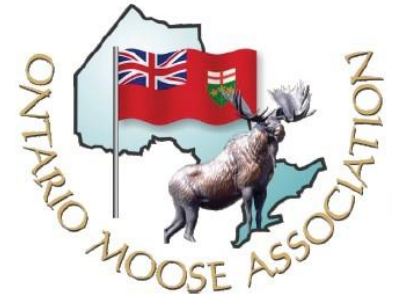


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"Focusing on the Ontario Moose Association and the Loyal Order Of Moose Fraternity"

SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER

FACEBOOK GROUP: ONTARIO MOOSE ASSOCIATION

Important Dates

OMA Board Meeting

Zoom 7 PM July 7
(Nominations Due)

Heart of the Community

Report due Aug 15

2025 Reports for Fall Convention

Due to Don B
August 18

2025 Fall Convention

Brantford
Sept 25-28

2025 Chapter Rally Day

Orillia
Oct 25



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

Apologies from the Editor

You may have noticed that there was no issue of *The Focus* this spring. Unfortunately, life gets in the way of things sometimes, and by the time I was able to work on *The Focus*, it was nearly time for the next issue, so I waited until now to deliver this one to you.

To remedy the situation, all subscribers have been credited with an extra issue for the one that was missing. We are all volunteers (me included), so please accept my apologies because you had to wait for so long.

Sincerely,

Jacqui May, Focus Editor



MOOSE MOVING FORWARD, GIVING BACK

May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026



Our Fraternity has made a commitment to being ever present in our communities. By continuing our positive momentum, we make our meaningful contributions a reality. To move forward, we must make a positive impact on our society, by giving back.

President's Message

Brothers and Sisters: The OMA Board is getting ready to welcome you all to our Fall Annual Convention, being held September 25-28 in Brantford.



My trip to Mooseheart during the International Convention in Milwaukee in May was the highlight of my year as OMA President so far. I was there to witness the graduation of the High School Seniors, as well as the promotions of the Grade 5 and Grade 8 classes. Special congratulations to Carol Nevestuk and Rebecca Gark for achieving their College of Regents Degrees, Jeannette Roy and Brenda Strachan for receiving their Star Degrees, and to

Dawn Gark and Don Berrill for their International Appointments (Grand Regent and Moose Charities Board, respectively). Seeing the thousands of Moose members from all across the continent, all with the same goals of supporting our kids and seniors was inspiring. Please, enjoy the pictures below.

I visited the lodges of District 1 over the March Break, and plan to visit the northern lodges sometime over the summer. I will be in contact with those lodges soon to make arrangements.

See you in Brantford!

Fraternally yours,
President Jacqui May



Wendy Matthew, Chapter Advocate, Training, and Convention Chairman



The Ontario Women of the Moose are ready to face the challenges of this new year and embrace our Membership theme "Moving Forward and Giving Back"! In another month or so, our Chapters should be notified if they earned the Award of Achievement and their Jr. Past Regent qualified to receive the Golden Gavel Award. Woo Hoo!!! We look forward to seeing you at the Convocation Ceremony which will be held in conjunction with our Annual Convention in Brantford.

Mark your Calendar Ladies! The 2025 Women of the Moose Chapter Rally celebration will be held in Orillia on Saturday, October 25. Hopefully we can make it a fun day of learning and sharing ideas. The theme is "A Day at Moose Beach". Details will be sent out sometime later this summer.

Several Ontario members recently travelled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to attend the International Convention and a day trip to Mooseheart for the Highschool Graduation, Pilgrim Conferral and of course, a quick visit with our Canada Home Family. Congratulations to Rebecca Gark (Sarnia) and Carol Nevestuk (St. Catharines) who received the College of Regents as well as Jeannette Roy (Kitchener) and Brenda Strachan (Ft William) who received the Star degree! Some of you have been waiting a long time for these honours. Way to go Ladies!!! And of course, we had a visit from Ross Chastain just hours after winning the Coca-Cola 600 race. What a celebration that was! The other highlights of the week were the appointment and installation of Don Berrill to the Moose Charities Board and Dawn Gark as our new Grand Regent! Congratulations to you both!



WOTM 6 hr Training sessions have been set up and a few have been held already. The next sessions are scheduled for Saturday, August 12 at Oshawa Lodge with Session Leader Dawn Gark and Sunday, August 13 at Kitchener Lodge with Lynn Berrill as Session Leader. Administrator Training, Lodge Leadership and 2HOTT Training were held earlier this year. If you require training and have not yet attended a session, please let me know ASAP and we can get more training sessions set up. Our trainers are always willing to help our members get the proper required training. Thank you to all our Ontario Trainers!!!

Future convention dates are as follows:
2025 Annual September 25 to 28 Brantford
2026 Mid-Year March 26 to 28 Oshawa

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

Wendy Matthew
Chapter Advocate / OMA Training / OMA Convention Chairman
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Moose Legion Area Manager Ken Osbaldeston



As we begin the new Moose Legion year, "Moving Forward, Giving Back", our Moose Legions have held meetings to begin their planning for a successful year. All Ontario Moose Legions will have received the 2025 – 2026 Annual Fundraising Projects letter, "Moosehaven Facilities Enhancement Project". We are hopeful that our board of directors and Moose Legions will strive to attain the first discount of 10% if paid in full by October 31/2025. Our new International Moose Legion President, Helton Shaw and his wife Jackie reside in Pleasant Garden, North Carolina.

Total Moose Legion giving in all categories 2024 2025 was \$992,622. Total Endowment Fund giving was \$335,477. Thank You! All Ontario Moose Legions finished with a rank and scoring with no penalties.

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(South) Legionnaire Denes Shaw from Windsor # 1499 and Sun Parlor # 95 226-260-2877.

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