

# Woodbridge Moose Family Center

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## Women of the Moose Chapter 653

### Officers

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### Appointed Officers

Guide  
Asst. Guide

**ARE YOU MOOSE PROUD??**

9'Oclock Prayer~~

Let the little children come to me.  
Do not keep them away,  
For they are like the kingdom of heaven,  
God Bless Mooseheart  
AMEN

## Governor's Message

### Brothers & Coworkers

Winter has definitely arrived this week. I have just returned from the Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk. The meetings were beneficial with lots of information shared. And it's always great to see so many members from around the state that you only get to see twice a year.

Remember that Valentine's Day is February 14<sup>th</sup>, so don't forget that extra special person in your life. Watch the calendar for Fellowship dinner on Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget Mona's Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 3. There's always lots of great food and for those folks who have been watching games at the lodge, chances to win \$100 - \$200.00 each quarter.

In closing, let us not forget our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. Remember that any Moose member in good standing can perform the 9:00 ceremony. Any time when members gather at the lodge for activities and fellowship that's an excellent time to collect for the endowment fund. We have seen several members of both the lodge and the chapter perform the ceremony. So, keep that in mind in your future visits to the lodge.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the lodge!

Fraternally,  
Eddie Mills  
Governor

## MOOSE ON A MISSION 2018-2019

### Administrator & Membership Message

Dear Members,  
Another month of Winter has come and gone with just a few issues. Hopefully February will be as kind. Myself and several of the Lodge Officers attended the VMA Mid-Year last month. The biggest concern talked about over the weekend was membership. Our membership growth throughout the State is down considerably over this time last year. We have three months to get our numbers back to where they need to be. We can accomplish this by sponsoring new members and or retaining the members that we have. You can help with this by contacting members that we have sponsored and make sure they have or will renew their dues. A good way to do this is to invite them to the lodge for an upcoming event. This could be a Friday or Saturday night dinner, planned entertainment, or watching sports on TV. Show them a good time and maybe they will be willing to renew. If we can just

keep the members, we have signed we would be in pretty good shape.

Speaking of special events, Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Lodge will be hosting our Super Bowl Party. There will be plenty of food to eat and cash to be won. If you are in the Super Bowl Drawing you will have four, chances to win BIG! This would be a really good time to invite a friend to the lodge and show them how much fun we have. This would also be a good time for you to become a preferred Member by sponsoring a new member. You know by sponsoring two new members will make you eligible to have your dues paid for one year. Also, you will have two chances for the end of the year Membership Drawing. Not to mention taking care of your obligation to Strengthen Our Defending Circle. Something we all Promised to do when we joined.

This is the time of the year that we start to think about electing a new Board of Officers. If you think that you may be interested in becoming an Officer, feel free to contact me or any Officer. We will be more than happy to explain to you what is involved. Members will be notified of the dates and times of the upcoming Nominating Committee meetings.

When you see Judy Rogers make sure you congratulate her for receiving the Academy of Friendship Degree conferred upon her in January at the Conference in Norfolk, VA. She worked hard to earn this Honor. Have you joined the Lodge's Texting Service? It's very easy to do and you will receive important information concerning what's happening at the Lodge on a regular basis. All you have to do is Text moose583 to 474747.

Hope to see you all at the Lodge real soon. And bring a friend or two!!

Until next month  
Kenny Head  
Administrator



**Want the most up to date information about your Lodge?? We now have text blast to let you know what is happening!! Text moose583 to 474747 and get in on all the news!!!**

**Moose Legion Committee**

**Happy February Everybody!**

Try to keep warm and have the snow shovel, salt/sand/kitty litter handy. Brother Kenny and crew will be working on keeping out lodge warm and cozy for all of us. So don't forget to drop-in often for a hot-toddy, good food and friendly loving companionship. *Heck, the weather is going to be too bad to do anything better!*

February is kinda a strange month. Besides being the shortest month - an extra day thrown in every four years (the next time will be 2020) and we call it Leap Year. (I didn't even know a year could jump!) Then we have a Federal Holiday on the 18<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday (which is on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> respectively) and some keep calling it Washington's Birthday, which it ain't so. On February 19, 1945 was the Battle of Iwo Jima began, which started off so relatively easy and ended so very bloody. Operation Desert Storm Ground War began on the 24<sup>th</sup> in 1991 and was over 100 days later the 28<sup>th</sup>. (So sad that the next time we went in 2003, it's still going on 16 years later.) Lastly, on the 14 we have Valentine's Day - so don't forget to get the candy, flowers and card for your dear one - *or your personal war may very well last longer than Desert Storm!!*

Our next regular meeting will be on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The social hour, with free drinks, will start at 4:30pm and the meeting will follow at 5:30pm. The WOTM will be supplying the Lodge's Evening Dinner this Saturday, so stay over and support their Function. *(Remember we swapped Saturday Dinners with them, so our Dinner is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month now.)*

***Our next MLC Dinner will be on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5 to 8pm.*** *This Saturday's Meal will be a Salisbury Steak Dinner with potatoes, sides & Dessert.* Come on in and enjoy good, nursing, stick-to-your-ribs meal. Then stay around and absorb the Lodge's usual *Saturday Music Entertainment*. (At our last meeting it was unanimously decided to no longer to give a dollar off the Legion Dinner to those who attended the previous scheduled meeting.) *Chairman Brian Orlando and I express our thanks to Brother and fellow Moose Legionaire - Chef Brian Mosser for stepping up to help with the Moose Legion Dinners.* We always welcome any dinner entry suggestions. Just keep in mind that we try to keep our prices low as a benefit to our members but will be willing to charge a little more for something special!

All Moose Legion Members, and our Special Ladies, are welcome to the social hour and meeting. Remember that three of our mandates are to help strengthen our Lodge and Moose Fraternity, to try to do some good thing for someone each day, and ***to have fun doing so!***

Respectfully yours,

Charles Burke, Assistant Secretary

### **Senior Regent's Message**

The Virginia Mid-Year Conference held in Norfolk, VA January 17-20, 2019 was intended to in-power individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, and create solutions to our declining membership. Congratulations to Judy Rogers for receiving her 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Academy of Friendship, for the Women of the Moose. Great job Judy, thank you for all that you do for our Chapter! The Women of the Moose exceeded attendance from the last mid-year conference where compelling presentations were given by the VCU Massey Cancer Center (<https://www.massey.vcu.edu/>), the Safe Surfin' Foundation's ([www.safesurfin.org](http://www.safesurfin.org)) featuring a guest speaker from the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC).

The Moose Fraternity support of the ICAC and the Safe Surfin' Foundation has provided support and care for children who have been suspected of having been sexually abused. This year, the Moose Fraternity's gift of an AL-106B Colposcope to assist in the detection of abuse is a tremendous asset to the ICAC team and is a step in the healing process for each child needing this specialized car. The work these organizations perform make such a difference in the lives of so many, we are proud to be a part of contributing to their success!

Announcement by, Kimberly Mary Pettit, Jr. Past Grand Regent, announced that Moose International voted and approved to implement a gender-neutral fraternity where implementation details will most likely be announced within the next few years.

All Chapter members can go online to the Moose International website (<https://www.moosintl.org/>) and familiarize yourself with the Women of the Moose General Laws.

It's that time of year, where the WOTM is beginning the nomination process for the next Chapter year. If you are interested in making a difference in your lodge, community, and in the life of others, I encourage you to sign up for either a Board or Committee Chair position. Remember the WOTM Monthly Dinners are now

the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. So have your friends join! It's a great night out for food! Last month, our Breakfast for Dinner sold out! Thank you to all the co-workers that made this a nice dinner for our members

February's schedule of events:

**February 2nd**, Saturday - WOTM Dinner  
Turkey, Green Beans, Potatoes & Gravy, Salad & Desert

**February 6th**, Wednesday - WOTM  
Chapter Activity Meeting 7pm-8pm  
WOTM Board Meeting 8:30pm-9:30pm

**February 20<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday - WOTM  
Chapter Meeting

On behalf of the WOTM officers, we hope to see you at an upcoming meeting or event! The Chapter sends their condolences to Judy Roger's for the loss of her Great Niece, Christina Tucker. Please send your thoughts and prayers to our members in distress and recovery. Get well soon, we all miss you!  
Fraternally yours,

Fraternally yours,  
Nora L Cavanagh  
Senior Regent

**MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**THE WOTM WILL BE HAVING A**  
**MARDI GRA PARTY WITH**  
**A MARDI GRA DINNER STARTING AT 5:00.**

**SOUNDS LIKE GOOD FOOD AND A GOOD TIME!!!**

### Sickness & Distress Report

Please keep our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Mary Hager as she continues to recover from surgery.

Bub Kinsey as he continues treatment.

Shirley Head is slowly on the mend. PLEASE keep her son Tom Brown in your prayers. Tommy has had several issues lately and has been back in the hospital several times in the last couple months.

Our Editor, Ruthi continues to have issues with her blood.

Please keep Judy Rogers in your prayers, on the loss of her great niece Christina Tucker.

Please keep the family of Betty Wood in your thoughts and prayers, Betty passed away January 31<sup>st</sup>. I have received no details on arrangements as of the completion of this newsletter.

If you know a member that could use a card or phone call, please contact the Lodge Office or Alena Carroll.

KITCHEN NEWS—Daily Specials—February

**Mondays:** BLT or Fried Bologna Sandwich  
**Tuesdays:** Mexican Menu  
**Wednesdays:** Seafood Day  
**Thursdays:** 7<sup>th</sup> Parmesan Chicken  
14<sup>th</sup> Soup Day  
21<sup>st</sup> Parmesan Chicken  
28<sup>th</sup> Fund Raiser Spaghetti  
**Fridays:** Surprise Menu

**HALF PRICE WINGS EVERY TUESDAY!**

~~~~FEB. FRIDAY DINNER SPECIALS~~~~

1<sup>st</sup> --- Beef Chimichangas  
8<sup>th</sup> -- Fried Chicken  
15<sup>th</sup> ---- Steak Diane  
22<sup>nd</sup> -- Crab Cakes

Come join us for a great meal. Friday night fabulous steaks and our regular dinner menu available, also our Fresh Salad Bar on Friday nights.

-----Saturday Night Menu's-----

02/02 Turkey Dinner by WOTM  
02/09 Seafood Saturday 5:00  
02/16 ??????? by Fellowship  
02/23 Salisbury Steak Dinner by MLC

**Sunday Brunch:**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00-1:00**

**SATURDAY daytime special BURGERS**

**TAILGATE SUNDAYS**

### February Entertainment

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> The Koolerators**

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Hot Rod Rockers  
Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> The Brook Yoder Band  
Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> Blues Condition



#### FROM THE EDITOR

Deadline for the bulletin is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month this also includes menus for Saturday nights, entertainment and events.

Email your articles to:  
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Thank you,  
Ruthi Doan-Pietras  
Editor

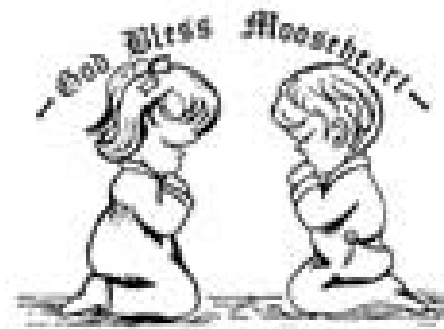
#### Sports

Coming up March 1-3, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual March Madness Dart Tournament at Colonial Beach Moose Lodge ~ ~  
Entry deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Entry form is available on the VMA webpage under sports. Any questions you can contact me via email [speeder1974@yahoo.com](mailto:speeder1974@yahoo.com).

25<sup>th</sup> Annual International Darts:  
April 12-14 at Charles Town, WV Moose Lodge.  
Entry form available on International Webpage: [Mooseintl.org](http://Mooseintl.org)

VMA Pool Tournament  
March 1-3 @ Richmond East Moose Lodge, info on the VMA webpage.

Fraternally,  
Ruthi Doan-Pietras  
Virginia WOTM Sports/Activities Chairman



DON'T FORGET  
SUPER BOWL PARTY  
FEB 3<sup>RD</sup> STARTING AT 5:30





## WOODBIDGE 583/653 MOOSE FAMILY CENTER **FEBRUARY** 2019 EVENTS

| SUNDAY                                                    | MONDAY                                              | TUESDAY                                              | WEDNESDAY                                                                                 | THURSDAY                                              | FRIDAY                                                                                | SATURDAY                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                           |                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                           |                                                       | <b>1</b><br>Lunch: Surprise<br><br>Family Dinner<br>6:00-8:30<br>Beef<br>Chimichangas | <b>2</b><br>WOTM<br>Turkey Dinner<br>MLC Mtg.<br><br>Koolerators<br>7-11                        |
| <b>3</b><br>Super Bowl Party<br>5:30                      | <b>4</b><br>BLT<br>or<br>Fried Bologna<br>Sandwich  | <b>5</b><br>Half Price<br>Wings<br><br>Mexican Menu  | <b>6</b><br>WOTM<br>Activity Night Mtg.<br>7:00                                           | <b>7</b><br>Parmesan<br>Chicken                       | <b>8</b><br>Lunch: Surprise<br><br>Family Dinner<br>6:00-8:30<br>Fried Chicken        | <b>9</b><br>Seafood Saturday<br>5:00<br>Hot Rod Rockers<br>7:00-11:00                           |
| <b>10</b><br>Tail Gate Sunday                             | <b>11</b><br>BLT<br>or<br>Fried Bologna<br>Sandwich | <b>12</b><br>Half Price<br>Wings<br><br>Mexican Menu | <b>13</b><br>LOOM<br>House Comm. Mtg.<br>Board 6:30<br>General<br>Membership Mtg.<br>8:00 | <b>14</b><br>Soup Day<br><br>Happy Valentine's<br>Day | <b>15</b><br>Lunch: Surprise<br><br>Family Dinner<br>6:00-8:30<br>Steak Diane         | <b>16</b><br>Dinner by<br>Fellowship Comm.<br>??????????????<br>Brook Yoder Band<br>7:00-11:00  |
| <b>17</b><br>Tail Gate Sunday                             | <b>18</b><br>BLT<br>or<br>Fried Bologna<br>Sandwich | <b>19</b><br>Half Price<br>Wings<br><br>Mexican Menu | <b>20</b><br>WOTM<br>General<br>Meeting<br>7:00                                           | <b>21</b><br>Parmesan<br>Chicken                      | <b>22</b><br>Lunch: Surprise<br><br>Family Dinner<br>6:00-8:30<br>Crab Cakes          | <b>23</b><br>Salisbury Steak<br>Dinner<br>By MLC 5:00-8:00<br><br>Blues Condition<br>7:00-11:00 |
| <b>24</b><br>Brunch<br>10:00-1:00<br><br>Tail Gate Sunday | <b>25</b><br>BLT<br>or<br>Fried Bologna<br>Sandwich | <b>26</b><br>Half Price<br>Wings<br><br>Mexican Menu | <b>27</b><br>LOOM<br>House Comm. Mtg.<br>Board 6:30<br>General<br>Membership Mtg.<br>8:00 | <b>28</b><br>Fund Raiser<br>Spaghetti                 | <b>MARCH 1</b><br>Lunch: Surprise                                                     | <b>MARCH 2</b><br>WOTM<br>MARDI GRA DINNER<br>AND PARTY                                         |

**EVERY WEDNESDAY IS SEAFOOD DAY AT WOODBRIDGE MOOSE FAMILY CENTER**