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**Chapters celebrate sisterhood, giving,
and success at Moosehaven**

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From the Editor

The Florida Moose Association continues to show just how focused, driven, and motivated our members are when they come together for a common goal.

New FMA President Scott Kern is developing a plan to make Florida the Top Association in this great Moose fraternity.

Florida's Women of the Moose are showing others how they support Mooseheart and Moosehaven in ways that no other part of this fraternity can.

Moose Legionnaires are continuing to find new ways to make what we do fun and show the way to doing some good thing everyday.

As we move forward in our support of Mooseheart and Moosehaven, and give back to our local community, always remember that you are a part of the Green Machine that is making its way to the top.

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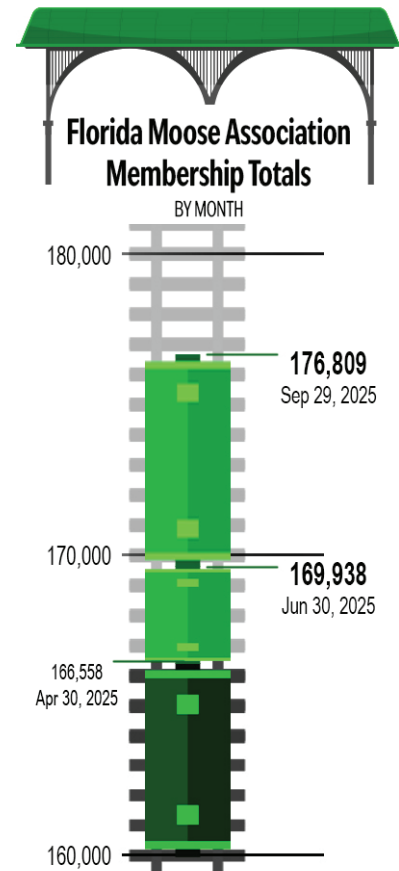
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Julie Rice of Riverview Chapter dressed in Hocus Pocus fashion at the 2025 Florida Chapter Rally Days held October 12-14 at Moosehaven.

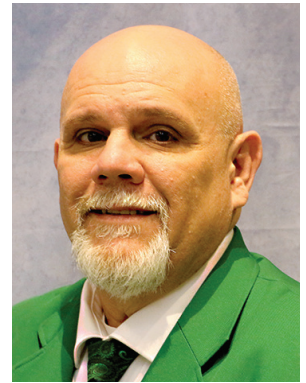


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All Aboard!

Destination: Top Association



FMA PRESIDENT
SCOTT KERN

First let me say I am so proud to represent this great association this year as President.

We have started this year by reaching an agreement with a lobbyist that will fight for all our lodges to make gaming legal and hopefully eliminate sales taxes. That's why we have formed a new committee to work hand-in-hand with the lobbyist.

With the new changes in the Top Association of the Year, Moose International has broken it down into four categories based on membership.

That means we will be competing with associations with over 50,000 in membership.

We will be working with certain committees on a plan of action so that we will be competing for that award, not just this year, but for years to come.

It will take all of us working together to achieve such a lofty goal like this, but I know from the bottom of my heart that we all have it in us to become the Best Association.

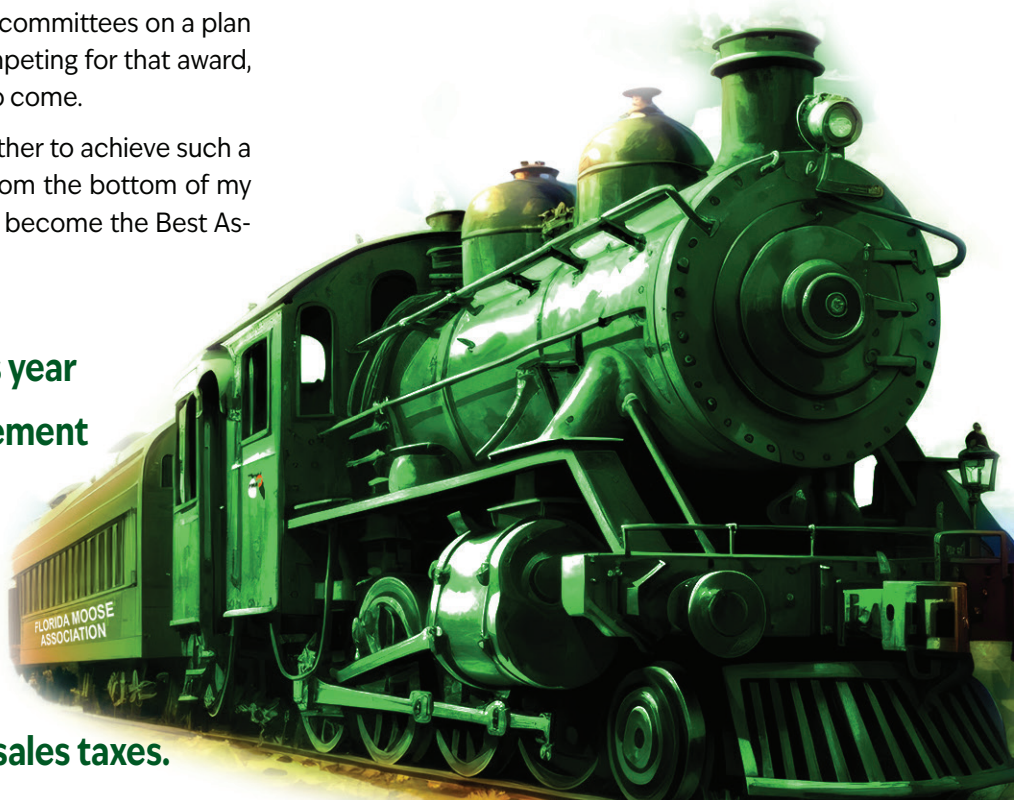
I hope everyone is planning to attend the 15th Annual Moosehaven Chili Cook-off on November 8.

If you are planning on coming up the day before there will be a ribbon cutting at 1:30 p.m. for the AAA pavilion.

I know it will be a lot of traveling across the great association, but I look forward to seeing old friends and making plenty of new ones as my personal goal will be to visit all 23 districts this year.

So, buckle up as this Big Green FMA train starts rolling out of the station. We will not stop until we reach our goal of Top Association.

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What If?



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I took to writing my "What if?" moment a few years ago.

My first thought was, "what if the Moose combined membership with the Women of the Moose?"

Fast forward to today, we have been one since 2021.

So here I am asking myself another question...

What if the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion disappeared forever?

We are a unified fraternity. Why do we need to hold extra meetings? What makes them important to our lodges?

I want to stress the importance of having these conversations and understanding what these units in our fraternity mean to us.

Both the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion are made up of leaders who want to give a little more effort to support the mission of the Moose.

They step up to ensure our lodges have ready and willing volunteers to perform daily needs and shine bright when helping in our communities.

They step up to support each lodge effort to support our children in need at Mooseheart.

Chapters raise and donate funds earmarked for the music program, special activities, physical and occupational therapy, photography, new residents, Feed a Home in December, athletic programs for both boys

and girls, and Christmas in October.

For Moosehaven, they provide pharmacy assistance, daily needs, vision, hearing the dental, beauty shop, and Christmas in October.

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Chapter Rally Days Oct 10-12, 2025

MOOSEHAVEN



“From the bottom of my heart – thank you, Florida, for showing what compassion, teamwork, and sisterhood can achieve. You are the heart of who we are and why we serve!”

~ BABS MOFFIT



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The Courier to transition to online-only publication

Due to rising print and mail costs, The Courier will become an online-only publication as of January 1, 2026.

"The goal is to have it post on the first day of every other month beginning in January," Editor Kimberly Kelly said. The Courier publishes six editions each year. The most recent Courier will always be posted on FloridaMoose.com, as are all previous issues.

The Courier Booster program has resumed with pricing at \$50 for Platinum Level, \$25 for Gold Level, and \$5 for Silver Level. Booster names will published in each edition.

As an added bonus, Boosters will get a copy of The Courier before anyone else does straight to their email's inbox.

Monies collected through the Booster program will be equally split between the Publications Committee, to be used for future equipment purchases, and the current FMA Project.

NEWS

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Chapter, District, and
Special Committee news.



Tallahassee Lodge donated \$2,500 to Capital City Rowing. This amount included naming rights to a boat. They chose "Mooseheart".



VFW Post 3308 presented a plaque to Tallahassee Moose Lodge in appreciation for they do to support them.

Submitted by Scott Duncan



Creativity abounded at Florida's Chapter Rally Days. Judges awarded Chapter members above for their creativity.

Florida's Chapter Rally Days

Annual event showed why Chapters matter

Florida's Chapter members gave new meaning to what it is to be a member of the Women of the Moose at Chapter Rally Days October 10-12.

"Rally Day gives Chapter members an opportunity to gather and celebrate," Denielle Baile said, noting that there are no longer WOTM conferences and conventions separate from Association events.

"It's a time to recognize accomplishments, inform members, share ideas and have fun," she said.

Denielle Baile is the Executive Project Manager for the Women of the Moose.

She shared that Activities and Events at Chapter Rally Days may include Recognizing Top Chapters, Retention Awards, Meals/Banquets, March of Checks, Official Visitors or Keynote Speakers, Fundraising & Training, Skits, Themes & the Rosie Pageant, Story of the Rose, and Travel or Attendance Trophies.

"It might be a weekend-long retreat or a few-hour workshop depending on interest, time, and cost," she said.

This year's Florida Chapter Rally Days was a multi-day event was held at Moosehaven and provided those in attendance an opportunity to see the campus and its residents firsthand.

Events during the weekend included a social get-together complete with a grazing table and hot apple cider, a full day of workshops (QuickBooks Online, Fraternal Recognition, and Financial Review), a scavenger hunt, costume contest, tours, Rose ceremony, food trucks, and lots of fun.

Over 200 sisters from 79 Chapters came together to share ideas, learn, and have fun.

Together they raised over \$9,000 which included a special March of Checks for Moosehaven Daily Needs (\$5,500),

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North Port Moose Lodge #764 donated 60 meals to the United Way in support of workers from the Home Depot that were painting a home that was under repair from Hurricane Ian. Pictured left to right, Representative from the local United Way, Our Officers Jr. Past President James Godshall, Asst. Administrator Gene Herbst, Chaplin Susan Runge, Administrator Terry Seal, Representative from local United Way.

Submitted by Susan Runge



St Petersburg Moose Lodge #1145 donated \$1000.00 to MVP Florida Baseball for season sponsorship to go directly towards covering, travel, lodging, food and tournament costs for their players and coaches

Submitted by St Petersburg Moose Lodge

**Passion and focus is the name of the game,
for we're Women of the Moose in heart and in name.
The success that we find can be seen here and there,
in all that we do and the love that we share.**

~ from Dunnellon Chapter 1662's Hocus Pocus themed BOOK of spells

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Moose Charities' "s Uniting Hearts" Project for Mooseheart (\$3,355), and another \$600 for the Endowment Fund.

Bourbon and Cigars

As Chapter members were at Moosehaven for tours, learning, and fun, their spouses were on lodge adventures of their own complete with bottles of bourbon and cigars.



Phyllis Lucas is presented \$400 for the Women of the Moose from Jim Bever and Chris Pedone after their Bourbon and Cigars event.

"Jim Bever and I started it when Rally Days started at Howie in the Hills," Chris Pedone said.

They made it a tradition when they went to Zephyrhills the next year.

"We brought our own bourbon and bought it back from the Lodge," he said.

It wasn't until they went to Port Charlotte that it became a fundraiser of their own. The bourbon was donated to the lodge who sold drinks back to the group.

Those in the group paid \$20 to be part of the group. That money was donated to the Women of the Moose.

"This year we donated \$400 to the Women of the Moose, and the Lodge made \$300," Pedone said.

Their hopes is to continue this annual tradition with even more participation in the future



Alma Whitman receives the Top Chapter Award from Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson.

Top Chapters

The criteria for Top Chapter includes: Gain in Membership, Award of Achievement two consecutive years, attendance at training sessions, donations to Moose Charities, and Officer/Chairman Participation (chairs filled).

The top five Chapters included:

Ranking	Chapter Number	Chapter Name
1	1662	Dunnellon
2	1597	Arcadia
3	777	Punta Gorda
4	1810	Big Pine Key
5	1773	Inverness

"We are honored to have won the (Top Chapter). We never thought our small Chapter had a chance."

~ALMA WHITMAN

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North Port Moose Lodge 764 received for its 14th year in a row, the Premier Lodge Award! They were recognized at the September 2025 Florida Moose Association for their overall success meeting specific criteria such as increasing membership, donations to Moose Charities, etc.

Pictured above, hanging the plaque with new Premier coin in place is Kevin Mennerick, 1 Yr. Trustee; Susan Runge, Chaplain; Edward Mell, Vice President; James Godshall, Jr. Past President; Anna-Marie Mitchell, President; and Terry Seal, Administrator.

Pictured below are Kevin Mennerick, 1 Yr. Trustee -(The Moose 2025 Heart of the Community Bronze Coin and Plaque, first time recipient), Terry Seal, Administrator (Leadership Award of Excellence), and James Godshall, Jr. Past President (Leadership Award of Excellence).

Submitted by Susan Runge





Hanging on the wall of Land O' Lakes, FL Moose Lodge 1903 is this handmade flag honoring all veterans of Land O' Lakes Moose Lodge.

Submitted by Ralph Fisher

Salute to Veterans

and how they serve their communities

From Special walls in the Lodge home to events and presentations in their honor, Veterans throughout the Moose fraternity are honored in a variety of ways.

Below are just a few of the ways our Lodges celebrate their service to our country.

Land O' Lakes 1903

Land O' Lakes, FL Moose Lodge 1903's Ralph Fisher, who served 20 Years in the USCG, has been the Valued Veterans Chairman for all but two years since its inception in 2017.

At the lodge, he and Navy Vet John Clark worked together to honor their veterans.

Clark made a pallet wood flag that metal dog tags are affixed to. Each one includes the Veterans' first and last name, and branch of military service.

The first tag is black and indicates that the person was the son of a member killed in combat in Afghanistan a few years ago.

"His father, who is also a Vet, ask me if I could place it on the flag," Ralph Fisher said. "He is in the very first spot as he died in Combat."

The first two dog tag lines, the "Row of Honor," are made of brass to distinguish that lodge members who were veterans but now deceased. There are 141 Dog Tags on it.

Marathon Moose Lodge 1058

Marathon Moose Lodge 1058 has held multiple fundraisers for both their Valued Veterans Fund and the community. Above are Challenge Coins that Marathon Moose Lodge 1058 sold to raise money for our Valued Veterans Fund.

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Submitted by Cindy Barnhart
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FMA Texas Hold'em Tournament Best Bet, Jacksonville October 4, 2025



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Sherry Fragapane received the Top Sponsor Award from Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson.

Top Sponsors were also recognized for their efforts of growing the Women of the Moose.

Top Sponsors

Ranking	Chapter Number/ Name	Chapter Member	Total
1	1601 Anna Maria Island	Sherry Fragapane	101
2	1892 North Port	Brenda Colleen Seal	57
3	1541 Vero Beach	Lisa M. Plourde	14
4	562 Tice And The Shores	Diana Galigher	13
5	1810 Big Pine Key	Ellen A. Guilford	12

Without our Chapters, who steps up with this kind of passion and dedication to support the needs of Mooseheart and Moosehaven?

"It makes me proud to be a Moose member. I love that there is a place for these seniors to go to, and that we help them with their expenses."

~ MICHELLE CRAIG SAID OF HER VISIT TO MOOSEHAVEN



Florida Chapter Rally Days committee members Cindy Barnhart, Terri McDonald, Babs Moffitt, Rhonda Shockley, Sandy Johnston, Lori Herring, Barbara McPherson, Ellen Shindle, and Shirley Brosie.



LEFT: Vero Beach Moose Lodge 1822 Rocker Wall. (photo by Lisa Plourde)
 ABOVE: Dunnellon Chapter 1662 Because Florida Cares Display. (Photo by Kimberly Kelly). BOTTOM: Winter Haven kicking off the Cradle fundraiser (photo by Cindy Spiker.

Because Florida Cares

A United effort supporting the Moose Endowment Fund

TROY BROUGHTON, Special to The Currier

In a powerful display of unity and compassion, Moose members across Florida came together for the Because Florida Cares fundraiser, raising over \$25,000 to support the Moose Endowment Fund—a vital resource that ensures the long-term care and education of those served by Mooseheart Child City & School and Moosehaven.

This initiative wasn't just about raising money—it was about showing heart.

Lodges and Chapters from every corner of the state joined forces, creating a wave of support that reflected the true spirit of the Moose fraternity.

From handmade hearts hung in lodges to custom t-shirts, posters, and heartfelt displays, members found creative and meaningful ways to show their commitment.

What Is the Moose Endowment Fund?

The Moose Endowment Fund is a permanent financial foundation managed by Moose Charities.

Donations to this fund are never spent directly. Instead, they are invested, and the earnings are used to support the ongoing operations of Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

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They also provide scholarships for Mooseheart's graduating seniors and support the Endowment Fund.

The Moose Legion supports many different projects for both Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

The dues are divided and support Moosesheart's Camp Ross, fundraising supports the scholarships and programs of the Youth Awareness Program, and Student Trips to Moosehaven.

Moosehaven efforts include the Senior Medical Fund, Moosehaven operations and International Moose Legion Operations.

The Moose Legion, as all units do, support the Endowment Fund, which began as the "Penny Fund" by, you guessed it, Moose Legionaries.

So, you can see that the Moose Legions and the Chapters make a huge impact on our Seniors and our Children in our care.

We cannot forget the major projects that both support like the AAA Building and Centennial Hall at Moosehaven, the Museum of Moose History and the Mooseheart Activity Center at Mooseheart.

So back to the question:

What if the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion disappeared forever?

All the extra effort these individuals have supported for years would fall back on the lodges.

Some lodges would be just fine, while others would lose active volunteers, supporting casts, and donors.

There would be less recognition for good deeds, or success amongst the membership.

There would be no opportunity for someone looking to give that extra effort to support their lodge and our Moose mission.

If your lodge currently is at risk of closing their Women of the Moose Chapter, or a lodge with a Moose Legion Committee that requires a little nudge to get more involved, challenge them to educate your next evolution of membership on how to get things done.

They all took an oath to give a little more time, energy, and substance to support our great Fraternity. Support their efforts. Don't make it difficult for a Moose to be a Moose.

It has been said many times before; many hands make light work of any challenge put before you. So, we should all focus on the important stuff together.

Exemplify, Diversify, Harmonize...
Focus on the Mission as we work together
towards the million-member Moose!



SARAH JACKSON, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

"Welcome to the safest activity at camp!" Ms. Sal began as Magnolia cabin gathered around the high ropes course.

The campers gazed up at the thirty-foot telephone pole, sunlight streaming through the tallest boughs of the pine trees circling the clearing.

Ms. Sal stood before the cabin, a harness already strapped around her chest and a bright yellow helmet on her head. Her statement was true.

More than any other activity at camp, the high ropes course is checked, double-checked, and triple-checked for safety.

The campers learn safety commands, spotters are put in place where needed, and the belay team is constantly watching the climbers.

"I will never force you, make you, or push you," Ms. Sal listed. "But I will encourage you."

High ropes is a test of courage and teamwork.

Many full-grown adults can take one look at the wooden beam thirty feet off the ground and feel their stomach turn to cement.

One of those adults was a volunteer deputy from Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

"I'm from a family of firefighters, and I went to the other

side [law enforcement] because I'm afraid of heights!" Deputy Shannon laughed.

She jumped in to help the belay team, squinting into the sun as she cheered the girls on. Deputy Shannon watched as Camper Sadie steeled herself and made it to the top of the pole, gingerly stepping onto the horizontal bridge, looking past her feet to the ground far, far below.

As the camper took her first hesitant steps, gripping the belay rope above the knot as instructed, she paused.

"Can you...can you talk? Like you did before?"

Sadie called down to Ms. Sal.

The tremor in her voice was unmistakable.

Ms. Sal instantly understood.

"Of course!" she said. "What music are you listening to?"

The question helped Sadie push through the top layer of fear inside her brain and actually start thinking.

She took a few more steps forward, dragging the rope with her, calling out band names and artists she listened to back home.

Before she knew it, Sadie was on the other side of the pole. Cheers erupted from her team.

For the rest of the morning, the girls took turns climb



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St Petersburg Moose Lodge 1145 Valued Veterans, donated \$1000.00 to the Marine Corps League Detachment 57, for sponsorship of the Annual Veterans Benefit Car and Truck Show. **Submitted by St Petersburg Moose Lodge.**

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Marathon Moose Lodge 1058 honors its veterans wall that showcases their Valued Veterans wall shown below.

They've also held a Fundraiser Dinner/Dance to raise money for our Veterans and Mooseheart/Moosehaven, partnered with the Southernmost Moose Lodge and the Key West VFW to collect Toys for Conchs, and held a "Christmas in July" for their Veterans through Christmas Ornaments sales and a handmade Moose Raffle.



About the MI Valued Veterans program

According to Moose International's website (mooseintl.org), the focus of Valued Veterans program is on the recognition and support of Moose

veterans with an emphasis on their ongoing service to their fraternal units and communities through the Moose.

The program's tag phrase captures this well: "Moose Members Serving Then... and NOW!"

This approach simultaneously honors our veterans while also highlighting the Fraternity's commitment to community service.

All nominee's must "Self-Identify" as veterans in the "My Member Record" section of the Moose International website to be eligible.

Pull up your Membership Record and log-in using your established username and password.

If you are a first time user, you will need to set up a user profile before you can manage your member information online. This is a one time process.

After you have successfully logged-in, check the box next to Valued Veteran under Membership Information.

Once all of the information in your Membership Record is updated, click Save. You have now Self-Identified!

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This approach ensures that these vital institutions can continue their missions for generations to come, regardless of economic fluctuations.

By contributing to the Endowment Fund, members help secure the future of our children and seniors, making a lasting impact that goes far beyond a single donation.



The Cradle Fundraiser: Continuing the Spirit

October brought another opportunity to support the Endowment Fund through the Cradle Fundraiser. Focused on the youngest residents of Mooseheart, the Cradle campaign reminds us that every child deserves a safe, nurturing environment—and that our support helps make that possible. As we reflect in November, we celebrate not only the

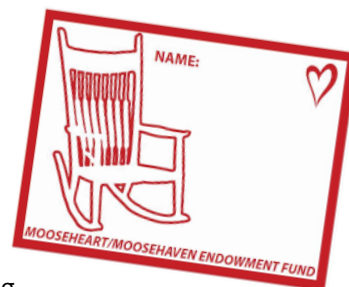
funds raised but the love and unity that powered both campaigns.

Looking Ahead: The Rocker Fundraiser in February

The momentum doesn't stop here. Coming up in February, the Rocker Fundraiser will offer another chance to support Moosehaven and the Endowment Fund.

Just like the Cradle and Florida Cares campaigns, the Rocker fundraiser will bring us together for a common cause—ensuring our seniors at Moosehaven continue to live with dignity, joy, and comfort.

As John R. Reiter reminds us, “Together we can create a ripple effect of positivity that reaches far and wide.”



That spirit was at the heart of Because Florida Cares—a movement that proved when we come together, we can make a lasting difference.

Let's carry that energy forward into every campaign, every lodge, and every heart.

Lodges and Chapters That Made It Happen

The success of the fundraiser was made possible by the dedication of Moose Lodges and Chapters across Florida. From Key West to Jacksonville, Pensacola to Palm Beach Gardens, each lodge and chapter played a vital role in building a legacy of care, compassion,

and community.

For a complete list of Lodges and Chapters who participated, please see page 21.

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Venice, FL Lodge #1308 donated two boxes of Tommy Moose this morning to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. Pictured are Community Affairs Officer Matt Binkley (in the blue shirt) and several officers and deputies accepting our annual donation.

Submitted by Scott Duncan



Thirty-one Venice High School students participated in a Youth Awareness orientation meeting this morning at Venice, FL Lodge #1308. Pictured with the students are Youth Awareness Co-Chairperson Deborah Sunderland and Lodge President Donald Green.

Submitted via Facebook post on FMA Group



Dunnellon Chapter 1662 held a Halloween Party for the children at PPEC in Dunnellon. PPEC cares for children with medical needs throughout the day.

Submitted via Facebook



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ing up the pole and taking slow, careful steps across the course. Some of them made it past the ladder, but changed their minds at the staples.

Every step was celebrated as its own victory; no one was ridiculed for turning back, for knowing their limits.

As the last camper's feet safely touched the ground, Deputy Shannon stepped forward.

With a delighted cheer, her cabin watched the deputy get clipped into the harness and approach the ladder.

"I think it's important for the kids to see that I at least tried," Deputy Shannon explained later.

True to her prediction, her fear of heights stalled her progress a few feet above the ladder.

"It's not a failure if you try," she said.

During the debrief, the campers sat in a circle and discussed the activity.

"How did we use the four C's today?" Ms. Sal asked.

"We communicated with the safety commands," one camper called out.

"Being on the belay team was cooperating together," another said.

"You had to concentrate when you walked across."

"We showed commitment by trying," Camper Isa said.

"I'm so proud of you guys," Deputy Shannon told the group. "Because you tried and were so kind to each other."

These connections between campers and law enforcement are a vital part of summer camp.

Deputies act as role models, cheerleaders, and advisors for cornerstone moments in a child's life: moments of fear, of uncertainty, and moments of victory.

Because of friends like the Florida Moose Association, we are able to show campers like Sadie what they're truly capable of.

Even if there aren't high ropes courses back home, they know they are strong enough to make it through any challenges that come their way.

Thank you for helping campers and deputies step out of their comfort zones at summer camp this year!

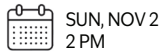
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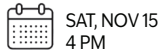
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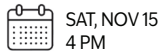
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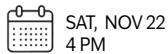
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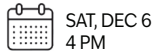
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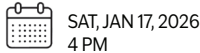
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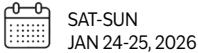
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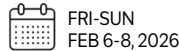
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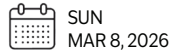
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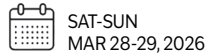
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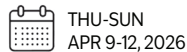
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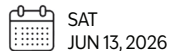
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