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Convention Update – Fred MacWithey

Since this is the first newsletter since the International Convention in Las Vegas, I feel it is appropriate to report on some of the major highlights of this, 120th annual gathering of the Supreme Lodge. Approximately 6,000 members from the US, Canada, and Great Britain attended the 120th Moose International Convention in Las Vegas. The Women of the Moose registered more members than the LOOM registered. Only two lodges, Warren and St Marys represented our district.

If I were to pick the main theme of this convention and sum it up in one word, it would be MEMBERSHIP. Membership is important not only because of the dues received, but it is paramount to the success and profitability of a club. Why hasn't membership grown? There are a number of reasons some of which include:

- Moose International has not presented itself adequately to the public.
- Clubs are not clean or attractive.
- Clubs provide only limited activities to draw in members and perspective members.
- Does not service the Community.
- Not the friendliest place in town.
- Does not understand customer service.

Moose International recognizes these reasons and will be pushing to make changes on the club level with the goal to make the Moose Club the friendliest place in town. In fact, the organization is holding a three day seminar in November to help clubs promote themselves and improve profitability.

Many of you may not know, but it takes approximately 32 million dollars annually to operate Mooseheart and Moosehaven. This equates to \$32 per member. Membership assessments generate approximately 15.4 million dollars and investments generate additional revenue, but not enough to cover the remaining 16.6 million dollars needed. As result Moose International had to increase the member assessment in order to prevent deleting the Foundation's funds. If every member was to have sponsored just one member, then this may have been avoided.

As it turns out only 5.4% of the members sponsored a new member in 2007/8. What happened to the other 94.6%?

Warren did not meet its membership quota last year, but did manage to have its membership increase over the previous year. For those of you who did sponsor a new

member last year - a big thank you. We have a new quota this year of 156 new members.

On a positive note, Warren will be receiving a Gold Premiere Award from Moose International at the state convention. Had we met our membership quota; we would have received the top honor and been among the top 26 lodges in the organization. As it is, we are among the top 59 lodges, not too bad.

Director General Bill Airey, reported that on May 24, twenty one seniors graduated from Mooseheart. This represents twenty-one lives that will be a positive influence to society. One such student was Jake Stegman, Mooseheart's 2008 Valedictorian. Enclosed you will find his story as he presented it at the convention. I implore you to read it. It is truly "Beyond Belief" and is just one of the many stories that show the positive influence Mooseheart's teachers and mentors have on the lives of the less fortunate kids who are sponsored by local chapters and lodges to Mooseheart. So, when you receive your renewal look at it as not only entrance to the Warren facility, but also a charitable gift to an organization that enhances the lives of the young at Mooseheart and seniors at Moosehaven.

Supreme Governor to visit Warren FC 109

Governor's Corner – Dale Clark

Brothers and Co-workers, as you may know, there have been major changes taking place at the Warren Lodge. One being that Ryan Hecei tendered his resignation on August 4th.

Temporarily doing his job as Administrator, will be Fred MacWithey. Norb Baumgart will be overseeing the Social Quarters and the Kitchen operations with help from me and all the other Board members. Mr. Hecei's position will be filled in the near future after an audit is done and re-organization is complete. If you have questions, please see a Board member.

On October 28th, Lodge 109 will have the honor of a visit from the Supreme Governor of Moose International, Jim Gallagher and his wife. To celebrate this occasion, the lodge will host a Mystery Dinner theater production produced by our own John Shaughnesy. An enrollment plus other events will make this a very special evening. So mark this date on your calendar and plan to welcome Jim and his wife to our Lodge.

The 100 year celebration plans are moving forward, but we need the support of all our members.

In the planning stage is our "after summer party" and steak fry being held on September 21. There will be a band, Matt Maloof and the Contra Band, free trinkets and leis to set the mood of this Jimmy Buffet style party. The cost is \$10 per person. Tickets may be purchase from your friendly bartenders. Mark your calendar so you won't forget this party.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make the changes necessary to make our Lodge the Friendliest place in town.

Women of the Moose News – Karen Marlett

First, I would like to thank all the co-workers who generously gave of their time on the 4th of July to help with our Annual Hot Dog Sale. Considering all the obstacles thrown at us that day we had a successful sale. Konky, Lois, Nancy, Tracy, Jamie, Carol, Terry, and Barbie, a great big thanks to you. Oops, also thanks to my husband Jerry for cooking our dogs once again.

It was a beautiful day for the annual picnic and the kids truly enjoyed the "bounce". It appears that this may become an annual treat. Thanks to the co-workers who helped with the festivities.

Also as talked about in the last newsletter the joint Boards of Officers and the membership have approved to raise the dues beginning Sept. 1, 2008. So for the WOTM that means starting Sept. 1st new memberships will be \$55.00; renewals will be \$35.00.

Some of you may be considering dropping your membership and utilizing the club through your husband or significant other. I would like to bring your attention to the following sections of the General Laws of the order:

WOTM General Laws (July 1, 2007) Section 38, d. reads:

"Any co-worker who intentionally surrenders her membership card for the purpose of terminating her membership shall be suspended from membership for a period of 180 days from the date of suspension, unless a dispensation to retain her membership is granted by the Grand Chancellor. If she wishes to be readmitted into the chapter, she shall write a letter to the Board of Officers requesting readmission and shall be balloted on by the chapter the same as a new member. The majority vote rules. If the co-worker does not request to be readmitted, she shall be dropped from the membership at the end of the 180 day suspension."

Section 39, a. states:

"Every member shall be in arrears after the expiration of her dues and becomes a member not in good standing. An expired member shall not be entitled to any privileges of membership including but not limited to: 1, attending meetings, 2. attending association meeting and social functions, 3. enjoying the privileges of any social quarters or home, 4. participating in any fraternal gatherings or activities. An expired member does not qualify as a guest for admittance into any Moose home." Moose International will drop from the rolls any members in arrears after 12 months.

I apologize for my mistake about the time frame of the above laws. But the gist of the laws are none the less the same. Please reconsider before you do not renew your membership in lieu of using your husbands. These are not rules that we can just change on a whim. They are directly from Moose International and not open for individual interpretation. Any questions please feel free to talk to any Board member.

Labels for Education – Terry Hallock

The "Labels for Education" Committee would like to thank all members who brought labels in. When you remove the labels, make sure that the UPC code is in tact. This bar code must not be compromised, in order to get credit for the labels.

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 laying around, please consider donating it to this worthwhile project. Again, thank you for your support.

District 8 News - Fred MacWithey

The next District 8 meeting will be in Ridgway on September 7. The October meeting will be held in St Marys on the 5th. As always, the Officers' meeting begins at 1:00 PM and the general meeting at 2:00 PM. Try to attend and learn about what's happening in your district.

Membership Update

DUES, DUES, DUES will be increased on December 1, 2008, as a result of a higher assessment from Moose International. From August 28th to October 29th, all members signed up will be in honor of Supreme Governor, James Gallagher, who will be visiting our Lodge on October 28. Please sign up as many members as possible. Our next enrollment is scheduled for September 21. All new members attending will receive a paid ticket for the "after summer" party and steak fry. A RSVP will be required in order for you to participate.

Social Quarter / Kitchen News – Norb Baumgart

Hopefully you are beginning to see the results of a number of changes being implemented in the Kitchen and Social Quarters to improve customer satisfaction. We are committed to providing you with first rate service and an enjoyable dining experience. If you feel we are not meeting this mission, please feel free to call me. My cell phone number is 814.688.7113.

We have a new dinner menu designed to give you a wider range of dining choices. Oh, do not forget to try our "all you can eat" steak and shrimp dinner on Thursdays.

Have limited time for lunch, then may I suggest you order off the new take-out menu? Simply call in your order (723-3375) and pick it up.

With the Holidays are rapidly approaching, we would like you to consider Warren FC 109 for your holiday party. We think we have developed an affordable banquet menu. So when you are in the Club, please ask your server for a copy. Dates will be filling quickly, so get your reservations in early.

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September 2008 Planner		
1	Mon	
2	Tue	
3	Wed	LOOM Meeting @ 7:00 PMBingo @ 8:00
4	Thu	
5	Fri	
6	Sat	
7	Sun	District Meeting in Ridgeway
8	Mon	
9	Tue	
10	Wed	WOTM MeetingBingo @ 8:00
11	Thu	
12	Fri	
13	Sat	Band: Jack the Dog 9 -12 PM
14	Sun	
15	Mon	
16	Tue	
17	Wed	LOOM Meeting @ 7:00 PM Bingo @ 8:00
18	Thu	
19	Fri	Band: H.D. Rider 9 PM – 1 AM
20	Sat	
21	Sun	LOOM Enrollment & After Summer Party 1:00 PM
22	Mon	
23	Tue	
24	Wed	Joint Meeting @ 5:30 --- WOTM Meeting .. Bingo
25	Thu	
26	Fri	
27	Sat	Band: Trixx 9 PM - 1 AM
28	Sun	
29	Mon	
30	Tue	

October 2008		
1	Wed	LOOM Meeting @ 7:00 PM Bingo @ 8:00
2	Thu	
3	Fri	Band: Sammy Slicker 9 – 12 PM
4	Sat	
5	Sun	District 8 Meeting @ 2:00 PM – St Marys
6	Mon	
7	Tue	
8	Wed	WOTM Meeting Bingo @ 8:00
9	Thu	
10	Fri	
11	Sat	Band: Jack the Dog 9 PM – 1 AM
12	Sun	
13	Mon	
14	Tue	
15	Wed	LOOM Meeting @ 7:00 PM Bingo @ 8:00
16	Thu	
17	Fri	Band: Abby Road 9- 12 PM
18	Sat	
19	Sun	
20	Mon	
21	Tue	
22	Wed	WOTM Meeting Bingo @ 8:00
23	Thu	
24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	Children's Halloween Party 2-4 PM
27	Mon	
28	Tue	Supreme Governor's Visit & Dinner Mystery Prod't
29	Wed	Bingo @ 8:00
30	Thu	
31	Fri	Band: Matt Maloof & Contra Band 9 – 1 AM

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Centennial Committee Report – Wally Post

100th anniversary celebration: At the last meeting we put together a tentative schedule of events. Tuesday, October 28th, the committee will be presenting the 2nd Mystery Dinner Theatre. If you missed the first one, you missed a great time. A lot of work goes into this so plan on attending. Get your ticket from any member of the Centennial Committee or behind the bar. Please show your support for the centennial efforts and Jim Gallagher, Supreme Governor.

We would like to start the 100th anniversary Celebration on the 4th of July by inviting other Moose Lodges to put a float in the parade. If we get enough interest we can have a whole division of our own. What a great Kick off that would be.

The actual event will start on July 29, 2009, and run through the second of August. Wednesday, Thursday events will be in the club. Friday, Saturday events will all be held at Betts Park including the annual picnic. A complete list of events will be posted soon. The Committee is in need of more HELP! Check the bulletin Board for the next meeting time and plan to attend.

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Community Service Report – Wally Post

Under Community Service; I have taken over our Community Service Report. Your volunteer hours are a very important part of this Quarterly report. There are forms to fill out on the cabinet located to the right as you come in the front door. Please fill them out as soon as your volunteer project is completed and return them to me or leave them at the bar to my attention. There are many members who do volunteer work in our area that are not reporting their hours. It does not take long to write them down on a form.

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KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY

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