

2011 Drug Awareness Congress

It's time once again for the Drug Awareness Congresses. Listed below are the dates and locations of the 2011 congresses.

Saturday, October 15	Marshall
Sunday, October 16	Flushing
Saturday, October 22	South Haven
Sunday, November 6	Harrison
Sunday, November 13	Dearborn Heights
Sunday, November 20	Richmond
Sunday, November 27	Ann Arbor

Snacks of juice, coffee, rolls, etc., will be served at 9:00 a.m. for one hour. Registration is 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The program will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. We will be done by 2:00 p.m.

As you know, we ask for at least two students from each Lodge. The cost is \$25 per student, with a maximum of \$100 per Lodge. If four or more students come from your Lodge there is no additional charge. Plan on bringing a group of students to one of these Congresses. As always, students receive a free T-shirt. There are many incentive prizes, consisting of \$100 Savings Bonds, scholarships of \$1,000 and \$500. There will also be cash prizes of \$100 for doing twelve talks and the student doing the most talks over twelve will receive \$200. In addition, three students will go on to the International Congress in May, 2012, and have a chance to win one of five scholarships of \$2,000, \$3,000, \$5,000, \$8,000 and \$12,000.



Students must attend the full day to be eligible for incentive prizes, cash prizes or scholarships. The Michigan Moose Association also gives back 20 cents for each member on the percapita tax for having two students at a Drug Congress.

Will your Lodge have student representatives at one of these Drug Congresses? If you have any questions, please call me at (734) 971-3614 or my cell phone at (734) 645-2582. Would your Lodge help with a donation? All Lodges, Chapters, Legions, and Higher Degree Councils that make a donation will be recognized.

FRATERNALLY, JAMES E. COLBY, 2011 DRUG AWARENESS CONGRESS



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MICHIGAN MOOSE ASSOCIATION

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Steve Greene, General Governor

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Message from the President's Pen

WHAT AN INCREDIBLE SUMMER!

Just eight weeks ago we had the opportunity to visit the beautiful state of California for the Moose International Convention and to visit Yupper Country and experience the beauty and hospitality of northern Michigan for our annual State Convention. We want to express our gratitude to everyone for taking the time and commitment to attend these functions.

It was great to have Jr. Past Grand Regent Olivia "Libby" Schmidt and Director General Bill Airey as our guests for the annual Convention. Thank you Bruce for a great year.

The success of the MMA is from the team effort put forth by everyone. The strength and foundation are the men and women that put in countless hours to keep our Lodges and Chapters growing by having activities that promote the fun, fellowship and fraternalism. Please take the time to **Create Some Interest** and invite your friends and associates to the Lodge.

The months of September and October are busy as we take the time to honor eight members that have been elevated to the Pilgrim Degree. Please take the time to recognize and thank these new Pilgrims by attending the Pilgrim Presentation Ceremony in your area.

Congratulations to those members that have been elevated to the Fellowship Degree of Honor. November is Fellowship Honor month so take time to honor and thank the Fellows of the Lodge as well as our military veterans.

The end of October has us gathering at the Mooseheart campus for Founders Day. The MMA will present watches to the senior class – we are still in need of donations for these watches. We have the spook house, reverse trick or treating, hot dog roast and other exciting activities planned. Sunday morning has an awesome pancake breakfast to enjoy.

Our goal is to transport another semi of food to the Mooseheart campus this year. Contact the Grand Rapids/Sparta Lodge to make a donation or go to the spaghetti supper in October to donate, Donna Breen and Delpha Follett are the co-chairs. We have a special endowment fund collection for the month of October, please make an effort to donate. Let's show we can rise to the challenge.

Thank you for the privilege to serve as the State President this year. There are so many men and women to thank for making our Conventions so successful. They give tirelessly because they believe in the product they are selling – the Moose Fraternity, the greatest Family Fraternity in the world. Please take the time to be a mentor, reach out to the community and get involved by promoting Tommy Moose and other community service projects. Have a great holiday and be thankful for the many blessings that we get every day.

GARY KLUZAK, PRESIDENT, MICHIGAN MOOSE ASSOCIATION



Message from the Past President

HELLO TO ALL MY FELLOW MOOSE MEN AND WOMEN!

Well my year is sadly over with. It was a year of both good times and bad, I personally thought the time I spent with my Moose brothers and sisters was quality and could not always be quantity due to my personal circumstances.

We had a very good Convention this year and everything went very well. Bill Airey seemed more than happy with the Michigan Moose Association. I believe we will have a very good year with Gary Kluzak and the new board of officers. Congrat's to the new State Prelate Jim O'Conner and Debbie Nutter, our new Deputy Grand Regent.

In closing I personally want to thank the State Board and the Caro Lodge for all the help and support. It has been an experience of a lifetime. Thank you one and all.

FRATERNALLY, BRUCE TALLMAN, PAST PRESIDENT, MICHIGAN MOOSE ASSOCIATION



MMA FINANCE COMMITTEE INFORMATION

\$100 TICKET WINNERS AUGUST 21, 2011

RAFFLE TICKET WINNER	PLACE	AMOUNT	TICKET #
Daryl Keesler Dowagiac	1st	\$5,000	178
Flushing Moose legion Unit	2nd	\$1,500	288
Ionia WOTM	3rd	\$1,000	260
Ionia LOOM	4th	\$500	259
Taylor Johnson Freemont	5th	\$500	208
MIO WOTM	6th	\$500	365
Cadillac - 10 Buyers/Shares	7th	\$250	421
Birch Run WOTM	8th	\$250	276
MMA District #16	9th	\$250	375
Tom Phelps Otsego	10th	\$250	199

NEW PILGRIM NOT PICTURED IN 2ND QUARTER EDITION



NEW PILGRIM **GERALD DONALDSON**
FROM GARDEN CITY #538

Deputy Regional Manager Ed Dalsasso

MEN AND WOMEN OF THE LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Let's all **Create Some Interest**. We can take a little time out to go back and think of all the things you have learned and heard about since you joined this great Fraternity. The most important is that we take care of the young and old. Also helping in our communities . . . delivering Meals on Wheels, adopting a highway, building ramps for the elderly, or maybe cut their grass, and taking people to the hospital or clinic when needed. There are so many things that we can do that doesn't cost the Lodge a thing except some good old labor when needed. Maybe just paying a visit to a shut-in so they have something to talk about. **Create Some Interest**.

When you are with a group of people, just mention what the Moose Fraternity does and how glad you are to belong to a place where you can take your family for a night out. A place where you can have dinner or lunch or maybe just a burger and fries together and call it a family gathering at the Moose Lodge. Ask them to meet you there on a night for dinner or show them around and maybe they just might want to join this fine Fraternity. You have to **Create Some Interest**. Just think of all the gifts you get for signing Members.

Remember between May 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012 sign two Members and Moose International will pay your next years' dues and every year after that if you sign just two new or re-enrolled Members between May 1 and April 30. If you sign two between May and July you will receive a knife set for your kitchen. If you sign two Members between August 1 and October 31 you will receive a pocket knife with twelve different pieces of equipment on it. Just think, if you talk Moose all this time you would have your dues paid for next year already, a set of knives for your

kitchen and a pocket knife! If you have already signed four you will receive a dress or casual shirt from the Michigan Moose Association. Everybody has a friend, relative or associate that doesn't belong to the Moose Fraternity. Today we have almost 240 youngsters at Mooseheart that would not be there, if they did not know somebody in the Moose Fraternity to tell they needed help. The more people that belong to the Moose Fraternity the more children we could find and help in their time of need.

The same goes for Moosehaven. Who knows that when they reach the age of 65 or older, and has been a Member for 15 years, that we might need help also. Today we have many Seniors at Moosehaven, who at one time thought they would never need it, but little did they know once they reached eligible age that maybe all they had left was social security and they couldn't make it. Maybe they didn't have the pension that they thought they had, or maybe just the cost of living was too great and they just ran out of money. This is a great story to have and tell to your Friends, Family and Associates to **Create Some Interest**. Nobody can see what the future holds. Keep your Membership, talk to people and tell them you belong to the greatest Fraternity in the world and you don't even have to pay dues! So lets all join the 24,000 plus Members that signed at least two Members last year and had this years dues paid. If all Members signed just two Members this year – that would **Create Some Interest!**

FRATERNALLY, ED DALSSASSO



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Dates to Remember!

OCTOBER

- 16 2011 Drug Awareness Congress Meeting Flushing
- 22 2011 Drug Awareness Congress Meeting South Haven
- 22 Pilgrim Presentation Ceremony St Clair Shores – Bob Funkey
- 23 Pilgrim Presentation Ceremony Wayne – Dennis Stevens
- 22-23 Mixed Bowling Tournament Ypsilanti
- 23 Legion 177 Fall Conferral Northville
- 28-29 Founders Day Weekend at Mooseheart
- 29-30 Mixed Bowling Tournament Ypsilanti

NOVEMBER

- 5-6 Mixed Bowling Tournament Ypsilanti
- 6 2011 Drug Awareness Congress Meeting Harrison
- 6 District #2 Meeting at Brownstown Lodge 1:00 pm
- 13 District 6 Meeting Ann Arbor
- 13 2011 Drug Awareness Congress Meeting Dearborn Heights
- 20 2011 Drug Awareness Congress Meeting Richmond
- 27 2011 Drug Awareness Congress Meeting Ann Arbor

SAVE

ON YOUR NATURAL GAS BILL FOR YOUR HOME & BUSINESS

And Support Your Michigan Moose Association Each Month You Pay Your Bill!

A great new program is available only through the Michigan Moose Association that will save you money every month on your gas bill – and help your Michigan Moose too. Volunteer Energy, a licensed natural gas supplier in Michigan, is offering a savings program for Moose Members who use natural gas.

How does it work? Simple. Your utility will still deliver your gas and send you a bill, just like they always have. The only difference will be a lower price on the actual supply portion of your gas bill. There's no risk! You'll save money every month.

Volunteer Energy has a fantastic track record in Michigan, and has saved their customers money every month for nearly three years. In addition, Volunteer Energy has agreed to pay Michigan Moose Association a percentage of their Moose gas sales, who in turn will contribute to Moose Charities. Now that's a program we can all get excited about!

"Hundreds of Moose members, friends, family and businesses have already switched and are enjoying guaranteed savings each month, while Volunteer Energy gives back to Moose Charities".



MMA Regional Manager, David Coffey

Join them by enrolling today - just click or mail.

CLICK

Go online to mimoose.org and complete the short enrollment form

MAIL

Fill out the attached enrollment card and return via mail to:
Volunteer Energy, 790 Windmill Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147



By signing the enrollment card, I acknowledge that I am the account holder or legally authorized person to execute a contract on behalf of the account holder. I understand that by signing this agreement, I am switching the gas Supplier for this account to Volunteer Energy (VE). I understand that gas purchased for this account by Volunteer Energy will be delivered through the utility's delivery system. The account holder, or person signing this contract on behalf of the account holder, has 30-days after today to cancel this contract for any reason through written or verbal notification to Volunteer Energy.

Name _____
Service Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Utility Company Account Number:

Consumers Energy* DTE/Michcon MGU** Semco
(13 digits) (12 digits) (8 digits) (10 digits)

*POD Number:
(Consumers Energy Customers Only)
The POD number is located underneath the due date on your invoice and usually begins with 6 zeros.

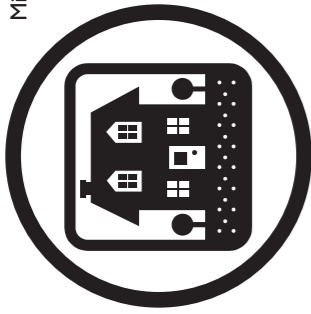
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(MGU Customers Only) _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED Account Holder or Legally Authorized Person

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

If legally authorized, what is your relationship to the Account Holder? _____

Digital Protection Systems has partnered with the Michigan Moose Association to offer exciting benefits to Michigan Moose Members and Lodges. There are several benefits of this program. First we are offering a significant savings on monthly monitoring fees only charging \$18 per month. That's only about .60 cents per day. That is an average of a 40% savings over some of the nationally known security companies monitoring fees.



Protect Your Home!

DPS is also giving back to the M.M.A. for every Michigan Moose Members' home, friends, relatives or associates' homes, Michigan Moose Lodges and Family Centers monitored by DPS. We will give back a percentage of those monitoring fees to the M.M.A. every month!

DPS has also provided special purchase packages for MMA Members & Lodges only.

Whether your system just needs reprogramming to switch to our monitoring company, if you need an upgraded system, or are looking to purchase a new system, we have something for

everyone. We can tailor any package to meet your specific needs. We would love the opportunity to talk with you and see if we can help protect you and your family.

"We have been serving Michigan alarm system needs since 1978", monthly monitoring rate for Moose Members, \$18.

Fill out the form below and return by mail to:

DPS
6215 Lingane Road
Chelsea, mi 48118

"CHANGE OVER"

This package utilizes your existing security system Re-Programming of system to notify our central station
\$18 per month Monitoring Fee—3 Year Contract
Completed by our installers

"VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM"

This package includes the following:
4 Channel Digital Video Recorder
2 Indoor/Outdoor Color Cameras
Video Connection—AV port on customer own TV
Completed by our installers

"UP GRADE"

This package utilizes part of your existing security system Replace Control/Key Pad
Utilize existing door, motion & window hardware
\$18 per month Monitoring Fee—3 Year Contract
Completed by our installers

Stand alone 19" monitors available for \$175
\$1200 pricing is based on security package purchase also, if purchased alone cost is \$1300.

"NEW SECURITY SYSTEM"

This package includes the following:
Wireless Control/Key Pad
3 Door Contacts
1 Interior Motion Sensor
1 Interior Siren
\$18 per month Monitoring Fee—3 Year Contract
Completed by our installers

Other system options such as additional keypads, door contacts, motion sensors, window contacts, glass break sensors, environmental monitors (low temperature, water leak), wireless keyfobs, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors can also be installed at additional cost if desired.

Michigan Moose Member/Lodge

If you are interested in any of the packages offered and would like someone from DPS to contact you please fill out.

Name: _____
City: _____
Name of Lodge: _____
Preferred Contact Method:
 Phone
 EMail

Interested in:

"Change Over"
 "Up-Grade"
 "New Security System"
 "Video Surveillance System"
 Other

DONATIONS OF RAFFLE BASKETS AND ITEMS

Movie Basket donated by Dowagiac Chapter won by Melody Daniels
Made in Michigan donated by Ann Arbor Chapter won by Helen Murray
Java Junkie donated by Holly Chapter won by Bonnie Padley
Scentsy Basket donated by Marcia Kalisieski won by Phyllis Welch
Garden Basket donated by Taylor Chapter won by Pat Lung
Crockpot filled with Goodies donated by Delton Chapter won by Marsha Vaughn
Fall into Cash donated by Saginaw Chapter won by Linda Vernon
Garden Basket donated by Taylor Chapter won by Deb Rozanski
Create some Interest gae night donated by Lapeer Chapter won by Phyllis Welch
Snoozing with Nestle donated by Fremont Chapter won by Theresa Jones
Kitchen Basket donated by Niles Chapter won by Diane Rowley
Beach Basket donated by Marshall Chapter won by Marsha Vaughn
Gerber basket donated by Fremont Chapter won by Nancy Patton
Time to Share donated by Dearborn Heights Chapter won by Cheryl Kennedy
What's for breakfast donated by Joe and Candy Seymour won by nancy Schrier
Kitchen Aid donated by Lowell Chapter won by Sandra Tuaskinen
Picnic basket donated by Sanford Chapter won by Joyce Henry
Sweet Lottery donated by Manistique Chapter won by Kim Duemt
Christmas Basket donated by Birch Run Chapter won by Carl Schmidt
Standing Moose and Moose in a basket donated by John and Jean Running won by Lynn Walker
Picnic Basket donated by Holland Chapter won by Faith Chapman
Kobalt Tools donated by South Lyons Chapter won by Deb Rozanski
Sunrise Serenity donated by Avon Rochester Chapter won by Betty Wentword
Made in Michigan donated by Richmond Chapter won by Sally Packard
Holiday Create some Interest donated by St Clair Shores Chapter won by Tammy Coon
U of M basket donated by Caro Chapter won by Joyce Henry
MSU Basket donated by Caro Chapter won by Sherry Cooper
Harley Davidson Cooler filled with items donated by District 12 Moose Riders won by Mary Constantine
Go Go Gadget donated by Grand Rapids Sparta Chapter won by Wiltse Armstrong
Standing Moose Planter with Solar Light donated by Cadillac Chapter won by Ann Roe
Mr M&M filled with goodies donated by Harrison Chapter won by Pat Lung
Thank you to everyone who donated items and to those who helped sell tickets.
We raised \$2763.00 on baskets for Gimme Five. \$704.00 on Mr M&M for the Katherine Smith Center at Moosehaven. Our Kids and Seniors will enjoy a little something more because of all of you caring and supporting our raffles.
Thank you to Mike and Pam Kirby and Juanita Benard for donated tickets for our raffle.
Thank you to Robyn See for getting Mr M & M for us.
We cannot thank you enough for all you do to make our basket raffles a success.
You said you would like basket raffles again in Frankenmuth.
I will be sending for dispensation for our bakset raffles in March.
Thank you Thank you Thank you
Monnie and Mary Dunn

Deputy Grand Regent Debby Nutter



HELLO CO-WORKERS!

Let me start by saying how honored I am to have been chosen Deputy Grand Regent. I am looking forward to representing our great state. International is still running the promotion to pay next year's dues if you sign up just two members in the Women of the Moose – what a great deal! If you do this every year, you never have to pay dues again. Let's take advantage of this great offer. It is important to sign new members but, it is just important to keep our current members. Since the beginning of this Chapter year through June 13th we have lost 888 members. That concerns me, why are our members not paying their dues? Are you making your meetings fun and interesting to attend? Are your meetings at convenient times for your co-workers? I know everybody has busy schedules but our dues help our Children at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven, isn't that reason enough to pay them? I certainly think so.

Congratulations to the Co-Workers who received their Green Cap necklaces at the State Convention on August 21st in Sault St Marie, we are very proud of you. Keep up the good work – before long you will be wearing your cap and gown. Officers have you attended the WOTM Training sessions? Remember all Senior Regents and Junior Graduate Regents who wish to be eligible for personal honors must attend. All Recorders who wish to be eligible for personal honors must attend a 2 Hott Session. Please check the WOTM International Website for the dates, places and times of the sessions. They are updated on a regular basis. Let's get out there and **Create Some Interest** about this great Fraternity, and watch us grow!

YOURS IN FRIENDSHIP, DEBBY NUTTER, DGR 2011/2012

Fellowship Class of 2011

- TIM COLMAN – GLADWIN
- TERRY COE, SR. – OTSEGO
- PHILLIP HEAD – OTSEGO
- THEODORE MIEDLAR – FENTON
- GARY DAVIS – MARSHALL
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- DANIEL MCFADDEN – FREMONT
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- LEROY WEINTRAUB – DEARBORN HIGHTS
- CARL WARD – WESTLAND
- SHERMAN FARMER – HARRISON
- WILLIAM MURRY – HARRISON
- RALPH MERRITT – GRAND BLANC
- DOUGLAS BALDERSTONE – GRAND BLANC
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- RON PALUCH – SOUTH HAVEN
- SHAWN RONAN – BENTON HARBOR

MAKING CHANGE

**Special Seminar
Golden Nugget ■ Las Vegas
January 5-8, 2012**



A Special Seminar for current Lodge and Association Officers & all Past Governors.

Registration Fee is \$250.00 for single registration or \$175.00 for two participants sharing room. Deadline for registration is Monday, December 5, 2011 and is only taking place online.

Registration Fee includes:

- 3 nights accommodations at the Golden Nugget Las Vegas
- 1 entry in slot tournament – extra entries may be purchased with registration for \$20.00
- 1 seminar shirt – extra shirts can be purchased with registration for \$30.00
- All materials for seminar

Seminar will be comprised of 4 sessions:

SESSION 1:

- Friday, January 6 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Changing** our General Laws to Fit the Needs of our Lodges in 2012 and Beyond – General Governor Steve Greene & Director General William B. Airey

SESSION 2:

- Friday, January 6 – 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- **Changing** Our Approach to Membership Retention – Darrell O'Brien, Director of Lodge Operations

SESSION 3:

- Saturday, January 7 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Changing** our Method of Producing New Members – Shawn Baile, Director of Membership

SESSION 4:

- Saturday, January 7 – 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- **Changing** our Relationship with the Community – Director General William B. Airey

Interested in Making Change? Call 1(630)966-2209 for more information or visit www.moosintl.org.



DEAR MICHIGAN MOOSE MEMBERS,

During our Annual Convention I was so pleased with the donations to both Moose Charities and Mooseheart Child City and School from our members. We completed our obligation to the Michigan Building Theatre project at Moosehaven. Dave Coffey presented Mr. Airey a check for \$12,861.28 at the Saturday night banquet.

By now all of the Lodge Governors should have received a packet from Moose Charities for the Endowment Fund Cradle Fundraiser. Our hope is to raise \$100,000 for the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund. This event is to be held during the month of Oct. in honor of James J. Davis. Endowment Fund "cradles" may be purchased for \$1, \$5, \$10, and up. Promote and encourage everyone to participate, collect cash (personal checks are okay too payable to Moose Charities) for each endowment fund "cradle" and post in the social quarters. In my home Lodge we have different colored "cradles" for a friendly competition between the Loyal Order and the Women of the Moose. All cash donations shall be converted to a Lodge or Chapter check and remitted to Moose Charities along with any personal checks earmarked "Cradle Fundraiser 2011" and mailed before Nov. 15, 2011.

I have spoken with Deb Nutter and have received permission to continue to collect the following items at both the Mid-Year and Annual Conferences:

- General Mills BoxTops for Education
- Campbell's Labels for Education
- Aunt Millie's School Spirit
- Home Team Fast Fixin or Fast Classics
- My Coke Rewards
- Tyson Project A+
- Recycle for Mooseheart
- Terracycle

On behalf of the Michigan Chapters and Lodges, I am pleased to have submitted the following from Terracycle:

- (4,646) Chip Bags
- (120) Cookie Wrappers
- (394) Candy wrappers

From the above earn two cents for Moose Charities.

- (90) Inkjet Cartridges
From these cartridges we earn twenty-five cents for Moose Charities. They cut checks twice a year and I am happy to report that we have received our first checks totaling \$456.03, all from saving packaging instead of it ending up in a landfills.

In addition, I have submitted the following to Recycle for Mooseheart:

- (107) Cell phones
- (16) Laser Cartridges
- (65) Inkjet Cartridges

From the above we receive different cash values depending on the model, etc. We sort the ink cartridges and send either to Recycle for Mooseheart or Terracycle depending on which pays more to benefit Moose Charities.

Lastly, we have donated 7,322 My Coke Rewards points to Mooseheart School. Unfortunately we are only allowed to key in 120 points every week so as you can tell this takes time.

Several co-workers from my Chapter have been gracious to help me with the sorting process, thank you so much! It has become a bit overwhelming. We still need to sort and count the Bostops, Campbell's, Aunt Millie's and Home Team items and will advise on the totals in a future publication.

For those of you who use Goodsearch or Goodshop to benefit Mooseheart you can now enroll and watch your impact add up with every search. I enrolled and at this printing I have raised \$3.47 simply by using Goodsearch instead of Google or Yahoo.

For those of you who shop at Meijer's they have a program called Community Rewards. Enroll and choose Mooseheart Child City and School as your organization of choice, the code is 931347. Here is another way we can raise funds without it actually coming out of your pocket. Once enrolled, we can earn up to 4% cash back on most purchases at Meijer's. You can pick up an application at any Meijer location or simply contact me and I will be happy to mail one to you. You can also apply on-line at: www.meijer.com/rewards. Community Rewards checks will be mailed monthly, Woo hoo!

GIMME 5 UPDATE

A special thank you to the members of this association who purchased raffle tickets during the Annual Conference for laptop computer and the digital camera. We raised \$355.00 for Gimme 5. Congratulations to the winners; Ron Vrandenburg from Lodge #2254 who won the laptop and Nancy Watson from Chapter #378 who won the digital camera. Thank you to Grace Wilson for selling the tickets.

Thanks also go out to the Chapters and Members who donated items for the Miscellaneous Raffle held during the Women of the Moose meetings. We raised \$770.00 from the Michigan Women of the Moose for Gimme 5! Great job and thank you again very much. Thanks to Wanda Carr and Barb Odem for manning the table during the meetings.

Thanks to everyone who assisted me in the Moose Charities booth. We sold squares for \$1 each and the winner paid an additional fifty cents totaling \$36.50 which equals a one year Gimme 5 contribution. We completed three sheets and the winners were: Sherry Elliott from Chapter #116, Carl Lower from Lodge #456, and Jim Tomalia from Lodge #1437.

Thanks to all who participated in Mary Dunn's basket raffle. Thanks to your generosity we raised \$2,763.00 for Gimme 5! Thanks for all who assisted Mary and Monnie, the baskets that were donated, and for your continued participation.

The Gimme 5 Endowment Campaign will end during the Annual Tampa Convention (July 2012). There are still many of our brothers and co-workers here in Michigan and throughout our Fraternity that has STILL NOT donated a penny to this program and for the life of me I can't understand why! We at Moose Charities understand that there are members going through some tough financial times and we understand their struggles but for many of our members this is not the problem. Perhaps it's a lack of understanding the importance of this endowment program and if that is the case it's our fault for not communicating it effectively and we need to correct that. Or they just aren't interested in any programs that are being offered but I would like to believe it's because they don't understand what is expected of them; giving of their substance and being.

As of this publication Michigan's contributions total \$171,380.20 from 970 members/units through 07/31/11. We have 243 members/units who have completed the initial request of each member donating \$36.50 for a period of five years totaling \$182.50. Some members have exceeded the initial request and continue to give to this program because they know the importance of it. With each additional contribution of \$182.50, these members continue to elevate into different levels of distinction.

**TOWER OF FAME – 53 members/units have reached this level of distinction
HIGH FIVE – 11 members/units have reached this level of distinction
GREATER FIVE – 9 members/units have reached this level of distinction**

Our Fraternal unit (both lodge and chapter) and District Chairmen are still needed to promote this program in communicating to those members who have not contributed or worse yet haven't heard about the Gimme 5 program. My hope is that we can do better and I am confident that in the remaining months of this campaign we will continue to contact all the members that have not yet done their part and remind them that ANY donation is important and it helps; they need to know that if all our members made a donation we would be in a better financial position with a larger total of monies collected.

In my last article I told about the partnership that the Michigan Moose Association has entered into with Volunteer Energy. The benefit of this program is two-fold. First, you can save a minimum of 5% on your natural gas bill if you enroll in the program. Second, Moose Charities will receive a 10 cent donation per Mcf from each member or business that has enrolled. There is no contract to sign and you can cancel at any time without penalty. Nothing changes as far as your invoice goes; it will still come from your current provider. As Shawn Hall shared in the UP we have now reached several hundred enrollments that annualized out will be about \$5,000.00 in annual revenue for Moose Charities. In addition, there were 20,000 personalized flyers were distributed at the closing meeting along with promotional posters. It is our hope that these flyers will assist in promoting and enrolling additional moose members, friends & family, as well as businesses of all sizes. We believe this investment in communication pieces will significantly assist in reaching the goal of 10,000 enrollments by next March. Are they hanging in your Moose home? You can also enroll on-line; the link is complete and functional. Simply go to www.mimoose.org and on the bottom right side of the front page is a link to Volunteer Energy Residential or Commercial enrollments. Have you enrolled yet?

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at 248-561-0831 or by email at: beepbeepcrash@wowway.com.

On behalf of our children and seniors, thank you!

HEARTFELT THANKS, CHARLENE WELCH, DIRECTOR, MOOSE CHARITIES

Awards Banquet 2011



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Message from the Director General

I am sure most, if not all, of you watched the dedication of the Flight 93 Memorial and the activities that took place on September 11th. I hope that many of our Lodges were taking collections for this worthwhile project. Please mail the checks for all Flight 93 monies direct to Moose Charities so that we may make a donation in the total amount collected by all Lodges and Associations to add to our total. We are nearing the \$600,000 mark.



Advancements

25-CLUB

Kevin Fischer 1620
Denise Burkle 401
Carl Lower 456
Terry Coe, Sr. 345
Robert F. Polkus 1795
David R. Lott 2575

50 DIVISION

Steve L. Eiseler 2348
David M. Ziolkowski 2143
Charles L. Heacock 628

75 DIVISION

Richard Barnes 158

100 DIVISION

Richard Gensler 2651

125 DIVISION

John Zuk, Jr. 158

175 DIVISION

David H. Minor 531

SKAGEN WRISTWATCH

Scott W. O'Dell 430
Richard J. Langenburg 1162
Duane H. Moran 782
Judith Christenson 795

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S CIRCLE OF DISTINCTION

Edward J. Dalsasso

HEART OF DISTINCTION

Marilyn J. Minor 298
Kathryn L. Pennington 389

50 YEAR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Thomas J. Burks
Theodore W. Austin
Glen D. Scott
Jimmie Kennedy
Willard D. Ousnamer
Daryl Eaton
Fred Hosley
Claran Knauss
Henry Villwock
Clark Pettit
Judith Trine
Erick W. Starnal



In Memoriam

RALPH BADER (94), a 50-Year Life Member of St Ignace, Michigan Moose Lodge 999 passed away on Sept. 5, 2011. Joining the Moose in 1945 and the Moose Legion in 1958. In 2008 he received his 50-Year Moose Legion membership. A member of Moose International's 5-Club being in the 50 Division by sponsoring 55 men into the Order. Ralph is a Past Governor of St Ignace Moose and a Past Moose Legion President of Nickel City Moose Legion 29. He received his Fellowship Degree Of Honor in 1963 and entered into the House Of God at Mooseheart, Illinois in 1984 to receive the highest degree of the Loyal Order Of Moose, that of Pilgrim Degree Of Merit.

RUSSELL KEITH "RUSS" JACOBS, 81, of Port Huron Township, died August 28, 2011. Mr. Jacobs joined the Loyal Order Of Moose in 1963, entered into the Moose Legion in 1967 and has earned the Moose Legion Medal of Honor and the Moose Legion Elite Ring by sponsoring over 150 Moose members into the Moose Legion. A member of the Moose 25 Club, in the 125 Division. Russ was Administrator of the Port Huron, Michigan Moose Lodge #158 for several years. He received his Fellowship Degree Of Honor in 1970 and in 1997 he was awarded the Order's highest degree, the Pilgrim Degree Of Merit in the House Of God at Mooseheart, Illinois.



OUSNAMER, WILLARD "OSCAR" of Pontiac, passed away peacefully at home on July 16, 2011. Mr. Ousnamer was retired from General Motors Pontiac Motor Division and was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of St. Damien of Molokai at the Shrine Parish of St. Joseph and was a member and Past Governor at the Pontiac, Michigan Moose Lodge #182. Oscar joined the Order in 1960, became a Moose Legionnaire in 1961, received the Fellowship Degree Of Honor in 1974 and had the highest degree of the Order, that of Pilgrim Degree Of Merit, bestowed on him in 1994 in the House Of God at Mooseheart, Illinois. He held Life Memberships in both the Moose and Moose Legion, was a 50 Division member of Moose International's 25 Club by sponsoring 88 men into the Moose. He had sponsored 32 Moose members into the Moose Legion.

RICH, CECIL of Grand Blanc, MI formerly of Pontiac. Passed away July 22, 2011; at 91 years of age Cecil was a life member of Pontiac, Michigan Moose Lodge #182. Life member of the East Michigan Moose Legion #107. A Past Governor, he attained the Pilgrim Degree Of Merit in 1983 in the House Of God at Mooseheart, Illinois.



ALFRED "KIP" RUNDGREN passed away on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 from complications of kidney failure and diabetes. Kip was a member of St. Clair Shores Michigan Moose Family Center 1837. Joining the Order in 1994 he became active immediately and held various chairs of office including being Governor several times. Kip joined the Moose Legion in 1998 and received his Fellowship Degree Of Honor in 2000. He was devoted to helping serve the community through his lodge efforts and also served when possible to further the goals of the Michigan Moose Association. For his service and dedication to the Moose, Kip was awarded the highest degree of the Order, the Pilgrim Degree Of Merit in 2008.



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Chapter 1209
Aberdeen, Maryland



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Lodge 1245
Whitehall, OH.



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"Ole" Donald Taylor
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