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“No man stands so straight or tall as when he stoops to pick up a child.”

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**News Flashes from Mid-Year Convention in Nashua**

The Massachusetts/Rhode Island Association Mid-Year Convention was held at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH August 13, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>. North Reading Lodge 1511 was awarded a **Family Activity Rating of Superior** at the MA/RI convention.

**Community Service Awards** were also presented to North Reading at the Convention. Lodge 1511 was recognized as a **Patron Level** donor for Community Services and the Women of the Moose Chapter #492 was recognized at the **Protector Level!** North Reading was rated 8<sup>th</sup> out of 20 lodges for their Community Service. Thank you to all members for their contributions and generosity. If you do any charitable work, please be sure to let one of the officers know so that we can record your community service work as well. See more information elsewhere in this newsletter on how important your Community Service is to the Moose organization.

**New District 2 President** - Congratulations to....**Bill McGarry**, new District 2 President, and **Bruce Horton**, new District 2 Prelate! District 2 is made up of Lodges and Chapters from Cape Ann, Chelsea, Malden, North Reading, Salem, Revere and Newburyport (Congratulations on your new facility in Merrimack!) District 2 meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday night of the month.

Congratulations to the Women of the Moose Chapter #492 who have received notification from Moose International for “making their year” and will be receiving the Moose International **Award of Achievement for 2009-2010!** They met all criteria required to qualify for this honor. Great job done by all Officers and all the wonderful co-workers who helped us all year long. Here’s to another great year in 2010-2011!

**Help Mooseheart Win \$500K, Vote On Facebook**

In celebration of Kohl's Cares® 10th anniversary, they are donating \$500,000 to 20 schools each for a total of \$10 million. The schools that get the most votes by September 3rd could WIN!! We are CHALLENGING all FACEBOOK fans to VOTE Mooseheart! Here is the link . VOTE early - VOTE often. Don't have a facebook profile?? Tell your friends... We have a great opportunity - We need each of you and absolutely every Fraternal Unit, every member and non-member we can reach to cast their votes for Mooseheart.

There are over one million members, each of whom likely has numerous family members and friends who could, and if aware of the good that can come from it, would, gladly register on FaceBook and vote to support our Children at Mooseheart. The issue is they don't know and someone needs to tell them. Each of us IS SOMEONE. Let's get the word out and show our support for our Mooseheart campus and students!

Visit here to connect to Kohl's Care, login to, or create a FaceBook account, and vote for "Mooseheart School"  
<http://bit.ly/d2xdBb>.

Please - **this is vitally important**. You can cast 5 votes for the same school - and that school is MOOSEHEART. You must work it! Keep after everyone until they cast their votes.

The Time Is Now...for us to secure \$500,000 for MOOSEHEART!!!!

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**The Annual Poker Run** was held August 21<sup>st</sup> in loving memory of **Big Jim Prince**. Kickstands were up at 11 am with only 8 miserable, unfortunate people who “had no ride” and had to take the bus! It was a beautiful day and stops planned out by **Marc LeBlanc** were made to the new Newburyport Lodge located in Merrimack, the American Legion in Georgetown, the Elks in Wakefield and then back to the North Reading Lodge. Best hand was won by **Lou Verruso** and the 50-50 was won by **Glen Dawg Forsythe**. Music was provided by the “**Mid-Life Crisis**” band who were “most awesome”. **Dave Waterhouse, Mike Perry** and **Dom Cacciapuoti** put out a great spread with bbq ribs, steak tips and chicken tips, salads, corn, watermelon, and then some.

The day continued into the night with **DJ Dawn** from the Salem Lodge dedicating the Karaoke to the family of **Jimmy Murray**. 50/50 Raffles by Lodge 1511 & Chapter 492 raised \$300.00 for the Preston & Alison Murray Fund.

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### **Kid's Carnival Huge Success**

What a beautiful day it was for the Kid's Carnival with about 50 kids in attendance. We would like to especially thank everyone for all their help to make this such a wonderful event. Thank you to **Doc Larkin** for setting up all the electrical and mechanical stuff so we could set up the equipment, **Jim McNally** for the cleanup and set up, **Brian Woodbury** for Cooking, **Barry Lombard** for all the Signs and Bubble machine, **Pam the Pirate Winkler** at the Dunk Tank, **Bernice Addonizio** at the Bouncy house, **Jon and Karen Richardson** and **Judy LeBlanc** at the Cotton Candy and Popcorn Machine, **Erin Holden** for running the Ticket Booth and Raffles, **Miss Deb** at the Picture taking booth, **Gloriann Bellino** at the Sandbox and Duckie Pool, **Jeanne Russell** at the Golf Putt, **Laura Goscinak** at the Bean Bag and Ring Toss, **Kelly Jurczak** and **Georgie Elliott** for the great Spin Art, **Alyssa Horton** for Face Painting, **John Elliott** at the Muscle Man Striker, **Annette Gentile** and **Joyce Shirton** at the Floaters and **Deb Randall** for donating the Backpacks for the Kids Raffle.. Thank you to **Barry's friend “Ernie the Clown”** for donating his time making Balloon Animals and Hats. We cannot forget to thank our Dunk Tank Volunteers, **Bill McGarry, Nelson Murray, Johnny Pero, Bradley Richardson** and **Kelly Jurczak**. And a HUGE thank you to **Just for Fun Events** of Danvers and **Tom O'Brien** who donated his time to deliver, set up and take down all that stuff for us!

Winners of the Kids Backpacks was **Kyle MacDonald, Linda Slade's grandson, Janine Richardson** and **Deb Cacciapuoti**.

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**Open House Committee** - We are trying to get an open house together to use as a Membership Driver and to show the Town what we have to offer! If you'd like to help out see an officer or Chairperson John Bradley. We have some people signed up but can always use more!

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***The Time Is Now! Never Pays Dues Again! –  
Just sign up 2 new members per year and  
you will never have to pay dues again!***

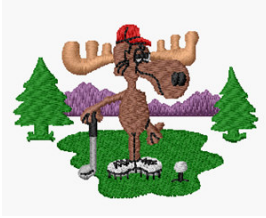
**FREE DUES!! Never Pay Dues Again!!**

ATTENTION ALL LODGES, CHAPTERS AND MOOSE LEGIONS: Please ensure that all of your members are aware that they never need to pay dues again. Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion members can simply sponsor and enroll two members during "The Time Is Now" membership campaign, which runs from June 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. Once their second sponsored member is enrolled, the sponsor will have an additional year of dues awarded to them, courtesy of Moose International. Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions will continue to receive their portion of the additional year's dues in their weekly ACH transfer. Once again, please make every effort to share the news of this exciting program with all of your dues paying members.

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**Notice:** Please be aware that guests are permitted to be signed in a maximum of three times, with the third time being an occasion at which they must submit an application for membership. ***This includes any time you bring a guest in for an event such as Karaoke or Meat Raffle or the like.*** This is a Moose International rule and we abide by that regulation. In the case of a capacity limited event, (i.e. an event where we reach the Fire Law capacity for number of people allowed in either the function hall or social quarters), North Reading Moose Members and co-workers will have first right of entry, with Moose members/co-workers from other Lodges having second, and finally guests. We reserve the right to enforce this policy.

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## **Golf Tournament** Winners were:

First Place - Mike Gali and Joe Bochetti from Revere

Second Place - David Atkinson from North Reading and John Witham from Malden

Third Place - Charlie Sinclair and Michael Sinclair from Salem

Women's First Place - Sheryl Scanlon and Karen David from Braintree

Prizes were given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the tournament, 4 closest to the pins, and a long drive

There are about 10 shirts left at \$20.00 apiece.

Thank you to our sponsors (in Alphabetical Order): AwareManager Software, Bank of America, Brian Blackwood Lodge #1511, China Cuisine, Coast to Coast Mortgage, Good Day Florists, Hillview Country Club, Horseshoe Grille, Joker's Wild, Kitty Restaurant, Tom Lyons Tire & Auto, Malden Moose #1910, Bill McGarry – Governor #1511, Meadow Creek Golf Club, Music Place, NAPA Auto Parts, Pizza Guys, Pyramid Hotel Group – Bert & Teresa James, Revere Moose Lodge, Rhino Linings of Middlesex County, Dave Schuettner – Jr Governor #1511, Tryder Construction, Women of the Moose#492.

Several volunteers from the North Reading lodge & chapter made a huge difference for the smooth running of the event.

Thank you to Dave Schuettner, Dave Waterhouse, Karen Richardson, Harry Larkin, Mike Perry, Deb Cacciapuoti

and so very many others. Thanks to all of you - **we raised \$1500.00 for the MA/RI Moose Association!!**

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Nice weather, eh? Come on up and enjoy the backyard, the Grill, Horseshoes, Ladder Golf and Cornhole!

**Here's what's happening...**

### **Monthly Events**

**Sunday Meat Raffle starts up October 3<sup>rd</sup>** hosted by the WOTM. 3pm start. See you there!!!

**Ping Pong!** - A huge thanks goes out to **Dave** and **Linda Waterhouse** for donating a brand new Ping Pong Table to the Lodge, and to **Pam** and **Robin** for all their work in cleaning out the room to put it in! It has been an immediate hit! Be sure to stop up for a game!

**Thursday Night Golf League** -!!! - Every Thursday at 4:00PM at the Hillview Country Club with Tee times from 4:00 – 4:30 weather permitting, depending on the number of players, we need at least 12 folks to hold these tee times, so please come up and join in the fun! The season will be over before we know it! Please make an effort to stop up! For more details see **Jim "Grimace" Tremblay** 978-407-2682 to get more info on the Thursday night Golf League!

**Thursday Nights are Martini Night** with Master Mixologist Mike! – Stop up for great Martini's and Unique layered! Bartender Mike may also have some special new recipes for you to try!

**Karaoke** - Next Karaoke's are **Saturday Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.8:00 PM – 12:00**. It's a great time to grab your last minute tickets for the current month's WOTM fundraiser! The Free Karaoke night has also become one of our best new member nights, so be sure to bring a qualified guest to show them what we have to offer. We've signed up over 35 folks over the last year's Karaoke events we have had! **Don't forget** - Just sign up 2 new members per year and you will never have to pay dues again! Please see the flyer in the Lodge!

**Coming in September....Our First North Reading Pub Crawl.....details soon.....**

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**Poker Night** - Stop up for ***Poker the first Thursday night of the month*** at 6:30PM SHARP! The games are getting quite interesting! Don't miss out on a spot at the tables!

**Texas Hold'em** - Thursday, September 2nd at 6:30PM.

We are looking for folks who might be interested in a **Team Table Shuffleboard tournament.....**

**Pool and Dart Teams** – We are looking for Pool Players and Dart Players/Teams to play for our Lodge. If anyone wants to start one, the LOOM 1511 will be your home turf!! See **Billy McGarry**, Governor or any officer...

Winners of the Monthly WOTM Raffle for June to the Giggles Comedy Club night out was **Sharon Horton**. July's Monthly Winner was **Sanguan LaBrecque**.

**Congrats** to the "Super Raffle" Winner, **Kevin DeMoura!**

**Weekend Horseshoe Drop In!** - See Tom Rooney for more details and/or sign up on one of the sheets posted in the Lodge! This is an in-house event so there is no travel to other Lodges. No commitment required on your part, just drop in any day we are having the games and you can get in on the action. Food and prizes weekly for a small entry fee! We'd like to get all folks who are interested to sign up by the end of the month. Men and Women are welcome. Remember, you are not committing to every weekend...we just want to get an idea of how many folks are interested. Format and details TBD....Tom has rebuilt! Thanks Tom!

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**District 2 Meetings: 2010-2011**

September 10	North Reading	March	No Meeting (Tri State Convention)
October 8	Salem	April 8	Salem
November 12	Cape Ann	May 13	Revere
December 10	Revere	June 10	Malden
January 14	Malden	July 8	North Reading
February 11	Newburyport		

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**Thanks to Doc Larkin, Dave Swede Swanson, Al Hyatt, Bobby Bugden, and Dave Waterhouse for all the work being done to the grounds and stairs at the front of the function hall. It looks AWESOME!**

**HELP!**

Looking for anyone that would like to help set up the hall for line dancing on Fridays, and for Hall rentals..See any officer to volunteer to help when these are scheduled!

If you'd like to help out at our functions as a server, please be sure you are TIPS certified....[www.gettips.com](http://www.gettips.com) is a fast, easy and inexpensive way to do this! Use the code mooselodge10 in the promotion box for a discount!

**You MUST be a member to participate on our sports teams, so this is the time to be sure your teammates have signed up. We'll begin strict enforcement of that rule going forward.**

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## Community Service

Community service affords each and every Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion the opportunity to: improve their image, market their value as an asset in the community, be recognized as caring men and women, attract new members, and retain current members. If you volunteer your time to any community service, please let the Administrator or Recorder know. You are not only helping the community, but the North Reading Lodge and Chapter will receive credit from Moose International as well. The Men and Women of the Moose donate over \$90,000,000 a year in cash and volunteer hours and miles for Community Service each year. Here are some Community Service Programs you may be involved with: D.A.R.E., Little League, Special Olympics, Scouting, Food Pantries, Telethon, Walk-a-thon, Schools, Hospice, Red Cross, Disabled American Veterans, March of Dimes, Heart Association, Cancer society, Bloodmobile, etc.

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### Men & Women Officers for 2010 - 2011

#### Lodge #1511 Officers

Governor – Bill McGarry  
Past Governor – Bruce Horton  
Jr. Governor – Dave Schuettner  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Harry Larkin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Bob Waterhouse  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – David Waterhouse  
Prelate – Jim McNally  
Treasurer – Rich “Doc” Larkin  
Administrator – John Stone  
Sergeant at Arms – Dick Pattison  
Inner Guard – Dave “Swede” Swanson  
Outer Guard – Al Hyatt

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#### WOTM Chapter #492 Officers

Sr. Regent – Joyce Shirton  
Jr. Graduate Regent –  
Jr. Regent – Annette Gentile  
Recorder – Kelly Jurczak  
Sec/Treas – Jeanne Russell  
Chaplain – Laura Gardner Goscinak  
Guide – Linda Waterhouse  
Assistant Guide – Erin Holden

### Monthly Members' Meetings

Men's Members Meeting – First and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 7:00PM

Women's Members Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. (See a Chapter officer for details or just show up! Bring in a new Member!!!!)

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### Thinking of you:

#### Our thoughts and prayers are with you:

Our deepest sympathies to the family **Jimmy Murray**, who passed away suddenly on July 31st, 2010. Jimmy was such a familiar and happy fixture at our Karaoke nights and Golf outings. He was the brother of members **Peggy Murray** and **Nelson Murray**. Our condolences go out to his family and friends. He will be sadly missed and so fondly remembered.

Donations can be made for his children to  
The Preston and Alison Murray Fund  
Sovereign Bank c/o Karen Davis  
36 South Main St Middleton, MA 01949

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of **Steven and Laurie Correale** who's father Saverino Correale passed away August 19th.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to **Mike Perry** on the passing of his wife Carol on August 23rd. Carol was also the mother of **Michael B. Perry**.

We would like to extend our condolences the family **Denise Santoro** who passed away July 17<sup>th</sup>. Denise was the daughter of **Hal and Shirley Nilsson**, also the sister of **Donna Pronovost** and **Terry Boucher**. Many members remember her calling Bingo games upstairs in the function hall in the 80's and tending bar in the Social Quarters. Our thoughts and prayers are with your families.

**Welcome to our Newest Co-Workers:**

We all welcome you and hope you grow to love our Moose Family Fraternity as much as we do! Welcome — July New WOTM Members – **Danielle Teel** sponsored by **Linda Waterhouse** and August New WOTM Members - **Linda Slade** sponsored by **Laura Goscinak** and welcome back **Shirley May Richardson** sponsored by **Jeanne Russell**

**September Birthdays:**

LOOM Members – Paul Brabant, Richard Branson, Cliff Cook, Don Dewar, Tom Donahue, Matt Doss, Jeff Flood, Chuck Gleason, Alan Hyatt, Lou Kloppenburg, Marc LeBlanc, Peter Marrochello, Jack Merrill, Dan Morrow Jr, Tim O’Connell, Ray O’Brien, Craig Rogers, Dave Smith, Carmen St. Arneault, Matt Tomassian, Peter Warren, Bob Waterhouse

WOTM Co-Workers – Bernice Addonizio, Colleen Burke, Deb Cacciapuoti, Colleen DeMoura, Leah Dow, Annette Gentile, Roslyn Gray, Arline Harris, Chris Hayden, Danielle Jaime, Lee MacNeil, Tracy Moreira, Val O’Brien, Caren Todisco, Diane Varney

**October: Birthdays:**

LOOM Members – Peter Caprero, Bob DeMarco, Mark Drossos, Arthur Hoffman, Bert James, John Magazzu, Mark Martel, Jim McNally, Tom O’Connor, Bill Pierce, Gordon Potter, John Stone, Eddie Sur3tte, John Thebeau, Jim Tibbetts, Jim “Grimace” Tremblay, Ed Tucker, Dave Varga, Mike Ward, Eddie Wheeler

WOTM Co-Workers –Gloriann Bellino, Deborah Blackwood, Madeline Briand, Elaine Cacciapuoti, Doreen Ducker, Johanna Holt, Cala Mahoney, Cyndie McManus, Laura Mejia, Terry Nilsson, Tracey Purnell, Patricia Sullivan, Alicia Tremblay, Karen Woods



Helpers at the Kids Carnival – Pam Winkler and her grandson

**Blues, Boos & BBQ** was held at the North Reading Moose on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> for a great day and night of

music, food, and fun. We had "The Band That Never Was" was back for another awesome afternoon of their combined 150 years of musical. There was delicious Poor Tom’s Barbecue ribs, salads, watermelon...etc...etc...etc...and we had some great door prizes Congrats to the Dude that won the Aerosmith at Fenway which was First Prize! Billy McGarry won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize which was Bad Company tickets, and Arlene Pelletier won third prize – a \$50.00 gas card. If you missed it, you’ve heard your friends telling you not to make that mistake again! All proceeds went to Moose Charities.

**The MMOB News**

Hello Brothers, Co-Workers and Friends;

The MMOB (Mass Moose On Bikes) has entered our fourth year of existence! We are reaching out to ALL of the Members of The MA/RI Moose Association to hopefully educate our Fraternal Members about **The MMOB**. We are a group of Moose Members who enjoy riding motorcycles (although you certainly don’t need to ride one to join us – we have quite a few members who come along on four wheels). The MMOB gives us the opportunity to raise money for Moose Charities as well charities within our own local communities, while doing what we enjoy; our motto is “Helping Moose Help People”. We are always looking for new members and participation! All are welcome to attend **MASSACHUSETTS MOOSE ON BIKES (MMOB)** website is [www.themmob.net](http://www.themmob.net)

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## Letter from the Poker Run Committee:

Hey there everyone – the 2010 Poker run committee would like to thank all of you for an awesome, fun, and successful day in memory of **Big Jim Prince**. The “Mid-Life Crisis Band” made their debut at our Lodge, and, if the comments I’ve received are any indication – they’ll be back! ☺ We do have some special **thank yous** to shout out...

**Mark “Nudlie” LeBlanc** – man, oh man, what a route you planned for us! Thank you for taking us on a great ride. Hey, you could not have possibly seen that field fire coming, and I saw the detour sign...it was totally pointing us toward that cul-de-sac! The route was beautiful, and we thank you.

**Barry Lombard** – signage, setup, general happiness, and kicking off the run

**Kelly Jurczak** – how cool was that that you got the day off of work? Thanks for helping out with registration, raffles, counting things, office supplies...etc. etc.

**Joyce Shirton and Erin O’Brien (Holden)** ☺ – registration and raffles

**David Waterhouse** – arrangements, shopping, etc. for that most excellent BBQ, as well as setup and everything else that nobody else ever thinks of!

**Dom Cacciapuoti and Mike Perry** – a pair of pitmasters to beat a full house if ever I’ve seen one – thanks for feeding a bunch of hungry bikers, guys!

**Linda Waterhouse and Deb Cacciapuoti** – cooking & hooking us up with that yummy potato salad and coleslaw and stuff

**Jeanne Russell** – for tasty gelatin snacks – there’s always room for Jell-O ☺

**Napa, NR Motorsports, Advanced Touch Massage, Elia’s, Sharon Sullivan, The Cutting Room, Good Day Florists, The Pizza Guys, NE Beverage, Sears Hardware, China Cuisine, Kitty’s, Moynihan Lumber, The Music Place** – Thank you all for your generous donations!

**Big Jim** – just for being you, and sharing yourself with us. We love you and miss you, and we’ll never forget you....

Ride safe, and we’ll see you Up the Hill. **The North Reading Moose Poker Run Committee**

# MMOB

## 2nd Annual Memorial Poker Run

*In honor of our fallen members who are never forgotten*

**Nancy McCann**  
**Tommy Williams**



*It's not the destination, it's the journey*

Dedham ♥ Marlborough ♦ Cathedral of the Pines ♠ Billerica

Starting out at Nancy's home lodge, we will ride to The Cathedral of the Pine in Rindge, NH for a Moose Memorial Service and finish up at the Billerica Lodge for a late lunch

### Saturday SEPT 11<sup>th</sup> 2010

Registration 8:30-9:30am, KSU at 10:00am  
\$15.00 MMOB members, \$20.00 Non-MMOB  
(4 wheels are welcome!!)



**CASH PRIZE FOR BEST HAND!**

For more information contact: **Bruce Horton** – 781-315-3989

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## **Letter from the Senior Regent – Joyce Shirton**

Hello Co-Worker & Brothers:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone know how proud and honored I feel to be apart of the team of officers for this Lodge and Chapter. We have had a very busy year so far, with the loss and sickness of fellow co-workers, brothers and family members, on top of all of that, our functions and fund raisers that we successfully pulled off.

What made everything such a success is the participation of members, old and new pulling together and uniting to accomplish our mission for the children and the elders of Mooseheart and Moosehaven, as well as our own children. Your support has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated, by all. I want to send out my deepest gratitude and will be looking forward to the rest of the year to be just as successful. NORTH READING ROCKS because of all of you.

One final note, "The Time is Now" to sponsor two members and get your dues paid for the next year. Also, look for our open house coming up this fall, so we can show people what our Lodge can offer the community.

Sincerely, **Joyce Shirton, Sr. Regent**

## **Letter from the Governor – Billy McGarry**

Hello again from the Hill!

In my letter this month, I'd like to first thank the many, many volunteers that have done everything from running the Kid's Carnival, to doing landscaping, to doing repairs, to running events and raffles, to volunteering their time, effort, ideas and yes, even their money to help us reach our goals in the past, and going forward. This Lodge would not be where we are today without all of your efforts.

This was top of mind with me as I sat down to write this as I had just returned from the MA/RI convention where Regional manager Scotty Fiske gave a report on some of the speeches which were presented at the International Convention in Nashville. With all of the work we have done over the last couple of years, building the Lodge up financially, and literally (in terms of repairs and improvements), one of the areas that we have devoted too little focus on perhaps, is fundraising for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. The WOTM have done a great job at meeting their financial obligations, and we have met ours as well, but we can always do better. More of our events will have the proceeds earmarked for Mooseheart and Moosehaven, as well as the New England Home and Gimme 5 going forward. It's important to remember that the Moose exists with the primary goal of providing the necessary resources for the continued support and maintenance of the Mooseheart Child City & School and the Moosehaven retirement community. This is something that we as a board, and you as members, should keep in mind.

In the spirit of keeping us moving forward, I also wanted to encourage you to take an active part in something that interests you at the Lodge. I think it's the events and programs that we offer that make this Lodge special. I often think to myself, "why would anyone want to pay membership dues to an organization that offers nothing more than cheap drinks?" I don't think they would, and I know that is not why you continue to remain members. We, as a Lodge, need to provide fraternalism, a comfortable, friendly environment, and activities that our members would not be able to get anywhere but here. We spend so much effort trying to figure out why people won't join, when I'd like to see that effort going towards why people remain members. If we identify the things we do well, we can make them even better and add additional programs and events that will make our retention rates to rise, and in turn, I can see this increasing initial enrollments as well. So, if you see an event, committee, or sports event that interests you, get involved! We will only ask that you do what you feel comfortable doing! There's no pressure, we try not to have any cliques, and I can guarantee you will have fun with other members of this Lodge that participate in the event or on the committee.

I'd also like to see us become more involved with attending events at the other Lodges in our area. I attended the Steve Rice Pilgrim dinner in Woburn with 7 other North Reading members, and it was just phenomenal. We need to support our brother Lodges in the same way we would like them to support us. I'll be proposing that any time we purchase tables at an event at another Lodge, we save two seats per table for non-board members and invite a couple of you folks to join us at these events going forward so you can experience it yourself as well.

Finally, I wanted to leave you with this poem that was read by Scotty at the convention. It's a bit hokey, and quite long, so I apologize in advance....but it got the message across to me...



## Dave Krause - "It Only Takes A Few".

A group of ten cared about kids,  
And had an idea that was very fine  
But one was asked to donate money,  
And now there are only nine.

Nine caring people,  
Thought helping kids would "be great!"  
But one was asked to commit some spare time,  
And now there are only eight.

Eight thought that a new youth center,  
Would be a special gift from heaven.  
But one was asked to join a committee,  
And now there are only seven.

Seven concerned about juvenile crime,  
Wished it was something that they could fix.  
But one was asked to spend time with a teen,  
And now there are only six.

Six were thankful for the gifts,  
They had acquired in their lives.  
But when asked about planned giving,  
The six soon became five.

Five were frustrated,  
Wishing for just a few more.  
But one became tired of people leaving,  
And suddenly there are four.

Four people asking themselves,  
Will the next one be me?  
One asked the question too many times,  
Now they are down to three.

With only three remaining,  
And so much work to do,  
One decides to just give up on kids,  
And now there are only two.

But the two that remain are leaders,  
And to help kids they will find some more.  
They each call up their own best friend,  
And suddenly there are four!

Four friends who share a common thought,  
Helping kids is great!  
They each recruit their own personal banker,  
And now their team is eight.

Soon these eight recruit eight more,  
And I think you will begin to see,  
That the number of people helping kids,  
Can start with you and me.

Now you can be like the eight who left,  
Or be more like the final two.  
But when you make your decision,  
Just please remember, . . . It only takes a few.

Fraternally Yours,  
**Bill McGarry**, Governor

### Message to the Membership

I'm sure many of you have noticed all the construction and landscaping that has been going on around the lodge recently. "**Doc**" Larkin and **Dave Waterhouse** (also "**Swede**", **Al Hyatt**, **Bobby Bugden**) have been busting their backs around the grounds and they have been getting a lot done. Unfortunately they are doing about 90% of the work. I want to remind the members that our lodge looks better and progresses quicker when we have more people helping out. If you see one of the officers laboring around the lodge, don't hesitate to offer a hand. Even if it's for a short time, the more we all work together, the more efficient our lodge becomes. You could help set up for an event, paint a wall or help on small projects around the premises. If you want to volunteer for something, just ask John Stone, Joyce Shirton or Bill McGarry if there are any projects you may be able to help with. Our organization is based almost entirely on volunteerism. We shouldn't leave the majority of the work to be done by a handful of people. The more we work together, the more we flourish.

Thank you. **Bob Waterhouse.**

### Note from "Doc Larkin"

I'd like to recognize Bobby Bugden, "Swede" Swanson, my "one armed brother" Harry, and a special thanks to Al Hyatt for his help, as well as for bringing up his tractor (sure made setting those rocks a lot easier with two machine), Chris McGarvey and Pat McGowen of Viking Tree for grinding the stumps, removing the logs and for all that bark mulch/stump grinding/wood chips. Many hands make lighter work.

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## Sunshine Child

School is beginning and Our Sunshine Child in the New England House at Mooseheart is **Hameed Odunewu** and he was 13 years old on April 14th, going into the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and from Illinois. He has been at Mooseheart for over 5 years. He is interested in sports (Golf, Basketball and Football) and his favorite teams are the Houston Rockets and the Pittsburg Steelers. He loves playing sports videos and skateboarding. We sent him a gift card to Wal-Mart to help him ready for back-to-school.

You, too, can write and say Hi to Hameed at:

Hameed Odunewu, c/o Sunshine Department, Nancy Backmeyer, 115 James J. Davis Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539

## Sunshine Grandmother

Our Sunshine Grandparent is **Alda Carmisciano**. She has been at Moosehaven since 2002 and her birthday is December 20<sup>th</sup>. She loves to go out to area restaurants and go on shopping trips and other excursions. Alda has been a member of the Waltham Women of the Moose for 53 years! She would love to hear from our Chapter. You can write to her at:

Alda Carmisciano, Moosehaven, Vivian Borom #16, 1701 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073

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Thank you in advance for helping our Moose Pantry help our community!

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The Women of the Moose is collecting Box Tops for Education, Can Tabs and Campbell's labels. If any of our members would like to bring them in and help out, they can leave it for us and we will pick them up in the Social Quarters. OR – you can send your UPC Codes for Education to: Campbell Labels & Box Tops, Moose Charities In., 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100

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