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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

What an AMAZING TIME to be a Moose at the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) 2026 Annual Convention!

Words cannot simply express my gratitude to the CNMA Executive Committee, Moose International Director Terry Treadwell, the CNMA Nominating Committee, CNMA Past Presidents, and the over 500 members who attended our Annual Convention in Sparks Nevada.

With 60,049 members in California and Nevada, there is no reason we should not be able to find Leaders in our Lodges, Women of the Moose Chapters, and our Moose Legions that will help us reach our CNMA committed goal of \$1,000,000 for the President's Project (\$500K for the first three years) and one fortunate Member to sign that 1 millionth member. I believe, together, we **"Can Make It Happen!"**

As I travel across the Fraternity, I am looking forward to meeting new friends, catching up with those I already know, and sharing ideas for Lodge & Membership growth. I'd really like to hear what YOUR contribution to these principles will be.

A little about me, I joined San Jose Lodge 401 in July of 1988 and joined Golden Spot Moose Legion in 1993. I have endured much in my 38-year Moose career and now here I am.

In closing, the greatest lesson I've learned and hold on to everyday, is to live with PURPOSE, and the Moose has given me just that. I look around and I see members who are also looking for a purpose in life, it doesn't have to be Moose, but if you are still long enough, a purpose will appear before you; an opportunity to lend a physical hand, a genuine reason to compliment someone, or give words of encouragement when someone is down.

Let's continue to build each other up, be of service to one another, and lastly be real, not only to others; but to yourself.

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

Fraternal regards,

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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

Hello Moose Family,

It is an absolute honor and privilege to step into the role of Vice President for the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA). As we look ahead to a new year of growth, fraternity, and service, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your trust, your passion, and your enduring commitment to our incredible Moose mission.

Our Lodges, Districts, Committees, Chapters, and Moose Legions across California and Nevada form the bedrock of this Association. As your Vice President, my core mission is to support our structural foundation so that our Association and local communities can continue to thrive.

Strengthening our Districts and Operations to build a stronger tomorrow, we must ensure our current operations run efficiently today. This year, a primary focus will be providing strong oversight and guidance to all CNMA Districts and their dedicated officers.

To our District Presidents and Secretaries: I am here to help you meet the goals of both our Association and Moose International. To achieve this, communication is the key in all operational areas between you and the Executive Committee.

Our fraternity succeeds when we work with a shared vision. I encourage every member to actively participate in your local meetings, share your ideas, and submit your local success stories using the [Submit Update/Article](#) clickable link on the CNMA Website so we can celebrate your hard work across the Association. Thank you again for this incredible opportunity to serve. Let's make this year one of outstanding collaboration, strong financial health, and unforgettable Unity in our fraternity.



Important Upcoming District Presidents/Secretaries, and Committee Chair Meetings - Please mark your calendars. This is a vital opportunity for us to get to know each other, Learn, align our goals, review our progress, and plan for the future of our Association.

- **Meeting 1: Westchester Moose Lodge #1780**
 - **Date:** Saturday, December 5, 2026
 - **Time:** 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
 - **Location:** [514 West Imperial Avenue, El Segundo, CA 90245](#)
- **Meeting 2: Lodi Moose Lodge #634**
 - **Date:** Saturday, January 23, 2027
 - **Time:** 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
 - **Location:** [3824 Woodbridge Road East, Acampo, CA 95220](#)

Fraternally yours,

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The Vice President is the Point of Contact for all District Presidents. Questions should be directed to the Vice President. Information on all Districts can be found on the [CNMA Website](#) > [DISTRICTS page](#). Please visit it often!



CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

It is amazing to me how fast my first year was completed and all the different things I have learned along the way. I discovered that as exciting as it is to be on the Executive Committee, it is not a cake walk. There are so many things that need to be learned in a brief period and when looking back at everything that was accomplished it is truly amazing.

I want to thank all the Committee Chairs that did an excellent job for our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA), and their committee members who also did a terrific job. My hat goes off to all of you. I know that some of the Chairs have moved to other positions in the CNMA, and I have confidence that their replacements will be filled with members that will eagerly carry on the committee duties.

With the new year comes the two CNMA Seminars that are held each year for the District Presidents, District Secretaries, and Committee Chairs. However, everyone is encouraged and welcomed to attend. One seminar will be held at Westchester Lodge #1780 in Southern California on Saturday, December 5, 2026. The Seminar will begin at 9:30 am and go until 3:30 pm with a lunch break around 12 noon. Lunch is provided by the Association to all in attendance.

There will be a second Seminar held in Northern California on Saturday, January 23, 2027, at Lodi Lodge #634. It will also start at 9:30 am and go until 3:30 pm with a lunch break. The Seminars will cover the information needed to meet CNMA expectations, whether it is District President, District Secretary or Committee Chairs. All positions mentioned above are expected to attend at least one of the Seminars, so please make an effort to attend. Please RSVP which Seminar you will be attending.

There are some new financial rules that will be explained for District Presidents and District Secretaries. It is important that you understand all new procedures.

I am looking forward to this new year serving all of you in our great California Nevada Moose Association.

God bless you all,

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As Chaplain I provide oversight of:

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





JR PAST PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings Association Members,

It's time once again to look ahead at our upcoming and exciting year. As you know, we are on the verge of attaining our Millionth Member in our Fraternal Organization. This is something we all are a part of. The Millionth or Million and One is within our grasp as an Association, and I think we should reach out even further to be a part of it...perhaps be the signer of this historical landmark. New Members mean a treasure for us all when we think of increased involvement in our communities, building lifelong friendships, and doing what we do best, being a great service to Mooseheart and Moosehaven. I'm so proud of what we as an Association have accomplished, not only in our record setting charitable donations, but working with Frankie Wysocki, Dina Munday, Chuck Barber, Cindy Raslavsky, and Joe Henderson; providing a greater visibility of our Higher Degrees, Chapters, and the Moose Legion at the Convention through our presentations in the "Higher Degrees Fun Room"!!

Again, this year let's plan ahead, and at the Lodge level start combing out our extraordinary achievers and leaders so that for the next qualifying Year we have 100% participation in selections from Lodges for our California Nevada Moose Association Achievement Award. Every Lodge has some Member worthy of our consideration. A reward to a Lodge Member is like money in the bank to our Treasury of Membership...our most Valuable Asset. During the course of the year, if you have questions, please reach out to me and together, we shall find the answer.

I plan on visiting Lodges and "dropping by" District Meetings to say hello and watch through your eyes our Association grow even more in numbers and strength. Please remember that along with our Membership building we must keep our Membership with us. Remember another word for Retention could be "Memory." If we change our paradigm of Membership Retention and "focus on Memory, we have this query in front of us..." Was the member's recent memory of his or her membership experience pleasant, or a good memory?" Did we bring them to the center of our Lodge group, encourage them to be a part of a committee, even ask them to sit with us? Remember that seeing all of our numbers and statistics may seem cumbersome, but the journey of 1,000 miles always begins with a single step.

What a great opportunity we have ahead of us this next year and I know we will have everyone's support.

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SECRETARY MESSAGE

Thank you members for your continued support of our conventions, your Executive Committee, our Committee chairs and Committee members. Our hard work paid off with a successful and productive Annual Convention. Our new year will be off to a great start with renewed enthusiasm and the hopes of accomplishing having a million members in our Fraternity. Let's keep our fingers crossed that someone in the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) wins some of the great prizes being offered in the Millionth Member Campaign. The flyer is in this newsletter and on the CNMA Website > [Membership](#) page. Speaking of membership campaigns the CNMA is offering a new and hopefully improved way to reward our members for sponsoring new members. Discounts on registration or merchandise purchases at the Annual Convention or Mid-Year Conference. Be sure and review the campaign poster in this newsletter or on the CNMA Website > [Membership](#) page.

We are soliciting ideas for fundraisers for the CNMA commitment of raising the funds necessary to purchase a home on the Mooseheart campus under the Horizons project. We committed to raising \$500,000 in three years and we just completed our first year a bit short of our first year's goal of \$170,000. We need to step up our efforts and surpass our goal for this year and hopefully slide into next year ahead of completing the \$500,000 first step. That will help us get ready for completing the second step and ready for the building of our own California Nevada Moose Association home on the Mooseheart campus.

We are making changes in the District processes that will hopefully make us more compliant with state and federal authorities. We need the help of all Lodge Presidents and Administrators to smoothly transition to remitting all district funds collected at a district meeting. A new procedure will be sent to all Lodge Smarter Mail accounts, all Lodge Officers and all District Officers providing step-by-step procedures on how funds need to be receipted by the Lodge Administrators and then a check issued for the receipted funds made payable to the California Nevada Moose Association. An account will need to be established in the Chart of Accounts of every lodge hosting a District meeting using the 2500 series of accounts. In addition, the Monthly Distribution of Funds report will also be modified to account for the change in procedures. There will no changes to the Board of Officers and Social Meeting Attendance form. Both of these forms will be made available the week of October 5th after we complete transition of changes needed in Cognito forms. We appreciate your compliance with these important changes as you are all a critical piece of our success.

The first Association billing for the new Association year will occur on November 15th. As always we ask that you pay by the 15 day deadline and that you pay electronically. Also remember to read the email sent for any special notes regarding your lodge having a credit on the account due to the posting of the 5 Star credits on August 1st or even an overpayment previously submitted.

We appreciate everything each of our members did to contribute to the successes our Association accomplished last year and for all that we will accomplish together in the coming year!

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we're all in this
TOGETHER





LIAISON MESSAGE

My Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to October!

We are beginning a brand-new Association year, and I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to our newly elected 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 **Terry Treadwell** for joining us at our Annual Convention. It was an honor to have you with us.

As a Fraternity, our shared goal is to reach **One Million Members by April 2027**. At the Association level, we are still committed to raising **\$500,000** toward the *Mooseheart: Uniting Hearts, Expanding Horizons Project* — a \$12 million initiative that will shape the future of Mooseheart. We currently have raised \$168,557.13 which leaves us with \$331,442.87 to donate within the next two years. These numbers are as of August 31, 2026.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for the **next Moose International Convention in Orlando, FL. July 1 – July 5, 2027.**

Moose International Convention Highlights

Let's review some of the key updates from the 2026 International Convention.

One Mission – One Fraternity – One Million Members

The Moose Fraternity is edging ever closer to the incredible milestone of **one million members!** As excitement builds for a sixth consecutive year of membership growth, the Moose International Board of Directors has approved **\$350,000 in membership incentives** for sponsors, new members, active members, Lodges, and Associations to help us achieve this historic goal.

Beginning **July 1, 2026**, cash incentives will begin with the **975,000th membership** signed, with additional incentives awarded at various milestones until we welcome our **1,000,001st member**.

Sponsors can earn:

- Cash prizes of up to **\$10,000**
- Paid Life Memberships
- Trips to the 2027 International Moose Convention in Orlando, FL
- And many other exciting rewards

Lodges, Associations, new members, campaign sponsors, and active members will also have opportunities to earn awards throughout the campaign.

The incentive program is designed to:

- Increase new member growth throughout all Associations
 - Create healthy competition among Sponsors, Lodges, and Associations
 - Reward local membership recruitment efforts
 - Publicly celebrate significant membership milestones
 - Generate positive publicity and momentum as we approach the historic one-million-member mark.
- Additional details will be available soon on the Moose International website.

No Application Fee for Online Applications with Two Years of Dues

The **\$20 application fee** will be waived for all **new and re-enrolled members** who join a Lodge using the **online application** and purchase **two years of membership dues**. This promotion runs through **December 31, 2026**.

Only applicants who:

- Apply **online**, and
- Commit to **two years of dues** will qualify for the waived application fee. All other applications will continue to include the standard \$20 application fee.

The online application is available through BeAMoose.org or the **Moose Membership Mobile App**. Please utilize the promotional flyer in your newsletters, on your Lodge website, through social media, or print copies for display within your Lodge.

Goals for the 2026–2027 Moose Year

Here is where we currently stand as an Association and the goals we are working toward:

Membership Goal: Net gain of **+1** (Goal: **60,231 Active Members**)

- **Current Active Membership:** **59,908**
We are currently **323 members short** of our goal
- **Retention Goal: 80%**
Current Retention Rate: **79.29%**
- **Moose Charities Goal: \$490,000**
Current Giving: **\$152,859.58**
- **Applications Goal: 12,814**
Applications Received Year-to-Date: **5,165**

Every member has the opportunity to make a difference. We encourage every Lodge to remain focused on **sponsorship, member engagement**, and **retention**. With continued teamwork, dedication, and enthusiasm, I am confident we can exceed last year's accomplishments—especially in membership growth and charitable giving.

As we continue **Moving Forward and Giving Back**, let us also remember our **Proud Past and Bright Future**, continue **Embracing Our Community**, focus on **Making It Happen**, and ultimately work together toward **Growing to Serve** the greatest Fraternity in the world.

In Closing

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who attended the Annual Convention this past month. It was great seeing my Brothers and Sisters from all over California Nevada Moose Association. I hope you all had as much fun as I did and learned something that you could take back to your Lodges, Chapters, and Moose Legions.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our Fraternity,

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

Faternally,

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MOOSE YEAR
2026-2027

Be the
REASON
We Grow
TO SERVE



★ MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES ★

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\$10.00★ DISCOUNTS CAN BE USED FOR
CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OR FOR MERCHANDISE SALES ★YOU HAVE THE POWER TO
Make a Difference.**INVITE. SPONSOR. GROW.**Be the reason
we grow to serve.

ONE MOOSE. ONE MISSION. A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.



CALIFORNIA. NEVADA. ONE MOOSE.

MOOSE GROWING TO SERVE

MAY 1, 2026 - APRIL 30, 2027

United, the Moose Fraternity continues to grow. Our purpose is to care for children and seniors and celebrate life; thereby making our society a better place in which to live. As we expand, we encourage others to join in our Mission by remaining determined in finding opportunities to provide support for our local communities. Rooted in purpose, we are growing to serve.

Sponsor 1 Member GROWING TO SERVE

lapel pins are presented by your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.



Sponsor 5 Members

Funds will be used toward Mooseheart for the purchase of two new complete sets of shot clocks for basketball games. These are important, as new regulations make them necessary, and will significantly benefit our student-athletes. 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 **GROWING TO SERVE**



membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2027 International Moose Convention in Orlando, FL. Additional information can be found on

www.mooseintl.org.

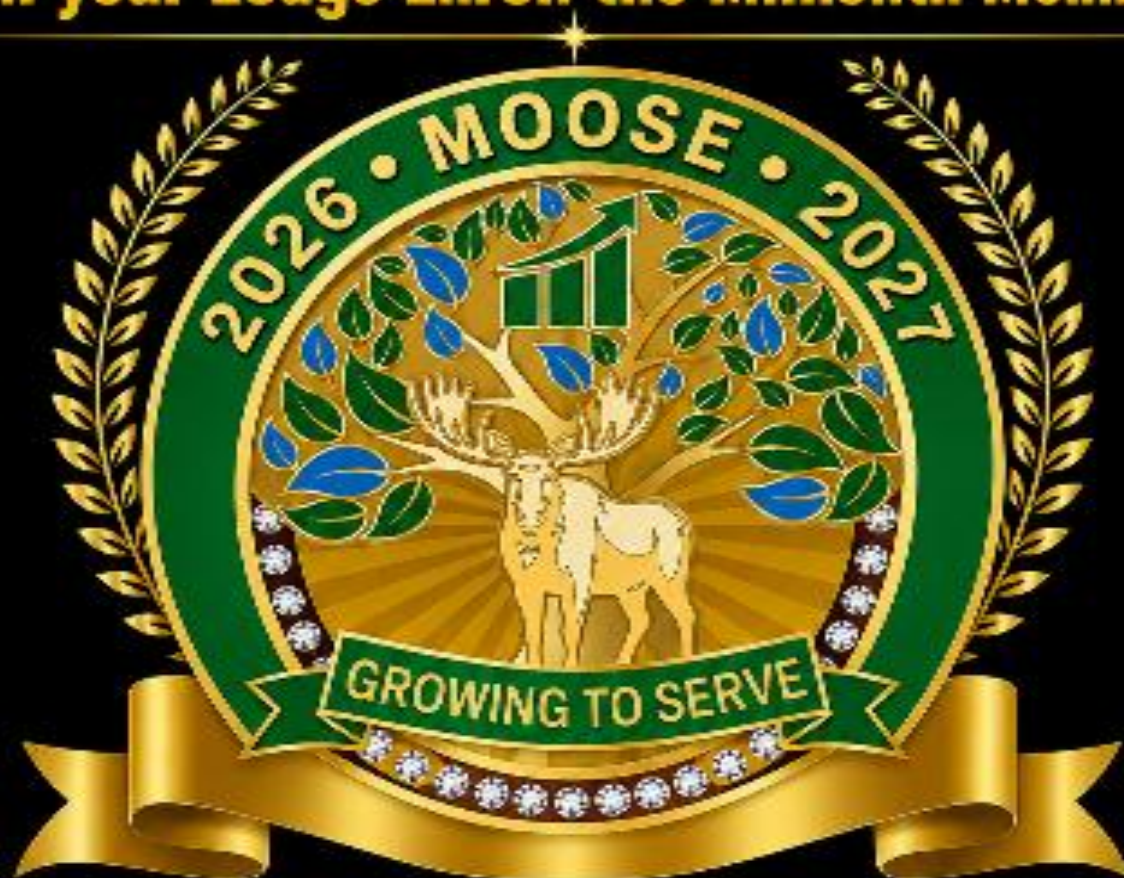


Earn Rewards simply for doing things that strengthen The Moose.

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.

CNMA ASKS THE MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION

**Will you Sponsor the Millionth Member?
Will your Lodge Enroll the Millionth Member?**



1 MILLION MEMBERS

Sponsor the **1,000,000th** Member and
receive **\$1,000** from CNMA Plus,
Lodge receives **\$1,000** donation in their
name to Moose Charities.

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS FOR CNMA MEMBERS ONLY.



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COUNCIL HIGHER DEGREES

We are really working hard on Retention. There are five Councils now to help. Just call them or me so we can help.

The Annual Convention was a lot of **FUN!** The Association added a new space called **The Fun Room** that had information on the Women of the Moose, Moose Legion and Councils of Higher Degrees. This convention we added a Hawaiian theme to the room. Lots of information and **FUN** was had by all who stopped by.!

Our Council of Higher Degrees breakfast was really one of a kind. We spared no expense to bring in Hawaiian dancers! Just in case you didn't recognize them, it was Cindy Raslavsky, Earl Munday, John Damasio, Ken Copp and last but not least Mo Khan. The dancers and everyone had a great time. Thank you Ann Cooke and Susan Hanson for all your help!!

Thank you all for all you do for our Seniors and Children.

Until next time,

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MOOSEHEART HAPPENINGS

Hello Everyone,

Summer 2026 at Mooseheart was a busy one. In late June and July, Kane County suffered severe storms and an unusual amount of rainfall. Unfortunately, the campus experienced flooding of the basements of eleven buildings. Once the rain subsided the clean-up began immediately. Many of the Associations from across the country stepped up and offered to help financially with the damage. Fortunately, the insurance covered all the expenses to make the necessary repairs, and they were able to complete the work before school started.

Throughout the summer the school also underwent many structural changes, including many upgrades. New flooring was laid in the classrooms. The kitchen also received some much needed and required new flooring.

The students remained busy throughout the summer. The younger kids participated in a well-planned recreation program while the older kids, 8th graders and up, participated in the Summer Work Program. All the kids took their scheduled one-week trip to Camp Ross.

Six weeks before graduating and leaving campus, for the last time, the ten seniors embarked on the annual Senior Service trip to five Illinois Lodges. They completed numerous community Lodge projects. While working and cleaning up the Lodges, they had the opportunity to meet Moose members. They also had a chance to spend valuable time together before parting ways after graduation.

Three of those seniors were featured in the June-July Mooseheart Magazine. Summer Hogesterp, John McGowin and Jeannie Briceno. All three plan to attend college. Summer wants to study psychology, John plans to be a welder and Jeannie will study dentistry. I hope you have a chance to read about them. Their stories were very heart warming.

Once again, this year all the students were treated to a full day of fun at Dells Water Park by the Wisconsin Moose Association. It is the largest water park in the United States. They all had a blast!

The year 2026 marked the second year of the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Aviation Club. The program was started by Chief Dmitry Kapkanov who served in the Navy as an airplane mechanic. The club teaches the students physics as well as the basic elements of flight through classroom instruction and on a pair of flight simulators. The club has become quite popular and, in the future, may offer flight lessons and a path to earn a pilot's license.

Summer is coming to an end at Mooseheart, but it brings the beginning of a brand-new school year. Eighteen new students were admitted during the summer months. There are currently 50 girls and 42 boys and the youngest is 5 years old. They had a family of four reunite unexpectedly and they were some of the youngest students.

There are ten seniors in the 2027 graduating class.

The fall Varsity sports season began on August 4th and the boys' soccer team started with a win! The girls' volleyball team has suffered some losses, but the coach is encouraged by their overall improvement from last season.

September brought class pictures, and Homecoming on the 19th will bring everyone to campus to celebrate the 2026-2027 school year. Visitors will tour the campus and visit with the students and Moose members. Everyone will be cheering for the Varsity Soccer Team at the Homecoming game. For those who stick around on Sunday, the Indiana Moose Association will be serving up a pancake breakfast.

As you know, the Horizons Project is going well and is scheduled to welcome its first students this year. The Virginia Horizon Home is completed and passed all its inspections. Tours of the Virginia Home were made available during Homecoming. I was told that to say the home is beautiful is an understatement.

Our girls, Carlee and Veronica, are both doing well. I will have more to report on them in Costa Mesa at the Mid-Year Conference.

I hope you all had a great summer!

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Carlee Harwell and Veronica Bynum
Sponsored by Stockdale Lodge 2178

Thanks for all you do for all the students at Mooseheart who depend on us for their care!

Carlee is 16 years old and currently lives in Illinois home. Her favorite colors are pink, purple, and black. She loves Harry Potter, and her favorite sport is volleyball. Her favorite team is the LA Dodgers.

Veronica is 8 years old and currently lives in Oregon home. Her favorite color is purple. Her favorite character is My Little Pony, and her favorite sport is soccer.

The girls are happy to be at Mooseheart and are especially glad to be living next store to each other. This way they get to see each other often and share their experiences with each other.

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
with dignity.



A revitalized track and discus cage

Because every child deserves a
place to run, compete, and dream.



Renovation of ten Family Teacher Quarters of homes

The heart of our caregiving
model.



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THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING AT MOOSEHAVEN!

When we hear the word Moosehaven, many of us think of the retirement community of The Moose in Orange Park, Florida. But unless you have visited, you may not realize just how much is happening there.

Moosehaven isn't simply a place where our senior members retire. It is a community filled with friendships, activities, celebrations, and plenty of fun.

This summer has certainly been no exception.

Residents recently put their teamwork to the test during a Speed Puzzle Competition, with six teams racing against the clock to finish their puzzles. Others have been showing their creative side through sewing classes at Katherine Smith Hall, where residents Sandy Johnston and Charlene Fenimore helped fellow residents create handmade crossbody satchels.

And Moosehaven knows how to celebrate!

Residents, families, friends and members of the surrounding community gathered along the beautiful St. Johns River this summer to celebrate America's 250th birthday with music, food, fellowship and fireworks.

One of Moosehaven's cherished traditions also returned with the 2026 Ms. Moosehaven Pageant, celebrating some of the remarkable women who call Moosehaven home.

There was also a very special visit from the girls of Mooseheart. Their annual trip to Moosehaven brought two generations of our Moose family together for a week of activities, friendship, laughter and memories. It is a wonderful reminder that Mooseheart and Moosehaven represent two different ends of life's journey, connected by the same Moose family.

Residents are also enjoying Moosehaven's new Sports & Recreation Center, which opened earlier this year. The center provides even more opportunities to stay active, socialize and simply have fun. From All Sports Day and the annual Duck Races to dances and other activities, the new facility has quickly become another gathering place on campus.

And the fun isn't over.

Moosehaven is already preparing for its annual Chili Cook-Off on November 14th, when the campus will once again welcome the surrounding community.

All of this happens on Moosehaven's beautiful 63-acre campus along the St. Johns River, which has been home to members of The Moose since 1922.

But here is something especially important for those of us in California and Nevada to remember:

Moosehaven isn't just in Florida. Moosehaven is ours.

Approximately 250 residents call Moosehaven home, and 19 of those residents come from California and Nevada. Those 19 are part of our Moose family.

As the new Chair of the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Moosehaven Committee, one of my goals is to find more ways for us to stay connected with Moosehaven throughout the entire year. We already send birthday, Christmas and anniversary cards to our CNMA residents at Moosehaven. But why wait for a birthday or holiday to remind someone that we're thinking about them? Sometimes the best piece of mail is the one you weren't expecting.

Over the coming year, I hope our committee can find new ways to build a stronger connection with our residents by getting involved at the Lodge and Chapter level and learn more about the people who call Moosehaven home. The best way to do that is through the Sunshine Grandparent program.

Because Moosehaven isn't just a retirement community thousands of miles away. **It's part of our Moose family, and family stays connected.**

Susan Hanson
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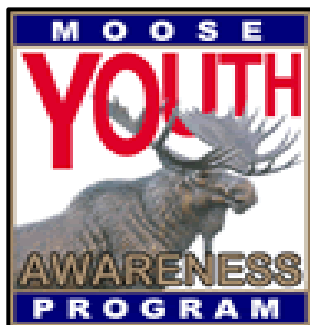
**POST-CARD PROJECT
MOOSEHAVEN**



SENIOR OLYMPICS 2026

Our residents are: Deborah & Harold Story (Torrance Lodge 785), James Thomas (Grass Valley Lodge 2217), Gloria Peterson (San Fernando Valley Lodge 1522 – originally San Fernando Chapter 1191), Betsy Ireland (Sunnyvale Lodge 2049), Morton Loeb (Clearlake Oaks Lodge 2284), Sharon Runyon (Pahrump Chapter 1141), Sue Moody (San Fernando Lodge 1522 – originally San Fernando Chapter 1191), Sue Hicks (Escondido Chapter 1310), Carol Bell (Sunnyvale Lodge 2049), Shirley McKenzie (Red Bluff Lodge 2002), Roy Newman (Yuba City Lodge 1204), Art Sorem (Redondo Beach Lodge 1873), Gerilyn Walsh (Redondo Beach Lodge 1873), Don Frati (Santa Rosa Lodge 458), Fred & Karen Fleet (Glendale Lodge 641/General Assembly), Cynthia Cole (Rancho Cordova Lodge 2357), Ruth Scarborough (Rancho Cordova Lodge 2357).

Ten entered under the Moose Life program (also known as Traditional); seven are in the New Life program (also known as Brandon Place) and two are in the Schmidt Health Care Center.



YOUTH AWARENESS REPORT

Hello, I hope this article finds you well. Due to a minor health issue, I could not attend the Annual Convention in Sparks. I can't think of a time when I wasn't at convention. I truly missed seeing everyone. Thank you to everyone who helped cover for me! I have not heard about the total amount given in the check march to our committee yet, but I would like to thank everyone who made a donation to Youth Awareness!

Unfortunately, our booth did not have a good response. I am asking for your feedback to tell our committee what you would like to see us offer as an opportunity drawing? We usually do a \$250 VISA gift card and another smaller item. Our committee barely cleared enough to cover our expenses since the gift card wasn't donated and we had to purchase it.

My question to you, would you like a variety of gift cards, a gas card, an Amazon card, or perhaps a Kindle? With escalating prices, it is getting harder to find the right item for an opportunity drawing. Please reach out to me as our committee is open to suggestions. I have an idea to make things a little more exciting, so be sure to visit our table at our Mid-Year Conference held in Costa Mesa in March!

Our committee is currently conducting Youth Awareness Congresses. We still have dates available for Lodges to host through the end of October. If you are north of Bakersfield, please reach out to Lynn McDonald at [916-852-8628](tel:916-852-8628). If you are south of Bakersfield, please reach out to Bridget Robinson at [714-394-4910](tel:714-394-4910). Texting also works great for both of us! Please remember, just because you host a congress does not mean you have to sponsor all or any of the students.

Our committee has had great success due to your support. Our students in California have earned \$70,000 in scholarships! This scholarship funds are provided by our Moose Legionnaires. We have also given \$22,000 in finalist money, and many thousands of dollars in \$50 gift cards, to high school students who complete the requirements of the program each year. These expenses comes directly from our committee account including the spending cash given to our finalists each year. That's why we need a successful fundraiser at our Annual Convention in September and our Mid-Year Conference in March. We are grateful that the airline tickets are funded by the Association each year through their annual budget.

Remember, if you know of a high school student interested in participating in the Youth Awareness program have them reach out to one of the phone numbers listed below. Students do not need to be affiliated with a member; may participate every year until they graduate from high school; and can continue to participate even if the student has previously won a scholarship through the Youth Awareness program. For more questions regarding Youth Awareness, please contact us! On behalf of our committee, thank you for all you do!

Serving from the heart,

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CNMA Youth Awareness Team: Bridget Robinson (Coordinator South), Lynn McDonald (Coordinator North), Kathy Childs (Coordinator North), Kim Esrey (Nevada), Tharilyn Bunker, Marianne Jackson, Ruben Juarez, and Linda Ethier.



HEART OF THE COMMUNITY REPORT



By the time you read this, the convention will be over and as always we start looking forward to seeing our “Moose Family” at our next conference. First, I would love to say **THANK YOU** to all of the Chapters and Lodges who donated Tommy Moose, Rosie Moose, Tommy Moose coloring books, blankets, etc. Your generosity is always amazing. We could not do this without you. Last time I checked, there is no letter “I” in the word team and we do this as a team, all of us working together to support our communities.

If you look up Community Service, it is a “**voluntary service meant to help those in need**”. People often volunteer for various community services and for various reasons. Before you volunteer for any type of community service, find out what is important to you in your heart, 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. I always hear “We (the Moose) are the best kept secret.”

Our Heart of the Community program remains strong. We continue to help in any way we can. We need to keep providing Tommy Moose, Rosie Moose, Tommy Moose coloring books, Blankets, etc., to our police, firefighters, and EMTs. Children are so happy when they receive them, so start collecting Rosie Moose, Tommy Moose, Tommy Moose coloring books, Tommy Moose bookmarkers, crayons, etc. to be donated for our next conference.

Thank you to the Association Executive Committee for donating all the backpacks and school supply inserts for the community service organizations we visit during our Annual Convention and Mid-Year Conference. Our committee is grateful for your continued support of these Community Service projects.

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, and our Communities.

As Moose we should be proud of what we do and continue to accomplish!!! If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

AGAIN, THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!!!

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MOOSE CHARITIES REPORT

Hello Moose Family,

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our Annual Convention fundraising efforts last month. Thanks to your incredible generosity and hard work, we raised **over \$35,000** for Moose Charities and our local programs during this past convention alone! This is a monumental achievement, and your efforts are deeply appreciated.

A special thank you goes out to: **Project Donors:** Everyone who generously contributed directly to our various Moose projects and **Drawing Contributors:** Those who donated gift cards, license plates, and gift baskets for our opportunity drawings.

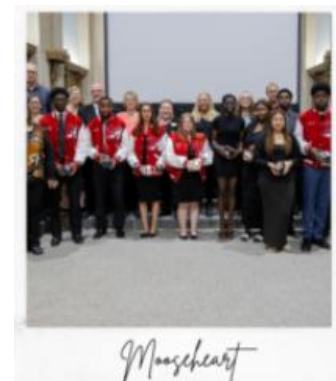
Your willingness to jump in and support our initiatives is what makes our fraternal community so strong and impactful.

Looking Ahead: Silver Treasure Bidding Opportunity, which directly supports our efforts to raise enough funds to purchase a new home for special needs individuals on the Mooseheart campus. Please keep the momentum going! We encourage everyone to participate in our ongoing **Silver Treasure Bidding Opportunity** which is the chosen California Nevada Moose Association President's Project to raise \$500,000 by July 2028 for the Mooseheart Uniting Hearts; Expanding Horizons \$12,000,000 fundraising campaign. The bidding will officially close at our Mid-Year Conference in **Costa Mesa in March 2027**. Don't miss out on your chance to place a bid and support our mission even further.

Thank you all once again for your dedication, enthusiasm, and tremendous generosity. Great job, everyone!

In Solidarity,

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CNMA PRESIDENTS PROJECT



LOSS PREVENTION REPORT

Hello Moose family,

I can't believe I'm already writing the Fall article for the October-November 2026 issue of the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) newsletter. But here we are. So, for those of you who attended the CNMA Annual Convention, it was great as usual, led by our President Bill Jackson and it was another great success. Many thanks to Bill and the rest of the Executive Committee for a job well done.

I delivered a report to the membership and was surprised just how many folks approached me afterwards and thanked me for an informative message, it was greatly appreciated. Sometimes I feel my message may be redundant, but time after time, I get news from Moose International of another unfortunate event that has occurred. A member of our great fraternity leaves a Lodge, having had too much to drink and ends up in an accident and injuring or killing someone. I think of Harry Potter and the "Unforgivable Curse." This behavior is unforgivable. We should have so many safer and smarter options than letting a drunk person get behind the wheel of a car. As many of you heard me mention in my report, many changes are in the planning stages with accountability when it comes to serving and monitoring the alcohol intake of our members. Working with the rest of the Moose International Loss Prevention Committee, new policies and procedures will be coming out shortly. We need to encourage our lodges to use proper pouring techniques such as a Jigger/shot glass, maybe even the idea of using a breathalyzer and discuss the pros and cons of using better techniques to prevent these losses from occurring.

On another note, Fall is fast approaching and with it, changes in the weather. Night will fall sooner and with-it cold, rain, wind, and the changes being caused by El Nino. Is your Lodge prepared? How's the outdoor lighting? When was the last time your AC filters were changed? Remember that they trap dust, pollen and "stuff" that'll make us sick. Are those pesky trip hazards taken care of? Are the emergency/exit light signs working properly? Did you test them?

Brother and Sisters by the time you get this we'll be going into the early part of the holiday season. Yes, I count Octoberfest and Halloween. Ok, and Yom Kippur. So please let's be safe. Make sure our children out trick or treating are visible. If you're leaving the Lodge, be extra vigilante and not in a hurry. That extra second can be the difference between stopping in time and it being too late.

So, until my next installment. May God keep you, hold you and protect you. God Bless Mooseheart, Moosehaven and as always, "See you at the Moose".

Fraternally yours,

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HISTORICAL REPORT

As I unpack the last items from the trip to our California Nevada Moose Association Annual Convention, I'm again reminded of the incredible strength and passion of our Association and its members. We're third in our Association tier of all Associations in the fraternity and we're proud... and should be! Our membership grows in number each year and our commitment to our Lodges, our communities, and our Fraternity strengthens each and every day.

Again, this year I had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the Annual Convention as we discussed my vision of having a Historical Committee representative in each of our Association Lodges. Every Lodge has that **ONE** person that knows **SO** much about their Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion. This Committee needs to meet those folks! Every story we have about our life in The Moose will go **SO** far towards our efforts to increase our membership production, improve membership retention, increase membership participation in Lodge events, increase volunteerism, and also grow and strengthen our Higher Degrees!

Many of you grabbed a flyer off the Historical Committee table. If you have someone in mind, send that information to the email in this article. If you're looking to partner with this committee to learn more about your Lodge, Moose Legion or Chapter, drop a line at the email in this article. Let's preserve our great history and make new stories together!

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DISASTER RELIEF

It was great seeing all of you at our Annual Convention in Sparks. I would like to say thank you to our now Past President Bill Jackson for a fantastic year as our California Nevada Moose Association President. Great Job My Brother. We had ten members of the Disaster Relief committee registered at our Annual Convention. Thank you to all of you for taking the time to come to Sparks.

We are here for all Lodges in need of some support. Please contact a committee member or me so that we can review your request and process it through to the Executive Committee for approval. This fund is made possible by your donations thru Lodge, Chapters, Moose Legions, Districts, and individual members like you. Your donations can be added to your Heart of the Community Report for credit. We are still asking for a minimum of \$120 Annually from each Lodge to keep our fund strong so we will have funds available when needed. Many of the Districts do much more! Thank you to all of you once again for all that you do. Congrats to Dina Munday for a great term of service and welcome to our new Treasurer Charly Papp. We have a Great Association that works hard for all Moose members.

Hope to see everyone really soon!

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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.

GEORGE NEWKIRK – HAYWARD - CASTRO VALLEY 1491**George's US Navy Story**

George served in the United States Navy from November of 1984 to April of 1993 in both land and sea operations during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield.

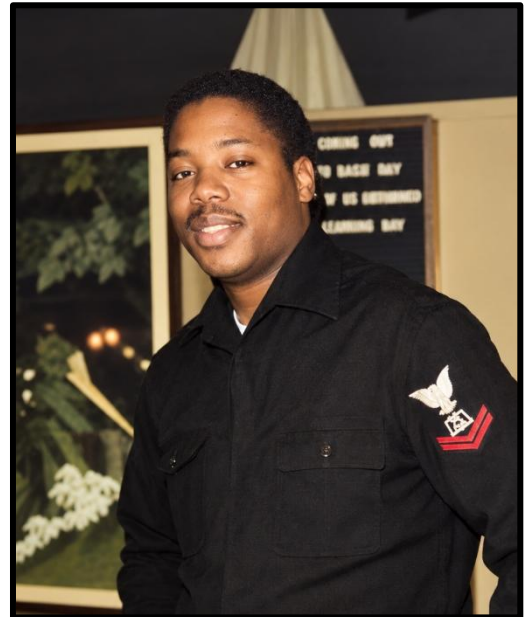
He served in the VP-47 unit at Naval Air Station (NAS) Mollet Field in Mountain View, CA, NAS Whidbey Island, WA, and Naval Shipyard Pearl Harbor, HI.

He then served aboard the USS Reuben James (FFG57) in three overseas deployments.

His ratings during his service included duties as Barracks Management, Cook, Security Services and Firefighting.

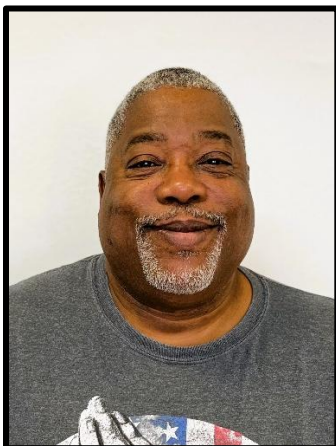
When he returned stateside, he married Rosemary and they raised two children.

George then worked for the city of San Francisco before working as a real estate broker, and he is still serving the East Bay as a realtor.

**George's Moose Story**

George joined the Moose Fraternity on September 21, 2022, making Hayward – Castro Valley 1491 his home Lodge, and Alacosta #70 Moose Legion shortly thereafter.

He served our Lodge as Trustee from 2023 to 2026 and continues to share his big heart and sound ideas with the membership.



George is the kind of member we all want in our Lodge because he always has a kind word for everyone, he pitches in when there's a need, and he maintains an air of both dignity and fun at the same time.

You just know that when George is in the house, we are safe and we are going to have a good time.

We are grateful for your service to our country and to our fraternity, and we are proud to call you moose.

By recognizing veterans through their stories and photos, we not only honor their military service but also celebrate their ongoing commitment to the Moose Lodge community. This program strengthens our sense of camaraderie and preserves the legacy of service for generations to come.

Your submissions will be published here, and they will be displayed at our yearly conferences and conventions.

Morale is a very important part of our Lodges and participation in recognition programs like this one can do wonders. I can't wait to meet your amazing members through your stories!

Please send your valued veteran's story to:
veterans@ca-nvmoose.org.

Fraternally,

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