

MOOSE NEWS MAY/JUNE 2009

ADMINISTRATORS MESSAGE

In the last newsletter I explained how our building plans were on hold because of the economy and this Moose Lodge not being profitable. I asked that if anyone wanted more information to come and ask. For some reason no one has come up to me and asked any questions or attended any Lodge meetings to do so, however I hear a lot of second hand questions that arise from the social quarters. I feel it necessary to try and inform you through this venue what is going on so we can try and squelch the rumor mill.

The first step was to lay off our kitchen staff and try to have meals done by volunteers. This has been well supported so far and hopefully will continue to grow. We are currently considering changing the social quarter's hours of operation which would also reduce our payroll. This may not be a popular move, however we feel it is necessary and hope it will work.

There are other expenses that are being scrutinized and hopefully can be reduced. Following are some of our expenses that were incurred from May 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009 hopefully this will give you an idea what we are up against in this building. Occupancy expense which includes insurance, utilities and real estate taxes totaled \$52,483.94, Building maintenance and equipment repair \$15,104.52, Health Insurance \$9135.14. These are a few of the biggest drains on our profit & loss statement. There may be little that can be done to reduce them however we are trying. Just one example is the phone bill which we recently switched from AT&T averaging \$190.00 per month to Service Electric which is running around \$65.00 a month. This may not seem like much but every little bit helps.

As I stated previously the things we do may not be popular and some may not work and may have to be revisited, but we hope you will bear with us to get through these tough financial times.

You also need to know that the building committee is still active and pursuing moving ahead with plans for a new Moose. We are currently having floor plans and elevation sketches drawn by Gary Wolfe to give you an idea what we are hoping to build. The utility bills would be reduced by ½ if we were in a new building and maintenance costs would be almost nil for years to come. These 2 factors alone would save around \$45,000.00 per year.

2009-10 OFFICERS

First I would like to thank our outgoing officers for 2008-09. Governor-Ray Mausteller, Past Governor-Pat Enright, Jr. Governor-Gerald Dewald, Prelate-Larry McCormick, Treasurer-Tom Rambo, Trustees-Jeff Ulrich and Rob Bickford. They all deserve a pat on the back and hearty thank you for their service to this great Fraternity.

Our new officers for 2009-10 are: Governor-Jeff Ulrich, Past Governor-Ray Mausteller, Jr. Governor-Larry McCormick, Prelate-John Shuman, Treasurer-Bill Godfrey, Trustees-Don Gipple, Greg Bergey and Dave Bressler. Wish them well for the coming year our success depends on you our members and these new officers.

GOVERNORS MESSAGE

With changes happening all over the world, so are things changing at the Danville Moose. We have some new officers, committee chairman, dinners and much more to come. That being said I hope every Moose member would want to get involved in helping our Lodge operate in a profitable way. Whether it is volunteering your time, supporting Lodge dinners or inviting your friends and family to join the Lodge, every little bit helps. I also invite you to talk to Lodge officers about any events you would like to see held here at the Moose.

Fraternally, Jeff Ulrich

WOTM NEWS

2009 MARCH FOR BABIES

The 2009 March of Dimes, March for Babies was held Sunday April 26th. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped here at the Moose to make this event a huge success.

2009-10 OFFICERS

Installation of Officers for 2009-10 was conducted at a ceremony held on April 29th. The following are your new WOTM officers for the upcoming year: Senior Regent-Betty Godfrey, Recorder-Sharon Mausteller, Secretary/Treasurer-Judy McCormick, Jr. Graduate Regent-Carol Swartz, Junior Regent-Leann Ulrich and Chaplain-Nikki Lawrence

The full slate of appointed positions and committee chairman will be posted on the WOTM bulletin board at the Lodge.

MEETING DATES

WOTM monthly meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Due to a conflict with the Moose International Convention this year, the dates for the May meetings will be Wednesday May 13th and Thursday May 28th. Please note this change on your calendars.

MEMBERSHIP

Here we are at the beginning of a new Moose year. I haven't yet received our membership quota for the year; however, it will probably be around 150 new or former members. We have not made a quota since 2002 and we will not do it this year without your help. Every year we fall around 50 members short which means, if just 50 of our members would complete their obligation of signing a new or former member we could attain this goal. Let's make this the year we finally break through and achieve this goal.

The Preferred Member Party is scheduled for May 16, 2009. This annual party is by invitation only and the only way to be invited is to sponsor a member. Make sure you are invited next year by sponsoring a friend or family member into the Moose. It is definitely the best party of the year at the Moose.

YOUTH AWARENESS

The PA Moose Association recently held its Mid-Year Conference in Gettysburg, PA. At that conference Jasmine Maloney of Danville was chosen as the eastern region recipient of a \$1000.00 college scholarship supplied by the PA Moose Association.

Miss Maloney also received an invitation to attend the Moose International Youth Awareness Conference to be held in Hampton, VA April 30th to May 4th. Jasmine qualified for the honor by attending a conference held in Jersey Shore last November. After this conference she developed her own "Kidstalk" program and presented it to 190 5 to 9 year olds at Lutz Pre-school, Mahoning-Cooper Elementary and Lourdes Elementary in Shamokin. Her presentation was then judged, along with over 80 others in the eastern region of PA.

By qualifying to attend the Hampton, VA conference she will be vying, along with high school students from the United States, Canada and Great Britain, for \$30,000.00 in scholarship money, this includes a \$12,000.00 first place prize. The winner will also receive an invitation to attend the Moose International Convention being held in Chicago and graduation day at Mooseheart High School with a tour of the Mooseheart campus.

The Youth Awareness Conference is sponsored annually by Moose Lodges with high school students from grades 9 through 12 participating. We are very proud that our Lodge and Chapter sponsored this special teenager and wish her well in Hampton. If you know of a youngster who would like to participate next year please contact an officer of the Lodge or Chapter for details.

R. ROBERT DALE SCOLARSHIP

Each year Moose International gives \$1000.00 scholarships. For each 25 applicants 1 scholarship is given away. Any high school junior that will graduate in 2010 and has a parent, grandparent, step-parent or legal guardian that is a Moose Lodge or Chapter member can apply.

The application can be picked up at the Moose or printed off of the Moose website at <http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/Publications/Press/RRobertDale.asp>. This application must be postmarked by June 30, 2009.

MOOSE LEGION COMMITTEE

Beginning with the second Thursday in May 2009 which is the 14th and continuing on the second Thursday of every month the Legion of the Moose activities committee will be conducting a hoagie sale at our Lodge. The June hoagie sale will be the 11th.

Hoagie Joe will be coming out of retirement to assist with the preparation of the world's best hoagies for only \$2.50. The hoagies will be made fresh at the Lodge and be available for pick-up by 11:00 a.m. on the date of the sale. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Lodge. Place your order for home, office or plan on enjoying one at the Lodge. Over a million have been made to date and they have all been made the exact same way, a tradition of hoagie excellence since 1956.

We need helpers for this project as well as people to eat our hoagies. Come on down and enjoy the fun, fellowship and again, the best hoagies in the world!

MOOSERIDERS

For the past few years we have tried to get a motorcycle club going here at the Moose with some success, but it always seems to slip through the cracks.

My son Jeff would like to try getting this organized again and have it sanctioned by Moose International. Currently I believe there are only 4 Lodges in PA that have a sanctioned a "Mooseriders" club.

We will hold a meeting for anyone interested in joining this endeavor on Tuesday May 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Hopefully we will be able to organize some rides and elect officers for the club that evening. Remember Tuesday's are also wing night at the Moose so bring an appetite along with you.

MOOSE DINING

MOOSEFEST

There will be no Moosefest in May due to all the other events that are going on.

On Friday, June 15th we will be serving a pork chop dinner for the Moosefest. The cost will be \$7.00 per person and B.T. & the cruisers will be here for your dancing pleasure from 9 until midnight.

SUNSHINE

May 20th from 5-7 p.m. will be our next sunshine dinner. We will be serving beef pot pie. This will be the last Sunshine dinner until we resume them in September. Please come in and support our Sunshine Children at Mooseheart and enjoy some of the best homemade pot pie available.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Committee dinners will be held on Friday May 8th with a hot roast beef sandwich platter and June 5th with a fried chicken platter. Both events will run from 5-7 p.m. Remember if you bring an application in that is paid you will receive your dinner free.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

The Lodge Ritual Committee will be doing dinners one Friday & Saturday a month from 5-7 p.m. On Friday, May 22nd they will have an all-u-can eat fish fry and Saturday, May 23rd will be a meatloaf platter.

On Friday, June 12th they are having an all-u-can eat spaghetti supper and Saturday June 13th will be chicken pot pie.

SPORTS

BOWLING

Our league bowling will have been completed by the time you receive this newsletter. The roll-offs are not yet done so I will report that in the next newsletter. Thank you to all of our bowlers and we hope to see you back next September. Remember to come in and visit once in a while over the summer.

SHUFFLEBOARD

We will continue to have the shuffleboard tournament monthly as long as we have the participation we've been having. May's will be on Sunday the 17th and June's will be Sunday the 28th both starting at 1 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be posted a couple of weeks in advance.

CINCH

Cinch tournaments will be held Friday, May 22nd and Friday, June 26th both beginning at 6:30 p.m. We need some of our good card players from Danville to start participating in these tournaments so we can give our Catawissa players some more competition.

GOLF

We will be hosting the PA Moose Association golf tournament on Saturday, May 8th starting at 11:00 a.m. at Cherokee Golf Course. The cost will be \$50.00 per person and will include green fees, cart and a banquet at the Moose afterwards. Monetary prizes will be paid to the top 3 scratch golfers and the top 3 golfers using the Callaway handicapping system. Join us in meeting and socializing with golfers from other Moose Lodges across the state of PA.

IN MEMORIAM

Ernest Smith Jr.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

Sunday 3 rd		Moose Golf Tournament
Sunday 3 rd	2:30 pm	District #4 Meeting @ Lewistown
Monday 4 th	8 pm	Lodge Meeting
Tuesday 5 th	6 pm	Mooseriders Meeting
Friday 8 th	5-7 pm	Membership Comm. Dinner
Wednesday 13 th	6:30 pm	WOTM Meeting
Thursday 14 th	11 am	Hoagie Sale
Saturday 16 th	7 pm	Preferred Member Party
Sunday 17 th	1 pm	Shuffleboard Tournament
Sunday 17 th	2:30 pm	Moose Legion Meeting @ Elkland
Monday 18 th	8 pm	Lodge Meeting
Wednesday 20 th	5-7 pm	Sunshine Dinner
Friday 22 nd	5-7 pm	Ritual Committee Dinner
Friday 22 nd	6:30 pm	Cinch Tournament
Saturday 23 rd	8-11 am	Moose Legion Breakfast
Saturday 23 rd	5-7 pm	Ritual Committee Dinner
Thursday 28 th	6:30 pm	WOTM Meeting

JUNE

Monday 1 st	8 pm	Lodge Meeting
Friday 5 th	5-7 pm	Membership Committee Dinner
Sunday 7 th	2:30 pm	District #4 Meeting @ Columbia Valley
Wednesday 10 th	6:30 pm	WOTM Meeting
Thursday 11 th	11 am	Hoagie Sale
Friday 12 th	5-7 pm	Ritual Committee Dinner
Saturday 13 th	5-7 pm	Ritual Committee Dinner
Sunday 14 th	7 am	Breakfast
Monday 15 th	8 pm	Lodge Meeting
Friday 19 th	6 pm	Moosefest w/ BT & the Cruisers
Wednesday 24 th	6:30 pm	WOTM Meeting
Friday 26 th	6:30 pm	Cinch Tournament
Saturday 27 th	8-11 am	Moose Legion Breakfast
Sunday 28 th	1 pm	Shuffleboard Tournament

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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3 Moose Golf Tournament District #4 Meeting 2:30 pm @ Lewistown	4 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	5 Wing Night Moseriders Meeting 6 pm	6	7	8 Membership Committee Dinner 5-7 pm	9
10	11	12 Wing Night	13 WOTM Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Moose Legion Committee Hoagie Sale	15	16 Preferred Member Party Shama-Lama 9-Midnight
17 Shuffleboard Tournament 1 pm	18 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	19 Wing Night	20 Sunshine Dinner 5-7 pm	21	22 Ritual Committee Dinner 5-7 pm Cinch Tour. 6:30 pm	23 Moose Legion Breakfast 8-11 am Ritual Committee Dinner 5-7 pm
24	25 Memorial Day Lodge Closed	26 Wing Night	27	28 WOTM Meeting 6:30 pm	29	30
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JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	2 Wing Night	3	4	5 Membership Committee Dinner 5-7 pm	6
7 District #4 Meeting 2:30 pm @ Columbia Valley	8	9 Wing Night	10 WOTM Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Moose Legion Committee Hoagie Sale	12 Ritual Committee Dinner 5-7 pm	13 Ritual Committee Dinner 5-7 pm
14 Firemans Golf Tournament Breakfast 7 pm	15 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	16 Wing Night	17	18	19 Moosefest 6-9 pm BT & Cruisers 9-Midnight	20
21	22	23 Wing Night	24 WOTM Meeting 6:30 pm	25	26 Cinch Tour. 6:30 pm	27 Moose Legion Breakfast 8-11 am
28 Shuffleboard Tournament 1 pm	29	30 Wing Night				