



# Moose Times

Loyal Order of Moose, Brandon Moose Family Center 1880

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## Youth Congress Rocks Brandon By Lois Myers

Two busloads of teenagers pulled into the new Lodge parking lot on a Sunday evening about 5:30, and rocked the night away. Dancing to tunes provided by DJ David Thrasher, their boundless energy was the envy of the adult chaperones who had been with them for four days, as well as Brandon members who were having their first experience with the participants in the Moose International Youth Congress.

Fifty two high school age teens had come from all over the United States and Canada to participate in this annual four day weekend. To be selected for the weekend, each teen had given at least three Kids Talks to 4-9 year olds earlier in the year. Each State Association can send one teen. While at the Doubletree Hotel for the 4 days, they had the opportunity to hear from experts who gave them ideas on presenting their talks. These talks are aimed at teaching elementary children to make good choices in life, the theory being that children will accept the

wisdom of a teenager.

The stay in Tampa was not all work, however, as the teens kicked off their weekend with a karaoke party around the hotel pool, with music provided by Chuck Ross. They also enjoyed a day at Busch Gardens, and a Western theme party at the Zephyrhills Lodge. It was the Sock Hop at Brandon they looked forward to, however, as it was there that the scholarships were awarded.

Earlier in the day, the teens had each had a chance to tell the group what their Kids Talk subject was, and how they chose to present it to their grade school groups. Then, they voted among themselves as to who the winners of the scholarships should be. The first place winner was a second year participant in the Youth Congress, and a member of the Orlando Lodge. For his presentation on why students should stay in school, 17 year old Arthur Plowden received a \$7,000 scholarship a trip to the International Moose Convention in Las Vegas where he will ad-

dress the attendees on his experiences doing Kids Talks.

The second place winner, Kelly Pierce of Pennsylvania, received a \$3,000 scholarship, while Chelsea Kowallis, representing Alaska/Hawaii took home the third place, \$2,000 scholarship.

For the second time in a few weeks, Moose International Director of Fraternal program, Shawn Baile, was back in Brandon, this time with his wife and two young children. Shawn made the surprise announcement that next year the Moose Legion will fund the scholarships, and there will be five of them with the top prize being \$15,000!

All teens, ages 15-18, who are in their sophomore through senior years of high school, are eligible to participate in the local Youth Awareness program. A one day seminar will be given in the fall for all interested parties, where information and ideas of ways to give Kids Talks will be presented. For more information, contact the Administrator's office.

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## Governor's Report by Jim Persing

May started off with a bang as the lodge had the honor of hosting the Student Congress awards with a sock hop. Entertainment was provided by our own Dave & Dave. Hamburgers, hot dogs and fries were on the menu, and the "make your own ice cream sundaes" were a big hit. On a serious note, as we observed these young adults enjoying all that was being done, you couldn't help but notice how polite and thankful all these students were and how dedicated they were to both the program and to the support of each other.

As of this publication we have a new editor of our news letter, Cheryl Gardner, who will assume the awesome task of putting out our publication. I would ask that you give her your support. It also goes without saying that we all owe Lois Myers our many thanks for all her years of dedication, not

in only bringing our news letter up to a standard that we can be all proud of but also for receiving many awards both at the State and at the International level.

With a new year comes a new Board and new chairmen, all with new ideas to make our lodge more active and involved in the many activities and functions that are needed to continue to make our lodge the place to be. This however takes not only chairmen with ideas, but committee members willing to help implement these ideas. To that end I am asking all of our members to step up and support either one of the chairmen by joining his committee or letting one of the board

members know that given notice you could be available to assist when needed.

Chairmen that can use your support are:  
Carroll Hanes—Membership/Retention  
David Weatherbe—Community Service  
Tom Fouts—Family Activities  
Pat Kelly—Sports)  
Anyone interested in one of these committees please contact the chairmen.

At this time I am still looking for a chairman to fill the Government Relations Chair, if you are interested in this position, please contact me.

Brandon will be hosting the June District Meeting and all members are requested to attend and support your lodge.



### 4th of July Celebration!

The church next door has graciously invited us to join in their Independence Day Celebration. There will be plenty of food and soft drinks, and a Great Fireworks Display. Don't miss it!

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# SPECIAL MEETING FOR ALL LOOM MEMBERS

Thursday, June 12  
7:00 PM

The express purpose of this meeting  
is to discuss and vote on the proposed  
increase in the yearly dues  
for members of the  
Brandon Lodge 1880



### Administrator's Report by Chuck Myers

By now, many of you have been in our new Social Quarters and have had the pleasure of walking across our new, paved parking lot. I have heard many good comments about both, and it makes me feel good to know you appreciate what an accomplishment this is for our Lodge. Many times in the last five years, I have asked you to help us make this dream come true. It finally has, but the job is not finished.

Our mortgage payment began several months ago, and it will continue for many years. The need for each and every one of us to step up and accept our responsibility for contributing to the financial wellness of this Lodge is greater than ever. For those of you who have never made a contribution to the Building Fund, I urge you, no, implore you, to do so now. Pick up your check book and write a check to the Lodge for the amount you feel is your portion of the burden that you can afford right at the present time. Then, I hope you will put a note in that same checkbook to look at your situation in a few months to see if you can give something once again. For those of you who have given, and given so generously, I thank you, more than I can ever tell you. I have always known that the heart of this Lodge beats strong, and you have given me, and others on the Building Committee and the officers of the Lodge, the determination to see this project through to a successful completion.

Now that we have this beautiful building and fine parking lot, I am going to ask you to consider making it your personal project to see that it is kept in as pristine

condition as possible. How, you ask? Simply this: before entering the building, before throwing your cigarette on the ground, before emptying your ashtray outside your car window, before tossing your Burger King bag, **STOP AND THINK!** Is this the way you want others to treat our new facility? Of course not! Put your trash, your papers, drink cans, cigarettes, in the proper receptacle, or wait until you are home to dispose of these items! A few seconds of thought on your part can mean a much nicer looking parking area for everyone, and will save one of the kind souls of the Lodge who constantly clean up after someone else, a great deal of time.

Then, while you are inside the building, think again. Is there some small task you can do to keep things looking nice? Does the trash need to be emptied? Take it to the dumpster and ask the bar steward or an officer where you can get a replacement bag. Is there a table or a seating area that needs to be cleared? Do your part, and take care of it. Is there a need for some new paper goods in the rest room? Take the initiative to replace what's needed. The first time you might have to ask someone where the paper is, and/or how to fill it, but after that you can take care of the problem whenever the need arises. A couple of minutes on your part can mean a more enjoyable experience at the Lodge for everyone. Remember, this is **YOUR** Lodge!

The Lodge is as close to a second home as many of us will ever have. Please help us to keep it clean. You will feel good about doing something for your own Lodge and you'll make it that much nicer for everyone else.

Happy New Building, everyone!

### Newsletter Boosters

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## Member Spotlight

### My Mama

When I was just a little kid, starting to grow up,  
My Mama read me stories from every kind of  
book.

Some stories were silly, some were sad,  
Verses from the Bible about a wonderful lad.

I learned to love and learned to play  
My mother, self-taught, taught me more each  
day.

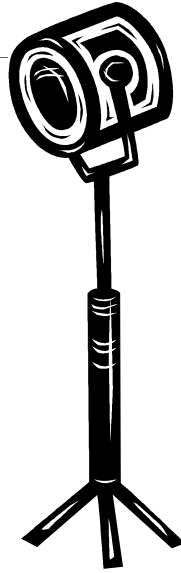
She taught me to knit, to sew, to cook,  
And how to read from every book.

Put a smile on your face; never go to bed mad,  
Your life will be sweeter, you'll never be sad.  
Sing His praises and pray, your fears go away,  
Yes, Mama, I remember at the end of the day.

As she closed her eyes the morning she died,  
Her smile was so peaceful, as I stood by her side.  
I clung to her hand and silently prayed,  
God bless you, Mama, a Mama God made.

— Beverly Bolivar —

Our own Chapter 1596 member, Beverly Bolivar, wrote this poem, and she has been featured in the International Who's Who in Poetry. Beverly will be going to Las Vegas on July 23rd to spend 3 days at the International Poetry Convention where she will receive an award as a semi-finalist. She will have the opportunity to read her poems on stage and the finalists will then be selected. We're rooting for you, Beverly, and we know you'll make us proud! Thank you Mary Ann Crosby for the submission! To nominate someone for a future Member Spotlight, send your submission to: [moosetimes1880@yahoo.com](mailto:moosetimes1880@yahoo.com).



## Thank you

A big thank you to all who helped to make the Youth Congress Sock Hop such a huge success: Lynda Dunn, Phyllis Lucas, Julie Sadler, David Thrasher, David Wetherbe, Jim Persing, Kay Persing, Bill Thorn, Bruce Devlin, Chuck Myers and Lois Myers.

*Thank you*

To everyone who donated  
towards the meat raffle. It  
was a great success!

J.T.

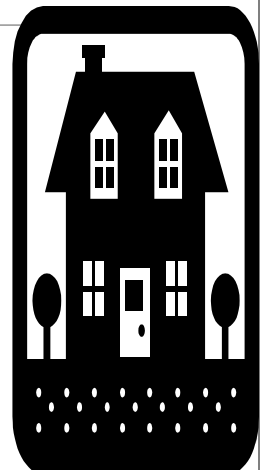


Dart winners in May were  
Phil Dunn and Rosie  
Jackson. Mega-Touch winner  
for "Monster Madness, was  
Dorean Devlin.




Moving? Already moved?  
Changed your phone number?  
Please let us know!

LOOM Members call:  
(813)689-6043

WOTM Members call:  
(813)689-1918



# June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Breakfast 9-11 AM \$5.00	2 House Comm. 7 PM Board Mtg 7:30 PM	3 Bingo 6:30 PM	4 WOTM Chapter Night 7:30 PM	5 Ribs & Macaroni Salad 5:30-7 PM—\$4.00 WOTM Orientation 7:30	6 First Friday Fish Fry Or Chicken Fingers 5-8 PM	7
8 DISTRICT MTG Brandon: Breakfast 9-11AM Pool 10AM Darts 11AM Meeting 1PM Bloodmobile 11AM-2PM	9 LOOM General Meeting 7 PM Moose Legion 8 PM Degree Dinner-Shells	10 Bingo 6:30 PM	11 WOTM Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	12 Spaghetti 5:30-7 PM <b>LOOM Mtg 7 PM</b> Dart Tournament 7:30	13 Snack Bar 5-8PM Pure Country Gold 7-10PM	14 TIPS Training 7:30AM Steak Dinner 6-8PM
15 Father's Day Breakfast 9-11AM	16 House Comm. 7 PM Joint Board 7:30 Board Mtg 8 PM	17 Bingo 6:30 PM	18 WOTM Business Meeting 7:30 PM	19 Open Face Roast Beef Sandwiches 5:30-7 PM—\$4.00	20 International Convention begins in Las Vegas	21
22	23	24 Bingo 6:30 PM	25 Texas Hold-Em 7:00 PM	26 Spaghetti 5:30-7 PM Dart Tournament 7:30	27 Snack Bar 5-8PM Karaoke w/ Chuck Ross 7-10PM	28 Moose Legion Celebration in Tarpon Springs
29 Moose Legion Celebration in Tarpon Springs Enrollment 1PM	30 LOOM Orientation 6 General Meeting & Enrollment 7 PM		Have you done something nice for someone today?		Give to the Building Fund!	



# Senior Regent's Report By Claudia Fouts



Hello Co-workers, friends and L.O.O.M. I hope all mothers had a great day. You know our men brought us breakfast in bed, did the laundry, took care of the kids, fed the animals....oh, wait a minute...that must have been a dream. Well it's no dream, we have had a very busy few weeks. The year end duties, Installations, helping out at the Student Congress Sock Hop and new procedures have kept us hopping.

An appreciation dinner hosted by Kay and Mike was held on April 23rd. On Saturday, April 26th, the joint installation of officers was held. Both dinners were awesome! A great big "THANK YOU" to those who helped in any way shape or form.

Orientation was held after the first Thursday dinner on May 1st. Phyllis does an excellent job with her presentation. She explains all aspects of W.O.T.M. There's no reason for anyone not

to know who and what we are when Phyllis is finished. KUDOS to you Phyllis!! The new co-workers in attendance were Patrice Knepp, Myrna Negron, Amy Howse, Anna Miller, Penny Rodgers and re-enrollment Debra Lloyd. Sponsors were Olga Pipino, Debbie Lowe, Sharon Wagner, Jennie Thrasher and Judy Musko. A great big welcome to the transfers from Plant City and they are, Mary Dayhoff, Donna Kincade, Frances Minnamon, Sandra Cribbs, Ethel Vazquez, Betty Council, Sylvia Gainey and Sherry Griffin. The dinner on May 15th. was Cuban chicken and yellow rice. We are still in need of ideas and volunteers for our two monthly dinners. All dinners are from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and cost \$4.00. No idea is a bad idea, just the unspoken ideas. May 5th was Chapter Activities Night. Installing Regent Lila had the honor of installing Beverly Bolivar, Jenny Griffin, Debbie Lowe, Connie Baccus and Marion Gardner. The Academy of Friend-

ship committee conducted the ring ceremony for two new friends, Claudia Fouts and Dorothy (Dot) Waddell. New co-worker Myrna Negron attended the meeting. Welcome Myrna. Finger foods and cake were provided afterwards. Again THANKS to all involved. Jobs well done!! Hello co-worker in the month of July. Don't know what this is?? Come to the Chapter Activities meeting July 2nd to find out. Happy Father's Day to all members. From 9:00-11:00 a.m. W.O.T.M. will serve breakfast, for free, to all L.O.O.M. fathers, children under ten \$2.50 all others \$5. There will be door Prizes and entertainment. Answer to last month's trivia is... PILGRIMS. This months question is... What was used to erase lead pencil marks before rubber came into use?? On an ending note, I would like to share a quote from Henry Ford with everyone. This is something that I truly believe. "Coming together is beginning. Keeping together is progress.

## Your WOTM Officers

- Senior Regent:  
Claudia Fouts
- Jr. Graduate Regent:  
Catherine Persing
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Angel Way
- Assistant Guide:  
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- Sentinel:  
Julie Sadler
- Argus:  
Sandra Lane

Working together is success." W.O.T.M. and L.O.O.M., let's all work together for the good of the lodge, Mooseheart, Moosehaven and our community.



Shari and Dusty Frane are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter, Brittney. Please come and join us for an open house on June 7th. 2 PM—??? 1008 Red Oak Circle. Call 389-0185 for directions.



### June Birthdays

Vickie Malloy	1	Ben Markham	16
Steven Lengel	1	Robin Taranto	17
Tobin Myers	2	Debra Fruth	18
Jac Mitchell	2	Marinell Rucker	18
Michelle Bragg	3	Dennis Grimes	18
Bill Ingraham	3	Veronica Niehaus	19
Donnie Kennington, Jr.	3	Beverly Roberts	19
James Halligan	3	Roger Couch	19
Wayne Bennett	3	Graylan Hodge	19
Karen Barker	4	Kenneth Soloski	19
Walter Wrobel	4	Brian Bennett	20
Cathleen Peterson	5	Gary Hadlock	20
Chris Sweeney	6	Sue Kelly	21
Rick Taylor	6	Mildred Turpin	21
Robert Whysong	6	Pat Orr	21
Dorothy Chowaniec	7	Ken Pyse	21
Carol Belsky	8	Keith Albertson	23
Maria Howell	8	Tim Willa	23
Kenneth Ulin	8	Lynda Dunn	24
Chuck Stallsmith	8	Janet Love	24
Mina Mardis	9	Keith Love	24
Charles Brannan, Sr.	9	Jim Sloan	24
Willard Archbald	10	Robert Dickie	25
Steve Coupe	11	Gary Toller	25
Howard Camp	12	Patricia Davis	26
Johnathan Kramer	12	Julie McKinney	26
Thelma Dauber	13	Lauren Paulus	26
Charles Burns	13	Deborah Rainard	26
Dan Boggs	13	Alex Drabin	26
Jack Spitler	13	Richard Nye	26
James Kennett	14	Shirley Crosby	27
Kathleen Crumbley	15	Beverly Valentine	27
Mike Floyd	15	Stephen Hogarth	27
Robert Held	15	June Cuchanan	28
Paul Swearengin	15	Judy DeLaurentis	28
Judy Burton	16	Nancy Phipps	28
Susan Derosse	16	William Dubois	28
Anita O'Neal	16	Bill McKeen	29
Tom Fouts	16		



**gimme five!**

### Wall of Honor

To those members who have donated to the GIMME 5 as an annual contribution and you don't see your name on the recognition Wall of Honor sheet located in the social quarters please contact either Dorean , myself, or Chuck Myers and we will gladly put your name on the form.

For those members wishing to learn more about the GIMME 5 you can also contact us and we will gladly tell you all about it as it is at the core of what the Moose stands for.

To support Mooseheart and the children who without our support would not have the opportunity to develop into adults that we can all be proud of and Moosehaven where our seniors in need receive the care they deserve is the obligation we all took when we choose to become a Moose and this program gives all of us an opportunity to meet those needs for just 10 cents a day.

Jim "Dr. Phil" Persing



### Moose Legion Report By Paul Gardner

Well, here we are once again with a brand new board. Along with the new board we welcome all the new faces of the Moose Legion in attendance at our first meeting. It was so

refreshing to see a long lost enthusiasm across the room. It was also great to hear some new ideas brought to the table.

One idea that was well received was the start of a new raffle. Some of the prizes that were discussed are sure to be exciting nights out for the lucky winners. More

details will follow in next month's newsletter.

C'mon all you Moose Legionaires! Bring your ideas to the meetings. Don't let just a handful of us do all the planning. Have an idea for a fun night out? Bring it to the meeting.

Not a member? Are you interested in joining the Moose Legion? Ask

any member for details. Or come talk to me. I'm Paul Gardner, your Moose Legion Chairman. Having been asked by our new Governor, Jim Persing, to retain my Chairmanship, I look forward to helping our ranks grow.

Let's all come together to make Brandon 1880 the very best we can be!



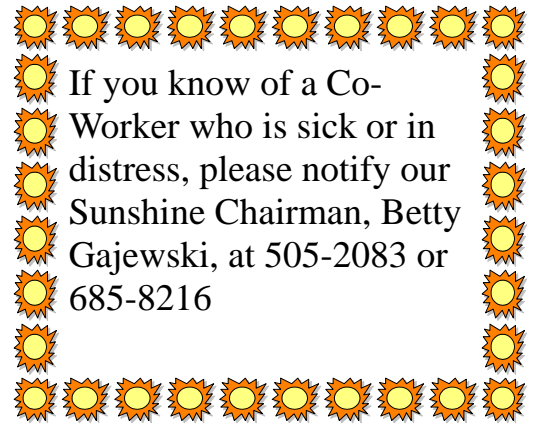
## Father's Day Breakfast

### Entertainment

### Door Prizes!

Sunday, June 15  
9:00 to 11:00 AM

Fathers eat **FREE**  
Children under 10: \$2.50  
All Others: \$5.00



If you know of a Co-Worker who is sick or in distress, please notify our Sunshine Chairman, Betty Gajewski, at 505-2083 or 685-8216

### *Bon Voyage!*

*As this, my first newsletter, goes to print, my mother-in-law and sister-in-law, Beverly and Barbara Gardner, are preparing to move home to Buffalo, New York. By the time it arrives in your mailbox, their move will be completed. I will miss them, and hope you will join me in wishing them well.*

*Mom, and Barb, there are new friends just waiting to meet you at a Moose Lodge in Buffalo!*

*All the best, always,  
Cheryl Gardner*



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