

What an incredible NYSMA Spring Conference! With over 300 members in attendance, the energy, camaraderie, and dedication were truly inspiring.

Our Mardi Gras-themed dinner was a huge success—special thanks to Julie Lynn Fallon and the Gowanda Moose volunteers for the amazing decorations and fundraising efforts. Everything looked fantastic!

We were also honored to have OV Brian Toseki and his wife Pam join us—we had an absolute blast with them. (Gavel thief 🤔😂😂)

Some highlights from the weekend:

- Over 50 first-time attendees
- Nearly \$3,000 raised through Frankie—all benefiting Uniting Hearts/Expanding Horizons
- An awesome Hospitality Room—great job, Grand Island team!
- Informative admin training and lodge leadership sessions
- A great educational experience with NYS Gaming, thanks to our new Government Relations Chairman, Steve Marchitte (remember \$4,999.50 😊)
- Over \$34,000 raised collectively for Moose Charities
- Honoring Elliott Chaffee with the Lifetime Achievement Award
- And Janet Chaffee won the honor of taking Frankie back to Hornell Moose Lodge—so now we all know where he is!

Thank you to everyone who made this weekend so memorable.

Now... we're gearing up for our August Convention with a Red Neck Theme—and we'd love your ideas to make it just as fun and unforgettable!

Fraternaly yours,

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