

Arlington #1315  
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2014-2015

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**Fish Fry Revisited – September 13, 2014  
(2:00pm to 6:00pm)**

No bait is needed to reel in the “catches” of the day at this event. As the fish fry events have been a great success over the past few years, the Lodge is again offering the same food cuisine of mouth watering fried catfish, cod and flounder; with side dishes of macaroni & cheese, hush puppies, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, cooked cabbage, green salad, and corn bread [as Billy Hensley says “*don’t mess with a good thing!*”]

Come early to enjoy the food. Weather permitting; you can play horseshoes and cornhole outside; and there is always darts within the Social Quarters. *And*, not to mention, having some meaningful conversations with our friendly Moose members.



**Lodge Clean-Up Day – September 27, 2014  
Volunteers Needed! (9:00am – 12:00pm)**

Our fraternity has two very important public invited events on October 4<sup>th</sup> (Military Charity Fundraiser) and November 1<sup>st</sup> (Youth Awareness Association Student Congress) that we need to have our building in “pristine” condition for a first-class image. The Lodge needs every able-bodied member, LOOM & WOTM, to offer some

time and effort to clean the Lodge building on this day. The cleaning will be concentrated within the Social Quarters and the Rental Hall, and “curb appeal” around the outside of the building.

There will be donuts and coffee for breakfast and an easy-to-prepare lunch (menu to be determined) for those that participate in the cleanup.

**Upcoming Social Events**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Labor Day Cookout

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Fish Fry Revisited

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Farewell to Summer Cookout

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Lodge Clean-Up Day

**Come Enjoy the Labor Day Holiday at the Lodge  
Relax, Eat, Play, Enjoy ... You Deserve It!**

**Farewell to Summer Cookout**

**September 20, 2014 (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

Summer is not officially over until the Lodge gives it a proper send-off ... ***And the Lodge is going to do it right!*** Grilled chicken, hot dogs, and hamburgers are planned as the main entrees, with many delicious (as usual) side dishes.



**Watch the  
Redskin  
Games at the  
Lodge**



**Labor Day  
Cookout**

**Monday,  
September 1<sup>st</sup>  
(2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

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

(July – September 2014)



Deadline is September 30, 2014  
And remember to nominate a Youth  
Organization of the Quarter



**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  
1214-2015**

**Senior Regent**  
Elizabeth Coombs  
**Junior Regent**  
Nessa Ruoff  
**Jr. Graduate Regent**  
Anna Phillips  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Roxanne  
Coles-Matis  
**Recorder**  
Donna Field  
**Chaplin**  
Andrea Hensley  
**Guide**  
Judith York  
**Assistant Guide**  
Nora Rodas



**Congratulations to Anna Phillips!**

Anna Phillips received her **Green Cap** at the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Moose Association State Convention



**Major Blast Cookout and Children Ice Cream Social - August 16th**

“All systems were a GO” as the chefs of the Lodge launched an outstanding buffet offering for this event! It was not our typical cookout menu ... as the Lodge provided barbeque ribs (80 lbs.), sliced barbeque beef brisket and chuck roasts (25 lbs.), and chicken in a barbeque sauce as the main entrees. Hamburgers and hot dogs were also offered for those who did not want to experience an “out of this world” delectable cuisine (*mostly for the children*). The main entrees were supported with side dishes of barbeque beans, cooked squash, macaroni & cheese, potato salad, coleslaw, cucumber salad, various cheese and crackers, and chips & onion dip. The Lodge wants to thank our event chefs who prepared the food offering for this event: Tom Oderwald & Billy Hensley on the barbeque grills, and Joyce Chaffins & Liz Coombs for all the side dishes and the chicken. The Lodge also wants to extend our appreciation to all those volunteers that assisted in the cleanup after the event. By the Governor’s count there were over 35 members and guests that attended this event.



The Ice Cream Social sponsored by the WOTM provided the “finishing touch” of this successful event. Besides the children enjoying their sundae creations (vanilla and chocolate ice cream with topping of M&Ms, colored sprinkles, strawberries, and chocolate syrup), there were many adults who participated in this dessert refreshment for a small donation to support future children activities by the WOTM. The Lodge wants to thank all those WOTM members who contributed their time to support this function for the children (and the adult members of our Lodge).

For reasons unknown (guessing ... vacations, staying out of the sun, too hot outside temperatures, etc.), there was almost no attendees at the event interested in participating in a Cornhole tournament. However, the Cornhole playing courts were set up and 4 members decided to play just for the enjoyment; with one individual being a “newbie” to the game ... *and she got two throws in the “hole”!*

**Maybe Next Time ...**

The Family Feud did not happen on August 2<sup>nd</sup> due to lack of participants; but fear not, **we will try again!** Thank you is extended to Joyce Chaffins and Anna Phillips for preparing the food at the event; which was enjoyed by our members in the Lodge.

**Dinner Every  
Friday  
Night**

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



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Bill Lewis Memorial  
Chili Cook-Off  
October 18, 2014**

**Washington Redskins  
September 2014 Schedule**

- \* Sunday, SEP 7 @1:00pm  
Houston Texans (AWAY)
- \* Sunday, SEP 14 @1:00pm  
Jacksonville Jaguars (HOME)
- \* Sunday, SEP 21 @1:00pm  
Philadelphia Eagles (AWAY)
- \* Thursday, SEP 25 @8:25pm  
New York Giants (HOME)





Chapter  
Award of  
Achievement  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Year)



**Karl Keller**  
LOOM Volunteer  
of the Quarter  
(April –  
June 2014)



**Anna Phillips**  
WOTM Volunteer  
of the Quarter  
(April –  
June 2014)



**Best of Luck to Paul & Carol**

The Lodge wants to wish Paul & Carol Gillard a happy “new life” in their move to Goldsboro, North Carolina. We would like to thank them for their contributions to the Lodge over the past few years. It is expected that they will come back to visit us on occasion in the future (*they promised*).



**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 of assistance for a better education at the Glen Forest Elementary School in Falls Church, VA.

The school supplies (backpacks, paper & pads, crayons, markers, pencils, glue, etc.) were delivered on August 28, 2014. The Lodge, LOOM & WOTM, want to thank all of our members who contributed school supplies for this worthwhile community function. Your generosity to help those in need within our community is very much appreciated and you all deserve a “pat on the back” for doing a good deed.

**Watch College Football at the Lodge**

The college football season began on the Saturday before the Labor Day holiday, and every television within the Lodge had a different game to view ... *from the time the Lodge opened until closing*. **Come watch your favorite college teams in their quest to get picked for the NCAA Football Playoffs** (and the other Bowl Games in December). The Lodge wants to thank **Chuck Berge** for donating the “College Game” television package for the enjoyment of all our members.



**Thank you members for your donations in the “school bus tag” program to assist in purchasing school supplies**



**Free WiFi  
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. We have generous weekly prizes of \$50, \$75, or \$100; 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. **GOOD LUCK!**

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 Newsletter  
 Contributions

**Editor**

John Matis

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Elizabeth Coombs  
 Judith York  
 John Matis

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



WOTM  
 Children's  
 Halloween



Saturday  
 October 25<sup>th</sup>

**WOTM Italian  
 Dinner Night  
 November 8<sup>th</sup>**



**An exciting  
 "La Cena"  
 (evening meal)  
 is being  
 planned**

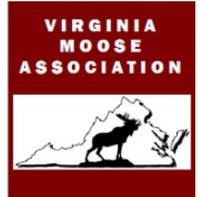
**Tentative Plans for a Yard Sale on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

The Lodge is considering having a Yard Sale in the parking lot of the Lodge property on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:00am to 12:00pm (noon). Further details will be provided in the weekly Communications emails during the latter part of September and early October. The current plan is to rent tables to anyone who wants to sell items to the public (all sales are the ownership of the renters).

**Notes from 77<sup>th</sup> Annual VA Moose Association (VMA)  
 State Convention**

(August 21 – 24, 2014 in Roanoke, VA)

Our fraternity organization wants to thank our contingent of LOOM and WOTM officers who attended the VMA Convention in Roanoke, VA; consisting of Liz Coombs, Anna Phillips, Donna Field, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Gregg Cady and John Matis; including Ralph Phillips who participated in spirit for our organization.



The following are major topics/announcements/events at the Virginia Moose Association State Convention:

- \* Arlington #1315 received first place in the VMA Journalism Award for Lodges with less than 300 members (our monthly newsletter);
- \* A new VMA Board of Officers was elected and installed;
- \* The Commonwealth of Virginia (VMA) was in the "top ten" of states for membership within the current Moose fraternity;
- \* A video CD about the Moose fraternity (titled "Moose Proud") was distributed to all Lodges for new member campaign/orientation and a reminder to our existing members of why the Moose fraternity exists;
- \* Announced that changes are being proposed for the By-Laws of the Virginia Moose Association (which will be identified on their website);
- \* A presentation by Virginia ABC was provided pertaining to laws, regulations, and required actions for "private clubs" (e.g.: Moose Lodges) within the state; and
- \* The recital of the Green Cap Convocation Ceremony, of which, Anna Phillips was an honoree from Arlington Chapter #1253.



Green Cap Honoree Anna Phillips & "Capper" Donna Field



Delegation representing Arlington #1315 at the VMA State Convention

**You can Pay Moose Dues Online!**

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



2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Year

**Watch the Washington Nationals at the Lodge**

**In September 2014**

- Los Angeles Dodgers SEP 1 – SEP 3 (A)
- Philadelphia Phillies SEP 5 – SEP 7 (H)
- Atlanta Braves SEP 8 – SEP 10 (H)
- New York Mets SEP 11 – SEP 14 (A)
- Atlanta Braves SEP 15 – SEP 17 (A)
- Miami Marlins SEP 18 – SEP 21 (A)
- New York Mets SEP 23 – SEP 25 (H)
- Miami Marlins SEP 26 – SEP 28 (H)



**Thanksgiving Family Feast**



**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**



**Governor's Corner**

I was proud to be one of the representatives for Moose Lodge Arlington #1315 at the VMA State Convention. I heard nothing but praise on how great our Lodge has become over the past few years; which included our membership growth, our leadership, our camaraderie, and our willingness to contribute for the benefit of the Moose fraternity. **Thank you members of Moose Lodge Arlington #1315 ... WE ROCK!**

But we cannot relax in our efforts. Besides the great planned social events in the upcoming months for our enjoyment, we have two challenges to be successful in our contribution to those who protected our freedom, and to our future community citizens. Our Lodge needs all the assistance we can get from our membership to make the "Military Charity" Fundraiser (October 4<sup>th</sup>) and the Youth Awareness Program Association Student Congress (November 1<sup>st</sup>). If you have any suggestions, willingness to participate, be "behind the scenes", or anything else that comes to mind ... please let the Lodge know of your intentions. Others need your participation to possibly make their life a better place on this world.

**Wanted: Dart Players from Arlington #1315**

Arlington #1315 would like to become more involved in both sending people to Moose sponsored sports tournaments as well as hosting sports tournaments. To that end, our Lodge would like to send at least one team to the VMA Fall Dart Classic being held at the Manassas Lodge on October 17-19, 2014. We are trying to gauge how many members are interested in representing Arlington #1315 at this dart tournament. If interested, please tell an officer of the LOOM Board. More information to come in the weekly "Communication Corner" emails.

**You can raise Money for Mooseheart & Moosehaven on a Daily Basis**

Moose Charities has set up a relationship with [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) which is a search engine powered by Yahoo. Other search engines are Google, Yahoo, Ask Jeeves, and etc. They basically all do the same thing, which is to search the web by what you type in to look for.

[GoodSearch](http://www.GoodSearch.com) splits their advertising revenues with charities. Moose Charities receives about 1 cent per use of [GoodSearch](http://www.GoodSearch.com). This money is earmarked for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. When you use [GoodSearch](http://www.GoodSearch.com) as a search engine, you will be asked to identify the charity that you want to benefit. Specify by typing in "Moose Charities (Mooseheart, IL)".

For more information, go to [www.moosecharities.org](http://www.moosecharities.org) or call 630-966-2200.

What if the Child City received a penny every time you searched the



[GoodSearch](http://www.GoodSearch.com)

Use GoodSearch as you would any search engine, get quality search results and watch the donations add up!

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Moose Charities as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

**Arlington #1315 Lodge 92<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**



**October 5<sup>th</sup> 1922 - 2014**



Chapter Award of Achievement (3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Year)

**New Members WANTED!**

The 2014-2015 Membership Quota for Arlington #1315 is 40 members above our active enrollment on May 31, 2014

**Watch Washington Capitals at the Lodge**

- Pre-Season**
- SUN, September 21 (H) **Buffalo Sabres**
- MON, September 22 (A) **Philadelphia Flyers**
- WED, September 24 (A) **Boston Bruins**
- FRI, September 26 (H) **Boston Bruins**
- SUN, September 28 (A) **Montreal Canadiens**
- WED, October 1 (A) **Buffalo Sabres**
- THU, October 2 (H) **Philadelphia Flyers**
- SUN, October 5 (H) **Carolina Hurricanes**



**Senior Regent's Message**

It is hard to believe that summer has come to an end and the kids are heading back to school. I would like to thank everyone who donated school supplies and participated in the School Buses for School Supplies fund. Anna and I delivered the enormous amount of supplies to Glen Forest Elementary School on August 28 and they were so thankful for the generosity of the members of the LOOM and WOTM.

I would also like to thank Tracy and Anna for running the Bake Sale at the Summer Blast, and to Rose, Donna H. and Beryl for scooping the ice cream at the Children's Ice Cream Social. There weren't as many children participating, but the adult contributions made it a hit.

Most of the Women's Board just attended the annual Women of the Moose Conference in Roanoke. I must say, after listening to members of some other Chapters in the state, we have an awesome thing going here at Arlington; meaning the Lodge and Chapter work so well together. Apparently that is not the case everywhere. In my opinion, we are the best! Thank you to all. I would like to congratulate Anna Phillips for receiving her Green Cap - the third in a line of recipients, so far... and she was capped by Donna Field, in her Cap and Gown. Ladies, who wants to be next? Think about it....

Our meetings in September are: Tuesday 9/2/14 - 6:00pm New Member Orientation; 6:30pm Board Meeting; and 7:00pm Star Recorder Activity Night. Tuesday 9/16/14 - 6:30pm Board Meeting; and 7:00pm Business Meeting.

Thank you so much for your support and assistance.

**Donate to the Mooseheart School Renovation Project**

Virginia Moose Association raised a considerable amount of money during the VMA State Convention towards their commitment for the Mooseheart School Renovation Project; however, they are still short of their goal. Please donate towards this cause; **as taking care of the children at Mooseheart is the major function of our existence.**



**Remember Our Can/Dry Food Collection**

The Lodge would like to thank all our members who have contributed to the food collection box in our Social Quarters. Those in need appreciate your generosity.

**Please continue to donate food goods!**

**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

► Douglas Cribbin ►



Making a difference in the lives of children and seniors

**Give Generously!**

**Support Special Olympics**



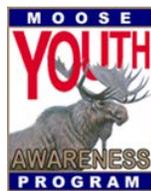


**Moose Youth Awareness Program  
Arlington #1315 to Sponsor Association Student  
Congress on November 1, 2014**

The Lodge will be sending out letters during the month of September to our local high schools, PTA organizations, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Girl Scouts of America requesting participants for the Moose Youth Awareness Program and attendance at the Association Student Congress that will be held at the Arlington #1315 Lodge.

Furthermore, in case you have not noticed, this event is "just around the corner" (i.e.: two months away) and the Lodge has not finalized a program to present to the students at our Association Student Congress. **The Lodge needs your assistance!** If you have any ideas for a presentation, know someone who could participate in making a presentation, or you and/or a friend want to help for this worthwhile cause ... **please step forward and talk to either John Matis or Brian Birtell.** Both of these individuals can explain the overall details of the Moose Youth Awareness Program and possible subjects for the presentations (ideas for the students in the program to present to the elementary children).

It was announced at the VMA State Convention that the Virginia Moose Association will have a drawing for all students within the Commonwealth of Virginia that complete the requirements of the program (e.g.: perform 3 Kids Talks and submit their reports). There will be two cash prizes in the drawing; first name drawn wins \$500.00 and the second name drawn wins \$300.00. This is above the possibility of winning a scholarship. Details of the program requirements will be published in the next Newsletter.



**Youth Awareness Association Student Congress Schedule**

In case a high school student wants to participate in the Youth Awareness Program but cannot make the Association Student Congress at our Moose Lodge, he/she can attend another session at another Moose Lodge on a different date.

The following is the 2014 Association Student Congress Schedule for the Youth Awareness Program in Virginia:

- |                        |                         |                        |                              |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| ★ SEP 27 <sup>th</sup> | Galax Lodge #733        | ★ OCT 18 <sup>th</sup> | Fredericksburg Lodge #1655   |
| ★ OCT 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Waynesboro Lodge #1309  | ★ OCT 25 <sup>th</sup> | Verona Lodge #2172           |
| ★ OCT 11 <sup>th</sup> | Portsmouth Lodge #898   | ★ Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>Arlington Lodge #1315</b> |
| ★ OCT 11 <sup>th</sup> | Tazewell Lodge #198     | ★ Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup> | Bedford Lodge #1897          |
| ★ OCT 12 <sup>th</sup> | Williamsburg Lodge #757 | ★ Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> | Woodbridge Lodge #583        |

All sessions start at 10:00am; except on SEP 27<sup>th</sup> at Galax Lodge #733 which starts at 4:00pm



**Watch  
NASCAR  
Races at the  
Lodge**

**WOTM  
Children's  
Christmas  
Party**



**Saturday,  
December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Off-Track  
Betting at  
Arlington  
Lodge**



**Continue to  
save BOX TOP\$  
FOR  
EDUCATION  
coupons found on hundreds  
of General Mill products  
(collection bag in main entrance)**



**School Starts in  
September**

**Watch for  
Children when  
Driving**



2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Year

**Salute to  
Christmas**  
December 24<sup>th</sup>



Complimentary  
drink to  
celebrate the  
spirit of the  
Holiday Season

**Support  
Scouting**



**Boy Scouts of  
America**



**Girl Scouts of  
America**



**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 [jjmatis@cox.net](mailto:jjmatis@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 Lodge members **James York** (9/01), **Floyd Hensley** (9/08), **Phu Ngo** (9/08), **Brian Van De Meulevroetke** (9/08), **Alex Wantrobski** (9/08), **Jason Baker** (9/12), **Thomas Michaliga** (9/12), **Allen Ogle** (9/14), **John Rodas** (9/14), **Paul Lucas** (9/16), **Ron Mifflin** (9/16), **Andre McFail** (9/17), **Michael Brennan** (9/23), **Ronald Howard** (9/23), **Larry Anderson** (9/25), **Ricky Callin** (9/28), and **Timothy Ogle** (9/29).
- Happy Birthday to Women of the Moose members **Jennifer Flavin** (9/02), **Marirose Russo** (9/03), **Leonora Tanangco** (9/04), **Rebecca Wellcome** (9/06), **Anna Hinkle** (9/14), **Wendy Gonzalez** (9/19), **Rose Russo** (9/22), **Lorraine Haben** (9/26), and **Francine Huntzinger** (9/29).
- The **Birtell family** (Brian, Stacy, Valerie, & Kasey) participated in the “ice bucket challenge” in support of the ALS Association and research for Lou Gehrig's disease.
- Beryl Bakkar has become a grandmother in July; her daughter, Erika, had a baby girl named Anaya Jayne.
- *Sob! Lots of tears!* Our members who are teachers start working again in September. Do your best to sculpt the minds of our future community citizens.

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers for those who have current health or distressed situations; especially Tom Oderwald and Richard Becker.



**Approval of Revised Rules and Regulations of the Arlington #1315 Lodge**

Blame it on the Governor; as he was concentrating on other matters! The finalized recommended changes to the existing Rules and Regulations of the Arlington #1315 Lodge has been deferred until the House Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. Further details will be announced in the weekly Communications emails during the month of September of when the revised Rules and Regulations will be presented to the membership for approval.



**Redskins “Calling All Cooks” Sundays**

The NFL 2014 Season for the Washington Redskins will begin on September 7, 2014 at 1:00pm against the Houston Texans and we are counting on volunteers to continue this successful program by offering main dishes to the membership while watching the Washington Redskins games on Sundays in our Lodge. Please 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 to volunteer for a specific Redskin Game.** The Lodge wants to thank you in advance for your generosity for the enjoyment of others.



Chapter  
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Achievement  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Year)



# Soldiers' Angels

“May No Soldier Go Unloved”

## Family Friendly Military Charity Fundraiser Saturday, October 4, 2014 for Soldiers' Angels

The plan is starting to come together for this event; but nothing is finalized. We are planning to have live music entertainment, food and beverage offerings, free children games, free children fingerprint identification CD records, adult challenges for donations, CPR demonstrations, informational booths about the Soldiers' Angels organization and the Moose fraternity, raffles, and much more.

We need the assistance of our members in spreading the word about this worthwhile charity fundraiser event! We also need many of our members to volunteer to participate in this event ... including, but not limited to, cooking, conducting children games and adult challenges, conducting several raffles, and describing the workings of the Moose fraternity. **Please volunteer to make this event successful!**

## View the Movie “Moose Proud” at the Lodge

Travel with famed television actor and Moose Member, Erik Estrada, as he journeys throughout America to uncover the pride. ‘Moose Proud’ is a contemporary look at the organization of the Moose and its most valued assets.....its people!

It will be an emotional ride highlighting individual stories, remarkable charitable accomplishments and community service from coast to coast. It is a positive, realistic and sequential look at what it means to belong to America's oldest and legendary fraternal organization.....The Moose.

The Lodge will be displaying the movie at the Military Charity Fundraiser.

### VMA Mooseheart School Renovation Project

Our Goal \$400,000 ->

360,000 ->

320,000 ->

\$277,577.29

July 23rd, 2014

280,000 ->

240,000 ->

200,000 ->

160,000 ->

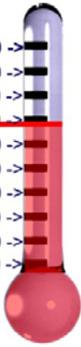
120,000 ->

80,000 ->

40,000 ->

Help Us  
Exceed  
Our Goal

August 2012  
to  
August 2014



**As of July 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
Virginia Moose  
Association has  
collected \$277,577  
for the Mooseheart  
School Renovation  
Project**

## New Membership Applications

The Lodge will pay  
for the \$20.00  
application fee for  
any new members  
enrolled to the  
Arlington #1315  
Moose Lodge  
**A Great  
Reason to  
Join!**



Children enjoying  
the Ice Cream  
Social and wet &  
wild slide at the  
Major Blast Cookout



Go to [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org)  
for more information

**MOOSE** ★  
**BACK TO BASICS**  
MAY 1, 2014 - APRIL 30, 2015

**SIGN 1 MEMBER**  
\*Moose - Back to Basics\* Lapel Pin

**SIGN 5 MEMBERS**  
\$5 Donation to Build the Elementary Academic Center at Mooseheart

**SIGN 25 MEMBERS**  
Buck Dedicated in Your Name to the Mooseheart School Renovation Project



Moose  
of the  
Month





**Future Planned Major Social Events**

(October –December)

**October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Military Charity Fundraiser (Soldiers' Angels)

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bill Lewis Memorial Chili Cook-Off

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Children's Halloween Party

**November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Youth Awareness Student Congress

**November 8<sup>th</sup>**

WOTM Italian Dinner

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**

Thanksgiving Family Feast

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Children's Christmas Party

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Salute to Christmas

**December 31<sup>st</sup>**

New Year's Eve Gathering

**Note:**  
Dates & Activities subject to change



**Greetings from South Africa**

(a story from Judith York during her recent trip)

*Thought you'd be interested in her latest baboon incident:*

At 8 a.m. one morning, I opened my bedroom curtains and saw a big male baboon sauntering across the golf course near our house. I immediately shut the curtains, but on peeping out of the side of the curtain, I saw him turn and stroll across the golf course and walk up our driveway -- the twitching of the curtains had not gone unnoticed! Shaking the morning blues, I dashed downstairs and looked for the "baboon patrol" number (otherwise known as security). The nice young girl at the golf course shop put me through to the manager and I managed to gasp out that we had a big male baboon on our roof -he'd easily jumped up on to the roof of our house and was making bumping noises trying to find a way in. Within 5 minutes, a bakkie (*small pick-up truck*) arrived at the bottom of our house and three men, with their batons, leapt out and took chase. In fact there was the big male baboon and two or three smaller ones - he probably was teaching them how to try and get into the houses. The human species were very brave and soon we saw the baboons take flight. I had meanwhile whispered to Jim that we had a big male (animal not human) on our roof.

I think I was calmer this time than my first incident with a big male baboon. That occurred a few trips back when I was happily writing postcards in the family room and looked up to see a big male on his hind legs pulling on the patio doors to the lounge. I am ignorant about dealing with wild animals, except for two pointers: don't turn your back on them (their instincts are to go after you) and don't look them in the eyes (they see this as a sign of aggression). Terrified as he approached to where I was jumping up and down and screaming (behind the family room patio doors), he strolled toward me and just before he got to where I was behaving erratically, he turned to one side and jumped onto the garden beds and started to pull the plants and shrubbery out.

The residents here have a problem. We are near a nature reserve which will not allow us to cull the baboon troop here on our estate. According to our estate manager, we are not even allowed to throw stones to defend ourselves. Since the baboon population grew from 25 to 80 in one 5-year span, they must be becoming pretty numerous by now. Birth control (*honestly*) has been tried, by luring the male baboons into a truck and transporting them a couple of hundred kilometers away; but alas, they are smart and love their home area! So far, the baboons are one to zero for the residents. If anyone has a solution, please let me know so I can pass it along to our estate manager.



**Save the Date: October 11, 2014**

**We Need Your Attendance at the Next VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting**

Our Lodge came close in the membership attendance count at the last District 4 meeting at Warrenton in July 2014; but "no bananas"! But we have a real good chance at the next District 4 meeting; as it is being held "just around the corner" at the Woodbridge Moose Family Center #583. Show your spirit and support for our fraternity by attending this District 4 meeting. Let's start another streak of three to obtain a new attendance trophy to display in our Social Quarters behind the bar. **Ooorrrhrrahh!!** (battle cry of the Marine Corps)



**Military  
Charity  
Fundraiser  
for  
Soldiers'  
Angels  
on  
Saturday,  
October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Please support**

**Support Our  
Local Police  
Department**



**Support the  
Local Fire  
Department**



**Lodge Repairs/Replacements**

In case a member of the Lodge has not heard (*and it spreads very rapidly in our Social Quarters*), the Lodge had a visit by the Arlington County Fire Marshal during the month of August 2014. The Lodge had two violations which were corrected and were re-evaluated as acceptable later in a re-inspection: non-functional emergency lighting devices for egress evacuation that were replaced with new LED light battery operated devices, and a method to secure high-pressure chemical cylinder tanks stored for the bar operations by providing a removable chain barrier that prevents the chemical cylinder tanks from accidentally falling.

Furthermore, the Lodge had a visit from a representative of Fairfax County during August 2014 about existing trash along the fence line on the east side of our property with the Westbriar Condo Associations. The Lodge employed a contractor to clean up the trash and destroy the vegetation along the fence line to meet the stated deadline of Fairfax County.

**Everyone needs to be reminded:**

**Moose Member Oath**

As a member of the Moose -  
I promise to always be fair and accountable -  
for my words and actions -  
I will treat others, as I like to be treated -  
I pledge to work in harmony -  
with all members of this fraternity -  
to ensure our growth and prosperity -  
I will at all times -  
comply with the General Laws -  
And pledge to do everything in my power -  
to ensure our success -  
for future generations to enjoy.



**The chefs of the Major Blast Cookout  
Liz Coombs, Tommy Oderwald, Billy  
Hensley & Joyce Chaffins**

**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 **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)

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