

Michigan Moose Association News

State President David Stonik

2021 1st Edition

Editor Sean Smith

I would like to welcome you to the 1st edition of the Michigan Moose Association News. This is an endeavor in progress, so please excuse the crudeness of this first release. We will be working on making it more attractive, but really wanted to get some news out to our members.

With May 1st comes a whole lot of news and change, please continue to read what this date means to the order.

May 1, 2021 means One Moose

The order has been working for this moment for over one hundred years, and now we take a big step forward for the order. May 1st 2021 is when we all become ONE Moose. All active members of the LOOM and the Women of the Moose will now make up the new LODGE! Everyone will have a vote in how the lodge home is run. This is also the day that women can join the Lodge board of officers. (With some requirements.) Dues for the women will become the same amount that the LOOM was charging. This will be a bit of a surprise for our female members that haven't been reading their newsletter, so please explain this to members you have sponsored into the lodge and chapter.

Membership Committee Report

April is the last month for the Moose year. Let's work hard on Membership Retention, if we put half of the effort into keeping our members as we put into getting them...., let's set up our committee to make those phone calls and send those emails.

When filling out applications, make sure to get phone numbers, email address and sign the back of the application. Starting May 1st we are asking for ALL Lodge Officers phone numbers and email addresses for the purpose of increasing communications to the Board of Officers. We can help the Administrator

Let's hear from you on your success stories, MMA Membership Committee



\$0 application fee. At the Annual Mid Year Conference, the board elected to refund the application fee for all new and former members as long as the application is enrolled in the computer system between March 15th and April 30th. Each application entered and enrolled before the 30th, the lodge will receive a credit on the first quarter per capita statement. This will be the first statement the lodges have received in a year since the board elected not to collect a per capita tax during the COVID shut-down. So this is just another way the Executive Board is trying to help the units of Michigan.



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Sports, we are trying hard to get the sports program up and running again, please visit the sports page and see what we have going.

<https://www.mimoose.org/sports>

Golf

The mixed golf is scheduled for July 24th/25th and July 31st/August 1st at Green Oaks golf course in Ypsilanti. Wayne Westland Lodge #835 will be hosting the tournament. Applications will be available April 1st online at the Michigan Moose Association website. The golf course is being shared the second weekend with another small outing the first 76 golfers to sign up for the weekend of July 31st and August 1st will be accommodated after that the first weekend will be the only one available with a full course and availability of 128 golfers.

Thank you Barry Rayman
Mixed Golf Committee Chairman.



Hope you are staying safe and are ready to come back and try your hand at some Golf. The event will be on June 26, 2021 with Port Huron Ladies hosting it. Please get with your friends and come join us for a good time! Forms are on mimoose.org or you can give me a call.

See you all soon,
Carolyn Michalak
WOTM Sports and Activities Chairman

Horseshoes

We are ready for the weather to let us get back to pitching. This year, we plan on the State Horseshoe Tournament in Greenville on September 18th and 19th. Registration forms will be online by May 1st. If you have a horseshoe event that you would like to promote in your lodge, feel free to contact me and I will work on promoting it for you.

Jill Young—Chairman



Fishing Tournament

Bass Fishing Tournament
2021 June 12th, Houghton Lake. Start 6am, Weigh-in 2:00pm
Registration June 12, 2021 @ MOOSE 2:00 P.M. TIL 7:00 P.M. Or for Pre-registration Call OBIE 734-552-2708



BBQ Competition coming soon to the Michigan Moose Assoc and Mooseheart. We will be hosting our first cookoff at the Wyoming Moose Lodge #763 on May 15th, entry fee of \$50. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes. Top prize will be the entry into the Moose International Competition at Mooseheart to represent the MMA! Visit our website for more details and entry forms on the MMA Sports page. <https://www.mimoose.org/sports>



RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

We are looking for an honorary judge for the First Annual BBQ Competition! Anyone interested may purchase a raffle ticket at the state registration page for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Drawing will be held May 8th so you can plan to attend and sample each of the entries and award your own trophy to your favorite. All proceeds from the raffle will go to our Moosehaven Project for 2021-22.

Euchre News

At this point in time, I have not scheduled any Euchre events.

Hopefully by fall, there might be one, but playing cards around a small table of 4 people is just asking for trouble!

Especially with numbers rising again!! No one misses playing euchre than I do!!!

Carol Colby



Pool Tournament

Women's tournament will be June 11,12,and 13 at the Niles Moose Lodge.

Darts Tournament

At this time no mens tournaments are scheduled. International steel tip will be in April 2022 at Lodge #1221 Belleville/Swansea IL.
Gary Gladhill

News from Deputy Supreme Governors

Following is the itinerary for Supreme Governor Bruce Berger's visit. He will be making several lodge visits in between his official visits.

Thursday, April 22nd, 2021

He will first travel with DSG Don Stokes and visit Dearborn Heights Lodge #1795 for Lunch 11-1p Yipsilanti lodge #782 for a visit 2pm-4pm. Wayne/Westland #835 5:00pm meet and greet, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 presentations

Friday, April 23rd, 2021

Richmond #2575 11am-1pm
St Clair Shores #1837 2pm-4pm
Avon Rochester #409 5:00 meet and greet, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 presentations

DSG Steve Root and the Supreme Gov will visit Saturday, April 24th, 2021
Saginaw #82, 12:30 snacks and Assistant Secretaries/Board of Directors Meeting, 2:00 Meeting/Conferral, 4:00 Dinner
Birch Run #2426 6pm-8pm

Sunday, April 25th, 2021

Highland #2370 12:00 meet and greet, 1:00 lunch, 1:30 Presentations
Must leave by 2pm for a flight!

MMA Liaison News

Due to the upcoming departure (April 30th, 2021) of Territory Manager Jimmy O'Connor – the Membership Department is pleased to announce that Territory Manager Gary Beck will serve as the Moose International Liaison to the Michigan Moose Association effective Monday, April 5th, 2021.

Best wishes to Jimmy O'Connor on the next chapter of his life, and congratulations to Gary Beck on his new appointment.

-Moose International Membership Department



Fellowship conferrals and Academy of Friendship conferrals. The association has received permission to hold several smaller ceremonies this spring, please watch for invitations to these events. This is by invitation only due to limits on size.

Academy of Friendship News

Hello. In the interest of keeping everyone safe and healthy, a request was submitted, and approved, to postpone the second session that was planned for April 10 at Avon-Rochester lodge.

The new date will be Saturday, June 12, 2021. All times will remain the same as originally planned. Stay safe, everyone and know that I appreciate all you do.

In Friendship,
Cherie Pabon
616-890-6057



Congratulations to all our new Academy of Friendship

friends. You worked hard last year. Despite all the issues facing you. Thank you for your unending service to your chapters and the Moose. Sue Gamache. PDGR



Fellowship Degree of Honor

Fellowship conferrals will be April 10th in Otsego, and April 17th in Clare register at 11:30 am. If you have received a call card, you are encouraged to attend one of these events.

Pilgrim Widow Fund Raffle

Pilgrims have received raffle tickets to sell for two top prizes of \$500 each. Tickets are \$20 each, and the winners will be drawn at the fall convention. All proceeds go to the fund for the widows of our Pilgrim members. Tickets need to be returned to the Pilgrim Coordinator Sean Smith as soon as possible, sold or unsold no later than Aug 1st.



Moose Riders

We met March 28, 2021, 12:00 at Charlotte #2565 Lodge.

President, Phil Gray open the meeting, all board members were present with a total of 31 Riders present. Pledge, 9 O'clock ceremony recited and endowment collected.

Dates brought up:

May 01, "Spring Fling"/Auction at Delton #1649 - afternoon

May 15, Moose International Blessing of the Bikes

June 30 – July 04 2021 International Moose Convention in Cincinnati, OH

May 29th – 30th Memorial Day Ride/Fundraiser – Boyd from Highland #2370 Moose putting it together - More info to follow.

June 04, 2021 – "Rev It Up" in Mt. Pleasant, Mi. – extensive discussion. Per information Greg received from SOMI games are scheduled to take place BUT not the same format. IF SOMI agrees, we would meet Friday at a parking lot to be determined at 10:30, athletes to arrive at 11:00 and we would sign autographs. Distribution of monies raised explained to all. Shirt style and other incentives discussed. ALL PLANS CONTINGENT WITH SOMI!

June 11 – 13 Round-Up/FUN Run at Ewart #2452 discussion. Phone #'s for camping reservations given out. Because of the passing of DSG Don Larabee, there was some confusion about camping. Phil to call the Lodge and get clarification for the Riders.

Other points of discussion: Have a Moose Rider Representative at your District meeting. Explained that Lodges have different avenues for financial help- LOANS, State and Federal, Grants from International, and if ask and given correct info, MMA will explore the possibility of granting a loan to the Lodge. – Also, everyone was strongly encouraged to use the International and MMA web sites. An abundance of information can be received from both.

– Last, the new 2021-2022 "Stronger Together" slogan was announced and well received. Next meeting will be April 18, 2021 at the Charlotte #2565, 12:00 noon.

Greg McCarty State Moose Rider Chairman/
V.P. MMA

"We Match You for the MAC"

The board will continue to match any donation made to Moose Charities for the MAC Project until April 30th. For every dollar that is donated, the state will donate another dollar in your name. You can go to <https://www.moosesharities.org/> and donate with a credit card, or mail a check and receive credit for you and your lodge or chapter!



Calendar raffle

To date 2021 Calendars sold 6,716 The 2020 Calendars sold 8,285 as you can see we are down 1569.

For Loges being closed down and under the circumstances of covid-19, some Lodges did quite well in selling Calendars. It would be great to sell all 10,000 Calendars is our goal. So I'm asking all Lodge please don't stop selling. Help your fellow Lodges to sell the Calendars. It is a benefit for all.

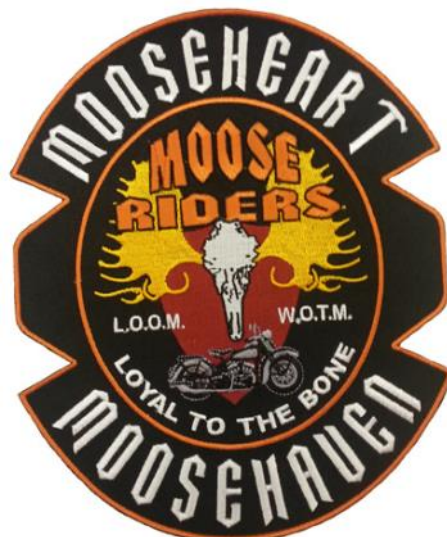
Thank you for all you do.

Fraternally,
Finance Chairman Bob Kenworthy

\$100 raffle tickets are now out and making their way to your local Moose Lodge. Top prize is \$5,000. Please consider purchasing one, or going in as a group and purchasing one. Proceeds help to fund the state membership promotions and meetings and eliminate per capita taxes to lodges.

They can also be purchased on the Michigan Moose Website

Mimoose.org



Special Project Report

When I came up with the idea of having basket Raffles for our fund raising in 2007 I never dreamed it would become such a great project. Wow It has really been a great way of working together for our Mooseheart Children and Moosehaven Seniors. All of us working together have really made a difference in their lives. It is hard to believe how much we have raised with our tickets only being 3 for \$2.00. Would like to continue our fundraisers as we have been doing. I don't know what our new project will be for our future conventions.

Looking forward to seeing everyone when we get together again.

Special thanks to Robin, Mary, Kay & Carole as well as everyone who has pitched in when we needed extra help!! Those who help behind the scene getting our tickets ready for us thank you!! Thanks Monnie for all you do!!

Mary Dunn

Michigan Moose Charities

As of the end of February Moose Charities has raised \$64,778.38. The Michigan Moose Association as a whole needs \$35,221.42 to meet the financial obligations of the Mooseheart Activity Center. Unfortunately, I don't have March's numbers to see how we did with matching funds drive that has just ended.

I want to thank everyone for their donations and support.

Donor's Circle donations for the year through the end of February total \$10,047.85 .

Your Moose Charities Chairs are looking at future fundraising ideas...so keep a look out for those. And of course, John and I are concocting new ways to inform and entertain you.

Thank you all again for your support!

Fraternally,
Karolee Tobey



Youth Awareness

Hi, I am Cheryl Kennedy, your new State Youth Awareness Chairman. I would hope you are all safe & well.

As you know we have had to put this program on hold last year due to the unusual circumstances. We are excited to restart the program again for the upcoming year, but we may still have some challenges to overcome.

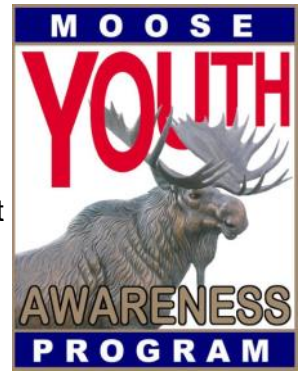
The Youth Awareness Program is there to help our children. This is done by high school students attending the Association Student Congress in their state & doing a minimum of 3 Moose Kids Talks to the younger 4-9 year old age group. These talks can be on Bullying, Nutrition, Cyber Threats & the list can go on and on. The presentations are written by students and are not scripted. This enables them to encourage their audience to make wise and healthy choices. The talks are done between November through February each year.

Qualifying students are then judged by their peers with the chances of obtaining a state or maybe even an international scholarship.

As I am new to this, I will need your help. Please get with your District Chairman, Lodges & Chapters to ramp up our efforts on making this program great again in Michigan. Contact schools, church groups, boys/girls clubs, boy scouts & friends to get the word out. Any student that is a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Or Senior in high school is acceptable. The parents, guardians or grandparents do not need to be Moose members. I would like to have a training session in each district during the months of August to November.

If you have any interest, questions or would like to help, please contact me at youthawareness-mi@gmail.com. I welcome any suggestions and would like to get an email list of all district, chapter & lodge chairpeople. We are going to start this program from scratch. If you have been involved with Youth Awareness in the past, I would love you to contact me for any pointers or suggestions.

Thank you for your support of the Youth Awareness Program.
Cheryl Kennedy





HEART OF COMMUNITY

Hello and Good Morning MMA Brothers and Sisters,

Although the weather doesn't really feel like April out- way too cool. The warmth from your hearts and your giving ways, especially to our State Wide Heart of Community project is very heart- warming and welcome.

Our project at the virtual conference held in Frankenmuth was for Wellspring Lutheran Services, the program will assist numerous children and single mothers throughout Michigan. Letting them know that they are not alone, that the Moose Organization is here and still assisting in caring for them.



I would like to give a BIG heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone whom has made contributions. Please see below the chapters, lodges, Legion, District, and individuals, whom supported this very worthwhile HOC sponsored Moose program.

WOTM- 286 Ypsilanti, 413 Niles, 714 Monroe, 992 Taylor Twp, 1036 Lincoln Park, 1669 Wyoming, 1792 Delton, 1804 Harrison, 2142 Birch Run, 2388 Three Rivers, 2454 Highland

LOOM- 182 Pontiac, 474 Three Rivers, 978 Niles, 1168 Holly, 1570 Benton Harbor, 1649 Delton, 1795 Dearborn Heights, 1972 Manistique, 2254 Mancelona, 2348 Kalkaska, 2426 Birch Run, 2433 Lapeer, 2452 Evert,

Legion- Legion 106

District- District #9

Individuals- Barb Delmotte, Sue Gamache, Deborah Wallert.

MMA HOC donations total for this conference to Wellspring Lutheran Services \$1,597.00. A check will be written and mailed to Wellspring, listing all our contributions.

In our June newsletter I shall have the Wish List ready for our August Conference which will be held at Kewadin Conference Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Please remember- all monetary donation checks shall be made out to MMA and earmarked for Diane Pepler Resource Center Looking forward to seeing all of you. You will be able to bring any wish list items to conference for the DPR Center.

From my heart to yours, Thank you everyone for your generous continued support towards our HOC Projects.

Fraternally, Sue Gamache MMA HOC State Chairman

Have **you received a letter** asking what size vest you would like for sponsoring 7 members since May 1st of last year???? DID YOU RETURN IT? We are not sending reminders, so make sure you return your letter or text the number and get your size into the committee. You still have time to get apps in if your close to your 3 or 7 applications. Promotion ends April 30th (and apps must be **enrolled by the 30th**). Awards are being sent to the lodges quarterly to hand out, so if you have earned a mug for signing 3, make sure to visit the lodge and ask.

In-Person convention August 18-22 at the Kewadin Hotel, Sault Ste Marie. To reserve a room please visit the state website and go to the convention news page. We also have the video and committee reports from this year's Virtual Mid Year now available. <https://www.mimoose.org/convention-news>

Newsletter Sign Up

Do you know someone that would like to receive communications from the Michigan Moose Association, they can sign up here to be added to the list of their choice http://eepurl.com/bH_Zuv

State Website

Did you know that the association has its own website, www.mimoose.org ? You can find the winners from the state raffles such as the calendar and \$100 tickets. You can also find information on Convention and Mid-Year Conference and register for either. Sports? You will find the schedule and any updates there along with registration forms. If there is something you would like to see on the website, please mention it to our webmaster. See you there...



Moose Pages News

Does your lodge have a Moose Pages website. Due to lack of use and updating, Moose International will be ending the term of the Moose Pages websites. Now is the time to let your membership know where your information can be found. You can also consider moving your information to Facebook.

Life membership promo facts

PATIENCE PLEASE



My brain is busy doing repairs.

If you purchased a life membership during the last promotion please be patient as we work through all of the receipts that were submitted. Our state Secretary (who is a volunteer) is working diligently on mailing out refund checks and posting extra years of membership. If you notice that you haven't received either please send a nicely worded email to Dale Johnson at secretary.Mimoose@gmail.com and let him know so he can look into it. Again please be patient as he works through these numerous submissions. Thank you also to the Michigan Moose Association for putting on this promotion, at the time of this mailing they have given back to the membership over \$100,000 in reduced memberships. Just another thing they are doing to help us in our lodges/chapters in this time of uncertainty.

District News Corner

On the Michigan Moose website we have created a new page for the district presidents and District news. On this page you can find templates for meetings for the district secretary, Lodge reports for submitting to the state, and a template of a district president's visit to a lodge home. The forms on the page are not required to be used but show the information that we need turned in on a monthly basis during district meetings.

The district report template is in word format and PDF so that if secretaries would like to use it they may. The lodge report template is for districts to form their own Lodge report for their lodges to turn in during meetings. It is highly encouraged for the Chapters and Legion Units to have a report during the meetings also.

District presidents/secretaries, please send over your new district board members names, emails, and phone numbers to the Communications email to be added to the contact list for association news.

We're Back, Baby! (hopefully)

The Convention Book Team is ramping up for the August 2021 State Convention. At your next meeting, get approval for Convention Book Ads and Boosters! Prices are staying the same as before.

Convention Ad

Inside Front or Inside Back Cover (COLOR)	\$400.00
Full Page	\$200.00
Two Thirds Page	\$160.00
Half Page	\$120.00
One Third Page	\$100.00
One Sixth Page	\$ 65.00

Booster Page

1 Name/Entry \$ 5.00

Each District is asked to sponsor a Booster Page with a minimum of \$500.00

Finally, the Michigan Moose would like to Thank You for your membership and what you do for the Children at Mooseheart and our Senior members at Moosehaven. We also wish you and your family a Happy Easter, a Happy Spring, and safe travels.