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are living proof of
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The road to achieving 25 Club status has several mile-markers: It begins in your first year as a Moose member with sponsoring that first applicant; then, four more times that year, you sponsor applicants, thus achieving the 5 Club status, which grants you the opportunity to enjoy a great evening at Mid-Year or Annual Convention, and, on sponsoring five each year for five years, you waltz into the 25 Club where you receive your gold lapel pin which entitles you to participate in subsequent 25 Club events, state and International.



Following are our most recent outstanding preferred-member sponsors:



25 Club

Sabrina Colburn, Circleville Chapter 2082

50 Division

Dianne J Gronek, Cuyahoga Falls 686

Director General's Circle of Distinction

Grady A Gausman, Cincinnati 2

GPS Winner (March 9th)

Nelson Linger, Barberton 759

Brrrrrr! Polar Bear Plunges - Experience of a lifetime to freeze off your philanthropic tail for Special Olympics

EIGHT Ohio Events for 2009

January 24 - Mosquito Lake, Cortland
February 7 - Ohio/Kentucky, Newport on the Levee
February 7 - Cedar Point, Sandusky
February 14 - Ohio University, Athens
February 21 - Geneva State Park, Geneva & Super Plunge
February 28 - Crew Stadium, Columbus
March 7 - Grand Lake St. Mary's, Celina
March 14 - Watson's Pools, Centerville

**WHO
WON THE 2009 HARLEY
DAVIDSON BIKE? THE DRAWING WAS
AT THE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE ON FEBRUARY
21ST AT GENEVA STATE PARK.
PLEASE FORWARD THE WINNER'S NAME, ETC. TO
ME OR TO STEVE SPEAKS SO THAT WE MIGHT POST
IT ON THE WEBSITE.**

Co-Workers!

Thanks for a GREAT Mid-Year Conference!

Please allow me to THANK Zanesville Chapter 663, my home Chapter, for being Hostess Chapter for the mid-year conference. To all the volunteers, please, let me say . . .

You are Awesome! My most precious moment was seeing all the co-workers and matriculants!

To the Class of 62 women who received your Academy of Friendship Degree, let me assure you that there is more for you to accomplish. Help your Chapters to receive the Award of Achievement. I hope to see all of you at the State Convention in August.

I will never forget any of you. Good luck in the Women of the Moose. Remember, "Be all you can be!" You'll never regret the experience!

In Friendship,

Carolyn Arbuckle, DGR

WANTED: A Few Good Men

The Ohio State Moose Association is looking for a few good men to become Officer Leadership trainers.

If you are interested in becoming a trainer, please contact Bob Haley, OSMA Training Coordinator at

513/292-7891

or email Bob at

rhaley2@cinci.rr.com

for complete information.

If you'd be interested in becoming an LCL/Quick Books trainer, we could use a few good men in that capacity as well. Contact Bob Haley.

MOOSE INTERNATIONAL JUMPS ON THE OBAMA BANDWAGON WITH ITS OWN STIMULUS PACKAGE!



For Lodges!
For Chapters!
For Moose Legions!

It's a two-month campaign -- March 1 through April 30, 2009.

NO FEE -- that's right! -- zero-dollar application fee during the entire two-month period!

Every Ohio Moose Unit should begin at once to promote this great membership campaign. Use it, along with the concepts promoted in page 2 of the February 18th update. Promote this campaign throughout your Lodge with table tents, place-mats, newsletters and websites, and especially ensure that your bartenders and wait-staff talk about this opportunity continuously and enthusiastically.

LET'S JOIN PRESIDENT OBAMA WITH HIS STIMULUS PACKAGE TO BOOST OUR OWN -- MOOSE -- ECONOMY! **IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION!**

STIMULUS IDEAS



- Use either Ohio's or Moose International's broadside for a placemat and have an application with it.



- Create a Pizza or Sub + Beverage offer. \$5.00 gets you a 16" two-item pizza for each new membership application received! Be Creative!

- Meals on Wheels for the elderly and needy -- a Lodge project -- as the bonus should a sponsor so designate. Or the elderly or needy could come to the Lodge if he should so choose!

- Create a mailing to all your current sponsors and include a broadside and two applications.

- Don't forget to use your Higher Degree Members and your 25 Clubbers! Mail an encouragement letter to them, along with an application or two!

- Use Moose Bucks for sponsorship of new or former members!

- Create a mailing to all your current sponsors and include a broadside and two applications.



YES, the Fraternity needs \$ for the future, BUT it's understood that membership must grow. "A burden borne by one, . . ."

Reminder of Jr. Past Governor's Status

With election of officers on tap, we thought that reminding you of the status of Jr. Past Governor would be appropriate.

Remember, the office of Junior Past Governor is NOT an elective position; rather, it is served by the retiring Governor, if that term was completed and begun before November 1st.

In the event the retiring Governor cannot serve or is unavailable, the next available Past Governor, who completed

his term--in order of juniority--shall serve.

Past Governor is a condition and not an office. He "may" declare the office of Governor vacant if the Governor is absent from three (3) regular/general membership meetings of the lodge, Board of Officers' meetings, House Committee meetings, lodge enrollment ceremonies or a combination thereof without being excused from the presiding officer(s).

Earning the Premier Lodge Award

Following is what one outstanding administrator reported to his membership in a recent newsletter:

"Following is a summary of where we stand regarding the Mandatory and the Alternate criteria:

We currently have an increase of two members over last year. This number changes daily as new members are enrolled and current ones pay their dues. Our lodge assets are a little over \$16,000 below that of last year. This is due to the recent contributions made to our charities. This negative number will reverse. We did have lodge representation at the International and State conventions. And we did submit the "Moose of the Year" nomination form by the July 1st due date.

ALTERNATE: We will complete the four Community service and two Family Activities reports by their deadline. The "Moose Legionnaire" and "Rookie of the Year" nomination forms have been submitted. One member is currently talking to high

school students about participating in the "Youth Awareness" program. The Yellowstone YCC program has been replaced by a program called "Safe Surfin'" and so the \$1,000 we normally donated to the YCC "Old Faithful" club was diverted to the new program. Support of this program is one of the Alternate criteria. Another requirement is to reach our new member quota. We are currently x-number of members short. The final requirement is that all lodge officers attend Leadership Training. To date, four of the nine officers have completed this training.

As you can see, so far we are on track to earn the award again this year. The show-stopper could be the increase in membership, a Mandatory criteria. We must focus on bringing in new members and encouraging those in arrears to renew their membership."

QUESTION: Does this sound like a report of an administrator who is on top of things?

QUESTION: Does this article characterize your administrator's report in your lodge's newsletter?

Hmmmmmmmm! Food for thought, eh?