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*On the cover...* Andrea Dougherty prepares to present Megan Schneider with her Golden Gavel prior to the Golden Gavel Convocation Sunday, April 12, 2026. Schneider is from West Boca Raton Chapter 2273.

**Image:** Kimberly Kelly

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## *From the Editor*

The Florida Moose Association's legendary Big Green Train is gaining strength, picking up new passengers, and climbing toward a brighter future!

And just like the FMA, ***The Courier*** is building momentum with a fresh new look that reflects the energy, enthusiasm, and continued growth of our Florida Moose family.

It celebrates the people who keep our Association moving forward — the dedicated members, inspiring leaders, and hardworking volunteers who make a difference every day.

We hope you enjoy the new look.

Kimberly

**Kimberly Kelly**
**Editor**

# Dedication starts here



FMA PRESIDENT
**WALTER WOMMACK**

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your Florida Moose Association President for 2026-2027.

As I begin this journey, I want to thank each of you for the warm welcome, support, and encouragement you have shown me.

Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to travel throughout our great state, meet members from every corner of Florida, and witness firsthand the dedication, passion, and fellowship that make our Association so special.

You continue to make me proud to be a Florida Moose.

Our 79th Annual FMA Convention was truly a remarkable event and a wonderful reflection of the strength and spirit of our organization.

It was an honor to welcome CEO Scott Hart back to Florida once again and to showcase the enthusiasm and commitment that define our membership.

The convention provided us with an opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments, renew friendships, and focus on the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the Friday evening celebration recognizing our

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newest College of Regents members alongside our newest Pilgrims.

The outstanding attendance and enthusiasm demonstrated the pride we all share in these important achievements.

Congratulations to everyone who received well-deserved recognition during the convention, including the gentlemen who earned their Fellowship Degree of Honor and the ladies who participated in the Golden Gavel Convocation.

Each of these accomplishments represents a commitment to our values and a dedication to serving Moose members and our communities.

We should all be proud that the Florida Moose Association came within the narrowest of margins of being named the Number One Association in the Moose Fraternity.

While we fell just short of that distinction, our achievement is something to celebrate.

More importantly, it should inspire us. We have proven what we can accomplish when we work together, and I firmly believe our best days are still ahead.

As we move forward, our focus must remain on strengthening every aspect of our organization.

We need to encourage greater participation in our Chapters, increase involvement in the Moose Legion, continue growing our membership, and remain committed to retaining the members we already have.

These goals are achievable because of the dedication and hard work being demonstrated every day in our Lodges across Florida.

If we stay focused, support one another, and continue building on our successes, there is no reason we cannot achieve our goal of becoming the Number One Association in the Fraternity.

Let us work together with pride, determination, and enthusiasm to showcase what the Florida Moose Association represents. By doing so, we will be well-positioned to make our mark when we gather next July at the International Convention in Orlando.

Thank you for everything you do for your Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, and communities. Your commitment to service, fellowship, and caring for others is what makes our organization strong.

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**- WALTER WOMMACK**
**FMA PRESIDENT**

I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to working alongside each of you as we continue to grow, improve, and lead by example throughout Moose Nation.

As the holiday season approaches and another year draws to a close, I wish you and your families health, happiness, and many blessings.

May you enjoy this special time with those you love and return ready for another great year of service and success.

# Chairman of the Board to visit Florida



**Mark J.K. Penzkover**
**MI Chairman of the Board**

Mark J.K. Penzkover serves The Moose as Chairman of the Board on the Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors. He was elected to this position at the 138th International Moose Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Prior to this post, he served as Vice Chairman (2025-2026), Director/Chaplain (2024-2025), on the Board of Directors since 2015, the Mooseheart Board of Directors for nine years (2005-2014), the Audit Committee for five years (2009-2014), and the International Publications Committee for one year (2004-2005).

**Mark was President and Valedictorian of the Mooseheart High School Class of 1984.**

The youngest of ten children, Mark had been admitted to Mooseheart in 1969 at age 3 along with seven of his siblings after the death of both his parents in an automobile accident.

Following his Mooseheart graduation, Mark attended Purdue University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1989 on a Moose scholarship.

Mark later earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

In 2000 he was inducted into the Mooseheart Athletic Hall of Fame and in 2013 he received the Mooseheart Distinguished Alumni Award.

Mark joined the fraternity at age 21 in 1987 and joined the Moose Legion later that same year.

He is a Life Member of Muskego, WI Lodge 1057; and he also holds membership in Rice Lake, WI Lodge 402 (the lodge that sponsored his family to Mooseheart) and Mooseheart Lodge 2655.

From 2008 to 2013, Mark served the fraternity as the chairman of the Mooseheart Centennial Committee, organizing the 100th anniversary celebration at the Child City in 2013.

He also served the Wisconsin Moose Association as chairman of the annual Mooseheart Tree Lighting Program for 15 years and is a Past President of the Association.

Mark, a member of the 300 Division of the Moose 25 Club, received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 2001 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 2011.

Mark is a registered professional engineer and

owns an environmental engineering firm, Endpoint Solutions, located in suburban Milwaukee.

Mark and his wife Angie are the parents of four grown children and live in Mukwonago, where he has served his community as a Trustee on the Village Board and as a member of the Plan Commission and Library Board.

## FLORIDA ITINERARY

- **Saturday, Nov 14**
  16th Annual Moosehaven Chili Cook-off
  Mandarin, FL (#42)
- **Sunday, November 15: Lodge Visits**
  Golden Triangle, FL (#874)
  South Lakeland-Mulberry, FL (#2295)
  Englewood, FL (#1933)
- **Monday, November 16: Lodge Visits**
  Lake Placid, FL (#2374 - meet & greet)
  Buckhead Ridge, FL (#2417)
  Palm Beach Gardens, FL (#2010)
- **Tuesday, November: Lodge Visit**
  Tamarac, FL (#2267 - meet & greet)




AROUND THE STATE

*Lodge, Chapter, District, and Special Committee news from across Florida.*

# Chapter Donation Drive Benefits Citrus County Blessings

Members from Dunnellon Moose Lodge 2308 and Chapter 1662 recently donated 151 pounds of food, valued at $298, to Citrus County Blessings, continuing the organization's commitment to supporting children and families throughout the community.

Citrus County Blessings is dedicated to silencing weekend hunger among local children in need. Each week during the school year, children participating in the program receive a bag of food to take home for the weekend, helping bridge the gap when school meals are unavailable. Students enrolled in the federally funded free or reduced breakfast and lunch program are eligible to participate in the Blessings program.

**Submitted by:** Dunnellon Chapter 1662
**Photo by:** The Courier Editor Kimberly Kelly







# Members celebrate Leadership, Service and Fellowship

## *Florida Moose Association's 79th Annual Convention was held September 9-12, 2026 in Orlando*

Moose members from across Florida gather in Orlando for four days of recognition, education, charitable giving and a renewed commitment to the future of the fraternity.

The spirit of Moose fellowship was alive as members of the Florida Moose Association (FMA) gathered at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, September 10–13, 2026, for the Association's 79th Annual Convention.

Four days filled with education, recognition, charitable giving and celebration demonstrated the strength of an organization united by a common purpose: making a difference in the lives of others.

With Moose International Chief Executive Officer Scott Hart serving as the Official Visitor, the convention provided an opportunity for members to celebrate their accomplishments, strengthen their leadership skills and prepare for another successful year of service to Mooseheart, Moosehaven and communities throughout the state of Florida.



Walter Wommack is sworn in as the new President of the Florida Moose Association.

Thursday set the stage with members participating in a variety of workshops that were designed to strengthen their Lodges, Chapters and leadership teams.

Topics, including Lodge leadership, financial accountability, QuickBooks Online, fraternal education, Moose Charities and Heart of the Community reporting tips.

Women of the Moose members participated in workshops



focused on Chapter operations, leadership and growth, including a session on establishing new Chapters.

Meetings of the FMA Executive Committee, Moose Legion Secretaries and Council of Higher Degrees provided additional opportunities to exchange ideas, address organizational business and strengthen the Association's foundation.

Thursday's Heart of the Community activities included a blood drive and volunteer opportunities at Give Kids The World Village, where Moose members donated their time to support children with critical illnesses and their families. The day's activities concluded with Fun Night.

The charitable spirit extended into the convention sessions, where BINGO was featured throughout the event, with proceeds benefiting the Uniting Hearts - Expanding Horizons project.

Together, these activities reinforced an important message: Moose members don't simply talk about making a difference. They put their commitment into action.

Friday morning's opening General Session honored the lives lost, and courage and sacrifice of those who answered the call on 911, as well as those FMA Moose members who had left us over the last year.

Throughout the weekend, committee reports showcased the many ways Moose members contribute to the fraternity and their communities.

Official Visitor Scott Hart shared remarks with attendees, emphasizing the importance of leadership, membership and continued commitment to the Moose mission.



The convention also welcomed messages and participation from Women of the Moose Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson and Chapter Advocate Barbara Moffitt, highlighting the vital role women play in the fraternity's continued success.

The evening's Pilgrim Presentation and Women of the Moose College of Regents

recognition. celebrated members whose years of commitment have helped strengthen the organization and inspire others.

Saturday morning continued the recognition of outstanding service with the Fellowship Breakfast and Conferral.

A friendly fundraising challenge between Scott Kern and Scott Duncan added a little fun to the festivities, raising funds for a worthy cause while leaving both men clean-shaven from the tops of their heads to their faces.

The Association Awards Luncheon recognized outstanding accomplishments.

District Presidents throughout Florida highlighted the dedication and hard work taking place at the local level.

These reports illustrated that the success of the Florida Moose Association begins with the efforts of individual members working together in their Lodges, Chapters and communities.

Saturday evening's Convention Banquet provided a fitting celebration of the Association's accomplishments with remarks from Official Visitor Scott Hart, Ritual Competition Awards, an auction, Special Project Raffle and the installation of elected and appointed officers.

The installation marked an important transition as incoming leaders accepted the responsibility




of guiding the Association into another year of growth, service and fellowship.

Sunday morning brought the Women of the Moose Golden Gavel Convocation which recognized excellence in Chapter leadership and achievement.

Incoming District Presidents participated in orientation, preparing them for the responsibilities and opportunities that lie ahead.

From educational workshops and charitable projects to the recognition of distinguished members and the installation of new leaders, the 79th Annual Convention demonstrated what can be accomplished when members work together toward a shared mission.

**VIEW FULL PHOTO GALLERY**

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# Golden Triangle Moose Lodge 874 Supports Band

Golden Triangle Lodge President Dick Danckhaert recently presented a $1,000 donation to Matthew Flenner, Band Director at Eustis High School, in support of the school's band program. The contribution reflects the Lodge's ongoing dedication to supporting local youth, education, and community programs.

**Submitted by:** Marv Gardner

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## Vero women donate to Tim Rose's Hoka Hay Motorcycle Challenge

Vero Beach Women of the Moose Chapter 1541 donated a total of $500 to Tim Rose's Hoka Hey Motorcycle Ride Challenge of over 11,000 miles spanning 15 days. He raising money for the Hibiscus Children's Village in Vero Beach, and has raised over $15k so far.

Tim shared the story of him having to sleep on the ground by his bike, no GPS, had to use a paper map instructions.

He also shared that his meals mostly were energy bars and drinks.

Pictured with Tim is Christina Gulino.

**Submitted by:** Lisa Plourde



## Veterans receive 320 pounds of food and coffee thanks to donations

A community collection effort by local Moose members turned individual donations into 320 pounds of support for area veterans.

Members of Dunnellon Moose Lodge 2308 and Dunnellon Women of the Moose Chapter 1662 recently collected and donated 320 pounds of food and coffee to the Citrus County Veterans Coalition.

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition assists veterans and their families by connecting them with resources and providing support to help meet their needs. The donated food and coffee will help the organization continue its efforts on behalf of area veterans.

**Submitted by:** Dunnellon Chapter 1662



## Mentors making memories

Interbay Tampa 912 Pilgrim & Florida Moose Association Sargent at Arms Alan Herb, Fellow & FMA Assistant Inner Guard Troy Broughton, Moose Legionnaire / District 11 President Ted Kelly.

**Submitted by:** Sandy Abshear
**Photo by:** Tiffany Broughton

# Big Hearts, Bigger Impact:

# *Members Give Back*




John Reiter was one of a dozen members who donated blood in the OneBlood Blood Drive.

There is something truly special about the heart of our Moose Fraternity—the belief that when we come together we can make a lasting difference on the loves of those in our communities.

The overwhelming response to the Heart of the Community projects at the FMA Annual Convention demonstrated the generosity, compassion, and unity of our Association.

Individuals gave 11 pints of blood during the OneBlood Blood Drive. That's 33 lives saved due to THE donations.

The convention's Heart of the Community efforts also included 34 volunteers serving at Give Kids the World, 11 blood donors and the collection of 1,524 handmade WISH pillowcases for Give Kids the World.

WISH Pillowcases, lovingly handmade by FMA members from across the state of Florida.



Marelyn and Emmanuel Perez volunteered in Clayton's Cafe on Volunteer Day at Give Kids the World Village.

Each child staying at the Village receives a special pillow from Buttons, the Village's beloved resident squirrel who makes his home in the Castle of Miracles.

These colorful, handcrafted pillowcases add an extra touch of comfort, joy, and magic to an already unforgettable experience, reflecting the compassion and dedication of Moose members throughout Florida.

But it was the mountain of peanut butter that provided one of the weekend's most visible examples of what can be accomplished when Moose members work together.

The Orange County 4-H Shooters Archery Club played an important role in the effort, helping move and organize thousands of pounds of donated peanut butter.

"Moving 10,000 pounds of peanut butter was no easy task, and the Orange County 4-H Shooters Archery Club kids were absolutely amazing,"



The Orange County 4H Shooters Archery Club volunteered their time to pick up the peanut butter and donated it to the Orlando UF/IFAS Estension Office to distrubution to local food pantries in the Orlando area.

said Kimberly Kelly, Florida Moose Association Heart of the Community Chairman. "Their enthusiasm and willingness to jump in and help made them an important part of what we accomplished."

The peanut butter collection provided a significant boost to this year's UF/IFAS Extension Office Orange County's Peanut Butter Challenge, which collects the popular pantry staple for distribution through local food pantries.

Last October, the UF/IFAS Extension Orange County collected an impressive 44,564 pounds of peanut butter throughout the entire month.

This year, in just two days at the FMA Annual Convention, Florida Moose Association members collected nearly 25% of last year's month-long total—an extraordinary demonstration of generosity, teamwork, and the power of Moose members coming together to make a difference!

"When you first hear 10,000 pounds, you know it is a tremendous amount of peanut butter," Kelly said. "But when you begin thinking about the people those donations can help, the number takes on an entirely different meaning. Every jar represents an opportunity to put food on someone's table."

> **That is the power of working together—and that is the true Heart of the Community.**
>
> – KIMBERLY KELLY

The Florida Moose Association's donation represents approximately 160,000 servings of peanut butter—enough to help an extraordinary number of children, seniors, veterans and families experiencing food insecurity.

Kelly said she hopes the Association's contribution makes a lasting impact on the Orlando area.

"Heart of the Community is about much more than numbers," Kelly said. "It is about people helping people. Whether someone volunteered an hour, donated blood, made a pillowcase or brought in a jar of peanut butter, every person contributed to something much bigger than any one of us could accomplish alone."

The results of the weekend reflected the Florida Moose Association's continuing commitment to strengthening the communities throughout Florida.

"Ten thousand pounds of peanut butter. More than 1,500 pillowcases. Volunteers giving their time, and donors giving blood to help people they may never meet," Kelly said. "Each number represents someone willing to make a difference. Our fraternity was built on the belief that a burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many. We didn't just repeat those words—we lived them.

VIEW FULL PHOTO GALLERY

**Story and Images:** The Courier Editor Kimberly Kelly

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## Community Day Awards

North Port Moose Lodge #764 held a Community Day Awards presentation where eight $500 checks were presented in person by Lodge Administrator Terry Seal, and President Anna-Marie Mitchell with assistance from our Moose International Representative, Bob Saindon.

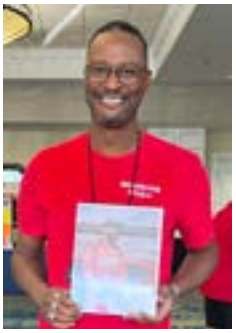
Two boxes of Tommy Moose were given to First Responders groups for distressed or traumatized children. Food was cooked by volunteers on the smoker along with side items served and provided to guests and volunteers.

The following organizations each were presented a $500 check during our Community Day event: North Port Police Department, North Port Benevolent Fund (NPFD), North Port Meals on Wheels, Sarasota County Sheriff's Department, SPARCC Organization, Florida Special Olympics Organization, Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, and the Douglass T. Jacobson Veterans Nursing Home.

Many Moose Lodge 764 volunteers helped to make this day the success that it was!!

**Submitted by: Susan Runge**








## Donor gifts

**Donors at the Moose Charities table proudly display the Ross Chastain memorabilia they received in appreciation of their contributions while at the 2026 FMA Annual Convention.**

**Submitted by: Angela Ruiz**

# FMA Texas Hold'em October 2026



The Final Table included Skipp Athey, Connie Athey, Rodney Hammond, Gene Lindsey, Joe Borden, Duane Bristow, Bill Bissonette, John Bowden, and Brenda Long.














Texas Hold'em Tournament winners included Duane Bristow (winner), Gene Lindsey (second), Rodney Hammond (third), and Connie Athey (fourth).




# 2026 Pilgrim Class

# Highest Honor Bestowed Upon Men of The Moose

What started in the House of God, came to a conclusion at the Pilgrim Celebration Friday, September 11, 2026.

The backstory to this prestigious event started on Saturday, May 30, 2026.

According the the Historical Sketch printed in the annual Pilgrim Celebration book, *"Harry Johnston undertook that responsibility as Pilgrim President in the House of God. Shortly after 11A.M. on that morning, some 122 Moose Fellows from throughout North America gathered on bleachers erected on the House of God lawn.*

*They all were men who have given outstanding service consistently to their fraternity for many, many years.*

*Their faces expressed overwhelming pride mixed with self-consciousness and sheepishness because this will be the first moment they were permitted to let anyone know that they were to receive the degree.*



*Each received a letter from CEO Scott Hart in late December congratulating them on their selection.*

*(Most of them were recommended for the honor by their Territory/Regional Managers—but the Pilgrim Council, Pilgrim President and the CEO of Moose International are totally unbound by this or anything else in making the final selection.)*

*In this same letter, the CEO admonished them that they were to keep absolutely silent about it until the conferral day.*

*Once they were in their places on the bleachers, a group photograph of the Pilgrim Class was taken.*

*At about 11:40 A.M., the House of God chimes began to ring—the signal for the ritual to begin.*

*With the Mooseheart Band playing in march time, CEO Scott Hart, in a black-and-gold robe for this occasion only, led the procession out onto the street in front of the House of God.*

*He was followed by the similarly robed Pilgrim Recorder Bruce Masopust, carrying the Pilgrim Book of the Covenant from years ago.*

*They were followed by Chairman of the Board John Reiter, leading the Board of Directors and several hundred other Pilgrims who were on campus that day.*

*Behind them were Pilgrim Marshal, a number of Pilgrim ushers, and finally the candidates themselves moving up the House of God steps and into the towering cathedral.*

*The door was closed and locked behind the last man, right at high noon. Finally—and here's the part that has never been changed or updated—the hour-long ceremony that began then is a completely unknown mystery to any person on Earth. . .unless, of course, he is one of the select few that has been chosen to pass through these portals to receive this highest honor that the Moose*



Pictured is Pilgrim Council President Harry Johnston, Class of 2026 Pilgrim Richard Glover, Dan O'Neal, and Moose International CEO Scott Hart

*Fraternity can confer on one of its own — the Pilgrim Degree of Merit.*

A special celebration was held at Rosen Plaza during the FMA Annual Convention in Orlando.

One by one, each new Pilgrim was escorted to the stage during the special Pilgrim Presentation Ceremony, where a family member or friend awaited as Coat Bearer to help present them the distinguished gold blazer, a proud symbol of their achievement and recognition as a Pilgrim.

Coming from all walks of life, they shared a common commitment to service, leadership, and devotion throughout their Moose journeys.

Their resumes were complete with everything from being chairmen, leaders at every capacity and level, and mentors, as well as cooking, serving, and cleaning their respective lodges along the way.

As fraternal leaders, the led by example and showcased what it truly means to be a Moose.

VIEW FULL PHOTO GALLERY

**Story and Images:** The Courier Editor Kimberly Kelly
**Additional content:** Pilgrim Celebration Book

## Florida's Pilgrim Class of 2026

**James Bever**
*South Lake County 1615*

**John Carr**
*Palm Beach Gardens 2010*

**John Clements**
*Pine Castle 2345*

**Joseph Clevenger**
*Lake Shore 2020*

**Michael Conley**
*Sebring 2259*

**Dave Drysdale**
*Four Townes 655*

**Steve Glover**
*Orlando 766*

**Richard Hanna**
*Anchorage, AK 1534*

**Charles Kinnaman**
*Port St Lucie 513*

**Jerry Lunde**
*Sarasota 1319*

**Kenneth Martin**
*North Bay 2373*

**Sean McCann**
*Pensacola 557*

**Art Sorem**
*Opportunity 3001*

**William Walker**
*Arcadia 1327*

**David Walters**
*Jacksonville Beach 1558*

**Jerry Waters**
*Macclenney 2412*

**Michael Wehr**
*Gulf Gate 608*

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# Punta Gorda Moose Honors Local First Responders with Appreciation Day

Punta Gorda Moose Lodge 1693 and Chapter 777 proudly hosted a First Responders Appreciation Day honoring the dedicated men and women who serve and protect Charlotte County.

Approximately 150 first responders from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and Charlotte County Fire & EMS were invited to the lodge and served a complimentary barbecue lunch as a gesture of gratitude for their courage, commitment and outstanding service to the community.

The event was a tremendous success, bringing Moose members, volunteers and first responders together for an afternoon of fellowship and appreciation.

Lodge volunteers generously donated their time to prepare and serve the meal and ensure that every guest received a warm welcome.

"Our local first responders put their lives on the line every day to protect our families and community," a lodge representatives said.



**Members from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office enjoyed a barbecue lunch at Punta Gorda Moose Lodge.**

"This event was our opportunity to say thank you and show them how much their service is valued."

Punta Gorda Moose Lodge 1693 and Chapter 777 extend their sincere appreciation to the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Charlotte County Fire & EMS, lodge





Members from the Charlotte County Fire and EMS enjoyed a barbecue lunch at Punta Gorda Moose Lodge.







Above: Punta Gorda Moose Lodge 1693 and Chapter 777 held a First Responders Appreciation Day to honor both the local fire and sheriff's department. Below are two plaques that were presented during the event.



Punta Gorda Chapter 1777 served food for first responders.

volunteers, members and everyone who helped make this special event possible.

The success of First Responders Appreciation Day reflects the Moose organization's continuing commitment to supporting Mooseheart, Moosehaven and the local community.

**Submitted by:** Robert Small, Punta Gorda Moose Lodge 1693



# Merritt Island Moose Lodge 2073 supports National Championship Softball Team

Merritt Moose 2073 Moose Legion Chairman Barry Miller accepts the National Championship softball team from Chuck Torgler and Greg Legance. They sponsor a 60 + and 65+ teams

**Submitted by:** Marv Gardner




# Women of the Moose celebrate achievements

September's FMA Annual Convention came with new recognition for achievements of the women who stepped up and led the way to help their Chapter reach success.

On Friday, September 11, 2026, new Collegians participated in a one-of-a-kind tribute alongside of the new Pilgrims who were honored that night as well

One-by-one, each new Collegian made their way through the Pilgrim Honor Guard on their the stage to be recognized.

"It was definitely an honor," Tamsyn Weaver said. "It made you feel proud, however a little nerve-racking also, to be the first part of something. It definitely made me feel proud."

The ceremony was added to the Annual Pilgrim Ceremony for the first time.



Brenda Seal was one of 10 new Collegians honored at the College of Regents Ceremony as being part of the Florida College of Regents class of 2026. The one-of-a-kind tribute was held at the FMA Annual Convention September 11, 2026.

"It shows how far we have come," Weaver said.

It also gave clarity to the focus of the Women of the

Moose program.

"It is a great reminder of what we do for our seniors, our children, and our community," Weaver said, "It's a reminder of working together as a team can continue success for everybody."

As for the overall experience of the ceremony Weaver said, "It's great to be part of such an amazing organization."



New Collegian and Golden Gavel recipient Elaine Hodge (left) stands with Chapter Advocate Babs Moffitt (center) and Grand Chancellor Barbara McPherson (right) at the conclusion of the Golden Gavel Convocation. Hodge is a member of Lake Shore 1495.

# A Golden Moment of Recognition

Thirty-one Junior Past Regents were capped by their Capping Officers and received their Golden Gavel at the Golden Gavel Convocation.

The special event was held Sunday, September 12, 2026 at Rosen Plaza in Orlando.

Nearly all Junior Past Regents eligible for the prestigious Golden Gavel Award were in attendance, with only four unable to attend the special recognition ceremony.



Rhonda Shockley escorted Carolyn Garcia to the College of Regents stage. Garcia, a new Collegian from Florida's Class of 2026, is from West Boca Raton 2273.

## College of Regents Florida Class of 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| Noemi Alvarez | *Palatka 1915* |
| Gloria Aponte-Grant | *Port St. Lucie 1236* |
| Susan Bailey | *Haines City 2083* |
| Sally Dancer | *Arcadia 1597* |
| Cheryl L. DeWitt | *Lake Worth 46* |
| Carolyn Garcia | *West Boca Raton 2273* |
| Robin Hardy | *Gulf Cove 2252* |
| Lee A. Miller | *Riverview 1031* |
| Barbara J. Nix-Mathews | *Bonita Springs 1611* |
| Brenda C. Seal | *North Port 1892* |
| Honey Cealene Stone | *Brandon 1596* |
| Johna Swanson | *North Bay 2303* |
| Virginia C. Tatum | *Lake City 1399* |
| Martha Vachon | *Sanford 1404* |
| Tamsyn Weaver | *Vero Beach 1541* |
| Denise Wehr | *Palmetto 1225* |
| Patti Wernersbach | *Lake Placid 1960* |
| Melanie Zanini | *Big Pine Key 1810* |



Capping Agent Shirley Brosie and Winter Haven's Junior Graduate Regent Melissa Wills prepare for the 2026 Golden Gavel Convocation.



Golden Gavel Recipient Pat Privitera celebrates with Capping Agent Judy Michaud after the Golden Gavel Convocation. Privitera is the Junior Graduate Regent of Largo 1697.

**Story and Images:** The Courier Editor Kimberly Kelly
**Additional content:** courtesy of Florida Chapter Advocate Babs Moffitt.

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Millie Quebedeaux and Laurie Schieber await the start of the Golden Gavel Convocation Sunday, Septemebr 12, 2026. Schieber is the Junior Graduate Regent of Okeechobee 956.

## 2026 Golden Gavel Award Recipients

| | |
|---|---|
| **Vivian Burnett** | *Jacksonville Beach 1381* |
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# Ladies Rack Up the Competition at FMA State Pool Tournaments







Jocie Valadez, above left, won the Open Division Singles, while Mary Hynes, center, was the Classic Division winner. Beth Wheel and Dianna Sullivan, pictured on the right, won the Doubles Division.



Tallahassee's Candace Gautney, Bridgette Key, Sarah Fitzgerald, and Mary Gree won the Team A Division.



Lake Placid's Keva Manges, Elena Pfeffer, Mo Braden, and Emy Rose Decker took Team Division B.

# Excellence in Service Earns Fellowship Honors

November is Fellowship Honor month across the fraternity. The members of this degree are recognized for their services over the years through activities and programs.

A Fellow is someone who has been a leader and is now often an all-important mentor to newer members helping to guide them along a fraternal leadership path towards enhancing our existing programs.

They continue to serve in various ways to keep their fraternal units strong, often through positive efforts in membership recruitment and retention.

The Fellowship Degree of the Moose Fraternity is an honorary degree., first created on August 7, 1918.

To advance to this degree one must first be an active status Moose Legionnaire. It must be earned through service to the Lodge, Moose Legion, and or other entities of the Fraternity.

The official regalia of a Fellow include a French-blue blazer featuring the Fellowship logo, coordinated necktie, white shirt, black trousers and black footwear. It is symbolic of the character and strength that these men have provided to the Moose fraternal structure.

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## Florida's Fellowship Class of 2026

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# FMA State Men's Pool Tournament Winners



Steve Richardson and Tim Barron, of Ruskin, won in Doubles.





Kody Kelly topped the Men's Pool Tournament Singles Regular Divison. Milton Clark won the Singles Classic.



Team Division A winners were Mcclenney's Jerry Waters, Ricky Smith, Wayne Kelly, and Kody Kelly.



Team Division B winners were Stuart's Tom Cornell, Dan Payne, Scott Vincent, and Zenon Rawley.

# Members Embark *on their* Moose Journey

## *Building Friendships, Traditions, and a Stronger Moose Family*



ORIENTATION CHAIRMAN
**JASON THORNBLOOM**

The journey into Moose membership is much more than completing attending an orientation.

It is an opportunity to learn about the values, traditions, and sense of community that make the Moose organization such a special place for members and their families.

Recently, a group of enthusiastic new members gathered to begin their Moose orientation journey. Throughout the program, participants explored the rich history of the fraternity, gained a better understanding of its charitable work, and discovered the many ways members contribute to their local lodge and surrounding community.

Orientation sessions provided an opportunity for members to learn about lodge operations, leadership roles, volunteer opportunities, and the importance of supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven.




New members also had the chance to meet fellow members, share experiences, and begin building friendships that will last for years to come.

One of the highlights of the journey was witnessing the welcoming spirit that defines the Moose.

Seasoned members generously shared their knowledge and experiences, helping newcomers feel at home from the very beginning.

The exchange of stories, laughter, and encouragement demonstrated what many members already know: the Moose is more than an organization. It is a family.

As participants move through the orientation, they gained a deeper appreciation for the principles of caring, service, and fellowship that guide the fraternity.

The experience not only helped them understand the responsibilities

**The strength of the Moose is not found in its buildings, but in the hearts of the members who call it home.**

– JASON THORNBLOOM

of membership but also inspired them to become active contributors to the lodge's future success.

Lodge leaders expressed their excitement about welcoming these new members and encouraged everyone to stay involved, attend events, volunteer when possible, and continue learning about the many opportunities available within the Moose.

The completion of orientation marks not the end of a process, but the beginning of a rewarding journey.

> **Every new member represents a potential volunteer, future lodge officer, community advocate, committee chairman, Moose Legionnaire, Women of the Moose sister, or lifelong supporter of our charitable missions.**

As these members move forward, they join generations of Moose who have dedicated themselves to helping others, strengthening communities, and creating lasting friendships.

Congratulations to all who have begun their Moose orientation journey. Your next chapter as members of the Moose family is just beginning, and the future looks bright.



Orientation Is Where Engagement Begins. A successful orientation should accomplish much more than explaining membership benefits and reviewing organizational rules. It should inspire members to become active participants in their lodge.

## Did you know attending Orientation comes with added rewards?

Members who attended the 2025 International Moose Convention in Milwaukee this past May heard Moose International CEO Scott Hart announce a new Fraternal Recognition Program that is "open to every member – whether you just joined or have had your College of Regents Degree or Pilgrim Degree for 10 years, we all are

starting at square one."




There are four levels within the program. Each level comes with its own criteria.

Some of that criteria includes sponsoring new members into The Moose, attending Orientation, volunteering, donating to Moose Charities, taking a Lodge leadership position, attending the International Convention, or serving as a Committee Chairman of their respective state Association.

Rewards include a variety of recognition like Moose Reward Points, custom Moose International Preferred Lapel Pin, Moose-branded items, Certificate of Preferred Membership, recognition on the Moose International Website, and/or recognition on a "Wall of Honor" at Primary Lodge

For a complete criteria and reward list, download the criteria PDF found on the Moose International website.

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# Women celebrate with *'Another Day in Paradise'*

Learning, laughter, friendship, and a little tropical paradise set the stage for the 2026 Women of the Moose Chapter Rally Days, held October 16–18 at Moosehaven in Orange Park, Florida.

The weekend began Friday afternoon with tours of Moosehaven, giving attendees an opportunity to experience the beautiful campus and learn more about the special community that provides a welcoming home for senior members of the Moose fraternity.

> **You are important to this Fraternity.**
>
> – BARB McPHERSON, WOMEN OF THE MOOSE GRAND CHANCELLOR

Members gathered for a Meet and Greet Reception, where familiar faces reunited and new friendships began. The evening continued with trivia, bringing out a little friendly competition, followed by a presentation on Moosehaven history by the Florida Moose Association's Historical Chairperson F. Ross Fleet. Fleet is also part of Moose International's Moosehaven Foundation.

Saturday was all about education, inspiration, and a splash of paradise! Members were encouraged to wear their favorite tropical costumes as they participated in workshops

designed to provide valuable tools for Chapter success.

Minutes Book and Meeting Procedures workshops offered practical guidance to help members better understand their responsibilities, conduct effective meetings, and maintain accurate Chapter records. These educational opportunities reinforced the importance of strong leadership, teamwork, and following established procedures to keep Chapters moving forward.

The afternoon featured the Rose Ceremony, and question-and-answer session, providing an opportunity for reflection, meaningful discussion, and a deeper appreciation of the traditions and values of the Women of the Moose.

Throughout the day, members had opportunities to exchange ideas, share experiences, and discover new ways to encourage participation and strengthen their Chapters.

Just as important as the educational sessions were the conversations, laughter, and friendships that made the gathering memorable.

Sunday morning included door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, basket raffle drawings, and roll call.

Chris Pedone presented Florida Chapter Advocate Babs Moffit with a $706 donation from his Bourbon and Cigars event held at Lakeshore Moose Lodge 2020.

Over $6,500 was donated by Chapters across Florida that will go to help support Mooseheart's daily needs, and over $2,900 for Moose Charities.

## CHAPTER AWARDS



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5. Haines City

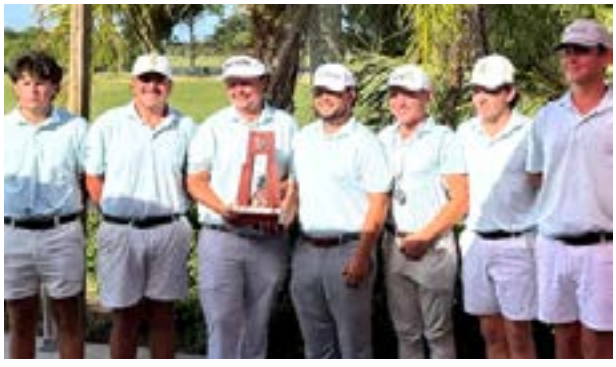
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Ellen Guilford, Big Pine Key (22)
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Gale Saderman, North Port (21)

Specialty awards were presented for Biggest Group (Tamarac Chapter), Mose Creative (Riverview Chapter), Newest Member (Doreen Stannon) and Longest Member (Karol Smith).

Chapter Rally Days was a reminder that the strength of the Women of the Moose comes from members working together, learning from one another, and celebrating the bonds of friendship and service.

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AROUND THE STATE

*Lodge, Chapter, District, and Special Committee news from across Florida.*

# High School Golf Sponsorship

Merritt Island Moose Legion 2073 sponsored Merritt Island High School boys golf team competed in a District tournament and finished in second place. Their finish helped secured spot at the Regional High School Tournament.

**Submitted by:** Marv Gardner



**The cattle drive took everyone at the Farm working together, along with many volunteers from Operation Outdoor Freedom and the Great Florida Cattle Drive. Pictured here is the entire herd being moved along a fenceline and towards the Jim Black Memorial Pavilion.**

# The Best Lesson in Teamwork You'll Ever Get

The Ranchers at the Ed Van Ness Farm certainly earned their paychecks this past summer!

The work program at the Youth Ranches is designed to help young men and women learn the value of hard work, responsibility, and integrity.

The Farm program offers one of the widest skill sets; Ranchers learn everything from roping and riding to driving tractors and vaccinating animals.

Recently our youth helped run a weekend clinic at the farm, which included vaccinating and tagging calves.

In order to accomplish this, volunteers from the Great Florida Cattle Drive and Operation Outdoor Freedom teamed up with our Ranchers and farm staff to round up our herd.

Working as a team, the riders pushed the animals across multiple pastures, even crossing the Boys Ranch archway road to funnel the herd into the pasture closest to the pens. The pastures rang with shouts and hoots and whistles as the riders spread out, watching for stray cattle trying to break from the herd.



**Ranchers (from left) Jed, Aaron, LJ, and Shirley get ready to work on the calves in the pen.**

When the cattle were moved to the proper pasture, it

was time to start separating the calves from the mothers. This was all done on horseback, which was a great opportunity for our youth to see the skills they practice on the farm used in a real-world scenario!

Once the calves were alone in the pen, it was time to rope them one by one and quickly complete a checklist of tasks. Riders secured one loop around the neck and led the calf towards a group of waiting Ranchers.

"Learning to rope takes patience," Rancher Lindsay said. "I learn something new almost every time I practice."

Once a calf was caught, the real fun began! Ranchers steeled their nerves and dove forward, flipping the calf on its side and dogpiling on top to keep it still.

They wrapped another rope around the calf's back legs and tightened it above the hock so it wouldn't slip off.

Rancher Vinton jumped in with a syringe containing medicine that prevents respiratory issues in the cattle. Lindsey knelt down in the sand and quickly clipped one of twenty-seven prepared tags into the calf's ear.

The process took seconds; as soon as the Ranchers were done, they released the rope around the calf's legs and leapt backwards so the calf could be let loose in the pasture with the mothers.

> **It was a fun experience having people from the community working together to get a job done while having fun.**
>
> – RANCHER JED



**Paisley (front) and Aaron keep an eye out for stray cattle so they can herd them back towards the group.**

For the rest of the afternoon, this routine continued. It was hot, dirty, fast-paced work, but the Ranchers were up to the task.

Any time someone executed a complicated maneuver or got the calf on the ground in one move or finished a task quickly, they were congratulated.

"It was a fun experience having people from the community working together to get a job done while having fun," Rancher Jed said.

These experiences are priceless to our youth. Thank you for helping them understand the value of teamwork!

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EVENTS

# What's Happening across the FMA



From training, conferrals, celebrations, and major events, The Courier keeps members connected to what's happening around the state.

**SATURDAY, NOV 14**

TRAINING
**Money Management**

The Money Management Course is designed specifically for Secretaries and Administrators who handle the daily financial operations of a Fraternal Unit to gain essential skills in data entry, reporting, and reconciliation all essential for maintaining accurate records and ensuring financial accountability.

Okeechobee Lodge
9:00 AM - 3 PM

Contact: Brenda Brady
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$35 payable at class

**SATURDAY, NOV 14**



SPECIAL EVENT
**16th Annual Chili Cook-Off at Moosehaven**

Moosehaven
Orange Park
10:00 AM - 4 PM

- Gates open 10 AM
- Award Ceremony 3 PM
- Free admission/parking
- Live entertainment
- Classic Car Show
- Food Trucks
- Kids Zone
- Craft Vendors
- $5 Chili Tasting Kits *with proceeds benefiting Operation Lifeline, INC.*

**SATURDAY, NOV 14**

TRAINING
**Lodge Leadership**

A practical, self-paced course focused on communication, teamwork, and effective leadership within the Lodge. Designed to help officers and volunteers build confidence and consistency in how they lead.

Lehigh Acres
Moose Lodge
9:00 AM - 3 PM

Contact: Jim Kelly
239-287-5976
jimreliv@comcast.net

Preregistration not required

**NOVEMBER 20-22**

CONFERRAL
**Seminole Moose Legion 81 Legion 81**

Moose Legion Getaway

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

PILGRIM CELEBRATION
**William Walker**

Arcadia
Moose Lodge 1327
4 PM

Contact: William Walker
863-990-3348
heavyrescue63@yahoo.com

Regalia requested

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

PILGRIM CELEBRATION
**Charles Kinnaman**

Port St. Lucie
Moose Lodge 513
2:00 PM

Contact: Charles Kinnaman
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cakpsl@aol.com

Regalia requested

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

TRAINING
**Moose Legion Education Course (MLEC)**

Gives Moose Legion leaders a clear understanding of how the Moose Legion operates and how leadership works at every level. The course starts with the overall structure of the Moose Legion and how it fits within Moose International. From there it covers director roles and responsibilities, how jurisdictions function, and how Lodges and Lodge Moose Legion Committees support that work, meetings, celebrations, finances, reporting, and leadership expectations, and M.O.O.S.E. Goals framework for planning and evaluating activities.

Tamarac
Moose Lodge
9 AM - 3 PM

Contact: Jim Kelly
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$35 payable at class

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

PILGRIM CELEBRATION
**John Clementz**

Pine Castle
Moose Lodge 2345
5:00 PM

Contact: John Clementz
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Regalia requested

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY, DEC 4-5**

CONFERRAL
**Seminole Moose Legion 81**

Mcclenny
Moose Lodge 2412

For additional information and a complete list of events, go to FloridaMoose.com

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