

Michigan Moose Association News

State President David Stonik

2021 2nd Edition

Editor Sean Smith

From the Desk of the State President

Officer Training is now available and free till June 30. Keep in mind that you must complete your officer training by June 30 or you are not considered an officer. Nominations are being accepted for the State Board. Send your letter of intent and resume to State Secretary Dale Johnson at Lodge1168@mooseunits.org by June 15.

Registration is now open for the convention August 18-22 at the Kewadin Hotel in Sault Sainte Marie. The attendance at all meetings (international, state, district) is mandatory for all lodges by the President and Administrator. Absenteeism may result in your lodge to be considered not in good standing. This would have the effect of your lodge not being able to vote, have a member run for office, host a function or meeting and be reflected in your per capita.

Speaking of per capita, the billing should be coming out in the next few weeks. Keep in mind that the billing will reflect counts for the men and women members of your lodge. Also, the per capita rates will reflect you're your attendance at meetings as well as your participation in state programs, membership and retention goals. Outdoor Sports activities are now in full swing at the state and lodge level. Plan on attending and supporting these functions in the further pursuit of fraternalism and well -just plain fun!

Please be aware that a chapter member whose dues were expired as of April 30 is considered to be an expired lodge member as of May 1. As an expired lodge member, they will need to pay lodge dues (not just chapter) to be reinstated. Also, as with any expired member, they have lost their social quarter privileges and may not enter with their spouse as a guest for one year.

From the Editor

I would like to welcome you to the 2nd edition of the Michigan Moose Association News. This is an endeavor in progress, so please excuse the crudeness of this first release. We will be working on making it more attractive, but really wanted to get some news out to our members.

"ONE MOOSE" MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN



Working together toward the same goal, side by side as equals, on the same team.

Vice Presidents Corner

WOW, MY sincere wish for every Lodge in our State, is that you have embraced the "One Moose" concept. It is here to stay. Negativism in your LODGE, in your MEETINGS (both, chapter and lodge) will not move your Lodge in the right direction! "TRY IT, YOU MIGHT LIKE IT" seems to me, the operative wording. Your MMA board would like to hear some testimonials, good or bad, please send them to us. My email is – Carty1@charter.net

From my humble beginnings in the Moose until present, is the misconception that the Michigan Moose Association board is untouchable, will not listen, etc. – We need to here from our Lodges, our members, and address your issues and hopefully make our State #1!

Greg McCarty
Michigan Moose
Association V.P.



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Membership Committee Report

Welcome to all new officers that took our May 1st. All Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legion officers are starting a new era with the Moose activities Fraternity. Stronger Together!

Let's get back together to do what we do best, signing up new or former members. Let membership know what's going on in just not our Lodge Home, but what events are going on in Moose State Activities. Make sure to post in your Lodges the Sports calendar, Michigan Moose State Convention information, International Convention, and District Meetings. This is where you can share ideas with other Lodges and maybe steal ideas to use in your own Lodge

Members need to find a purpose for why they joined. Like things to do in their communities and activities in their Lodge.

Remember you don't have to wait for the new Membership Applications to show up in your Lodge

You can go to Moose International website for online applications. Please start back up Lodge Orientations and Enrollments so we can educate new members.

Starting May 1st we are still asking for ALL Lodge Officers phone numbers and email addresses for the purpose of increasing communications to the Board of Officers. Let's hear from you on your success stories, please email to

rwallaert3@gmail.com Thank You for all that You Do! MMA Membership Committee

Michigan Moose Association 2021-22 Membership Promotion

LET'S CHARGE UP
&
SIGN MEMBERS!

Wireless Phone Charging Stand



3 MEMBERS



Cooler with Bluetooth Speakers



7 MEMBERS

May 1st 2021 - April 30th 2022

All Moose Lodge Members Qualify for this Opportunity

International Golf

2021 Moose International Golf Tournament
The Ionia Moose Lodge will be hosting the 2021 Tournament and your invited. Tournament will be July 30th-Aug 1st.

Men's Golf Tournament

June 26/27, July 10/11, 17/18 in Saginaw. This year we will be at Crooked Creek golf course. Entry Deadline May 31st, 2021. Entry \$80 a person.

Ray Lewis Memorial Golf Tournament

Tournament will be held in Holly for the annual tournament on June 19th. Hope to see everyone there.

Yoopers Tournament

August 19th will be the annual Yooper Tournament in Saulte Ste Marie. All are welcome.

Michigan Moose Mixed Golf I have received about 30 applications as of May 22 2021. Applications are available online only this year at the Michigan moose Association sports calendar. The golf course is requesting an update as far as how many people will be attending by mid June some modifications may be needed to accommodate the golf course so please get your applications in ASAP thank you

The mixed golf is scheduled for July 24th/25th and July 31st/August 1st at Green Oaks golf course in Ypsilanti. Wayne Westland Lodge #835 will be hosting the tournament. Applications will be available April 1st online at the Michigan Moose Association website. The golf course is being shared the second weekend with another small outing the first 76 golfers to sign up for the weekend of July 31st and August 1st will be accommodated after that the first weekend will be the only one available with a full course and availability of 128 golfers. Thank you Barry Rayman
Mixed Golf Committee Chairman.

Pool Tournament

Women's tournament will be June 11,12,and 13 at the Niles Moose Lodge.

Sports, we are trying hard to get the sports program up and running again, please visit the sports page and see what we have going.

<https://www.mimoose.org/sports>

Women's Golf Tournament

Hope you are staying safe and are ready to come back and try your hand at some Golf. The event will be on June 26, 2021 with Port Huron Ladies hosting it. Please get with your friends and come join us for a good time! Forms are on

mimoose.org or you can give me a call.
See you all soon,
Carolyn Michalak
WOTM Sports and Activities Chairman



Horseshoes

The weather is great. It's horseshoe season again. The entry form for the Moose State horseshoe tournament is on the website. The tournament is in Greenville on September 18 and 19. [Application link](#)



A common misconception about this tournament is that people who play the game for fun, and maybe don't throw many ringers are going to have to play against the group that throws ringers half the time. NOT TRUE. Everyone plays in their skill level, which makes it much more fun.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My cell is 269.216.1826. Jill Young—Chairman



Fishing Tournament Bass Fishing Tournament

2021 June 12th, Houghton Lake. Start 6am, Weigh-in 2:00pm
Registration June 12, 2021 @ MOOSE 2:00 P.M. TIL 7:00 P.M. Or for Pre-registration Call OBIE 734-552-2708

Darts Tournament

At this time no mens tournaments are scheduled. International steel tip will be in April 2022 at Lodge #1221 Belleville/Swansea IL.
Gary Gladhill

Training Dates

All lodge board members must have taken Lodge Leadership class as well as District boards.

Leadership Training Classes 10am start

Dearborn Heights 1795 Bob Funkey June 12
St Clair Shores 1837 Bob Funkey June 13
Flushing 1437 Roger Wallaert June 26

Administrator Training School

will be set up after we receive a minimum of 8 prepaid attendees that have taken the prerequisite of TWO-HOTT training.

Any Woman or Man with the prerequisite of TWO-HOTT training may attend, as long as they are prepaid.

To register please, prepay \$150.00 with a check made out to the Michigan Moose Association earmarked (memo line Administrator Training).

Once we get a minimum of 8 prepaid registered attendees, a location will be picked and the information will be sent out to the attendees
James O'Connor

State Convention News

The state registration page is now open to register for convention. You must register and pay the \$10 to attend the functions. To be eligible to vote, your lodge administrator must report you as a delegate to the convention. Each lodge is allotted a certain number of votes depending on the size of the membership, so it is up to the lodge to vote on who may represent the lodge. Let your administrator know that you plan on attending, and they may be able to use you to vote also.

There will also be a celebration dinner for our newest Pilgrim class and this is free to attend, but you must request tickets to the dinner when you register. (If you do not show, there will be a charge to the lodge of \$25 a person.)

Saturday night banquet will be when the new board is installed for the new year. Please be sure to attend this memorial event and support our leaders. If you are a new committee person or District President, you are expected to be at the installation.

Academy of Friendship News

Hello. In the interest of keeping everyone safe and healthy, a request was submitted, and approved, to postpone the second session that was planned for April 10 at Avon-Rochester lodge.

The new date will be Saturday, June 12, 2021.

All times will remain the same as originally planned. Stay safe, everyone and know that I appreciate all you do.

In Friendship,
Cherie Pabon
616-890-6057



Congratulations to all our new Academy of Friendship friends. You worked hard last year. Despite all the issues facing you. Thank you for your un-ending service to your chapters and the Moose.

Sue Gamache. PDGR



Fellowship Degree of Honor

Call cards for our newest class of Fellows should be out soon and you will have an option to attend international convention and attend the ceremony there or at the Michigan Moose Convention in August to fully earn your new degree. Remember this is confidential until you attend the ceremony! If you will be attending the August ceremony, you MUST pre-register for convention and pay the \$10 to get credit for the ceremony (or \$30 at the door). New Fellows do not need to purchase a breakfast ticket.

Pilgrim Widow Fund Raffle

Pilgrims have received raffle tickets to sell for two top prizes of \$500 each. Tickets are \$20 each, and the winners will be drawn at the fall convention. All proceeds go to the fund for the widows of our Pilgrim members. Tickets need to be returned to the Pilgrim Coordinator Sean Smith as soon as possible, sold or unsold no later than Aug 1st.



Moose Riders

The May 01 "Spring Fling" at Delton #1649 was well attended and money was raised to help with Moose Charities and fund our events. The Delton Lodge was a wonderful Host with great events, food and fraternalism! Thank You Delton.

Dearborn Hts. #1795 Moose Riders held a Blessing of the Bikes, May 15. It was very well attended, with a great meal, entertainment and refreshments. Did I mention Highland #2370 Moose Riders brought back the plaque for the most bikes in a single group? It was the second year in a row? Congratulations.

June 11-13, 2021 – The Ionia Lodge #998 will be hosting the State Moose Riders Round-Up. Camping, Bon-fire, Ride, and Food event with a whole bunch of fun throwed in! Camping with electricity (8 sites only) reservations, please call 616/527-3550.

All are welcome.

Report on our Memorial Day Ride – Starting May 29 at Highland #2370 with stops at the St. Louis Lodge, Harrison Lodge and ending at the Grayling Lodge #1162. Will be staying overnight and head back

South with stops at different Lodges Sunday May 30; Home for Memorial Day!

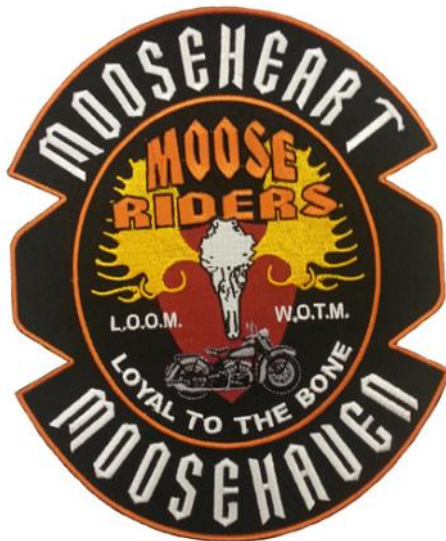
Still hoping to have some sort of "Rev It Up" ride this Fall. Waiting for SOMI to let us know if we are able.

Please, if more information is needed on any event, CALL ME.
810/653-0088

Remember "Stronger Together" we all can make the Moose Shine!

Greg McCarty
Chairman/V.P. MMA

Michigan Moose Rider



Calendar raffle

To date 2021 Calendars sold 6,716 The 2020 Calendars sold 8,285 as you can see we are down 1569.

For Loges being closed down and under the circumstances of covid-19, some Lodges did quite well in selling Calendars. It would be great to sell all 10,000 Calendars is our goal. So I'm asking all Lodge please don't stop selling. Help your fellow Lodges to sell the Calendars. It is a benefit for all.

Thank you for all you do.

Fraternally,
Finance Chairman Bob Kenworthy



\$100 raffle tickets are now out and making their way to your local Moose Lodge. Top prize is \$5,000. Please consider purchasing one, or going in as a group and purchasing one. Proceeds help to fund the state membership promotions and meetings and eliminate per capita taxes to lodges.

They can also be purchased on the Michigan Moose Website

Mimoose.org

Special Project Report

Our raffles are a go for conference. Looking forward to all the different items everyone thinks of donating. Definitely looking forward to seeing all of our Moose friends again. Safe travels for all!!

"Hugs" Mary Dunn



Treasurers Corner:

Thank you everyone for their patience and time, as I am learning my position. As you know, there has been a lot of changes due to Covid and other circumstances.

I would like to Thank everyone for helping us meet our goals for the MAC Project. We have met our goals with all the various commitments we have had through these tough times.

From herein the Treasurer will be taking care of the Per Capita. Thank you to Mardeen Hess for her years of service and dedication.

Really looking forward to seeing everyone this fall at the Soo. God Bless Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

Sincerely,
Phil Gray
MMA State Treasurer



Michigan Moose Charities

As of the end of February Moose Charities has raised \$64,778.38. The Michigan Moose Association as a whole needs \$35,221.42 to meet the financial obligations of the Mooseheart Activity Center. Unfortunately, I don't have March's numbers to see how we did with matching funds drive that has just ended.

I want to thank everyone for their donations and support.

Donor's Circle donations for the year through the end of February total \$10,047.85 .

Your Moose Charities Chairs are looking at future fundraising ideas...so keep a look out for those. And of course, John and I are concocting new ways to inform and entertain you.

Thank you all again for your support!

Fraternally,
Karolee Tobey



Youth Awareness

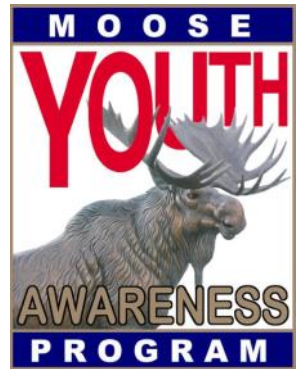
Hi, I am Cheryl Kennedy, your new State Youth Awareness Chairman. I would hope you are all safe & well.

As you know we have had to put this program on hold last year due to the unusual circumstances. We are excited to restart the program again for the upcoming year, but we may still have some challenges to overcome.

The Youth Awareness Program is there to help our children. This is done by high school students attending the Association Student Congress in their state & doing a minimum of 3 Moose Kids Talks to the younger 4-9 year old age group. These talks can be on Bullying, Nutrition, Cyber Threats & the list can go on and on. The presentations are written by students and are not scripted. This enables them to encourage their audience to make wise and healthy choices. The talks are done between November through February each year.

Qualifying students are then judged by their peers with the chances of obtaining a state or maybe even an international scholarship.

As I am new to this, I will need your help. Please get with your District Chairman, Lodges & Chapters to ramp up our efforts on making this program great again in Michigan. Contact schools, church groups, boys/girls clubs, boy scouts & friends to get the word out. Any student that is a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Or Senior in high school is acceptable. The parents, guardians or grandparents do not need to be Moose members. I would like to have a training session in each district during the months of August to November.



We are trying to set up dates and places for the Youth Awareness Congresses. I have heard from Wyoming Lodge wanting to do one, but from no other Lodges. If you are interested, please email me at your earliest convenience advising the contact name, phone number, what district you are in and about how many participants in the program.

Thank you for your support of the Youth Awareness Program.

Cheryl Kennedy

youthawarenessmi@gmail.com

June note:

♥ HEART OF THE COMMUNITY ♥

Hello to all my One Moose Brothers & Sister,

Thank you Michigan Lodges for your HOC Service and Reports, as the last quarter reported 100% on time . Way to go Please keep up the great work. Striving for 100% each quarter. Your terrific. Thanks

WOW it's the first of June already and our Sault Ste Marie- Convention, which shall be held August 20th-22nd is soon approaching. Our MMA shall be holding our annual State Wide Fundraiser at the Convention for "DIANE PEPLER RESOURCE CENTER" during the conference. Please stop by our Booth and drop off your Donations.

I have made an inquiry and received the new updated Wish List- Which includes the following items.



Monetary Donations



Gift Cards



DIAPERS OF ALL SIZES BABY WIPES

PAPER PRODUCTS- (TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWEL, TISSUES)

PLASTIC STORAGE BINS

NEW/UNOPENED PACKAGES OF UNDERWEAR/SOCKS

BATTERIES OF ALL SIZES

FIRST AID KITS AND SUPPLIES

HAND SOAP AND SANITIZER DISINFECTANT WIPES / SPRAY

HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS

HYGINE SUPPLIES FOR ALL AGES

NON-PERISHABLE/NON-EXPIRED FOODS

SPRAY BOTTLES/SPONGES/GLOVES

Please start collecting the above mentioned items- by putting out a Donation Box (with the list of needed items) and or hold some 50/50's during a few dinners and contribute the monetary amount by check. "with the approval at your next meeting from your membership." Written out to MMA and please make sure it is earmarked: MMA HOC State Project- Diane Pepler Resource Center.

I shall be collecting all items and donation checks or cash from Lodges - Chapters – Legions – Districts - Higher Degree. Keeping a list of all your donations. Please also post the Wish List in various locations in your Lodges and possibly put a nice note in your lodge newsletter. Reaching all your members. Those that don't visit your lodge chapter on a regular basis, may wish to assist those in need and stop in to drop off their donations.

Another thought: approved by your membership at your next meeting. You can also consider making donations toward the MOOSE Youth Awareness Program, or the MMA Scholarship Program- assisting Senior's, whom wish to continue onto College next year. Fraternaly: Sue Gamache MMA HOC State Chairman

Have **you received a letter** asking what size vest you would like for sponsoring 7 members since May 1st of last year???? DID YOU RETURN IT? We are not sending reminders, so make sure you return your letter or text the number and get your size into the committee. You still have time to get apps in if your close to your 3 or 7 applications. Promotion ends April 30th (and apps must be **enrolled by the 30th**). Awards are being sent to the lodges quarterly to hand out, so if you have earned a mug for signing 3, make sure to visit the lodge and ask.

In-Person convention August 18-22 at the Kewadin Hotel, Sault Ste Marie. To reserve a room please visit the state website and go to the convention news page. We also have the video and committee reports from this year's Virtual Mid Year now available. <https://www.mimoose.org/convention-news>

Newsletter Sign Up

Do you know someone that would like to receive communications from the Michigan Moose Association, they can sign up here to be added to the list of their choice http://eepurl.com/bH_Zuv

State Website

Did you know that the association has its own website, www.mimoose.org ? You can find the winners from the state raffles such as the calendar and \$100 tickets. You can also find information on Convention and Mid-Year Conference and register for either. Sports? You will find the schedule and any updates there along with registration forms. If there is something you would like to see on the website, please mention it to our webmaster. See you there...



Moose Pages News

Does your lodge have a Moose Pages website. Due to lack of use and updating, Moose International will be ending the term of the Moose Pages websites. Now is the time to let your membership know where your information can be found. You can also consider moving your information to Facebook.

PATIENCE PLEASE



My brain is busy doing repairs.

Life membership promo facts

If you purchased a life membership during the last promotion please be patient as we work through all of the receipts that were submitted. Our state Secretary (who is a volunteer) is working diligently on mailing out refund checks and posting extra years of membership. If you notice that you haven't received either please send a nicely worded email to Dale Johnson at secretary.Mimoose@gmail.com and let him know so he can look into it. Again please be patient as he works through these numerous submissions. Thank you also to the Michigan Moose Association for putting on this promotion, at the time of this mailing they have given back to the membership over \$100,000 in reduced memberships. Just another thing they are doing to help us in our lodges/chapters in this time of uncertainty.

District News Corner

On the Michigan Moose website we have created a new page for the district presidents and District news. On this page you can find templates for meetings for the district secretary, Lodge reports for submitting to the state, and a template of a district president's visit to a lodge home. The forms on the page are not required to be used but show the information that we need turned in on a monthly basis during district meetings.

The district report template is in word format and PDF so that if secretaries would like to use it they may. The lodge report template is for districts to form their own Lodge report for their lodges to turn in during meetings. It is highly encouraged for the Chapters and Legion Units to have a report during the meetings also.

District presidents/secretaries, please send over your new district board members names, emails, and phone numbers to the Communications email to be added to the contact list for association news.

We're Back, Baby!

The Convention Book Team is ramping up for the August 2021 State Convention. At your next meeting, get approval for Convention Book Ads and Boosters! Prices are staying the same as before.

Convention Ad

Inside Front or Inside Back Cover (COLOR)	\$400.00
Full Page	\$200.00
Two Thirds Page	\$160.00
Half Page	\$120.00
One Third Page	\$100.00
One Sixth Page	\$ 65.00

Booster Page

1 Name/Entry \$ 5.00

Each District is asked to sponsor a Booster Page with a minimum of \$500.00

Finally, the Michigan Moose would like to Thank You for your membership and what you do for the Children at Mooseheart and our Senior members at Moosehaven.

Your Government at work:

Covid-19 is still in the headlines, but thankfully this last virus outbreak is subsiding. As the number of Michigan citizens get vaccinated and the covid positivity rate drops our current restrictions will be lessened. We may or may not get State or Federal Covid-19 vaccination cards. This idea is in the initial planning stages. I found two recent articles that address this issue.

1. Michigan to lift all outdoor capacity restrictions June 1, eyes full reopening July 1

All indoor capacity restrictions will be set at 50%, including for indoor dining, weddings, graduations; mask, gathering restrictions to lift July 1. Check out this story on freep.com:

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/health/2021/05/20/michigan-covid-restrictions-outdoor-indoor-rollback-gretchen-whitmer/5179457001/>

2. Whitmer, lawmakers reach broad deal that includes scraping permanent COVID-19 work rules

The broader compromise gives lawmakers more authority on future pandemic orders and the governor a bigger voice on budget negotiations. Check out this story on freep.com:

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2021/05/20/whitmer-lawmakers-covid-19-deal-scraping-permanent-work-rules/5190890001/>

4. Everyone knows how difficult it is for businesses to hire employees. This applies to us as well as the commercial sector. Please so your part to help out at your Lodges. Don't become part of the problem by complaining about slow service. Get up off your chair and order a drink at the bar. Clean off a table on the way back to yours or ask if you can help with dishes. There are measures being taken at the State and Federal level to alleviate this problem, but until it is resolved, be Moose Proud and become part of the solution, not the problem.

3. Here is a summary of HB4431. When Director Kalm changed the gaming rules for poker rooms and Bingo he limited the number of events that could be held at a venue each day, had a huge negative impact on poker rooms and Bingo Halls. This proposed Legislation would remove the word "occasion" which would mean the number of events in a day would revert to the original definition of an event. That would open Bingo and poker rooms for more events. The proposed legislation is up for the third reading on the floor means it will be voted on soon.

4. Please make sure you file your IRS 990-N postcard, 990 EZ or 990. There is some confusion about our tax exempt status. We are exempt from tax on income related to our "purpose" as a Fraternal organization which is why we stress that income from Lodge and Chapter fundraising events is categorized as "Special Project and Committee Income". If you use "Other Income" and don't specify the source, the IRS could view it as "unrelated income" which is taxable.

We are not exempt from sales tax on resale of merchandise and Social Quarter sales.

We will have a detailed report for you at our Annual Convention.

Dave Coffey and Cathy Funkey

Dear Mooseheart Visitors,

Graduation Weekend is coming! Please travel safely if you are coming to join us!

Below are a couple of "Frequently asked Details" about this Promotion/Graduation & Conferral Weekend:

1. Masks will be required throughout both days
2. No visiting within the homes – outside on patios, porches or "on the lawn" while visiting students.
3. Promotion Ceremony on Friday at 2 pm will be streamed on Facebook page. Details will appear on the page tomorrow morning.
4. Groundbreaking for the MAC center begins at 3:30 pm after the Promotion ceremony.

5. Commencement begins at 9 am sharp at the Fieldhouse. (Schedule is attached)
6. You can purchase Lunch at the concession provided at the Ohio Pavilion on Saturday beginning at 10:30 and running throughout the day.
7. Wheelchairs are available at the PJO.
8. There will be 2 Conferral sessions. They are listed within the attached schedule.

Please feel free to share this information where you wish.

Mooseheart looks forward to hosting you all!

Gary Urwiler
Executive Director