Moosehaven News
Heart of the Community

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Upcoming Events
Due to precautions in response to the COVID-19 crisis, all communal activities are discontinued. Information changes daily and we will continue to keep you informed.

Social Distancing, What Does That Really Mean?

We are a social species and we are asked to stop socializing. Right? Wrong.

We've been inundated with messages from media, national and local healthcare organizations as well as our own community leaders urging social distancing in an effort to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19. What do they actually mean?

According to the World Health Organization, social distancing is, "Deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. Staying at least six feet away from other people lessens your chance of catching COVID-19. Other examples of social distancing that allow you to avoid larger crowds or crowded spaces are:

- Working from home instead of at the office
- Closing schools or switching to online classes
- Visiting loved ones by electronic devices instead of in person
- Cancelling or postponing conferences and large meetings."

This is tough and we know that you are getting stir-crazy but, there is a silver lining! We live in an electronic age! For all of the criticism that the technology 'addiction' has taken in the past years, it can now work to our advantage. Think of the opportunities we have to stay in contact with friends, loved ones and associates that were not available 15 to 20 years ago. Opportunities like:

- Social Media (Facebook {including Facetime}, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat)
- Collaborative Business Media Platforms (LinkDIn, GGoogle and many more)
- Video Calls (Skype, Tango, Facetime and many more)

My point is this; you can use technology to stay in touch! If you have a computer, a tablet, a smart phone or a smart television and you are connected to the Internet, you can utilize
these programs or apps and stay in touch! Social Distancing during the current crisis means physical distance, for the safety of yourself and others...it doesn't have to mean emotional distance.

If you are unfamiliar with any of the above mentioned technologies or how to access or use them, please reach out to someone for help. If you can't find any help, I will gladly get you in touch with my 9 year old niece, she's a WHIZ!

Stay positive, stay focused and stay well!

Marina Mathews
Director of Communications & Events

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Look Who's Talking

Just John
John Capes, Executive Director

Finite, beautiful, painful, possible, unknown, miraculous, tragic…all adjectives describing our lives and a reminder of how swiftly it can change.

How strange life is. I used the above as an introduction to my last Just John without realizing how much more appropriate it would be in a very short time. The COVID 19 (coronavirus) is spreading rapidly across the country causing severe, though necessary, decisions by state and federal leadership.

As we contemplate the impact on our lives at Moosehaven, stop and consider what it means for those not fortunate enough to be wrapped in the security of our great fraternity. Hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions are out of work, many of whom were already barely surviving economically. While Congress wrestles with a financial aid package, many wonder how they will pay the rent/mortgage, buy food and take care of their families. Pray for them.

The long-term consequences of these efforts to thwart the virus will be mixed. For
example, many businesses will not survive and those jobs will be lost forever. However, other businesses will likely grow and thrive. For example, online shopping is likely to increase as a result of "social separation" both in the short and long-term. Heck, I ordered a lawn mower online that was delivered within just a few days. However, I really cannot imagine going out to dinner at my favorite restaurant online. Perhaps, those expanding online businesses will hire the many displaced workers and put our economy back on tract.

What about Moosehaven? Certainly, the measures undertaken to slow/halt the spread of coronavirus will impact on the operations of every lodge in the fraternity. Unfortunately, some of them will not survive. This is a significant concern as they are the lifeblood of Moosehaven. Rest assured there are sufficient resources reserved to continue supporting Moosehaven throughout this crisis and beyond. Furthermore, plans were developed during the previous recession to assure Moosehaven’s future remains secure. These plans remain intact and available to future Moosehaven leadership and more importantly are doable.

What about the fraternity? Well, there will certainly be an impact as a result of the coronavirus. I think it is probably too early to tell how great that impact will be. We must pray for and trust the leadership of each association and at Moose International to make appropriate decisions to secure the future of the fraternity and, therefore, Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Pray for them.

I commend the residents of Moosehaven for accepting the many changes we’ve implemented to protect the campus from the coronavirus. You responded positively to what are clearly diminished privileges and continue to demonstrate the Moose spirit. As I said during our meetings regarding those changes, we will overcome this test by trusting one another and working together - my prayers for and thanks to all of you.

To Moosehaven’s staff; you have managed the many changes and additional responsibilities imposed by this epidemic with your usual professional and positive attitude. Your commitment to Moosehaven’s residents and each other is both admirable and appreciated. Thank you for all you do.

Finally… “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

Life as we know it has changed, perhaps forever, but for now, I am…

Just John
For the first time since Marina has been editing the Moosehaven Newsletter, she can actually say a copy has gone viral. I think every article in this newsletter will say something about the new Chinese Corona Virus Disease, COVID-19. After all it is, or should be, at the forefront of our minds.

This is a brand new disease we are all thinking and talking about. It is so new that the two most important things we know about it are there is no vaccination to prevent you from getting it and there is no medication that will cure the disease; we can only treat the symptoms and let it run its course. 96% of people who acquire COVID-19 eventually recover with some having only mild symptoms and some with more serious symptoms including pneumonia. 4% of all people who acquire the virus die. 14% of people over 80 years of age who acquire the virus die. Numbers like that certainly get your attention. So what can we do? Avoid it, and if we can’t avoid it entirely, contain it. That is why all the precautions and social distance measures were put in place. There have been significant changes to our daily lives here at Moosehaven that will stretch out over several weeks. All of these changes are an attempt to keep everyone as safe as we can.

At the center of all this activity is the Moosehaven COVID-19 Response Team. The team consists of John Capes, Helen Taylor, Terri Reed, Anne Cronin and me. I think you all know John, most of you have met Helen and some of you might remember me from the talent show or something like that. If you had a stay in the Health Care Center you got to know Terri as the Director of Nursing. But not as many of you know Anne Cronin. Anne is our Infection Control and Prevention Nurse and she plays a key role in avoiding infections in general and on this team in particular. So let me introduce you to her.

Anne is originally from Maine, but we like her so we overlook that. She is married and has three adult daughters (we will return to them in a minute) and several grandchildren who fill Anne’s free time. Anne became a LPN in 1983 and a Registered Nurse in 1984. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Niagara University. She worked for 10 years as a Coronary Intensive Care Nurse in Batavia New York. Anne has worked for the past 23 years in Long Term Care in Florida with over 12 years at Moosehaven. She specializes in Staff Education with a strong emphasis on Infection Prevention. She is what the government refers to as an Infection Preventionist. They use this title to make it clear the goal is to prevent infection not control it once it happens. Anne attends additional training on Infection Prevention every year, including training on disaster response about two months ago.

I mentioned Anne’s three daughters. They have all followed her into health care as a Veterinarian, Physician’s Assistant and an ARNP, dually certified in Trauma and Gerontology. Her husband works for Dell Medical. So what do you think they’ve talked about at the Cronin house for the past 35-40 years and still talk about today? Health care and service to others are a way of life. She is kind of intense about it. You might say
obsessive. Anne watched an episode of Monk on TV and did not notice anything unusual (If you don’t remember Monk you won’t get this, so look it up.)

Here is what Anne has to say about our current situation. “The most important thing is to rely on accurate information from credible sources like the CDC and the Department of Health. The primary things you can do is WASH YOU HANDS frequently for at least 20 seconds, clean surfaces touched by others, cover your cough or sneeze with a cloth or tissue or your elbow. Keep your six foot distance from others with no group get togethers. Don’t forget why we are doing all of this. You are the person who can do the most to make sure you and those around you stay healthy. Don’t get bored and lose focus.”

That’s what Anne says. I would listen to Anne.

Bill Tippins

SIMPLY HELEN
Helen Taylor, Director of Resident Services, Chaplain

Yes, these are difficult and trying times, not only for our residents, community, state and country, but on a global scale. As I told our residents last week, “The world as we know it today – is changed.”

Moosehaven continues its efforts to combat the spread of COVID 19 and our COVID19 Task Force is meeting almost daily.

The precautions in place are difficult but necessary. Our greatest concern is the safety of our residents. We are following the guidelines of Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration, Florida Department of Health, Clay County Emergency Management Services, Center for Medicare and Medicaid and the mandates from Governor DeSantis.

Some family members and friends of residents are leaving care packages at our Security Gate for our staff to deliver to the resident. Others are mailing care packages. Please understand that our residents have all they need during this difficult time but the care packages give them something to look forward to and they are most grateful.
Our residents have been “troopers” during this lifestyle change and most have expressed their gratitude for our efforts in keeping them safe.

Others have said what a blessing it is to be at Moosehaven during a time like this. While people, especially seniors, who are not blessed enough to live in our Paradise, our Sanctuary, are out shopping from store to store to find items such as paper towels, toilet paper and other bare necessities, our residents simply “ask” for what they need...and it is provided to them.
Hats off to all of the Moosehaven staff for going that extra mile to ensure the safety and well being of our residents and to our Dining Services and Housekeeping staffs for stepping up and getting the job done in spite of a dramatically increased work load.

This is just another opportunity for us to count our blessings. Thank God for Mooseheart and Moosehaven! We also thank each and every Moose member for supporting the mission of taking care of our children and our seniors. What better time than this to give yourselves a pat on the back! Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

God Bless and stay safe!

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

Simply Helen

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**Up Close And Personal With Barbara Duty**

Rachel Meierdierck, Admissions Clerk

This month we get up close and personal with Barbara Duty. Barbara was born in Arkansas and lived there until her mid-teens when she moved to Michigan. Her dad, Clinen
(pronounced “kline-en”) and mom Zella Mae had 7 children: Janice, Geraldine, Lola, Virginia, Barbara, Carolyn and Gary. Barbara told me, “Sometimes Dad would call us by number, so I was 5!” Clinen was well read and taught Sunday School while Zella Mae took care of the nursery children at their church. Currently three of her siblings live only 45 minutes from where they grew up in Michigan.

Barbara began working as a pharmacy technician with Lahser Drugs right after graduating from high school in Troy, Michigan. She retired from Lahser in 2000 but continued working another 7 years at a local café.

Barbara met her husband Donald, a Fellow in the Moose, one day by chance when she had some car trouble. He happened to work at the mechanic shop close to the pharmacy where she worked. That same evening, Donald invited her out to the Lodge for a cocktail and the rest is history. During their marriage, Barbara was a Senior Regent and Donald was a Governor. They worked 6 days a week at the Lodge. Barbara recalls Monday was Ritual, Tuesday was the WOTM meeting, Wednesday was the LOOM meeting, Friday was fish fry and Saturday was steak night. She can't recall Thursday’s event, but there was definitely a Thursday event, lol. Their love story lasted for 8 short years and ended as Donald was taken from Barbara at the young age of 56.

While attending the funeral of a coworker from her Chapter, Barbara noticed one of the pall bearers when they came in. Howard, a Fellow in the Moose, had also noticed Barbara and followed up with a call and request for a date. And so, the 20 year romance began.

Barbara has 3 daughters, Terri, Laura and Nancy. Terri and her husband own and operate a Cajun restaurant in Michigan. Terri learned all about New Orleans from her Aunt Geraldine, who lived there for 30 years. Laura is a retired administrator for a Judge and she and her husband also live in Michigan. Nancy drives a school bus and she and her husband live in Mississippi. Barbara is delighted that she has 9 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. If you see Barbara, make sure to ask her about “Brick”.

Barbara joined the Moose in the spring of 1989. She served 2 terms as Secretary Treasurer, participated in many rituals and holds multiple degrees. When asked, Barbara will tell you her active role as a Moose member, from the moment she joined, was preaching Mooseheart and Moosehaven. She feels it was her mantra. Barbara stated, “I am at peace at Moosehaven.”

Barbara was a wonderful quilter and has a cherished example of her quilt work that she is proud to show should you ask. Now she enjoys reading and especially enjoys murder mysteries. Her pet peeve is people not using correct English. No double negatives please!

Barbara’s advice is, “Be a good Moose member, study hard, pay attention to your elders and sign Moose members!!”

Photos: Top left: Barbara’s three daughters, Bottom left: Recent photos of daughters, Top Middle: Siblings Gary, Carolyn, Barbara, Virginia, Lola, Geraldine, Janice, Bottom Middle: Clinen & Zella Mae, Top Right: Quilt made by Barbara for Great Grandson, Bottom Right: Barbara Duty
Be sure to LIKE the Moosehaven Facebook page to stay up-to-date with what's happening on campus!

MARCH RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS
Pat Campbell
Tillie Graves
Rita Gabbert
Carol Bailey
Betsy Ireland
Bill Jones
Jack Shea
Gini Gage
Bea Plowden
Paul Moore
Al Shallbetter
Freda Vertigan
Audrey Hanks
Howard Olsen
Glenda Hofer-Hapi
Betty Barnes
Betty Bunn
Harold Embrey
Cora Sparrow
Donald Gettings
Jim Gottlof
Trudi Puda
Drena Jenkins
Barbara Mungovan
Jean Vallee
Howard Mathias
Rosemary Taylor

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES
Frank & Christine Nutter
Ed & Edith Layton
Jim & Linda Reynolds

Every now and then someone does something 'more' or 'goes above and beyond' in their daily jobs. For those people, we give a SHOUT OUT and say thank you!!!

- ALL Moosehaven healthcare workers are recognized for their dedication in supporting and protecting the residents of Moosehaven during this critical time. Thank you for your service!

- Moosehaven COVID-19 Response Team is recognized for their quick action in making decisions for the safety and well being of our residents and our staff. Thak you for your leadership and communication!
Seriously, This Is Funny

To all the seniors out there and to those that are lucky enough to get there.

1 Talk to yourself, because there are times you need expert advice.

2 Consider "In Style" to be the clothes that still fit.

3 You don't need anger management. You need people to stop making you mad.

4 Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.

5 The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

6 You have days when your life is just a tent away from a circus.

7 These days, "on time" is when you get there.

8 Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.

9 Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

10 Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.

11 "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why you're there.

12 When you were a child, you thought nap time was punishment. Now, it feels like a mini-vacation.

13 Some days you have no idea what you're doing out of bed.

Morrison Living/Dietary Department is recognized for meeting the dining service challenges and continuing to provide our residents with healthy, delicious meals. Thank you for your care of our residents and staff!

Crothall Healthcare Environmental Department is recognized for meeting the challenge of the dramatically increased workload caused by the current crisis. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to Moosehaven!

Resident Services and Activities Departments are recognized for going above and beyond in their efforts to calm the residents, keep them as engaged and active as possible while maintaining social distancing mandates. You are the front line for our independent and congregate living residents, we thank you for your dedication!

Purchasing Department is recognized for the extremely important task of not only purchasing all of the supplies that it takes to run a campus the size of Moosehaven, but also delivering them as needed on campus. Thank you for a great job!

Security Department is recognized for accepting the challenge of securing our campus during this trying time. Thank you for being our perimeter, our shield!

Did You Know...?

- We currently have 123 men and 177 women living at Moosehaven
- We currently have 47 married couples living at Moosehaven
14 You thought growing old would take longer.

15 Aging sure has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.

16 You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.

- Our oldest resident is Rodney Krug at 98!
- Our youngest resident is Corey Werrbach at 62!
- Our longest married couple is Jack & Louise Purtee at 74 years!

Please remember to vote for Moosehaven as Best In Clay! Click the link below to vote. :)

THREE MOOSE

By Mike Thompson

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT?

MOOSE... WHAT?

"MOOSEHEAVEN." IT'S A PLACE WHERE ALL MOOSE GO IN THE GOLDEN YEARS OF THEIR LIFE.

"MOOSEHEAVEN." IT'S NOT CALLED "MOOSEHEAVEN." IT'S "MOOSE-HIVEN!" AND IT'S ALL THE WAY IN FLORIDA.

SO?!

SO?!

THERE AREN'T ANY MOOSE IN FLORIDA EXCEPT IN ZOOS.

HMMM... "INZUS." I'D LIKE TO MEET THAT SPECIES OF MOOSE. I'LL BET THE FEMALES ARE PRETTY.

"YOU'RE A MORON, YOU KNOW THAT?"

"NO, I'M AN 'ALCES GIGAS,' KNOW YOUR BINOMIAL NAMES."