

*The Moose is an international organization of men and women dedicated to caring for young and old, bringing communities together, and celebrating life.*

# A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

## J.C. PATTON

*International Moose  
Legion Board of Directors*

That's the feedback from our recent Moose Legion conference and ritual competition in Valley Forge, Pa.

For one of the smallest Moose Legion jurisdictions, Sooner 147 probably had the largest percentage of participants!

Twenty plus made the trip to enjoy the fun and fellowship that is the embodiment of the Moose Legion.

From all of us on the conferral staff, "THANK YOU" for the moral and financial support all year long that allows us to Represent you at celebrations, conferrals, conferences and conventions.

Unfortunately, we had to give up our international champion ribbons, but just barely! We plan to reclaim the top team position in Milwaukee.

Big congratulations go out to three of the placing staff: Jim Morley, in the part of Charity, placed 3rd; Greg Carleton, in the part of Faith, placed 3rd; and, Roger Turner, in the part of Hope, placed 2nd.

And thank you to Trever Hepner for treating those in attendance at our last lodge Moose Legion committee meeting to pizza.

That very productive meeting raised almost enough money for two youth bicycles with training wheels that have been requested for Woodward special education students.

Our next lodge Moose Legion committee meeting will be Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

We'd welcome you joining us. You don't know what you are missing!

Have a Merry Christmas, and hope to see you New Year's Eve.



## TINA HOWARD *Senior Regent*

Well the busy time of year is here. There will be lots of opportunities to donate an hour or to help your lodge. We do need your help.

Our Monday Night Meals are doing amazing. Thank you all for your support!! We have open date if you would like to help cook.

Congratulations to Heather Pack, Deb Maples, Kelsey Kornele and Beth Patton for qualifying for the Academy of Friendship Degree!!

Also congratulations to Tina Howard and receiving her College of Regents Red Tassel!! We are so proud of these ladies.

The lodge is having a dance for New Years. Come on out and have a great time bringing in the New Year with your friends and Moose Family.

WOTM Election time is fast approaching. It's time to think about how you can help your chapter.

Open elected positions will be Senior Regent, Secretary and Treasurer. There will also be chairman positions open. Think about it ladies. We could sure use your help.

Meetings in December will be on the 9th and 23rd at 7:30. Hope to see you there.

Until next month Merry Christmas and see ya at the lodge.



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# THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE

## We're doing our part to help our community.

**DOYT SIMMONS** *Lodge President*

This year is going fast and our lodge is getting into the holiday spirit.

Monday night meal and Wednesdays meals are going well.

If haven't tried them you are missing out on some good food.

We are doing our part in helping our community, by donating four bicycles to the special education class at our schools, along with coats, hand sanitizer, tissues.

We are supporting our local child welfare angel program, new domestic crisis center holiday meals, veterans center, Red Cross ringing, and many other activities to help our community.

Come see how you can help us. Our members generosity is amazing to see.

Here's hoping you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Hopefully will see you at the New Years Eve dance and breakfast on New Years Eve.



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# IMPACT

## Impressions that last a lifetime

**KIMBERLY KELLY** *Editor*

Do you remember how you felt when you walked into your first Women of the Moose Chapter meeting?

Were you nervous? Did the members make you feel important? Were they friendly? Were they inviting?

How did it impact your new membership into the Women of the Moose?

I remember the first person who made an impact on my Women of the Moose journey.

It wasn't at my first Chapter meeting.

It actually happened a year later when my Chapter was the host for the Annual Women of the Moose session and I was Senior Regent.

The weekend was an exciting one with plenty of information and details about the Women of the Moose and I was still on top of the world because it was my first conference, I had just earned my Academy of Friendship, and my Chapter was the host Chapter. Success!

The encounter didn't happen during

the convention itself. It actually happened after being asked to help our Official Visitor with her luggage as she was checking out of the hotel.

It was a quiet ride on that elevator as I was nervous as all get out and she didn't know me anymore than the buttons on her shirt. But she spoke just before the doors opened and her personal message to me is one I will never forget.

*That is what you call making an impact.*

Did you know that making a positive impact on others is can significantly improve your life?

Practicing kindness and compassion, taking action and advocating for change, embracing diversity and inclusion, inspiring others and building community. Those are just a few of the many ways that you can impact the world around you.

The Moose fraternity as a whole has gone through a lot in the last few years.

The unification in 2021 has made a

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### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED

*John McVicker  
Mark Sweet  
Bob Head*

*"The Women of the Moose have spent the last few years finding our way through the now unified Moose fraternity. And while the path has not been an easy one, it seems that the dust has settled down, our focus is becoming even more defined, and a shift in the Women of the Moose is about to happen. I believe this shift will bring us better clarity, purpose, and drive to move forward as women who come together for a common goal."*

**KIMBERLY KELLY**

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huge impact and women now have a voice. They sit on Lodge boards originally designed just for men, they volunteer as chairmen at the state level. Some have even stepped up to become District Presidents and soon we will see women as presidents of our state associations.

The changes have made an impact on the Women of the Moose too.

Unfortunately we are now seeing our membership numbers drop because many women do not understand why what we do as Women of the Moose is important.

Could you imagine telling a child at Mooseheart who loves playing music that the program is being dropped from the curriculum because there is no funding?

And what about our Seniors at Moosehaven? How would not having hearing aids, haircuts, and bicycles impact their lives.

You see, it's these very things that the Women of the Moose provides.

Through our fundraising we are able to fully support the Daily Needs at Moosehaven for things like clothing, newspapers, bicycle repair, eye exams and glasses; hearing tests and devices, regular dental exams, celebrations including Christmas, New Year's Eve, Thanksgiving, and other special activities.

At Mooseheart, the Women of the Moose fund the Feed a Home in

December program where children and teens assist with food budgets, meal preparation and cooking, the Boys and Girls Athletic Program, celebrations including Christmas, New Year's Eve, Thanksgiving, the Music Department, occupational therapy, school photos, and personal items for new students including n clothing, coats, shoes, bedding, photo frames of their family.

And let's not forget the scholarships the Women of the Moose provide to graduating seniors.

And that's why the Women of the Moose is so vital to our organization. No other unit of The Moose financially supports these areas.

The impact we make far exceeds just Mooseheart and Moosehaven. The things we do like blood drives, food drives, school supplies, the homeless, veterans in need, and so many others all make a positive impact in our communities.

Jackie Robinson once said, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

Remember that conference I spoke about a few minutes ago?

The Official Visitor was Marlene Snyder.

She knew how to shake things up in a meeting and kept the room energized.

From chant songs to having everyone in the room hold hands for the benediction... she knew how make a difference, have fun, and transform the lives of the sisters and members of the Women of the Moose.

*Now that's impact.*

And now it's our turn to impact the world.

We have the foundation because we are Women of the Moose.

We have the desire to serve because we are Women of the Moose.

And we have the focus to make our world a better place for our children, our seniors, and our communities, because we are Women of the Moose.

*Thank you for being part of and supporting the Women of the Moose.*

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# CEO Scott Hart's Holiday Message

Waking up at 5:00 a.m. each day to deliver newspapers led me to my love of following the weather.

Back in the good old days, you stepped outside and looked heavenward and went by the old saying, "red skies at night, sailors delight."

I was fortunate to open up the newspaper and read the three-day forecast or watch the local news at 5:00 p.m. for their prediction on when the rain, snow or ice may cover the area.

Now we check our weather app for hourly forecasts, current radar and severe weather warnings.

One thing we know, we can't change the weather, but we can change our location.

That being said, I have often thought that a winter office at Moosehaven might help

my work productivity as CEO....yah, I don't think the Board of Directors will buy that either.

Several of our lodges, members and our fellow Americans have recently suffered due to the unpredictable and severe nature of our weather in the Southeast.

From water, wind, sand and mud damage to complete losses of buildings and belongings, we have experienced it all in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida.

This is the time of year when we give thanks for our family, friends, communities, homes and our military men and women, who protect freedom here and abroad.

A time to put the needs of others before our own and find it in our hearts to be just

a little bit more generous than we think we can afford.

The Moose was built to care for one another, our communities, our Mooseheart children and our Moosehaven seniors.

As we celebrate all the joys of life, please keep our Moose family members in your thoughts and prayers.

Whether it be a natural disaster, health diagnosis, accident or our aging bodies, let's be there for one another.

The Moose continues to grow closer to a million members strong, so there are more of us to look out for and more of us to help.

When I step outside tonight and watch the sun set in the west, I'll take a deep breath and whisper, "red skies at night, Moose Fraternity delight." God Bless!

## NO Application Fee

May 1 — December 31, 2024  
to join The Moose online

Beginning May 1, 2024, the **\$20** application fee will be waived for new (enroll or re-enroll) applicants paying **2 years of dues** and using the **online application process only**. This will not only promote and encourage use of the available technology but incentivize member production, giving the lodges an extended opportunity to showcase the benefits of Moose/ lodge membership to include our fraternal endeavors as well as the local lodge amenities. This program will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and is scheduled to end Dec. 31, 2024.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Moose organization is encouraged to view the video message on our [www.beamoose.org](http://www.beamoose.org) website where they will also have an opportunity to access the online application.

If you are a current member looking to sponsor a prospective member into the Moose Fraternity, please use our online application at [www.beamoose.org](http://www.beamoose.org).

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# DEC 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 SPAGHETTI JACK PIERCE  LODGE OFFICERS MEETING 7:30 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO FOLLOW	3	4  DARTS 7:30 PM	5  CARDS  PITCH	6	7
8	9 BEEF AND NOODLES TINA HOWARD  WOTM OFFICERS 7:00 PM	10  POOL	11  DARTS 7:30 PM	12  CARDS  PITCH	13	14
15	16 HAMBURGER STEAKS PAM PIERCE  LODGE OFFICERS MEETING 7:30 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO FOLLOW	17  POOL	18  DARTS 7:30 PM	19  CARDS  PITCH	20	21
22	23 TBA  WOTM CHAPTER 7:30 PM	24  POOL	25  DARTS 7:30 PM	26  CARDS  PITCH	27	28
29	30 POT ROAST LODGE FUNDRAISER	31  POOL	1  DARTS 7:30 PM	2	3	4