

Moose Dues: Even With A Long-Delayed Increase – Still the Best Deal in Town!

A topical point of contention among our membership has centered on our recent dues increase. Understandably, in these current financial times, higher costs are not welcome news for any household. So we must ask ourselves what is the value of our membership? There are some easy answers and some not so obvious.

For our members who enjoy our wonderful Lodge meals that are cooked and served by our volunteers, you can't beat those scrumptious dinners, breakfasts and burgers that are available to you and your family at a great price. They are served with the same love and care as from our own homes. Couple that with our more than reasonable pricing for our refreshments and that's just one *real deal* for us. But let's look beyond the obvious and ask what do we get for our dues?

Our membership presently entitles us to 27 cost saving programs in our Moose Member Benefits! The categories range from Family and Entertainment, Prescription and Medical Needs Discounts, Travel Programs, Insurance Benefits and Other Services! If you are online please go to www.mooseintl.org and click on Moose Member Benefits. If not, please ask a Lodge Officer or volunteer for the "Moose Member Benefits Brochure." You may also download this brochure from the Benefits Portal at our International website. The savings contained in your Member Benefits may well offset your dues payment and more! Yes, another *real deal* for the cost of dues.

Our membership allows us to serve our communities through our energy and desire for volunteerism by way of our Lodge and International Community Service Programs. Just look at Santa Cruz 545's record of service. We have been long time supporters of the Santa Cruz County Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County Bowl for Kids' Sake, the Monte Foundation Fireworks Extravaganza that benefits Santa Cruz County Schools, Mental Health Client Action Network Services of Santa Cruz County, the Meals on Wheels Program and the Valley Churches United Missions Canned Food and Fundraising yearly campaigns. Also, Santa Cruz Lodge 545 is the Charter Sponsor of our Cub Scout Pack #676. This list is continually growing! What a fantastic opportunity to give back to our own communities in those programs we care so much for.

In addition, and so important, our membership dues help us to fulfill our sworn obligation to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven and the lives that are a part of their missions. What must be understood is that costs have continually gone up for our institutions and for many years our dues have not reflected those cost increases. It is now time to be current, and with a full heart, count ourselves fortunate.

I believe our dues are not an obligation as much the opportunity to serve in so many ways and for our own personal reasons. We do this in order to elevate our Fraternity, and in turn, elevate our lives for a higher purpose. Now, that is the *Real Deal*!

Fraternally, JD Sotelo, Santa Cruz 545 *Moose News* Editor



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TO —

**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	ScotT McAvoy
Sergeant-at-Arms	Barry Nolan
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Lodge Maintenance	Mickey Lundin
Lodge Grounds	Ernie Avelar
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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	Please see calendar

Brother Members and Ladies,

Happy New Year's to all our brother members, their families, and friends.

Unfortunately our fraternal family was saddened with the loss of our beloved Three Year Trustee Butch Nichol on New Years Day. Butch was a loyal member of our lodge active in many events and was a frequent visitor to our social quarters. There he spread his wisdom and intellect to his fellow brother members and ladies of Santa Cruz Moose Lodge # 545. He served well in his positions on the Executive Board. Butch really loved the Santa Cruz Moose Lodge and cared for his fellow members. Butch will surely be missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Pat.

Scott McAvoy has been selected by me to fill the three year Trustee position until the installation of officers in April. Scott brings new ideas and energy and will serve us well in the interim.

January saw the return of Dick Walton as chef on Friday night enrollment dinners. The steaks and trimmings were delicious. Thanks go to Chef Richard and his helpers for preparing such a great dinner.

Also thanks go to our chef Lew Erikson for his excellent steak dinner at our February Friday night enrollment dinner. Also, thanks go to his helpers for preparing the meal.

Enrollment has been up so far this year, our quota was 32, and so far I have counted 55 enrolled. This is great! I would encourage our brother members and ladies to keep up the good work and continue to tell their family, friends, and neighbors that there are many great meals, charitable events, and family activities happening at Santa Cruz Moose Lodge # 545. Bring them by and show them what a great lodge we have.

Thanks also go to our Friday night chefs that started the year off. Thanks to Mick & Sandy Brown for the great tri tip dinner, to Moses Bedolla for his savory chicken enchiladas, to Sarah and her delicious meat loaf, and to the Ritual Team for their tender roast chicken. Our February 6th prime rib dinner was a great success. It was well prepared and served up by chefs Corky Roberson, Moses Bedolla, , Barry Nolan, Kathy Nolan, Jade Christensen, Mary Thuringer, Bob Oneto, Tim Rose, and Les Pawlak. The 50-50 raffle run by Laurie Grundy raised funds to purchase an additional flat screen TV for the social quarters. Between the raffle and donations by our brother members and ladies enough money was donated to purchase the TV that night!

Thanks go to the Santa Cruz Moose #545 Legion and their chairman Lonnie Moseley and his assistant chairman Dick Dennis for donating the funds to purchase the first flat screen TV. The spirit of giving is well appreciated as our brother members and ladies stepped forward to give so that these TVs will be used for our entertainment and enjoyment for years to come.

Thanks go to all our brother members and ladies for all your efforts. Fraternaly, Governor Vince Martinez, Santa Cruz Moose Lodge # 545.



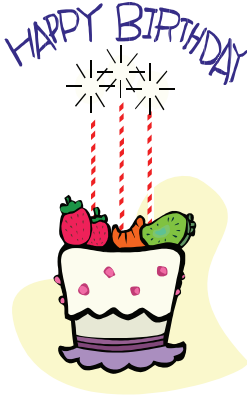
CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN

March

AND

April

Judy Davis 3rd
Alan Leonard 3rd
Gary Nickel 5th
Jim Walsh 5th
Norman Gillette 6th
Bob Kittle 6th
Todd Brake 9th
Ron Daugherty 9th
Howard Lowe 10th
Susan Goodwin 12th
Lonnie Moseley 13th
David Ellison 14th
Dee Larson 14th
James Harris 15th
Larry Heiman 15th
Dene Bustichi 16th
Jack Cross 18th
Josie Schoonover 18th
Joseph Zagami 18th
James Thuringer 29th
John A. Moore 31st



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

Tom Miklosko 1st
Todd Mays 3rd
Steve Maliesky 5th
Tim Baker 6th
Robert Southard 6th
Ed Fonseca 7th
Eric Miller 7th
Lewis Erickson 8th
Sue Moseley 9th
Tom Fleming 12th
Jim Hogan 14th
Edward Wills 17th
Lois Lansing 18th
Dave Geistdorfer 21st
Gayle Williams-Brett 21st
Dominic Carine 22nd
Robert O'Neal 22nd
Scott Cramer 25th
Ted Lester 26th
John O'Conner 28th
Jason Race 28th
Jack Clove 29th
Robert Flaherty 29th
Michael Carson 30th
Kenneth Hensley 30th

545 SICKNESS and DISTRESS



Josie Schoonover's mom, Zenaida, had a triple bypass.
Sharlet Hostetler's mom, suffered a heart attack.
Mick Brown recovering from a knee replacement.
Corky Roberson suffering from a torn ACL.



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

++ 545 LODGE NEWS ++

Calling all Social Quarters Volunteers...

I am having a meeting for all Social Quarters Volunteers (read that as bartenders!) on Saturday, March 7, at 9am. I would like to discuss the new bar layout, what is working and what isn't, and any concerns you may have and concerns that I have.

This meeting would be appropriate for those members to attend that have a desire to help out in the Social Quarters! We are always looking for new help to relieve our long-time volunteers. Interested? Call me if you want to volunteer and are attending the meeting at 831.535.8570. Also, if you are a regular volunteer I would appreciate your presence, please call me if you can't attend. I want to give a clear and consistent message to all our volunteers. I will bring the donuts!

Thank You, Ray Gibson, 545 Social Quarters Manager



Pictured at Left is Past Governor Ray Gibson receiving his 25 Club Plaque from Administrator Perry James for enrolling his 25th member into the Loyal Order of Moose at the 545 Friday Night Enrollment on February 20, 2009! Way to Go Brother Ray!!



The Santa Cruz 545 Ritual team will be competing for the last time at the Moose International Convention in Chicago on May 22, 2009! It will be the final time that the Order will hold a Lodge Ritual competition. As some of you remember the present

team started in 1997 when I was Governor, with the help of Bernie Bertonis, 545's then Administrator. We hope that you can come and support our team during our Fundraising Dinners in order to help cut our expenses. This team has shown extraordinary staying power, commitment and execution of impeccable Ritual. Winning five 1st place awards in Association Ritual competition in that time. My hat is off to this great team.

What does the future hold for Ritual? At 545 we have the option to continue to enroll new members via the Enrollment Ceremony held on the third Friday of every month, and we will do so until the team disbands... Their will still be Ritual teams in the Legion for Celebrations. The International has changed the 'Handbook of Lodge Meetings' to allow the enrollment of new members at the monthly Lodge Meeting by the Governor. An Orientation for the proposed member has not changed, it is still required. Fraternally, JD Sotelo, Santa Cruz 545 Ritual Chair...



Welcome to our Newly Enrolled Members!!



January 16, 2009, participants left to right — Brent Mays, Todd Brake, Governor Vince Martinez, Bill Cowan and Ed Harr.



February 20, 2008 participants left to right— Wayne Rustigan, Gary Nickel, Steve Pappas, Dick Deane, Darwin Hoogensen, Ed Engeldinger, Lonnie Moseley, Governor Vince Martinez, Mark Schoonover,

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.

++ 545 LODGE NEWS ++



Brothers and Ladies of 545

The nominating committee has already started meeting to pick the Officers for 2009/2010. If there are any interested men in the Lodge who want to get involved by becoming an Officer or if you just want to know more about what a position involves, please contact an Officer, the Governor or Administrator to get more information.

From March 1, 2009 to April 30, 2009, Moose International is running the Moose Economic Stimulus Plan. This means that every application brought in will have the application fee waived. That's right, WAIVED!

The application must be accompanied by \$75.00 for the first year's dues, but the application fee will be waived. Now is a great time to get those applications in. Also remember that dues for 545 members will go up to \$75.00 a year on March 1, 2009. So---all applications will require the new amount. Any applicant not being enrolled by May 31, 2009, will be required to pay the application fee.

On a lighter note, Thanks to all the members who have helped make the Lodge Social Quarters so much nicer. I'm sure it will be appreciated by all.

The District Social will be held at 545 on April 4, 2009. Let's get together and show the other Lodges in our district, that Santa Cruz 545 is the best Lodge in the state. Fraternally, Perry Lee James, 545 Administrator



Are you the Parent or Legal Guardian of a High School Junior?

Enter your Class of 2010 High School Student NOW for a chance to a \$1,000 R. Robert Dale Scholarship! The Requirements are —The Student must be in the graduating class of 2010. —Have a father, mother, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian who is a paid up member of the Moose. —Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (C+) or higher on 4.0 scale. —Send the completed application by the deadline (application must be completed in its entirety).

The application can be found in the members-only section of www.Mooseintl.org at: <http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/Publications/Press/RRobertDale.asp> or inquire with Perry James, 545 Administrator. Applications may be faxed to 630.966.2225 or mailed to :

**R. Robert Dale Scholarship, Member Benefits,
155 S. International Dr. Mooseheart, IL 60539-1183**

Faxed applications must be received by June 30, 2009. Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before June 30, 2009. Due to the volume of applications there will be no confirmation receipts. Winners are randomly drawn and will be notified November 15, 2009. Each \$1,000 check will be mailed directly to the college of their choice.



++ 545 COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS ++

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS EVENT!

CALLING ALL BOWLERS:::



Can you believe it? **Bowl for Kids' Sake 2009** is just around the corner. Here's your chance to make a difference in your community and have fun with fellow Moose Members. Saturday, April 25th is the date. Sign up to be a Team Captain or to be on a Team. Get sponsor donations from friends, family or co-workers.

To participate or get more information, see the sign-up sheet at the Lodge or email

Ladiesof545@scmoose545.org.

Receive your "Sponsor Envelope" and get started on collecting your donations.

Let's beat our 2008 record!

Laurie Grundy, WOTM & Ladies of 545



CABRILLO COLLEGE FOUNDATION

The Cabrillo College Foundation was organized in 1962 when the College received a generous gift. It was based on the strong belief in the philosophy of the community college. On August 11, 1965, the foundation became a 501 c 3 non-profit corp.

WOTM Sue Aubert is passionate about the good works of the Foundation and will be giving lodge members first hand information regarding the good works of the Foundation. She will be making brief presentations and handing out flyers regarding the Cabrillo Advancement Program, the Women's Education Success Program and the Faculty Grants Program. She will attend several Friday Night Dinners to speak about this most worthwhile Foundation. Questions? Please contact Sue at daubert@pacbell.net



545 Community Service Going International!!

Arielle Miller, one of 545's Youth Awareness Students from last year (!), will be going to Bacho, Tanzania, to help complete building classrooms for the villagers children! She will be going with her mother, Mary, along with 28 other volunteers. Her mother will be providing health check ups while the others complete the building of the school they started last year. 545 will be hosting a fundraise spaghetti dinner for this

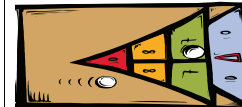
worthwhile endeavor. For more info please go to www.karimufoundation.org/about/ or to kirby.dreamhosters.com/ and navigate to their Nov 08 Newsletter for a great article on this far away project. Please check the Lodge for Flyers!





MARCH 2009
YOUR FAMILY CENTER EVENTS
All Friday Night dinners are Family Events
[Reservations Needed, call 438-1817](#)

Santa Cruz Moose Lodge #545
Located at 2470 El Rancho Drive
Between El Rancho and Mt Hermon
exits off northbound Highway 17
Lodge phone—831/438-1817

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Noon-4pm NASCAR Day 	2 4pm Social Quarters Open	3 4pm Social Quarters Open	4 4pm Social Quarters Open 	5 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by John Abercrombie 7pm 3rd Nominating Committee Mtg. 7:30 Regular Meeting 	6 5:30—7 Pizza Dinner \$6 by Chef Cindy!! 	7 5:00 District Executive Board at Sunnyvale 6:00 District Social at Sunnyvale #2049 
8 9:00 – Noon Breakfast by the Legion \$5.00 for the Works! 10:00 – 11:00 Family Activities 	9 4pm Social Quarters Open 	10 4pm Social Quarters Open	11 4pm Social Quarters Open 6pm Specialty Dinner by Chef Moses! Please contact Lodge for details...	12 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Dick Dennis 6:30 Ladies of 545 Mtg. 7:30 Planning Meeting 8:00 House Committee	13 6:00– 7:30 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner By Chef Howard \$8  Moe Day!!	14 545 Lodge Closed 6pm Golden Spot Moose Legion 15 Golden Ball Ceremony at Sunnyvale #2049 All members invited!! Info at 408.735.1377
15 Lodge Closed 	16 545 Blood Drive Day to San Jose 9am Contact Lonnie or Sue for info & car-pool!	17 St. Patrick's Day! 4pm Social Quarters 6pm Dart Tourney for League Teams, Info? Contact Eric at 831.239.9975	18 4pm Social Quarters Open	19 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Dave & Rose 7:30 Legion Meeting 8:00 Officers' Meeting	20 SPRING BEGINS! 6:00 – 7:30 Enrollment Steak Dinner by Chef Tom \$10 7:30 Orientation 8:00 Enrollment	21 Lodge Closed 
22 Lodge Closed 10am District 10 Golf Tourney at Moffet Field Contact Art McCoy, Los Gatos Lodge for sign-ups & info at 408.559.1996	23 4pm Social Quarters Open	24 4pm Social Quarters Open 6pm Darters Potluck 7pm 545 Dart League 	25 4pm Social Quarters Open	26 5:30-7:00 Burgers by Jr Gov Brian 	27 6:00 – 7:30 Ritual Team Roast Chicken Fund-raise Dinner \$10	28 Lodge Closed 9am Lodge Clean-up Party! Bring your gloves and a smile.
CA-Nev Moose Association Mid-Year Conference at Santa Clara >>						
29 Lodge Closed CNMA Conference at Santa Clara ends today 	30 4pm Social Quarters Open	31 4pm Social Quarters Open 6pm Darters Potluck 7pm 545 Dart League	1 APRIL 4pm Social Quarters Open 	2 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Ernie & Perry 7:30 Regular Meeting	3 6:00 – 7:30 Prime Rib Dinner by Chef Corky and Helpers \$10	4 545 Lodge is Closed 5:00 District Executive Board Santa Cruz 6:00 District Social at Santa Cruz #545

545 DART LEAGUE STARTING!!
 The Moose #545 Dart League begins the Spring 2009 season on March 24th. It's a short 10 week season that ends May 25th. There are 9 weeks of play and the last week will be the Award pot-luck and final open tournament. Sign up sheets will be available at the Lodge in the beginning of March. Sign up early! Or you can sign up by sending an email to Eric Miller (epmiller@apple.com, league commissioner) with your name, phone number, and your desire to play, on a team or as a substitute. I will send you the details back. On March 17th there will be a tournament open to all players to determine the six team captains, and pick team members. Teams can have up to 6 players on them. The number of teams in the league is determined by the number of electronic Dart boards we have. You can also call me at 831.239.9975, thank you. Keep on Darting! Eric Miller



FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 6-7:30 pm
STEAK DINNER BY CHEF TOM \$10
Orientation at 7:30 and
Enrollment at 8:00

*All Members are
Cordially invited
to attend, come see
Ritual at it's Best!*



— ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE —
Free Friday Night Dinner if your Birthday is listed in the bulletin for the current month. You must check in with server for your ticket and show your paid up membership card.
Happy Birthday!
(Please note RSVP and Sign-Up requirements)





APRIL 2009 **YOUR FAMILY CENTER EVENTS** All Friday Night dinners are Family Events Reservations Needed, call 438-1817

Members please note This month's Calendar has been printed one month in advance! All events are subject to change. Please call Lodge at 831/438-1817 to confirm and reserve the event you want to attend.

Calling All Cars...Calling All Cars...

Well, all car enthusiasts anyway! Bob O'Neal and I, Robert Merlo, would like to know whether other of our brother Moose own vintage automobiles and would be interested in participating in a "Moose-mobiles" event here at the Lodge. If you own such a vehicle and would like to participate please email Bob O'Neal at (carbug-bob@sbcglobal.net). Include a description of your vintage automobile and what month day and time you would like to see this event take place. Once we determine that sufficient interest exists for such an event, we will begin planning it. Thank You!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4pm Social Quarters Open 	2 SC 545 Anniversary 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Ernie & Perry Election of Officers 7:30 Regular Meeting	3 6 – 7:30 Prime Rib Dinner by Chef Corky & helpers \$10 Reservations required	4 3:30 SQ open 5:00 District Executive Board at Santa Cruz 6:00 Tri-Tip Dinner and District Social at Santa Cruz #545
5 Lodge Closed 	6 4pm Social Quarters Open	7 SFG Opener! 4pm-Social Quarters 6pm-Darters Potluck 7pm-545 Dart League 	8 4pm Social Quarters Open	9 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Les & Kathy 6:30 Ladies of 545 Mtg. 7:30 Planning Meeting 8:00 House Committee	10 6 – 7:30 Fish Dinner by Keith \$8	11 Lodge Closed
12 Easter Lodge Closed No Breakfast!! Loyal Order of Moose Fraternity Anniversary	13 4pm Social Quarters Open 	14 4pm Social Quarters 6pm Darters Potluck 7pm 545 Dart League 	15 4pm Social Quarters Open 	16 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Lonnie & Sue 7:30 Legion Meeting 8:00 Officers' Meeting 	17 6 – 7:30 Enrollment Steak Dinner \$10 by Chef Richard 7:30 Orientation 8:00 Enrollment	18 Lodge Closed
19 Lodge Closed 1pm Golden Spot 15 Moose Legion Celebration & Installation of GS 15 Officers at Monterey Lodge #876	20 4pm Social Quarters Open	21 4pm Social Quarters 6pm Darters Potluck 7pm 545 Dart League	22 4pm Social Quarters Open	23 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Brian & Tom 	24 6 - 7:30 Chicken-in-a-Barrel Dinner \$10 by Chefs Burt & Ray 	25 Lodge Closed Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids' Sake at Boardwalk Bowl, See article on pg 9
26 1pm Installation of 2009-2010 Santa Cruz 545 Board of Officers and Potluck. All members please come down and support your Lodge and Officers!	27 4pm Social Quarters Open	28 4pm Social Quarters 6pm Darters Potluck 7pm 545 Dart League 	29 4pm Social Quarters Open	30 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Mark & Josie	1 MAY 5:30— Pizza Dinner \$6 	2 Lodge Closed 5:00 District Executive Board at Campbell 6:00 District Social at Campbell #1811

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 6—7:30
Dinner by Chef Richard \$10
Orientation at 7:30
And enrollment at 8:00

All members are cordially invited to attend and see Ritual done at its best!!

545 BOARD Of OFFICERS For 2009-2010
To Be Installed
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009 at 1pm
 This will be a potluck!
 Please come down and show your Appreciation and Support
 For the upcoming Moose Year!