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The 3rd Fundraiser for Supreme Governor

Fritz Griswold was held on Saturday, January 7th at the Genesee Valley-Henrietta Family Moose Family Center. The crowd was not as large as the past two, but those that weather out the storms in the southern tier had a hard time getting to the event. The food was fantastic and enjoyed by all that attended. The 4th Fundraiser is going to be at Lindenhurst on June 10th. Tickets to this event are being distributed throughout the state. Thanks to the committee for all the help they did





Horseheads Chapter #1832 and Lodge #1476 members Spreading some holiday cheer with caroling, cookies and cards for our local nursing home residents. *The Caledonia Highlander Bagpipers* joined in the fun too!





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President's Message

Well, I don't know about you but I'm cold and I'm in the warmest part of the state. Hello New York, hope everyone's New year went well. needless to say, we have a lot of work to do in the new year. As my Presidents are finding out and the state could help,

that working membership and membership retention is a full time job. Each month, a report is sent out about members that have expired. I'm finding that it's more important to call the expiring members BEFORE they expire. It's easier to pay on time than to chase them forever after.

> Its now time to start working on your lodges March list. March is always the biggest month in membership. If you work the list early, you have a chance, if you wait till March you'll be too late. Now is the time if you want to make your numbers work, get maybe a Premier Lodge award, an Atta Boy you know, make Fritz smile a little.

I'm writing this before my state meeting in Owego but I hope the Executive Board enjoyed our State Board meeting and fellowship together. It's enjoyable when we get together, we get things accomplished. Well until next time, stay warm...

Pete H

Pete Harrigan-NYSMA President



Message from the Deputy Grand Regent

Hello Co-workers,

Happy New Year to all! I hope that this finds each of you well and all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Holiday. Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over it is time to get back to chapter business as we enter into this last phase of the chapter year by continuing with fundraising projects, form submissions, audits, and membership enrollments, its business as usual!

Plans for the Mid-Year Conference in April are also underway as well and I am pleased to announce that our Grand Regent Judy Davis will be joining us in Binghamton as our Official Visitor. I am excited to meet her and work along with both Judy and Debbie Kelsey to bring you an informative and fun weekend full of knowledge and wisdom as they help to guide us and give us a secure start to the beginning of a new chapter year. Not to mention that we will be celebrating and honoring our newest Academy of Friendship co-workers as we welcome them into our Circle of Friends at the Conferral Session, how rewarding and exciting for all!

Co-workers membership continues to be our nemesis and we need to pull together to try to overcome this ongoing battle of losing members, we need to leave negativity at the door and work as a team to entice and promote our W.O.T.M program. I hope that your chapters will take advantage of the new Active Military/First Responders Membership Program being offered by Moose International and also participate in the New York State Membership Campaign drive. These programs are in place to aid you to achieve chapter success.

Information, for both of these programs and conference material are and will be available to your chapter and should be read on the floor at meetings. So make sure that you plan on attending your meetings so that you stay current as to what is going on in your own chapter as well as in the state.

LIFE IS TAKING THE GOOD WITH THE BAD, SMILING WHEN YOU ARE SAD. LOVE WHAT YOU'VE GOT AND REMEMBER WHAT YOU HAD. ALWAYS FORGIVE, BUT NEVER FORGET, LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES, BUT NEVER FORGET. PEOPLE CHANGE, THINGS GO WRONG, BUT JUST REMEMBER THE RIDE GOES ON!



In Friendship & Fraternalism,

Christine

Christine Brooks, Deputy Grand Regent

Hello Co-workers,

As we begin 2017 and enter the last quarter of our chapter's year we need to work hard on getting our memberships up to par and



where we need to be to qualify for the Award of Achievement. The same as you set new year goals for yourself personally such as to diet and exercise or to spend less and save more it's equally important to improve your chapters overall health and financial security by enrolling new members, maintaining your existing co-workers and making sure that your chapter is up to date with all of the required forms and donations and your chapter bank account is balanced and healthy as to meet future expenses and yet end with a plus in both membership & finances.

As a state it is sad to say that we are struggling and down miserably in membership so what are we do about it? Well first off we need to put the negativity aside and find ways to work together to increase our membership and entice our existing co-workers to want to pay their dues. Moose International has just launched a new program to help with that very issue. It is the Active Military / First Responders Membership Promotion which allows you to invite any qualified male or female to join your lodge or chapter. Recorders have all of the appropriate information to launch this program and it also can be found on the International Moose Website.

And to up the rewards I would like to invite and challenge each chapter to participate in our very own Membership Campaign being sponsored by your New York Women's Membership Committee. Each chapter that has an increase in membership of at least 5 co-workers at the end of January and at least 10 more co-workers at the end of February will have their chapters entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of five \$50.00 Visa Gift Cards. I will forward the starting membership information to each chapter individually, so won't you please help us help ourselves to "RAISE THE ROOF" and make a difference!

> Happy New Year Everyone! Women of the Moose Membership Committee



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MOOSE - RAISE THE ROOF

May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017

During the "Moose – Raise the Roof" membership campaign, we will continue to focus on our core values and growing our Lodges and Chapters. By raising awareness of the Moose and what we do for our children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, and our local communities, our potential for growth is limitless!

Sign 1 Member

"Moose – Raise the Roof" lapel pins are presented by your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to members that sponsor their first member during this campaign.





Moose Legion Pin



Sign 5 Members

Help to re-roof the Administration Office at Moosehaven. Funds will be donated for every man, woman or Moose Legionnaire who qualifies by signing 5 members courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.



NYSMA SPORTS TOURNAMENTS February 18, 2017 ~ Darts ~ Le Roy

February 25, 2017~ POOL ~ Genesee Valley-Henrietta

April 15-16, 29-30/May 6 ~ MEN'S BOWLING ~ Bowl-A-Roll Lanes, Rochester.

Sports & Activities

Sports Chairman Randy Budde 716-523-0531 or <u>lodge617@mooseunits.org</u> or buddeyankees18@gmail.com

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

Kim M. Holden, WOTM Sports Chairman

N.Y.S.M.A. Dart Tournament

Le Roy Moose Lodge 1132 21 Bank St. Le Roy, NY 14482 (585) 768-6170





Saturday, February 18 1pm. Registration at Noon.

Blind Draw Doubles \$20.00 entry per Team ~ Men and Ladies Singles \$10.00 per player Buffet food available all day \$8.00 unlimited.

Soft tip dart boards



Trophies for 1st & 2nd place

Loyal Order Of The Moose 3nd Annual International Karaoke Contest

New York State Finals ~ Contest Guide Lines

Where: DoubleTree Inn By: Hilton, South Ball Room 225 Water Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 Ph. # (607) 722-7575 (Front Desk)

When: Friday, April 21st 2017 at 6:00 pm

Contestants and Judges should arrive by 5:00 pm and sign in. Singers will be asked for their 2 Song Selection at this time, and to pull a ticket to select which slot they will be preforming in for round 1. The singing rotation will ip op on Round 2.

There are 14 Moose Districts in New York State. Each District can enter 1 contestant from that District. For a total of Maximum 14 contestants. Each contestant will sing 1 song in Round 1. Contestants will be asked to sing a second song of a di erent Genre in reverse rotation from Round 1. The judges will select Finalist upon the conclusion of Round 2. If there is a tie, the judges have the right to request a Sing O .

SONG SELECTION AND REQUIREMENTS

A.) Equipment for all performances for New York State Finals Contest will be provided by a Quality Sounds Karaoke & DJ Service. If you have any questions I can be reached at: (585) 671-3333 or email: rseiler7@rochester.rr.com

B.) Participants are required to use audio equipment provided by the DJ, including but not limited to microphones, speakers and vocal/audio processing devices; Participants are not permitted to use any additional equipment beyond what is provided by the DJ.

C.) Participants are required to perform a song in the Karaoke Music format.

D.) Participants will have the option to:

• Select a song contained within the Karaoke Music Library provided by Quality Sounds, or

• Provide his/her own CD+G containing an instrumental version of the performance song. (The sponsor, nor the Karaoke DJ are responsible for the performance of your personal CD+G's)

• We **CAN NOT** and **WILL NOT** play songs from Thumb Drives, SD Cards or any other type of Digital Device. You either have to pick out a song from the Karaoke Music Library provided or bring your own CD+G.

• Quality Sounds Karaoke Library is available @...... www.qualitysoundskaraoke-dj.com

E.) In the event that a Participant provides his/her own CD+G, the Participant is required to present the correct track listing to the DJ prior to the performance. These tracks should be tried and tested prior to the start of the contest, between 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm.

F.) In the event that a Participant's personal CD+G is not compatible with the DJ's equipment, the Participant will be required to either supply another CD+G disc or choose a song from the Quality Sounds Karaoke Music Library.

G.) Participant's CD+Gs that are lost, stolen or misplaced are not the responsibility of the sponsor or the Karaoke DJ, any of its partners or the host venue.

H.) In the event that multiple Participants choose the same song for performance, Participants will be given the option to choose a di erent song; Participants are not required to change songs.

I.) Participants are not permitted to perform songs that contain lyrics or themes that are determined to be vulgar, obscene or sexually explicit.

MOOSE CHARITIES UPDATE

FEBRUARY is ROCKER month !!! As you all know Moose Charities has set February as the annual Rocker Fundraiser month. By now every Lodge and Chapter should have received a packet from Moose Charities. This fundraiser, in honor of our senior members at Moosehaven, is a chance for each Lodge and Chapter to increase the Endowment Fund donations for the year. Please take the time to participate in this fundraiser.

Be creative - have friendly competitions between the Lodge and Chapter – we all know who will win !!! Or, do we ??? This fundraiser is an opportunity to collect Endowment from all members who come into the Social Quarters, not just the ones who attend meetings. Moose Charities requests that you make copies of the rockers and as members donate, ask them to put their name on a paper rocker and then display the rockers prominently in the Social Quarters.

At the end of February all money collected should be forwarded to Moose Charities by sending a Lodge and/or Chapter check payable to Moose Charities and earmarked "Rocker Fundraiser 2017". If you collected any personal checks from members, they should be forwarded to Moose Charities along with the Lodge/Chapter check. To make sure that you receive credit for participating, all checks should be mailed to Moose Charities and be postmarked by March 15th.

Please do your part and let's show an increase over the last few years for New York State.

GOD BLESS MOOSEHEART AND MOOSE-HAVEN

Fraternally,

Jim and Pat Parks





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