

**Woodbridge Moose Family Center**  
**JANUARY 2010 volume 1 issue 9**  
**"Be a piece of the solution"**

**Message from the Governor**

2009 has gone by so fast. We have had some really good times. I really enjoyed the trip to National Convention in Chicago where we were able to see the graduations and the beautiful Mooseheart campus. Then there was the trip to State Convention in Richmond, the Pig Roast and the "famous" Dart Tournament. Hopefully, 2010 will be even better for our Lodge.

I hope that you are planning to attend the Mid Year Conference being held in Richmond in January (14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>). You need to get your reservations made now so that you can enjoy all of the events that will be happening.

Congratulations to Kenny Head for stepping up to fill the position of Administrator. Kenny has been Governor and also held a Moose State position.

The Junior Governor position is now open – any member that is interesting in filling the position – please contact me.

Thank you Ray Richards for all of your help during the transition period.

We start this New Year with a new Administrator, Kenny Head, and a new social quarter's manager, Mona Hardy. Mona has been working in the Woodbridge Lodge for 12 years. Mona has many good ideas for "special meals" for the dinners. Mona brings several years experience to this position. Congratulations, Mona.

We have signed 27 new members. Hopefully, we can do even better in 2010. Our goal is 72 new members. We still need **45** new members. Be a part of the solution, sign a new member.

Robert (Bob) Agnew, Sr.  
Governor

**MEMBERSHIP**

As always I would like to start this article by thanking our newest Membership Sponsors. We have six members, each of who sponsored one new member. They are Robert Blevins, Ed Connor, Larry Donahue, Kenny Head, Kevin Livingston and Robert Ritchie.

Let's also take a moment and congratulate our newest Members who joined our Family Center during the month of November. These are Barry Mitchun, Wayne Turpen, Robert Ritchie, Nelson Gomez, Lester Witherspoon and Brett Reel. Thank you all for joining us.

The winner of the monthly prize was ROBERT BLEVINS.

With only four months left in this years Membership Campaign we are only at the half way mark in the number of members that we need to sign in order to reach our goal. Remember it takes only \$65.00 to join and just \$45.00 for active duty Military.

I again challenge our BOARD Of Officers. If each one of them sign a member in January. I will take them all out to dinner, My Money, not the Lodges. What say guys!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ray Richards  
Membership Committee Chairman



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50+ Years of Service to Our Community

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### Officers

Governor	Robert Agnew
Administrator	Kenneth Head
Jr. Governor	<b>VACANT</b>
Jr. Past Governor	Danny Mixon
Prelate	Mike Bruss
Treasurer	Gino Biagioni Jr.
3 Year Trustee	Robert Blevins
2 Year Trustee	Ron Wedertz
1 Year Trustee	Kevin Livingston
Sgt. At Arms	<b>VACANT</b>
Inner Guard	<b>VACANT</b>

Social Quarters Manager	Mona Hardy
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### Chairmen

Membership	Ray Richards
Family Activities	Gino Biagioni Jr.
Moose Legion	Kevin Livingston
Ritual	Kenny Head
Sports	Kevin Livingston
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Building & Grounds	Robert Blevins
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Government Relations	Harold Embrey
Lodge Publication	Ruthi Doan-Pietras
Public Relations	Harold Embrey
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Fellowship	Danny Mixon
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## Women of the Moose Chapter 653

### Officers

Senior Regent	<b>VACANT</b>
Junior Grad. Regent	Mary Hager
Recorder	Cheryl Danielsen
Junior Regent	<b>VACANT</b>
Chaplain	Donna Badgett
Sec/Treasurer	Denise Lawson

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Guide	Kathy Baker
Assistant Guide	<b>VACANT</b>
Sentinel	Ruth Wiggins
Argus	Wendy Adams

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Academy of Friendship	Marianne Berardelli
College of Regents	Betty Simensen
Star Recorder	Barbara Ullmann
P.E.P	Shirley Head
Meeting Coordinator	<b>VACANT</b>
Family Involvement	Sheila Livingston
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Publicity	Mary Hunt
Mooseheart	Marlene Richards Agnew
Youth Involvement	<b>VACANT</b>
Educational Advancement	Patricia Dana
Health Awareness	<b>VACANT</b>
Membership	<b>VACANT</b>
Community Service	Linda Dove

## Moose Legion News

Happy New Year to all.

I want to thank everyone that participated in Decembers Nasty Santa. I also want to thank everyone that helped in preparation for the Nasty Santa Dinner. I especially would like to thank my lovely wife, Sheila who has helped me make it thru another year, not just in the Moose Legion, but in life as well. Thanks Sheila.

In the New Year we have a few things to be aware of. First is the Winter Celebration the second weekend in January-the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be held at the Manassas Moose Family Center. You should have received or should be receiving your bulletin for the event. In March our MLC will be having Seafood Feast. As it is still a little early details have not been finalized. Be sure to attend meetings and /or check your newsletter for details. In April we have the Super Celebration, which will be held in Fredericksburg at the Hospitality House Hotel and Conference Center in Central Park. We have won the chance to host one of the three hospitality rooms that weekend. As we all know this is going to mean work for some of us. But just as we have come together as a whole to make things work in the past, I know we will also be a cohesive force to be reckoned with this coming April when it comes time for us to show the rest that WE DO INDEED BRING THE FUN!!!!

A Gracious New Year to All

Kevin C. Livingston

MLC Chairman

## Fellowship Committee

**NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED THIS MONTH**

Danny Mixon  
Chairman

**Don't forget your GIMME 5 donations!!!!**

**These donations help to maintain our Child city Mooseheart and our City of Contentment Moosehaven!!!!**

## Upcoming events::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::

**Watch for details/flyers in the Social Quarters**

**EVERY Wednesday is Seafood day!!!! Noon until gone!**

**January 7th Chicken & Dumplings Noon until gone**

**SUNDAY January 10<sup>th</sup> Breakfast 9a.m. - noon**

**January 14th Homemade Chili noon until gone**

**January 21st Chicken & Dumplings noon until gone**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> Homemade Chili noon until gone**

**Back by popular demand!!!**

**Mondays --- Mini burgers and Tacos  
Check the calendar for dates!!!!**

## **Saturday Dinner Special**

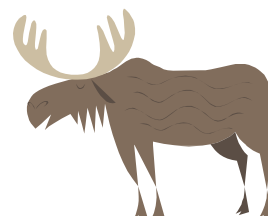
**January 23<sup>rd</sup> Steamed Shrimp Dinner 5:00 until gone**

**The Family Center WILL be OPEN  
New Year's Day with dinner  
available that evening.  
Come watch College football and  
enjoy some great food!!**

## JANUARY

**Mid Year Conference in Richmond  
January 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Reservations are available online @  
vmaweb.com under the Conference and  
Conventions portal.**



### ---WOTM Board of Officer's Message---

Dear Co-workers,

Happy New Years!! Our 2009-2010 Chapter year is winding down and we are sad to say that if we do not have more participation in meetings and events that the Chapter will have to consider whether we will have to close. This is not a threat but a very sad turn of events. Our purpose is to serve Mooseheart and Moosehaven and part of that responsibility is having 2 meetings per month with at least 7 people in full attendance. We are struggling to meet that minimum requirement and because of that we will be seriously looking at whether Woodbridge Chapter 653 can continue another year.

Please come to our meetings and bring your thoughts and ideas on what we can do.

Our meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Please note the time change for our first meeting. It is no longer 8:00 p.m.

We do have events planned but if we do not have more participation and volunteers they may be cancelled.

We are planning on having a Valentines dance on February 13, 2010. Tickets are now on sale.

We are sincerely sorry and disappointed at where our Chapter is at, at this time. Please come to a meeting and help us figure out how to move forward.

Fraternally,  
The WOTM Board of Officers

#### **Upcoming Events**

January 6<sup>th</sup> Educational Advancement Chapter  
Activity night  
January 20<sup>th</sup> Second meeting night  
January 27<sup>th</sup> Academy of Friendship Mtg.

#### **Academy of Friendship**

Well, our Christmas Banquet was a huge success - thanks to the Banquet Chairman, Barbara Ullmann. Under her guidance, her banquet committee put on another spectacular Christmas Banquet. Margaret Holler, Melanie

Stuhl, Sharon Watkin and Harriet Webb joined us at the banquet, and Donna Badgett, also joined us. We had 23 ladies attend and we collected items for a local women's shelter and items for a squad in Iraq. Way to go ladies.

The last couple of months have been pretty bad health wise. Carol Coats lost a sister and then came down with pneumonia. Shirley Head had knee surgery and Mary Embrey is recovering from hip replacement therapy. Please keep these ladies in your thoughts and prayers.

Also, I am sad to say that our friend Rose Rybicki has moved to Maryland and is living at her son's home. We will surely miss you Rose. Rose is a wonderful, classy lady and I, for one, will miss her sense of style and her sense of humor. We love you, Rose.

Also, please keep the following other ladies in your thoughts: Eileen Claussen, Dru Doan, Bea Keen, Beulah Roberts, Betty Simensen, and Theresa Wehausen, If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

Thanks again for your support ladies - we couldn't do it without you.

Remember we meet on the FOURTH WEDNESDAY of the month.

If you have any comments or suggestions, or ideas for fun meetings, please email me at [ttrv1r1@gmail.com](mailto:ttrv1r1@gmail.com) or call at (703) 307-7086 and leave a message.

In Friendship,  
Marianne Berardelli

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

See flyers in the Social Quarters or call the Lodge for times. 703-339-6686

Those who donate blood and their family will receive a free breakfast. Anyone wishing to eat breakfast who does not donate blood may eat breakfast at lodge prices.

## **Prelate & Chaplain Corner**

Dear Moose Members, WOTM Co-workers and families,

Welcome to 2010! Hope you and your loved ones had a special Christmas and New Year, with beautiful memories to take out and enjoy again and again. Many of you have also made your resolutions and are working to fulfill them. We want to encourage you that, even though the decorations have been taken down and put away and perhaps the weather has become colder and a little more dreary, and you are struggling to stick by those promises you made at the start of the year, stay upbeat because **SPRING IS ON ITS WAY.**

### **Also, please continue to keep the following fellow members in your prayers:**

- Ricky Baker (Kathy's husband) is home and going to rehabilitation therapy following a car accident and subsequent surgery.
- Bill Shelton (Donna's husband) is doing better after falling and breaking several ribs.
- Shirley Head is having a problem with her hip.
- Betty Simensen and Marianne Berardelli continue to improve following their surgeries.
- I want to apologize for an error in last month's newsletter. Mary Embrey did not have knee surgery, she had hip surgery, but we are happy to report that her recuperation is progressing nicely. She is in follow-up therapy, and we were glad to see her out and about when she was at the Lodge recently.
- Continue to pray for the following friends and members: Dru Doan, Ricky and Kathy Baker, Barbara and Bob Darley, Ruth Wiggins, Shirley Head, Linda and Butch Dove, Bill and Donna Shelton, Phenetta Harrover, Betty Simensen, Marianne Berardelli, Ellen Cook, Sue Myers, Al and Kathy Charlton (we heard that Al is doing better), Peggy Creed (who recently lost her husband), Freda Martin, Steve Richards (heard he fell off a ladder), Earl Hess, and Bob Agnew.

In addition to the members already mention, please include the following in your thoughts of good will and prayers:

- Our Troops both at home and abroad and their families
- Our Government Leaders to make the correct decisions
- Our Moose members, friends, families and our Lodge
- People enduring hardships of any kind
- Especially children for they are the future and the innocent

We ask you to look around when you are at the Lodge. If you notice a familiar face missing, please say a special prayer for them. They may be ill, busy with family needs or work requirements or unable to come in for some other reason. If any of you know of someone that is in having a hard time and in need, please contact one of the board members and let them know of the situation, or you can email me at [badgett.donna@arentfox.com](mailto:badgett.donna@arentfox.com).

Fraternally,  
Donna Badgett & Mike Bruss  
Chaplain                      Prelate

## **Sports**

Happy New Year to all,

Welcome to the Woodbridge Moose Family Center. Our goal for this year is to have as much fun as possible, being as active as we can. My sports committee and I would like to unofficially align us with every organization, group, organization, and public service that promotes an active lifestyle. It doesn't matter if you are eight or 80, blind or crazy. We are going to follow that old adage "lead by example".

I am going to take time this year to be more active, not just in the community, but also at home with my family, to be more active and to take a more responsible interest in being healthy and making sure I am setting the right example for our children. I welcome; No I challenge each and every one of you to do the same.

Doctor's check-ups, health monitoring, and progressive exercise programs are just a few ways we can set the example for our generations of leaders to come.

Thank you all.

Kevin Livingston  
Sports Chairman

## Social Quarters Hours

**Monday 12 – 10**

**Tuesday 12 – 10**

**Wednesday 12 – 10**

**Thursday 12 – 11**

**Friday 12 – 12**

**Saturday 12 – 12**

**Sunday 12 – 8**

## Message from the Editor

Please send all bulletin articles via email to:

[loom583wotm653news@yahoo.com](mailto:loom583wotm653news@yahoo.com).

**Articles are due no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.** Please use font size 10 and font style Verdana.

If you have something you would like in the bulletin, please feel free to email it to me at the above email address.

Don't forget the Mid Year Conference this month in Richmond, where our qualified coworkers who have received their call cards for the Academy of Friendship will receive their degree!!!! Congratulations to each of you!!!!

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Colonial Beach Classic is coming up fast—the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March, get your entries in on time!!! They are available online at [www.vmaweb.com](http://www.vmaweb.com) under the sports portal or you can email me at [speeder1974@yahoo.com](mailto:speeder1974@yahoo.com) or Richard at [bull\\_shooter401@yahoo.com](mailto:bull_shooter401@yahoo.com) and we will make sure you get a copy of it. International dart tournament in April at Lynchburg South, entries available same way.

Stay warm as the cold weather seems to be here to stay!!! As long as it quits raining!!!!!! Happy January to all, see you in Richmond!!!!!!!

Fraternally,  
Ruthi Doan-Pietras  
Editor



## NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN!!!!!!

The Specials will now be listed for many Friday nights. No more guessing or calling to see what it might be. Also our regular menu will still be available for your dining pleasure.

January specials:

Jan 1 - Meatloaf

Jan 8 - Ribs

Jan 15 - Spaghetti with Italian sausage & beef

Jan 22 - Beef Brisket

Jan 29 - Country Fried Steak

Come out and enjoy a delicious affordable meal at our great Family Center!!!!!!



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## WOODBIDGE 583 MFC STIMULUS PLAN

Please remember --- The Board of Officers and General Membership have voted to reduce the price of joining our great fraternity. There is no application fee being charged at this time. So for the small price of \$65.00 your friends, neighbors and fellow coworkers can join you in having a great time at our Family Center and all Lodges throughout the USA, Canada and Great Britain. Are you aware that this equals an amount of less than 18 cents a day? Bring them in, let them see what we all enjoy so much and invite them to become a member!!!!!!

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**Woodbridge Moose Family Center  
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**invites you to our**

**Sweetheart Dinner/Dance  
on Saturday, February 13th**

**Steak & Shrimp Dinner at 6:30pm  
Dance at 8pm - 12Midnight**

**Entertainment by  
DJ Jim Haas "Elvis"  
(Karaoke too!)**

**Tickets are \$20/person**

**Door Prizes & 50/50**

**Bring your sweetheart for a fabulous evening of fine food and  
dancing**

