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## Weekly Update

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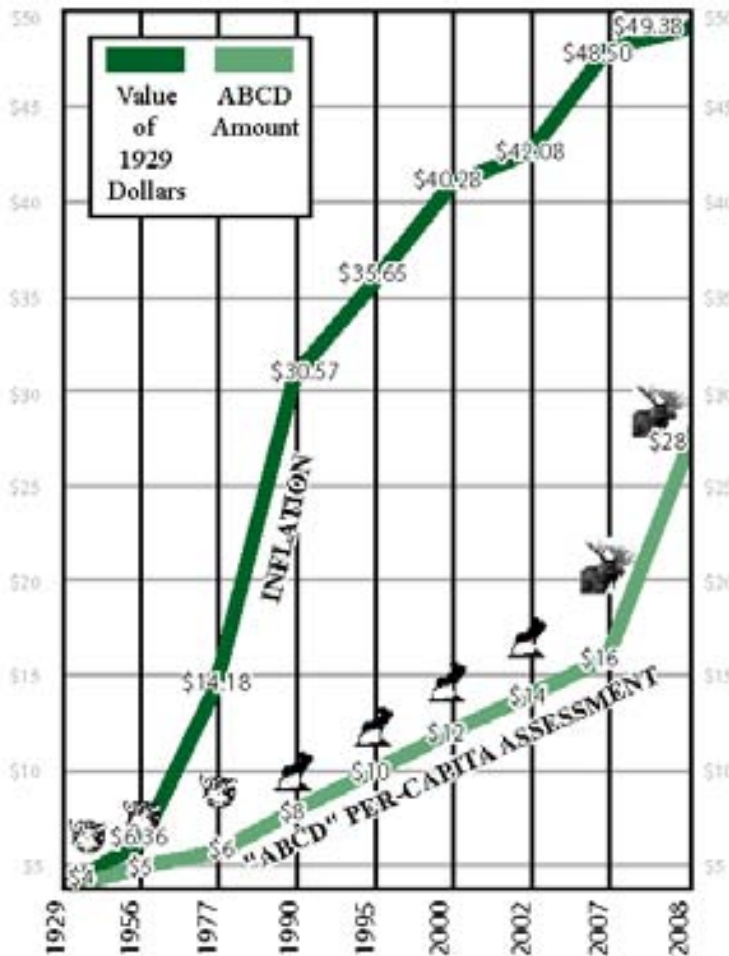
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**Don't Forget!**  **gimme five!**

# Here's what Mr. Airey had in mind



*When you look at the graphic at the left, you'll see how much the dollar has been de-valued over the years.*

Carolyn Warner, author of the book *Treasury of Women's Quotations*, wrote that the only constant in life is change. "Change permeates everything we are and do. The absence of change is worse than inaction; it is atrophy. People change. Plans change. Organizations change. Change is natural, it is normal. Yet, the resistance to change is also just as normal and natural a part of human nature as the acceptance of change. If one were inclined toward the spiritual, one might observe that in a very broad sense, change can be seen as part of the redemptive process. The challenge is especially great when it involves a volunteer organization."

**Read the chart above to see the damage that inflation has caused over the years!**

When you consider how much the United States dollar has been de-valued over the past three years, and when you consider the price you pay for gasoline at the pump and the price you now have to pay for groceries, surely you must appreciate that the dollar doesn't buy nearly as much today as it did just three years ago.

The graphic above demonstrates the difference in our dues structures over the years. Clearly one can see that our ABCD is almost 50% less today in its effective buying power.

The lesson is equally clear: As District 13 President Don Freed recently said, "Can you generate more funds by enrolling more members at a lower dues base thus increasing sales, or do you generate more funds by gaining dues money per member once a year?"

# State Board Meets At Wapakoneta's New Lodge Home!



*State Board members listen attentively to RM Dwaine Brown as he explains the "state of the state" in regard to our membership status.*

*Members are equally attentive to Dir. Gen. Airey as he gives his "You piss me off!" speech.*

*Everyone comes away pretty clear on all the issues that confront Moose Lodges today, thanks to this kind of leadership!*

**ABOVE:** Dir. Gen. Airey compliments Ohio Moose for its great achievements each year, all of which proceeded the "but" in his speech. Then he got into the meat -- decrying one Districts' sending an written petition disagreeing with the new ABCD commitment.

**CENTER:** In his report RM Brown announces the significance of a new plan called "Bonus Mondays," in which Lodges get dues reductions for prompt filing of applications.

**LEFT:** Editor Jim Grandy gives a big cry of relief as he begins his report on a host of communications issues. We try to ignore his attempts at humor, but he won't seem to go away.



# Two Outstanding Publications

What a pleasure it is for this writer to encounter outstanding newsletters, both for their content and for their layout and design. We can't say enough about the March 31st issue of Maumee Valley 30 Moose Legion's newsletter nor enough about the April issue of District 13's newsletter! To be sure, were one to look closely, he might find a typo or two here or there, but for coverage of what both organization's are doing for the Moose program, they're great! You owe it to yourself to check out both publications on the Ohio Moose Website. Congratulations to both!

## *Maumee Valley 30 Moose Legion Names Moose Legionnaires of the Year*

Not all Lodges of Maumee Valley Moose Legion 30 saw fit to submit their selection for Moose Legionnaire of the Year. Below, however, are those who did:

Montpelier 312 - James Heller  
Kenton 428 - Rodney Seabert  
Findlay 698 - Phil Dick  
Tiffin 846 - George Kimmet  
Bryan 1064 - Kenneth Crouch  
Fremont 1286 - Paul Courtney  
Celina 1473 - Robert McNew  
Fostoria 1567 - Dave Paxton  
Sylvania 1579 - Thomas Styer, Sr.  
Port Clinton 1610 - Joel Lucal  
Defiance 2094 - William Thlipot  
Whitehouse-Waterville 2537 - Donald McClain, Sr.

Congratulations, Moose Legionnaires!



**IF YOU'RE STILL CONFUSED ABOUT NEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE MOOSE LEGION**, here is a simple answer: If someone wants to join the Moose Legion, ask him if he has sponsored a lodge member. If he says "Yes," then sign him up. But if he says "No," then tell him he must sign a member and **HELP HIM TO DO SO!**

Additionally, if he has been a member less than six months, he must have signed three members.

**AND IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING**, following are minimum requirements to be recommended for the Fellowship Degree:

- Have five years continuous membership in the LOOM and one year in the Moose Legion by December 31st.
- Earn at least one sponsor credit since the beginning of the current Moose year (May 1st) and ten sponsor credits during his Moose membership **OR** five sponsor credits since the beginning of the Moose year.
- Earn at least one Moose Legion sponsor credit during Moose Legion membership.
- All sponsor credits must be recorded at Moose International **BEFORE** the application is submitted.



# Updated Report on New Pilgrim Booklet Donations

Chmn. Jim Grandy reported to the State Board at Wapakoneta last weekend that donations for the new Pilgrim Booklet were coming in at a good rate.

To date, 77 Pilgrims have donated; only 24 Lodges, and Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, and 10, along with Rainbow Legion 35, Central Ohio Legion 63, East Ohio Legion 87, Maumee Valley Legion 30, and Liberty Legion 5.

Several Fellows have also contributed to the cause.

In past years, when times were really tough because of the gaming situation, we had excellent response to this request and resulting donations produced enough money to pay for the publishing costs of this booklet.

Again this year -- and times are good because almost all Lodges are up and running in the gaming again because of the law change -- donations, on the one

hand are really generous but on the other, are lagging, as you can read above, especially by Districts and Lodges.

Come on, Officers! We need your help to keep the quality of this beautiful booklet!

If you haven't attended our new Pilgrim Presentation Ceremony in the past three years, you owe it to yourself to come to Worthington Doubletree Hotel at MPPM pm Saturday, September 13th to see for yourself how great it is!

Since he is keeping record of the moneys, please send your check payable to OSMA in the corresponding amount to editor Jim Grandy as soon as you possibly can.

Designate on the envelope OHIO PILGRIM WEEKEND. Remember, if you donate, your name, or your Lodge's name, or your Legion's name, or your District's name will be listed in this booklet.

## "Bringing Home The Bacon" Dates Set

*Moose International Membership Department has announced that this year's November seminar will be held in downtown Las Vegas, Nevada.*

*The focus of this year's seminar is on how to treat our customers (read members) to increase social quarters profitability and member retention.*

*Obviously, every Lodge should strive to send at least one steward or stewardess in addition to sending at least the administrator.*

*Attendees should plan to arrive on Sunday, November 16th and depart on Wednesday, November 19th.*

*Details and registration forms will be available soon. Check the website for that information, for it will appear there first.*



**NOTE: Columbus 11's  
100th Anniversary to be  
celebrated on October 18th!**

**Reminder of 2007-  
2008 Reporting  
Deadline**

*The last day to report a new application and still be able to report the applicant as enrolled during the 2007-2008 "I Believe" campaign year is on April 29, 2008, prior to midnight Central Time.*

*Any report of an "accepted" applicant being enrolled must be transmitted prior to 10:00 P.M. Central Time on April 30, 2008.*

*Many Ohio Lodges have been taking advantage of Bonus Mondays so far, and because of their reporting on those Mondays, they will have saved \$5 per applicant which will be credited to their OSMA dues.*

**PICNIC to honor Supreme  
Jr. Governor Jim  
Gallagher to be held on**

**JULY 12TH**

**at Wapakoneta Lodge  
2654 -- Details to be  
announced later**

**Add the name of Marion  
Lodge 889 Administrator Brad  
Gruber to the 2007-2008 list  
of those who earned the  
Director General's Circle of  
Distinction award by  
sponsoring 25 members  
since May 1, 2007!**





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

. . . by Danny Albert, Golf Chairman



Is it golf yet? What a beautiful week we've had in central Ohio for golfing enthusiasts! The courses are quickly drying up, the grass is lush, and the greens are quick! We've had scattered showers throughout the state, just enough to make things even greener.

**OBSERVATION #22 -THE TERM "GIMME" IS BEST DEFINED AS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO GOLFERS . . . NEITHER OF WHOM CAN PUTT WORTH A CRAP!**

Let me leave you with these two remarks: 1) It's easier to get up at 6:00 A.M. to play golf than at 10:00 A.M. to mow the lawn. 2) A good drive on the 18th hole has stopped many a golfer from giving up the game.

**WHY IS THAT?**

I've just got to share this one with you: Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "Ninety-eight," she replied. "Two years older than I." "So you're 96," the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

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

