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# Fast Friends Forever...

**“Bonds that are nearly life-long  
keep Ohio Moose convening  
twice each year!”**

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Zanesville Lodge 867**

# MI Membership Director O'Brien Raises A Communications Issue For Everyone

Following is **A RED FLAG** for everyone!

In a January 20th e-mail, O'Brien addressed every Association thusly:

*"I recently sent an e-mail to all the Lodges and Chapters in an Association. While I perceive this to be one of our better overall Associations, 15% of the e-mails were returned due to Mailbox size limit exceeded (italics, ours)*

We are over three years, and nearly four years, into our usage of e-mail to communicate with our Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions.

*What is the problem? (italics, ours)*  
Every Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion and Association should be checking their mooseunits.org e-mail at least twice weekly. (italics, ours)

The xxxx@mooseunits.org is currently the **ONLY** e-mailbox Moose International uses to officially communicate with the units. Even if a Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion or Association has another e-mail address, the mooseunits.org e-mail **MUST** continue to be checked regularly for official communications.

Upon reviewing each e-mail in the mooseunits.org mailbox, they should immediately take one of three actions:

- 1) save the e-mail to a folder on their computer and then delete the original e-mail
- 2) print out the e-mail to store for future reference and then delete the origi-

nal e-mail

3) determine the e-mail was 'spam' or not needed for future reference and delete the e-mail without saving it." (end O'Brien e-mail)

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** An open comment to all administrators of every Ohio Moose unit: Can Director O'Brien make the issue any plainer? You've got to do your part to effect proper communications.

Here's what you have going for you:

- You've got the best of the fraternity for Webmaster, a man who wears too many hats in doing his job as overall Webmaster for the fraternity and the Ohio Moose site and his own lodge. The Webmaster updates significant items almost "at once." You should click on the "What's New?" box everyday.

- You've got a good weekly updates editor who, by Wednesday noon of every week for almost five years now, keeps you reminded of significant items, along with relevant pictorial coverage of events in our Association, who posts special-emphasis messages for both the Regional Manager and for the Association and who is sometimes humorous.

- You've got MooseVision Chairman Phil Dick who willingly travels state wide to install and update MooseVision in your Lodge's Social Quarters.

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- You've got Communications Chairman Jim Grandy and his team of Phil Dick and Steve Ward who conduct publications seminars both for a single unit editor as well as for a District. All three are outstanding editors in their own right.

- You've got an experienced leadership team in Secretary John Sipes and the officers of the Executive Board who keep you "in the loop" so-to-speak with regard to significant developments both in the Association and in the fraternity at large. No pun intended, but Secretary Sipes is "johnny-on-the-spot" with his information with regard to all Association meetings, including Mid-Year Conference and Annual Convention.

- You've got a Regional

Manager, Dwaine Brown, who is ever "on top of things" and is ever vigilant in getting the "word" out to you.

All this communicative potential is for the administrator of all Moose units.

And what is required of you?

Every day, to turn on your computer, to log on, and to check your mooseunits.org e-mail, any other e-mail account, to check the "What's New?" box on the state Website, and to check the updates once per week.

**HOW HARD CAN THIS BE?**

You can spend the first 15 minutes of every work day with your office door closed to enable you to be a well informed administrator who can lead his board of officers, help other local units, and lead his Lodge operation into prosperity!

**TRY IT! YOU MIGHT LIKE IT!**

## Insurance Requirements When Renting Your Lodge Hall or Other Property

When you rent your Lodge Hall or other property -- either for a fixed amount of money or gratis (no fee) **AND IF ALCOHOL IS BEING SOLD SERVED, OR CONSUMED AT THE RENTAL** -- you must make sure that insurance coverage is obtained prior to the rental proceeding with limits of at least \$1,000,000 for General Liability, including \$1,000,000 for Liquor Liability.

Failure to follow these requirements will result in no insurance coverage for the Lodge, its officers, the renter and any claim arising out of the rental.

**IT IS NOT NECESSARY** to purchase the additional coverage for Moose functions or Moose-sponsored activities, including fund-raising and charitable activities that are Moose-sponsored.

*It is highly recommended that this coverage be purchased through Aon Risk Services. Doing so, provides these benefits: • guarantees coverage for all of the above requirements • easy and quick to purchase • can be purchased UP TO the date of the rental • there is NO deductible.*

*Purchasing from another source than AON must be first approved by the Risk Management Department at 800/544-4407.*

# GREAT NEWS!

Following is yet another way to help Moose Charities . . .

Moose Charities reports that in just over one month, the Department earned over \$1,300.00 from just a few sellers on “ebay Giving Works.”

Consider the following ways to support Moose Charities.

Newsletter and/or Email Submission:

*Need a gift? Need to give a gift a new home?*

**Buy and Sell on “eBay Giving Works” to support Mooseheart!**

- **Start Shopping. Quickly!**

Simply go to our “About My Nonprofit” page . . .

[http://donations.ebal.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP\\_ID=28034](http://donations.ebal.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=28034)

A portion of each listing’s final sale price will be donated to Moose Charities.

- **Re-Gift for Good**

If you didn’t get exactly what you were hoping during the recent holiday

season, don’t let it just collect dust. Sell it through our “About My Nonprofit” page on “e-Bay Giving Works.” --

[http://donations.ebal.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP\\_ID=28034](http://donations.ebal.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=28034)

-- to benefit Mooseheart the Child City and find a new home where it will be cherished.

- **Now everyone is happy and the world is a little bit better.**

*Post the “Ebay Giving Works URL” to your email signature.*

*Add an “Ebay Giving Works” banner to your website with a link to the URL --*

<http://www.ebaygivingworks.com/ns/self-resources-logodownload.html>

Thank you,

Moose Charities

# MORE GREAT NEWS!

**Ohio Moose never just settle to meet a financial goal ...**

Typically, Ohio Moose, despite dwindling membership in Ohio Lodges, continue to exceed whatever goal that members have set for themselves. While Ohio Moose Lodges have not been able to meet Moose International's membership quota for the Association in recent years, Ohio Moose still have "come through" with various crusades. Consider the following half-dozen projects:

OH Energy System 2004	Goal--\$200,000.00	Total Committed--\$239,460.32
OH Ohio Sports Complex	Goal--\$3,000,000.00	Total Committed--\$512,279.92
OH Residence Center Gazebo 2008	Goal--\$,8,000.00	Total Committed--\$8,000.00
OH Scholarship Fund		Total Committed--\$18,526.15
OH Special Olympics		Total Committed--\$33,217.95
OH Special Project	Goal--\$7,055,065.38	Total Committed--\$7,055.065.38
OH Unassigned Association Projects		Total Committed--\$1,917.37

In Endowment Fund giving, the Association has to date given \$140,454.28.

With 781 Ohio Moose members participating in the "Gimme 5" program, the Association has forwarded \$112,001.50 to date.

**To Repeat, "Ohio Moose never just settle to meet a financial goal ..."**

**What a great financial effort Ohio men and women!**

# And how does Ohio do it?

Much of OSMA's collective donations stem from creativity in activities for members of various units, such as . . .



getting our Deputy Supreme Governor Dan Bobbitt to ride his "Harley" Tryke -- blindfolded!

OR taking advantage of traveling opportunities via the Moose Vacation Center . . .



## The Moose Vacation Center Offers Travel Worldwide!

Explore your world at discounted prices!

Your Moose Vacation Center makes exploring your world easier and more affordable than ever! We've partnered with Go Ahead Tours and TNT Vacations to offer our Members exclusive discounts not available to the general public. This includes hundreds of the latest vacation deals with the best prices.

Plan your trip through Go Ahead Tours, renowned for their tours to the most interesting destinations around the world. Members can choose from a wide selection of tours, including Walking tours in the Italian Riviera, Food and Wine tours in France, African Safaris, just to name a few!

Or choose a "fun in the sun" get away through TNT Vacations with 26 destinations throughout the Caribbean, Bermuda and Mexico. All are available to Members at exclusive discounted rates, off already great deals. Exploring your world just got easier and more affordable at the Moose Vacation Center! Start planning your next trip now!

**Fun in the Sun Vacation Destinations from TNT Vacations**

- Caribbean
- Mexico
- Bermuda

**Moose Members receive 5% exclusive savings at TNT Vacations**

Use code: **Moose**

**You're just a click away from the Moose Vacation Center at TNT Vacations**

- Shop-book-save
- Sign up to receive weekly deals and free trip give away!

The screenshot shows the website interface with sections for 'Fun in the Sun', 'Benefits of Membership' (highlighting a 5% discount), and 'Top Tours from Around the World with Go Ahead Tours!'. It also features a 'Click Here' button and a 'Sponsored by' logo for TNT Vacations.

**Moose Members receive \$150 per person exclusive savings with Go Ahead Tours**

- Call 1-888-466-2849
- Use code: **Moose 910001**

**Worldwide Destinations with Go Ahead Tours**

- Europe
- Asia/Pacific
- Mediterranean
- Africa/Egypt
- The Americas

**You're just a click away from the Moose Vacation Center at Go Ahead Tours!**

- Free a Tour
- Sign up to receive FREE catalog!
- Pre-register for your Moose discount!

Visit: [www.moosevacations.com](http://www.moosevacations.com)

For TNT Vacations call: 800.282.0276  
Use reference code: Moose

For Go Ahead Tours call: 888.466.2849  
Use reference code: Moose 910001

OR by qualifying for, and participating in, the OSMA Mid-Year 5 & 25 Club Party . . .

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**COME ONE!  
COME ALL!**



**"IT'S PARTY TIME"  
FOR  
ALL OHIO MOOSE  
5 CLUB & 25 CLUBBERS**



**Get Your Voices Ready for  
"VOICE ACTIVATED"**



**WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

**WHERE: HOLIDAY INN INDEPENDENCE BALLROOM**

**TIME: 6:30 P.M.-COCKTAILS 7:00 P.M.-DINNER**

**ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW**

Dear Regional Manager Brown:

Sign Me Up For The Party \_\_\_\_\_

I'm Bringing A Guest \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 Charge)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE/CHAPTER (name & number) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your completed form with your \$20 check (if applicable and payable to OSMA) to DWAIN BROWN, REGIONAL MANAGER, P. O. BOX 1009, GALION, OH 44833

**Deadline is Friday, February 6, 2009**

If you're getting tired of seeing nothing but snow, perhaps viewing the pictures on the following three pages will give you a boost . . .

Guess where we're going! →

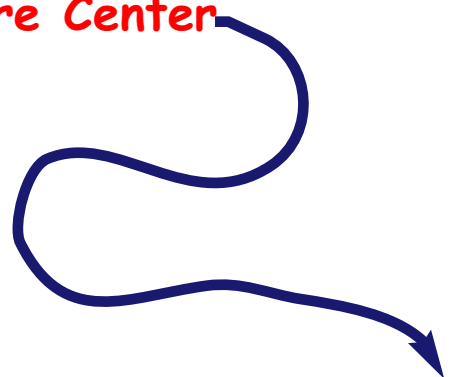


On their annual trek to Clearwater, Steve and Nancy Ward always stop to visit Moosehaven on their way through Jacksonville. They took several really informative pictures that we'd like to share with you--the buildings and grounds in this update and later on, if we can get the pictures, you'll get to join Steve and Nancy as they visit with the Zanesville Lodge 867 adopted grandparent, Marjorie Scott and James Caughlin, adopted grandparent of the Zanesville 867 Golden Moose Club.

First thing to be spotted is the famed "Moosehaven" water tower seen far off; then, after you've passed through the impressive entrance, you see the beauty surrounding the tower.



Let's move on to the new Life Care Center





The new construction of Brandon Place is underway and demonstrates the willingness of Moose everywhere to support our Seniors!