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# Regional Manager Dwaine Brown Offers Yet Another Practical Idea for Membership Promotion in Your Lodge

## A Preferred-Member-Night Notion . . .

Pick a night! Tuesdays? Thursdays? Pick a night. Publicize it widely in your newsletter or website or in posters on your bulletin boards--wherever, but publicize it! Here's what can happen.

If a preferred-member sponsor presents a new or former application--with dues--why not offer him three free beverages? If he brings his applicant with him, the applicant receives three beverages too!

Can you see how this is a win-win situation?

If your response is "Well, we can't afford 'freebies' in our Lodge," then my response is "WHY NOT?" Do the math!

Here's a  
flash for  
you!

## Norwood Lodge 301 Places Its Fifth Child At Mooseheart This Year!

In response to a need within its Moose family, Norwood Lodge 301 and Chapter 742 stepped into the breach to settle five -- count 'em -- five children into Mooseheart.

A recent headline in a local paper read

"Grandchildren in the house," denoting that grandparents were stepping up to raise their children's children. The sub-headline read: "With health, other worries, grandparents also raising their kids' kids." But what happens when grandma gets too sick to care for them?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there were 12,256 grandparents raising their grandkids in Cuyahoga County (OH) alone in 2000, with more than half of them in Cleveland. This statistic applies to the rest of the state, perhaps not in such great numbers.

Here's where a Lodge can step in, such as Norwood 301 has done, and can save children's lives by sponsoring them to Mooseheart!



## 25 Club Members

John Cope, Hamilton 36  
Richard Kananen, Conneaut 472  
William Copley, Ritman 860  
Robert E McNew, Celina 1473

## 50 Division

Donna S Holley, Hilliard 1076  
Karl Allen Rust, Ironton 701  
Eurgene 'Gene' Morelli, Parma 1744  
Fred E Bowman, Hilliard 2236

## 75 Division

Annabell Olden, Cambridge 396  
Mark McGinnis, Lake Erie 552

## Century Division

Robert A Hunt, Mogadore 1082

## 125 Division

Loren J Puckett, Shelby 422

**Lodge Leadership Train the Trainer dates are the following:**

**August 11-14                      August 18 - 21**  
**September 22 - 25              November 10 - 13**

**Training will be held at Mooseheart for four consecutive days. A registration form and a more detailed agenda will follow in the near future. Keep these dates reserved!**

# As Lodge and Chapter Leaders, You Have To Have Planning At The Top of Your Agenda!

**ATTENTION: LODGE ADMINISTRATORS  
GOVERNORS  
CHAPTER SENIOR REGENTS  
RECORDERS**

With the new General Law changes, ALL governors and administrators will be, by law, the delegates to the Nashville, TN Convention next year.

Director General William B. Airey recently expressed his feelings over the fact that registered for the Chicago Convention and Conference were 304 Recorders, 210 Senior Regents, 297 Administrators and 250 Governors in two simple words: "HOW PATHETIC!"

What can you do to change this view of delegate registration in our Director General's mind? One answer is "Simply this:

- Begin a drive immediately to get Governors, Administrators, Senior Regents and Recorders lined up to attend Nashville. You already have the dates.  
(NOTE: The April 2010 elections are a long way off and you might not know who three or four of the individuals involved are right now, but no matter!)
- Begin fundraising in your units NOW to cover the expenses of whoever are the four persons attending to assure that the funds are at hand when the next Convention and Conference occur.

Doing so will assure sufficient funds for those individuals to attend our event in Nashville.

Question for Administrators and Governors (You Ladies may listen in on this too!): You can sit down today and pretty much determine who your Nominating Committee members will be. In your instructions to that august Committee, be sure to make it clear that if a nominee can't go to Nashville for International Convention or Conference, he/she should not run for any of the four offices involved.

**Members of the State Board of the Ohio State Moose Association will be hearing this message frequently throughout the year.** If Ohio is going to re-gain its position as the number one Association of the fraternity, then the Association has to become somewhat more heavy-handed in dealing with individuals, with Lodges, with Districts and with Moose Legions.

**Your Association wants to be a piece of the solution, not a missing part of the puzzle!** Accordingly, we're going to repeat this bit of encouragement throughout the year. Remember, you can quickly put a dollar amount needed for this trip to Tennessee, gasoline fluctuation in prices notwithstanding, and so can at once create an achievable goal!

In the words of Larry the Cable Guy, let's *'Git R Done'!*

# Let's Hear It For Those Courageous Newsletter Editors!

Okay! So what if we're prejudiced? Ohio had few newsletters entered in this year's 2008-2009 Moose Journalism Awards Contest, but these courageous few walked off with top prizes!

In the category of Lodges of 401-600 members, Editor Steve Speaks and his Gahanna Lodge 2463 newsletter once again walked off with a first-place entry. Until you've taken the time to log on to his newsletter on our website and seen what a beautiful piece of work this newsletter is from month to month, you can't know how great it is! Way to go, Steve!

In the category of Lodges of 601-800 members, Editor Greg Batross and his Zanesville Lodge 867 newsletter clearly demonstrated what a lodge and an editor can create when the lodge follows the program of the Moose. It's a no-brainer!

In the category of Lodges of 1,001 - 1,600 members, tried-and-tested-and-true editor Virginia Wysong was able to gain Honorable Mention status versus Millerstown, PA Lodge 925 (the winner) newsletter, but if you were an regular reader, you would be very much impressed with the quality of the Moose program at their Lodge, despite their proximity and loyalty to the state line that divides Ohio and Michigan!

The judges had to be blinded by Garden Grove, CA Lodge 620's website to be able to see a distinctive difference between theirs and Gahanna Lodge 2463's outstanding website! Surely none can come close to the site created by webmaster Steve Speaks!

Proof of that puddin' comes next in the General Excellence-Association Websites where Steve Speaks once again walked off with the top award. Get on line, we challenge you. Where's Steve's equal? It ain't there, Brother!

In the Best News Story, we are delighted to go back to that Zanesville duo of Greg Batross and past Administrator Steven Ward to find an Honorable Mention award with Steve's article "Going the Extra Mile with Adopted Moosehaven Grandparents," earlier reported on this Updates Site.

Congratulations, all you Editors who continue to do such great work for your Lodges and our Association! We look forward to acknowledging you once again at Convention!

# "I thought you'd never ask!" Yep! It's golf season!

Nuff Said bout Golf



By the time of this writing, Lodge golf leagues are in full swing, and everyone involved is anxious for the next week, both to improve upon his own score as well as to enjoy the great fellowship that follows at the course and later at the Lodge, including great beverage and food opportunities.

We can't help but note the impact that our senior golfers play in our local Lodge golf leagues. They have special needs and special characteristics.

Proof lies in a true story told to me on the phone last week. It seems that one senior citizen golfer from a southeastern Ohio Lodge went in for his yearly physical with his wife tagging along. (Only those of you from southeastern Ohio truly appreciate why she was tagging along!)

Any how, when the doctor came into the examination room, he said to our golfing brother, "I'll need a urine sample, a stool sample, and a sperm sample."

Our senior brother, being hard of hearing, turns to his wife and asks, "What did he say?"

His wife yells back to him, "GIVE HIM YOUR UNDERWEAR!"

Let me leave you with a couple of words of wisdom: No matter how hard you find conditions, remember that if you find you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the snow, or even during a hurricane (for our Florida brethren) YOUR LIFE'S IN TROUBLE!

And for you Florida brethren, who gloriously bask in the winter sun as you watch spring baseball, remember that golf is harder than baseball. In golf, you have to play your foul balls.