



# BADGER STATE NEWS



Wisconsin Moose Association

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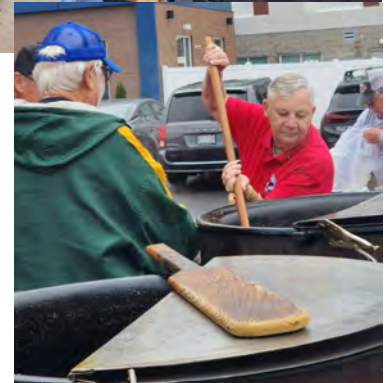


## Wisconsin Welcomes Moose International Chairman of the Board John R. Sipes



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## TERRITORY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Is it November already? Where has the time gone?

Here is a little something that I came across that has a lot of true meaning, so I thought that I would share with everyone.

### Eight Things To **Never** Do In Life

- Never play with someone's feelings just for your happiness. You may win the game, but the risk is that you will surely lose the person for a lifetime.
- Never stop to make yourself better. No matter what you know, the minute you stop building yourself, you begin to deteriorate.
- Never think that you are not good enough. In life, people take you for what or how you present yourself.
- Never lose hope in life. To hope, is to breathe life, to free your mind from fear and pessimism and fill it with optimism and positive thinking. So, no matter how difficult your life gets, never deprive yourself of hope.
- Never lose your self-respect. Self-respect is a form of self-care.
- Never beg for opportunities. Snatch them. When you beg for opportunities (including jobs), you will be seen as inexperienced and of low value. It is much better to have confidence in the value you have to offer than to beg.
- Never take anyone or anything in life for granted. Taking things for granted is considered irresponsible, even damaging. Taking your spouse for granted is a surefire way to make them feel unloved. Taking your income for granted can put you at financial risk if you lose your job. Taking your health for granted can lead you to take poor care of yourself.
- Even if the world takes advantage of you, never let the good in you die.

Until next month – take care and Happy Thanksgiving!



### Do we have your/your member's email address?

Your lodge probably has many reasons to collect and/or update your member's email address in the system. It is also very helpful to Moose International. Did you know that each new member receives a Welcome email from MI? This initial communication from MI is a great way to boost their introduction to The Moose. It gives them their Moose Member ID # and other important news, such as information about the Moose Membership App. There are other good reasons to have correct and up to date email addresses on each member's record: Opt Out of paper renewals is now available for those wishing to receive them via email or text; the Helpdesk can easily send them a dues receipt from QuickPay; and easy survey communications can go out to members. Make it a good practice to include them on member application entry!



# JANESVILLE MOOSE LODGE NEEDS OUR SUPPORT

50/50's  
Basket Raffles  
and more



Jukebox Bingo  
begins at 7:30pm  
\$5 for all games

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023 4:00PM-?**  
**DINNER AND FUN AT THE RACINE MOOSE LODGE**

Dinner is \$20 per person  
Fried Cod, Baked Cod, Fried Shrimp or Lasagna  
includes Salad and Dessert

If you plan on joining us for dinner,  
please RSVP to [springsteen3900@att.net](mailto:springsteen3900@att.net)  
Include number of guests along with entrée of choice

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUEST ONLY

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT JANESVILLE MOOSE LODGE**

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## THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

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As I'm settling in as your 2023/2024 State President. I'm looking over the WMA calendar for the rest of the Moose year to see what I can try to come and participate or visit.

I was able to attend a Pilgrim presentation, and 1 of the events planned for the visiting "Chairmen of the Board" [C.O.B.] for his Wisconsin Tour. If you ever get to attend 1 of those events please do, you will not forget them.

It was a pleasure to meet John Sipes this years C.O.B. in Green Bay where he presented a check to the "Local Old Glory Honor Flight" group.

If you are going to this years Mooseheart Senior Portraits, and Wisconsin Tree lighting events on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Say hi to John he will be there.

Getting back to the Veterans Honor Flight events, I had picked the Wisconsin ones to be the WMA Presidents project this year. In weeks to come I will be releasing information on the area Hubs that represent your counties where your Lodges are in plus other details.

If you started collecting funds these can be sent to the WMA Secretary, earmarked "Honor Flight".

With the Holidays approaching fast I hoped your Lodge has plans for your communities such as to have "Trunk or Treat"; Thanksgiving, and Christmas meals events, etc.

Again, thank you for all that you do.

**Larry H. Pratt**

WMA President

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## HISTORIAN'S HERALD

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Still looking for WMA History events, items etc.

Pictures of community events, WMA Sports that your Lodge hosted over the years, etc.

I'm trying to collect things, and ideas for the upcoming Mid-year Conference.

If you have anything please let me know.

Larry H. Pratt

WMA Historian





## **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 60<sup>th</sup> year. It will also be the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Presentation 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 fraternal 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 [witreelighting@yahoo.com](mailto:witreelighting@yahoo.com). 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](mailto:witreelighting@yahoo.com) – John's Cell (262) 994-7415 / Nicole's Cell (262) 994-7416



## CHAPTER NEWS

Greetings!

What a great time we had at our WI WOTM Chapter Rally Day Celebration! Thank you West Bend Chapter and Lodge for your amazing hospitality, good food, fun, festivities and friendliness. It was an absolutely, amazingly awesome weekend! We had 138 members in attendance and I am most certain that everyone had a great time.

Our Community Service project was NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention). Our two guest speakers truly spoke from the heart and tugged at the heart strings of everyone in the room. Thank you for sharing your stories with us and making us all a little more aware.

Madison Chapter 291 came up with their version of Witches Brew and my oh my was it ever a HOOT watching them. Then they served all of us with a little sampling. This was quite entertaining to watch!

We had some visitors from Illinois join us once again and one of those visitors was Moose Charities Board Member, Lea Richardson. Lea shared some interesting, yet funny stories with all of us.

Mike Rynearson and Mark Penzkover stopped in for a visit and each of them shared a few inspiring words with us. We had quite a few first time attendees this time and Mark shared some of his Mooseheart story with all of us. We are truly blessed to have Mark right here with us in Wisconsin. Such an amazing, yet very humble young man.

There were crafts, competitions, all kinds of costumes, basket raffles, 50/50's. Pretty much, you name it we had it.

Then on to awards and recognition. This year we had 16 Chapters earn their Award of Achievement. That is phenomenal! Congratulations to the following Chapters:

Beloit 56	Kenosha 155	Madison 291	Green Bay 451
Bloomer 513	Eau Claire 557	Monroe 599	Racine 631
Menomonie 682	West Bend 732	Chippewa Falls 770	River Falls 1159
E.K.M 1578	Muskego 1617	Marinette 1900	Janesville 477

I'm so very proud of these Chapters and their accomplishments!

### Our top Sponsors, in order, were:

\*\*\*Jessica Scroggin Kenosha 155 TOP SPONSOR\*\*\*

Diane Bonnin Eau Claire 557

Jackie Riese Beloit 56

Brandi Truckey Menomonie 682

Tracy Manz Muskego 1617

### And then on to our top Chapters (in order) using the WOTM criteria:

\*\*\*Racine Chapter 631 TOP CHAPTER\*\*\*

2<sup>ND</sup> place – West Bend 732

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Monroe 599

4<sup>th</sup> place – Green Bay 451

5<sup>th</sup> place – Beloit 56

We ended our day with a delicious meal and music. At our Sunday morning recap meeting Kenosha Chapter 155 submitted a bid for hosting next year. I will be passing information on to the Chapters as soon as we can lock in a date.

Again, Thank You to West Bend Chapter and Lodge for a job very well done! And Thank You to everyone that attended! It truly was a wonderful weekend.

In Friendship,

Karyn Johnson

Past Grand Council Member, WI WOTM Chapter Advocate, ATM



**Top Chapter– Racine 631**





**Top Chapter– Racine**



**2nd Place Chapter– West Bend**



**Mark Penskover Spoke about His MH Story**



**3rd Place Chapter– Monroe**



**4th Place Chapter– Green Bay**



**5th Place Chapter– Beloit**

## Chapter Rally Days– Witches Weekend West Bend– October 13-15, 2023



**Menomonie Chapter**



**Our Guest Speakers from NAMI & AFSP**



**Karyn Received Her Grand Council Medallion from the Monroe Chapter**



**Mike Stopped By**





## Higher Degree College of Regents Celebration



**Congratulations New Collegian  
Heather Thompson &  
Tassel Change Recipient Jackie Riese**



The Beloit Women of the Moose Chapter 56 invite you to share in our celebration honoring our new Collegian Heather Thompson and Red Tassel change for Jackie Riese on **Saturday, November 25, 2023, at the Beloit Moose Lodge on Gale Drive, Beloit, WI**



Registration Begins at 3:00 p.m. Meeting at 4:00 p.m.  
College, Pilgrims, Fellows in Regalia  
Dinner to follow Meeting

RSVP by Nov. 22nd to Diana at 608-302-5324 or Kathie at 608-921-9296

## MADISON CHAPTER 291

Cordially invites you to join us for our College of Regents Activity Night

Honoring Carol Meier on receiving her College Degree &

Teri Jo Gohlke on her Tassel Change

When: Sunday, November 12, 2023

Where: The Ridge Assisted Living Center  
2879 Fish Hatchery Road  
Madison, WI

Time: Meeting at 2:00 p.m.  
Dinner to follow

Please RSVP to Shirley Crouch 920-206-2075 email [jacknshirleyc@yahoo.com](mailto:jacknshirleyc@yahoo.com) OR Bonnie Rynearson [bonnie.rynearson@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.rynearson@gmail.com) by November 1, 2023.

Collegians, Fellows and Pilgrims in regalia please.



**\*\* Amy Kreutzer \*\*  
Tassel Change**



Let's celebrate our most recent College of Regents recipient, Carol Jung! & Celebrate Amy Kreutzer on her tassel change!

Please join us for a luncheon followed by our Chapter meeting, raffles and so much more!  
**Doors Open at 11am, Lunch at 12pm, Meeting to Follow.**

We will be collecting new socks, underwear and toiletries for the Homeless Veterans in our area.  
Please place any donations in the donation buckets in the Lodge.

Please RSVP to Barb Carter by November 4<sup>th</sup>  
(262) 343-0217 or Curt65@hotmail.com

**Please wear your regalia!**

## MOOSE CHARITIES UPDATES

Greetings Sisters and Brothers from Moose Charities

There is still time to join Mike Wixom's TEAM WIXOM WISCONSIN Rudolph 5K Run/Walk event on Saturday, November 18, 2023. As I write this article, Mike's team is currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for dollars raised. Let's move Mike up to 1<sup>st</sup> place. Please contact Mike Wixom or visit Moose Charities <https://www.moosecharities.org> to make your donation.



The Cradle Fundraiser should be wrapped up by now. If you didn't made your donation while at your Lodge Home, please go to <https://www.moosecharities.org/> and make your donation on-line. Administrators and Chapter Treasure: All cash donations must be remitted to Moose Charities by a Lodge or Chapter check, payable to Moose Charities and earmarked "Cradle Fundraiser 2023. Mail to: Moose Charities, 155 S. International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539, postmarked by November 15, 2023. Include any personal checks written to Moose Charities in the same envelope.

THANK YOU for all you do to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven through Moose Charities.

Cheryl Ripp

WMA Moose Charities Chairman





## WAYS TO HELP MOOSEHEART & MOOSEHAVEN— ALL YEAR LONG

### Turn your Casey's Rewards points into donations to Mooseheart!

Sign up for Casey's Rewards through <https://www.caseys.com/rewards> or on the Casey's App, available in the App Store® and Google Play™

#### HOW IT WORKS



##### JOIN CASEY'S REWARDS

Download the Casey's app and join for free. It's easy to get started in a couple of taps.



##### EARN POINTS FOR PURCHASES

Earn 10 points per \$1 spent in-store or online...and earn 5 points for every gallon at the pump.



##### FIND YOUR SCHOOL & DONATE

Find and save your school right inside the app. Starting with as few as 250 points, you can turn those points into a school donation.



Drinking Coca-Cola Products Can Help Mooseheart!

### INSTRUCTIONS:

From the Coca-Cola website:

1. Visit [www.coke.com/give](http://www.coke.com/give)
2. Click on "Donate to Your Local School"
3. Search for and select "Mooseheart"
4. Create a sign-in (you can sign in through Facebook, Google, or create your own username/password)
5. Enter your codes and Mooseheart will receive funds!

If accessing the Coca-Cola website from a mobile device:

1. Visit [www.coke.com/give](http://www.coke.com/give)
2. Click on "Donate to Your Local School"
3. Search for and select "Mooseheart"
4. Click Scan Code button (allow to use camera) then scan the code on the cap or box
5. You can also enter the code manually in the Enter Code field located below the Scan Code button
6. Once you're done entering your codes, Mooseheart will receive the funds which are distributed by Coke quarterly!

### Join the Kroger Community Rewards program!

~ Your rewards points can make a difference! ~



The Kroger Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy because your everyday shopping earns points on your Rewards Card which can be donated directly to the organization of your choice.

(Moose Charities is currently a listed organization in 129 Kroger locations. Please check with your local Kroger to see if Moose Charities is eligible to select for your Kroger Community Rewards Program.)

**Support  
Mooseheart and  
Moosehaven by  
doing things you  
already do!**



### INSTRUCTIONS:

From the Planet Green Recycle website:

1. Visit <https://www.planetgreenrecycle.com/pages/pgr-free-shipping-label-form>
2. Fill out form, using "31534" for the Organization Program ID code (that identifies Moose Charities)
3. Mail in your cartridges directly to Planet Green Recycle
4. Moose Charities will receive a check

1

Gather 4 or more used ink cartridges from your home or office.  
(See list of eligible ink cartridges)



2

Retrieve FREE shipping label using your Program ID Code, print, & mail.



3

Your organization receives a check.



Be sure to type in our Program ID Code, 31534 when completing the shipping form.

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY  
BOX TOPS  
PRODUCTS



SCAN  
YOUR  
RECEIPT



EARN  
CASH FOR  
YOUR SCHOOL

### INTRODUCING THE ALL-NEW BOX TOPS

NO MORE CLIPPING | SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

SKIP THE SCISSORS & USE THE APP!

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app scans your store receipt, finds participating products and instantly adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. No clipping required!

GET THE APP:



### Give with Bing

Support Moose Charities, simply by searching on Bing!

### INSTRUCTIONS:

From the Give with Bing website:

1. Visit <https://www.bing.com/give/join>
2. If you do not already have one created, click "Join now" to create a Microsoft Rewards account
3. Choose your nonprofit (No need to choose a category, just do a general search)
  - a. Search for and select either "Moose Charities," "Mooseheart," "Moosehaven," or "Moose Foundation"
4. Stay signed in to your Microsoft account so you always earn points
5. Search on Bing
  - a. Search, earn, and your points will automatically be donated

## HEART OF THE COMMUNITY– OPERATION BOOTSTRAP

Remember Our Vets!

You can salute your Veterans by showcasing them at a dinner held in their honor! Love the children in your lodge– create place-mats for the dinner, run copies, so that you have enough for everyone.

A great community service project is to contact your local group of Vets and collect new socks, sweatpants, etc. The new items can be used at your local VA Hospital.

There is a group that collects gently used items for the homeless vets.

Have some of your Vets organize and run these fun and extremely fulfilling events.

Many VFW's and American Legions offer a Flag ceremony that is not only beautiful, but very informative. So to all of Our Vets– Red, White and Blue– WE LOVE YOU!

Fraternally,

Helen Kiefer

State Heart of the Community Chair



## SPORTS PAGE



2024  
JANESVILLE  
89<sup>th</sup> Annual



WISCONSIN MOOSE BOWLING TOURNAMENT  
March 9 through April 14, 2024

Hosted by:  
Janesville Moose  
Lodge #197  
418 W Milwaukee St  
Janesville, WI  
(608) 752-0809



RiversEdge Bowl  
215 S River St  
Janesville, WI 53545  
(608) 756-1201

- ❖ USBC (MORAL SANCTION)
- ❖ 90% HANDICAP BASED ON 225 SCRATCH USBC
- ❖ 100% PRIZE FEES WILL BE RETURNED
- ❖ 20% PRIZE FUND PAID FOR SCRATCH GAMES
- ❖ TOTAL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ALL ENTRIES
- ❖ CHECK TOURNAMENT ENTRY BLANK FOR COMPLETE DETAILS
- ❖ ENTRY BLANKS AVAILABLE AT YOUR LODGE OR CONTACT: MARGIE MARSDEN, STATE BOWLING CHAIR  
1259 RUGER AVE  
JANESVILLE, WI 53545  
608-289-5752  
warmmd11@charter.net

Entry forms are now available for the 2024 Wisconsin Moose Bowling Tournament. This year's tournament will be held in Janesville at Rivers Edge Bowling Alley. Dates are March 9/10, March 16/17, March 23/24 (already filled) and April 6/7. All Moose members are invited to participate. You do not need to be in a league to bowl in the tournament. Feel free to contact me for an entry form or with any questions.

Margie Marsden, WMA Bowling Tournament Chair

[jvlmoosebugle@outlook.com](mailto:jvlmoosebugle@outlook.com)

608-289-5752



## SPORTS PAGE

### State Cornhole

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the West Bend Moose Lodge held the State Cornhole tournament. There were 12 teams from Green Bay, EKM, Racine, Kenosha, Muskego and West Bend. It was a beautiful day for pitching and being with other members.

The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place Mike & Cheryl Klabunde Muskego; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jake Funk & Megan Hill Green Bay; 3<sup>rd</sup> place Rick & Angel Carlson Racine; and Kurt Fallbeck & Mary Runge Racine. In the luck of the draw tournament, the winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place Jim Konitzer and Mary Runge with 2<sup>nd</sup> place Megan Hill and Mike Klabunde.



1st Place Tournament



1st Place Luck of the Draw



2nd Place Tournament



2nd Place Luck of the Draw

### International Trap Shoot

The Inaugural Moose International Trap Shooting Event was hosted by the Muskego Moose Lodge at the Boxhorn Gun Club August 26, 2023. Five shooters from Wisconsin Lodges (Green Bay and Muskego) were in attendance. It was a cool damp day. The Competitions included 5 Stand and Trap Events. Fun was had by all. The 2024 International Trap Shoot will be hosted by the Muskego Moose Lodge in 2024, dates to be determined.





## State Pool

On October 21st the WMA State Pool Tournament was held at the Kenosha Moose Family Center. Twelve teams participated, five from Racine, four from Kenosha, one from Muskego, one from EKM and one from Monroe. It was a fun and long day of competition. The winners were crowned late in the evening after Muskego came back to take the championship, Second Place was the Rat Race Table Runners from Racine and third went to EKM. We want to thank all those that participated.



2nd Place



1st Place



3rd Place

## MOOSE LEGION



### Congratulations to our 2023 Fellows

Robert Hart, Dave Brownson, Michael Graham & Brian Singleton

### What is the Moose Legion?

Dedicated members of The Moose (Men) who continually look for ways to provide even greater service to children and seniors, in our community as well as at Mooseheart and Moosehaven. The Moose Legion provides an avenue for these enthusiastic members.

### Why should a member consider joining the Moose Legion?

Lives change when we help others. Membership in the Moose Legion offers extra opportunities to serve others and opens the door for community service projects and other unique activities. Membership in the Moose Legion is a necessary step in the journey towards higher degrees in the Moose, such as the Fellowship Degree.

### Who is eligible to become a Moose Legionnaire?

A member who has completed 6 months of Moose Lodge membership or sponsored one member into The Moose

### How do I join the Moose Legion?

Complete & sign a Moose Legion application (available in the Lodge entry-way). Present your filled out application, along with the required dues to any Moose Legionnaire (if you do not know a Moose Legionnaire, ask any available Lodge officer or the bartender on duty for help). The Moose Legionnaire will sign your application too and later present it to the Moose Legion secretary to be processed. You will then be notified of the next Moose Legion Conferral, which is the official ceremony that officially accepts you into the Moose Legion





## TOM KRONENBURG'S PPC



## MOOSE MERCHANTILE



WMA Sweatshirt	Small	\$ 30.00
WMA Sweatshirt	Medium	\$ 30.00
WMA Sweatshirt	Large	\$ 30.00
WMA Sweatshirt	XL	\$ 30.00
WMA Sweatshirt	2XL	\$ 33.00
WMA Sweatshirt	3XL	\$ 34.00
WMA Sweatshirt	4XL	\$ 35.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	Small	\$ 35.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	Medium	\$ 35.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	Large	\$ 35.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	XL	\$ 36.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	2XL	\$ 40.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	3XL	\$ 44.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	4XL	\$ 45.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	Small	\$ 20.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	Medium	\$ 20.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	Large	\$ 20.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	XL	\$ 20.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	2XL	\$ 22.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	3XL	\$ 22.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	4XL	\$ 24.00

**Email your order to:** [merch@wismoose.org](mailto:merch@wismoose.org)

Send a check payable to **WMA** to:

Mike Rynearson, TM, W3582 57th Street, Lyndon Station, WI 53944

Please include \$10 for shipping.

Your order will be sent upon receipt of payment.



## MOOSEHEART SENIOR CLASS TRIP

Hello Moose Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions,

The WMA is so excited that the Mooseheart Seniors will be joining us in the beautiful State of Wisconsin for their Senior Class Trip! The Trip will take place April 17- 22, 2024. **The current proposed itinerary is as follows, but is definitely subject to change!** If you are near the route and have an idea for an activity or meal, please let us know. What we are requesting from you is Sponsorship. This trip will cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

We would love to offer your lodge/chapter/moose legion the opportunity to be a t-shirt sponsor. For a minimum of \$100 we would love to include your unit on the shirts that the students will be wearing. We will also send you a certificate to display. Please consider helping Our Children have a Senior Trip to Remember!

Please send checks earmarked for Mooseheart Senior Trip to:

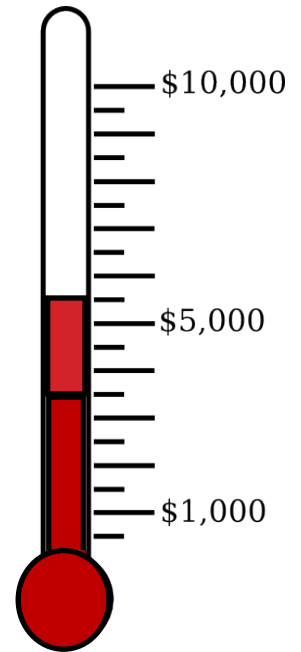
Please mail checks to:  
**Matthew Boardman**  
Wisconsin Moose Association  
607 East Sixth Avenue  
Brodhead, WI 53520

Thank you so much for your support,

Kellee Chwala  
moosekellee@yahoo.com  
Senior Trip Chair  
WMA Treasurer

Yellow (\$20 & Under)	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Red (\$25 - \$45)	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Green (\$50 - \$70)	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Blue (\$75 - \$95)	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Purple (\$100 & Up)	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Individual Sponsor Levels**



**Who Needs a Pin?** Please contact me, to make arrangements! I will have pins available at the Executive Board/ District Presidents Meeting at the End of October, so I can get them to the District Presidents then!

## MOOSEHEART SENIOR CLASS TRIP– PROPOSED ITINERARY

<b>April 17, 2024 (Wednesday)</b>	
Summary of day's events	Students and chaperones will leave Mooseheart after school ends (4:00 PM), traveling in two (2) mini buses to first Wisconsin destination. No community service planned.
Travel	Driving from Mooseheart to Kenosha, Wisconsin (90 miles; 1.5 hours) for dinner. Driving from Kenosha to Milwaukee area hotel (35 miles; 45 minutes).
Breakfast	N/A
Lunch	N/A
Dinner	Dinner at Kenosha Moose Lodge (3003 30th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53144)
Community Service	N/A
Fun Activities	Mars Cheese Castle (prior to Lodge) closes at 7:00 PM?? Or some fun activity at the Lodge?
Hotel	Milwaukee area TBD
Other	

<b>April 18, 2024 (Thursday)</b>	
Summary of day's events	Milwaukee area events, including Harley-Davidson Museum and/or other local fun activity during the day. Community service event in the evening. Stay at same hotel as day before.
Travel	Local Milwaukee area driving
Breakfast	In Milwaukee hotel
Lunch	Area restaurant or Moose Lodge (Milwaukee, Muskego or Racine)??
Dinner	Dinner at the VA Fisher House after community service
Community Service	Students to serve dinner to families of hospitalized Veterans staying at Fisher House. VA Medical Center, 5000 W National Ave bldg 150, Milwaukee, WI 53295. Coordinator: Julie Kronenburg (414-232-8125)
Fun Activities	Options: Harley-Davidson Museum, AmFam Park tour, Milwaukee County Zoo, Miller Brewery Tour, other??
Hotel	Milwaukee area TBD
Other	

<b>April 19, 2024 (Friday)</b>	
Summary of day's events	Leave Milwaukee and travel to Sheboygan for community service event in morning. Travel to Green Bay for fun activity in the afternoon.
Travel	Travel from Milwaukee to Sheboygan (55 miles, 1 hour) for community service event. Travel to Green Bay area (65 miles: 1 hour, 10 minutes)
Breakfast	In Milwaukee hotel
Lunch	Sheboygan Moose Lodge (1811 Georgia Ave, Sheboygan, WI 53081)
Dinner	Marinette Moose Lodge
Community Service	TBD - Sheboygan area in morning
Fun Activities	Lambeau Field Tour in afternoon. Coordinator: Lee Aanonsen (920-819-2856)
Hotel	Green Bay area TBD
Other	



## MOOSEHEART SENIOR CLASS TRIP– PROPOSED ITINERARY

April 20, 2024 (Saturday)	
Summary of day's events	Community service event in morning in Green Bay area, then travel to West Bend and doing something fun on the way
Travel	Travel from Green Bay to West Bend (100 miles, 1.5 hours) for community service event.
Breakfast	In Green Bay hotel
Lunch	TBD
Dinner	West Bend Moose Lodge (1721 Chestnut St, West Bend, WI 53095)
Community Service	TBD - Green Bay in morning
Fun Activities	TBD - EAA tour? Timber Rattlers game?
Hotel	West Bend area hotel
Other	

April 21, 2024 (Sunday)	
Summary of day's events	Community service event in West Bend in the morning, then travel to Wisconsin Dells area
Travel	Travel from West Bend to Wisconsin Dells (90 miles, 2 hours) for fun activity
Breakfast	In West Bend hotel
Lunch	West Bend Moose Lodge (1721 Chestnut St, West Bend, WI 53095)
Dinner	Juneau County Lodge?? Or Kalahari restaurant
Community Service	TBD - West Bend area in morning
Fun Activities	Carr Valley Cheese (Mauston)??, Kalahari Resort
Hotel	Kalahari Resort
Other	

April 22, 2024 (Monday)	
Summary of day's events	Heading back home to Mooseheart
Travel	Travel from Wisconsin Dells to Janesville for lunch (90 miles, 1.5 hours). Travel from Janesville to Mooseheart (100 miles, 1.5 hours).
Breakfast	In hotel
Lunch	Janesville Moose Lodge (418 W Milwaukee St, Janesville, WI 53548) or Beloit Moose Lodge
Dinner	Mooseheart
Community Service	TBD in Janesville or Beloit
Fun Activities	Kalahari Resort in morning prior to checkout
Hotel	N/A
Other	



## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES



# MOOSEHEART RUDOLPH RUN 5K RUN WALK 2023

to benefit Mooseheart Child City & School

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

**Please Support Team Wixom Wisconsin—  
The Official Team of the WMA**

**Texas Hold Em**  
Las Vegas NV  
January 7 - 11, 2024

**Pickleball**  
Tamarac Lodge, FL 2267  
Feb 10 - 11, 2024

**Steel Tip Darts**  
Lynchburg South, VA 1727  
April 20 - 21, 2024

**Bowling**  
Sandwich, IL 1016  
April 27 - 28, 2024  
May 4 - 5, 2024

**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

**Golf**  
East Mesa, AZ 2082  
Sept 13 - 15, 2024

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

**2024 International Moose Sports Tournaments**

For additional information please visit [mooseintl.org/members/index.php/sports/](http://mooseintl.org/members/index.php/sports/) or call Will Harrison at (630) 966-2214.

*\*Dates subject to change.*

**4th ANNUAL MOOSE CHARITY FUNDRAISER  
MOOSE CRUISE 2025 - FEBRUARY 15th to 22nd 2025  
8 DAY - 7 NIGHT WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE  
DEPARTING FROM ORLANDO, FLORIDA ON THE NCL EPIC**

CABIN CATEGORY	NO DRINK OR DINING PACKAGE	UNLIMITED DRINK PACKAGE AND SPECIALTY DINING INCLUDED
SOLO STUDIO CABINS ARE BASED ON NCL'S DAILY RATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	CABIN TOTAL 2 PEOPLE INCLUDES PORT FEES AND TAXES	CABIN TOTAL FOR 2 PEOPLE INCLUDES PORT FEES & TAXES
	PACKAGE B	DAILY GRATUITIES FOR DRINK & DINING PACKAGES (DAILY GRATUITIES ARE NOT INCLUDED)
<b>T1 - Solo Cabin (Inside Studio) 1 person Deck 11, 12</b>	\$1228.57 1 Person	<b>***BEST VALUE**</b> PACKAGE A \$1391.17 1 Person
IC - Inside Cabin Deck 9	\$1901.24 2 People	\$2226.44 2 People
IB - Inside Cabin Deck 10, 11	\$1920.24 2 People	\$2245.44 2 People
IA - Inside Cabin Deck 12, 13, 14	\$1939.24 2 People	\$2264.44 2 People
BC - Ocean view Balcony Cabin Deck 8, 9	\$2429.44 2 People	\$2770.44 2 People
BB - Ocean view Balcony Cabin Deck 10, 11	\$2446.44 2 People	\$2787.24 2 People
BA - Ocean view Balcony Cabin Deck 12, 13, 14	\$2463.44 2 People	\$2804.24 2 People
MC - Club Ocean view Balcony Suite Deck 8	\$2752.44 2 People	\$3093.24 2 People
MB - Club Ocean view Balcony Suite Deck 9, 10, 11	\$2769.44 2 People	\$3110.24 2 People
MA - Club Ocean view Balcony Suite Deck 12, 13, 14	\$2786.44 2 People	\$3127.24 2 People

Daily gratuities of \$20.00 per person per day are not included in price.

Call or email us to book your cabin  
Lisa Cordeiro cell 954-2204-836  
Jim Cordeiro cell 561-388-8518  
Jalee Travel@gmail.com

Passport or Government ID & Certified Birth Certificate Required

WELCOME TO JAMAICA

ASK ABOUT NCL'S AIRFARE PROMOTION FOR A LIMITED TIME 2ND GUEST FLIES FOR FREE FLY IN UP TO 2 DAYS EARLY AND STAY UP TO 2 DAYS LATER FRIENDS & FAMILY OF THE MOOSE ARE ALSO INVITED

UNLIMITED DRINK PACKAGE FOR 2 2 NIGHTS OF SPECIALTY DINING FOR 2 100 MINUTE SHOWER FOR EACH GUEST One \$50 shore excursion credit per excursion for 1st guest

FINAL PAYMENT DUE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 4th 2024

MYAN RUINS

**LIMITED AVAILABILITY - PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

### MOOSE CRUISE 2025 - ITINERARY

Day	Event	Time
Day 1	Feb 15th - Ship Departs Orlando/Port Canaveral FL	5:30 pm
Day 2	Feb 16th - Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Day 3	Feb 17th - Cruising - Sea Day	
Day 4	Feb 18th - Ocho Rios, Jamaica	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Day 5	Feb 19th - George Town, Cayman Islands	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Day 6	Feb 20th - Cozumel, Mexico	10:30 am - 6:30 pm
Day 7	Feb 21st - Cruising - Sea Day	
Day 8	Feb 22nd - Ship Arrives in Orlando/Port Canaveral FL	7:00 am

INSIDE AND SOLO CABINS COMES WITH THESE 2 PERKS UNLIMITED DRINK PACKAGE FOR 2 AND 1 NIGHT OF SPECIALTY DINING

FINAL PAYMENT DUE OCTOBER 4TH 2024

\$250 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT PER STATEROOM (2 PEOPLE)

NCL DEPOSIT PROMOTION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE - DEPOSIT IS USUALLY \$500 REFUNDABLE



## MEMBERSHIP

Hello Brothers and Sisters:

Have you ever thought back and wondered why you joined the Moose? I was asked by my uncle because the Chapter needed 1 more to make their year. What do I have to do?

Nothing !!!! I am sure many of you have heard that same reply. It is true, you do not have to do nothing. A member can choose to be as active as they want to be.

Once I found out what the Moose was all about; I was hooked. The first time I visited Mooseheart, I did not want to leave because the “kids” needed me! Are you doing Orientation ? Let the new members know what we are all about.

We are at a minus in membership. Please contact your expired members and sponsor new. JUST ASK! Moose International has many brochures to help explain our great organization. Do not wait until April and then have a big push.

RETENTION ! RETENTION ! RETENTION !

Each Lodge and Chapter should have an “in-Lodge” membership campaign.

Questions? Feel free to contact me. If I don’t know the answer, I will find out for you.

Remember “Proud Past, Bright Future”. I am proud to say I am a Moose member.

Stay safe and an early Happy Thanksgiving.

In Friendship,

Renee

[josie59m@yahoo.com](mailto:josie59m@yahoo.com)

218-269-7301



### Congratulations to Our 50 Year Members

Lodge	Member Name
Beloit 191	John Petersen
Janesville 197	Charles E. Henry
Kenosha 286	Jack S. Johnson
Kenosha 286	Albert Bull
Rice Lake 402	Donald M. Schmidt
Racine 437	Joel L. Sys
Bloomer 1077	Curtis Brumm
West Bend 1398	Donald Schacht
West Bend 1398	Fred J. Lang
Wisconsin Moose Legion 31	Eugene Kotowski

## STATE SNAPSHOT

### Association 52 2023 - 2024

#### Membership

Active Members	<b>16,080</b>
Active Member Year End Goal	<b>16,106</b>
Goal Progress	<b>-26</b>
Current Lodge Count	29
Prior Year Lodge Count	29

#### Renewals

YTD Renewals	5,441
Members Paid	4,179
Retention Rate	76.8%

#### Production

YTD Applications	1,015
Application Goal	2,917
Application Goal Progress	<b>-1,902</b>
Applications Not Enrolled	34
Applications Prior Year	2,176
Applications vs Prior Year	<b>-1,161</b>
YTD Sponsors	639
% Preferred Members	4.0%

#### Three Year Active Member Trend

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

#### 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	16,151	454
Sep	15,709	16,207	498
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

### Wisconsin Moose Association Liaison Mike Rynearson

Heart of the Community	Not Rcvd	Rcvd
Qtr 1 due 8/15/2023	1	96.55%
Qtr 2 due 11/15/2023	25	13.79%
Qtr 3 due 2/15/2024	29	0.00%
Qtr 4 due 5/15/2024	29	0.00%

#### Moose Charities Giving

Prior Year	\$101,670.02
Current Year	\$41,470.46
Lodges Not Giving	0

#### Accounts Receivable

Prior Year	\$36,661.87
Current Year	\$18,664.27
Difference	\$-17,997.60
Lodges With Late Payments	0

#### MI Loan

Loan Balance	\$190,117.12
Lodges With Loans	2
Lodges With Late Payments	1

#### Awards

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

#### 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	\$27,517.28	<b>\$-10,225.87</b>
Sep	\$44,377.94	\$32,576.41	<b>\$-11,801.53</b>
Oct	\$55,595.31	\$41,470.46	<b>\$-14,124.85</b>
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

Here is the Association All Stat Report. As you can see, we are down 26, with a Retention Rate of 76.8%. Thus far we have signed 1,015 new/former members or 34.8% of our goal of 2,917. We should be at 50% of our goal by now. Retention, retention, retention!



## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

### ***NOVEMBER 2023***

1	Start of 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024	Moose Intl	
4	District 6 Membership Workshop	Rice Lake #402	10:00 AM
4	Chippewa Falls Moose Lodge Birthday	Chippewa Falls #246	
4	Bloomer Moose Lodge Birthday	Bloomer #1077	
5	Daylight Savings Time Ends		
11	Veterans Day		
12	Monroe Moose Lodge Birthday	Monroe #754	
15	Cradle Fundraiser Donations Due	Moose Charities	
15	Newsletter Articles Due to Newsletter Editor	WMA	
15	2nd Quarter HOC Reports Due	LCL Net	
20	District 2 Meeting	Kenosha #286	7:00 PM
23	Moose International Offices Closed - Happy Thanksgiving	Moose Intl	
28	Kaukauna Moose Lodge Birthday	Kaukauna #953	

### ***DECEMBER 2023***

2	Mooseheart Senior Portrait Luncheon & Tree Lighting	Mooseheart, IL	TBA
5	Clintonville Moose Lodge Birthday	Clintonville #1502	
8	Juneau County Moose Lodge Birthday	Juneau Co. #1913	
9	District 1 Meeting - South Central COHD Meeting to follow	Watertown #830	10:00 AM
9	District 4 Meeting	Kaukauna #953	11:00 AM
9	District 6, Moose Legion 138, Heart of the North COHD	Rice Lake #402	10:30 AM
14	District 6, Moose Legion 138, Heart of the North COHD	Rice Lake #402	10:30 AM
15	Newsletter Articles Due to Newsletter Editor	WMA	
16	WMA Executive Committee Meeting	Sheboygan #438	9:00 AM
16	WMA State Board Meeting (Exec Committee & District Pres)	Sheboygan #438	1:00 PM
16	WMA Full State Board Meeting(Exec/Dist Pres/Committee)	Sheboygan #438	3:00 PM
16	WMA Christmas Party	Sheboygan #438	6:00 PM
25	Moose International Offices Closed - Merry Christmas	Moose Intl	

### ***JANUARY 2024***

1	Moose International Offices Closed - Happy New Year	Moose Intl	
1	Wisconsin Moose Association Birthday	WMA	
7-11	Moose International Texas Hold'em Tournament	Las Vegas, NV	
11	Sheboygan Moose Lodge Birthday	Sheboygan #438	
13	Beloit Moose Lodge Birthday	Beloit #191	
13	District 1 Meeting - South Central COHD Meeting to follow	Beloit #191	7:00 PM
15	Newsletter Articles Due to Newsletter Editor	WMA	
15	District 2 Meeting	Muskego #1057	
20	WMA Dartball Tournament	EKM #1238	TBA
21	District 5 Meeting	Chippewa Falls #246	10:30 AM
21	Moose Legion 143 Meeting	Chippewa Falls #246	2:00 PM
21	Chippewa Valley COHD Meeting	Chippewa Falls #246	4:00 PM
21	S.E WI. Council of Higher Degrees Meeting	Muskego #1057	11:00 AM
21	Moose Legion 31 Meeting	Muskego #1057	1:00 PM
22	Milwaukee Moose Lodge Birthday	Milwaukee #49	
22	Capital City Moose Lodge Birthday	Capital City #2724	
23	Marinette Moose Lodge Birthday	Marinette #2327	
24	Green Bay Moose Lodge Birthday	Green Bay #801	
26	Racine Moose Lodge Birthday	Racine #437	
27	WMA Executive Committee Meeting	Eau Claire #1408	1:00 PM
27	WMA State Board Meeting (Exec Committee & District Pres)	Eau Claire #1408	3:30 PM
28	E.K.M. Moose Lodge Birthday	E.K.M. #1238	
28	End of 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024	Moose Intl	

## WMA Board of Officers

President:  
Larry Pratt

Vice Pres:  
Margie Marsden

Chaplain:  
Clyde Brophy

Treasurer:  
Kellee Chwala

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Matt Boardman

Jr. Past Pres:  
Mike Wixom

Moose Legion Ambassador:  
Tom Kronenburg

Territory Manager:  
Mike Rynearson

Regional Manager:  
Frank Vorhees



### 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



HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED



### MOOSEHEART 5K RUDOLPH RUN SATURDAY, NOV. 18

MOOSEHEART CHILD CITY & SCHOOL

**Please Support: Team Wixom Wisconsin**

**Have a story to submit?**

**Email to:**

**News@wismoose.org**

Please put the following **Annual Dates** 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

# MOOSE PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE

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.



**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.



## Mid-Year Housing– Now Open



Mid-Year Conference is Scheduled for February 29 through March 3, 2024 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Fond du Lac. Room Block is now open. Please call the hotel directly the phone number is 920-923-1440, PRESS 9. Then ask for the WI State Moose Association block. Room Rate is set at \$118 per night. The Room block will close January 28, 2024.