



Sailfish Moose Legion 197 Fall Newsletter

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Moose Legionaries are there, and they are actively involved

Special Olympics of Florida Benefits From Moose Legionaries Being Involved



On a cold winters morning, a Herd of Moose gathered to brave the ice cold water at Aquatica. To get here, each participant had to raise over \$100 in support of Special Olympics of Florida Athletes and programs. Twenty Moose participated and yes there were Moose Legionnaires representing multiple Moose Legions from all over Florida. Fun was had by all, and again, the FMA Herd of Moose Team was the largest Fundraising Group at the Orlando Polar Plunge. Raising \$12677, in an event that fundraised over \$111,000 for Special Olympics of Florida.

The ultimate objective of Special Olympics Florida is to help people with intellectual disabilities participate as productive and respected members of society at large, by offering them a fair opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills and talents through sports training and competition, and by increasing the public's awareness of their capabilities and needs. This is part of their mission statement, they have outlying reach goals like the Healthy Athlete initiatives.

While jumping into freezing cold water, dressed like pirates, acting like Moose, is fun and rewarding. The real treasure is what they do with the funds we raise. The best way to see it, is to be a part of it. It takes an army of volunteers to make things happen. Yes they need coaches and referees and dedicated one on one volunteers, But, they also need the volunteers who show up to assist at the competitions with registrations, setting up the events, clean up, handing out the awards, cheering for the ath-

letes, and many other activities. So as a Moose Legionnaire, it would be a great way to get involved locally, volunteer, or even better, organize a group of volunteers for a local event right in your own community.

Never thought I would be around horses. I volunteered... and was able to make friends with Rochester a Mule. He is huge, and so polite and friendly, just like me. I was able to mingle with athletes, coaches and other volunteers. I was there to witness the Healthy Athletes program in action, as most of the athletes were given a hearing test during the course of the event. While the State competitions are much bigger, this was a regional qualifier, local, everyone from three counties, a family among competitors. A lot more intimate and personal. You cannot describe the smile in my heart after spending my day at the equestrian center.



If you want to get involved, jump on that phone or computer and go to www.specialolympicsflorida.org, click on the "get involved" link and find an event in your area. Trust me, it will grab your heart every time you do it.

Story by, W. Scott Duncan, Palm Bay 2311



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2023-2024 Sailfish Moose Legion

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Secretaries Message

Here we are 10 March, I can't believe we are three months into our New Year. We have so much gone on it's hard to talk about it all. Don't forget our Celebration at Palm Beach Gardens 2010, April 20 and 21st 2024. I received a check from Palm Beach Gardens Moose Legion committee for \$1000 earmarked for endowment. I want to say thank you to the members of Palm Beach Gardens Moose Legion. This is what we do guys. I am proud to hear from a Moose Legion committee working together raising funds.

We have Florida's Moosehaven Day coming, they are trying something new this year. Now it will not only be a great day to meet our seniors at Moosehaven, but they are having a Carnival and inviting the community. This should be a lot of fun. Each district is supposed to have a booth. Our past President Scott Duncan is raffling off a basketball signed by all the basketball players at Mooseheart. I hope to see a lot of you at Moosehaven (please buy some tickets).

At our next celebration we will have our election. Love to see a great turnout for the vote, remember this is important going forward to another year. Your vote is important, this will be the men that takes the time to work for Sailfish Moose Legion. It takes all of us working together to do what we do for Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

One last thing, we are down in membership. We need all of you to start talking to fellow members to join our Moose Legion. I know I'm not one to talk, but we also need to get our Moose Legion committee's working in each of our lodges. Thank you Chris Nichols for turning Palm Beach Gardens around in the right direction. Talk to Chris and find out what he has done.

Fraternally, Lee Singleton, Secretary

Future Celebrations

To Be Determined

Sailfish Moose Legion 197 Fundraising as of 1/31/2024

Endowment Fund

\$3793

Annual Project

(Museum of Moose History)

\$1732.50

Youth Awareness

Scholarships

\$420

Presidents Project

(Moosehaven Tractor)

\$554

Mooseheart

Student Trips

To Moosehaven

\$181.50

Florida Moose Association Mid-Year Conference April 4-7 Orlando Rosen Plaza Hotel Information @ WWW.FLORIDAMOOSE.ORG

Editors Note

As part of my commitment to Communications within Sailfish 197, the Florida Moose Association and Moose International, I thought you should know, you can send in your Moose Stories to me, The Courier, and Moose Magazine. Always send pictures and text separate and include who you are and where you are from.

For this newsletter or www.sailfish197.com send them to moosepg2311@live.com, for the FMA Courier, email to courierjdf@aol.com. And to submit your story to Moose International, go to www.moosintl.org/communication go to forms and follow instructions on the form. Let our peers now how we are supporting the Moose Mission. 440530



Representing the Sailfish Moose Legion at the Ritual Competitions takes hours of preparation, loyalty to our team, and one most important thing, funds to travel and stay at the event location. Next October our team will travel to Pennsylvania to compete against teams from all over the Fraternity. To help offset some of the costs in getting there and competing, we ask for assistance through fundraising. Right now is your opportunity to help our team make it to Pennsylvania. Buy your tickets to support our team and be in the running for a Lifetime Member in Sailfish Moose Legion. Or choose a cash payout of equal value. And to help us sell more tickets, if you sell the winning ticket and your name is on the back, you could win \$100 for selling the winning ticket, who would not want to cash in on that. Get your tickets today at the Celebration or from a member of the Sailfish 197 Ritual Team.



**Florida Moose Association
Regional Pool Tournaments**

Region 1
May 4-5, 2024
MacClenny Lodge 2412

Region 2
March 9-10, 2024
Golden Triangle 874

Region 3
April 13-14, 2024
Ruskin 813

Region 4
June 22-23, 2024
Vero Beach 1822

Registration forms are available in the
Calendar section of the
www.floridamoose.com website
Inquiries about lodge activities or lodging, should
be made to the hosting lodge and Pool questions
should be directed to:
Joy Nekola, FMA Pool Coordinator
xtreme5243@yahoo.com

**KIDS 12 AND UNDER
RECEIVE FREE
HOT DOG**

FLORIDA DAY CARNIVAL

**PRESENTED BY
YOUTH AWARENESS
W/ 25 SPECIAL DISTRICT
APPEARANCES!**

AT MOOSEHAVEN

MARCH 24

2024

11AM - 2PM

ACTIVITIES

**A DAY OF FUN
FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY**

**MEMBERS AND
QUALIFIED GUESTS**



**\$10 FOR BBQ
AND RAFFLE
FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN \$1,000
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
ONSITE OR AT A LODGE**

**CARNIVAL
GAMES &
PRIZES**

moose charities

Over \$165,000 was raised for the children at Mooseheart!



- Moose Charities Fall Sweepstakes Winners**
- \$25,000 Kimberly Clark, IL
 - \$10,000 Kenneth Drucker Miller, PA
 - \$5,000 Jeff Crowner, AR
 - \$4,000 Brad Bright, FL
 - \$3,000 Patti Conley, GA
 - \$2,000 Jesse Kurtz, NJ
 - \$1,000 Tony Hopkins, IL
 - \$500 Ronald Bucco, OH
 - \$500 Dennis Husch, VA
 - \$500 James Weber, MI
- Winners names drawn 12/15/23



Teams from near and far participated Saturday, Nov. 18 at Mooseheart campus for the 2nd Annual Rudolph Run/Walk 5K

Thank you to all our Sponsors:
Rudolph Run Event Sponsor - Mechanicsville, PA Lodge 495
Frosty the Snowman Sponsors - Anna Maria Island, FL Lodge 2188, Ohio State Moose Association Executive Committee, Penn Yan, NY Lodge 2030 and many more.

All sponsors are listed on the Moose Charities website.
Thank you to the Virtual Rudolph Run/Walk teams who held events all across the country the entire month of November. Having FUN raising funds for Mooseheart Virtually everywhere!



Size	Length (A) Inches	Shoulder Inches	Chest Width (B) Inches	Sleeve (C) Inches
S	28.9	17.1	39.4	10.0
M	29.9	17.9	43.3	10.0
L	30.7	19.5	47.2	10.5
XL	31.5	20.9	51.2	10.5
2XL	33.1	22.4	55.5	11.0
3XL	34.6	24.0	59.4	11.0
4XL	35.4	25.4	63.4	11.5
5XL	36.2	26.4	67.3	11.5

Please Print Clearly... All Sizes are \$ 50 per shirt (Circle One) With Pocket or Without Pocket

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please CIRCLE Size: _____ MD _____ LG _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ 5XL

(Note... sizes run small, order one size bigger than you usually do, Shirt should be loose fitting)

Take note, these are custom made shirts, they take 4-6 weeks to arrive. The sooner you place your order the faster you will receive your shirt. Email questions to Scott Duncan at moosepg2311@live.com. We will notify you when the shirts arrive, with Pick-up information.

Make checks payable to: Sailfish Moose Legion 197, Send order form and check to:

Scott Duncan, 2407 Hagoplan Avenue SW, Palm Bay, Florida 32908

If you want it shipped, add \$8 for USPS shipping.



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Sailfish Moose Legion 197 Annual Spring Celebration April 20-21, 2024

Hosted by Palm Beach Gardens Lodge 2010
 3600 RCA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 (561) 626-4417

SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2024

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 9 AM

GAMES HELD IN PFEIFFER HALL:

PING PONG CORNHOLE RING TOSS
 BOWLING GAME PRIZED FOR EACH GAME
 POOL & DARTS AVAILABLE

MOOSE LEGION STEAK NIGHT DINNER 6 PM

SHRIMP COCKTAIL NEW YORK STRIP
 PARSLIED RED POTATOES MUSHROOMS
 CAKE FOR DESERT

MUSIC BY COWBOY

GOLDEN BALL CEREMONY AFTER DINNER

SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024

BREAKFAST BUFFETT 8 AM

MOOSE LEGION FESTIVITIES:

CANDIDATE REGISTRATION 9 AM
 CANDIDATE PARADE 10 AM
 MOOSE LEGION STORE 10 AM TO NOON
 MOOSE LEGION CONFERRAL MEETING @ NOON
 FOLLOWED BY SAILFISH GENERAL MEETING
 ELECTION TO BE HELD DURING MEETING
 VOTES WILL BE TALLIED, WINNERS ANNOUNCED
 INSTALLATION OF DIRECTORS FOLLOWS

Hotel accommodation in the area include:
 Hampton Inn, 4001 RCA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL