



**Happy Holidays**  
to all members within the  
**Moose Fraternity!**



**Happy Hanukkah**

from December 12<sup>th</sup> thru December 20<sup>th</sup>



Easy Way to Support Mooseheart while you shop!

*Details on Page 7*



**A Challenge to Spread the Holiday Cheer**  
**The Fraternity is Adopting 5 Families for Christmas**

The Arlington Fraternity will be adopting 2 local families, through the charity organization Brighter Paths, AND adopting children from 3 families that attend the Glen Forest Elementary School to assist them in celebrating the Christmas holiday. These families are suffering economically; therefore, our fraternity is hoping that our members will extend kindness and generosity by donating presents in support of these families. In addition, we are requesting the donation of food for the two families being adopted through Brighter Paths for their Christmas dinner. The Lodge will be receiving the information about the children/families (sex, ages, and clothing sizes) at the beginning of December, and we will provide this information to our membership through our weekly communications emails and lists posted in the Social Quarters. This event will be organized by Brian Birtell and Liz Coombs.

**There will be a collection box within the Social Quarters for your donations.**

**Upcoming Social Events**  
*(details on Page 2 thru Page 4)*

- December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Green Cap Celebration in Honor of Roxanne Coles-Matis
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Legion Breakfast
- December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
WOTM Children's Christmas Party
- December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Celebrate the Holidays
- December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Pet Photos with Santa
- December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Salute to Christmas

*Future events detailed on Page 9*

**Question: Will the Social Quarters be open Christmas Day!**

Over the past few years, there was minimum attendance/business during this day. Refer to the weekly Communication emails of the decision by the House Committee.

**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**



**December 7**

**Winter Begins**



**December 21**

**Christmas**



**December 25**

**Kwanzaa**



**begins**  
**December 26**



**Arlington #1315  
Moose Lodge  
Hours of Operation**

**Monday –  
Wednesday**  
3:00pm to 11:00pm  
**Thursday**  
Noon to 11:00pm  
**Friday**  
Noon – 12:00am  
**Saturday**  
Noon – 12:00am  
**Sunday**  
Noon to 10:00pm

**Social Quarters  
Manager**  
Joyce Chaffins

**Dinner Every  
Friday Night  
6pm-8pm  
\$10 per  
person**

**Menu announced  
in weekly emails  
or call the Lodge**

**Boxing Day**



**December 26**

**DECEMBER  
EVENT**



**Green Cap Celebration  
Honoring Roxanne Coles-Matis  
Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> (11:00pm - 1:30pm)**

Attend the Arlington Chapter celebration to honor Roxanne Coles-Matis for receiving her Green Cap at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Moose Association Convention in August. The Arlington Chapter had many accomplishments with her guidance as the Senior Regent from May 2016 to April 2017. Lunch will be served after the ceremony.

**Thank you Roxanne for all your hard work!**

**Legion Breakfast – Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(10:00am – 1:00pm)**

Start the holiday season right by enjoying a “fulfilling” breakfast on a Sunday morning before you venture into the hustle-n-bustle commercial world of buying those needed presents. It’s an all-you-can-eat breakfast (\$8.00/adult). As usual, the buffet portion of this event will consist of sausage patties/links, bacon, heated maple syrup, fruit salad, and home fried potatoes. From the kitchen there will be “made-to-order” eggs (any way you want them including omelets), pancakes, and French toast. Furthermore, there will be at least one “surprise” food item, coffee, and orange juice. And if you’re too stuffed after eating to go shopping ... you can always stay at the Lodge to watch the NFL games

**DECEMBER  
EVENT**



**DECEMBER  
EVENT**



**Children’s Christmas Party  
Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am – 11:00am**



Santa has agreed to take some time off from supervising in the making of toys for delivery on Christmas Eve and will visit our Lodge to give a special gift to each “good” child who attends our Christmas Party. However, his Workshop Lead Elf Bernard only works the morning shift [a recently negotiated union contract]; therefore, the Lodge will have a fun breakfast to meet Santa so he can get back to toy business in the afternoon. The menu will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, donuts, orange juice, & Tommy’s famous hot chocolate. Also, there will be gingerbread houses for the children to decorate as a family, while waiting for Santa to call the name of each child to receive their gift.

**Please sign up those children who plan to attend, either in person at the Lodge or call (703) 820-9345 by December 8<sup>th</sup>.** It is important that you provide the name of the child and his/her age.

**\*\* Sorry, walk-ins cannot be accommodated for this event \*\***

**Bar Bingo will NOT be played  
during the Month of December 2017  
*Bar Bingo will begin AGAIN  
on Wednesday, January 10, 2018***



Arlington #1315  
Board of Officers  
2017-2018

**Governor**

Gregg Cady

**Jr. Governor**

Brian Van de  
Meulebroecke

**Prelate**

Andre McFail

**Jr. Past Governor**

Brian Birtell

**Administrator**

John Matis

**Treasurer**

Luis Cruz

**Trustees**

Randy Nolan  
Joseph Russo  
Dean Massey

**Sergeant-of-Arms**

Tim Nields

**Outer Guard**

Bernie Cerroni

**Inner Guard**

Ralph Phillips



Arlington WOTM  
Chapter #1253  
Board of Officers  
2017-2018

**Senior Regent**

Patti Rodas

**Junior Regent**

Julie Parkhurst

**Jr. Graduate Regent**

Roxanne  
Coles-Matis

**Secretary/Treasurer**

Sarah Shannon

**Recorder**

Elizabeth Coombs

**Guide**

Nessa Ruoff

**Assistant Guide**

Rose Russo

**DECEMBER  
EVENT**



**Celebrate the Holidays  
December 16<sup>th</sup> (5:00pm – 7:00pm)**

Why should the kids only have a celebration at the Lodge for the holiday? That's why we extend an invitation to our members and their guests to come relax at the Lodge to enjoy some "me" time. The Administrator is willing to listen to what our members want Santa to give them for Christmas; even though he knows that no one was "good" this year. The offered fare for this celebration will be 4 chili selections: the standard ground beef/kidney bean style, Cincinnati chili (with spaghetti noodles), a white chicken and bean chili, and a black bean vegetarian chili. There will also be a green salad and corn bread. After stuffing their bellies, our members can sit back with their favorite beverage and watch two NFL games beginning at 4:30pm [Chicago vs. Detroit @4:30pm & LA Chargers vs. Kansas City @8:00pm]. There are also six college football bowl games beginning at 12:00pm (noon).

**Pet Photos with Santa  
Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> (10:00am – Noon)  
Proceeds to assist pets at Moosehaven**

Two holiday seasons ago, the Fraternity had this event and it was successful by the number of members who brought their pets (with only one week advanced notice). Last year, home-made biscuits were offered for a donation to assist our seniors at Moosehaven who have pets. Well, Sue Jennings has re-established the pet photo-op again this year with a twist ... asking for donations for digital and printed copies of the pets with Santa in support of pets at Moosehaven. We are not going to stop individuals for taking their own pictures, but please remember that this is a fundraiser for Moosehaven!

**DECEMBER  
EVENT**



**Fellowship Degree Meeting**

The Arlington Lodge extends a thank you to Joseph "Ed" Jones, Terry Pamplin, George Warrington, George "Billy" Hensley Jr., and John Matis for their time and efforts to meet on November 5<sup>th</sup> to evaluate and recommend another member of our Lodge for the Fellow Degree of Honor.

**Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting  
on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm  
WOTM members & LOOM members are welcome to attend**

**Watch the  
College Football Bowl Games  
at the Lodge**



**Thank You Veterans!**



**For Everything You Do  
for Our Country**



**Chapter Award of Achievement**  
(6<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)

Issue: 2017-12  
Newsletter Contributions

**Editor**

John Matis

**Writers**

Patti Rodas  
Gregg Cady  
John Matis

**Proofreading**

Liz Coombs

**Volunteers are needed for future articles for the Newsletters**

**Thank You Members for Donating to our Collection to help Andy Ogle and David Harding**

Your generosity is commended in assisting two of our members in need due to large medical bills to get them healthy again.

**DECEMBER EVENT**



**Salute to Christmas**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup> (5:00pm – 8:00pm)**

Staying in town for the Holidays? Then stop by the Lodge for a **complementary drink** to celebrate the spirit of the season on **Christmas Eve**. The Lodge will provide an assortment of appetizers. Let Santa Clause do all the work on this evening while you sit back and relax. **Ho! Ho! Ho!** [For the record, you can ask but it is believed that there will be no volunteers to assist you in assembling any gifts that Santa may have left for the children].



**Another Year that was Successful For Retention Week**

There were many activities during this dedicated week to attract our members to come to the Arlington Fraternity

and to entice former Moose members to visit our Fraternity again for reconsideration to be part of the Moose Organization. The activities for the Member Retention Week were the WOTM Italian Dinner (one day prior to the official week but considered by our Lodge for our offerings), the Moose Legion Breakfast, the Membership Appreciation Pizza Party, and the Honor Our Veterans Celebration; all described within separate articles within the Newsletter. The Lodge was able to get one former member to pay his expired membership dues within the WOTM Italian Dinner.

**Un-Oktoberfest**



**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
(German Theme Food)

**Membership Appreciation Pizza Party - November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Maybe it was the wrong time, or date, or the stars were not in the correct position; but we had expected a bigger crowd. However, those members that did attend (a little more than 20) devoured all the pizzas that were offered within 45 minutes into the event. AND then the crowd dispersed leaving only the "true" Redskins fans to watch the remaining portion of the Redskin vs. Seattle Seahawks game. What a surprise ... the Redskins actually beat the Seahawks! The Arlington Fraternity expresses our appreciation to all those individuals who came to the event; as well as those members that volunteered to plan, obtain the food, and clean up after the event.



**Think New Members ... more makes it less for each other!**

**The Cold Weather is Here**



**Dress Warmly!**



**Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter**  
(October – December 2017)

Deadline is December 31, 2017



**Moose International Annual Membership Campaign**

**Think NEW Members**



**“The Queen of Hearts” Game Every Friday Night**

Enjoy our Friday Night Dinner while participating in the game for a chance to win a possible big cash prize. Tickets can be purchased whenever the Social Quarters is open, with the weekly drawing at 7:30 p.m. each Friday night. We have generous weekly consolation prizes; if the Queen of Hearts is not selected on that particular weekly drawing Rules for “The Queen of Hearts” game are posted within the Social Quarters of the Moose Lodge.

**Fish Fry Revisited No. 9**

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**



**WOTM Italian Dinner – November 4<sup>th</sup>**

Momma Mia! As the Italians believe, food solves everything ... so *we probably could have solved all the world’s problems if only we had stopped eating!* (Well, maybe not the NFL pre-game issue, but at least world peace). It was another successful event, as there were over 35 members and guests that enjoyed the home-made food buffet.

The menu selection consisted of Il primo: Caesar salad, Minestrone soup, Caprese salad, a salami & Gherkin pickle tray, Italian pasta salad, & Italian bread; Il secondo: Lasagna, linguini with clam sauce, penne alfredo with chicken, and Arancini (rice balls stuffed with cheese); AND Il dolce: “Billy-misu”, cannoli, biscotti, pizzelle, and chocolate eclairs. The WOTM extends a thank you to Liz Coombs, Donna Field, Andrea Hensley, Rose Russo, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Nessa Ruoff, Judith York, Donna Heflin, Nora Rodas, Patti Rodas, Judith Levine, Eileen Cherry, Tommy Oderwald, Billy Hensley, Dean Massey and John Ruoff for being a volunteer “CHEF” and/or contributing in this event. In addition, an appreciation is offered to all the volunteers who performed the clean up after the appetites of everyone was satisfied (except maybe Charles Enlind).

***Mangia bene, ridi spesso, ama molto!*** (Eat well, laugh often, love much)



**Everyone has a Special Talent!**

**Please Volunteer to Assist the Fraternity in Accomplishing our Goals**



**Thanksgiving Day Family Feast – November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Everyone left STUFFED and satisfied from this event! The Arlington Fraternity provided everything we could image, except the kitchen sink (*it was needed to sanitize the dishes*) for this traditional holiday feast. We expected more, but by our count, 20 Moose member and guests attended this festive event that included 5 turkeys & 1 spiral ham as the main entrée selections, turkey stuffing, mashed potatoes, homemade gravy, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, spinach casserole, Brussel sprouts, deviled eggs, macaroni & cheese, greens, cranberry sauce, a green salad, a condiment tray of olives & pickles, multiple variety of rolls, and a cheese & cracker tray. And as this was not enough, the offered desserts were mince pie, apple pie, sweet potato pie, pumpkin pie, Cool Whip for the pies, and coffee. It is noted that the left overs, and there were many, were offered the next day for the Friday Night Dinner.

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Billy Hensley, Joyce Chaffins, and Liz Coombs for cooking this excellent feast, and to Marty Medel and Andrea Hensley in assisting in the preparations. A special acknowledgement is in order for all those members that decorated, set up the tables, and washed the many, many dishes from this event!

For the record, the Administrator sent out a flyer that our Lodge was open on Thanksgiving Day; however, we think that many other Lodges have also decided to have a holiday feast on this day in their own Lodges! It does not make a difference as long as all our members enjoyed their holiday with family and friends (home or Lodge).



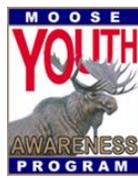


**Dean Massey**  
LOOM Volunteer  
of the Quarter  
(July –  
September 2017)



**Liz Coombs**  
WOTM Volunteer  
of the Quarter  
(July –  
September 2017)

**Watch the  
2017-18  
College  
Football  
Championship  
Game  
at the Lodge**



**Youth Awareness Student Congress – November 4<sup>th</sup>**

It was a pleasant morning and the stage was set. The program and necessary forms were in folders, past “sample” KidTalk presentations were on a table, the computer was connected to the projector to display a presentation of the program, and there were donuts, milk & orange juice for consumption. The Fireplace Room was even cleaned that morning. The only thing that was missing were the students to attend the Youth Awareness Student Congress. Unfortunately, no students came. **Well, we tried!** We need to re-think how we get the word out to the high school students about this great community program (maybe even have the Student Congress on a weekday evening rather than a Saturday). BUT do not fret ... we will try again next year.

The Arlington Fraternity would like to thank Manny Propst & Melissa Strange, both representatives of the VMA Youth Awareness Program, for coming to our Lodge to explain the program and providing the audio/visual equipment. They also provided an “impressive” welcome sign that was placed at the front door of the Social Quarters. We want to thank Mary Wantrobski and John Matis for volunteering to provide a presentation at this event. Furthermore, we want to thank Judith York for her efforts in the cleanup of the room and volunteering her service to help in the program.

**Get to know what is provided at Mooseheart**

*[taken from a published tri-fold brochure by Moose International]*

One of the main purposes of our Arlington Fraternity is to fund the continuation of the operations of Mooseheart for years to come; but how familiar are our members with what is provided by our efforts? The following with support why we care:

- Mooseheart has its own complete accredited school system located on campus; recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education and accredited by the North Central Association, Advanced ED process.
- The curriculum in the Mooseheart School is typical of what is provided in schools across the nation – with one significant difference. Beginning with career exploration at the middle school and evolving into vocational education at the high school level, each Mooseheart student learns a vocation in addition to earning an academic diploma. Vocations include areas such as Automotive Mechanics, Commercial Music, Business, Family and Consumer Science, Computer Science, and Cosmetology. In addition, a broad extracurricular program is available which includes athletics, vocal & instrumental music, and club activities.
- Students in grades nine through twelve are members of the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC)

*(continued on Page 10)*

**You can Pay Your Moose Dues Online – It’s Easy!**

Go to Moose International Website; need your Moose ID number & a credit card.

**Pun of the Month**

Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?

*Because it soots him!*



**Moose of the Month**





**Chapter Award of Achievement**  
(6<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)

**Super Bowl Party**



**February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Watch the Washington Capitals and the Washington Wizards at the Lodge**



**WOTM Valentine Dinner**



**February 10<sup>th</sup>**



The Arlington Fraternity had its first ceremony for the Valued Veterans Program on the “perfect” national holiday of Veterans Day. Nine program registered veterans were honored at the ceremony; however, only five of these veterans could make the ceremony. In the ceremony, each honoree was presented with a Valued Veteran certificate and a lapel pin. As a special offering, the Arlington Fraternity issued a custom-designed “Value Veteran” ball cap that has a flag visor, a moose image, and the identifications of Valued Veterans and the Moose Lodge. The final ceremony segment was presenting the Valued Veteran of the Year Award ... which was bestowed to **John Webb** for his efforts in fundraising activities with the Moose Legion Committee. It is noted that ALL veterans in attendance were recognized at the beginning of the ceremony and were offered a complementary celebration dinner.

The Arlington Fraternity would like to thank Joyce Chaffins, Elizabeth Coombs, and Tom Oderwald for preparing the celebration dinner of pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, and apple sauce. We want to thank Chapter #1253 for providing the special “Thank You Veterans” sheet cake for dessert. In addition, a special thanks is expended to Andre McFail, Luis Cruz, and John Matis for their efforts in the performance of the Valued Veteran Ceremony. And as usual, the Arlington Fraternity wants to express our appreciation for all those members that cleaned up after the event.

**Honor Our Veterans Celebration – November 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Arlington Fraternity had its first ceremony for the Valued Veterans Program on the “perfect” national holiday of Veterans Day. Nine program registered veterans were honored at the ceremony; however, only five of these veterans could make the ceremony. In the ceremony, each honoree was presented with a Valued Veteran certificate and a lapel pin. As a special offering, the Arlington Fraternity issued a custom-designed “Value Veteran” ball cap that has a flag visor, a moose image, and the



Valued Veterans John Webb, Charles Ziegler, Clifton Balance, and Charles Layne at the ceremony

**Valued Veterans honored at the Ceremony**

- Thomas Bacon
- Ronald Jones
- Eric Parkhurst
- Clifton Balance
- Charles Layne
- John Webb
- James Bucklin, Sr.
- Joseph Lizzi
- Charles Ziegler

(Note: John Rodas was registered but recently passed)

**Support Mooseheart with your Holiday Shopping**

Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at smile.amazon.com. You shop and Amazon donates. Log into your Amazon account at smile.amazon.com and select “Mooseheart Child City” as your charity of choice. Shop until you drop (or until you have no money) ... Amazon will donate!



**Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters**

**Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse Gaming**



**at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge (5 Gaming Stations)**



**Watch the Redskins at the Lodge**

**in December 2017**

**SUN, DEC 10<sup>th</sup>**

@4:05PM  
Los Angeles  
Chargers  
(AWAY)

**SUN, DEC 17<sup>th</sup>**

@1:00PM  
Arizona Cardinals  
(HOME)

**SUN, DEC 24<sup>th</sup>**

@1:00PM  
Denver Broncos  
(HOME)

**SUN, DEC 31<sup>st</sup>**

@1:00PM  
New York Giants  
(AWAY)



**Redskins "Calling All Cooks" Sundays**

There was no "Calling All Cooks" the first week in November; as the Membership Appreciation Pizza Party trumped this activity. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, Andre McFail and Judith York provided the "munchie" food offerings during the game of chickens wings, tater-tots, nachos, and potato skins.

Besides the great food, the Redskins won the game against the Minnesota Vikings and everyone was extremely happy except our Dallas Cowboys fans who had watched their team lose badly to the Atlanta Falcons (*sorry Andre*).

The next week on November 19<sup>th</sup>, Liz Coombs and Tom Oderwald provided Cuban sandwiches, potato salad, and beignuts (fried dough balls sprinkled with confectionary sugar). The superb food offering definitely helped ease the disappointment of the Redskins losing, actually giving the game, to the New Orleans Saints. [They "say" that some members actually cried; which is hard to believe as all Redskin fans have "thick skin" from years of losing].

The last two Redskin games in November were played on Thursday, so no "Calling All Cooks" were planned. But, on the first Thursday game, Thanksgiving Day, the Lodge had a great "just-like-Mom-made" food offering for the members prior to the Redskins beating the New York Giants (*sorry Randy and Sonia*).

We ask all our members of the Arlington Fraternity to consider volunteering to be a "Calling All Cooks" in December of this year. As previously stated, the Lodge will pay for the purchase of the food that will be offered and the cook(s) + partner eat for free on the day of their offering. All you need to do is prepare and cook for the enjoyment of our members on one Sunday.



**Governor's Corner & Senior Regent's Message**

As the year comes to an end, the WOTM & LOOM Board of Officers want to wish everyone of our members a happy holiday!

Furthermore, we want to shout out to the Moose World that our members are the GREATEST in providing support for our local Fraternity to be successful; in being generous in their offerings to our community, to our members who need assistance in their lives, and to Mooseheart & Moosehaven; and in volunteering their efforts, and in some cases providing monetary donations, for our members to enjoy the offered events. We ask that our members continue their support and efforts in the coming year so that we remain a prosperous organization that offers events to have our members wanting to keep coming back and to attract guests in joining our Fraternity. **THANK YOU MEMBERS!**



**Support Our Local Police and Fire Departments**



**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

- ▶ Adam McCaffney ▶ Art Kelly ▶ Hope Redwine-Ford
- ▶ Amanda Sandin ▶ Wendy Walker



**Cannot Procrastinate Much Longer**



**The BIG Day is coming up fast!!**

(less than 24 shopping days left)

**Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons**



Collection bag in the entrance of the Social Quarters on the bulletin board



**Personal/Family Corner**

As a "Moose Family" we need to celebrate your personal and family milestones together. Therefore, if you have an upcoming birthday, an upcoming wedding anniversary, a new "clan" member, a promotion/change in your career, or anything else in your life that you want to share with the Moose members, **please** let John Matis know [in person when at the Moose Lodge or by [jimatis@cox.net](mailto:jimatis@cox.net)].

It is requested that any announcement milestones be submitted prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Future Planned Major Social Events**

(January – March 2018)

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Un-Oktoberfest

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**

VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**

Legion Breakfast

**January 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**

VMA Mid-Year Conference

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Fish Fry Revisited No. 11

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Bull Run Moose Legion Winter Celebration/Conferral

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Legion Breakfast

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Super Bowl Party

**February 10<sup>th</sup>**

WOTM Valentine Dinner

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Chinese New Year Celebration

**March 17<sup>th</sup> - NEW**

St. Patrick's Party

**Dates and Activities are subject to change**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members: **Russell Anderson** (12/02), **Paul Gillard** (12/04), **Andrew Roesch** (12/06), **Art Kelly** (12/06), **Charles Cowing** (12/07), **Thomas Bacon** (12/08), **Larry Hite** (12/09), **Martin Matthews** (12/09), **Adam McCaffney** (12/09), **Lloyd Johntston Jr.** (12/12), **Leonard Poland** (12/14), **George Pinn Sr.** (12/17), **Ralph Phillips** (12/22), **Thomas Waddell** (12/28), **Brian Abel** (12/29), **Scott Greene** (12/30), and **Joseph "Ed" Jones** (12/31).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members: **Linda Councilill** (12/03), **Barbara Palencia** (12/04), **Kathleen Redditt** (12/07), **Roxanne Coles-Matis** (12/07), **April Cruz-Webb** (12/13), **Martha Johnson** (12/13), **Elizabeth Jones** (12/13), **Anh Le** (12/15), **Phyllis Hamilton** (12/18), **Aimee Dalton** (12/23), **Linda Kapatos** (12/23), **Pamela Cameron** (12/25), **Jane Ripley** (12/25), **Sue Jennings** (12/27), **Tammy Brennan** (12/28), **Donna Field** (12/30), and **June Levine** (12/30).

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

- Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers for those who have current health or distressed situations; especially ... Rosemary Haddock, Ray Broz, Phil Weber, Andy Ogle, and David Harding; all long time members of our Arlington Fraternity who are trying to get back to good health.

**Enjoy the Holidays with Family and Friends ...  
And May You Receive Everything that You Dreamed About!**

**December 8–10, 2017  
from 6:00PM – 9:00PM**



The official site of the National D-Day Memorial is located in Bedford, Virginia, and during the holiday season, thousands of luminaries will shine at this memorial to honor those 4,413 American men that sacrificed their lives at this battle to keep freedom in our Country. **Arlington #1315 made a donation for this event.** Refer to Website [www.dday.org](http://www.dday.org) for more information.

**Arlington Chapter #1253 Annual Membership Fee is \$30.00**





**Chapter Award of Achievement**  
(6<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)

**Everyone has a Special Talent!**



**Please Volunteer to Assist the Fraternity in Accomplishing our Goals**

**Chinese New Year Celebration**



**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Arlington #1315 Annual LOOM Membership Fee is \$45.00**

**Legion is \$15.00**



**Lodge Repairs/Replacements**

FINALLY! That large pothole that you kept “finding” (*thump*) when you left the parking lot at the exit of the Lodge has been repaired by an outside contractor employed by the Lodge. However, we have to apologize to our local wildlife as they will have to find another watering hole source and bird bath pool (probably the larger pothole directly outside the entrance into the kitchen).

If you have not been around enough at our Lodge, it should be noted that we accomplish many projects BUT never 100% most of the times; as there is always something “dangling” to be completed to the satisfaction of the Administrator (and he must have elephant in his blood because he never forgets). There were two “open” issues from when the new Moose ID card reader system was installed. Finally, both issues have been completed. We want to thank Billy Hensley and Brian Birtell for getting together to caulk around the card reader on the exterior of the entrance door, and we want to thank John Tribble and Gregg Cady for making the appropriate electrical modification to ensure National Electrical Code compliance (it was only a minor alteration). If you see the Administrator in the Lodge, he may just have a smile.

**Get to know what is provided at Mooseheart (continued from Page 6)**

- Support of the students does not end at high school graduation. A generous financial aid program exists which provides scholarships for students meeting academic criteria; achievement of 2.0 GPA (“C” average) are eligible for consideration of a two-year scholarship, and those of a 3.0 GPA or better are eligible for consideration of a four-year scholarship. The majority of the graduates go to college; attending universities throughout the nation.
- Summer is an equally busy time at Mooseheart. While students often visit with relatives for an extended vacation, when on campus there are many opportunities to attend camp at Mooseheart’s Camp Ross (supported by the Moose Legion) or are involved in summer work education programs.



**Some Christmas Holiday Jokes**

- What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
Frosted flakes.
- What do you call Santa Claus after he’s fallen into a fireplace?  
Krisp Kringle.
- Why does Santa have three gardens?  
So he can ho-ho-ho!
- What do you call an elf that can sing?  
A wrapper.
- What do you call a bunch of grandmasters of chess bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?  
Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.



**Give Generously!**

**Support Special Olympics**





**St. Patrick's Party**

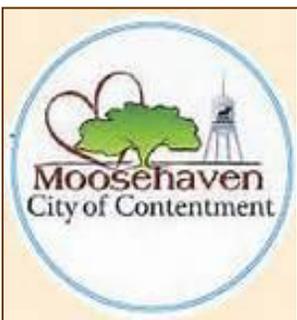


**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Keep the Date January 6<sup>th</sup>**



**VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting at Herndon Moose Lodge #2274**



**2017-2018 Arlington #1315 Lodge Membership Challenge**

**New Members!** Sponsor a new LOOM member between May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018 and your name will be placed on a ticket in a raffle conducted each month during the entire Membership Challenge. The more new LOOM members you sponsor, the more times your name will be placed within the raffle. The monthly drawing prize will be \$10.00 in Arlington "Moose Bucks" to the sponsor that is named on the selected ticket. **Greg Cady** was the winner of the November monthly raffle.

In addition, if you sponsor three (3) LOOM members within the 2017-2018 Moose Year, the Arlington Lodge will pay your dues for the next year of your membership.

**IMPORTANT:** This Lodge challenge applies to both LOOM & WOTM members who sponsor new LOOM members for Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge.

**Goal: Obtain Premier Lodge Award in 2018**

**Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status**  
As of November 25, 2017:

2017-2018 +1 Goal	Current Active Members	Difference	Expired	Dropped
272	276	+4	33	37

**New LOOM Members since May 1, 2017: 11** (As of November 25, 2017)

It is expressed that there are continuous pressure on a monthly basis for new members within the Moose Organization to maintain our support for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Our Fraternity has regularly met the expectation of 1 new member each for most of the past months, but the Board of Officers (LOOM & WOTM) are personally challenging each of our members to invite a guest to our Lodge for possible enrollment to our Organization. Mooseheart and Moosehaven need our support!

**Last Month to Take Advantage of the Active Military/First Responder Program ("First Year Dues Free")**



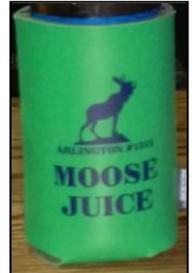
What better way to get someone to join our Lodge than to have their application fee and their first year's dues waived! This is exactly what happens if the new member is an active military member or a first responder AND the application fee is also waived. **Details of the program is in the Social Quarters**

**Support the WOTM**

**Participate in the Basket Raffles & Purchase Delicious Desserts in the Bake Sales**



**Lime Green Genuine "Koozies" are for Sale at the Lodge**



"leather-like" exterior finish with lettering/graphics on both sides



As the year comes to an end ... the Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all our members for their efforts throughout the past year in being an active organization that supports our obligations to Moose, community & family



**Let's Talk (A Message from the Administrator)**

I want to thank Andre McFail (Chairman) and Brian Birtell for volunteering to establish a Facilities Committee for the Lodge. This alleviates a burden on me to make routine inspections of the lodge facilities and implement the necessary repairs to keep our Lodge operational (*budget limitations to be considered*).

This Committee will be requesting volunteers from our membership (LOOM & WOTM) to perform the identified repairs so that our Fraternity does not have to employ a contractor to make the necessary work. First, the expenses for all equipment/replacement items for the work will be paid by the Lodge for the requested repairs/replacement. Most importantly, what we want, if there are volunteers who can perform the work is ... free labor! Therefore, if you have a few hours of free time with the appropriate expertise talent to perform the requested work to make necessary repairs/replacements; please make OUR DAY! As stated many times, all the activities to keep the Arlington Fraternity active to be successful and for the enjoyment of our members does not happen by one individual OR a certain group ... it is the unity and contributions by all our members.

In keeping with recognitions for those who keep the Lodge operational for the enjoyment of our members, I want to thank Joyce Chaffins for her efforts as the Social Quarters Manager in performing the day-to-day activities of our business activities; including the planning and preparation of the Friday Night dinners, AND handling the rentals of our Ritual Hall (one of the major incomes for the Lodge). In addition, I want to express appreciation to all those members who have volunteered to give Joyce a "night off" or contributed in providing the food offering for the Friday Night dinner. In conclusion, but not forgotten, the Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all those members who have donated the desserts offered at the Friday Night dinners; especially, Judith York who coordinated these contributions.

On a personal note, I want to express my appreciation to Anna Phillips for her dedication as a volunteer over the past year in assisting me to record our financial transactions in the computer; as well as undertaking the responsibility to reconcile our daily income bags.

**Happy Holiday to All Our Members!**



**League of Guardians**

Did you know that a very special group of Moose Members are recognized for their annual giving (\$1000 and up) to Moose Charities? And as you know, all the donations are in support of Mooseheart (The Child City & School) and Moosehaven (The City of Contentment). Donations from each spouse count towards membership in the League of Guardians. Moose Charities recognize this exceptional group with a Guardian lapel pin, an invitation to the annual League of Guardians Recognition Dinner (at the Annual Moose International Convention), and a limited edition custom crystal award.

**Free WiFi at Lodge**

**Arlington #1315 Lodge sponsored a "snowflake"**

8th Annual **HOLIDAY LIGHTS** AT MOOSEHEART

**The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Powerhouse Gaming for providing a donation to our Thanksgiving Day Feast to provide enjoyment to our members!**





**Chapter Award of Achievement**  
(6<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)

**Support Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts**



**We Hope Our Members have been Nice; if not you can use the Coal to keep you Warm!**



**Please drink responsibly during the Holiday Season**



**WOTM November Committee Activity Night  
Higher Degrees – College of Regents and Award of Achievement on November 7<sup>th</sup>**

First, the Chapter Award of Achievement document was issued to the Chapter and Roxanne Coles-Matis (Jr. Graduate Regent) for the 2016-2017 Moose Year. Then three members of Chapter #1253 that were honored at this special ceremony for their College of Regents accomplishments. Elizabeth Coombs was recognized for being conferred into the College of Regents at the Moose International 2017 Annual Convention in Tampa, Florida. After one year of being conferred into the College of Regents and the Chapter being successful during this same period, Anna Phillips earned her red tassel (replacement for the green tassel); which was placed on her cap by Andrea Hensley. For the finale of the event, Donna Field earned the red stole for her gown after being invested in the College of Regents for three years. The red stole was presented and installed to Donna Field by Carol Jones. The WOTM Chapter #1253 wants to extend their appreciation to the LOOM members that attended the ceremony.



College of Regent Honorees and their Presenters

*Left to right Liz Coombs saying a few words; Anna Phillips receiving the red tassel on her cap; Donna Field receiving her red stole for her gown. Three great leaders of Chapter #1253.*



**Thank you Members for your Contributions over the Past Year to the Mooseheart & Moosehaven Endowment in the Nine O'clock Ceremonies**

**Coming soon to the Lodge ... Watch in February the 2018 Winter Olympics**





**Need volunteer(s) to perform electrical work:**

- Determine why exterior security lighting not functional and repair
- Replacement of fluorescent light fixtures in Administrator's Office & Board Room
- Lots of other projects

**All material will be purchased by the Lodge**



**Facts about the Fellow Degree**

In November the current Fellow Degree members of our Lodge made a recommendation from qualified candidates to earn the Fellowship Degree of Honor within the Moose Organization. It is noted that only one member could be recommended this year for this honor based on the current total number of members within our Lodge.

This article is written to make our members aware that there are minimum qualifications that must be met, as determined by Moose International, in order to be considered by our Fellow Degree members for a recommendation. The following are the qualifications for consideration to earn a Fellowship Degree of Honor:

- Five (5) completed years continuous membership in the Loyal Order of Moose on the member's current active membership record as of September 30<sup>th</sup>;
- One (1) completed year in the Moose Legion on the member's active membership record;
- The individual must have sponsored five (5) or more accepted applicants during the individual's lifetime into the Moose Organization including at least one since May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year for consideration;
- The individual must have sponsored one (1) or more accepted applicants during the individual's lifetime into the Moose Legion; and
- The individual must have a substantial record and resume including outlining and supporting major accomplishments and extraordinary service provided to the Loyal Order of the Moose that establishes the individual's worthiness for consideration for elevation to the Fellowship of Honor (e.g.: held elected Board of Officer and Committee Chairman positions within the local fraternity, enrollment of members into the Moose Organization, attendance at State & International conventions/conferences, held elected positions within the State Association and associated Moose legion, etc.).

It is noted that recommendation of an individual for the Fellowship Degree of Honor, once the individual is qualified by Moose International, is based on the determination of having superior active contributions in 16 identified requirements over other qualified members. For the record, the recommendation of a member for the Fellowship Degree of Honor is not a "popularity" selection. Furthermore, our Fellowship Degree members only provide a recommendation; which must be accepted and approved by the higher representatives of Moose International.

**REMINDER FOR GAMING OFFERINGS AT THE LODGE**

Even though the Commonwealth of Virginia requires that individuals must be 18 years or older to gamble, Moose International requires that anyone playing gaming offerings within the Social Quarters **MUST** be at least 21 years old **AND A MEMBER**; which includes **Bar Bingo**. **There are no exceptions!**



**Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter**  
(October – December 2017)

Deadline is December 31, 2017



**Moose International Annual Membership Campaign**

**Think NEW Members**



**Are You a  
Veteran?**



**Please register  
yourself with  
Moose  
International**



**The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner**

In keeping with the holiday spirit, the Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to thank everyone that has supported and attended our activities over the past year. We want to personally thank Jim & Judith York for their generous donation last month to the Moose Legion Committee. We also want to acknowledge all our Legionnaires, LOOM members, and WOTM members who have given their time and efforts to make the monthly Legion Breakfasts successful. These individuals have made a difference in raising sufficient funds to provide several improvements to our Lodge facilities.

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to express our appreciation to Andre McFail for volunteering to cook the BLTs and grilled cheese sandwiches at the November meeting.

As a reminder, we are requesting our Legionnaires to provide a "potluck" food dish for the December meeting (home-made or store-bought ... your decision). The Moose Legion Committee will be providing complementary beverages (*there is a specific approved amount to each individual*) for all those Legionnaires and guests who attend the entire meeting.

**Upcoming Moose Legion Celebrations/Conferrals:**

- **Winter Celebration – January 27, 2018**  
at Woodbridge Moose Family Center #583

**Remember?**

Christmas Eve 1968, the astronauts of Apollo 8 became the first humans to orbit another planet; which was the Moon! The mission was also famous for the iconic "earthrise" image.



**NEW - Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Membership Campaign**  
**November 1, 2017 thru April 30, 2018**



**Join the Moose Legion for \$25.00**  
**(\$15.00 dues + \$10.00 application fee)**  
**during this Campaign period ...**



**and once you are conferred at a Celebration, the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 will pay your 2<sup>nd</sup> Year dues!**

**The Lodge wants your  
Ideas for New Events**

Tell us what you want to have for events in the next six months! We need to expand our events to keep everyone interested in the Lodge. Every idea will be considered (e.g.: children movie night, a Capitals or Wizards game, a mystery bus ride, etc.). Please contact **John Matis, Gregg Cady, or Brian Birtell** with your suggestions.



**Have something you  
want to tell the  
Membership?**

**Write an Article for our  
Newsletter**

Provide the article to John Matis at the Lodge or send to [jjmatis@cox.net](mailto:jjmatis@cox.net)



The Loyal Order of Moose is a private organization. All activities and information referred to in this Moose newsletter are available to members in good standing and their qualified guests only. The Newsletter is for informational purposes with proprietary information intended for members only. General information is available to the public at large, but should not be construed to be a solicitation for membership.

# DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Refer to Newsletter articles for appropriate times					<b>DEC 1</b>  	<b>DEC 2</b> Green Cap Celebration for Roxanne Coles-Matis
<b>DEC 3</b> 	<b>DEC 4</b>	<b>DEC 5</b>  	<b>DEC 6</b>	<b>DEC 7</b>  <p>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</p>	<b>DEC 8</b>  	<b>DEC 9</b>
<b>DEC 10</b> 	<b>DEC 11</b>	<b>DEC 12</b>	<b>DEC 13</b>	<b>DEC 14</b> 	<b>DEC 15</b>  	<b>DEC 16</b> WOTM Children's Christmas Party  Celebrate the Holidays
<b>DEC 17</b> 	<b>DEC 18</b>	<b>DEC 19</b>  	<b>DEC 20</b>	<b>DEC 21</b>  <p>Winter Begins</p>	<b>DEC 22</b>  	<b>DEC 23</b>
<b>DEC 24</b>  <p>Salute to Christmas</p>	<b>DEC 25</b>  <p>Christmas</p>	<b>DEC 26</b>	<b>DEC 27</b>	<b>DEC 28</b>	<b>DEC 29</b>  	<b>DEC 30</b>
<b>DEC 31</b>  <p>New Year's Eve</p>	LOM & WOTM Meetings  Friday Night Dinner  Queen of Hearts  Moose Legion Meeting  Legion Breakfast  "Calling All Cooks"  Redskins Game					