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LOCAL MEMBERS VISIT MOOSEHEART –

Charles Tower

Recently I had the pleasure of going on a District bus trip to Mooseheart (about 30 miles from Chicago) with Dale Clark, our Governor. It was a privilege and honor to be part of this. We left on Friday, October 3rd, spent all day Saturday and half of Sunday at Mooseheart before returning to Warren. It was one of the most memorable trips of my life.

When we got to Mooseheart, we entered Centennial Plaza where there is a huge solid bronze statue of a moose. The landscaping was breath taking, with geese running everywhere. The plaza has twenty seven houses for children and is grouped by age. There are also three houses: Schuylkill, Alleghany, and Susquehanna for the infants. This grouping is known as the baby village.

The houses are just that, homes with usually one child per room, study rooms, kitchens, etc. There is also an interfaith church with varied services every Sunday. The church is a beautiful tribute to the Lord and welcomes all denominations.

Sometimes there is more than one child from a family at Mooseheart. Family is important, so these children are encourage to spend time together. I was impressed at how social, intelligent and well mannered these kids were. Although many of them have had a rough start, they are thriving and it shows. We were invited to their homecoming football game. On our way there, a young boy ran out and invited us to "his" house for refreshments. These kids were all from Pennsylvania and were so proud as they served us treats. They made us feel welcome and appreciated. We spent an hour with them before heading to the game.

At the game there were approximately forty five alumni present to cheer for the Mooseheart team. I spoke with one man who grew up with nine family members at Mooseheart. They all graduated, got married, have families and successful lives. None have been divorced. The children who arrive at Mooseheart come from broken homes or are orphans and each is sponsored by a local Moose Lodge. Scott Heart, the director of Mooseheart says that some kids come in a little rough. Each child is treated as an individual and shown a personal interest by the staff. They are taught values (with a merit and demerit system), educated, socialized, and loved. He proudly stated "we've never lost one"! He says that his life is fulfilled by working there. So, the next time you are asked for the donation for the endowment fund, you'll know where it goes. The money given to Moose Charities does a lot of good helping these kids get a great start at becoming competent, successful, and happy adults. What else could we ask? GOD BLESS MOOSEHEART!!!

The Supreme Governor Visits Warren

Warren hosted Jim Gallagher, Supreme Governor, and his wife Linda on October 28. Jim's visit corresponded to his swing through Pennsylvania. Jim's schedule has him visiting Warren FC, Greeneville FC, and Irvine FC. Warren was very fortunate to receive this visit.

A luncheon for Jim and his wife was co-sponsored by our Chapter and the LOOM in their honor. Approximately 30 people attended this luncheon. During the luncheon Jim presented

Left to Right: Jim Gallagher, Jim Zavinski, Dale Clark Community Service Awards to Jim Zavinski and Tina Dell for their work in the community. He also presented awards to Barb



Hawley and Larry Alleman for their service to the lodge.

Left to Right: Jim Gallagher, Tina Dell, Dale Clark, Karen Marlett

During the evening the Lodge held an enrollment in Brother Jim's



honor. Attending this function in addition to Jim was Ed Hopkins, Deputy Supreme Governor, Stanley Adams, Regional Director of Moose International, Deane Hamm, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Moose Association, and Chris Taylor, Prelate of the PMA. The ritual team from Westfield, NY, presented the enrollment ritual to ten new members of Warren Lodge 109. It definitely a treat to see the ritual presented from memory as expressed by Stan Adams.

Following the enrollment, a Mystery Theater Dinner was held in honor of the new enrollees and the dignitaries. Some seventy people attended this event. During dinner, members of the Lodge presented a mystery that resulted in the death of the Governor. The suspects wandered through the audience trying to convince them that they were not the murderer. As it turned out the Supreme Governor was the murderer. Everyone enjoyed the play conceived and directed by our own John Shaughnesy.

Governor's Corner – Dale Clark

Brothers and Co-workers, if you attended the End of Summer Party I am sure that you had a great time. I would like to thank those members who worked so hard to make it a success. It's a little early to think about it, but we plan to make this a yearly event.

Many changes have taken place since the last newsletter. Our Lodge is now SMOKE FREE. If you haven't been in, check us out. We care about all our members and have provided a smoking area outside the back door for those who wish to smoke.

The menu has been updated with daily specials such as Italian pasta dishes on Tuesdays.

The visit from the Supreme Governor and his wife was a special treat and gives Warren Family Center some special notoriety. Special thanks to Bob Duffy and Jerry Marlett for their efforts to improve the front façade and the others who worked to clean the inside of the building.

On October 3, 4, and 5th Chuck Tower and I traveled to Mooseheart for a visit. We had a great time. I recommend that if you ever have an opportunity to visit Mooseheart that you do. You will see why it is so important to work for our child city. The kids are marvelous and their care is our responsibility.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the 100 year Celebration scheduled for July 2009, which will be a momentous event considering that many businesses seldom last that long. If you have any questions, please see me.

Thank you to all our loyal members who support and enjoy our Lodge. Without you we are only a building.

Women of the Moose News – Karen Marlett

Oh, where did the warm weather go? I guess it is about that time again. Pack away the shorts and tank tops, bathing suits and beach blankets and get out the snow shovels and snow blowers. Yuck!!!!!! Wake me when it warms up again.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the WOTM Annual Kids Halloween party a success again this year. Without your dedication, I don't think we could pull this off for much longer.

We have 696 active co-workers and still it was the same 5 or 6 who helped. Everything we do is for "our" kids. Wouldn't "you" like to see the smile that we put on their little faces?

PLEASE remember to pre-register your children and grandchildren for the Annual WOTM Christmas party to be held on Sunday Dec 14 from 2-4 PM. Remember to give the age and gender of the child/children you are registering so their gift may be appropriate. The deadline for registering is Friday December 5th at noon, as we will be shopping the next day. It is easy to register. Just call the social quarters and give the info to one of the staff or call the WOTM office 726-1117 and leave the info on the machine. Or e-mail info to Chapter693@Mooseunits.org.

This year the age cap will be 14. Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season. May the true meaning of Christmas fill your hearts! Yours in Faith, Hope, and Charity

Social Quarter / Kitchen News – Norb Baumgart

Greetings fellow members, well it looks like winter is coming soon and our club is once again going in somewhat of a straight course. Thanks to all the help of a few people. Please support your club and all the activities such as the Turkey Party on Friday, November 7th and the Las Vegas night planned for December 6th at 8:00 PM.

We initiated an Italian night on Tuesdays, with some very good Italian fare, thanks to our chef Rick.....Great job Rick. Also do not forget Mexican night on Wednesdays as well as BINGO.

Thursday night is our family night featuring our special, all the steak and shrimp you can eat, and family pizza and wings. Craving prime rib or fish, then try Friday night dinners and specials.

On New Years Eve, we will be featuring dinners from a special menu consisting of:

- Soup & Salad
- Prime Rib, Seafood Platter, Stuffed Chicken Breast, or Stuffed Pork Tenderloin as your entrée
- Potato or Rice Pilaf
- Mixed Vegetable
- Pie or Ice Cream
- Champagne

The band for New Years will be Matt Maloof. At midnight we will have Sauerkraut and Kielbasa for a midnight snack. There is still time to make your banquet reservations. Next time you are in the club be sure to pick up a copy of the banquet menu.

Without your support, we have no club so should you have any suggestions on what you want to see in our club, feel free to say so. We could use help for our different functions, so don't just be a member, be an active member. Many people tell me I am doing a great job, but let me tell you, without your help and support that would not be the case.

Last but not least, please remember our staff, tips are their pay and we need to keep them happy so we can be happy..

In closing, I will again thank all who have helped and please lets make this the friendliest and happiest club in town. For your suggestions and comment call 723-9666 or 688-7113.

Membership Update – Dale Clark

As you may know, the dues increase will become effective as of Dec. 1st, 2008. We have till then to sign up members at the current rate of \$35.00 and the discount on the Enrollment. If you know of prospective candidates for membership get them signed up as soon as possible to get the savings. We are on target to make our Membership Quota, which is set by Moose International. You could win trips, jackets or many other items for signing up a new or former member.

Cell Phones for 911 – Chuck Tower

I would like to thank you for your continued support for this Community Service project. If you happen to have a cell phone lying around, please consider donating it to this worthwhile project. Again, thank you for your support.

Monthly Activities Planner

November 2008 Planner		
1	Sat	
2	Sun	District Meeting @ Warren FC 1:00PM/ 2:00PM
3	Mon	
4	Tue	
5	Wed	LOOM Meeting @ 7:00 PMBingo @ 8:00
6	Thu	
7	Fri	Turkey Party @ 7:00 PM
8	Sat	Band: Only Human
9	Sun	
10	Mon	
11	Tue	
12	Wed	WOTM MeetingBingo @ 8:00
13	Thu	
14	Fri	Band: Sammy Slicker
15	Sat	
16	Sun	
17	Mon	
18	Tue	
19	Wed	LOOM Meeting @ 7:00 PM Bingo @ 8:00
20	Thu	
21	Fri	
22	Sat	Band: Trixx
23	Sun	
24	Mon	
25	Tue	Bingo @ 8:00 PM
26	Wed	Joint Meeting @ 5:30 Band: Innocent Bystander
27	Thu	Thanksgiving
28	Fri	Band: Shotgun Suite
29	Sat	Band: Night Shift
30	Sun	

December 2008		
1	Mon	
2	Tue	
3	Wed	LOOM Meeting @ 7:00 PM Bingo @ 8:00
4	Thu	
5	Fri	
6	Sat	Vegas Night @ 8:00 PM Band: 4-Jays
7	Sun	
8	Mon	
9	Tue	
10	Wed	WOTM Meeting Bingo @ 8:00
11	Thu	
12	Fri	
13	Sat	Band: Somokehouse
14	Sun	Kids Christmas Party from 2-4 PM
15	Mon	
16	Tue	
17	Wed	LOOM Meeting @ 7:00 PM Bingo @ 8:00
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	Band: Innocent Bystander
21	Sun	
22	Mon	
23	Tue	
24	Wed	Christmas Eve – Club closes early
25	Thu	
26	Fri	
27	Sat	
28	Sun	
29	Mon	
30	Tue	
31	Wed	New Years Eve Dinner & Dance Matt Maloof

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District 8 News - Fred MacWithey

The next District meeting will be in Warren on November 2nd, so plan on attending to get the latest District news. We need strong support from our members at this meeting. The Officers' meeting begins at 1:00 PM and the general meeting at 2:00 PM.

There will be no meeting in December. Bradford will host the January meeting on January 4th.

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anniversary booklet. If you own a business or just want to place an ad, information will be out shortly. Our Committee is still in need of more volunteers.

There are a lot of members who would be a real asset to our committee. For more info contact Wally Post.

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Community Service Report – Wally Post

I hate to keep bringing this up, but it is very important to our lodge. Subject: Volunteer hours. Many of you volunteer many

Centennial Committee Report – Wally Post

At the last 100th Anniversary meeting we talked about more fund raisers such as a tool party, a gun raffle and the mystery dinner theater. We are about ready to start putting together our 100th

hours in our community. We need you to turn in your hours. Again, forms are available to your right as you come in the front door. Please fill them out and turn them in. We received a superior last quarter for Community service. Let's keep it going.




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Youth Awareness – Wally Post

To date we have six students who have signed up to attend the Youth awareness congress in St. Mary's PA. The only school yet to have kids going is our own Warren High School. Our Lodge will pay all expenses for this very worthwhile trip, plus provide transportation.

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Due to the fact that there will be a band on Wednesday before Thanksgiving, bingo will be on Tuesday, November 25th.



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