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Wisconsin Moose Association



October 2022



2022-2023 Chairman of the Board-Bruce T. Masopust WMA Visits



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FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of The Moose,

Thank you to those who attended the 106th Annual Wisconsin Moose Convention. For those who attended the Workshop on Why Chapters are Important, thank you for your participation! Please share that valuable information with your lodges.

Our new Wisconsin State Board and Chairpersons were sworn in on Sat. Sept. 10th. Congratulations to all of you and to all the Women who earned their Golden Gavel.

Join me in celebrating members of District 2 who were awarded Top District, and members of Janesville 197 who were awarded Top Lodge. Congratulations! Keep up the good work!197

As the new appointed Wisconsin State Moose President, I have announced that my project for my term will be to raise funds to provide K-9 vests for police departments throughout the state. My original goal was to supply one vest for each District; however, this year's convention reminded me that we are The Moose, we are strong, and we make things happen when we work together. At the convention alone, \$1560 was raised in 3 days! That accomplishment will not only provide 3 vests, but it made me proud of my fellow Moose members, grateful for all their support and humbled to be part of such an amazing fraternity.

My new goal is to provide one K-9 vest on behalf of each Lodge. With your help, I believe that we can do it! We are Moose. We Make it Happen! In our effort to supply as many K9 vests as possible, I would like to challenge every Wisconsin lodge to have a fund raiser for this cause. Any fundraising activities by individual lodges would be a great help for this project and greatly appreciated, and I thank you all in advance. Please place k-9 NIN THE MEMO LINE OF THE CHECK. If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at 608-302-8010.

Any funds raised can be sent to:

Matthew Boardman Wisconsin Moose Association 607 East Sixth Ave. Brodhead, WI 53520

Additionally, I want to thank the lodges that hosted or Chairman of the Board, Bruce Maspust. You demonstrated the welcoming family friendly environment that we want to represent.

Ruth 1:16 "Don't urge me to leave you or turn back from you. Where you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God."

As always, I will remain dedicated to my God, my family, and my people of The Moose. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to fill the role as Wisconsin State Moose President. I want to thank you all for your support. I'm looking forward to a year of unparalleled growth as we all work together to strengthen our fraternity and support our communities.

Wisconsin State Board President,

Mike Wixom



WISCONSIN TREE LIGHTING & SENIOR PORTRAIT LUNCHEON

It is always a hard transition for all us, but if that famous craft store, which is not open on Sundays, can put out Christmas decorations in July, then we should be able to prepare for the Annual Senior Portrait Luncheon and Tree Lighting at Mooseheart on Saturday December 3, 2022!

Many of you have heard that the Mooseheart Light Display is not happening this year. This does not in any way change the Wisconsin Moose Association's wish to continue to support the Mooseheart Class of 2022 with their senior portraits.

The WMA will host the luncheon in the Mooseheart Gymnasium for you, the members, who will then have the opportunity to tour the Campus to meet and bond with many of the children we support.

Two options for Sponsorship of a Senior! The first option is to sponsor a Senior, the exact number of graduating Seniors is unknown at the time of this writing. The cost to sponsor a Senior is \$325.

The second option is to sponsor the class portrait of the entire Class of 2023! Each Senior will receive a class portrait! The cost of a Class Portrait is also \$325. Either option will cover the cost of the portraits and include 3 luncheon tickets.

We would love to see many of you on this day! Additional lunch tickets can be purchased for \$15.

Attend a meeting at your local Lodge and make sure they have sponsored a Senior. Check to see if your local Lodge is hosting a coach bus making the trek down to Mooseheart!

Members through the years will all agree, once you step on the grounds of Mooseheart - you will always maintain your membership in the greatest Fraternity around!

Senior Portrait Chairmen,

John and Nicole Springsteen

TERRITORY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall Ya'll,

Hope this message finds you well. We are in the midst of Cradle Season. Please make sure that the cradles are visible and that your bar stewards know what they are and to present the opportunity to donate to the membership. October 22, 2022 is Moose International Open House Day. Do you have something planned? Get it out there. Let people know this is a good time to checkout our lodge and learn about what we do. This month kicks off the Holiday season. Soon the little ghouls and goblins will be gracing our lodges for our Halloween parties, followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. Make your plans now and get your lodge members involved. Many Hands make light work. Keep on those membership numbers. Let's get Wisconsin to be the number one association in the country like we know we are!

Fraternally,

Michael Rynearson, TM





CHAPTER NEWS

Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

What an absolutely amazingly awesome Annual Convention we had! Our OV, Sandy DeSotel and her escort (future husband) Harry Johnston, were so much fun. We're blessed to have had her for our OV.

I was extremely pleased and impressed with our very first Golden Gavel Convocation. Our conferral staff did a wonderful job. The room was packed and that hardly ever happens. And we were fortunate to have some Brothers join us. Congratulations again to our new Golden Gavel recipients:

Kailyn Anderson – West Bend Chapter 732	Ruth Lasee – Green Bay Chapter 451
Candy Nelson – Beloit Chapter 56	Eileen O'Bel – Monroe Chapter 599
Nicole Springsteen – Racine Chapter 631	Cathy Turner – Chippewa Falls Chapter 770

You are now half way to receiving your College of Regents Degree. How AWESOME is that !!!

October is the month for the Cradle Fundraiser. Let's make this one the best one EVER!

October 22, 2022 is our Chapter Rally Day celebration with Racine Chapter 631 as the hostess Chapter. I'm super excited about this and I'm most certain that a good time will be had by all. Remember, Chapter representation at Rally Day is one of the requirements for the coveted Award of Achievement.

October is also the month that the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Committee holds their Christmas in October. Let's make this a very special meeting. This meeting can be held as an open meeting.

Thank you all so very much for everything you do! Mooseheart, Moosehaven and our Communities truly do appreciate it.

Be well, take care, stay safe and always remember to stay humble and kind!

Karyn Johnson

Grand Council Member / Chapter Advocate / ATM





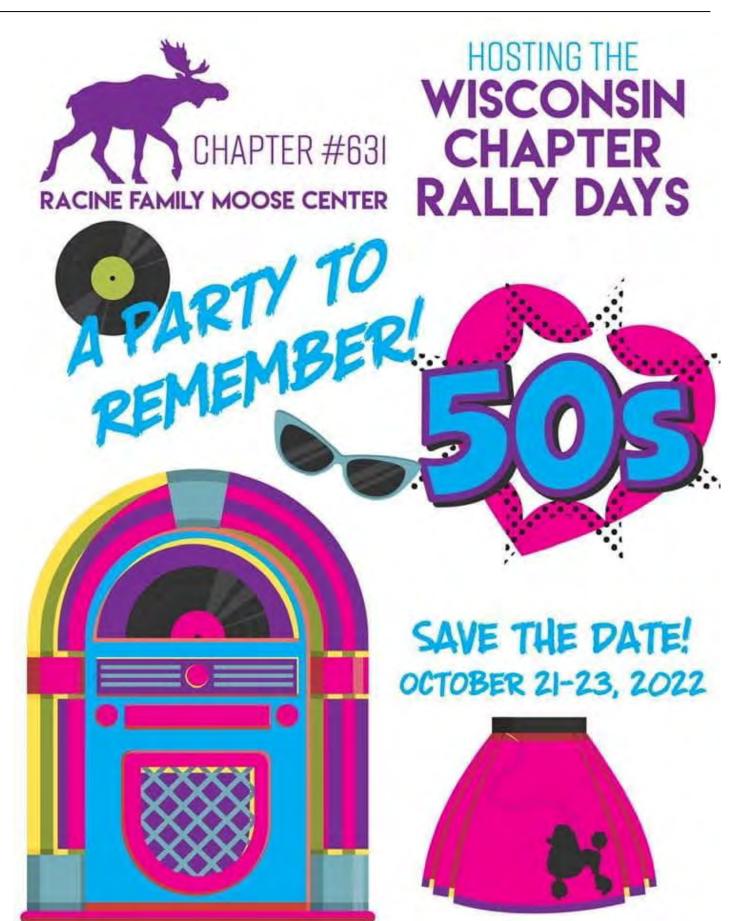








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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Hello everyone!

Hopefully you attended our WMA conference in Steven's Point. A super time was had there. Great sessions were held, great social time, and great friendships. The membership group, myself, Renee LaPoint and Mike Wixom all cannot say thank you enough for your participation at our fund raising bake sale, TV raffle, were great success. Many ideas to help our association grow were reviewed at both areas. We all need to remember that growth at our lodges and chapters as well as our association IS our future.

Again, like last month, I'm asking all our lodges and chapters to think about your members now on fixed incomes and how we can help them stay members thru some type of program, whether it be a payment term type item or reduced senior cost to the lodge offset to full payment to international. Other members may also be in situations that could use some Moose Family help. The glaring item that came out from the membership session presentation was number of application's in so far this year. Our fraternity apps is bleak to say the least. As has been said numerous times "Just-Ask" that's all it takes, you cannot enroll a member without asking them to join! Ladies and Gentlemen we need to commit to growth for our association and fraternity. Get with your boards and membership committee's and plan your attack on growth your lodge and chapter. Again thank you everyone for all you do. Any questions or suggestions please feel free to ask myself, Renee or Mike not only your questions but also your suggestions.

Sincerely Yours in Moose Friendship,

Dennis Dost - WMA Membership Co-Chairmen



MOOSE - "MAKE IT HAPPEN!"

May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023

For the first time in several decades, The Moose is on track to generate an increase in membership, all because you believed that we could Make It Happen. We are telling the world what we are about as a Fraternity, and our missions of helping children in need, our senior members, and the communities in which we operate, are resonating with the public.

Even during COVID, our members continued to make an impact by distributing food to those in need, supporting the efforts of our first responders, and raising money for our two campuses at an unprecedented rate. You made that happen because of your commitment to the Moose and your caring attitude towards others. Now, more than ever, people see the things we do and understand the importance of having an organization that looks out for others at the most critical times.

Our 2022-23 campaign slogan is not only a statement but it is a challenge. Our members make things happen by helping others and showing what it means to be a Moose. To be successful we need to write down our vision and address it every day. Dream the dream, have a plan and Make It Happen! 2022 - 2023 Moose Year WMA Membership Rewards

Sponsor 1-5 MooseBucks

If you are sponsoring your first ever, get an additional 5 MooseBucks

Sponsor 3- WMA Stadium Blanket

Sponsor 5- Entry into a drawing for a Life Membership or \$500

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MOOSE CHARITIES UPDATES

Greetings from Moose Charities

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According to the calendar, the fall season is well under way with the leaves changing colors and the trees slowing becoming bare. This also means the 2022-2023 school year is also under way. Have you renewed your Mooseheart Booster donation? If yes, Great! Thank you for taking the time to renew. If you haven't yet renewed, now is the perfect time. Please make your donation by visiting <u>https://www.moosecharities.org</u> or mail your donation directly to Moose Charities, 155 South International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539

As you visit your Lodge home this month, please remember to support the October Cradle Fund. The 2021 Cradle Fund Donations totaled \$4,748.25. Let's see what we can do to increase the total for October 2022!



Thank you to the Lodge donations of Silent Auction Baskets for the Annual Conference held in Stevens Point. The Silent Auction Baskets, School Support and Mooseheart Booster Basket Raffles at the Moose Charities table raised \$1,565.00. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for the baskets and all the 'bidders'.

Thank you for all you do to continually support the Moose Charities mission.

Cheryl Ripp Moose Charities Co Chair









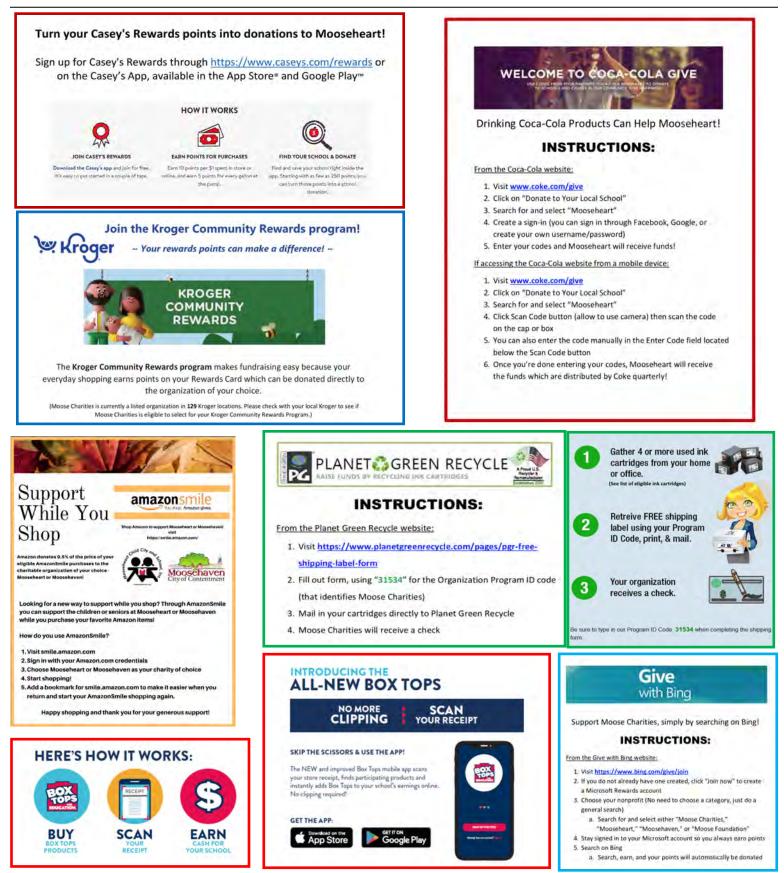
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WAYS TO HELP MOOSEHEART & MOOSEHAVEN- ALL YEAR LONG



HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

LOOK WHAT YOU DID!!!!!!

The H.O.C. project (OPERATION BOOTSTRAP) at Stevens Point was a huge success, Thanks to all of you! For your generosity and kindness, all I can say is "it's beyond belief". The bags of clothing, beautiful jackets, boxes of food, personal needs items and the time put into the homemade pieces was over the top. "BEAUTIFUL" is the best word to describe all of you and your kindness in helping the entire area groups.

I thank Mike Rynearson and John Hill for having the New Tommy Moose stop in for a photo shoot and impromptu fundraising event. We collected over \$300.00 and at the end of the weekend had over \$900.00 (less the 2 cases of Tommy Moose) that went to "OPERATION BOOTSTRAP" The items listed above filled a U-Haul Strait Truck from front to back, about 3 feet high!!! AWWWESOME!!!!

A copy of this letter and pictures of the event will be sent to Stevens Point Lodge attention to Judy Laabs, our "on the spot" coordinator w "Operation Bootstrap". She will give a copy to the Operation Bootstrap representative who may wish to post it at their points of operation. A huge Thank You to everyone who helped especially Kathy Raether and Carol Rogowski who always

see this project thru from displaying and promoting it, right down to loading it. My two right arm Gals!

Please remember: A Heart of the Community project is only as good as the individuals promoting it and remembering to say "Thank You!" to all who helped with it is a priority. We thrive and survive with the help of our volunteers. The promo you do after the event is of the utmost importance. It lets your volunteers know how they did and reminds your Community that the Moose is there for them!

In the name of the Moose, bless all of you for the good you do!

Helen M. Kiefer Heart of the Community Chairperson





SAFE SURFIN'

Hello everyone

As the Safe Surfin' Chairman, I would like to inform you on what our new President project that he would like to do. Mike Wixom is from the Janesville Lodge and he would like to raise money to buy as many Canines Bullet Proof Vest and distribute them throughout the State of Wisconsin.

At the Annual Convention he had a stuffed dog with him and it got kidnapped, the kidnappers were doing this to help raise funds for this project. The kidnappers kept sending updates and how the dog was doing and if he needed anything, by doing this we raised \$1530 towards this project.

So, if you would like to donate to this special, please send a check to Wisconsin Moose Association, earmarked WMA President project. Send to Matt Boardman, $607 \to 6^{\text{th}}$ Ave, Brodhead, WI, 53520.

These vests cost about \$600 with shipping, so please give it your consideration to help these brave dogs that help our Police Officers.



SPORTS PAGE



AROUND THE STATE

District One would like to congratulate District Two, It's President Kellee, all the great lodges and chapters and all the members for being chosen as the

number ONE district in our Wisconsin Moose Association! Very, very deserving and what a super job District Two, Good Going. All our other districts have something to shoot for next year.

As President of district one and a member of the Janesville Moose Lodge I can't tell you how proud I am of Janesville Lodge being chosen as the number One lodge in our association - great job! All our D-1 lodges and chapters do so much for their members, community, and our fraternity everyday - Thank you Beloit, Janesville, Monroe, Madison, and Watertown.

District One has a wonderful district fund raising program scheduled for 10/29 at our Beloit Lodge. We will be doing a Heart of The Community project for the "Adaptive Alliance" day care center. This center provides quality care for adult individuals 18-60. A non-profit dedicated to providing a safe and positive environment for those they serve. We will have a chili cook off, bake sale, bag raffles, meat raffles (\$200 in meat donated by the Hodgson and Reed family) and "Friends" Halloween parade and awards (friends is what the Adaptive Alliance like to call their people). Other items on the board are a spring picnic and other fun items in D-1. Our next meeting is on Oct.8th sponsored by the Capital City Moose Service Center. The meeting will be held at The Ridge 2879 Fish Hatchery Rd. Fitchburg, WI. Everyone in our WMA is always invited to come out

Fitchburg, WI. Everyone in our WMA is always invited to come out and have a great fun time at all our D-1 events and meetings, hope to see some of you.

Sincerely yours in Moose Friendship



Dennis Dost - District One President

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Hello from District 2! Yay! We Did It!

When I say we, I mean all of us. It took every single person in our District to 'Make the Year' for 3 of our 4 Lodges! What an amazing accomplishment, can we do 4 out of 4 this year and repeat? I think we can! Let's Make It Happen! There are so many exciting thigs happening down here this month: State Pool (Racine), Chapter Rally Days (Racine), and State Executive Board and District Presidents Meetings (Racine). Not to mention all the Halloween Festivities, Packer Parties

and Weekly Lodge Events! We truly have something for everybody. One of the best things about our District is the ability to be at any other Lodge in the District within 45 minutes. We are so blessed to be able to visit so many of our other Lodges in such a short period of time!

October is also Cradle month, Let's "Rock the Cradle," as the Largest District in the state, we need to be leaders in raising these funds!

Have you seen the Moose Quilt made by Deb Seibel being Raffled off at Chapter Rally Days, Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 8 PM? Make sure you get your tickets. They are \$10 each and the proceeds will go to Alzheimer's Association. A second ticket will be drawn for a sewing machine. You need not be present to win.

Fraternally,

Kellee Chwala

District 2 President







AROUND THE STATE

Happy Fall Ya'all from District 5.

My favorite time of year is here, sweatshirts, pumpkins and Packers

Now that we have had our WMA Annual convention we can say fall is finally kicked off,

New State Board, State Chairmen and District Presidents all sworn in for a new year.

Congratulations to our new State President Mike Wixom from Janesville. He will be a great leader for the Association to move forward.

Congrats to the 3 new WOMEN District Presidents, District 3: Tammy Schmidt from West Bend, District 4: Brenda Mehlberg from Clintonville and District 6: Kathy Williger from Rice Lake

What a great time to spend with your Moose family. There was even a visit from Tommy Moose himself to hand out autographed Tommy Moose Dolls for a donation.

Congratulations to District 2 for taking on TOP DISTRICT!! Impressively they had 3 of their 4 lodges get Premiere Lodge. WAY TO GO!!

Congratulations to Menomonie Lodge 1584 from District 5 for receiving Premiere Lodge and Administrator Jon Hill for getting the leadership award. Congratulations to Henry Schneider and Cathy Turner from Chippewa Falls for receiving their Fellow and Golden Gavel!

Wouldn't it be awesome if we could do 4 of 4 in District 5 this year! What a goal, but I have faith in everything you all do for the fraternity. LETS MAKE IT HAPPEN !

In August we had our first annual Family Fun Day Picnic in Chippewa Falls. What a success! Beautiful day, good turn out and good food. Music, games, and raffles were enjoyed by all. Can't wait for the next!

Here is to another great year and let's get that TOP District Back!!

Next Meeting for District 5 will be Saturday 10/15/2022 in Eau Claire

Thanks for all you do

Dawn Hill









STATE CHRISTMAS PARTY INFORMATION- RSVP BY DECEMBER 1

Hampton Inn Beloit

3-star hotel• <u>Eco-certified</u> 2700 Cranston Rd, Beloit, WI 53511•(608) 362-6000

Home2 Suites by Hilton Beloit

3-star hotel• Eco-certified 2750 Cranston Rd, Beloit, WI 53511•(608) 467-5500

Ironworks Hotel Beloit

3-star hotel 500 Pleasant St, Beloit, WI 53511•(608) 362-5500

Baymont by Wyndham Janesville

2-star hotel 616 Midland Rd, Janesville, WI 53546•(608) 758-4545

AmericInn by Wyndham Janesville

2-star hotel 3900 Milton Ave, Janesville, WI 53546•(608) 371-9981

Please RSVP Bye 12/7/2022 to Michael Wixom 608-302-8010 Michael_wixom@yahoo.com

Christmas Party December 10 Beloit Moose lodge 1806 Gale Drive Beloit wi, 535511

Hors d'oeuvres at cocktail 5:00-6:00 Dinner 6:00to 7:00 Fellowship and frolicking 7:00-to? Music by Electric Red 7:30 to ?

If you would like to bring a gift to exchange, please do so about a \$ 20.00 Value. The Gifts would be for same sex. Man for a Man and a woman for women exchange

During the Board meeting there will be an activity Planed for spouses.

Meal Cost \$17.00 Baked chicken or Baked ham Vegetables Green beans and corn Dressing Mashed potatoes with gravy

Cheese and sausage trays for cocktail hour included in cost of the meal.

DATES TO REMEMBER:



WMA Board of Officers

President: Mike Wixom Vice Pres: Larry Pratt Chaplain: Margie Marsden **Treasurer: Clyde Brophy** Secretary: Matt Boardman Jr. Past Pres: Brad Boivin Moose Legion Ambassador: Tom Kronenburg Territory Manager: Mike Rynearson Regional Manager: Darrell O'Brien

Have a story to submit? Emai to: News@wismoose.org

2022 Moose Legion Ritual Competition & Conference

Hosted by Seminole Moose Legion 81

November 10-13, 2022

Southbank Hotel Jacksonville Riverwalk 1515 Prudential Drive Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 396-5100

Schedule includes opportunity to attend annual Moosehaven Chill Cook-Off on Saturday, November 12.

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	2022				
	OCTOBER				
1	Matt Froh PPC	Clintonville #1502			
8	Moose Legion #142	Marinette #2327	10:00 AM		
12	District #3 Meeting	West Bend #1398	7:00 PM		
15	District #1 Meeting	Madison #291	10:00 AM		
15	District #4 Board of Officers Meeting	Kaukauna #953	10:00 AM		
15	District #4 Meeting	Kaukauna #953	11:00 AM		
15	District #5 Board Meeting	Eau Claire #1408	10:00 AM		
15	District #5 Meeting	Eau Claire #1408	11:00 AM		
15	CV Moose Legion #143 Board Meeting	Eau Claire #1408	12:30 PM		
15	Moose Legion #143 Meeting	Eau Claire #1408	1:00 PM		
15	CV COHD	Eau Claire #1408	2:00 PM		
15	MWA State Pool	Racine #437			
16	Moose Legion 31- Board Meeting	Racine #437	10:00 AM		
16	SE Wisconsin COHD	Racine #437	11:00 AM		
16	Moose Legion 31- Celebration	Racine #437	1:00 PM		
21-23	CHAPTER RALLY DAYS	RACINE #437	9:00 AM		
22	District #7 Board of Officers Meeting	La Crosse #1920	11:00 AM		
22	District #7 Meeting	La Crosse #1920	11:30 AM		
29	WMA Executive Committee Meeting	Racine #437	1:00 PM		
29	WMA District Presidents Meeting	Racine #437	3:00 PM		
NOVEMBER					
21	District #2 Meeting	Milwuakee #49	6:00 PM		
26	District #1 Meeting CHOD to Follow	Monroe #754	10:00 AM		
DECEMBER					
3	MOOSEHEART TREE LIGHTING	MOOSEHEART			
10	District #7 Board of Officers Meeting	Juneau Co #1913	11:00 AM		
10	District #7 Meeting	Juneau Co #1913	11:30 AM		
10	WMA Executive Committee Meeting	Beloit #191	9:00 AM		
10	WMA District Presidents Meeting	Beloit #191	1:00 PM		
10	WMA State Board Meeting	Beloit #191	3:00 PM		
10	WMA State Board Christmas Party	Beloit #191	5:00 PM		
10	District #4 Board of Officers Meeting	Clintonville #1502	10:00 AM		
10	District #4 Meeting	Clintonville #1502	11:00 AM		



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