

Moosehaven News

Heart of the Community

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What's Happening?

- Golf at Bent Creek
- Cinco De Mayo @ Lakeshore Lodge
- Mothers' Day Banquet
- Oakleaf Elementary Students on Campus
- Dinner Dance @ Mandarin Lodge
- Community Breakfast
- Classic Car Show
- Lunch & Flag Placement @ National Cemetery
- Annual Memorial Service
- Memorial Day Celebration @ Lakeshore Lodge
- Movie Day @ Fleming Isl
- Father's Day Banquet
- Nassau Lodge Dinner
- Community Theater
- Mooseheart Boys Arrive!

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AMERICAN PRIDE
4TH OF JULY
Brought to you by Moosehaven, the Town of Orange Park and Gordon Chevrolet!

Wednesday, July 4th

GORDON CHEVROLET • ORANGE PARK

Moosehaven

FIREWORKS AT 9:20PM

Featuring Clark Hill

GATES OPEN AT 5PM
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
KIDS ZONE
FOOD TRUCKS
NO PETS PLEASE

FREE ADMISSION

iHeart MEDIA
Jacksonville & County
WQIK 89.1
E7

4TH of JULY

Moosehaven
City of Contentment

Just John

\$9,008,552.31...yes, you read that right. As of April 30, 2018, contributions to the Moosehaven Centennial fund totaled \$9,008,552.31. In less than 3 years, the men and women of the Loyal Order of Moose have almost reached the \$10M goal for the Centennial project. This is in addition to the myriad other ongoing fundraising efforts for Moosehaven, Mooseheart and various association and local projects.

Let's break this down a bit: The various Moose Associations raised a combined total of \$5,259,695.37, Women of the Moose raised \$1,294,563.39, Moose Legion raised \$262,463.57 and direct mail contributions were \$2,155,181.40. If you add that all up, it doesn't quite equal the grand total because \$36,648.58 was donated by non-members.

I'm also pleased to announce that the largest and most expensive part of the Centennial Project, Centennial Hall, is nearing completion and is on budget. As with any construction of this type and magnitude, compromise was required at various points to control costs and also in recognition of space restrictions, but this building will serve our Moose Life residents well.

Upon completion, we will begin the process of relocating our campus residents to the new hall. Then, we will move to the next phases of this project. Oh yes, in case you forgot, there's still more to come. There's the indoor tricycle parking and Vivian Borom Hall redevelopment to provide improved activities spaces and a new social gathering spot.

But, that's still not all. Once our campus residents are relocated from Chancellors Hall, we will begin the refurbishment process necessary to operate it as enhanced living. The past several years' demonstrate increasing need for enhanced living apartments. Consider this, the average daily census in enhanced living as of April 30, 2017 was 67. On May 1, 2018 our average daily census was 78.5. That's a 17% increase in just one year. The demand for nursing services is also increasing, though a bit slower. On April 30, 2017, our average daily census was 28.5. By May 1, 2018, it had grown to 33. While it is not yet necessary, we are also prepared to meet the increased nursing demand by reopening Schmitz Halls 1 and 2.

Often, in dealing with the business of today and tomorrow's planning, it is easy to lose sight of all that's been accomplished. Over the past 11 years, we've seen many changes; Brandon Place, Katherine Smith Hall, Peeler Hall remodel, Knaack Building, relicensing of Schmitz Halls 1 and 2, implementation of new health care and other operational technology and the addition of new programs such as the Structured Activities Program. These changes and many others are all part of strengthening Moosehaven financially and preparing for future resident needs.

Thanks to the ongoing support of the Supreme Council, Moosehaven Board, Moose Charities and especially the men and women of the Loyal Order of the Moose we are prepared to meet not just today's needs but also future ones. So, it is with sincere gratitude that I thank the men and women of this incredible fraternity for all they have done and continue to do. And, I encourage our residents to do the same in any and every conversations with members.

As always, I am...

Just John





Café Menus to Display Calories for Food Items Beginning May 7

Did you know that four ounces of baked salmon has 157 calories? And that a 12-ounce chocolate milkshake has 358 calories? Now you will!

Beginning May 7, the amount of calories per serving will be posted on new menu boards throughout the café to make it easier for you to make healthy choices. The information is being provided to help you make more informed choices about the foods you eat, portion control and reducing food waste.

You might also see similar changes taking place in restaurants within your community as this new regulation requires all large chain foodservice operations to post calories for regularly served foods. Depending on your age, size, height, gender. Lifestyle and overall health –US health officials recommend 2,200 calories each day for men and 1,800 for women.

The calories per serving information with our own wellness initiatives is designed to help everyone lead healthier lives. You may have noticed new WellPower icons throughout the café.

“Providing calorie counts is a great way to empower café guests to make better choices so they become more aware of the benefits of healthy eating,” said Lisa Roberson, Morrison’s National Director of Wellness & Sustainability. “This educational initiative is designed to complement your employee and community wellness programs efforts as we work together to inspire people to eat nourishing food and lead healthier lifestyles.”



John Capes, Executive Director, and his Executive Team serve employees at the Employee Appreciation Party. Each year, employees are treated to a delicious barbecue luncheon as an expression of thanks for their excellence in service to our residents.



THANK YOU!

Moose Life Traditional Admissions Program

I've been told that I talk a lot...a lot. (John and Bill just rolled their eyes, I'm sure.)

This summer I will turn 50 years old and at this stage in my life, I've learned to embrace my talents. I use the word talent loosely. I have the talent of the 'gift of gab'. I like to talk and I like to think I am good at it...okay, maybe I talk too fast but at least what I say is interesting...isn't it? I talk about my job and our fraternity quite frequently...to everyone.

I find myself telling the cashiers at my local grocery store and pharmacy all about the upcoming Heart of the Community events at Moosehaven. I tell my friends, especially new friends, all about the rising national healthcare costs and how our fraternity provides for our residents for the rest of their lives. I tell the home health care nurses that take care of my mother all about Moosehaven and the Moose and how our residents have no worries about finances, about safety or about their future.

I find myself talking a lot....about the Moose....about Moosehaven....about our mission.

Are you telling people you come into contact with in your daily lives about the Moose? About Moosehaven? Why not? If you are a resident then you are living the mission, you should be shouting your good fortune from the rooftops! If you are a long-time member of the Moose you should be sharing your knowledge and passion for the fraternity you have supported for years with new members and your circle of contacts. If you are a new member, get involved, learn all about this great fraternity and share what you learn with others.

Spread the news brothers and co-workers, learn to talk....a lot! We are an amazing fraternal organization with the power to change lives, at both Moosehaven and Mooseheart. Spreading the word helps us grow and growth helps us touch more lives, at our twin cities and in our very own communities.

Moosehaven offers a future that can alleviate all of your worries, your doubts, your stress and your fear. I invite each of you to come for a visit, learn what we do and what we offer at Moosehaven. Come for a visit; stay for a lifetime. Please visit our website, www.moosehaven.org, to learn more or schedule a visit and personal tour.

Please join me in welcoming our newest arrivals to Moosehaven under the Moose Life Traditional Admissions Program:

Bettye Creasy from Kingsport, TN

Mary 'Betsy' Ireland from Sunnyvale, CA

Zuleka Beasley from Crystal River, FL

Clifford and Connie Athey from Lima, OH

Theodore and Dolores Belkot from Beechview, PA

Patricia Thiel from Dade City, FL

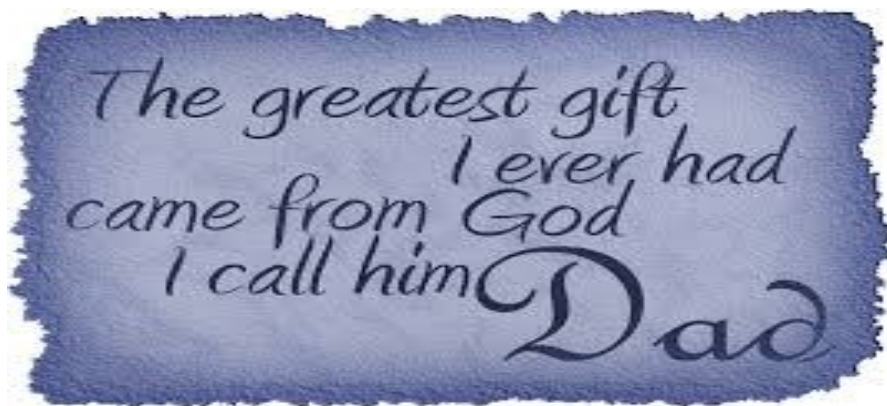
Gary and Barbara Anderson from Lantana, FL

Donald and Janet Bult from Jonesboro, GA

Please take a moment to welcome them to their new home in paradise!

Moosehaven, where every day is "Another Day in Paradise!"

***Marina D. Mathews
Director of Admissions
Moose Life Traditional Program***

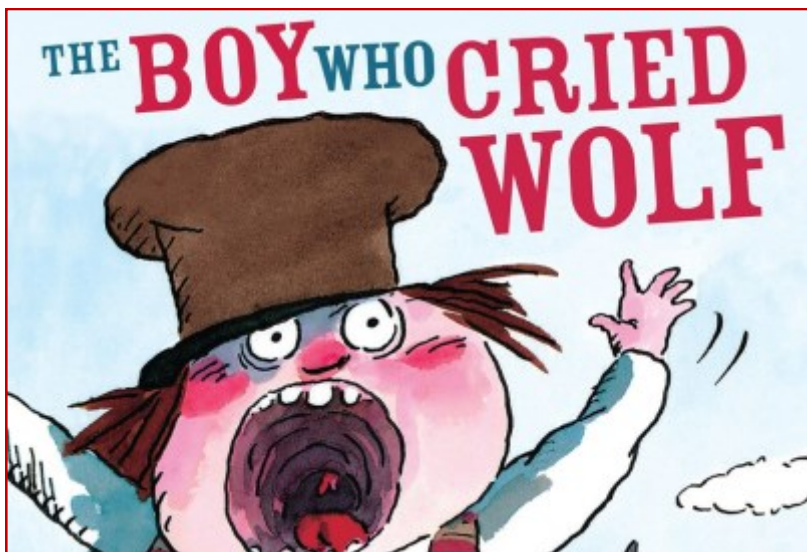


BILL'S BOARD

Recently, (I can't say how recently because I don't know when you will be reading this) I had the opportunity to talk with many of our Brothers and Coworkers at the Florida Bermuda Moose Association Mid-Year Conference. I heard dozens of great stories but there is one poignant confession that I want to share with you. I was lounging outside enjoying the temperate Orlando night breeze and smoking one of my favorite cigars. A gentleman, whose name I will not divulge for his protection, joined me wearing a thoughtful expression on his face. After a few minutes he hesitatingly spoke what was on his mind. His story went something like this. You know I love my wife and I love the Moose, I spend nights down at the lodge, I just can't turn it loose. Today she met me at the door said I would have to choose, if I went to Conference today, she'd be packing all her things and she'd be gone by noon. Well I'm gonna miss her when I get home, but right now I'm with my brothers working till were done, I'm sure it will hit me when I walk through that door Sunday night, that I'm gonna miss her but I'm a Moose on a mission tonight. Now there's a chance that if I hurry I could beg her to stay, but she don't understand what I love so much, so how long would she stay anyway. So I'm gonna miss her when I get home but right now I'm with my brothers working till were done, I'm sure it will hit me when I walk through that door Sunday night, that I'm gonna miss her but I'm a Moose on a mission tonight. Yeah, I'm gonna miss her but I'm a Moose on a mission tonight.

It is genuinely amazing how many true stories I hear just like this one. What? Of course it's a true story! What? Well maybe I changed it up a little. What? Ok so I changed it a lot. Oh for Pete's sake, I made the whole thing up. What, it sounds familiar? No, any resemblance between this story and a song by Brad Paisley about fishing is purely coincidental. Oh alright, I stole the whole thing from the song "I'm Gonna Miss Her." Are you happy now?

It is probably unwise for me to insinuate that a Moose member would choose the Moose over his/her spouse. We are, after all, a family fraternity. But the dedication to the missions of the Moose is extraordinary. I am told that donations to Moose Charities grew totally out of proportion with membership. I hear that the commitment to the children at Mooseheart is stronger than ever with programs providing the proof. I see the Moosehaven Centennial building rising toward completion with over nine million dollars donated already. I feel the energy when I watch the videos of what is happening at Moose International. I know the fraternity remains mission-driven and the missions are alive and well.



In closing, thank you for the years of service you have given to the Moose. Thank you for your generosity that allows us to do what we do at Moosehaven. I hope you will forgive my little white lie in the first paragraph. Ok I get it; it was a whopper of a lie but it was the best I could do on short notice. Next thing you know you will see me on that TV commercial in the circle of liars with Pinocchio and the boy who cried wolf.

Bill Tippins
Director of Operations

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH CHARLOTTE SHEDD

This month we get up close and personal with Charlotte Shedd. Charlotte was born on May 10, 1947 in Susan Moore, AL to parents Malcom and Anna Ruth “Rose” (Harris) Kent. Her father’s job took them all over the United States until her mother put her foot down and said, “We are staying here in Cullman, AL.” Charlotte has two brothers, Danny and Greg.

She said growing up her brothers and she loved being out on the lake camping, fishing and most of all, water skiing. Charlotte said being on the lake was so much fun they would even sleep on the boat; it was such a carefree feeling out there on the lake. Charlotte was in the Glee Club while in high school as well as in the vocational program, where she would go to school half a day and work half a day in a Beauty salon. She graduated from Cullman High School in 1966.

Charlotte married her first husband in 1968. In 1982 she married her second husband, William “Junior” Shedd and they were married for 22 years until he passed away in 2003. They lived in Cullman, AL and that is where Charlotte worked as a cosmetologist for 20 years. After that she went to work for Cooper Tools, working as a file maker for knives. She worked there for 14 years before retiring. Charlotte has 1 son and 4 step-children; she also has 3 grandchildren and 4 step-grandchildren. Charlotte enjoys arts & crafts, needlepoint and sewing but what she loved most was to dance and scrapbook with her granddaughter, Jessica.

Charlotte joined the WOTM #1318 in Cullman, AL. She said at the age of 21 she was arriving home from the hospital after having her son and her mother was sitting there with an application for Women of The Moose. She joined that day and has been a member for the past 50 years. Charlotte has many accomplishments during her time with WOTM. She received her Academy of Friendship on May 4, 1975, College of Regents on June 12, 1976, Star Recorder on May 26, 2000 and became a member of the 25 Club on August 1, 1981. “Moose life is all I know,” she said, “and building memories with special friends is what being a Moose member is all about.”

I asked Charlotte what made her want to come to Moosehaven. She said her mother, Rose Kent, moved to Moosehaven in 2002 and lived here for 11½ years in Florida Bermuda Hall before passing away in 2014. Charlotte said after seeing the way her mother was taken care of at Moosehaven, she knew this is where she wanted to be. Charlotte said she was very thankful to Helen Taylor for all of the love and compassion she has shown her over the years when her mom was here and now that Moosehaven is her home. Charlotte volunteers in the Resident Gift Shop, has a Sunshine Job in the Tailor Shop and works as assistant to the Administrator at Opportunity Lodge #3001, on campus. She said coming to Moosehaven has given her peace and in her words a, “Well Nested Group of Friends.” She said being at Moosehaven has provided her with contentment for the rest of her life.



Her advice to the next generation, “Burn with the brightest flame, believe in yourself and never be afraid to dream big. Be spontaneous and embrace every possibility. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

Donna Minigh
Activities Director

New Life Admissions at Brandon Place

"There is value in procrastination," is an affirmation that offers very little comfort for a determined soul. In an age of expression, sometimes it's difficult to stop and contemplate when faced with an uncompromising situation. However, with almost 300 different personalities on campus, sometimes there is value in procrastination.

Just recently I learned a very dear resident would be leaving Moosehaven. Incensed, I immediately reacted with negative thoughts of conspiracy. How could anyone WANT to leave Moosehaven? Obviously, an outside source has coerced this decision with ill intent. Thoughts raged.

I paid a visit to my beloved friend in an effort of salvation just before she left. I wanted to warn her, I wanted to protect her; I wanted to reason with her and convince her to stay. Instead, I listened. I quieted my soul, and I just listened. I learned. I learned her pursuit of happiness is an affair of the heart, not logic.

As I listened, I began to understand her decision more. There was never a conspiracy, and she was not coerced into making a hasty decision. She simply wanted to return to the one place in her memory that offered true happiness. Who am I to deny her that very right? Such a gentle soul deserves to pursue peace.

After an evening filled with laughter and love, I hugged my friend goodbye and wished her all the best. Leaving her home, I knew what the cost of her decision would be; however, I love her enough to wish her well. I much rather offer her a moment of happiness, than to offer her years of regret. It may not have been the right decision, but it was her decision, and I respect that.

Before we are called to arms over passionate pursuits, remember there is value in procrastination. There is value in learning more, considering another's perspective, and finding peace in simply letting go.

Gini Turner
Marketing Director

**Those mountains you are carrying,
you were only supposed to climb.**

Najawa Zebian

Staff Birthdays

James Jarvinen
Maria Kingston
Sharon Adams
Jessica Juliana
Clinton Cornwell
Trenicqua Foreman
Debra Changary
Bill Frick
Margo Abel

Suzanne Hopkins
Sameena Khanam
Tina Clark
Carmela Romito
Nancy Yu Chua
Andrew Kingston
Doreen Vance
Delia Dadetto
Carmencita Summa

Donnette Ward
Ashley Nguyen
John George
Chamika Marshall
Luis Santos
Nicole Chadduck
Anne Cronin
James Hamilton
Whitney Gapen



Hometown Heroes...Going The Extra Mile

We recognize residents and staff who go over and above and who, in their own way, are Moosehaven's own Hometown Heroes.

- ⇒ **Donna Miniqh, Campus Activities Director**, is recognized for going the extra mile in planning, decorating for and executing the variety of campus events at Moosehaven. The activities are varied and abundant!
- ⇒ **The Resident Services Staff Members**, are recognized for working together and keeping pace in spite of various challenges over the past few months.
- ⇒ **Rick Duley, Facilities Director**, is recognized for going the extra mile in delaying his retirement to ensure a smooth transition of Facilities Department leadership.
- ⇒ **Jason Frier, Security**, is recognized for going the extra mile with his excellent work, meticulous planning and execution of the two Easter events .
- ⇒ **Ross Fleet, resident**, is recognized for his volunteerism in assisting Administration with several projects.
- ⇒ **Darlene Boyer, Environmental Services**, is recognized for her compassion and caring demeanor to all who live here.

If you would like to add someone's name for our Home Town Heroes column, please contact Marina Mathews, Director of Admissions at x1214 or Nancy Coffman at x1217.

Resident Birthdays In May/June!

Robert Morris	James Hoggatt	Erna Allen	Linda Reynolds
William Puda	Charlotte Shedd	Robert Woodworth	John 'Jack' Diebold
Patricia Gorden	Albert Delio, Jr.	Frances Lane	Evelyn Diebold
Gloria Peterson	Willard Heasley	Wynema Clendenney	Isabella Coolidge
John Vojnovski	Arnold Love	James Evans	Pamala Shook
Lois Woodward	Avis Ferguson	Edward Layton	Harry Gilpin III
Sylvia Mosley	Clayton 'Gene' Moody		

Resident Anniversaries In May/June!

Jim & Myra Douberley	Thomas & Maryrose Donovan	Harold & Mary Embrey
Harry & Margaret Gilpin	James & Lynda Daniels	William 'Preston' & Jean Lemon
John 'Jack' & Evelyn Diebold	Neal & Norma Hawkinson	Jerry & Glynda Wright
Dan & Jacqueline Bramblett	Howard & Carol Ann Olsen	Dean & Ann Blankenship
Clayton 'Gene' & Sue Moody	Douglass & Janet Myers	

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