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Plan That Party!

Sure, it's only October 21st, but if October 22nd comes around can the month of May and the Preferred Member Party be far behind?

Who is chairman of your 2010 Preferred Member Party? Has he submitted an outline of what he envisions the needs of next year's party to be? If there is a need for funds, has he approached the Board of Officers for direction and instruction? Has he cre-

ated a plan to raise funds on his own? Has he decided to create a theme for this year's party, such as "We're a piece of the solution!" party!

You can see that accepting the job as chairman has many challenges, and it's not too early to begin to lay plans now to assure a successful party next May.

PREFERRED MEMBERS ARE WORTH EVERY EFFORT!

A Matter of Attitude

It really doesn't matter what kind of "tude" that you possess--aptitude, gratitude, etc. -- The "tude" that really matters most is ATTITUDE!

If a lodge wishes to attract new members and to retain existing members, then (shades of "The Friendliest Place in Town--A Moose Lodge") the process begins as one drives up to the lodge.

The parking lot should be free of debris and of weeds growing in the cracks (The cracks ought to have been sealed!). The lawn should be kept neatly mowed. The entrance must be clear of cigarette butts and other debris, and it must smell good! There ought to be no trees, etc. growing in the gutters of the roof.

Once a person broaches the doorway, he ought not to be struck down by the foul odor of cigarettes and stale beer; the carpets and walls ought to be clean and free from defects. On anticipated busy nights, a greeter ought to be at the door to welcome members and guests and to assist them as needed.

Restrooms should be CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN! Restrooms should smell clean!

We realize that the larger the lodge, the less likely that members are going to recognize Lodge Officers. That's the reason, on busy nights, that Lodge Officers ought at the least to wear badges proclaiming their officers. Officers can't be expected to be at the lodge 24/7, but whenever an officer is there, he needs to step forward to greet a member, especially if the member has a guest in tow, and let both know how welcome is their presence. In short, officers MUST LEAD BY EXAMPLE!

Let's consider the role, now, of servers. Note that we didn't say 'bartender.' The reason is that all lodge servers--bartenders, waiters, and waitresses--fall under the category of 'servers.'

Nobody likes a surly server, whether a bartender or a member of the wait-staff. If you've seen the western movie "Lonesome Dove," starring Tommy Lee Jones and Robert Duval, you've got to remember the scene at a famous bar in San Antonio, TX, in which Jones and Duval, dusty from the trail, were ignored, treated with disdain by a foppish sort of bartender, and offended. When the bartender finally deigns to acknowledge them and their order,

he quite uninterestedly pushed two whiskey glasses toward them and shoved a bottle of whiskey in their direction, and demanded payment. Duval paid the price, poured a drink for him and Lee, then got the bartender's attention because he wanted another drink.

Again, the bartender was nasty in response; so, Duval, pulled his pistol and whacked the bartender alongside the head, grabbed the bartender's hair and slammed his face on the bar, busting his nose, drank his whiskey, threw the glass in the air and shot it, then proclaimed to all present, "I CAN'T STAND A SURLY BARTENDER!"

Think about the many servers whom you've encountered in Moose Lodges over your years of membership. How many of them fit the 'surly' category? Now consider the bartender pictured below.



Michelle Tennison, stewardess and Social Quarters Manager of Gahanna 2463.

Can you imagine the joy she brings to her Lodge? Can you imagine a member who would be 'put out' with her behavior? Wouldn't you like to have her manage your Social Quarters?

Notice that everything under discussion in this article costs very little money. It's all a "matter of attitude!"

The defense rests!

A brief look at Friday's Business Session . . .



Annual Joint Memorial Service Well Attended!



Once the Memorial Service had been concluded, President Arnie Holley began the session with roll call, followed by many committee reports.



ABOVE: Secretary John R Sipes reads the minutes of previous meetings. LEFT: Community Service Committee makes its report.



Afternoon Session saw well over \$100,000 in donations at the Parade of Checks



Friday also saw a special Trainers Meeting, with Bob Haley and Dwaine Brown in charge. Most trainers were assigned with visits. We also decided to create fundraisers to raise funds for needed equipment.

At noon 68 Pilgrims met for the Pilgrim Luncheon. OV Griswold, Dan Albert, and John Sipes made remarks.

The afternoon business session included committee reports and parades of checks which garnered as follows:

- Ohio Special Olympics - \$31,000+
- Mooseheart Field House Project - \$81,000
- Special Olympics Tent Town - \$8,000+

Many Lodges received plaques in recognition of their outpouring of concern as evidenced by their Community Services and contributions.





Tent Town Chairman Dave Yutzy Honors Women of the Moose while a Guest of Their Session

2008-09 Community Services Chairman Don Leptak and Tent Town Chairman Dave Yutzy enjoyed being guests at a session of the Women of the Moose.

Yutzy presents plaques to Chapters which contributed \$100 or more to Tent Town. Pictured below are Yutzy with Dep. Grand Regent Carolyn Arbuckle and Leptak. Bottom right Sharon Miller, Mount Vernon Chapter 100 receives their plaque.



Let's Talk Moose Legion For A Moment . . .

The 2009 Moose Legion 43rd Annual ritual Competition & Conference, hosted by the Moose Legions of Indiana at the Sheraton Hotel, Indianapolis, IN, takes place on November 4th - 8th.

Go To www.ohiomoose.com to copy a pdf on the following:

- 2009 Moose Legion Conference Agenda
- 2009 Moose Legion Conference Airport Shuttle/Driving Instructions
- 2009 Moose Legion Conference Registration Form
- 2009 Moose Legion Conference Lodging Form
- 2009 Moose Legion Conference Golf Outing
- 2009 Moose Legion Conference Order Form
- 2009 Moose Legion Conference Ritual Entry Form

Briefly the Conference Agenda, tentatively, is this:

Wednesday, Wednesday November 4th

- 9:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. Moose Legion Council Meeting
- 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Casino Bus Trip to Hosier Downs (Pre-Registration Only)
- 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. General Registration (Moose Legionnaires and Ladies)
- NOON to 1:00 P.M. Moose Legion Council Luncheon

Thursday, November 5th

- 8:00 A.M - 8:00 P.M. - General Registration (Moose Legionnaires and Ladies)
- 8:00 A.M. Golf Tournament (Pre-Registration Only)
- 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Moose Legion Educational Conference (Pre-Registration Only)

Friday, November 6th

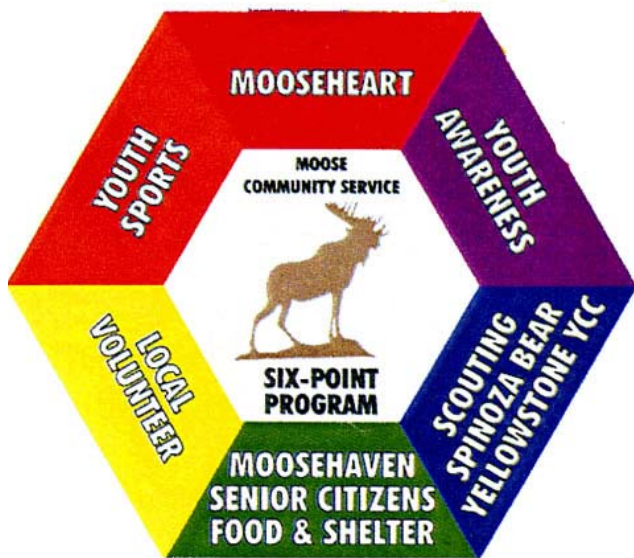
- 8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. - General Registration (Moose Legionnaires and Ladies)
- 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Ritual Competition
- 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. - Topical Meeting #1 (Moose Legionnaires Only)
- 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. - Museum and Shopping Bus Trip (Pre-Registration Only)
- 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. - Topical Meeting #2 (Moose Legionnaires Only)
- 2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. - Topical Meeting #3 (Moose Legionnaires Only)
- 6:00 P.M. FUN NIGHT (By Ticket Only) "Gasoline Alley"

Saturday, November 7th

- 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. - General Registration (Moose Legionnaires and Ladies)
- 7:20 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Ritual Competition
- 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. - Annual Conference General Session (Moose Legionnaires Only)
- 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. - Sports Capitol Bus Trip (Pre-Registration Only)
- 11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Moose Legion Directors' Luncheon (By Ticket Only)
- 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - Cash Bar --- 7:15 P.M. Banquet and Ritual Awards (By Ticket Only)

Sunday, November 8th

- 8:30 A.M. - Ritual Critique and Competition Results



Come on, Moose Legionnaires! Let's Unite in Yet Another Common Cause!

To be sure, Moose International has many worthy causes toward which every Lodge might direct its Community Service

efforts, but it behooves us Moose Legionnaires to seek additional avenues of service, doesn't it? For example, when you look at the lower left part of the six-sided scope of Community Service, encased in yellow is 'local volunteer.'

We love the concept--local volunteers, and we know that every Ohio Lodge has its many, and main, volunteers, running the gamut from Blood Bank to highway clean-up. But let's shift our attention from the individual volunteer to the family volunteers--that's right! Family Volunteers! That's grandpa and grandma, dad and mom, and the kids!

"What can we do?" you might ask. One answer, especially applicable in the spring and fall, is let's help older people stay in their homes. Surely in your communities, there are known numbers of older people who are still in their homes, ranging from individual home-owners to those living in age 55+ communities.

These people could use your help, both in spring and fall, in caring for their property in preparation for spring and summer as well as fall and winter. They could use your help in raking leaves and other debris left by the ravages of winter. They could use your help in mowing their lawns. They could use your help in trimming shrubbery. They could use your help in spading up flower beds and planting new annuals.

If these same older people have trees on their property--as most do--then surely they are incapable of climbing the trees or putting ladders into the trees to lop off dead limbs or limbs that threaten the security of their homes.

And don't forget plowing them out from winter snow storms! Can you imagine the fun that you and your family could have in establishing a relationship with a thankful family?

