

CLAYMONT MOOSE FAMILY CENTER

CLAYMONT LODGE #847
CLAYMONT WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHAPTER #186

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY – MARCH – APRIL – MAY 2012

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LODGE AND CHAPTER OFFICERS

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| Governor | - Timothy Speakman | Senior Regent | - Chantel Connolly |
| Jr. Governor | - Andy Zeager | Junior Regent | - Missy Bowers |
| Past Governor | - Michael Connolly | Jr. Graduate Regent | - Angela Szewczuk |
| Administrator | - Michael Slotwinski | Recorder | - Sharon Bertrand |
| Treasurer | - James Sheftz | Secretary-Treasurer | - Rita Anderson |
| Prelate | - Dermot Hagan | Chaplain | - Mary Jane Sheftz |
| Trustee | - Lee Anderson | Guide | - Karen Faust |
| Trustee | - Bill Donahue | Assistant Guide | - Kelly Griggs |
| Trustee | - Ed Tobin | | |

LODGE AND CHAPTER MEETINGS

Lodge meetings are held each month on the first and third Wednesdays (Officers at 6:30 P.M. followed by the General Meeting at 7:00 P.M.). Chapter meetings are held each month on the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 P.M.

MOOSE SOCIAL QUARTERS

Hours of Operation

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| Monday thru Thursday | - 11:00 A.M. to Midnight |
| Friday | - 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. |
| Saturday | - 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. |
| Sunday | - 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. |

(Note - Bar Staff has option to close early if fewer than 4 patrons are present)

Food Service

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| Monday thru Thursday | - 11:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. |
| Thursday Sandwich Night | - 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. |
| Friday | - 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. |
| Friday Dinner | - 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. |
| Saturday/Sunday | - Continuous (Limited Menu) |

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR

Dear Members:

Hello ladies and gentlemen of the Claymont Moose. Once again, I personally would like to thank everyone for their participation in the past season's events. It keeps getting better! Remember, without the people, there is no community. The Moose always welcomes new people and new ideas. Bring a friend down, spread the word, and be proud of our organization.

We have a lot of future events coming up. The coming events are listed in this Newsletter. The ladies are always on top of things, God bless them. I would like to thank the Women of the Moose for their hard work and devotion. Without them, we would not be a complete circle. I would also like to thank my fellow officers for being there for me, helping me to learn and grow.

Please don't be afraid to step up with new ideas. Volunteers are greatly needed. Think warm thoughts...after a couple of winter blizzards, Spring will be around the corner. In the meantime, watch out for the ice...it's slippery and we want you to be safe.

Fraternally,

Timothy J. Speakman



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR REGENT

Dear Members:

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. I hope those that attended had a nice time at our Christmas and New Year's Eve parties. I believe it was a great time had by all and appreciate everyone for their help and donations.

We have many functions planned for this next quarter...Carnival night, annual Chili Cook-off and, of course, our Soup and Bread fundraiser and that is just in January. We have a Valentine Dinner and a 70's and 80's Party in February. Then there's a St. Patrick's Party and Easter Egg Hunt in March, a Spring Fling in April, and a Kentucky Derby Party in May with a Night at the Races also planned. So, if you would like to fill some idle time or maybe only a small amount of time, we have a place for you. I would like to thank all our volunteers which helped make our past quarter so successful. I look forward to talking with you and to seeing you at our meetings.

We continue to have Hot Dog and Chili night on Mondays, Taco night on Tuesdays, Wing night on Wednesdays, Bingo on Thursday nights as well as Sandwich night, and Friday night dinners. We are still looking for volunteers for our Friday night dinners....anyone interested please see Rita Anderson to sign up or assist with a dinner.

Please continue to support our different fundraisers, dinners, and events at the Claymont Lodge, but please remember everything we do is for a bigger picture. We need to continue to work together as a group.

Please keep in mind elections are coming up in the second quarter so, if you are interested in running for an office, please look for the signup sheet in the lobby.

Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. and we welcome all of our W.O.T.M. members to join us. I wish everyone the best in our New Year.

In Faith, Hope, and Charity,

Chantel Connolly



MOOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Welcome New Lodge Members

Wil Andrews
Douglas Berg
Chris Lacey
Sammy Lang
Kemer Lefler III
Michael Logan

Donald Lunbeck
Michael Meixell
Anthony Raczkowski
David Rawlings
James Thomas

Welcome New Chapter Members

Jennifer Allen
Barbara Lunbeck
Lisa Meixell

Kate Middleman
Linda Morrison
Susan Raczkowski
Gail Sawdon



The following members have incurred a recent illness and/or hospitalization –

Dottie Donahue, Ray Erickson, Neil Fongeallaz, John Fowler, Kelly Griggs,
Willy Korpas, Clare Leonard, Leonard Majeski, Jerry Mason, Michele Reincke,
Lucretia Selsavage, Harry Van Horn

We hope you are feeling better !



Our Defending Circle has been broken with the passing of the following:

Lodge Members – Warren Blaier, Ray Cross, and Robert Dodson

Our sympathy is extended to the following members who incurred deaths in their families:

Brian Bennett (mother), Kathleen Crothers (father), Beth Gillespie (father) ,
Judy Mitchell (father), Harry Mooney (mother-in-law), Jo Ellen Palmeri (mother),
Eileen Roccia (father), Angel Szewczuk (grandmother), Timmy Speakman (former spouse),
Jim Thornton (mother-in-law), Anne Tokash (father)

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....



- **Bob Reinke** who received Claymont Lodge's Arrowhead Award
- **Angel Szewczuk** who received Moose International's (Claymont Chapter) 2011-2012 Co-Worker of the Year Award
- **Patty Hudak** who received the Claymont Chapter's 2011-2012 Honorary Co-Worker of the Year Award
- **Bill West** who placed first and **Drew Brechmin** who placed second in the Lodge's Winter Pool Team
- **Les Saraga** who was inducted into the Delaware Legends Basketball Hall of Fame

Note: Do you know a Moose member who is in the hospital, ill, or lost a loved one? If so, please inform a Lodge or Chapter officer so we may acknowledge. Thank you.

MOOSEHEART NEWS AND UPDATES



CREATE SOME INTEREST ... in the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose....

Your Mission is to increase the membership of our Lodge and Chapter

NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN – Just sign 2 new or former members from now until April 30, 2012, and your next year's dues are free. Be sure to check out all of the other incentives for sponsoring 4, 5, and 25 or more members that are posted at the Lodge and on the Moose International Website.

Additional Membership Incentive from Moose International....For the period January 1 – April 30, 2012, new members to the Lodge, Legion, and Chapter will only be required to pay their first-year dues to join (there is no Application Fee).

Additional Membership Incentive from Claymont Lodge....Sponsor 3 or more members into the Lodge during February, March, and April 2012 and you will receive a \$50 gas gift card.

MOOSE MEMBER BENEFITS

Log onto the following sites to access member benefits and related information:

Moose International Website at www.mooseintl.org

MD-DE-DC Moose Association is <http://mdmoose.org>

Check out the Claymont Moose Family Center on Facebook

Join the **“Moose Legion”** – the Degree of Service which provides opportunities for Lodge members to further accomplish our fraternal mission of providing support to Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Contact Lee Anderson if you are interested.

The **MD-DE-DC State Association Annual Mid-Winter Conference** will be held in Ocean City, MD, from February 16-19 at the Clarion Hotel. Representation from every Lodge and Chapter is mandatory so please consider attending, even for just one day. Reminder to Chapter members who qualify to receive their Academy of Friendship Degree--you must attend the session that is scheduled on Sunday, February 19, to receive your degree. Check the Lodge for further details.

The **124th Annual Moose International Conference** will be held this year in Tampa, FL, from June 29-July 4. Important information is shared. After hours, top-name entertainment and activities will be featured. Register in advance to gain advantage of discounts. For further details, log onto the Moose International Website at www.mooseintl.org

The third annual **John Lyons' Scholarship Golf Tournament** will be held in May (exact date to be announced) at Jonathan's Landing Golf Club in Magnolia, DE. The purpose of this tournament is to keep alive John Lyon's dream of raising the necessary funds for the seven scholarships that are awarded at the annual MD-DE-DC Moose Association Conference in August. If you are interested in participating, contact Lee Anderson for details.

Class of 2013 R. Robert Dale Scholarship Program--Applications are available at the Lodge and must be returned to Moose International no later than June 30, 2012. Requirements follow:

- Be a student of the graduating High School Class of 2013
- Have a father, mother, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian who is a paid-up member of the Moose
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (C+) or higher on a 4.0 scale

Winners are randomly drawn and will be notified in November 2012. Each \$1,000 check will be mailed directly to the colleges of the winners' choice.

CLAYMONT MOOSE FAMILY CENTER UPDATES

Election of Officers--Why do we elect Lodge and Chapter officers? The answer may seem obvious--to provide direction and leadership. However, it's also a legal requirement, as every Lodge is incorporated in the state province in which it is located and all those jurisdictions require the election of corporate officers.

Holding an office is a very important responsibility requiring personal commitment and obligations in order to be successful. If you are interested in submitting your name for nomination of an office, be sure to talk with a current officer to learn more about the process and important duties involved. Once your name is submitted, it will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee who may also consider and recommend other candidates whose names were not submitted, but who they consider qualified. We need capable individuals to help lead the Lodge and Chapter--individuals who seriously want to get involved, fully understand the responsibilities, and are willing to fulfill all of the obligations expected of an officer.

Our new Lodge/Chapter year begins on May 1. Sheets will soon be posted at the Lodge listing the open positions available. Here's your opportunity to make a difference. Please note the following important dates:

LODGE
Nominations - March 14 – March 28
Elections - April 11 (4-8 P.M.)
Installation - April 28 (7 P.M.)

CHAPTER
Nominations - February 13-March 12
Elections - March 26 (8 P.M.)
Installation - April 29 (4 P.M.)

DISTRICT MEETINGS for the Sixth District are held on the first Tuesday of every month at alternating Lodges –

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| <i>February 7 - New Castle</i> | <i>April 3 – Elkton</i> |
| <i>March 6 - Claymont</i> | <i>May 1 - Middletown</i> |

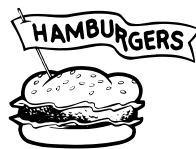
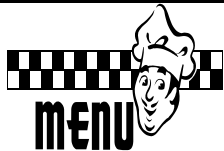
Dinner is served at 7:30 P.M. followed by the meeting. Every lodge must have representation at these meetings--Lodge and Chapter officers are required to attend and all members are welcome. Car pool arrangements are available.

LODGE & CHAPTER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

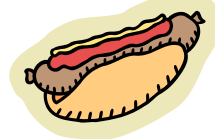
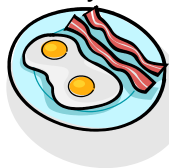
- ✓ Monetary donations to MS Bike to the Bay, Claymont Community Center, Great Punkin Chunkin, Moose Charities (including MD-DE-DC Home at Mooseheart)
- ✓ Donations of canned goods to area food pantries for the needy
- ✓ Donations of Christmas gifts to the Adopt-a-Family Program
- ✓ Donations to the American Cancer Society (Claymont Chapter) Holiday Fling Silent Auction
- ✓ Participation in the Claymont Community Christmas Parade
- ✓ Numerous visits to residents of local nursing homes

CLAYMONT MOOSE FAMILY CENTER UPDATES (Continued)

FOOD offerings at the Lodge include: (Please contact Lee or Rita Anderson to volunteer)



- ✓ Daily Lunch – Platters/snacks during the day and evening hours (based on availability of bar staff)
- ✓ Monday Evening – Hot Dogs and Homemade Chili (starts at 6:00 P.M.)
- ✓ Tuesday Evening – Taco Night (starts at 6:00 P.M.)
- ✓ Wednesday Lunch Special – Join Kelly for her weekly features
- ✓ Wednesday Evening – Wings cooked to order (starts at 6:00 P.M.)
- ✓ Thursday evening Sandwiches (starts at 6:00 P.M.) -- menu posted each week
- ✓ Friday Night Dinners (served from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.) by various volunteers
- ✓ Sunday Breakfast – (starts at 9:30 A.M.)
- ✓ Sunday afternoon “pot luck” Lunch (complimentary)....until it is all gone



HAPPY HOUR every Monday thru Friday from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.



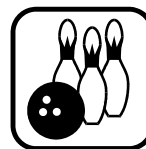
MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC and Karaoke provided by

“Just You and Me” DJs on Saturday evenings from 8:00 P.M. to Midnight.

OPEN JUKE BOX every Friday night from 8:00 P.M. to Midnight (following dinner).

PLAY "BINGO" every Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M. Ten games are played and prizes are awarded.

SENIOR DAY (for Lodge and Chapter members age 60 and over) every Tuesday from Noon to 3:00 P.M. Lunch discount of \$1.00 off the price of any Moose menu item and social activities (open pool or shuffle bowl, card games, etc.).



IN-HOUSE POOL TEAM will start on Monday evening, February 27. The signup sheet will soon be posted at the Lodge.

CLAYMONT MOOSE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

The **Super Bowl Party** will be held on **Sunday, February 5**, starting at 5:30 P.M. Only those who have a block and their guests are eligible to attend the party. Food donations are welcome.



A special **“Valentine Dinner”** will be served on **Friday, February 10**, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The menu will include Filet Mignon and Crab Supreme with Salad, Potato, Vegetable, and Dessert for \$12 per person. Limited dinners will be available--we would appreciate your signing up in advance so we will know how many dinners to prepare....the signup sheet is posted in the Lobby.



The WOTM will also sponsor a **Valentine’s Raffle** that is now on display at the Lodge. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each. Treat your valentine to dinner (gift cards from area restaurants) and a movie (theater passes to Regal Cinemas) along with champagne, candy, and other goodies. The lucky winner will be announced on **Friday, February 10**.

It’s back by popular demand--it’s the **70’s and 80’s Party on Friday night, February 24**. Festivities begin at 8:00 P.M. We welcome donations of a covered dish to share with others. Be sure to wear theme clothes from these decades to compete in the Best Costume Contest. See you there !



MARCH

A **St. Patrick’s Day Party** will be held on **Friday, March 16**, from 8:00 P.M. to Midnight. Join us for an evening of celebration that will include fun, food, and DJ music. Please be sure to bring along your favorite covered dish to compliment the food provided by the Lodge.



The W.O.T.M. will sponsor a **St. Patrick’s Raffle** that will include a variety of “Irish” food, beverages, and related items. Be sure to purchase your raffle ticket for \$1.00 prior to the **drawing on March 16**.

The **Children’s Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for **Sunday, March 25**, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Festivities will be held at the Lodge along with lunch. Please register your children to attend—signup deadline is Sunday, March 11. Contact Kelly Griggs for further details or to offer your help.



HAPPY EASTER



CLAYMONT MOOSE CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Continued)

APRIL

Mark your calendar to attend Claymont Lodge's "**Spring Fling**" Party on **Friday, April 20**, starting at 8:00 P.M. Covered dish donations from our members are welcome. Come on down and see what it's all about !

In conjunction with the Spring Fling Party, the Women of the Moose will sponsor a **Spring Raffle** that will include an assortment of lawn and garden supplies....just in time for the planting season. Tickets will cost \$1 each and the ***winner will be drawn at the Spring Fling Party on April 20.***

MAY

Hold your horses ! Or better yet, come on down and watch your favorite horses. Plans are underway for our second **Kentucky Derby Party** on **Saturday, May 5**, starting at 4:00 P.M., followed by an **Evening at the Races**. Lots of fun, prizes, and food are in store. Enter the most decorative Kentucky Derby hat contest and compete for prizes.

Note: There will be no Karaoke on this night.



ADVANCE NOTICE

Mark your calendar for **SATURDAY, JUNE 16**, when the Lodge will sponsor its second annual **CHICKEN BARBECUE**. Details will be posted closer to the event.

**REMEMBER....THIS IS YOUR LODGE AND YOUR CHAPTER and together they comprise our
"MOOSE FAMILY CENTER"
HELP SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION**

MOOSE FRATERNITY - FEATURE ARTICLE

25 CLUBBERS ARE MOOSE "MEN OF DISTINCTION"

Membership in the "25 Club" of the Loyal Order of Moose is attained by sponsoring a minimum of 25 candidates for membership in the Moose fraternity.

The 25 Club was organized at the 1940 International Convention of the Order at Des Moines, Iowa, to give recognition to Moose members who have given that "extra effort" to keep the fraternity strong and growing.

To date, more than 75,000 members have qualified for membership in this coveted organization and more members attain this level each month.

A new 25 clubber receives a gold 25 Club lapel pin with a silver inset Moose head. As he sponsors more candidates, the member advances to the 50 Division and earns a diamond in his pin; upward to the 75, 100, 150, 175, 200, 250 Divisions and beyond, he earns additional diamonds in his pin. Upon reaching the 250 Division, the member is presented a Life Membership in the fraternity. Upon reaching the 500 Division, he retains his pin for life and is presented with a solid gold 25 Club ring. A quality diamond is added to that ring for each 100 members sponsored thereafter, up to fully 25 diamonds in the ring upon reaching the 3,000 Division.

As of the beginning of the 21st century, only three individuals had ever reached the stratospheric 3,000 Division: the late Sam Trowbridge of Seattle, WA Lodge 211, the all-time champion Moose sponsor with 4,824 members; the late William T. Arnold of Sebring, FL Lodge 2259, who passed away in 2002 with 3,926 members to his credit, and the late Jack Burns of Phoenix, AZ Lodge 708, who sponsored 3,156 members.

This is not the only recognition extended to 25 Clubbers for their extraordinary efforts on behalf of the fraternity. Each year, a special 25 Club party is held by the state associations, and one of the highlights of the International Convention is the elaborate party, usually featuring top-name entertainment for new and qualifying 25 Clubbers.

In each issue, generally two pages of "Moose Magazine" are devoted to the "Order Salutes the 25 Club," in which pictures of new members of the 25 Club are printed, and those rising to higher divisions are mentioned.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THE STARFISH STORY

Once a man was walking along the beach. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day. Off in the distance he could see a person going back and forth between the surf's edge and the beach. Back and forth this person went. As the man approached, he could see that there were hundreds of starfish stranded on the sand as the result of the natural action of the tide.

The man was struck by the apparent futility of the task. There were far too many starfish. Many of them were sure to perish. As he approached, the person continued the task of picking up starfish...one by one...and throwing them back into the surf.

As he came up to the person the man said, "You must be crazy. There are thousands of miles of beach covered with starfish. **You can't possibly make a difference.** The person looked at him. He then stooped down and picked up one more starfish and threw it back into the ocean. He turned to the man and said, "**It made a difference to that one!**"

Question for you.....

Have you tried to make a difference in someone's life lately?
Or do you not bother to try because you think it may not matter.

Well, think again.....

Sometimes one small kind gesture can go a long way and may help another person more than you can ever imagine. **Try to make a difference every day.**