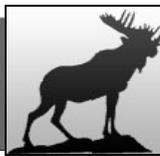


Moose Roundup



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February/
March 2017

For events calendar,
see calendar insert.

- Feb. 3, Fish Fry, 5:30–8 p.m.
- **Feb. 5, Super Bowl LI Party, 4:30 p.m.**
- Feb. 5, Moose Legion Breakfast and Meeting, 9 a.m.
- Feb. 10, Fish Fry, 5:30–8 p.m.
- **Feb. 16–19, Illinois Moose Association Midyear Convention, Decatur**
- Feb. 17, Fish Fry, 5:30–8 p.m.
- Feb. 19, Lodge Breakfast, 8:30–11 a.m.
- Feb. 21, Trivia Night, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 24, Fish Fry, 5:30–8 p.m.
- Mar. 3, Fish Fry, 5:30–8 p.m.
- **Mar. 5, Family Bags League, noon–5 p.m.**
- Mar. 10, Fish Fry, 5:30–8 p.m.
- Mar. 17, Fish Fry, 5:30–8 p.m.
- Mar. 19 (tentative), Celebration of Spring and Lodge Breakfast, 8:30–11 a.m.
- Mar. 21, Trivia Night, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 24, Fish Fry, 5:30–8 p.m.
- **Mar. 25, Chili Dinner, 5 p.m.**
- Mar. 31, Fish Fry, 5:30–8 p.m.

THANK
YOU
Volunteers!

Mooseheart Kids Enjoy a Christmas Outing at the Lodge

Downstairs on the bulletin board across from the men's restroom are a bunch of thank-you cards from the kids of Mooseheart who came out for the annual dinner, games, and the West Town Chorus Holiday Show at the Tivoli.

A Downers Grove Lodge holiday tradition, the Bags League has taken the lead in this event, with the support of the LOOM, which donates the tickets for the Holiday Show, and other Lodge units.

The Bags League once again provided the food and drinks as well as a \$25 Target gift card for all in attendance. Winners of either a Bingo game or a round of "long boards" received \$50 gift cards. Needless to say, all the kids returned home to Mooseheart happy and full.

In addition, the Bags League sent \$100 to Javion, who is sponsored by the Lodge, and another \$500



was donated Illinois House so the girls there could get what they wanted.

Just a reminder of what the Moose is really all about—supporting Mooseheart and the kids there.

SOCIAL QUARTERS HAPPENINGS

By Lisa

Another year has come and gone. New Year's resolutions have been made—I'm sure some have been broken and some are still going strong. What is a New Year's resolution any way, and why do you have a need to participate in this ritual? Is it a fresh start, a new chapter, or a turning of the page and not dwelling on the past? A better YOU? Some say their resolution is not to make a New Year's resolution. Then you have already achieved your goal for the new year. So, I would like to congratulate some and wish the others good luck. I hope that everyone succeeds in their dreams for the future, although I personally think you all are perfect just the way you are!

Speaking of the New Year, we have some exciting news about happenings in the Social Quarters. Fish Fries are finally starting up on January 27, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We have a delicious menu with a variety of fresh fish for fish lovers and many menu items for others. Fish Fries are held on the Lodge's second floor and can be enjoyed in our vast

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A Burger Night Thank You

We would like to thank all those who supported the Monday Night Burgers, even during the bad weather Mondays. We had some fans that braved even the bad weather for their burgers.

A special thank you to Mike Breedlove, who came out every week to help, and to Jeff Kindermann and Mike Pelling, who filled in when we needed it. Thank you to our favorite Monday Night bartenders, Heidi and Mike Kouri, for promoting Burger Night and also for enjoying a salad or goodies.

The profits were split between the Lodge, Chapter, and Moose Legion. All leftover supplies were given to the Lodge for the upcoming Fish Fries.

Thank you again. Keep warm and we'll see you in the fall.

JOANIE & DON KUBILIUS

From the Governor, Wally Olewinski

Hello D.G. Moose Members:

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. At the Lodge I know we were busy.

The kids from Mooseheart had a fun time at their Christmas party and West Town Chorus Christmas show at the Tivoli. Thanks to John Klasing and his Bags Committee for organizing and running the party and to all Lodge units that donated time and helped to make this event a fun time for the kids. The Rod & Gun Club hosted the whole-Lodge Christmas party again this year and a fun time was had by all. The combination LOOM/WOTM



Governor Wally at the grill for Breakfast with Santa in December.

Breakfast with Santa was held during the monthly Lodge Breakfast. Thank you LOOM for cooking and to the WOTM who held activities for the kids and to our Santa and Mrs. Claus. At the end of December, we all had fun at the Holiday Jam in the Social Quarters. Thanks to all the musicians who donated their time to keep us entertained.

February is the time of the year when we start our election

process for LOOM Officers. A schedule of Nominating Committee meetings is included in this issue of the *Roundup*. Anyone interested in getting more involved with the Lodge or the Moose cause can submit a nominating slip, which will be available at the entrance to the Social Quar-

ters, and place it in the container with the bartender starting at the end of February.

As always anyone with a fundraising idea or community project, please submit all items to the Lodge Office or to any Lodge Officer. Watch your emails for announcements of new events and important news. If you have not received the Lodge email blasts in the past month, please submit your email address to the Office.

In closing, keep signing up new members and support your Lodge in all activities.

Nominations and General Election Notice: 2017 Lodge Officers Election

- Feb. 28, 2017*—Nominating Committee appointed.
- Feb. 28, 2017—Recommended day for members to submit names to be considered for nomination. Deliver to the office by 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 7, 2017—1st Nominating Committee meeting, 8:15 p.m.
- Mar. 14, 2017—2nd Nominating Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 21, 2017—Last day for members to submit names to be considered for nomination. Deliver to the office by 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 22, 2017—Last Nominating Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 28, 2017*—Nominating Committee report.
- Apr. 4, 2017—Last day for eligible member to submit petition to Administrator.
- Apr. 11, 2017*—Election of Officers.
- Apr. 25, 2017*—Installation of Officers.

*General Lodge membership meeting.

2016-17 LOOM Officers

- Governor:
Wally Olewinski
- Jr. Governor:
Doug Winslow
- Treasurer:
Rick Bright
- Prelate:
Jeff Kindermann
- Administrator:
Tom Moran
- 1-year Trustee:
Peter Poshepny
- 2-year Trustee:
Joe Jereb
- 3-year Trustee:
Mike Kobit
- Jr. Past Governor:
Mike Meador
- Outer Guard:
Barney Dahl
- Sgt.-at-Arms:
Vacant
- Inner Guard:
Vacant



April/May Roundup articles are due March 10. Submit to brightr@sbcglobal.net.

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Rod & Gun Club, Evan Fitzgerald, President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and fun filled holiday. Now lets get started with 2017; a new year brings new opportunities.

We had a decent turnout for the annual Christmas Party, always room for more. Plenty of good food and fellowship.



Good food and fellowship were the order of the day during the Christmas party.

Winter is here, hunting season is over, and ice fishing is on! Or, if ice isn't your thing, open the gun safe, give them a good cleaning. There are two new indoor ranges open in the area, in Bolingbrook and Hodgkins. Get the summer tackle out. Clean the box, sharpen the hooks, put new line on the reels.

On the off chance you missed it, the Annual Chili Cook Off benefitting Sgt. Tommy's Kids is on Jan. 29. I hope we have a great day and turnout. We usually do for some great chili and a worthy cause.

The second meeting in February is our long pheasant tail contest. Members, bring them down.

The only thing on the schedule for March is one of the biggest holidays of the year, St. Patrick's Day! Start practicing!

And finally, the Friday night Fish Fries are starting up again, hope to see you up there.



The Rod & Gun Club hosted Lodge members during the annual Christmas Party.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we still have membership opportunities available. If you are a member in good standing, enjoy sharing outdoor activities, fishing, hunting, the shooting sports, and camping, we welcome you to come and see what we have to offer. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the Lodge basement at 8:00 p.m. Your first year is free of dues. We look forward to seeing you there.

FAMILY BAGS EVENT

**Sunday, March 5, Noon to 5 p.m.,
D.G. Lodge, Upstairs**

Teams of four, one member must be an adult. Children 7 to 14. \$20 a team, includes lunch. Questions: call Joanie at 630/334-2388, or email dkubilius@sbcglobal.net. **Form below due by February 24, 2017.**

TEAM NAME _____

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CHILD _____ AGE _____

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "WOTM 973."

FORM DUE BY FEBRUARY 24, 2017.



Moose Legion, Jeff Kindermann, Chair

Thanks to Dave Henczel for organizing, preparing, and implementing the Downers Grove Moose Legion Christmas Party Breakfast and Raffles. Dave donated raffle prizes and raised money for our unit. Great job; keep up the good work!

MECCA #9 held its awards banquet on January 7 at the Batavia Lodge. Several legionnaires attended and all had a good time. International Moose Legion President Walter Zurowski was the guest speaker. His main message focused on the acronym ICE—Image, Competent, and Energetic. Incorporating and living these three words into our daily lives along with our commitments to the Moose Legion will strengthen our fraternity now and into the future.

I was honored to be selected and awarded with both the Lodge 1535 Legionnaire of the Year and Mecca #9 Legionnaire of the Year award. Thanks to all who have supported me and the Moose Legion this past year. All your efforts make life a little more enjoyable for the children of Mooseheart and our senior citizens at Moosehaven.

The Moose Legion is always looking for individuals who would like to expand or provide a greater service to the children of Mooseheart and our seniors at Moose-

- **February 4**—Jim Massey's Almost Famous Rib Dinner and Trivia, Lockport Lodge, 6:00 p.m.
- **February 5**—Moose Legion Breakfast and Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- **February 16**—Mid-Year Convention, Decatur, Illinois, starts 9:00 a.m. daily.
- **March 5**—Moose Legion Breakfast and Meeting, 9:00 a.m.



Jeff Kindermann was honored as the Downers Grove Moose Legionnaire of the Year and Mecca 9 Moose Legionnaire of the Year during ceremonies at the Batavia Lodge. *From left to right:* Downers Grove Moose Legionnaires Bob Vodicka, Dave Henczel, Barney Dahl, Scott Robinson, Jeff Kindermann, Joe Mech, and Don Kubilius. **CONGRATULATIONS, JEFF.**

Fellowship Dinner and White Elephant Sale

Dear Fellows:

You and a guest are invited to attend a dinner and white elephant sale on Sunday, February 19, upstairs at the Lodge.

Dinner will be provided by the Fellowship at no charge.

- Cocktails (cash bar), 1:00 p.m.
- Dinner, 1:30 p.m., meat, potatoes, vegetable provided.
- White Elephant Sale, 2:30 p.m.

Please bring a food dish to share at the dinner.

Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift to be auctioned off. One gift per person attending. Please, **no junk**. All money raised by the white elephant raffle will go towards the Fellowship Flower Fund.

RSVP to Barney Dahl by Sunday, February 12, at 630/985-1990.

haven. If you are interested in the Moose Legion mission, the requirements to join are: (1) hold active Lodge membership for a minimum period of six months or (2) sponsor one member in good standing into the order. The application fee to join the Moose Legion of \$10 has been waved until April 30, 2017. Yearly dues to join the Moose Legion are \$17 per year. Anyone interested in learning more about the Moose Legion should contact Jeff Kindermann or any Moose Legion member.

The Moose Legion meets the first Sunday of every month at 9:00 a.m. upstairs at the Lodge. Breakfast for \$4.00 is served at 9:30 a.m. and is followed by a meeting at 10:00 a.m. Thanks for your continued service. As always, try to do something good for someone each day.

Women of the Moose, Jill Breedlove, Jr. Grad Regent

Kids Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party was a big success. Fifteen families attended A BIG thank you goes to Bev Dahl, who has honored us by being Mrs. Santa for the past 49 years, and to Jeff Kindermann, who was an excellent Santa. Their participation and interaction with the children was amazing, and lots of pictures were taken. I would like to thank Danny Mulcrone for helping get the word out in her neighborhood. I would also like to thank the set-up committee of Linda Mullins, Danny Mulcrone, Jill Breedlove, and Michael Breedlove, who came in the Friday before to decorate the hall.

Family Bags League

On **SUNDAY, MARCH 5**, we will host a Family Bags League from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. We hope to have fathers/daughters, fathers/sons, mothers/daughters, mothers/sons, or kids ages 7 to 14, against parents, team participation. Tickets are \$20 for a team of four members. If you are interested, please call me at 630/362-4243 or email me at wightstumpy@comcast.net. A light meal will be served, and awards will be presented.

Academy of Friendship

On **MONDAY, APRIL 3**, we will host our Academy of Friendship banquet. It will be held upstairs, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A light meal will be served, following the meeting. This banquet is on behalf of the women who held chairs and brought in two new members during

- **WOTM Meetings**—First and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. on the first floor.
- **March 5**—Family Bags Event, 12 noon–5:00 p.m., upstairs.
- **March 19**—Celebration of Spring/Lodge Breakfast, 8:30–11 a.m., upstairs.
- **March 25**—Chili Dinner, 5 p.m., in the Social Quarters.
- **April 3**—Academy of Friendship banquet, 7:30 p.m., upstairs.

the last year. Please come, bring a friend, and enjoy the evening. Our chairman for this event is Ingrid Radford.

Lodge Dinner Dance

Due to circumstances out of our control, we have cancelled the dinner-dance for this year. Hopefully things will work out better next year, and we will be able to host this event in February 2018.

Celebration of Spring

On **SUNDAY, MARCH 19** (tentative), in conjunction with the LOOM Lodge Breakfast, we will host a Celebration of Spring from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Bring the whole family and your camera; children 12 and under eat free. There will be games and arts/crafts. If you are interested, please contact me at 630/362-4243 or email me at wightstumpy@comcast.net.

Christmas Tree Ornament Sale

On a personal note, I wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas tree ornament sale. It was a lot of fun, and it was really nice to see tags on many of the ornaments filled out, meaning they were re-gifted, and I hope we will be seeing them on the tree again next year.

Chili Dinner

Come join us in the Social Quarters to watch the Blackhawks beat the Florida Panthers on March 25. The game starts at 6:00 p.m. A chili dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. Cost for the home made chili dinner will be \$5. Proceeds benefit the Women of the Moose and Mooseheart.

Chapter 973 Women of the Moose

Any questions, ask a current officer or e-mail Chapter973@mooseunits.org. Come out, 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 Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Officers

Sr. Regent:
Vacant

Jr. Regent:
Vacant

Secretary/Treasurer:
Gloria Caracello

Recorder:
Sue Tysiak

Jr. Grad Regent:
Jill Breedlove

WOTM Membership

To expedite your membership, please renew online at www.mooseinternational.org. In this way, your information goes directly to Moose International. If you have any questions, please contact me at wightstumpy@comcast.net or 630/362-4243.

Moose Riders #1535, Herman Stift, President



Kandace Elliott—Moose Rider of the Year Training Wheels recipient!

Greetings from the Moose Riders! Hopefully everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season.

We had our Christmas Party on December 9. We had a great showing, too many to name. Thank you, once again, to Chris and Kandace for hosting! Chris, good job with Jewel! (Wink!) And thank you to all who contributed food and gifts and to Roger for running the 50/50!

Congratulations to Kandace Elliot for being awarded our Moose Rider of the Year Training Wheels Award! She earned the recognition for her continued support and donations to our Riders. Never mind, she has a motorcycle and, well . . .

Moose Riders "Sliders" did well on January 10. Thank you for your donation to those who attended!

Our Riders presented Javion, our Lodge's sponsored Mooseheart child, with a gift card that he may use at his discretion. This is just one of the many things we do for OUR kids throughout the year!

Funds raised by our Moose Riders are presented directly to our kids at Mooseheart, primarily. A portion of our event proceeds are given to the Lodge for the general fund.

Don't forget to enjoy peanuts in the Social Quarters! A portion of the proceeds are donated back to the Lodge! And, AND, 1 out of every 10 bags includes a beer chip! Please remember to tip your bartender accordingly!

Riding season will be here before we know it. We will post rides in the next *Roundup*. Traditionally we kick off our season with www.ridejanieride.org on Sunday, May 7. Weather permitting, we will plan rides for March and April. Also, please save the date for Mooseheart Blessing of the Bikes on Saturday, May 20.

We would like to thank all our Moose Riders who have contributed in so many ways. They give more than most people know!

All chapters/groups board of officers elections are in April! Please step up to do your share!

Warmer weather to come! Please check in to the Social Quarters for more events! There's always something going on!

Be careful with your winter driving. It's dangerous out there! When the roads are dry, the bikes are out!

Keep the shiny side up! Until next time, cheers, cocktails, and peanuts!

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Social Quarters Happenings

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dining room or brought down to the Social Quarters or can be ordered to go. There are many options for a delicious fresh meal.

The Rod and Gun Chili Cook Off is January 29 at 2:00 p.m., so bring in your famous chili, and it will be judged and tasted in the Social Quarters. All proceeds go to a local fallen soldier's family, so let's all come out and support this wonderful cause and at the same time fill up on some fabulous chili. The Rod and Gun Club always packs the Social Quarters, and we can all participate in the raffles, prizes, and enjoy a variety of chilies. As a Rod and Gun Club member (yes, women can now join!) and chili lover, it's one of my favorite fundraisers we hold and the yummiest.

Super Bowl is February 5. Mike Kouri has been planning, and I'm sure will host, another great Super Bowl Party. He never skimps on the amount of food and level of deliciousness. So, no matter who you are rooting for, come join the fun. Once again raffles will be held all day, and someone will be the lucky winner of two Blackhawk tickets as the grand prize finale.

The Super Bowl will bring football to an end; better luck next year, Chicago Bears! But there is no end to the variety of sports Chicago has to offer. Our Blackhawks and Bulls are still going strong, and before we know it, preseason baseball and then the regular season will be airing in the Social Quarters. Whichever Chicago team you are rooting for, or even if you root for another team, come watch on our many HD TVs. We have numerous TVs, so you can watch a variety of games and sports at the same time. March Madness is also around the corner, another favorite of so many, especially Chris Collins. A full month of college basketball! So get your brackets ready and sit back and watch and pray.

There are also rumors that a few bands are scheduled in the future although nothing is set in stone, it is on the horizon. So, keep your eyes and ears open for the flyers and signs for upcoming events. You just never know what will pop up.

To end on a personal note, I want to thank each and every entity of our Lodge, and each and every person, who has made this Holiday Season so merry and joyous. We really are a good team! Hoping for all the best in 2017!

Until next time, peace, love, and cocktails!!

Friday Night Fish Fries

continue thru

April 14, 2017



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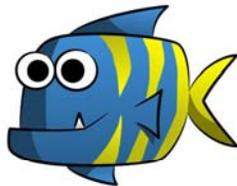
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FRIDAY 1-27 thru **april 14th**

This event is for Moose members in good standing and qualified guests.

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

Tuesday, February 21
Tuesday, March 21

\$10 per Team
Cash prize for 1st place

Registration 7:00 p.m.;
Games Begin 7:30 p.m.

Located in the Social Quarters

Open to all Members in Good Standing and their Qualified Guests.

**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS
WE THANK YOU**

Downers Grove Moose Family Center

**Super Bowl LI
Party**



Sunday, February 5

\$9 bucket of Domestic Beers
\$7 for Dinner

Appetizers at 4:30 p.m./Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

See Mike Kouri for info.

This event is for Moose members in good standing and their qualified guests.

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D.G. Lodge, Upstairs

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Lodge and Chapter members:

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