

News from Barb McPherson

First things first . . .

On behalf of myself and my family, I thank each and every co-worker, brother and chapter that sent cards, love, prayers, memorial donations and kind expressions of sympathy during our family's time of loss.

My mother was an incredibly strong person and my mentor. She will live on through the lives of those she loved as well as those who knew her.

"Thank you" - simply doesn't say enough to each of you.

Now for the good news . . .

The Women of the Moose Meeting Procedures and Agendas for the two chapter meetings each month, as well as the procedures for the Draping of the Charter, is now available on the Women of the Moose website at:

<http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/WomenOfTheMoose/pdf/MeetingProceduresAgenda.pdf>

If you should get a Microsoft Office document warning, please know that this file is safe.

The new Meeting Agenda becomes effective May 1 however, you may begin using it immediately if you wish. We sincerely thought about attempting to get the new Installation procedures out this week however many chapters are holding their Installation of Officers this weekend and have already held practices. Therefore, we believe it would be a disservice to each of you to rush the ceremony. Please continue to use the current Installation Ceremony, revising the name Ritual Director with Meeting Coordinator and removing the Escorts.

Continue to visit the Women of the Moose website for procedure updates to the Academy of Friendship Committee Activity Night meeting. The complete Meeting Procedures and Agendas inserts and purple binders will be available for purchase at the 2008 International Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada! It will also be available for purchase through the catalog sales website after July 1st, 2008.

End of the Year "Stuff" . . .

As the end of the chapter year approaches, please know that the staff at Women of the Moose Headquarters wants all chapters to earn the Award of Achievement. In an effort to help you accomplish this goal, during the last week of February, we mailed to all chapters a Missing Documents and Missing Positions report.

If Missing Forms are listed on the report, please fax a copy to the attention of Chapter Records at 630-966-2208. If the Missing Positions report lists missing Officers, Appointed Officers or Chairmen, we realize that some may be vacant however, for those that are not, please remit the correct information either on the report or on your April 30th Form 40.

Once again, we have procedures in place to make certain that all applications are reported and all dues payments are posted 10:00 p.m. April 30th. Please do a little prep work now. Make certain that all applicants have been entered into your LCL.net. Verify to see that those who have paid the application fee and first year's dues have been voted upon by the chapter and, if approved, have an enroll date entered into the system and transmitted to Moose International.

Check your Moose Charities statement to make sure that all of your donations have been properly credited and that each committee has remitted \$20.00 or more to the Scholarship and Maintenance Fund as well as \$20.00 or more toward the Special Project assigned to the committee.

Please watch those members whose dues expired on March 31. This is our biggest dues month and many members move to "expired" on April 1. Keep in touch with these co-workers to make certain they pay their dues prior to April 30th.

Most importantly, make certain everything is in order. For those co-workers attempting to earn degrees and/or honors, please verify with the Women of the Moose General Laws that they have met **ALL** listed qualifications/requirements.

International Conference . . .

The Chapter Representatives and matriculants should be making plans and pre-registering for the International Conference to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 20 through 25.

If you have not yet pre-registered, please do so soon - as the price goes up on May 1. Pre-registration forms as well as hotel information can be found at:

<http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/Convention/materials/2008-LasVegas.asp>

Come play with us in Las Vegas. Meet new co-workers. Learn new things. Hear important announcements and changes. Most importantly, re-energize yourself and your commitment to our kids and our seniors and have some fun!

25 Club Party . . .

For those co-workers who had 15 or more new members sponsored on or before January 31, 2007, please remember that you have the opportunity to attend the Moose International 25 Club Party during the International Conference by sponsoring into the Women of the Moose 5 new or re-enrolled members. Make sure that your 5 applications (or more) are transmitted no later than 10:00 p.m., April 30th.

Centralized Dues . . .

Earlier this year, we notified all chapters of a change of address for dues payments. Just a reminder that all US dues payments (paid in US funds) must be sent to:

Moose International
Dues Processing Center
P O Box 88065
Chicago, IL 60680-1065

All Canadian dues payments (paid in Canadian funds) must be sent to:
Moose International
Dues Processing Center
P O Box 88067
Chicago, IL 60680-1067

Finally . . .

On behalf of the entire Women of the Moose staff – Jan, Barb, Judy, Sandy, Mary Ann, Karen, Charlotte and Donna – we thank each and every co-worker for the commitment each has made to our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. We thank you for your hard work and dedication in behalf of our mission and we hope every chapter will conclude its year successfully! Thank you again for your love and support! You definitely have ours!!!