



*Message from Grand Chancellor  
Barbara McPherson*

We have finally been able to get caught up, somewhat, following the exciting International Conference. Every member in attendance at the Conference should be proud they were able to witness the promotion of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the graduation of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in to high school and of course, the graduation of our 25 Mooseheart seniors. Many of our Conference attendees were also able to observe the elevation of their fellow co-workers to the Star Recorder and College of Regents degrees.

Some of our co-workers comments include . . .

"As I looked around the room, my heart filled with pride in knowing that in some small way I may have contributed to the current and future of the children in our care. Your words brought home the fact that each of us, in our own way, must continue to extend our hands in service to others in order that they may extend their hands as well."

". . . this Conference was the very best I have ever attended. Not for the degrees earned by my chapter but for the opportunity presented to me to spend time with our Sunshine Child."

"First, I would like to commend you and your staff on a phenomenal conference. I thoroughly enjoyed the convention and found it very informative. Secondly, I want to tell you how proud I am to be a small part of this Fraternity."

I hope each co-worker in attendance found it as inspiring as some of our attendees and are planning your trip to Nashville in 2010 for another exciting Conference.

While we realize that at this time our Chapters do not know who will serve in the position of Senior Regent or Recorder for the 2010 – 2011 Chapter year, the Chapter should however be raising the necessary funds to send their representative to this exciting Conference of the Women of the Moose. I assure you rooms will go fast so plan ahead!

A micro site has been established at [www.moose2010nashville.org](http://www.moose2010nashville.org) for all Nashville related information.

### **Women of the Moose General Laws**

During the 2009 International Conference, it was announced that a new Women of the Moose General Laws would be available soon and would be mailed to every Chapter. Since our return, we have determined that we will not print a new edition, as we know that changes are forthcoming for next year. Rather than to force the Chapter to purchase books this year as well as next, we will publish the June 1, 2009 edition of the General Laws on the website at [www.wotm.org](http://www.wotm.org) for all to see.

### **Award of Achievement and Green Cap honors**

We have begun the process of reviewing chapters for the Award of Achievement and Green Cap honor for the Junior Graduate Regent. Throughout many of the first few states, we find that the most commonly overlooked documents that are preventing a chapter from earning the Award of Achievement are the Family Involvement and Green Cap Forms 114 and 166, as well as the associated checks.

Please know that we are reviewing the honors in the order in which the Association Annual Conference is being held. We ask that you wait until you receive the Award of Achievement letter stating yes or no and what you may be missing before contacting our office. We thank you for your patience.

### **Other degree notes**

In just a few short months, we will begin the grading process for the Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder and College of Regents degrees. Please review the requirements for these honors in the Women of the Moose General Laws to make certain you have fulfilled your obligations.

If the chapter has earned the Award of Achievement and you feel that a co-worker may have met the requirements for the Academy of Friendship degree, please do not allow her to be installed into a Chapter Development Committee chair as she will have to be replaced.

### **Business Dress**

In accordance with the WOTM General Law change effective June 1, 2009, section 64, f. states "The elected Officers shall conform to business dress attire for all meetings and special meetings." Business dress refers to a dress, skirt and blouse/sweater/blazer, slacks and blouse/sweater/blazer, or pants suit. No denim. A "moose" collared shirt (i.e. campaign shirt) would also be acceptable. You may wear open toed shoes or "dress" sandals if you so choose. Capri suits would also be acceptable. Officers, keep in mind, you are a representative of the Women of the Moose. You should present yourself and represent your Chapter with pride and dignity. Use good judgment to show courtesy to our co-workers – be presentable and approachable. When in doubt, don't wear it!

### **Membership**

Membership in the Women of the Moose is breaking records. Over 1000 of our Chapters either had an increase in membership or ended the year even. Let's keep the momentum going and end this year with a big gain and all chapters earning the Award of Achievement!

"The difference in winning and losing is most often...not quitting." *Walt Disney*