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CNMA website
www.ca-nvmoose.org

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www.mooseintl.org

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings and Happy Holidays,

As the Mooseheart Tree Lighting Ceremony approaches, it seems to renew the spirit of giving that we all enjoy throughout the year. We learned that it is more rewarding to give than to receive and that by giving, it comes back to us many folds. During the Holiday Season, we always meet new people through our involvement in our communities, and through these new people who could be potential new Members. Call it Fraternalism - no word that was ever spoken has held out greater hope, needed more to be nurtured, blessed more than the giver, or came closer to being God's will on earth. While all of us belonging to different fraternal units of this vast organization cannot be expected to hold the same opinions, we can unite in a common objective and sustain common principles. Right now, around us and looming ahead is our great Uniting Hearts; Expanding Horizons Campaign. This fundraising project will expand Mooseheart's scope of care to include children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This includes renovation of three homes and construction of three new Community Integrated Living Arrangement homes, including campus-wide installation of a new state-of-the-art freshwater treatment plant and revitalized athletic facilities. As a result of this President's Project, the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) will have its own building. Our CNMA is already on course to meet this project goal and the rest we will all accomplish together. Building a future where everyone belongs and every child receives the care and support to succeed is what it's all about.

Here with the CNMA, we have tremendous strength in each other. Watching our Membership grow, our Conventions & Conferences grow, and our leadership among us grow makes us stronger every year. As we unfold an easier way to communicate and information is disseminated more thoroughly, we will all be in the loop, leaving more time for your input and ideas. Please don't hesitate to attend our Seminars and take advantage of our educational opportunities. Speaking of which, February 27-March 1, 2026, Moose University will hold an Education Rally 2026 being held at Mooseheart. Check out The Moose International training website for more information at mooseu.mooseintl.org.

In closing, let's remember why we are all here this Holiday Season and truly lead others, our communities, our families, and our Lodges, by example. I speak for the entire CNMA when I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season.

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MOOSEHEART

UNITING HEARTS: EXPANDING HORIZONS

PRESIDENT'S
PROJECT

THREE FULLY RENOVATED
MOOSEHEART HOMES
THREE BRAND NEW
PURPOSE BUILT HOMES

**EARMARKED
CNMA MHT PROJECT 25-28**

STATE OF THE ART FRESH
WATER TREATMENT PLANT
CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
UPGRADES

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
MOOSE CHARITIES**

RENOVATION OF 10 FAMILY
TEACHER HOMES
REVITALIZATION OF TRACK
AND DISCUS CAGE

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VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

District Socials: A time for Fellowship, Friendships, **FUN** and Communication,

As I delve and dive into my Vice President position, there is so much more to learn, and I look forward to learning alongside each District President & District Secretary. Through teamwork we can accomplish much not only for Mooseheart & Moosehaven, but also for those Lodges our Districts are comprised of.

Communications and notices emanating from Moose International are important so it stands to reason that information should be shared at all levels.

Are we creating **FUN** at the District level or just having droll meetings and presentations? Are there Membership updates given, opportunity drawings, door prizes just for attending, incentives to attend? Do members mix it up and socialize by sitting with different members from other Lodges at their table or inviting other Lodges to join your table? Are we recognizing special achievements or community service presentations by inviting Emergency Service Providers to present Tommy/Rosie Moose? These are just some of the **FUN** and outside of the box things we can do.

You've heard "**Sharing is Caring**," it's true, that as we share ideas for events between the Lodges, Chapters, and Moose Legions we can grow our Membership one applicant at a time. The struggle is real for some Lodges in our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA), and if we took some time to check our empathy level, perhaps we could find time to attend the function of another Lodge in Fraternal support. "That which you do for the least of these" is something I hold dear to my heart, and I honestly practice what I preach.

As I travel on down the road with the rest of the CNMA Executive Committee, I am excitedly looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible and to hear stories of how a little bit of this article touched someone and inspired them to "Rise Up" and lead more than follow.


See you in Pismo Beach!!!

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

Fraternal Regards,

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ANNUAL CNMA



**DISTRICT PRESIDENTS
AND
COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING**

Saturday January 17, 2026
Time 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Pismo Beach Moose Lodge #1409
180 Main St
Pismo Beach, CA 93449

Lunch will be provided & Everyone
is welcome to attend



CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

Strengthening Member Relations Through
Creative Publications and Local Campaigns

Introduction

In today's competitive landscape, The Moose must prioritize member engagement and trust. Creative publications and localized campaigns are powerful tools to foster meaningful connections, amplify voices, and build a sense of community.

The Role of Creative Publications

Publications serve as a bridge between The Moose and its members. High-quality, visually appealing content – such as newsletters, magazines, and digital reports – can:

- Highlight success stories and member achievements
- Share updates on initiatives and upcoming events
- Provide educational resources tailored to member interests

Consistency and creativity in design and storytelling ensure that members feel informed and valued.

Building Strong Member Relations

Effective member relations go beyond communication; they involve active listening and responsiveness. Strategies include:

- Hosting feedback sessions and surveys to understand member needs
- Personalizing outreach through targeted content
- Recognizing contributions publicly to strengthen loyalty

The Impact of Local Campaigns

Localized campaigns allow The Moose to connect with members on issues that matter most to their communities. Benefits include:

- Increased relevance and engagement through region-specific messaging
- Opportunities for grassroots involvement and volunteerism
- Strengthening The Moose's presence and credibility at the local level

Conclusion

Combining creative publications with localized campaigns creates a dynamic approach to member engagement. By prioritizing transparency, creativity, and community-driven initiatives, The Moose can build lasting relationships that drive collective success.

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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.





TREASURER MESSAGE

Season's Greetings,

As Thanksgiving is behind us, and the leaves turned their beautiful autumn colors, the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) picked up momentum to have another productive year, starting with our new President, Bill Jackson, hosting his reception dinner. The food and camaraderie made for a **FUN** night for all.

As you know, CNMA hosts two seminars each year for the District Presidents, District Secretaries, Committee Chairs, and others that want to make a difference.

Our first seminar was held at Buena Park Lodge #1945, and it was very successful. The purpose is to educate everyone on the importance of the committees and what the expectations are for each of those committees. I think after our first seminar, CNMA is headed in the right direction. We have some very good members heading the committees and we are going to see some very positive results.

The second seminar is normally held in the northern part of California, and this year the location will be at the popular Pismo Beach Lodge #1409, and will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2026. Who doesn't want to go to Pismo Beach? We are hoping for a good turnout of members who enthusiastically want to learn everything we have to offer. I believe that is exactly what is going to happen.

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 and of course Ways and Means. All these committees are very important to our CNMA, and I thank each and every member for your helpfulness and drive throughout the year. You are appreciated by the entire Executive Committee.

Our CNMA is made up of 106 Lodges throughout California and Nevada and is divided into nineteen Districts. The District Presidents and Secretaries provide information from their Districts that is helpful to the Executive Committee while making operational decisions. Thank you to each of you for everything you do.

Enjoy your Holidays this year and may
God Bless all of You!

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JR PAST PRESIDENT MESSAGE

I hope this message finds you well. As you may know our current President is a bit of a history buff and asked me to write on the history of The Moose. If you saw me speak at any point last year, I always advocated that I believe the Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion need to work as one. If we support each other and work together we will be able to accomplish so much more. I hope by reading the below history you will see we have been working together since the beginning and need to continue to do so. As always...remember your why.

HISTORY OF THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

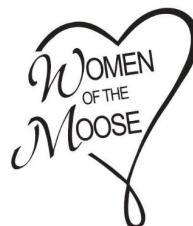
The "Moose Legion" or "Degree of Service" was created by resolution during the annual convention of the Supreme Lodge in Cincinnati, Ohio, and adopted by the Supreme Council in 1913 as the Mooseheart Legion of the World." Initially, and continuing until 1931, women enjoyed full membership as an intricate part of the Mooseheart Legion of the World. Early issues of the Moose Magazine proclaimed this union of men and women with the headlines... "Mooseheart Legion for Men and Women."

Rodney Brandon, the "Moose Legion" degree's first administrator carrying the title Grand Regent devised the first emblem, which incorporated a moose head centered in a pyramid with the letter's "F", "H", and "C" at its points superimposed over a heart, surrounded by a circle and containing the words "Alces" and "Machlis," all of which had individual meanings. The pyramid symbolized the core of our existence, Faith, Hope and Charity, while the heart symbolized heart of the fraternity, and the word "Alces" meaning moose or large beast and "Machlis" meaning leader. The emblem was used in conjunction with the Women of the Moose until 1991, when a change was made to give both the Moose Legion and the Women of the Moose specific logo identity.

Though the Women of the Moose (originally termed the Women of Mooseheart Legion) had received formal recognition as a Moose auxiliary in 1913, they at first had little structured program of their own beyond the Chapter level. That changed in 1921, when James J. Davis, (247th member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the founder of Mooseheart), met and hired a remarkable woman named Katherine Smith. When the 19th Amendment had granted women the right to vote in 1920, Smith, (from Indianapolis,) reasoned correctly, that women in politics would be a "growth market."

She quit her secretarial job to go to work in Warren Harding's successful Presidential campaign--and, still in her 20s, she was rewarded with an appointment as Director of Public Employment in Washington. Labor Secretary, James J. Davis, was her boss, and he immediately recognized her talent and drive. It took him five years to convince her to quit her government job and go to work for him running the Women of the Moose. A stereotypical "women's program" held no interest for her, Smith argued. "So, get out there and make a program," Davis retorted. She did exactly that, as the organization's first Grand Chancellor. The year 1931 brought the formal organization of the Women of the Moose, and produced an amicable split from the men, as a separate and distinct unit of the fraternity. Katherine Smith served as Grand Chancellor of the Women of the Moose for 38 years until her retirement in 1964, at which point the Women of the Moose boasted 250,000 members.

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SECRETARY MESSAGE

November 15th billing of Association Dues was completed on schedule and payments are being received both electronically and via snail mail. Dues are \$4 per member and are billed quarterly to each lodge within the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA). I always wondered what benefit the Association provided to each lodge and so I would like to explain what the dues are used for.

Association dues generate the funds necessary for the CNMA to fund our Annual Conventions, Mid-Year Conferences, seminars where we offer training on operations within our Association, donations to Moose Charities and for our many Community Service projects at the Association level. We should all be proud of our contributions to charities such as Ronald McDonald House Charities, Newton Learning Center, Children's Hospital of Orange County, Spanish Springs High School JROTC, Orange High School MJROTC, Safe Surfin' Foundation, and our beloved Hope School. We also donate to International Community Service programs such as Give Kids the World, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, and Grace at Greenlight during our International Conventions.

The annual budget as well as the financial reports of how we completed our financial operations for the CNMA is shared with our members during the Annual Convention. This budget includes funding any maintenance needs for the California Nevada building that resides on the Moosehaven campus. You would not believe how that Florida weather can take its toll on flags!

These funds also pay for all the membership incentives provided to our members who continue to sponsor and help our fraternity grow. The Five Star Award party at the Mid-Year Conference, the 25 Club party at the Annual Convention. Also, all the entertainment provided and other award programs such as the CNMA Achievement Award. The Association also subsidizes the cost of training programs, absorbs all the fees associated with electronic payments including the fees charged for online registration, using credit or debit cards when purchasing our amazing merchandise offerings (thank you Jeanne Boss and your amazing team!), and other online sales.

Let's not forget about our Moosehaven residents and Mooseheart students. We provide them with gifts cards to commemorate their birthdays and Christmas. We have sent them shirts and other gifts as well. We have an amazing Moosehaven Committee who sends them cards and special reminders to ensure they know that the members of the CNMA appreciate them.

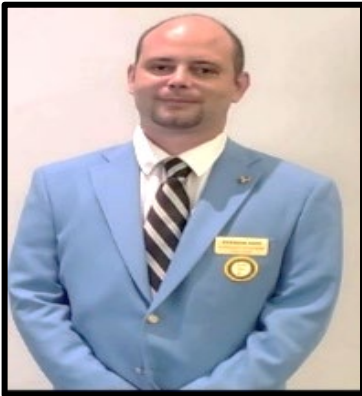
It takes a lot to run an Association as large as ours and without these dues we would not be able to be a contributing organization to The Moose, our communities and our members. The Executive Committee is grateful for all the amazing members we have! Thank you for all you do!

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LIAISON MESSAGE

My Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to December!

Wow – where has The Moose Year gone? This past month (November), the Field Staff held our Annual Membership Meetings at Moosehaven. We covered a wide range of topics and will be sharing more with you in the coming weeks and months during our travels. While at the Chili Cook-off, we also had the pleasure of visiting with Art Sorem, Deborah and Harold Story, and Sue Hicks. It was wonderful to

see and speak with them.

Moose International Convention

The **2026 International Moose Convention** will be held in **Oklahoma City, OK** from **June 30 – July 3, 2026**.

Registration and housing will open on **December 8, 2025**. The preliminary schedule is available at the link below. Please register and book your housing as soon as possible – rooms typically fill quickly. I hope to see many of you there. Remember, attendance is a requirement for the **Premier Lodge Award** for the next Moose Year.

Convention Info: <https://www.mooseintl.org/oklahoma-city-convention/>

Sponsor Incentive Program

As our fraternity aims for a **fifth consecutive year of membership growth**, The Moose International Board of Directors has introduced a new short-term Sponsor Incentive.

Beginning **November 1, 2025**, each time you sponsor your **fifth (5th) new or re-enrolled member**, you will receive a **one-time-use code** redeemable for one of the following:

- One year of your own Lodge dues
- One year of Lodge dues for another member
- Payment of a new or re-enrolled applicant's dues and the \$20 application fee when using the Online Lodge Membership Application.

There is **no limit** to the number of codes you can earn. This incentive ends **April 30, 2026**, so don't delay in extending a personal invitation to join our fraternity.

This program also applies to the **Moose Legion** and **Women of the Moose**.

When you earn a code, you will receive an email from Moose International with your unique 10-digit code. A **My Membership Record** account is required to redeem it. If you misplace the email, contact the Helpdesk at **(630) 906-3658** for a replacement.

All codes must be redeemed by **June 30, 2026**.

Goals for the 2025–2026 Moose Year

Here's where we stand as of **Nov. 18, 2025**:

- **Membership Goal:** Net gain of +1 (Target: 56,985)
- **Current:** 57,441 (+456 above goal)
- **Retention Rate:** 80%+
- **Current:** 78.76%
- **Moose Charities Goal:** \$475,000
- **Current:** \$271,516.00
- **New Applications Goal:** 10,989
- **Current:** 6,929

With continued focus on sponsorship, retention, and charitable giving, I am confident we will not only meet but exceed 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

I want to wish each of you a very **Happy Holiday Season**. Stay warm, stay safe, and I hope to see many of you in **Pismo Beach** for the North Seminar and in **Costa Mesa** for our Mid-Year Conference.

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



Fraternally,

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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

Hello Moose Brothers and Sisters,

I am honored to have been accepted as the Membership Chair for the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA).

I want to wish every Moose Member within our organization a very Happy Holiday Season.

I want to acknowledge Lisa Marquez for her amazing work during her year as Membership Chair.

Now on with Membership, did you know signing up a new member is a process, not just filling out an application and as a sponsor you are done?

First - A member must **Capture** the prospective member by visiting the Lodge and having effective communication, these are an essential starting point.

Second - A member must **Nurture** that prospective member, again that is done with effective communication and finding out what they would be interested in and of course one of my favorite is to **"Meet me at The Moose."**

Third - A member along with the Lodge, the CNMA, and Moose International are to provide an **impressive and friendly Moose experience.**

Also most importantly is getting **quality** applicants, not just **numbers.**

Utilizing the campaigns and tools available. And with your efforts we will continue to grow.

Our Fraternity Goal is not just an increase, but to hit that magical 1 million in active membership by April 30, 2026. Will you be part of it? I certainly hope so, as all members have taken an obligation to **Strengthen our Defending Circle.**

I look forward to seeing you all in Costa Mesa.

Fraternally,

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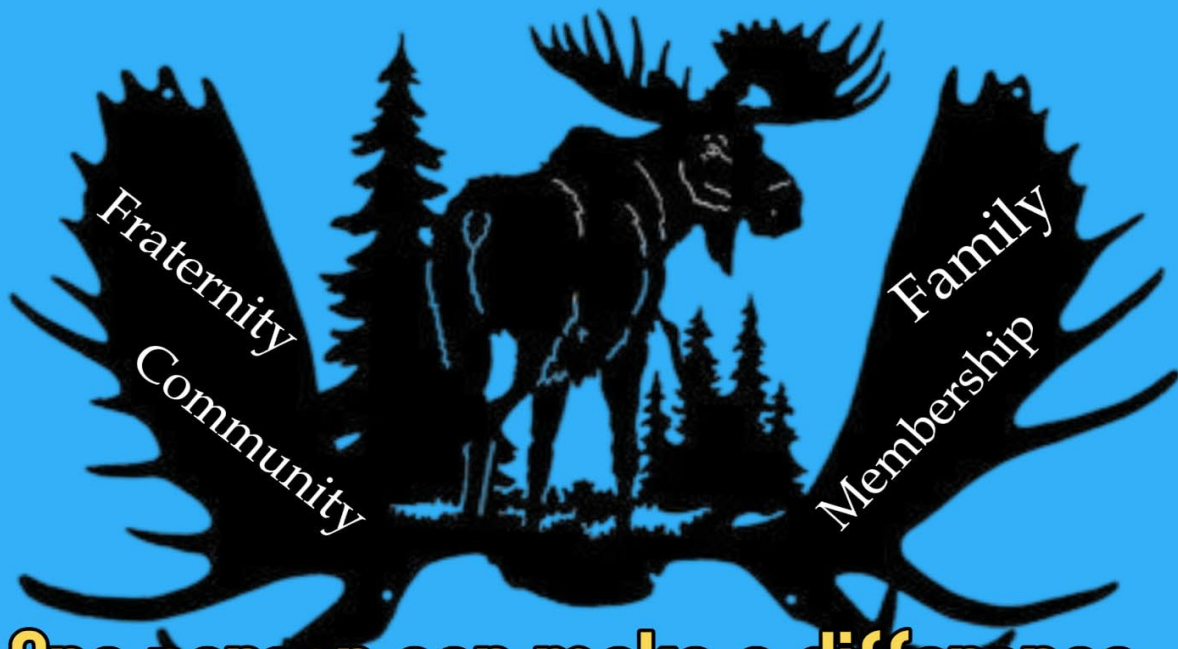




RISE

May 1, 2025 -
April 30, 2026

BY LIFTING OTHERS UP



One person can make a difference, everyone should try

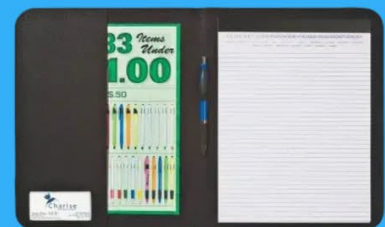
Sign up 3 members!
Playing Cards



Sign up 5 members!
Ear Buds



Sign up 10 members!
Padfolio





NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

“Most people know the typical definition of the term member – a person that belongs to a particular group.”

The work of the **New Membership Orientation** Committee has led me to understand that The Moose membership falls under this definition: A significant part of a complex structure. Membership is the lifeblood of the fraternity – it is the foundation of funding for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. It satisfies the human need to spend time with others. It is the key to the creation of safe spaces for our members and their loved ones to have **FUN** and participate in bettering their Lodge and Communities. Our Lodges are Family Centers which grow stronger with each New Member.

We want to thank our committee members for volunteering to step up to help make this one of our best years in growing membership. Thank you, Zack & Al. We have already come up with a few new ideas for building membership. We are looking forward to hearing your ideas as well.

We want to share a few ideas. First, as you all may know, there is a [NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION VIDEO](#) (if you click the underlined title it will take you to the video). It can also be accessed on the California Nevada Moose Association [website](#). Please download this to a zip drive for better access during your membership orientations or play this video during your District meetings and perhaps give each Lodge a zip drive with the video on it. After orientation be sure to enter each attendee who attended your Orientation or Membership presentation into LCL Web, so the attendee and Lodge will get credit.

When you make calls to the members in arrears invite them to a Free spaghetti dinner or another incentive. Do not mention the status of their membership till they attend the dinner, because it's a good idea to stay positive when talking with the members. At the same time, invite the new members to the same dinner. Explain it is a welcoming in honor of them becoming a new member. Tell them a little about **The Moose**, show a video from the CEO, and answer any questions they may have. If dinner is not an option perhaps a voucher for a free breakfast next Sunday or provide a little gift for attending. (i.e. Pen, Cozy cup, Key chain). Moose Catalog sales can help with some of the old campaign items at a discounted price. Send them home with something from **The Moose**.

Make your event **FUN**, send everyone home with a positive impression of The Moose and your Lodge.

Have a great Holiday Season,

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RETENTION

What a great fraternity we belong too,

We work so hard for Mooseheart and Moosehaven! It's all about our Children and Seniors.

When you bring a new member in let them know what we are about. Signing someone up is wonderful when a little education is given.

Sometimes these new members are not made to feel welcome and suddenly they are gone before you know it. When you call a member let them know you are concerned and tell them they are missed.

I want to congratulate all the new Degree holders. These Degrees are earned with loving what you do in your Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions.

Let's share that love so everyone knows what we stand for. There are so many **FUN** things going on in the Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions.

I hope you all enjoy the Holiday Season,

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MOOSE-A-THON

An Ongoing **Membership Retention** Effort of the
Councils of Higher Degrees

MEMBERSHIP

RETENTION

A graphic for the Moose-A-Thon event. It features three circular inset photos of people talking on mobile phones. The top photo shows a woman with brown hair. The middle photo shows a man with glasses. The bottom photo shows an older couple. The background is blue with green horizontal stripes at the top and bottom. Text on the right side discusses membership retention.

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.



MOOSEHEART HAPPENINGS

Hello Everyone,

As you know the new school year kicked off on September 14th with 92 students. By the end of October, they had 94 students, 44 boys and 50 girls. All open positions at the school were successfully filled, making a great start to the new year. Hopefully, they will have 100 students by the first part of 2026. At school, each day they have a 10 to 1 ratio of students to teachers, which offers every student a lot of individual attention. They actually have one class in elementary school that is a combination of kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. They are a group of ten students, and their teacher is enjoying the challenge. She is a 40-year Mooseheart teaching veteran!

Homecoming week was a great success, and everyone had a wonderful time. The Homecoming King and Queen were crowned on the soccer field during half-time while everyone cheered them on. There were an unusually large number of visitors and alumni on campus for the festivities this year. The weather was warm and inviting. They were able to hold a ceremony outdoors to christen two new memorial benches. One bench was dedicated to Robert Herried, a Mooseheart alumnus who is still MIA from Vietnam. The second bench was dedicated to Robert Zaininger, a former School Superintendent and the historian for the Mooseheart Museum.

The fall sports season has ended, and the winter season is about to begin. This year's Varsity soccer team ended the season as the "winningest" soccer team in Mooseheart history. The girls' volleyball season was also a success. All the girls made personal improvements in their gameplay and really enjoyed the team camaraderie.

Just before the Founder's Day celebration, Mooseheart adopted Mayvis the Cow from an animal rescue agency. Mayvis is a 4-year Holstein and is really enjoying her new home at Mooseheart. The kids love Mayvis and stop by often to say "Hi" and pet her. She is very social and loves seeing the kids.

Founder's Day weekend brought more beautiful weather to Mooseheart. It was crisp, cool and sunny all weekend. Michigan Lodge won the attendance trophy this year. They had six more members on campus than Ohio. They all participated in reverse Trick or Treat with the kids as they visited each home and dropped off candy for Halloween. Committee members from both states worked from Friday at 8am until late into the night to prepare a Haunted House for all the students to enjoy. The next two days brought hayrides, a cookout, the awarding of letterman jackets, the gifting of watches to the seniors and a pancake breakfast to make it a truly **FUN**-filled weekend.

Our new California Nevada student Carlee Harwell is still doing well and has been joined by her younger sister Veronica Bynum. More on them in my January report.

The kids were excited to go home to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends. And I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Happy Holidays.

Don't forget to check out the new Mooseheart Website at www.Mooseheart.org.

Sincerely,

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Mooseheart
Child City & School, Inc.



Boys Soccer



Volleyball





**Never Forgotten - Robert Herried
Still MIA from Vietnam**



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Ice Cream Social



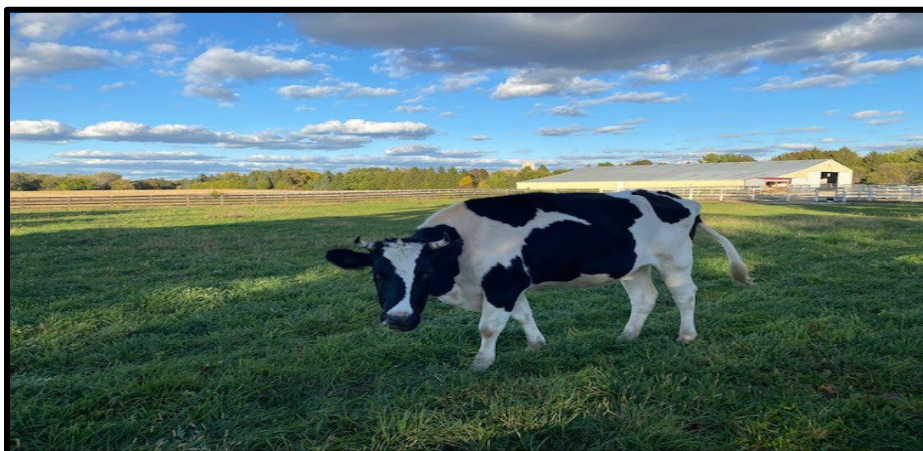
King & Queen



New Principal



In Memory of Robert A. Zaininger



Mayvis

UNITING HEARTS; EXPANDING
HORIZONS !

MOOSEHEART'S 2025 - 2028, \$12,000,000 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

▶ **Three fully renovated
Mooseheart homes**

Redesigned to serve children and adults
with intellectual or developmental
disabilities.

▶ **Critical infrastructure upgrades**

Including new paving, curbs, sidewalks,
and modernized water lines across key
areas of our campus.

▶ **A state-of-the-art Fresh Water
Treatment Plant**

Ensuring safety and sustainability for
the entire Mooseheart community.

▶ **Three brand-new, purpose-built
homes**

Community Integrated Living
Arrangements that offer independence
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▶ **A revitalized track and discus
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Because every child deserves a
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The heart of our caregiving
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or

<https://www.moosecharities.org>

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MOOSEHAVEN

Chili Cook-off

During the Saturday evening banquet at the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Annual Convention in September the Moosehaven Committee drew the winning ticket for our November 8, 2025 Moosehaven Chili Cook-off drawing. On Friday November 7th, there was the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new AAA building that the winner was also able to attend. The winner of the round trip, all-expense paid trip to Jacksonville, Florida was Shirley Scott of Simi Valley Lodge #1902.

This six month drawing raised a total of \$9,421 which funded all the expenses of the trip. The remainder will be donated to Moosehaven and the CNMA President's Project which is the new Mooseheart campaign Uniting Hearts; Expanding Horizons.

Please enjoy the pictures which include a picture of Junior Past CNMA President Dina Munday with our Moosehaven resident Sue Hicks, the ribbon-cutting ceremony, CEO Scott Hart stirring a pot of Chili and other pictures of the campus all decked out for a great weekend.

Charles Barber
Moosehaven Chair

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YOUTH AWARENESS

Greetings,

Our committee has been conducting Youth Awareness (YA) Congresses since July which are now completed for the 2025-2026 year.

Any high school student that is interested in the Youth Awareness Scholarship program must attend a YA Congress each year. A student can participate every year until they graduate, including previous scholarship winners!

Our YA Coordinators drove over 1,000 miles, to conduct 15 YA Congresses, and we were able to host about 80 high school students. Those students are in the process of giving 'Kids Talks' to students aged 4-12. Their 'Kids Talks' reports must be completed and mailed to me by December 28th. All the student reports are compiled and given to high school honor students, to review and score. Those results will be given to me in mid-January. We wish all the high school students participating the Best of Luck!

Many people have asked "how many finalists will we have?" That number is based on the total number of students that attended the YA Congresses in California and Nevada, and we have been awarded seven finalists each year for the past two years. The state coordinators turn in all of our California Nevada Moose Association reports (those are the informational reports regarding each YA Congress) to Moose International by November 15th. Now we wait to hear how many finalists we will be awarded.

Youth Awareness starts with **YOU!!!** Our YA Committee would like to thank the Lodges that hosted a YA Congress! A huge thank you to all the Lodges, Chapters, and Moose Legions, who sponsored students to participate in this program. The annual \$35,000 scholarship money is donated by the Moose Legion!!

Where do your donations go? Our fundraising provides the \$50 gift cards for each student that complete the program, and the \$500 checks that are awarded to each finalist. It also pays for the airfare and hotel for the students that we bring to our state conferences and conventions. There are a lot that makes our Youth Awareness Program work.

When you make a donation to Youth Awareness, please make sure to write your check to: California Nevada Moose Association earmarked Youth Awareness. Checks can be mailed to the California Nevada Moose Association, PO Box 207, Port Hueneme, CA 93044.

For more information regarding Youth Awareness, please feel free to reach out to one of our YA Coordinators or myself. You can find more information on the [CNMA website](#) under [Youth Awareness!](#)

On behalf of our committee, we wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season!

Bridget Robinson
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Kathy Childs - Coordinator (North) - kathychilds@prodigy.net



HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

I am so excited to see our brothers and sisters and get to visit with them at our next Mid-Year Conference. We will be doing our community service programs as we have done at past conferences.

If you look up Community Service, it states community service is a **voluntary service meant to help those in need**. People often volunteer for various community service organizations and for various reasons. Before you volunteer for any type of community service, find out what is important to you, what warms your heart, how many hours you want to volunteer, the things you want to do and then, find somewhere that will meet your requirements. Don't forget to do it in the name of The Moose. If you are unsure if it qualifies, contact a **Heart of the Community** member and we will help you.

Our **Heart of the Community** program remains strong, despite Lodges and Chapters being closed. We continue to help our communities any way we can. A popular **Heart of the Community** component is our Tommy Moose program. We need to keep providing them to our police, firefighters, EMTs and any others. Children are so happy when they receive them.

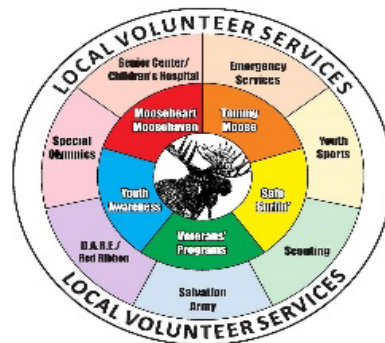
As you have generously done before, keep making those blankets and cancer caps to be distributed at our conference. Start collecting Rosie Moose, Tommy Moose, Tommy Moose coloring books, Tommy Moose book markers, Tommy Moose bags, crayons, etc. to also be donated and bring them to our conference.

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 food boxes, making masks, 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 all be **MOOSE PROUD!!!**

Denise Angeles
Heart of the Community Chair
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MOOSE CHARITIES

Hello Moose Family,

I hope you are well and enjoying the Holidays as we wrap up 2025. It's always great to spend time with family!

I encourage our Lodges within the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) to collect both food and cash, to help put together Annual Holiday food baskets to help those less fortunate within your local community.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone in the CNMA that participated in the Cradle fundraiser. I know I was happy to see participation amongst several of the Lodges in my local area. I'm looking forward to receiving those numbers and see if we exceeded our goal. Future correspondence will be provided.

I wish you all Happy Holidays and look forward to seeing you in Costa Mesa!

Faternally yours,

Jason Evans
Moose Charities Chair
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DONORS CIRCLE

Donors Circle is a recognition program of Moose Charities honoring donors like you for tax-deductible Endowment Fund donations.

When you give to Donors Circle you earn beautiful heart and stone pins to commemorate each significant giving level. Your first pin is earned at \$100.00.

As you earn pins, please wear them proudly and share the story of Mooseheart and Moosehaven at every opportunity.

M+M CLUB

Joining the m+m club is easy! For just \$10 per month (or more), dedicated donors make the choice to help provide a dependable monthly source of funding for the children at Mooseheart Child City, the seniors at Moosehaven Senior Living Community or the Endowment Fund's recognition program, the Donors Circle. And, if we're working on a special capital project, donors have the option to choose the project for a monthly gift too.

Thank you to our **m+m club** members who continue to help us to secure tomorrow!



DISASTER RELIEF

My Committee thanks every District, Lodge, and Moose Legion who contributed to the Disaster Relief Fund.

If you are in need of some funds do not hesitate to contact me or your Territory Manager. Your request will be reviewed by our committee and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

We recently helped four Lodges with \$1,500 each that were in need of some support. We do not want to hear from you when it is too late, and your Lodge is in jeopardy of closing. We are designed to help you with your short term needs. It is important to remember that your donations can be used on your Heart of the Community Report.

Special thanks to Big Bear Lodge #2085, Lodi Lodge #634, Sacramento Valley District 4, Big Valley District 8, and Empire Hub District 19 for their gracious donations.

It was great seeing our Executive Committee, District Presidents, District Secretaries, and Committee Chairs at the Buena Park Lodge #1945 for the Association seminar. Thank You Buena Park for hosting and the great lunch by Susie, David and Peggy Sue.

If I don't see you sooner - I'll see you in Costa Mesa,

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.

Moose University Educational Rally at Mooseheart

February 27 to March 1, 2026

Rally Together for Three Action Packed Days of Growth, Education, and Fun!

Featured Courses

Feb 27 – 28 - Administrator Accounting Course (AAC): Two full days of in-depth instruction focused on financial accuracy, reporting, and best day-to-day practices for Lodge Administrators.

Feb 27 - Lodge Leadership Course (LLC): A one-day course centered on practical leadership, communication, and teamwork, helping officers lead with confidence and consistency.

Mar 1 - Money Management Course (MMC): A focused session for Secretaries and Administrators covering data entry, budgeting, and reconciliation. Treasurers are welcome.

Feb 28 - Moose Legion Education Conference (MLEC): Learn, share, and strengthen the traditions that define the Moose Legion while developing your leadership skills.

Feb 28 - WOTM 6 Hour Training: This course focuses on Chapter operations. It fulfills requirements for Senior Regents, Junior Past Regents, and Treasurers working toward personal honors during the 2026 to 2027 Chapter year.



MOOSE HISTORY

On Thanksgiving Day 1914, James J Davis married Miss Jeannette Rodenbaugh in Los Angeles, California. James was 41, Jean was 27. They went on to have 5 children, James Jr, followed by Jane, Jean, Joan and Jewell.

Behind every great man is an even greater woman. Everything Fred Astaire could do, Ginger Rogers did. Ginger did it backwards, and in high heels!

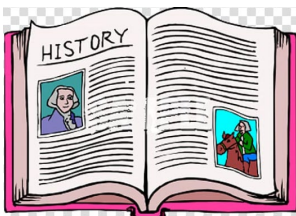
Mrs. Davis was quite an accomplished woman. Born on a farm near Pittsburgh, Jean was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rodenbaugh. She graduated from Allegheny High School and the Martins School of Pittsburgh and taught in a Pittsburgh business college before her marriage in 1914. She had met Senator Davis while on a visit to California.

Mrs. Davis became the first Grand Regent of the Women of the Moose and was instrumental in organizing the Academy of Friendship Degree. She served as the first Past President of the Academy of Friendship of the Women of the Moose and was the only woman to sit as a member of the Supreme Executive Committee of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Board of Mooseheart Governors. She was also a member of the Protected Home Circle of Sharon, the Foresters of America, Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the American Revolution and was the first President of the Woman's Welsh Club of Washington.

James J Davis was a leader. A joiner. A man with the ability to organize large groups of people around a common cause. But Jean was the one who created the environment that made those people want to stay. While we often focus on James J Davis's vision of building this great Fraternity, we should also focus on Jean's efforts to make our homes welcome to our visitors.

The women have traditionally been the ones to do this. This is the reason we **MUST** maintain our Women of the Moose Chapters and continue to maintain a Lodge home that is attractive to our members and their guests for many years to come.

Damon Russell
Historical Chair
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Jeannette Davis,
wife of James J
Davis

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MESSAGE

I am very happy to introduce myself. I am Jim Upshaw, Kearny Mesa #1852 in San Diego, CA. I am proud to have been selected by Bill Jackson to Chair the **Government Relations** Committee for the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA). This is my first time holding a position in the CNMA and I am also quite new to The Moose in general having joined The Moose in 2021. Since joining I have served as the 2 Year Trustee, 17 months as Administrator, Financial Review Chair and am currently serving as the **Government Relations** Chair and 1 Year Trustee. Additionally, I serve as the Fraternal Director for Sunshine Moose Legion 49 and Sergeant at Arms for District 23.

To the members of the CNMA who have supported and (**pushed**) me forward in this exceptional organization, I will strive to the best of my ability to support the CNMA, in such a manner that is in keeping with the standards established by those who we follow.

I look forward to supporting the agenda of our new CNMA President Bill Jackson as well as the rest of the CNMA and I look forward to making this a stellar year for the **Government Relations** Committee, by bringing a new approach to working with our local and state Government entities.

Fraternally yours,

James Upshaw Sr.
Government Relations Chair
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Government Relations Committee

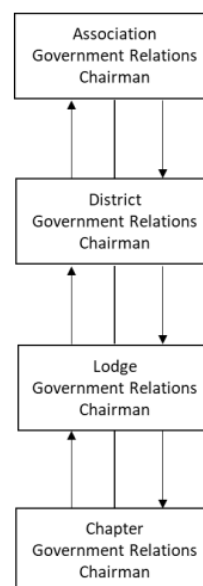
Mission and Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Moose Government Relations Committees is to assist in preserving the First Amendment freedoms of the Constitution of the United States. Our priority is to protect the rights of private assembly, freedom of association and self-government guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Organizational Structure of the Government Relations Committee

- All **Moose Associations** shall have a Government Relations Chairman appointed by the Moose Association with the advice of the Moose Association Liaison.
- Each **District or Region** within the jurisdiction of a Moose Association shall have a Government Relations Committee.
- The President of each **Lodge** shall appoint a Government Relations Chairman.

Believing it will take time to establish good government relations, all Chairmen should be chosen for the long term. A yearly turnover is highly discouraged. A Government Relations *Chairman's Guide* is available online at www.mooseintl.org, Government Relations link, All Forms & Documents, Lodge Operations, Government Relations.





LOSS PREVENTION

Sisters and Brothers of The Moose,

Season's Greetings! Is it me or did this year go by in a heartbeat? And what a year's it's been for me. Finishing my first year as a District President; a fantastic response from our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Lodges in getting your safety reports in; another great Mid-Year Conference; followed by the International Convention in Milwaukee, WI with my appointment to the International Loss Prevention Committee; reelected as District 8 President; and wrapped up with our convention in Sparks, NV. Of course there were some scary moments as well. Mrs. Hoffman experienced a heart attack at the International Convention and required surgery. (She's doing well now). But also, some good times with my participation in Moose International sporting events in Bowling and Golf. Looking forward to competing in those again and bringing them to CNMA.

But here we are, the Holidays! That only means one thing **PARTY!** As our Lodges get ready to host the Winter festivities, keep in mind our responsibilities to our members. Servers in our Social Quarters should be cognizant of over imbibers. There's nothing wrong with saying "No more." Also keep in mind that many times the members you serve may have already had a few drinks somewhere else before visiting the Lodge. We should have other means of getting those folks home safely such as designated drivers, Uber or Lyft etc. Offer a reward program for designated drivers, such as complimentary dinners or drink vouchers they can redeem later. We want to make sure everyone gets home safe and that those incidents that cost The Moose millions of dollars don't happen.

Of course, it's not the Holidays without decoration at our Lodges. Maybe a tree with lights? Has the tree been treated with fire retardant? Are you using Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approved extension cords for the lights or those big blow-up displays? Regarding fire safety, how are those 2A-10 BC's aka portable fire extinguishers? I hope they've been serviced and do you know where they are in your Lodges? Finally, with Winter comes Mother Nature. For many, wet weather brings rain and sometimes snow. Let's quickly identify areas prone to slips and falls. Wet entryways, kitchen areas, staircases and restrooms. It gets dark earlier so be sure that there is adequate lighting in the parking lot. My friends, the Holidays truly are a wonderful time for all of us and by just taking a little time to ensure our Lodges are in good shape, we will guarantee that we all get through these times safe and sound.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and New Year. And as always –. See you at The Moose!

Fraternally yours,
Sam Hoffman
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Holiday 
Safety Tips

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