Moosehaven News
Heart of the Community

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Moosehaven Golf Invitational

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What’s Happening?
- Crescent City Lodge
- Super Bowl Party
- Crafty Crab
- Bon Worth Clothing Sale
- Dinner Dance at Mandarin Lodge
- Dinner Dance at Lakeshore Lodge
- OP Community Theater
- Mardi Gras Parade & Party
- Alabama Days
- Wine & Cheese Party
- Alabama Days Picnic
- District Sports
- Movie Day, Fleming Island
- Fried Chicken Dinner at Lakeshore Lodge
- Breakfast at Mandarin Lodge
- Happy Valentine’s Day!!!

Monday, March 4th 2019
Eagle Harbor Golf Club Fleming Island, FL
Registration 11:00 am
Shotgun Start 12:00 pm
Reception, Dinner & Award Ceremony at Moosehaven 5:00 pm

Please visit www.moosehaven.org to register online!

To visit Moosehaven and schedule a tour, please contact (904) 278-1200 or visit www.moosehaven.org.
The end of a year often brings reflection and reminiscence on the many memorable events of the past year. The arrival of the New Year also represents a new beginning with new opportunities and challenges. For many, it is a time to create new goals and/or to recommit to existing ones, to prepare for new challenges and/or to strengthen our resolve to overcome existing ones, and to re-examine the values upon which we dedicate our lives. The same is true for Moosehaven.

The Moosehaven Board recently approved an updated Mission Statement. It is as follows:

“The mission of Moosehaven, a retirement community owned and operated by Moosehaven, Inc., is to strive for excellence in three areas: (1) to provide a retirement opportunity to eligible members of the Loyal Order of Moose, Women of the Moose and their eligible spouses; (2) to provide assisted and nursing services to residents who require additional care and (3) to provide residents with daily activities consisting of social and exercise programs designed to enhance their quality of life.”

We believe this new mission statement accurately describes Moosehaven, our programs and services and our purpose. Follow along with me.

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We are a corporation. More than that, we are a not for profit corporation financially dependent upon the men and women of the Loyal Order of Moose who support almost 50% of our total operating cost. As such, we are responsible to use their hard earned and generously donated dollars to provide quality programs and services in a cost efficient manner.

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Our residents truly come from across the country and they represent a cross section of the fraternity - Moose Legionnaires and Pilgrims; Recorders and Senior Regents – all looking to enjoy the many benefits of retiring at Moosehaven. Our overall campus census increased from 292 residents on May 1, 2018 to 306 as of today. The Moose Life census increased from 216 to 222 residents and the New Life census from 76 to 84 residents during that period.

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As campus census increases, so does the demand for Health Care Center services. Thanks to the past generosity and foresight of the fraternity, Schmitz 2 is available to accept those who require nursing services and Schmitz 1 can be quickly brought on line when and if it becomes necessary.

Opening Centennial Hall allows us to transfer Congregate Living residents from Chancellors Halls so they can be repurposed to serve the growing demand for Enhanced Living Services

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On campus activities, including the Structured Activities Program, afternoon socials at New York Activities Center, parties and dances in Michigan Building and the Health Care Center, bingo, exercise in the New York fitness center and pool along with off campus trips to local lodges, shopping, state association and national conventions… Continued on Page 4
We are in a Sermon Series, titled “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow” and we’ve discovered we are very good at remembering the things we should forget and forgetting the things we should remember! How are you doing with that?

I’m a firm believer in using the midnight rule – don’t start a new day with the junk of yesterday. We should remember however, yesterday influences today and yesterday has a lot to teach you.

In Exodus 16:4 we see where the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

Guess what? Like many of us, they ignored the instructions and thought, “what about tomorrow?” “We better get it while the getting’s good!” We see what happened with that type of thinking in Exodus 16:20 “But they did not listen to Moses; some people left part of it until morning, and it became full of maggots and began to smell.” You see, he gave specific instructions to gather enough for today. When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we ask God to “Give us this day, our daily bread.” What is that? Enough! Trust God to provide enough of whatever it is you need TODAY.

May we learn from this and practice the “daily” principle - don’t save yesterday’s junk for today, it will stink and those around you will smell it!

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:34 “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Don’t worry – be happy today! Let go of yesterday and let God give you today’s portion!

The past, as good as it may have been cannot help you anymore, and the past, as bad as it may have been cannot hurt you anymore.

It's over. It's gone. Today matters.

Where we go from here determines our future. It is today that connects to tomorrow, not yesterday.

Keep moving forward; don’t yearn for the good ole days - make today a good ole day!
And remember……………….

“The past is behind, learn from it.
The future is ahead, prepare for it
The present is here, live it.”
Thomas S. Monson -

Simply Helen
This month I want to again write about Tommy Moose. In 2012 I wrote about the day I spent with Tommy at the annual Moosehaven Easter Event and I have not talked about him since. Tommy has a busy schedule of appearances at Moose related events all across the country but he makes time to come to Orange Park several times a year usually when visitors are expected on the Moosehaven campus. Tommy is here every year for Florida Bermuda weekend, Chili Cook off, and various resident events like dances and picnics. He particularly enjoys Halloween and of course Easter when the Moosehaven campus is visited by thousands of children. Tommy has become well known to the children and families who are repeat visitors to these Moosehaven events. Many children call out “Hey Tommy” when they see him and run to grab his leg hugging him over and over again. Some refuse to let go. A few small children are afraid of the big moose, but most watch for a while and decide they want to shake his hand or touch his antlers. Tommy does not speak but he and the children find ways to communicate; they seem to make some kind of natural connection. Children follow him when he walks and when he sits usually at least one child sits with him. The parents are all smiles because their children are happy. Tommy loves to pose for pictures and has his picture taken more times than a celebrity bride on her first wedding day.

Every year Moosehaven gives turkeys, hams and cookies to the Orange Park Police Department and Orange Park Fire Rescue, with Tommy overseeing the delivery made by Executive Director John Capes. Along with the food, the first responders receive a case of Tommy Moose plush dolls. December 8, 2018 was scheduled for this year’s delivery, and the Chief of Police, Fire Chief and several officers and fire fighters were there to meet them. This year Tommy decided to do something a little different because he wanted to get the word out about how the Moose supports our first responders and also about the Tommy Moose plush doll program. He decided to make a video to show on local TV and send out to the Moose community. Tommy brought along a crew to make the video and Marina to direct (and she really, really got into directing everybody). As I mentioned earlier Tommy doesn’t speak, so he brought two people to speak for him - John Capes and some fella named Scott Hart. Marina gave everyone directions on what to do and then gave them directions again and eventually the video making commenced. That Hart fella took the lead thanking the first responders saying how much we appreciate everything they do for us. He told the story of the Tommy Moose program which was started by Moose International in 2003 featuring the Tommy Moose plush doll. Moose International knew that, at times of stress when they may feel pain, afraid, sad, and lonely, children love to have something to hold close. Moose International helped fill this need by providing police officers, fire fighters, paramedics, pediatric hospitals and children’s shelters with Tommy Moose plush dolls. That Hart fella said more than 300,000 dolls have been provided through Moose organizations around the country. John Capes gave his friends, the Chiefs, Moosehaven shirts to thank them for their support of Moosehaven and I

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UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL
WITH JIM & MYRA DOUBERLEY

This month we get up close and personal with Jim and Myra Douberley. Jim was born on 12/23/1928 in Orlando, FL, but lived most of his childhood with his great-grandmother in Altoona, FL. Myra was born 2/9/1935 in Naples, FL and grew up outside of Leesburg in Orange Bend with her great-uncle. Jim’s parents are James and Mary and he is the eldest of four children. Myra’s parents were Samuel and Effie, who went by Presley and Irene, and she was an only child. Irene told Jim when he and Myra married, “Myra has been a spoiled child” to which Jim replied, “I’ll keep spoiling her.”

Jim enlisted in the Marine Corps after high school and served 3 years, during which he fought in the Korean War. Myra graduated from Boone High School. Since coming to Moosehaven she has learned that several other residents also attended the same school!

When Myra was working as a cashier at a “mom-n-pop” grocery, she noticed a young man who kept coming in for no particular thing. One day that young man, whose name was Jim, asked her great-uncle, “Who is that beauty at the cash register?” When Myra agreed to go out with him, she told him he must meet her family. It turned out they all knew him from the same grocery store...he was already a hit with the future in laws! Jim was the 1st boy Myra ever dated.

After high school, Jim went off to war in Korea and Myra went to work for Ivey’s. One day, on her lunch hour, Myra picked up a package from the post office from Jim. All the girls at work fussed until she opened it. She knew what it was - one small jewelers box, one BIG question. It was an engagement ring, mailed, because her sweetheart was at war and could not wait another minute of his life without her as his blushing bride. Jim and Myra were married on May 4, 1954, just weeks after he came home from Korea. This year, they celebrate 65 years together.

Jim and Myra have 2 daughters, Wanda and Wendy. Wanda lives in West Palm Beach with her daughter, Heather. Heather works as a paralegal. Wendy is an insurance adjuster and lives in Tennessee. Her daughter is Jennifer. They have 4 nieces who reside in Ocala, and they all recently visited to celebrate Myra’s birthday. The Douberleys have had distinguished careers, separately and together. When Jim worked with WT Grant for 15 ½ years, Myra says they moved 13 times, not always to the warmest of climes. The last business was one they owned and operated together, Service Master, until their joint retirement in 1999.

Jim and Myra were with their camping group in 1988 and were told, once again, that the best thing they could do for themselves was to become members of the Moose. Myra had the checkbook ready before their friend, Bob La-Bossiere, could finish telling them. They both joined that year. Almost immediately, Myra became a volunteer bartender, and from the beginning each has been selfless in serving in any capacity. Myra worked 7 days a week as Recorder and Jim served a term as Governor as well as many volunteer hours. Jim earned his Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 2004. Myra earned her Star Recorder in 2001 and College of Regents in 1996.

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are the standard at Moosehaven. The opening of the Vivian Borom Activities Hall promises to bring a new level of excitement to Moosehaven’s many and varied programs.

_The mission of Moosehaven is to strive for excellence…_

There is no greater evidence of the fraternity’s and Moosehaven’s commitment to excellence than the almost completed campus renovation project. This 11 year, $20M+ renewal brought new facilities, new resident services, a new admissions program called the New Life program, Katherine Smith Hall and the almost completed Centennial Hall. Our continued rating as a Five Star community demonstrates that Moosehaven’s excellence extends beyond facilities and programs to the loving care provided by staff committed to providing the highest quality of care.

There you have it - a new year, an updated Mission Statement and our promise of a commitment to excellence. I’m…

_Just John_

...Bill’s Board Continued

think they both blushed. All in all it made a nice video that you can watch on You tube under Moosehaven videos. The video expresses the depth of the program better than I have. Tommy told me to say thanks to John, Marina and that Hart fella for helping him out with this worthwhile project, and he could not have done it without them. (At the time of this writing it was suggested to me that, like other celebrities, Tommy sometimes has an exaggerated view of his contribution to a project).

Tommy actually has received mail from officers and health care workers describing how comforting it was to have a Tommy Moose doll to give a frightened or sick child. The letters talk about how the child held the doll close and seemed to relax a little, becoming calmer; the doll helped them with the crisis at hand. Tommy dolls have helped children give officers details that led to solving terrible crimes. The Tommy dolls help children learn to cope with serious illness. These dolls have probably done more good than we will ever know. There are also Tommy Moose coloring books and book markers.

Next time you are thinking of a community project, think of the Tommy Moose program. Opportunity Chapter did in 2018, making their own donation of a case of Tommy Moose dolls to local first responders. Watch the video and get inspired. You know, as close as Tommy and I are, you would think I would write about him more often than every seven years.

_Bill Tippins_

_Chief Operations Officer_
Centennial Hall is Complete! On February 19th Moosehaven residents gathered in our new Centennial Hall for the random drawing for room assignments. Everyone was excited to be one-step closer to moving in! Residents and staff members celebrated as room numbers were drawn. Smiles abounded!

A sincere thank you to our fraternity for supporting this project and making dreams come true. Moosehaven is truly blessed and we are so grateful for the love and support given to our senior Moose members.
Residents enjoyed a weekend of festivities with our Alabama Moose family! Lots of food, lots of Valentine’s candy and of course, lots of dancing!

Entertainment was fantastic, residents sang karaoke and everyone had a great time!

Thank you to our Alabama family for your support and dedication, our residents are so grateful!

Roll Tide!!!!!
Happy New Year and Happy Valentine’s Day! Wow, what a start to 2019 we’ve had. Moosehaven has been busy. Once again, I have changed positions and my new role serving Moosehaven is as Director of Communications. I know some of you just rolled your eyes. I believe John has finally found my niche in this organization and aptly named my position. I like to talk, I like to present and I like to communicate, in however manner, all about Moosehaven. It is the perfect role for me!

As Director of Communications, I manage the two admission models, Moose Life Admissions and New Life Admissions. Angela Wood is our New Life Admissions Coordinator and Danielle Ruterbusch is our Moose Life Admissions Coordinator. I also direct the Events Department working closely with Rachel Gibson, Events Manager.

Our goal is to promote Moosehaven and all that we do for our residents and our community. With the support of our fraternal family, Moosehaven provides top-rated healthcare, wonderful activities, modern amenities and a stunning campus!

I challenge you to be an Ambassador for Moosehaven. Invite your friends and family to come for a visit, tell them and show them how wonderful your home is and how happy you are to be at Moosehaven, where every day is “Another Day in Paradise!”

Marina D. Mathews
Director of Communications

...Up Close and Personal Continued

Myra’s spare time is rare. She works in the beauty salon and enjoys crocheting, cards, puzzles, computer games, and mahjong. Jim likes computer games like solitaire, but really enjoys keeping up on the politics of today’s government. Jim and Myra came home to Moosehaven in December, 2016. They say they decided this luxury was for them after their very 1st visit to campus. For them it is a complete LACK OF BURDEN. “The care we receive from every single individual from the housekeeper to John Capes is immeasurable.” Coming to Moosehaven has meant the freedom of worry-free living.

Their advice to the next generation? “Don’t wait to come to Moosehaven! Come sooner, as soon as you can. There is so much to do here. You don’t want to wait until you can’t enjoy what Moosehaven offers.”

Rachel Meierdierck
Admissions Clerk
We recognize residents and staff who go over and above and who, in their own way, are Moosehaven’s own Hometown Heroes.

- **Janice Cieplinski, Clinic Director**, is recognized as a hometown hero, for all of the assistance she gives to the Admissions Department in processing new applications.
- **All Moosehaven Directors and staff members** involved with preparing for our future move into Centennial Hall are recognized for all of the hard work and dedication to our residents.
- **Donna Minigh, Campus Activities Director**, is recognized for her valuable teamwork with on-campus events and celebrations.
- **Brenda Jewell, Activity Director**, is recognized for all her hard work assisting residents and brightening everyone’s day.
- **Kirk West, Nursing**, is recognized for his hard work and the joy he brings the residents.
- **Don Frati, resident**, is recognized for all the help he gives to “Sit & Be Fit” classes.
- **Althea Artis, Activities**, is recognized for doing a fantastic job leading the therapy “Sit & Be Fit” classes.

### Resident Birthdays In January/February!

| ROBERT BURLINGHAM | DORThY STOREY | FAYE MccRAVY |
| ALEXANDER CARABAS  | ROSALEA SUTTER| BILLY MCFARLAND |
| WILLIAM CHERRY     | LORRAINE UPPERMAn | BILLY MCGAHEY |
| JUANITA CLIFTON,   | ETHEL WEISkOPF | MARY MCGINNIS |
| RONALD FIFER       | JAMES WESTMORel | ALFRDe Neeson |
| MONTROSE FOX       | DONALD BULT   | IRIS ODLe |
| CAROL GILBERT      | JERRY CHRISTEN| EDNA OLLe |
| EVERETT GOODWIN    | RENA CROFT   | CAROL OLSeN |
| RUBY HEKkEL        | ROBERT DESILVA| ROBERT POWELL |
| PATRICIA JONES     | MYRA DOUBERLEY| JAMES REYNOLDS |
| DARLENE MONTEITH   | FRANK ROSS FLEET | DONALD SCheER |
| SUE MOODY          | JANICE HARDESTY| RAYMOND SHAW |
| YVONNE NOLAN       | WILLIAM LAZUKA| ROBERT SHAY |
| JOAN PETERoY       | BERVAl MCALEER| PAULA THOMPSON |
| JOSEPH VORNDAN     | BRUCEYOUNG   | |

### Resident Anniversaries In January/February!

- Bruce & Jolene Young
- William & Bea Plowden
- Clifford & Connie Athey

Make sure you visit the Moosehaven website where you can see information about all of our Upcoming Events and Campus News. Copies of the monthly newsletter are also kept on the website under the Moosehaven News page!

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