



Happy Easter!



International Conference

I hope that each of you have made plans to attend the 2009 Women of the Moose International Conference in Chicago May 22 through 27, 2009. For the first time in recent memory, the Mooseheart Fifth Grade Promotion will be held at the Sheraton Hotel on Friday, May 22. Make plans to be in attendance to see your foster sons and daughters "graduate" to 6th grade.

Make sure you don't miss the Class of 2009 High School Graduation ceremony on Saturday on the Mooseheart Campus. It is a sight to behold!

The Women of the Moose are excited about the many changes that will be announced on Sunday during the Opening Session and at Tuesday's General Session.

The Women of the Moose have been invited to participate in the March of Checks that will be held during the Joint General Session on Tuesday morning, May 26th. Any Chapter or co-worker who would like to present a check for any project at Mooseheart or Moosehaven is encouraged to stop by the Moose Charities booth to make your donation. Those with checks in the amount of \$500 or more will be invited on stage during the presentation on Tuesday. Please watch for further updates.

Watch for the latest schedule of events, hotel information and pre-register online at <http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/Convention/materials/2009-Chicago.asp>

Transfers

It has been brought to our attention that many Chapters are not following proper procedures with regard to the proper handling of transfers. Please refer to the Recorder/Audit Handbook and the Women of the Moose General Laws, Section 33 for information regarding how to handle transfers.

Chapters are not being notified that co-workers have applied for transfer nor are they being notified of co-workers acceptance until they're "gone". Please have the courtesy of letting the other Chapter know what's going on.

Officer Information Entry

We are asking Chapter Recorders **NOT** to put "end dates" into Officer records unless the officer has been removed or resigned as it is causing serious problems. On May 1, we will perform a process here at Moose International to insert the "end date" into the Officer record and then on May 2, the Recorder may enter the Officer information for the 2009-2010 Chapter year.

If the Recorder has not entered the Officers for 2008-2009, there is still time. If the Officer information has not been entered, no one will earn honors as we do not know who is serving in office.

There's Still Time

By now, all Chapters should have received the Missing Documents and Missing Positions reports. If the Missing Documents report shows forms missing, please make a copy of the missing forms and remit to our office via fax to 630-966-2211 prior to April 30. Remember the Family Involvement Committee Activity Night can be held any time during the Chapter year and the Green Cap/Ways and Means Committee Activity Night is to be held any time February thru April. Please don't forget to hold these two meetings.

If the Missing Positions report listed Officers, Appointed Officers or Chairman information that we do not have, the Recorder is responsible to log into the Admin Menu via the Moose International website and enter the missing information. Please refer to the information found at the following link for additional assistance.

http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/pdf/FratEd/MMMS_Online_UserDoc.pdf

As we near the end of the Chapter year, please be sure you are aware of your membership numbers. The beginning number was mailed to all Chapters in October. You may contact your Regional Manager to secure your latest End of Month number. Please be kind enough to contact them via email for the information. A barrage of telephone calls is not necessary.

A complete listing of Regional Manager information including email address can be found at <http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/contact/flashpaper/Managers.pdf>

Make sure your PEP Committee has been in personal contact with your members who are in arrears to avoid late payments. The last day to receive payments in order for payments to be properly processed and credited is April 24, 2009.

Once again, all applications and updated member information must be transmitted prior to 10:00 PM CST Thursday, April 30th to be included in your April 30th membership count.

Chapter Policies

As a new Chapter year approaches, all Officers should be aware of the need to submit their Chapter Policies to our office. The Board of Officers should review the policies and then have them approved by the Chapter co-workers. Once approved, they must be remitted to our office whether they have changed or not.

Please remember, the maximum amount allowed per day for food allowance is \$30.00 and the maximum allowed for mileage is \$.30/mile.

Jumping to Conclusions

During the recent Elections held throughout our fraternity, it has become apparent that co-workers are becoming increasingly quick to jump to wrong conclusions. Please verify information with your 2007 Women of the Moose General Laws (they haven't changed) and Officers Handbook. Many times, the correct information can be found there.

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If you are still in doubt, please contact your nearest Deputy Regional Manager.

Bulk Emails

Bulk emails continue to be an issue as many Recorders are not providing them to the Secretary/Treasurer to read at the Chapter meetings and co-workers are not aware of current programs. Bulk emails are always available on our Moose International website at <http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/BulkMail/default.asp>

Finally

As our 2008-09 Chapter year comes to a close, I encourage each Chapter to take full advantage of the Moose Economic Stimulus Plan, which eliminates the application fee for all new and re-enrolled applicants.

It is apparent, many Women of the Moose have gone above and beyond the call to ensure growth within their Chapters by sponsoring new members. Even in these economic conditions, the Women of the Moose overall continue to sponsor new members.

Throughout our history, when times were bad, the Moose prospered because we offer a safe and friendly environment at an affordable price. With many people losing their jobs, now more than ever, our Moose Member Benefits are of utmost importance to our members. Many who have lost their insurance have the benefit of ***scrip solutions*** prescription drug coverage for their prescription needs.

Be sure to visit our web site at <http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/Benefits/default.asp> to see all Moose member benefits.

Once again, I thank each of you for your continued dedication and commitment to ensure the well being of our children and our seniors as well as the future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. As John Norley once said, *"All things are difficult before they are easy"*. Good luck to all for a successful Chapter year!