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Moosehaven News

Heart of the Community

Our American Pride 4th of July was a spectacular event!! Thank you to all who attended!! If you'd like to see pictures from the event, check them out on our Moosehaven Facebook page or click on the American Pride 4th of July icon below.

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Upcoming Events

- Mooseheart Girls Visit!
- Happy Independence Day America!
- Movie Day at Fleming Island
- Steak Night at Lakeshore Lodge
- Golf at Bent Creek
- Pool Day at Mandarin Lodge

[July Activities Calendar](#)

[Heart of the Community
Events](#)

- Dance at Lakeshore Lodge
- Dinner Dance at Crescent City Lodge
- The Island Theater
- District Sports & Meeting at Mandarin Lodge
- Mall Shopping and Lunch
- John's Social
- Shopping & Lunch in Mandarin
- Fried Chicken Night at Lakeshore Lodge
- Breakfast at Mandarin Lodge
- Tacos & Margaritas at Spice Restaurant



Click Here to see photos from the American Pride 4th of July!

What Happens in Vegas SHOULD NOT

Stay in Vegas!



As thousands of fellow Moose members descended on Las Vegas in the height of summer, one thing became certain...what happens in Vegas SHOULD NOT stay in Vegas.

As the LOOM and WOTM meetings began, it became apparent that the plan was to 'Create Our Future' with innovative ideas for membership, fundraising, community involvement as well as the success of each lodge and chapter nationwide. Our future is limitless and the future of our children and our seniors relies on its success.

Our members continue to react positively to the proposed change in direction to join the LOOM and WOTM into one organization. The ban on indoor smoking was approved and the new Tommy Moose Program and Moose Smart Phone App were presented to attendees. These changes are positive steps toward the creation of a future in which membership grows and we are able to serve according to our mission established those many years ago.

All of the information and positive outcomes from the convention should be taken back to

the lodges and shared with members! Moosehaven does not want to be the best kept secret in the fraternity....spread the word!

As residents, you make the best ambassadors! Make sure you are sharing stories of your life here on campus with your friends, families and those lodges and chapters that have adopted you through the Sunshine Grandparent Program. Invite them to come for a visit, attend an event and see what all the fuss is about!

Because of the generosity of the members of our great fraternity, we continue to serve our senior members with the highest quality of services and care.

Marina Mathews
Director of Communications

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Look Who's Talking



Just John
John Capes, Executive Director

Moosehaven and I lost a long-time friend today. After I accepted the Executive Director position at Moosehaven but weeks before I actually arrived, I started receiving emailed pictures of sunrises. These were glorious sunrises taken from the Moosehaven campus across the St. Johns River by a resident, I only knew as Dan. To this day, I have no idea how he got my email address.

By the time I arrived at Moosehaven, I had over a hundred pictures of sunrises and a big question, "Who is this guy named Dan?"

After several weeks, I finally got to meet him and his lovely wife, Jackie. By then I had a hard drive full of dozens of sunrise pictures. Dan and Jackie Bramblett were from Tennessee and he was every bit the Tennessee gentleman and she the southern belle - nice, warm, welcoming people.

Despite the fact that I could now see the sunrises live every morning on my walk to work, Dan kept sending them to me. I finally had to tell him that I thought I probably had enough sunrise pictures. He said fine but I still received one or two every couple of weeks for a while.

Dan and I talked frequently about many things, life at Moosehaven, pictures, the news and investment strategy. Dan was an engineer and had developed an investment formula that he admitted had failed him. However, he had found the problem, corrected it and predicted the date that I should jump with both feet into stocks. Thankfully, that's one piece of advice that I didn't take because the predicted date fell right in the middle of the recession. Dan and I talked about it; actually we laughed about it and decided that perhaps the formula was fatally flawed.

Over time, we re-directed Dan's photography and video talents to capturing events and residents engaged in the many activities at Moosehaven. Over the years and even continuing today, his pictures and videos were posted on our website, have graced the Moose magazine and appeared in numerous presentations and Moosehaven marketing materials. They were an attractive couple and were themselves featured many times in Moosehaven presentations, the Moose magazine and marketing collaterals.

For many years, Dan and Jackie volunteered to take pictures of residents for Christmas cards. Jackie scheduled the residents; made sure they were properly posed and looked their best while Dan took the pictures. They took the pictures to

be printed on selected cards at Walmart and delivered them to Resident Services for distribution.

Finally, as eventually happens to all of us, age began to creep up on them. Dan's pictures were not quite so clear or perfectly framed. They could no longer attend all of the parties and events. Dan spent his days by the pavilion on his chaise lounge. "Keeping his eyes on the river." I last saw them together at this year's Spring Fling. Jackie was still a southern belle, Dan a true Tennessee gentleman and they were still a beautiful couple.

Today, the sky over Moosehaven is cloudy, so the sunrise was obscured. Perhaps God also mourns the loss of a friend. However, we have Dan's pictures - hundreds, perhaps thousands of them. They will play on campus channel 3 as background just as always and in all likelihood, there will be another glorious sunrise tomorrow.

Rest in peace, Dan

I'm...

Just John





SIMPLY HELEN

Helen Taylor, Director of Resident Services, Chaplain

Create our Future

By now everyone is aware that this year's theme is "**Create our Future.**" This is a big challenge for all of us!

There is no doubt that creativity is the most important human resource of all. Without creativity, there would be no progress, and we would be forever repeating the same patterns." Edward De Bono

Genesis-1-27 says, "God created man in his own image." When God created us in His image, He shared with us His capacity for creativity and charged us to represent him on earth by **using our gifts and talents to bring glory to Him.**

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he." You see, it's imperative for us to "not grow weary in well doing" and realize that **we create our future each day by our actions, decisions, and words.**

Most understand how decisions and actions impact our lives, but few realize how powerful words are. Our words can create or destroy, build up or tear down. Harsh words have the ability to destroy creative ideas! Encouraging words spur on creativity and brings life to others' visions!

A new idea is delicate. It can be killed by a sneer or a yawn; it can be stabbed to death by a quip and worried to death by a frown on the right man's brow." Charles Brower

Proverbs 18:21 says, "Life and death are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit." Spiritually speaking, we all carry a loaded gun right below our noses - it is called a mouth. **We shoot bullets with our words; we shoot our mouth off way too often and don't know when to stop and we end up hurting others, hurting ourselves and hindering our future.**

Deuteronomy 30:19 says, "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now **choose life**, so that you and your children may live." **Create our future, don't curse it. Your words matter!**

Isaiah 43:18-19 says, "*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*"

In order to create our future, we must stop dwelling in the past – we've got to believe and perceive the new thing that God has in store for us.

"The difficulty lies not so much in developing new ideas as in escaping from old ones." John Maynard Keynes

Creativity is hard, sometimes you've got to take a lot of bullets, so be ready for all the naysayers who don't want to accept new ideas, challenges or change, but don't let the bullets penetrate, **keep moving forward – creating the future!**

What are you doing to create your future, the future for Moosehaven and Mooseheart? **If not you, who?** Embrace your creativity and keep moving forward, we are not there yet and our future depends on it!

Simply Helen

Up Close and Personal with Lenore Simon by Rachel Meierdierck



This month we get up close and personal with Lenore 'Leni' Simon. She was born in 1934, in the Bronx, New York and lived there until around age 40. The winter weather was too much to take and Leni's refuge was sunny Florida in the Port Richey area. She said, "I loved waterfront living for the fishin'!" Her mother Rachel, who was always called Julia, and father Sidney had 3 children; Leni, Michael and Judy. Her mother was a homebody but her dad taught her how to swim, bowl, fish and many other fun things as a child!



Leni graduated from high school and attended 2 years at Queens College. Over the years Leni was employed as a bookkeeper, worked as a model for Barbizon Modeling Agency for over 10 years, provided full time home health care for 7 adults in her own home and earned her Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate. She finally retired from CNA work in 1996. She was also a member of the Florida Follies for many years. The Florida Follies is a group of retired entertainers (you must be 70+ years old) that dance and entertain to raise money with all proceeds going to support kids in distress. Leni says she and her children have always been caretakers and believes they received this great gift of service from her parents.



Leni is extremely proud of her 4 children. Her daughter Helaine is a retired Director of Nursing. She and her husband live between both Florida and Connecticut. Her son Michael is an RN and lives with his wife in New York. Her daughter Sheryl and son-in-law live on Long Island. Her youngest daughter Michelle and husband live in Virginia. Both Sheryl and Michelle are teachers. Leni has 7 grandchildren and enjoys visiting with her family up the Eastern seaboard during the summer months.



Leni met a man that truly knew the meaning of love and chivalry. Chet Murphy enriched her life for 2 years. Though Chet was 10 years younger, Leni says the age difference never mattered to him. She recalls, "Every time we would finish a dance at the lodge, he would tip my chin up to him, kiss me lightly, and thank me." They were engaged to be married but 2 weeks prior to the wedding, she lost Chet to cancer.

Leni originally visited a Moose lodge with a friend and immediately enjoyed the social interaction, bingo and dancing. She joined the chapter and was always available to volunteer when needed. She came along when the lodge visited



Moosehaven and knew right away she wanted to live here in her retirement years. Moosehaven had everything she loves to do such as bingo, fishing, dancing, and exercise. Of course, sitting peacefully solving crossword puzzles is one of Leni's joys as well. Leni did not want to be a burden on her children when and if the time came that she would need higher levels of care.



Leni stated that Moosehaven is, "Peace of mind and sometimes...just peace and quiet". When I asked her what is your advice for the next generation?, she replied, "Be a decent person! and try and get as much knowledge as possible."

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