



March/April 2011

Plainfield Moose Tales

*Congratulations to our 2010
International Award*

Recipients:

Barb Thompson
(Co-worker of the year)

Don Fredricks
(Moose of the Year)

Earl Rury
*(Moose Legionnaire of the
Year)*

Super Bowl, Super Fun!

What a time was had by all members and guests who watched the Packers grab the Super Bowl!



To Ed Nicholson, Bob Hammack, and Joel Pennington: thank you for a fantastic pig roast! To all who brought food, cooked, and helped clean up: you were awesome! Chicago Bears fans, there's always next year!

LODGE TO OFFER C.P.R. CLASS

On Saturday, March 19th, Lodge Member Paul Pankiewicz will offer instruction on how to properly administer C.P.R. (Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation). Please sign up on bulletin board by Mar 10th if interested.

Paul is a certified EMT and holds certificates from AHA, Red Cross, and Save-A-Life Foundation. Class starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Lodge.



**St. Patrick's
Irish Parade:
Sunday, March 13
1:00 p.m. in downtown.**



Ash Wednesday Lenten Meal

How perfect that Mecca 9's Moose Legion Ritual Team's "Walleye Wednesday" falls on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. They serve walleye and chicken breast dinner from 5 to 7:30pm. As we did last Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent we will have our ham raffles going to win a large ham. One ham will be raffled each Friday night. A perfect meal for your family Easter gathering!

My Lodge Family

By now everyone should know I am retiring from the Lodge Board of Officers this April 30th. This will be my last article in the Moose Tales as an Officer. I have held several positions on the board over the last four years and now it is time for me to resume my retirement plans that I had in mind, when I retired from Commonwealth Edison, nearly five years ago. I will still remain active.

People have asked me who will be the next Administrator. As I write this article, at the end of January, our Board is reviewing resumes of men with interests. The process goes like this: if it hasn't been done already, the Board of Officers will nominate an Administrator. That person will then be elected by a majority vote of the membership at a regular Lodge meeting.

Members have also asked me, what is going to happen to the Lodge, who is going to do this, what about that? I tell them it's not my sole responsibility for the Lodge to succeed. IT IS UP TO ALL OF US! Our Lodge will succeed tomorrow, next week and next year, if we continue to have dedicated people getting involved. If you're able to run for office, please step up. But, if it's not something you have the interest of doing, or the time, there are so many other ways you can help the Moose. When I say 'Moose', I'm talking four groups:

- 1.) Our 200 plus kids at Mooseheart
- 2.) Our seniors at Moosehaven
- 3.) Our Plainfield Moose Lodge—and each of you!
- 4.) Our Community

By you getting involved in the Lodge, not only does the Lodge benefit, but so do our Mooseheart kids and our seniors, as well our own members and neighbors!. For the Lodge to succeed you most importantly need to keep your membership current. Additional ways you can help the lodge succeed are: sponsor new members, attend Lodge meetings, volunteer when you can or ask to help for a function, bring your friends and family into the lodge, talk "Moose" outside of the lodge, wear your Moose shirts at things like parades and festivals, make the Lodge a friendly place to visit

If you could do any two of these each month, we will do well.

In closing my article, I need to say "Thank You" to many people. To the LOOM Board of Officers I have been with over the years, to the volunteers and committees that I have appreciated working with, the ladies WOTM Board of Officers that I hope I have respected and served well, and Lodge secretary, Michele Keck, for keeping me aware of how to do things right, THANK YOU!. To the kitchen crews that prep the food, cooks for various dinners and the servers of the meals, it has been a pleasure!. Thank you too, to all the lodge employees!

But, my biggest thank you is to you, the members, who are just what this Lodge needs to succeed!

Bob Provo, Administrator



Attention all golfers

The Plainfield Moose golf league will swing into action on Thursday, April 14th and run through August at Carillon Golf Course in Romeoville. Our tee times will be from 4:00 pm until dusk. It's a chance to throw on your plaid shorts and test your golf skills with your Moose brothers and sisters. This league is open to all Plainfield Moose members as well as their friends and family. We do not handicap or rank players, and you may play as often or as little as your schedule permits. Carillon Golf Course has given Plainfield Moose members a discounted greens fee rate for nine holes of golf with a cart. There is no weekly sign-up. So, throw your clubs in the car, and stop over to play any Thursday you are available.

The lodge kitchen will be open on Thursdays with a full menu. Please stop in after golfing to eat, drink and compare scores with your fellow Moose members. If you have any questions please contact Todd Rambo at (815) 354-0084 or e-mail: toddrambo@rocketmail.com

\$0 Application Fees

That's right! All new Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion applicants pay zero application fees, now through April 30, 2011. Promote this among family members, friends, or any current LOOM member (qualified to join the Moose Legion) that this is a \$20.00 savings for each man and woman remitting their first years dues. *NOW IS THE TIME!*

Plainfield Fest

July 15,16,17

Along with great music, food and carnival rides, we have great helpers making it all happen! If you or a group of members want to volunteer a few hours, or want to organize a food sales tent, please let me know!

**Paul Fay,
Chairman**

This year's Fest benefits the Riverfront Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit corporation.

THANK YOU GOES OUT TO...



Eddy Cardella and Jim Judycki for NFC playoff party, Paul Pankiewicz for Pre-Super Bowl party food, Annabell's BBQ for lunches, Gary Woods for his awesome wings nights, Michelle Keck & Karre Schultz for chairing WII bowling, Eddie Nicholson for the Soup Cook-off and Super Bowl pig roast, Perry Kalantzis for cooking our anniversary dinner, Nancy Brenzcewski and the Corbetts for their generosity toward Joliet Hospice.

FROM THE GOV

March: the month of change! Goodbye snow, hello robins and maybe some green grass. If not, April is just 31 days away. Really though, change is what you can effect by being a Moose leader or volunteer. This brings to mind that it is time to step up, because we have a couple of positions that will be open on the Men's Board of Officers. If this is not a possibility, then volunteer to chair a fund raiser, project or help in the kitchen. If you're looking for some constructive and enjoyable work, look no further. Should this interest you please contact Bob Provo or myself.

Fun things are happening on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month with Gary Woods fantastic wings and Wii Bowling!!

Speaking of Spring, April brings Golf and the kitchen opening again on Thursdays.. Bring on Spring!

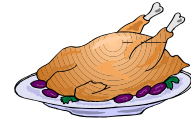
Reminder:

Sign up two (2) members and you will get your dues free for one year. The application fee of \$20.00 for your new member is waived from now through April 30th, 2011.

We would again like to thank everyone who works so hard to make our Lodge a fun and enjoyable place to be. Keep it up!

Fraternally,
Floyd Schultz

5th Friday Chicken Dinner



April 29th
5:30 - 8:00 pm
\$12 per person
(limited tickets!)

Live entertainment
At 8:00!

Back by demand....

BBQ RIB DINNER

Sat., April 2
5:30 - 8:00 pm

Jim Massey is back,
working his culinary
magic with BBQ ribs!

Entertainment at 8:00

WOTM are sponsoring this event

SLIDERS ARE BACK !

Come out to the Lodge on Tuesday, March 29th for some incredible home-made SLIDERS ! These treats will be served beginning at 5:30 until gone! \$1 donation per slider is suggested

SPRING CLEANING AT THE LODGE

On Saturday, April 9th, from 8:30 to noon, we will be having a cleaning party! We hope to have 15 - 20 members help us with this spring cleaning of the Lodge. Paul Fay is heading it up, and will provide lunch for workers! Look for sign-up on bulletin board in social quarters.



Easter Party for Kids

Saturday, April 16th

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

- Easter egg hunt
- A visit from the Easter Bunny
- Easter baskets for all
- Lunch



All children and grandchildren (ages 10 and under) of Plainfield Moose members are invited to attend.

Sign up by April 9 (see separate flyer)

LODGE MEN'S ELECTION OF OFFICERS

If you have ever thought of being an officer of your lodge, or you have creative ideas for improving our operations, here is your chance to make a difference. The election of lodge officers is coming up in April. Women of the lodge, please attend your Chapter meeting, or contact your board of officers to learn of their election process.

Any member in good standing may apply for consideration to be placed on the ballot for: Governor, Jr. Governor, Prelate, Treasurer, 1 year Trustee and 2 year Trustee, if qualified. If you're considering being an officer, please contact the Administrator, Lodge or Board of Officers. You can also go to "Contact Us" on the home page of the lodge web site. The Nominating Committee will also be contacting members they consider qualified and, an asset for the Lodge and the Moose.

The Nominating Committee will be formed and a candidates list will be established. The Committee, under the bylaws of the Moose, will follow a schedule of meetings to lead up to the General Election day. The Committee schedule is as follows:

- 1st Meeting – Tues, March 1st at 6:00pm
- 2nd Meeting - Tues, March 8th at 6:30pm
- 3rd Meeting - Tues, March 15th at 6:30pm
- 4th Meeting - Tues, March 22nd at 6:30pm [Nominating Committee reports to the membership]



General Election - Membership Meeting April 12th at 7pm

Please come to the regular membership meetings to get an understanding of how the election process works. Learn about the process and the candidates. Let your lodge brothers know that elections and electing the right candidates are very important! This is vital for the continued success of our lodge! Having the right people in place would also assure you that we have the best slate of representatives of our lodge at Moose Conventions and meetings. Some currently filled positions may be vacated if those incumbents choose to step aside or move up. All positions are subject to be filled by the voting or the appointing process of qualified members.

Floyd Schultz,
Governor

Sunday March 6th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Join the WOTM in for a fun filled afternoon of dance:

"Lunch and a Lesson" \$10

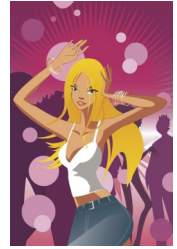
Just Lunch - \$5. Just the Lesson - \$5.

Another "fun"raising event you don't want to miss!

Dances to include: Dutchess Hustle, Southside Shuffle,
Cottoneyed Joe and Boot Scootin' Boogie. . .

Sign up with the Social Quarters Manager.

The charity benefiting from this event is M.S.



Boy Scout Troop 91

Our lodge is sponsoring a new boy scout troop. The Troop is accepting cross-over scouts from any Cub Scout Pack. All boys, ages 11-17, are invited to join as well.

The troop is looking for equipment (new or used). These include: tents, tarps, axe, hatchets, wood saws, shovel, canopy, propane stove, water jugs, coolers, lanterns, trailer, small and large pots and pans, Dutch oven, utensils, silverware, plates, cups, bowls, etc. Donations are most appreciated!

PLAINFIELD MOOSE LEGION

First, let me say thank you to all Moose Members that participated in the 2nd Annual Moose Legion Soup Cook Off that was held on Jan. 2nd. It was a great success! We had 14 contestants that signed up this year! I would like to congratulate the winners, 3rd place was Al Wajnek, 2nd place was Bill Girard and 1st place was Kathy Hammack. Also, I would like to thank the judges that helped make this event a success. They had a hard decision to make! All the soups were very good. Judges were Joyce Kinzler, Mike Cross, Tom Kelly, Joel Pennington and Roy Fox.

On Saturday Jan. 22nd we had an Appreciation Dinner for our Moose Legion Brothers and their guests. I would like to thank Jim Lawrence for cooking a fantastic meal and donating all the meat for the dinner. A thank you also goes out to Paul Fay for helping Jim in the kitchen, as well as the servers and dishwashers. A great job was done by all. The Moose Legion of the Year Award was also presented to Mr. Earl Rury on that night. Thank you Earl for all you do for the Moose Legion!

On Feb. 9th the Mecca 9 Moose Legion held a conferral at our Lodge. We now have 4 new members in our Moose Legion: Garry McCarthy, sponsored by Mike Corbertt, Mike Cross, Todd Aplin, and Todd Rambo sponsored by Gary Woods. Thank you gentlemen for joining the Degree of Service.

This year our Kids Easter Party that is sponsored by the Moose Legion will be held on April 16th. Don't forget to sign up the kids and grandkids.

Moose Legion Breakfasts are held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month until Mothers Day and don't forget mothers eat free on Mother's Day!

Fraternally Yours,

Gary Woods - *Moose Legion Chairman*

From the Senior Regent: News About Women's Elections



Wow, the year in office is almost over! We will be holding elections on April 6th and the installation of new officers will take place on April 20th. We are looking for co-workers who would like to run for a position on the board. Our nominating committee will be busy the next month scouting for new members. The nominating committee this year is Michelle Keck, Karre Schultz and Linda Evans. Feel free to talk with one of them, or one of the board members if you are interested in running!

We had a wonderful December and January! The pierogi sale went well! Thank you to all the members that came to help make the pierogis and to the social quarters servers for helping the women in selling them! Also thank you to the women and men who came out to wrap the gifts for the children's Christmas Party. Everyone who donated the cookies and cakes, and also Fred Darnell for purchasing all the gifts, thank you! A special thank you goes out to Kathy Kozol who did all the shopping for the Christmas Family in Need! We could not have made Christmas any happier without each and every one of you!

Many thanks are in order to Nancy Brenzewski and her crew for the lodges' successful anniversary dinner and Joliet Hospice crystal basket raffle! A Special Thank You goes out to Perry Kalantzis for preparing the wonderful Greek meal! Let's not forget to thank Mike and Carol Corbett, The Mikie Corbett Foundation for their generous donation towards the basket raffle! Fun was had by all!

Congratulations goes to Barb Thompson on being the Plainfield WOTM International Co-Worker of the Year Award! She truly deserves the award!

During the month of February, the WOTM will be selling hearts. The cost is a donation of \$1 or more. A portion of the proceeds will be going to the American Heart Association. On March 6th and 20th, look for our "Lunch and a Lesson". Darcy Reed will be teaching line dances from 1pm to 4pm and we will be serving pulled pork sandwiches. Look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the social quarters. So get your boots on and let's have some fun!. On April 2nd, the WOTM will sponsor a "back by demand" Jim Massey's Famous Rib dinner! Also in April, TBA is the WOTM Bunco. Look for our flyers for more information on all the upcoming events.

Until the next newsletter,
Diane Okrzesik, Senior Regent

BOB DESERVES AN "ATA-BOY"

Even with his sick sense of humor and corny jokes, Bob Provo has done one heck-of-a-job for us here at the Lodge! Thanks a million, Bob! Dorothy, you are in our prayers!

ALL-YOU-CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST with Boy Scout Troop 91

Sunday, April 17th - 8:00am to Noon

\$7.00 for ages 11 and up, \$5.00 for age 5—10

Children 4 and under are free

This is open to the public



Loyal Order of the Moose - #2491 Women of the Moose - #2197

Officers of the Lodge:

Bob Provo, *Administrator*
Floyd Schultz, *Governor*
Ed Nicholson, Jr. *Past Governor*
Bob Moore, Jr., *Jr. Governor*
Mike Cross, *Prelate*
Bob Moore, Sr., *Treasurer*
Jim Judycki, *1 Year Trustee*
Gary Woods, *2 Year Trustee*
Eddy Cardella, *3 Year Trustee*
Mike Corbett, *Sgt.-at-Arms*,
Robert Garcia, *Inner Guard*
Tom McSorley, *Outer Guard*

Officers of the Women:

Diane Okrzesik, *Senior Regent*
Joyce Kinzler, *Junior Grad Regent*
Kathleen Hammack, *Junior Regent*
Jan Moore, *Chaplain*
Darcy Reed, *Secretary/Treasurer*
Carol Corbett, *Recorder*



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