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From the Administrator

Brothers / Ladies: April is here and our snowbird members will be leaving us soon. We wish you safe travels and hope to see you all back in the fall. I want to thank all of our snowbird members for their support:

I will not be here when you return.

I am planning on retiring June 1 and my wife Brenda and I are moving to Gettysburg PA. It has been an honor to serve as your Administrator for the past 5 1/2 years. We have made many friends at COOKOU> the North Port Moose lodge in the time we have been here in Florida. Over the past 12 years I have been honored to serve as your Governor 2 times, Junior Governor 2 times, Jr. Past Governor 2 times, and your administrator. We had 428 members when I joined—we now have over 2,450 members! you have a great board of officers coming in and I know they will continue to build this great lodge I want to thank you for all your support of our Lodge, our children at Moosehaven and our seniors at Mooseheart.

Due to the FMA State convention in early April, the first bi-monthly General Membership meeting has been moved to Monday, **April 7 at 1 PM.** New Member Orientation is Wednesday April 16th at 6:30 PM and the second bi-monthly General Membership meeting is on schedule at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 22.

In closing I want to thank my wife, Brenda, for putting up with me as I did what I love. The Moose has been my life for over 34 years and it's not easy to walk away from the North Port Moose Lodge. However, we have 5 sons and 10 grandchildren that want us back home.

I also want to thank our great staff of bartenders, kitchen and wait staff. It has been and honor to work with each and everyone of you. I also want to thank our members for your support of our lodge our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven.

From the Lodge President

Well hello to all my Moose Family! I want to start off with Thanking all the Moose members that have supported me and the entire board of officers for the past two and a



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half years. We have accomplished a lot in this time and as you all know we still have a long way to go, as the new board of officers will lead us in the direction of a new home under the great leadership of our New Madam President Anna-Marie Mitchell. As always, they too will look to the members for your support.

> March was another great month full of activities and fun. The Tribute to Elvis dinner-show was a great success. The kitchen staff once again outdid themselves with a great St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. On March 22 the Moose Legion held a casino bus trip to Immokalee where we all had a great time. And of course, the Women of the Moose had a Mega Show Me the Money event on March 15 which

Me the Money event on March 15 which had a great turnout and sizeable jackpots won by various members. Another successful event to raise money for charities. A big shoutout to Ann Mell for

receiving the Most Valuable Moose for March for all the hard work and dedication she does for our Lodge! Congratulations and well deserved!

On to the great month of April. The monthly District Meeting will be held at 12 noon at the Port Charlotte Lodge with the date being moved to Saturday, April 5. Come on out to learn what each Lodge in our district does and hopefully we can earn the attendance award for our Lodge for the third month in a row. Also, on the 5th our Lodge is holding its Spring Cookout Dinner starting at 4 PM. Baby Back Ribs, Rib Eye or Sirloin steaks with various sides will be available at different prices.

The Election for Lodge Officers will be held at the Lodge on Sunday, April 6 starting at 11 AM through 5 PM. There will be announcements made at the Lodge with further information provided.

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From the Women of the Moose

Greetings to every Moose member and Chapter member. It has been a whirlwind of a year. April is a great month for our Lodge and our Chapter. We have a lot to do this month. First, we have the upcoming Orlando Conference in April. We are sending 6 Matriculants for the Academy of Friendship Award to be presented April 13th at the Rosen Plaza. We are so proud of everyone attending the Conference and receiving this special honor. If you would like to know more about the Academy of Friendship, ask any Chapter Board member or Chairman, they can tell you how to receive this award.

The March event was a huge success. A special thank you to Stephani Davis for doing a fantastic job with the Show Me the Money event. Thank you to Jr. Past Regent Brenda Seal for doing the 50/50 and the help of Becky, Gail and Teresa for collecting and handling the money. Thank you to Anna-Marie for doing the Endowment Prayer. You all did a fantastic job! For the April event: The WOTM Chapter #1892 presents 80's Bingo! This will be held on Saturday, April 19 beginning at 4 PM. The cost will be \$25 a book, \$2 for extra coveralls, and \$2 for the Early Birds. Come dressed in the 80's and receive an extra Early Bird sheet FREE to play with the purchase of one Early Bird sheet. There will be a photo booth and 80's themed drinks available to purchase at the bar. The chairman of the event is Teresa Morefield, with Heather's assistance! Please come and enjoy the music and fun planned for this event!

Lastly, the time has come for the Women of The Moose to install the new members to our Board of Officers. We have a new Sr. Regent this year and she has all the support we can give her. I know I will be cheering her on and wishing her every success. I would like to take this time in this last newsletter of mine to say THANK YOU to all the people who have stood by me this year and who have helped me and pushed me to do my best. My Board of Officers get my first big shout-out. Becky, Brenda, and Gail have been my inspiration and my saving grace. No Senior Regent could ever ask for a better team to support her. I love you all from the bottom of my heart!

Next, I want to thank Connie for being my Guide this year. You did a fantastic job! You will always be special in my heart. Then to those Marvelous members who chose to be chairmen and represent us each month: Ann Mell, thank you for your hard work as the Higher Degree Chairman for the Belmont Stakes, Fashion Show and Bowling Tournament. You never let us down! Andrea Fiordeliso: What a great fundraiser basket and candy sales. Great job! Anna-Marie Mitchell: job well done stepping in For Show Me the Money. Patricia Groves: thank you so much for showing us how well-known games can be done in different and fun ways. Teresa Morefield; you came out of your shell. Thank you for a great job with the Jewelry Events, Sip and Paint, and the upcoming 80's Bingo. I am so impressed with all you have done. I look forward to you all getting your Academy of Friendship Degree next year. Well deserved! A heartfelt thank you to Kathy Skoda for all your hard work putting together gift baskets that were raffled off during so many of our events this year. You do a fantastic job and are very appreciated. Your hard work includes helping to set up for the events and cleaning up as well afterward. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! A special thank you goes out to my friends Tom Hartnett and Skip Skoda. You are wonderful men to work with and I want to thank you for helping me with all the posters this year and getting my newsletter done every month. You are truly amazing people.

My final thank you and my last words as your Senior Regent go to the man that you all know and love, Terry Seal. You have been a great friend and the Chapter's strongest supporter. You made my job as Senior Regent one I will never forget. I thank you for all you have done and look forward to wherever you and the Board of Officers take our Lodge in the future. I have learned so much from all of you and thank you from the bottom of my heart. I know the upcoming fiscal year will be as successful as this one has been. Remember, each event we hold supports the Women of the Moose which supports our seniors at Moosehaven and our children at Mooseheart. After all, that is why we are here. Chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The Board Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Both meetings are held at the Annex building, just down the street from the Lodge. If you have any questions, please call the Lodge and ask for me or speak to any of the Moose Members.

Sincerely and Best Wishes, Catherine Frangkos, Senior Regent

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General Membership Second Tuesday of t Forth Tuesday of the	he Month: April 7 @) 1:00 PM	Apr 2 6:00 PM Chapter meeting	Monten Moose	May 14 6:00 PM Chapter meeting	
President	James Godshall		Sr Reg	gent: Catherine F	rangkos	
Vice President	Anna Marie Mitchell	LODGE & Secretary: Gail Soderman				
Chaplain	Ric Foster	CHAPTER	Treasurer: Becky Brooke			
Treasurer	Mike Gomez	OFFICERS	Jr. Past Regent: Brenda Seal			
Administrator	Terry Seal	2023 - 2024	2024 Women of the Moose Chapter 1892 meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM.			
1 -Yr Trustee	Rod Black					
2-Yr Trustee	Kevin Mennerick					
3-Yr Trustee	Skip Skoda	All and a state	FM	A District 16 April 5	- Aller	
Jr Past President	Ed Mell		at Port	Charlotte #212	FMA	
Sgt-at-Arms	Susan Runge					
Inner Guard	Joe Stanziale		The Moose Legion meets on Saturday,			
Outer Guard	George Meekins	April 5, in the Annex at 8:00 AM. LAC-Ed Mell, LAS-James Godshall, VIC/LAC Kevin Mennerick.				

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New Building Fund update. Please try and donate as we are actively looking for land, (3) acres, to construct a new lodge building. We need you to please renew your membership and sign up your friends and neighbors to continue to grow our lodge. Now more then ever we need your support. We know that the parking lot is a big problem and only way to fix it is to move. We need a bigger building and parking and we can make it happen as long as our members stay with us as we move forward.

Fraternally, Terry Seal Administrator



* WOTM & 1st Lodge Meeting Date Changes
All meetings are held at the at the Annex.
*April 2, Wednesday: WOTM at 6:30 PM
April 5, Saturday: Moose Legion at 8:00 AM
*April 7, Monday: General Membership at 1:00 PM
April 16, Wednesday: Member Orientation: 6:30 PM
April 22, Tuesday: General Membership at 7:00 PM

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Our Officers and 1-Moose General Meeting time and date has been moved to Monday April 7. The Officer's Meeting will be held at 11:30 AM with the 1-Moose General Meeting following at 1 PM at the Annex. Some of us will be attending the 2025 Florida Moose Association Conference in Orlando from April 10 through 13.

Other events being held in April will be the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19 at 11 AM at the Annex and an '80s Bingo event the same day at 4 PM. Both sponsored by the North Port Women of the Moose Chapter 1892. Flyers will be posted on the bulletin boards, Lodge 764 Facebook page, the monthly calendar, email notifications and by announcements at the Lodge. So, stay tuned for these and other happenings to take place. Remember you may ask any Lodge or WOTM officers for additional information.

Mr. Terry Seal will be resigning as Lodge Administrator to move on to new adventures with his wife Brenda. Terry, we hate to see you leave but we understand you have devoted your life in North Port to the Friendliness Lodge around and we are all grateful for all you have done and will continue to do as long as you are in North Port. YOU WILL BE MISSED!!!

Fraternally Yours, President James Godshall



Moose Legionnaires: My fellow Legionnaires, first off I want to thank you for being a Moose Legionnaire. Your dues every year go directly to Mooseheart and Moosehaven so please don't drop your Legionnaire dues if anything, think of the children and seniors that it helps support for just that small amount of \$17 dues.



We had our monthly meeting on March 1, and we discussed our business and upcoming events. We had a nice turnout. Meetings are on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM (8:00 AM in April) at the Moose Annex, so please attend. Our next meeting is April 5. We had a mini-conferral on March 1st at Punta Gorda Moose Lodge, and a regular Conferral at Ft. Myers Beach Lodge #964 on March 15. Moose Legion will pay \$20 toward a Moose Legion shirt to any new Moose Legionnaire who attends a conferral.

We passed a motion to pay half of the donation amount to the American Legion on Taneytown St (\$500) as well as to display a banner all year long with our Moose Lodge info on it. We also donated \$250 to the North Port VFW. We also passed a motion to have a rib and steak barbecue on April 5th. Ribs and steaks, Rod Black to chair the event. The bus trip to Immokalee Casino was full and fun. We had some winners and some losers.

That's all I have for now so stay safe and be kind to your neighbor. But remember one thing, you get more in life by giving than receiving not only in money but also the time that you give up to help with what we stand for: our children, our seniors, our members, and our community.

Your Moose Legion Chairman, Ed Mell - LAC