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Advancements in the 25 Club and Higher Divisions Announced

25 Club and Higher Divisions

Women of the Moose

Karen Boyles, Cortland 341 reaches 25 Club status.

Rosella Hill, Greenville 102, has advanced to the 50 Division of the Moose 25 Club, along with Past First Lady Andrea JoHantgen, Montpelier 270.

Betty Williams, Barberton 61, joins the elite Century Division.

In the Loyal Order of Moose, attaining the 25 Club status are John R. Pickens, Jr., Hilliard 2236, Paul Howiler, Mogadore 1082, and Todd St. Clair, Mogadore 1082, each of whom will enjoy that special Lodge ceremony which announces that great achievement!

Harold D Walter, Hilliard 2236 and Johnny Ray Stauch, Pickerington 2321 advance to the 50 Division.

Fostoria 1567 has a new claim to fame, as Jerry Niswander advances to the 75 Division.

Fred L Bushatz, Jr., Chillicothe 1626 advances to the 125 Division, along with Ken Miller of Willard 2153.

Past OSMA President Mike Thatcher's latest applicant boosts him to the 150 Division.

Columbus 11's Robert L Schaffer has put himself into position to earn a life membership in the Order with his 200th

applicant. Way to go, Bob! But look here!



Charles Nicholson, Findlay 698, with his 250th applicant has achieved the 250 Division of the Moose 25 Club and, in accordance with the General Laws of the Order, Charley has earned a life membership in the fraternity!



CONGRATULATIONS every one for fulfilling your obligation to strengthen and maintain our Defending Circle!

Here's A Story Worth Sharing!

We don't know who Michael Henry of Pennsylvania, but he's got a great story to tell. First, he postures a tad when he writes "Too many times, as you know, we only hear the negatives and moan about the problems instead of working toward finding a solution. During these tough economic times this country is facing, it seems the majority of people will use this excuse as to why things are bad instead of finding the solutions."

Then Henry relates a personal story of a few weeks back: "I let my family talk me out of going to our Lodge for dinner and drinks with the family. I decided to break down my bill over this last weekend to see exactly how much money I could have saved if I had been more forceful about going to a Moose Lodge instead of a local restaurant." Here's his breakdown:

THE RESTAURANT

4 DINNERS	\$66.80
1 CHILD'S PLATE	\$ 5.95
2 LIQUOR DRINKS	\$ 9.50
6 BEERS	\$24.00
TOTAL	\$106.25

THE LODGE

4 DINNERS	\$39.80
1 CHILD'S PLATE	\$ 2.95
2 LIQUOR DRINKS	\$ 4.50
6 BEERS	\$ 9.00
TOTAL	\$56.25

Henry concludes: "That one night out cost me one year of dues in an organization that I truly love. I assure you that the next time the kids want to go out to a dinner, they will be joining me at our Lodge, along with any friends I can round up as well.

"This is one example, when I add benefits of membership and everything else I get from the Moose for my yearly dues, I realize I am truly blessed to be a part of such a caring organization."

WHAT A TESTIMONIAL! WHAT'S YOUR ANNUAL DUES WORTH?

Polar Bear Plunge 2009

TRUMBULL LODGE 186 Shawn Peura, Plunge Coordinator, reports that "This year's Polar Bear Plunge, held January 24th, was a huge success. With temperatures reaching barely 20 degrees and the water temperature at 34 degrees, there were still 56 brave souls willing to take the "plunge" for a great cause! Although the lake was frozen over and the ice was eight inches thick - Gary Zuga from Z-Tech builders worked hours on end with his excavator to help me create a large enough area for all plungers to jump in together. It would have taken me days to accomplish this without his help.

"A big thank you to Rick & Martha Griffing for donating the use of their tents and heaters for the event and to Rick, Dave Griffing, and Frank Guzan for working all morning to set up the tents and to tear them down afterwards.

"Thanks to everyone working so diligently in the registration booth -- Marge, Brianna, and Martha Griffing, Mike Thompson, Amy and Lydia Popichak. Also to Charlie Lawson who donated three tables from the NAUS. Registration went smooth and everyone had fun! Paige Ludwig from Special Olympics was very grateful for all the efforts put forth!

"The after-party was made a true delight thanks to The Youngstown Parrot Heads for donating their time and talents to play "beach" music for the party. What a great group of people! We are looking forward to having them back next year!

"Thank you Wanda Frech, for all your help on this event during the planning stages through the execution of the event. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by many.

"The Women of the Moose were a huge help during the event. Many thanks to Erin O'Rourke, Cathy Guzan, Michelle Miller, Laura Hanck (who was also the Moose mascot), Wanda Frech, and Martha Griffing. We really couldn't have done it with you.

"Thanks to the "cooks" -- Dale Dennison, Jeff Harris, Scotte Elliott, Nelson Everhart

"Fritz," and Bill Shies for setting up the room, getting the food and preparing everything for the after-party.

"Sharon Chisholm -- Thanks for doing a great job bartending and keeping everyone happy with drinks in hand! It was very good of you to donate your day for this event.

"Thanks to Dave Yutzy who raised money through the State Moose Association. The team took top prize! Way to go!

"There is so much involved in organizing an event this big that keeps growing that it is impossible to manage without help. Last but not least -- Thanks to my wife Lisa for helping with the many details involved!

"This year we raised well over \$14,000.00 for Special Olympics. The event keeps getting bigger every year and the amount raised keeps growing. Thanks to all of you -- many children and adults with intellectual disabilities in the state of Ohio will be able to participate in year-round sports training and competition. Once again -- thanks to everyone who Plunged, Pledged, and Participated!

"If you didn't get a chance to participate this year, think about joining in next year! It's a great event and a fantastic cause.

"If I forgot to thank anyone, I am very sorry. The list was so long and there were so many people helping!"

Fraternally yours,
Shawn Peura

EDITOR'S NOTE: Somehow the organizers of the Polar Bear Plunge forgot to send us pictures this year. We remember enjoying last year's pictures tremendously. It's good to see to what lengths normally perfectly sane Moose members will do for a great cause! Good luck in next year's event!

Your Lodge and Chapter May Hold Fundraisers That Are Open To The Public!

Now here's a red flag for you in these difficult economic times. Dig in your files and refer to the Nov. 06, Dec. 06, Jan. 07 issue of "Moose Leader" to read the entire article presented by then General Governor Chambers, whose discussion centers on a subject that impacts all lodges and chapters. Many officers of fraternal units do not know that *WITH A DISPENSATION*, a limited number of fundraisers that are "Open To The Public" may be held, with the unit keeping all of the proceeds. This is covered under

Internal Revenue Code Regulation Section 1.513-01(C)(2)

and states "Income-producing or fundraising activities that last for *a short period of time* will ordinarily not be treated as regularly carried on if they recur *only sporadically*. . . In addition, the fact that these activities are conducted on an annual recurrent basis will not cause them to be deemed regularly conducted. Thus, income from an annual fundraising event would not be income from a trade or business regularly conducted."

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOUR UNIT?

YOUR UNIT MAY, FOR EXAMPLE, HOLD AN EGGS AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN JANUARY AND JULY, A YARD SALE IN FEBRUARY AND AUGUST, etc., so long as certain conditions are followed:

- 1) All activities shall be legal in Ohio and the local venue**
- 2) All activities shall be approved by a dispensation from the General Governor**
- 3) Your Social Quarters is "off limits" to non-members and should be closed completely during the activity**
- 4) Advertising for the activity requires a dispensation from the General Governor**
- 5) The combined proceeds from all of these events should not exceed 35% of the lodge's total income**
- 6) Each individual activity may be held not more than twice yearly**

These "approved activities" could go a long way to help finance the good work that our lodges and chapters do. We want to take advantage of every opportunity to help our lodges and chapters meet financial obligations, but, remember to follow the rules to avoid questioning by Moose International and the Internal Revenue Service.

MOOSE INTERNATIONAL JUMPS ON THE OBAMA BANDWAGON WITH ITS OWN STIMULUS PACKAGE!



LET'S JOIN PRESIDENT OBAMA
WITH HIS STIMULUS PACKAGE TO
BOOST OUR OWN -- MOOSE --
ECONOMY! **IT'S A WIN-WIN
SITUATION!**

For Lodges!
For Chapters!
For Moose Legions!

It's a **two-month campaign** -- March 1 through April 30, 2009.

NO FEE -- that's right! -- zero-dollar application fee during the entire two-month period!

Every Ohio Moose Unit should begin at once to promote this great membership campaign. Use it, along with the concepts promoted in page 2 of the February 18th update. Promote this campaign throughout your Lodge with table tents, place-mats, newsletters and websites, and especially ensure that your bartenders and wait-staff talk about this opportunity continuously and enthusiastically.