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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

I hope this message finds you well and for those that were at the Mid-Year Conference I hope you had a safe journey home. All I can say is **"WOW"** I had so much **FUN** at Mid-Year Conference! Our Official Visitor Grand Regent Verna Miller was wonderful!! We even had a bonus guest from Moose International, the Assistant Director of Membership Troy King and he was great as well.

This Mid-Year Conference I tried to pump up the excitement by bringing in some of the things that the Women of the Moose used to do. We had music, videos, dancing, Chuck Barber and Mark Klein in tutus, what more could you ask for? Our Chairs knocked it out of the park!! We had great fundraisers, amazing booth decorations and a ton of great information.

I also want to mention that the Heart of the Community efforts this weekend were unbelievable. Dee was in awe of how many donations of blankets and Tommy Moose we received. She will need a bigger area next time. You will receive messages from her soon, but she will still need blankets and Tommy Moose for our September Annual Convention in Sparks, NV at the Nugget. The visits and donations provided to the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), Hope School, Ronald McDonald House of Orange County and the Fire Department were amazing.

The theme of this Mid-Year Conference was for everyone to work together, build each other up and of course **"Remember your Why"**. It is so important for all Lodges, Women of the Moose and Moose Legions to work together. When a member joins the Lodge make sure to tell them about the Women of the Moose and Moose Legion. Have joint functions, make it **FUN**, make people want to join. These groups are not in competition with each other. We are all on the same team focusing on different areas of fundraising. Imagine if there were no more Women of the Moose or Moose Legion all the fundraising efforts would fall on the Lodge and that is a lot. Appreciate them now and working with them will make everyone's effort so much easier.

I want to thank everyone who assisted in making this past Mid-Year Conference a great success. Each member of the Executive Committee played a crucial role. Our Regional Manager Mo, Liaison Kenny and all the Territory Managers, John, Terry and Karen are always there to support us. Our Sergeant at Arms Mike and his team, we had them running around all over the place and they were fantastic. Donnie & the Audio Visual team did a fantastic job even with my continuous changes. Shannon who drives the truck up to make sure we have all the paraphernalia we need to make the conference go. Again, all the Chairs who did an amazing job. But most of all, the members who attended the conference donated their hard-earned money and time to our amazing cause. Because of you, and our amazing Moose Charities Chair Jason Evans' hard work for Moose Charities rocked the house with just under \$40K in donations.

While our Annual Convention in September is a little more serious with nominations & elections and other things I still plan on making it **FUN**. We will have music and other surprises throughout. A few things I can let you know now are the theme will be Haunted Mansion/Halloween. So, you may see some of the booths following that theme and the Women of the Moose and Moose Legion **FUN** Room will be all decked out in Haunted Mansion décor. At the banquet you can do haunted mansion or any

Halloween costume that makes you happy. Or if you are not one to dress up you can come as yourself, that is just fine too!

During the last weekend in March several members of the Executive Committee and myself took the Moose International Chairman of the Board of Directors Bob Funkey and his wife Past Grand Regent Cathy around to visit several of our Northern California Lodges. We were very excited to see some of you again and to visit some of the Lodges I have not yet seen. I know you are all wondered, "YES" Michael the Moose traveled with us. He was the navigator for our driver Junior Past President Roddy.

Until next time, stay well, support each other be kind and be great Moose! As always, I will end this with....

REMEMBER YOUR WHY

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Association Vice President – Bill Jackson

VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

It's March already in our year and what a time we've had already. As we begin the first part of spring, of course we all remember "beware the Ides of March"! A cautionary message that brings memories of Caesar and his "undoing", but March is a time of Celebrations to begin. These Celebrations last until October according to the Roman Calendar and we have a lot to celebrate. Just coming out of the Mid-Year Conference, what an uplifting, upbeat, and **FUN** & informational conference it was. The President's message of seeing the best in everyone through kindness was not lost on anyone. The enthusiasm of all our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) members was second to none and what a great reception we had from the First Responders of our Community. To Quote Dee our HOC Chair, I wish everyone could experience the visits and tours of Children's Hospital of Orange County, Ronald McDonald House of Orange County and Hope School. We truly are the forefront in our community. The attendance of our District Presidents and Secretaries was great and for those that were there at our meetings, I know together we gained even more knowledge and understanding of our necessary duties and the challenges that together we are overcoming.

March coming from Martius and named after Mars the Roman God of War may sound ominous, but let's use the word "campaign" instead. We have a campaign that begins on the new Moose Member's first day and continues with that member nonstop. Much like a scroll of life, is our Campaign of Retention. In March we are poised to see the rest of our CNMA Fiscal year through. Retention or using the word "memory" must be pleasant for all members. If a Member's memories are happy and good the Member will always be with us. We have our current Moose International Campaign "Embrace Our Community", our CNMA Campaign "Make A Connection", with incentives for both. Here is my challenge to every District Board Officers, create a local "Retention Campaign" - one that's all yours in your District, plan it, work the plan, in other words ...use it! Let's all work together to help make our Members Moose experience memories positive and **FUN** so that we know they will stay current.

Let's also build our District meeting attendance. I realize we must miss a meeting from time to time but let's get the Lodge membership to come out to the District meetings.

District Presidents and Secretaries please remember I'm only a phone call or an email click away. We will address any concerns you might have. Once again, we are all in this together and if it helps with forms, Monthly Distribution of Funds (MDF), or Board & Social Meeting Attendance reports, we will get it done. I'm sure I speak for all when I say we're glad Cheryl is on the mend as she was dearly missed. We have a strong CNMA and we're on track to having one of our best years ever.

Thank You All for What You are Doing,

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we're all in this
TOGETHER

Association Chaplain – Robert Leon

CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

In case you didn't know (Sounds like a Country/Western Song) the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) is very much invested in the success of our CNMA Committees, Districts, Lodges, and Members as evidenced at our recent Mid-Year Conference.

If you didn't have an opportunity to stop by the Committee tables, you missed out on their respective creativity. From Merchandise sales to Activities, Membership, Heart of the Community, Youth Awareness, Moose Charities, and more. Next time you see the Committee Chairs, let them know how much their hard work is appreciated. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

As for the rest of the Mid-Year Conference, it was truly nice to see longtime friends from all the various Lodges; however, it was amazing to see how many first time attendees stood up when President Dina called upon them – Thank you for attending, I hope your experience was a good one. If you have never been to a Mid-Year Conference, what keeps you away?

The Council of Higher Degrees meeting has grown in attendance and information, hopefully you were inspired by the speeches. It's time for all of us with Higher Degrees to step up into the roles of leadership and mentorship.

The Moose Legion also had an informative meeting with the Moose Legion Ambassadors speaking to opportunities within the Moose Legion. Saturday afternoon ended with the Moose Legion Memorial performed by a very wonderful staff of Pilgrims, Fellows, and Moose Legionnaires.

Back to the Conference, Assistant Director – Field Operations Troy King surprised us with one of the funniest Jib Jab videos I have ever seen, I was literally in tears from laughing so hard. Having Grand Regent Verna Miller as our Official Visitor was a very down-to-earth experience as her smile and lightheartedness was warming.

Congratulations Jim Erskine for being our Conference Honoree, Jim's devotion, dedication, and hard work was worthy of being recognized.

Thank you President Dina for your leadership this past weekend and keeping me focused, Bill Jackson, once again, your mentorship is very much appreciated. My Brother Earl kept me smiling and relaxed while up on the podium. Past President Roddy "the Cool One" thank you for the wisdom you share and Kenny, thank you for all the hard work you do as a Liaison. Cheryl, thank you for getting us prepared and all the difficulties you seem to get through.

In closing, I pray for the continued success of The Moose as an Organization, our CNMA Officers, and Every Member of our Fraternity, and that good health and prosperity be with all.

There are a lot of good Moose Members out there; if you can't find one, be One

Fraternal Regards,

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As Chaplain I provide oversight of:

Activities, Communications, Degrees, Government Relations, Heart of the Community, Moose Charities, Resolutions, Rules and Order, Scholarship, Special Projects Sub-Committee, Veteran's Sub-Committee and Youth Awareness Committees.

Association Treasurer – Earl Munday

TREASURER MESSAGE

Well, well, well, what a first half of the year this was. Our Committees did a fantastic job preparing for the Mid-Year Conference with their decorations and raffle prizes and conference set up and tear down.

Mike Conway did a great job taking over as Sergeant at Arms. He made it look like an easy transition which a few of us know it is not. I just hope he finds a good volunteer to follow him around and learn the way he did so his replacement can transition as smoothly as he did.

Debbie Maves, the Ways and Means Chair and her team not only sold opportunity tickets but had a few great prizes and did a fantastic job running around during the sessions nonstop. I was getting exhausted just watching them.

Chuck Barber and his team have a big opportunity drawing for a trip to Moosehaven which is in Orange Park, Florida during their car show and chili cook off which is November 6 to the 9th and will announce the winner at the Annual Convention in September. I have been there, and it is well worth a visit. If you would like tickets for a chance to win, talk to your District President, Secretary, or Administrator.

The list of opportunity drawings goes on and on and of course none of my ticket numbers were called but that's usually the way it goes for me.

If you couldn't make it to the Mid-Year Conference, you really missed out and I am sorry, not only did all our committees go above and beyond but our President Dina Munday livened up the Mid-Year Conference with some entertainment and music, making it **FUN** and exciting to be there. You never knew what to expect, such as Assistant Director of Field Operations Troy King even got into the groove of it all behind our backs by making a lively and funny video of most of the Executive Committee and had us all laughing and talking about it after.

Imagine this Chuck Barber and Mark Klein..... in a **TUTU**... And yes, they had some music to enhance the moment and monetary donations put on them... needless to say, it was hilarious and entertaining.

If you are ever down in the Costa Mesa area, make sure you stop by the Ronald McDonald House of Orange County for a tour, it has been completely renovated and a new addition completed, and is absolutely beautiful not to mention what services they offer to families in need. It is truly amazing.

The Casino Fun Night was a huge success even though I was most likely the biggest loser, I had **FUN**, and I am looking forward to redemption next year.

Also, a Heads up for September at the Annual Convention I have been told that it will be a Haunted Mansion/Halloween themed Convention and WOW now that sounds exciting. You will not want to miss out on this one.

Hope to see you all soon,
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As Treasurer I provide oversight of:

Disaster Relief, Financial Review, Historical, Loss Prevention, Membership, Moosehaven, Mooseheart, New Lodge Development, New Member Orientation and Ways & Means Committees.



JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Hello Moose Family,

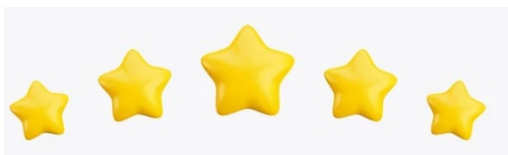
Wow April is here, how time flies when you're having **FUN!** I hope everyone enjoyed the Mid-Year Conference as much as I did. I had a fantastic time chatting with all. It's always nice to see everyone. I want to thank all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to join us.

The 5-Star Awards Reception was amazing as always. It was sure nice to see all the Lodges that received their banners. Next year it would be nice to see 100% of the Lodges receive their 5-Star Banner. Remember you save \$1.00 per capita if you attain the 5-Star. I don't know about you, but I love saving money. As we start the new Moose year on May 1, 2025 remember to review the requirements for the 5 Star Award to ensure your lodge is prepared to do what it needs to earn this prestigious award and **SAVE MONEY!!**

As I mentioned, at the Mid-Year Conference, the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Achievement Award Criteria is posted on the CNMA website > Lodge Awards > 2026 CNMA Achievement Award Criteria. The form, entitled CNMA Achievement Award Submission will be available on May 1, 2025 since the new Board of Officers will be installed and ready to start the new year on that date. I would like to see 100% participation. Please read the criteria as there has been some changes which we hope will make it a little easier to find the worthiest member in your Lodge. Once the committee (as a friendly reminder the committee is composed of the newly installed Junior Past President and all Past Lodge Presidents/Past Lodge Governors), has selected their choice remember to use the CNMA 2026 Achievement Award form found on the CNMA Website > Lodge Awards > 2026 CNMA Achievement Award to complete the form information and upload the Member's Accomplishments. Thank you in advance for doing this simple task that earns 5 points towards the 5-Star. Like I've said before, who doesn't like to save money. Congratulations to 2025 recipient Bill Jackson. Well deserved!!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Sparks for our Annual Convention September 11 to September 14, 2025.

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CNMA 5 Star Award



SECRETARY MESSAGE

Happy Spring Everyone! Looks like all those April Showers helped California's water shortage. Speaking of shortages, we are a bit short on achieving the yearend goals of many of our lodges for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year. For our Association our year is just about halfway through since it started on October 1, 2025.

Many of our goals revolve around membership, donations to Moose Charities, Heart of the Community reports, retention rates, earning the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) 5 Star Award, and the Premier Lodge Award. For our chapters the Award of Achievement and earning personal honors such as the College of Regents degree, Star degree, Academy of Friendship degree and the Golden Gavel. For the Moose Legion there is the Award of Excellence and Director's Key Club.

For our Association meeting our membership goal of 56,216 is a major accomplishment that we strive to achieve. With the end of March, we always experience a loss in members far greater than some other months of the year. It also only allows us 30 days to regain those members in order to achieve our goal of **Plus One** in Membership. This critical goal can only be achieved if we work **together as a team** within our units and across our Association. We are all aware that membership is the key to us all achieving our goals. We need to all work together **all year long** to keep the members we already have in addition to sponsoring new members. What is your lodge doing to ensure you meet this important goal? The goal retention rate of every lodge is **80%** and our Association is currently showing an overall rate of **69%**, which is really close. Let's go into overdrive and work our retention and recapture those members and remind them of our important reason for being Moose!

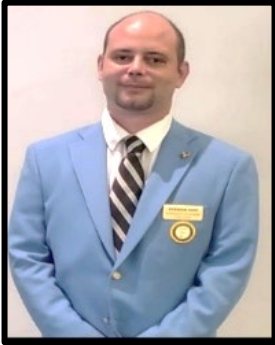
How close is your lodge to earning the 5 Star Award for 2024 – 2025? This award allows each lodge to have a reduction of \$1 per member in Association dues which are currently \$4 per member per year. Achieving this award allows your lodge to only pay \$3 per member per year. Every lodge should continue to strive to achieve this prestigious award. I know you all enjoy being part of the 5 Star Reception as evidence by your participation!

We bill each lodge Association dues quarterly. The quarters follow the same quarters for The Moose fiscal year and the due dates for Heart of the Community Report, which we hope makes it easier for each lodge to remember when they occur and when they should be expecting the invoice to be in their Smarter Mail account. (otherwise known as mooseunits.org)

We should be proud of our accomplishments as we inch closer to each milestone. We should be encouraging each other to achieve our personal honors and goals. A few words of encouragement can often go a long way toward cheering someone on – in good times and bad. Encouraging them can be a powerful way to show them you care about them and support them.

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Encouragement offers motivation, boosts confidence, creates a sense of security, and reinforces a person's worth and capabilities



LIAISON MESSAGE

Hello Moose Family,

Welcome to April! To those of you that were present at our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Mid-Year Conference just a few weeks ago, I hope you enjoyed yourself, had **FUN**, and learned some new information that you can relay back to your Lodges and make it even more successful. I would like to thank those that shared what their Committees are doing within the CNMA and The Moose Fraternity. The Field Staff presented the following topics: Lodge Operating Budgets, Proper Lodge Election Process, and Lodge Meeting Minutes. As well as CNMA Orientation Chair Boyd Abbott presented Lodge Orientations. If you need any information about those presentations, please reach out to your respective Territory Manager and they can provide that information to you.

I can't believe we are already in April with this being the last month of The Moose year. With that being said, all Lodges should be holding their elections at their first General Membership Meeting this month. To those members elected, thank you for stepping up and taking a leadership role in your Lodge and being a Fraternal member. If you have not completed Lodge Leadership Training in the last 3 years, please have it completed within 60 days of taking office. Administrators, if you have not completed 2-HOTT or Administrator School in the last 3 years or if you are a new Administrator, please complete this training as well. The Field Staff will be ensuring this Moose year that all officers have been trained in accordance with the General Laws of The Moose.

Let's discuss some quick numbers on where we stand as the CNMA as of the writing of this article. We are currently at **-633** members from our year end goal of 56,216. Our Moose Charities giving is currently at \$373,437.22 and our goal is to meet or exceed \$420,000. Our application goal is 10,338 and we are currently at 10,130. I believe we can hit the ball out of the park and meet all of these goals by the end of April. For the CNMA is the Best Association in The Moose.

It is just a reminder that Moose International has extended the No Application Fee for Online Applications with Two Year's Dues. This incentive is only available through April 30, 2025, along with the Signage and Marketing Grants that are still open, which you can apply for up to \$3,000. Let's not forget the other incentive that Moose International is providing, which is the ABCD portion of dues paid to Moose International (\$38) for every member over the Lodge final active member count over April 30, 2024. For example, if a Lodge has a final active member count of 100 at midnight on April 30, 2024, and has a final active member count of 115 at midnight on April 30, 2025, the Lodge will receive \$570 back from Moose International. Lodges that achieve a gain of 1-29 members will receive the credit to their A/R, while Lodges achieving a gain of 30+ members will receive a check following the end of this next fiscal year. There is no cap or limit to the number of cash rebates a Lodge can earn.

Lastly, our Moose International Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from May 22nd to May 27th, 2025. If you plan to attend the Moose International Convention in Milwaukee. please book your hotels and complete your registration. The [Milwaukee Convention site](#) has all the information

you will need. This is a great time for you to visit Mooseheart, attend the Graduation, Pilgrim Conferral, and more. A great time will be had by all.

I would like to Thank you All for working the programs of Moose International and let's continue moving forward and not looking back.

God Bless Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and God Bless each and every one of you.

Fraternally,

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NO Application Fee

Now extended through April 30, 2025
to join the Moose online

Beginning May 1, 2024, the \$20 application fee has been waived for new (enroll or re-enroll) applicants paying **2 years of dues** and using the **online application process only**. This will not only promote and encourage use of the available technology but incentivize member production, giving the lodges an extended opportunity to showcase the benefits of Moose/ lodge membership to include our fraternal endeavors as well as the local lodge amenities. The Moose Intl. Board of Directors has now extended this program through April 30, 2025.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Moose organization is encouraged to view the video message on our www.beamoose.org website where they will also have an opportunity to access the online application.

If you are a current member looking to sponsor a prospective member into the Moose Fraternity, please use our online application at www.beamoose.org.

The Moose Fraternity is a private organization. This correspondence contains general information available to the public, but should not be construed to be a solicitation for membership. To be part of the Moose organization, you need to be invited by a current member.



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Moose Members,

Can you believe The Moose year is almost over and beginning May 1, 2025, a new Board of Officers will take over? This year I hope your Lodge has taken advantage of the campaigns provided by Moose International and will be successful at obtaining the “Plus One!” If your Lodge has not already done so, now is the time to make a Membership push to take advantage of the “Plus One” incentive initiated by the Moose International Board of Directors. This program rebates the ABCD portion of dues paid to Moose International (\$38) for every member over the Lodge’s final active member count from fiscal year 2023 - 2024 (which ended on April 30, 2024). There is no cap or limit to the number of cash rebates a Lodge can earn, so grow as big as you can! Lodges achieving a gain of 1-29 members will receive the credit to their A/R while Lodges achieving a gain of 30+ members will receive a check following the end of the fiscal year. Let’s grow!

In addition, we are trying to hit \$1M members as a fraternal organization. This cannot be done without all efforts from all Lodges working together to promote The Moose! I encourage all of you to use these simple words, “meet me at The Moose.” If you have a friend that loves tacos, simply say “meet me at The Moose” for some tacos! How easy is that? Once they see all the good that happens at your Lodge, they will be encouraged to join.

I hope my presentation at the California Nevada Moose Association Mid-Year Conference was helpful and helped to increase your knowledge and understanding of our membership goals. I hope you had an opportunity to meet me and our committee members and that we shared ideas about Membership. Let us all continue to do our part and make our Lodges prosper!

Until next time,

This just in the 2025 – 2026 Membership Campaign is:

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One more month to achieve your goals for the current 2024 – 2025 Moose International Membership Campaign – Embrace Our Community and the CNMA Membership Campaign Make a Connection



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.



May 1 2024 - April 30 2025

MAKE A CONNECTION

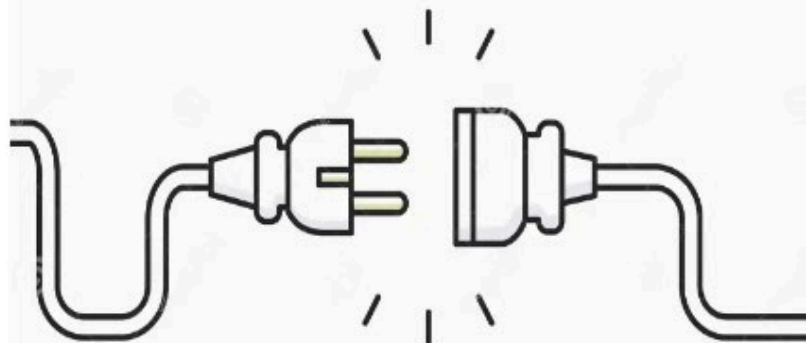


sign 3 members

sign 5 members



sign 10 members



CONNECTING WITH MEMBERS-EMBRACING OUR COMMUNITY

New Member Orientation Chair – Boyd Abbott



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION MESSAGE

Hello,

The end of the year is upon us. We do hope that all the Lodges have completed their required six (6) New Member Orientations. It takes a little planning by the President and the Membership Chair to have a successful program. Organize the event from start to finish. Include snacks or a meal.

Be sure to have your Administrator or Membership Chair check in all new members and after the event give your new members a Moose pin. (If available, see the Moose International (MI) merchandise catalog). Use an outline for your notes to stay on task. Definitely use the [New Member Orientation video](#) (FYI this is a clickable link to the video) from MI. Try to keep the Orientation engaging and concise. Always ask the new members if they have any questions.

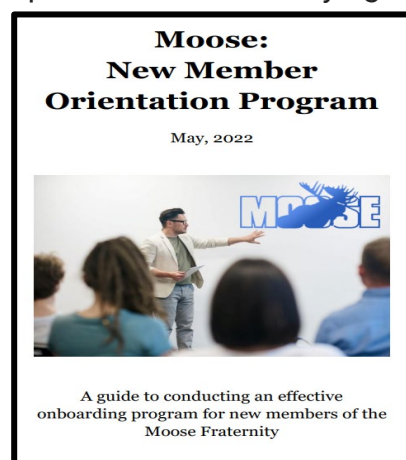
Invite your entire Board of Officers and introduce them so the new members can put a face to someone that can answer future questions. Explain what your Lodge does for the local community and how it is involved with Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Briefly explain the private policy and that The Moose is a members only organization. Include a Moose Legion and Women of the Moose representative or at least explain what they are all about. Stress the Social Quarters rules and regulations. Discuss activities that your Lodge is involved in. Try to recruit some volunteers and explain that a successful Lodge is one where the members are involved. As many of you know, every Lodge has different days, hours, activities, member involvement and interests so every Lodge should have a different New Member Orientation program that targets the specific lodge .

A good Orientation program is planned, organized, engaging and concise. Put the Orientation on the calendar as early as possible and contact the new members for an RSVP. Provide a meal if possible. Create an outline and follow it so the presentation will flow smoothly. Keeping your audience involved will help keep them interested and maybe even excited about being a member. And, just as a reminder, keep the Orientation as brief as possible while conveying the information that you are providing.

Thank you,

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[New Member Orientation Program](#)





MOOSEHEART HAPPENINGS

Hello Everyone,

It's already March and Winter at Mooseheart are coming to an end (hopefully). February brought cold weather but not much snow. Spring began on March 20th and with the warmer weather comes more opportunities for the kids to get outside.

The staff and students were hit very hard this year with colds and the flu. Fortunately, the students that had to remain in their Mooseheart homes while recovering had e-learning capabilities. This ensured that the affected students did not fall too far behind in their schoolwork.

February was a busy month with lots of **FUN** activities. The Superbowl Party was a hit. Then came the Valentine's Day parties and activities. The seniors received donations of various items which they were successful in selling to raise money for a senior activity before graduation. The biggest seller was the Valentine Gnomes. They were able to raise \$240. Mooseheart received donations for the younger students as well. The elementary kids received Valentine box kits that were donated by the Aldi Corporation. They had a great time creating their own special boxes for the occasion.

March is a special month at Mooseheart because it is time for the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Military Ball. All of the High school students attended the event. They were all very excited because this is an opportunity for them to get all dressed up and dance the night away!

Two Mooseheart students have been selected to attend this year's Youth Awareness Congress in Rapid City, South Dakota. We wish them the best of luck in competing with all the finalists from around the country for college scholarships.

The admissions of new students have been busy. Four new students have moved in over the past several weeks and five other students have been accepted to start in the near future. Mooseheart currently has 95 students. With five (5) new students it will bring us back to the 100 mark!

I hope this brings you all up to date on what is happening at Mooseheart.

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MOOSEHAVEN

From time to time, it is good to refresh our memories on the history of our City of Contentment, so we do not forget just how important a resource it is. It also provides us with information we can share with new members. So here is a short history from the [Moosehaven website](#) which can be accessed through the [Moose International website](#).

Moosehaven History - Moosehaven, a beautiful 63 acre campus located on the St. Johns River in northeast Florida, has been home to members of the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose since 1922.

During Mooseheart's first five years, a small number of independent Moose seniors were provided residence at Mooseheart, "The Child City" on a somewhat experimental basis. However, providing a home for both children and seniors on the northern Illinois campus proved impractical. In 1918, Director General James J. Davis proposed at that year's International Moose Convention to find "a home in a warmer climate for the aged members and their spouses."

Supreme Secretary Rodney H. Brandon purchased the historic four-story Hotel Marion and its eight acres, located on the St. Johns River in Orange Park, Florida. He named the property "Moosehaven," and the new residents renamed the hotel, "Brandon Hall." The original concept of Moosehaven was to "organize the residents so that they might help each other and help themselves and provide from their own energy a major part of the cost of their keep."

Moosehaven was dedicated on October 3, 1922, and the first twenty (20) residents arrived (mostly from Mooseheart) on November 1. During the first six months of operation, over fifty (50) residents were admitted. By 1926, there were 144 residents. Known initially as the "City of Endeavor," Moosehaven residents performed all their own work and operated a successful dairy and farm. At various times, as many as 500 Moose members resided at Moosehaven.

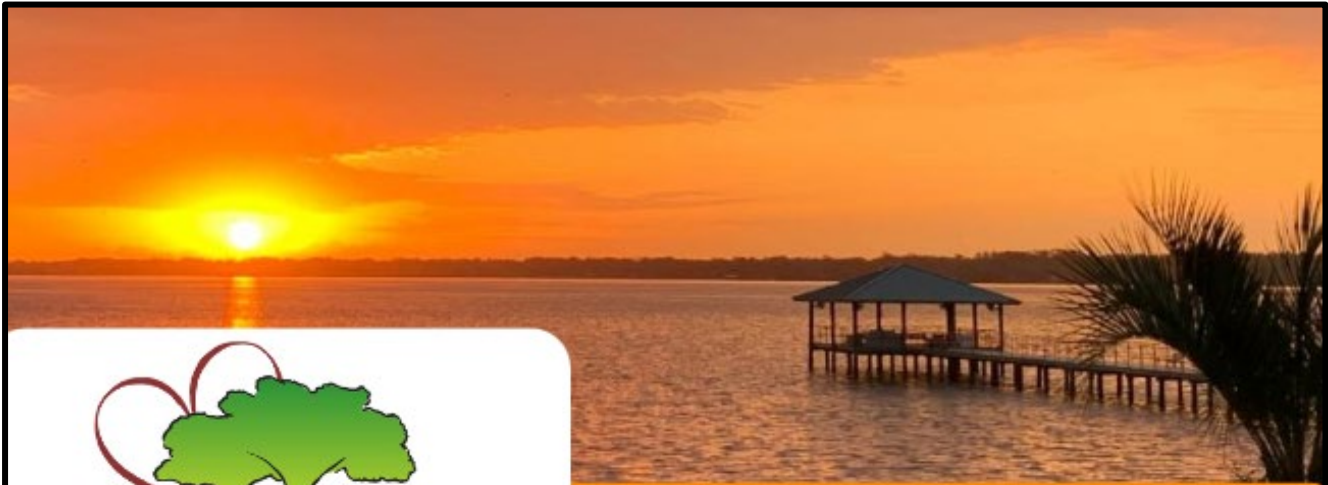
Upcoming Moosehaven event: July 4th, American Pride Fourth of July celebration. Visit the [Moosehaven website](#) for further information.

Fraternally,

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Moosehaven AAA Project



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.
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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!

The reports from our high school students went for judging in January. The judging is conducted by honor students, from a high school that does not have students participating in the program. This year we earned seven finalists. Here is the list along with the sponsors.

1. Alexander Perez – Sponsored by Buena Park Lodge
2. Brisela Rojas – Sponsored by Downey Lodge
3. Hannah Walker – Sponsored by Buena Park Chapter
4. Kamal Haddad – Sponsored by Sunnyvale Lodge
5. Keira Douglas – Sponsored by Monterey Lodge
6. Paulina Spencer – Sponsored by West Sacramento
7. Victor Torres – Sponsored by Monterey Lodge

Thank you to all the Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions and Moose Riders who sponsored students this year.

The students are currently completing the required paperwork that is due to Moose International. The students will be leaving for Rapid City, South Dakota on April 24th, and returning on April 28th. The coordinators will be working closely with the students to get them ready for the International Congress.

The students are excited and a bit nervous. Everyone goes with the hope of earning a scholarship. One of the best parts is what the students really gain when they attend the International Congress. Which is lifelong friendships, courage, self-confidence, responsibility, and so much more. My favorite part of the program is when the students return home and share their experience. We have a lot of returning students, which shows how much they enjoy it.

Our committee has worked hard to grow the program and will continue to try and get to all locations that request us. My apologies to those that we couldn't get to this past year. We will start having YA student congresses in August. If you would like to host a Youth Awareness Congress, please reach out to me and I will assign you with the coordinator in your area.

IMPORTANT: When you make a donation to Youth Awareness, please make the check to: **California Nevada Moose Association, earmarked Youth Awareness.** Remember to put your donation on your Heart of the Community Report.

I just returned home from our Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa. It was a great Mid-Year Conference, and a lot of good information was shared. President Dina, hit it out of the park!! She did an amazing job!! I enjoyed seeing my friend and Grand Regent, Verna Miller. Verna has a kind heart and is so dedicated to The Moose. I enjoyed hearing her speak.

Many of the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Chairs did an amazing job. Congratulations to all of the ladies who received their Academy of Friendship degree!

Thank you to those who stopped by our booth and tried your luck at winning a \$250 Visa card or our beautiful cutting board. Our donations were a bit low, and we are hoping for a better response at our Annual Convention in Sparks.

We invited Youth Awareness student Denise Rojas to speak at our Mid-Year Conference. Denise participated in the Youth Awareness program all four years that she was attending Western High School. Denise was a finalist three times. Denise was invited only two days prior to her speaking, and she did an amazing job!! Denise wrote her own report and even came up with a PowerPoint presentation! My only input was a few bullet points that I asked her to cover. Denise believes in our program and still supports it. Thank you to everyone who made her feel so welcome at our meeting.






If you have any questions regarding Youth Awareness, please feel free to call or text me. Thank you for your continued support! Remember, Youth Awareness starts with YOU!!

Serving from the Heart,

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<p style="text-align: center;">THERE IS A FUTURE</p> <p>Can teenagers persuade younger children to make positive choices in life? "YES!" say the teens and adults who work together in the MOOSE YOUTH AWARENESS PROGRAM. For the past 37 years, we have organized high school students into a highly effective speakers' bureau with the goal of educating preschool and elementary school-aged children on a variety of topics, including drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, "stranger danger", bullying and peer pressure, and healthy habits and nutrition.</p> <p>More than 1,000 energetic teens gathered last year at State and Provincial Moose Association Youth Awareness Congresses throughout the United States and Canada. They listened to guest speakers, exchanged ideas and used their creativity to help themselves and others to deal with adverse elements in their own communities. Several students drew from their own personal experiences in determining how they could assist in preventing future tragedies. Some of the students that attended these State/Provincial Congresses were already leaders in school or community youth programs; others became leaders as a result of the knowledge and experience they gained because they attended.</p>  <p>At Association Youth Awareness Congresses, participants focus on creating Moose KidsTalks, which are presentations to be given to K - 6th grade children in their communities. Adults may provide information and inspiration, but the ideas for the students' KidsTalks are all their own. They develop ways to empower children to make healthy choices or to resist danger, and they go home determined to put them into practice.</p> <p>The best part of Moose KidsTalks is the lengths to which the teenagers will extend their creativity. Some use costumes and take on alternate personas; others use props, pictures, puppets or coloring books; still others use skits or games to add audience participation to their presentations. As their experience as a presenter grows, so too does their ability to keep the children engaged.</p> <p>Each student's sponsoring Moose Lodge and/or Women of the Moose Chapter are asked to assist participants in making arrangements to present Moose KidsTalks to groups of young children in the community.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STOP BULLYING</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THEY ARE THE FUTURE</p> <p>Each year, local Moose Lodge representatives ask high school students to State/Provincial Association Youth Awareness Congresses, which are held in August, September and October each year. Students are selected based on academic achievement and leadership qualities. Those who attend an Association Youth Awareness Congress are asked to create a Moose KidsTalks presentation by selecting a topic and developing a presentation around that topic. They are then asked to find opportunities, with the assistance of their sponsoring Moose Lodges and/or Women of the Moose Chapters, to speak to groups of K - 6th grade children. There are numerous sources for potential audiences: scouting units, elementary schools, day care centers, Sunday School classes, Boys and Girls' Clubs and YMCA youth programs just to name a few. Each student is asked to present a minimum of three (3) Moose KidsTalks between the end of the Association Youth Awareness Congress and November 15, 2024. They are also asked to complete written reports on their presentations and submit them to their respective Association Youth Awareness Chairman.</p>  <p>In late April each year, approximately 60 students, who attended Association Youth Awareness Congresses and completed the minimum of three (3) Moose KidsTalks presentations, are selected by their peers to attend the International Youth Awareness Congress. The 2025 International Youth Awareness Congress will be held in Rapid City, SD from April 24 - April 28, 2025. At the conclusion of the International Congress, five students will be selected by the attendees to receive scholarships. The awards are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Place - \$12,000 Bob Neff Scholarship • 2nd Place - \$8,000 • 3rd Place - \$6,000 • 4th Place - \$5,000 • 5th Place - \$4,000 <p>International Youth Awareness Congress Scholarships are funded by the Moose Legion - The Degree of Service</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">THE FUTURE IS NOW</p> <p>The Moose Youth Awareness Program has a bright future. Through Moose KidsTalks presentations, our participants can educate the youth of their communities to make wise decisions and to avoid adverse situations. They can also motivate and inspire. In fact, the voices of those students that have attended Association and International Youth Awareness Congresses during the last 37 years have reached an audience of more than 820,000.</p>  <p>Our Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions and State/Provincial Moose Associations also support many other outstanding programs that benefit children. Our fraternal leaders are dedicated to this most worthwhile program that affects youth all over North America. The Moose Youth Awareness Program reaffirms our commitment to providing today for a better tomorrow.</p> <p>The future rests in the hands, hearts and minds of our children. Without a doubt, members of the The Moose and the Women of the Moose will continue to provide assistance to make our communities a better place for families to live and for children to grow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friendship Salad Recipe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 can of listening ears • 1 can of sharing • 1 tub of sweet words • 1 can of teamwork • 1 can of honesty • NO ROTTEN BANANAS 
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Heart of the Community Committee Chair – Denise Angeles

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

Heart of the Community events held at the California Nevada Moose Association Mid-Year Conference included a visit to Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) where we presented a check for \$1,000. Then a visit to Ronald McDonald House of Orange County. The house has recently been renovated and a new addition added to assist more families in need of housing while their children undergo treatment at CHOC. After lunch we headed to Hope School in Buena Park where we presented backpacks filled with Tommy or Rosie Moose, school supplies, Tommy Moose Coloring books and Tommy Moose Bookmarks. This was all in one day and prior to the start of our Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa.



During our meeting on Saturday March 22nd, we presented Tommy Moose plush to the Fire Department of Costa Mesa. Tommy Moose, the CNMA Executive Committee, Official Visitor Verna Miller and many members also presented blankets donated or handmade by our members.



Thank you to everyone for making our HOC events at our Mid-Year Conference such a success. We could not do it without you! Keep making those blankets and cancer caps as our Annual Convention is just around the corner. We will also be in need of more Tommy & Rosie Moose, Tommy Moose coloring books and bookmarks. Thanks for all you do!

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MOOSE CHARITIES NEWS

This past Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa was a profitable and **FUN** experience for the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA).

With your help, our Moose Charities booth raised nearly \$40,000! I want to first thank our committee for all of their hard work and dedication.

I also want to thank all of the Lodges, Chapters and individual donors who contributed the gift cards, baskets, designer purses, Lodge license plates and hand knitted clothes for our opportunity drawings. Your kindness and generosity are the essence of what giving is all about.

Moving forward, I look forward to continued success as it relates to the CNMA Moose Charities Committee and The Moose.

Thanks again!

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Training Coordinator – Cheryl D Volden

**TRAINING NEWS**

As presented at the Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa training through Moose International is being reworked to try and make the training a better learning experience for our members. This will take time so we will do our best to offer existing training so our members have what they need for their personal training requirements as they take office for the new Moose year which will begin on May 1, 2025.

Lodge Two Section Hands on Technical Training otherwise known as a 2 HOTT is being offered in the northern and southern portions of California and is advertised on the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) website > [CNMA Education](#). The first session is being offered on Friday April 11th at Ventura Lodge 1394. The second session is being offered on Friday May 2nd at Monterey Lodge 876. This is so those who want to attend an Administrator School can do so before those sessions are offered. Lodge Administrators who need these sessions in order to attend an Administrator School will be given first priority. Remember to read the announcement to ensure you bring a computer to fully participate in the session.

Chapter Advocate Cindy Raslavsky has scheduled WOTM 2 HOTT sessions for Chapter Treasurers. Those sessions will be posted to the CNMA Website > [CNMA Education](#) page by Cindy. Registration for those sessions will be handled by Cindy and will not follow the standard online registration process for all other sessions offered within the CNMA. She is your single point of contact and her contact information can be found on the [Women of the Moose](#) section of the CNMA Website as well as in the announcements.

Lodge Administrators are encouraged to attend the Administrator Schools currently scheduled for Saturday April 12 and Sunday April 13 at Ventura Lodge 1394 or Saturday May 3 and Sunday May 4 at Monterey Lodge 876. Lodge Administrators will be given first priority for these sessions so please pre-register ASAP so you can print the materials necessary for attendance.

In classroom, Lodge Leadership sessions are currently scheduled throughout the CNMA. They are advertised on the CNMA Website > [CNMA Education page](#). However, this training is still available online on the Moose International website > Moose Training > [Moose Online Training](#). It is important to remember that if you take it online you must ensure that you complete the Lodge Leadership Assessment Test and get a certificate validating that you achieved the required 80% score needed to receive credit and get it posted to your Member record. All Lodge Officers are required to complete this training every three years to remain eligible to be a Lodge Officer.

All the specifics on what is need to eligible to be a Lodge Officer or remain current on your training requirements can be found on the CNMA Website > CNMA Education page > Moose Required Training.

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Your Dedicated CNMA Trainers:

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CNMA MOOSEHAVEN 'AAA' PROJECT MID-YEAR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) fundraising for Special Projects participation was originally restricted to Association Lodges and Districts. However, due to numerous requests, participation was expanded to all fraternal units and members within the Association who elected to join in were welcome do so. Thus, their participation is voluntary, while the Lodges and Districts are expected to fully participate. With that said on with the report.

As of 2/28/2025 our current Special Project, the Moosehaven "AAA" total contributions are \$171,761.99. Our Lodge's participation has been great with 91 making donations. Of our 19 Districts, 14 have participated. Thirty of our listed WOTM Chapters have participated and additionally through their Chapter Rally Day they made a donation that exceeded \$3,500. Then there are our Individual Donors, currently 58 in number, with donations amounts that range from \$10 upward to a total above the \$38,900 level. To all of the CNMA Units and to each of the Individuals we say **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.**

So, I have taken care of the \$.01, however, we still need to donate an additional \$28,238 to reach our Minimum Donation Goal, which we have always historically exceeded to help take care of whatever the **TRUE** cost may ultimately be. With donations being counted from our Mid-Year Conference we are confident that we will reach our initial goal of \$200,000.

The current end of this Special Project is December 15, 2025; and even if your donation arrives after that date you will receive donation credit toward our next Mooseheart/Moosehaven fundraising project. We will continue with our periodic updates and there will be our Annual Project Report available during the CNMA Annual Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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And the members of the Special Projects Committee:
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In Full Swing: Concrete Poured and Finished





THE MOOSE HISTORY

By the time you read this, we'll already be back from the Mid-Year Conference, each of us with our own individual reports of all the wonderful things the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) has done this past "Moose Year" for the Fraternity.

This is what we do as The Moose. We **GET THINGS DONE!**

As your Historical Chair, I'm reminded of the fact that our committee owes it to our great Fraternity to gather the evidence of our humble beginnings and preserve it as best we can, so that we can use that information to both guide and inspire us to continue to do great things for The Moose, and the members that gave **SO** much to help make this organization what it is today. We are all stewards of this organization, doing the heavy lifting for our senior members, while showing our children what it means to be a Moose. We'll give it to them one day, and the cycle continues, as it has for the past 137 years.

You see, we **HAVE** history, but we're also **MAKING** history. For the first time, our CNMA now has a President who is a daughter of a Past CNMA President. This is a great example of how we can grow through our collective experience.

My job as the Historical Committee Chair is to gather this information of both the past and the present, so that together we may be able to light the clearest possible path forward to the future. I've been to several Lodges in the Association recently and met some incredible volunteers, lifelong Moose members, and those who work long hours to keep things moving (sometimes, it's the same person!). I hope to continue this trend, and report back with some great stories of our CNMA Lodges and the people who made them what they are today.

Stay tuned and continue to make history! **PLEASE** share your stories with me at canvhistory@gmail.com or reach out via cell at (510) 506-4314. **YOU** and your Lodge might be the next example of CNMA greatness in 2025 and beyond! I want to come to see you and hear your stories! **EVERY** Lodge in our CNMA is working every day to make the world a better place and I want to hear about it all!

Fraternally,

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Though the Moose fraternal organization was founded in the late 1800's with a modest goal of offering men an opportunity to gather social, it was reinvented during the first decade of the 20th century into an organizational dynamo of men and women who set out to build a city that would brighten the futures of thousands of children in need all across North America!



DISASTER RELIEF FUND NEWS

It was nice to see everyone at the Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa.

The outpouring of love for the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) was fantastic.

We had a Lodge burn to the ground and The Moose came to the rescue. Starting with the DRF supplying a new computer, printer and a \$5,000 check to Administrator Randy Reynolds of Mentone Beach Lodge. The California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) rallied and came through with donations, of much more! We presented Randy with a check for \$11,107 plus many more donations in the March of Checks. In a time of need, it is nice to see us all come together to help a Lodge when it is needed.

Thank you to all who stopped by the DRF booth and made donations. This program just started a few years ago and has taken on a life of its own. It has helped many Lodges in need. Your donations keep our fund strong so that we can be there when a Lodge needs some support.

If your Lodge is in need of some help call me or contact your Territory Manager with your request which will be reviewed by our Committee and submitted for final approval by the CNMA Executive Committee. We have streamlined this process for quick approval.

Your donations can be listed on your Heart of the Community report.

In closing We Thank all who help keep our fund strong.

Hope to see everyone in the near future.

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Disaster Relief:

The CNMA Disaster Relief Committee was formed to encourage all CNMA units and Districts to contribute to a fund that would be available for the immediate funding of disasters that affect the financial stability of a Lodge. Each unit is requested to fund \$120 per year to keep funds available for these emergent needs.



LOSS PREVENTION

Brothers and Sisters of 'The Moose,'

Hello and greetings from our Mid-Year Conference in Costa Mesa. Well actually, I just got back and I'm in my classroom with my paramedic students. But, hey, what a conference! Sister Dina Munday and her Executive Committee did a heck of a job. Dina, I would use the word, 'Inspirational', to describe what I got out of it.

Yours truly addressed the impressive attendees and spoke of the Mentone Beach Lodge fire as well as about the Lodge Safety Report that needs to be completed by each lodge and the importance of being vigilant when it comes to taking care of our Lodges.

As for the fire, shortly after submitting my February/March Gold Miner article I was contacted by Eric Sherwin, Public Information Officer (PIO) of the San Bernardino County Fire Department. The preliminary cause was attributed to a fire that may have been started by some unhoused individuals using the Lodge to get out of wind and cold. With that being said, Brother Bill Jackson, who lives in the area and has been to the Lodge, advised me of the age of the building and possibility of old wiring issues and questionable construction upgrades that may have also contributed. Regardless of cause and origin, situational awareness is a must. What's going on at our Lodges during both operational hours and when closed. Are there non-members around our Lodge? Did we remember to turn off the deep fryer? Are the improvements we make to our Lodge up to code? All important things to consider.

Now that the Mid-Year Conference is over, and the next thing at hand is to start looking at our Lodge and to prepare and submit our safety report, due on May 31st. Information on the form can be found on the Moose International website > Forms & Documents > Lodge Operations > Legal/Risk Management. There is a wealth of items available to assist lodges with Risk Management issues including a Loss Prevention Reference Guide. Remember that the report **must** be submitted online using LCL Web. All Lodge Administrators should know how to access and complete this form. If they need assistance they can contact their Territory Manager.

Hope to see you at the International Moose Convention Milwaukee and if not, Sparks for our CNMA Annual Convention. Have a great Spring, and as always, "See you at the Moose!"

Regards,

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"Protect the Lodge, Protect the Mission"



THINK & PREPARE FOR
ARMED FORCES DAY – MEMORIAL DAY – FLAG DAY



Moose Brothers & Sisters, Valued-Veterans and Valued Patriots (Men & Women),

Let's work and join together to help our country, society and community to be great again. We are involved with the phenomenon of 'progress.' **CHANGE** is happening and we should cooperate to do our part in our communities through the power of team-work with the combined resources of our Lodge.

Remember: "**A LOAD HEAVY FOR ONE, IS BORNE LIGHTLY BY MANY.**" The lesson is that together in small teams or as one unified organization, **WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Look around your Lodge and your community; and everything you see that "**SOMEONE SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT**"; is something that you can put on the list. There are things that could be addressed by a team of two, a committee or a complete organization.



Please remember also: "When we become aware of a **PROBLEM**, each of us **MAKES** a **CHOICE**:: 'To become a part of the **SOLUTION**, or to **REMAIN** a part of **THE PROBLEM**". Yes, even just calling a politician it **IS** an action to address the problem.

We have just completed our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Mid-Year Conference, and I must share that we certainly had a great time. The attendance was great, and it is always so wonderful to meet and spend quality time with old and especially new friends who live far from our own communities. The information was quite timely to help us improve our Lodges by inviting more friends to join us in shaping the exciting activities, celebrations and dinners which help to develop interests in our towns and cities.



The facilities at the Costa Mesa Hilton are incredibly well appointed with facilities galore; it is beautiful, comfortable, spacious and surrounded by 21 restaurants within just one block's walking distance. And don't forget that The Moose Lodges always work to provide spectacular dinners along with entertainment, music, dancing as well as many new friends; and they continue to provide high quality limousine shuttles which run until midnight.

This is the time to plan your calendar of activities for the remainder of the year. Use these special days to recognize and honor the eligible Veterans and heroes in your Lodge and community – men and women. Flag Day on June 14th is a spectacular opportunity to invite all interested people to honor the flag and to discover **THE FAMILY FRATERNITY** in their community (Mooseheart, family activities, celebrations, contests, pool, shuffleboard, bingo, Farkle, Sunday breakfasts, etc...). And don't forget that Flag Day is also the Anniversary of the US Army – so, honor your Veterans. I wish all my Fraternity Brothers and Sisters a satisfying and celebratory **EASTER** season.





VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS – We are already seeing very significant changes in our government; and we can anticipate consequential **ADDITIONAL** changes to the structure and services of the Veterans Administration (VA). Stay tuned and we will keep you abreast of any changes to services for Veterans and their dependents. We have created a single page chart showing the **NEW 2026** Veterans Pay Scale with the Cost of Living Adjustment **COLA** and should be posted on a **VALUED VETERANS CLIPBOARD** in the Lodge. Please follow, like so many Lodges, and try to create a Valued Veterans information and memorial board or wall. We will continue to research and create new and continuing compelling, informative and pleasing material for your bulletin boards.

If you have issues, questions, ideas, suggestions, problems and want or need any information or resources; including how to organize and conduct programs; please do reach-out amvetnet@yahoo.com

You should know that increasingly, Veteran’s facilities need volunteers and that there are many opportunities to support all areas of Veteran’s service providers. Send an email if you want information. Similarly, there are multiple free resources in most communities that would like to help **YOU**.

This is a wonderful time to not only plan your calendar of activities to be celebrated throughout the year; this is a good time to begin your preparations and planning to attend and join us in the **FUN** of the next **CNMA ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SPARKS, NV**. This a great time is just waiting to happen; It happens in September, specifically at the **NUGGET HOTEL & CASINO**.

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