

MOOSE MUSINGS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014

A BURDEN TO ONE IS BORNE LIGHTLY BY MANY

You may have heard the saying, "A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many." This is at the core of the Moose organization and what makes us unique in our Lodges, local communities and charitable "cities" that we support. Our roots can be traced to 1888 and the founder of the Moose, Dr. Henry Wilson, who successfully established the first Lodge in Louisville, Kentucky. In the early years, the Moose was to serve a modest goal of offering men an opportunity to gather socially, to care for one another's needs and celebrate life together. Since those early years, our fraternal organization rapidly expanded to include valuable service to our communities, care for children and teens in need at Mooseheart Child City & School, a 1,000-acre campus, located 40 miles west of Chicago and care for our senior members at Moosehaven, a 70-acre retirement community near Jacksonville, Florida. With a combined membership of over 1,000,000 members, our presence is felt in over 1,500 communities across all 50 states and four Canadian provinces, plus Great Britain and Bermuda. The Moose organization contributes between \$75 to \$100 million worth of community service (counting monetary donations, volunteer hours worked and miles driven) annually. In addition to Mooseheart and Moosehaven, the Moose fraternity's Heart of the Community effort is multifaceted with internally developed programs like Tommy Moose. Tommy Moose aids in helping children overcome fears and anxiety during times of stress. Donated to law enforcement, fire fighters and other emergency workers, Tommy Moose plush dolls are presented to children in various traumatic situations. The external focus of our service is directed towards many worthwhile national charities, a few of which are: Special Olympics North America, Salvation Army, Safe Surfin'USA Foundation, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and St. Jude. In our local Lodges, you will find a wide array of activities to participate in both as an individual and as a family. From holiday parties, dances, sports, themed dinners and live entertainment, the Moose has much to offer. Membership can mean different things to different people. You are the one determining what you want to get out of the organization, and what you want to give back. The Moose is about celebrating life together, serving those in need within our local community, supporting our children at Mooseheart and standing by our senior members at Moosehaven.



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From Your Governor, Larry Stanley

The first few months as Governor have moved very quickly! The support from our membership has been greatly appreciated. We have had a lot of participation in our recent activities, despite the usual summer slowdown.

Our lodge has seen winnings of more than \$60K on Queen of Hearts and many winners of 50/50 and holder games. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers for everything they do to make our lodge a success! If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please see a board member.

I learned a lot while attending the International Convention in June and the State Convention in August. One of the most significant changes members will see is how new members are sponsored. These changes are due to the new rules regarding sponsorship of new applicants to a unit of the Fraternal Order. Men and women in good standing may now sponsor, for membership, either gender for the other's respective unit. In other words, men may sponsor women and women may sponsor men. I feel we are moving in the right direction and I am confident that with everyone helping, we can make our lodge an even better place!

Larry Stanley, Governor

Recurring Events:

1st Tues/mo: Family Pizza Night

Mondays: Hot Dog and Moose Milk Special

Thursdays: Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30

Fridays: Dinner Special/Steaks/Entertainment

2nd Saturday/mo: Bingo 7:00pm

***Make sure to check out our monthly calendar at www.tuckahoemoose.com**

or at the lodge for a complete list of events*

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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A NOTE FROM OUR JR. GOVERNOR, SCOTT JARVIS

Fellow Moose:

I am excited to have the opportunity to reach out to you as your Junior Governor and share some ideas, experiences and upcoming activities. First, the Communications Committee is working hard to bring back the bi-monthly Tuckahoe Moose Newsletter. It has been a struggle due to long lead times, production woes and frankly, lack of available volunteer time. But, we believe we have ironed out the wrinkles and will be able to move forward with a regular newsletter to share all of the great things going on in Our Lodge. If you have any interest in contributing to or working on the newsletter, please contact me. I am chairing the Communication Committee and have help from Committee members: Ashley Kovalik, Gwen Stanley, Hannah Stanley, Bernie Dunn, Michelle Shea, Dieter Henss and Augusta Jarvis. I want to thank them for their time and efforts and most of all for stepping up to volunteer.

You may have noticed some changes to the Tuckahoe Moose web site. Augusta has been working diligently for the last several weeks to make it more appealing, easier to navigate, current and informational. If you have suggestions please send those to the email address in the "Contact Us" section of the website: tuckahoemoose.com.

There is a lot going on, with so much more we could be doing! There are many opportunities to get involved and help at Our Lodge by participate in planning and running an event or activity, or just helping keep Our Lodge clean and comfortable! But let's not get lost in the day to day activities just yet. Make sure to check out the "What's Going On" section of the newsletter for more...

I recently got the opportunity to attend the Virginia Moose Association Convention in Roanoke. While parts of it were as expected, procedural business and annual reporting, there was a lot of valuable information shared. Then there was one speaker that really reminded me why I joined the Moose, why we work so hard to make Our Lodge great, why we even exist.....

This young lady steps up to speak and begins to tell her story. Eugenie "Genie" Bostom was only 11 when her mother, a single mother of 2, gave up Genie and her brother to Mooseheart. She told of a childhood where they never knew where they might sleep, where the next meal might come from or what their bleak future might be. Her mother was sick and unable to care any more for her children. So, she made the ultimate sacrifice out of her intense love for them..... she gave them up. She knew of Mooseheart, Our 1,000 acre Child-City & School about 40 miles west of Chicago. She knew that her children would be cared for, fed, clothed, educated and most of all, Loved. Genie's mom passed away about a year after she came to Mooseheart. About the same time, Genie started receiving letters from the Secretary at the lodge that was sponsoring her, Front Royal. I believe her name was Evelyn. They wrote one another throughout Genie's teenage years, through high school and up to the time when she went off to college.... on a Mooseheart scholarship. Genie continued to tell this room of several hundred men her story of these wonderful, conversational letters and the love she felt from this woman, whom she'd never met. She spoke of losing touch with her pen pal from Front Royal as she finished school and traveled around to find herself. The convention hall at the Roanoke Sheraton was silent as every Moose Brother was fixated on Genie's story.

Genie then fast forwarded about 10 years and spoke of a successful career and a life she never dreamt possible as a child. She had the opportunity by chance to visit the Front Royal Lodge and meet Evelyn, the Secretary that had written her all those years. Evelyn, excited to unexpectedly meet who the Lodge had always referred to as "Their Girl", stopped the band and introduced Genie to the crowd. They all knew who she was and her story. She received a standing ovation and greetings and hugs from all the members. They showed her all the pictures they had of her hanging in the Lodge of her growing up at Mooseheart. They had always followed and cared for Their Girl.

Genie got a second standing ovation from the several hundred gentlemen in that convention hall. Many of us now can't hide the fact we've been moved to tears by this young lady. She finished her story and got to her point of why she was standing before us. She was there to thank us. She thanked us for being Moose. She thanked us for coming into Our Lodges and having dinner or some Moose-Milk, for playing bingo or Vtabs, for participating in activities, for donating our time to help raise money for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. It's why we are here.

I left asking myself, what can we do at Our Lodge to keep our purpose in mind and make Our Lodge better? I found the answer to be quite simple; we just always make it Our Lodge. We work together to keep it clean and safe. We work together to put on activities and events that draw our members in. We work together to make Our Lodge successful and keep it in the spirit of the Moose organization. The Board is working on improving all aspects of our services: food, customer service, Lodge cleanliness, infrastructure, activities and events. In addition, we have a handful of members today that step up and volunteer and so many more that do the little things to help keep Our Lodge great! To those folks I say Thank You and keep up the good work! However, we cannot do it alone. Every member of Our Lodge has to step up and work with one another to make it Our Lodge.... to make it Your Lodge.

Coming soon, you will see a new campaign from the Communications Committee. "**This Is Your Moose**" is aimed at reminding all members of Our purpose and charter. It will include new signage to support Lodge rules, as well as volunteer opportunities and how to sign-up. It will promote every member helping to make Our Lodge as great as it can be by simple actions, such as cleaning up your table when there is no server on duty, or picking up any mess you may see as you walk by, or by reaching out to the Board and volunteering to organize an effort to get something you see needs doing done, whatever it may be. In the end it is Our Lodge.... it's Your Lodge, Our Second Home, so We should all treat it as we would Our Home.

In this world where life moves at 90 mph, information coming at us from hundreds of sources day and night, and there never seems to be enough hours in any given day to get through the to do list; one young lady took 20 minutes and reminded me and several hundred other Moose, why we do what we do. It gave me the focus I needed to look inward at Our Moose and see the simple things We can do day in and day out to make Our Moose.... Your Moose, even better than it is today and in keeping in the spirit of the Moose organization, make some child's life great. Please look around the next time you are in Our Lodge and see where you can do just one thing to make it better. If we all do this, and spread the work load across Us All, the effort becomes minimal. **This Is Your Moose..... make it great!**

~Scott Jarvis, Jr. Governor

WHAT'S GOING ON?

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Are You Ready for Some Football?!

Your Sports Committee is co-chaired by Scott Jarvis and Philip Stanley this year and are also both running the Tuckahoe Moose Fantasy Football Leagues. Last year we had 16 teams compete via the espn.com fantasy football site. This year, we got even more interest and decided to create two independent leagues to make them manageable at 12 teams each. The teams in each league compete against one another weekly for 13 weeks before the top 4 teams go into the playoffs. There will be inter-league play every 4 weeks between the 2 top teams and 2 bottom teams, just to keep it interesting. Come join us on Sunday's to watch football and see whose fantasy team is "stud" and who's is "dud". We will have the DirecTV NFL Sunday Ticket on all the TV's so you can catch any game. **Are YOU ready for some football?**



WOTM 1282 News and Events

September 27 – WOTM yard sale at Tuckahoe Moose Lodge. \$10/table 8am-12pm weather permitting

October 25 – Christmas in October 6pm-11pm \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door Tickets available at the lodge. Please feel free to bring a covered dish to share.

Moose shirts are here!!! \$20/ea various colors and sizes available!

Other Sports News

We now have a loosely established Sports Committee that is working on several activities. Of course we have a strong presence in our pool room with Monday Night Moose League pool, Mark Long running our local 9-ball tournament on Tuesday nights and Scott Jarvis running our Thursday night 8-ball tournament. The Monday Night Moose League had two teams playing out of Tuckahoe last session, which ended in July. This session started in late July and saw 2 more teams transfer from other lodges to play out of and represent Tuckahoe. In addition, several members of those teams, transferred their membership to Tuckahoe based on how much they enjoy Our Lodge, the people, the atmosphere and where We seem to be going. That says a lot about Our Lodge.

There is also talk of an upcoming Tuckahoe Moose golf outing. More details are to come. This would be in early October, with the intent of gauging interest in a larger, more official Tuckahoe Moose Golf Tournament next spring. Keep an eye out for sign-up sheets with details or reach out to Our Governor, Larry Stanley, if you have questions.

Sports

Events/Tournaments

- 9 Ball Tourney: every Tues. 7pm*
- 8 Ball Tourney: everyThur7:30pm*
- Texas Hold 'Em: Sundays @ 1pm,
 - Thursdays @ 12pm*
- Darts (Blind Draw): e/o Sat. 6:30pm*

*tournaments require an entry fee

Check out our website:

www.tuckahoemoose.com

For all event and tournament details

Every Sunday join us at the Lodge for the race. It will be aired on the big screen as well as other surrounding TV's.

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For more info email

1163newsletter@gmail.com

or see Glen Stanley, Administrator
Scott Jarvis, Jr. Governor

Tuckahoe Moose Family Center
Lodge 1163
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Glen Allen, VA 23060

Social Quarters Hours

Monday - Thursday-10AM-12 Midnight
Friday- 10am-1am
Saturday--12 Noon-12 Midnight
Sunday-12 Noon- 8pm

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