



*Message from Grand Chancellor
Barbara McPherson*

It is with great pride and much humility that I send this message as the new Grand Chancellor of the Women of the Moose. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to accomplish our mission of providing a safe and secure home for children in need and taking care of our senior members in their sunset years.

To quote great words from one of my mentors "I have so often been amazed by the willingness and dedication that you volunteers have brought to the effort, to learn new skills and to give of yourselves and your time to help others learn and grow. It requires that you care. It is also, I believe, noble and worthy work. I salute all of you who have accepted the challenge to serve" your chapters and the Women of the Moose.

Through your dedication and commitment to our program and the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, the Women of the Moose will continue to grow in strength and prosper for many years to come.

My congratulations and best wishes go with Jan as she begins a new chapter in her life as the Executive Director of Moose Charities. Through Jan's leadership, I am certain Moose Charities will be able to provide the necessary funds to ensure the future of our twin cities.

And to Judy, the new Women of the Moose Director of Operations, I extend my sincerest congratulations and look forward to sharing her wit, wisdom and Women of the Moose expertise as we lead our chapters to new heights.

Now, for some business. . .

Meeting Procedures and Agendas

The 2008 Edition of the new Women of the Moose Meeting Procedures and Agendas, which contains agendas for all meetings, is now available from Moose Catalog Sales.

In an attempt to have all chapters following proper procedures, we have shipped three copies of the new inserts to every chapter and billed them accordingly. Additional inserts (pages) may be purchased from Moose Catalog Sales by ordering item C109B at a cost of \$5.00 each. The purple and white "Meeting Procedures and Agendas" binder

is item C109A at a cost of \$3.00 each. A combination binder with inserts is available for \$8.00 each.

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.

The April 30, 2008 Form 40 is the most commonly overlooked document preventing the Junior Graduate Regent from qualifying for the Green Cap. Please provide copies if they are missing.

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 your 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 install her into a Chapter Development Committee chair as you will have to replace her and possibly not in time to qualify for your personal honors.

Membership

Please be sure to keep the PEP chairman informed of those co-workers whose dues have expired. This is the biggest reason why chapters do not increase their membership.

Finally. . . remember, it's your life co-workers and you are responsible for the results. One extra degree makes all the difference. One extra degree separates the good from the great. To get what we've never had, we must do what we've never done.