



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

**2024-25 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, July 7 - 6 pm (Social Hall)

**June Meeting Summary:** For June, the WOTM approved \$50 for Scholarships & Maintenance; \$250 to Feed a Home and collected \$39 for endowment. We agreed to donated \$100 to Garner Construction to benefit their Alzheimer's fundraiser and we decided to be a \$1,000 sponsor at the Mechanicsville Optimist Club's Hope & Harmony event, August 9 that will benefit pediatric patients at the Emergency Department in Medstar St. Mary's Hospital. See flyer pg. 4. We also donated to the MD/DC/DE Moose Assoc. \$500 for Comfort Cases, for children in foster care to carry their belongings in, along with 2 boxes of Tommy Moose stuffed animals. Our Wednesday night Wheel fundraiser raised \$3,550 for May. Hoodies are still on sale, see pg. 7 for the sale flyer. We currently have 467 WOTM Chapter 444 members. Becky & Danielle attended the Moose International convention to represent Moose 495. They also visited Mooseheart, which was very rewarding to see so many children being helped. They each went to separate sessions so they could attend as many as possible. Our Chapter was selected to host all MD/DC/DE Chapters for WOTM Rally Day in November. After brainstorming ideas we decided on a Carnival theme, with games & prizes, and CAREnet of Southern Maryland is the Charity. Jenni & Danielle are busy getting the WOTM Quarter Auction, 6/28, ready with brown bag raffle baskets & Bake sale. We approved a budget not to exceed \$500 for the auction. The sign-up sheets for the Bake to School event, August 10, for members and their guests, will be placed in the Vestibule at the main entrance to the lodge. See Flyer pg. 6 Our June 2025-26 lottery winners for \$50 each were Jinger Newsome and Barbara Lorence. Our next WOTM meeting: **Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm. Questions? Call me: (301) 672-0891 Danielle



***America, Home of the Free, Because of the Brave!**  
**Enjoy the Blessings of Freedom & Independence.**  
**Do Your Part & Work Hard to Appreciate It!***



### Dad's Day Out Raffle Winners (Congrats)



Lisa Miller



Tom Brown



Kevin Morgan

Thanks for Supporting Our Raffle

### Save the Date - Upcoming Events

- July 5 -Poker Tournament, pg. 3
- July 20 –Quarter Auction, Special Olympics Fundraiser
- August 2 -MARF Crab Feast, pg.4
- August 9 – Hope & Harmony Dinner, Dance & Games Optimist Club of Mechanicsville, pg. 5
- August 10 –Back to School Event, pg. 6
- August 17 –MARF Bingo
- August 19 – Moose 495 Orientation Program



# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm	2 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	3 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	4 Bar Menu 12 - 9	5 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm <b>Poker Tourn. 2 pm</b>
6 Nascar 2:00 pm Texas Holdem 6 pm	7 <del>No Pitch</del> Pitch League 7 pm <b>WOTM Mtg 6 pm</b>	8 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	9 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	10 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	11 Steak or Shrimp \$18 Combo \$22 6 – 8 pm Last Shot Band 7-11 pm	12 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
13 <b>9-11</b> Nascar 3:30 pm Texas Holdem 6 pm	14 <del>WO Meeting</del> 6:00 pm Pitch League 7 pm	15 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm	16 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	17 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	18 Fried Chicken \$15 6 – 8 pm Strictly Business 7-11 pm	19 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Sara & the Igniters 8 pm
20 Nascar 2:00 pm Texas Holdem 6 pm Quarter Auction 12 pm	21 Pitch League 7 pm	22 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	23 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	24 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	25 Fish & Shrimp \$16 6 – 8 pm Dance Hall Ghost Gary Rue New Country Band 7-11 pm	26 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Karaoke 8 pm
27 Nascar 2:00 pm Texas Holdem 6 pm	28 Pitch League 7 pm	29 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm	30 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	31 Thursty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	Subject to change without notice.	

\*Lots of outdoor sports have started! 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



**Check Out the Moose Rewards Program at: [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org)**

It's simple...earn points for helping the Moose grow & prosper, then redeem your points for valuable awards, gifts & experiences. You earn points for sponsoring members, attending meetings/training, holding office or just renewing your dues. Every active member of the Moose has an opportunity to participate, & your points are awarded automatically. No paperwork needed.

## Examples of Rewards for each activity:

- Sponsor a new or re-enrolled member into the Moose Lodge – 600 points
- Renew your Lodge or Chapter Dues (year 1 to year 2) – 1,000 points
- Members you sponsor renew their Moose Lodge dues (year 1 to year 2) – 1,000 points
- Hold an elected office in the Moose Legion or Women of the Moose\* – 1,000 points
- Pay dues multiple years in advance – 1,000 points
- Become a Life Member – 1,000 points
- Hold an elected office in your Moose Lodge\* – 8,000 points
- Attend an International Moose Convention – 1,000 points
- Attend an instructor-led, live training session^ – 1,000 points
- Join the Women of the Moose – 250 points
- Become a Life Member of the Women of the Moose – 600 points
- Attain a higher degree of the Fraternity- 1,000 points

**Go to Bottom of the Home Page at [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org) & Select "My Membership"...**





# Mechanicsville Moose Lodge 495



## TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

**Saturday July 5, 2025 at 2 pm**

**\$120 Entry (include \$10 bounty)**

**20,000 Chip Starting Stack**

Registration opens at 1 pm

Blinds Start at 50/100 and progress every 20 minutes

there is a break after every third level

one re-entry per person before the second break

Money Wheel and 50/50 raffles

Food and Beverage will be available for purchase

Please enter through the middle doors (Social Hall Entrance)

27636 Mechanicsville Rd

Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Additional Questions: James Dean 240-577-0828 (Text Preferred)

Tournament is  
limited  
to 90 players  
pre-registration  
is encouraged

CASH GAMES  
will begin  
when there is  
an available  
table



# **CRAB FEAST**

# **\$50**

## **ALL YOU CAN EAT**



## **SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2025 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  
OR SCAN AND SEND  
PAYMENT THRU ZELLE**



**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE METROPOLITAN RACING FANS CLUB-MARF**





# 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



Money Wheel



Raffle Baskets



Pull Tabs

**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.

**Featuring: DJ B-Good**

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

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



**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





# 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**