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RIVER FALLS MOOSE LODGE #594
620 CLARK ST N • RIVER FALLS

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THE MOOSE FRATERNITY

*An International Organization of Men and Women Dedicated to Caring for Young and Old,
Bringing Communities Closer Together and Celebrating Life.*

MOOSE NEWS...

DESPITE THE WINTERY WEATHER:

Kenney presented our lodge cookie created by Mei Mei's Cookies and Creamery as part of the evenings desserts. All were delightfully devoured and the cookie was given a name "Moose Magic". Watch for the next cookie order to come and be available at the lodge, sometime in January.



Moose International board chairman visits RF lodge

By Andrew Harrington

Moose Lodge #594, the River Falls location, hosted Chairman of the Moose International Board, John Reiter, Dec. 9 for an extra special meeting. With members of the State Board as well as River Falls members present, they welcomed Reiter with open arms.

Since being elected into the position in May, Reiter began to visit lodges all over the United States and Canada. Reiter has gotten to over 140 lodges in 49 states (there are no lodges in Hawaii) and Canada.

There are about 1 million Moose Lodge members, and they focus on both making a positive impact on people's lives as well as building a friendly internal community, giving members a place to hang out and meet new people.



Moose Lodge Fraternity's Chairman of the Board John Reiter welcomed River Falls Fire Chief Justin Wilson at its Dec. 9 meeting. Contributed photo

ners and live entertainment, the Moose has much to offer. Membership can mean different things to different people. You are the one determining what you want to get out of the organization, and what you want to give back," the Moose International website states.

With Moose Lodge supporting Mooseheart, a child city and school in Illinois, and Moosehaven, a retirement community in Florida, Reiter announced a new project.

"We are going to start taking in mentally and physically challenged adults and children," Reiter said. "There's so many people out there today that are taking care of these people, and when they die, they have no where they're going to go... Who better to serve them, take care of them, than us?"

fundraising over three years, Moose International has already raised \$4 million since the June 1 announcement. Moose International has grown in membership in recent years, which Reiter said is rare for fraternal organizations in the present day.

"We've got to be doing something right, and I believe it's our community service," Reiter said. "If you're not part of the community, the community's not going to be a part of you."

Reiter and the River Falls Moose Lodge crew also welcomed its newest member at the meeting, as River Falls Fire Chief Justin Wilson joined the fraternity.

Reiter was given a gift package from the Lodge including some of the area's signature items. Mei Mei's Cookies made a special Moose Lodge cookie and other local merchandise.

"In our local Lodges, you will find a wide array of activities to participate in both as an individual and as a family. From holiday parties, dances, sports, themed dinners and live entertainment,



An ENORMOUS Thank You to the following members who gave of their free time to help work on the interior maintenance projects the week before Christmas.

1)Tim Slavik & Tom Helget came in and steam cleaned the entire kitchen.

2)Jon Hill, Jake Vorwald & Duane are working on repainting the kitchen and hall.

3)Bob & Callie, Dale Bjerstadt, Rose & Dan Rudd, Brian Webber, Duane Vorwald, and Randy Richter cleared out the kitchen to prep it for installation of the new commercial floor. Duane

and others made sure the kitchen was put back together before the last holiday party at the lodge.

4)Steiner came in and installed a new circuit breaker box in the back room and hooked up the kitchen suppression system in order for us to be up to code. This is the \$13,000 expense added into our current loan.



From The Lodge President...

A Heartfelt Thank You to the men and women of this lodge that volunteered to help at the brunch with Santa. It was a busy and fun day to sponsor the brunch for Rocky Branch.



President, Robert [Bob] Pruss



RIVER FALLS MOOSE LODGE #594 MISSION STATEMENT

A place for social gathering of friends that volunteer to sustain Mooseheart, Moosehaven, our Community and our Lodge. To provide a clean, safe, and family-friendly environment. We support fun and rewarding local activities through monetary and non-monetary means.

RIVER FALLS MOOSE LODGE ~SERVING THE COMMUNITY OVER 80 YEARS

LODGE OFFICERS: (2025-2026)

President – Bob Pruss (651) 329-8015
 Vice President – Duane Vorwald (715) 821-1292
 Administrator – Kenney Vorwald (651) 260-7390
 Treasurer – Jake Vorwald
 Trustee – Tom Helget, Dawn Hill, Jon Hill
 Jr. Past President – Elizabeth Spittle

CHAPTER OFFICERS:

Senior Regent – Ann Richter (715) 554-1141
 Secretary – Sue Coleman (715) 425-6117
 Treasurer – Dawn Hill (715) 505-0518
 Jr. Past Regent – Callie Pruss (612) 481-2073
 Sunshine for Chapter – Sue Coleman

LODGE MEETINGS & HOURS OF OPERATION:

ALL Members are welcome and encouraged to attend...

Lodge Meetings:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
 Lodge Executive Board-6:30PM
 Lodge ALL Member-7PM

Legion Meeting:

3rd Tuesdays-5:30PM

Chapter Meetings:

1st Tuesday-Board Meeting-5:30PM
 3rd Tuesday-ALL Chapter 5:30PM

** Meal to share each night*

Hours of Operation:

2nd Sunday-Brunch - 9am - 12pm
 2nd Wednesday-Legion Meal - 5pm-7pm
 3rd Wednesday-WOTM Meal - 5pm-7pm
 2nd & 4th Fridays-Fish/Shrimp - 5pm-7pm
**NOTE-Days may vary due to holidays or Staff*

LODGE WISH LIST: Kleenex, Paper Towels, Coffee, hand soaps, Clorox toilet and bathroom cleaning supplies.

REMINDER...

Any changes to your contact information? Please call the Lodge at 715-425-9152, or email lodge594@mooseunits.org. Lodge Sickness and Distress If you know of a member who is sick, injured, in need of cheering up or who has passed, please contact Chaplin Donald Buchholz 715-222-7508.

WOTM changes please contact Susan Coleman phone at (715) 425-6117 or by email at chapter1159@mooseunits.org

MOOSE LEGION NEWS:

Break up the winter blues. Join us for an evening of fun, MEMBERS ONLY Bingo! Saturday, January 31st at 6:30P. Snacks available to purchase.

ALL MEMBERS and their families are welcome to attend Friday, January 16th, 4-7PM for our first annual **"Tree of Life" Celebration**. Bring a dish to pass followed by the program to honor those members and loved ones that have passed.

WANTED!

Your involvement is essential-not just for maintenance projects, but also for supporting meals and events to generate income to cover those costs and monthly bills in order to keep the doors open. If you're unable to join us in person, consider making a monthly donation to your home lodge. Your financial support is needed to maintain the facility sponsor community events, and ensure the lodge thrives for years to come. Every contribution counts!

Welcome to the our Newest Members!

*James Pelton Spondor- Duane Vorwald
 Roger Legner Sponsor – Joe Poidomani
 Justin Wilson Sponsor – Donald Buchholz*

NEW CURRENT MEMBER INCENTIVE

January 1 through April 30, 2026

If a current member sponsors in a new or expired member into the lodge you will receive a \$5 Moose Bucks, which can only be used to purchase food or beverage at the River Falls Moose Lodge. Help our lodge grow!



This year's membership campaign is for May 1, 2025- April 30, 2026. Our Fraternity has made a commitment to being ever present in our communities. By continuing our positive momentum, we make our meaningful contributions a reality. To move forward, we must make a positive impact on our society, by giving back. **See posting at the Lodge for more details.**



WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHAPTER NEWS

WOTM Chapter members are hosting a dinner each month from 5-7PM, complete with sides for \$10/person: January 21st Meal is Spaghetti and February 18th is Tuna Hot Dish.

LADIES ONLY! December was a busy month, so our ALL Chapter party's theme is to celebrate the NEW YEAR and Golden Gavel! Sunday, January 25th, 2-4PM Bring an appetizer to share. Wear something with sparkle to be put into a drawing!

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY, Saturday, February 14th, 2-4PM. Annual Valentine Tea Party is open to members and the public. This is a fundraiser and RESERVATIONS are required. Purchase your ticket ahead at the lodge from one of the Chapter officers, as seats are limited to 30 guests. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Get \$1 off if you bring your own tea cup.

Valentine Sweet & Savory Tea Party

3 COURSE MEAL

TICKETS:
ADULT \$20
CHILD 12 UNDER \$8

FEBRUARY 14, 2026 / 2-4PM

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED
email chapter1159@mooseunits.org or
contact Kenneye 651-260-7390 call or text

This is a community event Open to the Public
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - Seating is limited to 30

River Falls Moose Lodge 594
620 N. Clark Street, River Falls, WI 54022

OUR HEART OF COMMUNITY COLLECTION

Our HOC in December was a collection for the mitten tree, which we turned 29 items consisting of a mix of hats, mittens, scarfs and muffs for the River Falls WESTconsin Credit Union. Thank you for your help to support this community project with our bank!

What is the lodge HEART OF COMMUNITY (HOC)? It's YOU, the Member's giving back to the community and to those in NEED. HELP support this and BRING YOUR DONATIONS to the lodge each month to help support the chosen projects.

January for the River Falls Food Pantry to replenish their shelves after the holidays. Items in need; Canned meats, canned vegetables and soups, cooking oil, Ramen in a cup, pudding and Jello cups, crackers, herbs/spices, instant potatoes, pasta, rice, beans, etc.

February to help support vital needs for Our Neighbors Place. Items in need: laundry soap, body wash, gas cards, new socks and underwear, diapers and Wipes.

*NOTE: Cash is also acceptable as it can be used to purchase food or applied to vouchers for food or clothing.

COMING IN MARCH -

Fundraiser for the Lodge

Pre-order your Buds Bloom for that special someone and help the lodge at the same time!

Moose Lodge Fundraiser
March 1 ~ March 15, 2026

Purchase "Buds Blooms" during Moose National Days and \$5 from each purchase will be donated to the Moose Lodge Community Givings

Buds Blooms are simple little pint sized jars filled with random flowers, no ribbons, no cards, just jars filled with flowers.

MOVING FORWARD GIVING BACK

The Moose is about celebrating life together, serving those in need within our local community, supporting our children at Mooseheart and standing by our senior members at Moosehaven.

Mooseheart Child City & School, Inc.

Moosehaven

Moose Charities

BLOOMS 4 HAPPINESS FLORAL SHOP

1674 Commerce Circle-River Falls (between O'Reilly's & Great Clips)

Business Hours:
Mon & Tues 9am-4pm
Wed 9am-5pm
Sat 8am-1pm

River Falls Moose Lodge #594 - 620 N Clark Street-River Falls, WI



River Falls Chapter #1159
2025-2026

Women of the Moose Board

Callie Pruss - Jr. Past Regent

Ann Richter - Senior Regent

Dawn Hill - Treasurer

Sue Coleman - Secretary

Membership additional \$15 a year - 4 cents a day!

Must be a current Moose Lodge member to join!

Questions? Email us at chapter1159@mooseunits.org

Women of the Moose are solely responsible for:

Mooseheart Children
Education of Students
Music Department
Athletics
Occupational, Physical
and Speech Therapy
College Scholarships

Moosehaven Seniors
Pharmacy Assistance
Vision
Dental
Hearing
Beauty Shop
Safety and Security



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Sportsman Banquet ALL DAY
4 St Croix Collectors 12pm-4pm Girl Scouts 3-6pm	5 10:30am ZUMBA fitness 6:45pm 30/30 +	Lifeline Screening 8am~5pm MEETINGS 5:30pm Chpt/Meal 6:30P Lodge Bd 7pm Lodge ALL	10:30am ZUMBA toning 7 FAMILY NIGHT MEAL BURGERS 5pm-7pm; Grp 3	8 FFA ALUMNI EVENING MEETING	9 FISH & SHRIMP 5pm-7pm; Grp 8	10 ZUMBA fitness 10:30am~12pm
11 BRUNCH 9am-12pm FF 4H 1-3pm TC 4H 5-7pm	12 10:30am & 6:45pm	13	10:30am ZUMBA toning 14 LEGION MEAL TATERTOT HD 5pm-7pm; Grp 4 6:30pm New Mbr Orient.	15	16 TREE OF LIFE POTLUCK & PROGRAM 4pm-7pm	17 ZUMBA fitness 10:30am~12pm DIST 5 MTG--MENOMONIE 9:30AM
SPONSOR: RF LIONS CLUB 18 BRUNCH 9am-12pm Girl Scouts 3-6pm	19 10:30am ZUMBA fitness 6:45pm 30/30 +	20 MEETINGS 5:30pm Lgn&Chpt/Meal 6:30pm Lodge Bd 7pm Lodge ALL	10:30am ZUMBA toning 21 FAMILY NIGHT MEAL--WOTM SPAGHETTI 5-7pm, GRP: HD "GOLDEN GAVEL"	22	23 FISH & SHRIMP 5pm-7pm; Grp 2	24 MEMBER WORKSHOP 9AM-3PM
25 WOTM WELCOME NEW YEAR PARTY BYO APPITIZERS 2PM-4PM	26 10:30am & 6:45pm	27	10:30am ZUMBA toning 28 FAMILY NIGHT MEAL BURGERS 5pm-7pm; Grp 5	29	30	31 MEMBER ONLY BINGO! 6:30PM SNACKS AVAILABLE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Girl Scouts 3-6pm	2 10:30am ZUMBA fitness 6:45pm 30/30 +	3 MEETINGS 5:30pm Chpt/Meal 6:30P Lodge Bd 7pm Lodge ALL	4 10:30am ZUMBA toning FAMILY NIGHT MEAL BURGERS 5pm-7pm; Grp 6	5	6	7 ZUMBA fitness 10:30am~12pm
8 BRUNCH 9am-12pm FF 4H 1-3pm	9 10:30am & 6:45pm	10	11 10:30am ZUMBA toning LEGION MEAL PORK SANDWICH 5pm-7pm; Grp 7 6:30pm New Mbr Orient.	12	13 FISH & SHRIMP 5pm-7pm; Grp 8	14 CHAPTER TEA PARTY 2-4PM \$20 Grp FA
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NOTE Weather can interrupt planned meals and activities at the lodge. Be sure to check the River Falls Moose Lodge Facebook page for any posting for cancellation notices.						

LODGE GROUP 1 • 5-7pm

<i>Susan Coleman</i>	<i>Betty Rustad</i>
<i>Allan & Laurie Hansen</i>	<i>Christian Selleck</i>
<i>Thomas Helget</i>	<i>Tim Slabik</i>
<i>Robert Muller</i>	<i>Elizabeth & Wallace Spittle</i>
<i>William Reed</i>	<i>Mike Thoen</i>

LODGE GROUP 2 • 5-7pm

<i>Larry Bauermeister</i>	<i>Larry Larson</i>
<i>Irvin Bird</i>	<i>James Larson</i>
<i>James Hahn</i>	<i>Ronld Linder</i>
<i>Sylvia Hofland</i>	<i>Lyndon Lockrem</i>
<i>Rosee Holte</i>	<i>Gary Vorwald</i>
<i>Gerald Knott</i>	<i>James & Marion Vorwald</i>
<i>Elizabeth & Robin Kreibich</i>	

LODGE GROUP 3 • 5-7pm

<i>Curtis Betthausen</i>	<i>Mary JoNelson</i>
<i>Dale & Lana Bjerstedt</i>	<i>Harlyn Puhmann</i>
<i>Shirley Demotts</i>	<i>Joshua Simon</i>
<i>Ila Gillis</i>	<i>Loretta Soderberg</i>
<i>Lawrence Hamilton</i>	<i>Tom Zenk</i>
<i>Dwayne Johnson</i>	

LODGE GROUP 4 • 5-7pm

<i>Michael Danielson</i>	<i>Jay Killian</i>
<i>Audrey Denninger</i>	<i>Gerald Knott</i>
<i>James & Marge Filkins</i>	<i>Jeff Lentz</i>
<i>Sarah Franco</i>	<i>Jeanne Williams</i>
<i>Lloyd Johnson</i>	

LODGE GROUP 5 • 5-7pm

<i>Scott Borree</i>	<i>Allan Kelly</i>
<i>Carl Corey</i>	<i>Scott Lindall</i>
<i>Jeremy Croes</i>	<i>Charles Meyer</i>
<i>Jerry & Kathleen Croes</i>	<i>John & Helen Traynor</i>
<i>Bernard Hansen</i>	

LODGE GROUP 6 • 5-7pm

<i>Michael Cernohous</i>	<i>Ann & Randy Richter</i>
<i>Jon & Dawn Hill</i>	<i>Thomas Rowan</i>
<i>Jerry Mathisrud</i>	<i>Arthur & Diana Smith</i>
<i>Jeff Passofaro</i>	<i>Thomas Weishaar</i>

LODGE GROUP 7 • 5-7pm

<i>Greg Elliott</i>	<i>Marlys Petersen</i>
<i>Allen & Christie Hanson</i>	<i>Randal Shoaf</i>
<i>Tony & Jackie Hetchler</i>	<i>Kent Sorenson</i>
<i>Mike Lubich</i>	<i>Joyce Thompson</i>
<i>Dan Moe</i>	<i>Brian Weber</i>
<i>Allan Pechacek</i>	

LODGE GRP 8 • 5-7pm

<i>Joshua Amundson</i>	<i>Linda Sandstrom</i>
<i>Donald & Janice Buchholz</i>	<i>Casey Vorwald</i>
<i>Michelle Calcagno</i>	<i>Duane & Kenneye Vorwald</i>
<i>Monica Elliott</i>	<i>Jacob & Courtney Vorwald</i>
<i>Robert & Callie Pruss</i>	<i>Richard Wall</i>
<i>Dan & Rose Rude</i>	<i>Kristi Ziegler</i>

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE GROUPS**FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES**

<i>Liz Spittle, Chairman</i>	<i>Donna Pechacek</i>
<i>Janice Buchholz</i>	<i>Phyllis Pechacek</i>
<i>Kathleen Croes</i>	<i>Marlys Peterson</i>
<i>Sarah Franco</i>	<i>Diana Smith</i>
<i>Lisa Grant</i>	<i>Lorri Swiontek</i>
<i>Christie Hanson</i>	<i>Eunice Vorwald</i>
<i>Mary Mare</i>	<i>Joanne Weeks</i>
<i>Judy Nielson</i>	

HIGHER DEGREE

<i>Kenneye Vorwald,</i>	<i>Maxine Huber</i>
<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Yvonne Huppert</i>
<i>Susan Coleman</i>	<i>Callie Pruss</i>
<i>Shirley DeMotts</i>	<i>Betty Rustad</i>
<i>Audrey Denninger</i>	<i>Elizabeth Spittle</i>
<i>Dawn Hill</i>	<i>Marion Vorwald</i>
<i>Penny Himes</i>	

MOOSEHEART/MOOSEHAVEN (MH/MH)

<i>Betty Rustad, Chairman</i>	<i>Whitney Nielsen</i>
<i>Sharon Allemang</i>	<i>Ann Richter</i>
<i>Michelle Calcagno</i>	<i>Rose Rude</i>
<i>Monica Elliott</i>	<i>Ashley Sager</i>
<i>Sylvia Hofland</i>	<i>Linda Sandstrom</i>
<i>Linda Johnson</i>	<i>Judy Stan</i>
<i>Elizabeth Kreibich</i>	<i>Kathy Vorwald</i>
<i>Patricia Laughnan</i>	<i>Connie Zasada</i>

MEMBERSHIP

<i>Audrey Denninger,</i>	<i>Rose Leary</i>
<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Rosemary McCann</i>
<i>Lana Bjerstedt</i>	<i>Beverly Richards</i>
<i>Susan Coleman</i>	<i>Alice Spear</i>
<i>Laura Eastman</i>	<i>Brenda Strachan</i>
<i>Marge Filkins</i>	<i>Joyce Thompson</i>
<i>Ila Gillis</i>	<i>Helen Traynor</i>
<i>Laurie Hansen</i>	<i>Jeanne Williams</i>
<i>Julie Hove</i>	<i>Khin Aung Aung Win</i>

RIVER FALLS MOOSE
FAMILY CENTER # 594
620 N CLARK ST
RIVER FALLS WI 54022

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MEMBER MAILING ADDRESS

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET TODAY!

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER – Friday, March 13th
5:30P-8:30P time Purchase your tickets now to reserve
your seat. This is a fundraiser open to the public and
members at \$25/ticket which includes your meal.

MURDER AT MOOSE LODGE

WHODUNIT MYSTERY DINNER

620 N CLARK STREET
RIVER FALLS, WI

FRIDAY THE 13TH

TICKETS \$25
INCLUDES
DINNER

Reservations
Required
Sign up at
lodge594@mooseunits.org

Play detective and discover who's
killing the guests at the Moose
Lodge before they get to you!

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026
5:30P-8:30P (DOORS OPEN AT 5P)

QUEEN OF HEARTS!

TICKETS \$1 EACH • 6 FOR \$5

WILL DRAW UNTIL
PRIZES ARE FOUND!

QUEEN = 1/3 OF POT!

OTHER PRIZES:

MYSTERY PRIZE **MYSTERY PRIZE**

1/3 TO WINNER • 1/3 TO MAINTENANCE FUND

**DRAWING LAST WEDNESDAY OF
THE MONTH - 6:30 PM**

TICKETS DRAWN UNTIL ALL PRIZES
ARE FOUND!

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

PLAY AND WIN, Queen of Hearts!

Starting in January for current Members Only!
Purchase your tickets at the lodge. Or, get a free
ticket by attending a Lodge, Chapter, and Moose
Legion meeting.