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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings California Nevada Moose Association Members,

We are upon a new Fiscal Year, and this promises to be an exciting one. As President it will be my pleasure to serve you, the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA). Coming out of the Annual Convention, we have a lot of new information that will be relayed to the Lodges soon and I am pleased that we garnered such attendance...and we can do even better

this next year.

Our Official Visitor, Brian Toseki, became quite taken with the CNMA and actively participated with us from Heart of the Community visits through our great themed “Haunted Banquet” on Saturday. This past year Dina Munday brought out an animated theme to the entire CNMA, and it is my goal that among other things, we will keep that animation strong and promote enthusiasm by our members. Our President’s Project is a large undertaking that will yield to us a home that belongs to the CNMA. It’s quite a project at Mooseheart: **UNITING HEARTS / EXPANDING HORIZONS**. I can’t tell you how excited I am about this. With the projected new schools and buildings, the water treatment plant, etc. our very own Mooseheart will be able to house and care for children with just about every need. In short, at the completion of this project, **MOOSEHEART** will have come a long way. The great news is that the CNMA, as one of the top Associations, will be a central part of this and that means that you as a CNMA member can take pride in being a part of something **BIG!!** A special thank you to all of our Committee Chairs, both existing and those coming on board. The enthusiasm we shared at the Saturday Organizational Meeting was great and I can’t wait to work with you all during this year. Please take a moment to welcome Bob Criss as our new Treasurer, and I’m sure it won’t take him long at all to set his part of the team in motion.

This CNMA of ours keeps getting stronger and more active every year. This past year, I have to say our President Dina Munday created a powerful message, that we stayed on all year, and that is to remember why we are all here; and to recognize the accomplishments big and small of all of us. There are many different people that make up our Fraternal Organization and it’s those differences that help us succeed. Obstacles that we may encounter are not really that big. It is our common bond that remains big and strong. I shall try to continue that message because like I continually say... “we are all in this together”!! We have a **FUN** year planned, so tell a friend, sponsor a member, attend your District meetings and...**THE MID YEAR CONFERENCE** as well as **THE ANNUAL CONVENTION**. It all starts now.

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Association Vice President – Robert Leon

**VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE**

What an **AMAZING TIME** we had at the Annual Convention in Sparks, NV. So much information and Fellowship. A Special Thank you to our Official Visitors Brian Toseki, Denielle Baile and Convention Honoree Ron Popper, all who gave inspirational speeches.

Thank you for the vote of confidence in electing me to the seat of California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Vice President for the ensuing year. I will be working closely with the District Presidents and Secretaries. For those CNMA Chairs I worked with this past year, **THANK YOU** for your dedication and time, you are an **AMAZING** Group!

Going forward I am hoping that those obstacles that hindered our growth this past year will be overcome with hard work, focus on our mission, and dedication to being the **BEST** Fraternity in the nation. Let us all work together, share ideas, lend a hand whenever and wherever needed.

As always, I would like to remind Lodge and District Chaplains, please follow up on sending out wellness or bereavement cards when you are made aware of Members in distress. It means so much to the Member and Families.

As I close, there are many friends; both Brothers & Sisters whom we have lost this past year, let us keep them and their families in thought and prayer. As hard as it may be sometimes, try and keep an open mind, say something kind, do something good for others each day and smile when things get tough.

God be with you today and always. . . .

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

Fraternal Regards,

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Association Chaplain – Earl Munday

**CHAPLAIN MESSAGE**

Another California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) year is over, and we are on to the next. I must say I had a great time at the Annual Convention in September. I thought Costa Mesa was going to be tough to beat but this one was just **FUN** and informative. I always enjoy going to the Nugget as the staff always do their best to treat us like family.

I want to thank all the Chairs that fell under my purview this year. I enjoyed working with each and every one of you. You all did a fantastic job again at this past convention and I couldn't be prouder to be associated with such great moose members. I am very excited to work with a whole new set of Chairs this year. I can't wait to get to know each and every one of you and see the great things you will accomplish.

Congratulations to Bob Criss on his new position as CNMA Treasurer, I know you will do great. Also thank you to Roddy Myers for all the help you provided me you will be missed.

We gained some great momentum this past year and I, along with the rest of the Board are determined to keep it going. I want to give a shout out to the whole EC on a job well done with special recognition to our President (my wife) Dina for an outstanding year. You did an amazing job as our first female Association President, and I know most importantly to you the first father/daughter Presidents in the history of the CNMA. You made your dad, mom and our whole family very proud.

I look forward to seeing all the Chairs, District Presidents, Secretaries, and other members at the upcoming seminars in November and January. Please take advantage of each seminar that is offered to you. We want to ensure your success and get the CNMA to #1.

See you soon,

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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, Veteran's Sub-Committee and
Youth Awareness Committees.



Association Treasurer – Bob Criss

**TREASURER MESSAGE**

Hello Everyone,

I am so happy to introduce myself to all of you. I am Bob Criss, my home Lodge is Yuba City 1204. I was recently elected to the Treasurer position on the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Executive Committee. I have held a few Chair positions for CNMA over the past few years, but I am extremely excited to begin as the Treasurer. It was a dream that actually came true for me.

You likely know that there is a lot of work ahead that has to be done for me to learn the job and become really efficient in a short period of time. Trust me, I am learning new things every single day, and I am up to the task and ready to get started.

Thank you to everyone who supported me, and I promise I will not let you down. I am looking forward to working with our new President, Bill Jackson, along with the rest of the Executive Committee. Let's make this year the best that CNMA has ever had. We can start by supporting the different fund-raisers that CNMA is sponsoring and that goes a long way. I guess it's time for me to take a deep breath and begin my tasks. Remember to always keep a smile on your face and kindness in your heart. You can't go wrong. Thank you all for supporting me during our Annual Convention and all the thoughtful comments. I hope everyone had a good time and we will continue to have **FUN** while taking care of business.

Fraternally,

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As Treasurer
I provide
oversight of
the following
committees:
 Disaster Relief
 Financial Review
 Historical
 Loss Prevention
 Membership
 Moosehaven
 Mooseheart
 New Lodge Development
 New Member Orientation
 Ways & Means

Moosehaven Presents

Halloween Trick or Treat

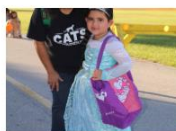
Friday, October 31st, 2025

5:30-8:00 pm

FREE Admission!

Food Trucks!

Happy Haunted Trail!



Moosehaven invites the entire community to join us for our annual "Halloween Trick or Treat" event on October 31st from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

Creep, crawl, or float on over to our Trick or Treat Trail for tons of candy, food trucks, fun & games on the pavilion with DJ Alan, Costumers With A Cause of NE Florida, Ghostbusters of Middleburg, and 501st Legion Squad 7!

FREE admission and parking. No pets, please. Please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for event updates.

Moosehaven's Heart of the Community program exemplifies the Moose commitment to communities and families by providing safe, family oriented and entertaining events. The Heart of the Community program is offered through the generosity of the men and women of The Moose and the staff at Moosehaven who donate their time and energy to make these events possible.



JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT MESSAGE

I hope this message finds you well and if you attended the Annual Convention in Sparks that you are well rested. I know that it took me a couple days to recover from all the excitement. However, I came back motivated and ready to get back at it. Seeing all our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) members together always reminds me why I love the Moose.

Our Official Visitor Brian Toseki was amazing! He was very personable, funny and passed on a lot of knowledge. I personally have been friends with Brian for quite some time and I'm so glad everyone got the opportunity to meet and get to know him and his wife Pam. His Lurch costume at the banquet was very cool. We also had the privilege of having WOTM Executive Project Manager Denielle Baile with us, which is always amazing, but I'm bias as she also plays a special role in my life as my best friend. Denielle is knowledgeable about the WOTM and so very passionate about what she does that its contagious.

I will say this past year was a year I will cherish and never forget, and we sure ended it with a bang. The monies we raised for Moose Charities, the Heart of the Community efforts we accomplished, and membership growth are all just amazing.

This year as I move into the Junior Past President role my focus will be a bit different but as convention liaison for the north, I will do my best to keep the conventions hopping and **FUN**. This year one of my focuses will be on the CNMA Achievement Award and my goal is 100% participation. We have been getting better each year at our submittals, but I know we can do better.

Congratulations to Bill Jackson who I'm sure will do a great job as your new CNMA President. Congratulations to Bob Criss as our newest addition to the Executive Committee in the role of Treasurer, I know you will do fantastic. Congratulations to all the new Chairs, District Presidents and Secretaries. I'm looking forward to working with all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all who served last year you were amazing. I look forward to seeing you at the seminars in Buena Park and Pismo Beach. Plus, you never know where Earl, Michael and I may show up in between.

Speaking of Earl, I want to thank him so much for being my biggest supporter and always being by my side. If it weren't for him, my children and the support of Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge I would not have been able to have such a great year.

Until next time remember your why...right now my why is Mooseheart, Moosehaven and each and every one of you.

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SECRETARY MESSAGE

One year ends and so begins another year for the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA). As provided in the Secretary report at the Annual Convention we have accomplished much and there is still a lot more that needs to be done.

We are happy to report that during the Mid-Year Conference the Association financial records were reviewed by Moose International and we passed with flying colors! Whew – looks like I must be doing something right!? The QuickBooks program has made the tasks so much easier and provides us with good financial information that allows the Executive Committee to make good sound business decisions. Thanks to everyone who has supported the online invoicing process by paying your Association dues electronically!

With that being said we have taken on a tremendous fundraising effort (and probably the largest one in our Association's history) committed to purchase one of the new homes on the Mooseheart campus specially designed to accommodate special needs individuals. This is part of a three-year major fundraising campaign known as Uniting Hearts; Expanding Horizons. The flyer for this project is included in this newsletter. The CNMA would like to raise the funds necessary to purchase a brand-new, purpose-built home that will offer independence with dignity on the Mooseheart campus. Our first goal is to raise \$500,000 in the next three years. Can we do it? I believe we can if we all pitch in and dedicate ourselves to the worthwhile project. Wow a new home we can say was built and funded by the CNMA! We are excited about this opportunity and hope you will assist us in making this happen.

We have plans to finish some of the things we promised like Committee descriptions, CNMA Youth Awareness guidance, CNMA Council of Higher Degrees guidance, and a District Recognition Awards program.

Congratulations to the many lodges who earned the 5 Star Award and their new banners. Please take the time to read the updated criteria so your lodge will be able to earn this prestigious award either again or for the first time!

I want to take a minute to remind everyone that they should be in possession of a **blue membership card**. If you have an older version membership card the scanners cannot read your data and therefore your attendance at the Annual Convention or Mid-Year Conference is not being recorded. It is so easy to request a new card by calling (630) 906-3658 or emailing the HelpDesk, helpdesk@mooseintl.org providing your name and MID and they will send a card to your address listed on your moose record. Of course, you can always ask your Territory Manager to order one for you!

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I want to thank each and every one of you for your support. I thoroughly enjoy being the CNMA Secretary and want to ensure that I provide the best services possible to you our members. Without you nothing would be possible!



LIAISON MESSAGE

My Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to October!

We are beginning a brand-new California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) year, and I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to our newly elected California Nevada Moose Association Executive Committee Members, Committee Chairs, District Presidents, and Appointed Officers.

Annual Convention Recap

A special thank you to our Official Visitor, Moose International Board of Directors **Brian Toseki** and his wife Pam, as well as **Denielle Baile**, Women of the Moose Executive Project Manager, for joining us at our Annual Convention. It was an honor to have them with us.

As a Fraternity, our shared goal is to reach **One Million Members by July 2026**. At the CNMA level, we also committed to raising **\$500,000** toward the *Mooseheart: Uniting Hearts Expanding Horizons Project* — a \$12 million initiative that will shape the future of Mooseheart.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for the **next Moose International Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, June 30 – July 3, 2026**.

If you'd like a copy of any Territory Manager's presentation from Sparks, NV, please contact your respective Territory Manager directly.

New Fraternal Recognition Program

At the Moose International Convention in Milwaukee, CEO **Scott Hart** introduced an exciting new *Fraternal Recognition Program*. Designed to include **every member**, this program allows us all — from brand-new members to Pilgrims and College of Regents — to start fresh.

There are **four achievement levels**: Preferred, Power, Prestige, and Platinum.

Beginning **May 1, 2025**, members can earn **Preferred Status** by completing the following five steps:

- Sponsor one new member into the Lodge.
- Attend a Lodge Orientation.
- Complete and log **10 volunteer hours** at the Lodge or in Moose-led community projects.
- Make at least one donation to Moose Charities (supporting Mooseheart or Moosehaven).
- Create and maintain an active **My Membership Record**.

If you would like the full program overview go to the CNMA Website > Lodge Awards > [Fraternal Recognition Program](#). Questions can be directed to your assigned Territory Manager.

Goals for the 2025–2026 Moose Year

Here's where we stand today and where we're headed:

- **Membership Goal:** Net gain of +1 (Target: 56,985) — Current: 57,044 (**+59 above goal**)
- **Retention Rate:** 80%+ — Current: **83.93%**

- **Moose Charities Goal:** \$475,000 — Current: **\$161,643.79**
- **New Applications Goal:** 10,989 — Current: **4,912**

With focus on **sponsorship, retention, and giving**, I am confident we will not only meet but surpass these goals.

Moving Forward

Let's continue to:

- **Move Forward and Give Back**
- **Embrace Our Community**
- **Make It Happen**

We are blessed with a **Proud Past** and a **Bright Future**.

In Closing

For those who were unable to attend the Awards Breakfast at Annual Convention, your awards will be delivered by your Territory Manager during their Lodge and District visits.

It was a joy to share an enriching and energetic time with so many of you in Sparks, NV. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the mission and values of Moose International.

**God Bless Mooseheart.
God Bless Moosehaven.
And God Bless each and every one of you.**

Fraternally,

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Saturday, November 22, 2025

Fundraise Your Way for Mooseheart

Make an Impact

Fundraise Your Way for Moosehaven

DONATE

MOOSE

MOVING FORWARD, GIVING BACK

May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026

Our Fraternity has made a commitment to being ever present in our communities. By continuing our positive momentum, we make our meaningful contributions a reality. To move forward, we must make a positive impact on our society, by giving back.

Sponsor 1 Member

MOVING FORWARD, GIVING BACK 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 a backup generator for Moosehaven's computer server room. This is important for keeping their offices running in case of power failure, protecting the residents' electronic records. 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 **MOVING FORWARD, GIVING BACK** membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2026 International Moose Convention in Oklahoma City, OK. 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.



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Moose Members!

If you attended the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Annual Convention in Sparks, NV, I hope I was able to meet you in person! Our booth had a wonderful opportunity drawing of “guess how many spiders are in the jar.” Winnings were (3) \$100 gift cards or a one-year free Lodge dues paid! Congratulations to the winner, Talla Smith from the Ojai Moose Lodge! She guessed 420 and we had 467, great guess Talla!

I encourage you to use “meet me at the Moose” whenever you want to invite family and friends to your Lodge. It is so easy to say yet so impactful! I have heard from many moose members that this tagline really works, and they are signing up new members. Remember though, it is quality members and not the quantity members!

Also, each District is **UP** in membership! Whatever you are doing to make this happen is working so keep up the good work!

Did you hear about the new Fraternal Recognition? There are various levels you can earn as a member, and it starts with signing up a new member! Make sure your Lodge has the information posted in your Lodge home.

We also handed out the membership incentives for the 2024 – 2025 campaign. If you signed up 3 or more members from that campaign, make sure you get your incentives. These were distributed at the Annual Convention, and if you were not in attendance ask your Territory Manager about them. I loved hearing all of those who stated how many they have signed up already! Even if it is just 1, you still have plenty of time to take advantage of the current campaign!

Congratulations to all who received awards and recognition! Well deserved.

I would like to thank everyone for all your encouragement and gratitude towards me for my year as your Membership Chair. It has been a great honor. I am positive the next chair for Moose year 2025-2026 will be just as fabulous!

Most of all, don't forget to “Meet me at the Moose.”

Until next time,

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May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026

The Moose Fraternity has committed to being ever-present in our communities. By maintaining our positive momentum, we make meaningful contributions a reality. To move forward, we must positively impact our society by giving back.

The Moose is dedicated to being the heart of our communities. As we have embraced our mission, it has fostered a connection that has made our presence socially relevant. By doing so, we earn trust, compassion, and generosity, which in turn helps the Moose grow!

Members are key to everything we do. They are the bedrock on which the Fraternity has been built and they are the men and women who will take us into the future.

Any time there is a call to action, we will continue to provide the much-needed support for our communities. Whether it is a natural disaster, a local fundraiser, or providing a place for a local blood drive, we are there. Giving back opens our hearts and our doors, cultivating a better future for our communities.

While **moving forward**, the Fraternity's commitment to **giving back** will strengthen the Moose's reputation and raise awareness. It's in our DNA!



RISE

May 1, 2025 -
April 30, 2026

BY LIFTING OTHERS UP



One person can make a difference, everyone should try

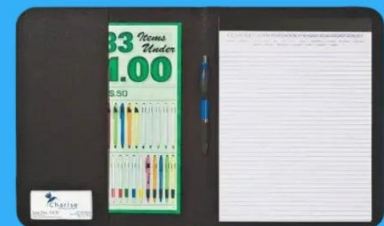
Sign up 3 members!
Playing Cards



Sign up 5 members!
Ear Buds



Sign up 10 members!
Padfolio



Council of Higher Degrees Chair – Frankie Wysocki

**RETENTION MESSAGE**

What a great convention! Dina Munday, our first woman President, did a wonderful job.

Our Official Visitor Brian Toseki and his sweet wife Pam were a lot of **FUN** also. Then came Danielle Baile what a great job Danielle, you are always so informative. Our breakfast for the Council was really great!

Now for Retention we must get started on working the expired list at our Lodges. New members are great but first let's work on bringing back some of the members that have not come back. Please be welcoming to these members. Let them know how we work. Tell them about Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Get them involved.

Please be kind and make them feel like they are one of the team. Lots of hugs to all my Moose members.

Fraternally,

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Membership Retention is a vital key to the success of the Moose fraternity. Reducing the number of members dropped from our rolls is a major factor in ensuring the collective strength of our Lodges, Chapters, and Moose Legions.

Membership Retention is also listed in each Council of Higher Degrees' By-laws as the #1 purpose of this distinctive unit of the Moose. Personal contact is one of the most effective tools in retaining our members. With that knowledge, we are pleased to offer the following guidelines for holding a **Moose-A-Thon** in every Moose Home.

The Plan

A **Moose-A-Thon** would be conducted once a month in each Lodge. The leaders of this special committee are made up of Higher Degree members. Other interested members can also participate. This committee would develop a system to contact all Lodge, Chapter, and Moose Legion members in arrears. They would also develop a contact form, which would be used by each member of the committee to record pertinent information provided by the member.

Members of the **Moose-A-Thon** committee must keep up with current Moose programs in order to answer questions and provide information. References are the Moose Magazine, Moose Leader, and Moose Website. The committee would not only encourage members in

arrears to pay his/her dues, but also report progress back to the Lodge, Chapter, and Moose Legion officers.

Higher Degree members can gather dues expiration dates and member contact information from the Lodge Administrator, Chapter Treasurer, and Moose Legion Secretary. Contact can then be made to each member by phone or in person.

A printout of the membership screen for those members to be contacted will give the caller the knowledge of the members' years of service, if they previously held an office, and if they hold any degrees. **(IMPORTANT!)** Be sure to collect and shred or appropriately destroy all outdated membership printouts at the end of the **Moose-A-Thon**. Membership information needed from month to month may be kept in a secured file in the Administrator's office.)

MOOSE-A-THON

This committee may also contact:

- New members with a personal welcome reminding them of activities and the benefits of membership.
- Active members that have been recently absent from unit events and remind them they are missed.
- Those members who are ill and ask what the Lodge can do for them until they recover.

The committee should encourage members to bring their cell phones and participate. The more members making calls, the better the chances for success.

The committee should consider making this a social event at your Moose Home, by providing an inexpensive meal free of charge to members who assist in the calling during the **Moose-A-Thon**. The committee may even want to have a contest, where a small prize is given to the member who reaches the most members and/or collects the most dues.

Helpful Hints For Success:

- Do not make any calls during mealtime or late in the evening.
- Be prepared by rehearsing what you are going to say.
- Have a Lodge newsletter, Moose Leader, Moose Magazine and a benefits flyer available to answer any questions.
- Make sure an officer or chairperson is on site to help with questions.
- Introduce yourself and say you are calling on behalf of the member's Lodge or Chapter.
- Ask if this is a good time to call. If it is not a good time, ask when a better time would be to call back. Be sure to follow up with a return call.
- Say "thank you" when the call is completed.
- Always be positive.

Topics that can be included in your conversation:

- From the information on the printout, thank the member for their years of membership and for any previous service as an officer, chairman or degreeholder.
- This is also a great opportunity to verify the member's mailing address.
- Remind the member about our member benefits package.
- Promote upcoming Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion events.
- Sincerely tell the member how important they are to their Lodge, Chapter and the Moose Fraternity.
- Ask the member if there is a reason why they have not paid their dues. **(NOTE: these answers may reveal a weakness in the Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion program, that can be easily corrected OR a major issue that needs to be addressed by the officers. This is vital to the success of this program.)**

Respond and record the needs or concerns voiced by the member.

- Remind the member their dues not only support their local Moose Home, but also help provide programs for our students at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven and their local community.
- Thank the member for taking the time to speak with you, and encourage them again to pay their dues.

The Reporting

The **Moose-A-Thon** committee is responsible to develop a form that best fits its reporting needs. This form should be given to the unit officers at the first meeting each month. The report would include the names of members contacted, when the contacts were made, who made the contact, and the results of the contact.

Should the member have a complaint about the unit operation, the report would go to the Board of Officers for their review and any action needed. A similar report would be sent to the appropriate Territory Manager for his review and follow-up with the unit.

The Goals

- 1) Help each unit increase good standing membership, which would in turn help the Association and The Moose show growth in members and finances.
- 2) Strengthen each unit by finding the weaknesses (or major complaints) of members not renewing their dues. The unit officers can then work on these weaknesses to strengthen their operation.
- 3) Restore one of our basic precepts of brotherhood and people caring for people.

The Rewards

The reward would be in helping the Lodge, Chapter, and Moose Legion increase the number of good standing members in each unit and improve the unit's operation.

This growth and improved operation would increase the number of members who would be eligible to:

- Participate in the unit's activities
- Donate to fundraising efforts
- Sponsor members
- Become Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion leaders
- Earn Higher Degrees

Councils of Higher Degrees and the Moose-A-Thon - A perfect match!

Mooseheart Committee Chair – Julie Nelson**MOOSEHEART HAPPENINGS**

Hello Everyone,

Time is flying by, and it is already October. I just returned from Sparks, Nevada where I attended a very successful Annual Convention. As we end our year, Mooseheart has just begun their 2025-2026 school year. The students are all back on campus and started off on 8/13 with the annual Ice Cream Social sponsored by Mooseheart Chapter 3001. The kids really enjoy this event because they get to reconnect with all their fellow students and catch up on their summer activities. Two students were privileged to attend the Yosemite Youth Conservation Camp. Eleventh grader Krista Pointek was newly chosen to attend and spent an entire month on site. Jeannie Briceno, who spent a month there last year, was invited back by the camp leaders to serve as a youth leader. Jeannie spent the entire summer at the camp and returned to Mooseheart just in time for the start of school.

Summer at Mooseheart also offered a unique opportunity for the kids to interact with selected zoo animals. Illinois Senator Karina Villa, partnered with Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, to offer an on-site experience for students. Various animals were brought to campus by the zoo's mobile unit. This allowed the students to touch the animals as they learned all kinds of interesting facts about each species.

There were lots of work crews on the grounds throughout the summer as a new remodeling project started. Many of the family teacher's quarters are being remodeled. Students and teachers in those homes were relocated to closed homes as the work is being done. They are looking forward to moving back into their homes when the work is completed.

Prior to school starting, two local businesses held Back to School drives asking the community for school supplies for the kids at Mooseheart. The events were well attended and turned out to be a great success. Mooseheart was very grateful to receive all the supplies needed to ensure all the students were well equipped to start the new school year.

Additionally, Adidas donated a new pair of shoes to each high school student. Mooseheart admissions successfully replaced all 13 graduating seniors before school started on 8/14. By the end of September, we will have 92 students at Mooseheart. It is expected that by Thanksgiving we will be back to 100 students.

Which brings me to some exciting news. For the first time in 4 or 5 years, we, the CNMA, have a new student on campus. Her name is Carlee Harwell; she is from California and sponsored by the Stockdale Lodge. She is a 9th grader and according to Mooseheart she is doing very well. She has made a very smooth transition to campus life and is very happy to be there. After visiting Mooseheart, her mother was so impressed, she decided to enroll Carlee's younger sister, Veronica Bynum. Carlee was very excited to have her sister on campus with her.

Mooseheart is proud to announce they have a new website. I checked it out and it has much improved. You can easily check out all the current events and activities happening on campus. The site will be updated regularly so you can find out all the information you need to keep your

Lodges and Chapters posted on what's happening in real time. Plus, lots of photos of the students and the campus. Please check it out www.mooseheart.org.

I hope you all enjoyed your summer. I am personally looking forward to some cooler weather! Thanks for all you do for Mooseheart.

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YCC-2023-Work Crew



Carlee Harwell



Jeannie Briceno



Krista Piontek





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▶ **A state-of-the-art Fresh Water
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Moosehaven Committee Chair – Chuck Barber

**MOOSEHAVEN**

As we close out the 2025 California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) year the Moosehaven Committee made a presentation at the CNMA Annual Convention, including drawing the winning ticket for two members to win an all-expense paid trip to Moosehaven for the Annual Chili Cook-Off and Car Show in November. The winner was Shirley Scott from Simi Valley Lodge 1902. Her travel arrangements have already been made, and she will be on campus for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the completed AAA Building.

As you can see from the attached statistic sheet California Nevada now has 18 members residing at Moosehaven which is third behind Florida and Illinois.

Thank you to all our members who have helped make this a great year for our seniors at Moosehaven and let us continue in 2026.

Fraternally,

Charles Barber
Moosehaven Chair
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Moosehaven staff and residents gathered beneath the new AAA Pavilion to celebrate our 103rd Anniversary of serving senior members of The Moose! Founded in 1922, Moosehaven has always been the City of Opportunity and the City of Contentment...and now we are a city of active, engaged senior Moose members who are always on the move! If you know of someone who would like information on becoming a resident of the best retirement community around, please have them visit our website at www.moosehaven.org. We'd love to welcome them home! A BIG thank you to the members of the Florida Moose Association for their donation of gift cards which were handed out as door prizes. The resident smiles say it all!

#Moosehaven #MovingForwardGivingBack #103rdAnniversary

**Visitor Information 2025**

15th Annual Chili Cook-Off at Moosehaven
Saturday, November 8, 2025
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thank you to everyone who joined us last year for a beautiful day on the river with food, fun, and music!

Gates open at 10:00 am
 Award Ceremony at 3:00 pm

- Free admission!
- Free parking!
- Live entertainment!
- Classic car show!
- Food trucks!
- Kids zone!
- Craft vendors!

Chili Tasting Kits are \$5 with proceeds benefitting a local charitable cause.

MOOSEHAVEN STATISTICS

AS OF JULY 29, 2025

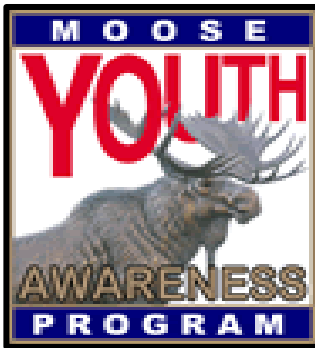
- **Average Age: 81.9 Years**
- **Average Length of Stay: 5 Years**
- **Oldest Resident:**
Glenna McClain 103.3 Years
Mandarin, FL Chapter 1218
- **Longest Length of Stay:**
James Thomas, 27.23 Years
Grass Valley, CA Lodge 2217
- **Married Couples: 49**
- **Longest Married Couple:**
Albert & Marlys Shallbetter 70.11 Years

CENSUS

- **Total Residents: 314**
112 Men
202 Women
- **Traditional Residents Admissions:**
200
- **Brandon Place Residents Admissions: 114**

SPONSORING STATES

Alaska	3
Alabama	1
Arkansas	1
Arizona	3
California	18
Colorado	3
Connecticut	1
Delaware	6
Florida	166
Georgia	3
Illinois	22
Indiana	8
Kentucky	4
Massachusetts	1
Maryland	2
Michigan	2
Minnesota	3
Mississippi	1
Montana	2
North Carolina	7
New Jersey	1
New Mexico	1
Nevada	1
New York	5
Ohio	8
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	7
South Carolina	10
South Dakota	2
Tennessee	3
Virginia	11
Washington	2
Wisconsin	4
Wyoming	1
TOTAL	314



YOUTH AWARENESS NEWS

Greetings,

What an amazing convention in Sparks!!! Dina and the entire Executive Committee did a great job. We had a lot of **FUN** in our meeting. Roddy Myers wins for the best dance entrance. Our Official Visitor, Brian Toseki, was fabulous! I really enjoyed getting to know him and his wife Pam. Denielle Baile was wonderful! All the Chairs gave such great information. If you didn't make it, you missed a great weekend!

Our committee would like to thank everyone who came by our booth for information and to give a donation. Many of you gave checks to our committee in the check march. Thank you all so much!!! Your donations will help pay for our students to get to the International Youth Awareness (YA) Congress to compete for scholarships. It also helps us purchase the \$50 gift cards that the students earn for completing their Kids Talk reports and our \$500 finalist prizes that are awarded to each student when they return from the International Congress.

The following information was provided during my presentation and will be issued in CNMA Youth Awareness Guidance in the coming months.

A Lodge can host a Youth Awareness Congress, which should be reported on the Lodge Heart of the Community Report. Congresses must be held between July and October. The lodge is asked to provide water, sodas and depending on the time of day the congress is held, a light meal or snacks. That's it!

The students must attend a YA Congress in order to participate in the program each year. Each student should be sponsored by a Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion or Moose Riders Activity Group. The cost to sponsor a student is \$35. The sponsor can donate a dollar amount (i.e., \$300), or they can sponsor a certain number of students (3 students at \$35 each, \$105). Any amount will be gladly accepted.

Our committee will provide \$50 gift cards to each student who completes their reports of their Kids Talks and \$500 for each finalist when they return from the International YA Congress. The flights to the International YA Congress are funded by the California Nevada Moose Association.

Individuals can donate funds or \$50 Visa Cards to support the program.

All checks must be made payable to California Nevada Moose Association, earmarked Youth Awareness.

Hopefully, this clears up any questions you may have. If not feel free to reach out to me in a text message at 714-394-4910.

We currently have several YA Congresses on the calendar.

In the North-Lynn McDonald or Kathy Childs

Sep 20th - Roseville
Sep 21st - Sunnyvale
Oct 1st - Monterey
Oct 23rd - Sunnyvale
TBD West Sacramento

In the South-Bridget Robinson

Aug 23rd - Garden Grove 10:00 am
Sep 20th - Pomona 10:00 am
Sep 28th - Bellflower/Downey 1:00 pm
Oct 11th - Escondido 11:00 am
Oct 12th - Stockdale 10:00 am
Oct 26th - La Habra 1:00 pm
TBD-Buena Park

The CNMA YA Program has had 11 winners in the past 6 years! These 11 students earned \$74,000 in scholarships. This is possible because someone chose to sponsor a student and due to the dedication of our Coordinators Lynn McDonald, Kathy Childs and me. We work hard to get our students ready for the International Congress and the results show. This program could not be done without Lynn and Kathy. I am so thankful for both of them.

When we have a first-place winner, we bring them to the Annual Convention to share their story. Last year you got to hear the story of Quang Ho. This year we were able to hear the story of Victor Torres!! Victor did an amazing job on his reports to the kids ages 4-12 and knocked it out of the park with his report at the YA Congress in South Dakota with his peers. It was wonderful having him at convention and giving you all a chance to hear his story. Thank you so much for making Victor feel welcomed. Many of you came by the booth to meet him and have sent messages regarding his presentation. Thank you all for the kindness and support that you gave him. Victor is attending Northridge College, here in California.

Victor was so impressed hearing Milt McGinnis speak, and hearing Milt's story of how long he has been involved with the Moose. Victor asked a lot of questions, and we explained some of what we do for children, seniors, and those in our community. Victor was taken back by the generosity of our members.

Overall, I can't say enough about the Convention. It was great!!!

On behalf of our committee, thank you for all of your support of the CNMA Youth Awareness Program!

Serving from the Heart,

Bridget Robinson
Youth Awareness Chair & Coordinator
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CNMA Youth Awareness Team:

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

Heart of the Community Committee Chair – Denise Angeles

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

By the time you receive this, our Annual Conference will be over. First I would love to say **THANK YOU** to all of the Chapters and Lodges who have donated so many Tommy Moose plush, Tommy Moose Coloring Books, Blankets, etc. Your generosity is amazing. This would not have happened without you. Last time I checked, there is no letter I in the word team. We did this as a team. All of us working together to support our communities.

Our Heart of the Community program remains strong. We continue to help in any way we can. We need to keep providing these items to our police departments, fire departments, and nursing homes. Children and adults are so happy when they receive them.

Always remember that we are the best kept secret out there. We are the **MOOSE**, so be proud and help, where you can by donating, working with charities to provide what they need whether it's donating money or your time.

As you have generously done before, keep making those blankets and cancer caps to be distributed at our conference in March. Start collecting Rosie Moose, Tommy Moose, Tommy Moose coloring books, Tommy Moose bookmarks, Tommy Moose bags, crayons, etc.

REMEMBER, EVERYONE has superpowers. Your talents, your strengths, and your passions – those are your superpowers! No matter who you are, where you live or what your job is, **YOU** have a superpower. We need to challenge our members to look inside themselves and discover their superpowers and determine how they can use them to benefit Mooseheart, Moosehaven, Moose Charities and our Communities.

We should be **MOOSE PROUD** at what we have done and continue to accomplish!!!

Denise Angeles
Heart of the Community Chair
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Tommy Moose

Heart of the Community Program

Tommy Moose, the Moose Fraternity's beloved plush ambassador, is available for purchase in bulk for donation to local public safety agencies (i.e. police, fire, state police and sheriff's departments). Tommy rides in police cars, fire engines and ambulances, waiting for the important time to comfort a child in distress. The recognition and goodwill that the lodge, chapter, Moose Legion or Moose Association generates through Tommy is priceless.

"Just as The Moose helps communities in need, Tommy Moose plush dolls help a child in need."
 — Will Harrison, Coordinator of Activities and Heart of the Community

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Moose Charities Committee Chair – Jason Evans**MOOSE CHARITIES**

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all doing well. As for Moose Charities, we are doing very well and I want to personally thank everybody who helped at the California Nevada Moose Association Annual Convention this past September in Sparks, Nevada. I want to personally thank my committee; Debbie Balthazar, Ana Lisa Triay and Shannon Trull. Your hard-working effort towards Moose Charities is truly appreciated!

At this year's convention, through your help, Moose Charities raised nearly \$48,000. That number is a testament to your kind willingness to give to an organization that I know you all believe in so heavily. It was my honor to talk with many of you during the course of the weekend and understand why Moose Charities mean so much to each of you in different ways.

With that said, it's important to note that Moose Charities will always need our support. Moving forward, next month is the Cradle Fundraiser and I hope that each of you will consider unique methods to help raise money for our children at Mooseheart at your local Lodge. Remember folks, when you participate in the Cradle Fundraiser you are getting endowment donations from your members and those visiting your Social Quarters. And your Lodge and Chapter get credit towards the giving!

Thanks again to each of you who contributed, and please Never stop giving!

Kind Regards,

Jason Evans
Moose Charities Chair
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**October is Cradle Fundraiser Month**

What a great way to support the Endowment Fund!!

~ This Fundraiser runs from October 1st through October 31st ~

 Lodge & Chapter Giving 



Purchase a Cradle Today

\$1, \$5, \$10 and up

Help protect the future of Mooseheart Child City & School and
Moosehaven Senior Community.



DISASTER RELIEF NEWS

Thank You for all your donations at the California Nevada Moose Association Annual Convention in Sparks NV.

This past quarter we have assisted a Lodge in each territory. The Territorial Managers will deliver the donations that were contributed by all.

Special thank you to my entire Disaster Relief Committee. Thank you to Jennette Ruiz for delivering our message, along with Dona Harwood manning our booth. Welcome new committee members, David Salazar from Oxnard Lodge and Susan Sawaya from El Monte Lodge.

Remember that all donations can be used on your Heart of the Community Report.

I look forward to visiting all of you at District meetings, along with my committee.

Sincerely,

Rick Balthazar
Disaster Relief Chair
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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.

Members who attended the 2025 International Moose Convention in Milwaukee this past May heart Moose International CEO Scott Hart announce a new Fraternal Recognition Program that is “open to every member – whether you just joined or have had your College of Regents Degree or Pilgrim Degree for 10 year, we all are starting at square one.”

There are four levels within the program – Preferred, Power, Prestige and Platinum. An overview of the entire program can be found on the [Moose International website](#) (just click the words). The overview of the entire program includes all four levels, but every member must achieve the first level in order to advance to others.

Instructions on how to log your volunteer hours can be found [here](#) (just click the word here). You must have access to your membership record in order to log your hours. If you need assistance call your Territory Manager or the Moose International Help Desk at (630) 906-3658.

What level will you achieve? It's up to you!





MOOSE HISTORY

I write to you today, having just returned from the 2025 Annual California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Convention. The Convention was itself historic, being that this was our first female CNMA President, and our first father-daughter CNMA Presidency, since Joseph Gurrieri was President in 1996/1997. The Convention was incredible and well attended with over 5600 in attendance. While we made history, we also discussed history. Our Convention Official Visitor Brian Toseki is a wealth of historical knowledge from which I intend to draw a great deal of information. We exchanged contact information and a lot of CNMA history and intend to do much more in days ahead. Our incoming President Bill Jackson has asked me to remain as Chair of this committee, and I graciously agreed. There is much work to be done!

My goal going forward is to gather Moose history from every one of our Lodges, and I need your help. I can help you discover your Lodge's important dates and even many events, but I reach out to you now to ask you to provide my committee with some information unique to your Lodge that probably isn't very well known. I would like to showcase our Lodges in upcoming newsletters and in our conferences and conventions.

If you have anything to share, please reach out to me at canvhistory@gmail.com or my personal cell (510) 506-4314. Let's get together and talk about **YOUR** awesome Lodge! If you'd like to be a part of this year's committee, let me know! I'd love your help!

Damon Russell
Historical Chair
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The Moose Lodge, or the Loyal Order of Moose, was founded in 1888 by Dr. John Henry Wilson in Louisville, Kentucky, initially as a men's social club, guided by the principle "A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many". The organization later expanded to include women, with the formation of the Women of the Moose (WOTM). The Moose is a fraternal and service organization known for its community service, support of Mooseheart Child City & School for children in need, and the Moosehaven retirement community for seniors.



Founding and Early Years

- **1888:** Dr. John Henry Wilson and a group of friends founded the Loyal Order of Moose in Louisville, Kentucky.
- **Initial Purpose:** It began as a social club for men to gather and support one another.
- **Expansion:** Lodges were soon established in cities like Cincinnati, St. Louis, and various towns in Indiana.

Expansion and Community Services

- **Mooseheart:** In the early 20th century, the organization shifted focus and became a "dynamo of men and women" to build Mooseheart Child City & School, a 1,000-acre campus west of Chicago that provides a home and education for children and teens in need.
- **Moosehaven:** The organization also established Moosehaven, a 70-acre retirement community near Jacksonville, Florida, for its senior members.
- **Women of the Moose:** The Women of the Moose (WOTM) was formally organized in 1931, with Katherine Smith serving as its first Grand Chancellor and guiding its growth for many years.

Mission and Principles

- **Core Principle:** The organization is guided by the motto, "A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many," emphasizing mutual support and community service.
- **Community Focus:** In addition to Mooseheart and Moosehaven, local Lodges contribute significant community service through volunteer work, monetary donations, and programs for families.

Structure

- The basic unit is a Lodge.
- The Moose Legion is a higher degree of membership, focused on service and fun activities within the fraternity.
- **Chapters:** are the local units of the Women of the Moose.

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