



Suwannee River Moose  
Family Center 325

January/February 2012

# Moose Tracks

## Happy New Year

Hoping this newsletter is received prior to January, be on the lookout for New Years Eve posters around the lodge. We will have a live band, food and Champagne to see the New Year in. See the bartender for tickets. Just \$10 per person.

## Superbowl Party

Come and enjoy watching SUPERBOWL XLVI on our big screen TV. We'll decorate the Social Quarters and create the atmosphere. We ask that everyone please bring in a covered dish, if you can, to share with your fellow fans. We've done this before with great success and everyone enjoyed the various fix'ns. We will also have drink specials. Although we don't know who's playing as of this writing, you know to wear your favorite teams colors. There will be three prize give-a-ways during the game. So come on out and cheer on your favorite team and have cheer with your friends. Sign in a guest and share the fun! GET READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL!

## Christmas Party Report

On 12/11/11 at 1:00pm, Suwannee River Lodge #325 of Fanning Springs, FL held its annual Children's Christmas party and a fun time it was.

Santa's helpers were on hand to welcome all the children attending, along with parents. The LOOM prepared lunch of hot dogs with or without chili, bags of chips and cans of soda.

Next came the games and the WOTM took care of that. There was the cotton ball race, we had quite a few 1-2 and 3 year olds who kept switching teams. Then we had musical chairs. The little ones were so funny, they sat two in a chair. The gals kept trying to explain the rules, but they had their own rules. "I'm sitting on a chair even if someone else is sitting on it". Of course after every game, everyone won a prize.

Santa came HO HO HO'ing in Butler Hall. He had presents and his Santa's Mail box beside him. The children were so excited to see him. Santa gave each child a wrapped present and a stuffed toy. The children put their wish list in Santa's mail box. Santa made 27 children happy that Sunday afternoon.

## Receiving More Than One Newsletter?

If you are receiving more than one newsletter in your household, particularly spouses, please let the appropriate officer know which one can be removed from the newsletter mailing list. If a woman, let WOTM Recorder Sue Wilson, know. If a man, let Assistant Administrator Herb Clark, know.

We are finding out that many households are receiving two or more newsletters and it would save us the cost of printing and postage if we can reduce the number of newsletters printed and mailed. We try to not send two to the married couples, but many times we just don't know who's the spouse.

If you are receiving multiple newsletters to the same household because members live together and you can live with just receiving one, please let us know. If you are downloading the newsletter from the website [www.suwanneerivermoose325.com](http://www.suwanneerivermoose325.com) and can forgo receiving one via the US mail. let us know that also.

Each child received a Curly Top Tommy Moose coloring book. We had a coloring page contest, Four children won special prizes. Before the party ended, the WOTM helpers passed out treat bags with tangerines, apples, string cheese, candy, raisins and, of course, it wouldn't be complete without our faithful cookie, baked by Carol McMullen who made ginger bread men.

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We know everyone left happy and all said Thank You and Santa..We'll see you next year!

Santa was Mickey Lindsey. Santa's helpers were Lois, Betty, Teenie, Doris, Marilyn, Carol, Joy, Lori and Margie.

Thanks to all!

Margie Barto  
Chairman

# Governors Letter

Dear Brothers and Coworkers,

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you received this newsletter in time, don't forget we are having a work party on December 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> starting 8:00am in the kitchen, to get ready for inspection. This is when we do a full "head to toe" kitchen cleanup.

January 15<sup>th</sup> is the District meeting at Suwannee River lodge at 11:00am. Please come and show your support. Orientation is every third Wednesday of the month and the next one is on the 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm. Orientation is for new members and prospective members to learn what the Moose is all about.

We have Bar Bingo on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday we have a jam session. Every Thursday we have DJ Dave. He has all kinds of music. We have Pool tournaments every Saturday and Wednesday starting at 1:00pm. There is Karaoke every Friday and Saturday starting at 7:00pm. We have open Pool every Sunday starting at 11:00am. Turkey Shoot every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Dinner every Friday and Saturday from 6:00-8:00pm.

Don't forget that February we start nominations for board of officers. If you plan on running for an office, please make certain you are aware of the obligations of that office and what is expected. Pick up a form from Herb Clark or Frank Nekola, fill it out and return to them. If they aren't available, place form in an envelope and address to "Nominations Committee" and give to the bartender. There will be three nomination committee meetings prior to announcing the candidates. The elections will be held April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Fraternally,

Andy Hershman  
Governor

# Moose Legion News

Not much to report, but to remind all you Moose Legionnaires that our monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month starting at 7:30pm.

The Moose Legion Celebration at Palatka Lodge was a great success. The next pre-planning meeting will be at Mandarin Lodge, January 14<sup>th</sup> and the celebration will be March 9-11.

Remember, if you sign up two candidates for the Moose Legion and they are enrolled, your Moose Legion dues will be free next year. Make certain whomever you sign up, meets the qualifications. The qualifications are posted on the wall above the guest sign in book.

# Asst. Administrator Note

Happy New Year!

We still have a problem with incorrect addresses. Several of you complain that you do not receive your newsletters. Well, there are a couple of reasons that this happens:

1. You moved and my "Crystal Ball" is unable to come up with your new address.
2. Please contact us with your new address.
3. Be sure we have the current "911" address, check with your post office.
4. In some cases, the return says "undeliverable no mail receptacle". (mailbox)
5. In some cases, if your dues are expired — even one day, the system removes you from the mail label program until dues are again current.

So please keep us up to date on your address and phone number.

Election time is rapidly approaching. Please give this some serious thought. I am talking Lodge elections — not government. We need officers that will give the time and effort required to do the job of the office they seek. Not someone that just wants to be able to boast that they are officers of the Moose Lodge. There are several requirements of elected officers of our Fraternity, including the requirement to attend all District Meetings, attend State Association Meetings, attend International Annual Convention (if able), attend officers training classes, and by all means attend Lodge and Officers Meetings. It is also a non-written understanding to be available to assist the Governor and Administrator when requested.

As nominating and election committee chairman, I will be accepting requests for nominations for the elected offices of Governor, Jr. Governor, Prelate, Treasurer, and Three year Trustee, at the regular meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 until the regular meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at which time nominations will close.

Herb Clark  
Assistant Administrator

Don't forget our Moose Legionnaire Appreciate night every Thursday from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Show your Moose card and if you are a Moose Legionnaire, your regular drinks are discounted.

Fraternally,

Tony Murphy  
Moose Legion Chairman



# HAPPY NEW YEAR JANUARY 2012



TOURNAMENT SUNDAYS 6:00PM HORSESHOE

POOL TOURNAMENT EVERY WED. & SAT 1:00 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>DRAFT &amp; Chicken Wings Special 3 to 6 pm</i> <i>Free Pool 11am til</i>	2 <i>WOTM Activities Night 7:30 pm</i>	3 <i>LOOM Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	4 <i>BAR BINGO</i>	5 <i>WOTM Spaghetti Social 5 to 7pm</i> <i>Enjoy Evening with "DJ" Dave</i>	6 <i>HAVE DINNER WITH US 6 TO 8pm</i> <i>Karaoke By "Timmy"</i>	7 <i>TACO NIGHT</i> <i>Karaoke By "Gina"</i>
8 <i>DRAFT &amp; Chicken Wings Special 3 to 6 pm</i> <i>Free Pool 11am til</i>	9 <i>WOTM Officers Mtg 7:30 pm</i> <i>Moose Legion 7:30 pm</i> <i>Joint Meeting Following</i>	10 <i>LOOM Lodge Officers 7:30 pm</i>	11 <i>JAM SESSION</i>	12 <i>ENJOY EVENING with "DJ" DAVE</i>	13 <i>HAVE DINNER WITH US 6 TO 8pm</i> <i>Karaoke By "Ron—Gail"</i>	14 <i>STEAK NIGHT</i> <i>Karaoke By "Ron—Gail"</i>
15 District Mtg. SR Lodge <i>DRAFT &amp; Chicken Wings Special 3 to 6pm</i> <i>Free Pool 11am til</i>	16 <i>WOTM Business Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	17 <i>LOOM Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	18 <i>BAR BINGO</i> <i>New Member Orientation 7:00 pm</i> <i>Attendees Receive Friday Dinners for Two</i>	19 <i>ENJOY EVENING with "DJ" DAVE</i>	20 <i>HAVE DINNER WITH US 6 TO 8pm</i> <i>Karaoke By "Xtreme"</i>	21 <i>FRY NIGHT</i> <i>Karaoke By "Xtreme"</i>
22 <i>DRAFT &amp; Chicken Wings Special 3 to 6 pm</i> <i>Free Pool 11am til</i>	23	24 <i>LOOM Lodge Officers 7:30 pm</i>	25 <i>JAM SESSION</i>	26 <i>ENJOY EVENING with "DJ" DAVE</i>	27 <i>HAVE DINNER WITH US 6 TO 8pm</i> <i>Karaoke By "Timmy"</i>	28 <i>STEAK NIGHT</i> <i>Karaoke By "Gina"</i>
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# Senior Regent Says

Greetings Everyone!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL...may the year 2012 be filled with Health, Happiness and Prosperity...

November was a great Month! The \$100 Bill Raffle for the Mooseheart/Moosehaven project was, like always, a huge success. Margie Barto who came to the rescue once again and is heading the Spaghetti Social and all the HELPER'S had a fantastic Spaghetti Dinner Social. They served 56 dinners in November and 44 in December. LADIES...JOB WELL DONE!

I would like very much to thank the LOYAL ORDER of MOOSE for attending the College of Regents Night on November 7th.....your presence was very much appreciated.

Huge thanks to Teenie and Hagan for the beautiful Christmas tree in Butler Hall...and thanks to the two Ladies that decorated the Tree. :)

Joint Orientation in November was cancelled. If we have new members, orientation is held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in Butler Hall. Chapter meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30pm. All members are invited to attend.

In November we packed the Thanksgiving Baskets (13) and on December 16th the Christmas Baskets (12). We had great helper's — thank you both ladies and Men for giving your time....great job...and thanks to the LOOM FOR DONATING THE TURKEYS.

## WOTM Membership

"CREATE SOME INTEREST" & SPONSOR NEW MEMBERS

Christmas is coming and the New Year is right upon us. It won't be long before we will be electing new officers. Ladies think really hard about taking a position. We need some officers that are willing to work for our Chapter and help our lodge. I think our officers this year have done a fantastic job in keeping the Chapter together. But, it's not only up to them....it's up to all of us to participate and work together.

Ladies, when you are sponsoring a new member, make sure you fill out the application correctly. Be sure the applicant reads the obligation on the form before signing it. Your part of the application needs to be filled out with name, address and your Moose ID# in full. Then fill out the receipt when they hand you their dues money. If you don't know how to fill it all out, give me a call and I can help. I'm only a phone call away (352-493-1212).

Many of you don't know, we have a new Membership program going on. Each Chapter gets different color beads. For each person sponsored the Sr. Regent puts 1 bead in the jar. For retention purposes, for each Re-enrolled, she puts 2 beads in the jar. This contest began at the District meeting in Nov. and will end at the District meeting in April. The Chapter that has the most

December 9th, for our Community Service, we passed out our Lap Robe's (most of which were made by our Ladies) and some beautiful stuffed toys. Myself, along with our Membership/Retention and Star Recorder Chairmen, delivered them to Hospice, where we personally handed them to the patients. After that we went to Ayers Nursing Home and then to Tri-County where we were well received. Everyone showed much appreciation. So Ladies, thank you each and everyone, for your participation. I will display pictures in the hall of smiley faces...THEY WILL WARM YOUR HEARTS. 😊

Co-Workers it is time to think about new Officers for 2012-2013. Please think on it. We will be addressing that at our January 2012 meeting, Yeah!!!

To all Suwannee River Members — please support our Chairmen's projects. They work very hard to help the Chapter, Lodge, Moose International, and our Community.

THANK YOU — ALL OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN — FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB YOU HAVE DONE SO FAR IN THIS CHAPTER YEAR. I am very proud of all of you and proud to serve as your Senior Regent. Forgive me if I am not always perfect. I can only tell you I am trying my best.

THE VERY BEST TO ALL OF YOU IN 2012 !!!!!.

Fraternally,

Elke Roach, Senior Regent

beads in their jar gets to string them and the representative gets to wear them at the Mid-Year conference in Orlando. They also will receive a framed certificate signed by the Deputy Grand Regent, Phyllis Jewett and Regional Manager, Jerry Monk.

So, ladies, get busy and talk the talk — sponsor New Members. Come to our meetings, get involved and find out what we really do. We need more volunteers, because the few of us cannot do it all. Please (Help, Help, Help)!

Remember, if you have a change of address or phone number let me or the recorder know so we can keep our records current and you will be able to receive all communications from your chapter and Moose International.

Don't forget the container for "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" IS ON THE TABLE IN THE FOYER. Please keep bringing them in — they help the Children at Mooseheart.

Thank You,

Angie Clark  
Membership/Retention Chairman

# 52 Club

It's been a long time since we made mention of this, but have you noticed a fairly large wooden board with 52 CLUB at the top with name plates fixed to it on the wall next to the social quarters door? This is our recognition of those who have donated \$52.00 between May 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> of each Moose year.

The first time you donate \$52 within the Moose year, a name plate is made with your name inscribed. Each succeeding year you donate another \$52, you'll have a pin above your name plate. The number of pins above your name represents the number of years you donated. Now, you don't have to donate the \$52 all at once, you can contribute throughout the year until you reach your \$52. Remember, it's between May 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

The 52 CLUB was started about five or six years ago as a means of raising funds, for repairs and improvements ONLY, to the lodge. For instance, a couple of years ago we had to replace two main AC units for the Social Quarters and pool room area. We

had to replace the Halon system, fire extinguishing system over the stove, in the kitchen. We've added a AC unit in the wall by the exit door of the social Quarters. We now need help for roof repairs.

You can donate \$13 a quarter, even a dollar a week or any amount any time within the time period mentioned above. There are 52 CLUB donation forms just outside the office door. Just fill out the form and place it with your contribution in an envelope, seal it, mark on the envelope '52 CLUB' and give to the bartender. We'll keep track of your donation and when you meet the \$52 by the end of April, you'll either get a name plate added to the 52 CLUB board or a pin above your existing name plate.

Here it is already January. If you can contribute \$52 dollars by the end of April 2012, then you've made your obligation and get a name plate or pin above your name plate, If you can't, then wait until May 1<sup>st</sup> to start. Why 52? Well, that's only a \$1 a week.

## Pool Tourney Results

Moose 8-ball and 9-ball Tournament Monthly winners. Pool tournaments are held every Wednesday and Saturday starting at 1:00 pm. Also remember that the lodge is hosting free pool every Sunday from 11:00am until closing.

### 8-ball

Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Hainline  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis McIntire

Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Lilli Powers

Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Keith Stickles  
2<sup>nd</sup> Johnny Foster  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fred Schroeder

Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Glenn Gulbranson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lilli Powers  
3<sup>rd</sup> Keith Stickles

Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Keith Stickles  
2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Gulbranson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Kinsey

### 9-ball

Glenn Gulbranson

Helen McDaniel

Glenn Gulbranson  
Johnny Foster  
Keith Stickles

Keith Stickles  
Dennis McIntire

Keith Stickles  
Johnny Foster

### 8-ball

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Lilli Powers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Stickles  
3<sup>rd</sup> Glenn Gulbranson

Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Hainline  
2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Gulbranson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Johnny Foster

Nov 16<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Hainline  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lilli Powers  
3<sup>rd</sup> Glenn Gulbranson

Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Keith Stickles  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lilli Powers  
3<sup>rd</sup> Johnny Foster

### 9-ball

Glenn Gulbranson  
Keith Stickles

Keith Stickles  
Lilli Powers

Sue Brownell  
Lilli Powers  
Johnny Foster

Glenn Gulbranson  
Lilli Powers

## FBMA Annual State Horseshoe Tournament

The tournament was held at the Okeechobee Moose Family Center #1753 on November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Our own Richard Harvey and Richard Bater (Gator & Bater) took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Class 'A' men's doubles. Bater also took 2nd place in the Class 'C' men's singles. Suwannee River has put in a bid for the State Horseshoes Tournament for 2012. Congratulations Gator and Bater — you make us proud!

**Beginning January 1, for four months,**

**Moose International waives ALL revenue**

**from ALL Membership Applications!**

# \$0 Application Fee!

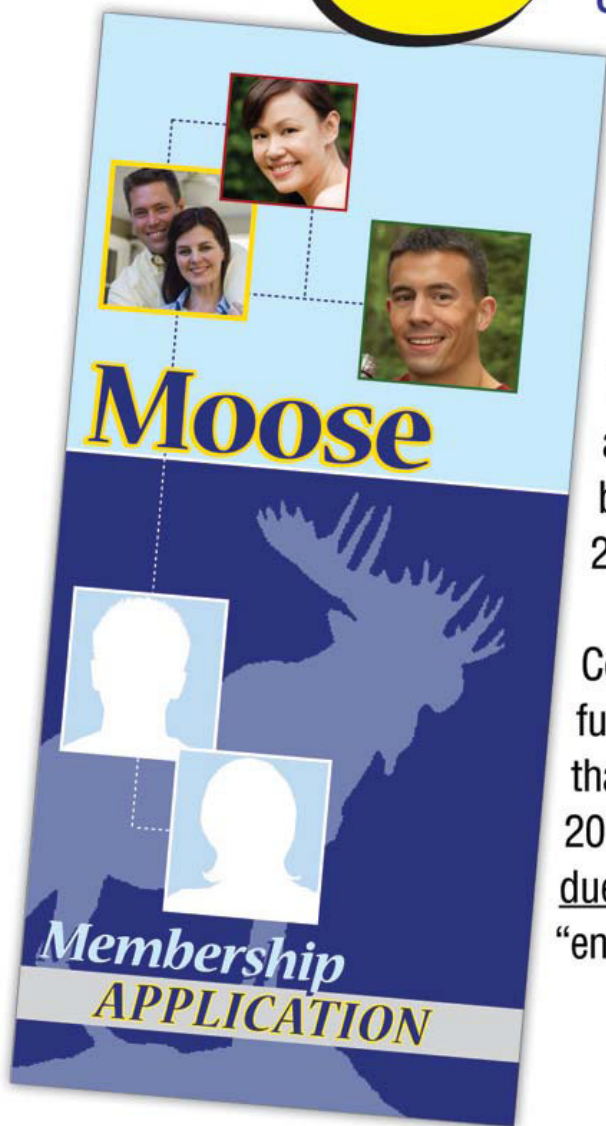
JANUARY 1 - APRIL 30, 2012

*That's right! Lodge, Chapter & Moose Legion applicants pay . . .*

***\$0 Application Fee!***

No application fee required for ANY membership application transmitted to Moose International between 12:01 a.m.(CT) Sunday, January 1, 2012 and 10 p.m.(CT) Monday, April 30, 2012.

Completed applications must be remitted with full first-year dues. Remember—members that sponsor two applications between May 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012 will receive a free year's dues, provided these applicants are reported as "enrolled" by 10 p.m. (CT) Monday, April 30, 2012.





# LOOM OFFICERS

Governor Andy Hershman  
 Junior Governor Mickey Lindsey  
 Junior Past Governor Bernard Anderson  
 Prelate David McElroy  
 Treasurer Don Sorrell  
 1 year Trustee Dave Cunningham  
 2 year Trustee Bill Owens  
 3 year Trustee Steve Harris  
 Inner Guard Bob McMullen  
 Outer Guard Herb Clark  
 Sgt. At Arms Tony Murphy (Pro Tempore)  
 Administrator Frank Nekola

# WOTM OFFICERS



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 Junior Regent Vacant  
 Chaplain Shirley Garry  
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