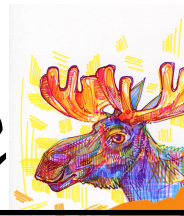


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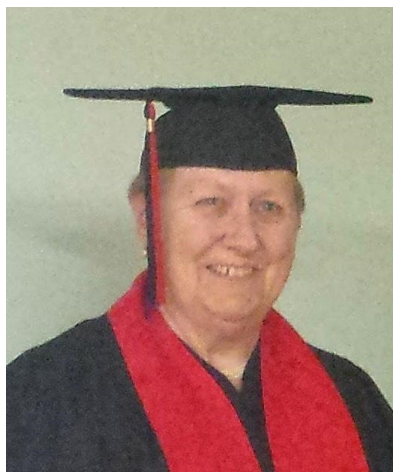


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Left to right — Carol Bowker, Past President College of Regents Board; Phyllis Kelkenburg 2019-2020 Deputy Grand Regent; Dorie Re Incoming Deputy Grand Regent; Christine Brooks Grand Council Member.



Past Deputy Sharon Zurn passed away on October 12th, Sharon belonged to Sidney Chapter #502. She fulfilled many assignments from Moose International and served as Deputy Grand Regent 1991-1992. She will be greatly missed.

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President's Message

Hello everyone,

We held our first virtual meeting on October 24, 2020. There were some hiccups but nothing serious. Thank you everyone who logged in and participated. The on-line voting went well. The only down side were the number of voters. We had more than enough for a quorum but more of our members should have exercised their right to vote.

One of the best news was the fact that the state is only down 98 members to be on the plus side for the year. We still have a few months to sign new members. Let's get it done.

It has been a long time since we were a plus one for the year. I know we can do it. Let's all make a real consciences effort to make this happen.

Thank you to all members who signed a new member good job.

Thank you for the donation checks turned in at the march of checks.

If your lodge still have donation checks for moose charities please mail them to Moose international. Checks for NYSMA should be mailed to secretary Paul Fleig 48 Kent Drive Victor, NY 14564

The pandemic has been hard on all of us. Your lodge needs your support please adhere to the laws set forth by the state do not put your lodge in jeopardy. Stay safe all moose members and your families.

**GOD BLESS MOOSEHEART AND
MOOSEHAVEN AND ALL OF OUR
MOOSE FAMILIES**

*Rick*Richard Hildebrant,
NYSMA President

Deputy Grand Regent's Message



Hello Co-workers and Brothers!

I hope everyone is practicing safe COVID restrictions in our Moose Homes. It is imperative that we all comply. Face masks, hand washing & hand sanitizer, limiting our events, social distancing all seem to be our new normal. Like it or not, these are the times we are in.

Our own creativity seems to be shining at most of our Lodges and Chapters. Members are finding new ways to encourage new members and hosting our events and fundraising. As difficult as it may seem, we still have a job to do. I know most of you are struggling, but our children at Mooseheart, and our seniors at Moosehaven are counting on us. In the true Moose spirit, we forge on!

A lot of Chapters are sharing ideas on Facebook. I encourage you to check them out. With the Holiday season upon us, and more restrictions coming into play, we have to think outside of the box. I found one idea very interesting. A Santa drive by. Santa and all the elves are out in a parking lot at Lodges greeting children in their cars with presents and candy. What a great way to show the community that we are still here! Santa can still hear what the children would like him to bring (as well as the parents are listening too and grabbing ideas, as they sit safely in their car).

Our membership is still down, however we can turn it around. We just have to let people know what we are about and what we do. The more you talk, wherever it may be, it will peak someone's interest. It's simple, just tell them what we do and who we support!

I hope to see everyone in April, and I am hoping our COVID situation is better by then. Be Kind, Be Safe, and have a great Holiday with your loved ones.

Fraternally,

Dorie

Dorie Re, Deputy Grand Regent



Hello Co-workers:

Hope this finds each of you and your families healthy and free from COVID as it still lingers all around us causing havoc in every direction we turn.

As we approach the upcoming Holidays please keep in mind that as our own families have personal wants and the need for security especially during these most uncertain times so do the children at Mooseheart and our vulnerable seniors at Moosehaven. Please remember that our purpose is to keep them safe and secure as we continue to provide for their every need to be healthy and successful and to make their holiday as special as we do for very own families. So please be sure to keep your membership dues up to date.

I've just returned from Grand Council meetings and I have to tell you as we get closer to May 1st, 2021 and ONE MOOSE it is becoming real and along with that will come significant changes for the women as we prepare to join forces with the men to secure the longevity of our fraternity. Exciting times lay ahead!

I can't however stress enough to each of you how important it is for you to keep your membership dues paid current as to make your transition to ONE MOOSE as smooth as possible.

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING ON APRIL 30TH TO ROLL OVER INTO YOUR ONE MOOSE LODGE MEMBERSHIP.

I am also encouraging you to purchase your Life Membership as this will significantly save you money over the years and many of our chapters are offering incentives to assist you with this once in a Lifetime Opportunity.

NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN!!!

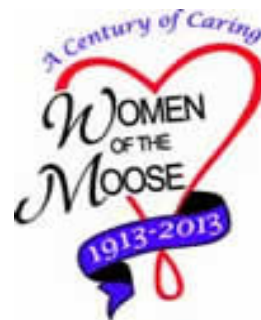
Co-workers if there was ever a time that we needed a good dose of positive spirit it's now. We need to do something that makes us happy as it opens our hearts and gives us the ability to have hope and feel a little bit more optimistic about right now and for our future. We just need to have fun, laugh and feel the magic in the air!

Wishing each of you and your families a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season.

In Friendship & Fraternalism,

Christine

Christine Brooks, Grand Council Member



The logo for Community Service features the word "community" in a playful, multi-colored font where each letter is on a separate card pinned to a surface. Below it, the word "Service" is written in a bold, black, distressed font.

Hello Brothers and Sisters! The Holiday Season is here, and 2020 is finally winding down. We hope that you are all still staying safe and healthy.

It is wonderful to hear that even in these difficult times, many of you are still trying to get out and show your Moose Pride and giving spirit by serving your communities. Please always be sure to think and act safely and wear your masks and abide by the social distancing and other CDC guidelines.

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be behind us and we will be looking forward to the Christmas Holiday and finally a New Year! What a perfect time of year to reach out to those in need! If you cannot find something great to do in your community, you are not looking hard enough!

We were glad to hear that some Lodges and Chapters supplied Turkey Dinners to people in need in their areas. Whether you cooked, donated, served or delivered, or even just donated the use of your Lodge Home for others to use as a command post to supply dinners, "THANK YOU!" There are more and more people needing help feeding their families these days, and it is critical that we help where we can.

This time of year usually brings more food drives than we normally see, and you can usually find one everywhere you look. Many areas are also in the middle of their Annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive. Don't forget that there are many children that would normally get free lunches at school, who are now being home schooled, and may not be getting any lunch at all. These, as well as many other children, can benefit from your generous donations.

As the weather is turning colder, now is a good time to get out those old coats, hats and gloves (or you can buy new ones) and donate them to the people in our communities that could really use them. Whether you hold a drive at your Lodge to collect these items, or you make an individual donation, remember your act of kindness can really mean a lot to someone!

It is ALWAYS a good time to reach out to your fellow Moose members, especially the elderly, the sick and the shut-ins. Many of our older members are afraid to get out and about with COVID still so active and threatening. Take some time to check in on them and see if they are in need of anything. Maybe they could use some groceries or a ride somewhere, or just someone to talk to. Sometimes just a phone call to let them know you are thinking of them will brighten their day.

With luck, we will see you all in the spring at Mid-Year Conference. But until then, stay safe, stay healthy and have a wonderful and blessed Holiday Season!

Fraternally,

Phyllis & Bob

Phyllis Kelkenberg, Robert Fahs,
NYSMA Community Service Chairmen



Moose Charities Update

Dear Brothers & Co workers,

As your New York State Moose Association Moose Charities Chairman, we want to wish you all a very safe, healthy, and happy Holiday Season. We hope you and your families are able to come together safely to enjoy each other's company, and top start this new up coming year off right. Back top the basics of families being THANKFUL for all we are fortunate enough to have and setting goals for the New Year coming.



This hope is also extended to our Moose Families. Our lodge rules are ever changing, we open and the next thing we know we must close again. All of this uncertainty can really take a toll on some people. A lot of the Moose members are still able to get out of the house even if it is just to go to work. Then there are some members that have been home alone for months, so please take those few minutes to check on them and make sure tier needs are being met and they are doing well.

Along with our families we must include our children at Mooseheart and or seniors at Moosehaven, yes we all have huge families. During these uncertain times the activities at Mooseheart and Moosehaven have been restricted for everyone's safety. Due to have excellent staff at both facilities and staff being able to think outside the box fun is still being had by all.

Some of the new out of the box activities do call for extra at supplies, extra sweet treats, and extra staffing needs. To keep ensuring our children at Mooseheart and or seniors at Moosehaven have everything they need for years to come, our members can donate to many different Moose Charities programs. There are many different programs where members can go to donate privately amount that fits in their families monthly budget. There is the M&M Club, Mooseheart Boosters, Donors Circle, Defending Circle Society, and the League of Guardians to name a few. As 2020 comes to an end and 2021 becomes our new excitement let us remember our forefathers, James J Davis's, dream deepens on our dedication. talents, AMD charitable efforts.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Fraternally yours,

Jim & Mindya

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

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Friends,

We have all had an incredible year. Learning to live with the “New Normal,” learning lots of new words and phrases like Novel Coronavirus and Social distancing. We have a story to tell our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc. “When I was young, I had to live through the Pandemic of 2020!” (or not so young!)

Many of our Lodges, Chapters, and Legions have tried their best to lend a hand, help out, and just be there for our members and communities. It’s been tough. We have lost people; friends and loved ones were ill; neighbors and co-workers suffered financially, we had to learn to live with the people we live with... Several of our Lodges have closed, opened with restrictions, closed again, opened again... and some may not be able to re-open at all, many of our friends and members have contracted Covid-19.

But we have made it to the end of the year.

Unfortunately, the end of the year does not mean the end of the pandemic. Please remember that the safety and well being of everyone you encounter **is** *your* responsibility. We all need to strive a little harder, dig a little deeper, and withstand the urge to say, “screw it all!”

Wear a mask, it probably won’t kill you; stay home if you don’t need to be out, keep your distance, I love you all, but I want to be here to love you more; and Pray your heart out that our families, friends, and our Fraternity stay strong and healthy. With Faith, Hope, and Love, I wish you all the best!



2021-2022 TENTATIVE SPORTS SCHEDULE

EVENT		DATE/S (TENTATIVE)
MIXED 8 BALL	OSWEGO	FEB. 26 & 27
WOMEN'S BOWLING	WELLSVILLE	APR. 3RD & 4th
MEN'S BOWLING	G-V HENRIETTA	APR 24 & 25/MAY 1ST & 2ND
2 MAN GOLF	FINGER LAKES	JULY 17th
CAPTAIN & CREW GOLF	PENN YAN	AUG. 21ST
WOMEN'S GOLF	OPEN FOR BID	SEPTEMBER
MIXED BOWLING	FINGER LAKES	NOV. 13TH & 14TH
CORNHOLE	OSWEGO	DEC. 4th
INVITATIONALS		
EUCHRE	OPEN FOR BID	MARCH 13th
MIXED TRAP & SKEET	GRAND ISLAND	JULY 24th
HORSESHOES	HAMBURG	SEPT. 18th
SHUFFLEBOARD	BINGHAMTON	OCTOBER 16th
2022 TOURNAMENTS-tentative		
MIXED 8 BALL POOL	OPEN FOR BID	FEB. 25 & 26th
WOMEN'S BOWLING	GRAND ISLAND	MAR. 26 & 27th/ APR. 2ND & 3RD
MEN'S BOWLING	OPEN FOR BID	APRIL / MAY
CAPTAIN & CREW GOLF	OSWEGO	AUGUST 13th
MIXED BOWLING	BINGHAMTON	NOV. 12TH & 13TH

****FUTURE SPORTS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE CONVENTION! (not this year's though)

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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