



# NEWSLETTER

## April 2026



Women of the Moose, Chapter #444, P.O. Box 664, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 (email: [WOTM444@yahoo.com](mailto:WOTM444@yahoo.com))

**2025-26 Officers:** Danielle Welch (301) 672-0891, Senior Regent; Tammy Farrell, Jr Past Regent; Valerie Sciarra, Treasurer; Geneva Leon, Secretary; Robin Crabill, Guide; **Committee Chairs:** Becky Wascavage, Membership - (301) 399-2950; Sandy Felty, Fraternal Activities; Andra King, Mooseheart/Moosehaven; Agnes Bennett, Higher Degrees

### Next Chapter #444 WOTM Meeting: Monday, April 13 - 6 pm (Social Hall)

**March Meeting Summary:** The WOTM approved \$200.00 to Mooseheart Photography and \$50 Scholarships & Maintenance; \$125 Basket for Opal Fundraiser; \$125 Basket to Hollywood Methodist fundraiser; Ann Rader made a motion to pay all donations as presented, Linda Cropper seconded, and motion carried. We have added 6 new WOTM, Chapter 444 members! For the Award of Achievement, a new requirement was added to the rules: maintain a retention percentage of 65% or higher. With that change we should be on track to earn the Award again this year. **Endowment:** \$38. **Fundraisers:** The Wednesday Night Wheel brought in \$3,650, QOH Raffles: \$1,025, Super Bowl Raffle \$1,650 and Endowment collected \$38. Lifetime Raffle #3 was won by Geneva Leon. Lifetime #4 is ongoing. **Past Events: 2/15 Valentine Bingo at Cedar Lanes:** Agnes reported we had 57 residents that participated and 9 WOTM volunteers. Many desserts. The residents really enjoyed the free bingo & prizes. **Volunteer of the Month- (February) Kim Guy.** Danielle shared that Kim signs up & works at many events. Most recently she is co-lead on the Easter Event. She offers good ideas & an asset to our Chapter.

**Planned Activities: 3/21 Bull & Oyster Roast** -WOTM Bake Sale; need baked goods, we will also run the Wheel, have a raffle, & 50/50. **3/29 -Children's Easter Party:** Planning for egg hunt, cookie decorating, face painting, games with prizes, & lunch. We will have a stuffing party to stuff 4000 eggs for the kids. **Easter Online Auction:** Drop off is 4/2 & pick up is 4/3 -See flyer on page 3. **Charity Benefit for Opal's Liver Transplant 4/18:** WOTM will assist Bake Sale, Front Door, 50/50, & Wheel. Elections were held, new Officers are listed below. The WOTM #444 have an annual Lottery Raffle and drawings for \$50 are done at our monthly meetings. The Lottery letters were sent in March. If you did not receive your Pink Tickets, please let Geneva Leon know (240) 298-6206! Otherwise you can use the envelope provided to mail your completed stubs & payment or hand deliver at one of our meetings or events! Our **March 2025-26 lottery winners** for \$50 each were Maureen McFadden & Geneva Leon. **Sickness/Distress:** Sympathy cards to Lisa Courtney, Nikole Males, Dottie Queen, & Ronnie Wise; Thinking of you/feel better cards sent to: Susie Tippet & Ellen Bowles. A gift of sunshine was delivered to Jenni Groht. Our next WOTM meeting: **Mon, April 13<sup>th</sup> -6 pm.** Questions? Call me: (301) 672-0891 Danielle

### Elections for 2026-27 WOTM #444

#### Newly Elected Chapter #444 Officers:

Becky Wascavage – Senior Regent  
Valerie Sciarra, Treasurer  
Geneva Leon, Secretary  
The 2026-27 Senior Regent will appoint the 4 Chairmen & guide to complete the Board.

Installation of WOTM Chapter 444 Officers will be done jointly with Lodge 495 Officers on Tuesday, **April 28, 2026.** All are welcome to attend and meet your new officers.

### Upcoming Events

- **April 3** – Online Easter Virtual Auction, pg. 3
- **April 12** – Corn Hole Fundraiser Pg. 4
- **April 14** –Voting for Lodge Officers (3-6 pm)
- **April 18** – Benefit for Opal Pg.5
- **April 21-** Moose 495 Orientation, pg. 6
- **April 26** – WOTM Quarter Auction, Pg. 7
- **April 26** – Kids Turkey Shoot (pavilion) Pg. 8
- **April 28** – Installation of New Officers
- **May 3** – East Coast Car Show WOTM Bake Sale Pg. 9 (Need Baked Goods)

## April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>April 3 - Online Easter Auction</b>	1 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	2 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	3 Shrimp \$18 Steak \$22 Combo \$26 6 – 8 pm Last Shot Band 6:30 – 10:30 pm	4 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Duke Brothers Band 8 – 12 pm
5 CLOSED HAPPY EASTER	6 Pitch League 7 pm	7 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Queen of Hearts 5-7	8 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	9 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	10 Oyster Basket or Shrimp Basket \$15 6 – 8 pm The Wanderers 6:30 – 10:30 pm	11 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
12 Turkey Shoot 12 pm Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm	13 WOTM Meeting 6:00 pm Pitch League 7 pm	14 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Elections 3 – 6 (no Queen of Hearts)	15 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	16 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	17 Fried Chicken \$15 6 – 8 pm Honky Tonk Cassanovas 6:30 – 10:30 pm	18 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Karaoke 8 – 12 pm
19 Turkey Shoot 12 pm Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm	20 Pitch League 7 pm	21 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm New Member Orientation (no Queen of Hearts)	22 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	23 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	24 Fish & Shrimp \$18 6 – 8 pm Country Memories 6:30 – 10:30 pm	25 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
26 WOTM Quarter Auction 12 pm Turkey Shoot 12 pm Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm	27 Pitch League 7 pm	28 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Installation of Officers (no Queen of Hearts)	29 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	30 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	Subject to change without notice.	

## Lodge Voting April 14, 3-6pm

**Why Vote? Your voice matters. Your involvement matters. Your vote matters. Together, through responsible leadership and active membership, we ensure that our lodge continues to thrive—not just for today, but for generations to come.**

**Elections are not just routine—they are critical.**

They determine:

- Who will guide the lodge
- How decisions will be made
- Whether the organization will grow or decline

**Voting is not just a right—it's a responsibility.**

**Choosing leaders who understand these principles ensures:**

- Stability
- Integrity
- Continued success

**Every elected leader has a legal & ethical obligation to:**

- Act in the best interest of the organization

- Manage resources responsibly
- Maintain transparency and integrity
- Safeguard the lodge for future generations

**This responsibility ensures that what we build today will still stand tomorrow.**

**Leaders within a not-for-profit fraternal membership organization are not executives in the traditional sense.**

**They are volunteers entrusted with responsibility.**

**Their role is to:**

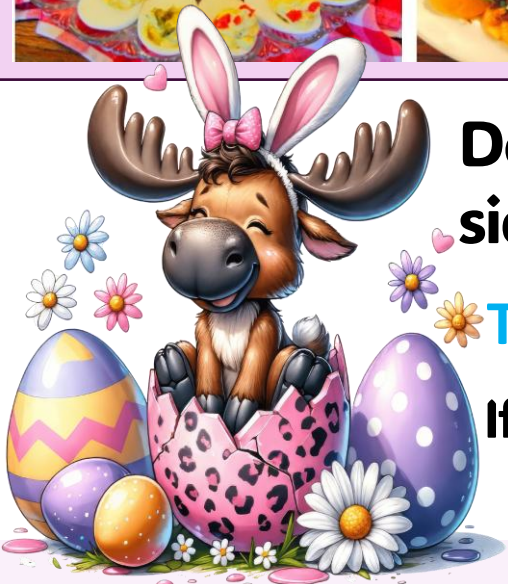
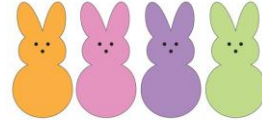
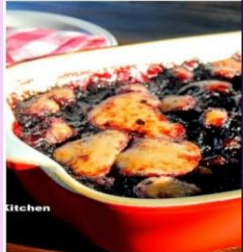
- Follow and uphold bylaws and governing laws
- Make decisions that protect the financial and physical assets of the organization
- Act with fiduciary responsibility, always prioritizing the lodge over personal interest
- Ensure long-term stability and success

**Leadership is not about authority—it is about accountability, collaboration, and stewardship.**



# Easter Virtual Auction

WOTM Online Auction through Facebook – Many Different Dishes! Some of your Favorite Chefs & Bakers offering their most sought-after recipe to compliment your family’s Easter Celebration!



Donated homemade desserts & /or side dishes are due to the Lodge:

Thursday, 4/2/24, between 4 - 7 pm

If you need to make other arrangements, let us know!

Auction Starts: Fri, 4/3 - 8 am–5 pm

Winners Pick up: Fri, 4/3 - 5-7 pm

Look for the link & announcement on our FB Page: Moose 495! Questions? Call Danielle Welch (301) 672-0891 or email: [wotm444@yahoo.com](mailto:wotm444@yahoo.com)



# SOUTHERN MD *Velocity*

## CORNHOLE FUNDRAISER

**SUPPORT THE 16U & 10U  
VELOCITY SOFTBALL TEAMS!**

- ▶ Registration **11:30AM**
- ▶ Bags Fly at **12:30PM**
- ▶ Register through the **Scoreholio** app

**\$20** a player - Payout  
to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place

**ALSO FUN THINGS:**

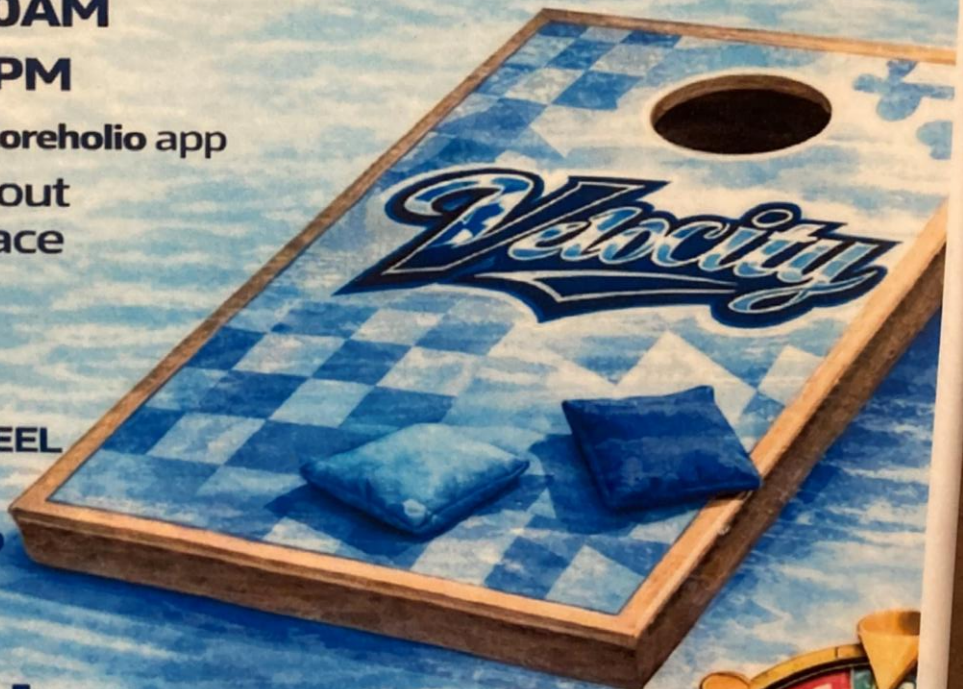
**50/50**

**THE BIG 6 MONEY WHEEL  
SPINNING ALL DAY**

- ▶ **FOOD, DESSERTS AND  
DRINKS FOR PURCHASE**

**PLEASE JOIN US  
APRIL 12TH**

**AT THE  
MECHANICSVILLE  
MOOSE LODGE**





Benefit for  
**Opal Lou's**  
Liver Transplant Journey



GoFundMe

**April 18th**

**Mechanicsville Moose Lodge**

**Silent Auction 1-5 pm • 50/50 Raffle • Bake Sale**

*- Live Music at 1:30 Featuring -*



**Chris Dean**



**Chris Turner**



**Eric Wathen**



**Bradley Turner**

**Admission \$10 for Adults**

**Kids 10 and under Free**

At just 3 months old, our sweet Opal was diagnosed with Neonatal Sclerosing Cholangitis (NSC), a rare and serious liver disease that has caused severe damage to her liver. The only cure is a life-saving liver transplant.

Please join us and help support Opal on her transplant journey and show our love for this sweet little girl and her family. For More Info, Please Call Lisa Slack (240) 882-5669





# You're Invited to Attend: 2025-26 Orientation Program

**For**

**Mechanicsville Moose #495**  
**Women of the Moose Chapter #444**



**April 21, 2026**



For any new or regular members of Mechanicsville Moose #495 that have **not** previously attended an orientation are invited to attend a celebration that includes a free dinner, giveaways, & information about what is involved in being a member of a family not for profit fraternity.

During this event, you will have the opportunity to meet the officers & committee chairmen of our Moose #495 & our Women of the Moose (WOTM), Chapter #444. You will also receive an explanation of the benefits of your membership & the many privileges you & your family will have to enjoy.

Please **RSVP** to Geneva Leon, [wotm444@yahoo.com](mailto:wotm444@yahoo.com) or at 240 298-6206 by Tues, **April 14, 2026**, to let us know if you can attend & if you are bringing your spouse, so that we can prepare the proper amount of food.

# Quarter Auction

To support:  
The charitable work of The Women of The Mechanicsville Moose  
Lodge

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge  
27636 Mechanicsville Rd  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
Doors open at 12:00 pm  
Auction starts at 1:00 pm



**Brown Bag  
Auction**



**Great  
Food**

## Quarters In! Paddles Up!

**ALL BIDS WILL BE 1, 2, 3 OR 4 QUARTERS!**

Join us for a fun, fast-paced afternoon of prizes while supporting a great cause.

Not sure how to play? No problem! Join us and we'll show you how!

**Bring  
quarters!**

**Paddles are \$3 each  
2 for \$5 or 3 for \$7**

**Concessions  
Available!**



**Bring a  
Friend**

Presented by:  
the Fun Bunch & Friendz Quarter Auction Team

For info or reservations, please text/call:

**240 416-4224**



**Cash Bar  
Open**

To learn more about this event, including a list of participating sponsors,  
please visit our Facebook page at Quarter Auctions in SOMD

**MECHANICSVILLE MOOSE LODGE #495**



# **Kids TURKEY SHOOT!**



**APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> · SIGN UPS START AT 9AM**

**10:00 AM – Ages 8 and Under**

- BB Gun Shoot
- BB Guns Supplied
- No entry fee
- 5 Rounds
- \$20.00 gift card to the winner of each round
- Chance to win a BB Gun

**12:00 PM – Ages 9-14**

- 20 Gauge Shoot
- Stock full choke only (guns not supplied)
- \$40.00 per entry
- 10 Rounds
- \$50.00 gift card to the winner of each round
- Chance to win a 22 caliber long rifle



*Hotdogs, hamburgers & drinks included for kids!*



**ADULT SHOOT TO BE HELD  
AFTER KIDS SHOOT**

**100% PAY OUT · 12 GAUGE STOCK GUN**

**MECHANICSVILLE MOOSE LODGE #495  
APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> - SIGN UPS START AT 9AM**

# Spring Open Car Show

CARS / TRUCKS &  
MOTORCYCLES  
(ALL YEARS WELCOME)  
TOP 70 & 25 LATE MODEL  
BEST OF SHOW  
BEST CAR  
BEST TRUCK  
BEST RAT ROD  
BEST RACE CAR  
BEST PAINT  
BEST INTERIOR  
BEST MOTOR  
BEST IMPORT  
BEST LATE MODEL  
BEST MOTORCYCLE  
BEST CLUB  
PARTICIPATION  
OLDEST ORIGINAL  
OLDEST PARTICIPANT  
VETERAN'S CHOICE  
AWARD

PRESENTED BY



Held at the:  
Mechanicsville  
Moose Lodge  
27636 Mechanicsville Rd.  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
No Pets, No Drones,  
No Outside Golf Carts.

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

**8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Rain Date May 17, 2026**

Preregistration \$15 Cut Off 4/27/26  
\$20 Per car w/ one passenger  
Spectators \$5 (under 12 free)  
Registration cut off - NOON  
1<sup>st</sup> 100 receive Dash Plaques.

50 / 50



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Email: [East.Coast.Drifters.2013@gmail.com](mailto:East.Coast.Drifters.2013@gmail.com) FB: <https://www.facebook.com/eastcoast.drifters>

Web: <https://eastcoastdrifters.com>

Registration Form Download: <https://eastcoastdrifters.com/events/>

Check Facebook, Facebook Live, and our website for weather and other announcements!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph.: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to: East Coast Drifters, PO BOX 174, Charlotte Hall MD 20622

Questions call Rich 240-538-4266 or Chuck 301-751-5602

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants and participants, by execution of this entry form hereby release and discharge any cause of action against East Coast Drifters, Inc., club officers, or any other entity connected with the management and/or presentation of this car show for any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, and/or other claims whatsoever, that maybe suffered by an entrant and/or participant or his/her property with respect to participation in this show. I understand that the East Coast Drifters Car Club, Inc. cannot be held liable for any exposure to the COVID 19 virus or communicable disease or pandemic related illness while at the car show.

**Never Pay Dues Again !**

**Take your chance to win a lifetime**

**Mechanicsville Lodge 495 membership!**

**\$20 a chance - Tickets are available 5-7 pm**

**Tuesdays at Queen of Hearts &**

**Wednesdays at Wings/Shrimp Night**

**Questions? Danielle Welch 301 672-0891**

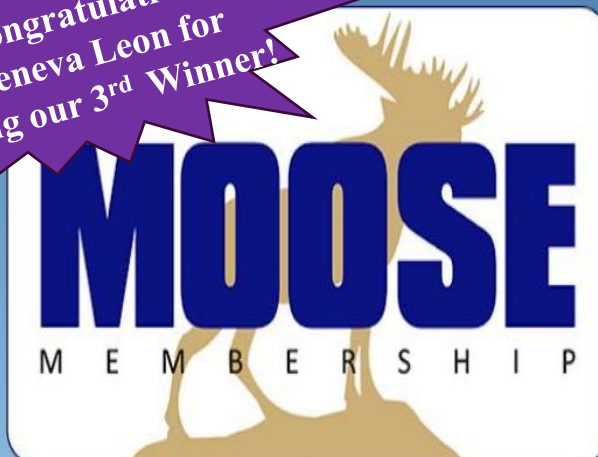
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# LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE



Exclusive for  
Mechanicsville 495  
Members

**Congratulations  
Geneva Leon for  
being our 3<sup>rd</sup> Winner!**



Only 100 Tickets being  
sold!

Just \$20 Each

Don't let this opportunity  
pass you by!

The drawing will take  
place as soon as all the  
tickets are sold

Questions? Danielle Welch, 301-672-0891



# Women of the Moose

## Established 1913

MD-DE-DC Moose Association  
Del-Mar and Black Eyed Susan Councils of Higher Degrees



**Join our WOTM  
Chapter #444  
or  
Make Sure You  
Renew Your  
#444 Dues when  
you Renew your  
Moose #495  
Dues**

**WHAT DO THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE DO?**

**TOGETHER WE MAKE  
CHANGES FOR THE BETTER**

**The Women of the Moose are the sole financial  
providers for the following:**

- Mooseheart School
- Mooseheart physical and occupational therapy
- The Mooseheart girls and boys athletic programs
- Necessities for each new child to get the right start at Mooseheart
- The Mooseheart music program
- Moosehaven pharmacy assistance
- Moosehaven daily needs
- Moosehaven vision, hearing, and dental needs
- The beauty and barber shop at Moosehaven
- Christmas items at both Mooseheart and Moosehaven

*In addition, our Chapters have provided over 8 million dollars  
this past year in service to others in our communities*

Any female member in good standing in the Lodge is eligible to apply  
for membership in the Women of the Moose.

**Contact: Becky Wascavage for your membership questions! (301) 399-2950**

## 2025-26 Officers



### Moose 495 Board

- **President** – David Murphy
- **Vice President** – Becky Wascavage
- **Treasurer** – Lee Downs
- **Chaplain** – Valerie Sciarra
- **Jr Past President** – Bill Males, Jr
- **1 Year Trustee** – Ray Copsey
- **2 Year Trustee** – Tim Bennett
- **3 Year Trustee** – Frankie Stone
- **Sergeant-at-Arms** – Mark Wascavage
- **Inner Guard** - Brooks Howard
- **Outer Guard** - Harold Sciarra

### WOTM Chapter 444 Board

**Sr. Regent:** Danielle Welch

**Jr Past Regent:** Tammy Farrell

**Treasurer:** Valerie Sciarra

**Secretary:** Geneva Leon

**Guide:** Robin Crabill

#### Chairpersons

**Membership:** Becky Wascavage

**Fraternal Activities:** Sandy Felty

**Mooseheart/Moosehaven:** Andra King

**Higher Degree:** Agnes Bennett

(Not Pictured) Ray Copsey & Administrator – Bill Males, Sr