

BACK TO BASICS

Puppeteer:

Puppet: Lucey Moosey

Sargent-Major Momma Moose

MT—Mooseheart

MN—Moosehaven

CS—Community Service

Good Morning Coworkers. I hope everyone is enjoying the food and camaraderie that is best found at WOTM Conferences. With that in mind, let me introduce you to my partner in crime Ms. Lucey Moosey

Lucey M: Hi everyone. Having fun? (looks at me) Don't look now but, someone spilled relish all over your clothes!!!!And mine too!!!

No they didn't Lucey, it's what the men and women who are in the military wear. It's sort of like a uniform they wear to work every day.

Lucey M...so, Where's my tank? Does that mean we have to eat those boxes of food—I heard they are totally disgusting!!

Hey, wait...I don't remember being drafted!!!

First things first. Nobody would ever trust you with a tank if they have seen you drive. Also, the boxed food you speak of...they are called MRE's and deployed personnel eat them. And lastly, you haven't been drafted. You accepted this.

Not me...no I didn't...nuh uh...

Hmmm...did you not agree to become a member of the WOTM?

Yupper, best organization ever

Well, have you forgotten why?

Cheap beer!! Awesome parties and lots of them!! Meeting rich men

I see where this is headed...I'm thinking you are about to be drafted along with these coworkers into the school of Back to Basics. Let me introduce you to your instructor...Sargent-Major Momma Moose

Ten Hut...

where, I don't see 10 huts...

Shhhhhhhhhh

MM: Good Morning

It has come to my attention those in attendance need a Back to Basics lecture. I will explain to you the 3 basic building blocks of the Moose program. Without these, our membership growth will falter and our reason for being will cease to exist.

Bring in MT—and MN—and CS

(MT is our representative of Mooseheart. (dressed like a child))

(MN is our representative of Moosehaven. (dressed like a senior))

(CS is our representative of Community Service (with signs denoting various community service groups...meals on wheels etc.))

Umm--It isn't nice to call someone EMPTY or MEAN.

No, no...not the words just the letters. It's called an acronym and the military thinks it's the only way to talk. Like CO is the Commanding Officer, AWOL is absent without leave, MRE is meals ready to eat---CS is Community Service, MT is Mooseheart , MN is Moosehaven.

Ohhh, I get it...like BS is for bull...

Shhh.

MT—please explain to these coworkers why you are considered to be the first and most important Basic reason. MT as the most important building block you just volunteered to go first.

MT—**The** number one reason for the Moose is the support of Mooseheart. Remember now, the story of the James J. Davis and how his dream was to protect and provide for children in need? Currently we have approximately 220 children living there right now and they ALL rely on ALL of you (sweeping gesture around the room) as they have nobody else. Through your membership you provide life's necessities and a stable home-like environment. With your gifts and cards, your hugs and your kisses, you provide the love.

MN—please explain to these coworkers why you are considered to be the second important Basic reason

MN—We have been a constant in the Moose Fraternity since 1922. You have helped many seniors live their golden years in the warm and inviting setting you support as Moosehaven. Your generosity has allowed many members to enjoy the warmth and friendship that is found on the campus shared only as Moose members can. Our older members continue to feel useful and loved and do not hesitate to display their gratitude whether at the International conferences or when you visit with them on the dock at the St. John's River.

CS—please explain to these coworkers why you are considered to be the third and last important Basic reason

CS—I represent those in our community who have little or nothing and must depend on the love and compassion of others. I might be the little girl in grade 1 who doesn't have three meals a day because mommy has just lost her job. I might be the teenager sitting in the corner of a busy coffee shop with an empty cup in front of me because it is a place to be out of the cold for a little while. I might be the elderly gentleman sitting patiently by the door waiting for dinner because that is the only person he gets to talk with. BY giving of your time and money to the many organizations that provide for these lost and sometimes forgotten souls, you also provide hope and smiles.

Wow—how heavy is that!! So then I'm thinking that cheap drinks isn't the right answer??

Did you not hear anything that was just said? No—cheap drinks is not the right answer.

However, we do consider it to be one of the social benefits to your membership. Just like the awesome parties and the friendships we find there.

Well then, I can find a rich man!!!

Lucey...stop...the lodge is not a dating service. (whisper) Besides, all the good ones are taken.

(sigh)Okay, okay...but, what's a moose supposed to do?

Increase our membership. Members provide the stability both financially and emotionally required by the three Basic building blocks—MT, MN, CS to withstand

the grenades tossed by today's world. You know if every co-worker signed just one member every year we would succeed in our task of increasing membership

(giggling) And the men think they are out-numbered now!! Can you see the look on their faces!! If that's not incentive

But we must sell Mooseheart, Moosehaven and Community Service and what they represent. Perhaps instead of our selfishness and all about me attitudes—cheap beer, awesome parties, rich men—we need to remember those who don't have the opportunities we do.

Okay—pop quiz. You will answer each question out loud and with definition...understood?

Uh oh...I don't do well with pop quizzes. What if I don't pass??

Question 1: What is the most important reason for belonging to the Women of the Moose? Lucey—

Ummm (making funny faces) MT—MOOSEHEART—MA'AM
(was that enough definition??)

Good JOB—You are correct.

Question 2: Name another of the Basic building blocks.

Ooooo, pick me, pick me

Dawn—

CS—Community Service

Clearing throat

Community Service...**Ma'am**

That's more like it.

Question 3: So, what's a moose to do? (tricked ya) Mary Cook?

Increase membership?

Is that a question??

No Ma'am. Increase membership Ma'am.

Correct!!

Question 4: The last basic building block is?

(MN doing a little jig to be noticed) It's me, it's me!!!!

And, who are you?

Moosehaven, Ma'am.

Awesome. Good Job by all. It would seem my work here is done!! I will take my leave BUT I WILL BE BACK if I hear that you have begun to default on your obligations again.

As you were.

Whoa...that was one mean looking Moose Major!!

I heard that. AND it's Sargent-Major!

(in a loud whisper)Well, I am gonna do my best to remember...she scares me

But I don't know—cheap beer is a pretty good deal just the same

Oh Lucey, I think we had best end this lesson before you get me into trouble again.

Me?? Hey you are the one who wants the rich man
Hey...I'm not done yet
Let me out.....