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Official Communication for March 8, 2017

ACH Payments Are Now Accepted for Accounts Receivable Payments Via the Admin Menu!

Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions (US Only) now have the ability to pay their Accounts Receivable payment via the Admin Menu, directly from their checking accounts. Following the same procedure as paying with your credit card, via the Admin Menu, click on Tools and scroll to Pay A/R Statement. When submitting the requested information in the checkout section, simply select the Checking Account option and a pop up window will appear, requesting your checking account routing and account information. If you have any questions, please contact Member Services at 630.906.3658.

Participate in the Inaugural “International Week of Service” – March 25-31, 2017

Moose International is joining forces with a number of prominent service organizations from around the world to introduce an “International Week of Service.” The International Week of Service is a chance for service organizations around the globe to partner with one another to make a big difference in their communities. This inaugural event will take place from March 25 - 31, 2017 and is proposed to take place during the last week in March in coming years.

Participating is easy! Invite another local service organization to help with your previously scheduled service project during the last week of March, or start working with an organization and plan an event together. There are no restrictive guidelines on what you can do, so be creative. Plus, the Moose offers a resource that many of the other service organizations don't have, a physical facility in which to host events and programs. Invite a local service partner to do a joint event at the lodge or somewhere else in your community and submit a story and pictures to your local press and to the website www.weekofservice.org.

See the attached document for more information or visit www.weekofservice.org for additional information.

Deadline For Entries to 2016-2017 Moose Journalism Awards is this Friday, March 10!

The deadline for website and newsletter entries for the 55th Annual Moose Journalism Awards is **this Friday, March 10, at 4:30 p.m. CST.**

This year, just like last year's contest, all entry forms will be posted online only. Participants can download entry/informational forms online through the Moose International website under the Members Area under News, the Heard of Moose? Facebook page, and Official Communications.

The Moose Journalism Awards program seeks to encourage and motivate editors of all Moose publications towards the achievement of consistently high journalistic standards in their newsletters and, through such achievement, to enhance communication and shared information between Moose members and their Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Higher Degree Councils, and Associations.

Winners of this year's competition will be recognized during the International Moose Convention in Tampa, FL June 29- July 3, 2017.

Questions about the contest or forms can be directed to the Moose International Department of Communications at (630) 966-2229.

First Responder/Active Military Membership Campaign Ends April 30, 2017 – Have you Participated?

We are now over half way through our membership promotion honoring our local first responders and active military. Promoting this within your lodge home will enable you to increase your membership and gain the experience of community service minded people and true leaders of your community. Please adhere to the guidelines of this program by sponsoring only those eligible under our current program.

If you have any questions regarding this short-term campaign, please do not hesitate to contact our Members Services department, or your Territory Manager. Find more information about this program at www.mooseintl.org

Lodge Safety Inspection Information Must Now Be Entered via your Admin Menu - Form Due April 1, 2017

April Lodge Safety Inspection Forms are due no later than April 1, 2017 and now must be entered through your Admin Menu. The form is an electronic form and is the only form being accepted. It is located on the Mooseintl.org website-Moose Admin. (where the Heart of the Community Form is located)-Forms-Lodge Safety Inspection Form-April 2017. Once the form has been completed and submitted, [a message will display confirming the information has been submitted to Moose International](#). A confirmation email will be sent to the Lodge's smart mail account ending in "mooseunits.org" within ten (10) business days of receiving the form. Lodges that fail to submit the completed form by April 1, 2017 will have a Compliance Modifier added to their 2017-2018 Risk Pool Assessment, which will increase the amount the Lodge pays for the Risk Pool Coverages.

PLEASE NOTE: REGIONAL and TERRITORY MANAGERS NOW HAVE ACCESS TO SEE IF FORM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED, just as you do for the Heart of the Community Report.

If you have any questions regarding the APRIL 2017 Electronic Lodge Safety Inspection Form, please contact Ann Price at 630-859-6615 (aprice@mooseintl.org) or Cherie Staples at 630-859-6637 (cstaples@mooseintl.org).

New Valued Veterans Poster Coming Soon!

Among the items you will receive in your Spring mailing, you will also find a new Moose Valued Veterans poster to hang in a prominent area in your lodge. The attached digital versions of this poster can be used to promote the program on your lodge website or Facebook page. Please encourage veterans in your lodge to become self-identified either by accessing their Membership Record on the Moose International website, or by calling Member Services at (630) 906-3658.

Lodges and Chapters will soon receive a shipment of pins and certificates to be presented to veterans who have already self-identified prior to March 1, 2017. These items should arrive the third week of March, and should be presented to these veterans at your first semi-annual recognition ceremony in April. The shipment will include a list of the veterans to be recognized and their contact information.

Veterans who have self-identified on March 1st or later will be recognized during the *second* semi-annual recognition ceremony to be held in November, on or around Veterans Day. Please plan ahead because Member Retention Week is scheduled for the same time, November 5-11, 2017. Therefore your November Valued Veterans recognition ceremony can count as one of your four Member Retention events!

Thank you, in advance, for doing your part to help our Moose Valued Veterans receive the recognition, support and honor they deserve!

Contact Catalog Sales to Order your St. Patrick's Day Party Supplies!

Moose International has joined together with a number of well-known service organizations to partner in an **International Week of Service**. Across the globe, volunteers – like you – are working to improve their communities. As we take on many challenges facing us today, we create personal bonds and friendships with other community members and volunteers. It is in this spirit that we ask your club to invite another local service group to volunteer with you during the last week of March. Information and resources for this event can be found at weekofservice.org. Also, visit the **International Week of Service 2017 Facebook Event** to RSVP and see what other clubs are planning.

Organizations participating in this event include: **Moose International, Lions Clubs International, Rotary International, Optimist International, Junior Chamber International, Kiwanis International, Soroptimist, Y's Men International, Pilot International, Sertoma Inc., National AMBUCS and The National Exchange Club.**

We simply ask that your club work with one or more other area service groups to do something together for your community. This can be an activity that is already planned for that week or something new. Then **share your photos and videos** from this activity at weekofservice.org, on the Facebook Event and on social media with the hashtag **#weekofservice2017**. Also, complete the fill-in-the-blank press release available at weekofservice.org and send it with a photo to your local media.

In addition to helping more people and communities in one week than ever before, this event will help us to promote all of our organizations, highlight membership opportunities and reinforce the importance of civic engagement and individual social responsibility. It is a chance for our volunteers to forge lasting relationships – further enabling prospects for future joint projects.

Join us in this partnership as we serve together like never before!

If you have any questions, please contact Moose International's Director of Membership/CMO Kurt Wiebe at kwiebe@mooseintl.org.

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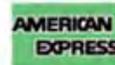
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