



NEWSLETTER

June 2025



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, June 9 - 6 pm (Social Hall)

May Meeting Summary: For May, the WOTM approved \$50 for Scholarships & Maintenance; \$100 for Moosehaven daily needs, collected \$33 for endowment, and donated \$350 to the Chaptico Chargers 4-H, \$350 to Mechanicsville Jr. Optimist, \$125 to Hollywood-Leonardtown Optimist Golf Tournament, \$1000 to DSDN and presented that check to Jessica Griffin at the Mother's Day Breakfast in honor of Ellie Griffin (Steve Morgan's granddaughter). At the East Coast Car Show the WOTM held a bake sale and made \$544. Special thanks to the bakers and workers. May 11 -Mother's Day breakfast was held; everyone enjoyed the breakfast prepared by the men of the Moose. Danielle made 2 lovely raffle baskets and WOTM made \$665 on the raffle. Our Wednesday night Wheel fundraiser raised \$3,100 for April. Another hoodie was sold, and we decided to run a sale on the remaining inventory. See pg. 8 for the sale flyer. If you are a new member and would like to attend the orientation on Tuesday June 17, 2025, at 6pm, meet our officers, and share a nice dinner, please contact Geneva at 240 298-6206. We currently have 478 WOTM Chapter 444 members. The **new 2025-26** Monthly Lottery game started at the May 11th meeting, you can still get your pink tickets in the Lottery Drum by mailing them or turn them in at the meeting to get them in before we pull the next winners. Our May 2025-26 lottery winners for \$50 each were Denise Ching and Nonnie Burroughs. Meet the new 2025-26 Moose 495 Board & WOTM Chapter 444 Officers\Chairman, on page 11. Our next WOTM meeting: **Monday, June 9th** at 6 pm. Questions? Call me: (301) 672-0891 Danielle



Here's to all the wise, funny, tough, gentle, playful, hardworking men who make a difference. Thank you for all you do for your family & our Moose families! **Happy Father's Day!**



Father's Day Celebration & Raffle

Come out to the Father's Day Breakfast on June 15th from 9-11. Dads and children 10 and below eat free. All others are \$10. Let's show the men some love and appreciation for all they do!

The Women of the Moose, are offering a "Dad's Day Out" raffle with a cooler, beer, portable grill, blue tooth speaker, and nice foldable rocking chair. We also have a wonderful leaf blower and cash as 2nd and 3rd place prizes. See page 5 for more details. If you'd like to volunteer in the kitchen, contact Becky Crow. (301) 399-2950. See ya there!



Save the Date - Upcoming Events

- **June 8** – Benefit for Artie 12-4 See page 3
- **June 9** –Pitch Tournament Week 1 –7pm See page 4
- **June 15** –Father's Day Breakfast 9-11am See page 5
- **June 28**-Crab Feast 1-4 (benefit Clements Cuties) pg. 6
- **June 29** –WOTM Quarter Auction & Brown Bag Raffle doors open at 12 See Pg. 7

The privilege of being in the social quarters of any lodge or participating in any social event is just that, a privilege. The privilege, which is afforded to members, can be forfeited by a breach of decorum. Our Moose home must be a friendly, warm, and inviting place. Profanity, inappropriate conduct, fighting, etc., have no place in a family fraternal operation.

June 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm WOTM Rally Day Planning Mtg 6pm	4 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	5 Thirsty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	6 Steak or Shrimp \$18 Combo \$22 6 – 8 pm Last Shot Band 7-11 pm	7 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Trivia 8 pm
8 Artie Miller Benefit 12-4 Nascar 3:30 pm Texas Holdem 6 pm	9 WOTM Meeting 6:00 pm Pitch League 7 pm	10 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	11 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	12 Thirsty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	13 Fried Chicken \$15 6 – 8 pm Rockabilly Band 7-11 pm	14 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Karaoke 8 pm
15 9-11 Father's Day Breakfast Dads & Kids 10 & under Free, others \$10 Nascar 3 pm Texas Holdem 6 pm	16 Pitch League 7 pm	17 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm New Member Orientation 6pm	18 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	19 Thirsty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	20 Fish & Shrimp \$16 6 – 8 pm Country Memories 7-11 pm	21 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm
22 Texas Holdem 6 pm Nascar 8 pm	23 Pitch League 7 pm	24 \$1.50 Tacos 12 – 6 pm Membership Meeting 5:30 pm B.O.O. Meeting 6 pm	25 .75 Cent Wings \$6 - ½ lb Shrimp 5-9 pm	26 Thirsty Thursday \$1 off Beer & Mixed Drinks 12 – 6 pm Texas Holdem 7 pm	27 Roast Beef \$15 6 – 8 pm Strictly Business 7-11 pm	28 Dine In Pizza Special \$8 Unlimited Toppings 12 – 6 pm Crab Feast 1-4pm
29 WOTM Quarter Auction 12 pm Texas Holdem 6 pm Nascar 6 pm	30 Pitch League 7 pm					

*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

So, you are a new moose member and wonder **“What is the Moose all about?”** In brief: Moose International, headquartered at Mooseheart, Illinois, is a fraternal and service organization founded in 1888, comprising nearly 1 million men in the Loyal Order of Moose and nearly 500,000 members of the Women of the Moose, in more than 1,800 Lodges and 1,600 Chapters throughout the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and Bermuda.

The Moose organization founded and continues to support Mooseheart Child City & School, a 1,000-acre community and school for children and teens in need, located 40 miles west of Chicago; and the Moosehaven retirement community, a 65-acre campus for qualified retired members and their spouses, located near Jacksonville, Florida. Additionally, Moose Lodges and Chapters conduct nearly \$90 million worth of community service (counting monetary donations and volunteer hours worked) annually. If you've never been to a Moose 495 Orientation and would like to hear more about our Moose, you can attend the June 17th program. Questions? Ask Geneva (240) 298-6206




Each year we have a membership theme to abide by. This year 2025-26 it is Moving Forward, Giving Back. Our Fraternity has made a commitment to being ever present in our communities. By continuing our positive momentum, we make our meaningful contributions a reality. To move forward, we must make a positive impact on our society, by giving back.

PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT AND HELP

ARTIE MILLER



ALL FUNDS WILL HELP THE FAMILY
WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES

	JUNE 8, 2025 FROM 12 TO 4
	MECHANICSVILLE MOOSE LODGE 495

**Silent
Auction
50/50
Bake Sale
Music**

Artie was recently diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia, a non-curable bone marrow failure condition requiring weekly blood tests, transfusions, & medicine. He received hATG infusions, and his body is showing signs of good response, but this is a long process where he is unable to work.

\$10 Entry Fee (Kids 10 and under Eat Free)

Questions? Contact Lisa (240) 882-5669 or Dave Slack (240) 375-8890

Monday Night **Pitch League**



Starts June 9, 2025

Buy-In \$50 for 10 Weeks

Contact: Diane (240)717-6487

Dad's Day Out Raffle

**WOTM Raffle for Father's Day Breakfast
June 15, 2025 (Dads Eat Free)**

1st Place: Cooler & Beer, Rocking Chair, Grill, Speaker

2nd Place: Echo Blower

3rd Place: \$100



Donation: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10

See any of the WOTM for tickets

Join us for an
All-you-can-eat Crab
Feast Fundraiser
to benefit the Clements Cuties Foundation

Saturday, June 28th, 1-4pm
at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge
27636 Mechanicsville Road, Mechanicsville, MD



Buffet includes Crabs, Chicken, Hot Dogs, and Sides

Tickets are \$60 each Only 250 to be Sold!

To purchase tickets,

In Person:
Contact Lee Quade
at (240) 585-3625



Online:
Scan the QR Code
or visit the link below

https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_143d7eb46176b87d7032917b5274c519

Quarter Auction

For Mechanicsville Women of the Moose

Sunday, June 29, 2025



Mechanicsville Moose 495

Doors Open at 12, Auction Starts at 1

Questions? Contact Danielle (301) 672-0891

Reservations? Call or Text: (240)416-4224



**Paddles are \$3 each
2 for \$5 or 3 for \$7
All in Paddle \$45**



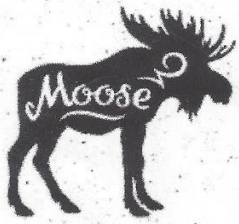
Open to the Public

**Bring Your Friends
& Quarters!**



Don't know how to Play? That's OK, we'll Teach You

Lots of Fun!



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

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

6 Districts with 35 Lodges



District
1

District
2

District
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District
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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

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