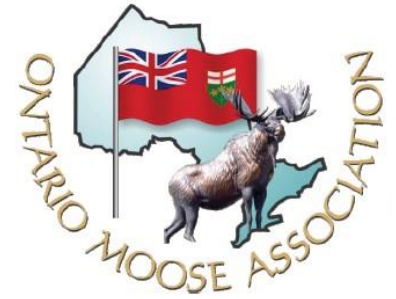


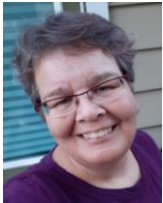
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"Focusing on the Ontario Moose Association and the Loyal Order Of Moose Fraternity"

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Editor

Hot enough for you? Time to kick back with a cold one at the Lodge and our fraternal Brothers and Sisters. Share with us all what you have planned! If you have something you would like published in our next issue, please send it to [jacqui.may69@gmail.com](mailto:jacqui.may69@gmail.com) before September 15.

*Jacqueline (Jacqui) May*



**"No-one stands so tall or so straight as when one stoops to help a child."**

## Coming Events

**OMA Golf Tournament**  
Orillia July 8

**OMA Board of Officers Meeting**  
Online - Jul 15

**Fall Convention**  
London Sept 21-24

**Chapter Rally Day**  
Hamilton Oct 21-22

**2024 Spring Conference**  
Barrie March 21-24

**2024 Fall Convention**  
London Sept 26-29

## PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE

This year's Annual Membership Campaign is "Proud Past, Bright Future" which runs from May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024. We are proud of the history of this great Fraternity. While keeping our past successes in mind, we look forward to a bright future with like-minded members who continue to play an important role in their local communities and supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven for years to come. Working together, our future is bright!





## President's Message

I went to Mooseheart, and I was amazed at the school facility. I went to the main office and chatted with our finance department, and Canada Home was a great place for the kids we support. We even fly our Canadian Flag in front. I met our new Pilgrims, one from Ontario and two from our neighbors in Quebec. I would like to thank everyone that makes this possible: our Members, our Lodges and the OMA Board. Thank you all. Merci à tous.

Anthony Dupuis  
President O.M.A.  
President Cornwall Lodge 1367



## Ontario Moose Association

### Golf Tournament

**Saturday - 8 July 2023**

Hosted by

### Orillia Lodge 1217

6 Kitchener St Unit 2

Orillia ON L3V 6Z9

Phone: 705-325-8366

Email: [mooselodge1217@outlook.com](mailto:mooselodge1217@outlook.com)



**Treehaven  
Golf and Country**

135 Line 10 South

Hawkestone ON L0L 1T0

Phone: 705-487-3220

Tee Times available at Lodge Friday evening or be at Course for 8:30 on Saturday

\$400 per Team

Includes Green Fees, Cart, Dinner, Prizes and Fun for Everyone!

Homemade Roast Beef Dinner

All Par Threes – White Tees – Women Red Tees

Super Seniors Par 4's & 5's – Red Tees

Closest to Pin & Long Drive Holes

Must be a Moose Member to Play



← **OMA Sports Chairman Dennis Nickles is Ontario's latest Pilgrim. Congratulations!**



## **Chapter Advocate/OMA Training/OMA Convention Chairman Wendy Matthew**



Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Mid Year Conference in Sarnia. Although the hotel lobby was under construction and we had to travel outside to get to the meeting rooms, it was a great learning experience and lots of fun too! Our Official Visitor Kim Thompson was awesome and the St Paddy's after party was well attended. Can't wait for the next one!

When negotiating Convention contracts, we try to keep the prices as reasonable as possible for our members. In order to do this, we have to guarantee an amount of money for meal functions (luncheons and Saturday night banquet) and number of hotel rooms. This is the only way to keep our hotel and meeting rooms at a lower cost. Please participate where you can and enjoy a fun-filled weekend

with your Moose family.

Several Ontario members travelled to Mooseheart in June to attend the 5th and 8th Grade Promotion, Highschool Graduation, Pilgrim Conferral and of course visit with our Canada Home Family. The highlights that weekend were meeting Nascar driver and Moose member Ross Chastain who the Moose sponsors for a few races each year, our Canada Home boy Ryan (featured on the latest Moose Magazine) graduated from Highschool, and then Dennis Nickles was conferred with the Pilgrim Degree. It was quite a celebration!

Recently many of us travelled to the International Convention in Reno, Nevada. Although it wasn't the easiest place to get to, it was worth it in the end. What a great convention and gathering of our Moose family! Congratulations to Nancy Lankhof (Chatham), Leeann Strachan (Fort William), Roxy Howe (Hamilton) and Joan Sibley (Orillia) who received the College of Regents degree! Congratulations Ladies ... you looked beautiful in your new regalia!!!

By now most of our Ontario Chapters should be working towards a successful year. Please remember if you have any questions or need help, I'm only an email or phone call away. WOTM 6 hr Training sessions have been set up and a few have been held already. The next session is scheduled for Sunday, October 22 at Hamilton Lodge from 9 am to 4 pm. This is the day after Rally Day. If you require training and have not yet attended a session and will not be able to attend the one in October, please let me know asap and perhaps we can get another session set up. We are very close to being able to hold 2-HOTT training. As soon as the training materials are available, our Session leaders will get those set up.

Mark your calendar! The 2023 Women of the Moose Chapter Rally celebration will be held in Hamilton, the weekend of October 21/22. Hopefully we can make it a fun day of learning and sharing ideas. The Rally Day will be held on Saturday and Women of the Moose Training session on Sunday. I met with Hamilton Chapter recently and they have a great day planned for us. Details will be sent out soon.

Stay safe and can't wait to see you ...  
Wendy

Wendy Matthew

[wmatthew@sympatico.ca](mailto:wmatthew@sympatico.ca)

519-360-7575



## **Moose Legion Area Manager Pilgrim Ken Osbaldeston**



As mentioned in the previous Focus our Ontario Moose Legions have done a great job. Our Project for the 2023 – 2024 year will continue to be the Museum of Moose History. Our new International Moose Legion President is Chuck Barber from Sunnyvale CA and Golden Spot Moose Legion #15.

Other announcements from the Reno NV Convention: All Moose Legions continue to exceed the goals in Endowment Fund giving with a \$6.43 per capita giving. The Annual Special Project, Youth Awareness, the President's Project, and Student Trips all have exceeded the goal in giving. What a feeling of accomplishment! Three of our Ontario Moose Legions are in the Top 10 of Endowment Fund giving (Faith division - 150 members or less). Golden Horseshoe #132 (6<sup>th</sup>), Canadian Rainbow #133 (8<sup>th</sup>), and Sun Parlor #95 (9<sup>th</sup>). This is a great accomplishment. Thank You!

I would like to extend my gratitude to Paul West of Oshawa and Maple Leaf #135 Moose Legion, for taking on the M.L. Secretary position. He arrived a few days early in Reno NV to take the necessary SEC training. Thank You Paul.

Moose Legion Ambassador Fellow John Thorogood and I have visited the Southern Ontario Moose Legions and they have signed new members for this campaign and have set their goals. We will keep you informed.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the International Convention in Reno NV. I would like to make the announcement of Fellow Ron Dimma as International Moose Legion Ambassador for Ontario North. Ron is from Sault Ste. Marie #535 and Nickel City Moose Legion #29. I would also like to thank Fellow Stan Snow for his service over the past two terms. Fellow John Thorogood will serve another term as Southern Ontario M.L. Ambassador.

International Moose Legion Ambassadors for Ontario:

(North) Fellow Ron Dimma Sault Ste. Marie #535 & Nickel City # 291-705-989-8731

(South) Fellow John Thorogood from Hamilton # 1142 and Golden Horseshoe # 132 905-537-7844.

***Moose Legion Area Manager***

***Ken "O" Osbaldeston***

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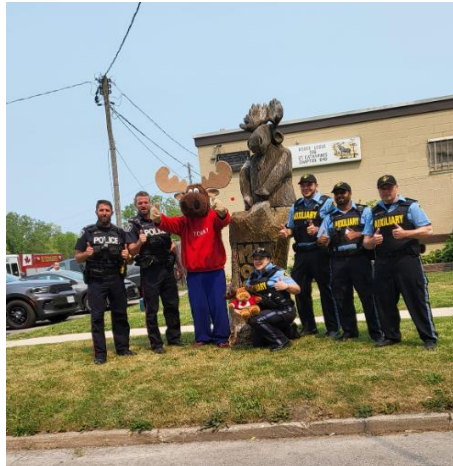
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## Child Find in St. Catharines!

Collegian Patty Weinheimer recently organized a Child Find registration session in St. Catharines. Patty, St. Catharines Administrator Mike Shorthouse, and Tommy Moose were on hand to donate their time to the local Emergency Services departments.



St. Catharines President Al "Gunner" Dyck gets fingerprinted by the Police Auxiliary



**FOUR POINTS**  
BY SHERATON  
London

### **93<sup>rd</sup> OMA CONVENTION LONDON, ONTARIO September 20-24, 2023**

**Four Points by Sheraton Hotel**

1150 Wellington Rd. South London, ON N6E 1M3  
PHONE: 519-681-0600

Booking Code **MSE (Ontario Moose Association)**

**Superior King Room - \$115  
Superior 2 Queen Bed - \$115  
Tower Suite King w/sofa - \$145  
Tower Suite 2 Queen Bed - \$145  
(Plus, taxes per night)**

If you have any issues – contact Natalia at ext. 8201  
or by email [nataliaastorga@fourpointslondon.com](mailto:nataliaastorga@fourpointslondon.com)

**LONDON LODGE 1205 TO HOST!**

### **SARNIA MOOSE RIDERS ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE & AUTO SHOW & SHINE SUNDAY – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

At  
**SARNIA MOOSE LODGE 1046  
874 Phillip St., Sarnia  
519-336-7900**

**BREAKFAST – 9AM to NOON**

**REGISTRATION – 10AM to NOON**

\$10 registration fee

All donations gratefully accepted.

**LIVE MUSIC – ROY CUNNINGHAM  
3PM to 7PM**

**JUDGING STARTS at 3PM**

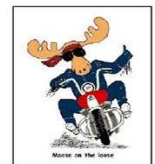
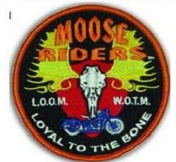
**KITCHEN OPEN ALL DAY**

**FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS**

**PRIZES & RAFFLES**

Lots of Great fun for Everyone!

**Special Appearance  
2022 NASCAR "MOOSE 1"  
ROSS CHASTAIN DISPLAY CAR**



**PROCEEDS TO  
LOCAL CHARITIES!**





# Focus on Wendy Matthew – Making Canada Proud!



At the Moose International Convention in Reno, Ontario Moose Association Secretary Don Berrill nominated an outstanding, committed Moose member to the Board of Directors of Moose International, Wendy Matthew. She currently serves this Fraternity as a Past Grand Regent for the Women of the Moose. In her distinguished career thus far, she served as Women of the Moose Grand Regent from July 2018 to July 2019, and was installed as Junior Past Grand Regent in Las Vegas, Nevada in July 2019. She was a Grand Council Member from 2006 to 2008, a President of the Star Recorder Board from 2002 to 2003, a Star Recorder Board member from 1999 to 2001 and Deputy Grand Regent for Ontario from 1994 to 1995. She also served the fraternity as a member of the International Activities Committee from 2010 to 2017, a member of the Council of Canadian Operations from 2008 to 2010, and as Deputy Regional Manager from 2006 to 2010.

She currently serves as the Women of the Moose Chapter Advocate for Ontario, a role she has filled since 2010, and is the Conference Chairperson and Training Coordinator for the Ontario Moose Association.

She joined the Women of the Moose in October 1976 and is a Life Member of Chatham Ontario Lodge 1692 and Chapter 304. She earned her Academy of Friendship in 1979, her College of Regents degree in 1983 and her Star Recorder degree in 1984. She is a member of the Moose 25 Club.

In life you are occasionally blessed to have an opportunity to work with dedicated and engaged people who commit their lives to making the world a better place. Wendy is one of those exceptional people who puts service ahead of self. She is an advocate for all our Moose endeavors, she encourages others to show their best side, and has earned the admiration and respect of her peers. She makes things happen!

Wendy resides in Chatham, Ontario and enjoys cruising the world when she can, attending all the great gatherings of our fraternity, and supporting her community to the highest level possible.

She is a true leader, a woman who helped build our PROUD PAST, and now strives to ensure we have a BRIGHT FUTURE. We know she will excel in and contribute to the betterment of our fraternity.

"I am both humbled and honoured to represent Ontario and Canada while serving on the Moose International Board of Directors. Thank you to everyone for your hugs, best wishes, and messages of congratulations! I will do my best to represent the Great White North!!" ~ Wendy



## **Notes from the OMA Secretary**



Greetings to all!

With the summertime here our thoughts turn to all those great outdoor activities and travel – and we get to celebrate some fantastic Moose Events. A bit of a summary of travels –

A great weekend at Mooseheart for the Graduation Ceremony and Pilgrim Conferral. We had a great party and BBQ at Canada Home and celebrated some fantastic achievements. Congratulations to our own Dennis Nickles on receiving his Pilgrim Degree, along with John Basaraba and Richard Pelletier from the Quebec Moose Association. A shout out to our Canada Home Chair Cheryl Davies for all her hard work, along with Liz and Kelly Parker who contributed greatly to the weekend's success.

A small number of Canadians attended the Moose International Convention in Reno Nevada. We were blessed with our own Wendy Matthew being elevated to the Moose International Board of Directors as its newest Director. Congratulations Wendy! We also had four of our Ontario Lodges attain their premier Lodge awards – Ft. William Lodge 844, Sarnia Lodge 1046, Chatham Lodge 1692 and Oshawa Lodge 2132. A great improvement to our association for the past year!

Closer to home – I would like to express a big THANK YOU to Orillia Lodge 1217 for hosting the Administrator Weekend in May. Phil, Maxine and the crew did an excellent job of hosting and helped make the weekend a great success. I believe we all learned a lot, and we look forward to having more meetings of the Lodge





Administrators on a regular basis. A big shout out too to Gord Gark for assisting on the training side to ensure we had all the proper info!

For those of you that have interest in serving as a member of the OMA Board of Officers – Nomination forms need to be into me no later than end of day on Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>. If you need a copy of the form, please contact me and I will get it to you. Remember that the form needs to be endorsed by your Lodge and District prior to submission.

The OMA Board will meet virtually on July 15<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention in London ON on the weekend of Sept 20-24. Hotel information has been out already – the Registration form for the Fall Convention will be available on Monday July 17<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to some excellent events with our host lodge, London 1205. Our official Visitor will be Brian Toseki, a director of the Moose International Board of Directors. OMA Scholarship Winners will also be announced on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

A couple of sports notes –

- The OMA GOLF TOURNAMENT hosted by Lodge 1217 Orillia is planned for July 8<sup>th</sup> at Treehaven Golf and Country Club. Cut off for registration was June 30<sup>th</sup>, but if you missed it get in touch with Phil and see what you can do. \$100 per player. Many thanks to Orillia Lodge for hosting.
- The OMA CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT hosted by Lodge 2132 Oshawa takes place on August 12<sup>th</sup> at Oshawa Lodge. Registration on the day of the tournament at 10AM, \$25 per player.
- The ROSS CHASTAIN #1 2022 Race Car will be on display at a number of Lodges in Ontario in July and August. Take a look at the listing and come on out to support these Lodges as they support their communities!

Thanks to all for everything you so to support your Lodges, WOTM Chapters and Moose Legions so they can be the Heart of the Community. Have a great summer!

Regards,  
Don

**ONTARIO MOOSE ASSOCIATION  
CORNHOLE  
TOURNAMENT  
SATURDAY AUG. 12, 2023  
OSHAWA LODGE # 2132  
(731 Wilson Road, South)  
OSHAWA, ON**

**Registration: 10:00am - First Bag at 11:00am  
\$25.00 per Player per Event  
Doubles & Singles**



**MUST BE A MOOSE MEMBER TO PLAY  
MEMBERSHIP CARD TO BE SHOW AT REGISTRATION  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
THE LODGE @ 905-433-2393**

**Special Appearances in Ontario  
2022 NASCAR "MOOSE 1"  
ROSS CHASTAIN DISPLAY CAR**

**Sunday July 16**

Sarnia Lodge 1046, 9AM to 9PM

**Saturday July 22**

Chatham Lodge 1692, 1PM to 4PM

**Sunday July 23**

Windsor Lodge 1499, Noon to 5PM

**Sunday July 30**

Orillia Lodge 1217, 10AM to 3PM

**Saturday & Sunday - Aug 5/6**

London Lodge 1205. 1PM to 5PM





## **District 3 Cornhole Tournament**



Anne (Sarnia), Bill (Chatham), Sean (Chatham), and Sue (Sarnia) were the winners of the District 3 Cornhole Tournament held in Chatham.

## **District 4 Cereal Challenge**

Following the recent lead of District 3's Cereal Challenge, District 4 held their own challenge over the month of May. Hamilton won the challenge, but the real winners were the members of the local communities. In total, 558 boxes of cereal were delivered to local food banks in Hamilton and St. Catharines. Way to go, District 4!



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