



🎵 The Moose "Bell" 🎵

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Ringing out good news for our Moose Community, Mooseheart, and Moosehaven!

Bellefontaine Moose Lodge, one of the top 11 Moose Lodges in Ohio to be awarded the Premier Lodge Award for the 2016-2017 Moose Year.

Congratulations for Higher Degree



Congratulations to Kim Levan and Lori Arledge for being conferred with the Academy of Friendship Degree at the February State Conference. This is the second Degree in the

Women of the Moose and is given to those who qualify with service, memberships, and leadership. We are very proud to have these women as part of our W.O.T.M.

Bellefontaine Moose Save a Life Blood Drive

Community Blood Drives will be held at Bellefontaine Moose Lodge on Saturday, April 7, on Saturday, June 9, and Saturday, September 15.

All blood drives will be held from 8 AM to 12 PM. Everyone is invited! We encourage appoint-



ments to be made at Donortime.com or contact Frank Stewart at 937-407-7224. This is part of the Community Blood Center, phone

1-800-388-GIVE.

Blood drives save many lives and you can help! Please come out and spend a few minutes giving blood to help an unknown number of people.

The life you save could be your own.

Moose Riders, Moose on the Loose, One Year

Our Moose Riders is now in it's 12th month of existence. There have been many wonderful things and good times for those involved. We have been in many places in and outside Ohio. Our community service projects have been well received. Thanks to all for your volunteer work



Serving pulled pork sandwiches! Moose Rider dinner 3-23, 5-8

and helping us to grow. At one time we were the only Moose Riders

Herd in District #3, our District.

Our meetings are on the first Sunday of each month at 11.

With warmer weather, we can talk about the Blessing of the Bikes on May 20, at 1:00 at Xenia Raceway with 1000's of bikes. Geoff Wisse, President

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- Please congratulate all the men and Women who brought so much cheer to others.
- Blood drives at our Moose Lodge
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Greetings from the Governor

Greetings Moose Brothers:

As we are getting close to the end of the Moose calendar year, I wish to always thank the many men and women who have done so many things for our Moose including signing members. Thanks to those who work on dinners and for all of you that came in to enjoy them.

We are always being told that we are one of the best givers in community service and support for those in need.

Thanks for making Bellefontaine Moose the friendliest place in town for bringing in friends and neighbors and treating them to a

great time. Of course, if they are not members the you must pay the bill. But, what the heck, what **are friends for it you can't treat them occasionally?**

We are only at 63% of our membership Quota and we really need to get busy and ask people to join the Moose Organization. Tell them about Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Show them a copy of our newsletter. Tell them how much their membership means to the community. As of February 26, we need 22 members to make our Quota.

Please sponsor members for our membership drive for 2017-2018. There is no \$20

membership fee until May 1 for new applications.



Cory Ames, Lodge Governor

Other 2016-2017 Lodge Officers:

Administrator: Richard Sharon

Jr. Governor: Chris Suman

Prelate: Cam Dyer

Secretary/Treasurer: Jon Kunze

Trustee (1yr.): Geoff Wisse

Trustee (2 yr.): Bryan Wilson

Trustee (3 yr.): Wayne Prater

Inner Guard: Dan Noffsinger

Outer Guard: Jim Snyder

Jr. Past Governor: Ty Rowe

A Note from our Lodge Administrator

Thank you for you support of the Rocker Project for Moosehaven. This is something for which our members can be very proud. Also thanks to all for the support of all

the items mentioned on page 4 for the Parade of Checks at the State Conference and the ongoing Heart of the Community items. Thank you for your support of our many

fundraising functions for all our charitable organizations.

Richard Sharon, Administrator.

Moose Dues Cost Comparison

	Cost Comparison (Using 30 days/month and 4weeks/month)				
Moose Legion	Moose membership	cigarettes (1 Pack)	3 drinks/weekly	1 hamburger/weekly	
daily/weekly	\$0.04	\$0.11	\$6.50	\$10.50	\$4
monthly	\$1.25	\$3.33	\$195.00	\$42.00	\$16.00
yearly	\$15	\$40	\$2,340	\$504	\$192

Moose dues equivalent to: 6 packs of cigarettes per year or 1/2 pack per month
 11 drinks per year or 1 drink per month.
 10 hamburgers per year or less than 1 per month.



If you have 3 drinks/weekly during happy hour you save \$.75 per week. This is \$3 per month or \$36 per year and there is always free food for special event.

So essentially, you are coming out ahead or breaking even. This does not include member savings benefits such as car rental, hotels, prescriptions, health, life insurance, vision, and so on.

Women of the Moose Spotlight

Greetings Co-Workers:

It was a wonderful State Conference we attended in February. We offer congratulations to Kim Levan and Lori Arledge for receiving their Academy of Friendship Degree, well earned and much deserved!



Thanks to everyone that helped out with the various community functions and with the monthly

meals. Thanks to those who came in to enjoy the meals. The next dinner will be March 26 from 4-7.

We are having an election on March 15 from 5 to 6 PM for Secretary/ Treasurer for the Women of the Moose. This will elect either Brenda Mortimer or Kim Levan. Please bring your card.

As of February 26, we need at least 7 more new members signed up in order to make our year. The \$20 enrollment fee has been suspended until May 1 per Moose International.

We really need to sign up more new members if we are going to continue to be recognized for the Award of Achievement.

Please ask people to join the Women of the Moose.

Sr. Regent: Christina Franck

Other 2017-2018 W.O.T.M. Officers

Jr. Graduate Regent: Sandy Peyton

Jr. Regent: Lori Arledge

Recorder: Betty Clark

Sec/Treasurer: Lori Wisse

Guide: Millie Stockdale

Assistant Guide: Tera Kunze.

New Orleans Moose International 2018 Convention.

New Orleans is 300 years old in 2018. Join us from Wednesday, July 11th – Sunday, July 15th, for the 2018 International Moose Convention. Then enjoy history, to Jambalaya, to Jazz, to steamboat rides, to French Quarters.

Make reservations on the OSMA Website for a really fun trip to New Orleans. This will be a great Moose Convention. There are events at the Moose International Convention that everyone can enjoy and learn.



New Orleans new and old!

Special Events Everyone Can Enjoy!



Mexican Night at the Moose.

Frank Stewart is in charge of the great Mexican Night dinners at the Moose. The taco salad is really tasty.

Lodge Anniversary

On April 2, 2018, our lodge will be 18 years new. We have done marvelous things more than any lodge after us. We now have about 700 men and women members who have all helped in one way or another, some just by being members. **"Come on down"** as we toast Bellefontaine Lodge!

St. Patrick's Day



The day to celebrate St Patrick's Day is on March 17. While we do not have a regular party for that day, you will still find many costumes and really funny items. You might find an Irish Princess or two. Everyone says **"I'm not Irish but kiss me anyway."**

For whom the bell tolls, in sickness and distress!

Please remember the following individuals and others unnamed for serious health situations since the last newsletter: Dick Stewart, Nena Hogue, Earl Luthman, Lisa Jordan, Mike Hammond, John Payne.

Lost loved ones: Chuckie Everhart grandfather passed, Pete Brewster father passed, Tim Killbuck daughter passed.

Where there are struggles or sadness, love plants a garden of strength and memories!



Parade of Checks, 2018 Ohio State Moose Conference

Bellefontaine Moose: Parade of checks

\$1800 Ohio Special Project.
\$100 Endowment fund
\$100 Safe Surfing for Moose International
\$100 to Safe Web Surfing Foundation
\$600 to Special Olympics of Ohio
\$100 to Tent Town for Special Olympics of Ohio
\$100 to Tommy Moose Project
\$100 to OSMA Museum

\$100 to The Ohio State Moose V.A.V.S. (for veterans).

This Parade of checks is for projects supported by the Ohio State Moose Association and by Moose International.

If you are helping a non Moose community service project, please let us know. Moose members do more for a community than just Moose projects. There are several projects listed throughout this newsletter.

Bellefontaine Moose members, you should be very proud of how you have made our Lodge great.

Tommy Moose Project!

Service men and women emergency personnel can help to ease frightened or confused children by giving them a Tommy Moose plush doll!



Heart of the Community, making a difference

Bellefontaine Moose Last Fiscal Quarter:

Our Core Initiatives

Mooseheart/Moosehaven:

We donated:
\$300 to Endowment Fund.
\$3540 to Moosehaven Centennial Project.

\$150 to Cradle Fund
Youth Awareness

We have been unable to find a local student to do our Youth Awareness Program.

Tommy Moose:

We contacted all local law enforcements, fire departments and Children Services to see if they needed additional Tommy Moose. Only Children services required a few which we had in house to give them.

Safe Web Surfing:

This donation will be reported at a later time.

Special Olympics (Ohio only.):

We donated \$1180 to Ohio Special Olympics.

Veterans' Programs:

We donated \$100 to the local



In the Heart of the Community Program, Bellefontaine Moose is among the yearly best.

Veterans' Honor Flight for Food on their trip to Washington D.C.

Companion Initiatives

Make-A-Wish, Big Brothers/Big Sis:

We had several volunteers help troubled youths get on the right track.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), Red Ribbon:

We are in contact with the local D.A.R.E. officer on a program to keep youths from starting on drugs.

Emergency Services:

We have offered our Lodge in case of an emergency in our area.

Scouting:

We are in contact with local scout troop and will be helping with an Explorer Scout Project in the spring.

Youth Sports:

Our lodge is sponsoring a middle school softball team and one of our mem-

bers is helping the team.

Salvation Army:

The closest Salvation is 35 miles away but we had a few members help at Christmas.

Local Volunteer Service

Our Moose Riders raised \$350 for L.I.F.E. program for graduating seniors for computers

We have had several members volunteer at the Historic Holland Theatre.

We donated Children Services gifts to 13 children

We donated food baskets and gifts to five local needy families.

We donated \$1180 to local Food Pantry.

We held a Thanksgiving dinner open to the public and served 50 dinners at no cost to them.

We had a Children's Christmas Party open to the public with a Santa Breakfast at no cost to the public.

Total Monetary Donations: \$6638.





Total Volunteer Hours: 466

Total Volunteers: 55

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Happy Hour Monday through Thursday 4-6

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Daylight Saving Time starts Mon March 12 at 2 AM, push ahead 1 hour!				1 Women's meeting 6:00 Higher Degree discount all day	2 Band 7-11: Blended Sky, Karaoke Weekly draw 9	3 Pool tourney 6, signup 5:30
4 Moose Rider meeting 11:00 Dart League 2 sign up 1:30	5 Free Darts Free pool	6 Queen of hearts 8:00 	7 Mexican night 4-7 Woman's night 	8 Men officers 6 Higher Degree discount all day	9 Band 7-11: Mule Skinner Band Weekly draw 9	10 Pool tourney 6, signup 5:30
11 Moose Legion Meeting 12 Last Dart League Tournament 2, sign up 1:30	12 Get up 1 hr. early 	13 Queen of hearts 8:00 	14 Last Moose Races Post Time 6	15 Women's meeting 6:00 Higher Degree discount all day	16 Band 7-11: Steve & Lynnette Weekly draw 9 	17 Pool tourney 6, signup 5:30 St. Patrick's Day 
18 District Mgt. Kenton 11:30	19 Free darts 6 Free pool	20 Queen of hearts 8:00 Yippee! it's Spring! 	21 Mexican night 4-7 Woman's night 	22 Men officers 6 Joint Mtg. 7 Higher Degree discount all day	23 Moose Rider Dinner 5-8 Weekly draw 9	24 Pool tourney 6, signup 5:30
25 Breakfast 9-12 Palm Sunday	26 Free darts 6 Free pool Monthly draw WOTM Monthly Dinner 4-7	27 Queen of hearts 8:00 	28 Make up your own Holiday every day is fun at the Moose!	29 Higher Degree discount all day!	30 Weekly draw 9 Good Friday	31 Pool tourney 6, signup 5:30

[April 2nd is our Lodge Anniversary](#)

**Ringling out Moose news
for March, 2018**

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Moose Lodge Families and Friends

Moose Legion, the 2nd Degree of the Moose where pride and fun go hand in hand!

Brother Moose Legionnaires,

As the 2017-2018 Moose year gets closer to the end of the year April 30, I wish to thank the many Moose Legionnaires for all their help in the many meals we have prepared. Also, thanks for the help on our many activities and community service. Being a Moose Legionnaire is a very proud moment.

There are many activities coming up:

March 11, 12:00 Bellefontaine Moose Lodge Moose Legion meeting.

Late May (date to be set), we will have a Hawaiian party with dancers, costumes, an imitation Hawaiian wedding, and lots of Hawaiian songs. Best party for

men and women members!

We have been asked to host the Miami Valley Picnic again this year in July. (needs board approval!)

The Moose Legion and Degree of Service Mission is to have fun while providing greater service to the Moose Fraternity. Our Vision is to persuade all qualified Lodge members to join the Moose Legion.

There is a destiny that makes us brothers none goes his way alone, That which we send into the lives of others comes back into our own.

The next District Moose Legion Meeting is at Urbana on April 1, 2018 at 2:00. Please support

your Moose Legion and come out to this meeting.

Chairman: Dan Noffsinger

The Moose Legion membership cost is only 4 cents a day (\$1.33 a month/\$15 a year). An immediate benefit is a Thursday discount for those with any Higher Degree.

Moose Legion Directive:

Do some good thing for someone each day!

2017-2018 Moose Legion Officers

Chairman:	Dan Noffsinger
Vice Chairman:	Wayne Prater
Secretary/ Financial Director:	Jon Kunze
Chaplin:	Perry Pearson
Fraternal Director:	Jim Fulton
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Mike Arledge
Past Chairman:	Chuck Peyton