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25 Division

Introducing new 25 Club Member Beverly
Moore, Lafferty 2109

As reported in the Lafferty Moose News,
Spring 2010 . . .

“The goal of the Loyal Order of Moose is to build the Order. The organization has been around for years. The responsibility of our Order is for us to help out everyone from children to the elderly. We support Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and the Life Center. We are supposed to support our fellow brothers and sisters as well.

“It is important to share this message with everyone; that it is *a good organization with a great goal.*

“My grandfather was a charter member here at Lafferty Moose. My family has been involved here for years. I was originally a member in our former Women of the Moose and with great interest assisted to initiate our new Women of the Moose.

“If you know someone please ask them to join., This is how you get the membership to grow. Teach each member or perspective member the reason why we are here is to help out each other.

“This is not just a bar -- it is a CLUB -- a club we need to know what the goal is -- TO BUILD OUR ORDER AND HELP EACH OTHER!

“I am very proud to say to everyone for their support in helping me to be in the 25 Club! Thanks, Lafferty Loyal Order of Moose 1462 and Women of the Moose 2109.” *Beverly Moore*



5 Division

Gregory Fels, Cincinnati 2
John Farley, Hamilton 36
Bernard L Wooten, East Liverpool 122
Robert K Wolf, Norwood 301
Matthew P Brown, Massillon 481
Rinald Sims, Newark 499
Fred Phillips, Middletown 501
Jeffrey A Westover, Sidney 568
Richard Schmidt, Zanesville 867
Dale R Matter, Brewster 1102
Michael T Thatcher, Lafferty 1462
David E Cushwa, Indian Lake 1533
Stephen J Brown, Miamisburg 1645
Mark W Swickard, Pickerington 2321
Emil R Berglund, Harrison 2633

Editor's Note: It's too bad that Beverly Moore's picture was not available.

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

Catherine Gareiss, Findlay 362
Harry Hartsock, Waverly Lodge 2263

Becky Isbell, Miamisburg 224
Charles D Webb, Jr., Greenville 329



A Near-Year's-End Report from Your Deputy Supreme Governor

Realizing that my final report to Ohio Moose will occur at Annual Convention in August, I nonetheless feel compelled to address what I consider an important issue now. That issue is compliance with the General Laws and with our OSMA By-Laws.

In my travels across the state in these past eight months, visiting many Lodges, Legions, and Districts and visiting with their officers and with many other Association Board members, I have become quite concerned with those who are unaware of programs, membership campaigns and other important products that are available for the improvement of their operations.

But let me back up a tad. The General Laws and our Association's By-Laws require *Attendance of the Lodge Administrator and Governor (or Alternate Delegates) at the Association's Mid-Year Conference, Annual Convention, and the International Convention (being held this year in Nashville, Tennessee).*

The reason for this requirement is quite simple: Every Lodge member should be made aware of all programs, membership campaigns, benefits of membership, and opportunities for travel with the Moose to enable them a) to take advantage of all that the above has to offer and b) -- perhaps more importantly -- to be able to enjoy all that the above has to offer by their encouraging friends, relatives, and associates to join their Lodge.

In my mind, it is almost criminal to find an Ohio Moose Unit which has not utilized the

advantages of many of our Association and International programs that can vastly improve their membership totals. And why hasn't a unit done this? One answer is that their leaders do not even know that these programs exist.

How can this be? you might ask, because you know all of them because you attended International Convention, OSMA Mid-Year Conference and OSMA Annual Convention, for it is at these three membership-wide meetings that all things are thoroughly presented, explained, and discussed.

You'll note that I haven't mentioned our excellent Website and our Weekly Updates! How can so many Buckeye Moose be so completely in the dark?

A Reminder . . .

When Delegates return from International Convention or Mid-Year Conference or Annual Convention to their lodge, they are required to make a thorough report to the lodge at the next lodge meeting to pass on the information they have gathered to other lodge members and officers.

In brief, Moose International has taken, and continues to take, small steps to assure lodges throughout the fraternity that the lodge-as-watering-hole operated by, and for, the 'good ole boys' has come to an end. It's coming down to a matter of being informed about, AND OPERATE UNDER, the entire fraternal program, or *they will be eliminated.*

Remember, whenever a Moose lodge creates a poor image throughout its community, the entire fraternity ultimately pays the price.

Can You Think of a Better Way To Show Your Fraternalism?

Join the Endowment Fund Club Today!

YOU are Invited to Join the Endowment Fund Club Today!



What is the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund?

The Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund was established many years ago to help provide stable, ongoing income to help support the operation of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Donations received are carefully invested to generate financial support for the many important services for the children in our care at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven.

What is the Endowment Fund Club?

The Endowment Fund Club is a recognition program designed especially for repeat donors to the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund. You can begin your membership with a gift of \$25 or more. When you send your initial gift, please indicate Endowment Fund Club in the "memo" section of your check. Each time your cumulative giving reaches a new level (see samples below), we will send you a unique lapel pin corresponding to that level. You can add funds to your membership total at anytime with gifts of \$25 or more. When you achieve the \$1,000 Endowment Fund Club Life Member level, you will receive a framed collector's display box containing one of each pin and a Life Member pin to wear proudly.



We invite YOU to join this very important club today!

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Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, & Zip: _____
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 Cash Received: _____
 Credit Card Name: _____
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 Initial Starting Gift (\$25+): _____
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Membership Through Sportsmanship

The Changing Face of Moose Sports

As Delegates who heard his report at Mid-Year Conference learned from Ohio Sports Director William G Buck Dials, Moose International is moving away from the bid-process for hosting International Sports Tournaments.

In the past, State Associations/Lodges provided a sum of money to secure tournament dates in a given sport.

The change is simple: Staff members will work with regional Managers to identify locations that will be suitable for hosting various tournaments.

Tournament sites could be at specific lodges or at facilities that are centrally located to a number of lodges. The goal is to provide an outstanding tournament experience and to enable attendees to visit frequently the Moose facilities located near the tournament venue.

Membership Department staff and



**William G "Buck" Dials
Ohio Sports Director
and
Committeeman of the Moose
International Sports Committee**

members of the International Sports Committee will also take a more active hand in the planning and execution of tournaments once venues have been selected.

Lodges that wish to be considered as a host venue, or lodges that wish to recommend local facilities as potential host venues, are encouraged to send letters of interest to the Sports Director Buck Dials or directly to the Moose International Membership Department.

Regional Manager Dwaine Brown Reminds All Governors . . .

Five Vital Commitments:

1 -- As Governor, YOU MUST attend all Conferences and Conventions, starting with Nashville.

You may begin at once to hold special raffles, 50-50s, etc. to develop moneys to help your Lodge send you to Nashville, Annual OSMA Convention in August and OSMA Mid-Year Conference in February.

2 -- As Governor, YOU MUST collect and submit Endowment Funds monthly.

You are obliged to hold an Endowment Fund collection at each Lodge meeting. If you fail to submit a monthly Endowment Fund payment, then we have to conclude that you are not holding a Lodge meeting, a violation of the General Laws.

Furthermore, you ought to take every advantage to hold an Endowment Fund collection, whether it's a dance night or a steak night. You can always have one of your officers solicit Endowment Funds on any occasion!

3 -- As Governor, your



Lodge is obliged to sub-

mit a Moose of the Year Nomination by July 1, 2010.

By way of these weekly updates, along with the official notification from Moose International, we have reminded you time and again of this obligation. NO EXCUSES!

4 -- As Governor, YOU MUST sponsor a member during your term.

This requirement ought not to be a problem for you, assuming that you are doing all that is required of a lodge Governor. As a matter of fact, if you don't sponsor at least five new or former members during your term of office, I would be very much disappointed.

5 -- As Governor, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED to attend our upcoming Open Forum Membership/Recruitment Fun Nights.

Jump in a car with your Administrator and your Membership Chairman and make one of these Forums. (See next page.)

Thanks for being Governor and for taking on these responsibilities!



**OPEN FORUM
MEMBERSHIP
RECRUITMENT/RETENTION
FUN NIGHTS**

**ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATORS, GOVERNORS,
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN, SENIOR REGENTS**

AND

**ALL THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
HELPING YOUR LODGE STABILIZE AND
INCREASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ONE OF FIVE OPEN-FORUM-FUN-NIGHTS AT
THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, WITH DATES AND
TIMES POSTED AS FOLLOWS:**

JULY 15TH TO BE HELD AT URBANA LODGE 1215 AT 7:00 P.M.

JULY 22ND TO BE HELD AT FINDLAY LODGE 698 AT 7:00 P.M.

JULY 29TH TO BE HELD AT WORTHINGTON LODGE 1427 AT 7:00 P.M.

AUGUST 5TH TO BE HELD AT CIRCLEVILLE LODGE 2440 AT 7:00 P.M.

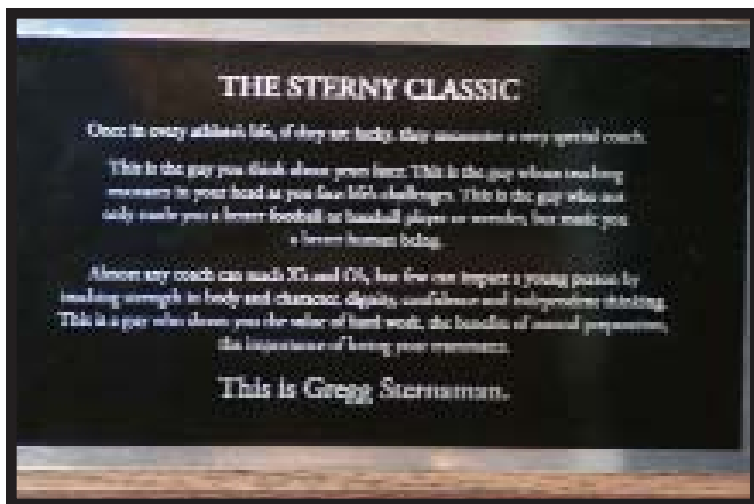
AUGUST 12TH TO BE HELD AT CORTLAND LODGE 1012 AT 7:00 P.M.

Each of these sessions will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. These open-forum-fun-nights will be presented by Regional Manager Dwaine Brown, Membership Retention Chairman Ron Lowe, and Membership Promotion Chairman Jim Monroe.

We request that each Administrator, Governor, Senior Regent, and Recorder of every Ohio Lodge and Chapter be in attendance at one of the above locations.

Snacks and finger-foods will be provided by the host Lodge, and all those who attend will be eligible to win door prizes! PLUS, your name will be entered to win \$100.00 CASH to be given away at each forum! Other foodstuffs will also be available for purchase.

Please join us for a night of fun and fellowship, and bring some ideas with you too!



Late High School Coach's Legacy Lives In Form of Foundation Donation to Mooseheart

MOOSEHEART, IL, April 21 -- Gregg Sternaman was a man whose life was built around his giving nature - a spirit that could not be contained in one lifetime.

And the first beneficiary of the foundation that is the extension of the giving spirit of this high school coach who died before his time, is Mooseheart Child City & School -- specifically its football program, which is about to receive new helmets, shoulder pads and other equipment, all thanks to the Sterny Way Foundation.

Sternaman, who died of cancer in late 2009, coached football and baseball at Highland Park High School and also at Libertyville High School. He switched his undying love from one sport to the other, season after season, touching the lives of athletes along the way, dispensing catch phrases that became known as 'Sternyisms' as he did so.

His devotion to those two communities, to those sports and his desire to help those in need became the cornerstones of the Sterny Way Foundation and ultimately to the award of \$5,000 to Mooseheart, which was made on Monday, April 19, at Miller Park in Milwaukee, where Libertyville and Highland Park played in the inaugural 'Sterny Classic' baseball game.

"You really get the sense of the passion Gregg lived life with," Mooseheart Executive Director Scott Hart said. "He had a passion for athletics and for youth sports and for teaching his players how to be a part of a team and how to be a man, and how he really took young boys and helped make men out of them. This was the passion of his life."

Sternaman received the news in October 2009 that cancer had returned to his body; he died last Dec. 7. During his last six weeks of life, he set in motion the foundation that bears his name. "The foundation came

together rather quickly," said Donna Sternaman, Gregg's widow. "I had to drive him to the appointments and we spent a number of hours in the car in that time. He said that what he wanted to do was to create a foundation and for it to help less fortunate athletes."

Gregg Sternaman grew up in Ironton, a small town in southeastern Ohio -- and also the home of Ironton, OH Lodge 701 of the Loyal Order of Moose.

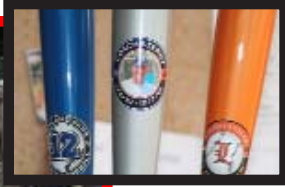
"He loved his hometown and the Ironton Tigers, where he played football in high school," Donna Sternaman said. "He scanned their Web site and he saw that the local Moose Lodge helped the school from time to time. That led him to the Web site for Mooseheart, and he said: 'This is the perfect place.'"

Things continued to move quickly. The Saturday after Thanksgiving, a fundraiser took place at Highland Park's school auditorium. In addition to the items that were auctioned, a number of current and former players attended.

"The fact that it was the Saturday after Thanksgiving helped many more boys attend," Donna Sternaman said. "It was so thrilling to see. Many people don't get a chance in their lifetimes to see and hear the things that people have to say about them, and Gregg got that."

True to his wishes, the first monetary award from the foundation was made to Mooseheart. Hart attended the Sterny Way Classic, a game from which the winner receives

a traveling trophy which features three miniature baseball bats. One is Libertyville Orange and another is Highland Park Blue. In the center is a mini-bat adorned with Gregg



The Bats!

Mooseheart Executive Director Scott Hart poses with (from left) Donna Sternaman, Ellie Sternaman and Nick Sternaman during the inaugural Sterny Way Classic. The game, played between Highland Park and Libertyville's baseball teams, also served as the site where the Sterny Way Foundation made its first award, of \$5000 in football equipment to Mooseheart.



The Libertyville (left) and Highland Park teams gather with Mooseheart Executive Director Scott Hart (red shirt) and members of the Sternaman family prior to the start of the Sterny Way Classic.

Sternaman's photograph and the years of his life: 1/6/52-12/7/09.

Hart said, "Being at the game and talking to various people from both schools as well as Donna and his son Nick and daughter Ellie, you got both the sense of respect that the fans and coaches and players had for Gregg Sternaman and the deep sense of loss from his family as well as others. Even though everyone enjoyed the game, you also got that feeling that a lot of people really miss him.

Through the equipment donation, one financial need at Mooseheart has been met -- and Hart said the school's football team will certainly be grateful for the helmets, shoulder pads, footballs and other equipment that will arrive soon thanks to the Sterny Way Foundation.

"(Gregg) would be so proud to know the Mooseheart school and its athletes are getting some new equipment," Donna Sternaman said. "He was always torn between his love for baseball and football. Football season would come and he'd say 'I love football.' Then it would get to be spring and he'd hear the crack of a bat and he'd come in and say, 'I love baseball.'"

Given the speed with which it has operated since October 2009, the Sterny Way Foundation has yet to have a board meeting. Donna Sternaman said the nature of future awards and to whom those awards will go, is still yet to be determined.

But she said she wants to know more about Mooseheart and plans a visit this fall to the campus and to a football game. "I want to get down and tour the facility and to meet some of those young men," she said. And in doing that, Donna Sternaman will help further the legacy of her husband and the foundation that continues to breathe life into the lives of young athletes.

Circleville Moose Riders Connect For Kids!



The Moose Riders of Circleville Moose Lodge 2440 present stuffed animals--a.k.a. "Tommy Moose" --to Lt. Robert Ratcliff of the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office; Chief Tim Tener, with the Circleville Fire Department; Gary Cook, owner of Pickaway Plains Ambulance Service; Lt. Brian Brown from Pickaway Township Fire Department, and Officer Cindy Ackinson with the Grove City DARE Program, as donations for children involved in traumatic situations.

It is the hope of the group, that the distribution of "Tommy Moose" will help ease the trauma and allow a child to focus on something other than what may be happening around them, such as losing their favorite toy in a fire or being injured in an automobile accident.

Circleville Moose Riders donated nearly \$15,000.00 last year for various charities and lodge improvements. The "Tommy Moose" donations are one of many community service



