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Association President – Roddy Myers



President Message

Hello Moose Family,
Wow what a Mid-Year Conference! We had a wonderful turnout. Thank you to all that attended.

You should all be proud of yourselves because we raised \$33,000 for Moose Charities and paid off the Presidents Project – Mooseheart Utility Vehicle! I cannot thank you enough for your generosity. Mooseheart and Moosehaven will benefit greatly. Let us keep up with the great work we do to support our children at Mooseheart and seniors at Moosehaven. On top of that we gave 203 backpacks to Hope School filled with school supplies and a Tommy Moose for the boys and a Rosie Moose for the girls. We also stopped at Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), gave them six cases of Tommy Moose and a check to help with the care of the children. Next we were off to the Ronald McDonald House of Orange County, which is under construction and renovation to expand their housing limit. We are looking forward to seeing the finished house when we go back next March. We presented Director Katie with a check for \$1,000 on Saturday morning along with the numerous gift cards we collected from all of you! We provided six cases of Tommy Moose to two Fire Departments. I cannot say Thank You enough for what you all do.

Our Official Visitor, Moose Charities Executive Director Pam Amundsen, was amazed at the Community Service we did and continue to do. She had nothing but positive feedback from her visit with us. I hope you had a chance to talk with her.

I hope you had a fun time at the Casino Fun Night. I know I did. The food was awesome too.

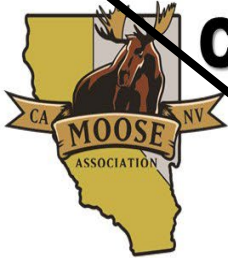
I will be doing some traveling to Lodges and hope to see you! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our Annual Convention in September.

If you have any feedback on the Mid-Year Conference, feel free to let us know, so we can continue to make them more **FUN**.

Until next time. God Bless Mooseheart & Moosehaven.

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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!



MOOSEHEART
Child City & School Inc.



A Community Focused on Helping Children!

Children live in one of thirty residences designed like a spacious single-family home. Each residence is home to six to twelve children. The heart of the program is Family Teachers providing a consistent, systematic method of care, with emphasis on social-skills, development skills essential for success in later life. It is Mooseheart's policy to admit qualified children who have a need.

Mooseheart.org

Chaplain Message



What a great time to be a Moose member,

That is right it is a great time, and we have a lot of people working together to make your Moose fraternal experience the best it can be...after all, together **"WE ARE THE KEY."** With Lodge and Moose Legion elections on the horizon, and Chapter elections completed, it is appropriate to note the many facets of the Chaplain position that help us in our Moose experience. For instance, did you know that the Chaplain's duties include member relations, helping answer questions about your Moose membership from benefits to concerns. Also, publications are a big part of the Chaplain's responsibility. Making sure Campaign posters are posted, not only International campaigns, but the Association and any local campaigns; plus, any newsletters or progress on member convalescence. In Lodges the Chaplain serves as sort of a Liaison on the Financial Review Committee and in Lodges and Districts is third to preside over the meeting should the President or Vice President not be in attendance. In other words, the Chaplain has a lot to do with helping make your Moose experience a pleasant one.

As your Association Chaplain please do not hesitate to call on me to answer any questions or simply to help and send a morale boosting card or message to that special member. On that note, our own Darcy Wilbur was hospitalized recently. As you all know, she is our Heart of the Community Chair and was not able to attend the Mid-Year Conference and was greatly missed. I know I speak for all of us when I say our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We had a great Mid-Year Conference, well attended, and we raised a lot more for our charitable needs. On Thursday, the Executive Committee, our Official Visitor, as well as a few others visited the Childrens Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), the Orange County Ronald McDonald House, and Hope School. We delivered Tommy Moose and many backpacks to the students at Hope School. In addition to the donations of Tommy Moose presented at CHOC and gift cards presented to the Orange County Ronald McDonald House, we presented Hope School with a new Popcorn Machine and over 500 pounds of popcorn.

We thank all our Committee members and Chairs as well as all our Association members for their hard work and donations. We especially wish to thank all the Committees that had a table in our Merchandise Sales room and the table decorations were outstanding. We all had a wonderful time working together. Thank you to all Members who attended our Conference in Costa Mesa.

In closing, please remember to register for the upcoming International Moose Convention July 24-27, 2024, in New Orleans, LA hotel space is going fast.

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Orange County
Ronald McDonald
House under
construction –
Estimated completion
July 2024



Tommy Moose visiting the Hope School & delivering backpacks filled with Tommy or Rosie
Moose and needed school supplies

Mid-Year Conference 2024
Committee & Merchandise
Sales Rooms at the Hilton
Orange County Costa Mesa



Association Treasurer – Robert Leon**Treasurer Message**

Thank you is not enough for the many volunteers that worked at the most recent California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa. Your dedication was on full display and appreciated by many. To those who gave reports; your poise was noticed, and your commitment was felt. It is not easy standing before 400 sets of eyes staring back at you, so I applaud you. CNMA Committees you were all fantastic and your displays were Awesome!

If you were in attendance, thank you. Your presence also shows your commitment to our Fraternity and the many endeavors within. Moose Charities is so vital to the support of Mooseheart & Moosehaven and the donations by way of the March of Checks demonstrated your commitment to The Moose and its Mission.

It was my first-time visiting Hope School, Orange County Ronald McDonald House, and Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) whereby my heartstrings were deeply pulled. The visit to CHOC was brief because of the quarantine in place, but nonetheless a wonderful organization. We were given a tour of the soon to be completed expansion project of the Ronald McDonald House which serves families who need to be with their children who are hospitalized locally. The many gift cards you donated will go to help these families while they are away from their homes.

Our final stop was Hope School where we stopped by the classrooms to hand out the backpacks filled with school supplies. Tommy Moose brought so many smiles to each classroom that it was difficult to leave without smiling as well. I am so proud to be serving on the CNMA Board with such a giving group.

Julie Nelson gave a report on Mooseheart and if you have an opportunity to view the video, please do so. Her story from the time she was working as a police officer had me looking back to my childhood and the friends who had difficult lives that have been shared with me in adulthood.

Ed Stevenson and the women of Ventura Moose Lodge – You make a talented team, and I am hoping others will join the Ways & Means Committee in the ensuing weeks. Where are my Northern California Peeps at?

In closing, I can honestly say that being the Treasurer is not about the money, it is about the love that each person in attendance poured out for Mooseheart & Moosehaven. My hope is that regardless of the experience you had at the Mid-Year Conference, you would look forward to attending the CNMA Annual Convention at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, NV this September 12 to 15, 2024. When you see me, do not be afraid to say hello. . . .

Bill Jackson, a heartfelt thank you for your guidance and mentorship on my position as a Treasurer and your Leadership with the CNMA Committees. If you are interested or have any questions about the CNMA committees, please reach out to Bill Jackson or me.

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

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Association Junior Past President – Joe Henderson

Junior Past President Message

HELLO MOOSE MEMBERS,

We just had a great Mid-Year Conference! We collected more donations for Moose Charities than the year before.

We paid off the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) 2023-24 Presidents Project. Pictures of the vehicle with lettering identifying it was purchased by the members of the CNMA can be found on the CNMA website on both the Bulletin Board and President's page. You all should be proud of our accomplishments in purchasing this much needed vehicle for the Mooseheart campus.

We got a lot of work done and had **FUN** as well. The Casino Fun Night was a blast, and the food was great, I hope you all enjoyed it. This was my last Mid-Year Conference down South as an Executive Committee member and it went well.

We had opportunity drawings for two Life Memberships and had a great turnout in attendance. Congratulations to the winners Donnie Britt from Buena Park Lodge and Joe Winn from Vacaville Lodge.

In May we will be sending out information on the 2025 CNMA Achievement Award guidelines. Submissions are required to be entered online with the resume uploaded to the entry. This automatically sends it to the committee for review and consideration. Every lodge has someone who is worthy of this recognition, and we are expecting every lodge to submit someone for consideration. (Remember that each lodge gets five (5) points toward earning the CNMA 5-Star Award just for submitting an eligible name for consideration). To all the current Lodge Presidents who will be installed this month as Junior Past President it is your responsibility to call a meeting of the Lodge Past Presidents to review and make a selection. The submission will be due on Monday August 12, 2024. Remember that the individual selected will be sent to Moose International for consideration for the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award which is announced at the Moose International Convention each year. Congratulations to the 2024 recipient Doug Phillips!

Hope to see you in Sparks, NV for the 2024 CNMA Annual Convention at the Nugget Casino Resort, September 12 to 15, 2024.

Fraternally,
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2025 California Nevada Moose Association
CNMA Achievement Award
Nomination Submission Guidelines

Every lodge has someone worthy of recognition for this award!



Secretary Message

Happy Spring Everyone!

The past few months have been crazy busy for our Association with the planning and execution of an amazing Mid-Year Conference at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa. Thanks so much to everyone who helped make this a great conference.

We almost met our goal of having no lodges with overdue invoices. Unfortunately, one lodge is still not in good standing with this Association for being 90 plus days in arrears, which will require the Compliance Review Committee to take additional action. Thank you to the Territory Manager for your assistance in getting them to remit a partial payment on their account.

As per our established schedule for Association dues billings (**November 15th**, **February 15th**, **May 15th**, and **August 15th**) another billing was completed on February 15th. Thank you to the many lodges who paid their dues using the available automated method of clicking on the “**Pay Invoice**” button and remitting your payment! You are amazing! To those who are still sending checks I would like to **encourage** you to try the electronic method.

To the 17 lodges who have not yet remitted your dues that were billed on February 15th you are currently **not in good standing with this Association**. Reminders were sent on March 15th and are now being reviewed by the Territory Managers and the Compliance Review Committee. Please get those invoices paid **ASAP** to bring your lodge back in good standing. It won't be long before another billing, May 15th to be exact, will occur.

Next on the horizon is Mooseheart graduation weekend and the announcement of the new California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Pilgrim Class of 2024. The Association has already set up your recognition dinner at the Doubletree Lisle for Saturday June 1st. Any CNMA member who is attending the Mooseheart graduation activities is welcome to attend this dinner. Please join us in congratulating them on this milestone!

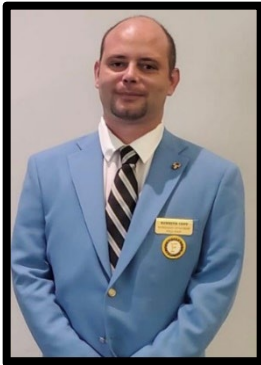
We are doing what we can to keep the Association members updated on the latest happenings through our Association website at www.ca-nvmoose.org. This is for everyone so please submit any updates using the “**Submit An Article**” item found at the bottom of each page of the website. There is an “**In Memory**” page dedicated to our departed members. It gets updated once a year based on the annual memorial service presented at the Annual Convention and can be updated if we are notified of the passing of one of our members. Please use the “**Submit An Article**” link often!

We now have a Communications Chair, Ruben Juarez, who is anxious to get started on improving communications throughout our Association. He will be developing a distribution list that we will use to blast information to those members who are interested in receiving direct updates that are typically sent to the CNMA units for reading at your meetings. Ruben's email is communications@ca-nvmoose.org. Please send an email letting him know you want to be added to the list.

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we're all in this
TOGETHER



Association Liaison – Kenneth Copp**Liaison Message**

My Fellow Brothers and Sisters, I hope you all had a great time at our Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa.

Our Conference was an enormous success, and there was a lot of information that was provided. Our Official Visitor Pam Amundsen Executive Director of Moose Charities had a lot of wonderful things to say about our Conference and was very pleased with the turnout from our members, and the donations during the March of Checks. If you need a copy of a presentation that the Territory Managers completed at our Conference, please reach out to your Territory Manager, and ask them to send it to you.

Let us take a look at our Membership so far this Moose Year. As an Association, we have been showing a gain in membership each month since June 2023. Please continue to work on your Lodges retention and sponsoring new members. Let us end this Moose Year as an Association and for each Territory in the **PLUS**. I would like to Thank You All for working the programs of Moose International and helping us continue going forward!

If you plan to attend the International Moose Convention July 24-27, 2024, 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/>

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membership

The 2024-25 Campaign Begins!

Through this year's membership campaign, we seek to raise awareness of the Fraternity in the communities we serve ... inviting them to join with us in mutual support of their/our community.

The 2024-25 Membership campaign kicks off on May 1, with an emphasis to "Embrace our Community!" Throughout the Fraternity's history, being a focal point within the local community has been a core tenet to The Moose. The new campaign picks up as a continuation of the ideals set in the 2023-24 campaign, which emphasized the Fraternity's "Proud Past, Bright Future." In moving toward that future, maintaining a solid connection to the communities we serve is paramount.

Through this year's membership campaign, we seek to raise awareness of the Fraternity in the community as we ask ourselves how we, as a Fraternity, can assist the community, while at the same time inviting them to join with us in mutual support of their/our community.

As we look toward our future, we realize that The Moose needs to continue to increase in relevance, becoming more involved in the day-to-day welfare of the communities that we serve.

By conducting approved events that are open to the public, we have an opportunity to showcase not only our lodge homes but the good that we have to offer. Lodges also need to get involved with their local chambers of commerce and as well as connecting with other local fraternal organizations. Everyone benefits when we support each other. By working together, we create a better overall environment and this will help make our communities successful. ■

— Mike Rias, Director of Membership



MOOSE “EMBRACE OUR COMMUNITY”

May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025

“Embrace our Community” highlights the good that our Fraternity has provided to our local communities for the past 100+ years and promotes what we will continue to do into the future. We embrace our communities with awareness of the Moose, ask how we as a Fraternity can assist, and invite them to join us in support of their/our community.

Sponsor 1 Member

“Embrace Our Community” 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 purchase of two new/used Mooseheart Facilities Maintenance Trucks/Vans. Efficient and consistent maintenance is always important for the campus environment and our children at Mooseheart. 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 “Embrace Our Community” membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2025 International Moose Convention in Milwaukee, WI. 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.

Mooseheart Chair – Julie Nelson**Mooseheart Happenings**

Hello everyone and greetings from Mooseheart,

Spring is rapidly approaching as February ended and all the points were counted for the "Fitness in February" contest. The kids and staff participated in various indoor activities for the entire month to earn points. Indiana Home was the overall winner. They earned a grand total of 37,354 points. The winning students were announced and were very excited to spend their points. Aniya Howard got top honors earning 5,679 verified activity points, Janet Debah (I am proud to say is the Sunshine Child for our Chapter) took second place earning 5,228 points and Anthony Horton was third with 5,120 points. The winners got to go shopping in the NIKE Room and pick out new shoes and lots of NIKE gear.

Over 50% of the students earned at least 1,700 points which netted them a new pair of NIKE shoes. It was an amazing effort by all the kids, and they were so excited to be rewarded with a new pair of shoes. NIKE is a corporate sponsor for Mooseheart and not only provided the shoes and gear for this contest but provides a new pair of shoes to each student on their birthday.

March started out strong on campus with warm and sunny days. The great weather coupled with the beginning of Daylight Savings Time has provided additional time outdoors for the kids to burn off a lot of pent-up energy. The campus had come alive with the excitement of Spring Break and Easter. Bicycles emerged and the kids were so grateful for the additional hour of daylight to enjoy riding around campus. Spring Break began on March 22nd and ended on April 1st when the kids returned to school. Most of the students went home for Easter but those that remained on campus were treated to special activities.

Easter Egg hunts were held by the Women of the Moose for the younger students on campus. Several of the homes with younger children also attended Easter parties at local Moose Lodges.

The Seniors are already excited for all the activities being planned before their graduation at the end of May. They are just realizing their time at Mooseheart is rapidly going to come to an end. In April, the Seniors will take their service trip to Wisconsin to perform their final community service projects. The Youth Awareness Conference will be held in Virginia at the end of April. Senior Daria Sawyer and Sophomore Jeannine Briceno were selected to represent Mooseheart at the event. We wish them luck with their presentations vying for a scholarship at the event. There will be more to come on the Seniors and their final days at Mooseheart in the June/July newsletter.

Hope you all had a Happy Easter and I enjoyed seeing you all at the Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa.

Sincerely,

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Moosehaven



Monday March 4th nearly 120 golfers took part in the Moosehaven Golf Invitational at the Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club. Also on the weekend's schedule was the groundbreaking ceremony for the Moosehaven AAA (Always Active At Moosehaven) project. This is a 10-million-dollar project for which 7 million has already been raised, see picture of groundbreaking below. March was a busy month on the Moosehaven campus, and this year was not an exception. The annual golf tournament was completed along with the Moosehaven Easter Festival where the entire community was invited onto the campus for a day filled with Easter themed activities including an Easter Bunny meet and greet, petting zoo, pony rides, bounce houses, rock wall, fossil dig, Star Wars characters, game and prizes, music, dancing and more. Sunrise Easter services were also held on March 31st at Moosehaven's Riverfront Pavilion. Our Moose fraternity seniors really are active and enjoying "another day in Paradise" thanks to your ongoing support.

Fraternally,

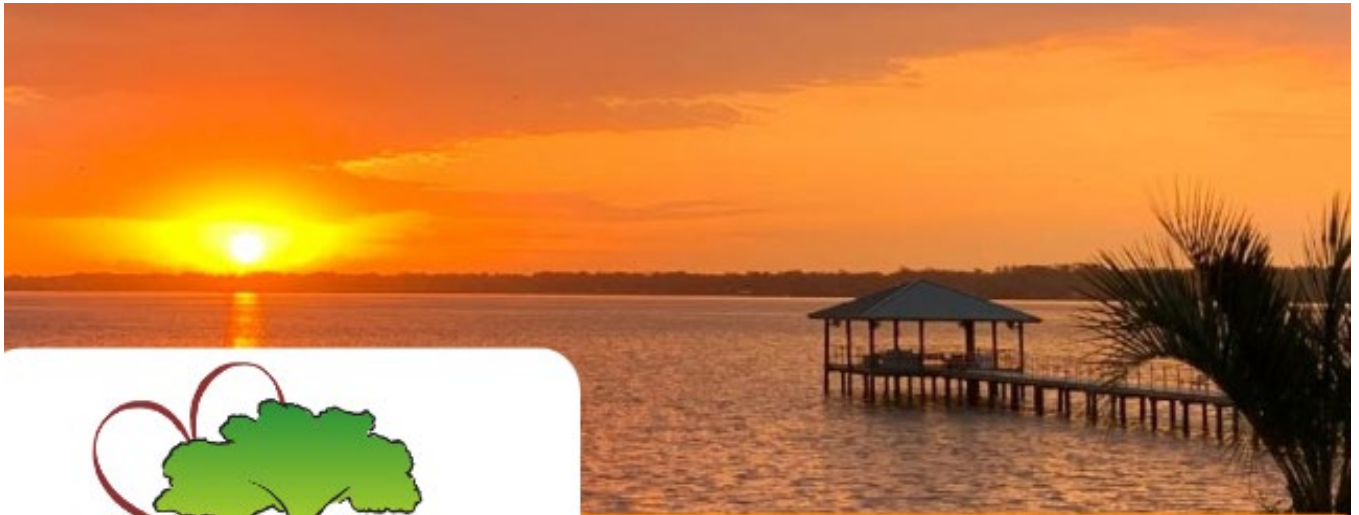
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It's never too late to have fun!

MOOSEHAVEN AAA PROJECT

Always Active At Moosehaven



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!

Youth Awareness News



Greetings!!

We are all feeling pumped up after our great Mid-Year Conference!! I love attending conferences because I truly enjoy seeing my friends that live out of the area, of course I enjoy seeing my friends that live in the area as well. The days are full during conference! Up early, to bed late, but all worth it!! The information shared by the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Executive Committee (EC), Committee Chairman, and the Territory Managers was great this year! If you missed it, you could watch it on Facebook.

The Youth Awareness (YA) Coordinators have been working with our seven finalists to get them ready for the International Youth Awareness Congress. The students will fly out on April 25th, to Roanoke, Virginia! Once they land they will begin making lifelong memories and friends!! The students will be chaperoned and taken to some wonderful outings in the area. Usually, they will visit a Moose Lodge or two along the journey! On Saturday, April 27th, the students will get down to business and present their Kids Talks to their fellow high school students. After all of the students have completed their presentations, the students will vote for their personal choice for the top 5. The votes will be tallied, and the winners will be announced on Sunday, April 28th, in a special ceremony! There are usually around 60 students and a lot of stiff competition. I have heard that the students really relax and have fun after all of the presentations are completed. I have also been told that the students stay up all night celebrating and having fun on their last night. On Monday, April 29th, the students start packing up and heading home. Our students' goal is to come home with a scholarship, but with or without one, these students come home with the most amazing experiences.

These memories and experiences are because of all of you, who support the Youth Awareness Program!! Our committee would like to thank each of you for your support. We would also like to thank the Moose Legion, who fund \$30,000 every year for our scholarships! Thank you to CNMA Moose Riders who provide the \$500 checks to each of the finalists every year! We would also like to thank two of the Higher Degree Committees, Surf and Sand (CA-South) and Gold Coast (CA-North). These two HD Committees have helped to purchase some of the many \$50 gift cards for the students that completed their three talks. We will need to buy a lot of gift cards this year! What a great "problem" to have!

So, I believe in my last article I told you that we earned seven finalists! I cannot express how happy our entire committee is! Seven finalists represent the hard work and dedication that all of the YA Coordinators have put forth this year. Someone had a concern that they shared with the CNMA EC. The concern was whether or not we could afford to send seven finalists. The simple answer is "Yes," we can! The purpose and goal of our committee and the CNMA is to reach and help as many students as possible that want and need it. It is also our goal to continue to grow this program. It is so needed! If we earn 5, 7, 10, or more students, our committee will do whatever it takes to earn the money to send them to the International YA Congress. Again, this is the purpose and the goal of our committee! And with the help of all of you, we can do it! Capping off the YA

program would be like capping off membership numbers. It just does not make sense. We all need to be good stewards of your donations. You have my pledge that I will always do that.

So let me tell you a little bit about **YOUR** finalists!

Denise Rojas, sponsor Garden Grove Lodge #620. Denise has participated all four years and has been a finalist every year! Even though the YA program is a competition, Denise is always the first one to help her fellow teammates. She has brought her friends into the program and has already asked to help with next year's International Congress. Denise loves the YA program.

Jenisa Medina, sponsor El Monte Lodge #1097. Jenisa has participated all four years, and this will be her third time as a finalist. Jenisa started off very shy and quiet but has been building her confidence. It is a joy to watch her with the younger students.

Kamal Haddad, sponsored by Sunnyvale Lodge #2049. Kamal is new to the program this year. He is a strong speaker. His sister Karina won the 3rd place scholarship in 2022.

Paola Zamudio, sponsored by Anaheim Lodge #1853. Paola is new to the program this year. She was a huge hit with the elementary school students.

Presha Jain, sponsored by La Habra Lodge #1858. Presha is going out for her second year. It is her first time as a finalist. Presha is very quiet, but when she gets up to speak it is a completely different story.

Preston Brown, sponsored by Escondido Lodge #1874. Preston came to our program last year. This is his first time as a finalist. Preston is an Eagle Scout, and it shows.

Quang Ho, sponsored by Garden Grove Chapter #1117. Quang has participated in the program for two years and this is his second year as a finalist. Last year Quang took home a 2nd place win and an \$8,000 scholarship. He is ready for more.

Wish our student's luck!! We will post the results when we get them on April 28th. Thank you again for all of your support of the Youth Awareness Program!

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Training Coordinator – Cheryl D Volden**Training News**

We have awesome news to share about training! The California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) training team held 14 training sessions and trained 210 students since October 2023! Three of the sessions were virtual with students from across the fraternity in attendance.

Being able to train virtually means we save money on travel expenses and can take the training from home (and wear whatever we want) using our own computer with bigger monitors (so important to those of us who are getting older!).

The Administrator School and Basic 2 Hands on Technical Training (HOTT) are both being offered virtually on a monthly basis. This gives us all more opportunities to provide much needed training to our members.

Even more exciting is that we are developing a series of workshops to provide students who have completed the Basic 2 HOTT with additional skills in such areas as QuickBooks reports, Exporting from LCL Web, Recurring Transactions, Payroll, the QuickBooks Audit Log features, and QuickBooks products and services. These workshops will provide our members with much needed skills to improve their operations. Once a Basic 2 HOTT is completed students can take the Advanced sessions to meet their training requirements.

Lodge Leadership training is being offered by our Lodge Leadership instructors. Contact us at cnmatrainers@gmail.com to request an in classroom session. Remember that this training requirement can be met by taking the training online using the following [link](#).

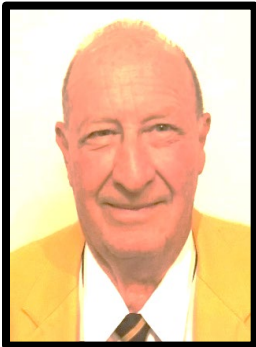
In a new position and not sure what you need to complete your required training? Go to the Moose International website > Members Area > [Moose Training](#) to find training requirements, course descriptions, links to Online Training, a list of scheduled sessions throughout the fraternity and additional resources available. You can also go to the CNMA Website > [CNMA Education](#) page to find a list of available training sessions within the CNMA including announcements with all information regarding each specific class, Class registration links, a list of CNMA Trainers, Training Information, links to Moose International Moose Training, etc.

With the availability of online training for Lodge Leadership and the addition of virtual Administrator Schools and Basic 2 HOTT sessions there is no reason for our Association to have any Administrators, Lodge Officers, Chapter Treasurers or Moose Legion Secretaries to be deficient in their required training.

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HOC Special Projects Chair – Bob Bakman



CNMA SPECIAL PROJECT MID-YEAR REPORT ON THE MOOSEHAVEN “AAA” PROJECT

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU,

One and All; for your support of and contributions to the California Nevada Moosehaven “AAA” Building Project on our Moosehaven Campus in Florida.

As of the last report on February 7, 2024, we had received donations totaling \$105,735.02 toward our minimum Goal of \$200,000. Leaving only \$94,264.98 to go until we can look back at that **GOAL!!**

The following is a breakdown of the donations at that time from the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Lodges, Districts, Councils of Higher Degrees, and Individuals. The Association has 107 Lodges of which 76 (69.7%) have made donations and 33 (30.3%) have not. Of the 20 Districts, 13 (66%) have made donations and 7 (35%) have not. There are 5 Councils of Higher Degrees of which 3 (71.4%) have made donations and 2 (38.6%) have not. Additionally, we have received donations totaling \$4,625.50 and 57 Individuals making donations of between \$10 and \$4,625.50 have made a total contribution of \$28,416.79.

For those of you that may not be aware. The Chapters and the Moose Legion Jurisdictions are not part of the Association structure. They are Administratively overseen by Staff at the Moose International Level. However, as we have in the past and continue to do, we invite them to participate in our Project Donation Level Awards Program. We take this opportunity to thank them for their contributions towards our Mooseheart and Moosehaven Special Projects efforts.

We will be marking the end of our 2nd year of fundraising efforts on this Special Project just before our CNMA Annual Convention and with your help we hope to be looking back at our minimum goal. However, our success depends on your efforts. So let us all return to our respective Units with the **GOAL** of 100% unit donation participation at that convention. Keep in mind that the difference between **NON-PARTICIPANT AND A PARTICIPANT IS A DONATION!!** Thank you for all you have done and for all you are going to do.

Fraternally submitted,
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MOOSEHAVEN AAA PROJECT

Always Active At Moosehaven



Pavilion



Sports and
Recreation Complex



Amenity Center

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

Historian - Johnny Robinson**The Story Continues**
History of The Women of The Moose

Many of the wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of members of the Loyal Order of Moose who were present at the dedication of Mooseheart in 1913 were already members of local units known as Women's Circles.

Inspired by what they saw at Mooseheart, these Circle members returned to their respective communities and worked relentlessly to raise funds for the development and progress of Mooseheart.

These Women's Circles were first recognized at the International Convention in 1912. The name was changed to Women's Moose Circles in 1913 at the International Convention in Cincinnati.

In 1916, three short years after Mooseheart was dedicated, the Women's Circles were unified into a national auxiliary of the Loyal Order of Moose and given a name, Women of the Mooseheart Legion. Charters were granted and units were named "Chapters."

The name of the organization was changed in 1933 to its present title, "Women of the Moose."

Thank you for all you do,

Johnny Robinson

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Disaster Relief Fund Chair – Rick Balthazar**Disaster Relief News**

Hello to all,

It was great seeing everyone at the Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa. The Disaster Relief Fund Committee announced that the Territory Managers will select a Lodge in their territory that most needs some financial support and report back to the committee. All four territories will receive a \$1,000 check from the fund to help support their needs! We sent \$1,000 to a Arizona City Lodge that burned to the ground to help them reopen the lodge. This is the third state along with Florida and Kentucky that we have helped. To keep our fund strong, we are asking each Lodge to donate .50 cents a day to the Lodge, Women of the Moose, Moose Legion, Moose Riders, and members for one year. That will generate almost \$20,000 to replenish the fund.

Thank you for your support. Special thanks to Paradise, Garden Grove, Big Bear, District 19, and all Districts who donate each month. Remember no Lodge in need has been refused. Our Committee and the California Nevada Moose Association thank each and every one of you who donates to this invaluable fund.

Rick Balthazar

Disaster Relief Fund Chair

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Encouraging Words From An International Moose Legion Ambassador



The California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Mid-Year Conference brought with it many ideas for Membership building and Membership retention.

Did you know that as soon as you enroll your male Moose Lodge candidate and he receives his Moose ID number, he is eligible to be a member of the Moose Legion and attend a conferral to be enrolled into the Moose Legion? Did you know a Moose Legion member can have multiple memberships in different jurisdictions? So why are we not talking about the benefits of being a Moose Legionnaire and the wonderful work we do for Mooseheart & Moosehaven at Lodge orientations? Did you know there is a Moose Legion orientation available for viewing? The Moose Legion on-line application has been added to the beamoose.org on-line app. There is so much to learn about the Moose Legion, as a matter of fact, I too am still learning.

Now back to the Mid-Year Conference: I was asked to speak on Membership and Retention. This happened to be my shortest talk yet imagine that! As our International Moose Legion President Chuck Barber was speaking, something he said struck a chord and I came up with possibly a new Moose Legion campaign for our jurisdiction and if you would like to use it, feel free. **“If we want to gain, we must retain!”** sounds corny right? But to the point that we should seriously begin mentoring our incoming Moose Legionnaires lest we lose sight of our ability to fulfill our obligations. Not all Moose Legionnaires can make meetings or conferrals so we must make a more concentrated effort to keep them abreast of what is happening, either by phone or letters.

Should we lose sight of our Proud Past, there will not be a Bright Future for the Moose Legions across the Fraternity. If you are having difficulty in these areas, all you need to do is see what other jurisdictions are doing and reach out and ask them how they are successful. We do ourselves a disservice when we do not take our obligation seriously which can be turned into **FUN**.

I thank those Moose Legionnaires who are going above and beyond, so please take a moment to share the methods of your success with others.

“There are a lot of Good Moose Legionnaires out there, and if you can’t find one, be ONE!”

Fraternal Regards,

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HOC Valued Veterans Chair - Jesse Orta



AMERICANISM - PATRIOTISM - CITIZENSHIP

Because Freedom Is **NOT** FREE!

ALERT – New ENTITLEMENTS, CONDITIONS, ELIGIBILITIES



Remember how the Veterans Affairs (VA) 'RESEARCHED' Agent Orange for 16 years to determine just how bad it was? We learned research included counting how many Vietnam Veterans died during this period; and then compared that number to the number of similar Non-veterans died; to see the difference.

A new program implementation and expansion had long been planned and scheduled for the year 2032. Besides the administrative *X#? the bottom line is this is **GREAT NEWS** for thousands of Veterans of **ALL** campaigns. If your health condition has not been identified or if you have had a claim denied, this is a great opportunity to get a fresh new review of your claim.

In most cases, **DO NOT** go directly to the VA to establish or reopen a claim – without the help and guidance of an '**ACCREDITED VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**' (AVSO) who is trained and experienced in dealing with the VA bureaucracy and administration. **YES** – the VA has a legal '**DUTY TO ASSIST**' but they have compelling 'production goals' and often cannot take the 'time needed' to 'help you' create a comprehensive 'Fully-Developed-Claim.'

▶ We are alerted there are more long expected changes coming to the VA benefits program. Among them is the appreciation that '**MORAL INJURY**' is now validated as a legitimate disabling condition over and above Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as it has been known.

▶ The VA 'Caregiver Support Program' (CSP) is being expanded in recognition of the true value family care represents considerable savings to the Veterans Administration.

▶ The VA/UBER hospital transport program we announced has new guidelines to be updated in short order.

▶ VA authorizes and pays for eligible Veterans to seek acute crisis mental health services at non-VA facilities, Next Report.

▶ VA Regional Offices are training Veterans Service Officers to reduce duties from Veteran Service Representatives (VSRs).

▶ A new 'Veterans Advocate' Program is available: just **ASK!**

▶ **VETERANS & PATRIOTS COMMUNICATION NETWORK** - We are pleased to report our mutual support network is growing. We genuinely want to know about **YOUR** programs so we can announce and publicize the story and photographs of any Lodge and Unit events and participation. Remember, as proud Americans we all want to be good citizens. At one time most community organizations proudly took the lead in honoring patriotic 'flag-waving' occasions with public programs

HIGHLIGHTS & COMING

- "PACT ACT" Eligibilities to ALL
- VA Presumptive EXPANDED
- Prep: Memorial Day Programs
- Prep: for American **FLAG DAY**
- March Conference UPDATE
- Garden Grove Lodge STEAKS
- VA highlights Women Veteran
- Order **YOUR** Business Cards
- Newsletter Subscription !!
- Caregiver Support Programs
- CNMA VETS INFO NETWORK
- VA & UBER Hospital Transport
- NON-VA PTSD RESOURCES
- HOW-TO develop a program
- PTSD & MORALE INJURY

and lunches that reminded and inspired the citizenry to remember why we have such a desirable country. They brought us together to 'model good citizenship' and to 'instill pride' throughout our communities.

IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO
“IF IT’S TO BE, IT’S UP TO YOU AND ME”
LET’S LEAD BY EXAMPLE!

► **CONDUCTING A LODGE PROGRAM**

Conducting a Lodge program for a special day or group is not as challenging as many imagine. And there are many levels from very simple, (by 2-3 people) to magnificent, comprehensive, and requiring a coordination team. In the next issue we will explain: **PROTOCOL:, INVOCATION, WELCOME, PURPOSE, KEYNOTE, RESOURCES, DIGNI TARIES, PUBLICITY, PHOTOGRAPHY MUSIC/ VIDEO**, After-action, Records and more.

► To get your personal **NEWSLETTER** delivered to your own E-mail address send an E-mail to: communications@ca-nvmoose.org Subject: “**Subscribe Gold Miner**” – **That is It!** And remember we will respond to **REQUESTS** for information and or assistance directly just by E-mail: AmVetNet@yahoo.com; including your ideas, complaints, and suggestions.

► I am pleased to remind you that the California Nevada Moose Association (**CNMA**) was the first to implement a Patriotic Veterans Initiative, having the most comprehensive patriotic program and other state associations are looking to **US (CNMA)**, to help them grow their programs.

► Remember if you want ideas, assistance, resources, please just E-mail and let us know.

► Add a **Veteran's Mini-Bio** in Your Newsletters!

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PLAN SOME SPECIAL PATRIOTIC FUN

MAY -----

- 1 - Loyalty Day & Law Day
- 4 - Pulaski Day
- 6 - National Nurse's Day
- 8 - VE Day/Victory-in-Europe Day
- 10 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 18 - Armed Forces Day
- 22 - Maritime Day
- 27 - Memorial Day

JUNE-----

- 3-7 - Naval 'Battle of Midway' 1942 air/sea
- 6 - D-Day Normandy Landings 1944
- 14 - *Flag Day & US Army 1775
- 15 - Battle of Saipan 1944 final island airfield
- 22 - Pledge of Allegiance & Veterans G.I. Bill
- 25 - Korean War began 1950

JULY-----

- 2 - US Army Air Corps founded Jul 2, 1926-1941
- 4 - *Independence Day
- 23 - Polish Legion of American Veterans
- 25 - Korean War started Jun 25, 1950-Jul 27, 1953
- 27 - *Korean Armistice Agreement Jul 27, 1953
- 27 - Post Traumatic Stress Awareness Day
- 28 - World War I Period Jul 28, 1914-Nov 11, 1918

AUGUST-----

- 1 - Veterans of Foreign Wars 1914
- 4 - US Coast Guard 1790
- 7 - Guadalcanal Battle
- 7 - Purple Heart Est. 1782
- 14 - VJ Day/Victory in Japan
- 16 - Natl Paratroopers & Airborne Day

* **Announce it: Public & News media will come out of the woodwork to be a part of it.**

PLEASE make copies and Pass-on or E-mail this Patriot's Information to Veterans, Patriots and POST-IT on all Bulletin Boards!

Loss Prevention

My Brothers and Sisters of the Moose,

The year 2024 is here and we are off and running. Just returning from our Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa, I got the chance to meet so many of you. Especially after presenting my report to the membership during the general session. Oh, those of you that saw me fall when I went to the stage, please, not to worry. It was planned, but I must admit, I do not take a prat fall like I used to! Just wanted to get your attention and set the mood.

As for loss prevention I just wanted to remind you that your Lodge Safety Inspection Report is due May 31st. For those of you who don't know this form is located in LCL Web. Since the majority of us do not have access since it is password controlled, it is the responsibility of the Administrator to ensure that the Loss Prevention Chairman of each lodge is provided with this report using the **Printer Friendly link** provided. This form is only available beginning on May 1st. It is important that each lodge completes this form since it reduces the lodge Risk Pool Insurance premium.

On another note, has your Financial Review Committee done their job? Remember, loss can be financial as well as damage to property or injury to a member. The Financial Review Committee doing regular monthly financial reviews using the provided monthly and Semi-annual forms available on the California Nevada Moose Association website > LCL/QBO Procedures > Moose Procedures ensures your lodge assets are protected.

Attending lodge meetings and hearing the reports of the various committees and the Treasurer's financial report also makes all members aware of any issues the lodge may be experiencing that could be of concern to the membership. It is all members' responsibility to pay attention to the operations of the lodge including ensuring that the Lodge Officers are doing what is required of them.

Last reminder my California and Nevada Moose Family, we are coming into the summer months which means fire season. I would be remiss as a firefighter if I did not remind you to keep a defensible space around your Lodges.

Lodge Safety is every member's responsibility! Thanks for taking time to read this and as always, see you at the Moose.

Fraternally,
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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.



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.

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