

Unfortunately, the Covid 19 Pandemic has created and continues to create hardships on all Moose Lodges and the Moose Organization as a whole. Most Lodges continue to struggle with financially being able to keep their doors open. Membership has taken a big hit and donations to Mooseheart and Moosehaven to support our cause has also taken a big hit. Politics and the News Media spin sure has not helped in this situation. Hopefully, we will have a vaccine soon and this will start to help get rid of this nasty beast so we can all get our lives back to normal. For the time being we will have to deal with it the best we can.

Many activities we have done in the past have had to be put on hold for now. As things get better and more members start to come back into the Lodge, we will hopefully be able to get back to normal. Members are asking about Friday night Dinners and Bands. The fact is that until we can get enough members coming back to the Lodge to support these activities financially, they will be put on hold. This Lodge has to raise money to pay our bills, so the events we do have are those we feel with bring in funds. Members will agree we cannot afford to have functions that cause us to lose money. Since the Governor's Executive Order on March 17, 2020 until today to close down Businesses like Moose Lodges, **our Lodge has lost approximately \$40,000**. Thank God for our Bingo operations and volunteers, we probably would not have survived without the proceeds from Bingo. I encourage all our members to remember Bingo is the life blood of our Lodge and consider volunteering with Bingo. If Bingo ever goes away, we will not be able to afford to keep the doors open in this nice big Lodge Building. It may take a while longer, but we will get back to normal with all our member's help and support, So please come out and support your lodge.

In May, Carl Crayton and Karen Bain formed a committee to provide a Wednesday night meal that could be pre ordered and picked up in drive thru fashion. This crew is now retired and there will be no more drive thru pick up meals. You can get your meal to go, but you must come into the Social Quarters to order and pay. No email orders or phone call orders will be accepted. The lodge is open and members can come in and have a sit down meal in our Social Quarters. A big thank you goes out to these volunteers Carl Crayton, Karen Bain, Jo & Bob Lafferty, Joe Vichich, Barb Mortier, Pam Cobb and Tina Crayton. Thank you for your service. Great job and again THANK YOU!

Our Social Quarters Manager, Barbara Thigpen, has stepped up and organized our Wednesday night Dinners for the month of November. There will be different kitchen crews each Wednesday Night. The attached calendar will list what we will be serving every Wednesday in the month of November. All meals served will be for dine in. Dinner is served from 6:30-7:30. Please save your calendar so you can see what will be served each Wednesday. We will no longer be sending out a menu each week. The cost of each meal will be based on what we charged before the shutdown and not the flat \$10 we have been charging for all meals. Barbara would also like to thank Carl and his crew for doing the Wednesday Dinners for the past 7 months and to say *"She hopes to see you soon"*.



Winner Mike Smith  
Command Sargent  
Major in the National  
Guard.

LCSO SWAT  
Team, Sargent  
Ryan Morley.



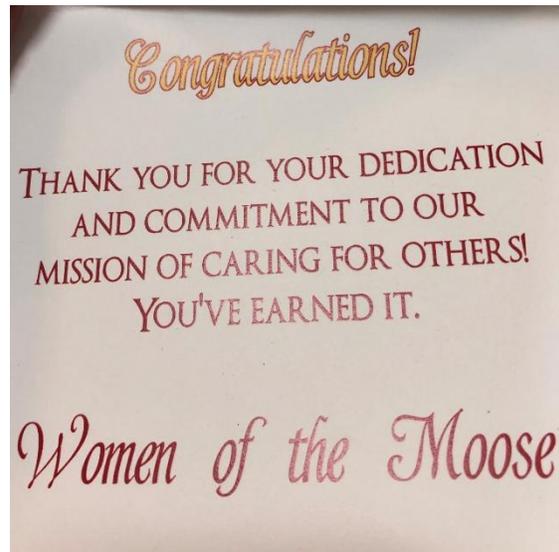
The raffle for the LCSO (Leon County Sheriff's Office) SWAT Team raised **\$1,662.**



Wednesday Night  
Cooking Crew  
(retired)

## WOTM Activities

October was an Amazing month for the WOTM. We received our Award of Achievement for 2019-2020. Congratulations everyone!



The Moose Heart/Moose Haven Committee Monetary Walk had a generous response from the WOTM in our first meeting, raising **\$130**.

The Moose Heart/Moose Haven committee also raised **\$840.00** with the Cake & Baked good auction.

After a great dinner of burger and fries sponsored by our Social Quarters manager Barbara Thigpen the MH/MH Breast Cancer Awareness Basket Raffle on October 16<sup>th</sup> was a rollicking Success with 13 baskets awarded and **\$656** raised for American Cancer Society & Special Project Charities.

On that same October 16<sup>th</sup> Friday Night was our Legendary Annual Battle of the Bras! The Guys who modeled did a Fantastic Job! Many thanks to Tina Crayton for creating such a fun event for a worthy cause. This event raised well over **\$2000** for Breast Cancer Awareness!

The Winner for best Bra & Costume was our very own Billy Shelfer! Mike & Susan Smith's son, Cameron Smith Won the Most Money Raised – Prize! Thanks to everyone for their generosity and enthusiasm at this event!



Thanks to all my co-workers and friends for all the work and fun we have shared this month. This has been a great experience. Ya'll have taught me so much.... And I have so much more to learn! Thanks again I am looking forward to another fun filled month! Here are some of the things the WOTM have planned.

## Upcoming events:

- November 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday at 8:00am we will be working on the Rose Garden. If you like to dig in the dirt please come on out! The contact in Dawn Mackland
- November 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> is Membership Retention Week
- Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> is the Joint New Member Orientation. This is open to all. It begins at 7:00 pm in Bingo Hall
- Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> - Joint Membership Phonathon

Volunteers will call both expired and current members to invite them to the lodge. We will encourage expired members to re up their membership. We want to get their personal information (e-mail and mailing address) updated and ask how they are, let them about upcoming events and invite them to the lodge.

We need both men and women to help with this project. The hours are 3:00-7:00. You can come anytime during these hours.

- November 10<sup>th</sup> is the WOTM meeting- Higher Degree College Night- 6:30pm
- November 13<sup>th</sup> we are having a Dinner and 50's Dance Party

Come dressed for the 50's Style Theme! DJ Wade Bennett will be working the Tunes. Dinner menu is Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers \$7, Chili dogs \$5 Both come with fries & Milkshakes

- ❖ Prizes for the Best dressed (Moose Bucks)
- ❖ 50/50 Raffle

- November 20th Friday Night the WOTM Dinner & Cake Auction

The menu is baked ham, mashed potatoes, gravy & green beans. \$10.00

The Cake Auction with an Auctioneer will be held right after dinner.