

Badger State Moose News



Special Dates of Interest:

- April 26th ~ May 1st: International Youth Awareness Congress being held in Kenosha, WI
- June 3rd : Graduation & Pilgrim Conferral
- June 29th ~ July 3rd: International Moose Convention in Tampa, Fl

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72nd Annual Mid-Year Conference Highlights

WMA President Michael Rynearson and Wisconsin Deputy Grand Regent Karyn Johnson proudly opened the Joint Session of the 72nd Annual Wisconsin Moose Association Mid-Year Conference on March 2nd, 2017.

In front of a packed house Mike and Karyn welcomed all the attendees and introduced the Official Visitors. The men's Official Visitor was none other than Cherie Mondrella—Asst. Dir. Of Membership, and the women were honored to have Carolyn Allen, Past Grand Regent as their official Visitor.

The weekend was packed full of training, information sharing, fellowship, entertainment, and most important of all FUN. Thanks to all of you who provided training, presentations, set-up, and take down.

One of the most informational sessions was delivered by Randy Bansley from the Office of Wisconsin Gaming. He provided loads of useful information for all to take back.

The annual State Karaoke Contest was held on Friday night. Once again Brian Jennings from Racine came out the winner.

On Saturday night Robert Rufer from Monroe and Mary Martin from Madison were presented with the Life Time Achievement Award. Congratulations to District 3 President Tom Kroneburg for being named Top District.



WMA President Michael Rynearson & Deputy Grand Regent Karyn Johnson open the Joint Session

A Message from the Territory Manager ~ Gary Beck

First I would like to thank Ed Johnson for all of his time and effort over the past year and a little more for starting and doing the state newsletter. The last couple of months we have been looking for someone to fill those shoes. We now have a new newsletter person (Amy Rynearson) and I am sure she will do a fine job in the

coming months. As we enter into the final days (30) we need to put our goals into priority. The top 2 should be the following: getting your lodge, chapter, or moose legion to a **PLUS** and then along with that getting your renewal percentage to the goal of 82%, this might mean calling those April members that have yet

to renew or calling on the members on the expired list to get them to renew. Neither of these goals will happen if we stand back and do nothing. This is also the final month for the active service personal & first responders *Cont'd*
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News from Wisconsin's Moose Supreme Council Member



**Mark Penzkover,
Supreme Council
Member**

Greetings to all after my two month newsletter hiatus! It's hard to believe that we are now a quarter of the way through 2017! February and March were very busy Moose months for me, including a Supreme Council meeting in Tampa, two trips to Mooseheart, an awesome weekend in Green Bay for the Wisconsin Moose Association Mid-Year Conference, a trip to Oklahoma, a trip to Missouri to serve as

Official Visitor for their Association Mid-Year Conference, and a trip to Indiana to wrap up March. April should be a great and memorable month for Wisconsin Moose members. Supreme Governor Fritz Griswold and his wonderful wife Beth will be visiting several lodges at the beginning of the month, including West Bend, Sheboygan, and Menomonie. At the end of the month, Kenosha will

host the International Youth Awareness Congress! On Wisconsin!
April also brings a close to our fiscal year, so please work on retention. Please also keep in mind our special membership campaign that honors active military and first responders. For a limited time, active military and first responders can join the Moose *Cont'd*
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Wisconsin Moose Sports Program Refreshed

The State Executive Board has been extremely busy over the past few months refreshing our state sports program. Over the past few years we have noticed a decline in event participation, and thought that it was time to "REFRESH" the program. With that being said, the

Executive Board made the decision to have a Chairman for each event, and to have one over all Sports Director. At the 72nd Mid-Year Conference, Dan Frailing from EKM Lodge #1238 was named as the WMA Sports Director. Dan will be busy working with his team of event chairman to update

rules, forms, event locations, and event by-laws.
Here are the event Chairman
Bowling: Matt Boardman & Steth Fuller
Pool: Dan Threlkeld
Bags: Scott Blank
Horse Shoes: Tom & Julie Kroneburg
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Greetings from the State President ~ Michael Rynearson



**Michael Rynearson,
Wisconsin Moose
Association President**

Moving into May already, where does the time go. As we close out this Moose Year, let me touch on Membership Retention. This is a **Giant** part of all of our responsibility. The overall goal of Membership Retention is maintain our current members. Often we sign up

a new member and then forget all about them. This practice needs to stop, we asked them to join, now we need to make sure that they stay involved, feel welcome, and above all, that their membership means more to the Lodge than just a number. While we hope for a 100% retention rate, our

goal is 82%. By reaching this goal, Lodges are almost guaranteed to be a "Plus One" for the year.
Remember, all of us have a responsibility when it comes to Membership Retention.
Michael Rynearson
WMA President

Greetings from the Deputy Grand Regent ~ Kayrn Johnson

Greetings Co-workers and Brothers!

I want to take this opportunity to Thank You again for being who you are and doing what you do. You ARE appreciated!

What an absolutely amazingly awesome time we had at conference in Green Bay. Once again the WI WOTM put the WOW into action. Our official visitor, Carolyn Allen, was just the BEST!

We had so much fun and learned a lot. Congratulations to our new Academy of Friendship Friends! We hope you continue your passion for the Moose Fraternity.

Thanks to all that brought donations for bag raffles, door prizes, baskets, blankets, baked goods, etc. Our Moose Charities Committee did an outstanding job! Our Heart of the Community

Committee did an outstanding job as well! I'm certain that Paul's Pantry and the Homeless Shelter were completely overwhelmed by the outpouring of items that we contributed.

BIG Thank you's to Stevens Point Chapter 311, our hostess chapter. Many Thanks to those of you that helped with all the details to make a conference happen, *Cont'd See Greetings on page 4*



Kayrn Johnson, Deputy Grand Regent for the State of Wisconsin



Membership News & Highlights

Well here we are approaching the end of the Moose Year. Did everyone meet their application goals? Did everyone achieve a "Plus One" membership goal?

As you ask yourself these questions, think about it. Did you do everything to assist your Lodge or Chapter to reach their goals? Too

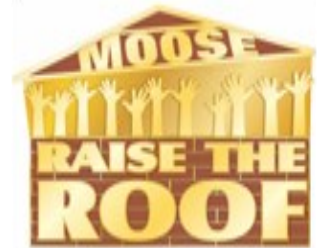
many of us sit back and wait for others to sign up new members. All too often I hear "I signed up my share of members, now let someone else do their part".

With the new Moose year about to start, let's all make a pledge to sign up at least one new or former member. If we all could just sign one,

just think how much our association would grow.

Fraternally,

Michael Rynearson
WMA Membership
Chairman



2016-2017

Quota Busters:

- Bloomer #1077**
- Marinette #2327**
- Racine # 437**
- Kaukauna #953**
- River Falls #594**
- Sheboygan #438**

WHO'S NEXT?

From the Wisconsin Moose Legion Ambassador

To All Moose Legion in Wisconsin we need to work on the arrears list of members and try to sign up some more new members as we are falling behind.

I want to Thank all Moose Legion secretaries for your minutes from your meetings. Each one of you are doing a good job and PLEASE make

sure that your Moose Legion Officers have had their MLEC training before they are put in to their office for the year.

Fraternally,

Robert R. Rufer
Moose Legion Ambassador



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Territory Manager ~ Cont'd from Pg 1



**Gary Beck,
Territory Manager**

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to take advantage of the special “free” membership promotion.

Another goal should be for every lodge to earn the “Premier Lodge Award” or the “Award of Achievement” for the chapters or the “Fraternal Service Award” for the moose legions, and for the state it is being “Top Association”. Whatever the case might be review where you stand and go get what you need to complete it. All

of these items can be obtained if we show that we have pride!

A big **THANK YOU** to all of those members that have put in so much time and effort to help their lodge, chapter, and moose legion reach their goals that they have already or will reach by the end of this month. Remember it is about the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven.

Fraternally,
Gary Beck



We hope to see you in June for the International Moose Convention in Tampa, FL

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Supreme Council Member ~ Cont'd from Pg 1

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for free (enrollment and first years dues are waived)! Membership is the key to the sustainability of our organization. Please do your part to “Sign a member, Save a member”. We all need to continue inviting our qualified friends, family, and acquaintances to join

our great fraternity.

Together, we can get to a Plus One.

I hope everyone has a great April, including a wonderful Easter holiday spent with family and friends. I look forward to seeing many of you down at Mooseheart on June 3rd for the Graduation , Pilgrim Ceremony, and

cookout at the Wisconsin Home! As always, thank you for all that you do for the Moose, Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our communities. We are making a difference in so many lives! God Bless and take care.

Fraternally,
Mark Penzkover,

Sports ~ Cont'd from pg 2

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Co-Ed Darts:
Jim Guillaume
Dart Ball: Dan Hauner

Golf: Scott Kuske

Dan will be busy putting together information to send out to the Lodges.

Here is an updated list of

upcoming events.

Golf— Menomonie Lodge
July 15, 2017

Horseshoes— Monroe Lodge
August 19, 2017

Bags— Marinette Lodge
September 30, 2017

Pool— E.K.M. Lodge
October 21, 2017

Dart-Ball— Muskego Lodge
January 3, 2018

Co-Ed Darts— Muskego
Lodge February 3, 2018

More information to follow. We wish Dan the best of luck as he and his team “Refresh” our sports program.



HOW TO KILL YOUR LODGE

Something I found, and thought that I would share:

How to kill your Lodge

Don't Come.

When you come, come late. Never accept an office. It is better to stay outside and criticize.

The officers asked for the job, let them do all of the work.

Never pay your dues in advance. Wait until you get your moneys worth and them wait a while longer.

It is good to tell your officers failings to visitors, they might be a long time finding them out.

If there are a few zealous workers in the Lodge inform everyone the Lodge is run by a clique.

Disagree with established rules and regulations, let people know you have a mind of your own.

Only talk to the brother next to you at the Lodge, it make for good fellowship.

If one brother has said or done something you don't

like, be mad at the whole lodge.

Don't let this happen to your lodge.



WHICH OF THESE ARE YOU?

Some members keep the Lodges strong, while others join and just belong.

Some dig right in, some serve with pride, some go along, just for the ride.

Some volunteer to do their share, while some lay back and just don't care.

On meeting days some always show while there are those who seldom go.

Some always pay their dues ahead, some get behind for months instead.

Some do their best, some build, some make, some never give, but always take.

Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do, consider, which of these are you?

Greetings ~ Cont'd from Pg 3

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as I stated earlier "please know that you are appreciated"! It takes a lot of people to make a conference happen and with your help and teamwork we had a great conference. I also

want to take this opportunity to thank Kathy Thomas for filling in as Membership

Chairman. She's doing an awesome job and I appreciate her help very much.

Thank You Kathy! From Kathy's emails I came up with a new Membership watch word: P.R.E.-fun (pronounced pre-fun). Promote; Retain; Enroll and have fun. PRE-fun!!!

Hopefully, in the very near future, Spring will be here.

Which brings with it the end of this Chapter year and the beginning of a new Chapter year. Are we in line to be a "plus one" for this Chapter year? Remember, it's one of the requirements for the Award of Achievement. Have we done our part to "Raise the Roof"?

Tails of the Traveling Moose

The Traveling Moose had a busy month of March. First stop was the 72nd Mid-Year Conference in Green Bay.

Four days of fun, fellowship, and learning. The host Chapter of Stevens Point did an outstanding job of making all of the ladies feel welcome. Gary and the State

Board prepared a great Conference packed full of interesting topics and presenters. The nightly entertainment was great.

While in Green Bay, TM made a stop at the Green Bay Lodge #801 for dinner. What a wonderful meal that was served. Nice friendly

place to visit. Next stop was the Kenosha Lodge #286 for their Friday night Fish Fry. Great food and great people. Real made TM feel welcome.

Last stop of the month was at the Racine Lodge #437 during the State Bowling Tournament. Once again was not disappointed.



DATES TO REMEMBER:



APRIL 2017

15th	District 7 Meeting	Juneau County #1913	1:00 PM
	Moose Legion #142 Celebration	Clintonville #1502	1:00 PM
23rd	S.E. C.H.D. Meeting	Racine #437	11:00 AM
	Moose Legion #31 Celebration	Racine #437	1:00 PM
26-30th	<u>Intl. Youth Awareness Congress</u>	Kenosha, WI	

MAY 2017

1st	<u>Intl. Youth Awareness Congress</u>	Kenosha, WI	
10th	District 4 Meeting	Saukville #1043	7:00 PM
15th	District 3 Meeting	Muskego #1057	7:00 PM
20th	District 1 Meeting	Watertown #830	1:00 PM

JUNE 2017

3rd	<u>Graduation & Pilgrim Conferral</u>	Mooseheart, IL	9:00 AM
	<u>WMA Picnic at the Wisconsin Home</u>	Mooseheart, IL	1:00 PM
10th	District 8 Meeting	Rice Lake #402	1:00 PM
	Moose Legion #138 Meeting	Rice Lake #402	2:00 PM
29-30th	<u>International Convention</u>	Tampa, FL	

JULY 2017

1-3rd	<u>International Convention</u>	Tampa, FL	
12th	District 4 Meeting	West Bend #1398	7:30 PM
15th	<u>STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT</u>	Menomonie #1584	
16th	District 1 Meeting	Monroe #754	1:00 PM
	C.H.D. Meeting	Monroe #754	2:00 PM
17th	District 3 Meeting	Milwaukee #49	7:00 PM
22nd	Dells Days	Wisconsin Dells, WI	
	District 7 Meeting	La Crosse #1920	1:00 PM
29th	WMA Executive Board Meeting	Rice Lake #402	9:00 AM
	Nominating Committee Meeting	Rice Lake #402	1:00 PM
	WMA State Board Meeting	Rice Lake #402	2:20 PM

AUGUST 2017

5th	District 8 Meeting	T.B.D.	1:00 PM
	Moose Legion #142 Celebration	Marinette #2327	1:00 PM
13th	District 5 Picnic	Clintonville #1502	T.B.A.
19th	<u>STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT</u>	Monroe #754	
20th	S.E. C.H.D. Meeting	Milwaukee #49	11:00 AM
	Moose Legion #31 Celebration	Milwaukee #49	1:00 PM
26th	District 7 Meeting	Juneau County #1913	1:00 PM

WMA Board Of Officers

President: Michael Rynearson
 Vice Pres: Larry Liljestrand
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