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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic The NYSMA Mid-year Conference

Has been **CANCELLED**

Stay Home, Stay Safe

While we know that it's a different world right now, it's times like these when we are reminded of the greatness we can accomplish when we pull together.

Look at these great smiles! Our young Mooseheart children depend on us to keep them safe and provide a loving home where they can learn and grow.

~We are thankful for you and your caring heart who help make smiles happen. ~



THE BULLETIN

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President's Message

Happy Spring Everyone!

Now that winter is over all things are coming alive again. Your lodge should be planning more outside events way not volunteer to help out.

The merge of the Woman and Men into the state is not without conflict but we as a whole will work it out.

There is a lot of concern about information not reaching all members. Moose Internarial our secretary Paul and myself all send out emails to every lodge. The sports chairman sends mail out yet it seems no one sees them. We all get calls and emails



from members saying they did not get the information. When we send emails sometimes, we get a return message saying mail box is full. You as a member have the right to know about programs, events and all other information that's available. Ask your board of officers and administrator to make sure someone opens email every day and posts all information on the bulletin board and reports the information at your lodge meeting. You most attend lodge meetings to ensure your lodge is participating in all programs and rules set forth by Moose international and the state moose association.

Thank you to everyone who send me emails and phone calls asking questions or giving me information and also complaining. All of this helps make the state run better.

Sign a new member, retain a member

GOD BLESS MOOSE HEART AND MOOSE HEAVEN

Rick

Richard Hildebrant, NYSMA President

Deputy Grand Regent's Message

Hello Co-workers!

I am hoping that this finds you all well and free from the Coronavirus! What a scary time we are experiencing!

I was sad to hear that the Midyear Conference had to be cancelled, but it is the best choice for all. I know that our Hostess Chapter Genesee Valley Henrietta has already put in a lot of work preparing and I want to thank each and every one of them for all

of work preparing and I want to thank each and every one of them for all their efforts.

All Chapters should have received information from Grand Chancellor Barbara McPherson about meetings, elections, 114 Forms and payments for the next few months. And I'm sure there will be more information to follow. That being said, I hope that you are all working hard to try to wrap up your year. The closing of our Lodges is going to make it difficult to put the final touches on what we need to get done to earn our Award of Achievement, but hopefully you have been working towards this all year and the last month and a half won't be too terribly difficult for you. I am wishing you all the best! If you have any questions, please reach out to me, a past dignitary, or Carol Bowker, our Chapter Analyst Coordinator.

I have to give a shout out to my own Chapter, Lockport #382, as we just celebrated our 100th Anniversary on March 14th. We were so fortunate to get our celebration in before all the restrictions came down from Governor Cuomo. This is something that we have been planning for quite a while, and it all came together so beautifully! Thanks to all that joined us. And a special THANK YOU to the coworkers from Grand Island Chapter #1922 that came out and prepped, served and cleaned up so that all of our Chapter's coworkers could enjoy our evening. I am proud to be a member of an organization and a Chapter of dedicated, hard-working women that can work together and get it done!

Let's hope that this Coronavirus is soon a memory and that we all get through with minimal consequences. May you all stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Phyllis

Phyllis Kelkenberg, Deputy Grand Regent



Hello Co-workers,

Well here we are putting another chapter year in the books and hoping that each of you and your chapters have done all that you could to earn the Award of Achievement, all your I's are dotted and the T's crossed. Go into your officer's handbook and double check the March and April guidelines to be



sure that all has been completed and ready for years end processing. Your chapter is depending on you to do the job and do it properly, don't let something you think is insignificant pass by you and cause grief down the road. If you need assistance please reach out to your session leader or to our CAC, Carol for help and guidance.

I know that I am repeating myself but it is such an exciting time to be a Moose, so much is happening in the forefront for our fraternity. At the Mid-Year Conference, the men will be voting on the NYS Association By Law's to which we will then become a joint association and begin to work together for the betterment of our fraternity in New York State, working together making a difference and meeting our future goals.

However more importantly is the planned joint workshop presentation of the ONE MOOSE initiative. This session is outlined to inform you of all the proposed changes and purposes behind the ONE MOOSE and there will be ample time for questions, concerns and comments during and after the presentation.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at conference as this is one to go down in history for the Women of the Moose Chapters and you don't want to miss it!

Don't forget our Membership Raffle Fundraiser and Association Basket Raffle. Your continued support is vital to the operations and success of our fraternity.

As I end this article please remember to:

BE LIKE A TREE---

Stay Strong, Stay Grounded, Connect with Your Roots, Turn Over a New Leaf, Bend Before You Break. Enjoy Your Unique Natural Beauty and Keep Growing.

Christine

Christine Brooks, Grand Council Member



With the cancellation of Mid-Year Conference, there will be no Community Service event. But please keep in mind those that are in need in your own communities right now. As the Coronavirus epidemic expands, more and more people will be needing help in many ways. People will be out of work, families will be hungry, and there is always the elderly that can use a helping hand. If you reach out to help others, PLEASE always keep the safety of yourself and the others in mind. May God bless you all and get you all safely through this frightening time!

Fraternally, Phyllis Kelkenberg, Robert Fahs, NYSMA Community Service Chairmen

Call a Member. Let them know they are not alone or forgotten. Everyone could use a friendly connection by phone or email.

"Those who bring devaluations

into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."



Sports

Dennis McGinn has been appointed as the Association's new Sports Chairman. His contact information follows:

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For the Time being Please,

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WINNERS

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HAMBURG LODGE #992

MARCH 14th, 2020



L to R---CHRIS G....FRANK B...MARTY O...YVONNE...TIM A...



EVENT

HOST LODGE/CHAPTER

DATE/S

MIXED 8 BALL
WOMEN'S BOWLING
MEN'S BOWLING
2 MAN GOLF
CAPTAIN & CREW GOLF
WOMEN'S GOLF
MIXED BOWLING
CORNHOLE

OSWEGO
WELLSVILLE
G-V HENRIETTA
FINGER LAKES
OPEN FOR BID
OPEN FOR BID
FINGER LAKES
OSWEGO

FEB. 28th & 29th
MAR. 28th & 29th/APR. 4th & 5th
APR. 25th & 26th/ MAY 2nd & 3rd
JULY 18th
AUG 15 OR 16
SEPTEMBER
NOV. 14th & 15th
DEC. 5th

INVITATIONALS

EUCHRE
MIXED TRAP & SKEET
HORSESHOES
SHUFFLEBOARD

HAMBURG GRAND ISLAND 'HAMBURG BINGHAMTON

MARCH 14th JULY 25th SEPT. 19th OCTOBER 17th

2021 TOURNAMENTS

8 BALL POOL
WOMEN.S BOWLING
MEN'S BOWLING
CAPTAIN & CREW GOLF
MIXED BOWLING

OSWEGO GRAND ISLAND OPEN FOR BID OSWEGO BINGHAMTON

FEB. 26 & 27th MAR. 27 & 28th/ APR. 3 & 4th APRIL / MAY

AUGUST 14th NOV. 20 & 21st

ALL TOURNAMENT BID FEES ARE NOW \$150...PAYABLE TO NYSMA WHEN BID IS AWARDED!! PLEASE APPOINT A SPORTS CHAIRMAN AT YOUR LODGE!!

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^{****}SPORTS MEETING WILL NOW BE HELD AT THE CONVENTION!!

Paul Fleig NYSMA Secretary 48 Kent Dr Victor NY, 14564



Brothers & Sisters,

With the health and wellness of our members in mind the Spring meeting of the New York State Moose Association to be held in Henrietta NY at RIT Inn & Conference Center has been canceled. The Association board has been contacted and all are in agreement that the membership is first and the most important to the Association, we as a board would never want to expose any of our members to anything that would cause anyone any harm or sickness.

If any member has already pre-registered your fees will be returned to you and there will be no penalties with the hotel when you cancel your reservation.

Respectfully

Paul Fleig

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NYSMA Secretary

Extraordinary times call for *extra-ordinary* measures to ensure we all maintain physical and mental wellness. So while we are asked to practice "social distancing," let's remember how life was before this change and hang on to that *positiv-ity*!

Dancing, Singing and Fellowship! Thanks to YOU, our seniors at Moosehaven are being cared for, protected and given the chance to live life to its fullest.

"We are grateful for you. YOU help make sunshine happen!"



Moose Charities Update

Dear Brothers & Co workers,

As your New York State Moose Association Moose Charities Chairman, we would like to welcome you to Spring. During this time of year, we watch as the earth wakes up and starts to grow again, right in front of our eyes. Beautiful gardens grow, trees blossom, and birds sing.



Our children at Mooseheart are like the beautiful flowers of a garden. Each child needs special care and guidance to help them grow and flourish into young men and young women. Through the years the young men and young women are given a strong foundation in their preferred educational fields. This allows them to blossom like our sturdy trees into Doctors , Lawyers, Teachers and the list goes on and on as the possibilities are endless. We hope the time they have spent at Mooseheart teaches our children to "give back" to their communities wherever life had taken them.

As time passes and these young men and young women become our middle-aged birds, we hope they sing our fraternities message throughout the world. This way we can ensure our message helps to increase our membership, as our members are dedicated in helping our Seniors blossom as well.

So we encourage each of you to think of our children and seniors when you are purchasing, planting, and weeding your gardens. Just imagine if each member of our fraternity would donate just ten dollars towards our Moose Garden through your favorite Moose Charities Program (Moose Boosters, Donor Circle, M&M Club, etc). Our flowers, trees, and birds will continue to make the earth a better place for years to come.

We hope to see you all real soon at our mid-year conference. It is always a wonderful time to catch up with your friends and even make new friends through the years

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Faternally yours,

Jim & Mindya



Jim Parks and Mindya Hungerford New York State Moose Association Moose Charities Chairmen

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