

SAVE THE DATES IN 2009! For Lodge, District, Legion, CNMA & Int.!

January 18, Golden Spot Legion #15 Celebration at Los Gatos Lodge #1996
 January 24, GS Legion 15 Winter Festival Dinner & Dance at Sunnyvale Lodge #2049
 March 21, GS Legion 15 Golden Ball Ceremony at Sunnyvale Lodge #2049
 March 26-29, Calif-Nevada Moose Association Mid-Year Conference at Santa Clara!
 April 19, GS Legion 15 Celebration, Election and Installation of GS 15 Officers at Monterey Lodge #876
 April 26, Santa Cruz 545 Installation of New Lodge Officers for 2009-2010!
 May 22-27, International Moose Convention & Ritual Competition at Chicago/Mooseheart

Please note that our Mission Trails District #10 Socials are held on the 1st Saturday of every month. Please check calendar for time and locations!

545 Members please note that you are invited to attend these events! Contact an Officer of Committee Chair for more info. Also please go to these online resources—

- For 545 Lodge Info— www.scmoose545.org/
- For District & State Association Info— www.ca-nvmoose.org/
- For Moose International and member benefits Info— www.mooseintl.org/
- For Mooseheart Info— www.mooseheart.org/
- For Moosehaven Info— www.moosehaven.org/
- For Moose Charities— www.moosecharities.org/

There are more upcoming events to be aware of, please, check the bulletin calendars and the above websites. Rest of year dates to be added in future issues.



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2009!



TO—

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**Your Board of Officers
For 2008—2009**

Governor	Vince Martinez
Jr. Past Governor	Tom Miklosko
Jr. Governor	Brian Armstrong
Prelate	Mark Schoonover
Administrator	Perry James
Treasurer	Lonnie Moseley
1 Year Trustee	Ernie Avelar
2 Year Trustee	Eric Miller
3 Year Trustee	—
Sergeant-at-Arms	Barry Nolan
Inner Guard	Dick Dennis

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Applications Review	by Committee
Audit	Jerry Pitman
Bulletin Editor	J.D. Sotelo
Community Service	J.D. Sotelo
Darts	Eric Miller
Decorating	Event Chairperson
Endowment	Dick Dennis
Facilities/Contracts	Ray Gibson
Family Activities	Geo/Lynn Cordova
Food Drive	Lou Avelar
Government Relations	Brian Murtha
Historical	Mark Filipowicz
Ladies of 545	Laurie Grundy
Legion Activities	Lonnie Moseley
Lodge Improvements	Mick Brown
Lodge Grounds	Ernie Avelar
Membership	Perry James
M/M Admissions	Vince Martinez
MYA Chairman	J. D. Sotelo
Moose Scholarship	Perry James
Orientation	Mike Stephens
Ritual Team	J. D. Sotelo
Social Quarters Manger	Ray Gibson
Sports Events—	Call Lodge at—
Horseshoes, Softball, etc.	438-1817
Webmaster	Mark Filipowicz
Website—	www.scmoose545.org

SOCIAL QUARTERS

Monday to Wednesday	4 to 8 PM
Thursday & Friday	4 to 10 PM
Saturday & Sunday	<u>Please see calendar</u>

Become a **Moose Tracker!**

International Membership Campaign
November 1, 2008 - April 30, 2009

Track down and SPONSOR TWO NEW MEMBERS for a chance to more easily track your next destination with a Garmin nuvi 265T unit. Great for yourself or great as a gift!

Lodge and Chapter Sponsors of two members during this campaign will be entered into weekly random drawings to receive one of six Garmin nuvi 265T units to be awarded each Friday from November 14, 2008 through May 1, 2009. Sponsors are entered in all remaining drawings from the time their second member sponsored during this campaign is reported to Moose International. Each additional new member sponsored in the campaign entitles the sponsor to an additional entry in all remaining drawings. A total of 150 GPS units will be awarded. Void where prohibited.

Garmin nuvi 265T

- Includes USA and Canada maps
- Journey planner directions that shows street names
- Voice/AMT™ free dataset
- Hospital, police, gas and more

TOP SECRET



Brother Members and Ladies,

I hope that The Holiday Season has brought you, your family, and friends much joy and happiness as we celebrate the traditions of the season. On November 22nd our membership was treated to a member's appreciation Thanksgiving dinner that was given and prepared by Corky Roberson, Moses Bedolla, and Bob Oneto. It was a great dinner and was much appreciated by the many members and their family and friends that were there. Earlier in the day we had our Holiday Food Drive at the Safeway in Scotts Valley. It was very successful and much food, turkeys, and cash was do-

nated by caring and thoughtful citizens of the Valley. The proceeds of the Food Drive were to benefit Valley Churches United Missions. Much thanks should be given to Laurie Grundy and her many helpers for the success of the food drive.

On November 15th the Ladies of Moose lodge #545 held a Holiday Boutique and part of the proceeds was also given to Valley Churches United Missions.

On December 4th it was my honor along with Laurie Grundy and Lou Avelar to attend the Valley Churches United Missions Gala Fundraiser at Scoppazzi's restaurant in Boulder Creek. It was a very nice dinner along with Christmas caroling, a silent auction, a live auction and a huge raffle. There were many keynote speakers among them Linda Lovelace and Annette Marcum of VCUM. It was my honor to receive the Angel of the year Award given to the Santa Cruz Moose Lodge for our efforts in supporting Valley Churches United Missions in 2008.

On December 5th our lodge donated half the proceeds of our prime rib dinner, and half of our 50-50 raffle, and non-perishable foods, and unwrapped toys to Valley Churches United Missions. The prime rib dinner was attended by the director of operations of VCUM, Linda Lovelace and Annette Marcum the unpaid director of operations, founder, and volunteer of VCUM along with their family and friends. They thanked us for our Lodge's support and said that we were in the running for the Grand Can Award emblematic of the biggest donator of non-perishable foods, toys, and cash by an organization. The Grand Can Award was later awarded to Santa Cruz Moose Lodge #545, great going Moose Members and Ladies!

The prime rib dinner was well prepared by our cooks Corky Roberson, Moses Bedolla, Barry Nolan Sarah Stein, Kathy Nolan, Jim Thuringer, Mary Thuringer, Jade Christensen, with desserts by Bonny Scott. Also thanks to Laurie Grundy for dinner sales and our 50-50 raffle. And also thanks to the many moose members, family, and friends for attending the event.

Music and Karaoke was provided and donated at no charge by our Golden Spot 15 Legion President and newly appointed to Legion Fellow Degree, Chris Ante, "Mister Amore"!

Also thanks to the Moose Members and Ladies who decorated the beautiful Santa Cruz theme Christmas tree and worked at the Scotts Valley indoor Poker run Light Parade. Also thanks to Past Governor Dick Dennis for representing Santa Cruz Moose Lodge #545 at the Light Parade meetings. It was a great Holiday Season and as you can see our Lodge and its members were much involved giving their time and energy to these holiday events. Thank you.

The Social Quarters has undergone a much needed re-modeling and is still a work in progress, but is almost completed. Much credit goes to Mick Brown and his hard working member volunteers.

As the New Year approaches I would ask that our Members and Ladies of #545 go forward and tell their family and friends what is happening at our lodge, bring prospective members to join in the fun and good times at our lodge.

Best wishes to all our Moose Members and Ladies for 2009.

From your Governor, Vince Martinez,
Santa Cruz Moose Lodge # 545.



gimme five!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN

<i>January</i>	<i>AND</i>	<i>February</i>	
Mick Brown	3 rd	Dave Johnson	1 st
Gary Bellville	5 th	Charles Reynolds	2 nd
Jon Webster	5 th	Richard Dennis	3 rd
Marc Kaplan	10 th	Frances Sotelo	6 th
Clive Ridpath	11 th	Wayne Edgin	9 th
John Strange	13 th	Keith Arnold	15 th
James Lucarotti	14 th	John Jamieson	16 th
David Kranz	21 st	David J. Harra	18 th
Jade Christensen	22 nd	Steve J. Cogliati	20 th
Robert Sanders	22 nd	Mark Filipowicz	20 th
Gregory Buri	25 th	Doug Ransom	25 th
Andrew Granzen	27 th	Robert Galeb	27 th
Richard Stipes	27 th	Pete Zuckswert	28 th
Michael Kirkendall	28 th		
Rudy Cabigas	29 th		
Lorraine Sovinsky	29 th		
Thomas Fakner	31 st		
Beth Gemeny-Solomon	31 st		
Michael Lundin	31 st		

Birthday celebrants please read the ad box in the Calendar page!

545 SICKNESS and DISTRESS



L. E. 'Butch' Nichol, 545 3-Yr Trustee, suddenly passed away January 1, 2009.

Scott McAvoy's Mother-In-Law passed away.

Steve Childress's Father passed away.

Tim Baker's Father-In-Law passed away.

Gayle Snyder's Father passed away.

Lou Avelar recovering at home from a broken leg.

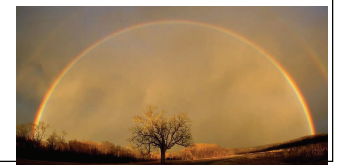
June Strodder suffered a broken ankle.

Ray Gibson's wife, Lydia, suffering from kidney stones.

Governor Vince Martinez suffering from Sinusitis.



Leonard Earl "Butch" Nichol



**TO THOSE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE SUFFERING ILL HEALTH, OR HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS—
Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to All.**

++ **LODGE & LEGION NEWS** ++

Greetings Members and Ladies of 545,

It is fast approaching the time to start selecting the new Lodge officers for 2009—2010. Now is the time to start thinking about who should be in the officer's chairs. How about YOU? Are you interested in being an officer? Now is the time to get involved. Watch the bulletin and check the calendars for the next few months to get more info, don't hesitate to consult a present officer.

By now, the SQ should be showing great improvement. Come on down to the Lodge and enjoy the remodeled SQ. Thanks much to everyone involved.

The dinners are going much smoother since many people have started listening and are making reservations for Friday night dinners. This cuts down on waste and gives the cooks a better idea how many to expect for the dinners. Everybody keep up the good work and make reservations for Friday Night Dinners. If you are good at cooking a special meal, please volunteer to make that meal for the members. Leave a message for me or Governor Vince at 438.1817

As several of the sponsors have discovered, I am now sending a copy of the letter that I send to your candidate for enrollment and orientation. Several sponsors requested this and I'm doing it with all candidates and sponsors now.



Have a great 2009!

Perry Lee James,
545 Administrator



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW GOLDEN SPOT
MOOSE LEGION#15 LEGIONNAIRES!**

Santa Cruz #545 Prelate Mark Schoonover, sponsored by Legionnaire Ernie Avelar, and Governor Arun Singh of San Francisco Lodge #26, sponsored by GS 15 President Chris Ante were enrolled into the 'Degree of Service' on Sunday, November 2, 2008 at Santa Cruz Lodge #545. Way to go!! Welcome and good fortune in your future!!

Please note that all 545 Legion meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30. 545 Legion Chairman Lonnie Moseley is always looking for help at the 545 Legion Breakfast usually held on the 2nd Sunday of every month!

Please call him at 336-8579 if you wish to help or join the Legion!!

Golden Spot 15



Welcome to our Newly Enrolled Members!!



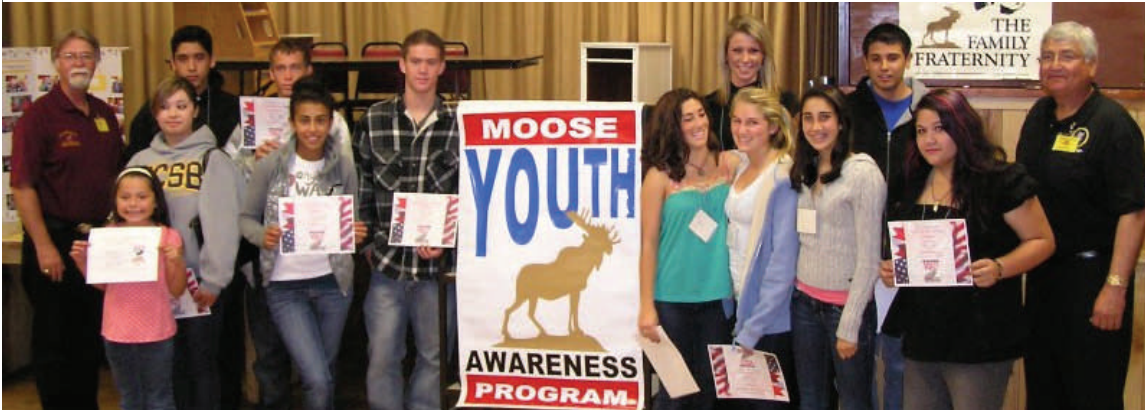
545 Enrollment Ceremony of November 21, 2008. Pictured are new members and their sponsors left to right—Jim Hogan, Dick Aubert, John Gillette, Brian McAvoy, Bob Kittle, Governor Vince Martinez, Bob Galeb, Past Governor Lonnie Moseley, Ken Schmidt, Scott McAvoy, Tom Fleming, David Ellison and Del Solomon.



545 Enrollment Ceremony of December 19, 2008. Pictured are new members and their sponsors left to right—Ed Lake, Past Governor Ray Gibson, Governor Vince Martinez, Archie Coley, and 2 Year Trustee Eric Miller.

Santa Cruz Lodge 545 Officers, Chairs & Volunteers welcome all our new members to their new Moose Family Center. Please, come down and enjoy your new home! Also, thanks to our Lodge sponsors for fulfilling their obligation to strengthen our order.

MOOSE YOUTH AWARENESS CONGRESSES IN DISTRICT 10!



Pictured above are the San Jose 401 Youth Awareness Congress participants of Saturday, November 1, 2008. There are five students from Santa Cruz County and six from Santa Clara County



Pictured above are the Monterey Youth Awareness Congress participants of Saturday, November 22, 2008. Three students from Monterey County and one student from Santa Cruz County

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPATING STUDENTS, GOOD LUCK!



Pictured above is Erika Vasquez at the make-up 401 Youth Awareness Congress of Saturday, December 13, 2008.



++ more COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS ++



"Ladies of 545 Committee"

I would like to extend a sincere and huge "THANK YOU" to everyone and anyone that participated in anyway in the past few months of fundraising and holiday festivities. If you volunteered, decorated, donated money, donated food or gifts, collected donations, cooked, prepared, served, cleaned, delivered, purchased raffle tickets, bought a dinner, bought a dessert, etc, you helped make a difference locally. All of our hard work, with a dash of fun this holiday season, benefited our community thru Valley Churches United Missions and the Mental Health Client Action Network. Everyone should be proud of what we have accomplished as a Lodge in making a difference for others less fortunate this year. Thank you everyone!
Laurie Grundy,
 Ladies of 545 Committee



P.S.: By the way, because of our fundraising efforts, we earned the Valley Churches United Missions "Grand Can Award" back from the SV Lions Club. Congratulations to all of you 545 Moose volunteers that made it possible!