

JANUARY 2024



HAPPY NEW YEAR

WASHINGTON STATE / NORTHERN IDAHO MOOSE ASSOCIATION

JANUARY E-BULLETIN

MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP RE-SCHEDULED FOR FEBRU- ARY 17TH IN MONTESANO

With the wonderful cooperation of Montesano Lodge, we've managed to reschedule the Membership Workshop for Saturday, February 17th starting at 10 AM. If you wish you arrive Friday, reservations can be made at the **Guest House Inn and Suite** at 855-516-1090 or 360-249-4424.

We hope, if you planned to attend the first one, that you will be able to join us at the new, rescheduled date. Please, we ask you to register or re-register so we know how to prepare sufficiently, so please go to www.wsnima.org and **click on the registration link**. Again, we promise to inform, entertain and enlighten you with information to help with your membership growth. Thanks for your patience and see you in February!

2023 MOOSE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND RETENTION WORKSHOP RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 10 AM MONTESANO LODGE



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Montesano Lodge will provide a light breakfast on Saturday and a no-host lunch on Saturday. Saturday is also their steak night so if you'd care to join Montesano Lodge for steaks you'd be most welcome.

If you plan on attending, we need to know so we can prepare appropriately. Make your own reservations for the hotel, but for the workshop please register on line at wsnima.org and click on the **Membership Workshop link** on the front page. There will be games, door prizes, lots of information and guest speakers. Please plan on coming to Montesano Lodge on February 17th! Questions? E-mail carole_swan@comcast.net.



LOOM TRAINING SESSIONS

To schedule any training session, contact Bob Isom at roberti-som2149@comcast.net or phone 360-481-1445.

WOTM TRAINING SESSIONS

For more information and to schedule a training sessions, please contact Suzanne Dinning, 360-870-6709 or e-mail Suzdinwa@comcast.net.

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See flyers attached
to this bulletin for
Lodge and
WSNIMA events.

Membership Campaigns



**DISTRICTS
GET A
CHANCE
TO COM-
PETE FOR
\$1000 IN
PRIZE
MONEY IN
OUR NEW
6 MONTH
CAMPAIGN.
SEE PAGE 4
& YOUR
BULLETIN
BOARDS
FOR FULL
DETAILS.**

Be sure to check the Washington State / Northern Idaho Moose Association Web Site regularly for updated news and events: wsnima.org. If you have events scheduled for February 2024 and want them to be included in this monthly reminder, please submit them to Carole Swan, Communications Chairman at carole_swan@comcast.net by the 23rd of every month.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration and hotel reservations are now open for the 2024 International Moose Convention in New Orleans, LA. Main sessions run from Wednesday, July 24th through Saturday, July 27th and will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Highlights for the convention include a stand-up comedy performance by Billy Gardell for the 25 Club/Fun Night

Celebration; a wide variety of interactive workshops throughout the week; two free nights to explore Bourbon Street and other Big Easy sites; and a Heart of the Community project to benefit those less fortunate in New Orleans. It's an event you won't want to miss. **Go to www.moose2024neworleans.org for more information.**

YOU KNOCK MY SOCKS OFF!

It never ceases to amaze me how much Moose Members do for their fellow man and woman. I've been reading the newsletters and we have members running and walking to raise money for arthritis, cancer, diabetes, Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We have members working their little hearts out to make sure disadvantaged families and children in our communities have food and warm clothing for winter. And can we talk about how our members bend over backward to make sure every child in every community has a present under the tree from Santa ... as well as a warm pancake breakfast and a chance to sit on Santa's knee? There is nothing quite like seeing the face of a child when they see Santa in person! For that is worth millions of dollars in my book.

We are so used to doing and donating that it becomes second nature to us ... and yet we fail to tell our story. With all the Social Media available to us now, we need to yell at the top of our lungs to the world to let them know who we are and

what we do. Heaven knows, without organizations like ours, thousands of needy people would be without the services we provide. We know the government can't take care of everyone, it's our duty. But let's don't be silent about it. Call your local radio station, write a press release for your local paper (if you even have one any more) and for sure post on your facebook and twitter and whatever else accounts.

I realize that seems like bragging ... you bashful people you; but it's informing the public that we are not the neighborhood bar ... we are so much more than that. And it's time we toot our own horn, bang our own drum and let the world know we're here, and we're proud of our achievements.

If you need help getting the word out, send me your photos, tell me your story and I'll try to help get it recognized. If nothing else, we'll let our own members know what we do.

Thanks, Carole Swan



**Now is a great time to be supporting your local Lodge.
Be sure to check your monthly calendar.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ JANUARY 1, Wellness Breakfast, 10 AM and bowl games all day, Peninsula
- ♦ JANUARY 1, Pajama Party, 10 AM, Woodland
- ♦ JANUARY 4, First Responders / Veterans Luncheon, 11 AM, Kennewick
- ♦ JANUARY 6, DISTRICT 4 MEETING, NOON, QUINCY
- ♦ JANUARY 13, WSNIMA WINTER BOARD MEETING, 1 PM, NISQUALLY VALLEY
- ♦ JANUARY 13, HIGHER DEGREE MARDI GRAS DINNER, 5:30 PM, NISQUALLY VALLEY
- ♦ JANUARY 22, WOTM Special Chapter Meeting for Pullman, 5:30, Residence Inn, Pullman
- ♦ JANUARY 26, Moscow Lodge Anniversary Paint & Pour Party, \$25 pp, 6 PM, Moscow
- ♦ JANUARY 27, DISTRICT 1 MEETING, 11 AM, MOUNT VERNON
- ♦ JANUARY 28, Spaghetti Contest, 3 PM, Woodland



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ed Taylor

It's hard to believe it's 2024. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years with family and friends.

As we move into the new year let's focus on the reason we are Moose. I have been asked many times why I give so much of my time to the Moose, the answer is always the same, because I want to give back to my community, children of Mooseheart, and seniors at Moosehaven! When we are spending time working in our lodges, remember what is important, why we are volunteering our time. As a volunteer you are one of the few that step up to help make your lodge a success. Be careful not to let bitterness take over your emotions when you feel overworked and underappreciated. We as volunteers are there to give our time and serve others, if we portray bitterness to those we are there to serve we will certainly decrease the future attendance in our events and our lodges success will suffer. People come to our lodges because they feel welcome and enjoy themselves, if the atmosphere is not welcoming and positive they will no longer come in to the lodge. Our children at Mooseheart and seniors at Moosehaven depend on lodges success, without us they cannot exist! Let us remember why we serve and try to do it with joy and create a positive atmosphere for members and guests visiting the lodge. If we can continue with these principles we will be successful in our lodges and our mission!

I want to wish you all a wonderful new year!

**1 TEAM WORKING TOGETHER FOR A
BRIGHTER FUTURE.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Here are the dates and locations:

- Mid-Year Conference, March 7-10, 2024, Long Beach Peninsula
- Moose International Convention, July 24-27, 2024, New Orleans, LA
- Annual Convention, September 12-15, 2024, Pasco
- Annual Convention, September 11-14, 2025, Pasco

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Council of Higher Degrees
Special Event

Mardi Gras Dinner!

5:30pm

Saturday, January 13th, 2024

Nisqually Valley Lodge
1117 W. Yelm Ave, Yelm WA

**Dinner: Joe's Famous
Jambalaya, Dinner Roll, and
Dessert!**

Free to all current members of the Council of
Higher Degrees

\$5.00 for all non-members of Council of Higher
Degrees

Who are qualified members to join Council of Higher Degrees?

All Moose Members in good standing who are/hold one or more of the following Higher Degrees in the Moose Lodge/Chapter:
Academy of Friendship, Moose Legionnaire Degree of Service, Star Recorder, Fellowship Degree, College of Regents, Green Cap, and Pilgrim Degree.

**Come Celebrate a
night of fun, food,
friendship and
fraternalism!**

Help us continue to make membership retention
and being a Moose Member FUN!

Not a member of Council of Higher Degree?
Contact Linda Farris:
mooseylovinmama@yahoo.com



**Council of
Higher Degrees**



LET'S HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK FOR 2024

**We're having our own WSNIMA
Series ... may the best District win!**

DISTRICT 1

LINE UP	START	FINISH	FINAL SCORE
Bellingham	154		
Enumclaw	100		
Mount Vernon	200		
Snoqualmie Valley	305		

DISTRICT 2

LINE UP	START	FINISH	FINAL SCORE
Chehalis	415		
Lakes	149		
Montesano	976		
Nisqually Valley	482		
Port Angeles	447		

DISTRICT 3

LINE UP	START	FINISH	FINAL SCORE
Camas / Washougal	661		
Cowlitz Valley	417		
Dollars Corner	1051		
Peninsula	1713		
Woodland	308		

DISTRICT 4

LINE UP	START	FINISH	FINAL SCORE
Ellensburg	181		
Grand Coulee	244		
Quincy	393		
Royal City	70		

DISTRICT 5

LINE UP	START	FINISH	FINAL SCORE
Finley	23		
Kennewick	472		
Moscow	237		
Pullman	75		

We'll take the membership numbers on September 1, 2023, and the final numbers on February 29, 2024, and whichever district has the largest number of membership gain during those 6 months will receive a check for \$1,000 from the WSNIMA Membership Campaign funds. District may distribute the monies to the Lodges as they wish, to either the winning Lodge or to the Lodge who needs the most assistance; or even divide it equally between their Lodges. District Officers will decide the disbursement of funds and their decision will be final.



Campaign runs from September 1, 2023 thru February 29, 2024. Winner based on numbers received from Moose International. Membership Committee is not responsible for new members not received or unsubmitted by February 29, 2024. Prize will be awarded from the WSNIMA Membership Committee fund once information is received. Winner will be announced by the Membership Committee on March 9, 2024, at the Conference Banquet in Long Beach. Good luck everyone and let's play ball!!!!

