



State Pool Tournament

Reported by Pat and Sue Kelly

Brandon was represented by two teams at the State Pool Tournament in Orlando over the Labor Day weekend. One of our teams (Tom, Spyder, Jack & Brady) placed 3rd. Troy Hutchinson & John Goodin placed 3rd in the doubles. Spyder also placed 8th in the singles.



There were about 125 teams in team play and about 200 on doubles and 125 in singles. As you can tell this is quite an accomplishment. Congratulations to all who placed.

Orlando Lodge held a mini-tournament for the ladies on Saturday and Sunday. Karen Simpson

placed 5th on Sunday,

We all had a wonderful time. Made some new friends and visited with some old friends. It is always good to meet & greet. We look forward to the regionals along in February as this is preliminary for the state. Be thinking about

getting a team together. We have a lot of good pool players in our lodge and would like to see more teams representing our lodge. You can bet our other team (Pat, Troy, John, Bill & Chuck) will be back with a vengeance next year.

On the home front, our Wednesday night league did make the playoffs this last session but failed to advance. Our new session starts back up in a couple of weeks and we are looking forward to doing even better this session. POOL ANYONE???????

Divas Coming to Brandon

Recently, we enjoyed the song medleys of Cher, Monroe, Garbo and many others. Last year we had an evening with Patsy Cline. Now get ready for Streisand and Dion!



On Saturday, November 21st, Margo Anderson returns to the Lodge with her new show, the songs of Barbara Streisand and Celine Dion. Last year, Margo kept us captivated with her rendition of the life of Patsy Cline. Tickets are on sale now for only \$12, which includes a dinner and the show. Tables are reserved, so get your party together and come out for a night of music and dancing in the smoke-free Hall!

Mark your calendars and be sure to reserve your seat before it's too late!

Reminder:

****DISTRICT MEETING****
****Brandon****

October 11th @ 1PM
Pool & Darts @ 10 AM
Bloodmobile 11:30-2:30

Bring your children and grand-children for the headcount!

LUNCH AND KARAOKE
AFTER THE MEETING
Come show some support for your Lodge.

Check out the calendar for all the great bands, entertainment, food, and upcoming events during the month of October!

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The Moose Times is always looking for our next news story, a friendly reminder or any kind words. If you would like to submit something for the newsletter please put it in the envelope behind the bar (Just ask the steward) or email submissions to moosetimes1880@yahoo.com. The deadline is 10th of the month.

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Governor's Report
by Jim Persing

For those of you who missed the Vegas Review on the 12th of September, you did miss a good show and dinner, I would like to thank Sharon Wagner, Angel Way, and Linda Heatherly for volunteering their time to serve at this function and also to Lois Myers and Kay Persing for helping Al and myself in the kitchen with not only plating the meals but washing all those dishes and not to forget Dave Wetherbe for doing the table arrangement and setting them up. For all who enjoyed the show and for those who missed it and would like to see another one, keep an eye on the calendar and News Letter as we are planning another show for November.

Next month we will be hosting the District meeting which will be on the 11th of October, for all the new members this will give you an opportunity to meet members from other lodges, hear what they have at their lodges and see what the District does to support the Moose, and for all the members of Brandon this gives you an opportunity to show support for your lodge by attending the meeting. For those members who donate blood, we will have the Bloodmobile there.

The FBMA will be having their Annual Conference in Tampa from October 22nd through the 25th, any member in good standing can attend the meetings if they wish, and to learn more about the Moose and what is being done on a State wide basis to support Moose International and all its charitable endeavors. The Administrator has a pre-registration form for those who would like to attend, cost is \$6.00.

I would also like to thank Al Mugnai and his wife Kathy for putting together the Menu booklet and all the various fliers used to promote the meals offered at the lodge. Many members have commented on how they liked them and I am sure has helped increase sales. And I can't forget Dave Thrasher for keeping our calendar and information slide show updated with new graphics and pictures, remember when.

I would like to remind anyone interested in helping with any of the dinners, we can always use the help. There is a signup sheet in the Social Quarters for meals or just let any Board member know when you are available to help

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We will publish updates in the newsletter and in the social quarters.

By the way gentlemen, the ladies have just about caught up with us in membership!

Are we going to allow the girls to have more members than we do?

Phil Dunn, Membership & Retention Chairman



Administrator's Report by Chuck Myers

Where oh where are all our sponsors of new candidates this year? While one third of the fiscal year is gone, we have not yet reached one third of our quota! This really surprises me, as I thought with our new facilities we would really be signing them up. Last year we had more than 10 percent of our membership sign up at least one candidate. Let's get busy and start talking up the benefits of becoming a Moose member!

On the subject of signing up new candidates, the following members have awards waiting for them in the Administrators office. Please stop by and pick up your award. This year you can qualify for cash, so make sure you always have an application with you.

Steve Coupe, Peter Baker, Gerry Westfall, Don Jones (2), Don Thomas, Robert Every, Larry Sandoval, Gordon Baccus, John Robert Brown, Larry Arnold, Mike

Boone, Ernest Bright, Brian Shearer, Hank Foot, Mike Calhoun and Chuck Scanlan. Congratulations! Keep up the good work!

As you may have read in the Moose Magazine, the International convention for 2010 will be held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. The rooms are going very, very quickly, so if you have any intention of attending what promises to be a really great convention next year, make your reservations NOW. My son that lives in Nashville tells me it's already the talk of the town. Should be fun!

On a personal note, once again, I thank all of you for your many cards, phone calls, visits, dinners, kind thoughts, and even a haircut! My illness has only served to reinforce my belief that Moose people have the biggest hearts. It has been great to see some of you every now and then and I hope to see a great deal more of you in the very near future.

Meat Raffle

Thank you everyone for your donations and participation in the meat raffle last month.



Next Meat Raffle
October 18th @ 3PM

Donations are always needed.

See you there!

-J.T.

From the Kitchen

I would like to thank everyone for their donations and valuable time. Thank you to all Moose members for their support of kitchen functions. Remember that all profits go to maintain our Lodge.

Thank you,
Alex



Relay for Life Yard Sale

Team Home Advantage Pet Care is hosting a Yard Sale on Saturday, October

3rd at 6:30 AM in the Moose Lodge parking lot.

Donations are Needed! We are asking for any items that you may have lying around the house and would like to donate to a great cause. All proceeds will go to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Moose Lodge Members can drop off items at the Lodge.

If you have any questions please email

Amber@homeadvantagepetcare.com

ATTENTION WOTM CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

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Senior Regent's Report By Lynda Dunn

I would like to take this time to personally thank all you ladies, and gentlemen too, for the continued effort you are making to support our chapter. You have always been there when we need you. We appreciate each and every one of you and we could not make this work without your help.

Amber Roland will be holding a fundraiser on November 7, and MEN she needs your help. She will be having a BEAUTY PAGEANT. If any of you men are brave enough to step up and let them dress you up, please see Amber, or sign your name on the sign up sheet on men's bulletin board. Ladies, there is a sign up sheet in the ladies room also. I'm sure there is a nice prize for the best dressed. This sounds like a lot of fun, please come out and support this fundraiser.

Ladies, our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. We have orientation on the 1st Thursday, 7:30 pm, of each month. We will have Saturday morning orientation, if needed. Check your calendar. We are still looking for some cooks. The WOTM take to the kitchen on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Dinner's are served from 5:30 til 7:00 pm, \$4.00 a plate. If you would like to help us out, please let me know. Thank you in advance. We have been having some really awesome dinners.

Jenny Griffin is making her

famous "Crawfish Etouffee" on Oct. 1st. For those of you that have had it before, you know it is delicious. October 15th, Warren Titus is cooking for the WOTM. He is making his famous recipe of Lasagna with Homemade Bread. Thank you Warren. Everyone please try to come out and support these dinners.

District Meeting will be held in our lodge on October 11th. Please be inside for head count before 1:00 pm. Hope to see you all there. Bring the kids, bring the grandkids... J

October 4th – 1940's Speakeasy Fundraiser By: Tracy Monteleone, Moosehaven Chairman
Big Band Music, Membership Drawings 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
\$5.00

REMEMBER

Claudia Fouts, Ways and Means, is still looking for your pictures from THEN & NOW. Leave pictures of yourself, when you were a small child and a fairly recent picture from now, behind the bar, with your name on back of both pictures. There is an envelope there marked THEN & NOW behind the bar. This will be part of her fundraiser. The pictures will be posted on a board and there will be a donation of \$2.00 to try and match which pic-

tures go together. We will post the date as soon as possible. But we need to start getting your pictures now. Come on and bring in those pictures, this can be very amusing. J I know no one could guess my childhood picture with my picture from today...how about yours? Give us a chance.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Mary Slater, Susan Norris, Charlee Musgrove, Sunnie Brunhild, Sandra McMasters
Thank you sponsors!

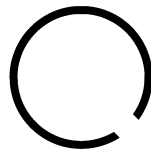
October 3rd - GOLF TOURNAMENT - Good Luck Golfers
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DEGREE DINNER- Monday, October 12th – 6:00 pm
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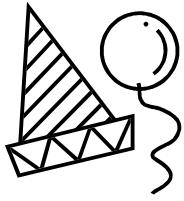
The members of the Brandon Moose Lodge #1880 and Chapter #1596 offer their prayers and extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Lila Peters (August 30th)

and

Joan Reichard (September 19th)





October Birthdays



Barbara Brown	1	Ruby Wheeler	8	Jon Trelease	18	Patrick Padilla	25
George Minnamon	1	Mark Anderson	8	Lisa Morrison	19	Bill Sommerlott	25
Vickie Brown	2	Anita Mills	9	Leslie Coleman	19	Anthony Cartagena	26
Lisa Fleming	2	William Reavis	9	Mark Potter	19	Sharon Prazak	27
Loren Coleman	2	Rich Wiebler	9	Joe Wanat	19	Sharon Schubert	27
Barbara Lassiter	3	Jane Whitslar	10	Denise Baginski	20	Rob Khatib	27
Debra Lloyd	3	Frank Kelly	10	Richard Coupe	20	Bill Thorne	27
Joyce Titus	3	Charma Leonard	11	David Thrasher	20	Joy Fisher	28
Cindi Ziegler	3	Debbie Linesberry	11	Ernest Woodbury	20	Heather Weiss	28
Jesus Ariza	3	Lisa Adkins	12	Daniel Ziegler	20	Robert Ganz	28
William Perkins	3	Joan LaClair	12	Michael Azzaro	21	Kim Peacock	28
Chuck Sammons	3	Tom Ellington	12	Ted Jackson	21	Linda Barrow	29
Joyce Downs	4	Joe Antala	13	Mark Mertens	21	Tina Brown	29
Elizabeth Vittetoe	4	Michael Williams	13	James Shaw	21	Janet Lawson	29
Jeff Dauphinee	4	Barbara Carzis	14	Mike Solana	21	Lila Peacock	29
Chuck Ross	4	Doris Dry	14	Chauncey Senter	21	Susanne Senna	29
Victoria Delafield	5	Howard Sweetin	14	Beverly Drabin	22	David Reddin	29
Dee Valenzuela	5	Theresa Poeller	15	Annette Hutto-Brown	22	Annie Eastman	30
Michael Barnes	5	Richard Knepp	15	Jerry Porter	22	Jacqueline Hill	30
Brady Keys	5	Danny Ross	15	Norman Richards	23	Anne Schleichert	30
Robert Tucker	5	Mark Altman	16	William Vent, Sr.	23	John Danco	30
Elizabeth Markel	6	Nicole Gunnoe	17	Gerald Walker	23	Don Hartley	30
John Bowersox	6	Lucy Sallee	17	Debra Harrison	24	Victor Randle	30
John Wallace	6	Dorothy Styron	17	Stan Morgan	24	Wayne Starner	30
Shanna Schell	7	Jane Wright	17	Albert Pfarr	24	James Barfield	31
Chuck Myers	7	Judy Azzaro	18	Patricia Padilla	25	Michael Linnan	31
Robert Sparks	7	Mary Ellen Bitsolli	18	Edith Parks	25	Bob McGrew	31
Diane Ferrell	8	Julieann Goggans	18				



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LET'S TALK ABOUT MOOSEHEART

By Phil Dunn

In last month's newsletter I talked about what a rewarding experience it was to have the opportunity to visit the Mooseheart campus, to attend the 5th grade and the 8th grade promotions and the high school graduation. These kids are so grateful for the opportunity you, as Moose members, have given them that I wanted to publish some of the speeches I had the pleasure of hearing first hand in hopes you would gain a greater understanding of just how much your generosity means. They are able to say it much better than I can.

Read and listen with your mind and your heart to the speech given by
Krystal Ellsworth, Mooseheart Senior

Good morning, I'm really excited to see you here today to witness this memorable moment. The first thing that come to mind this morning was, not only would I have to talk in front of thousands of people but also that my class and I are graduating.

Each of us have a very different story to tell, but we are all here because of what we were able to accomplish at Mooseheart. Here, students are able to live in a safe environment that will allow them to grow, learn, and feel accepted. I never knew how it felt to be accepted until I came here. Not only me, but many of the children who come here are allowed the opportunity to feel unity, friendship, security, and develop everlasting bonds. The bonds we have formed

within the homes and at school can never be replaced and will be cherished throughout the years.

We are the future, because of Mooseheart, we were given a second chance at being successful; a second chance at accomplishing life goals we never thought possible. If I hadn't come here, I would never have been able to play on a basketball team, join the band and the 4-H club, become a member of the peer ministry team, and know what it felt like to have brothers and sisters. Mooseheart has made that possible not only for me, but for the class of 2009 as well.

Over the years, I have witnessed six graduations. Six moments in time I never really understood the importance of, until now. This is the moment to reflect on everything we

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By Phil Dunn

have gone through. We've bonded as a class, as friends, as family. When we leave, we need to remember that even though we have no one telling us what to do we still have to make good decisions. We will always have the memories of our senior year and now, we can add this moment to our treasured memories.

My classmates mean a lot to me especially since we had our senior retreat.

Nathan, the compassion you show for others will benefit you greatly in the medical field. Reid, your optimistic attitude and sense of humor always brought smiles to our faces. We are going to miss your southern personality and Charm.

Chris, you stand for what you believe in, your courage and determination will be an inspiration to others.

Kami, not only do you have a strong will, but you have the determination to achieve your dreams and overcome any obstacle that comes your way.

Sean, you always had a way of making people laugh, though I think sometimes it was because we couldn't understand what you were saying.

Heather, you are comfortable being who you are and I envy that.

Gabe, you have a strong faith and will. You show people anyone can have a big dream and make it come true.

Addy, if everyone in Canada were like you, I would move there, you're fun to hang with and are never dull.

Randy, you have the most generous heart of all, we were always guaranteed a "hello" and smile from you every day.

Blake, you have a strong head on your shoulders and with it you will achieve your goals.

Basheeba, your undying strength, both on and off the court, will get you far. Your talents are incredible and personality is hard to

miss.

Parker, your inner strength and passion is an inspiration to others.

Marco, your comical personality brings laughter out of everyone.

Aminat, your unwavering confidence will help you through the many challenges to come.

Sarah, you can always find something to talk about even with someone you don't know.

Kim, You are a prime example of what happens when you keep trying. You kept believing in yourself and now you are sitting on this stage, you have succeeded.

Sierra, your assertiveness is the key, and with it, you will open many doors.

Alex, your unique and straight forward personality defines you.

Sandra, your laid back attitude and leadership style are two of your strongest qualities.

Stacy, no matter what, you have always been there for us if we needed someone to talk to or to help with any problems. I will miss you most.

Eric, you were always the one we went to for help if we were having problems with any kind game system or electronic device.

And finally, Brandon, Ethan, and Davon, you three always had a way of making the whole class laugh. The future holds a lot for you.

Remember to hold your heads up high and help each other through.

I want everyone here to remember that forever we will be the class of 2009. No matter how great the distance between us and no matter how hard the challenges, remember, together we helped each other get this far, TOGETHER, we made this happen.

However, none of this would have been possible without the generous support of the

Moose. I always ask myself, "what if .." The future would have been different for me and probably for those on stage with me now. I'm glad I was given the opportunity to be loved by those that care for me and learn what it is like to love them in return. They are the reason I have a future, why my classmates have a future. I cannot find enough words that would explain how much these past years have meant to our class and me.

Each senior may have a different story to tell, but those stories come together and have formed, not only a piece of Moosehearts history, but a treasured memory that will never be forgotten, both by the seniors and the Moose.

Thank you a million times over for your hard work, your generosity, and your unfailing support. The teachers, the mentors, and adults on campus and the Moose, you all have made an impact on each of us. We have a reason to believe in ourselves because we know we have people who care. Thanks again.

Like I said, she is far more compelling than I am. She and all the other kids at Mooseheart are the reason I like being Moose and I hope they are a big reason you belong to the best fraternal organization in the world. You can go on to the Moose International web site and go to the members only section, then go to Mooseheart and you can watch the video of Heather Hensley and other kids tell it in their own words.

The next time you are in the Lodge when we have 9:00 ceremony and we ask that you give for the kids at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven, you will remember this child's story and know that every child at Mooseheart has a compelling story of how YOU have changed their lives. Always remember they are counting on each and every Moose member to be there for them for no man or woman stands taller than when they stoop to help a child.





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