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What da ya mean, 'Go to Mid-Year? We gotta dig out first!'



Sure, on February 6th it was balmy in Cincinnati area, although our Moose was frozen over. But then came February 10th--time to head for Independence--and conditions were so bad that our Ohio State U-clad goose was so frozen that it first had to be thawed, and then we got the snow-blower into action! Good news is that we made it to Independence on time!



Here's A 'POSER' for You: Why Have A Mid-Year Conference?

There's no Ritual Competition Any More; So,
Why Have Mid-Year?

Maybe It's Not Always Been
About Ritual! Maybe It's Been
Something Much More!

Maybe It's Been About
One Additional
Opportunity To
Educate Our Moose

Let's Look At This Year's Mid-Year Conference To See 'Proof of the Pudding!'

Thursday saw us registering, getting settled into our rooms, and -- after a great luncheon -- holding our state board meeting, with most chairmen passing on their reports which would be given on the floor!



The wait-staff at the Holiday Inn got into the spirit of the Ohio Moose by sporting the Ohio Moose Special Olympics t-shirts.

Thanks go to Glenn Neil for the picture and the heads-up on their willing cooperation.

Chmn. Joe Trapp put on a great Cornhole Tourney in the evening.

Friday Events began early with Officer Leadership Responsibilities panel sessions kicking off at 8:00 A.M. in three separate rooms allowing covering of the duties of governors, the duties of trustees, and the duties of committee chairmen. . . . (Please note that the education of Ohio Moose begins early sometimes!)



Phil Dick, International Publications Committeeman, informed members of the publications contest requirements and touched on other points of interest in his report.

Later on, Lincoln Poling and Rod Yarber told us what to expect at this year's Family Activities & Family Teen Day.

Regional Manager Dwaine Brown spent twenty minutes demonstrating how to create Lodge Membership Promotions THAT REALLY WORK! Brown was never critical in his report; rather, he was truly optimistic, citing several Lodges which have been experiencing success in membership production. To prove his point, Brown cited the turn-around of Waverly Moose Lodge 2263 when it decided to adopt all the concepts of being 'The Friendliest Place in Town.'



On the following page of this update is a kind of 'manifesto' of the men and women of Waverly Moose Lodge 2263 and Chapter 1668. In yet another sense, it is an historical statement that reflects where the Lodge was and where it is.

You will notice that all this has been accomplished by the men and women of Waverly Moose Lodge 2263 and Chapter

1668 when they decided that for their existence to be assured they needed to work together toward a common goal.

Sound familiar?

"Its truly amazing," Brown pointed out, "what a Lodge can do if its leadership chooses to follow the program of the Moose.

The men and women of Waverly chose to sit down together and to identify their successes (and perhaps some failures which they erased) and to decide where they wanted to go as units of the Moose.

Congratulations, men and women of Waverly, for having the good sense to 'put your house in order!'

Brown then noted that those sitting in attendance were administrators and governors and chairmen of Ohio Moose Lodges who were taking advantage of the educational opportunities presented at every Mid-Year Conference, and that by so-doing, they could guarantee a good future for their lodges and chapters.

In his report, Fellowship Degree Chairman Gary Muter explained how Moose Legionnaires qualified for the Fellowship Degree, another example of the good things that can happen to members of Moose Lodges which do their best to do the 'program of the Moose.'

Look What Happens When A Lodge and Chapter Decide To Share Responsibilities

Waverly Moose #2263
"The Friendliest Place in Town"

May 31, 2008
325 Active Men Members
April 31, 2009
396 Active Men Members
January 31, 2010
442 Active Men Members

- Mortgage Burnt in July, 2008
- Moose International Debt of over \$10,000 -- PAID IN FULL
- Community service -- Active with local Police, Fire, Shriners, Clothes-for-Kids, local Sporting Programs & MMRD
- Moose Charities a Priority

Lodge Activities

- Lodge Orientation -- Enlightens Members to Moose Fraternal Programs as well as Internal Family Activities
- Sunday Breakfast (Cooked and Served by Joint Boards)
- Dinner and Dances Twice a Month (Cooked and Served by Joint Boards)
- Flat Screen TV's
- On-Line Juke Box
- Wii Games
- ATM Service
- Ride Home Safe Service
- Keno and Ohio Lottery
- Legal Ohio Instant Bingo
- Everyday Beverage Specials
- Clean Surroundings
- Friendly Wait Staff
- Moose Riders and other Committee Groups

Lodge and Chapter Officers

- Open Communication (Complete Cooperation in Meetings)(Finances Detailed to BOO)
- Planning Sessions
- Future Planning and Building Addition (All Funds to be Raised Prior to Construction)

ALL of the Above Relates to being
"THE FRIENDLIEST PLACE IN TOWN"

OKAY, Men, let's thump an old drum one more time -- let's talk about the Moose of the Year Program!

“Oh, no!” protests Moose of the Year Chairman Rodney Seabert as he steps up to the podium to give his report. “Do I have to beat my head against the wall again?”

“Yep!” answers OSMA President Bob Haley as he calls Seabert to the microphone. “Do it!”

For the ‘gazillionth time,’ begins Seabert, “There is no reason for any Lodge NOT to submit a nominee nor to submit a form with “No One Qualified.”

WHY?

TRY THIS!

The only qualification is that a nominee's dues must be current!

What that means is that any member of any Ohio Moose Lodge has to be only 98.6, ambulatory and CURRENT in his dues! HOW EASY CAN THIS BE?

Seriously, a nominee should be selected based on his membership production, his activity and contributions to both the Lodge and the fraternity during the previous fiscal year (in this case, May 1, 2009 -- April 30, 2010).

“Contributions” does not refer simply to monetary donations; it also includes participation in activities and volunteering of time and effort.

NOTE: If a guy comes in every day and volunteers, for example, to bus the

tables or to stock the coolers or to empty the trash cans, then his is an eligible ‘contribution!’

NOTE: This honor is not a life-time achievement award. A nominee should be selected based on his activity during the previous fiscal year, not be selected because it's ‘his turn.’

Oh, you poor administrators and governors, so over-worked--is this one more thing for you to do?

NOT! NOT! NOT!

Your Jr. Past Governor is Chairman of the Moose of the Year Committee, and the committee itself is made up of past governors, all of whom should be notified when the committee meets to determine the nominee! Hand the paperwork off to your Jr. Past Governor, and get him to the task!

“Guys,” Seabert concluded, “you are literally walked through this entire procedure. Let's get the job done!”

“More of the Mid-Year Conference in next week’s update!

Joe Fry, Hamilton Lodge 36, Receives Honor!

When you go through the chairs of your District and serve as its President, you have to understand the program of the Moose.

Look about you at the men in the maroon blazers, the French blue blazers, the gold blazers and ask what they have in common. It doesn’t take much to conclude that these men--newcomers as Moose Legionnaires, veterans as Fellows, and honored and acknowledged experts in our Order as Pilgrims--all believe in the program of the Moose and continue to work toward achieving those goals.

Last January 17th at Cincinnati Lodge 2, Joe Fry was recognized for his outstanding effort as President of District 1 with a Past



District President’s Pin. Pilgrim Ken Malloy makes the presentation.

No, Edward Lunghofer, Ohio Has Not Forgotten You!

Formerly a member of Niles Lodge 627, Edward Lunghofer was admitted to Moosehaven on June 6, 29, 1999. His birthday is June 25, 1927 (You might want to send Ed a card!) Because he is now a General Assembly member, his name did not come up under the Ohio residents listing of Moosehaven residents. We’re sure that Niles Lodge 627 will not have forgotten Ed’s contribution over the years to their Lodge!

Ohio Lodges Come Through For the Ohio Special Project - Ohio Field House Project

Before Saturday's Parade of Checks at Mid-Year Conference, Ohio Lodges had contributed over one million dollars to the project. Following alphabetical listings of Lodges are totals:

Ashland 1383	\$62,148.22
Bryan 1064	\$10,500.00
Bucyrus 669	\$69,477.43
Celina 1473	\$13,372.49
Conneaut 472	\$10,324.49
Coshocton 935	\$09,500.00
Crystal Lakes 2464	\$15,800.00
Dayton 73	\$86,521.90
Defiance 2094	\$47,213.44
East Liverpool 122	\$18,500.00
East Palestine 467	\$07,000.00
Fairborn 1068	\$36,987.67
Findlay 698	\$46,367.66
Fremont 1286	\$05,302.50
Galion 303	\$07,236.95
Greenville 329	\$28,844.87
Hilliard 2236	\$18,286.64
Indian Lake 1533	\$32,449.08
Ironton 701	\$52,202.19
Lafferty 1462	\$05,840.36
Lancaster 955	\$05,049.96

Lexington 2511	\$12,350.00
Lowell 2382	\$10,212.94
Marietta 1823	\$09,563.37
Massillon 481	\$15,069.69
Medina 647	\$19,236.22
Miamisburg 1645	\$11,476.69
Middletown 501	\$18,550.28
Mogadore 1082	\$88,312.98
Napoleon 788	\$05,632.70
Newark 499	\$29,700.00
Northfield 2156	\$07,060.90
Norwood 301	\$37,056.21
Port Clinton 1610	\$15,407.08
Portsmouth 762	\$26,084.00
Springfield 536	\$35,288.25
Sylvania 1579	\$14,351.76
Tiffin 846	\$35,641.74
Trenton 330	\$12,807.69
Trumbull 186	\$16,000.00
Urbana 1215	\$42,000.00
Wadsworth 2070	\$08,583.21
Waverly 2263	\$13,206.59
Worthington 1427	\$51,326.00
Xenia 1629	\$06,012.16
Zanesville 867	\$06,558.56
TOTAL	\$1,136,324.87

EDITOR'S NOTE: We'll get Saturday's Parade of Checks Totals as soon as they are available. Co-Chairmen Brian Cox, Dave Zienta and Clayton Gunther will soon be forwarding their information.