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Sailfish Moose Legion 197 Fundraising as of 3/31/2022

Endowment Fund

\$4517.75

Annual Project

(Mooseheart Activity Center)

\$1695.80

Youth Awareness

Scholarships

\$408.60

Presidents Project

(Moosehaven Courtyard Shelter)

\$690.50

Mooseheart

Student Trips

To Moosehaven

\$170.25



2022-23 Sailfish 197 Directors Installed

After a hugely successful Moose Legion Celebration at the Fort Pierce Lodge, The Director's who were elected at the meeting, were installed at a special Installation meeting held at the Buck Head Ridge Lodge on April 2nd. Shown above the new director's proudly wore their Moose Legion Regalia to begin the new year off right. From left to right. Warren Martin, from Okeechobee Lodge 1753, serving as Vice President. Will Hartnett, Vero Beach Lodge 1822, serving as Fraternal Director. Michael Del Santo, Buck Head Ridge Lodge 2417, serving as President. Bill Brumfield, Melbourne Lodge 1406, serving as Junior Past President. Ed Heltzer, Fort Pierce Lodge 248, serving as Financial Director. Lee Singleton, Palm Bay 2311, Serving as Secretary. And Joe Eriksen, Vero Beach Lodge 1822, serving as

Chaplain.

The installation was performed by Past President Richard Meals. Having all Directors present and Installed is a great beginning to the next evolution of the Sailfish 197 Moose Legion.

Incoming President Michael Del Santo remarked "I am excited as to see what this year will bring. I look forward to growing our membership and our contribution to Moose Charities."

Lee Singleton commented on the Election process and was happy to see so many positions contested, with very qualified individuals stepping up to represent their lodge and our Moose Legion. Lee stated, "As always our Directors will guide the ship, but it takes all of our members to make things happen."

Story by W. Scott Duncan,
Photo courtesy of Phyllis Gainer



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2021-2022 Sailfish Moose Legion

Board of Directors

President	Michael Del Santos
Vice President	Warren Martin
Chaplain	Joseph Eriksen
Fraternal Director	William Hartnett
Financial Director	Edward Heltzer
Junior Past President	W. "Bill" Brumfield
Secretary	Lee Singleton

Committee Chairman

Ticket Sales	Judi Lunsford
Ritual	Bill Brumfield
Candidate Registration	Joe Eriksen
Moose Legion Store	Melva Howell & Doris Meals
Candidate Parade	Richard Meals
Booklet	Norm Reed
Communications	W. Scott Duncan

Upcoming Celebrations

Melbourne

June 26

Vero Beach

September 17 & 18



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President's Message

I am looking forward to serving as your Moose Legion President this year. Working together, I hope that we can accomplish many goals.

As members of the Degree of Service we need to strive to set an example for our brothers. Keeping in mind that you are the leaders of our fraternity. So, let's have a good time this year.

Fraternally Yours, , **Michael Del Santo Sailfish 197 President**

Secretary's Message

I want to thank everybody for working with Sailfish 197 for these many years. I am hoping and looking forward to a very prosperous year 2022 to 2023. But for this to happen we need everyone in Sailfish 197 working together. Even more than in the past, due to the circumstances, it is more difficult for us to participate in the Moose Legion and all of its activities.

In Palm Beach Gardens 2010 Saturday, May 28, 2022 we had a mini celebration. Five Moose members were elevated to the 2nd degree. As many of you know, that to be on the board of the One Moose Lodge you must be a member of the Moose Legion or the Chapter. One of our new "proud" Moose Legionnaires needed to be elevated to the 2nd degree so that he can participate in his Lodge as a board member.

This morning we held our Executive Board meeting with Assistant Secretaries and Committee Chairmen. I am proud to say your new board for 2022 to 2023 is going to work very well together striving to accomplish the many things we must get done so that we can support our many charities.

I hope to see many members at Melbourne Moose Lodge 1406 at the celebration. You need to hear the story of the Moose from our ritual team, they will be competing statewide in August. You will also have a chance to hear about one of the main charities your Moose Legion supports annually. The Moose Youth Awareness Program just completed its annual Congress, right here in Florida. We will hold a short presentation to share the experience as seen through the camera lens and witness another way, we as Moose Legionnaires, do something good, for someone... each day!

Fraternally, **Sailfish 197 Secretary, Lee Singleton**

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.mooseintl.org/communication go to forms and follow instructions on the form. Let our peers now how we are supporting the Moose Mission. 440530



FLORIDA HOSTS MOOSE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH AWARENESS CONGRESS

Anyone who is friends with me on Facebook, already knows how I spent last weekend. The 2022 Moose International Youth Awareness Congress was sponsored by the Florida Moose Association this year. Gathering at the Rosen Plaza Hotel on International Drive, yes, the same place we were for the Mid-Year Conference only days before. The Youth Awareness program has been a cornerstone of Moose International's Heart of the Community Program for many years. In 2017, the Moose Legion took on the responsibility of fundraising to increase and support the money that was given away in the form of scholarships during the annual competition. So when, each year, your lodge receives a request for your Moose Legion Committee to remit their portion of our jurisdiction commitment, you can see how important it is to fulfill your pledge and hold fundraisers to support the efforts.

Moose International describes the program on their website, "For more than 25 years, we have organized high school students into a highly effective speakers' bureau with the goal of educating preschool and elementary school-aged children on a variety of topics, including drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, "stranger danger," bullying and peer pressure, and healthy habits and nutrition."

And further explains, "Through Moose Kids Talks presentations, participants in the program have reached an audience more than 750,000 children throughout North America. Students also have a chance to compete for \$30,000 in college scholarship money that is awarded annually through this program."

What is even more amazing is the amount of time and effort these kids put into their presentations. Each year, state representatives are given the task of inviting participants to a local training session, usually with guest speakers, talking about topics in their fields. As an example, a Police Officer may describe the proper way of wearing a bicycle

helmet, and why it is important. The High School Student can run with that topic or choose their own. Then they must develop a program that is relevant to a pre-school or Kindergarten student and present it to as many kids groups as possible. Sending a report to the State Youth Awareness Coordinator. Using the reports, they choose as many representatives as the Association has approved to sponsor to the Moose International Congress, to compete against others. The really cool thing is, they present their talks to each other, without the adults, then vote to pick the winners of the Scholarships.

2022, we began by meeting with our fellow volunteers at the Rosen, this was the night before the kids started to arrive. Of course we were given the rules of the program and how we should conduct ourselves. And began assigning responsibilities and shift schedules for the overnight chaperones. The next morning started early, We were shuttled over to the airport to meet the students as they arrived at the airport. Think of this as the worlds hardest game of Where's Waldo. Once we found the kids, we paired them up with our "Moose Ubers," shuttles to the hotel. Ross Chastain was busy winning in Talladega. The other chaperones were waiting in the lobby to greet each student and direct them to our Hospitality rooms to gather. At the end of the day, a bunch of tired travelers and volunteers broke bread together and went over the schedule for the program.

Our Florida Moose Youth Awareness Coordinators, Julie and Todd Anderson, planned a set of fun and educational activities for the students. Friday we visited Kennedy Space Center. The Cocoa Moose Lodge prepared and delivered lunch, giving the kids extra time to see all the exhibits. After our virtual flight on Atlantis, Imax movies, and museums of rocketry, we boarded the buses and headed to the Merritt Island Moose Lodge for dinner and Karaoke

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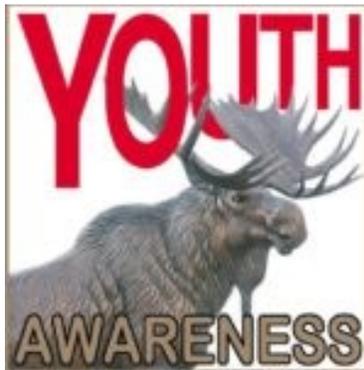


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To top it off, Space X launched a Falcon 9 rocket, full of Star Link Satellites, right after dinner.

Saturday was all business, the kids held their congress, presenting and watching, then voting on who they believed did the best presentations. Ultimately deciding who would leave with thousands of dollars in scholarships. Once the competition was over, you could see a sign of relief in the kids, the way they interacted and the amount of energy that had built up. Expecting a long evening by the pool, the chaperones took up positions around the area, in the Hospitality room, and in the common areas of the hotel. Then the word came down, some of the kids wanted to go shopping. First it was three, then 23 that ended up being 17. The goal was just past Olive Garden, across the street. This ended up being a multiple mile walk to the Orlando Eye and back. Eventually finding a shop that had the memorabilia the kids were looking for. While it was a long walk, it added something special to our experiences. We ended the evening with an Ice Cream Social and a Fairy Hair party. So much bonding and interaction, these moments will last a lifetime.

As we woke on Sunday, with a few prayers for good weather, our group headed to SeaWorld. An opportunity to learn about marine life and how we as humans are effecting the Oceans everyday. Of course, there were roller coasters, too. The weather stayed away, and we enjoyed the day filled with animal shows, interactive displays, rides and shopping. You could see in the faces of the kids, they were happy the competition was over, and they enjoyed using up every ounce of energy they could. We made it back to the hotel to change, then boarded the bus again for the Zephyrhills Moose Lodge. Arriving to the Lodge officers and members greeting us with excitement and chicken wings. After dinner, the time had come to award some well deserved scholarships. Live streamed on Face Book Live, Will Harrison, Moose International Coordinator of Activities and Heart of the Community, began the ceremony the kids came to Florida for. He began by introducing the Florida Moose Association youth Awareness Coordinators Julie and Todd Anderson, FMA President Chuck Plourde, and Moose International representative Gordon Dailey.



Next Will introduced two College Students in attendance, moderators for the competition. They both had participated in the High School program and shared their insight on how to be successful with all the students. April Johnson spoke first, elated to have spent 4 years competing and 3 years as a moderator, she will be graduating from Central Michigan University in the Spring of 2022. Quoting her from Facebook, *"I just wrapped up my 7th and final year of the Moose Youth Awareness Program! I'm in awe of the ways this program have changed my life. From my freshman year of high school to my senior year of college, this program has inspired me to do more for my local schools. I'm so thankful for all of the friends I've made through the years!"* Miracle Leyro, who just won last years First Place Scholarship, also spoke about her experiences in the program and is looking forward to the end of her Freshman year at Loyola University.

The night continued as we began the award announcements. In Fifth Place, Ryland Holland from Washington, Fourth Place, Haley Campbell from Massachusetts, Third Place, Karina Haddad from California, Second Place, Landon Wilson from Georgia. One of our chaperone leaders, Tammy Neff, traveled from Illinois to be with us. As a special honor to her late husband, who himself loved this program. The 1st Place Youth Awareness Bob Neff Scholarship was awarded to Cheyenne Estep from Virginia.

With the \$30,000 in scholarships awarded, reality started to set in. The weekend with so much excitement, enthusiasm, energy, friendships, and relationships was about to come to an end. There was time enough for a little more karaoke, and spending time together as a group.

The following morning, starting early, the Moose Ubers were at it again. Making sure all the participants made it to their flights home. They took back the experience, new friendships, new ideas for next years competition and pride. They also learned about our current and past space programs, the importance the Oceans play in our world, and how to ride as many roller coasters in 8 hours. This was an experience that will never be forgotten by all of the participants, and volunteers. Thank you, to all the Moose Legions that make the scholarships possible.

Story by **W. Scott Duncan**



Florida Moose Legion Spotlight



**International Moose Legion President
Dan O'Neal**

Dan O'Neal serves as the International Moose Legion President of the Moose Legion Council, having been appointed to this post on July 4, 2021 during the 133 rd International Convention In Cincinnati, Ohio. He has served on the Moose Legion Council since 2014.

Dan joined the Moose fraternity at Sanford, FL Lodge 1851 in 1997. He is a Past Governor since 2010. He joined St. Johns River (FL) Moose Legion 227 in December 1999. He also holds Membership in Indian River (FL) Moose Legion 178 and Seminole (FL) Moose Legion 81. He continues to serve Indian River Moose Legion as Secretary since 2007.

Currently Dan currently serves as Secretary for the Florida Moose Association.

A member of the 250 Division of the Moose 25 Club and holds the Elite Ring for sponsoring over 100 Moose Legionnaires. Dan received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 2003 and Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 2013.

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CANDIDATE PARADE 10 AM
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DIRECTORS & ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MEETNG
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