December 2010/January 2011

For events calendar, see pages 5-6

• December 11, Women’s Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus, 9 a.m.

• December 31, New Year’s Extravaganza, music by Eclecticville Orchestra, 8 p.m.

• January 1, J.C.’s New Year’s After Party, Noon

• January 12, Winter Bags League Begins

• January 14, Footstompers, 8 p.m.

• January 29, Beef Stroganoff dinner/Ready or Not, 5 p.m./8 p.m.

• Watch your e-mail box for bi-weekly updates on Lodge activities

Halloween Bash Huge Success

Eclecticville Orchestra returns to the Lodge December 31 for the New Year’s Eve Party.

IMC Midyear Conference in Westmont


If you have never had the opportunity to attend, now is the time to go.

Sponsor a New Member; Win a Trip to Daytona

From November 1 through December 31, 2010, members who sponsor one new member into the fraternity will be entered in a drawing to win a trip for two to the 2011 Daytona 500, the “Super Bowl of NASCAR”! Each additional new member sponsored during this two-month incentive period will mean an additional opportunity to win.

The Daytona 500 prize package includes, among others:

• roundtrip airfare for two to Orlando, Florida (booked through Moose International);

• two nights lodging at The Florida Hotel & Conference Center in Orlando (Saturday, February 19, and Sunday, February 20, 2011);

• $500 in VISA gift cards courtesy of U.S. Bank; and

• roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation to Daytona International Speedway.

For new member applications to count toward this incentive program, they must be transmitted to Moose International by 10 p.m. CST on December 31, 2010.

The grand prize drawing will take place on Wednesday, January 5, 2011. The winner will be notified and details of the trip will be finalized at that time.

Chili Cook Off Set for January 30

Stir up your favorite chili recipe, bring it to the Lodge in a crock-pot, and position yourself to win one of the top three prize’s in this year’s Chili Cook Off.

The event kicks off at 2 p.m. on January 30, 2011, in the Social Quarters.

Sponsored by the Rod & Gun Club, the event will feature raffles, split the pots, and prizes for the winners.

Do your best; the competition will be fierce.

Toys for Tots

Remember a child less fortunate during the holidays. Donate a toy by December 13. A collection box can be found in the entrance hall to the Social Quarters.
Thank you to everyone who has been to our Lodge and enjoyed some of the many events that support our Lodge and the fraternity. Please check out the calendar on pages 5 and 6 and www.DGMoose.org for upcoming events.

We could not survive in this economy if it were not for the support we receive from our members, all the volunteers that run events, and your Board of Officers that volunteer their time to guide our Lodge.

Please come to your Lodge meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and show your support for our Lodge. We need your input.

I would like to wish you and your family a very happy holiday season.

Never Pay Dues Again!
Membership Campaign for all members of Downers Grove Moose Lodge 1535!
Sponsor two new or re-enrolled members between now and April 30, 2011, and you will receive your next year’s dues for free!

This program will continue in future years so that the first two applications sponsored during each fiscal year will mean another year’s dues!

In essence, if you sponsor two applications every year . . .
YOU WILL NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN!

Sickness and Distress . . .
Everett D. Mullins, who lived in the Dothan, Alabama, area and was an enrolled member for 43 years, recently passed away.

Lester L. Kelly, long-time Lodge member and familiar face in the Social Quarters, recently passed away.

Please keep the family and friends of these Loyal members in your thoughts and prayers.

Loyal Order of Moose
Downers Grove Lodge 1535
(Name & Enrollment Date)
60 Year Members
Daniel J Hromada 9/28/1948
Richard Simon 2/1/1949
Fred L Artemenkel 1/32/1950

50 Year Members
Frank P Ritchie 12/10/1950
Robert Nebras 1/1/1952
Charles M Peters 3/24/1952
Herman F Welch 4/3/1952
Donald H Feld 6/30/1953
Jack M Ponstein 6/31/1953
Harold M Spanagel 6/21/1953
Ernest J Kuras 11/6/1953
Cari V Johansson 12/20/1953
Richard U Jordan 8/19/1954
Richard G Bator 8/20/1954
Jim R Callahan 8/7/1955
John D Kulaga 12/31/1955
Raymond E Fisher 2/5/1956
Frank J Mailie 2/5/1956
Eugene M Zidek 6/8/1958
Carmen L Caputo 8/15/1958
William R Boett 6/12/1960

Membership Anniversary’s
October, November, & December 2010
60 Years
Frank P Ritchie 12/10/1950

50 Years
Richard F Holottik 10/22/1960
John F Cuff 10/12/1960
Edward A Fitzgerald 12/10/1960

30 Years

20 Years
Scott E Ard 12/4/1990

10 Years
Scott C Cleal 10/24/2000
James C Lippert 10/24/2000
Dorrell E Kyle 10/24/2000
Dean R Radtke 10/24/2000

5 Years
George C Buckun 11/12/2005
Anthony R Tumac 11/20/2005

Governor Dave Gardner was on hand to present Tommy Moose to the Westmont Fire Department on October 4.
Hello Ladies: It is six months into the WOTM year and we are at 48% of our membership goal. If your dues are due, please remember to pay them online or by mail as soon as they come in. Some members lay them off to the side and forget about them. Don’t let that happen. The TIME IS NOW; we need 15 new members to achieve our quota. Ask your girlfriends, sisters, aunts, mothers, or any qualified female 21years of age or older to join. Give them the positive reasons for becoming a member:

- Mooseheart/Moosehaven,
- a place to escape from the same old daily routine,
- meet new friends,
- entertainment,
- family friendly, and
- other (you can fill in the blanks).

Again, congratulations to the women who achieved Academy of Friendship and those who received service pins. It is with your dedication that the Chapter survives. Keep up the good work! Below are the activities planned for December and January:

Dec. 1—Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m.
Dec. 3—Women’s Fish Fry, 5 p.m.–8 p.m. Volunteers needed
Dec. 6—Secret Pal Christmas Party on Monday, December 6, 6:30 p.m., Bailey’s in Westmont. New members are welcome! There are no dues, just FUN shopping! Contact Chairman Dianne Murrow for more info: dm5620@comcast.net or 630/852-5569.
Dec. 9—Audit/Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
Dec. 11—Women’s Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Clause, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Children may visit with Santa and Mrs. Clause for pictures (remember to bring your camera). Holiday games, crafts, and a small gift from Santa will be provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are required. Cost is $5 per adult. To reserve seats, contact Ann Muniz at 630/663-1275 or e-mail annmniz@comcast.com. Please include your first and last name, phone number, number of people in your party, and names and ages of the child(ren) accompanying you. Reservations will be accepted until Saturday, December 4. Volunteers needed.

Dec. 15—Chapter Meeting 6 p.m. (downstairs). All WOTM are invited after our meeting to the Rod & Gun Christmas Party at 7 p.m. (2nd floor)—remember to bring a dish to pass.

Jan. 5—Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m.
Jan. 7—Women’s Fish Fry, 5 p.m.–8 p.m. Volunteers needed. Our Audit meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. (2nd floor) and the Board meeting will follow after the Fish Fry.

Jan. 19—Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m.
Feb. 3—Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m.
Feb. 4—Women’s Fish Fry, 5 p.m.–8 p.m. Volunteers needed.

Ongoing Service Projects: Aluminum pop tops, used greeting cards, plastic Coke tops, or Campbell soup UPC labels. Leave them in the social quarter with a sign “For the WOTM” or bring them to a meeting.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY: The WOTM collected nonperishable food items for the less fortunate. Dianne Murrow, Chair, is shown here with all the donations. Five large boxes were delivered to local individuals and families in need. THANK YOU to all who donated for this very worthwhile community service!

Chapter 973
About the Women of the Moose
Any questions, ask a current officer or e-mail Chapter973@mooseunits.org. Find out what the WOMEN OF THE MOOSE is all about. See what is scheduled for next year. Meet your coworkers and enjoy the refreshments.

- Our regular Chapter Nights: 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- Officers meeting Immediately following the Audit meeting in WOTM Office.

Officers
Sr. Regent: Jan Powell
Jr. Regent: Maria Klewinski
Chaplain: Maureen Saunders
Secretary: Joanie Kubilius
Recorder: Judy Kindermann
Jr. Grad: Jeanne Boehm
Moose Riders #1535
Steve Hernandez, President

Fall is here, and the leaves are changing color finally and falling to the ground. What a great time for motorcycle riders to take in all this beauty while out for a leisurely ride. Unfortunately, I personally have not taken part because of work for my employer and around the house. The weather has been good to us so far, so I can’t use that as an excuse. Enough about me, I’m sure others have taken full advantage of this great weather to take in the sights.

The MooseRiders had a Rib Dinner fund raising event to help raise money so that the MooseRiders can make a contribution to help the kids at Mooseheart. Our fund raiser was a success, raising close to $500 after expenses. Thank you all for taking part in this event. I’m sure everyone enjoyed those ribs because people are asking for an encore. There is talk that we may be doing this again in April. Special thanks go out to Barb and Herman Stift, Mike Meador, Jeff Kuchta, Chris Collins, and his son for preparing, cooking, serving, and cleaning. This would not have been successful without them.

The MooseRiders followed that event up the following week by hosting the Friday Night Fish Fry. This drew a normal size crowd from what we were told. Again thanks to all that helped to make this successful. A special THANKS goes out to Mike Schultze for volunteering his services when I wasn’t sure we had a cook to work the fish fry. We had all our bases covered and more resources at the ready to make this a smooth running event. Thanks again.

Right now plans are for the MooseRiders to attend the Light Festival at Mooseheart after Thanksgiving and show our support. Speaking of support, one of our MooseRider’s daughter celebrated a milestone birthday with an event that benefited the Ride Janie Ride Foundation on November 20.

Rod & Gun Club
Jim Miller, President

It’s almost Christmas! Have you sold all of your raffle tickets yet? I hope so.

The Christmas raffle is our only fund raiser, so see a Rod & Gun Club member to purchase a ticket.

We had a great turnout for the sporting clays event at the Seneca Hunt Club, and everyone is looking forward to next year’s event. Thanks to everyone who has been helping with the Fish Fries! The Lodge really appreciates our help keeping the tradition going. Rudy seems to be the leader of this by default, so see him and schedule a time to help.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 15 at 6:30 p.m. All Rod & Gun members, spouses, and Women of the Moose are encouraged to come. We will have tear off sheets at the meeting with dishes to bring, so we all don’t bring deviled eggs. We will need some volunteers for set up, tear down, shopping, kitchen, raffles, and clean up, so please let us know where you can help. We are going to have some very nice gifts to raffle off during dinner from donations by the Bass Pro Shop, a one of a kind Charlie Dennison bird house, which is sure to be a hit, and some surprises along the way. I hope everyone can make it.

Mark your calendars for January 30, at 2 p.m, for our Third Annual Chili Cook Off in the Social Quarters. Last year we had 17 entries (everyone excellent), and we hope to have more this year. Evan and Rich need some extra competition. I have heard enough from them, so bring your best recipe. We will have some additional raffles and split the pot events this year as well. We had a great turnout last year and hope to do better this year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

The Rod & Gun Club extends a warm welcome to recent Lodge enrollees and cordially invites all Lodge members who enjoy hunting, fishing, and the outdoor and shooting sports to join the Rod & Gun Club. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month downstairs.

Saturday, January 29
Live Music
Ready or Not
8:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m.
Beef Stroganoff
Dinner
5:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
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Rod & Gun Club  
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Ready or Not, 8 p.m.  
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Chili Cook Off  
2 p.m. | 31       |         |          |          |          |          |
Moose Legion

Donald Kubilius, Chair

Thank you to all Moose Legionnaires and their spouses, and guests who attended our meetings in October and November. Thanks to Judy Kindermann for preparing the breakfast. A special thanks to Jeff Kindermann for filling in for me while I was at the Triple Play.

A few changes have been made to the Code of Rules for the Moose Legion and to the “Next Step In Fraternity” agenda. Look for more information in the following months.

How are you doing with our current membership campaign? Are your next year’s Moose Legion dues being paid for you? Just as with your Lodge dues, sponsor two members into the Moose Legion, and your next year’s dues are paid.

Also, don’t forget the MECCA 9 Moose Legion Membership Campaign! Running from July 1, 2010, until April 30, 2011, the Moose Legionnaire in MECCA 9 who sponsors the most members into the Moose Legion will receive $200, and the Moose Legion Unit that sponsors the most Moose Legionnaires will receive $200. Candidates eligible for membership must be conferred by April 30, 2011. So now is the time to ask Lodge members who qualify if they would like to be part of the Degree of Service. To be qualified for the Moose Legion membership, you must be a Moose member for one year and sponsored one member into the Lodge, or have been a member for six months and sponsored three members into the Lodge. The application fee is $10, and membership dues are only $17 per year. A part of the dues goes to Mooseheart and Moosehaven for their operating expense and for projects that are needed to be done. Is someone you know eligible to join the Moose Legion? Contact me and we will look on the list provided by MECCA 9. You may be surprised that you know someone who is.

On December 5, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. we will be serving Soup and Bread in the Social Quarters during the Bears game. And on January 2, 2011, there will be homemade “sliders.”

Our next MECCA 9 event is the Annual Awards Banquet. This year the banquet will be held on January 22, 2011, at the St. Charles Moose Lodge. Among the dignitaries is our Special Guest Visitor, International Moose Legion President Bruce Berger. There will be a Conferral at 5 p.m. in his honor. So come out, meet Bruce, and have a good time. Be there also to honor the Moose Legionnaires of the Year from the Lodge Moose Legions, and the Mecca 9 Moose Legionnaire of the Year who will be chosen from among all the nominees. Tickets will be $15 for dinner.

Moose Legionnaires, have you joined the Council Of Higher Degrees yet? All Moose Legionnaires are qualified to join. The cost is only $5 a year, or $75 for a Lifetime Membership. If you are interested in joining, contact Don Kubilius for an application. Our next meeting will be at Mooseheart for the High School Pizza party.

REMEMBER: “TO DO SOME GOOD THING FOR SOMEONE EACH DAY”

From the Administrator

Mike Pelling

What is the Moose??

The Moose is an international organization of men and women dedicated to caring for the young and old, bringing communities closer together, and celebrating life.

What does it take to be a Moose Lodge?

1. We must fulfill the purpose of our Order,
2. promote Family Activities,
3. volunteer for Community Service,
4. take care of our own, our members, and
5. conduct required meetings, which are two Lodge meetings a month, two officer’s meetings a month, two House Committee meetings a month, one joint meeting a month with the Women of the Moose, and hold special meetings as required.

We are collecting for Toys for Tots during the holiday season. Please remember those less fortunate during this season. You will find a collection box is in the Social Quarter’s entrance hall.

Remember to sponsor a member to strengthen our Lodge. Sponsor a second member before April 30 and get your dues paid for your next year of membership.

What a great Christmas gift a Moose membership would be!

Thank you for what you do and what you are going to do.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lodge Hall Rentals

The hall is available to Lodge and Chapter members in good standing to rent for any family occasion.

For information, contact the Lodge office
BLOOD BANK CHAIRMAN

Brendan Kenny

With our current membership, we can increase our support of the Heartland Blood Center. Next blood drive is to be scheduled.

Please contact the Lodge office at 630/968-4550, if interested in donating blood.

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

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GOT PLANS?

2nd Annual
Moose New Year’s
EXTRAVAGANZA

music by
Eclecticville

Friday, December 31
8 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Stop in the Lodge for details.

Happy New Year!

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