



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Moose Legion  
Celebration at  
Mandarin
- Middleburg  
Steak Night
- Georgia Tree  
Lighting
- Mandarin  
Christmas Party
- Lakeshore  
Dinner/Dance
- Opportunity  
Lodge  
Christmas Dance
- District  
Meeting at  
Lakeshore
- Merry  
Christmas and  
Happy New Year!

# Community Service, Family, Fraternity

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## Let's Talk Moose

Despite often-heard comments about them having a face only a mother could love, the moose is one of the animals that are most sought by wildlife photographers, hunters, and visitors to the North. As the largest member of the deer family, the title "Monarch of the Forest" is very apt.

A bull moose can reach 1,400 pounds, and the subspecies tundra moose *Alces alces gigas*, found in Alaska, can be 1,800 pounds and 8½ feet long. Their size doesn't limit their speed at all - those long legs can move a moose along at up to 35 miles per hour.

The moose, although relatively common in the lightly-forested regions of North America from about 40° North Latitude to the Arctic Circle, came across the Bering Land Bridge from Asia eons before humans followed, and are now found in boreal forests throughout the northern hemisphere.

The moose's dense coat keeps it warm at virtually any temperature. In the winter, temperatures above minus 23° F are quite uncomfortably warm for them.

The antlers of the bulls, which can grow to 70 inches across, make thickly-forested areas impassable for them. You may hear the term "moose horns" used, but that is incorrect - antlers are made of bone and are grown, shed and regrown yearly, while horns are made of keratin and keep growing year after year.

If you've ever been on a tour bus in Alaska, you've probably heard that the "beard" that hangs from a moose's throat is called a "moosetache" - it's actually called a bell or dewlap, and nobody has discovered what purpose it serves.

Moose are fiercely protective of their young, which are born from mid-May to early June after a gestation period of about 230 days. Many people are injured or killed each year when they approach a cow with a calf or calves too closely. The occurrence of twins depends upon range conditions, but can be up to 75% of births. Triplets are rare, only occurring about once in 1,000 births.



From left: Rena Croft, Marge Scott, Delores Skelt, Terri Reed, RoseMary Taylor, John Morris, and Elsie Frisk.

### Labor Of Love

Several co-workers from the Opportunity Chapter worked making new clothing protectors for our Life Care residents. The idea for this project came from Rena Croft and included help from Marge Scott, Delores Skelt, RoseMary Taylor and Elsie Frisk. The co-workers presented 70 new clothing protectors to Terri Reed, Director Of Nursing, and John Morris, Interim Life Care Administrator. Rena decided to make a style that did not require snaps or Velcro and instead allowed the protector to be slipped over the head. Thank you ladies for being Pieces Of The Solution!

# Just John

*Dear diary...*

The last several weeks have been busy weeks with seemingly endless travel for Tina and me. Along with Ross Fleet and Sandra Simmons, we traveled first to Tampa for the Florida Bermuda Association Annual Convention on October 23 and 24. While there we attended the celebration and roast of Liquori Saladin our Supreme Governor.

Tina and I left Tampa early Saturday morning (October 24) for Branson, MO to attend meetings of the Supreme Council and Moosehaven Board of Directors. Regional Managers from around the country were also there for training sessions. I had the opportunity to meet many of them and thank them for all of the support they and their associations give to Moosehaven.

For those of you that have never been to Branson, it offers a very family oriented atmosphere and strongly supports our armed forces. The hotel where we stayed had hosted a convention for Medal of Honor recipients several years before. They took pictures of all the attendees and posted them in a special room designated the "Honor Room." I visited the room and located a picture of Jack Lucas, who is the youngest Marine to ever receive the Medal of Honor, and who is the uncle of Robin Hargrove in our Finance Department.

Thanks to lousy weather, our flight back from Branson was delayed a day, which meant I arrived back at Moosehaven just in time for our Trick or Treat party. Thanks to the many resident volunteers and a great staff, this year's party went off without a hitch. We received many compliments and thanks for this "safe" event and they were especially heartfelt during the time of grieving and fear that surrounded the abduction and murder of Orange Park's own Somer Thompson.

I was only back at Moosehaven for a week, which was barely enough time to catch up on my emails much less get anything done before Tina and I were heading off to Chicago for some career education and then on to Mooseheart for some meetings.

Ross Fleet joined me at Mooseheart and he and I, along with Tina, spent the late afternoon and evening with our boys at the James J. Davis home. I am very happy to report they are doing very well. We watched a couple of them play in two junior high school basketball games – Mooseheart won both games big – had a great meal at the home and spent several hours just talking. They asked about many of you and are eagerly looking forward to their return to Moosehaven next June. All of them have grade point averages of 3.0 (B) and above, so summer school should not impact on their planned nine day visit here. Mark and Colleen, the House Parents were gone on a family matter but Mandy was there as were all of our boys.

We finally returned home on Friday, November 13, though our travels were hardly over as we traveled to Long Island to spend time with our kids and grandkids over Thanksgiving.

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*In closing, Christmas is nearing. During this holiday season, we should remember our service men and women who will not be home with their families. Thousands of them are serving overseas in very dangerous parts of the world, guarding against those who wish to harm us and protecting our freedoms including our freedom to celebrate these holidays. Keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers and continue to ask for God's blessing on our country and our leaders.*

*And finally, God bless Mooseheart, God bless Moosehaven, and God bless each of you.*

*Just John*

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BENJAMIN  
FRANKLIN

## Up Close And Personal With Raymond “Clancy” Shaver

On December 25, 1944, my mother received a cable from the War Department telling us that our father, Burley, had been killed in action in the first stage of the Battle of the Bulge. He was company commander for one of George Patton’s infamous tank divisions.

My Uncle Raymond was secretary-treasurer of the New Castle, Indiana, Moose Lodge #147, and he started the paperwork to get us all, seven children and my mother, admitted to Mooseheart, Illinois. On March 17, 1945, we all were admitted to Mooseheart. My mother was chosen to be the cook at Minnesota Hall, a junior high school girl’s hall. She stayed there for 11+ years.

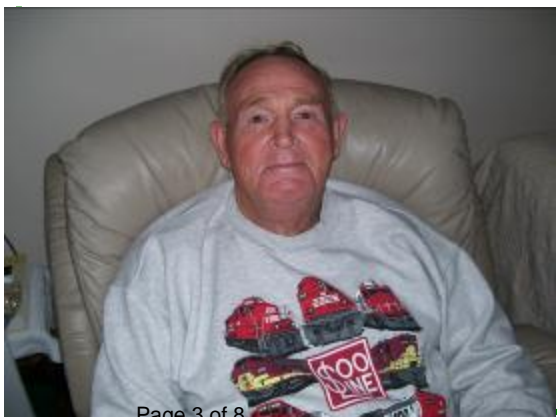
My oldest brother, Keith, graduated from Mooseheart in 1948 and joined the U.S. Navy. He was a radio operator for 4 years. He went to work for Western Electric Co. in Aurora, Illinois, and he was their insurance executive for 40 years. He married a Mooseheart graduate and had two girls and two boys. He died in 2006.

My oldest sister, Bernice, graduated from Mooseheart in 1951. She chose as her vocation the beauty school and beauty shop. She got a job as a professional hair stylist, and after 3 years, opened her own beauty parlor, hired eight professional beauty operators, and stayed in that one shop for 45 years. She married and had six children. She is retired and lives in Atlanta, GA.

My next oldest sister, Gayleen, after graduating from Mooseheart, was awarded a full nursing school scholarship from the Indiana State Moose Association. She became an x-ray technician and worked at several hospitals. Gayleen married and had two girls and one boy. She’s retired and lives in Aurora, Colorado.

My older brother next to me, Dale, graduated in 1954. He was also awarded a scholarship from the Indiana State Moose Association. He went to a junior college, earned his degree, and became a commercial artist. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1958, became a Sea-Bee, and was killed on maneuvers in 1959. Dale never married.

I graduated from Mooseheart in 1957. I was selected to the National Honor Society, of which I am very proud. I also belonged to Mooseheart’s Army R.O.T.C., and I was the Lt. Col. of our battalion. I was awarded a \$10,000 Indiana State Moose Association scholarship to go to any college or university of my choosing. I chose Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, because they offered a college R.O.T.C. I graduated in 1962 and received degrees in advanced business administration and in public works, financing, planning, construction, and operations.



My mother left Mooseheart in 1954 to make a home for my brother Dale and my two younger sisters. They moved to Aurora, Illinois.

**Barrington, Illinois – 1962-1966:** I became the director of public works in Barrington. I also went back to college and got a degree in environmental science technology. I studied for, took, and passed my real estate brokers exam for the states of Illinois and Missouri.

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*From left:* Emma Pearson, Larry Nissen, Doris Nissen and Sabrina Malmay, one of our Mandarin Lodge volunteers.



*From left:* Henrietta Parker, Helen Wittmer, Avis Rasmussen and Jean Delp



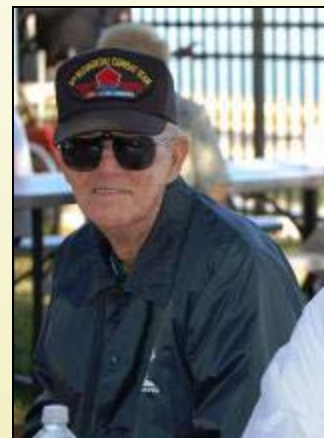
Tina Capes, standing, h



Bonnie Mass



Judy Kelly and Louis Lasne



Dick and Be



A beautiful day for an outdoor event. The sun was shining, a slight breeze was blowing and did we mention it was 78 degrees?



Residents line up to enjoy seafood, Cajun style! Shrimp, crawfish, corn, sausage and potatoes served with coleslaw and cornbread. Yum.

# Country Style!



helps serve the residents.



Members of Morrison Dining Services dish out the delicious fare.



The Kountry Klasic Boys were a big hit. Residents and staff members had a great time dancing!



a Harman



Lois and Al Hammer



Carol Gilbert



Dan and Jacqueline Bramblett



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# SIMPLY HELEN

Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men. - Luke 2:14

## *Hustle and Bustle or Hugs and Kisses?*

Each December, I vow to make Christmastime a calm and peaceful experience. For someone fast-paced like me, that is not easy to do, at Christmastime or any other time. We get so busy with non-essential obligations – endless baking, decorating, overspending, overeating and over extending ourselves in so many ways, just because we think it's the "right" thing to do. I don't want to be so exhausted that it leaves me unable to appreciate the precious family moments, the wonderful times with friends, and most importantly the true meaning of Christmas.

Year after year, I had good intentions to slow down, but never mastered it. Well, this year I'm doing it, mostly because I will probably have to. You may think, why is this year any different than the years past. Sometimes things happen to slow us down. Recently, I was diagnosed with "Ductal Carcinoma In-Situ" Breast Cancer. Thank God, it is non-invasive, but will require surgery and possibly radiation. I will be having surgery soon and realize that the surgery in itself will slow me down.

It is my prayer, that during this "down" time, I will use it wisely and realize that Christmastime is not about all those things I'm worried about not being able to do, but it's about unconditional love! The love of Christ teaches us to love without expecting anything in return – love simply!



We do not have to be in the best of health, accept all the many invitations, or shop till we drop, to be loved or to express love. Love is simple. Love is opening your heart so others can get in, and caring enough about others to see when their heart is wide open and jump at the opportunity of ways to show them love. Love is Life-Life is Love.

This Christmastime, I'll slow down and hopefully be reminded more than ever the joys and love of Christmas. Let us give thanks for God's unconditional love in our lives and for the love we share with those around us. At this Christmas Season may we remember and honor those who are no longer with us and cherish those who are. Merry Christmas, May God bless you richly throughout the New Year.

*Simply Helen*

## The Poinsettia

Poinsettias didn't arrive in the United States until the 19th century. The plant is named for the first U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, who introduced America to the poinsettia in 1828, after discovering it in the wilderness in southern Mexico. Dr. Poinsett, who dabbled in botany when he wasn't politicking between nations, sent cuttings of the plant back to his South Carolina home. While it wasn't initially embraced, it caught on over the years, and by the 20th century it was a holiday mainstay. In fact, National Poinsettia Day is celebrated on Dec. 12, honoring both the plant and the man who brought it to America.

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I also passed the federal exam and received my federal license for broker-dealer for the stock market.

I got married, and my wife and I had four daughters—one from her first marriage, our twins, and baby Clara. We petitioned the state of Illinois and within four months we had 10 foster children, three boys and seven girls—14 children in all! It was like a small Mooseheart!

**1966-1971:** I was selected by the military to join a special unit to be deployed to Southeast Asia. My training was in advanced heavy explosives, demolition operations, tactics, and principles. I served three tours in Southeast Asia.

**1971-1997:** I was co-owner of Environmental Site Developers, Inc., Conco, Inc., and Aqua Tech, Inc. Most of my work was through Conco—heavy demolition work, heavy excavations, and total site cleanup as per EPA rules and regulations. I married again and had one daughter. I lost my youngest girl in 2006. My wife died in 1990.

**1998:** While recovering from back surgery, I went back to college and studied corporate real estate, financing, and planning. I worked for the real estate market and the stock market for the next nine years. I restarted my old corporation, Aqua Tech, Inc. and operated and maintained private and public water supply systems throughout the central United States (still going today under new ownership).

**Sept.-Oct. 2007:** I had four major surgeries in six weeks - damned near died!!

**June 2008:** On June 3, 2008, I became an independent resident of Moosehaven.

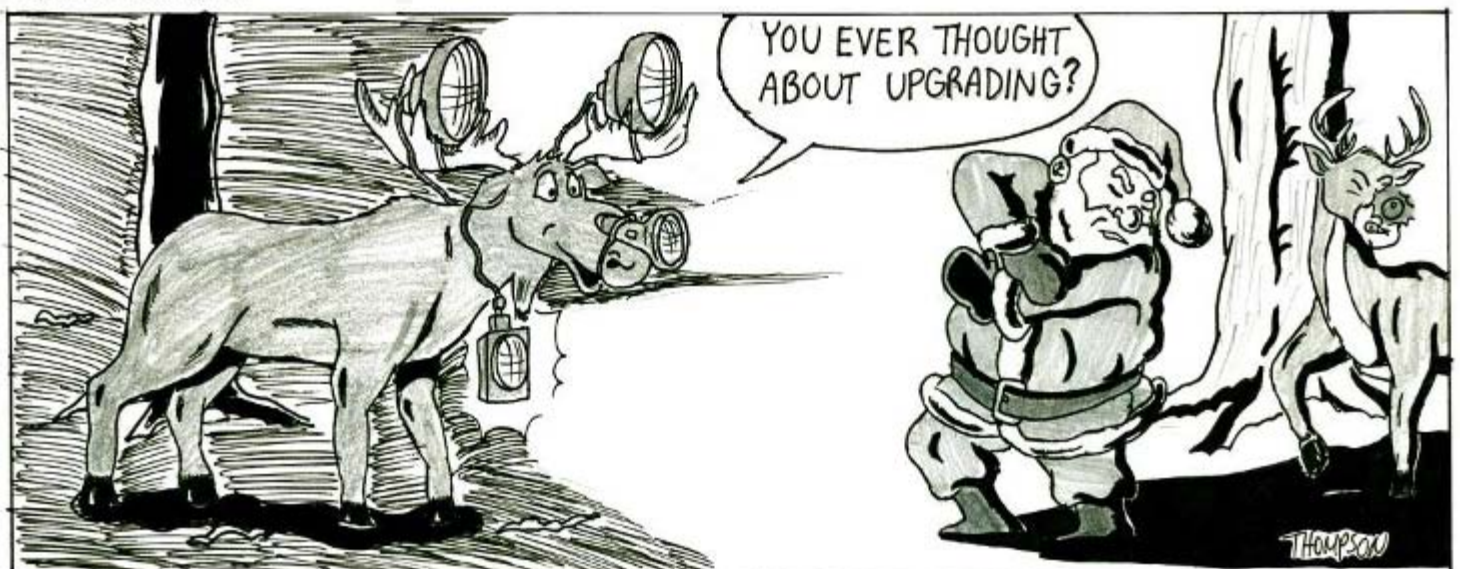
I sincerely believe that enrollment at Moosehaven has been the best investment in the life of all the residents here.

God bless Mooseheart! God bless Moosehaven! God bless the Loyal Order of the Moose!!

*Contributed by Clancy Shaver*

## THREE, IF BY MOOSE

By Mike Thompson



**The following individuals were spotted being “A Piece Of The Solution.”  
Thank you all for your outstanding contributions!**

**Clancy Shaver** was spotted being A Piece Of The Solution with his acts of kindness for others here at Moosehaven.

**Luis Santos and Jacob Briley**, Maintenance Dept., were spotted being Pieces Of The Solution by their quick response and willingness to help with work order requests.

**Jack Kelly** was spotted being A Piece Of The Solution by being a First Class Gentleman.

**Delores Gill, CNA**, was spotted being A Piece Of The Solution with the care she puts into her work and gives to the Moosehaven residents.

**Bob Burlingham** was spotted being A Piece Of The Solution with his faithful dedication in filming the Sunday morning services and special events on campus so that those residents who are unable to attend may still enjoy it on Channel 3.

**Dan and Jackie Bramblett** were spotted being Pieces Of The Solution by their generous donation of their time and money to take pictures so that residents may have Christmas Photo Cards made.

**Angelina Alquiros, S4 nurse**, was spotted being A Piece Of The Solution with the care and efficiency with which she cares for the Moosehaven residents in the Life Care Center.

**Paul Donovan, Security**, was spotted being A Piece Of The Solution with his assistance to the Seminole 81 Moose Legion setting up for the Scary Christmas Party at the Michigan Bldg.

**Phil Morris, Security**, was spotted being A Piece Of The Solution when he was ‘caught’ pulling weeds at the gatehouse while on post.

**Remember to notify Doreen, Helen or Marina if you want to recognize someone for being A Piece Of The Solution!**

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## Let Us Give Thanks

What better way to orient one to the season, than to take a stroll over to the Memory Care Unit, located in the Peeler building. The residents have just received a box of festive squash from Morrison, our dietary department. The residents and volunteer, Betty Acor from Peeler 2, assisted activity aide, Theresa Clark, with the task of turning the produce into turkey centerpieces. Theresa was encouraging the residents to remember what holiday was coming up, what colors, foods and memories could be associated with the craft project. Theresa asked the group, What are these? Expecting the answer to be turkeys, Mrs. Arlene, who at times has trouble finding words, answered with a smile across her face and one word, GOURDS! The whole room burst into a fit of laughter. It may not always be what is expected but that which is obvious.

Happy Thanksgiving.

*Cricket Briley-Granger, LCC Activities Director*



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From left: George Hack, Mia Brazil, Stanley Dubicki and members of our Memory Care Unit with their finished Turkey Centerpieces.

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