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## Brandon Pool Teams in Orlando Tournament

By Pat and Sue Kelly

The Brandon Lodge was well represented @ the recent Jack & Jill Pool Tournament which was held at The Orlando Lodge in February. We had three teams of four, and all three teams made the play-offs! Everyone had a wonderful time as the Jack & Jill tournament is



always a lot of fun. The teams were:

Ethel, Ken, Jenny & Flash  
Sherry, Jerry, Betty & Scott  
Pat, Sue, Chuck & Karen

The team of Ethel, Ken, Jenny & Flash placed 5th in the "A" Division.



The team of Pat, Sue, Chuck & Karen placed 4th in the "B" division.

Congratulations to all!



### Your LOOM Officers

Governor:  
Jim Persing

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# Governor's Report

by Jim Persing

Election time comes to Brandon. On April 13<sup>th</sup> at the first General Meeting for April the elections for your new Board of Officers will take place. All good standing members of our lodge will have the opportunity to cast their ballot for the candidates that they want to guide our lodge through the next year. This year we have several new members that have stepped up to the challenge and wish to become members of the Board. I congratulate those members for their willingness to get more involved, and for dedicating the time and energy that it will take over the next year to keep Brandon one of the premier lodges in Florida. They will have the opportunity to bring new ideas and a new energy to the Board that is essential not only to maintaining, but also to growing our lodge.

I would like to thank all those members who have volunteered their time over the past year. To those who helped in putting on the many functions at the lodge, those who worked on the "Adopt-a-Road," those who lent their talents and materials to complete the new Social Quarters and to all those who

were there when needed. This lodge has become a better place because of all your efforts.

For those members who haven't heard, one of our members, Robert Pritt, who had transferred from Plant City and was not only a Fellow in the Moose, but a friend to everyone he met, passed away suddenly on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He didn't have much but what he had he gave willingly and he will be missed.

For those members wanting to know what's going on in the Florida Moose you can go on [www.floridamoose.org](http://www.floridamoose.org) which has links to all lodges in Florida and if you are interested in the international just go to [www.Mooseintl.org](http://www.Mooseintl.org) which will give you updates on fraternal activities. Plus, you can pay your dues online from the members only section. You can also check your status on the members that you have signed up, and get online training and documents such as the up to date general laws, etc. Everything you want to know is there.

## Coming Next Month!

On May 16th, there will be a Preferred Members dinner. Those who are eligible will receive an invitation letter soon. Please respond to that letter as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly!

Don't Forget to VOTE!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 WOTM Chapter Night 7:30 PM	2 Tacos 5:30 - 7PM WOTM Orientation 7:30 PM Happy Hour with Tracey 5:30-7:30	3 Fish Fry 5 - 8 PM Music by Buddy Canova 8 - 11 PM	4 Snack Bar 5-8 PM (Fellows) The Smokers 8 - Midnight
5 Meat Raffle 3:00 PM Donations Needed! Double Barrell Band 5 - 8 PM	6 House Comm. 7 PM Board Mtg 7:30 PM Degree Dinner Fred's Market	7 Bingo 6:30 PM	8 WOTM Board Mtg 7:00 PM	9 Spaghetti 5:30 - 7PM Music by Double Shot 6 - 9 PM Darts 7:30 PM	10 Fish Fry 5 - 8PM The Howlin' Buzz Blues Band 8 - Midnight	11 Snack Bar 5-8 PM (Moose Legion) Music by CJ Clark 8 - Midnight
12 EASTER	13 Fellowship Mtg 6 PM LOOM General Mtg. 7:00 PM Moose Legion 8 PM	14 Bingo 6:30 PM	15 WOTM Business Mtg & Elections 7:30 PM Installation Rehearsal after the meeting	16 Dinner 5:30 - 7PM MooseRiders 7:00 PM Music by Mark Sprouse 6 - 10 PM	17 State Conference Snack Bar 5-8 PM (Moose Riders) Karaoke with Chuck Ross 7 - 11 PM	18 State Conference Steak Dinner 6 - 8 PM Music by Gari 8 - 11 PM
19 State Conference Acad'y of Friendship	20 House Comm. 7PM Joint Board 7:30 PM Board Mtg 8 PM	21 Bingo 6:30 PM	22 WOTM Appreciation Dinner 6:00 PM	23 Spaghetti 5:30 - 7PM Music by Calvin O 5 - 9 PM Darts 7:30 PM	24 Snack Bar 5-8 PM (WOTM) Memphis Highway 8 - Midnight	25 Joint Installation LOOM @ 3:00 PM WOTM @ 4:00 PM Dinner @ 5:30 PM Kosmic Pearl 8 - Midnight
26 District Meeting Interbay 1:00 PM Hall Rented	27 LOOM Orientation 6:00 PM General Meeting 7:00 PM	28 Bingo 6:30 PM	29 WOTM Green Cap Meeting 7:30 PM	30 Spaghetti 5:30 - 7PM		 gimme five! See Dorean Devlin or Chuck Myers!



## Administrator's Report

By Chuck Myers

The Moose Stimulus Program, whereby the normal twenty dollar application fee for a new candidate is waived, has been a resounding success, both in our Lodge and throughout the Moose fraternity. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity won't last forever, so take advantage of it now. Tell your friends, relatives and neighbors about it. Remember, it also applies to the Moose Legion, so if you have qualified to obtain the Second Degree, this is definitely the time to do it. For all Lodge applications, please turn them in NO LATER than Wednesday, April 29th. If you wait until the 30th, it will be too late to transmit them to Moose International and they won't qualify for the reduced rate.

Frequently our Lodge donates money or goods of another sort, and many times the general membership doesn't even know about them. Recently, the Lodge gave \$2,000.00 to the Nativity Food Pantry. If you are not familiar with this group, it is a ranch of Nativity Catholic Church, and has a warehouse in Dover from which thousands of pounds of food are distributed to those in need. In fact, one of our own long-time members, Curt Davis, volunteers his time to drive a truck for the Food Pantry, which is the largest one in the United States. Of course, most of you are familiar with the Foster Angel tree and all the gifts we collected at Christmas time, but did you know we also collected new pajamas for foster children as well as Toys for Tots? Our MooseRiders group donated \$250.00 to a family in need at the holiday season. And the Lodge gave \$100 gift cards to needy families as well as toys and bikes. 372 pounds of food and \$100.00 went to Metropolitan Ministries. Then National Fire Safety Council received \$180.00 to purchase fire safety materials for elementary school children, and \$150.00 was donated to Autism Speaks. We purchased ads in the Shriner's Circus program, and have thus far this year donated \$290.00 to Special Olympics.

Currently, we are selling Muscular Dystro-

phy name cards in the Social Quarters for \$1.00. We continue to collect used printer cartridges and cell phones, and we recently sent off a large box of about forty pounds of them to a company who converts them to money for Mooseheart. In the past month, we have given several containers of aluminum cans tabs to the Shriners, weighing over 75 pounds, and we received a thank you from them saying the cash they receive for them is used to purchase materials to make things for the Children's Hospital, such as covers for crutches, so they don't hurt the patients' arms. Such a simple thing as an aluminum can tab can add up to so much, can't it? We continue to collect Box Tops for Education and send them off to Moose Charities to be used to purchase items for our schools at Mooseheart. Recently we delivered several afghans which were crocheted by two of our WOTM members, Ethel Vasquez and Sandra Griffin, to our seniors in the Life Care Center at Moosehaven. We also took some jigsaw puzzles and paperback books up there. Sandra Griffin also knitted some warm ski caps for the students at Mooseheart.

There are other programs of community service going on in the lodge and Chapter, most of which do not receive much, if any, publicity. If you would like to become involved in some of these things, please do so. Bring in you aluminum cans, tabs, Box Tops, coupons for our soldiers overseas, left over yarn for the ladies who knit and crochet, or whatever you may be interested in doing. The Moose is all about doing for others, both in our own local community, as well as at Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Want to feel good about yourself? Get involved!



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Patricia Davis	12/10	Jerry Perry	01/21
Paul & Cheryl Gardner	12/10	Dorwin Berrier	10/38
Carroll D. Haines	12/10		

Newsletter Boosters help to defray the costs of printing and mailing the Moose Times. For five dollars per year, you may add your name to this list. Send your check, payable to LOOM to P. O. Box 108, Valrico, FL 33595.

**New Newsletter Editor**

It has been my pleasure to serve as Newsletter Editor for the last several months. Unfortunately, I have too much on my plate to continue. Therefore, beginning next month, new Co-worker Kristen Oliver will become the Newsletter Editor. Kristen only joined the WOTM last month, and already she's stepping up to help out. Please give her your support.

Please continue to email your newsletter submissions to moosetimes1880@yahoo.com.

*Cheryl Gardner*

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### Senior Regent's Report

This chapter year is coming to a close very soon. Remember to bring your current member card to the meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and vote for your new officers. These will be the co-workers leading you next year. They will need all of the help, ideas and assistance that we are able to give. Please honor all commitments that you make. Things go smoother that way. Have a great chapter year.

There will be a co-worker appreciation dinner on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We will have pork roast, roasted potatoes, green beans and fruit. There will be a sign up sheet in the ladies restroom (sorry, it's the only place to be seen by all), so that we can get an estimation for food. The dress is casual! Hope to see you there.

### New Co-Workers in February and March

New Co-Worker	Sponsor	New Co-Worker	Sponsor
Susan Simeone	Tracy Adelhouser	Amanda Savacool	Joan Roland
Donna Ippolito	Dorean Devlin	Amanda Molinaro	Joan Roland
Elizabeth Vittetoe	Kathleen Downey	Kristen Oliver	Joan Roland
Nancy Dube	Lynda Dunn	Catherine Zielinski	Joan Roland
Maureen Halfman	Tracy Halfman	Amber Roland	Joan Roland
Jean Thomas	Barbara Hickle	Jean Barnes	Jeanne Thrasher
Irma Proctor	Louise Jones	Marian Dale	Angel Way
Melissa Donnini	Tracey Monteleone	Mary Ann DiNatale	Dawn Wetherbe
Debra Harrison	Lois Myers	Katherine Crider	Vickie Willis
Teresa Harrison	Lois Myers	Phyllis Dodrill	Marlene Woods
Terri Garrison	Kay Persing		

### By Claudia Fouts

Joint installation will be held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Dress attire is requested. Come and see your new officers installed for 2009 - 2010.

Welcome, to our new co-workers, and thank you to their sponsors. Hope to see you at the meetings.

I would like to thank all of the co-workers that have helped in any way, shape or form. Phyllis, Angel and Lynda, a very special THANK YOU. The three of you were in the kitchen on most Thursday nights. Thank you so much. Phil, Little Phil and Tom, the three of you helped out quite often. Thank you. Please support you new officers and have a great year.

### Your WOTM Officers

Senior Regent:  
Claudia Fouts

Jr. Graduate Regent:  
Catherine Persing

Junior Regent:  
Sonja Ellsworth

Chaplain:  
Lynda Dunn

Secretary/Treasurer  
Phyllis Lucas

Recorder  
Mary Anne Crosby

Guide:  
Angel Way

Assistant Guide:  
Marion Gardner

Sentinel:  
Julie Sadler

Argus:  
Sandra Lane

**Special Thank You** goes out to Sandra Griffin. In August, I mentioned to her that the children at Mooseheart could use winter hats. Sandra knitted a box full of hats for the children at Mooseheart. We have sent them up there and I know they will be put to good use. Sandra also made Afghans for the seniors at Moosehaven, and they too were much appreciated. *Kay Persing*

Brandon Moose Legion wishes to Congratulate Bruce Devlin. On March 22, Bruce was awarded the Brandon Moose Legionnaire of the Year, and he was installed as the new Moose Legion District President. Way to go, Bruce!

*Paul Gardner*



# April Birthdays

Mary Brooks	1	Sherrri Robbins	12	Gary Cooper	20
Maurice Halle	1	Adrian Smude	12	Brad harper	21
Mark Levy	1	Marilyn Walls	13	Richard Schaefer	21
Jodana Guy	2	Ron Morobitto	13	Joyce Strachan	22
Donald Cornett	2	Ernesto Santiago	13	Jerry Ferrell	22
Joseph Lomsak	2	Betty Eskridge	14	Beth Sistrunk	23
Lois Garvin	3	Myrna Negron	14	David Lindsay	23
Robert Fleming	3	Donald Johnson	14	Mike Lomsak	23
Christopher Tucci	3	Lily Brown	15	Patricia Sandoval	24
Linda Floyd	4	Abel Garcia	15	Richard Leonard	24
Mary Rowe	4	Lawrence Wright	15	Janet Levy	25
Carroll Haines	4	Susan Becker	16	J. Guy	25
Dora Everingham	5	Kevin Vaneepoel	16	Mark McDade	25
Kristen Oliver	6	Ellen Perkins	17	Terry Long	26
James Runkel	6	JoAnn Creamer	18	Yvonne Morales	27
Diana Cooper	7	John Aberle	18	Kyle Thomas	27
Maxanne McKenzie	7	George Borcheck	18	Willis Ham	27
Larry Mitchell	8	Hank Focht	18	James Persing	27
Sanya Browes	9	Tommy Holland	18	Daisy Forsythe	28
Vivienne Johnson	9	Misty Borsdorf	19	Jill Keys	29
George Deffner	9	Candy Brown	19	Thomas Haase	29
Gregory McGowan	9	Teresa dunn	19	James McGovern	29
Roland Leachman	10	Vickie Singletary	19	James Wright	29
Nanci Chadwick	11	Michael Hutchison	19	William Yates	29
James Mills	11	Randi Gonzalez	20	Cynthia Strickland	30
Larry Worcester, Jr.	11	Donna Lloyd	20	William Davis	30

## Winners!

On February 26th, Ernie Watson and Lynda Dunn won the Dart Tournament, and Ernie had a Hat Trick!

On March 12th, the Dart winners were Skip Hickle and Bill Ingraham.

Bruce Devlin won the February Texas Hold 'em Tournament.

**Congratulations to all the Winners!**

## Other April Birthdays!

- 2—Ron "Horshack" Palillo, Emmylou Harris, Marvin Gaye, Buddy Ebsen
- 6—Marilu Henner, John Ratzenberger, Merle Haggard, Billie Dee Williams, Butch Cassidy
- 12—Vince Gill, David Cassidy, David Letterman, Tom Clancy, Tiny Tim, Ann Miller
- 23—Valerie Bertinelli, Sandra Dee, Lee Majors, Roy Orbison, Shirley Temple
- 30—Isiah Thomas, Willie Nelson, Cloris Leachman, Eve Arden

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