

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER MONETARY GIFT WALK INSTRUCTIONS

Refer to the Special Open Meeting Agenda beginning on page 150 of the Meeting Procedures and Agenda, 2015 edition.

Also refer to the Officers' Handbook for additional instructions.

Please insert the following on page 151 just after the Chairman says, LET THE CHAPTER DOORS REMAIN OPEN.

I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT OUR COMMITTEE RECEIVED CHAPTER APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES.

Chairman describes the fundraising project of the committee and highlights the activities planned for the committee throughout the year. Chairman reads speech written in Chairman's Pamphlet for presentation of checks.

TONIGHT IS THE MOOSEHEART/MOOSEHAVEN CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER COMMITTEE ACTIVITY MEETING.

EACH OCTOBER, THE MOOSEHEART/MOOSEHAVEN COMMITTEE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD "CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER" ON BEHALF OF OUR CHILDREN AT MOOSEHEART AND SENIOR RESIDENTS AT MOOSEHAVEN.

OUR MOOSEHEART CHILDREN KNOW THAT, BECAUSE OF THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE, THEY TOO, WILL HAVE A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON. WE PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PHOTO CHRISTMAS CARDS, CHRISTMAS PARTIES IN EACH RESIDENCE, LOVELY DECORATIONS AND SPECIAL TREATS. THERE IS FRIENDLY COMPETITION TO BE THE BEST DECORATED HOME WITH THE BEST DECORATED TREE. OUR COMMITTEE AND OUR CO-WORKERS ALSO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR EACH CHILD.

AT MOOSEHAVEN, SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDE THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PARTY, NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, THANKSGIVING DINNER, OFF CAMPUS TRIPS AS WELL AS THE MANY MONTHLY SOCIAL GATHERINGS BOTH ON CAMPUS AND AT THE LIFE CARE CENTER. THESE GATHERINGS AFFORD OUR RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SING, DANCE AND LAUGH THE NIGHT AWAY. GENERALLY MUSIC, FOOD AND BEVERAGE ARE PROVIDED TO OUR RESIDENTS FREE OF CHARGE. A GREAT TIME IS HAD BY ALL INCLUDING MOOSEHAVEN STAFF MEMBERS WHO GIVE OF THEIR PERSONAL TIME TO ATTEND AND MAKE SURE OUR RESIDENTS ARE WELL TAKEN CARE OF.

EACH YEAR, OUR COMMITTEE CONDUCTS A MONETARY GIFT WALK. OUR MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE WHAT THEY CAN AFFORD TO GIVE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE MOOSEHEART CHILDREN AND THE MOOSEHAVEN SENIORS.

SENIOR REGENT, WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTIFY YOU THAT WE WILL HAVE THE RECORDER PREPARE A CHECK TO INCLUDE: \$_____ FOR MOOSEHEART PHOTO CHRISTMAS CARDS AND THE CHRISTMAS FUND; \$35.00 FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR A BOY OR GIRL; THE PROCEEDS FROM THE DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE MOOSEHEART CHRISTMAS WALK; \$35.00 FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR A MOOSEHAVEN RESIDENT; THE PROCEEDS FROM THE DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE MOOSEHAVEN CHRISTMAS WALK; \$_____ FOR THE MOOSEHAVEN SPECIAL EVENTS FUND AND \$_____ FOR THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE SCHOLARSHIP AND MAINTENANCE FUND.

AT THIS TIME I INVITE YOU TO PREPARE FOR THE MOOSEHEART/MOOSEHAVEN CHRISTMAS WALK. I WILL ACCEPT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE ALTAR (PODIUM). GUIDES, PLEASE PROCEED WITH THE GIFT WALK.

(Rap 2)

Guides rise and proceed to the Altar/podium. Donors deposit donations in the basket/cradle and return to their seats via the side aisles. Christmas music or singing is acceptable during the gift walk. Chairman returns to the podium and continues...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS. THEY WILL BE INCLUDED IN MY REPORT TO INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Return to page 151:

AT THIS TIME, PLEASE WELCOME TO THE PODIUM SENIOR REGENT (name) WHO WILL PROVIDE US WITH A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

NOTES:

Omit introductions of honored guest (pages 150 and 158) if an honoree is not in attendance.



Suggestion for Donation Collection

Christmas in October



Purchase or make **red** stockings for **Mooseheart** and **green** stockings for **Moosehaven**. (These are about 4 inches and made from craft felt or may be purchased from the Dollar Store or other retailer.) When we have our Chapter Activity Night in October, we give each member one red and one green stocking for the Monetary Gift Walk. They place their donation inside and drop them in the appropriate basket to be counted after the meeting.

Each donor should feel comfortable to give as desired and as financial resources allow. This donation method allows the donors to make their contribution without intimidation from other attendees. The members are more relaxed and no one knows who gives what. You may receive empty stockings, some with just small change, others with generous donations or checks payable to Moose Charities, but no one is embarrassed by not being financially able to give more.

Save the stockings and reuse them each year. In our experience the co-workers prefer this method and ask for the stockings when they come into the room. Best wishes for an enjoyable and generous donation march.

*Idea shared by:
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