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Lodge's President.

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WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA

JULY 2023

Women of the Moose honors
are due to hard work and

Continued Success



Tina Howard
was conferred
with the
College of
Regents
Degree at
the Moose
International
Convention
in Reno, NV.

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WOODWARD MOOSE LODGE

President: Steve Stewart
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Administrator: Bruce Snider
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Sean Baker, and
Robert Smith

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DEANN HOLLIS

Everything you do Makes a Difference

by Steve Stewart, President

Well summer is in full swing and I have to admit it is my favorite time of year.

Thanks to social media it's a lot easier and neat to see all of the families enjoying their selves making memories on vacations and spending time together.

I've been very blessed over the years spending time with my wife and our five kids as well as our eight grandkids.

My wife and myself have tried to inspire giving back to our community in all of our family.

All of our kids and grandkids have spent time at our lodge attending various activities, weddings and school related dances.

To me the Moose Lodge has always been a great place to go and relax and enjoy time with our family and fellow lodge members.

We have a nice playground for the kids as well as a nice social quarters for the adults. Please consider using our facilities for your families next event.

Also we are always looking for volunteers to help with various functions.

Speaking of volunteers I want to send out a huge THANK YOU to Doyt Simmons and many more volunteers for going above and beyond helping and organizing various meals at the lodge and catered events.

I also want to congratulate Trevor Hepner, JC Patton, Roger Turner and the rest of the Sooner Moose Legion #147 Ritual Team for winning first place in the ritual competition in Reno.

I'm going to close with a with a volunteer motivational quote “The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the life of others”.

As Moose members we do make in the life of others.



Trever Hepner, Greg Carlton, Gary Landers, JC Patton, Roger Turner and Jim Morley.

This month's Moose Legion Committee gathering will be Saturday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m.

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Sooner Moose Legion Ritual Team members score high

by Don Parella, Woodward Moose Legion Committee Chairman

Congratulations to the Sooner Moose Legion Ritual Team for their hard work. It paid off in Reno for the new Moose International Ritual Competition Champions.

In addition, every member of the team finished with a fifth place or better for their individual parts.

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The July Sooner Moose Legion Celebration will be in

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Kimberly Kelly is a member of Woodward Moose Lodge and WOTM Chapter, and is the Editor of Woodward Moose Lodge's newsletter, *The Guide*.



I am proud of each and every member we have in this Lodge and Chapter.

The number of volunteers that put in countless hours in and around the lodge amaze me, and while I may live in another state and have never met you in person, I still love you all.

Thank you for being members of this great fraternity.

Together we can make the future of the Lodge, Chapter, and fraternity bright.

Does anyone have my sunglasses? The future is going to be bright

by Kimberly Kelly, Editor

We are going on our third month in this Moose year. Hard to believe isn't it?

The Moose International Convention was last month and the Dunnellon Moose News brought home two awards.

Your lodge newsletter took honorable mention honors for the editorial called "Taking the Moose to the Finish Line."

Do you remember it? It was that one where I compared the end of the Moose year the "silly season" because, well, things get a little crazy around that time with all the elections and membership pushes. It ran in the January 2023 issue. How cool is that?!

Overall, the convention was a great experience and full of information, data, and new visions for the year.

It was sad to hear that 104 WOTM Chapters closed last year, with eight of them, including St. Augustine, over 100 years old.

John R. Sipes from Ohio was named at the MI Chairman of the Board, and the WOTM Grand Regent is Debra Evans, from Twin Falls, Idaho.

Did you know there has been a Moose membership explosion over the last two years?

Over 167,000 men and women joined the Moose fraternity last year, making the total membership at 875,322.

More importantly was the fact that the retention rate of those members who we kept as members was at 88 percent.

And if those numbers are a signal to what the future holds, 40 percent of those new members were ages 21-40.

There were 2,816 representatives, Past Presidents, Past Regents, and alternates at the MI Convention, plus 1,027 additional members, making the total attendance for the Convention: 3,848.

So that's our past. What about our future of the Moose? And

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WOODWARD WOTM CHAPTER

Senior Regent: Donna Turner

Jr Past Regent: Tina Howard

Secretary: Pam Pierce

Treasurer: Carol Harris

Guide: Mary Harrington

Mooseheart/ Moosehaven:

Sarah Edwards

Membership:

Heather

Pack



ABOVE: Diann Short, of Stillwater (and multi-member of Woodward), received her College of Regents degree. Linda Franklin, of Enid Chapter, is now part of the WOTM Higher Degree Board.

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Great things are happening Be a part of the excitement

by Donna Turner, Senior Regent

Hi Everyone just got back from Moose International in Reno, Nevada.

I want to congratulate our own Tina Howard who was conferred with her College of Regents Degree and also a multi member of our Chapter Diann Short of Stillwater received her College of Regents Degree.

The Women of OSKMA placed tenth in membership production. Our Sooner Moose Legion Ritual Team came home as the champions.

Overall a great International Convention.

Our chapter also wants to congratulate Linda Franklin from Enid Chapter for her appointment to the WOTM Higher Degree Board.

Kim Kelly, our newsletter editor, received honorable mention for an article in our newsletter.

Our meetings are being held on the second Monday of each Month at 7:30. Come join us and see what all is going on in your chapter.

Hope to see you at the lodge!!

BRIGHT, from page 4

how do we connect with this influx of younger members?

Special Guest Speaker Chris Tuff, the author of “The Millennial Whisperer” and “Save Your Asks” spoke about the disconnect between long-standing members and new incoming members, and they way they view the lodge and how the lodge communicates with its members.

Those Gen Z’ers and Millennials have a different vision than the more aged members.

In fact, Tuff called it a Connection Crisis and said about the younger-generation members, “When people enter the lodge they expect Inspirational Leadership.” He was referring to the millennials and Gen Z’ers-aged members.

He said that current leadership needs to be the mentor and coach to the younger generation, and teach them about what we do as Moose, why we do it, and the outcomes of our focus, continuous learning being one factor.

“You have to make an authentic connection by taking a vested interest in their lives and asking them about how they’re doing as a human, and where they see themselves fitting in the organization,” Tiff said.

When they don’t feel like we have a vested interest in their lives and are not developing them, that’s when the disconnect occurs. We also cannot expect them to communicate the way we do.

Like it or not, we need to be the ones to learn how to communicate they way they do.

The thing we have to remember is that most of us worked to live.

The Gen Z and millenials want work to be fun

for them. They want to live for the fun and enjoyment before the work ethic.

We need to learn how to inspire them in a way that will entice them to spend time helping others.

That process begins before they even join.

We need to inspire them to want to be part of the Moose. We have to find authentic ways to make that happen.

And we do that by having those personal conversations and asking them about their lives, compile the information, and then create the atmosphere and events that will encourage them to come in.

In order to better provide our members with information they want and need about Woodward Moose Lodge and Woodward WOTM Chapter, the Oklahoma Southern Kanas Moose Association, and Moose International, I would like to ask for your input.

So, as Editor of The Guide, how can I help you in providing the news you want to read?

Email your suggestions to kimberlykelly@tam-pabay.rr.com.

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Before I go I am still looking for my sunglass, and I may need sunscreen. The future of the Moose is going to be bright.



MOOSE INTERNATIONAL HEART OF THE COMMUNITY AWARDS		
2022-2023 MAKE IT HAPPEN		
BRONZE		
36	Hamilton	OH
59	Millersburg	PA
104	Boone	IA
167	Richmond	IN
178	Medford	OR
285	Paducah	KY
301	Norwood	OH
349	Windber	PA
384	Bend	OR
433	Palm Harbor	FL
452	Woodward	OK
464	South Norfolk	VA

LEFT: Kimberly Kelly and Bruce Snyder at the Moose International Convention in Reno, NV. ABOVE: Woodward Moose Lodge is listed on the list of Heart of the Community Awards under the Bronze Category.

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Hutchinson Kansas Lodge 982 July 21-23.

Please take this opportunity to congratulate our Ritual Team in person and see the Conferral Ceremony Sunday morning.

This year at the Moose International Convention, the Moose celebrate a second year in a row with an increase in membership in all three units: The Moose, Moose Legion and the Women of the Moose.

Unfortunately, the Oklahoma Southern Kansas Moose Association is not enjoying this same growth.

Only two lodges Enid Oklahoma and Cleveland County Oklahoma saw an increase in membership last year.

The Sooner Moose Legion also saw a loss in membership last year. Our membership is vital to the survival of a lodge, not only the numbers but your involvement and participation.

So, Moose Legionnaires let us do our part by volunteering and participating in Lodge and Moose Legion activities.

Remember to invite your family, friends, and acquaintances to join both the Lodge and Moose Legion.

Once again if you have any ideas for an activities at our gatherings please let Trevor, Greg or myself know.

Sick and
Distressed:

Bob Head

Remember:

To do some good thing for someone each day.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 MOOSE LEGION MEETING 7:00 PM
2	3 LODGE OFFICERS 7:30 PM LODGE MEETING 8:00 PM	4 LODGE CLOSED	5	6 CARDS	7	8
9 JOE GROSHONG PILGRIM ROBINING 1PM STILLWATER	10 DISTRICT 1 MEETING HUTCHINSON, KS CHAPTER MEETING 7:30 PM	11 POOL LEAGUE	12	13 CARDS	14	15
16	17 LODGE OFFICERS 7:30 PM LODGE MEETING 8:00 PM	18 POOL LEAGUE	19	20 CARDS	21 BLIND DRAW DARTS TOURNAMENT 7:30 PM MOOSE LEGION CELEBRATION HUTCHINSON, KS	22
23 DISTRICT 1 MEETING HUTCHINSON, KS MOOSE LEGION CELEBRATION HUTCHINSON, KS OSKMA PLANNING MEETING HUTCHINSON, KS	24 CHAPTER OFFICERS 7:30 PM	25 POOL LEAGUE	26	27 CARDS	28	29
30 LODGE CLOSED	31					EVENTS OPEN TO MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS.