



# Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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## Fish Fry Revisited on February 1<sup>st</sup>

Based on requests from membership for past gourmet excellence, the Lodge is proud to present another major Fish Fry Revisited Event. The event will start at 2:00 p.m. and is expected to end at 6:00 p.m. (unless all the "catches of the day" are eaten prior to the end time) ... **so come early!** The Food offerings will be mouth

watering fried catfish, cod and flounder; with several side dishes, including cole slaw, hush puppies, stewed tomatoes, macaroni & cheese, and homemade tartar & cocktail sauces. There might be some surprise dishes as well!

## Super Bowl XLVIII on February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Enjoy watching the **BIG GAME** at the Arlington Lodge! Multiple televisions are provided throughout the Social Quarters for your viewing pleasures. Complementary food will be offered during the game. **Seattle Seahawks versus Denver Broncos**



## Cornhole Tournament with Cash Prizes On February 8<sup>th</sup>

This event will be a combination tournament and pot luck offering to the membership. **1<sup>st</sup> - Pot Luck:** The Lodge is requesting that members donate a food dish (for at least 8 persons); keeping in mind a suggested theme of "corn" for the tournament. All members eat free if they bring a food dish. Pot Luck fee is \$5.00 if members in attendance want to eat but did not provide a food dish. **2<sup>nd</sup> - Tournament:** There will be two-person teams in the tournament (Moose members & guests). The entry fee is \$5.00 per individual; however, if an individual provides a food dish for the Pot Luck, the Lodge will subsidize the entry fee. Rules for the tournament will be available and posted in the Social Quarters beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Fish Fry Revisited Event. There will be cash prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of the tournament based on the collection of entry fees (50% / 30% / 20%).

**Bring a food dish and enter the Tournament ... what a bargain!!**

## Upcoming Social Events

### February 1<sup>st</sup>

Fish Fry Revisited

### February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Super Bowl Party

### February 8<sup>th</sup>

Cornhole

Tournament

### February 15<sup>th</sup>

WOTM Valentine

Dinner

### March 1<sup>st</sup>

WOTM Green Cap

Ceremony for

Andrea Hensley

### March 15<sup>th</sup>

St. Patrick Day

Celebration



## Redskins "Calling All Cooks" Sundays

The last Newsletter was finalized before the last Washington Redskins game was played. The Lodge wants to thank Tawnya for volunteering to be the chef and offering Chili Mac to the members for their enjoyment while watching the game (at least the food was easy to swallow).

**Dinner Every  
Friday  
Night**

**6-8 p.m.  
\$10 per person**



## It's Official and Happening at the Lodge ... "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. Rules for the "The Queen of Hearts" game are posted within the Social Quarters of the Moose Lodge.

**GOOD LUCK!**



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

**Monday –  
Wednesday**  
3:00pm to 11:00pm  
**Thursday**  
Noon to 11:00pm  
**Friday – Saturday**  
Noon – 2:00am  
**Sunday**  
Noon to 10:00pm

**Arlington WOTM  
Chapter #1253  
Board of Officers  
1213-2014**

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Anna Phillips  
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Andrea Hensley  
**Junior Regent**  
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**Chaplin**  
Kat Carey  
**Guide**  
Joyce Chaffins  
**Assistant Guide**  
Donna Heflin



**We Won the Trophy “for keeps”**

**Moose Virginia Association (VMA) District 4 Quarterly Meeting on January 11, 2014**

A thank you is extended to all the Lodge and Chapter members (we counted 42) that traveled in the heavy pouring rain down the US 95 Corridor to the Stafford Moose Lodge #2215 for the VMA District 4 quarterly meeting. Our members “packed” the bar area of the Social Quarters while the Officer’s Meeting was conducted. When the General Meeting began, every available seat was filled and at least twenty attendees were standing in the back of the room. No other Lodge, including the host, came close to the number of members Arlington #1315 had at the meeting ... hence, ***we won the attendance trophy for the third consecutive quarterly meeting to permanently keep the trophy in our Social Quarters.*** Comradeship at its best!

As for the general meeting, it was the standard presentations of District 4 Committee reports and the individual Moose Lodge/Chapter reports ... nothing “earth shattering”.



**Congratulations to Mike Entsminger**  
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(October – December 2013)



**Congratulations to Liz Coombs**  
WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(October – December 2013)



**Youth Organization of the Quarter (October – December 2013)**  
Bailey’s Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

**2014-2015  
LOOM Board  
of Officers  
Elections**

**Save the Date**

**Tuesday,  
April 2, 2014**

**Celebrate the  
achievement of  
Andrea Hensley in  
receiving her  
Green Cap**



**Saturday,  
March 1, 2014  
1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Save the Date**



**Continue to save BOX TOP\$  
FOR EDUCATION coupons  
found on hundreds of  
General Mill Products**

The coupons can be found on many of your favorite brands that you use every day ... brands such as Pillsbury, Cheerios, Fruit Roll-Ups, Cottonelle, Ziploc, Betty Crocker, Hefty, Huggies, and Kleenex.

A Ziploc bag is hanging on the bulletin board in the entrance hallway for collection of the coupons.



**Chapter Award of Achievement**

**Watch the Winter Olympics at the Moose Lodge in February**



**February 7<sup>th</sup> – February 23<sup>rd</sup> in Sochi, Russia**



**The Lodge is Soliciting Leadership Volunteers**

If you are interested in being on the 2014-2015 LOOM Board of Officers, please inform either Brian Birtell or John Matis of your interest in February 2014. **The official deadline for individuals to submit in writing their desire to run for an elected position of the LOOM Board of Officers is Tuesday, March 4, 2014.**

**WOTM Valentine Dinner – February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Steak Dinner (Saturday, 6:00pm – 8:00pm)**

Bring your sweetheart to this event for a romantic evening! The menu will be a green salad, rolls, baked potatoes, green beans, steaks by-order (cooked per request), and a selection of desserts.



Please RSVP that you will attend by Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> (so that the quantity of food to be purchased can be determined); either by completing the sign-up sheet at the bar in the Social Quarters or by email to Anna Phillips at [annaphillips1253@yahoo.com](mailto:annaphillips1253@yahoo.com).



**A Dinner Extravaganza – January 18, 2014**

Wunderbar! Another successful social event for the Lodge, as over 50 Moose members and guests attended. The music provided by the **Koolerators** kept the place “hopping”; with lots of singing by the attendees and some dancing in the aisles. As for the food that was offered, there was bratwurst, knockwurst, sauerkraut with potatoes, pork schnitzel, spaetzle (noodles), German potato salad, green salad, cucumber salad, Rindeerouladen (braised beef rolls), and desserts.

A special thank you is extended to the chefs of Kat Carey, Joyce Chaffins, Billy Hensley, Tom Oderwald, and Phyllis Hamilton; and to Betty & Terry Pamplin for collecting the food participation fees and running the 50-50 raffle.



The five Fabulous Chefs



Koolerators



Lots of beer flowed during the event



Big Brothers Big Sisters

**St. Patrick Day Celebration**



**Saturday, March 15, 2014**

**Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter**

(January – March 2014)



Deadline is March 31, 2014  
And remember to nominate a Youth Organization of the Quarter



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**Volunteers are  
needed for  
future  
Newsletters**

**WOTM  
Children's  
Easter Party**



**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Off-Tracking  
Betting at our  
Lodge**



**General Lodge Meeting on January 7, 2014**

Due to the extremely cold weather, the attendance of members (Lodge and Chapter) was very sparse. However, to recap the main messages from the Governor for the membership, the following are summarized:

- Even though the Lodge lost the income from the parking fees of the various trucks and pallets, the projected trend for future income will continue to increase cash flow for the Lodge (based on recent past financial records) due to participation of improved membership for event attendance, bar sales, and gaming. We, the members of the Lodge and Chapter, are doing the right things to provide an enjoyable social environment for the members. It was noted that a concentration was being made to improve the rental of the Hall and to collect suggestions from the membership for new ideas to increase income.
- The Lodge now has sufficient cash in the bank for dealing with the operations and unexpected minor repairs of the Lodge. It was noted that the Lodge is currently doubling the payment each month to pay off the outstanding loan to Moose International. Caution was also stressed that some needed and future capital repairs for the Lodge cannot be covered at this time with the cash in the bank.
- The cost of the bar extension project was under the budget approved by the membership. It was noted that several items within the project (e.g.: bar stools, large televisions) were donated either by individual or groups of members. Furthermore, most of the construction was performed by members.
- The Board of Officers is considering the possible sale of some unused land (over one acre) for additional funds to deal with the needed and future capital repairs of the Lodge. Further research needs to be made before presenting to the membership for discussion.

**WOTM Nominating and Election Time**

The time is coming for nominations and elections for our Chapter. WE NEED MEMBERS, HELP!! Without a full Board of Officers and all committee chairs filled it puts that much more stress on those members who have stepped up to keep our Chapter running. Please consider running for office or becoming a chairman. Talk to any WOTM Board member and they will gladly explain the duties of any position you may be interested in. We do have very interesting and fun meetings. Please say yes when the new Senior Regent asks you to take a chair.

If you are interested in running for Senior Regent, Junior Regent, Chaplain, Secretary/Treasurer, or Recorder please see Anna or any WOTM Board of Officer. You can also email Anna at [annaphillips1253@yahoo.com](mailto:annaphillips1253@yahoo.com)

Schedule (all meetings will start at 6:00pm)

- First Nominating Committee Meeting will be held February 4<sup>th</sup>
- Second Nominating Committee meeting will be held February 18<sup>th</sup>
- Third Nominating Committee Meeting will be held March 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Election of Officers will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>**



**Nationals  
Spring Training  
begins in February  
First Grapefruit League  
Game: March 1<sup>st</sup>**



**Events at Other Lodges**

Want to do something when nothing is scheduled at our Lodge? You should check out events at other Moose Lodges. The Virginia Moose Association website ([vmaweb.com](http://vmaweb.com)) posts the latest Newsletters of the Moose Lodges in Virginia that provide information about their events; including sport tournaments, regularly scheduled food offerings, dances, etc. Select the "Local News & Events" button for the Newsletters.



**Enjoy Watching the 2014 NCAA Basketball Tournament at the Moose Lodge**

**The Dance Begins**  
**March 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Second Round**  
**March 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Regional Games**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Semi-Final Games**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Championship Game**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Governor's Corner**

As I write this article we are experiencing our second Polar Vortex - do the weathermen just sit around thinking up new names for storms? Well, while the weather might be cold, the Arlington Moose is anything but cold - *we are Hot, Hot, Hot!* The Lodge just recently won the District Attendance Trophy, 2013 was one of the best years on record – financially and membership wise, and we made numerous improvements to the Lodge. Our LOOM membership is now over 250 members and growing. Due to the new bar, extra televisions and the NFL and College football packages this past Fall, our Lodge was a huge hit for the members and we hope to continue that momentum going forward by adding more items to the list, including the college Basketball's March Madness package. Thanks to all of the work of our bar staff, members of our Board and all of our LOOM and WOTM members for everything that you have done to make the Arlington Lodge one of the best - if not the best - lodge in the State. I look forward to next year when I can hopefully read about how 2014 was even better than 2013.



**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

- ▶ Nathan Wilson ▶ Brian Abel ▶ Trevin Dalton ▶ Kevin Robair
- ▶ Michael Maddock ▶ Mark Anderson ▶ Brhami Corder
- ▶ John Everett ▶ Judy Shaffer ▶ Maria Arevalo ▶ Tracey Carothers
- ▶ Lauren Friedman



**Endowment "Rocker Fundraiser" February 2014**

Moose International has requested that all Lodges implement a fund raiser for the endowment in support of Mooseheart & Moosehaven during the month of February 2014. Each member can participate in this program by obtaining a "rocker chair" tag and displaying it with your name in our Social Quarters. A minimum donation of \$1.00 is suggested for each tag ... but a more generous donation is gladly accepted. The tags can be obtained from the bartender; however, do not be surprised if an Officer of the Lodge/Chapter asks you to provide a donation.

**2014-2015 LOOM & WOTM Board of Officers Installation Ceremonies April 5, 2014**

**14th Annual March Madness Dart Tournament March 7-9, 2014 at Colonial Beach Moose Family Center**



If a team of members would like to represent Arlington #1315 at this event, the Lodge will pay the entry fees. The information for the tournament and the schedule of events are available on the Virginia Moose Association web site ([www.vmaweb.com](http://www.vmaweb.com)).

**Become a Mooseheart Booster**

**You can Pay Moose Dues Online!**

Go to Website: <https://secure.mooseintl.org/QuickPay/>





**Chapter Award of Achievement**

**Support the WOTM**



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

**Support Our Local Police Department**



**Senior Regent's Message**

It's cold outside. Come in from the cold and join us for our bi-monthly meetings. The women meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We really need your help to make Arlington one of the best chapters.

Our new Chapter year begins May 1, 2014. We are looking for Chapter members to run for Office. So far we have the following members who have showed interest in the following board positions: Senior Regent - Liz Coombs, Chaplin - Andrea Hensley, and Recorder - Donna Field. Junior Regent and Secretary-Treasurer are still open. If you have an interest in running for any of these positions, please contact Anna or any Board Officer. Please see article about nominating dates.

I would like to thank Betty Pamplin for the outstanding job she has been doing with our Membership Committee. We need new members to help our Chapter grow. Please ask your family and friends to join our Arlington Chapter.

We have a special date coming up on March 1st - Andi's Green Cap Ceremony and also her 25 year Anniversary of being a WOTM at Arlington. Come out and celebrate her accomplishments! In addition, don't forget to RSVP for the WOTM's Valentine's Steak Dinner on February 15th. Thanks to Ralph and John for volunteering to cook the steaks.

I must say I love Our LOOM Board and Administrator, who are always willing to give the women a helping hand. You guys are a great group of men.

Anna Phillips  
Senior Regent



**Current Status of Our Efforts**

Chapter #1253 has collected one plastic sandwich bag full of BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons since the program was implemented at the end of August 2013. **A thank you is extended to those members that have participated in this program for the schools at Mooseheart.**

We know it is hard to remember during your activities for work and family, but please try to look at the empty food boxes for these General Mills Product coupons before you throw the boxes away in the trash. The effort is for a good cause, through Moose Charities, for the children at Mooseheart. **Please help!**



Have you noticed that there is a Moose Lodge logo implanted in the terrazzo floor of the entrance foyer for our Hall? There is an abbreviation of "P.A.P." identified within the ring around the moose head (between the horns). Do you know what it means? Answer is included within this Newsletter.



**Give Generously!**





**What is the Endowment Fund?**

In case a member has not noticed, there is always a donation collection after each Lodge & Chapter meeting (Board of Officers and General Meetings; including the VMA quarterly meetings) from each attendee. These donation funds are allocated for the future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven with regard to providing significant financial assistance, as well as possible emergencies. Moose International requests that every member contribute to this cause to ensure that Mooseheart and Moosehaven continue during and after our lifetime.

**History:**

The early leaders of the Loyal Order of Moose who were instrumental in establishing Mooseheart were confident that as long as there was a Loyal Order of Moose, there would be a Mooseheart. But even in those early days of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, these leaders envisioned the need for a trust fund to insure the future of Mooseheart against possible emergencies. One of the many plans established to compliment the fund was developed for every Lodge and Chapter to take up a "penny collection" at its regularly called meetings. After the establishment of Moosehaven, this "City of Contentment" was included in the Endowment Fund. Over the years, the "penny collection" has been changed to "Endowment Fund Offering" (*i.e.: inflation of the value of money*), and the Lodges and Chapters now take up collections, not only at regular meetings, but at other functions and social events.

Moose International encourages that each of its members continue to give in support of this Endowment Fund; as the future of these two projects can become that much greater and stronger in the years to come.

**The Virginia Moose Association has pledged ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000 for the Mooseheart Renovation**

As of the announcement in the District 4 Quarterly Meeting on January 11, 2014, they have collected only \$187,590

**Please contribute!**

**Pre-Registration Now Opened for International Moose Convention in Las Vegas**

**On Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> see the "Jersey Boys"**



**Moose Youth Awareness Program**

The Lodge is a little disappointed in that we have not heard from our two students who had been sponsored by our Lodge and Chapter during the month of January 2014; but they do have until the end of February to complete their requirements for this program. But the Lodge has not given up on this worthwhile cause ... as we have volunteered to sponsor another Association Student Congress this year on **Saturday, November 1, 2014**. Our experience this past year will enable us to possibly enroll more students and expand the presentations.



**Lodge Repairs/Replacements**

Wow! We have gone a whole month in January 2014 without having to provide an emergency or safety repair for the Lodge building. But recent observations have noted that several pot holes have been created in the asphalt pavement at the entrance of the Lodge that will have to be addressed in the upcoming spring months.

**Support the Local Fire Department**



**Mooseheart can be designated in Food Lion's "Lion Shop & Share" Program & in Target's "Take Charge of Education"**

If you participate in the "Lion Shop & Share" program of the Food Lion Stores, you can designate Mooseheart Child City and School as your preferred recipient in the program. Furthermore, you can sign up to designate Mooseheart to benefit from your purchases using a Target Visa or Target Card.

The children of Mooseheart will be able to benefit from your routine shopping at no additional cost to you. Refer to [www.mooshearties.org](http://www.mooshearties.org) for more details.



**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 of the family, 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Happy Birthday to Beryl Bakker (Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>), Billy Hensley (Feb 7<sup>th</sup>), and Bob Peake (Feb 9<sup>th</sup>).
- Collin Carey won 5 gold medals and 1 silver medal while participating with the Arlington Tigers at the Jerrell Steele Gymnastics Meet in January 2014. Collin has already qualified for the Virginia State tournament.

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers.

**Support the Boy Scouts of America**



**P.A.P. Purity, Aid, & Progress**



**Membership Goal for Celebration**

Arlington Moose Lodge #1315 **continues to challenge** our members and our Chapter #1253 members to have a combined active membership of 400 individuals. We will have a special celebration when this goal is obtained (**on our tab**). As of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, there were **253** LOOM members in good standing and **142** WOTM members in good standing for a combined total of **395** active members ... *but we need to increase retention or the number does back down.*

**Meet the challenge ... make us pay!!**

**Support the Girl Scouts of America**



**Special Membership Promotion February 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Moose International will be adding cash incentives for sponsors, as well as the Lodges and Chapters to make the “Final Dash” to exceed last year’s active member totals. The program is as follows:

- Every time a member sponsors an individual into the Moose fraternity, the sponsor’s name will be placed into a drawing and stay there for the entire 12-1/2 weeks of the program.
- Each Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday (beginning February 4<sup>th</sup>), two names (LOOM and WOTM) will be randomly selected and posted to the Moose International website at approximately 9:00am (CST).
- Each of those individuals have up to 24 hours to contact Moose International Membership Department to claim his/her prize of at least \$100. Contact information will be posted on the website. If no one claims the cash prize for a certain day (LOOM and/or WOTM), the money will roll over into the next day’s cash drawing of the associated LOOM and/or WOTM individual (with a possible maximum amount of \$500).

The Lodges & Chapters have a separate drawing if they meet a three-month membership goal to win two free trips to the 2014 Moose International Convention.





**Chapter  
Award of  
Achievement**



**NASCAR  
begins again  
in February**

**Nationwide  
Saturday,  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
DRIVE4COPD  
300**

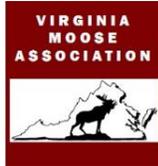


**Sprint Cup  
Sunday,  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Daytona 500**



**Watch  
NASCAR  
Races at the  
Lodge**

**Sign up two new members and  
your dues will be paid for the next year**



**2014 Mid-Year Conference for VA Moose Association  
In Norfolk, Virginia**

Arlington Lodge #1315 had 4 Board Officers and Arlington Chapter #1253 had 3 Board Officers attended the VMA Mid-Year Conference.

The following is a recap of the important events and information that our Moose members need to be aware of:

- There are several changes being considered to the General Laws of Moose International that are being reviewed, opinions were solicited in the Mid-Year Conference, that could be presented for vote at the 2014 International Moose Convention in June. Official changes for vote will be provided around May 2014.
- Membership has reduced drastically over the past years in Virginia, and besides making an effort in retention, the Lodges need to “think outside the box” to get new members enrolled.
- Keep in mind that the Moose exists for the communities, Mooseheart, and Moosehaven. The Moose Lodges and Chapters need to be generous in their offerings to Moose Charities, Mooseheart, Moosehaven, Safe Surfin’, the Endowment Fund, etc.
- Lodges need to operate their Social Quarters like successful restaurants to keep their members returning... provide good food at a reasonable price, provide exceptional cleanliness, and provide friendly and dedicated service.

**Planning for Future Mooseheart Virginia House Trips to Virginia**

These trips are only possible through donations from around the state. It has not been determined when the next visit will be made; as the trips take much planning and resources. However, the Virginia Moose Association (VMA) has a special account set-up to accept donations specifically for another trip. If you as an individual would like to donate for the next visit, please send the check to the VMA office earmarked “VA House girls”. Earmarked as such ensures the money goes into the trip fund account and not the maintenance of the home. We can never start too early with saving for the next trip.

**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.: a trip to a casino, a Capitals or Wizards game, a mystery bus ride, etc.). Please contact **Brian Birtell** or **John Matis** 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)

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