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I would like to start this message by saying that my thoughts and prayers, as well as those of all Moose members, are with each and every person suffering losses as the result of Super Storm Sandy. If you are able to contribute to the funds being set up by the New York and New Jersey Moose associates please do so. Once again, the Moose fraternity is stepping up to provide assistance to those in need. Thank you, thank you.

Since my last news brief, the co-workers of Kirksville Chapter honored Academy of Friendship Board Member, Marsha Stewart, and I with an absolutely wonderful party on October 13th. The decorations were beautiful, the food was wonderful, the music was perfect and the fellowship shared by those that attended was truly memorable. They surprised us with a PowerPoint presentation and beautiful charm bracelets, which truly encompassed so many important parts of our moose involvement. The bracelets were a gift from our chapter and many of the chapters in Missouri. What a perfectly memorable night for both Marsha and I. The support of the co-workers and brothers of Missouri continue to inspire me.

On November 10th Marsha and I were honored to be invited to a party to celebrate our new Deputy Grand Regent, Sharon Charles. The co-workers of Lexington, Missouri are so very excited, as we all are, for Sharon and were anxious to honor her. The brothers of the Lodge cooked the meal, which was excellent, and did the cleanup! A wonderful program, including a PowerPoint presentation, was enjoyed by all of us that were able to attend. Congratulations Sharon, I look forward to serving with you at the March conference.

Like many of you, I look forward to celebrating the holidays of the season. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because it contains all my favorite things; great food, a day off from work to sit back and relax a little, and my favorite thing of all – spending time with my family. Our house was full of family, including my precious little grandchildren. I am so blessed to have a loving family who is supportive of me in every way. Every Thanksgiving I take the time to reflect on all of the blessings in my life. Almost two years ago now I suffered an event that I almost did not survive. Since then I have tried to be thankful for every single minute of every single day.

This year has been such a year full of blessings. My visits to Ohio, Alaska, Florida, Massachusetts/Rhode Island and New York have given me so many more new friends. Each of you are a blessing in my life, and hold a very special place in my heart and in my memories. I am thankful to be able to serve in an organization that values everyone, and whose mission it is to serve the residents of Mooseheart and Moosehaven and our communities.

My wish for you this holiday season is health, happiness and a multitude of blessings in your life. Take the time to reach out to others in a way that will make our world a better place. I also wish for you peace of mind, joy and most of all love.

From my house to yours – Happy Holidays!!!

Fraternally,

Cathey Russell

Grand Regent

