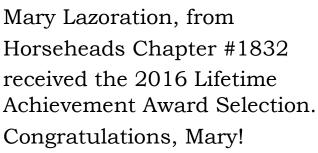


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Catherine 'Kat' Bliss from Horseheads Chapter # 1832 won the NYSMA Karaoke Contest at Mid-Year in Lake Placid, NY. Congratulations, Catherine!

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President's Message

Hello to all,

The new Moose year has started. I want to congratulate all the newly elected Lodge officers and remind them that they Must get officers training. Hopefully all the new officers have asked what their responsibilities are and will fulfill their obligation to the office they hold. The training is the key to let-



ting them know what they need to do and what they are responsible for. Remember the training is on line.

My wife and I were at a higher degrees banquet and ball and the question was asked why don't we have or do the orientation program or explain what the degrees are. My answer is, we have higher degree holders in every Lodge; In my opinion I think all the higher degree holders have a responsibility to the Lodge and the LOOM in general to step up and take on this task. Why does Moose Intl. have to make this mandatory for the Lodge? I would like to see any Pilgrim or Fellow in a lodge approach his Lodge ask the Lodge officers if he or she could run the orientation program voluntary to let the new member know what the Moose is all about. I have been involved in our state association for a long time now and I cannot understand how a member of 1 month to 10 years has Never heard of the Moose Legion the Fellowship or the Pilgrim degrees. I think this is one of the reasons our membership is falling the way it is. We assume too much, that the Lodge has to do it, or "what's in it for me" it is time to stop this way of thinking; remember, "A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many." It's time to start thinking this and step back up even if it means swallowing a little pride because of something that happened in the lodge. Hopefully your Lodge will not turn a volunteer away!!!

Also remember it is motorcycle season Look twice save a life!!!

Remember: Treat people the way you want to be treated!! A little respect goes a long way!!

Fraternally,



Paul Fleig N.Y.S.M.A. President

Message from the Deputy Grand Regent



Hello Co-Workers!

I hope that the co-workers who were able to attend the Mid-Year Conference in Lake Placid went home with the feeling that they were able to pick up some new and/or different ideas. We had a total of 227 co-workers registered. Hopefully you were able to meet some new friends there too. Our Official Visitor, Past Grand Council Member, Wendy Matthew, from Chatham, Ontario was terrific. Congratulations to New York's 41 new Academy of Friendship recipients. I would also like to thank each of our State Chairmen for their continued dedication and hard work. Also, a special thank you to our Hostess Chapter, Gowanda, for a job well-done!!!

As we begin our new Chapter year, I wish the new officers all the best for a successful year. Sadly, this past year, New York struggled with our membership numbers. Hopefully all of our Chapters are now ready to "RAISE THE ROOF" and show an increase in membership.

Congratulations to the co-workers who have received their call cards for Star Recorder and College of Regents. I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis at the International Convention. And, if you are in St. Louis please don't forget to support New York's own Fritz Griswold as Supreme Governor!!!

Our Annual Conference will be in Binghamton from September 8^{th} to 11^{th} . As soon as the information is available, I will send it out to the Chapters and will also post it on the state website, www.nysma99.com.

GOD BLESS MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN

Fraternally,

Pat Parks

Deputy Grand Regent





Hello Co-workers,



As I write this message I hope this finds you getting settled into this new chapter year and that everyone is full of enthusiasm and fresh ideas, as it takes all of us working together to make a difference to achieve a positive outcome.

I would like to congratulate the chapters who worked so hard this past chapter year to achieve a plus one in membership and hopefully you will be hearing that you have earned the Award of Achievement. Co-workers out of 58 chapters in NYS only 22 had a gain in membership of plus one, and even sadder is that there were several chapters who were only down in membership by 1 or 2 co-workers. I share this information with you not to criticize but to let you know where we stand as a state and I ask you, what can **We** do to help **You** to make things better.

So as we head into the warm and sunny months of summer let us be reminded of our obligation to Mooseheart and Moosehaven and the opportunities that we have as members of the Women of the Moose to make a difference in someone else's life who may be less fortunate than ourselves. We need to strengthen our membership by encouraging you to invite your family and friends to join this most worthwhile women's organization and to share the Moose Opportunity and Benefits allotted only to members in good standing. Remember to make your co-workers feel welcome and appreciated and treat others as you would want to be treated and always remember to take the time to enjoy your membership!

To our co-workers who will be going to St. Louis to receive their College of Regents and Star Recorder Degrees what an exciting time for you. Congratulations! We are proud of you and your accomplishments and we "Thank You" for all that you do for the Women of the Moose Program.

Co-workers next time you're stressed, take a step back inhale and laugh. Remember who you are and why you're here. Your never given anything in this world that you can't handle. Be strong, be flexible, love yourself, and love others. And always remember to just keep moving forward.



In Friendship & Fraternalism, Christine Brooks, New York State W.O.T.M Membership Chairman

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Host Chapter: Palmyra # 449

3808 Route 31, Palmyra, NY 14522

315-597-5328 or 597-6046

WHEN: Saturday, August 27, 2016 Tee off at 9:30 AM

WHERE: Crooked Pines Golf Course, 1148 S. Wayneport Road, Macedon, N.Y.

Phone 315-986-4455

Registration: Begins at 8:00 AM

\$55 per golfer, included greens fee, cart, prizes and dinner

Dinner: To be announced

Entry Fee:

Two ladies per team. Both players tee off, then play best ball to the hole Format:

An optional skins game will be available to those who wish to enter. Entry fee for skins will be \$10/team. 100% payout.

SEND ENTRY FORM AND CHECKS TO: Donna Stebbins, 6 Jupiter Way, Macedon, NY 14502

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PALMYRA MOOSE CHAPTER #449

Questions: Donna @ (315)573-4347 or Email: stebbinsdm@verizon.net or

Beth Griswold @ (585) 721-5281 or Email: bcgris3@yahoo.com

Rooms are available at Quality Inn, Newark 315-331-9500; Manchester Inn 585-289-3811; Palmyra Inn & Suites 315-597-8888

Entries must be in no later than August 12th, NO refunds after August 19th "We play RAIN or SHINE"

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NYSMA SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

⇒ July 16 ~ GOLF - 2-Man ~ Hornell

⇒ July 23 ~ TRAP & SKEET ~ Lock City

⇒ July 30 ~ HORSESHOES ~ Hamburg

August 20 ~ GOLF - 4-Man ~ Lock City

August 27 ~ WOMEN'S GOLF ~ Palmyra

November 5&6, 12&13 ~ MIXED BOWLING ~ Wellsville

TBA ~ MIXED SHUFFLEBOARD ~ Sidney

Sports

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at kmh19@cornell.edu, at home (607) 865-4963 or (607) 435-6931.

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The evening of the Karaoke Competition during Mid-Year Conference at Lake Placid this Spring found the Performance Hall filled with eager spectators and anxious participants. There were 4 semi-finalists from four different Districts around the State competing to be able to hopefully bear the NYSMA title to St. Louis for the International Competition in July.

All four of the contestants were suffering from the ill effects of recent colds, added to the nervousness of performing in front of a packed audience, made the atmosphere tense for each of them. All the contestants had chosen two songs to perform

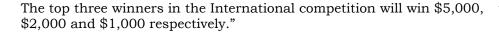
for the competition. As each song was sung there was anticipation in the air. Every song was well sung, with emotion and sincerity. The crowd loved it. Everyone clapped and cheered for their favorite.

The judges job was extremely difficult. Using a point system that included Vocal performance, Song interpretation, and Stage presence, it was too difficult even with 2 songs a piece to select one winner. There was a tie, and they requested a sing off from the top 2 contestants Peter and Kat.

Each of them had to choose an unpracticed song to sing and the judges finally selected Miss Catherine Bliss from Horseheads, District 9 to represent NYS-MA in the International Competition.

"Following the conclusion of Association competitions, all 43 Association winners will be asked to forward recordings of themselves performing two songs to the Moose International Membership Department. The recordings, saved in MP4 format only (a video file) can either be sent digitally, via email, to Cherie Mondrella, or saved to a flash drive, and physically mailed to Cherie Mondrella at: Moose International; 155 S. International Drive; Mooseheart, IL 60539. These recordings will be provided to a panel of judges from the Chicagoland area, which will be comprised of media contacts and music professionals.

The panel of judges will narrow the field from 43 to 12, and those 12 finalists will be invited to the 2016 International Convention in St. Louis to participate in our competition finals for cash prizes. Each finalist will also receive round-trip airfare and two nights lodging at one of our convention hotels.





Catherine Bliss from District 9



Peter Wellington from District 11

MOOSE CHARITIES UPDATE

As a Fraternity, the members of the Lodges and Chapters were able to make the School Renovation Project at Mooseheart a reality. A total of \$11.5 million was raised to complete this much needed project.

At the International Convention in Nashville a new project was introduced by Moosehaven Executive Director John Capes. The Moosehaven Centennial Project will improve the quality of life for our Moosehaven residents and reduce the operating costs. The goal of this project is to construct a new congregate living facility for Moosehaven's traditional residents. The scope of this project is to construct a three-story building with two wings. There will be 105 residential apartments, up-to-date technologies, an in-house kitchen and dining area as well as barber and beauty shops, a campus nurse program and also a covered tricycle parking area!!

The Supreme Council and the Moosehaven Board have approved the \$10 million Capital Campaign. All Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions and Councils of Higher Degree are encouraged to send donations to Moose Charities earmarked either "Association Cent. Project" or "WOTM Cent. Project". The Women of the Moose have pledged \$2,000,000 to the Moosehaven Centennial Project.

Let's keep the momentum going – we have helped the children at Mooseheart, now it is time to help our seniors at Moosehaven.

Please support Moose Charities!!!

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