

NEWSLETTER

July 2026



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

2026-27 Officers: Danielle Welch (301) 672-0891, Senior Regent (Pro Tem) & 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 Agnes Bennett, Higher Degrees. Newsletter Editor: Geneva Leon

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

June Meeting Summary: The WOTM approved \$200.00 to Mooseheart (Feed a Home); \$50 Scholarships & Maintenance; \$200 for Mechanicsville Optimist, Golf Tournament – for silent auction baskets with scratch offs and purchase Tommy Moose coloring books and bookmarks. Our Chapter has 442 members as of 5/31 and our goal is 447 by next April. Please remember to include for WOTM dues \$15 annually when you pay your lodge dues of \$60 for a total of \$75 each year. **The endowment was collected: \$38. Fundraisers for May:** QOH Raffles: \$840; Wed. Wheel: \$2,250; Car Show Raffle: \$160; Car Show Bake Sale: \$674; and Mother's Day Raffle: \$424. The Father's Day Raffle continues, winners will be drawn at Father's Day Breakfast. **Past Events:** Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held at the Front Porch in Leonardtown. Danielle received a cute, meaningful, senior regent survival kit. Everyone agreed they had a great time, and the food was very good. Moose Charities highlighted two articles with picture from our Chapter – Donating to Medstar the 2 car seats and to Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network. **Father's Day Breakfast, 6/21:** All Volunteers should be there 6-7 am. **Back to School event:** 8/9/2026, Geneva & Sandy are leads, there is a planning meeting 6/16, at 5:15 pm. **New Business:** Attendance Incentive Award was drawn, Shannon Aspinall, but was not present (When present the member will receive **FREE** dues for the year! **Fundraiser for School Nurses:** We want to support school nurses this fall as the children go back to school by raising funds for supplies that the nurses have identified they need. We will try the Wheel in the Social Quarter on a future Saturday night 6-8 when Karaoke is planned.

WOTM Volunteer of the Year: Geneva Leon. Geneva is highly dedicated to the success of our chapter. She is our WOTM Secretary, creates & publishes our monthly newsletter, leads and works many of the events. She coordinates the Lodge Orientations, organizes our WOTM bake sales, and helps the lodge with different dinners. She was the force behind the lodge obtaining a Tommy Moose costume by initiating the write up for a grant through Moose International. She is diligent in her attendance at Lodge meetings as well as our chapter meetings. In addition, her community involvement is tremendous as she is involved in many other outside nonprofit groups; like the Optimist Club of Mechanicsville, NARFE for Federal employees, Clements Cuties Foundation, and county fairs in MD and VA where she helps to judge and teach others the process of judging.

WOTM 2026-27 Lottery Winners: Ronnie Wise & Rashell Tucker. **Sickness/Distress:** Sympathy cards to Sandy Stankovich, Bernice Balicheski's family, & Wendy Small who had family members pass away. Our next WOTM meeting: **Mon, July 13th -6 pm.** Questions? Call me: (301) 672-0891 –**Danielle**

Back to School Event – August 9th

Our fun event is starting to shape up very nicely. Yes, we will have free backpacks for our children, a great lunch, additional outside activities, & door prizes of BTS Bucks! The sign-up sheets will be in the lodge Vestibule the week of July 6. Please complete all information and **PRINT** legibly! All members are invited to bring their children & grandchildren. They are sure to have a great time. The next planning meeting is Thurs, July 9 – 5:30pm in the Social Hall.

Upcoming Events & News

- Ongoing - Lifetime Raffle #5, pg. 3
- July 9** – Back to School Planning Meeting, 5:30 pm
- July 18** – MARF Crab Feast 1-5pm pg. 4
- August 9** –Save the Date - Back to School, pg. 5
- August 15** Optimist Friends & Fortune Game Night Pg. 6 (WOTM will assist with fundraiser)

July 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 .75 Cent Wings \$8 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm WOTM Wheel	2 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	3 Bar Menu 12 – 9 pm	4 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
5 Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm	6 Pitch League 7 pm	7 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Queen of Hearts 5-7	8 .75 Cent Wings \$8 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm WOTM Wheel	9 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem / pm Back to School Mtg 5:30	10 Shrimp \$18, Steak \$22 Combo \$26 5:30 – 8 pm Honky Tonk Cassanovas 6:30 – 10:30 pm	11 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
12 Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm	13 WOTM Meeting 6:00 pm Pitch League 7 pm	14 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Queen of Hearts 5-7 Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	15 .75 Cent Wings \$8 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm WOTM Wheel	16 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	17 BBQ Chicken \$15 6 – 8 pm Hollywood Boys 6:30 – 10:30 pm	18 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
19 Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm	20 Pitch League 7 pm	21 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Queen of Hearts 5-7	22 .75 Cent Wings \$8 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm WOTM Wheel	23 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	24 Roast Beef \$18 6 – 8 pm Country Memories 6:30 – 10:30 pm	25 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Karaoke 8 pm
26 Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm	27 Pitch League 7 pm	28 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm Queen of Hearts 5-7 Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	29 .75 Cent Wings \$8 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm WOTM Wheel	30 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	31 Fish & Shrimp \$18 6 – 8 pm Monkey Business 6:30 – 10:30 pm	

Subject To Change Without Notice

What's Happening Outside? The **Ballfield** - softball games most every night, Mon-Fri (Women & Men)
Under the Pavillion – Corn Hole Leagues on Tues & Thurs, Horseshoes on Wednesdays!

The Two Sides of the MOOSE LODGE

More than a place... It's a purpose!

The Social Side
Fun & Friendship

LIVE MUSIC

Good Times,
Great Food & Entertainment

The Fraternal Side
Service & Caring

Brotherhood · Sisterhood
Mutual Aid · Charity & Support

The Perfect Balance

Social
Good Times

Fraternal
Good Works

More Than Members... We're a Family!
 Having Fun · Helping Others · Making a Difference
Together, We Are One Moose!

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

WHAT WE SUPPORT – WHERE YOUR IMPACT GOES

MOOSEHEART CHILD CITY & SCHOOL
Nurturing Children. Building Futures

- Everyday Needs**
 - Clothing, Hygiene Items
 - Dorm supplies
 - Personal hygiene items
 - Bedding & Dorm essentials
 - Laundry supplies & services
- Activities & Development**
 - School supplies
 - Cleatroom materials
 - Technology for learning
 - Companions sortward
 - Arts & crafts
- Health & Wellness**
 - Medical care
 - Nutrition
- Life Experiences**
 - Field trips
 - Holiday celebrations

MOOSEHAVEN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
Providing Comfort, Dignity & Joy for Seniors

- Daily Essentials**
 - Clothing, Laundry
 - Mobility aids
- Comfort & Companionship**
 - Pet Care
 - Social activities
- Healthcare Support**
 - Medical care
 - Wellness
- Living Enhancements**

COMMUNITY IMPACT – WHAT CHAPTERS MAKE POSSIBLE!

- Volunteer Hours
- Fundraising & Events
- Hands-On Support
- Building Friendships

THIS IS MORE THAN SUPPORT—THIS IS A MISSION!
 Every dollar raised. Every hour volunteered. Every act of kindness...
 directly changes lives at Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

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

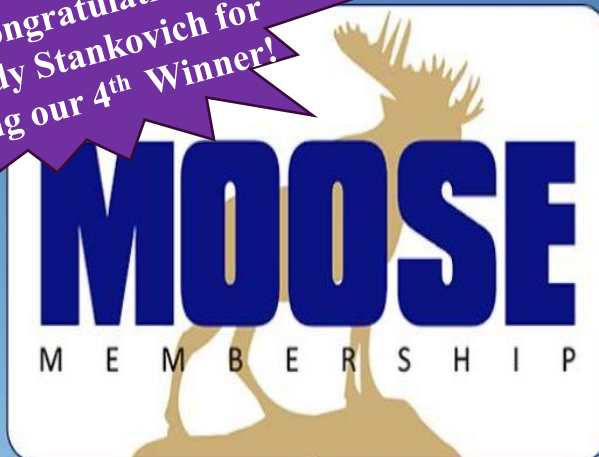
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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE



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

CRAB FEAST

\$50

**ALL YOU
CAN EAT**



SATURDAY JULY 18, 2026
1PM-5PM

**🍗 FRIED CHICKEN, HOTDOGS, BAKED BEANS, 🍗
CORN ON THE COB, COLESLAW, POTATO SALAD
& DRAFT BEER 🍗**

\$50 PRE-ORDER PRICE, \$60 AT THE DOOR
KIDS 10 AND UNDER \$15



**MECHANICSVILLE MOOSE LODGE
27636 MECHANICSVILLE RD
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659**

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT
DENISE @ 301-481-8855**

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE METROPOLITAN RACING FANS CLUB-MARF



27636 Mechanicsville Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Save the Date!

Back-to-School

Sun, August 9 - 1 pm



Our **495 Moose families** are invited to bring their school aged children to this very worthwhile back-to school event. We **WILL** have a sign-up sheet to track attendance, school, & grade. We will let you know when it's posted.



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



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF MECHANICSVILLE

Presents

Friends & Fortune

DINNER & GAME NIGHT



**SATURDAY
AUGUST 15,
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

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**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