



Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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Your Patience Was Appreciated

The Lodge would like to thank our members for supporting our Social Quarters and events when the air conditioning was being repaired in the few weeks of July and August. Temporary portable "spot coolers" were rented, but we know there were times the environment became a little uncomfortable and you stayed with us. Your continued involvement is what makes our Lodge and Chapter one of the best. Thank you!



Labor Day Cook-Out – September 2nd

Staying home for the upcoming holiday? Why not *really* take the day off and just relax at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge? The Lodge will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, beans, green salad, etc.; just like you would make at home ... *so why cook?* Weather permitting; you can play horseshoes and cornhole. *And*, not to mention, having some meaningful conversations with our friendly Moose members, instead of trying to entertain relatives who show up unexpectedly at your front door.



New Jukebox in the Social Quarters

The Lodge is keeping up with the latest technology!! Records have been replaced with song downloads from the internet; providing an almost unlimited selection of your favorite melodies. Play and enjoy! *Note:* The Lodge requests that our members be considerate to others and not play the jukebox when the majority of the individuals within the Social Quarters are watching a sporting event or program on the televisions.

Upcoming Social Events

September 2nd

Labor Day

Cook-Out

September 21st

End of Summer

Spectacular

October 5th

Pamper Chef

October 19th

3rd Annual Bill Lewis

Memorial Chili

Cook-Off

November 9th

Italian Dinner Night

November 16th

Paralympics

Fundraiser



Thank you Members for Your Back to School Supply Donations

In the month of August, Chapter #1253 had collected school supplies donated by our members to provide those in need with assistance to a better education. Four boxes of items (backpacks, paper pads, pencils, pens, etc.) were taken by Liz Coombs and Anna Phillips to Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences in Falls Church on August 27, 2013. Carol Gillard assisted in the packing of the boxes. The school was very grateful for our support. However, it is noted that the school still needs additional backpacks (book bags). *If you can help further, please donate!*

**Dinner Every
Friday
Night**

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

**Arlington #1315 Lodge
91st Anniversary**



**October 5th
1922 - 2013**

**"Educating Minds,
Building Dreams"**



**Support the
Mooseheart School
Renovation Program**



**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
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1213-2014**

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**Off-Tracking
Betting at our
Lodge**



A YEAR OF CELEBRATION!

Membership: “Go the Distance”

In recognition of the Celebration for the once-in-a-lifetime events, Moose International wants to make this the most memorable year in Moose history. The main goal is to grow the membership. Therefore, to help the Moose members invite qualified friends and relatives into the Moose Fraternity, **all application fees will be waived for the fiscal year – May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014.** Furthermore, if any member enrolls two new applicants during the campaign year, he/she will qualify for a year’s free dues at our Lodge or Chapter.



Fish Fry Event on August 17th

There was nothing “fishy” about it, the Lodge had another outstanding event! Approximately 65 members and guests attended; to enjoy the fabulous “fry” offering of cod fish, catfish, and flounder (and the many other side dishes). And the WOTM Children’s Ice Cream Social was a big hit; especially the arts and craft, “slip-n’-slide”, and the ice cream sundaes (which was also provided to any “I don’t want to grow up” adults who stood in line). Everyone was having so much fun that there was only one “ringer” who wanted to partake in the horseshoe tournament ... thank you Gil Willingham (winner by default). As the usual norm, we had many, many volunteers to accomplish the events on this day. The Lodge wants to extend a thank you to Billy Hensley, Ron Mifflin, Joyce Chaffins, Carole Gillard, Andrea Hensley, Phyllis Hamilton (new member), Betty Pamplin, Terry Pamplin, Steve Lehtma, Anna Phillips, Ralph Phillips, John Matis, and all the behind-the-scene volunteers/contributors for making these events a success. In addition, a thank you is extended to the WOTM volunteers of Judith York, Donna Heflin, Rose Russo, Laura Rodas, Sonia Nolan, Kathy Redditt, and Sam for planning and conducting all the activities of the Children’s Ice Cream Social.



End of Summer Spectacular – September 21st

Summer is not officially over until the Lodge gives it a proper sent-off. **And the Lodge is going to do it right!** Grilled chicken, hot dogs, and hamburgers are the main entrees, with many fabulous (as usual) side dishes. The Lodge will also have a special beer draft – Ranger IPA – for the occasion; a limited quantity, so come early! There will also be a Bake Sale by the Chapter for those who crave something sweet after the feast.



**3rd Annual
Bill Lewis Memorial
Chili Cook-Off
October 19, 2013**

**Nominate a Lodge Member for
Volunteer of the Quarter
(July – September 2013)**

- Complete an official nomination form and place in the ballot box
- A LOOM member & a WOTM member will be selected
- Deadline is September 30, 2013





**Chapter
Award of
Achievement**



Chuck Berge
LOOM Volunteer
of the Quarter
(April – June 2013)



**Association
Student
Congress
October 26, 2013**

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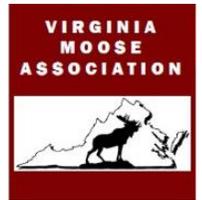
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**Volunteers are
needed for future
Newsletters**

**Notes from 76th Annual VA Moose Association
State Convention**

(August 22 – 25, 2013 in Roanoke, VA)

Our Contingent of LOOM and WOTM officers returned from the VMA Convention in Roanoke. The Convention is a good place to share stories, ideas and just plain catch up with members of other Lodges from around the State. First off, I really want to commend the Arlington Lodge Men's and Women's Boards as well as our members. In the past, we would show up on all sorts of reports for not submitting different forms throughout the year, or being low on membership, etc. This year, I am pleased to announce that we did not show up on one bad list and we are actually showing up on good lists. It is great to go to a Convention and be commended for all of the good work that our Lodge is doing. The LOOM was awarded the second place award for tops in member retention among small lodges (fewer than 400 members) and our Women added a Green Cap to the list of Arlington awards; not to mention us recently receiving the Premier Lodge Award.



Congratulations to Andrea Hensley!

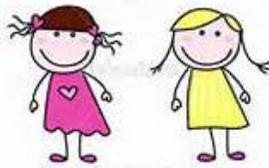
Received her **Green Cap** at the 76th Annual Virginia Moose Association State Convention



**Save the Date: October 19, 2013
We Need Your Attendance at the VA Moose
Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting**

The Lodge wants to retain the **attendance trophy**, which is proudly displayed in our Social Quarters, **for an additional 3 months**. In order to obtain this goal we need the support of MANY of our members to attend the next Virginia Moose Association (VMA) District 4 Quarterly Meeting. The General Meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Franconia Moose Family Center #1076 (7701 Beulah Street, Alexandria, VA 22310). Rumor has it that the Franconia Lodge has never lost in attendance when the District 4 Quarterly Meeting is at their Lodge. *Sounds like a record that needs to be broken!*

Our Visit with the Mooseheart Virginia House Girls



About every 4 years the girls from the "Virginia House" at Mooseheart visit our state. This year 7 girls between the ages of 8 and 13 (Kaitlyn, Alyssa, Sekinat, Peterrene, Natalie, Kayla and Hertasia) along with their house parents (Elizabeth, Melissa, and Lindsey) arrived at Dulles Airport on August 4th. Their trip started with sightseeing in Washington D.C. and a visit to two 4th District

Lodges. Sunday, Arlington co-workers Judith York and Carol Jones were on hand at the Manassas Lodge to meet the girls during their cookout. On Monday, co-workers Anna Phillips and Donna Field joined the girls at a pizza party at the Herndon Lodge. Anna and Donna presented the girls with fanny packs full of goodies provided by the Arlington Lodge and Chapter. The Chapter also made a monetary donation towards their trip expenses.

The remaining part of the girls' trip was in the southwest part of Virginia visiting memorable sites, and at activities by the Loray Moose Lodge, Waynesboro Family Moose Center, Bedford Moose Lodge, and the Salem Moose Lodge. Full details of their trip along with lots of pictures are posted on the Virginia Moose Association website (Virginia House). Be sure to check it out!



**WOTM
Children
Halloween
Party**



**Sunday,
October 27th**



**Fall Clean-Up
Day**



October 5th



**Support Our
Community**



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].

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- It's so sad that our members who are teachers have to go back to work this month (aside: *a tiny violin playing in the background*). But they should be smiling ... as they'll be teaching in the newly constructed Wakefield High School.
- Enjoy your retirement Steve Maxwell in Florida! And thank you for the great "Going Away" party after the Fish Fry!
- Congratulations to Danielle & Matt Zeigler, who are expecting a baby in March 2014; and to Kristen & Marty Moddel, who are expecting a baby in February 2014.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers, especially:

- Sherry Embrey, who has a severe neck injury; and
- Ellis Feli, who is recovering in rehab at the Washington House.

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ Phyllis Hamilton



Coming on a Friday this month:

Billy's Special Fried Chicken in honor of Rita Hicks

What is Safe Surfin'?

We've heard many other Moose Lodges mention Safe Surfin' at the VA Moose Association District 4 meetings; so what is it about? Moose International has developed a partnership with the Safe Surfin' Foundation to raise public awareness for the need of Internet safety education. The Safe Surfin' Foundation is the educational branch of the nationally recognized Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, known as Blue Ridge Thunder, under the Bedford County Sheriff's Office in Bedford, Virginia. Training, technical assistance, and educational materials are provided to make everyone, but especially children and teens, aware of the possible dangers lurking online and how to best avoid falling victim to sexual predators. The Moose fraternity promotes the availability of these educational programs to the local schools and libraries; as well as to reach out to other civic groups throughout the communities to educate as many people as possible.



EDUCATION IS OUR BEST DEFENSE TO PREVENT ANOTHER CHILD FROM FALLING VICTIM!

The Safe Surfin' Foundation is a non-profit organization. More information can be found on the Safe Surfin' Foundation Website (www.safesurfinUSA.org).



Support the WOTM



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

Just a Reminder



The winter holidays are coming up fast!! (less than 120 shopping days left)

Ignite Your Natitude



Senior Regent's Message

What a great weekend in Roanoke, Va. We had 6 chapter members that represented us at the State Convention. The best part was watching Andrea Hensley get her Green Cap. Congratulations to Andrea, and all the Green Cap ladies. The one thing I took away from the convention was why I joined the WOTM; to help take care of our Seniors and our children at Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Arlington WOTM thanks the Woodbridge Lodge for the great hospitality room they had. You all really worked hard. Thanks to Billy Hensley for making sure all the women got their rooms and were safe. Thanks to all the men that joined us for Andrea's Green Cap ceremony. Our flip flops may not have come in first place, but *WOW* they were so cute; thank you Carol Gillard for a job well done. The basket we made was really nice. It was actually a cooler with lots of goodies. The cooler was put together by Carol G., Liz, and Anna. Thanks to Mary, Liz, Donna, Judith, Anna, and Andrea for the goodies to fill the cooler. Sandra from Franconia Moose Lodge won the cooler. Thirty-two (32) baskets were donated for the Convention and made around \$3000.00. This money went towards the new school for Mooseheart.

I went with Donna to meet our VA girls from Mooseheart; and when you hear their stories, it makes you really proud to know that the fundraiser you helped with or that donation you gave made a difference in their lives. If you know someone that needs Mooseheart, please contact someone on the men's or women's Board and we can help you get in contact with the right people. Please think about getting back involved with the Chapter, as there's so many different ways you can help. Mooseheart needs a new school and the WOTM is trying to raise \$400,000. We can only do this with the help from every Lodge and Chapter member.

It's a pleasure being your Senior Regent this year; but I really need some help from our Chapter members. I would love to see more of you at Chapter meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m. *MEMBERS*, yes we need *MEMBERS*. This is a great year to have your friends and family join our great Arlington Chapter. For this year, if you recruit 2 members, you get a year of paid dues - *what a deal*. Also there are no membership fees. Start getting your members enrolled today.

Thanks to all for making donations to the back to school supply program. I would also like to thank Joyce for all the support she has given me and the Chapter - where do you get all your energy? Judith will be heading the children's Halloween party and can use some help. If you are interested, we will meet on Friday, September 13th at 7 p.m. Please let me know if you are interested in a casino night and a mystery bus trip. If you haven't made your donation yet for the "No Bake Sale there's still time. Keep your eyes open we have lots of events coming up.



Box Tops 4 Education

We continue to ask our membership 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 complete product list containing these coupons can be found on the Moose Charities website (www.moosecharities.org) under School/BoxTops.

A Ziploc bag is hanging on the bulletin board in the entrance hallway of the Social Quarters for collection of the BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons.



Redskins Football in September



SEP 9th (MON)
Philadelphia
SEP 15th (SUN)
@ Green Bay
SEP 22nd (SUN)
Detroit
SEP 29th (SUN)
@ Oakland

GO REDSKINS

Watch the Redskin Games at the Lodge



Join the Donors Circle

The **Donors Circle** is a recognition program of Moose International designed to recognize individual Moose members who send a tax-deductible Endowment Fund donation directly to Moose Charities. Individuals may join the **Donors Circle** at any time with a minimum \$25 donation and their donations are cumulative over time. As a donor reaches each level of the **Donors Circle** recognition program, a "heart" pin for that level will be sent from Moose Charities. The Endowment Fund donations are the long term investment in the support of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. It is important to know that the Lodge will also receive "credit" for any donations by its individual members to the **Donors Circle** for the Endowment Fund. For more details about the program and how to join, go to the Moose Charities Website (www.moosecharities.org).



Did you know ... the Lodge has a Clothing Collection Box on our Property?

In support to the community, there is a clothing drop-off container at the edge of the parking lot on the building side across from the kitchen. The charity sponsoring the clothing collection is Childhood Disease Research Foundation (CDRF), which is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide public awareness to promote and fund research, treatment and educational programs on disease affecting children and adults. The donated items deposited are sold and after expenses CDRF receives guaranteed fixed monthly revenue to pursue their mission.

Support CDRF in their charitable purpose - consider a clothing donation



Redskins "Calling All Cooks" Sundays

Arlington #1315 is continuing last year's successful program of having volunteers offer main dishes to the membership while watching the Washington Redskins games on Sundays at our Lodge. Volunteer for a specific game to show off your cooking talents, while contributing to an eventful and fraternal atmosphere for cheering our home team to victories.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Quarters.



Individual Fundraiser to Support the Mooseheart School Renovation Project

Our members can show their support for the Mooseheart School Renovation by obtaining a "Mooseheart 100th Anniversary" tag and displaying it with your name in our Social Quarters. A minimum donation of \$1.00 is suggested for each tag. The tags can be obtained from the bartender.

**Children are our future –
The Mooseheart children are relying on us to give them the best environment and educational training they need for future success!**



Give Generously!





Support Our Local Police Department



Watch NASCAR Races at the Lodge

Support the Local Fire Department



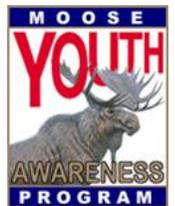
Governor's Corner

The Lodge is doing well on all fronts. Financially we are on solid footing and continually improving our situation. Moose International and the VMA have both recognized the great work we have done with numerous awards, most recently a 2nd place in membership retention. Membership is on the rise as are one of a handful of lodges in the district with an increase in membership over last year. Our Physical Building has seen a slew of changes – new Door, smokeeters, AC Pump, Landscaping in the back yard – and soon we will have a new bar. We have had a great summer and are looking forward to a Great spring with many events on tap as well as the return of Redskins football and our guest chef series. It has been great to see the lodge continue to rise and become one of the shining star lodges in the state.



**Moose Youth Awareness Program
Arlington #1315 to Sponsor Association Student Congress**

Our preparations for the Youth Awareness Congress on Saturday, October 26th are well underway. Ralph Phillips has lined up all of our guest speakers. We have prepared materials and sent them to TC Williams, Wakefield and Jeb Stuart. We plan to sponsor 10 area high school students. Billy Hensley handed out flyers at the VMA convention to make sure the other lodges were on top of their sponsorship planning. We have also reached out to some local elementary schools to help line up forums for our Youth Awareness participants to present to. If you know of any youth groups between the ages of 4 and 9 let someone on the LOOM Board know.



The Bar Extension Project

Our Lodge construction expert, Tommy Oderwald, is on the move ! We are nearing the end of the “please excuse our dust” phase of our bar renovation. We have purchased all of the materials for the bar and will begin assembling it in the very near future. The next time you stop by the Social Quarters take a look at the in-progress bar. You can see the wood flooring that will cover the top of the bar as well as the beadboard and bullnose that will give the bar a great look. The bar will feature some beautiful cabinets behind the bar with a granite top and the bar top in beautiful hardwood. Once the bar is in, we will re-organize behind the bar, add some lighting and replace the ceiling tiles to make the Social Quarters an even better place to call home.



*"No Man Stands So Straight And Tall
As When He Stoops To Lift Up A Child."*
James J. Davis

Support the Mooseheart Child City and School

Why we are the Moose: "Strong and Majestic, the Moose is unique in all the animal kingdom. The woodland is his home. The green things of the forest are his food. He takes only what he needs, nothing more. He loves freedom and is the master of his domain. Yet for his great size and strength he lives in peace with other creatures. The Moose uses his size and power not to dominate but to protect, not to spoil but to preserve. He is a fierce protector, a loyal companion, and a generous provider who brings comfort and security to those within his defending circle."



Additional Barstools Are Needed



Consider a Donation to the Lodge



Lodge Repairs/Replacements

As identified last month, the installation of a new exterior door to the Social Quarters was completed in August. Please note that the existing door access card provided to our members still remains functional. To avoid damage to this new door, **please do not place any items within the door swipe to keep it open.** It is also in violation to the regulations of our status as a "private club". Your cooperation is appreciated; but it is also reminded that disciplinary action will be issued if warranted.

In addition, the new compressor has been installed for the air conditioning unit of the Lodge and our inside environment is again very comfortable. The Lodge would like to thank the personnel of Marvin Villatoro Tree Cutting for clearing the "jungle" behind the Lodge to provide access into the basement for this work to be accomplished.

It is noted that the Board of Officers is at the preliminary stage of identifying facility equipment of the Lodge and their life expectancies for projected scheduled replacements to maintain acceptable operations in support of Lodge functions. Once this document is finalized, the Board of Officers will evaluate how the Lodge can accomplish/fund these necessary replacements. Now that the Lodge has again become solvent, we need to take this action to ensure that we will continue to provide an acceptable facility for our members in the future.

School Starts in September



Watch for Children When Driving



Two of the Chefs (Billy & Ron) for the Fish Fry Event

Fanny packs given to the girls from the Mooseheart Virginia House



Paralympics Fundraiser November 16, 2013

Andrea Hensley at the Green Cap Ceremony

