

Mechanicsville



# NEWSLETTER

## August 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 Crow, Membership - (301) 399-2950; Sandy Felty, Fraternal Activities; Andra King, Mooseheart/Moosehaven; Agnes Bennett, Higher Degrees

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

**June Meeting Summary:** For June, the WOTM approved \$50 for Scholarships & Maintenance; \$200 to Mooseheart Girl's Athletics and collected \$27.25 for endowment. Our Wednesday night Wheel fundraiser raised \$1,600 for June. The Quarter Auction made almost \$4800, and Father's Day Raffle made \$2,127, special thanks to all that volunteered their time and participated! Membership is currently 473 WOTM. **Recognition.** Danielle presented Volunteer of the Month certificates to Jenni Groht for May and Jen Tucker for June. Danielle also presented Moving Forward Giving Back pins to Ann, Andra, Val, Geneva, and Jen for being the first people to sign up a new member to the chapter. **Good News!** We received notice: Tammy Farrell received her Golden Gavel award, which also means that we made the Award of Achievement. Tammy will be recognized at the Convention in October! We approved to place another Ad in the MD/DE/DC Assoc. convention booklet. Several WOTM have volunteered to help the Mech. Optimist with their Hope & Harmony fundraiser for Pediatrics at St. Mary's Hospital. See Flyer pg. 3. A policy was passed that if asked by a WOTM family, we will perform the WOTM flowers ceremony and donate \$200 towards the food for our lost sister's Celebration of Life. We received a request for assistance to help one of our own WOTM. It was approved that based on all Tammy's volunteerism with our Chapter and serving as our Senior Regent that we should donate to help build a wheelchair ramp that will assist with her recovery and mobility. As our group has grown, we can no longer have one group text. Danielle will coordinate 2 group texts: WOTM Board of Officers and all other WOTM regular participants. She will ensure that each group's messages are communicated. For future events all purchases must be approved by the Chair. Danielle invited ladies to see Agnes get recognized for her heroism in helping to save a life, Lloyd Kauffman (July 8). "Thinking of You" cards were sent to Kim Guy. WOTM #444 participated in a Flower Ceremony for Donna Frischholz's Celebration of Life. Our July 2025-26 lottery winners for \$50 each were Leigh Keyes and Shelly Clarke. Our next WOTM meeting: **Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm. Questions? Call me: (301) 672-0891 Danielle



*Sunsets are proof, no matter what happens, every day can end beautifully. Leave Footprints of Love & Kindness wherever you go!*

### Back to School Event – August 10 at 1 pm

Backpacks will be filled with essential supplies to help our moose families. Kona Ice, SMECO & Mech. Fire Trucks will be there. Cat in the Hat will be back to read another story to the youngest children; Craft Corner will happen for the older elementary kids; middle and high schoolers will play corn hole and speak with the Resource Officer. Fingerprinting will be available from St. Mary's Sheriff's Dept. and a coloring contest for each grade with prizes will be held. 10 fifty-dollar bills will be awarded to each group (Elementary & Middle/High School), \$1,000 will be given away. Lunch is free for Children, parents pay \$5.00. We look forward to seeing everyone! Sign up was required.

### Save the Date - Upcoming Events

August 9 – Hope & Harmony Dinner, Dance & Games  
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August 10 – Back to School Event, pg. 4  
August 17 – MARF Bingo, pg. 5  
August 19 – Moose 495 Orientation Program  
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## August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Shrimp \$18 Steak \$22 Combo \$24 6 – 8 pm  <b>Last Shot Band</b> 7-11 pm	<b>2</b>  Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
<b>3</b>  Nascar  Texas Holdem 6 pm	<b>4</b>  Pitch League 7 pm	<b>5</b> Stuff Backpacks. 6 pm \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm	<b>6</b>  .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	<b>7</b> Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm  Texas Holdem 7 pm	<b>8</b>  Meatloaf \$15  <b>Strictly Business</b> 7-11 pm	<b>9</b> <b>Hope/Harmony</b> <b>Benefit 5:30 pm</b> Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
<b>10</b>  Nascar Texas Holdem 6 pm <b>Back to School</b> <b>1 pm</b>	<b>11</b> <b>WOTM Meeting</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Pitch League 7 pm	<b>12</b> \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm <b>Membership Meeting</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm</b>	<b>13</b>  .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	<b>14</b> Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm  Texas Holdem 7 pm	<b>15</b> Fried Chicken \$15 6 – 8 pm <b>Dance Hall Ghost</b> <b>Gary Rue</b> <b>New Country Band</b> 7-11 pm	<b>16</b>  Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
<b>17</b>  Nascar  Texas Holdem 6 pm	<b>18</b>  Pitch League 7 pm	<b>19</b>  \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm	<b>20</b>  .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	<b>21</b> Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm  Texas Holdem 7 pm	<b>22</b>  Fish & Shrimp \$18 6 – 8 pm  <b>Country Memories</b> 7-11 pm	<b>23</b>  Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
<b>24</b>  Nascar  Texas Holdem 6 pm	<b>25</b>  <b>New Pitch</b> <b>Tournament</b> <b>7 pm</b>	<b>26</b> \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm <b>Membership Meeting</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm</b>	<b>27</b>  .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	<b>28</b> Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm  Texas Holdem 7 pm	<b>29</b>  Roast Beef \$18  <b>Southern Traditions</b> 7-11 pm	<b>30</b>  Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm  <b>Karaoke 8 pm</b>
<b>31</b>  Nascar 2:00 pm Texas Holdem 6 pm	*Lots of outdoor sports: Softball teams almost every night. Women's Softball: Monday & Wednesdays. Men 50 & over play on Thursdays 6:30. Out back under the pavilion: Horseshoe Teams on Tuesdays at 7 pm & Corn Hole Teams on Thursdays at 7 pm					



**We Love**



**Our Moose Members**

### An important rule change from Moose International.

Starting August 1, 2025, all adults over the age of 21 will be required to become a member of the Moose, after their 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to the lodge. Spouses no longer qualify as an unlimited guest; they must also become a member after their 2<sup>nd</sup> visit.

This means both the husband and wife will be required to have their own membership. This change to the bylaws was voted on and approved at the 2025 Moose International Convention.





# Hope & Harmony



**Benefits Pediatrics at Medstar St. Mary's Hospital - Emergency Department**

**Dinner, Dancing, & Game Night**

**Saturday, August 9, 2025**

**\$150 per Couple**

Each Couple's Ticket gets you 2 dinners/1 Ballin for Bucks entry

**\$100 per Single**

Each Single Ticket Gets you 1 dinner/1 Ballin for Bucks entry



**Featuring: DJ B-Good**

**Doors Open at 5:30, Dinner at 6, Cash Bar**

**Place: Mechanicsville Moose  
27636 Mech. Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659**

**Ballin For Bucks: Up to 25 Prizes totaling \$4,000 in Cash. Every 10<sup>th</sup> Ticket Drawn Wins Cash! Only 200 Tickets Sold.**



**For Tickets & Sponsorship Opportunities**

Email: [mechanicsvilleoptimist@gmail.com](mailto:mechanicsvilleoptimist@gmail.com)  
TEXT/Call: Colleen @ 240 298-7706  
TEXT/Call: Tina @ 301 672-1558  
TEXT/Call: Geneva @ 240 298-6206

Tables can be reserved for parties of 8 or more, otherwise 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served. A Fun night with Friends! All proceeds to benefit Pediatrics at Medstar St. Mary's Hospital Emergency Department, a nonprofit organization. Hosted by the Optimist Club of Mechanicsville, MD



27636 Mechanicsville Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659

# Back-to-School Sun, August 10



Our **495 Moose families** are invited to bring their school aged children to this very worthwhile back-to school event. You must sign your child up to attend & include School & Grade. Everything **Starts at 1:00 pm**



## Lots of Important Information & Fun

- The St. Mary's Sheriff's Dept
- Kids Lunch
- Fingerprinting
- Touch a Truck
- Free **Loaded** Back Packs
- Door prizes
- Kona Ice
- Corn Hole



Sign-up at the Front Door Entrance (Vestibule) Questions? Contact the WOTM Back-to-School Committee through Sandy Felty (240) 808-5001 or Geneva (240) 298-6206



# MARF Presents

## Designer Purse



**Sunday, August 17th**



Doors Open @ 11am  
Early Bird @ 12pm

Pre-Sale \$35  
Door \$40

**Brown Bag Sales**

**Food for Purchase**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Pull Tabs**



Mechanicsville Moose Lodge  
27636 Mechanicsville Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

**Contact Denise @ 301-481-8855 for reservations**

# **Monday Night **Pitch** League**



**Starts August 25, 2025**

**Buy-In \$50 for 10 Weeks**

**Contact: Diane (240)717-6487**

# Fall Classic 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

PRESENTED BY



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

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Rain Date Sept. 28

Preregistration \$15 cut-off Sept. 1  
\$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



DJ



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: \_\_\_\_\_

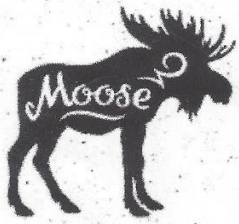
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to: East Coast Drifters, 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 Moose #495



## Jackets & Hoodies

For Sale

Colors

**Burgundy & Navy**



### Hoodies

Small - Large ~~\$25~~  
**\$20**

### Zip Jackets

Small Only ~~\$30~~  
**\$25**

### Hoodies

XL - 4XL ~~\$30~~  
**\$25**

### Zip Jackets

XL Only ~~\$40~~  
**\$30**

See the WOTM Sales: Danielle, Valerie, Geneva, Ann, Becky



# Understanding Our Moose Organizational Structure

## Moose International

**Mission of the Moose:** An International fraternity of men & women, dedicated to caring for young & old, bringing communities closer together & celebrating life. What does that really mean?  
[www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org)

1. We care for children in need from throughout the world at Mooseheart Child City & School, just west of Chicago.
2. We provide for our senior members at Moosehaven, a 72-acre retirement community in Orange Park, FL along the St. Johns River.
3. We generate \$70 - \$100 million worth of community service activities annually.
4. We have fun doing so and develop life-long bonds with brothers and co-workers through the Fraternity.

MD/DC/DE Association

[www.mdmoose.org](http://www.mdmoose.org)

6 Districts with 35 Lodges



District  
1

District  
2

District  
3

District  
5

District  
6

District  
7

Lodges

#126 –  
Columbia

#495 & #444  
Mechanicsville

#1709 –  
Waldorf

#1712 –  
Indianhead

#1856 –  
Marlboro

#2279 – Deale

#2393 –  
Patuxent

Each Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose belongs to a Moose District comprised of several Lodges. We are in District 1 with 5 other local Lodges. Each District has its own officers and currently, Eric Hagan is President and David Murphy is Past President of District 1. The Districts are part of a State association and ours is MD/DC/DE Association, which has 6 districts and 35 lodges. Currently there is no District 4.

**Mech Moose Lodge #495 Officers:** President, David Murphy; Administrator, Bill Males; Vice President, Becky Crow; Treasurer, Lee Downs; Chaplain, Valerie Sciarra; 1 Year Trustee, Ray Copsey; 2 Year Trustee, Tim Bennett; 3 Year Trustee, Frankie Stone; Jr Past President, Bill Males, Jr.; Sergeant at Arms, Mark Wascavage; Inner Guard - Brooks Howard; Outer Guard - Harold Sciarra; website: [www.moose495.com](http://www.moose495.com)

The Women of the Moose, founded in 1913, is a unit of Moose International with more than 400,000 women in approximately 1,400 chapters within the lodges located in the United States and Canada. Our Chapter #444 was founded within the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge.

Funds raised by the WOTM are used to assist in maintaining & caring for the needs of our children at Mooseheart & senior members at Moosehaven. The WOTM, can earn honors & degrees by holding an office or chairman's position & meeting the requirements set forth by the WOTM headquarters. The contributions & volunteer efforts made by the WOTM help keep the Lodge running smoothly & are essential to the growth of the organization.



# 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 Crow for your membership questions! (301) 399-2950**



## 2025-26 Officers



### **Moose 495 Board**

- **President** – David Murphy
- **Vice President** – Becky Crow
- **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 Crow

**Fraternal Activities:** Sandy Felty

**Mooseheart/Moosehaven:** Andra King

**Higher Degree:** Agnes Bennett

**(Not Pictured) Ray Copsey & Administrator –Bill Males, Sr**