



# NEWSLETTER

## May 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 (Pro Tem) & Jr Past Regent; Valerie Sciarra, Treasurer; Geneva Leon, Secretary; Pam Twiford, Guide; **Committee Chairs:** Membership; Fraternal Activities; Mooseheart/Moosehaven, and Higher Degrees- TBA

### Next Chapter #444 WOTM Meeting: Monday, May 11 - 6 pm (Social Hall)

**April Meeting Summary:** The WOTM approved \$200.00 to Mooseheart New Resident and \$50 Scholarships & Maintenance; \$500 donation to National Honor Society at Chopticon High; \$1,000 Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network; Donation of 2 Car Seats to the Medstar Nursery for needy families; and create raffles for Mother's & Father's day. Sandy Felty made a motion to pay all donations as presented, Linda Cropper seconded, and motion carried. For the Award of Achievement, with the new rule on Membership: maintain a retention percentage of 65% or higher, we should meet this requirement at 82%, however, final calculation is after 4/30. **Endowment:** \$32.

**Fundraisers:** The Wednesday Night Wheel: \$2,650, QOH Raffles: \$1,770, Bull/Oyster Roast: \$2,520, Big \$50 Wheel: \$500, On-line Easter Auction: \$1,575 and Lifetime Raffle #4 is ongoing. To date the WOTM Annual Lottery has collected \$2,100. **Past Events:** Friends of 4-H: Agnes Bennett & Kim Guy attended 4-H recognition ceremony. WOTM #444 received a Thank You plaque from the 4-H children with a heartwarming speech.

MD/DE/DC Mid-Year Conference: Three Chapter members received the Academy of Friendship Degree, several great sessions including one done by our lodge on the Orientation Program. Bull & Oyster Roast: WOTM ran the Bake Sale (\$440), 50/50 (\$705), Wheel (\$1,000), & a Raffle (\$375), raising a total of \$2,520; WOTM 2026-27 Lottery (pink Tickets): 84 participants to date – there's still time to get them in! This lottery begins May 11, 2026,

with (2) \$50 winners each month. Easter On-Line Auction: Thanks to all that participated (14 Donors) & several bidders! We raised \$1,575. Easter Children's Event: Everyone had lots of fun, the NHS & other students assisted with face painting, games, and egg hunt. The food was great; lots of great pictures w/ Easter Bunny & Tommy Moose. **Volunteer of the Month-March: Diane Gheen** -Diane regularly runs Wednesday night Wheel, our main fundraiser; a tremendous help at the convention w/Moose Charities booth & ensuring winners & charity funds were ready to present each day; took off work to manage NHS students at Easter event; and is willing to help in any way; what a wonderful asset to WOTM! **Upcoming Events:** Charity Benefit for Opal 4/18: WOTM will assist Bake Sale, Front Door, 50/50, & Wheel. WOTM Quarter Auction, 4/26: Donation baskets submit to Jenni or Danielle before Saturday 4/25, dispensation was sent for the bar. Need volunteers at 11am, Sunday. We need Bake Sale items. **April 2025-26 lottery \$50 winners:** Val Sciarra & Ann Waters. **Sickness/Distress:** Sympathy card to Debbie Burch. Thinking of you/feel better cards sent to: Lindsey Welch, Bernice Newton, Janet Davis, & Cecelia (Bee Bee) Flora. Our next WOTM meeting: **Mon, May 11<sup>th</sup>-6 pm.** Questions? Call me: (301) 672-0891 -**Danielle**

### Academy of Friendship Degrees Awarded



**Congratulations!** Linda Cropper, Tammy Farrell, & Andra King received the Academy of Friendship Degree. Danielle & Agnes participated in the conferral ceremony

### Upcoming Events

- **May 3** – East Coast Car Show WOTM Bake Sale Pg. 5 (Need Baked Goods)
- **May 10-** Mother's Day Breakfast 9-11am
- **June 6** – Poker Tournament
- **June 8** – New Pitch 10-week Tournament
- **June 21-** Father's Day Breakfast 9-11am
- **July 18** – MARF Crab Feast 1-5pm pg. 7
- Preferred Member Awards & New Moose Campaign for 2026-27 - pg. 4

## May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shrimp \$18 Steak \$22 Combo \$26 5:30 – 8 pm  Last Shot Band 6:30 – 10:30 pm	2  Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
3  Car Show WOTM Bake Sale Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm	4  Pitch League 7 pm	5  \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm  Queen of Hearts 5-7	6  .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	7  Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm  Texas Holdem 7 pm	8  Baked Pork Loin \$15 6 – 8 pm  Honkey Tonk Cassanovas 6:30 – 10:30 pm	9  Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm  Karaoke 8 pm
10  Mother's Day Breakfast Moms and 12 & under Free All others \$12 9-11 am Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm	11  WOTM Meeting 6:00 pm  Pitch League 7 pm	12  \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 4 pm  Queen of Hearts 5-7 Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	13  .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	14  Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm  Texas Holdem 7 pm	15  Meatloaf \$15 6 – 8 pm  Mud Cats Band Paul Barber 6:30 – 10:30 pm	16  Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm  Sara & The Igniters 8 pm
17  (Car Show Rain Date)  Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm	18  Pitch League 7 pm	19  \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm  Queen of Hearts 5-7	20  .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	21  Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm  Texas Holdem 7 pm	22  Fried Chicken \$15 6 – 8 pm  Monkey Business 6:30 – 10:30 pm	23  Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
24  Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm	25  Pitch League 7 pm	26  \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm  Queen of Hearts 5-7 Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	27  .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	28  Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm  Texas Holdem 7 pm	29  Fish & Shrimp \$18 6 – 8 pm  Country Memories 6:30 – 10:30 pm	30  Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
31  Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm						

### What's Happening Outside?

The **Ballfield** has softball games most every night, Mon-Fri (Women & Men's Leagues)  
**Under the Pavillion** – Corn Hole Leagues on Tues & Thurs, then later this year Horseshoes!

### WOTM Donates \$500 to National Honor Society – Chopticon High

**Thank You!!** The National Honor Society at Chopticon High School held a spirit night at Rita's Italian Ice in Charlotte Hall. The Mechanicsville Women of the Moose, surprised them with a \$500 check as a thank you for helping us at the Children's Easter Event. The students were a tremendous help with Facepainting, the Games, the Egg Hunt, and Clean Up. A great group of Students that were always eager to assist! Great Job!!



# Children's Easter Celebration



Our Bunny & Moose family



3 Generations Moose Family



Our Big Egg Winners w/ Tammy & Tommy



Ellie & M&M's w/Ann & Tommy



Decorating Cookies



Congratulations! 12 ladies in our WOTM Chapter 444 have qualified as a

## Moose Preferred Member!

- Danielle Welch
- Kim Guy
- Becky Wascavage
- Ronnie Wise
- Geneva Leon
- Tammy Farrell
- Diane Gheen
- Jenni Groht
- Ann Rader
- Agnes Bennett
- Val Sciarra
- Sandy Felty

**Membership Record** on [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org). Volunteering is a large part of winning this award. So continue to log your Volunteer Hours for Moose 495. Here's the Program Criteria.



Fraternal Recognition - 2025

## Moose Preferred Status

(NOTE: Must attain all 5 criteria and no activities prior to May 1, 2025 will be considered as part of this program)

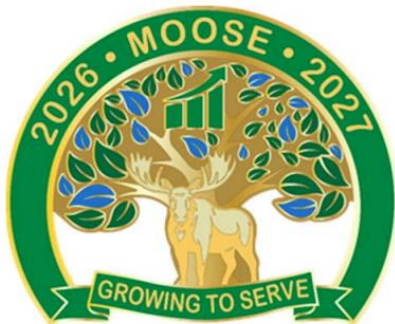
### Program Criteria:

- 1) Sponsor 1 new member into the Lodge, since May 1, 2025
- 2) Attend Lodge Orientation presentation, since May 1, 2025
- 3) Complete and log 10 volunteer hours at the lodge or that involves Moose-initiated Heart of the Community projects/events, since May 1, 2025
- 4) Donate at least once to Moose Charities either via an online contribution or by check in support of Mooseheart or Moosehaven, since May 1, 2025
- 5) Create and maintain an active My Membership Record

### Program Honors:

- 10,000 Moose Reward Points
- Custom Moose International Preferred Lapel Pin
- Moose-branded Preferred Laptop Sticker
- Certificate of Preferred Membership
- Moose-branded Preferred Challenge Coin
- Recognition on the Moose International Website
- Recognition on a "Wall of Honor" at Primary Lodge

Moose "Growing to Serve"



Moose International announces the Membership Campaign for 2026-2027. United, the Moose Fraternity continues to grow. Our purpose is to care for children and seniors and celebrate life, thereby making our communities a better place in which we live. As we expand, we encourage others to join in our Mission by remaining determined in finding opportunities to provide support for our local communities. Rooted in purpose, we are growing to serve.

# STRONGER TOGETHER GREATER TOGETHER

★ ONE LODGE. ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION. ★  
*Leadership in Action. Community in Focus. Future in Mind.*

PLANNING TODAY • PARTNERING TO SUCCEED • MAKING A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY

MOOSE LEGION

TOGETHER WE CAN...

- ✓ CONNECT
- ✓ SUPPORT
- ✓ EMPOWER
- ✓ PROMOTE
- ✓ ACHIEVE

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

MOOSE RIDERS

WORKING TOGETHER • AVOIDING CONFLICT • MAXIMIZING IMPACT

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY**  
HEART OF THE COMMUNITY  
We make a difference where we live, work and play.

**SUPPORTING MOOSE CHARITIES**  
MOOSEHEART • MOOSEHAVEN  
Changing lives and building brighter tomorrows.

**INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH**  
PROGRAMS & SCHOLARSHIPS  
Guiding our youth today for a stronger tomorrow.

**STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE**  
PREMIER LODGE AWARDS  
Setting high standards and achieving our best, together.

**RECOGNIZING OUR MEMBERS**  
THANK. REWARD. INSPIRE.  
Celebrating our top sponsors, Five Club and 25 Club achievers and their commitment to growing our Fraternity.

**TOGETHER, WE BUILD A BETTER LODGE.**  
*Stronger Today. Brighter Tomorrow.*

ONE PURPOSE | ONE PASSION | ONE MOOSE

**BE PROUD.  
BE MOOSE.  
MAKE AN IMPACT.**

# 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**

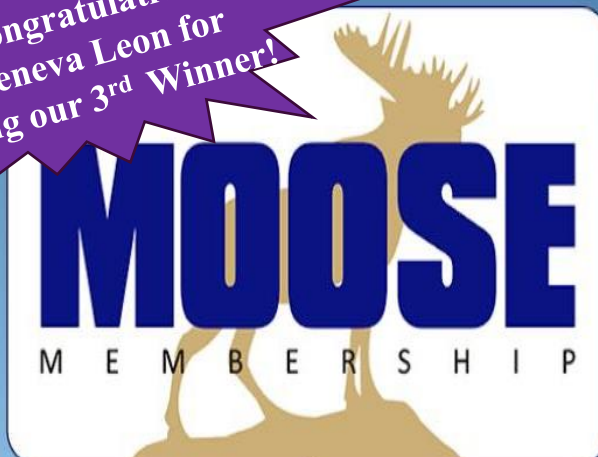
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# LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE



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

# 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**



# 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**