased but we still owe about \$7,000. I know we can get this done so we can pick another project for this year. Thank you for your support in this purchase for Mooseheart it will help them get their school supplies from storage to the classrooms. Thank you for your help in making this happen.

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California/Nevada Moose Association 2023-24 President's Project

Utility Vehicle for Mooseheart



Providing our Mooseheart School with a utility vehicle to help haul classroom supplies across campus so the teachers and students have what they need to be successful in their classrooms!



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Association Vice President – Dina Munday**Vice President Message**

As I sit here and write this message from my office at the Lodge, I have many things that I have been thinking about at the Lodge, Association, and International level. First of all, as you have all heard before, I grew up in the Moose (I know a broken record of the same thing, we know her dad was Administrator and State President and blah, blah, blah). I know who cares? That was a long time ago. It was a very long time ago but originally when I joined almost 30 years ago that was **MY WHY**. **MY WHY** has expanded over the years and changed from time to time but the goal was always to continue in supporting an organization that had a mission statement that my parents believed in and loved. Why would they not love it, we support the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven and our local communities. So, now think about it and tell me what **YOUR WHY** is? You can text me, call me, stop me when you see me, but **I REALLY** want to know what keeps you motivated and what got you started.

I have held many positions throughout my Moose career and that has been a blessing. However, that is not the most important thing to me. I know everyone loves a title and to be recognized. But if you think deep down is that really why you devote your free time and effort to the Moose? Some may say yes, and that is okay if you are getting the core work done to support our Mission. As leaders we have such a great opportunity to help others grow, we should be mentoring and grooming new leaders. There should not be jealousy or backstabbing; that just hurts everyone. Help them grow, do not be a roadblock. I have seen a lot of amazing members walk out the door because of that. They say one bad apple ruins the bunch. I am pleading with leaders at all levels. I challenge you to look at the members who surround you and help them grow into the next group of great leaders for our organization to continue to grow. New members do not be afraid to ask questions and volunteer and ask to help and bring new ideas to the table, we need them more than ever. We have Lodges with over a thousand members on the rolls. But how many show up to the meetings or volunteer? Why is that? Have you reached out to the man or woman at the end of the bar and asked them for help or have you just walked on by? We need all types of members to be successful. Everyone brings something different to the table. What we do not need is members who bad mouth others and try to stop the progression of others. That needs to be nipped in the bud immediately.

Okay so enough on my soap box and on to a little Vice President stuff.

Thank you to those who have been calling or E-mailing me when they are unable to attend a District meeting for an excused absence. I prefer E-mails as they make it easier for documentation purposes. Reminder the only people who need to do that are the Presidents and the Administrators as your attendance counts towards the 5 Star Award.

As I close this letter, I just ask you to remind yourself to remember **YOUR WHY?** It may motivate you in a way that you never expected. I also want to give a shoutout to Kirksville Missouri Moose Lodge #1751 who were selling sweatshirts that say Remember your Why with a little Moose at the end! I saw this ordered one and whenever I am feeling a little defeated, I throw it on and conquer the day.

See you all soon,

Dina Munday

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Chaplain Message



What does it mean to belong to this great Fraternal Order, *The Moose*, and what distinguishes membership in *The Moose* from other organizations? Surely, we have our Faith, Hope, and Charity, as well as Loyalty. But as we go deeper into our Membership, we find a caring for others, a compassion of our individual wills, and no matter how much **FUN** and Fraternalism we have, we all share a remembrance of what brings us together in the first place, our care and concern for the children of Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven. Through our Communication in mediums like *From the Heart*, *The Moosehaven Newsletter*, *the Moose Leader*, *Moose Magazine*, and yes, our own *Gold Miner*, we reach out to our Members and inform them of our activities and our progress. We have all these tools at our disposal and yet we still hear “I am the Member that gets ignored or left behind in the activities.” Fortunately, this is not the norm, but it should never happen. I ask of the Committee Chairs, the District and Lodge Officers to always reach out to the newest Member and give them the same opportunities to serve as you would one of your established “Team Players.” Our strength and reason for belonging are what we accomplish together. When COVID was upon us, there were times when all we had was each other...and we had one goal in mind, **THE SURVIVAL OF OUR** Members, Lodges, Districts,...and yes, our Fraternal Organization. Let no member ever be forgotten.

As each year travels on, we have Members who in passing are not with us any longer. So, we offer our Service of Tribute. Each Lodge should have a copy of the latest Edition of this. I cannot emphasize enough how meaningful and fitting this simple gathering is, to not only Honor the person, but to bring us all together in a way that symbolizes how every Member is important, and how each individual Member is a part of us, our makeup, and what makes us whole. It is my hope that we all place a great importance on the attendance and participation of these services so that as Members we see how significant we all are in our Great Fraternal Organization.

I was very impressed by our latest Seminar, the enthusiasm, the quest for more knowledge, and the huge sharing of information that was exchanged at Monterey. We have a hard-working Association from the Members through the Chairs and Officers. The Vice President and Secretary put on a complete thorough presentation of the Operational and Administrative aspects of our Districts for the Presidents and Secretaries and the same thorough presentation was given for the Committee Chairs. The President coordinated everything, so hats off to Roddy for putting on a great Seminar. The Host Lodge, Monterey 876 went all out and provided a great menu of Philippine Cuisine as well as a huge lunch. We had a great turn out, but we always welcome more. Here is a shout out and cheer for Monterey 876.

Coming up we have our California Nevada Moose Association 2024 Mid-Year Conference scheduled for March 22 to 24 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol St, Costa Mesa CA 92626. Our Official Visitor, Director of Moose Charities Pam Amundsen promises to be great! On Saturday Night, we have our **Casino Fun Night**, that's right Saturday evening **Casino Fun Night!!!** This will be great **FUN** with food, great prizes, and a lot of **FUN**. You do not need to be a seasoned Gambler to attend, this will be **F...U...N!!!**

I WISH TO THANK ALL THE Committee Chairmen for their hard work, both Robert Leon and I are here for you if you need anything.

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CALIFORNIA NEVADA MOOSE ASSOCIATION HOSTS

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Fun Night 2024



SATURDAY
MAR 23 \$50

YOUR FAVORITE GAMES :

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HOLDEM // ROULETTE//
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Join us for even more FUN this Year!

Association Treasurer – Robert Leon

Treasurer Message



As we enter 2024, I would like to wish every Moose household a very Happy, Safe, & Prosperous New Year.

This is the year where Achievement can be realized by working **TOGETHER** as **ONE MOOSE**. Why do I state this you ask? I have witnessed the **SUCCESS** of Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, & Committees who were committed to a common goal, whether it was to raise funds to support Moose Charities, local charities, repair their respective Lodges, or to financially sustain their Lodge home. It can be done if we break down the walls of miscommunication and extend the hands of cooperation! We are all in this together! **“A burden heavy to one, is borne lightly by many.”**

As Treasurer I see the funds that are raised by the various committees; however, what gives me the most sense of pride is seeing the funds going to the different Moose Charities endeavors because of your generous contributions of money & time. For me, it is not about the money; but the **TEAMWORK** in sustaining and preserving a brighter future for our Mooseheart kids and our Seniors at Moosehaven which could not happen without your support.

This is also the year that I hope to see the Committees of the California Nevada Moose Association grow with more active Volunteers being added up and down the States of Nevada & California. A Committee of one can only hope to accomplish their goals; however, a true Committee will not only reach their goal but have an opportunity to surpass it. It is never too late to join a winning team.

In closing, none of us are immune to the struggles and demands of life. Look around and you will find others in similar situations. I personally volunteer and try to stay active because it gives me a sense of purpose when I feel like I have no direction. Your Lodge, Chapter, and Moose Legion need good people like yourself to assist, encourage, and lead. Nominations for Lodge Officers are coming up and now is the time to stop sitting on the sidelines and take an active role in the success of your Moose Family. I am excited because March is around the corner and I look forward to seeing the **MANY** members that are coming to Costa Mesa for the Mid-Year Conference, it will be as **FUN** as you choose it to be. Come up and say hello when you see me. If you are unsure of which Committee you would like to be a part of, the **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE** would be a good start. Let me know.

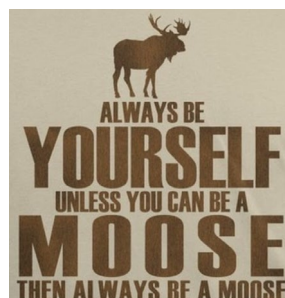
If it were easy, everyone would do it, but you are not everyone; **YOU** are **SOMEONE!**

If this message inspires you or aggravates you, either way I would like to hear from you and hopefully someday share your success story.

There are a lot of good Moose Members out there; if you cannot find one, be One.

Fraternal Regards,

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Association Junior Past President – Joe Henderson



Junior Past President Message

It was a great seminar for the District Presidents and Committees. If you missed it there is always next year. Lots of valuable information and fraternalism.

Remember to get all your reports in for the 5 Star and do not forget to give to the endowment fund every month before the end of the month.

Remember that we will be sending out the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Achievement Award nominations in a few short months and it will be due on August 14th. I know all Lodges have someone they can nominate for this great honor. Let us have full participation for each of our 107 lodges. Also remember that this allows each lodge to get 5 points toward earning the coveted 5 Star Award which saves each lodge \$\$.

The registration for the CNMA Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa is on the website. Please go get your rooms and register for this FUN and informative event. I cannot wait to see you there.

Remember if you have any questions about the 5-Star Award please reach out to me.

Fraternally yours,
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Achievement Award for Outstanding Service to the California Nevada Moose Association 2023 Doug Phillips

WHAT IS A QUALIFIED GUEST???

A prospective member is defined as any guest that is accompanied by a member who can sponsor them for membership in The Moose, with the exception listed as a spouse or immediate family.

What about a spouse?

An active Lodge member's spouse is allowed into the social quarters, as a guest. There are no limits on the number of times a spouse may be admitted as a guest.

Immediate Family

An active Lodge member's immediate family. There are no limits on the number of times an immediate family member under the age of 21 may be admitted as a guest. However, all other immediate family members would be limited to 2 visits as they now qualify as a prospective member of the person signing them into the social quarters.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER GUIDELINES

- As permitted by the Board of Officers, a prospective member may be admitted subject to the following:
- The prospective member is accompanied at all times by their sponsor.
- The prospective member is properly signed in as a guest.
- The prospective member shall not make purchases.
- The prospective member shall leave when their sponsor leaves.
- The prospective member shall be limited to two (2) visits.

Did you know....

Only active members of The Moose, whose active status has been verified, are permitted to make purchases.

Current Members

A current/active member is defined as a member who has paid their annual dues to date. All active members of The Moose shall be admitted to the social quarters of any Lodge, as long as they are in good standings. Each member of The Moose shall submit proof of membership when requested by any member of the Board of Officers or its authorized person. Expired members are not allowed to enter the lodge as a guest, except to pay their dues.

Just a reminder to all you Moose members out there. When you come to a Moose function, no matter what it is, you are required to show the doorman/bar tender your membership card or you can be refused entrance or drinks. PLEASE understand this is not the Lodge being hard on anyone, but this is a Moose rule. Carry your Moose card proudly and make it a habit to show it every time you come in, do not be ashamed of it. Be Moose Proud!!!!



Show your Moose Pride... present your card without being asked!



Secretary Message

Hard to believe that February is here already, and it is time for me to do another Association Dues billing. The funds received will help to cover the costs of our upcoming Mid-Year Conference. This is a wonderful time for us to get together for a variety of reasons! To gain some more knowledge on all things Moose; to spend some time getting to know each other; renew existing friendships; buy great California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) merchandise as well as anything Moose related; maybe win some money through an opportunity drawing; win a prize at the Casino Fun Night; win a prize at the Trivia Night; win a prize at one of the committee booths; or win cash by filling out our CNMA Passport. Wow that sounds like a whole lot of FUN! Count me in!

Be sure to read the article on the Heart of Community projects we will be supporting at the Mid-Year Conference. Every one of us can do something to support the Orange County Ronald McDonald House by purchasing or bringing something on their [Wish List](#). Click the words [Wish List](#) to see what they need. What about asking your lodge or chapter to buy a box of Tommy Moose or Rosie Moose so we can give them to the fire or police departments, Hope School students through our backpack program, or the Children's Hospital of Orange County known as CHOC. What about buying some crayons, pencils, or other school supplies? How about some popcorn for the Hope School store? You get the idea? All of us have something to give.

The Executive Committee wants everyone to know that we value your time and want to make things as easy as possible. That is the biggest reason why we have developed online forms, online registration for both the Annual Convention Mid-Year Conference, and training. This is also creating an electronic repository and eliminating the need for mailing which is getting more and more expensive. We are also saving a lot of trees by eliminating a lot of paper and printing. Please work with us by embracing these changes and letting us know if something is not working right. We can fix it if we do not know it is broken.

The CNMA website is a valuable resource for our Association. Committee Chairs (as well as your Association President) have been tasked with keeping their pages up to date so letting them know if something is out of date or missing is so very important! How about letting us know if someone has passed away so we can honor them on the Memory page. Right now, it only gets updated annually when we are preparing for the Annual Convention memorial service, but it can certainly be updated any time! The website will be so much better if we all worked together.

Did you know there is a button down at the bottom of each page entitled Submit An Article? Did you know you could click it to let us know about any changes, updates, mistakes, or that you think it would be good to upload an article or document you found interesting or important? We do appreciate your assistance and support!

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"Don't judge each day
 by the harvest you reap,
 but by the seeds you plant."

—ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Don't just learn, experience.

Don't just read, absorb.

Don't just change, transform.

Don't just relate, advocate.

Don't just promise, prove.

Don't just criticize, encourage.

Don't just think, ponder.

Don't just take, give.

Don't just see, feel.

Don't just dream, do.

Don't just hear, listen.

Don't just talk, act.

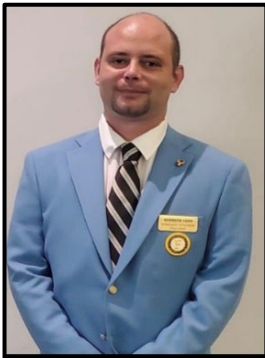
Don't just tell, show.

Don't just exist, live."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

Association Liaison – Kenneth Copp

Liaison Message



My Fellow Brothers and Sisters, I hope you all had a great holiday season and enjoyed your time with your family and friends, just as much as I did.

Wow, 2023 went by so fast! I hope all Lodges and Chapters are forming their Nominating Committees and following their respective Election Handbooks to schedule these meetings. If you need more guidance on this please reach out to your Territory Manager or Chapter Advocate.

To those of you that were in Monterey for the second Seminar, thank you for attending. Hopefully, you took away some new information to help guide you in your roles. It was great to visit a Lodge that is not in my Territory. I want to give a huge thanks to Monterey Lodge for hosting the seminar and providing the delicious food.

The Association has been showing a gain in membership each month since June 2023. Thank you All for working the programs of Moose International by sponsoring new members and working retention. Let us continue this going forward!

Our Mid-Year Conference is also upon us, please check the California Nevada Moose Association website for reservation information. The Mid-Year Conference will be held in Costa Mesa at the Hilton, there is also alternate delegate information in case the President or Administrator cannot attend. Our Territory Managers have some great presentations that will be shared with you.

If you plan to attend the Moose International Convention in New Orleans, LA please book your hotels and your registration. The hotels are filling up and if you need to book specific dates, please get on a waitlist. Here is the link to the New Orleans Convention: <https://www.mooseintl.org/new-orleans-convention/>

Fraternally,

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Can the Lodge Development team help my lodge?

Yes, however, to qualify your lodge must meet the following criteria:

- Support the Moose Mission
- Are active in your community through charitable acts
- Fraternal... meet most if not all of the requirements for Premier Lodge Award
- Active in the Association
- Represented at International Conferences.
- Current taxes both local and federal
- Lodge property must be free of liens.
- Board of Officers current on required training
- Approved minutes from General Meeting where members have agreed to lodge enhancements request

What happens next?

Please fill out the form below, once everything is verified our team will reach out to schedule the meetings that are required. Should the concepts be approved we will move forward from there.

Maintaining reasonable response times, especially in urgent situations, and maintaining an open channel of communication between the design team and the lodge board is crucial to the timely success of your project.

FORM: <https://wkf.ms/3v8DYDm>

What exactly does the Lodge Development Team do?

We provide full concept design services for lodges affected by relocation, expansion, or simply lodges wanting a change. This includes space planning, product specifications, construction documents, renderings, material suggestions, and support throughout the process. The concepts that we provide can encompass both the interior and exterior of your lodge.

By focusing heavily on maximizing space, enhancing functionality, conforming to ADA standards, and modernizing lodges... existing members will benefit from the refreshed lodge while attracting the next generation of Moose members.

We understand that a complete redesign is outside the budget for every lodge, but we can still help with smaller projects and even develop larger projects into phases. For example, lodges who have received a grant through the Moose International Grant Program.

Just a reminder to all you Moose members out there. When you come to a Moose function, no matter what it is, you are required to show the doorman/bar tender your membership card or you can be refused entrance or drinks. PLEASE understand this is not the Lodge being hard on anyone, but this is a Moose rule. Carry your Moose card proudly and make it a habit to show it every time you come in, do not be ashamed of it. Be Moose Proud!!!!



Membership Chair – Terry Juntado Gough



Membership Message

We have heard Scott Hart say *“Membership can mean different things to different people. You are the one determining what you want to get out of the organization, and what you want to give back.”*

When you hear or read this, my questions to you are: “What does your Moose membership mean to you?” “Why did you join, and what about it motivates you?”

When you answer these questions, remember them. This is what you will share when you sponsor a new member into our great California Nevada Moose Association CNMA.

In addition to sponsoring the new members, please do not forget about the dedicated members that have supported your Lodges throughout the years. If you have not heard from them, give them a call, check to see how they are doing, and/or involve them in an upcoming event.

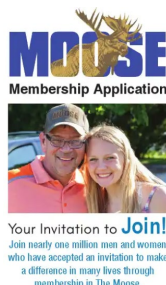
To be part of the Moose organization, you need to be invited by a current member. There are many convenient ways to sponsor a prospective member into The Moose.. Fill out an application and submit this to your Lodge membership chair or complete it online.

To access the application online go to the [Moose International website](#) > “**BE A MOOSE**” scroll down the page to [Online Application](#).

If you have any questions about Membership, you can:

- Send an E-mail to the CNMA Membership Committee at membership@ca-nvmoose.org
- Or you can talk to a CNMA Committee Member near you: Terry Gough (Chair), Lisa Marquez (Vice Chair), Annette Byrne (Member), Ed Walsh (Member), Linda Savely (Member), Marta Hicks (Member), and Nicole Quinones (Member).

Fraternal Regards with Positive Vibes,
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New Member Orientation



Happy New Year Moose Family,

We have three months left until the completion of the Moose year. This means you should have held at least 4 New Member Orientations to this point. These are critical for the members and the Lodges overall. All Lodges should be striving to earn the Premier Lodge Award, and Presidents and Administrators to earn the Leadership Award. These awards are a great honor for each Lodge. These awards are a goal we hope to achieve each year. Without the New Member Orientations this is not possible.

Who is responsible for organizing and running these meetings? The Lodge Membership Chair is officially tasked with organizing and running the orientation session; however, any officer or member can do the work as long as they are organized, articulate and personable. Remember that this session is often a new member's first impression of the Lodge, so put your best presenter front and center. I would also recommend possibly looking at organizing a team to share the workload. This can allow the presenters to get a break and present things they feel much more comfortable with. For example, I am not familiar with the chair positions within the chapter. I have a team member that collaborates with me on the New Member Orientation, and she presents with me. By doing it this way she communicates the information much clearer than I can regarding the Chapter, and I can discuss the Moose Legion.

Doing the presentation as a team has advantages other than just having more knowledge on a specific topic. It also breaks up the presentation for the presenters as well as the attendees. By changing the voice or the flow of the presentation you can keep the attention of the new members more easily. Presenters, share stories of your experiences as a member, which also helps keep the new members engaged and it allows them to hear about different perspectives of the Lodge.

At the California Nevada Moose Association 2024 Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa March 22nd to the 24th, we will have a New Membership Orientation booth. We will be sharing a PowerPoint presentation that the Rancho Cordova Lodge #2357 presents. Please stop by and ask any questions you may have about New Member Orientation.

Fraternally,

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Council of Higher Degrees Chair – Frankie Wysocki**Retention**

Hope all of your holidays were wonderful,

Now it is time to get things going. I have been working with Lodges in my area and memberships are moving forward. If you have any questions I am always available.

I hope you are all having orientation, so these new members know what we stand for.

The Councils are still working and helping with retention when they are asked to help.

If you have any questions I will be in Costa Mesa. I love talking to members and the hugs are great also. We are a great organization and do good things.

From my house to yours be safe and healthy.

See you in Costa Mesa,

Frankie Wysocki

CHD Chair

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The Councils' main responsibility and goal is to aid the Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions in the retention of active dues paying members through personal contact. Our Council members run various social programs and do a fair amount of fund-raising as well. Support of Moose Charities initiatives and our fraternity in general is often rewarding as done by these groups. After all, they are made up of past and current leaders who believe in our cause and know our needs and how to fulfill them.

Additionally, the Councils normally have an annual banquet and/or other events to honor those new degree holders who have advanced in the past year. These events recognize the individuals and offer a chance to publicly thank them for their service among their peers. This in itself promotes benevolence and charity among all members.

These groups, as members of the Higher Degrees, are generally in the forefront of support and promotion of Moose programs and lead the cause of fraternalism by example. These groups, at the Chapter, Lodge and Moose Legion level, may meet as often as desired to socialize, work towards building membership strength, raise funds for Moose Charities and help with various other fraternal endeavors.

Mooseheart Chair – Julie Nelson**Mooseheart Happenings**

Hello everyone and Happy New Year,

The new quarterly publication of 'From the Heart' has been posted online and can be accessed at www.mooseheart.org. There are lots of photos of the kids and the events reported on in my November Gold Miner article. Please check it out.

The new year at Mooseheart has brought lots of cold weather and snow. Over 10 inches has dropped so far. The staff and the kids have been busy trying to dig the campus out before the next storm.

The kids are back from winter break and celebrated during the Martin Luther King weekend by opening all the gifts they received from the units of The Moose all around the USA and Canada.

Six new students were admitted to Mooseheart in January and are settling into their new homes. Eight new family teachers have also been added to the rolls and began their training on January 15th. They have a projected start time for assignment to their family homes in February. This is great news and means with the addition of new teachers more students will be admitted in the near future. Seven new student applications were reviewed and accepted in the January admissions meeting.

The Winter Sports Program at Mooseheart is going strong. Boys' basketball and wrestling are in full swing. Coach Bryan Miller has brought girls bowling back to the campus. On November 27th the girls competed in the first bowling match since 2004.

February brings the annual 'Fitness in February' competition. All the students participate in a month-long program in which they earn points for their participation in a variety of activities that keep them moving during the cold winter month. At the end of the month the students who accumulated the most points win prizes. The points are then used to get them time in the MAC Center.

The Seniors will be busy in February planning Valentine's Day activities, and they are hosting a special Valentine's fundraiser at the school. They are also in the final planning stages of the senior trip. This year in April the seniors will be visiting the Wisconsin Lodges and Chapters for their community service activities. 42% of the Mooseheart students are expected to have completed their mandatory 25 hours of community service by the end of February. Each student is required to meet this goal annually. By the end of February everyone at Mooseheart will be eagerly awaiting the onset of warmer weather so they can get back outside for their sports and activities.

If you know of a child that needs help or may qualify to go to Mooseheart please E-mail me.

Happy New Year from the staff and students at Mooseheart!

Julie Nelson
Mooseheart Chair
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MOOSEHEART
Child City & School Inc.



Moosehaven Chair – Chuck Barber



Moosehaven

Northeast Florida got 'fired up' over the weekend at Moosehaven's 'hottest' event of the season! Many chili lovers, flavor fanatics, and car enthusiasts attended the 13th annual Chili Cook-Off & Car Show. It was a sizzling celebration of hot cars and hotter chili!

Talented cook teams battled it out for 'Chili Champion' titles while visitors enjoyed river views, craft vendors, a kid's zone, and live music by Bold City Classics. NASCAR driver Ross Chastain brought the Moose Fraternity No.

1 Show Car and took pictures with fans, and more than 200 classic cars lined the Moosehaven grounds.

Thank you to our sponsors for another fantastic event, and big congratulations to all of our Chili Cook-Off participants and winners!

People's Choice Winners:

- 1st – Ohio Moose Association
- 2nd – Indiana Moose Association
- 3rd – Moosehaven Resident Team

1st Place Blind Judging:

Pearisburg, VA Team

Best Booth:

Georgia Moose Association

International Chili Society Winners

Red Chili:

- 1st – Donald Perry
- 2nd – Scott Sprouse
- 3rd – John Blackwell

Green Chili:

- 1st – Donald Perry
- 2nd – John Blackwell
- 3rd – Jan Sprouse

Salsa:

- 1st – Larry Weltikol
- 2nd – Matt Lusk
- 3rd – Scott Sprouse

Moosehaven residents enjoy outstanding events throughout the calendar year such as the Chili Cookoff on Veteran's Day weekend, thanks to the support of Moose members throughout the fraternity like those in California and Nevada. The California Nevada Moose Association Moosehaven Committee is committed to supporting the 'City of Contentment' and being a contact point for members seeking to apply for admittance. If you would be interested in helping us in this endeavor please contact me at upchuckgs15@gmail.com.

Fraternally,

Chuck Barber
Moosehaven Chair
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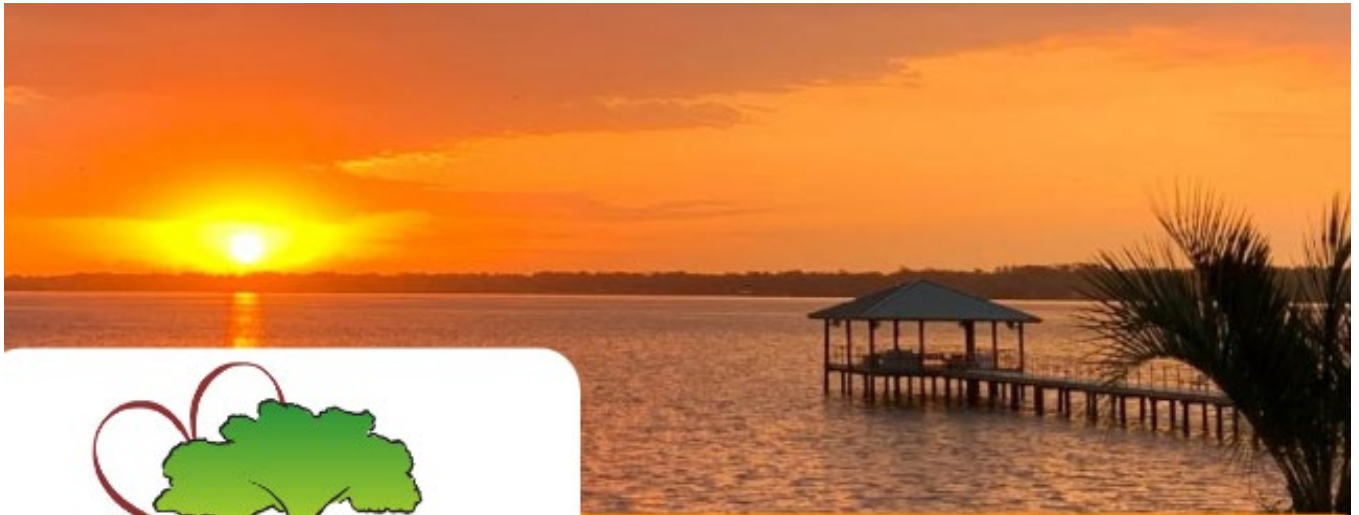
Schedule of Events
 Weekly Worship Services
 8:30am Sunday - Protestant Services, Chapel
 9:30am Sunday - Catholic Mass, St. Catherine's
 10:00am Every Thursday - Mass, HCC Chapel
 10:00am Second Thursday of the month - Mass & Confessions HCC Chapel
 9:00am Mondays - Bible Study with Bruce in HCC Private Dining room
 HCC Main Street Country Store
 Morning Coffee & Cook Social Hour
 Sunday - Saturday 9:00-11:00AM & 1:00-3:00PM
 Vivian Borom Activities Center
 9:00-11:00AM & 1:00-3:00PM, Monday - Friday
 Moose Watering Hole
 Cold Beer, Soda & Ice Cream
 Not So New Store & Country Store
 Craft/Beading Room, Gift Shop
 Video Room, Library, Puzzle Room
 Carrels & Fun Room
 Opportunity Lodge Offices
 Open 8:30 - 11:00AM Monday - Friday
 Opportunity Chapter Offices
 Open 8:30 - 11:00AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 Country Shop and Tailor Shop
 9:00-11:00AM & 1:00-3:00PM
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 Watch Sports
 Monday & Thursday Afternoons
 Illinois Building
 Heavy Hour 1:00PM - 3:00PM
 Sat, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat 5PM - 8PM
 Every evening except when Bingo, Darts and Bowling are scheduled
 MOOSE TRIVIA 1st & 3rd Tuesday Games 1:00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays (8:00PM Mondays & Thursdays)
 6:00PM Sunday
 Lodge Bingo on 4th Sunday 6:00PM and 2nd & 4th Tuesday Lodge Bingo DARTS 6:00PM Thursdays
 TEXAS HOLD'EM Card Game 1:00PM Friday
 New York Sports Complex
 Open 9:00AM - 8:00PM
 6:00PM Monday
 Shuffle Board - 1:00PM Wed & Sat
 Water Exercise Mon, Wed & Fri, 2:30-3:00PM
 CLUB HOUSE
 Chair Exercise 9:00-10:00AM Mon, Wed & Fri
 Line Dancing 2:00PM Sunday
 Fun Bridge 2:00PM Sunday
 Moose Meetings 6:00pm @ Illinois Bldg. 1st & 3rd Wednesday
 WOTM Meeting - 4th Wednesday

Moosehaven

February 2024
CAMPUS ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Fuel Fuel Fuel Moose Trivia 10:00 let 8 3rd Tuesdays at the IL Bldg.	Fuel Fuel Fuel Game Day 9p-3p Tuesdays & Thursdays at the IL Bldg.		1	2 9:00a Wine Dive 6:00-8:00p Welcome Party Audium Moose Mich. Bldg.	3 AL Picnic 11:00-1:00p Campus Meal Mich. Bldg. 5:30p Steak Night 8700 at Lakeshore Lodge
4	5 9:00-11:00a Public and Old Time Pottery	6 10:45-1:30p Lunch @ Shrimp Shack 32 at First Street/2 Miles 110 Plenty of food for 25 Shop at Adirondacks	7	8 6:00p Lodge Meeting IL Bldg.	9 7:00-11:00a Walmart Standing 1:00p Movie & Popcorn Auditorium	10 9:00a Wine Dive Loop
11 1:00p Island Theatre 88 "Catch Me If You Can" Park Hall	12 1:00-3:00p Shopping at Orange Park Mall	13 11:00a-1:30p March Grass Campus Meal Michigan Bldg.	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15 1:30p-4p Presentation "Edgar Waters, Florida's First Serial Killer" by Bob Scoblen	16 9:00a Wine Dive Loop 5:30p Mandarin Dinner/Dance	17 9:30-10:00p Dinner @ Masonery 6:00p Opp. Lodge Speedstart Dance Mich. Bldg.
18 1:30p - Auditorium Nascar Daytona 500 Fun & Games!	19 1:00-3:00p Holiday All Offices and Clinic Closed	20 10:45-1:30p Argyle Shopping and Lunch	21 6:00p Lodge Meeting IL Bldg.	22 4:30p-Hamburger Night at Palatka Lodge	23 10:45-1:30p Lunch at Rudy Tuesday's 12:00-1:00p Shopping at Walmart	24 9:00a Wine Dive Loop Lakeshore First Chicken \$5.00
25 9:30a Mandarin Breakfast 6:00p Lodge Bingo	26	27 6:00p Lodge Bingo	28 6:00p Chapter Meeting Aud. 6:00p Moose Legion meeting - NY	29		

LEAVE TIME indicates departure from Moosehaven. Signage sheets are posted in the Vivian Borom Activities Bldg. If you sign up where you full, you can sign up as stand by and if a seat is available, you may be added back to the order of sign up. No sign up required for the regular scheduled Wine Dive Shopping loop. Calendar is subject to change. All excursions require 17 residents to make the trip.



It's never too late to have fun!

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Pavilion

- A large enough space to seat all residents under the same roof!
- Picnics and evening events will be held here
- It will have lighting, ceiling fans, and restrooms.
- Portable Tiki Bar



Sports and Recreation Complex

- A social area for all to enjoy
- Bowling alley
- Electronic Darts
- Billiards
- Indoor shuffleboard
- Golf simulator
- Card room



Amenity Center

- 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

DONATE TODAY!

To make a gift by mail, send your check made payable to: Moose Charities, Inc.
155 S. International Dr. Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100
include "AAA" in the memo line

Visit our website
Support.Moosecharities.org/MHNAAA
to make an online donation to support the project!

Heart of the Community Chair – Darcy Wilbur

Heart of the Community News



The Heart of the Community is looking for donations of Tommy Moose and Rosie Moose for the Children's Hospital of Orange County and Blankets for Costa Mesa Fire & Police Departments that we will present at the Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa. We will also be asking for donations for the Orange County Ronald McDonald House that are in their Wish List below.

We will also be going to Hope School again this year to deliver backpacks for the kids. There will be no blood drive at the Mid-Year, but it will be held in September at the Annual Convention in Reno, NV.

Please send your Tommy & Rosie Moose to Darcy Wilbur 5801 Pony Express Trail, Pollock Pines, CA 95726. Thank you for all you do for the Heart of the Community.

Darcy Wilbur
HOC Committee Chair
(530) 391-7224
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Important reminder – Do you know a student who could benefit from a scholarship? Remind them about the Heart of the Community Scholarship Program – Applications due June 30, 2024! Click the word Applications to apply!



Ronald McDonald House®
 ORANGE COUNTY



CONSTRUCTION WISH LIST

WHILE THE HOUSE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, RMHOC WILL BE GIVING CARE PACKAGES TO FAMILIES. FAMILIES ARE STAYING AT A LOCAL HOTEL WHICH RMHOC IS PAYING FOR. PLEASE HELP FILL THESE CARE PACKAGES FOR THE FAMILIES WHILE A BIGGER HOUSE IS BEING MADE!



The Moose could help pay your child's college education

How? Enter your High School JUNIOR (Graduating Class of 2025) for a chance to win up to a \$5,000 scholarship with the Moose - The Heart of the Community Scholarship Program.

There is no better way to help the youth of the Fraternity than to offer them the opportunity to further their education, and that is exactly what the Moose "Heart of the Community" Scholarship is all about. The following requirements must be met in order to be eligible for the Moose - The Heart of the Community Scholarship Program.

- The applicant must:**
 - Be a student of the high school graduating **Class of 2025** (to be verified by a high school official).
 - Have a father, mother, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian who is a current member of the Moose in good standing (Applicant is NOT required to reside in the same household).
 - Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale or equivalent **verified by a copy of student's transcript.** (Completing the above criteria qualifies for a chance for a \$1,000 scholarship.)
- If the applicant completes one or more of the optional criteria below. He/she will qualify for a chance for a \$5,000 scholarship:
 - In-School / Extra-Curricular activities** (i.e. school sports teams, band, chess club, theater, etc.)
 - To satisfy this requirement a school official must verify this by completing their section of the application.
 - Out-of-School activities** (i.e. employment, scouting programs, music lessons, non-school related sports)
 - To satisfy this requirement **Moose International must receive a letter or email from the student's supervising adult (boss, troop leader, etc.) no later than June 30, 2024.** The letter should include: 1) The name, title, email, and phone number of the supervising adult; 2) Details of the student's participation; 3) The type of activities they engaged in; and, 4) The dates/date range of their participation. (Submit by email, fax or mail.)
 - Volunteer on behalf of a fraternal unit of the Moose.** (To be verified by Lodge Administrator, Chapter Treasurer or Moose Legion Secretary on the application or by email, fax or U.S. mail.)

The application can be found in the **Members Area** of www.moosintl.org. Click on the **Programs & Events** link, located on the far left of the page, then scroll down and click on the **Moose - The Heart of the Community Scholarship Program** link.

Applications may be emailed to bschimek@moosintl.org, faxed to (630) 966-2225 or mailed to:
 Moose - The Heart of the Community Scholarship Program
 Attn: Brian Schimek
 155 S. International Drive, Moosheart, IL 60539-1172

Faxed applications must be received by **June 30, 2024**. Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before **June 30, 2024**. Application must be completed in its entirety to be valid.

Winners are randomly drawn and will be notified by November 17, 2024. Scholarship checks will be mailed directly to the college of their choice.

Questions on the Moose - The Heart of the Community Scholarship Program can be directed to Brian Schimek at bschimek@moosintl.org or by calling (630)-966-2267.

FOOD

- SINGLE SERVING BREAKFAST BARS
- GRANOLA BARS
- CEREAL (INDIVIDUAL BOXES)
- SINGLE SERVING COOKIES
- SINGLE SERVING CHIPS
- SINGLE SERVING SNACKS
- FRUIT SNACKS
- SINGLE SERVING FRESH FRUIT
- SINGLE SERVING FRESH VEGETABLES
- BOTTLED WATER
- COFFEE CUPS
- PAPER TOWELS

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- COPY PAPER 8 1/2"x11"
- BLACK AND/OR BLUE INK PENS

GIFT CARDS

- \$25 GAS CARDS
- \$25 FAST FOOD CARDS
- \$25 GROCERY CARDS
- \$25 VISA CARDS
- \$25 TARGET CARDS
- \$25 WALMART CARDS
- \$25 AMAZON CARDS

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- GREEN WORKS ALL PURPOSE CLEANER
- LYSOL SPRAY
- PLEDGE
- LYSOL WIPES (DISINFECTANT WIPES)
- 10 GALLON TRASH BAGS
- 33 GALLON TRASH BAGS
- VINYL OR NITRILE GLOVES
- SMALL/INDIVIDUAL LAUNDRY DETERGENT



Youth Awareness News

Greetings!

The Youth Awareness team just completed all of the student congresses. We would like to thank the following Lodges for hosting the Youth Awareness Student Congresses: *West Sacramento #1702, *Santa Cruz #545, *Sunnyvale #2049, Lodi #634, *Buena Park #1945. *Garden Grove #620, Escondido #1874, Red Rock #252, and Pahrump #808! *These Lodges hosted two or more Student Congresses!!

We had 45 students attend the congress in California. I have not received the numbers for Nevada yet. Thank you to the following Lodges and Chapters for sponsoring students: West Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, Folsom, Roseville, Santa Cruz, Sunnyvale, Pacifica, San Jose, Monterey, Anaheim, Bellflower, Buena Park, Downey, El Monte, Garden Grove, La Habra, Pomona, Escondido, Lemon Grove, Kearney Mesa, Mira Mesa, Red Rock, and Pahrump! The Youth Awareness team and our students thank you all!!

A huge thank you to our Youth Awareness Coordinators, Fred Reichelt, Lynn McDonald, Kathy Childs, Kim Esrey (NV), (and me), who work so hard to keep this program afloat. The Coordinators put in endless hours and are the most dedicated people I have ever worked with. This is not an easy committee to serve on. My appreciation for them and what they do, can never be expressed enough.

The students had through the end of December to do their Kids Talks and submit their reports. The students' reports went to judging in January. Judging is completed by high school honor students reading and scoring each report. We will need to wait to hear the exciting news with the names of our finalists. Our association has been awarded seven finalists for this year! They will be attending the International Youth Awareness Congress in Virginia!

I was fortunate enough to be able to sit in on eight of the Kids Talks, while our high school students presented. It truly is amazing watching our high school students, you have sponsored, reach out to our younger kids. Each of the high school students have topics that they selected on their own, different styles and techniques. I wish each of you could witness these Kids Talks. It is the frosting on the cake, the best part of our program. To watch the high school students, present and then watch as the younger kids ask questions, and sometimes a lot of questions, is very rewarding.

Some high school students wore costumes, sang songs, played instruments, had projects, handouts, and/or worksheets for the students, PowerPoint presentations, and they never cease to amaze me with their talents and the amount of effort they put into their presentations. And it seems all of the high school students have caught on to handing out candy!!! Lots of candy!!! The ultimate reward for the younger kids being good listeners.

Some of the topics that were presented this year were Empathy, Self-Love, Giving Back, Values, Time Management, Technology, Becoming a Leader, and many more! The students picked great subjects and did a wonderful job of presenting their talks. Let us just say, I am so glad that I do not have to judge these reports!!

Without your support of our program, none of this would be possible. **YOU** are changing the lives of our students! Take great pride in playing a very important part of the Youth Awareness program!

Our Committee thanks all of you for your support. We all wish you and your families a very Happy New Year filled with good health and a lot of **FUN!**

Bridget Robinson
Youth Awareness Chair
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CNMA Youth Awareness Team:

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 Lynn McDonald-Coordinator (North) - memooseteam@sbcglobal.net
 Kathy Childs-Coordinator (North) - kathychilds@prodigy.net

Training Coordinator – Cheryl D Volden

Training News

We have lots of exciting news to share regarding changes in Moose Training. We completed our very first virtual Administrator School on January 27th & 28th. There were 17 students in attendance and their evaluations say it was a great class and definitely a valuable source for Administrators and their assistants. The plan is to have this training offered once per month by three teams consisting of three dedicated Administrator School instructors. Right now, another session is being offered on March 16th and 17th. Only twenty students can attend each session, so it is advisable to register early!

We have started work on a virtual version of the 2 HOTT and the dedicated team working on that training is excited about being able to offer it in a virtual environment using Adobe Connect. There are still some adjustments that will need to be made in the software so we do not have a date of when that will be available, and we will keep you posted on our progress.

We also have a dedicated team working on an Advanced 2 HOTT session for those individuals who have already attended a Basic 2 HOTT and want or need to have a more advanced session for a variety of reasons.

In the California Nevada Moose Association, we are excited to offer both classroom and virtual sessions. On April 26 we will offer a 2 HOTT session in the middle of our state in Bakersfield, CA at the Stockdale Lodge. On April 27th and 28th we will offer an in classroom session in the same location. So, if you need both sessions you can get them both accomplished with a single visit to exciting Bakersfield CA home of the Stockdale Moose Lodge 2178.

We need all students to understand how **important** it is for you to register online and pay upon registering so that we can adequately plan for the training sessions. Your dedicated instructors spend many hours preparing for a session; having assistants join them to ensure that they have adequate coverage for the number of students who have registered; and ordering materials based on registrations which is costly. If you cannot attend it is **very important** to let the instructor know. Sometimes we have such a need that we have to create a waiting list. We cannot let someone know that they can attend if we do not get notified that an existing registered student has changed their minds. With the virtual sessions this is even more critical because we cannot allow more than 20 students due to restrictions in the software. Recently I not only emailed each student a week prior to the session but called four days before the session. I had a waitlist and wanted to get those students in the session if at all possible. Having received no response, I called each student. One stated that they were on vacation! Two others did not respond but called the morning of the class to let me know that they did not have the link to the class (one called 1 hour and 15 minutes after the class had started). Being a virtual session, the one student was turned away because 1 hour and 15 minutes into the class it was too late for her to get credit. Bottom line is that there were waitlisted students who missed out because the registered students did not answer the email or make a call. So please be kind to our instructors and remember to keep them informed and pay when registering.

Always remember that your dedicated training team is here to help whenever needed. We are all just a call or email away! Check the CNMA Education page often to see what is being offered or to find contact information. Thanks for all you do!

Cheryl D. Volden
CNMA Training Coordinator
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HOC Special Projects Chair – Bob Bakman

Moosehaven 'AAA' Project News

HI ALL, GREAT NEWS!!!

The first \$1,000,000 toward our \$2,000,000 Project Goal, is history. Sometime in December you reached the halfway point. The not so good news is our unit participation level needs some attention. We will at this point again remind everyone that the California Nevada Moose Association is comprised of Lodges, Districts, Councils of Higher Degrees, and Individuals who maintain membership in one or more of these Units. The Chapters and Moose Legion Jurisdictions have, and continue to participate by invitation in the Level Awards Program; and we appreciate all they do and have done in the past by helping us achieve and surpass our many past Projects Goals. They deserve a **THANK YOU** from one and all for helping the Association meet these Goals.

Our current donation level as of December 31, 2023, was \$103,866.52, which leaves a balance of \$96,136.48 to meet our original goal. Another segment of our organization that deserves recognition and thanks are the individual member donors, who currently number 56 and as of December 31, 2023, have collectively donated \$28,810.85. Participant donations levels range from \$10 & up. **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU** to each and every **PARTICIPANT**.

PARTICIPATION, as we have stated many times in the past: "All it takes to become a participant is to make an initial donation to the Project." We understand there is a lot of competition for your charitable dollars, but understand every donation, regardless of the amount, helps reach and fulfill both our **GOALS and RESPONSIBILITIES** to care for our Children at **MOOSEHEART** and our Seniors at **MOOSEHAVEN**. In closing our Committee thanks everyone for their efforts, and we still have a way to go. If there are questions or you need help with a problem, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Robert R. 'Bob' Bakman
HOC Special Projects Chair
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Your HOC Special Project Sub Committee: R. R. "Bob" Bakman, Chair.
 Committee: Joe Zenkus, Byron Wilks, Leonard Vyfvinkel, Michael Stadnick, Tony Padayao, Russ Nelson, John Hughes, Slip Goldberg, Norrie Gardner, Bill Farley, Moose Charities Chair Jason Evans, Dave Emig, and Mark Dickey

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**Sports and
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Amenity Center

Moose Charities News



Hello Moose family,

As we approach the month of February, I would like to remind everybody that this is the month for our annual Rocker Fund which will support Moosehaven.

I encourage all of our Lodges and why not Chapters, Moose Legions and Councils to participate in this annual ritual. In years past we have done well, and I would like to challenge each and every one of you to increase your efforts this year.

There are many things we can do, but giving back to our seniors should be at the top of the list along with our children at Mooseheart.

Since February has 29 days this year, there are no excuses. We have an extra day, and I am hopeful that we all do our share and continue to raise the standard as it relates to the Rocker Fund.

I would also like to remind everyone that as our California Nevada Moose Association 2024 Mid-Year Conference approaches, Moose Charities is seeking donations in the way of gift cards and gifts for our raffle. You can bring those donations to the Mid-Year Conference, or you can mail them to me at PO Box 171, Woodbridge, CA 95258. I can always be reached by telephone. I look forward to seeing you all again very soon. To be continued...

Fraternally Yours,

Jason Evans
Moose Charities Chair
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Loss Prevention Chair – Sam Hoffman**Loss Prevention Note**

My Brothers and Sisters of The Moose,

I suppose introductions are first in order. My name is Sam Hoffman and I have accepted the position of Loss Prevention Chair for the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA). You might ask why?

The majority of my life has been about loss prevention. As a firefighter/paramedic in the San Francisco Bay Area, I have pretty much seen all that can happen, to a person, a business, a city/community.

Loss of life and/or property are things that do not heal overnight, and the effects can last for years. Whether it is a member dying or suffering a serious injury or the devastation or damage to a Lodge.

So, it was with this in mind that I asked to be a CNMA Chair. I had the pleasure, prior to my appointment, of addressing the membership at our Annual Convention and Mid-Year Conference this past year. Currently, I am a committee member of one. Or am I? Safety in our Lodges is the responsibility of each one of us. Did you notice a slip hazard and not report it? Did you let your friend that had a little too much to drink in the Social Quarters drive themselves home? When was the last time your Lodge did a 'walk around' at your facility to inspect the condition of the grounds, equipment, furniture? This job cannot be done by itself. I hope that every Lodge has a Loss Prevention or Safety Committee. You should! There are great resources available from Moose International. The Continuous Accident Prevention (CAP) booklet and Lodge Safety Report Edition which is a guide to filling out your Lodge Safety Report. All Lodges are required to submit this report to Moose International electronically using LCL Web no later than May 31st. The form is available on the Moose International website.

In November Moose International issued a newsletter that contained a great deal of information. Each of us should take the time to review it. It can be found on the [Moose International website > Forms & Documents > Lodge Operations > Loss Prevention Resources](#). This document has lots of clickable link to other valuable documents including Hall Rental Coverage and Avoiding Claims and Lawsuits. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions page!

Finally, I am always here to help. If members would like to join the Loss Prevention Committee, please let me know. Until next time. See you at the Moose.

Fraternally yours,
Sam Hoffman
Loss Prevention Chair
(510) 295-9177
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Loss Prevention is more than just theft, over pouring, trips and falls, or sexual harassment. It is utilizing the many tools provided by Moose International for the financial and well-being of our lodges. Using the tools available will keep your lodge and members safe!

Historian - Johnny Robinson

The Story Continues



Hello to all,

The Pennsylvania – James J. Davis Memorial building was dedicated in 1958 and is a replica of Constitution Hall in Philadelphia. The new California building was dedicated in 1959, and the new Ontario building in 1961. In celebrating the golden anniversary of Mooseheart, the fieldhouse was dedicated on the opening day of the 75th International Convention in 1963. The Health Center, provided by the Women of the Moose, was dedicated at the International Convention in 1974, and the first Floor of the old hospital was converted into a girl's hobby shop. In 1984 the Herb Heilman Fitness Center was dedicated in honor of the Past Director General. In 1988, at the 100th International Convention in Chicago ,IL the California Nevada Moose Association announced the financing of a new archives and supply building to be located Adjacent to the Supreme Lodge. Thank you for all you do.

Johnny Robinson
Historian / Past President
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GOLD MINER

Disaster Relief Fund Chair – Rick Balthazar

Disaster Relief News



Hello Everyone!

If there is a Lodge out there that needs some financial help, please notify your Territory Manager so they can notify me, and we will take it to our committee for review. In the last four years we have not refused any Lodge for help. To all Lodges, Moose Legions, Moose Riders, WOTM and Districts please donate what you can to keep our fund strong. Special thank you to all Districts who contribute at the District meetings. I will announce our top contributors and some of the Lodges we have helped. Any donation can be used on your Heart of the Community Report. Make the check payable to California Nevada Moose Association, earmarked Disaster Relief Fund. In closing I would like to say Thank You to our Past Association President, Mr. Andrew Boardley for his years of service to our Great Fraternity! Enjoy your retirement **BROTHER!** It was an honor to serve with you!

Thank You,
Rick Balthazar
Disaster Relief Chair
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Encouraging Words From An International Moose Legion Ambassador



Well, here we are in 2024 and I must say it is **Encouraging** to hear how our Lodges are really trying to promote and resuscitate their **Moose Legion**. I cannot express how **Valuable** this unit is to not only the Lodge, and Jurisdiction, but the Fraternity as a whole. It is vital that the Lodge President has a working **Moose Legion** Chairman, and the rest of the Lodge Board of Officers are supporting their endeavors by helping designate dates for **Moose Legion** fundraisers. **Moose Legion** Jurisdictions, please continue to collaborate with your Assistant Secretaries in ensuring information for Membership campaigns as well as Member Retention activities are being disseminated.

Something I have learned in my Moose tenure is that Leaders are not always born, so it behooves those of the Higher Degrees to hunker down and start mentoring future Leaders for not only the **Moose Legion**, but their Lodge homes as well. There is so much untapped potential in our Fraternity and if we do not connect with them and help them realize their potential our future becomes less secure, much like the 'Lesson of the locked horns'. All it takes is to have a conversation about the importance of leadership, and how beneficial it is to have the right Member in the right position to further the success of our Fraternity.

Since I mentioned the word Retention, it is not always a topic of favor, yet; it needs to be addressed. Are we being sensitive to the needs of those in arrears? Are we offering them a hardship whereby the Lodge or the **Moose Legion** Jurisdiction can pay for at least one year? Are we coordinating with the local Council of Higher Degrees to see if they can help by calling and offering a way to keep them as **Moose Legionnaires**? There are multiple options available to retain them or find out why they choose not to renew.

Now since we are the '**Degree of Service**' how are we serving and are we having **FUN** doing it? I feel so privileged when asked to attend a **Moose Legion** fundraiser in my Jurisdiction and when I can attend, I have an enjoyable evening with food, music, and fellowship with my Moose Family.

This January cold snap has kept me local; however, I am looking forward to attending events hosted by Mighty 190, Mt. Lassen 172, Twin Rivers 207, Pacific North Coast 208, or any other Jurisdiction that will welcome me (LOL).

I like to say, "There are a lot of truly good **Moose Legionnaires** in our Fraternity: however, if you do not know one . . . Be One."

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HIGHLIGHTS & COMING EVENTS

- New 3.2% Vet Pay COLA
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- Viet Vet March Appreciations
- Patriot Calendar 2d QTR
- Vietnam Veteran's PIN
- Costa Mesa March Conference
- Conference Friday Nite Steaks
- VA Focus on Women's Services
- Vet & Patriot Business Cards
- Newsletter Subscription
- New Vet 'Caregiver' Benefits
- Lodge Vet Forms at CNMA web
- New 3.2% Vet Pay COLA
- "My American History" Journal
- New Year's Resolutions
- **PTSD & MORALE INJURY**



AMERICANISM, PATRIOTS & CITIZENSHIP

AMERICAN RIGHTS, FREEDOMS & LIBERTIES

As citizens in our society, we all **WANT** to be 'good citizens.' While it was normal and natural at one time; things have certainly changed. We once had incredible role models in our parents, grandparents as well as uncles and aunts and even many of our neighbors. Their examples by their behavior were reinforcing the 'citizenship' lessons from our American History classes. How times have changed; and how unimaginably polarized we have become!

In recent years we have all heard of American citizens bellowing and complaining all about their three things: '**MY RIGHTS**,' '**MY FREEDOMS**' and '**MY LIBERTIES**.' These individuals **DEMAND**

their **AMERICAN RIGHTS!** Anyone who has learned and been taught about **DEMOCRACY**, knows that democracy is a cooperative compact among citizens to work within the guidelines of common ideals, goals, objectives for the benefit and greater good '**OF ALL**.' How easy it is for the self-centered and inconsiderate - to completely overlook and just ignore the most fundamental and critical component that underpins and supports the benefits of **DEMOCRACY** – that is '**MY RESPONSIBILITY!**' Our society is ever so slowly being nudged away from the concept of democracy to '**MY LIBERTIES AND TO HECK WITH YOURS!**' The

'**AMERICAN WAY**' is not '**ME ME ME**;' it is '**WE, US, and OUR**,' sharing the load. Remember that not unlike the Golden Rule; 'A load heavy for one, is borne lightly by many' – cooperating and sharing, for the common good of all!



GOOD CITIZENSHIP

We all want to be good citizens, but we all have different responsibilities, commitments, skills, and experience. Just as we all have **DIFFERENT** priorities, just know that every Lodge has **at least** 2-3% of members who really would like to help us develop All-American Patriotic programs; **AND THEY WILL NOT ALL BE VETERANS!** Know, that we have found many who volunteer in memory of

their Grandfather, Dad, Mom, aunt, friend, or neighbor. And there are some that have always wanted to get involved and 'do something,' but just never had the chance to join-in. Please, just find them and get **THEM** together and **THEY** will take over and make it work!

'THEY ANSWERED WHEN AMERICA CALLED!'



NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS' APPRECIATION DAY – 29 MARCH

This is national appreciation for those who served their country in the Republic of Vietnam. An entire month is dedicated to recognizing them although the 29th is the specific day. What a great opportunity to begin, annual Veteran appreciation luncheons or dinners; a magnificent Patriotic activity that **ALL** citizens should be willing to support... **REMEMBER** that **THEY** did not cause, begin, or expand the experience; they merely 'Answered When America Called!'



Let them introduce themselves and briefly what their experiences were like, how they have influenced the course of their lives; and what they do in their communities and about their hobbies and interests. Organize them into the Lodge 'Valued Veterans' Patriot Team to help select Lodge programs and especially the next year's program - **Patriotism - Membership – FUN!**

ANNUAL MISSION – Mid-Year Conference Costa Mesa:

Begin planning now, because it is time for our next semi-annual **PATRIOT REUNION** in Costa Mesa, in the Los Angeles area. We will meet again at the **Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa**.

PLEASE 1) mark your calendars now and **2)** if needed make your local reservations **NOW!** Remember that the Moose Special Discount will expire very early in March. We should be coming in on Thursday and departing on Sunday – March 22 - 24, 2024. This Hilton Hotel is beautiful and luckily is surrounded by a dozen really wonderful and unique restaurants all within one block: Chinese, Korean, Italian, Japanese, Seafood, Native-American, Viennese Patisserie, hamburger, and sandwich shops and most especially – GARF's Sports Bar & Grill, directly across the street from the hotel. Get all details on the [California Nevada Moose Association \(CNMA\) website](#).

At this CNMA 2024 Mid-Year Conference, we will again be able to enjoy a night of real **FUN**, excitement, gaming, and enjoying an evening of fraternalism, as well as great food and drinks at the Saturday Night **Casino Fun Night**. Again, please check the CNMA website for all information regarding advance tickets for all the activities and meals.

GRILLED STEAKS FOR ALL

Garden Grove Moose Lodge #620 has already confirmed that, just like last year, they will again provide transportation to and from their Lodge for another wonderful dinner of grilled steaks and vegetables, music, dancing, entertainment, and games. Last year's dinner was a real winner, and the Lodge provided a tremendous dance band. Come and enjoy the comfortable friendliness of their Lodge and large party patio. Remember that you will not have to drive!

The other Lodges have also been invited to provide food and entertainment but have not confirmed as of the deadline for this article. Remember that Buena Park Lodge #1945 also provided spectacular **CARNITAS** dinners and transportation last time on both Friday and Saturday. Let us hope that additional Lodges will also invite us to come visit and make friends at their Lodges.

HAPPY NEW YEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

"I already started doing a regular pattern of daily crunches: Morning is Captain Crunch and afternoon it's Nestle's Crunch; and even after only 5 days I already seem to feel better!"



VETERANS & PATRIOTS COMMUNICATION NETWORK

We are developing a growing network of true American Patriots who want to show our members and community how Americanism and Patriotism are still celebrated and highlighted in our communities, beginning at our Moose Lodges. We are creating a growing list of a multitude of programs, initiatives and information references that will assist Lodge Patriots to select programs that will honor heroes and help educate their communities regarding our '**AMERICAN HISTORY**' that is no longer always taught in our schools. Our multitude of freedoms and liberties were all made possible and continually preserved by the willing sacrifice of so many American men and women, including the ultimate sacrifice.

Now we, All-American Moose will have a network of support to help us to honor and support the elements that continue to make our democracy possible, especially timely during this time of extreme social polarization. To support these efforts, we are developing a growing package of guides and reference materials, including a Moose Master Calendar of American Patriotic dates, occasions, events, and heroes.

Remember that we are working to create a reliable system to allow all of us to be able to both receive and send information, instruction and guides and references as well as to provide answers and resources to many of the questions that always come up.

Remember also that we issue and update guidance and information every other month, here, in the bi-monthly CNMA '**Gold Miner**' Newsletter and the [CNMA Valued Veterans webpage](#).

Remember also that we are working to make all the guides, calendars, references, booklets and forms available to you on the CNMA Valued Veterans webpage. Previous copies of the bi-monthly Gold Miner are also archived on the CNMA Website > Newsletters; remember that Valued Veterans is the last report in the newsletter. Please note that an electronic copy is automatically sent to each Lodge E-mail address and the Lodge Administrator must decide **IF** they will print and post at least one copy on the Lodge bulletin board – most do. But you can get your own personal color copy delivered to your own E-mail address by sending an E-mail to: bobbb@bak.rr.com, Subject: 'Subscribe Gold Miner.' That is, it! And remember that we will respond to requests for information and or assistance directly, just E-mail: AmVetNet@yahoo.com; including your ideas, complaints, and suggestions.

Hope to see you in March in **COSTA MESA!!**

Please help us to invite American Patriots to join our ranks and make good things happen.

"Together we can make great things happen in our communities!"

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.

MOOSE REWARDS

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.

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