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The New Face Behind the Blessing of the Bikes



Cherie Mondrella, new Assistant Director, Membership -Heart of the Community & Activities

I'd like to introduce myself. I am Cherie Mondrella, Assistant Director, Membership – Heart of the Community & Activities and one of my responsibilities will be the annual Blessing of the Bikes. My love and admiration for the Moose Riders all began when I experienced my first “*Blessing of the Bikes*” event. Since that day when I first heard the loud rumblings of motors and laid eyes on the breathtaking caravan of motorcycles cruising down the streets of Mooseheart’s campus, I was hooked! As I stared in amazement something very important happened – My mind opened to the world of Moose Riders, and to the possibilities this group holds the key to for this great Moose fraternity.

As a Family Teacher at that time, I took my seven little Mooseheart boys, ages 6-9, from our “*Tennessee Home*” out to the curbside and we saw a seemingly endless stream of bikes pass by. It was truly MAGICAL! To see my boys light up like that, absolutely star-struck at the sight of it all, was a real gift as they waved excitedly at all of the “*Cool dudes*” they saw. To see the expressions the boys’ faces and on the countless benevolent riders’ faces as each passed and waved at us was a priceless experience.

At the field house parking lot, we were suddenly submerged in the Moose Rider culture. I was blown away by the tremendous effort these people had made, coming together from all areas for this one cause. The boys thought this was the “*coolest thing ever*” and I agreed! A few of them said things like, “They don’t look like Moose members,” and, “They’re not wearing what Moose members wear.” To 6 year old boys ‘Moose members’ are the traditional-looking people that have come into their home and have given them hugs and gift cards. I told them that, regardless of what a Moose member wears, or how many tattoos or long beards they have, a Moose member on a motorcycle is still a Moose member. I told them these Moose Riders paid for our house, for our food, and for our clothes by being a member -- just like the other Moose members.

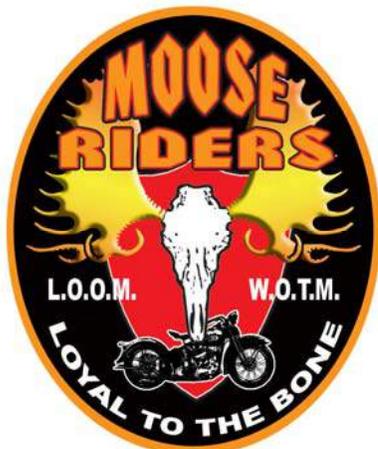
Many of the Riders spoke with the boys, and I saw the love and compassion in their eyes-- I knew this group really ‘gets it.’

Let’s face it, the Moose Riders image is far from that of “traditional” Moose members. To me, that’s a beautiful thing! Our focus, then, should be on that mutual passion, on our similarities -- rather than on our differences. My knowledge of the Moose Riders was limited to the “*Blessing of the Bikes*” event. I would later learn just how valuable this ‘sub-group’ of our membership really is. I became friends with Moose Riders Lodges on Facebook and saw postings of numerous benevolent efforts. I spoke to a handful of Moose Riders and have gained tremendous insights and learned that Moose Riders do a *fantastic* job of raising significant amounts of money to support our Mooseheart youth and our seniors at Moosehaven and other causes in their communities. I truly believe that every Lodge should have a Moose Riders group! Just imagine how much *more* impact we could have out there if that happened!

I am very excited and honored that I now have the privilege to work with this special group of members. I want you all to know that I am behind the Moose Riders all the way! We want you to come out for “*The 2016 Annual Blessing Of The Bikes*” on Saturday May 21st. I have been working diligently to ensure that this year’s Blessing of the Bikes is even bigger and better than in years past, delivering an exceptional experience to all participating Moose Riders! I will work with local Lodges to come up with a fun and memorable weekend, so you will not want to miss this one!

In addition to the Blessing at Mooseheart on Saturday, May 21st, Lombard will host its Homecoming party on Friday night, and the L.I.F.E. presentation of laptops to the Mooseheart graduates will be on Sunday at the St. Charles Lodge. As the big date nears, please be sure to check the Moose Riders page on the Moose International website frequently for updates and registration information (www.moosintl.org).

—Cherie Mondrella, Assistant Director, Membership – Heart of the Community & Activities



May 22, 2016—St. Charles Lodge #1368

L.I.F.E.

It's the Best Day ever!

Handing out brand new laptops to each and every graduating student of the Mooseheart Class is amazing and if you haven't experienced it, think about making the trip this May to the Blessing of the Bikes and enjoy a weekend of fun and camaraderie and be part of the L.I.F.E. experience.

Back in 2008 we vowed to make sure that each student that graduated would be awarded a laptop computer, something that would be of huge value to them in whatever career path they chose. It's now 2016 and we have 30 or so young men and women preparing to graduate

and leave Mooseheart in May. Once again this year we need your help to make sure that we can keep our promise, that we can give each student a start in their new lives.

Please consider donating whatever you can to the L.I.F.E. campaign, and please think about being there on the Sunday after the Blessing of the Bikes to be part of this amazing experience. For more information contact Joan Fedora at Mooseriderpipes@aol.com or Liza Chamberlain at nohat79@yahoo.com. Donation deadline is March 15.

—Joan Fedora, C o-Chair, L.I.F.E.

Below: St. Charles Moose Lodge after new Laptops were handed out in May 2015.



****Note: Please note that the mailing address for future donations has changed to the following:**

St. Charles Moose #368
2250 W Route 38
St. Charles, IL 60174

L.I.F.E.

Laptop Investment For Education

2016

In recognition of the Mooseheart 2016 graduating class, we invite you to help us raise enough money to provide each Mooseheart graduating senior with a laptop computer next May. This is a Moose Riders initiative and 2016 will mark the 8th year of multi-lodge group participation. We usually spend \$500/student, but any donation is gratefully accepted. Funds will be used to purchase laptop computers for each graduating senior from the Mooseheart Class of 2016. Should we be lucky enough to raise more than we need, the overage will be donated to a related Mooseheart School project, with donating members recognized. Laptops will be formally presented to the students at the St. Charles, IL, Lodge on Sunday, May 22th, the day after the Blessing of the Bikes.



March 15th, 2016 is the deadline to send in your donation.

In order for us to accurately track and credit your donation and contact you if we have a question, we ask that you fill in all the information requested below and return this form with your check made out to **STC Moose #1368**. Mail to: **Saint Charles Moose #1368, 2250 W. Route 38, St. Charles, IL 60174.**

Activity Group Lodge Name/Number _____

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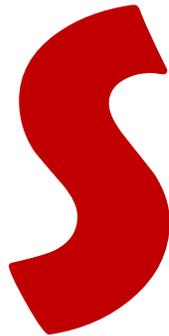
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Donation Amount _____

 **We cannot** cash checks made out to other entities, such as Moose Charities. We **cannot** cash checks that have the original payee crossed out and a new payee written in. If your check is not made out correctly, we will sadly have to return it and you may not get recognized as a donor.

Blessing of the Bikes—5/21/16

The Premier Moose Rider Event



Saturday, May 21, 2016—the 13th Annual Moose Riders Blessing of the Bikes is set to take place in between the Friday night Homecoming Party at Lombard and the Sunday afternoon L.I.F.E. laptop presentation party at the St. Charles Lodge.

Blessing veterans already know what a great weekend this can be, making new friends, seeing old friends, and hanging with the children of Mooseheart. The Blessing kicks off the Moose Rider 4 Kids campaign that looks to Moose Riders to schedule their own blessings or rides or other events over the summer to raise money for Mooseheart and be in the race for the Mark “Tiny” Metcalf award.

The Lombard Homecoming Party on Friday night is a big highlight with proceeds going to Mooseheart and usually presented the next day at the Blessing. It’s a great meeting spot, where Moose Riders get to see friends from other Lodges or even states again and catch up. On Saturday morning there is usually an organized ride from the

Lombard Lodge to Mooseheart for the Blessing.

And, if you have been to a Blessing before, you know that riding into the field house parking lot “en masse” is a huge thrill in many ways. Not only are there the sight and sounds of lots of



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bikes, but the children of Mooseheart are there wide-eyed and waiting for you. Here's a chance to check out the bikes and be part of the historic "class photo" that you see every year here in *Pipes*.

your own rider group raised money for to a graduating Mooseheart senior. I mean, how cool is that anyway? The hugs and the thanks alone are worth the trip to Mooseheart.

Of course, the ride through the campus past the many homes with children waving and cheering you on is something else, too. Finally, the Blessing in front of the House of God completes the whole picture.

So, put it on you calendar now. Mark that weekend in May and put your kickstands up and head toward Mooseheart. We'd like to see you there!

—Editor



For those who can stay around till Sunday afternoon, there is the ultimate experience of personally giving out a laptop computer that you and



—Remembering the “Forgotten Ones” this Holiday Season

Riverview Moose Riders Give Back to the Community



Above: Veterans and Moose Riders.

December 6, 2015, should have been like any other day. It was a typically beautiful, warm, sunny, December Florida day, but this day was quite different than the others. This was the first Sunday in December. This is the day that the Riverview Moose Riders were looking forward to early in this 2015 Holiday season. This was the day we make the children of East Hillsborough County smile. This was the day we get to shake the hand of a homeless Veteran of Liberty Manor and thank them for their sacrifice and service. This is the day we feel privileged to be able to participate in the annual Cookson Hills Toy Run.

With the loss of one of the founders of the Cookson Hills Toy Run, Bill Brown, this year's event was bittersweet. Bill and his wife Sherri started this event in 1993. For 22 years and counting, the Cookson Hills Toy Run has been providing Christmas memories for the “Forgotten” children of East Hillsborough County, Florida. This event started out as simply a good deed and provided gifts and Christmas memories for 18 children. Since that first Sunday of December 1993, the event has grown to include needy children from newborn to 18 years old, low income seniors, special

Right: A very happy child enjoys opening his gifts.



needs adults and homeless Veterans of Liberty Manor

Those who attend this annual event quickly discover the delight of seeing where your presents go instead of [Continued on next page]

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Top left and right: Happy recipients overwhelmed with gifts.

Above: Front row: Pink Bear, Kay Carlile, Monkey. Back row: Bear, Cody Carlile, Not sure what it is, Dave Carlile, Grey Bear, Charlie Brown (look closely), Black Bear, Monkey, Carl LeMay.

dropping them in a box. YOU personally present the gifts directly to the “Forgotten” that are invited, becoming a part of their lives, experiencing the joy and happiness when your Christmas gifts are opened while you watch.

We were introduced to this event in 2010 by our now Past Moose Rider President, Carl Lemay. Carl told us about this event that he had attended for a few years and encouraged us to join him and his family on this toy run. After attending our first Cookson Hills Toy Run with only a handful of gifts, we have been hooked since. This event is so touching and emotional that we went all in the following year.

Starting after Halloween every year, the Riverview Moose Riders begin preparation for this annual event. The Christmas tree in our Lobby is decorated with ornaments listing the age, gender and gift ideas for a child, senior or the Veterans of Cookson Hills. Members are asked to take as many ornaments as they wish and purchase gifts for those individuals. The Friday after Thanksgiving, all of the toys are laid out in our hall and the wrapping paper, ribbon and tape starts flying. With well over 200 gifts every year, it’s a daunting task made easy with the help of our great riders and Lodge members. Within a few hours, all of the

gifts are wrapped, labeled, boxed and loaded in to our trailer to await this day...the first Sunday in December.

With the large pink Teddy Bears, last minute gifts and giant monkeys loaded on the bikes, the Riverview Moose Riders head to the Lodge to meet up with our fellow riders and Lodge Members. From there, two-wheelers, three-

wheelers, trucks, trailers and mini vans all headed out to Veterans Park in Tampa, FL, where we meet up with riders and old friends from past toy runs. At 2pm, the gift giving begins. Hundreds of bikers from all over Tampa Bay hand out their gifts to the children, seniors, special needs adults and Veterans. Shortly afterwards, we all get to watch the huge smiles, the joyful gasps and the tears of

joy and happiness as these precious individuals open their gifts.

Six weeks of preparation. Many hours of fund raising, shopping, wrapping and counting gifts. One hour to hand out gifts. 30 minutes of surprises and smiles as the children and others open their gifts. Every invested minute is well worth it. There is no better way to start your Christmas Holiday season than the experience of the Cookson Hills Toy Run.

—Dave Carlile, Riverview Moose Riders

Great comment from the Mom of the little girl that received the Big Pink Bear.....

“My daughter woke up today from under her huge pink teddy bear and said she had the best dreams ever!!! Thank you so much to everyone for everything.”

—*Lombard Lodge Makes Plans for Homecoming Party in May*

Mooseheart Children Enjoy an Afternoon with Santa



The children from the New York and New England homes enjoy an afternoon Christmas Party at the Lombard, IL, Lodge.

events is the annual Mooseheart Children's Christmas party.

The Lodge currently sponsors two children, one from the New England Home and one from the New York Home. Both children along with the entire house were invited to the Lodge social quarters for an afternoon with Santa.

Members provided snacks, games and fun entertainment for the kids as well as Karaoke. There are some pretty talented kids and house parents in the bunch. Every child received a gift from Santa and a good time was had by all. What a joyful time it was.

Our next opportunity to interact with the kids at Mooseheart will be the much anticipated Blessing of the Bikes at Mooseheart scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2016. This year with a new Mooseheart Assistant Direc-

Hello from Lombard Moose Riders 2350:

One of the advantages of being located near Mooseheart Child City is that we have the opportunity to interact directly with the children of Mooseheart. One of our favorite

tor of Membership, Cherie Mondrella and a new Northern Illinois Chairman, Pete Tzimpas from McHenry Moose Lodge 691, riders should expect to see renewed energy and new ideas to make the Mooseheart Blessing the uplifting rally and show of unity that we all wish to celebrate.

For those of you who will be in town for the blessing, on Friday evening, May 20th, Lombard Moose Riders invite you to join us for our annual Founders Party starting at 5 p.m. We'll sever dinner and there will be entertainment and Riders! We never tire of meeting Riders and hearing their stories. Come by and meet the Lombard Moose Riders. We will have a block of rooms at the local Crowne Plaza. Watch for more information to come.

The finale of the weekend is the L.I.F.E. Laptop Essay awards held at the St. Charles lodge on Sunday, May 22. Weather played a big factor in last year's Rider attendance but I can tell you that it is an event that you should attend at least once. The graduating class is tasked with writing an essay and is judged by a panel. The anticipation is electrifying and the stories heartfelt and warming. The appreciation these graduates show really melts the heart. It is why we do what we do.

Dianna (Dster) Anderson
Secretary / Publicity
Lombard Moose Riders 2350
www.lombardmooseriders.org

Moose Riders
Lets Ride!



Illinois Moose Riders - Lombard Chapter 2350

You're Invited!

Lombard Moose Lodge #2350

Blessing of the Bikes

Founder's Party

Join us for the Lombard Moose Riders Annual Founder's Party on Friday, May 20, 2016. Dinner, Music, Raffles and lots of visiting Riders! Save the Date!

www.lombardmooseriders.org
Save the Date!

**FRIDAY,
MAY 20, 2016**

—Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Prepare for Christmas



As the holidays approach, Youth Ranches staff members are busy coordinating activities with our donors and supporters from around the state. Christmas is a much anticipated time on our campuses. The Ranchers enjoy decorating their cottages with Christmas trees and signs of the season.

In years past, most boys and girls traveled home for the holidays, although some did not. This year, with the addition of our sibling cottages, half of our Ranchers will wake up in their cottage home on Christmas morning.

Fortunately, our donors and supporters really know how to make the Ranchers smile. Plans are being finalized for some exciting days and nights ahead at the Boys Ranch in Live Oak, the Youth Villa in Bartow, the Youth Ranch Bradenton-Sarasota and the Youth Ranch Safety Harbor.

The Ranchers on the Boys Ranch will be decorating the campus with their cottage boards wishing visitors a “Merry Christmas!” Some of the expected visitors will be

the Florida Moose Riders and the Tallahassee Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Moose Riders request a wish list each year and visit the cottages to deliver their goodies while the Tallahassee Oddfellows deliver a brand new pair of blue jeans for each of the boys.

The Youth Villa in Bartow will enjoy a visit from Santa and several members of the Loyal Order of Moose from Palm Beach. Polk County Youth for Christ will pay a visit to decorate cookies. The girls will also be taking a field trip to a local farm to enjoy a holiday movie, bonfire, dinner and visit from Santa Claus sponsored by Armor Correctional Health Services. The Hillsborough County Lady Deputies will be visiting with the girls to make breakfast, bake cookies and decorate ornaments. One of the most anticipated moments will be Santa paying a visit via helicopter thanks to Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd.

Members of the Florida Blue Knights International Motorcycle Club, made up of current and retired law enforcement officers, will be stopping by the Bradenton-Sarasota campus to deliver presents and have lunch with the Ranchers. The boys and girls will be decorating their cottages and the community center.

The Ranchers on the Safety Harbor campus will be receiving a visit from Ye Mystic Krewe of Santa Margarita’s Pirate Santa and his elves aboard their Gasparilla pirate ship parade float. The Ranchers will also enjoy a Christmas PJ Party and the Sons of the American Legion will be on campus to bake cookies on Christmas Eve, cook breakfast on Christmas morning and welcome Santa with a bag full of presents.

Despite the many reasons these boys and girls find themselves entrusted to our programs, this holiday season looks to be an exciting one on the campuses of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. If you would like more information on how to help support the boys and girls in our care, please contact Wayne Witczak, Donor Development Director at 1-800-765-3797 or visit us at www.youthranches.org.

Contact: **Jim Karantinos**

jkarantinos@youthranches.org
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

—Dayton Lodge supporting children and vets

Ohio Bike Blessing Set for May 15, 2016

Dayton Moose Lodge 73 - Moose Riders are excited about the 16th Annual Blessing of the Bikes. It is the largest gathering by a Moose Lodge. Average attendance is 6000 to 7000 motorcycles. With excitement, we expect another record breaking crowd this year! It is run by approximately 20-30 DEDICATED volunteers from Dayton Moose Lodge #73 in conjunction with ABATE of Ohio, Inc., Region 6 and Fairborn AMVETS #444.

The Blessing takes place every year on the third Sunday of May. STARTING THIS YEAR, The Blessing will be held at its exciting new venue, Kil-Kare Raceway, 1166 Dayton Xenia Rd., Xenia, OH, on May 15, 2016. Festivities will start at 10am with music AND many FOOD AND MERCHANDISE vendors AND DISPLAYS. THE BLESSING CEREMONY IS KICKS OFF AT NOON WITH THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND AMBUCS PRESENTATION OF TRYKES.

All net proceeds benefit our official charity GreeneBucs/ AMBUCS. AMBUCS provides specially designed TRYKES for children and disabled veterans with mobility issues. Additional information is available on our FACEBOOK page, Blessing of the Bikes Ohio, or at our web site www.blessingofthebikesSWohio.com.

Submitted by
Faye Barry, Dayton Moose Riders 73

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

NEW LOCATION

Kil-Kare Raceway

1166 Dayton-Xenia Rd.,
Xenia, Ohio

National Anthem
by Suzi Goedde
www.facebook.com/suzi.Goedde

Blessing Officiated by Clergy from
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Music by
Southbound

MC: The "B" Man John Beaulieu
WTUE 104.7

THANKS TO ALL THE DEVOTED VOLUNTEERS

Bike Show

Hosted by:

Performance Cycle
81 Woodman Drive, Riverside, OH

\$5 Entry Fee
Trophies Awarded for all classes:
Bagger/Big Twin/ Sportster
Custom/Vintage (Pre 1980)
Metric Bike/ Sport Bike

Golf carts provided by

165 N Dixie Dr.
Vandalia Oh

A link to the current issue of Pipes is posted on the MooseRiderPipes Facebook page every time it is published.

—Previously sidelined founder returns for annual ride

Christmas Run Aids Less Fortunate Children/Families

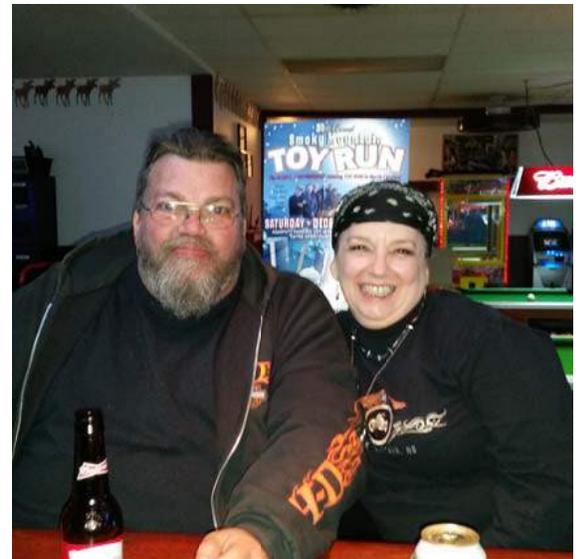


The Black Mountain Moose Riders out of the Black Mountain Moose Family Center #2220 in Black Mountain, North Carolina, hosted their 13th Annual Black Mountain Christmas Run on Saturday, December 6th.

We had the distinct pleasure of having the original founder of the run, Brother Jerry Slagle, leading the parade this year, complete with his moose antlers! This was especially sweet, as Brother Slagle has been sidelined for the past couple of years due to a motorcycle accident, AND it was also his birthday!

Over 50 motorcycles and six classic cars came out and rode with us on this beautiful day, sporting their toys, as their passengers tossed candy to the crowd. The end result was a van-load of toys for our local children who are less fortunate, and cash donations to help with Christmas Dinners for families who would otherwise not have one. What a great feeling to be able to provide for our community in such a loving way.

—Nancy M. Bartlett



Top photo: Lining up with escort to front of parade. Above: Loading up toys for the parade.

Top right: Nancy Bartlett with original founder of Black Mountain Christmas Run, Jerry Slagle.

Far right: Delivering toys to the Swananoa Valley Christian Ministry.

—Annual Turkey Bowl and Meatloaf Cook Off set for January

Moose Rider Mascot Makes His Way Back Home



We had our 4th Annual Moose Cruise on October 4th. It was a cloudy chilly day, but those of us that attended really had a great time! We had plenty of food and plenty of drink and I think the latter helped keep us warm. Even the Captain commented we were a hardy group to stay on top of the boat for two hours! Of course, the following weekend, when we typically have had it, was beautiful fall weather. Oh well!!

It's been several years now, but our beloved Hogan has been returned to us. Many, many Friday nights ago a couple of us were at a very blustery Ramblers football game. Upon returning to the Lodge, we partook in a few 'on the rocks' warmer uppers and proceeded to basically let total strangers walk away with our mascot. All that was known . . . they were from Michigan. Fast forward to October 2015 Michigan Day at Mooseheart. We're sitting at the Lodge minding our own business (haha), when this woman walks in [continued on next page]

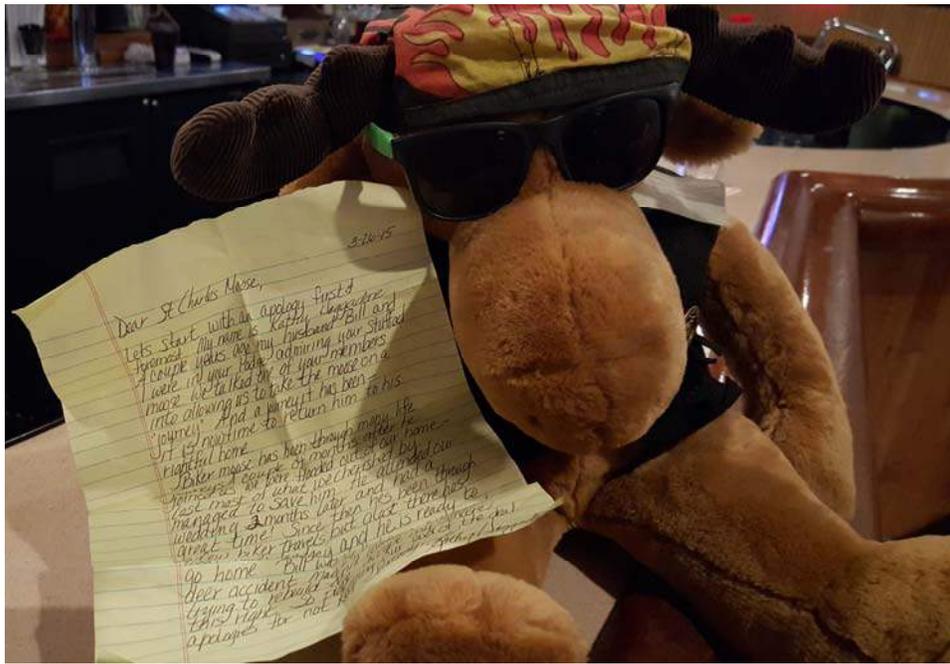


Above left:: Moose Riders tough out the weather during annual River Cruise.
Left: Enjoying the various libations.

2015-16 Karaoke Contest

Are you the next Moose musical star? Qualify for a chance to compete in the 2nd Annual Moose Karaoke Contest at the 2016 International Moose Convention, with a top prize of \$5,000!

Check out the Moose International website for more information.



Above: Hogan with accompanying apology letter.

Kathy we are so very sorry for your loss and hope to see you again soon.

January 31, 2016, we will be having our Annual Turkey Bowling and Meatloaf contest. This is the same day as the Pro Bowl, cause who really cares about that game, it's the one the week later we all care about. So if you are in the area, come on out, toss a turkey and have some meatloaf.

If you are donating to L.I.F.E. this year, please be sure to note our new address!!! No we didn't move, but we finally have a mailbox and are no longer using the P.O. Box. Our address is **St. Charles Moose 1368, 2250 W Route 38, STC, IL 60174** Until next time, ride safe if you are lucky enough to be riding!

*Liza Chamberlain
L.I.F.E. Co Chair
St. Charles Moose Riders #1368, St. Charles, IL*

with a Moose. He looked just like ours, so I asked the bartender to see if it has a STC Moose Rider Pin when the woman looked at me and said 'Are you Liza?'. She was returning our Moose on behalf of her friend, Kathy Haggadone.

Hogan came with a long apology and details of his last several years. His captors had some tragic times, including the loss of Kathy's husband, Bill. They were so sorry for not keeping up on their end of the bargain...Ahhh, but they did. Our Moose was returned home, although, we did lose some faith he would return. Lesson: keep the faith, good things will come.



Below: Turkey bowling at the St. Charles "alleys".



Saint Charles, Illinois

Moose Riders

Annual Turkey Bowl and

Meatloaf Cook off

1/31/2016

—Website and Facebook page in place for CA/NV Riders

President's Ride to 40 Lodges Set for Spring



Above: CA/NV Lodge Visitation Patch marking Moose Rider Visits to 25 different Lodges in the Association

Information and upcoming events for the CA/NV Moose Riders can be found on our website www.canvmooseriders.org. There is also a link to go to our newly created Facebook page. We are trying to get more into the Social Media aspect of getting information out to our members.

The Purpose of the CA/NV Moose Riders is:

- To raise funds for Mooseheart/ Moosehaven /Moose Charities
- To raise funds for CA/NV Association Moose Riders chosen Charities
- TO HAVE FUN AND CAMARADERIE BETWEEN THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CALIFORNIA/ NEVADA MOOSE ASSOCIATION

Our LODGE VISITATION RECONI-TION PROGRAM is underway. Our activity Group will provide a Lodge Visitation Patch to CA/NV Moose Members that visit 25 Lodges within the CA/NV Moose Association. There are 4 rockers that can be earned at the 50, 75, 100 and Association levels that surround the center patch. It is our hope to increase Moose Members visiting other Moose Lodges and creating lasting friend-

ships and visiting with other Moose Members to increase the loyalty and fellowship amongst Moose Members. It is also bringing visibility to the Moose Riders.

Our officers are getting events put together in the regional areas. As events are announced we add them to the website, so check back often.

I will be having a "President's Ride" that will visit 40 lodges in 8 days in the South Central and Southern California sometime in the Spring after the storms stop and the snow melts in the mountains. This will complete my visitation to all the lodges in CA/ NV (currently at 75 in CA/NV and 118 total in the Fraternity). I truly believe by getting members to go to other Lodges and meet other Moose and see what other Moose Lodges are doing, that it will strengthen our individual Lodges and the Fraternity as a whole as we get more activities and participation.

I am PROUD to be a Moose and a Moose Rider.

*Derrick Morris, California/Nevada Moose Riders Founding Chairman/President 2014-2016
California/Nevada Moose Riders Founding Life Member*

—NY Riders Continue to Support Vincent House charity 🇺🇸

Annual August Bike Run Supports Local Charity



Once again our group came together for another great year! Our annual bike run on August 8, 2015 was very successful and we were able to donate \$1800 to the Vincent House. We look forward to supporting the LIFE Campaign again this year. We are ramping up for our Prime Rib Valentine's Dinner at the Lodge. We have a group of hard working people who come together and get the job done! We look forward to the year ahead with some great bike riding mixed in. Happy New Year!

—Secretary Sheila Freas, Dansville, NY, Moose Riders



FBMA State Moose Rider Meeting January 16, 2016

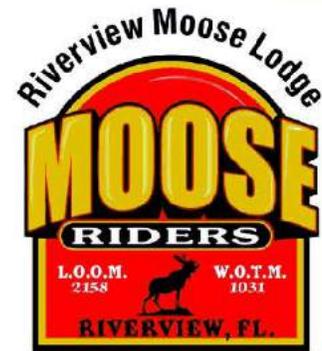
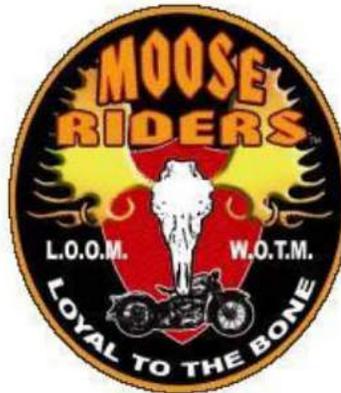
Riverview Moose Lodge 2158
9000 Honeywell Road, Gibsonton, FL

10:00am—5:00pm
10:00am—1:00pm

11:00am—12:30pm
1:00pm—3:00pm
3:00pm—6:00pm

5:30pm

Drawings ~ Traveling Duffle Bag ~ Mini Poker
Lunch Served—Wings ~ Fries ~ Onion Rings ~
Sampler Platter ~ Prices Vary
Board of Officers Meeting
General Session
Dinner—Pulled Pork Sandwich, Cole Slaw,
Baked Beans, Assorted Desserts \$6.00
Entertainment at the Tiki Bar by
Double Barrel (weather permitting)



Accommodations:

Primitive Camping / RV Parking Available at the Lodge 813-677-7921

Red Roof Inn \$79.99 10121 Horace Ave, Tampa
813-681-8484

Comfort Suites \$94.00 9932 E. Adamo Dr., Tampa
813-630-4444

Sun City Center Inn \$79.99 809 N Pebble Beach Blvd, Sun City
813-634-3331

Proceeds to benefit:



—Riders donate to local Toys for Tots campaign

Texarkana Riders Host Dinner for “Hero’s Pantry”



On November 21, 2015, Texarkana Moose Riders held the annual Thanksgiving dinner for Hero’s Pantry of Texarkana. Many of the Riders along with men and women from the Lodge, Chapter and the local CMA of Texarkana prepared food to feed our local Veterans and their families.

We had approximately 83 Vets and family members attend. Everyone in attendance was very appreciative of the meal. We also gave away a couple of hams, turkeys and gift cards through a drawing to the veterans. The Moose Riders also gave Hero’s Pantry a \$50 gift card to Wal-Mart.

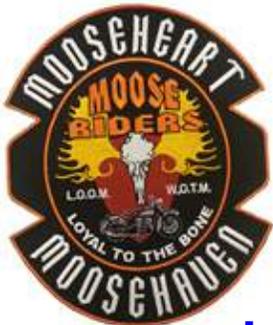
On December 13, 2015, several of the Moose Riders attended the annual Toys For Tots event. We delivered donated toys and several items for the auction that was held that day. The Riders had a really good time for a worthy cause.

Texarkana Moose Riders will be having some good events for the coming year. So keep your eyes open for these on Texarkana Moose Rider FB page, (we can be found as: Texarkana Moose Riders Activity Group on Face Book).

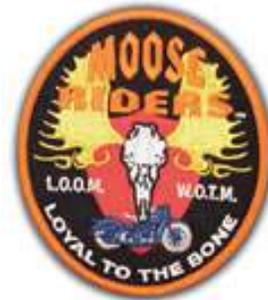
—Duane Williams “Sparky”, Texarkana Moose Rider President



Approximately 83 Vets and Family members enjoyed a full Thanksgiving dinner thanks to Texarkana Moose Riders.



Shop online at the Moose International website for large (11”x14”) and small (7”x9”) Mooseheart/Moosehaven Moose Rider patches as well as a small version of the original Moose Rider patch (4” x 3-1/2”).



<http://shopmoose.mooseintl.org/supply/>

—New California Moose Riders Group Hosts 1st Annual Fundraiser Breakfast

Escondido Community Service Project Raises \$3000



Above: Escondido Moose Riders gather after a successful breakfast.

Escondido Moose Riders Activity Group

We recently formed our Moose Riders Group in September. Our first Community Service Project was on 11/21/15 at the Salvation Army in Escondido. We helped them with their 1st Annual Kettle Kick Off-Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser & Open House.

Our job was to cook the breakfast which consisted of pancakes, sausage, bacon and scrambled eggs. We served over 100 breakfasts. Between the breakfast, silent auction and various donations, over \$3000 was raised.

Below and far right: Moose Elf Rider in pancake form.



While things were winding down before we cleaned up, the guys had fun with the biker on the motorcycle.

Everyone was holding their breath while Lee and Tom were flipping the pancake over. Job well done!

—Heidi White, Escondido Moose Riders



THE SALVATION ARMY OF ESCONDIDO PRESENTS
1st Annual Kettle Kick-Off Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser & Open House

Please join us by purchasing a \$10 ticket for a delicious pancake breakfast and help us provide food and toys for families in need this Christmas

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015
FROM 8:00—11:00am

Menu:
Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Eggs, Orange Juice, Water & Coffee

TICKETS \$10

AUCTION ITEMS

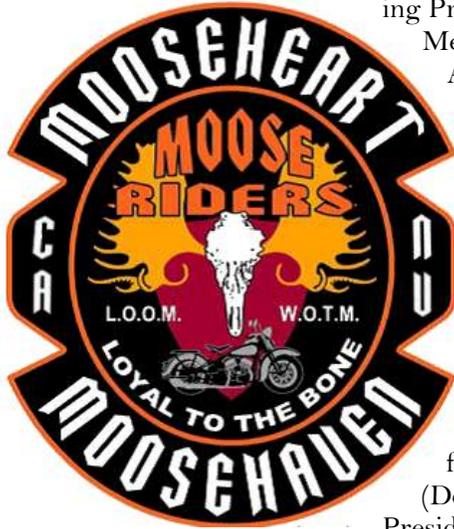
OPEN HOUSE

PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR BUS BY BRINGING A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY AND GET YOUR PICTURE WITH SANTA

The Salvation Army Corps & Community Center
1301 Las Villas Way | Escondido, CA 92026
For ticket and event information please call: 760.745.8616

—New Board of Officers for Monterey Riders

Halloween Party Funds Best Part of L.I.F.E. Donation



A new era of the Monterey CA 876 Moose Riders has started. For the first time founding President Derrick Morris is not a Board Member of the Lodge level Moose Riders Activity Group. Elections were held and our new president for 2016 is Mike Chiesa. Mike Chiesa is another founding member of the Monterey CA 876 Moose Riders and has held the positions of Sgt-At-Arms or Road Captain every year since our founding in 2011. Last year's president, Benny King, is now our Past President. As of now, all three of the Monterey Moose Riders from Monterey CA 876 that made the ride from Monterey to Mooseheart in 2013 (Derrick, Benny, Mike) have now been President of the Monterey CA 876 Moose Riders.

Rounding out the elected officers for 2016 are Don Fretwell – Vice President; Fran Sullivan – Secretary; Tom Broome – Treasurer; Gary Decker – Road Captain; Ed Corliss – Sgt-At-Arms.

Our activity group still does functions with local community charities and the

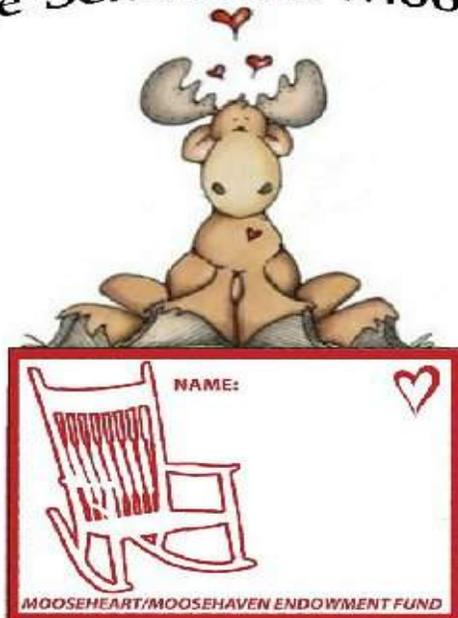
Lodge. We just sent in our LIFE pledge for 2016 (our 5th year in a row). The bulk of the funding for this was from our Halloween Party held October 30th at the Lodge. We also cooked the meal for “Breakfast with Santa” for the kids and parents on December 19th. To date our activity group has donated \$2011 to the Endowment Fund through our Lodge, a feat I am very proud of.

Many Monterey CA 876 Moose Riders are working on earning the Lodge visitation patch and rockers provided by the CA/NV Moose Riders. El Nino rains have started so the riding is slowing down for right now. This spring, we are planning on a week-long ride to visit 40 Lodges in Southern California. The date has not been set yet as we need to see what the weather is going to do.

From our Moose Riders to all other Moose Riders, we hope you had a festive Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a Joyous and Prosperous NEW YEAR.

Derrick Morris, Monterey CA 876 Moose Riders Founding President 2011-2014, Monterey CA 876 Moose Riders Past President 2015

February Is The Month
We Show Our Love
For The Seniors At Moosehaven



Help Lead The Way, And Show Your Support Today!

Make sure your name is on a donation card and support our seniors at Moosehaven by giving to the Rocking Chair Fund at your Lodge this February.

—Riders look forward to 2016

Venice Moose Rider Event Puts 40 Tykes on Bikes



Venice Moose Riders Lodge 1308—

This last Saturday the 12th of December we hosted our 2nd annual Bikes for Tykes event at the Venice Moose Lodge. This year we provided 50 girls and boys bicycles along with helmets to the Sarasota area children in need. This event is both exciting and heart-warming and such an honor to be able to provide those children who otherwise may not receive something a little joy in their lives at Christmas!

This is made possible each year thru hard work of many volunteers and profits from our annual Pig Roast and generous donations from our Moose Members who donate to our Bar Hanger program throughout the year.

We are looking forward to our 2016 event and will work hard to continue to grow and support more children and families in need. The smile of a child and the gratitude of the families fill the hearts of us all and make you recognize why we do this. I ask us all to take a moment and do something kind for others whenever possible.

Merry Christmas from the Venice (FL) Moose Riders.

Regards,

—Jim Mitchell, Venice Moose Riders



—In the Kitchen with District 27 Moose Riders

Mobile Moose Rider Kitchen Serves Florida District



Above: Mobile Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner at Golden Gate Lodge.

Moose Riders are always coming up with different ways to raise money and create new ways to raise awareness of what the Riders do for the community. At one of our monthly meetings, a couple mentioned that they would love to cook and why couldn't we do that at our four Moose Lodges which include Bonita Springs, Golden Gate, Marco Island and Naples? In September, we created our Mobile Moose Rider Kitchen.

Our first dinner was held at the Bonita Springs Moose Lodge. With the support of the Lodge, it was held on Friday, September 11, 2015, in honor of our veterans and of September 11th.

The food committee, along with the help of other Moose Riders, prepped the

Italian dinner the night before at the Lodge. We also had one of our Riders make a beautiful American Flag cake.

The night of September 11th was a very special night. The Lodge was so supportive with a moment of silence in remembrance of our veterans and of that tragic day of September 11. The Moose Riders raised \$450.00 and donated it to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Since then, we have had a dinner at our Golden Gate Lodge. We hosted Thanksgiving Dinner for our Golden Gate members with a great turnout. The Moose Riders also provide lunch the first Sunday for Football Funday Sundays during football season.

We haven't forgotten about our other two Lodges, as they are next in our Mobile Moose Rider Kitchen Adventure.

—Marlene Kern, District 27 Moose Riders

Below: Awesome American Flag cake.

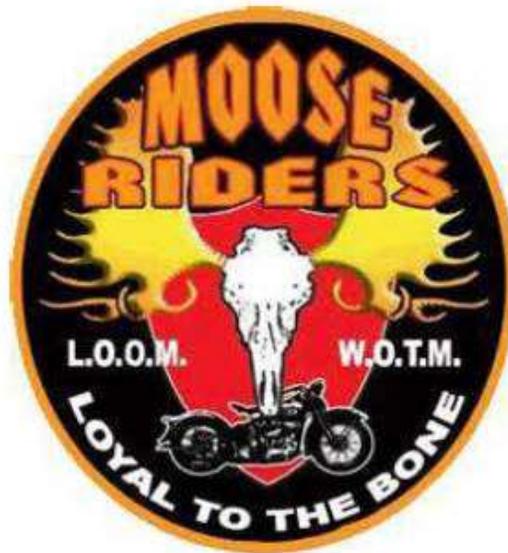


3rd Annual Moose Riders of District 27 Rally Picnic

THE
OLD 41 BAND

RAFFLES

50/50'S



Food
\$8.00

PRIZES

**To Benefit the
Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch**

Saturday, January 30, 2016 12:00-5:00PM

Bonita Springs Moose Lodge
25101 Old 41 Rd.
Bonita Springs, FL

For more information: Josh 239-821-8259 or Marlene/Slider 239-571-9814

—It's Been a Busy Few Months for Mandarin (FL) Riders

4 Wheels Plus 2 Wheels Equals JAM-min' Moose



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!!!! I hope this edition of Pipes finds everyone safe and in good health.

WOW there's SO much going on with our Riders in the past months, but our present event is our Riders have teamed up with a local Car Club "JAM" (Jacksonville Automotive Muscle) to help out a needy family of 6. Between the Riders and JAM we were able to make these 4 little children happy for Christmas and also help the family with household needs. They basically needed everything. So of course our Riders stepped to the plate and helped out. Between these two generous clubs we became the JAMming Moose. The four wheeled cars and the two wheeled bikes came together as a giving team. When we ROLL we ROLL.

On the same day the Riders hosted a bingo night complete with bags of homemade cookies donated by Moose members and Riders. We were spread thin but made it to both events including our very own Rider

Fred Baker who is a professional Santa along with his wife as Mrs. Santa. The Riders also participated in the Angel Tree at our Lodge. We purchased some great gifts for these two little angels.

In past months a group of us went to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch Annual Open House and Rodeo and we presented 33 boys new to the ranch with Moose Rider belt buckles. The boys loved them!!! There will be a sibling house that will be opening in January. This will be the first time ever that girls will be living at the ranch! Our riders plan to go see it when it is open and at the same time do our Christmas for the ranch... this year we did the [continued next page]

Top left: Children enjoy an early Christmas with bikes and toys.

Top right: Rider Santa Fred Baker knocks on the door of a lucky family.

Bottom left: More gifts for some happy children.



same as we did last year and bought individual gifts for each house, and the gifts were very much appreciated. We will have a Christmas in January.

As usual, November and December have been busy months. Several Riders rode to the FSYR in Barberville for their annual Turkey in the Ground dinner. This is done in appreciation of groups that donate to the boys. While we were there, we were presented a plaque from the Youth Ranch for our contributions!!! This could not have been done if not for the generosity of our Riders and Lodge members who come out weekly and play bingo or donate their time...Great Job bingo players and crew...you rock!

We also attended the annual Chili Cook-off at Moosehaven. A few members attend the Wreaths Across America at the Jacksonville Memorial Gardens, which was a very somber event but also very humbling. Also on December 12th some Riders attended the annual Veteran's Toy ride that was held the same day.

PHEW... so as you see we've been BUSY rolling and doing what we do BEST. Giving as much as we can for those in need. I must say we are a SMALL group of Riders but we seem to get BIG things done. I can't thank our Riders enough for always being there to help and give. I couldn't ask for a BETTER group of Riders and friends. I'm very lucky to have you ALL.

May you ALL have a blessed New Year.

RIDE SAFE:

—Linda Rodgers, Mandarin #42 Moose Riders, Vice President



Top photo: Photo op with riders and Bingo players.
Left: Riders and Jam members.

—Attention Florida Moose Riders (and beyond!)

Annual Spring Getaway Scheduled for April in Naples

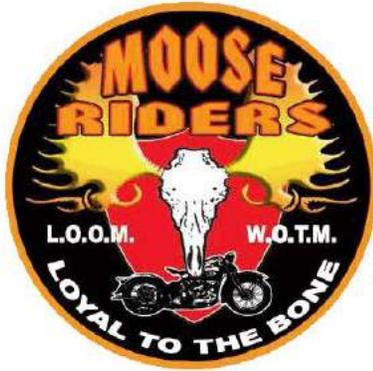
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6TH ANNUAL FBMA
SPRING MOTORCYCLE RALLY
GET AWAY WEEKEND APRIL 22, 23, 24 2016
GULF COAST INN, NAPLES FLORIDA
\$80./NIGHT PLUS TAX
CALL HOTEL FOR RESERVATIONS
MENTION "MOOSERIDER GROUP"
239-261-6046

SEPARATE REGISTRATION FOR RALLY
DETAILS COMING SOON!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
EMAIL MARLENE KERN
SLIDERMOOSERIDER@GMAIL.COM

**Proceeds from the Getaway are earmarked for the
FBMA Moose Riders' 3 Charities: Mooseheart,
Moosehaven and the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.
Consider supporting these charities by becoming a
sponsor and be recognized on the Rally T-shirt.
Mark your calendars and get ready to enjoy a weekend
of fun and fundraising.**



**6th ANNUAL
FBMA MOOSE RIDERS
2016 FBMA State Motorcycle Spring Rally Get Away
GULFCOAST INN
Naples, Florida
April 22, 23, 24 2016**

Sponsor Application

Date: _____

The FBMA State Moose Riders Spring Rally Get Away is a fundraiser for Moose Charities. All proceeds will support the "Child City" of Mooseheart, the Senior Adult Moosehaven, and the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches. Your Sponsorship Donation will place Your Name or Company Name on large banners that will be displayed at the Rally the entire weekend. Sponsors will be featured on the Rally T-shirt. The FBMA Moose Riders would like to thank you in advance for your generous participation in this event.

Personal Information:

SPONSOR NAME

STREET CITY STATE ZIP

HOME TELEPHONE WORK TELEPHONE CELL TELEPHONE

NAME ON BANNER AND SHIRT EMAIL ADDRESS
(Please print Moose Lodge name and Lodge number)

CHECK THE DONATION AMOUNT:

- \$25.00 COPPER
- \$50.00 BRONZE
- \$75.00 SILVER
- \$100.00 GOLD
- \$125.00 PLATIUM
- \$150.00+ TOP SPONSOR

**TO COMPLETE PRINTING OF
BANNERS AND SHIRTS, WE ARE
REQUESTING YOUR
DONATIONS
DELIVERED NO LATER THAN
APRIL 1, 2016**

All Sponsor Donations will be featured in the Moose Riders Newsletter, Pipes.

**Please make all checks PAYABLE TO: Marlene Kern
Earmark check: FBMA State Moose Riders**

**MAIL TO: Marlene Kern
3400 Sacramento Way, #B
Naples, FL 34105**



—Remember Our Moose Charities

\$10 Million Moosehaven Centennial Project Gets Go-Ahead

The Moosehaven Board of Directors and the Supreme Council have approved the \$10,000,000 Capital Campaign **‘Moosehaven Centennial Project’**. I am sure those of you that attended the Nashville International Convention remember Executive Director John Capes introducing it to the attendees.

MOOSEHAVEN CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Construct a new congregate living facility for Moosehaven’s Traditional residents.

PROJECT GOALS:

1. Improve the quality of life for Traditional residents
2. Reduce operating expenses

PROJECT SCOPE:

1. Located immediately east and across the street from the Donald R. Eisel Ohio Assisted Living Hall [see picture #1].
2. Three stories with two wings [pictures 2 & 3]
3. 105 residential apartments [pictures 4 & 5]
4. In-house kitchen and dining [picture 6]
5. Up-to-date technologies
6. In-house amenities
7. Tricycle parking
8. Modern, durable construction

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

Improve the quality of life for Traditional residents.

The first of our two primary goals for this project was to improve the quality of life for congregate residents by providing a modern flexible facility. This new building provides larger apartments, each having a deck or patio (depending on floor), private bathrooms and expanded closet space.

Reduce operating expenses:

Our second goal was to reduce operating expenses. While this goal was secondary to improving the quality of life for our residents, it is evident that these were not mutually exclusive but rather mutually supporting.

So, my friends – you did an outstanding job for the Mooseheart School Renovation – and I know you can do the same for Moosehaven. Let’s keep the momentum going and get this outstanding project out to all.

Always remember.... **IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME!**

With warmest regards and in friendship,

Jan Fregulia

Executive Director, Moose Charities



SCHOOL SUPPORT

There are numerous programs you can take part in that support Mooseheart. Visit the Moose Charities website to download a Resource Guide that gives a program summary and how you can participate.

Check it out at:
<http://www.moosecharities.org/school-support-programs/>

General Mills Boxtops for Education
 Click here for details

Target Take Charge of Education Program
 Click here for details

Campbells Labels for Education Program
 Click here for details

My Coke Rewards Program
 Click here for details

Recycle for Mooseheart
 Click here for details

7th Generation Recycling
 Click here for details

Meijer Community Rewards
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Terracycle
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Amazon Smile
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Ebay Giving Works
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**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
JUST
BECAME
MORE
VALUABLE!**



MOOSE REWARDS

It's simple, you can earn points for sponsoring members, attending meetings, holding office, or just renewing your dues. Every member has an opportunity to participate and your points are awarded automatically without any paperwork or submissions.

Here's what you earn for each activity:

- Sponsor your FIRST ever new or re-enrolled member into the LOOM or WOTM – 6,000 points
- Sponsor a new or re-enrolled member into the LOOM or WOTM – 600 points
- Sponsor your FIRST ever new or re-enrolled member into the Moose Legion – 1,000 points
- Sponsor a new or re-enrolled member into the Moose Legion – 250 points
- Renew your Lodge or Chapter dues – 250 points
- Renew your Lodge or Chapter Dues (year 1 to year 2) – 1,000 points
- Renew your Moose Legion dues – 150 points
- Renew your Moose Legion dues (year 1 to year 2) – 600 points
- Pay dues multiple years in advance – 1,000 points
- Become a Life Member – 1,000 points
- Join the Moose Legion – 250 points
- Become a Life Member of the Moose Legion – 600 points
- Qualify for the 25 Club – 1,000 points
- Attain the next division(s) within the 25 Club – 250 points
- Attain a higher degree of the Order – 1,000 points
- Members you sponsor renew their dues (year 1 to year 2) – 1,000 points
- Members you sponsor renew their dues (year 2+) – 600 points
- Members you sponsor renew their Moose Legion dues – 250 points
- Attend an International Moose Convention – 1,000 points
- Attend an instructor-led, live training session – 1,000 points
- Complete an online training program – 600 points
- Hold an elected office in your Lodge or Chapter* – 8,000 points
- Hold an elected office on your Association Executive Board* – 600 points
- Hold an elected office in the Moose Legion* – 1,000 points
- Attend the Moose Texas Hold 'Em tournament or future select programs – 250 points

**At least 10 months in office and still in the position on April 30th*

Here's how many points are needed to redeem for:

- Annual LOOM dues for Lodges with dues between \$34-\$50 – 22,500 points
- Annual LOOM dues for Lodges with dues between \$51-\$100 – 30,000 points
- Annual WOTM dues – 12,500 points
- Annual Moose Legion dues – 9,000 points
- Registration for the International Moose Convention – 30,000 points
- Contributions to Mooseheart & Moosehaven through Moose Charities* – 8,000 points
- Moose gift store merchandise* – 8,000 points
- Gift cards[^] – 25,000 points
 - Kohl's
 - Amazon
 - Walmart
 - Target
 - Bass Pro Shop
- Cash[^] – 25,000 points
- Entry into the Texas Hold 'Em tournament – 420,000 points
- Moose cruise fees – 726,400 points

**Represents the number of points for every \$10 contributed or available for purchase*

[^] Number of points needed for each \$25 card or \$25 in cash

All program access is online:

Simply visit the [My Membership Record](#) section of the Moose website and your Rewards Record will be contained in your individual section. If you have visited before, simply log in. If you have not, follow the instructions to establish a user profile. You can keep track of your points and redeem them by revisiting this area. To redeem points, you must also provide a valid email address.

The program's official start date is May 1, 2015 and is scheduled to conclude on April 30, 2020. All activities conducted from the start date through conclusion will be counted towards points earned. No activities prior to the start date will be awarded points as previous programs and awards were in place to reward activity. Points are non-transferable. Moose International reserves the right to alter the program at any time.

For promotional materials and more information, including the Official Terms & Conditions, please visit the Membership section on the [Forms & Documents](#) page.

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MAY 21, 2016

13TH ANNUAL MOOSEHEART

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Available immediately (limited quantities)
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Available in **M, L, XL, & 2X**.
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Email mooseriderpipes@aol.com to order—Joan



Pipes continues to evolve, representing more and more Moose Rider Activity Groups throughout the country. A new Pipes² logo featuring dual pipes and a slightly different layout is symbolic of the increased news coverage and my intention to make even more noise about the fundraising efforts and high level of community service of our dedicated riders. Look for more changes down the road and email me with any ideas at mooseriderpipes@aol.com. Pipes is a 14-time winner of the Moose Journalism Awards.— Editor

