



# NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2025



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, December 8 - 6 pm (Social Hall)

**November Meeting Summary:** The WOTM approved \$100 to Moosehaven Daily needs, \$200 Mooseheart Music program, \$500 to Hughesville Volunteer Rescue Squad, & \$50 for Scholarship & Maintenance. We collected \$996 for CareNet charity - Rally Day, \$750 for Clements Cuties at Dueling Pianos, & \$44 for endowment. **Fundraisers:** Wheel: \$2,800, \$50 Wheel: \$500, QOH Raffle: \$240, Lifetime Raffle: \$1,135. Our membership is 465 & we added 7 new members. At the MD/DE/DC Moose Convention Tammy received her Golden Gavel award. There will be a Golden Gavel celebration in January. Danielle was selected as the Moose Charities Chairman & will serve on the Assoc. board of officers. **Halloween** - Tammy thanked everyone for helping & shared the children had a great time. Many children dressed in great costumes; she received many compliments, especially for the new Spooky Maze. Lots of Trunk or Treat vehicles, games, guess the lollipops, & pumpkins! The Baby Shower & Rally Day were very successful. We had almost all Assoc. WOTM Chapters present. Lots of great ideas shared. Our Charity, CareNet, presented information about helping young parents, & they were overwhelmed by all the gifts! **Volunteer of the Month Sept-Chrissy Rice:** she jumped right in with a positive & friendly demeanor, attended WOTM meetings, committee meetings, & volunteered wherever needed. She brings new ideas for fundraising, & a willingness to help make us successful. **Veteran's Day Celebration** - Agnes shared: Smurf will open, Lloyd Kaufman will sing National Anthem, Chaptico Chargers 4-H will do pledge of allegiance, Tim will recite Old Glory, and 10 Vets will receive a quilt at a Quilts of Valor ceremony. The **Rudolph Run/Walk** is Nov. 22, 8am at the Northern Senior Center with our Moose 495 "Merryland" group. **\$50 Wheel Fundraiser:** Doing good - \$1500 raised. **St Mary's Nursing Center** -WOTM will shop for 10 residents, gifts will be wrapped & delivered on 12/12. Also accepting Bingo prizes. An Online Thanksgiving Bake Sale 11/25, WOTM & other lodge members can donate desserts or sides & winners pick up Tuesday evening. **WOTM Raffles** at QOH will continue. Two Bake Sales in Nov, need lots of baked goods. Our November 2025-26 **lottery winners** for \$50 each were Carol Murphy & Shelly Clark. **Sickness:** Ann's Husband had double knee replacement. Minor Buckler passed, sent condolences to the family. Dolores Slack's brother in TN is very ill; she will be out for a while. Debbie St. Clair's father passed. Our next WOTM meeting: **Monday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm. Questions? Call me: (301) 672-0891 Danielle

*Gifts of time & love - the best ingredients for a truly **Merry Christmas***



#### Children's Santa Experience

Yes, we just celebrated Thanksgiving & your WOTM are already getting ready for Christmas! **Santa will be here on Sunday, Dec. 21** between 12:30-3 pm. The sign-up sheets are in the Vestibule at the front door. We must limit attendees to the first 300 children signed up. Please sign your children up before Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>! The children must attend the event to receive a gift. No exceptions. Questions? Contact Becky Wascavage (301) 399-2950.

#### Save the Date - Upcoming Events

- Dec 10** Last Day to sign Children up for Santa Visit
- Dec 12** WOTM Visit St. Mary's Nursing Center, 2 pm
- Dec 19** Christmas Dinner-Bring a side or dessert, Pg 4
- Dec 21** Children's Santa Experience-Must Register Pg 5
- Dec 31** New Year's Eve-The Rise Motown Band, Pg 6
- Feb 12** Super Bowl Party (Advanced Tickets Required)

TV Raffle, Pg 7



# December 2025

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
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|  | 1<br>Pitch League 7 pm                            | 2<br>\$1.50 Tacos<br>12 - 4 pm<br>Queen of Hearts 5-7   | 3<br>.75 Cent Wings<br>\$6 - ½ lb Shrimp<br>5-9 pm                               | 4<br>Thursty Thursday<br>\$1 off Beer<br>& Mixed Drinks<br>12 - 6 pm<br>Texas Holdem 7 pm  | 5<br>Shrimp \$18<br>Steak \$22<br>Combo \$26<br>6 - 8 pm<br>Last Shot Band<br>7-11 pm | 6<br>Dine In Pizza<br>Special \$8<br>Unlimited Toppings<br>12 - 6 pm                    |
| 7<br>Turkey Shoot 12 pm<br>NFL Sunday Ticket<br>Texas Holdem 6 pm                          | 8<br>WOTM Meeting<br>6:00 pm<br>Pitch League 7 pm | 9<br>\$1.50 Tacos 12 - 4 pm<br>Queen of Hearts 5-7<br>Membership Meeting<br>5:30 pm<br>B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm  | 10<br>.75 Cent Wings<br>\$6 - ½ lb Shrimp<br>5-9 pm                              | 11<br>Thursty Thursday<br>\$1 off Beer<br>& Mixed Drinks<br>12 - 6 pm<br>Texas Holdem 7 pm | 12<br>Fried Chicken \$15<br>6 - 8 pm<br>Rockabilly Band<br>7-11 pm                    | 13<br>Dine In Pizza<br>Special \$8<br>Unlimited Toppings<br>12 - 6 pm                   |
| 14<br>Turkey Shoot 12 pm<br>NFL Sunday Ticket<br>Texas Holdem 6 pm                         | 15<br>Pitch League 7 pm                           | 16<br>\$1.50 Tacos<br>12 - 4 pm<br>No Queen of Hearts<br>Orientation 5:30                                   | 17<br>.75 Cent Wings<br>\$6 - ½ lb Shrimp<br>5-9 pm                              | 18<br>Thursty Thursday<br>\$1 off Beer<br>& Mixed Drinks<br>12 - 6 pm<br>Texas Holdem 7 pm | 19<br>Lodge Christmas<br>Party 6 pm<br>(Bring a Dish)<br>Strictly Business<br>7-11 pm | 20<br>Dine In Pizza<br>Special \$8<br>Unlimited Toppings<br>12 - 6 pm<br>Karaoke 8 - 12 |
| 21<br>Kids Christmas Party<br>Turkey Shoot 12 pm<br>NFL Sunday Ticket<br>Texas Holdem 6 pm | 22<br>Pitch League 7 pm                           | 23<br>\$1.50 Tacos 12 - 4 pm<br>Queen of Hearts 5-7<br>Membership Meeting<br>5:30 pm<br>B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm | 24<br>.75 Cent Wings<br>\$6 - ½ lb Shrimp<br>5-9 pm                              | 25<br>Closed<br>Merry Christmas  | 26<br>Bar Menu<br>12 - 9 pm   | 27<br>Dine In Pizza<br>Special \$8<br>Unlimited Toppings<br>12 - 6 pm                   |
| 28<br>Turkey Shoot 12 pm<br>NFL Sunday Ticket<br>Texas Holdem 6 pm                         | 29<br>Pitch League 7 pm                           | 30<br>\$1.50 Tacos<br>12 - 4 pm<br>No Queen of Hearts   | 31<br>New Year's Eve<br>Dinner & Dance<br>Tickets @ Bar<br>Rise Band<br>(Motown) | Pre-Sales Only   |   |   |

Subject to change without notice

## Baby Shower & Diaper Raffle 10/29:

Thanks to everyone that participated. We received many gifts & diapers for our Charity, CareNet. Many lodge members felt it was a great way to include the membership.



**All for our charity, CareNet:**



**Rally Day** 11/2, is a WOTM requirement to qualify for the Award of Achievement. Our chapter volunteered to host! So our Awesome volunteers arrived early & created a magical circus event. Thanks to Tracy for providing lights & flags, Tammy's center pieces were awesome, & Jen created our Circus baskets for the Raffle! We had almost all Assoc. Chapters represented.

The ladies enjoyed winning the prizes at the games made by Tammy & Jen. Our Charity, CareNet, presented an informative session about helping young parents & they were overwhelmed by all the gifts from us! We served breakfast & lunch that included stuffed ham sliders, crab balls, chili, & cream of crab soup! (Sincere thanks to Mark, Brooks, Dave, Stevie, & Smurf for volunteering in the Kitchen). The WOTM were tasked with creating a carnival tent & gave some most creative presentations. We had a demo of the AED & CPR by Tonia & Bobby Bagley, an ice cream social, & our Brown Bag Raffle brought in almost \$1000. The day ended with a few Pig Races & Annapolis won the grand prize! Sincere thanks to our WOTM for putting in so many hours to make this a memorable day!



# 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

Don't let this opportunity  
pass you by!



Congratulations  
Michelle Bowles for  
being our 1<sup>st</sup> Winner!

Only 100 Tickets being  
sold!

Just \$20 Each

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

Questions? Danielle Welch, 301-672-0891

YOU'RE INVITED

TO OUR ANNUAL

# Christmas Party

EAT • DRINK • BE MERRY



**Mechanicsville Moose 495**  
**Friday, December 19, 2025**

**Doors Open: 4:30 pm**

**Dinner: 6 pm**

**Cost:** "Bring a Covered Dish or Dessert to Share"



**Band:** Strictly Business

**Wear Your Dancing Shoes !!**

For Moose Members Only. Dinner & Dance are  
Compliments of Your Mechanicsville Moose

# SANTA is Coming to Town!!



**WHEN:** Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

**TIME:** 12:20 – 3:20

**PLACE:** Mechanicsville Moose 495



Children **MUST** be Registered to Attend - Registration Sign Up Sheets are in the Main Entrance of the Moose. **ONE** Child per Line

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This Event is for Members & their guests! Only Members Names should be on the Registration Form & Membership will be confirmed!

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Only Register Children You Know Can Come  
Presents will **NOT** be Given to Children that Don't Attend

## The Purpose of the Event is for Children to Have a Wonderful Experience with **SANTA**



This event is sponsored completely by the Women of the Moose #444 & their fundraising efforts

# Mechanicsville Moose #495

## New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance



**Date: Dec. 31, 2025**

**Doors Open: 5:30 pm**

**Dinner: 7:00 pm**

**Dance: 8:00 pm - 12:30am**

**Music: The Rise Band (Motown)**

**Purchase tickets by Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**\$45.00 per person**

**NO DOOR SALES**

**Reserve a Table for 8 (\$360)**



**Address: 27636 Mechanicsville Road, Mech, MD**

**Contact: Mechanicsville Moose: 301 884-5454**

**Or Lee Downs: 240 298-6473**

**Happy New Year**

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# Super Bowl 2026

## TV Raffle

**Tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$20**

**First Prize – TV**



**LG 75 in. MiniLED QNED  
evo 85A-Series 120Hz 4K**

**2nd Prize - \$500 CASH**

Winners will be drawn **immediately** after the Super Bowl is over.  
You do NOT need to be present to win.

Tickets will be sold – Tuesday during Queen of Hearts and  
Wednesday 5-7 in the hall.

Need tickets? Please call Jimmy 240-417-5767 or  
Becky 301-399-2950  
Event Chairperson Thomas Maddox



# 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