

Moosehaven News

Heart of the Community



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Halloween Trick or Treat

October 31st

5:30-8:30pm

Free Event!

Middleburg Ghostbusters

Costumers With A Cause

Outdoor Movie

Haunted House

Happy Haunted Trail

Super Heroes Theme!



Concessions Available * No Coolers * No Pets

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What's Happening?

- Christmas in October
- Low Country Seafood Boil
- Steak Night @ 2020
- Island Theater
- Golfing @ Bent Creek
- Shopping & Lunch @ St. Augustine Outlet Mall
- Dinner Dance @ 2020
- Sip & Paint with Jean V.
- Wood Burning Class
- What's New in Therapy Seminar
- Centennial Hall Dedication
- Orange Park Fall Festival
- Opportunity Lodge Halloween Dance
- Fun & Games Lunch
- Fried Chicken Night @ 2020
- Breakfast @ 42
- Rocky Horror Picture Show
- Movie Day @ Fleming Isl
- Halloween Trick or Treat!

To visit Moosehaven and schedule a tour, please contact (904) 278-1200 or visit www.moosehaven.org.



Just John

Something Worse Than A Thief

Once upon a time, an old man spread rumors that his neighbor was a thief. As a result, the young man was arrested. Days later he was proven innocent. After being released, he sued the old man for wrongly accusing him.

In court, the old man told the judge, "They were just comments, they didn't harm anyone."

Before passing sentence on the case, the judge told the old man, "Write all the things you said about him on a piece of paper." "Cut it up into little pieces and on the way home, throw the pieces of paper out your car window. Tomorrow, come back to hear the sentence."

The next day, the judge told the old man, "Before receiving your sentence, I want you to go out and gather up all the pieces of paper that you threw out of your car window yesterday."

The old man said, "I can't do that! The wind spread them all over the place and I won't know where to find them."

The judge replied, "The same way, simple words and comments may destroy the honor of a person to such an extent that a person will not be able to fix it. If you can't speak well of someone, don't say anything at all."

"Gossips are worse than thieves because they steal another person's dignity, honor, reputation and credibility which are impossible to restore. So remember this: when your feet slip, you can always recover your balance but when your tongue slips, you can never recover your words!"

Let's all be masters of our mouths, so that we won't be slaves of our words."

"Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity." ~ Proverbs 21:23

I'm...

Just John



Thank You, Thank You!!
On behalf of our residents at
Moosehaven, we thank the
members of our Fraternity
for their support in making
our dreams come true!
Centennial Hall,
Our New Home!

SIMPLY HELEN

Out with the old and in with the new!



We are almost ready to step into our future, New Home-New Life.

Thanks to all of you, the Centennial project is fully funded! Moose members Rock!

The completion of the Centennial Building is a part of the 10-year restructuring and revitalization of the fraternity's City of Contentment. We are working diligently to complete the finishing touches before we begin moving our residents into their "New Home." Needless to say, there will be a whole lot of moving and shaking going on over the next month!

Our Centennial Project includes "Centennial Hall" a new, 3-story residence hall, which will provide residents an upgraded, superior quality living opportunity. The new hall provides 105 resident apartments, each having a deck or patio (depending on floor), spacious bathroom with large walk in showers, extra cabinets, and large vanities. The dining room faces the beautiful St. Johns River and a large pond with a nice lighted fountain. The building is equipped with a full kitchen allowing us to prepare meals and deliver directly to the dining hall. It is also equipped with a hair salon, campus nurse station, and indoor scooter parking and charging stations. The covered tricycle parking construction will begin very soon.

The Centennial project also includes renovation of the Vivian Borom Hall, creating an Activities Center which will include a beverage bar/café area, Activities Department, Activities Day Programs, ceramics, sewing room, tailor shop, library, and offices for Opportunity Lodge and Chapter as well as some multi-use space.

Residency at Moosehaven is one of the best benefits of belonging to this great fraternal organization. We are more than a social club; we are more than happy hour. The Moose fraternity is made up of hard-working, self-sacrificing individuals who, through the many hours of labor and many dollars of donations, change the lives of our seniors and the future for our children. With nearly 100 years of service to our fraternal seniors, Moosehaven continues to improve service, enhance amenities, and increase activities, with the result making us a top-rated retirement option for our members.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your dedication, contributions, and love and support! With the completion of the Centennial Hall and the remainder of the project, our residents will indeed have a *New Home* and experience *New Life* at Moosehaven, where every day is, "Another Day in Paradise!"

Simply Helen

Happy Fall y'all!



Calling All Cooks!!!

Do you, your lodge/chapter or your Association cook a mean bowl of chili? Then join the competition!



Pack up your Peppers and Load up your Ladles...
it's just around the corner...

Moosehaven 9th Annual Chili Cook-Off **A Heart of the Community Event**

Saturday, November 10th

Live Performances by Nashville Recording Artists

Chris Lane And Jimmy Allen

Community Breakfast - Car Show - Kids Zone

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

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BILL'S BOARD

I mentioned in an article a couple of months back that I am driving a 2014 Jeep Wrangler. Back in January, my beloved Avalanche gave up the will to live, and I had to make the difficult decision to let it go. After over eleven years and more than 250,000 miles, the Avalanche was tired and just gave up. Being a socially conscious truck, aware of the needs of others, it became a parts donor and lives on now in old trucks across North Florida and South Georgia bringing new life and joy to the parts recipients and their drivers. I think that's the way it would have wanted it. I will always have my memories of the great times the Avalanche and I had together, but I try not to dwell on it. It is time to move on and nurture my relationship with the Jeep.

On seeing my Jeep, the first question several people asked was, "why would you get a Jeep?" They put special emphasis on the you. I guess they thought it was an unusual choice for me. I hate to admit it, but they might have been right. My answer to the question was always, "I don't know." I was coming off the traumatic loss of my beloved Avalanche and needed a vehicle quickly. I was torn; I really wanted another truck but I also really wanted a powerful but comfortable sedan and had trouble choosing between the two. So naturally I chose neither. The Jeep is neither comfortable nor powerful and does not have the features I loved in my truck. But it is good for going off road and going through standing water, I was able to move my daughter to college in it and when it is not raining, I can go topless (the Jeep not me). It is nearly as comfortable as the truck was, with much better gas mileage. I guess the Jeep is growing on me, and, in another few years, we will be very close.

There is one feature of the Jeep Wrangler I was unaware of, and had I known I may not have made the purchase. I was driving home, and a white Wrangler with pink accents and a lime green zombie hunter sign painted on it was coming the other way. As the Wrangler approached, the driver waved at me. I didn't know him, so I figured it was some mistake and kept driving. He looked miffed. A little later a jacked up orange Wrangler with huge tires, two winches, and three sets of additional light bars was coming from the other direction. The driver waved at me, and when I did not wave back she got mad, blew the horn, and flashed her uppermost light bar at me. I told a coworker this story, and she enlightened me about a thing called the Wrangler wave. You know how when motorcycle riders pass each other in opposite directions they hold their left hand down low? Apparently it is something like that. If you drive a Wrangler, you are supposed to give a small wave to every Wrangler you meet. It is supposed to be some kind of gesture of belonging to the Wrangler community. Well nobody told me about that. I am not big on waving to people I don't know and I must pass thousands of Wranglers every day. So I did not wave much. Some people really got angry. They shouted ugly things about my Mother, told me to go to uncomfortable places, and apparently there is an alternate version of the Wrangle wave that does not involve all of the fingers.

So what is the deal here? I can understand that people need a sense of belonging and create a community to meet that need. Everybody likes that feeling. But when someone else does not want to participate, or is a part of a different group, where do the hurt feelings, anger, and even rage come from? Is it a case of if you are not with me you are against me? If you don't act according to my terms, you are rejecting me or disrespecting me? If I am not what I want to be in a community, someone else is at fault and has to pay? How far do these feeling reach?

Is this a part of the shooting after a Jacksonville area football game? Is this a part of other recent tragedies in Jacksonville? A sense of self-worth that comes from internal values and a feeling of belonging to a family and community based on who you are and what you do seem to be missing.

I believe a sense of community and belonging is something the Moose has to offer. It is something that should be a bond for every Moosehaven resident. But even here we see instances of anger or social isolation related to feelings like those described in the paragraph above. It may be something to think about.



Bill Tippins, Director of Operations

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH GARY & BARBARA ANDERSON

This month we get up close and personal with Gary and Barbara Anderson. Gary was born on July 29, 1944, in Vancouver, BC and moved to Minnesota when he was 2 years old. Gary's mom, Helen, was in the Canadian Women's Army Corp, and his dad, Carl, was in the US Military. Gary's dad hauled nitroglycerin and got hazardous duty pay that really helped the family, since his mom couldn't work after learning that she was expecting. Gary was an only child but he stressed that he was not spoiled!

Barbara was born June 21, 1944 in Minnesota. Barbara's dad, John, worked for the USPS but was drafted in 1943. Because her mother, Esther, was expecting Barbara, John didn't have to actually report for duty until 1944. After her father left for England, Esther began working in a laundry. Barbara has one older brother, Clifford.

Gary and Barbara have 3 children. Wendy, an RN, lives in Arizona and has 5 sons and 4 grandkids. Donna, a life insurance Program Analyst who just turned 50, lives in Minnesota and has 4 grandkids. Richard, who cannot stand being called the baby of the family, is a Team Manager for RaceTrac gas stations in southern Florida, and has 4 children and 2 grandkids. All this put together means the Andersons have a total of 10 great grandkids!!!

Gary and Barbara were married in August 1964, and THAT means they have been married for 54 years!!! This all began back in junior high school in band class! Gary and Barbara were seated right next to each other, though they played different instruments. Only 13 years old, a shy Gary asked Barbara to meet him to go ice skating. It wasn't until their senior year they made it official. Gary lettered in cross country and track, was very good at tennis, and was the manager of the hockey team. After high school, Gary went to trade school and became a machinist. Barbara studied secretarial duties/practices during high school. She worked in insurance her entire career and retired from Prudential.

In 1966, Gary joined the Moose just to play softball! He organized fund raisers to purchase uniforms for the Moose team; they were green and white with a majestic moose on the back. He is not prideful, but will tell you that he was directly asked to be Moose Legion Secretary. Gary is a Pilgrim. Barbara joined the WOTM in 1967 when asked by her mother-in-law. When she saw what being a Moose was all about it became more than just a general membership to her. Barbara grew in to a MENTOR for all of us WOTM coming in. If you don't know what you're signing up for, why sign up? Her most recent position was Past Deputy Grand Regent.

In Gary's spare time, he makes jewelry (what wife doesn't love this?) plays darts, billiards and shuffleboard. They both enjoy taking part in the activity trips off campus. Both Gary and Barbara decided to



come home to Moosehaven in June of this year for the security of their future. For them it means true security and CONTENTMENT!

Gary and Barbara say to the next generation, "JOIN THE MOOSE! Moosehaven is like a blanket. Hold on to your security blanket (Moose Membership), YOU WILL NEED IT ONE DAY!" Both of these fine folks are so modest and down to Earth. I am so very pleased they are home and hope you will make them welcome!

*Rachel Meierdierck
Marketing/Admissions Clerk*

Marketing & Admissions at Moosehaven

I received this letter from one of our residents and thought it was important to recognize the words written from a grateful heart.

I am so thankful for these people: Ramona, Nicole, Steven, Shimaka, Joslene, and all CNAs. They go beyond their call of duty. They are so caring and will do anything they can to help you in any way. Some will laugh with you, cry with you, pray with you, let you know how much they care for you and love you, etc. God knows I've needed this the last few months. After being in that nursing home for so many years, it makes me more thankful to be here. Some people have NO idea how well they have it.

Darlene in laundry is precious. She will do anything she can for you. She is so caring.

Nettie in housekeeping is so nice and caring.

Randy in dining services has a wonderful staff!

Amanda in the Beauty Shop is wonderful. She hugs every one of us as we leave. Cheryl, our Clinic Driver, is so easy to talk to about anything. She is so caring. She makes you feel so good after being with her, and is a very Godly woman. After being with her, you feel like, "I can do this!"

Shona, our nurse, makes sure we get the information we need. She takes care of things that we need done and always has a smile on her face. She has the prettiest smile I've ever seen, truly.

Love you and thank God for you, because if you hadn't gotten me here when you did, I may not be here today. God Bless Moosehaven. God Bless you all. Have a wonderful day!

THIS is the reason I love working at Moosehaven and doing what I do. You can't put a price on the gratefulness and happiness our residents feel when they make the move to retirement at Moosehaven. The security and well-being of each resident can be clearly seen when we welcome them to their new home in Paradise! God Bless our fraternity and the hard-working, loyal members for making the benefit that is Moosehaven possible.

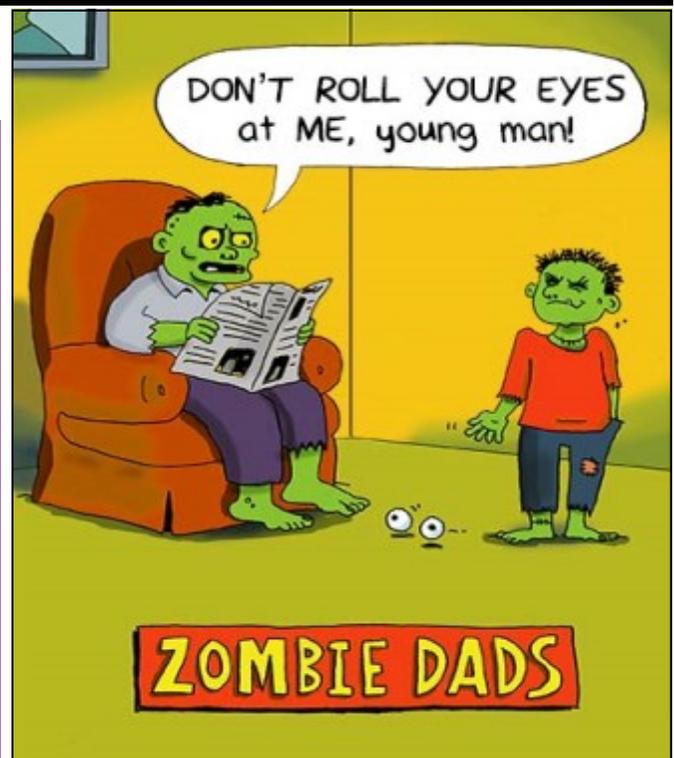
Marina Mathews, Director of Marketing



Staff Birthdays

Kristin Morrell
Donald Cordes
Jennifer Sikes
Medra Watts
Dwayne Mims
Candis Browand
Angela Wood
Alan Wittkamp, Jr.
Connor Mathews
Lashonna Smith
Nancy Coffman
Luz Ayure
Cherly Alcineus
Brad Pelland
Iris Pimentel
Laura Adjei Gardner

Silva Rosauo
Guerda Thermdor
Agnes Rodrigo
Carri Safford
Candis Browand
Emerlita Razon
Violet Tamplin
Jason Frier
Guirlande Thenor
Yvonne Clements
Silvita Clairvoyant
Rachele Meierderck
Dimple Brown
Shirley Puckerin
Olivia Hayes
Bill Tippins



Moose on a Mission...Going The Extra Mile

We recognize residents and staff who go over and above and who, have their eyes on the prize....who, in their own way, are On A Mission!

- ⇒ **Romona Suarez, Health Care Center, Jim Haddock, Finance,** are recognized for their volunteerism and commitment to Moosehaven and going over and above in helping with events.
- ⇒ **Nettie Radford, Environmental Services,** is recognized for such a positive impact she had on our summer intern.
- ⇒ **Althea Artis, HCC Activities and Keshia Ulee, Dining Services,** are recognized for their commitment to Moosehaven and dedication to helping with additional tasks while managers were out.
- ⇒ **Therapy Department Staff,** are recognized for getting the Pool Therapy Exercise Program started..
- ⇒ **Sandy Topole and Activities Day Program Staff,** are recognized for the program growth and enhancement of the daily lives of our residents with meticulous planning and execution.
- ⇒ **Bob Shay, Resident,** is recognized for helping residents with their shopping, taking care of the gardens in the courtyard and picking up trash all around campus.

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 September-October!

Charles Davidson	Dorothy Yates	Zeke Beasley	Bob Cox	Pauline Markland
Lois VanMatre	Ross Lansing	Chuck Bailes	Janice Costolo	Eva Glenn
Frank Klemovitch	Lillian Lussier	Glenda Lauzon	Jerri Valverde	Jenell Jones
Frank Nutter	Jolene Young	Ronnie Gilmer	Neal Hawkinson	Thomas Donovan
Rusty Mikesell	Henrietta Parker	Helen Pollard	George Hicks	Janet Myers
Jack Purtee	Richard Coe	Sam Giannese	Suna Hall	Joyce Harris
Doris Thomas	Margaret Carr	Donna Noack	Maria Bailes	Lynda Daniels
Diane McMillian	Joe Noack	Mary Ellithorpe	Bobbie Godwin	Richard Braun
Donald Christen	Kathy Morris	Mary Lou Kehle	Ethel Phillips	Dixie Banks
Susan Mix	Ellie Boisse	Don Henning	Betty Paulsen	Laura Osborne
Mary Johnson	Louise Purtee	Ken Saunders	Dolores Belkot	Johnny Griffith, Jr.
Dolores Skelt	Cager Campbell	Jim Thomas	Dean Blankenship	

Resident Anniversaries In September-October!

James & Inge Westmoreland	Bill & Pat Jones	Don & Gloria Frati	Tom & Dorothy Allen
Jan & Peggy Janson	Norm & Freda Vertigan	Donald & Anita Gettings	
Jack & Louise Purtee	Arthur & Lois Woodward	Dan & Ann King	

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