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Moose To Celebrate Oct. 27 As International Open House Day

Moose International has designated Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018 as “International Open House Day” for lodge homes throughout the Fraternity. This date corresponds with Founder’s Day, which celebrates the birth of James J. Davis, the driving force who brought purpose and meaning to the Fraternity during its earliest stages.

All lodges and chapters are encouraged to conduct events that will bring friends, family and local residents in touch with the Moose, our lodge homes, and the work we do on behalf of children, seniors and our communities.

Additionally, lodges and chapters that conduct an Open House on this day may use the event as one of their activities for Member Retention Week. Simply indicate your participation on your form following Retention Week.

The General Governor’s Office has issued a blanket dispensation for all lodges and chapters to hold events on that day that are open to the public, as long as the Moose’s general guidelines for public events are followed. Alcohol may or may not be served, based on the structure of the event, but cannot not be sold to members or non-members during the event.

Lodges and chapters should refer to Section 46.13 of the General Laws for guidelines to public events, such as Open Houses.

Note: if Oct. 27 is unavailable to conduct an Open House, the blanket dispensation allows lodges and chapters to hold the event a week earlier, on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Please check the Moose International website periodically for information pertaining to this coordinated Open House initiative at www.moosintl.org. ■

A Little Encouragement Goes A Long Way

By **MIKE RIOS**/Director, Membership

I was recently sitting alone contemplating my journey in life and questioning my contribution to society. We all have moments when we wonder whether or not we’re making a difference or whether or not anyone is paying attention.

From my phone came a familiar tone, indicating a new text message on Messenger. It was a Moose brother that I had never met, encouraging me and pledging his support. He had no way of knowing that I had “one of those days” and just how much I appreciated the message. What does this have to do with membership, you ask? EVERYTHING!

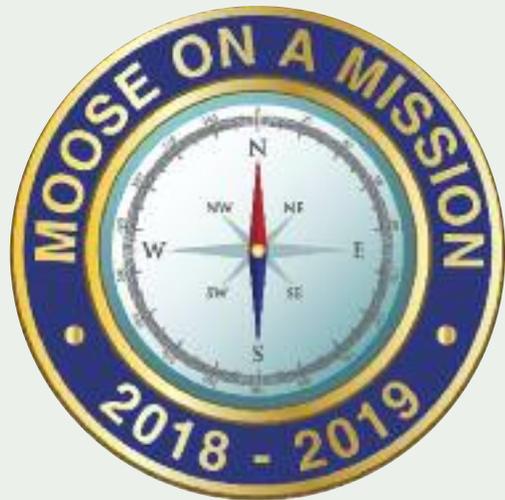
Sometimes we forget that we are a part of something bigger and we all need to work together and encourage each other. I do what I do to give back to something that has given me purpose. Sometimes, we all need a little encouragement. We’re all different but we’re all the same.

We inherently want to do good things and we want to see the fruits of our labors. We have the same purpose but (sometimes) different ideas. We understand that we can’t help everyone, but we can certainly help someone.

We need to reach out to others within our lodge, chapter, Moose Legion, Moose Riders or Valued Veterans. We need to recognize the quiet member sitting in the corner or someone we haven’t seen at the lodge in a while. We may be surprised to find that they are just waiting to see if someone even cares enough to send them a message or pick up the phone

and call to check on them.

The “sign and forget” process should be a thing of the past. I’m going through the list of all the members that I have signed and encouraging them; will you do the same? Our membership production is great but our membership retention is horrible! Maybe it’s time we personalize our efforts. I’m willing, are you? Let’s make it our personal mission. We are MOOSE and WE are definitely ON A MISSION! ■



Training, Training and More Training

By **BARB McPHERSON**/Grand Chancellor

This is the time of year when our Women of the Moose training session leaders conduct the majority of their training. While some sessions have already happened, many are yet to come.

Training for the chapter officers is so crucial to help the new officers learn their responsibilities, how to successfully operate their chapters within the guidelines of the Women of the Moose General Laws, and help them learn teamwork, something incredibly vital to the success of every chapter.

The importance of training officers – both new and experienced – cannot be stressed enough. Effective training of new co-workers/officers results in chapter officers who:

- Understand what they're doing.
- Save time in making needed decisions.
- Have a good feeling about the chapter.
- Get off to a good start.

Many times, when chapters experience difficulties, the No. 1 reason they give when asked questions regarding their issue is “I/We didn’t know.” The only way to ensure that officers are aware of their responsibilities and the proper operation of a chapter is through participation in our Women of the Moose training sessions.

But what about the experienced co-workers of the chapter? Women of the Moose training doesn’t end with the new officers. Women of the Moose training is equally important to those officers and co-workers who have

been around for a few years. The training sessions can help them understand their role in the chapter as mentors and help them understand any changes that have been made to the operation of our chapters and the way our co-workers qualify for their personal honors so that they are able to advise properly.

Attendance at a Women of the Moose training session is mandatory for the Senior Regent, Junior Graduate Regent and Recorder as one of the requirements to achieve personal honors. However all chapter officers and any member, including LOOM brothers, are welcome to attend. Just make sure to contact the hostess chapter with the appropriate number of attendees so that they are able to plan food and refreshments.

Training sessions continue through Oct. 31, 2018. Effective in February 2019 sessions will only be conducted between Feb. 1 and Nov. 1. No make-up sessions will be conducted.

A directory listing the date, time, and place of each session will be listed at www.mooseintl.org – Moose Training – Moose Training Schedule. Please watch the website for the directory. If no classes are listed, please contact your Chapter Analyst Coordinator.

We hope that our officers and co-workers find our training sessions fun and enjoyable. Through your dedication and commitment to our Women of the Moose program, we hope that your training experience will help your chapter be successful! ■

Moose Charities On a Mission

By **PAM AMUNDSEN**/Executive Director, Moose Charities

By now, most of you are well aware that this year Moose International announced its annual campaign as “Moose on a Mission.” In doing so, they explained that every Moose lodge, chapter, and member plays a vital role in their community and this Fraternity. Then, Moose International challenged every lodge, chapter, and member of the Moose to tackle a mission that will grow that role.

We want you to know that at Moose Charities we are on a mission too. It's true the main purpose of Moose Charities is to be the friendly fundraising arm of this Fraternity, but we believe that our true mission and calling is much, much bigger.

Dedicated and generous members founded Mooseheart and Moosehaven because they had the heart to care for those in need. After the two campuses were founded, the Fraternity grew larger thanks to its dedication to fulfilling the missions of these campuses. For that reason, we believe that supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven goes hand-in-hand with creating a sustainable, excited group of Moose members across the

Fraternity. We believe that if we can move ALL of our members to become invested in the cause, they will stick around for the long haul.

Today, the mission of Moose Charities is to spread awareness about Mooseheart and Moosehaven, make friends with all members and recognize our donors. We believe that as we accomplish these missions we will see our organization thrive.

That's where you come in.

Friends, we need you to be our champions. We need you to go to your lodges and chapters and spread what you know about getting involved with Moose Charities. Talk about the Donors Circle and how it helps the lodge and chapter meet their all-giving goals, while at the same time also helping Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Talk about Mooseheart Boosters and making an annual gift to the school. Talk about the m+m Club and how simple it is to make a monthly gift. Every little thing you do and say makes a difference for the organizations we all love so much.

Let's all go be champions. ■

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Fellowship Recommendation Process

By **BOB NEFF**/Director, Higher Degrees

We get asked: “What are the guidelines for recommending Moose Legionnaires to be considered for advancement to the Fellowship Degree of Honor?” This article will detail that basic information. Again this year, forms will include “fill in the blank” and will be e-mailed to lodges approximately Oct. 1 in an Official Communication.

Recommendation committees are to meet in November in each lodge. All “active status” Fellows are to be sent an invitation. Active status means dues are current in both the lodge and Moose Legion. Each Fellow has a vote and a simple majority decides all questions.

Deadlines and additional detailed instructions to review will accompany the forms. A listing of potential members (who meet some basic criteria) that you may consider the worthiness of will be available through Territory Managers. You should consider members who have given substantially to the Order by service on committees, in offices, as sponsors, those who contact expired members and who volunteer over a period of time. Listing of details and longevity of service are important.

Minimum requirements will include the following four “must” items:

- Must be a member of the Loyal Order of Moose at least the past five consecutive years (as of Sept. 30) and
- Must be a member of the Moose Legion at least one year (as of Sept. 30) and
- Must have sponsored five or more lifetime applicants into a Lodge or Chapter including at least one of them since May 1 of the prior year (roughly the past 1½ years) and
- Must have credit for sponsoring at least one applicant into the Moose Legion during their lifetime.

This year there will again be sixteen questions on the form. The minimum remains that at least seven questions need satisfied by “yes” answers with specific details provided. The questions include:

- Is he a member of the 25 Club?
- If a 25 Club member – is he a member of a higher division?
- Has he served five or more years as an appointed and or elected lodge Officer?
- Has he served or is he presently serving as the lodge Governor?
- Has he served or is he presently serving as the lodge Administrator?
- Has he served on standing and or special lodge committees, other than the house committee?
- Has he volunteered in the Social Quarters or the kitchen as cook, dishwasher, server, etcetera over a period of several years?

■ Has he volunteered for clean-up, fix-up and repair projects within the Lodge building facility?

■ Has he volunteered for clean-up, fix-up and repairs projects outside the Lodge building facility, but still on the Lodge property?

■ Has he volunteered for Heart of the Community

initiatives and programs (formerly referred to as: Community Service) in the name of the Moose?

■ Has he been a member of the Moose Charities League of Guardians?

■ Has he served the Association as an appointed or elected officer (including district service)?

■ Has he served as a Moose Legion Jurisdiction Director?

■ Has he been elected or appointed as an officer of the Council of Higher Degrees?

■ Has he been active in working member retention? If so what has he done?

■ Has he attended association mid-year conference, annual or International conventions?

Details on each “yes” answer must be provided to demonstrate the worthiness of the member being recommended. These are the basics; additional details of worthiness may be included in a written resume.

Remember, activity outside the Moose is not part of the consideration process. Details provided are to describe the member’s Moose service and accomplishments in the name of the Moose and/or for the benefit of the Moose, through the various units of the Order. Please contact your Territory Manager with questions.

Remember – all recommendations are just that – and must be kept confidential. Do not discuss outside the meeting or tell a member they are being recommended. If approved, they will be sent a confidential invitation for the next conferral. The matter remains confidential until they appear to be conferred. ■



'Bean' Finds Moosehaven Perfect For Her Active Lifestyle

By **GINI TURNER**/Moosehaven Director of Marketing

On a rainy afternoon late one Friday evening, a call came in from a confused and overwhelmed adult in a desperate pursuit for direction. Not knowing what to ask for nor where to begin, her voice began to crack and her exhaustion was obvious. Although her aging mother still lived independently, family members agreed it was time to find a safe environment, but no one knew where to start.

Like an onion, we began to peel back the layers to reveal a fruitless search for care. Independence, freedom and interaction with others were key factors in the family's desire to extend their mother's quality of life; however, available options lacked in luster for a Zumba instructor with almost 60 years of Moose membership. Having served as Chaplin, Jr. Grand Regent, Senior Regent and chairman on the College of Regents Board, the active 90-year-old's expectations posed quite a task in finding a comparable lifestyle. After a lengthy conversation, Moosehaven provided a ray of hope.

Within days, "Bean's" impressive list of credentials didn't hold a light to the countless personal stories she told. The excitement of her application into Moosehaven was electrifying and generated a barrage of support from her local chapter and fellow co-workers from across the state. Personal accounts of the "best memories" with Bean painted a portrait of a larger than life soul filled with a burning passion to serve that sparked flames of commitment within others over the years. Pictures of skits and chapter events flooded email, and the excitement of her pending arrival began to mount.

Bean arrived for her Moosehaven admission review on a rainy afternoon accompanied by her son and daughter. The family toured the campus and fell deeper in love with the lifestyle.

The staff immediately fell in love with her as well. This small, feisty soul entered the admission review and immediately took center stage. Laughter could be heard down the hall from the closed room as she won



the hearts of our medical staff. Family members waited with bated breath in the adjacent coffee shop for news of whether or not Bean's admission would be approved. They felt this is where their mom would thrive and where their family would have peace of mind.

Delivering the news of Bean's application approval was received joyously. With her children on a conference call to hear the news, Bean burst into tears. A wave of relief could be felt even from those who were listening in but not in the room. The feisty, red-haired force had once again fanned the flames of commitment in others. This time, she fanned a flame of desire to strive for excellence in our service for senior members. Welcome home, Bean! ■