



## Woodbridge Moose Family Center

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"Moose: Create Some Interest"

Home of VA's Deputy Grand Regent Shirley Head



### Message from the Governor

Dear, Brothers and Co-Workers,

I would like to wish you all a most happy and prosperous New Year.

The year of 2011 was a very good one for our Lodge. With both the Lodge and the W.O.T.M. ahead of their respective Membership goals. As of the last Membership report, we are still # 3 in the State in Membership production. We are also at 150% of our assigned goal. Our Chapter is currently ranked 13th in the State and only 4 applications short of their goal. We thank all of our Member signers.

Please welcome Brother Chris Cornwell to your Board Of Officers. I have appointed Chris to the Three Year Trustee position and he will also be Chairman of our support the TROOPS committee.

Our annual Christmas party was a huge success as usual. Thanks go out to the entire Social Quarter Staff for another job well done.

I would like to thank Brothers Charlie Krear and Marvin Coon for putting up our new Handicapped parking signs.

Also a huge Thank you to Jim Krear for bringing our marquee site up to date. This is a very time consuming job and a very hard position to fill. We all greatly appreciate your efforts.

Our State Mid Year Conference is coming up this month and all but one of your Officers will be attending, Chris will be staying back to stand door duty and run the Queen of Hearts. Thanks again Chris.

Trustee Treadwell had a great idea to run a meat raffle where Members can win gift card for a \$100 worth of meat at a local Butcher shop. We have run two of these raffles so far and both sold out in about one hour. Thanks Terry. And there will be more to come.

In closing, I ask each and every one of you to offer a prayer for those Members that passed away during the last year and for our troops who continue to fight to ensure our FREEDOM.

Fraternally  
Ray Richards  
Governor

From your Editor and members: Happy belated birthday Brother Governor.



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**VACANT**

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## **Women of the Moose Chapter 653**

### Officers

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Carol Price  
Mary Hager

## Administrators Message

Well, we did it! Another Christmas has come and gone but it will be no time before it will be back. Do you remember when you were child, how slow time passed by? But as middle aged and older adults years swoop pass us as fast as a blink of an eye. You may be wondering what this has to do with the Administrator's article. Well nothing really as it really doesn't apply to me. But the Membership Chairman well, that's another story. Anyway, how about that Lodge Christmas party! I think it was the best ever. Mona and her crew somehow manage to make it better each year. Thank you Mona for all your hard work. Then there was Michelle and Jen working the bar, they handled the crowd in a super manner. They were pouring drinks and flinging tickets and never missing a beat. Stacy and Carrie were flying around helping in every way they could. Passing out door prize tickets, carrying food to and from the kitchen and just making sure that everyone was happy. These ladies deserve a lot of credit and I for one know that I don't say it enough, but thank you thank you thank you!!!

Hey! Was the New Year Eve party the most rocking party ever or what? I for one thought it was super. The Fabulous Bel Airs provided outstanding entertainment though out the night. And what about that dinner! Chef Bunky and his crew out did themselves. The food was just the best! Thank you guys. It sure takes a lot of work to prepare for such an event. The week leading up to the party we had folks manning the floor buffer, setting up tables and chairs, sprucing up the room and the ladies pitched in with the decorating and what a great job they did. All that hard work paid off by providing a super evening for our Members and guests. All and all, the end of 2011 was pretty darn good and I want to wish everyone an outstanding 2012!

Kenny Head  
Administrator

## Membership

Happy New Year everyone!

Yes it is a new year, but we have four more months left to the Moose year. That means we have lots of time to put our Lodge at the top in Membership. As of the first of December we were number three in the state with a little over 150% of our goal with over 100 new and former members sponsored. As your Membership Chairman I have set a goal for our Lodge to double the goal given to us by Moose International. That means we need to sponsor another twenty-three new or former members by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2012. At the rate we have been sponsoring members throughout the year, this should be a piece of cake.

Many of our sponsors have found that it pays to sponsor new and former members. In November the lodge was running a short contest for signing members. The first four member to sponsor a new member received tickets for two to the New Year party. The winners were, Terry Treadwell, Richard Crawford and Charlie Krear. Charlie also won the November Membership drawing for \$100.00. The fourth winner of the tickets was your Membership Chairman but your Administrator said he was disqualified. He's pretty tough, don't you think?

I would like to welcome our new members that were sponsored in November.

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Steven Rayfield,	Kenny Head
Jovens Colas	Kenny Head
Douglas Bane	Terry Treadwell
Shawn Carmen	Terry Treadwell
Michael Creath	Terry Treadwell
Jeremy Kellogg	Charlie Krear
Charles McAllister	Kenny Head
John Chandler	Richard Crawford

Thank you sponsors,  
Let's keep sponsoring new and former members and make Woodbridge Moose Lodge #583 number one in the State.

Kenny Head  
Membership Chairman

## Moose Legion News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Thanks to all that came out to the Moose Legion meeting in December. We had a great turn out for our Holiday Dinner and "Nasty Santa" gift exchange. I hope everyone has/had an enjoyable and safe Holiday.

Our meeting for this month will be held on **January 7th** - Social at 5 pm, meeting at 6 pm, with dinner to follow.

This month's special will feature a Beef Stroganoff, side salad, roll and desert! Legion members, and their guests, who attend the meeting, will pay \$7.00, all others will be charged \$8.00. Either way, it's a great deal!! If you would like to bring an appetizer to have during the social, please do (think Oktoberfest).

Let us start the New Year off right by supporting our Lodge and the functions!

Fraternally,  
Don Lomis



## Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Saturday dinner special on 21 January 2012 will be Pork Roast with Red Potatoes and a vegetable sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. Dinner will start at 6 P.M. The price will be \$8.00.

Our next Fellowship meeting will be on the **6th of January 2012 at 7:30 P.M.**

For The Committee  
Mike Bruss

## ***KITCHEN NEWS—Daily Specials—January***

**Mondays – Tacos**

**Tuesdays—10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Meat Loaf**

**Wednesdays -- Seafood day!!!! Noon until gone!**

**Thursdays – 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Pizza  
12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Soup day**

**Fridays LUNCH—Tuna or chicken salad cold plate OR sandwich**

**Saturdays—Burger Day ¼ lb \$3.00**

**Sundays –Burger Day ¼ lb. \$3.00**

**Saturday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Beef Stroganoff**

**Saturday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Steamed Shrimp**

**Saturday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Pork Roast**

**Saturday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Chicken/Pasta**

**SUNDAY Brunch Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 10-1**

**Tailgate every Sunday!!!!**

## **FRIDAY DINNER SPECIALS**

**6<sup>th</sup> – Crab Cakes**

**13<sup>th</sup> – Chicken Kabobs**

**20<sup>th</sup> – Salisbury Steak**

**27<sup>th</sup> -- Country Fried Steak**

**Great Steaks as well as our regular menu available every Friday evening**

## **LOOM Sports**

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED FOR JANUARY

Danny Mixon  
Chairman

## **WOTM Sports**

Check the VMA website for all State, Local and International Sporting events. Go to VMAWeb.com and look under the sports portal.

Ruthi Doan-Pietras  
VA WOTM Sports Chairman

## Senior Regents Message

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! The Lodge was beautifully decorated and a lovely place to spend time with our friends and family members. As always, Mona and the bartenders (Carrie, Jen, Michelle and Stacey) hosted a fun-filled Christmas Party. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and gracious service to our LOOM members, WOTM co-workers and their guests. "Lunch with Santa" was a big hit with our little people. We appreciate our special Santa, Joe Head, who did a fantastic job with the children, bringing smiles, as well as gifts, to each one. Many of us watched the old year out and the New Year in with our friends and family here at the Moose. The New Year's Eve Dinner was delicious and then to help work off the calories from all the great food we ate over the holidays and at the Dinner, the "Fabulous Bel-Airs," did a terrific job of playing the right tunes to get us up and dancing. The breakfast that followed hit the spot after the evening's activities.

Speaking of delicious food, have you gotten your WOTM Cookbook yet? They really turned out very nice. For those of you who purchased one for yourself and/or as a gift to a friend or family member for Christmas, I know you and they were pleased. We have heard nothing but complimentary remarks about them and again thanks to everyone who contributed to making them a perfect addition to anyone's kitchen. We couldn't have done it without you. We still have a few left and you can see any of the WOTM officers about purchasing one. The cost is \$15.

Our first District Meeting of the year will be held on January 7 at 11:00 a.m. at the Franconia Lodge. Since they are just down the road a piece, it would be real neighborly to have lots of Woodbridge members show up.

As you have read in the Newsletter and heard at the Lodge, many of us are getting ready for the VMA Mid-Year Convention being held at the Sheraton Hotel in Norfolk, VA, beginning **JANUARY 12 thru JANUARY 15**. This year, our own Shirley Head is the Virginia Deputy Grand Regent (if you haven't heard). This is a special time for our WOTM Chapter since we will be hosting WOTM co-workers from all over the State of Virginia at the Convention. Our co-workers have been working very hard to get everything we need done and to try and keep

everything running smoothly. Once we arrive in Norfolk we will have four days full of tasks to be done and we can use more help. So, if you plan to attend the conference or would like to attend, please consider volunteering some time to come give us a hand or a break during the meetings. If you are Academy of Friendship members, remember that Anita Crowe, Pat Dana, Jen Donahue, and I will be welcomed on Sunday, January 15, as new friends into the Academy of Friendship Golden Circle.

Other meetings for the months are: The WOTM **Educational Advancement Activity Night meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m.** and the WOTM **Business Night meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, January 18, at 7:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there.

PLEASE NOTE that the cost for a new member is now \$30.00 until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Moose International has waived all application fees for both the LOOM and WOTM.

**Happy New Year to all our members and their families! We are looking forward to 2012 as a year full of good things for our Chapter and hope you will come join us and be a part.**

Fraternally,  
Marlene Agnew

## Academy of Friendship

Ladies, our current fundraising project was the Betta Fish Bowl. There was a Beta Fish bowl on the bar in the social quarters. Due to a lack of sales, the Betta Fish Bowls fundraising project has been suspended. We are sorry that we couldn't sell more than two.

Our Friendship Banquet went very well. We even had a surprise visit from SANTA!! We collected many items for our troops and for the local women's shelter. We played games and had the "nasty Santa" gift game. Barbara Darley, Bea Keen, Ruthi Doan-Pietras, Dru Doan and Ann Burton came to the party. What a wonderful time we had with these ladies. We haven't seen them for quite some time. Thanks go to Danny and his golf team for preparing the food, and from all the comments I heard, everyone enjoyed their meals.

Even though, I put this in the bulletin every month, we still need to think of these ladies and

keep them in our thoughts and prayers: Ann Burton; Carol Coats; Sue Cordner on the loss of her husband, John; Cheryl Danielsen; Barbara Darley on the loss of her husband, Bob; Dru Doan; Mary Embrey; Shirley Head; Phenetta Harrover; Olga Johnson; Bea Keen; Wilda Kipp; Freda Martin and her sister, Audrey; Beulah Roberts; Rose Rybicki; Wanda Self; Betty Simensen; Barbara Ullmann; and Theresa Wehausen. I very much miss seeing these ladies at our meetings and hope they are well. If you know of others who need a card or a phone call, please let me know.

I've got five boxes of care package items to send to our troops in Afghanistan, plus what we collected at the Friendship Banquet. Please remember to drop off items at the lodge. This is an ongoing project during the year. This project is very important to me. Our troops are fighting for our freedoms and sacrificing themselves so that we can be free. **Don't you think a few care package items would brighten their day and let them know that as Americans, we still care about them?** Their families miss them during the holidays (and during the year). Thanks to all the ladies who can attend our monthly meetings. Sometimes a few ladies show up that haven't come to the meetings in awhile and it's such a pleasant surprise. Take care and let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas for other fundraisers. Remember our new motto: CSI - Create Some Interest!!

Marianne Head,  
Chairman

### Chaplain & Prelate Corner

Dear Moose Members, WOTM Co-workers and families,  
It's the Christmas Season!! Let's all be thankful for the blessings we have received throughout the year. And let's remember and pray for those less fortunate as we sit around the table with our loved ones.  
-Debbie Mixon and Stacy Norton's mother, Carol Norton was in the hospital. We understand she is home recovering. Hopefully, things are looking up!  
-Our thoughts are also with Sharron Brownlow. Cheer up and feel better soon!!  
-Al Embrey has eye surgery. His new nickname is "eagle eye." Speedy recovery, Al.

-Terry Munro had a pacemaker installed. Listen to that--"Installed." One of these days we will have a garage for new and improved body parts in lieu of car parts. We hope you are feeling a lot better! We hope you are feeling well enough to join us New Year's Eve dancing to the Fabulous Bel Aires?

-Ray Richards lost his mother. Our heartfelt condolences.

-Our best wishes go out to Denise and Randy Lawson. The Lawsons are always ready and able to lend a helping hand no matter the Moose project. Now they need us.

Randy's mom recently had a massive heart attack. We hope and pray for a full recovery.

-Cheryl Danielsen's son, Danny, is also having heart issues. We hope the doctors send some good news his way soon.

-Wanda Self, a long-time WOTM member, is experiencing difficulty with her eyes. Let's hope the doctors can find a solution.

-Toni Gavin recently lost her son. It is so difficult when a child goes before a parent. That is just not the natural order. We know your heartbreak, Toni.

-Janice Mann had surgery. We understand she is healing well. We wish you a full and speedy recovery.

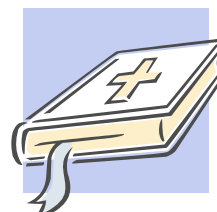
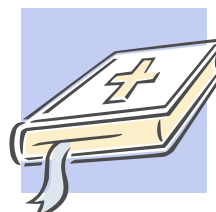
### ***And on a positive note!!!***

-Danny & Debbie Mixon are proud grandparents again!!! Congratulations, Danny & Debbie.

If any of you know someone who needs encouragement, is ill or in the hospital, or simply would benefit from receiving a card, please contact one of your board members and let them know. You may also email me at [bullmann@alionscience.com](mailto:bullmann@alionscience.com).

Fraternally,  
Barbara Ullmann  
Chaplain

Richard Crawford  
Prelate



## HELP NEEDED

Dear Coworkers,

Our Chapter is in desperate need of your help. In June I was appointed **"DEPUTY GRAND REGENT FOR VA"**. Our Chapter will be hosting the "MID YEAR CONFERENCE" in Norfolk, January 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2012. And this is where your help will be needed. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact me at 703-781-9291 or email me at: SAHEAD1947@AOL.COM.

Let's come together and make our Chapter proud. We need your help to get this done. Thank you and hope to hear from you soon.

SHIRLEY HEAD  
DEPUTY GRAND REGENT

## Editors Message

**Please remember that all articles are due no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

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Our Mid Year conference in January has moved to Norfolk due to hotel issues in Richmond. The dates are the same just a location change. Get your rooms booked soon as both the LOOM & WOTM are in the same hotel and there are only 400 rooms available at the host hotel. About a block away is another hotel available also. Please check this out at [www.vmaweb.com](http://www.vmaweb.com). All information is available there under the conference/convention portal.

Have you made your New Year's Resolutions yet?? Think about making this one of them:

I will try my best to assist my Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion to the best of my ability this next year. I will be the best member that I can be. If we all took this on as one of our resolutions for the new year ~~~~ think what a "better" place Woodbridge 583 MFC would be as well as our entire fraternity!!!! I know it's not easy with work and family commitments but please

remember the oath you either took or read when you became a member. We are very fortunate that we have some of the best officers and members around.....when these Officers and chairman plan fundraisers, please do your best to support them. We know times are economically tough for everyone but even once a month for a dinner or an event will not only help your Lodge/Chapter/Moose Legion it also benefits you by allowing you time to visit with old friends and make some new ones!!!! Here's hoping that this is a resolution for all of our members.

May you find peace and joy in the New Year.

See you in Norfolk.

Ruthi Doan-Pietras

Editor

## NVCHD

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the new year will be held at Centreville Moose Lodge on January 21<sup>st</sup>, @ 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally,

NVCHD Officers

**LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME  
DO NOT KEEP THEM AWAY**

**FOR THEY ARE LIKE THE KINGDOM OF  
HEAVEN**

**GOD BLESS MOOSEHEART**

**AMEN**

