



New York State Moose Association



Fellow Moose Members,

How is everyone doing with the Cold Temperatures & the Snows? This month is the middle of Winter and a great time to take inventory - of our membership. How is everyone in your Lodge doing? Are the elements keeping some of your members homebound? Now is a good time to contact those “missing” members as a wellness check, of sorts. Let them know that they have been missed and inform them of the upcoming activities they don’t want to miss. Can they get out of their house or need help? It is always a great thing to add some sunshine to someone else’s life, especially during these “cold, dark” days. That is the power of a phone call or a visit. That is Moose!

Have you considered having a “Warm-Up” event at your Lodge as a way to Embrace Our Community? We are all getting tired of Winter, so how about an Open House with hot drinks & warm snacks for the Community! After clearing snow, there’s nothing better than good friends, good drinks and good food.

A warm welcome goes out to our Moose International Chairman of the Board, Robert Funkey and his wife Cathy (Past Grand Regent) as they come to NY: Westfield #118 on 2/12, South Buffalo #1407 on 2/13, and East Aurora #370 on 2/14. Let’s give them a great MOOSE time!

Our NYSMA Mid-Year Conference, April 10th to 13th, is really shaping up to be a great experience! There will be the following offerings: Women of the Moose Training, Moose Legion Educational Course, Workshops on various subjects, Cornhole Tournament, Lunches and a Membership Appreciation Dinner – “Welcome to the Tropics” with a Loudest Hawaiian Shirt Contest Theme! Let’s all have fun at this Mid-Year.

I am, once again, extremely thankful for all the hard work our Lodges have done this past month. We started January with a -552 in membership and finished with a + 476 on the active member rolls. That is over 900 renewed & new members! THANK YOU! We should all be MOOSE PROUD with these continuing achievements.

Thank you for All that you do and *Happy Valentine's Day* to One and All!

Paul LaMartina
NYSMA President

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