

FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Salutations, Brothers and Sisters of The Moose.

I wanted this, my last article as the Wisconsin State Moose Association President, to be a memorable piece. As I pondered what thoughts to share with you, my Moose Family, I couldn't for the life of me think of any words of wisdom that we haven't all heard before. Then I noticed a magnet on my wife's file cabinet. On the magnet is an Emerson quote that ends, "...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

I am so moved by countless moments that life has given me, I am unable to narrow them down enough to fit on this page. I reread every speech and article I have presented, and realized that the most common idea I offer is to "stop and look around you."

This idea of a pause is very significant. It can give us a moment to catch our breath. It gives us time to think and observe. In that pause we can prioritize, plan, recharge and prepare to take more effective action. This moment of pause can provide us with new insight...but only if we choose to take the moment.

When I pause, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. My pause brings to light all the blessings that God has given me. I cannot express how much my wife has positively affected my life, how proud I am of our children, how comforted I am by our friends, and how much good we are able to spread via this fraternity. My gratitude stems from the help I can offer others, and the help that others offer to me.

The ability to ask for support and accept assistance is not a weakness, but a strength. The Moose Association thrives because we recognize that not a single one of us is an island. We recognize that not one of us can stand alone indefinitely. Everyone needs support at one time or another, and everyone is given opportunities to assist others.

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As State president, I had a goal in mind to raise funds for Police K-9 units. The support from our members is the keystone to our strength, and it was that support that made the project so successful. It is the dedication and actions of moose members that make things happen. WE...make it happen.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the 107th Annual Convention in September. I am also excited to be part of the Rudolph Run again this year. Any donations to our team (Team Wixom Wisconsin) would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made on the Moose International/Moose Charities website.

As my presidency is coming to an end, know that I am grateful for being given the opportunity to have helped make a difference. I cannot thank you all enough for all that you do to support the children at Mooseheart, the seniors at Moosehaven, our Wisconsin communities and each other.

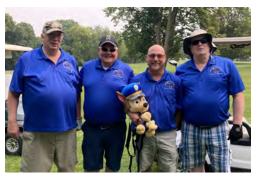
I am humbled to be a part of such an amazing fraternity, and I am proud to call each of you my Moose Family.

As always, I thank you for all past and future support. You are the strength of the Moose.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Wixom

Wisconsin Moose Association State President



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TERRITORY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

To Whom It May Concern

I don't know who needs to hear this, But everything is manageable; Your life doesn't have to fall to pieces, And your hopes and dreams are tangible.

Sometimes it's hard to see it— When your mind is clouded with depression; But please listen to these words, 'Cause this is my confession.

> Now, I won't say I'm any better, Oh, I still have my bitter days— When everything seems pointless, And the poison seeps into my veins.

But I've learned to let my sorrows sleep On the thawing earth beneath my feet; I've learned to smile instead of weep I finally found my sense of peace.

Denny Coborie



I look forward to seeing you all at Convention in Stevens Point!

-Mike

Wisconsin 2022-2023 Premier Lodges

Kenosha 286 Rice Lake 402 Racine 437 River Falls 594 Muskego 1057 West Bend 1398 Menomonie 1584 Fond du Lac 2564



Lodge Incentive Program	Discount
5% off per-capita for being a plus & making membership application goal	5%
5% off per-capita for being a plus	5%
5% off per-capita for being a plus & having 7% preferred members	5%
20% off per-capita for being the Top Lodge	20%
5% off for getting retention to 85% for the year	5%
10% off per-capita for getting 65% of points (86 pts or more) Top Lodge	10%
TOTAL DISCOUNT AVAILABLE:	50%



Sponsorship of Senior Portraits Mooseheart Class of 2024

To All Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Higher Degrees, Districts and Members:

The Annual Mooseheart Tree Lighting Program for the Wisconsin Moose Association will be celebrating its 60th year. It will also be the 14th Annual Senior Portrait Luncheon and Presentation Program. The Tree Lighting Program is the longest running program at the Mooseheart campus and is the event that starts the holiday season for the children entrusted to our care at Mooseheart. The Senior Portrait Luncheon and Program has become a very special tradition for our young men and women during their final year at Mooseheart.

The Mooseheart Tree Lighting Program will be on Saturday December 2, 2023. All Wisconsin Moose Association members are invited to the Mooseheart campus to help us kick off this special holiday tradition. Please promote this event to all your members. This is a golden opportunity to experience first-hand the wonders that your hard work and dedication make possible for the children at Mooseheart! It is often said, "one trip down to Mooseheart and you will forever understand why we are members!".

We invite each fratemal unit or individual members to sponsor one of the 12 seniors graduating this years portraits. Like last year, sponsorship of individuals' senior portrait or a class portrait is **\$350**. The sponsoring unit will receive a beautiful 8"x 10" portrait of a senior/class portrait to display proudly in their Moose Home! Sponsorship includes (3) luncheon tickets.

We assign seating based on a table seating of 6, to include the senior, a dignitary from Moose International with guest, and 3 of your members to be chosen by the sponsoring unit.

All members that make the trip to Mooseheart are invited to the Senior Portrait Luncheon and Presentation being held at the Fieldhouse. Those members not seated at the tables with the Mooseheart students will be seated nearby. This will allow everyone to attend the presentation and have the unique experience of hearing directly from the Mooseheart senior class and some of the staff members.

How to sponsor a Senior or Class Portrait:

For those Moose units or individuals interested in sponsoring one of the 2024 Senior Portrait or a Class Portraits, please mail check to WMA. It would be appreciated if you could send an email to the Springsteen's so we can cross reference with checks received by the WMA. With few students graduating this year, it is first come first serve for a student. We will assign Class Portraits after the Senior Portraits are spoken for. Remember Class Portraits are just as important to the students. Checks should be made out to the "Wisconsin Moose Association" with "Senior Portraits" or "Class Portrait" in the memo line. Please mail check to:

> Matt Boardman Wisconsin Moose Association Secretary 607 East 6th Avenue Broadhead, WI 53520

How to pre-order additional Luncheon Tickets:

The cost of the meal for additional members attending lunch will be \$20 per person. Please order and mail checks for your tickets by November 10, 2023. Tickets purchased at the door will cost \$25.00 per person.

- 1. An email request for pre-ordered tickets MUST be sent to the Springsteen's at <u>witreelighting@yahoo.com</u>. Please give us total head count. This will allow us to know how many are attending and prepare seating arrangements.
 - TOTAL members signed up to join us for the Senior Luncheon_____
 - Did you sponsor a Senior Portrait/Class Portrait subtract 3 tickets (included)
 - Final Total of Additional Luncheon Tickets Needed _____ X \$20 =\$_____
- 2. Please mail check payable for Luncheon Tickets to "Wisconsin Moose Association" indicating "Senior Luncheon" on the memo line.
- 3. Will you be traveling by Coach Bus? If so, please let us know if you are traveling by coach bus and if you are picking up another Lodge along the way.

We hope that you will consider sponsoring this project either this year or in the future. On behalf of the Mooseheart Senior Class of 2024 and all the children entrusted to our care, we want to sincerely THANK YOU in advance for all that you do as a proud Moose member. God bless you and may God bless this wonderful Fraternity.

Fraternally,

John Springsteen Sr. and Nicole Springsteen Co-Chairmen Tree Lighting & Senior Portrait Programs

witreelighting@yahoo.com - John's Cell (262) 994-7415 / Nicole's Cell (262) 994-7416

CHAPTER NEWS



Greetings!

We're going in to the "Ber" months, my favorite time of year!

September brings with it our Annual Convention – many congratulations to our new Golden Gavel Recipients! This honor is bestowed upon those who have successfully completed the requirements while serving as Senior Regent and the Chapter received the Award of Achievement during her term as Senior Regent. However, always remember that no one achieves this high honor on their own. It takes the entire Chapter working together to make this happen. And many congratulations to our new Fellows as well!

Just a reminder that form 990 needs to be completed by September 15th.

In October, our Chapters will celebrate Chapter Rally Days. Our Rally Day Celebration will be held at West Bend Lodge October 13-15th with Saturday, October 14th being the required day of attendance. West Bend Chapter has been working very hard on the details and I'm certain that everyone will have a good time! Remember, early registration needs to be postmarked by September 15th.

The theme this year is "Wicked Witches Weekend Getaway", you can dress up if you want. Our Community Service Project(s) will be AFSP (American Foundation Suicide Prevention). This program helps fund our mission to save lives and give hope to those affected by suicide. Also, NAMI Washington County, this program helps pay for programs and services for people and families affected by serious mental illness.

Please remember there will be a March of Checks during Rally Days as well. Chapter checks should be made out to Moose Charities and earmarked for Moosehaven Daily Needs. Rally Day bid forms have been sent to the Chapters. If your Chapter is interested in hosting Rally Days next year, please fill out the form and return it to me.

Also, West Bend Chapter is asking each Chapter to bring an item that represents your Chapter. Examples: Monroe Chapter might bring cheese and maybe Green Bay Chapter might bring a Green Bay Packer item. Please prepare a couple sentences as to why your Chapter chose this item to add to our cauldron.

Just a reminder that the Chapter Member of the Year needs to be entered into LCL by October 31st.

Oh my, then we're into November! In November we will celebrate our new Collegians and anyone getting a tassle change or a red stole. Congratulation to our newest Collegians – Carol Meier, Carol Jung and Heather Illbeck Kelly. Our Higher Degree, College of Regents meeting is an open meeting and we should make sure that it's a very special occasion for those we are honoring.

Plus November is the month of Thanksgiving. A very special time of year where we should all give thanks for all that God has given us.

And then comes December, the last of the "Ber" months. I'll touch more on December in the next newsletter, so stay tuned

Thank you all so very much for all that you do!

Mooseheart, Moosehaven and your local communities truly do appreciate it!

And always remember to "Stay Humble and Kind".

Karyn Johnson

PGCM, WI WOTM Chapter Advocate, ATM



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Chapter Rally Day's Witches Brew!!!

We are asking all Chapters to bring 1 item that represents your Chapter to add to our Wicked Spell! This Spell will cast a shadow of fun, love, and sisterly bonding over all throughout the weekend! Please prepare a couple sentences as to why your Chapter choose that item to add to our cauldron!

Chapter Rally Days 2023 Honoring the following Charities





American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

MOOSE LEGIONS AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

Hello, My Moose Brothers and Sisters,

Hope everyone's summer has been fun, with a lot of activities and good times at your Moose Lodges. This August was a busy month, especially the last weekend, with City Festivals, International Trap Shoot (Muskego Moose Lodge), Moose Legion Fun Days (State of WI Moose Legion) at Eau Claire Moose Lodge, and many activities at our Lodges. Hope your summer was fun.

Brother Moose Legionnaires, as always, Thank You for your Service to our individual Lodges, we are the Degree of Service, The Doers, the people who want to help. I ask each of you to

find something small at your Lodge that needs help, step up and do your best, Thank You for helping. Other members do see what you're doing, they will be willing to help you. A group of people have a lot more fun on a project than one. Brothers, I ask of You, to find that member who is willing to help, that member who wants to make a different, who wants to be active for your Lodge. That is our next Moose Legion Member, a member for "The Degree of Service".

I would like to Congratulate The Moose Legion 31 Jurisdiction, they were awarded The Moose Legion "Key Club". Thank You for your extra work and Dedication to the Moose Legion, you are "The Degree of Service".

My Sisters, Brothers, and Family, thank you for all you do every day as a Moose Member. Until we meet again, have fun.

Thomas Kronenburg, WI Moose Legion Ambassador

Congratulations to Moose Legion 31 on Achieving The 2022 Key Club!





HISTORIAN'S HERALD

How have you and your family been? Enjoying the summer, we hope! Before you know it's History.

First, we need to thank the numerous helpers we have helping us. Finding, sorting, compiling, and delivering this found Moose History where it needs to go.

We are still looking for contacts, helpers to get things from your Lodges, and Districts to us when found. The easiest way is to contact me to set up a time. Especially if bringing the items to a WMA meeting, Convention, or Conference where distance is a factor with limited car space, if I have passengers.

Now for a re-cap of what's happened over the years:

We had <u>hard times</u>

Fires, Tornado's, Hurricanes, Floods, 9-11, even Bombs. These events, and others had effects on our members, and Lodges around the whole International Moose Family. And then throw in the COVID VIRUS where we had to we learn to keep our families and members safe, and not to forget as it still lurks around the corner. But we helped where we could, and moved on to happier things

Now, for some of those good things

We truly became "ONE MOOSE" and had our 1st Official meeting where the Men and the Women came together for our Moose Fraternity in Wisconsin, and Internationally.

We stepped up & helped wherever needed, for the Moose Fraternity, and our Communities.

Here is some:

Moosehearts Roof Project; Moosehavens Medical Facility; Moosehearts Mac Center; Moosehavens Opportunity Lodge; Wisconsins Senior Portait Luncheon and Treelighting Program at Mooseheart; Moosehearts Camp Ross; Ross Chastains Nascar Sponsorship which is helping the world know more about the Moose, especially with him being a Championship Contender.

We also helped with safety Items for Local Police K-9 Units; Operation Boot Strap; Local Food Drives;

Coats for kids; Local fundraising car shows; and many, many other events, and programs.

With the State Convention approaching in Sept., we ask you to come and join us in Stevens Point. And while there be sure to stop in the display area, and to sit in on the Annual History Lesson, and other reports. And if you have something to add for the future, let me or a board member know.

To those who have helped us, again we say <u>Thank You; Thank You; Thank You!</u> Continue to be safe. Till the next time,

Your State Historian Larry H. Pratt

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MOOSE CHARITIES UPDATES

Greetings from Moose Charities *We exist to provide the necessary resources for the continued support and maintenance of Mooseheart Child City & School and Moosehaven Senior Living Community.* Did you know the above statement is the Moose Charities purpose? Are you actively supporting the purpose? Moose Charities has a variety of programs, Donors Circle, Mooseheart Boosters, Mooseheart Operating Moosehaven Operating, Veteran's Walk to name a few. The newest program is the Moosehaven AAA Project (Always Active At Moosehaven)



It makes no difference which program you choose for your donation, Moose Charities just needs you to 'make' your donation.

Additional information for all of the programs can be found by visiting <u>https://www.moosecharities.org</u> or stopping by Moose Charities table at WMA Annual Convention in Stevens Point. Your donations for any of the programs will also be accepted at Moose Charities tables at Annual Convention.

Thank you for all you do to support Mooseheart Students and Senior Residents at Moosehaven through *your* Moose Charities donation.

Cheryl Ripp WMA Moose Charities Chairman





Wisconsin Home Pin

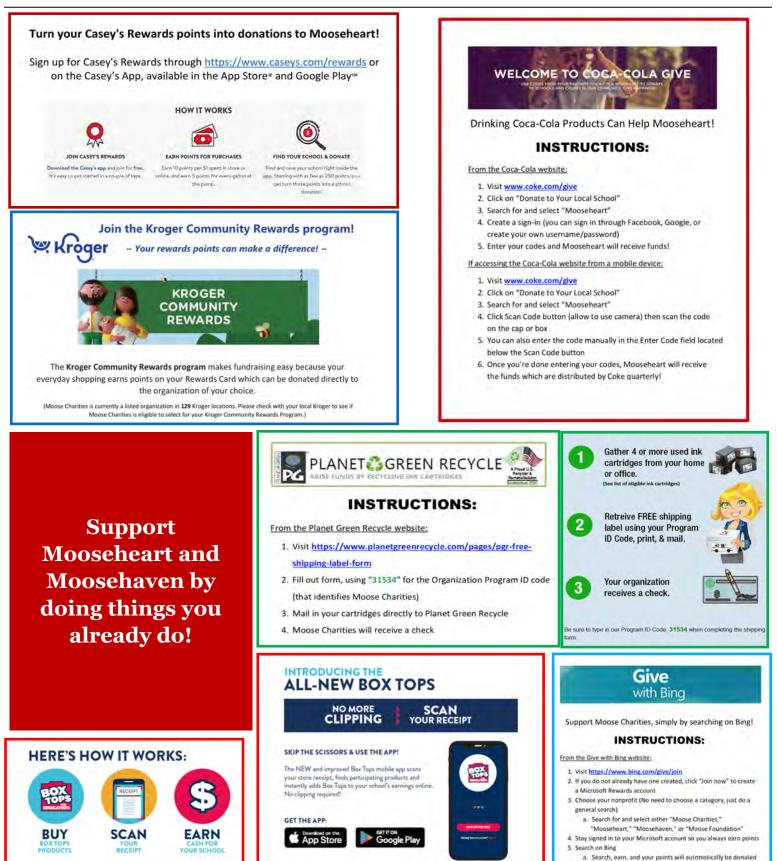




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WAYS TO HELP MOOSEHEART & MOOSEHAVEN- ALL YEAR LONG



HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Donations Needed

The WMA is once again proud to be partnering with Operation Bootstrap for our Fall Convention in Stevens Point.

OLUNTEER

They are looking for all kinds of <u>non-perishable food items</u>, especially including, but not limited to: Peanut Butter, Cans of Meat, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Rice, Pasta, Pasta Sauce and Coffee.

They are also looking for the following <u>NEW items</u>: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Hair Conditioner, Cleaning Supplies and Socks.

<u>New or Slightly Used Items</u>: Back-to-School Clothes (sizes 5-14), Scrubs, Sneakers, Children's Backpacks, Bath Towels, Washcloths, Hand Towels, Sheets and Blankets.

Should you choose to make a <u>monetary donation</u> please make checks payable to:Wisconsin Moose Association.



Please Bring <u>Printed Photos</u> of Your Lodge's Community Service Projects for the 2022-2023 Year to <u>Convention!</u>

We would love to feature your Lodge's HOC Projects in the WMA Newsletter. Please send your pictures and descriptions to moosekellee@yahoo.com

SAFE SURFIN'

Hey Everyone,

Hopefully everyone is having a fun and enjoyable summer. The WMA Annual convention is coming up soon. I have to do a report on Safe Surfin at the convention, in the last year if you have done some things for Safe Surfin' please let me know ASAP. I have to get my report ready and sent to Mike. My email is <u>hilljon1961@gmail.com</u>. Thank you for all you do

Jon Hill

WMA Safe Surfin Chairman







Horseshoes Results will be in the October Newsletter!





SPORTS PAGE

Wisconsin Moose Association 2023 Golf Tournament Results Host Lodge: Menomonie Course: Spring Valley Golf Course

It was great to visit the far west side of the state for this year's golf tournament. The course, as well as the host lodge Menomonie, were all prepared to receive the herd of WI Moose Golfers.

At this year's tournament we had representatives from 11 different lodges. In total, we had 74 golfers that comprised of 61 men and 13 women. Congratulations goes out to the following State Champions.

1st Place Scratch with 11 Under PAR

Eau Claire Team of: Darrell Christy, Dennis Welke, and Kal Lund

1st Place Peoria (handy-cap)

For the 1st time we had two score cards tie at **9 Under PAR** for this event. When following our rules for tiebreakers, the team that prevailed was Green Bay's Team of: Butch Mount, Lee Aanonsen, David Lepp, and Sharon Sandona.

Next year's State golf tournament will be in Sheboygan WI on Saturday July 20th.

Scott Kuske

WI State Association Golf Chairman



2023 WMA SCRATCH Golf Champions Eau Claire's team of: Dennis Welke and Darrell Christy (not pictures Kal Lund)







2023 WMA PEORIA (hdcp) Golf Champions Green Bay's team of: Lee Aanonsen, Sharon Sandona, Butch Mount, and Dave Lepp

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INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES



MOOSEHEART RUDOLPH RUN 5K RUN 2023

to benefit Mooseheart Child City & School

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

Please Support Team Wixom Wisconsin– The Official Team of the WMA

2023 International Moose Sports Tournaments

TEXAS HOLD 'EM Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV January 8-12, 2023

PICKLEBALL Gulf Cove, FL 2554 February 11-12, 2023

STEEL TIP DARTS Hopewell, VA 1472 April 15-16, 2023

BOWLING Dubuque, IA 355 April 29-30, 2023 May 6-7, 2023

POOL Wilson, NC 989 June 6-10, 2023

BBQ Mooseheart, IL 2655 June 16-17, 2023

HORSESHOES Ionia, MI 998 July 7-9, 2023

GOLF Williamsburg, VA 757 July 28-30, 2023

International website at mooseintl.org/members/index.php or call Camille Ruffino at (630) 966-2213. New! SOFT TIP DARTS Yuba City, CA 1204 October 13-15, 2023

TRAP & SKEET SHOOT Muskego, WI 1057 August TBD

New! CORNHOLE (AKA Bags) Bloomington, IN 1081 September 15-17, 2023

2024 International Moose Sports Tournaments For additional information please visit mooseintLarg/members/index.php/sports/ or cell Will Henrison of (430) 966-2214.

Lisa Carlin and Paul Colley, below, placed 3rd -Mixed Doubles at the 2023 Pickleball Tournamer

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Texas Hold Em Las Vegas NV January 7 - 11, 2024 Piddeball TBA Feb 17 - 18, 2024 Steel Tip Darts Lynchburg South, VA 1727

Steel Tip Darts Lynchburg South, VA 17: April 20-21, 2024 Bowling TBA TBA Pool Duncan, OK 2202

July 9 - 12, 2024 Horseshoes Sylvania, OH 1579 June 22 - 23, 2024

Cornhole Paradise, CA 2227 Aug 10 - 11, 2024 Trap Shoot Mooseheart, IL 2655 Aug 24 - 25, 2024

East Mesa, AZ 2082 Sept 13 - 15, 2024

Soft Tip Darts Vero Beach, FL 1822 Oct 11-13, 2024

*Dates subject to change.

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Brothers and Sisters:

We are into our 2nd quarter of the year.

Are you working on your membership numbers, including expired, re-enroll, re-instate and new? Contact those members. We need to keep moving forward.

Communicate with your members. Let them know what is going on in your Lodge.

It is very important to keeps members in the "know". Get your members involved in activities. An active Lodge is a growing Lodge. Have fun.

Get our Moose name out in the community by doing community service. As we have heard before "The Moose is the best well-kept secret". Let us show everyone we are

proud to be a member of the Moose.

God Bless Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and all Veterans who have served and are serving.

Thank you for all that you do.

Renee LaPoint

WMA Membership Co-chair



2023-2024 WMA **Membership Promotions**

Sponsor 1 Member, into the The Moose, to earn your Preferred Member Cling (Pictured Above)

Sponsor your 1st Member Ever, into the The Moose, to earn 5 Moosebucks

For Every 5 Members you sponsor, into The Moose, earn a chance to win a Lifetime Membership or \$500 if you already have a **Lifetime Membership**



PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTU

May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024

We are proud of the history of this great Fraternity. While keeping our past successes in mind, we look forward to the bright future with like-minded members who continue to play an important role in their local communities and supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven for years to come. Working together, our future is bright.



Sponsor 1 Member Proud Past, Bright Future lapel pins are presented by your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.

Moose Legion/ WOTM pin



Sponsor 25 Members Receive free basic registration for our 2024 International Moose Convention in New Orleans, LA.



Sponsor 5 Members Funds will be used toward the AAA project at Moosehaven. 5 Club members will be providing equipment for the sports complex including a top of the line golf simulator. Exercise is

important for our residents and they look forward to perfecting their golf swing even in inclement weather. Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.



CONVENTION INFO



WISCONSIN MOOSE ASSOCIATION

607 EAST 6TH STREET BRODHEAD, WI 53520



July 10, 2023

Good Morning to all Administrators, Presidents, Treasurers, Senior Regents, Lodge Members, Moose Legions, Chapters and Members all. Well folks, the Annual Convention is quickly approaching. This year we will be meeting at: September 7 - 10, 2023 Holiday Inn & Convention Center

> 1001 Amber Ave. Stevens Point, WI 54482

715-344-0200 and press #3 Be sure to mention the group name WI Moose Assn.

Group Block Code: MOO

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VICE PRESIDENT

Larry Pratt

PAST PRESIDENT Brad Boinin

CHAPLAIN *Margie*

Marsden

TREASURER Clyde Brophy

SECRETARY Matthew

Boardman

TERRITORY MANAGER

Mike

Rynearcon

 WOTM 6 Hour Training THURSDAY
 9/7/2023
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

 Register, Contact Karyn Johnson by email at Karynj1958@gmail.com

 2 HOTT
 WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 9/6 - 9/7, 2023
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

 Register, Contact Mike Wixom by email at Michael wixom@yahoo.com

Convention Book Ads

Training

We are seeking ads from all fraternal units to help support the printing and distribution of the books. All ads will be printed in color and the rate for the ads are as follows:

¹/₂ Page \$ 65.00 Whole Page \$ 125.00 In Memory of - \$5.00 p Deadline for Ads is Friday August 25, 2023

In Memory of - \$5.00 per name Convention Supporter - \$5.00 per name Ads will be accepted via email, PDF form is preferred but we are able to adapt other

formats. We will accept paper ads. NO PHONE ADS WILL BE ACCEPTED !!

Registration And Meal Forms

New! ONLINE REGISTRATION

https://www.cognitoforms.com/WisconsinMooseAssociation/ 2023Registration Online registration will close at 11:59 pm on <u>August 21, 2023.</u>

Attached you will find the registration form that includes meal requests. These forms must be returned by August 21, 2023 in order to able to give the hotel an accurate count for meals. Forms received after that date will be charged the onsite rate. Please make copies as needed for your Lodge, Chapter & Moose Legion.

We are accepting online payments at <u>https://www.convergepay.com/hosted-payments?ssl_txn_auth_token=yMMu5dOeTQ%2BLSoPnYpR5MgAAAXrFXAEE</u> please email form and/or ad, and the name on the Credit Card.

Early Bird Registration \$20.00 if form is submitted by July 31, 2023

We look forward to seeing everyone at convention. If you have any questions regarding the items in this communication, please contact me.

Fraternally,

Matthew Boardman State Secretary



107th WISCONSIN MOOSE ASSOCIATION

September 7 - 10, 2023 Stevens Point, WI – Holiday Inn

Welcome Official Visitor: Brian Chew



Heart of the Community Service Project: OPERATION BOOTSTRAP – STEVENS POINT

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

9:00 am 2 HOTT – Mike Wixom & Margie Marsden
6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting (Wisconsin Board Room)

Thursday, September 7, 2023

9:00 am Chapter 6 Hour Training - Karyn Johnson (Stonefield Harvest) 1:00-4:00 pm Moose Mercantile Store Open (Sans Spruce) 12:00-5:00 pm **Registration (Common Area)** 2:30 pm Association Board Meeting (Evergreen Frontier) 3:30 pm Lifetime Achievement Committee - Robert Rufer (Evergreen Frontier) Past State Presidents Meeting - Robert Rufer (Evergreen Frontier) 3:45 pm 5:30 pm Welcome/Recognition Dinner - Recognize Preferred Members (Expo 1-2) 7:00 pm Memorial Service (Expo 3) Friday, September 8, 2023 7:00-3:00 pm Registration (Common Area) 7:00 am Administrator's Breakfast (Evergreen/Frontier) 7:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast (Expo 1 - 2) 9:00-4:00 pm Moose Mercantile Store Open (Sans Spruce) 9:00 am Nominating Committee - Brian Mifflin (Evergreen/Frontier) 9:30 am Opening Business Session (Expo 3) Jr Past President - Brad Boivin Invocation State Chaplain - Margie Marsden Presentation of Colors & Pledge to Flag - Jr Past President - Brad Boivin All join in the Singing of National Anthem Report of Credentials - Gwen Ferguson Convention Obligation - Jr Past President - Brad Boivin Obligation to President and Presentation of Gavel - Jr Past President - Brad Boivin Welcome guests, officers, and delegates - President Michael Wixom Welcome 1st Time Attendees - President Michael Wixom Roll Call of Officers and Chairmen - Matt Boardman Roll Call of Lodges- District Presidents - Vice President - Larry Pratt Introduce OV: Brian Chew - Mooseheart Board Member Explanation of Comment Cards - Mike Rynearson Report of Rules and Order Committee - Larry Pratt (hand out & script) Videos -Chief Executive Officer - Scott Hart NASCAR Driver - Ross Chastain Grand Chancellor - Barb McPherson

Friday, September 8, 2023 (continued)

Report of the Chapter Advocate - Karyn Johnson Report of Association President - Michael Wixom Minutes of last year's convention - Matt Boardman (hand out) Minutes of Previous Association Board Mtg. - Matt Boardman (hand out) Report of Nominating Committee - Brian Mifflin New Academy Of Friendship Recognition - President Michael Wixom Report of Association Historian - Larry Pratt Recognize Military Veterans, Active Duty and First Responders - President Michael Wixom Report of Association Treasurer - (Finances) - Treasurer Clyde Brophy Video -Chief Compliance Officer - Rick King Heart of the Community - Helen Kiefer Report of Activities - Stephanie Aanonsen Moose travel program, Importance of Lodge Activities Announcements - Matt Boardman Endowment Fund Collection & recess until afternoon session 12:00 pm Higher Degree Luncheon - Mike Wixom (Expo 1 -2) 1:30 pm Business Session #2 (Expo 3) Presiding President Michael Wixom Video -Director of Membership - Mike Rios Report of Association Liaison - Mike Rynearson Report of Membership - Dennis Dost, & Renee LaPoint Report of Senior Portraits/Tree Lighting - John & Nicole Springsteen Report of Safe Surfin' - Jon Hill New Pilgrim Recognition - President Michael Wixom Report of Association Secretary - Matt Boardman The Heart of the Community Scholarship, International Convention Report, Association attendance policy Roll Call of Lodges & Chapters- District Presidents - Vice President Larry Pratt Report of Training - Mike Wixom - Interim WMA Training Coordinator Requirements & Access Up-coming training dates Report of Sports Program - Debra Guillaume Report of Loss Prevention - James Konitzer New College Recognition - President Michael Wixom Report of District Presidents - Vice President Larry Pratt Video -Mooseheart Executive Director - Gary Urwiler Report of Mooseheart / Moosehaven Marketing - Jeff & Diane Bonnin Report of Youth Awareness - Amy Boivin, Video -Moosehaven Executive Director - Helen Taylor New Star Recognition - President Michael Wixom Announcements - Matt Boardman Endowment Fund Collection - recess until the Saturday morning session 4:00 pm **Golden Gavel Practice (Expo4)** 5:00 pm **Hospitality Room** 5:30 pm 5/25 Membership Mardi Gras Themed Cocktails (Common Area) 6:00 pm 5/25 Membership Mardi Gras Themed Dinner - (By invite only-Expo 1-2)

Satu	rday, September 9, 2023
7:00-2:30	pm Registration (Common Area)
7:00 - 8:3	0 am Breakfast (Expo 1 - 2)
7:30-8:3	0 am Past Deputy Grand Meeting (Stonefield Harvest)
7:30 am	Pilgrim Breakfast/Meeting (Pilgrims only – Evergreen/ Frontier) Recognition of Anniversary date.
	Responding to annual contribution request from the Director General.
	Completing Fellowship Nomination forms in detail and correctly.
9.00-4.00	pm Moose Mercantile Store Open (Sans Spruce)
	WOTM Golden Gavel Convocation (Expo 4)
9:00 am	Moose Legion Session (Expo 3)
2100 110	Report of Moose Legion Ambassador – Tom Kronenburg
	Conferral
	Camp Ross & Moosehaven
	Election Process & Training
	Remarks Moose Legion Council Member - Steve Hennen
10:30 am	Business Session #3
Course Cours	Parade of Golden Gavel - Introduction - Karyn Johnson
	Presiding - Association President Michael Wixom
	Report of Association By-Laws and Policies Changes - Bob Rufer
	Video – Moose Charities – Pam Amundsen
	Moose Charities - Brad Boivin/Cheryl Ripp
	Report of Association Treasurer (Budget for 23-24) - Treasurer Clyde Brophy (hand out)
	Video – Director Higher Degree – Shawn Baile
	Communications – Kellee Chwala
	Announcements - Matt Boardman
	Endowment Fund Collection - recess until the Saturday afternoon session
12:00 pm	-1:00 pm Lunch (Expo 1-2)
12:00 pm	Fellowship Registration, Lunch (Evergreen/Frontier)
	Fellowship Recommendation (Power Point) - Mike Rynearson
	Conferral – Mark Penzkover
2:00 pm	Business Session #4 (Expo 3-4)
	Parade of Fellows – Introduction – Mark Penzkover
	Presiding – Association President Michael Wixom
	Report of Resolutions Committee – Bob Rufer
	Report of Financial Review Committee – John Springsteen
	Election of State Officers - President Michael Wixom
	Election Results - Chairman Brian Mifflin (script if needed)
	Official Visitor Address - Brian Chew - Mooseheart Board Member
	International Appointee Address
	Moose International Registration – Tom Kronenburg
	Activities Committee - Stephanie Aanonsen
	Activities Committee – Matt Boardman
	Moose Legion Council Member – Steve Hennen
	The Moose Board of Officer - Director - Mark Penzkover
	Comments - Territorial Manager - Mike Rynearson
	Comments - Regional Manager - Frank Vorhees
	Roll Call of Lodges & Chapters- District Presidents - Vice President Larry Pratt

Saturday, September 9, 2023 (continued) Installation of State Officers - Jr Past President Brad Boivin Final Credentials Report - Gwen Ferguson Announcements - Matt Boardman Endowment Fund Collection - recess until the Banquet 5:30 pm Cocktail Reception (Common Area) 6:00 pm Awards Banquet (Expo 1-2) Master of Ceremony - Brad Boivin Remarks - Official Visitor - Brian Chew - Mooseheart Board Member Remarks - Association President - Mike Wixom Remarks - Incoming President - Larry Pratt Awards - Brad Boivin Announcements - Matt Boardman Benediction State Chaplain - Margie Marsden Motion to close the convention - Brad Boivin 8:00 pm Hospitality Room Sunday, September 10, 2023 8:00 am Organizational Mtg. (Expo 3) - President Larry Pratt presiding Recognition of newly elected officers, appointed officers, & committee chairman Association Goals For 2023 - 2024 (hand out) A. Gain in Membership ~ "PLUS 1" B. 7% Preferred Members C. Gain in Moose Legion Members D. Increase in Overall Moose Charities Contributions E. Increase in Number of Lodges Earning the Premier Lodge Award (hand out) F. Maintaining 85% Retention Rate G. Increase in Number of Lodges H. Obtain Annual Application Goal Lodge Goals - Getting reports in on time and being 100% A. Heart of the community B. Lodge Safety Report C. Lodge Financials D. Moose of the Year E. Valued Veteran of the Year F. Lifetime Achievement Award Future Dates (Hand out Dates to remember) Fraternal Programs A. Filling vacant or nonfunctioning committees Attending Required Meetings Β. a. Lodge Meetings & District Meetings b. Chapter Meetings c. Moose Legion Meetings d. Association Meetings e. Mid-Year Conference Annual Convention f. g. International Convention Turn in completed Position Cards - All officers, chairman & appointees SAFE TRAVELS HOME





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CONVENTION INFO



It's Mardi Gras Y'all! Calling all crafters! Warm up those hot glue guns and Cricuts! Grab some beads, bling and feathers! Pour yourself a tasty hurricane!

As a WMA fundraiser at the upcoming convention in September, there will be a Mardi Gras Shoebox Float Contest. No shoebox? No problem! We just ask that your float be a reasonable shoebox size, please! Combine resources and make a fun craft night at your lodge! At convention, each registered float will have a bag and a number. Members will purchase raffle tickets and vote for their favorite float by depositing the raffle tickets in the bag of the float of their choice. At the Saturday night banquet, the float contest winner **AND** a lucky voter will be announced to win New Orleans themed gift baskets! The floats can be registered at the WMA Moose Mercantile Store at convention during normal operating hours.

Can't wait to see all the floats! Good luck!

CONVENTION INFO- MEET OUR VISITORS

Official Visitor- Brian Chew- Moose International Board of Directors

Brian Chew serves The Moose as a member of the Mooseheart Board of Directors. He was appointed to this post in May 2020. Prior to this post, he served as Deputy Supreme Governor in the 2012-2013 Moose Year, as Supreme Outer Guard (2014-2015), Supreme Inner Guard (2015-2016) and Supreme Sergeant-At-Arms (2016-2017).

Brian joined Mansfield, Ohio Lodge 341 in September 1984 but has since transferred his membership and is a member of Lexington, Ohio Lodge 2511. He also holds dual membership in Indian Lake, Ohio Lodge 1533. Brian has served as 1 year Trustee, Jr. Governor, Governor (6 terms), Treasurer and Acting Administrator.

Brian elevated to the Central Ohio Moose Legion 63 (OH) in April 2003. On the Association level, he has served as Treasurer (2015-2016), Prelate (2016-2017), Vice President (2017-2018), President (2018-2019), Jr. Past President (2019-2020) and currently

serves as OSMA Assistant Golf Chairman and Sports Director.

Brian is a member of the 150 Division of the 25 Club. He received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 2006 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 2013.

Outside of the Moose, Brian is a Corrections Officer for the State of Ohio and is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles #336, the Owls Nest #1152 and the Sons of Herman Mansfield Lodge #14.

He enjoys golf, traveling and fishing. Brian and his girlfriend, Carol Maag, reside in Kenton, Ohio. Brian has two adult daughters and two granddaughters

Our New Regional Manager- Frank Vorhees

Prior to recently becoming our New Regional Manager, Frank served the Moose International Membership Department as Territory Manager in the Great Lakes Region #36 – *Iowa, Missouri and North Kansas since June 2021*.

He joined the fraternity in March 2014 as a member of Kirksville, Missouri Lodge 1751. Frank also holds membership in Moberly, Missouri Lodge 776. He has served the Kirksville Lodge as Trustee, Treasurer, Communications Chairman, Membership Chairman, Community Service, Moose Charities and Administrator.

He elevated to the Sho-Me (MO) Moose Legion 219 in 2016 and has served as Fraternal Director since July 2020.

At the Association level, Frank currently serves as Liaison for both the Iowa Moose Association and the Missouri-No. Kansas Moose Association.

Frank is a member of the 75 Division of the Moose 25 Club and received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 2020.

He attended Truman University and prior to coming to Moose International, Frank was employed with the Kirksville Moose Lodge as Administrator.

Outside of the Moose, he is affiliated with the NEMO Fairboard, President of Community Christmas Dinner, on the Board of the NEMO Crisis Intervention Team/NEMO Mental Health Advisory Council and NEMO Connect/Project Homeless. Frank enjoys volunteering in his community, helping his children with their business, canoeing and camping.

Frank and his wife of 28 years, Stachia, reside in LaPlata, Missouri. They have three children, Dylan and Dalton Vorhees and Dylan Bender.





STATE SNAPSHOT

Association 52 2023 - 2024

Membership	
Active Members	16,055
Active Member Year End Goal	16,106
Goal Progress	-51
Current Lodge Count	29
Prior Year Lodge Count	29

Wisconsin Moose Association Liaison Mike Rynearson

Heart of the Community	Not Rovd	Rcvd
Qtr 1 due 8/15/2023	1	96.55%
Qtr 2 due 11/15/2023	28	3.45%
Qtr 3 due 2/15/2024	29	0.00%
Qtr 4 due 5/15/2024	29	0.00%

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3,286
2,406
73.2%

Production

YTD Applications	636
Application Goal	2,917
Application Goal Progress	-2,281
Applications Not Enrolled	20
Applications Prior Year	2,176
Applications vs Prior Year	-1,540
YTD Sponsors	433
% Preferred Members	2.7%

Three Year Active Member Trend

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Fiscal Year 2021	9,130
Fiscal Year 2022	15,877
Fiscal Year 2023	16,105

Moose Charities Giving

Prior Year	\$101,670.02
Current Year	\$25,101.27
Lodges Not Giving	0

Accounts Receivable

Prior Year	\$36,661.87
Current Year	\$19,162.82
Difference	\$-17,499.05
Lodges With Late Payments	0
MI Loan	

Loan Balance\$193,468.35Lodges With Loans2Lodges With Late Payments0

Awards

2023 Moose of the Year	29
2022-2023 Premier Lodge	8

Active Member History

	Prior Year	Current Year	Difference	
May	15,589	15,946	357	
Jun	15,724	16,085	361	
Jul	15,659	16,042	383	
Aug	15,697	0	0	
Sep	15,709	0	0	
Oct	15,638	0	0	
Nov	15,659	0	0	
Dec	15,669	0	0	
Jan	15,652	0	0	
Feb	15,772	0	0	
Mar	15,872	0	0	
Apr	16,105	0	0	

Moose Charities Giving History

-	Prior Year	Current Year	Difference
May	\$4,026.78	\$5,517.01	\$1,490.23
Jun	\$9,513.03	\$12,106.12	\$2,593.09
Jul	\$14,718.83	\$17,806.16	\$3,087.33
Aug	\$37,743.15	\$25,101.27	\$-12,641.88
Sep	\$44,377.94	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oct	\$55,595.31	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nov	\$54,217.21	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dec	\$71,289.36	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jan	\$75,180.46	\$0.00	\$0.00
Feb	\$80,979.34	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mar	\$93,906.21	\$0.00	\$0.00
Apr	\$101,670.02	\$0.00	\$0.00

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: Frank Vorhees

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

SEPTEMBER						
1	Value Veteran of Year Deadline	LCL Net				
7-10	WMA Annual State Convention	Holiday Inn Stevens Point				
15	District #5 Meeting	Eau Claire #1408	6:30 PM			
16	Moose Legion #191	Beloit #191	10:00 AM			
18	District #2	Racine #437	7:00 PM			
23	WMA Cornhole/Bags	West Bend #1398				
30	Tom Kronenburg Pilgrim Presentation Ceremony	Muskego #1057				
	OCTOBER					
1	Cradle Fundraiser Begins	Moose Charities				
14	District #6, Moose Legion #138 & Heart of North CHD	Rice Lake #402	10:30 AM			
15	Moose Legion 31 Board of Directors	West Bend #1398	19:00 AM			
15	SEW Council of Higher Degrees	West Bend #1398	11:00 AM			
15	Moose Legion 31 Celebration	West Bend #1398	1:00 PM			
21	District #4 Meeting	Stevens Point #1572	11:00 AM			
21	District #5 Meeting	Juneau Co #1319	10:30 AM			
21	Moose Legion #143	Juneau Co #1319	2:00 PM			
21	Chippewa Valley CHD	Juneau Co #1319	4:00 PM			
21	WMA Pool	Kenosha #286				
27	Mooseheart Founders Day	Mooseheart				
28	WMA Exe Board	Saukville #1043	1:00 PM			
28	District Presidents	Saukville #1043	3:30 PM			
NOVEMBER						
15	Heart of Community Report Deadline	LCL Net				
20	District #2	Kenosha #286	7:00 PM			
DECEMBER						
2	Mooseheart Senior Lunch & Tree Lighting	MOOSEHEART IL				
9	District #1 Meeting CHOD to Follow	Watertown #830	10:00 AM			
9	District #4 Meeting	Kaukauna #953	11:00 AM			
9	District #6, Moose Legion #138 & Heart of North CHD	Rice Lake #402	10:30 AM			
16	WMA Exe Board	Sheboygan #438	9:00 AM			
16	District Presidents	Sheboygan #438	1:00 PM			
16	Full Board w/Chairperson	Sheboygan #438	3:00 PM			
16	WMA Christmas Party	Sheboygan #438	6:00 PM			

Please put the following <u>Annual Dates</u> on your Lodge Calendars. Please consider these dates when planning Lodge Events so as not to cause conflict.

1st Saturday in December – Wisconsin Senior Portrait Luncheon and Tree Lighting 1st Saturday in June – Mooseheart Graduation and Pilgrim Conferral