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are living proof of
this promise . . .**

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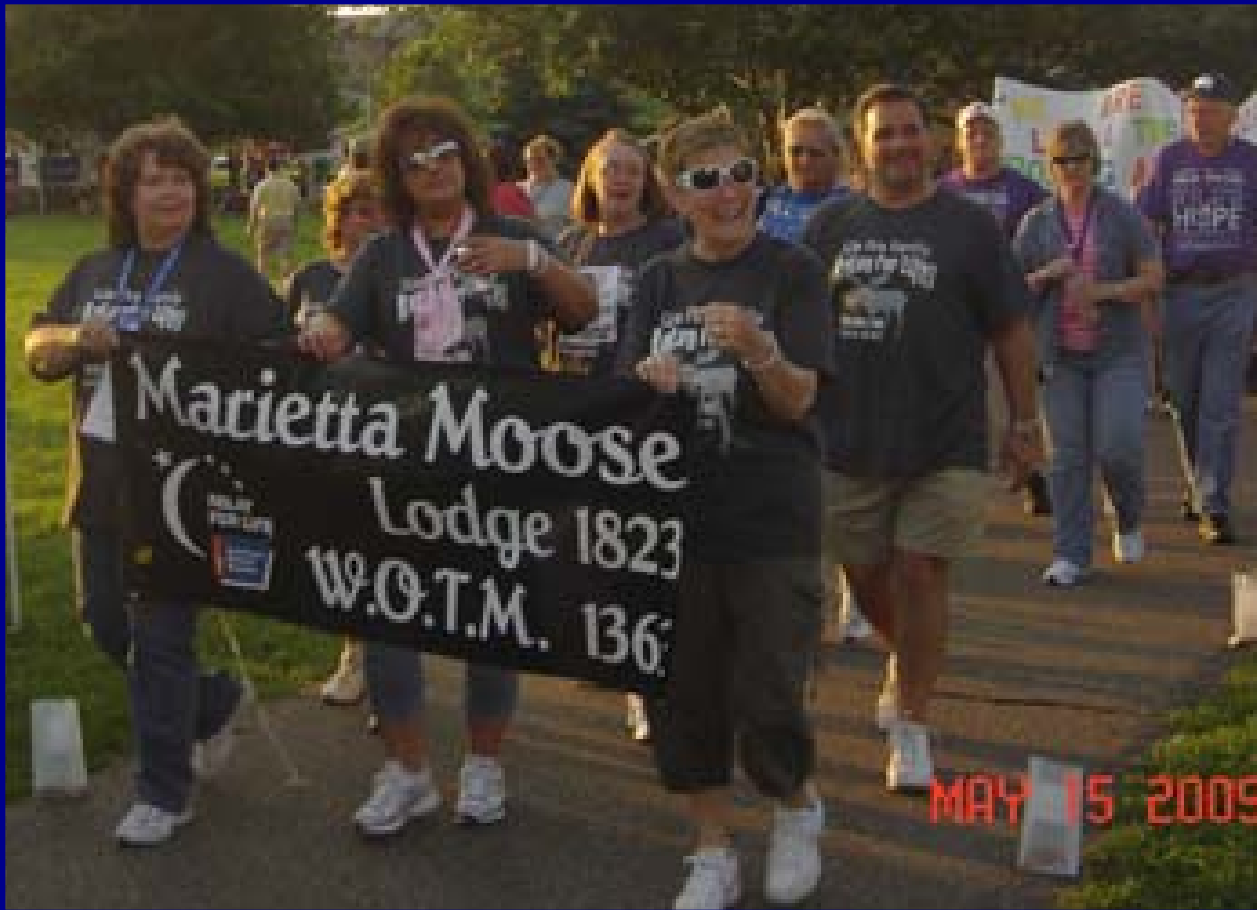
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Marietta Moose Lodge 1823 and Chapter 1363 Team Up for the "Relay For Life"



In the Annual March of Teams for "Relay For Life" held each year in Belpre, OH, the men and women of Marietta Moose Lodge 1823 and Chapter 1363 once again came through. The team collected and donated over \$2,100.00 and received a Silver Sponsor Award for their efforts.



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A Special Message from Past Deputy Grand Regent Carolyn Arbuckle



Ohio Women of the Moose:

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all the co-workers of the WOTM who received the Star Recorder and College of Regents degrees in Chicago. Please allow me also to extend those same congratulations to the LOOM new Fellows and Pilgrims. Both mark yet another milestone in our great fraternity. Special congratulations are extended to our new Deputy Grand Regent Katie Leptak of Hamilton Chapter 28. May you have a wonderful year, Katie!

As my year comes to an end, I want to THANK all of you for your kindness and help. It has been a wonderful experience that I never dreamed could happen. May God Bless all of you!

DIRECTOR GENERAL WILLIAM B. AIREY, in his report to delegates at the joint session at the recently completed 121st Annual Convention of the **LOOM**, added a new charge: *"I am going to ask you to again return to your homes and communities with membership and money at the top of your priority list -- and to it I am going to ask you to add Marketing. We must boast of our accomplishments and the many good works we do in our communities; we must tell others of the many benefits of membership; we must spread the word of our good deeds to all our members, and to community leaders; we must ask someone to join our program each and every opportunity we get. I'm counting on you!"*

"In today's time, it too often appears that people join for the benefit, not the cause. They don't understand, or don't immediately value, what we do at Mooseheart, nor do they understand our program of serving our aged members at Moosehaven. We must have a strong marketing effort at the Lodge level to educate our membership. Members have to be aware of, and be loyal to, their commitment to 'give of their substance' by donating their time and money and to 'strengthen the defending circle' by sponsoring new members."

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

A Food-Service Notion . . .

Let's hold a **BUFFET NIGHT** short-term membership drive! If your Lodge holds a buffet night(s) each week(month), why not take advantage of this excellent opportunity to increase, on the one hand, your exposure to your membership of a great activity, and, on the other hand, to increase your Lodge's membership with this simple tactic:

If a preferred-member sponsor presents a new or former application--with dues--why not offer him and a guest a free buffet dinner, and if he brings his applicant and a guest, they too will receive a free buffet dinner.

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

If your response is "Well, we don't have buffet dinners in our Lodge," then my response is "WHY NOT?"

DIRECTOR GENERAL WILLIAM B. AIREY, in his report to delegates at the joint session at the recently completed 121st Annual Convention of the **LOOM**, observed: *"There are those who would destroy our Order, given the opportunity. They continually tear down our programs; they fail to support membership efforts; they neglect to fulfill their obligation to give of their substance. They would rather spread dissension and negativity, thereby becoming part of the problem we face on a daily basis, a problem that causes us to experience a growth rate slower than we should be experiencing."*

How to solve things? Airey said, *"You may remember that not too many years ago, membership in the LOOM was in excess of 1,300,000 members. Through reasons we have discussed during our conventions and conferences, and through our fall seminars, we have lost, in our Lodges alone, 600,000 members. Leaving out the WOTM and the Moose Legion per capita, if we would simply have each of our Lodge members do nothing more than sponsor one member next year, we would produce 700,000 new members at \$30.00 ABCD; we would realize \$21 million annually in ABC dollars alone. That would cover the entire Mooseheart budget and nearly half of the Moosehaven Budget."*

Mr. Airey's message to Ohio Lodges and Chapters is clear: Let's set our own membership quota for this year. Let's get one new member for every member on our roles. Such action would demonstrate our commitment to the Loyal Order of Moose!

Premier Lodge Award Winners Announced

2008-2009 Premier Lodge Award Winners

Bronze Level

Clyde 393
Upper Sandusky 1093
Indian Lake 1533
Wadsworth 2070
Circleville 2440
St Clairsville 2540
Harrison 2633

Silver Level Premier Lodge Award Winners

Trumbull 186
Shelby 422
Cortland 1012
Brewster 1102
Colonial City 2555
Bellefontaine 2563

Platinum Level Premier Lodge Award Winners

Hilliard 2236

DIRECTOR GENERAL WILLIAM B. AIREY, in his report to delegates at the joint session at the recently completed 121st Annual Convention of the **LOOM**, concluded his remarks with this insight: **Summarizing the Solution**

- support our programs designed to increase membership in our Lodges, our Chapters, and our Moose Legions. invite your friends to join!
- Hold fast to the strong principles and precepts of our Order.
- Praise the members who are loyal to our cause.
- Build upon our supportive fraternal units and Associations.
- Continually search for new and dedicated leaders.
- Give 'till it hurts!

Hence the theme for next year's membership program,

BE A PIECE OF THE SOLUTION!

Pilgrim Conferral Pixes Dribble In . . .



TOP LEFT: OSMA President Arnie Holley chats with Buck Dials just before the ceremony. **TOP RIGHT:** The men in the picture are from Norwood 301 -- Rickie Paul, Ken Malloy, and John Brown. The children are those whom the Lodge sponsors, along with their house mother. **ABOVE:** Ron Bregen and Ken Malloy present themselves ready for the parade of Pilgrims. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The Norwood 301 women are Marge Bregen, Joanne Brown, Billie Wolf, Jane Malloy, and Kristi Paul.

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

Nuff Said bout Golf



I learned long ago -- having been mentored by such golfing sages as Jack Hulls, Freddie Soddors, and Big Daddy and Jim Strahm -- that golf can be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer. The lesson has been that 'beer' has been the best part.

Those same mentors also taught me the contradictions of golf. For example, in golf, you hit down to make the ball go up. you swing left and the ball goes right.

The lowest score wins!

And on top of all that, the winner buys the drinks.

I learned also that golf is harder than baseball--my game originally! I learned that in golf, you have to play your foul balls!

My greatest lesson, however, had to do with a term -- "Gimme" -- which I came to discover as best defined as an agreement between two golfers, neither of whom can putt very well!

I have also learned that one of the most interesting things about golf is that no matter how badly you play, it is always possible to be worse!

Let me conclude my sharing this insight: if you find you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip: YOUR LIFE IS IN TROUBLE!

REMEMBER: The O.S.M.A. Horseshoes Tournament in Lima is coming up--June 13 & 14. Contact Chairman Bob Hauenstein if you need information.