



NEWSLETTER

January 2026



Women of the Moose, Chapter #444, P.O. Box 664, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 (email: 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, January 12 - 6 pm (Social Hall)

December Meeting Summary: The WOTM approved \$200.00 to Mooseheart Special Activities & \$50 for Scholarship & Maintenance. **Fundraisers:** Wheel: \$2,275, QOH Raffles: \$1,155, Pool Bake Sale & Raffles: \$1,822, Texas Hold'em Bake Sale: \$284; On-line Auction: \$1,040. Our membership is 470 & we added 3 new members. Tammy will host a Golden Gavel celebration in January. **Volunteer of the Month-(October)** Ronnie Wise- Initiated a new amazing haunted maze, got all the resources required for free or donated and she had her whole family creating the interior of the maze before the event. **-(November)** Agnes Bennett- she instrumental w/Veteran's Day Celebration and ensured the Vets were honored & received special Quilts. Agnes also explored new ideas for holiday giving & worked out all the details with St Mary's Nursing center. **Veteran's Day Event 11/11 at 12 noon** – Agnes shared -Smurf opened, Lloyd Kaufman sang National Anthem, Chaptico 4-H did the pledge, Tim recited Old Glory, and 10 Vets received a quilt from the Quilts of Valor group. She thanked the volunteers that cooked & helped that day. It was a very successful, warm & heart-felt event. **Rudolph Run/Walk-4th Annual:** 11/22, Thanks to everyone that registered, donated, & came out. \$2,200 raised w/53 members, even though it was rainy approx. 30 folks participated in the walk/run. **Pool Tournament:** 11/15-16, thanks to all that donated goodies & volunteered. In the kitchen for breakfast sandwiches, Danielle had Rick, Robin, & Debbie helping, & raised \$345. Geneva led the bake sale, which brought in \$455. Pop-up Raffles, brought in \$495 & \$275. Total \$1,570 on Saturday. Tammy Connelly helped on Sunday & raised \$47 & \$205 for another pop-up raffle. **Online FB Auction - Thanksgiving** 11/25 -28 items submitted (desserts, sides, & even a turkey). For our 1st time Danielle felt it went well. Special thanks to Becky w/photo setups, Jenni for her organizational expertise, & to all that donated items. **St Mary's Nursing Center –Resident gifts:** WOTM shopped for 10 residents, gifts will be wrapped & given on 12/12. Bring bingo gifts. The following Raffles will continue WOTM Raffles at QOH, Big Wheel #4 (\$50), Lifetime Membership #2. **Santa Experience-Dec. 21** –Becky reported the sign-ups are full 300 registered & 75 on a wait list. Children's gift wrapping 12/11-5:30 pm, need at least 23 volunteers that day, decorating at 10am, others by 12. Our December 2025-26 **lottery winners** for \$50 each were Bernice Newton & Doris Johnson. **Sickness:** Geneva's husband John had hernia surgery, so she's caring for him at home. Our next WOTM meeting: **Monday, January 12^h** at 6 pm. Questions? Call me: (301) 672-0891 Danielle

WOTM #444 Chapter Member of the Year (2024-25)

Agnes Bennett- This is an international program designed to recognize each year an outstanding member of your Chapter. Agnes plays a large role in our chapter and has held several committee chairman positions. She helped with many of our events where she frequently volunteered & served on the planning committees. Agnes also helps the lodge in many ways; she is one of the QOH team members, she helped with Veteran's Day and other events at the Lodge. She is also heavily involved in the 7th District Optimist, Vacation for Vets, & 4-H Clubs. She also earned her Academy of Friendship degree. Well deserved! Congratulations Agnes!



Save the Date Upcoming Events

- **Jan 5** Pitch Tournament starts 10 weeks, 7 pm -Pg 3
- **Feb 12** Super Bowl Party(Adv Tks Required) TV Raffle, Pg 4
- **Feb 17** Orientation –5:45pm, Pg 5
- **March 21** -Bull & Oyster Roast, 1-6 pm Pg 6

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day Poker Tournament Thirsty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm	2 Bar Menu 12 – 9	3 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
4 Turkey Shoot 12 pm NFL Sunday Ticket Texas Holdem 6 pm	5 Pitch League 7 pm	6 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Queen of Hearts 5-7	7 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	8 Thirsty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	9 Shrimp \$18 Steak \$22 Combo \$26 6 – 8 pm Last Shot Band 7-11 pm	10 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Karaoke 8 pm
11 Turkey Shoot 12 pm NFL Sunday Ticket Texas Holdem 6 pm	12 WOTM Meeting 6:00 pm Pitch League 7 pm	13 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	14 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	15 Thirsty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	16 Fried Chicken \$15 6 – 8 pm Honky Tonk Cassanovas 7-11 pm	17 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
18 Turkey Shoot 12 pm NFL Sunday Ticket Texas Holdem 6 pm	19 Pitch League 7 pm	20 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Queen of Hearts 5-7	21 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	22 Thirsty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	23 Fish & Shrimp \$18 6 – 8 pm Country Memories 7-11 pm	24 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
25 Turkey Shoot 12 pm NFL Sunday Ticket Texas Holdem 6 pm	26 Pitch League 7 pm	27 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	28 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	29 Thirsty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	30 Roast Beef \$18 6 – 8 pm The Wanderers 7-11 pm	31 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Karaoke 8 pm

Subject to change without notice.

Rudolph Fun Run 11/22

8 am at Northern Senior Center. Danielle shared thanks to everyone that registered, donated, & came out. \$2,200 was raised with 53 members. It was a rainy morning, but still had about 30 folks walking, running, & riding!



Children's Visit w/Santa 12/22 – Beautifully decorated hall with over 40 volunteers, our WOTM #444 hosted almost 350 children writing to Santa, shopping for their parents, & visiting with Santa. Our elves then made sure each child received a wonderful Christmas gift as they left. A magical event our WOTM raise money for throughout the year! Many happy faces throughout the day! Becky sent special thanks to all those that volunteered, decorated, shopped, & wrapped gifts.

Monday Night **Pitch League**



Starts January 5, 2026

Buy-In \$50 for 10 Weeks

Contact: Diane (240)717-6487

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



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

For

Mechanicsville Moose #495
Women of the Moose Chapter #444



February 17, 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 or at 240 298-6206 by Thurs, **February 12, 2025**, to let us know if you can attend & if you are bringing your spouse, so that we can prepare the proper amount of food.



SAINT PATRICK'S

Bull & Oyster Roast

Saturday, March 21, 2026

1:00 – 6:00 pm



Mechanicsville Moose 495

Band: Out of Order & Friends (3-6pm)

\$50 per person, under 10 free

Purchase Tickets by 3/8/2026



Open to the Public



Menu

- Roast Beef, Fried Chicken
- Oysters (Fried, Steamed, Raw)
- Ham & Cabbage, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad
- Cream of Crab Soup
- Draft Beer & Iced Tea



Big Wheel & 50/50

may THE LUCK BE WITH you

Reservations for Tables of 8: Contact Steve Morgan – 301 904-0796
Purchase your Tickets by March 17, 2026, for Head Count

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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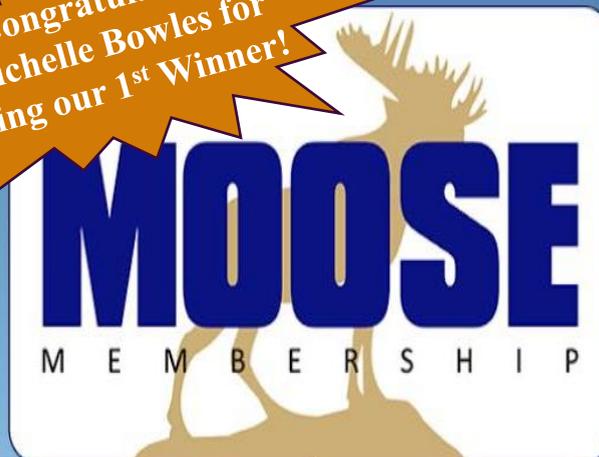
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE



Exclusive for
Mechanicsville 495
Members

**Congratulations
Michelle Bowles for
being our 1st Winner!**

Don't let this opportunity
pass you by!



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



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