

ONTARIO MOOSE FOCUS



“Focusing on the Ontario Moose Association and the Loyal Order Of Moose Fraternity”

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FACEBOOK GROUP: ONTARIO MOOSE ASSOCIATION



Message from the Editor

Happy New Year! The snow took a bit of time getting here this winter, but now that it's here, some of us are hitting the slopes, while many more of us are coming into the lodge to escape hibernation mode with some of the best fraternalists around. 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 before March 15.

Jacqueline (Jacqui) May



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

Coming Events

District 4 Bowling Tournament

St Catharines Feb 17

Golden Horseshoe Can-Am

Lock City NY
March 1-3

2024 Spring Conference

Barrie March 21-24

OMA Dart Tournament

Chatham April 12-14

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!





District 3 Cornhole

District 3 recently held a raffle for a set of cornhole boards with a game counter. The winner was Ernie Caron from Chatham. I have attached a photo of Ernie receiving his prize along with Chatham Moose president Chris Goldhawk and ticket seller Nancy Lankhof.

We need to thank Greg and Cheryl Stock along with Steve Hughes for donating the boards as well as the game counter. We would like to recognize our greatest ticket seller, Nancy Lankhof for her charming ways of fleecing the unsuspecting. Wish to also thank the members of the district for helping make our fundraising adventure so successful.

~Submitted by Dawn Gark

ONTARIO MOOSE ASSOCIATION DART TOURNAMENT

APRIL 12, 13, 14, 2024

At
Chatham Moose Lodge 1692
850 Richmond Street, Chatham, ON N7M 5J5

Friday, April 12th - SINGLES

- > 6-7 PM Registration
- > 7 PM Start Play

Saturday, April 13th - TEAM COMPETITION

- > 8-8:30 AM Registration
- > 8:30 AM Start Play

Saturday, April 13th - DOUBLES

- > 1-1:30 PM Registration
- > 1:30 PM Start Play

Sunday, April 14th - MIXED DOUBLES

- > 8-8:30 AM Registration
- > 8:30 AM Start Play

REGISTRATION IS \$5 PER EVENT
Make cheques payable to Chatham Moose Lodge

KITCHEN SERVICE AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND
BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY FROM 9AM UNTIL NOON

Please send all Pre-Registrations to:

- > Chatham Moose Lodge, 850 Richmond St., Chatham, ON, N7M 5J5

District 3 Lodges and Chapters

Chatham Lodge 1692 / WOTM Chapter 304
Sarnia Lodge 1046 / WOTM Chapter 971
Wallaceburg Lodge 1156
Windsor Lodge 1499



ONTARIO MOOSE ASSOCIATION
Membership Contest 2023/24



Would you like to win some ?

HOW:

- ✓ Sponsor a Member to any Ontario Moose Lodge, WOTM Chapter or Moose Legion
And YOU get 2 Ballots
- ✓ And the New Member also gets 1 ballot!
- ✓ Sign 5 New Members & YOU get 5 EXTRA Ballots!
- ✓ Three winners will be drawn (1@ \$750; 1@ \$500; 1@ \$250)



All new memberships signed from May 01, 2023 to March 15, 2024 qualify for this contest.

New Members MUST be Input & Enrolled in LCL before 17 March 2024!

Open to all OMA, Lodge, WOTM Chapter and Moose Legion Members
(Other conditions may apply)

Winners will be drawn at the Annual conference in the Spring!

OMA SPRING CONFERENCE INFORMATION

March 21st – 24th, 2024

Allure Hotel & Conference Center

20 Fairview Road, Barrie, ON L4N 4P3

705-722-0555 | www.allurehotel.ca



ALLURE
HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER



**Standard King bed with pull-out
or 2 double bedrooms available.**

\$109 per room for Thursday night

\$139 per room for Friday night

\$139 per room for Saturday night

All taxes & gratuities extra.

Hamilton Lodge Celebrates 110 Years



Past Governors / Presidents and Senior Regents of Hamilton, with senior member Lou DeBreau.

Museum Curator Bill Wier with photos and artifacts on display.

The Eric Woods Museum of Hamilton Moose Lodge #1142 is for all Ontario Moose History. (Eric was Past Canadian Director) before Robert Longchamps.



**60+ Year members
Lou DeBreau and
Guenther Scholtz
– Guenther is the
oldest living Past
President in Ontario!**

Remembering Kay Lee



Although Kay passed away many years ago, she is remembered by many as "The Happy Hooker". Her crowning achievement was when she presented a donation of 12 afghans to Canada Home (then Ontario Home). She presented them personally during a visit to Mooseheart in 1999. She spent more than 90 hours on each one. Truly a great lady. She was a member in Hamilton from 1954 till her death in 2001.



**Ontario Moose Association
2024 Mid-Year Conference
March 21-24, 2024
Barrie, Ontario**

Allure Hotel & Conference Center
20 Fairview Road, Barrie, ON L4N 4P3
705-722-0555|www.allurehotel.ca

Mail Registration form to:
Ontario Moose Association
Attn: Don Barrill, Secretary
10 Isherwood Ave, Unit 25
Cambridge, ON N1R 8L5

Electronic Registration form:
<https://forms.gle/dYBRudP7KNduVTXK7>

Email transfer fees to OMA Secretary at
donb@ontariomoose.ca

Participant Information

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| First Name: | | Last Name | |
| Street Address: | | | |
| City: | | Postal Code: | |
| Phone: | | Email: | |
| Lodge# & Name: | | MID#: | |
| Chapter# & Name: | | | |
| Position at your Lodge/Chapter: | | | |
| International or Provincial Position: | | | |
| Men's Degrees (Check Box) | | Women's Degrees (Check Box) | |
| Moose Legion | <input type="checkbox"/> | Academy of Friendship | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fellow | <input type="checkbox"/> | Star Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pilgrim | <input type="checkbox"/> | College of Regents | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Food Allergies / Dietary: | | | |

Event Registration

Package versus regular registration:
>> You can save \$10 by selecting a package that includes all events available to you. Should you NOT want to do a package deal, please select individual events.
>> **WOTM Aof Matriculants:** please select the matriculant fee box whether you do the package or single events as it is not included in the package price.
>> **NOTES:** The OMA Past President's Reception has food served from 6PM to 7PM for those with tickets. At 7PM the event is open to everyone (meal portion of the program is over)

HOTEL ROOM CUTOFF DATE

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Room rate \$109 per night (Wed/Thurs)

Room rate \$139 per night (Fri/Sat)

Plus, applicable taxes

CONF. PRE-REGISTRATION CUTOFF DATE

Monday, March 11, 2024

PACKAGE Registration

Save \$10 when you register for all events

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| Pilgrims who are OMA P/P | \$135 |
| All other Pilgrims | \$165 |

Includes Registration, Pilgrim Lunch, OMA Past Pres.

Reception, HD Lunch & Saturday Banquet

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| All Other Attendees | \$135 |
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Includes Registration, OMA Past Pres. Reception,

HD Lunch & Saturday Banquet

Individual Event Registration

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| Registration Fee (\$30) | |
| Pilgrim Lunch (\$30) | |
| OMA Past President Reception (\$30) | |
| Higher Degrees Luncheon (\$30) | |
| OMA Awards Banquet (\$55) | |
| WOTM Aof Matriculant Fee (\$15) | |
| Total Registration: | \$ |

From the Desk of OMA President Gord Gark



Greetings fellow members of the Ontario Moose Association. Well old man winter certainly has us all fooled again. From a green Christmas to sub-zero temperatures and now back to mud in my backyard. Even our pup Hollywood is confused.

Our Association Board of Officers had its winter meeting in Barrie at the Alure Hotel. We finalized the plans for the Conference and sampled some of the meals that we will be enjoying when we all get together. Lots of exciting things planned for the weekend. This will be our first Conference/Convention where we are not close to a Lodge. I know this is different, but it is something we all agreed to try out, so please keep an open mind and let us know your thoughts after the weekend.

I was very pleased to be invited to the Hamilton Lodge as a judge for their world-famous Chili Cookoff. There was 9 different Chilis to be judged, it was a tough choice, congrats to Pat for her well deserved first place. This was a wonderful afternoon of Chili, Darts and Pool. I even got to pull a winning 50/50 ticket. (Wasn't mine though.) These afternoons are a great way to spend time together and build our Fraternity. I am looking forward to travelling more and seeing all of you on the way. See you at the Mardi Gras in Barrie!!

Fraternally yours,
Gord Gark, OMA President

Chapter Rally Day

On October 21, we had our Annual Chapter Rally Day, hosted By Hamilton Chapter 753. Top Sponsoring Chapter was Orillia, with Maxine Wood, Deborah Knight, and Gayle Quinn taking Top Sponsor honours. Great work, Sisters!

Other honours went to the following Top Chapters for giving: 5th: Fort William, 4th: East London, 3rd: Hamilton, 2nd: Orillia, and 1st Place went to Sarnia.



Chapter Advocate/OMA Training/OMA Convention Chairman Wendy Matthew



Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2024 ... not only are we starting a new year, but we are about to enter the last quarter of the 2023 – 2024 Chapter year.

And what does that mean? At the January meeting, our Chapter Senior Regents should be announcing the date, time, place of the nominating committee meetings and those who will serve on that committee. The meetings are to be held prior to your February Chapter night meeting where you will announce the names of those nominated. Please follow the guidelines in your General Laws, Officer's Handbook, and the Election Handbook which is found under the Forms & Documents (Women of the Moose) tab on the Moose International website.

This is also the time of year to start checking that all forms and cheques have been sent and received by the WOTM office. Have your members who are trying to earn personal honours sponsored the required number of members, attended the required training sessions, and fulfilled any other requirements needed? Are you in line to have an increase of at least one in membership and have you maintained your financial standing? Don't wait until mid-April and start to panic!

In November I was privileged to spend a week on the Moosehaven campus. I attended my first in person Moose International Board of Directors meeting which was a great learning experience. We then had a couple days to visit with our residents, attend the Chili cook-off and visit with Ross Chastain. Then I attended the Chapter Advocate meeting. That one always makes me proud to be from Ontario ... some of those other States and Provinces sure have a lot of problems!

Early in December, I travelled to Mooseheart to attend the Wisconsin Tree Lighting ceremony. That was a busy few days. Friday night I enjoyed dinner at Juniata Home with five children from 3 to 5 years old. Wow ... was that an experience! Janet who was originally the Family Teacher at Canada Home is now there, so we had a great visit. And yes Tim, she still has her "She Shed". Later we all attended the Ramblers basketball game which of course they won. On Saturday, I had an opportunity to visit Canada Home and meet our new family teachers as well as the boys. We were given a great tour. I know our home is in good hands! I later attended a luncheon where our Seniors were presented with their Class Portraits, a visit to Wisconsin home and then to the House of God for a Christmas Concert. After the concert, we all went outside and waited for the big moment when the trees were lit up. What an awesome weekend on our beloved campus!!

In my spare time (haha), I have been working on our upcoming Mid-Year conference in Barrie and the 2025 and 2026 Conventions. Information should be out shortly, and we look forward to seeing you in March.

Wendy

Wendy Matthew

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Betty Krisza

Heaven gained another angel with the passing of Betty Krisza this past November. She was a proud Canadian Past Grand Regent, with over 50 years of Service to the Fraternity. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace, Betty.

Moose Legion Area Manager Pilgrim Ken Osbaldeston



Our Ontario Moose Legions have worked to get their commitments paid. Thank You! We also received the quarterly Moose Charities report in November. This helps us to compare to last year and know what needs attention.

Now is the time to think of the next year. We are gearing up for Nominations and Elections. All elected directors need to be compliant with training, let us not wait... please make arrangements ASAP. There is information in the newest issue of Moose Magazine for Moose Legion sessions and M.L. Secretary training at the International Convention in New Orleans.

Golden Horseshoe # 132 ranked 8th of the Top 10 of Endowment Fund giving (Faith) division 150 members or less. They attained \$3.00 per capita in November.

Our International Moose Legion President Chuck Barber has accepted the invitation to be O.V. for the 43rd Can Am to be held in Lock City N.Y. March 1, 2, 3, 2024. We are looking forward to a great weekend.

International Moose Legion Ritual Competition & Conference 2024 will be held at Valley Forge Casino Resort (Northeast Philadelphia) from Wednesday October 30th to Sunday November 3, 2024. The first two days are to accommodate Moose Legion Secretary 2-day training, and to hold MLEC Thursday October 31st.

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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289-888-1900

PROGRESS # 62 & GOLDEN HORSESHOE # 132 MOOSE LEGIONS

43rd Annual Can-Am Celebration March 1-3 2024

Celebration will be held at Lock City # 617, 204 Monroe St. Lockport N.Y.

Official Visitor is Intl. Moose Legion President Chuck Barber

ADS FOR THE BOOKLET - Deadline for ads & Booster Lists is February 11

FULL PAGE - \$60.00

½ Page - \$40.00

¼ Page - \$20.00

All cheques make payable to Golden Horseshoe # 132 c/o Ken Osbaldeston

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