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It's Our 300th Weekly Update!



Famous baseball pitcher Dizzy Dean once said -- or maybe more often than that -- "Pardnuh! If you can do it, it ain't braggin!"

Well, fraternal friends, Webmaster Steve Speaks and Weekly Updates Editor Jim Grandy have done it, and it ain't braggin!

Count'em! Go back 301 weekly updates ago, and you'll discover that it's air: There's nothing there! But skip forward one week, and you'll discover the new format that replaces the old bi-monthly [Ohio State Moose Association News](#) in an attempt to communicate better with Ohio Moose.

We have attempted to give you the latest, most up-to-date news involving Ohio Lodges and their units, including pictorial reports of activities in the various Lodges and units. How well we have succeeded is up to you.

Any how, it's our celebration, and you might thank us at Mid-Year Conference in Independence, OR you might suggest ways to improve our offerings!

"Learning From Nature, A Piece Of The Solution"

**. . . An Editorial by Steven Ward, Assistant Chairman
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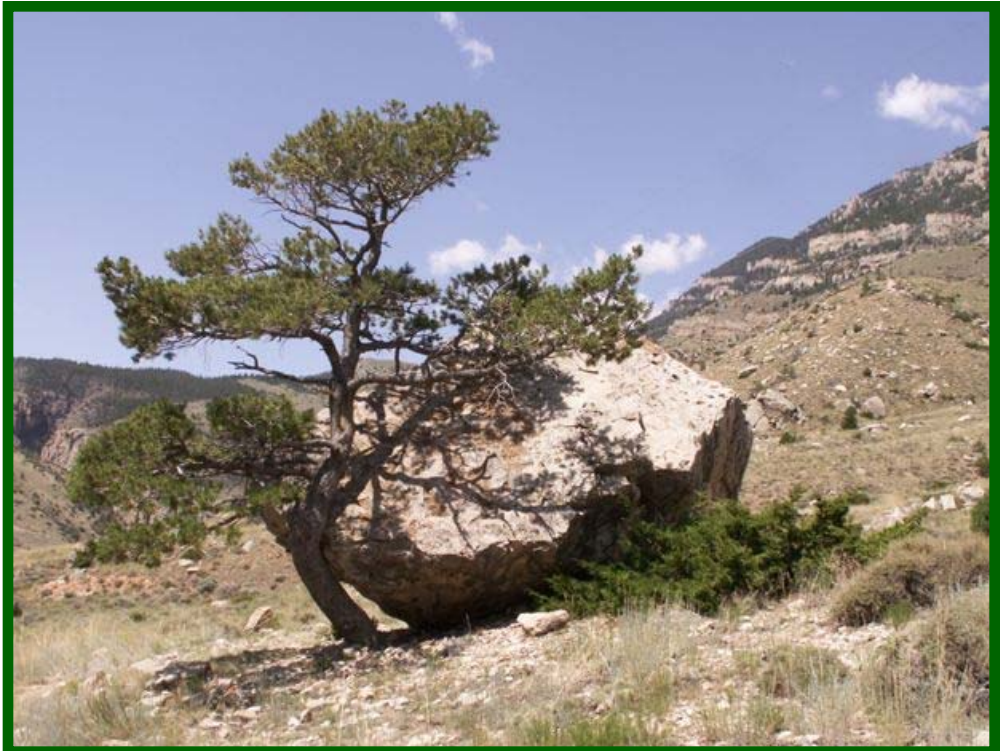
Several years ago on a ranch near Cody, Wyoming, a natural phenomenon began to emerge. A small tree, sprouted from it's fertile seed, not knowing of the difficulties it must overcome to survive. Through the elements of nature, a large boulder had been dislodged from a surrounding mountain, rolling downward coming to rest on top of the young seedling.

The sapling began to grow, receiving limited sunlight but developing strong roots. The young tree soon made contact with the boulder, and as hard as it may have tried there was no way it could find a way to grow through this obstacle.

But Mother Nature has a way of compensating for obstacles on this earth. Since this young tree realized that to survive, it could not grow through the boulder; so it learned to grow around it. By overcoming this obstacle the tree is now getting stronger and will grow straight to reach new heights. Thus we have a "Piece of the Solution" by nature.

The deep recession in recent years has created a boulder for several lodges of the Moose Fraternity. Money has been tight for lodges and members alike. Many members have lost jobs or had hours cut. Thus, retaining existing members and strengthening our membership with new ones has been particularly difficult. A global economic recession is much

too large an obstacle for a single lodge to remove and may prove nearly impossible to work through. So like the little tree in Wyoming, to survive we must learn to grow around it.



To achieve the desired results of membership production and retention, a complete transformation of mindset may be required, beginning with lodge officers and employees. To survive we must re-commit to being the "Friendliest Place in Town". We must truly believe that members are paramount and treat them as such.

It is human nature for people to want to socialize with others. Even in difficult

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economic times our members want to be with friends, and we must ensure the Moose is the best value for their entertainment dollars. Our members must want to choose the Moose Lodge first when planning an evening out.

We must begin by providing a clean and friendly atmosphere in the lodge. We must provide a variety of free or inexpensive activities for our members and their families. We must provide exceptional food and beverages at a reasonable price. Our employees must give prompt and friendly service to all members. And we must be creative in providing all of this at the best value for the lodge as well.

It costs nothing for an officer or an employee to greet a member with a friendly hello. It costs nothing to shake the hand of a

prospective new member. It costs nothing to show a new member around the lodge and introduce him to existing members. It costs nothing for an employee to give a friendly smile when serving a member. And it costs nothing to thank a member for his contributions, no matter how small. ; By becoming proficient in this behavior, the Moose will earn the reputation, indeed, of being the "Friendliest Place in Town".

By promoting the Moose programs and providing a clean and friendly environment, our members will invite their friends to join with us. And like the little tree, we too have strong and deep roots in the Moose Fraternity dating back to the year 1888. By being persistent and creative, we will overcome this economic boulder. And once again the Moose Fraternity will grow strong to reach new heights.

WANTED

We'd like to see a member of the state board, preferably, or a Woman of the Ohio Moose, to step forward to take on the following project on a continuing basis.

We'd like to solicit Degree Jackets that are just hanging in your closets, both Men's and Women's. We'd like to have neckties, buttons, anything that is a degree item. We will pass an item on to someone who needs it. With this program, you can also exchange your item for another size. This exchange will be done at **NO COST!** Any item will be **100% FREE!**

If you want to donate or if you need an item, contact

_____ by mail at (address) or by phone at _____

In discussion with another Association similar in size to Ohio's, we've found that their program is so successful that the demand is greater than the supply. Contact Secretary John Sipes if you'd like to take on this assignment.



5 Club

Peter Feeney, Columbus 11
Jeffery C Cunningham, Ashtabula 547
Richard Hornstein, Ashtabula 547
Daniel Schumacher, Findlay 698
Greg Batross, Zanesville 867
Timmy Ray Searcy, Fairborn 1068
Barry Harmon, Upper Sandusky 1093
Wm Starcher, Jr., Northfield 2156

25 Division

Larry Davis, Chillicothe 1626
Eryn Peters, Cortland 341

50 Division

Eric A Cooley, Chillicothe 1626

150 Division

250 Division

300 Division

Congratulations are in order to the latest member-sponsors who have won a \$50 gas card from the Association. These four people are . . .

Rachel L Partington, Miamisburg 224 **Sharon Miller, Colonial City 100**
Ken Miller, Willard 2153 **Ralph P Anderson, Springfield 536**



Glad To See That Grandy Has Me Back On The Internet! Golf Is Just Around The Corner! Believe It or Not!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Does anyone out there have a picture of Danny in golfing garb? If so, please get it to Jim Grandy or Steve Speaks, for you can't trust the word of someone proposing golfing wisdom who seems all the time to dress in a white dinner jacket and who wears a gold medallion!



Nuff Said bout Golf



I hope that Santa treated all you Ohio Moose golfers right! You had to have left the right clues -- need a new set of irons, a new set of woods (metals), a new bag, a new putter that works, at least a dozen of the new Titleists or Nike's or whatever, or new metal covers.

In the past, Santa has been pretty cool is satisfying those kinds of needs, especially if you've left the right hints!

So let's begin to 'tune up' for the golfing season. First, you have to remember to keep you head down. Lee

Travino, perhaps, said it best: "Here are two things you can do with your head down -- **PLAY GOLF AND PRAY!**"

A little girl was at her first golf lesson when she asked an interesting question: "Is the word spelled P-U-T or P-U-T-T?" she asked the instructor. "P-U-T-T is correct," he replied. "Put means to place a thing where you want it. Putt means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing!"

Let me leave you with this thought, a testimonial by a person who ever spoke and wished that he could immediately take back the words:

'I walked into a hair salon with my husband and 3 kids in tow and asked loudly, "How much do you charge for a shampoo and a blow job?" I turned around and walked back out and never went back. My husband didn't said a word . . . he knew better!'

**MOOSE LEGION MEDAL OF HONOR
QUALIFIERS INVITED TO
MOOSE INTERNATIONAL 25 CLUB PARTY**



For the first time – Moose Legion Medal of Honor “qualified members” will be invited to participate in the Moose 25 Club Party at the International Convention.

What is “qualified”?

It is really pretty simple, and mirrors the 25 Club program itself:

If a Moose Legionnaire earns the Medal of Honor during the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year by achieving 50 lifetime membership units in the program, He has then QUALIFIED.

If a Moose Legionnaire is already a Medal of Honor holder and earns five (5) membership units during the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year, He has then QUALIFIED.

If a Moose Legionnaire is qualified in both the 25 club and the Medal of Honor program (by either attaining them during the year and / or being credited with 5 membership units in each) – He is then QUALIFIED to get upgraded seating to the next better level of seating corresponding to his 25 Club Level.

**How close are you to achieving the Medal of Honor ?
- or – how close are you to earning five units for the year -
if you have already previously earned the Medal of Honor?**

**We have until April 30th to sponsor and have the units reported.
Will you be a Piece of the Solution by sponsoring members???**



Students Receiving Letter Jackets on Founders Day from Ohio Moose Association

*Letter Jackets presented by Greenville Moose Lodge #329
of the Ohio Moose Association*

- ISIAH BRIGMAN FOOTBALL AND TRACK GRADUATING IN 2012
- AARON PALMER MANAGER IN ALL SPORTS GRADUATING IN 2011
- CAYANNA SAMUELSON VOLLYBALL AND BASKETBALL GRADUATING IN 2011
- VERNON OWENS FOOTBALL AND TRACK GRADUATING IN 2011
- CODY GARCIA FOOTBALL AND TRACK GRADUATING IN 2010
- DAMION MOORE FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL GRADUATING IN 2010
- JACOB STRYKER FOOTBALL AND WRESTLING GRADUATING IN 2010
- MARTIN GUTIERREZ FOOTBALL AND WRESTLING GRADUATING IN 2010



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