



Fun Family Fraternity in the Ohio Moose

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January 2007

Our Association always has a great Christmas

Party, and this year was no exception. Greenville 329 played host. Pictures above and on page two are just a few of the fine moments at this year's party. We hope to provide others in later updates.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Watch The 25 Club List Grow!

NEW 25 Club Members

Bill McNerney, Columbus 11
 Dave Hanson, Caldwell 221
 Victor Guillaron, Steubenville 619
 Timothy Makeever, Bucyrus 669
 Edwrd Greene, Sr., Whitehall 1245
 William L. Fish, Norwalk 1248
 Jerry Leto, Jr., Norwalk 1248
 Sam Larue, Ashland 1383
 Thomas H. Ziegler, Sylvania 1579
 Donald Thitoff, Wapakoneta MSC 2654

50 Division

John E. Mills, Jr., East Liverpool 122
 Carl W. Zickefoose, alliance 362
 Robert P. Hart, Jr., Medina 647
 Bruce C. Laugherty, Tiffin 846
 Kenneth L. Crouch, Bryan 1064

Brian Cox, Celina 1473
 Donald Sturms, Crystal Lakes 2464

100 Division

Steven Baker, Greenville 329

125 Division

David L. Rule, Trumbull 186
 James M. Durben, Coshocton 935

175 Division

Larry Wilfong, Barberton 759

250 Division

David L. Grable, Chillicothe 1626

SIGNET RING WINNERS MEN & WOMEN

Sponsoring and enrolling at least 25 members during the period July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2007 sees a preferred member sponsor earning the special three-year award, a beautiful gold and sterling silver signet ring.

Kennie Holbrook, Hamilton 36
 David G. Copus, Lima 199
 Joe Zofkie, Lima 199
 Louis DiFiori, Massillon 481
 Mike Wilt, Urbana 1215
 Kenneth Danhoff, Willard 2153
 Donald Thitoff, Wapakoneta MSC 2654

Kathleen DiFiori, Massillon Chapter 32
 Dona Lee Grigalunas, Barberton Chapter 61
 Jenny Ritchie, Trenton Chapter 183
 Wendy Limongi, Toledo Chapter 194
 Brenda VanMeter, Norwalk Chapter 239
 Suzette M. Pfefferle, Fremont Chapter 624
 Patricia Dotson, Tiffin Chapter 1001
 Dianne M. Honeycutt, Navarre Chapter 2125

Retention Award Winners

Having an increase in good standing membership for fiscal year ending April 30, 2006, see lodges earning the Retention Award.

Clyde 393
 Shelby 422
 Massillon 481
 Tiffin 846
 New Riegel 872
 Lancaster 955
 Upper Sandusky 1093
 Cortland 1012
 Miamisburg 1645
 Waverly 2263
 Lexington 2511

Congratulations! Keep up the good work.

Thanks,

**Dwaine Brown
Regional Manager**

State Board Goes To Greenville 329 for Christmas



TOP LEFT: The Chaney/Sylvania Connection! TOP CENTER: "Chicken" Staugler awaits his turn to choose a gift. TOP RIGHT: Association Secretary John Sipes and Linda happily greet members to the Christmas Party. CENTER LEFT: Helping to connect the gift exchange are officers Bob (and Joyce) Haley and Mike (and Jackie) Thatcher. CENTER RIGHT: Dave Yutzy and Deputy Grand Regent Nina Smith pose for photographer Phil. ABOVE LEFT: As Linda Dick can testify, don't ever get in the way of the photographer. ABOVE CENTER: The Hamilton Connection: Don and Katie and Joe and Linda! ABOVE RIGHT: Past State President Ron Johnson and Jill.

An Open Letter From MH Chairman Goldstein

Greetings, Ohio Moose!

I am writing this letter to request your help with an endeavor at the very heart of our Fraternity! It is my conviction that the benefits of Mooseheart Child city and School, Inc. are too often misunderstood, overlooked, or even unknown to many of our members. It is with this thought in mind that I propose that we take action to shed light on our fraternity's best kept secret -- Mooseheart!

In cooperation with the Mooseheart Admissions Department, we have scheduled a weekend tour of Ohio to help our Ohio Moose to become more actively involved in locating and facilitating the admission of children in need of Mooseheart services. Mooseheart Director of Admissions, Kyle Rife, is prepared to travel to Ohio to provide attendees with an overview of Mooseheart and its services, details of the admissions process, and ideas about how Ohio Moose can be involved in generating interest and cooperation from local Ohio communities.

We're asking you, as a member, to commit your support to this project. In the weeks between now and our scheduled meetings, we ask you to contact the following institutions and people:

- Grandparents, raising grandchildren
- Senior Centers
- Funeral homes
- Social Service agencies and Circuit Judges
- School teachers/guidance counselors (local elementary/junior high schools)
- Churches
- Friends and families

You will want to discuss how the Loyal Order of Moose has offered the service of Mooseheart since 1913 and how it can serve as a springboard to introduce these organizations and individuals to be the mission of our fraternity. This will also provide opportunities to increase public awareness and membership, while reaching out to children in need of a stable and safe environment. James J. Davis himself said "No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child."

Thank you in advance for all of your efforts and your willingness to "stoop" to help children in need of the gift of opportunity. thank you for sharing the gift of Mooseheart.

Meetings dates are the following:

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2007 AT 6:30 P.M.
Montpelier Moose Family Center 312
115 North Airport Road
Montpelier, OH 43543 (419) 485-3984

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007 AT 2:00 P.M.
Port Clinton Moose Family Center 1610
1105 West lakeshore Drive
Port Clinton, OH 43452 (419) 734-3344



Terry Goldstein, Admissions Chairman

Hello, Ohio Golfers! Here's the Latest Inside Poop!

by Danny Albert
Senior Golf Chairman



Anyone who ever played golf would never agree that life is fair. We recently talked about the unfairness of the rough, but until you've had a bad lie in a sand bunker, you can't know the meaning of "unfair!"

OBSERVATION # 19 - If there is a ball on the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker; if both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint!

O.S.M.A. President Dave Simpson Visits Norwood Lodge 301

Celebrating Norwood's Past Governors and Past Senior Regents, Norwood 301 was honored with OSMA President Dave Simpson's presence, along with first-lady Eunice, as well as his welcome remarks. Following pictures speak better than words ever can.



FAR LEFT: OSMA President Dave Simpson and Eunice pose with Past Governors of Norwood Moose Lodge 301. These Governors include Ken Malloy, Thom Hackney (Present Governor) Bobby Hayes, Mike Kelly, Matt Mattingly, Larry Ping, Bob wolf and Rickie Paul. LEFT: President Dave poses with Past Senior



Regents of Norwood Chapter 742: Janet Lynn, Kristie Paul, June Reynolds, and Jane Malloy (and Eunice).

LEFT: Administrator Bob Wolfe presents OSMA President Dave Simpson to Lodge members.

Everyone in attendance had a great time with Dave and Eunice!

Know What Might Be More Meaningful Than Finding A Dinosaur Fossil?

Getting Every Ohio Lodge To Nominate A Moose Of The Year!

an editorial by Jim Grandy

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL GOVERNORS

You will become a Jr. Past Governor on May 1, 2007, right? On that date, it will be your responsibility to form a committee to nominate a Moose-of-the-Year for your Lodge for 2007-2008.

FACT #1 -- You will receive the Moose-of-the-Year application in April 2007.

FACT #2 -- This form must be returned to Moose International by July 1, 2007.

FACT #3 -- You can form your committee, choose a candidate, complete the application many weeks before the deadline - - such as in April or May.

TIME OUT!

Let me share with you what California Moose do. Association Secretary George Montgomery recently put it squarely to member lodges: "Did you know that by not having a meeting and by not recommending a member of your Lodge to be recognized for his volunteering to help the Lodge, you are costing your Lodge money?"

"We have the 5 Star Program that recognizes those lodges that submit new or former member reports monthly, attends Mid-Year Conferences and Conventions, submits four quarterly reports and, last but certainly not least, submits a MOOSE-OF-THE-YEAR APPLICATION."

In California, if member lodges meet the criteria above, they get a 33.3% reduction on Association dues and an invitation to attend Mid-Year Conference 5 Star Party to

enjoy food and refreshments compliments of the Association. Qualifying lodges also receive a special 5-Star Banner at the party.

Well, Ohio does not have a similar program, but Ohio does have a group of Lodges which qualify for the "Sorry Ass" Award.

"Sorry Ass!" is an expression I learned while teaching at Lees College in Kentucky. In my mind, those Jr. Past Governors who do not submit an application for a Moose of the Year should be ashamed of themselves. They are indeed 'Sorry asses!'

Think about it: There is not a lodge in this fraternity which does not have a person who deserves to be recognized. Yet each year, Moose of the Year Chairman Rodney Seabert, Kenton 428, is embarrassed to give his report to Annual Convention because once again, some Ohio Lodges failed to submit a Moose-of-the-Year nominee, despite all his best efforts, including enlisting the help of the District Presidents and the District Membership Advisors.

So, Brother Governors who are about to finish up what may otherwise be a successful year, don't be lazy and uncaring. Don't fail to submit an application.

The application is quite simple. The sheet that has the resume typed on it has to be mailed to Association Secretary John R. Sipes. The other sheet goes to Moose International.

Let's take Chairman Seabert off the hook the 2007-2008 and have 100% participation in our Moose-of-the-Year program.

GO FOR IT!