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## Weekly Update

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If the guy across the table from you is not a Moose Legionnaire, sign him up today! Tell him the importance!



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# Director General William B. Airey Visits State Board Mtg. at Wapakoneta

*... And there he kicked ass and took names!*

There's no way to sugar-coat his message: "I'm pissed off," he told State Board Members! But it was almost preaching to the choir.

Here's the skinny! Everyone knows that the ABCDollar is being boosted September 30th and two dollars per year for five years thereafter, a decision by the Finance Committee and Supreme Council which has put Lodges between a rock and a hard place with regard to the long-maintained \$30 dues structure.

*(Note: Many Ohio Lodges have gone to \$40+ in dues structures years ago and have made quota despite the raise!)*

Let's back up a bit: "Remember," Mr. Airey reminded us, "when Don Ross was Director General, you voted for using a one-third split of Endowment Fund collections to maintain Mooseheart/Moosehaven/Endowment Fund, and you did it again for two more years, all to maintain our two facilities. And nobody batted an eye!"

Then he reminded everyone of their obligations on joining the Fraternity, on becoming a member of the Moose Legion, of accepting the nod to be elevated to Fellow and ultimately to Pilgrim.

"I asked to be put on the program last today," Mr. Airey said, "so that I would hear the latest update on all the outstanding things that Ohio Moose do! I've heard it. You ARE great! And you've got the best in Regional Manager Dwaine Brown who, in

the last six weeks, has made membership efforts that are the envy of the fraternity!"

Ohio has a great communications team in place, and if administrators and governors will only read and react to their emails and spread the word to their boards, their committee chairmen, and their membership, then Ohio would never find itself in a dilemma.

"I'm proud to be a Moose from Ohio because that's where I received my exemplary training, learning from the likes of the Stoehrs, for example, learning from being a Governor of Whitehall 1245, from being a Past State President, and from being a Past Secretary of this great organization!"

"I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE AN OHIO MOOSE!" he said.

"Your publications, your website, your leaders are the best," he said. "What's your problem?"

"And I'm pissed! Yes, you heard me right! I'll read every letter and email sent to me, but I'll be damned if I'll tolerate people who hide behind a so-called petition, and DISTRICT 4 has done such a thing!

"That's why I'm here today! I intend to answer in person!"

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. . . *Mr. Airey's message continues*

“And here, in brief, in the answer. Before you do anything precipitiously, you’ve got to understand the situation.

“If we are to continue our services at Mooseheart and Moosehaven, we need \$32 million per year, and it’s got to come from you. Which one of you will kick out the first child, the first senior??

Whew! What a question!

And Mr. Airey concluded on an upbeat note when he said that he believed in Ohio, that he believed that Ohio would do the right thing, that Ohioans were first and foremost “Moose.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: What can one say? Amen!

This writer thinks that probably the entire issue was simply a matter of lack of communication. We assume so much these days, and, if the assumptions are based on our having read our mail and our email and our bulk mail, then probably we’ll make the right decisions, but, as Regional Manager Dwaine Brown has discovered, when many of our administrators and governors never read their mail and email, lodges come up

the proverbial “day-late and a dollar-short!”

Our Fraternal history has long been a “rubber-stamping” of the decisions of our leaders. Why should this latest decision be hailed differently?

To be sure, many Ohio Lodges have enjoyed \$30 dues structures “since Job was a baby!” but the time has come to acknowledge that Job has grown up now and that to enjoy the prerogatives of belonging to our Lodges, we’re simply going to have to pay a few dollars more and to convince our friends that to enjoy our fellowship, they, too, are going to have to pay the piper!

Interestingly enough, after the meeting, instead of running off to lynch the Director General, in this writer’s experience, everyone ran up to him to tell him that Ohio would take care of the issue.

And you know, we’re good at that: We’re good at closing wounds, at covering over scars, at giving surcease to pain, at, in the words of Regional Manager Brown, “turning the page!” And Ohio will close ranks once again, one is sure, to do the work of the Moose!

Thanks, Bill for returning to Ohio!

**EDITOR’S NOTE: PICTURES OF THIS EVENT AT WAPAKONETA 2654 WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME, BUT SHOULD GET INTO HIS HANDS IN TIME FOR NEXT WEEK’S UPDATE!**



# **“Pie-in-the-Eye!” -- It’s a conspiracy! Colonial City 2555 and Chapter 100 conspire to treat “Bondey” as deserved!**



**ABOVE:** Humbled at last, eh Bondey? **LEFT:** It's hell when your wife's in on the whole thing! But it seems that PSR Marcia Bond delights in slapping it to her husband. **FAR LEFT:** Even Past Gov. Bob Snyder takes a sadistic kind of pleasure in socking it!

**Some guys are destined to get the “pie-in-the-face” routine!**

Since the women of Colonial City Chapter 100 are willing to do almost “anything” to make money, they chose volunteer Harold C. Bond, Jr., to help them to make a bunch!

Of course, it helped that Bondey’s wife Marcia is a Past Senior Regent of the Chapter!

At any rate, in this event, the highest bidder would have the honor of smashing a gooey pie in Bondey’s face. Believe it or not, the lucky winner was

**MRS. HAROLD C. BOND, JR!  
MARCIA.** Her comment was simple: “It relieved a lot of stress since my doing so was considered legal!” Note: Their daughter Charie Stinnet, thinks that this should be an annual event!

In all, the event raised \$250.00 for the Moose.

Congratulations, Chapter 100 of Mount Vernon!



# Director General's Circle of Distinction Qualifiers Added To Listing

Men who report 25 members qualifies them to enter the 32007-2008 director General's Circle of Distinction. If you are a first-time earner of this honor since the start of the program several years ago, you will receive a custom-designed necktie in recognition of the accomplishment. Additional rewards are given for future attainment of this honor.

All earners will be invited to a function scheduled in their honor during the 120th International Convention in Las

vegas, Nevada.

Most recent Ohio earners follow;

Bruce A Shaw, Greenville 329  
Loren J Puckett, Shelby 422  
George H Kimmet, Tiffin 846  
Joseph L Worley, Piqua 1067  
Mike Wilt, Urbana 1215  
Jim O'Neil, Miamisburg 1645

*Congratulations!*

## Ohio Children at Mooseheart may be at an all-time low!

In his report at Mid-Year Conference in 2006, MH/MH Chairman Terry Goldstein noted that presently there were 209 students at our Child City, four of whom were from Ohio.

In May 2007, twenty students graduated in the class of 2006-2007. One was Tim Greenaway, sponsored by Medina Lodge 647.

In May 2008, Tim's brother Andy Greenaway will graduate, leaving only two students from Ohio.

Recently, Chairman Goldstein noted that in Ohio 157,298 grandchildren lived in households where grandparents were head of house and that Ohio ranked 8th in the nation for grandparents who were raising grandchildren. This statistic is a clear message to local Moose Lodge Mooseheart chairmen, for it demonstrates a clear need for active committees to use every possible communication at their disposal -- communications include lodge newsletter, lodge website, lodge meetings, Lodge Moose Legion activities, posters and banners -- to get the message to local grandparents who are rearing their grandchildren.

This message to local grandparents is quite clear: If you are having a hard time in rearing your grandchild, Mooseheart through your local Moose Lodge stands ready to help.

Goldstein's message is clear to us: Let's do our jobs and get out the word!





## The list of special sweatshirt earners grows and grows! Check it out!

Here's what had to happen for you to receive this beautiful hooded sweatshirt in the mail: You must sign 5 new or former members between November 1, 2007 and April 30, 2008. Doing so makes you a "Club 5" member and the owner of the new OSMA hooded sweatshirt. The good news is that WOTM may win a sweatshirt too -- and for the same criterion: signing 5 new or former members to the WOTM.

**Congratulations, winners!**

Following are the most recent earners of the Club 5 sweatshirt:

John L McWilliams, Hamilton 36  
 Calvin R Holt, Galion 303  
 Charles D Webb, Jr., Greenville 329  
 Henry Hampton, Mansfield 341  
 Richard Kananen, Conneaut 472  
 Douglas G Strahler, Springfield 536  
 Randy Garrett, Toled 713  
 Harvey W Kellar, Uhrichsville 740  
 Todd St Clair, Mogadore 1082  
 Charles E Bowman, Miamisburg 1645  
 Bill Gibson, Marysville 1651  
 Phil Bruner, Willard 2153  
 Stephen Predieri, Willard 2153

### WOTM

Debbie Ward, Cincinnati 101  
 Kelley Elam, Middletown 183

Donna Lacefield, Middletown 183  
 Moira A Sanford, Columbus 206  
 Linda K Dick, Findlay 362  
 Theresa Worley, Piqua 394  
 Arlene Forrest, Lancaster 434  
 Pamela Hart, Bryan 618  
 Mary Ann Winsor, Zanesville 663  
 Sharon Hildreth, Bucyrus 741  
 Shirley W Wise, Elyria 907  
 Ruth Meisner, Tiffin 1001  
 Joan Cowdrick, Painesville 1067  
 Traci D Valentine, Waverly 1668  
 Dawn Leitz, Willard 1779  
 Maureen Money Penny, Willard 1779  
 Kathy Semer, Willard 1779  
 Sandra McCallister, Ironton 1847  
 Loretta Novak, Ironton 1847  
 Kimberly Yates, Ironton 1847  
 Martha Tackett, Chillicothe 2044  
 Julie A Gustafson,  
 Whitehouse/Waterville 2245



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

. . . by Danny Albert, Golf Chairman



Since we all had to be in Wapakoneta this weekend for the State Board Meeting, I'm glad it rained Saturday and most of Sunday! I'd hate to think that I had spent all of a great day sitting in a meeting when I could have been on the course!

**OBSERVATION #21 -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!**

Note that one of the reasons we sell mulligans at our golfing tourneys is to make money. How can we be so sure? The answer is simple: A "mulligan" is really a contraction of the phrase "Maul it again!"

Fool with me, will you? Grumble, grumble, grumble!



Don't forget to rush in your applications to the Mixed Foursome Outing at Hiawatha Golf Course in Mt. Vernon May 10th. Good luck, guys! SEE YOU SOMEWHERE ON THE TEE! *Danny*

