



NEWSLETTER

August 2026



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

2026-27 Officers: Agnes Bennett, Senior Regent (301) 481-3816; Danielle Welch, Jr Past Regent; Valerie Sciarra, Treasurer; Geneva Leon, Secretary; Pam Twiford, Guide; **Committee Chairs:** Jen Tucker, Membership; Kim Guy, Fraternal Activities; Lindsey Welch, Mooseheart/Moosehaven; and Jill Wood, Higher Degrees. Newsletter Editor: Geneva Leon

Next Chapter #444 WOTM Meeting: Monday, August 10 - 6 pm (Social Hall)

July Meeting Summary: The WOTM approved \$250.00 to Mooseheart (Girl's Athletic Program); \$50 Scholarships & Maintenance; \$250 for Mother Catherine Golf Tournament – for basket with scratch offs; \$200 Mech. Rescue Squad; and \$150 childhood cancer benefit by CIB Poker Run for a basket. Our Chapter has 440 members as of 6/30 & our goal is 447 by next April. Please remember to include \$15 annually for WOTM dues when you pay your lodge dues of \$60, a total of \$75 each year. The endowment was collected: \$34. **Fundraisers for June:** QOH Raffles: \$315; Wed. Wheel: \$1,585; Father's Day Raffle \$4,785, & Lifetime Raffle #4: \$2,000. **Past Events: Moose International Convention:** WOTM Chapter 444 was recognized at the Moose International Convention as Top Chapter for Community Service. Thanks were given to all who have & continue to volunteer & submit their hours. Danielle & Geneva attended workshops, worked at Moose Charities booth, attended Moose 25 celebration, & even got a picture with Moose sponsored NASCAR driver Ross Chastain. Geneva was recognized for her achievement, College of Regents and will provide her thoughts & experience at the next meeting. **Father's Day Breakfast** - Thank you to all who volunteered and contributed! **Back to School event:** 8/9/2026, Backpacks will be stuffed Thursday, 8/6/2026 at 5:30 pm in the Hall. **New Business:** Attendance Incentive Award was drawn, Cheryl Riley, but was not present (When present the member will receive **FREE** dues for the year! **Fundraiser for School Nurses TBD:** An event (November ?) with participation from Moose & Chapter to raise funds for school nurse supplies for upcoming school year. **Unfinished Business: Optimist Friends & Fortune Game night (8/29): need 6 volunteers** at 4 pm. Lisa, Pat, Linda, Terri, Joanne, Nancy & Danielle volunteered. Final 6 at next meeting. **Nomination of Senior Regent** - Agnes Bennett requested consideration. Danielle provided background information to members. A unanimous vote was made for Agnes as Senior Regent 2026-27. Installation is Monday, July 27th at 5:30 pm. **WOTM 2026-27 Lottery Winners:** Cindy Hands & Hilda McNeil \$50 each. **Sickness/Distress:** WOTM Carolyn Livingston passed away & flowers were sent; WOTM assistance at the lodge was requested. Sympathy cards to Carolyn's family, Linda Muller (Carolyn's sister), and to Wendy Small on the passing of her mom. We sent thinking of you cards to Linda Kolbe, Debbie Daras who was in the hospital preparing for surgery, and to Katie Daras who is helping to care for her mom. Our next WOTM meeting: **Mon, August 10th -6 pm. Questions? Call me: (301) 481-3816 –Agnes**

Our New Senior Regent– Agnes Bennett

Meet our Senior Regent, Agnes Bennett! She's a working nurse, grandmother of 14 children, volunteer with the Optimist Club of 7th District & married to Tim Bennett, one of the Moose 495 Trustees. Agnes has been a member since 2020 & actively held many board positions. Please help us welcome Agnes in her new role. See the new 2026-27 WOTM 444 board on page 3.



Upcoming Events & News

- **August 6** -Stuff backpack at 5:30 pm
- **August 9** –Save the Date - Back to School, pg 4
- **August 8** -Poker Tournament, pg 5
- **August 17** -Pop Up–Free Line/Couples Dance, pg 6
- **August 18** -Orientation Moose 495, 5:45 pm, pg 7
- **August 24** -Pitch Tournament Starts, pg 8
- **August 29** -Optimist Friends & Fortune Game Night pg 9 (WOTM will assist with fundraiser)
- **Sept 12** -Clements Cuties Softball Game, pg 10
- Ongoing -Lifetime Raffle #5, pg 11
- **Sept 27** -East Coast Car Show, 8am (Bake Sale), pg 12

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
2 NASCAR Texas Holdem 6 pm	3 Pitch League 7 pm	4 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Queen of Hearts 5-7	5 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm WOTM Wheel	6 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Stuff backpacks - 5:30 Texas Holdem 7 pm	7 Shrimp \$18 Steak \$22 Combo \$26 5:30 – 8 pm Last Shot Band 6:30 – 10:30 pm	8 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Poker Tournament
9 Back to School Backpacks NASCAR Texas Holdem 6 pm	10 WOTM Meeting 6:00 pm Pitch League 7 pm	11 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Queen of Hearts 5-7 Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	12 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm WOTM Wheel	13 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	14 Baked Pork Loin \$15 5:30 – 8 pm Country Memories 6:30 – 10:30 pm	15 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Karaoke 8-12
16 NASCAR Texas Holdem 6 pm	17 Line Dance 6:30 pm No Pitch	18 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm No Queen Orientation 6 pm	19 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm WOTM Wheel	20 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	21 Fried Chicken Buffet \$15 5:30 – 8 pm Monkey Business 6:30 – 10:30 pm	22 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
23 NASCAR Texas Holdem 6 pm	24 Pitch League 7 pm	25 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Queen of Hearts 5-7 Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	26 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm WOTM Wheel	27 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	28 Fish & Shrimp \$18 5:30 – 8 pm Honky Tonk Cassanovas 6:30 – 10:30 pm	29 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Optimist Game Night – 5 pm
30 NASCAR Texas Holdem 6 pm	31 Pitch League 7 pm	What's Happening Outside? The <u>Ballfield</u> - softball games most every night, Mon-Fri (Women & Men) <u>Under the Pavillion</u> – Corn Hole Leagues on Tues & Thurs, Horseshoes on Wednesdays!				



Mechanicsville Women of the Moose Board of Officers 2026-27



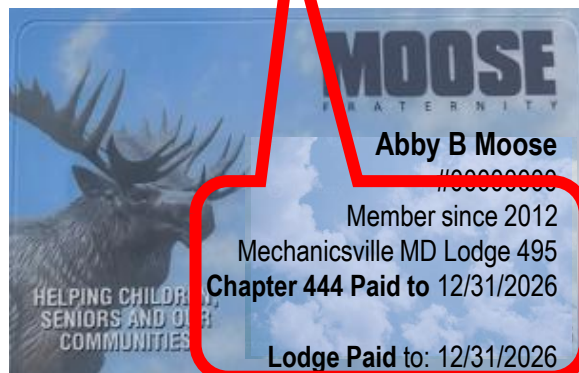
L-R: Jen Tucker, Chairman-Membership; Kim Guy, Chairman-Fraternal Activities; Geneva Leon, Secretary; Agnes Bennett, Senior Regent; Danielle Welch, Junior Past Regent; Valerie Sciarra, Treasurer; Jill Wood, Chairman-Higher Degree; Pam Twiford, Guide
Not Pictured: Lindsey Welch, Chairman-Mooseheart/Moosehaven



Are You a Member of Chapter 444 - Women of the Moose, WOTM?

Here's how to read your Moose card to see if you are registered as a member of the Mechanicsville Chapter 444, Women of the Moose:

- Lodge #495 Dues are \$60, to also be in the WOTM, Chapter 444 your annual dues are \$15 more, totaling \$75 annually.
- If you renewed for \$75, your card will reflect BOTH the Mech. MD Lodge 495 **AND** Chapter 444 Paid to ... as shown in this picture.
- Both Chapter 444 and Lodge dates must be current or Lifetime to be a member of Chapter 444.
- Questions? Contact Danielle at (301) 672-0891





27636 Mechanicsville Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Back-to-School

Sun, August 9 : 1 pm

Our **495 Moose families** are invited to bring their school aged children to this free very worthwhile back-to school event. You **must sign your child up to attend**. The sign-up sheets are in the Main Door Vestibule area, please include Child's name, school, & grade

Lots of Important Information & Fun

- Free Lunch from Moose #495
- Fingerprinting
- Many Truck Demos
- Free Loaded Back Packs
- Door prizes
- Kona Ice
- And much much more



Questions? Contact the WOTM Back-to-School Committee through
Sandy Felty (240) 808-5001 or Geneva Leon (240) 298-6206





MECHANICSVILLE MOOSE LODGE

TEXAS HOLD'EM *Tournament*

Saturday August 8, 2026 @ 2pm

\$150 Entry (includes bounty)

30,000 Chip Starting Stack

Tournament is limited to 90 players

pre-registration is encouraged

Registration/Check-in opens at 1pm

Blinds Start at 100/100 and progress every 25 minutes

there is a break after every third level

No Re-Buy or Add ons

Money Wheel and 50/50 raffles

Food and Beverage will be available for purchase

27636 Mechanicsville Rd

Mechanicsville, Md 20659

additional Questions or to pre-register:

James Dean 240-577-0828

(Text Preferred)

Couple & Line Dances

(partner not required)

Monday, August 17, 6:30- 8 pm

Mechanicsville Moose – Social Hall
(members & qualified guests)

Come early, get your drinks & order dinner from the Bar



Mechanicsville Moose 495 Orientation Program

Tuesday, Aug 18 at 5:45 pm
(No Queen that night)

You don't have to be a new member to attend. If you've never been to an Orientation, you should come. Includes light dinner & prizes. Reservations must be made by August 14 to ensure the proper amount of food is prepared
RSVP- WOTM444@yahoo.com or Geneva Leon (240) 298-6206

**YOU ARE A MEMBER —
NOT A CUSTOMER**

THIS IS YOUR LODGE.



We are a not-for-profit fraternal membership organization — a family of people working together to do good human work.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MEANS:



PARTICIPATE

A few hands and a few hours make a real difference.



LEARN

Attend orientation. Discover our history, Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our mission.



SERVE

Support community outreach — or bring us your idea for helping a local charity.



BE KIND

Respect one another. Welcome people. Strengthen our Moose family.



KNOW YOUR SOCIAL QUARTERS

It is a benefit for members and qualified guests — not a public facility. Follow all lodge guest policies, and be responsible for your guests.



GROW OUR FAMILY

Invite and sponsor family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOU.

PARTICIPATE • VOLUNTEER • LEARN • SERVE • SPONSOR

MEET ME AT THE MOOSE



Monday Night Pitch League



Starts August 24, 2026

Buy-In \$50 for 10 Weeks

**If interested, preregistration required to ensure
4 person tables - call before 8/24**

Contact: Diane (240) 717-6487



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF MECHANICSVILLE

Presents

Friends & Fortune

DINNER & GAME NIGHT



**SATURDAY
AUGUST 29
2026**



**DOORS OPEN:
5:00 PM**
**DINNER:
6:00 PM**



**MECHANICSVILLE
MOOSE SOCIAL HALL**

27636 Mechanicsville Rd.,
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Proceeds to benefit The Optimist Club of Mechanicsville, MD
and Youth Scholarships

OVER
\$4000
IN CASH PRIZES

EVERY 10TH BALL
drawn is a winner!

ONLY
200
BALLS
AVAILABLE!

TICKETS ARE LIMITED – GET YOURS TODAY!

BALLIN' FOR BUCKS NUMBER BOARD GAME*



Match the number,
win the cash!

PULL-TABS



Pull, Match
& Win!

50/50



You could be
a winner!

BIG WHEEL OF CHANCE



Spin the wheel,
win big!

BROWN BAG RAFFLES



Great Prizes!

★ **SINGLE TICKET** ★

\$100

COMES WITH:
★ 1 DINNER
★ 1 BALL

★ **COUPLE TICKET** ★

\$150

COMES WITH:
★ 2 DINNERS
★ 1 BALL

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

★ \$1500
★ \$1000
★ \$500

TABLES CAN BE RESERVED FOR PARTIES OF 8 OR MORE
OTHERWISE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

GENEVA LEON 240-298-6208

TINA BARNES 301-672-1558

mechanicsvilleoptimist@gmail.com

SATURDAY, SEPT 12th
at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge



27636 Mechanicsville Road

GATES OPEN AT 11AM

Admission by Donation
****No Outside Coolers****

2026 CLEMENTS CUTIES

SOFTBALL SHOWDOWN

vs. the Women's All-Stars



Raising Awareness for
Childhood Cancer &
Supporting Children
with Severe Illnesses

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE
501(c)(3) FEDERAL TAX ID # 81-2851051

NOLAN RIOS

Age 8



Battling Acute
Lymphoblastic
Leukemia (ALL)

ELENA HARRIS

Age 4



Battling B-cell Acute
Lymphoblastic
Leukemia (ALL)

OPAL SLACK

Age 1



Battling Neonatal
Sclerosing Cholangitis,
A Rare Liver Disease

EVENT ACTIVITIES

WOMEN'S ALL-STAR
GAME AT NOON

MEN'S ALL-STAR GAME
AT 2PM

CUTIES ARRIVE AT 4

ARRIVE EARLY TO GET
PARKING & SEATING

FOOD VENDORS

PIZZA HOTLINE

GRILL SERGEANT BBQ

IWB HOT DOG STAND

DID SOMEONE SAY
FUNNEL CAKE

Join us for the 21+
After Party featuring
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PROCEEDS TO PAY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES, GRANT RECIPIENT'S INDIVIDUAL WISHES
AND FUND SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF OUR ANGELS BELOW:



Nolan Scully



Colton Kirchner



Peyton Greer



Lakelyn Draheim



Gabriel Sanchez



Finn Cusick



Wyatt Griggs



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TO OUR
MAJOR
SPONSORS**



Clements Cuties Foundation



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info@clementscuties.org

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

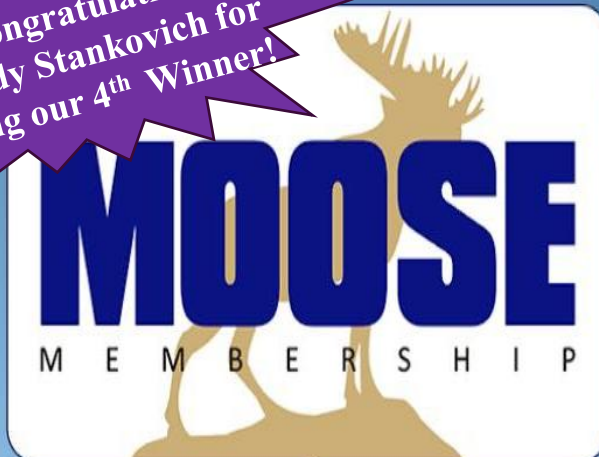
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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE



Exclusive for
Mechanicsville 495
Members

**Congratulations
Sandy Stankovich for
being our 4th 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

Fall Classic Car Show

PRESENTED BY



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
BEST PATINA

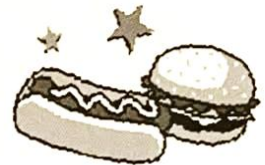
Held at the:
Mechanicsville
Moose Lodge
27636 Mechanicsville Rd.
Mechanicsville, MD 20659
No Pets, No Drones,
No Outside Golf Carts.

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Preregistration \$20 cut-off Sept. 21
\$25 Per car w/ one passenger
Spectators \$5 (under 12 free)
Registration cut off - NOON
1st 100 receive Dash Plaques.

50 / 50



DJ



Email: 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, P.O. 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.



**Mechanicsville
WOTM
Chapter 444**



WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

**WHAT DOES YOUR
Support Do?** 

Did You Know? 

**\$10 OF YOUR \$15 ANNUAL
WOTM MEMBERSHIP DUES**
is applied to our sponsorship of:



MOOSEHEART SCHOOL



MOOSEHAVEN PHARMACY



MOOSEHAVEN DAILY NEEDS



**MOOSEHEART PHYSICAL &
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**



**NEW MOOSEHEART RESIDENT
(CHILD) "NECESSITIES"**



**MOOSEHAVEN DENTAL,
HEARING & VISION NEEDS**



**MOOSEHEART MUSIC PROGRAM
(AWARD WINNING)**



**MOOSEHAVEN BEAUTY &
BARBER SHOPS**



\$8 MILLION

*in other community service
throughout the United States & Canada*

WHY OUR CHAPTER MATTERS

Our Chapter has, and always will have,
an important place in the Moose Fraternity.



We provide as much for our twin cities
of **Mooseheart** and **Moosehaven** as
the Moose Legion (our men only
equivalent in the Fraternity).



Chapters are responsible for
all of the above, plus...



We coordinate the family
activities at the Lodge.



We lead hands-on community
service projects for the
Springfield Oregon Moose Lodge.

Let's All Work Together 
**TO KEEP UP OUR
GOOD DEEDS!**



JOIN

*TO MAKE AN
IMPACT*



SUPPORT

*OUR TWIN
CITIES*



SERVE

*OUR
COMMUNITY*



BELIEVE

*IN A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW*



TOGETHER,

*WE MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!*

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE



HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



STRENGTH OF THE FRATERNITY