



*Message from Grand Chancellor  
Barbara McPherson*

I hope each and every co-worker is enjoying the summer weather and the opportunity to be with friends and family.

As of June 30, 2009, membership in the Women of the Moose was well ahead of April 30<sup>th</sup>, thanks to the enrollment of the final applications for the Economic Stimulus Plan, and up from June 30<sup>th</sup> last year.

June is however, a big month in which many dues expire. Make certain the PEP Chairman and her Committee is contacting those members whose dues are still in expired status to ensure they will be renewing in the near future.

**Nashville Here We Come**

Plans are underway for a 2010 International Conference like you may have never attended before, in Nashville, TN - *Music City, U.S.A.*. Watch the micro site that has been established at [www.moose2010nashville.org](http://www.moose2010nashville.org) for all Nashville related information.

When registering for the Conference meal functions, table assignments are no longer an option. We will be certain to have plenty of seats available for all who purchase tickets but due to the problems we have encountered with those who want to sit together, we have eliminated assigned tables. Thank you for understanding.

**Katherine Smith Center**

As announced during the International Conference held in Chicago, for the past two years, our Chapters have been donating funds to build the Katherine Smith Center for Special needs – a new facility at Moosehaven to assist our Senior Members who suffer from the effects of Alzheimer's and dementia. To date, the Women of the Moose have raised \$400,000 toward this project.

To help ensure the collection of the funds, the Women of the Moose are requesting that each Chapter donate an amount equivalent to \$6.50 per member over a two-year period. For each chapter achieving their goal, a certificate will be mailed to the Chapter to be hung on the wall and your Chapter's name will be placed on the donation plaque inside the new facility. Donations for the Katherine Smith Center will be collected during the College of Regents Committee Activity Night in September and the Green Cap ways and Means Committee Activity Night during February, March or April. Thank you in advance for helping to make this much needed facility a reality.

### **Renting Tables for a Bazaar**

Also announced during the International Conference was the elimination of two sentences in Section 75 of the Women of the Moose General Laws allowing Chapters to hold a Craft Fair or Bazaar and rent tables to vendors.

While this sounds quite simple, it has become complicated, as co-workers do not understand its interpretation. Please use the example below as a guide.

The new Section 75, e. has eliminated prohibiting Chapters from renting tables and people from making a personal profit.

Let's use this example: Woodstock, Illinois hosts "Fair Didley" every spring. It is a huge town craft fair around the towns' square where they block off the streets and those leading to the square for the purpose of selling booth space to crafters. The crafters then sell their items and keep the money.

Woodstock Lodge sits 1 1/2 blocks from the square. The Chapter could sell inside space to crafters (including members) and the crafters in turn would sell their items and keep the money (including members). So, in essence, a member is making a personal profit from a Chapter project.

There are restrictions however, regarding making a personal profit. A member could not offer to cook the entire Sunday Brunch for \$2.00 per plate over and above the regular price. Nor can they hold a fundraising project to raise money for themselves such as a raffle to purchase their own Life Membership.

According to the General Governor, Special Event insurance coverage is not required to be purchased by the Chapter, as no alcohol would be served.

### **Birthday Emails**

Beginning July 1, Moose International began sending "Happy Birthday emails" to our members for whom we have an email address and birth date. This is in addition to the "Welcome" emails to new members that began in May. This is just one more way to stay in contact with our members.

Please be sure you are collecting email addresses for your members and entering them into LCL.net.

### **WOTM Fax Number**

When communicating with the International Office of the Women of the Moose via fax, please be sure to use our current number of **630-966-2211** to avoid any delays in the receipt of your correspondence.

### **Raising Chapter Dues**

We continue to receive dispensations from Chapters requesting to raise their Chapter dues. Please know that permission from our office is not necessary.

If the Board of Officers should feel there is a need to raise the rate of dues, they should approve a new recommended rate during a Board of Officers' meeting. When the Chapter members approve the minutes of the Board of Officers' meeting, they are in essence approving the increase.

Once approved by the Chapter co-workers, the Recorder may then enter the new rate of dues and effective date into the LCL.net program. Please understand that the first available date for the new rate to take effect (90 days) will automatically populate. A date after the automatic date may be entered however an earlier date is not available.

### **Chapter Mailing Addresses**

Please understand that it is not in order to have the Chapter's mail sent to a personal home address. All Chapter mail **shall** be sent either to a Chapter P O Box or to the Lodge. If your current Chapter mailing address is a personal residence, please get it changed immediately.

### **Finally**

As we begin our Annual Conferences this weekend, I offer my congratulations to all of the Green Cap matriculants who will be receiving their honor over the next several months. We hope you enjoy the new "Green Cap" and look forward to seeing many of you wearing them often.

*"You can't build a reputation on what you're going to do."*

*Henry Ford*