



Co-workers:

It seems like so much has happened since my last newsbrief, I can't wait to tell you all about it.

The first thing that happened was Missouri's conference. Deputy Grand Regent, Tammy Warring did an excellent job conducting the meetings. Our Official Visitor, Judy Sisson, presented informative and fun meetings. The co-workers of Missouri are still talking about what an awesome job she did. She "showed" us that you can have fun while learning new things. In fact, it would not surprise me to see pictures of me participating in the string game on a PowerPoint sometime in the future. It was here, in my home state of Missouri that it actually "hit me" that I am the Grand Regent. While the co-workers of Massachusetts and New York treated me like a queen during my visits there, I have found that to be true in all of the states I have had the opportunity to visit. It was here at home the brothers and co-workers with their pride and support truly overwhelmed me. I am so grateful they have an opportunity to share this time in my life with me.

Then back to work for a couple of weeks before our Board and Council meetings in Florida. I was so excited that our meetings were being held on the Moosehaven campus, and even more excited we would be able to be a part of the Moosehaven 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. I could not wait for my husband, Ray, to be able to walk on the campus and see everything they have to offer.

Our meetings were held in the beautiful Brandon Place clubhouse. It was the perfect setting to hold our meetings while also allowing us to walk the campus on lunch breaks. The Boards and Council had very productive meetings preparing our speeches for the International Conference in Milwaukee. I was truly impressed and inspired by how well we all worked together as a team. Our goal is to make this the best International Conference ever, and it appears we are well on our way of doing just that. I encourage each of you to make a



commitment to attend the International Conference as well as the festivities that will be held on the Mooseheart campus. I know we will return from the conference more excited and dedicated to serving our beloved Mooseheart and Moosehaven. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Mooseheart is an important part of our fraternity's history and you won't want to miss it. We also discussed a commitment by the Women of the Moose concerning the school renovation at Mooseheart. It is an exciting endeavor and I know that every Chapter will get behind the commitment so that we can make it happen.



I don't want you to think that it was all work and no fun, because that would not be true. John Capes and his staff worked very hard to make sure the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was memorable, and their mission was accomplished. The fun activities included a Low Country Boil and Live Entertainment on Friday evening. Saturday was an entire day of celebration. It started off with a community breakfast and included an old fashioned outdoor picnic for lunch and a Southern Fried Chicken dinner that evening. Meals were prepared and served by Moosehaven staff. There was music and entertainment for the events also. While there was rain it didn't dampen the spirits of those that came to enjoy this piece of history.



These events, with the residents in attendance, gave us the opportunity to talk with them, and to make sure they are happy and their needs are being met, and they are. After talking with them I am more enthusiastic and dedicated to making sure our important work continues. It is a commitment we have made, and it is a commitment that we simply must keep. The sign at the entrance to the Moosehaven campus says it all "Just another day in Paradise". There have been so many changes since I last visited the campus, but every single one of them is positive. The campus is truly beautiful, and is strangely peaceful and serene with all the hustle and bustle of a busy campus life that our residents enjoy.



I want to once again thank the Moosehaven staff for allowing us to be a part of all the activities of their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I also want to thank the residents that I had the opportunity to visit with during our stay there for sharing a piece of their lives with me. A special hug goes out to 95-year-old (I don't think she will mind me telling her age) Missouri's own **Verna Wilson**. It was great seeing you again. I love and miss you. If you have a sunshine grandparent make sure that you keep in contact with him or her, your messages brighten their day. If you don't have a sunshine grandparent get chapter approval to get one. The little things we do truly make a difference in their lives.



Fraternally,

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