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Star Recorder Board

Changes

It is often said that nothing is certain except for death and taxes. But change is also certain. The world we live in is constantly changing. Think about the changes that have occurred in our lifetime. We walk around with cell phones that we can video, take pictures, surf the internet or even facetime with our loved ones 1000's of miles away. That is just one example of change. Communication has never been better or easier. Snail Mail has been replaced by fax or email. Alexander Graham Bell had no idea when he first asked Watson, "Can you hear me now?!"

Change is inherently difficult; it's in our nature to resist as it can lead to fear. Fear of doing something you are uncomfortable with. This often leads to hearing the dreaded, "This is how it has always been done." This statement I believe has led to the demise of many of successful chapters. That statement may deprive us of gaining insight and a chance to learn and prosper. For some of us, change can be overwhelming or even cause anxiety to the point that we resist it at all cost. Change also is difficult because it gives you a sense of no control.

It's not the strongest or most intelligent that succeed, it is the ones that are open to and embrace change. Henry Ford said, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got."

Our leadership has embraced change; they have listened to the co-workers. We asked for a change to the décor of dress during the meetings. Long dresses or skirts gave way to dresses and skirts and now only the officers are asked to come in business attire for the meetings. I have to say that is by far my favorite change. I only owned one skirt and I would wear it 2 times a year. Looking out across this room I see change everywhere. Many changes have occurred in the way Recorders do their responsibilities. Before change, we recorded everything on paper. Membership was on paper; stacks of Index Cards kept in a Card Box. The biggest change was with the Certified Report!

Many in this room earned their Star Recorder degree on "paper". (Appalled!) Actually, you are my heroes. Beginning with the 2005-2006 Chapter year the Recorders started using the computer. There is no way I would have earned my degree the old-fashioned way. I was in the 1st class of Star Recorders after the change. I think Barb took sympathy on us.

It should be our contribution as Star Recorders to be inviting our coworkers to ensure change and encourage others on their journey. It is our obligation to continue changing for the good of the Order.

As my time on the Board comes to an end lets be the change that reinforces our commitment to the children of Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven and the communities ~~that~~ we live in.

I would like to express thanks to The Women of the Moose Office; you may be few but your leadership and guidance are the world to me.

To the past and present Boards that I have served with I think y'all are the best. To my Past Stars Winnie, Karen and Rosa and Current Stars Carla, Nancy, Liz and Tammy I have enjoyed serving alongside all of y'all.

To all the co-workers that trusted in my ability to recommend me for this board (you know who you are) thank you. Thank You Co-Workers of Louisiana and Mississippi for supporting me through my journey. Slidell Chapter 1564 I hope we can continue to reach for new heights as we continue to grow.

Of course, all this would not be possible without my family; we are indeed a Moose family.

And to my 2 biggest Stars of all - My mom in Heaven Past Deputy Grand Regent Star Recorder Sue Ross looking down on me and My Sister Past Deputy Grand Regent and Current CAC of Louisiana Karon Swenson. Thank you and I love you all!