

Capitol Hill Times

From the President

August is such a great month. Growing up it was always a time of transition. I spent the first half of it running around the neighborhood, swimming for hours on end, staying out until the last possible moment, and going camping with my family. After that, all of the sudden, there's a flurry of activity to get ready for school – buying clothes, shopping for school supplies, and avoiding the impending return to early mornings by taking advantage of every second of freedom and daylight. Once school started there was always the opportunity to start fresh, meet new people and make new friends, and learn amazing things.

Not much about August has changed, even in the Jaycees. The activities planned are less frequent because we know people are out of town on their own vacations. The activities that are planned are quick and easy and focused on relaxing and enjoying the summer. But towards the middle of the month things pick up speed again. A flurry of planning and preparation kicks into gear.

August will be a time for us to squeeze in some more fun. Happy hour, a Baysox Game, and trips around the state are planned We'll

also kick into gear our planning and preparation for the Seafood Festival, Business Networking Dinner, and New Teacher Orientation membership booth. I also hope that many of you will see the end of August and early September as a time to get to know a great bunch of people who are in the Jaycees and welcome people who are on their way to being Jaycees. After a great summer of fun, let's make this a fresh start and get ready for some amazing things!!

Eli

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Management Development

Seafood Festival Tiki Mania! -

September 8, 9, & 10.....

Mark your calendars! The festival is coming up fast! It is the 40th Anniversary of the Festival and the vendors are going all out with wonderful new seafood dishes! For those of you that are new to this event, we have a Tiki Bar/Luau theme and sell oyster shooters with beer chasers, we fry up funnel cake and sell Cheesecake-on-a-Stick....

Aside from Hanging of the Greens, this is probably our most manpower-intensive event of the year! We need all of YOUR help to make this year's festival fun! Keep an eye out in AJC News You Can Use or at the membership meetings to sign up!

For any new Jaycees out there that are wondering whether to join the party.....I think in my 4 years of being a Jaycee that this is the most exciting event to participate in, and a great place to meet lots of people! Free admission, free beer, leis, live music....Need I say more?

For all you veteran Jaycees out there....I want you to please consider spending a few hours actively contributing to the committee and signing up for a couple of shifts at the event. We have some new people on our committee, and we NEED YOU to bring your experience and your enthusiasm about the Jaycees to the table. It could go a

long way to fostering excitement about the Jaycees in the future!

Any questions or are you interested in helping us out? Contact Andrea at andrea_mooper@hotmail.com

Barkin' Bash – Saturday, October 28th !

Wanted: Chairperson! And people interested in participating on a committee!

This will be our 3rd year of providing food and drink at the Annual Quiet Water's Barkin' Bash! Last year's event was our most successful yet! For anyone new or experienced, this is a very easy project to plan/coordinate, and takes a minimum of members to run. It's fun to be out and see so many dogs dressed up for Halloween! And for all you pet lovers, it's a chance to see many pet vendors/services gathered in one place and showing their wares! What do we do? Simple! We grill up some hot dogs and hamburgers and sell drinks to the festival patrons (and their pets).

If anyone is interested in finding out more information or participating, please contact Andrea at andrea_mooper@hotmail.com

--Andrea Cabrales

Management Development VP, 2006

Community Development

Lighthouse Shelter

Thanks to Jen K for manning the Lighthouse Shelter in July. The final opportunity for you to help out at the shelter this year will be October 25th. Let's make this our best meal of the year.

New Event

We have the opportunity early this fall to help out the community. Any activity that the Jaycees help is needed can be added to the calendar. Perhaps another visit to Ft. Belvoir to support our troops? Maybe helping out with an environmental project at a local park? Going to a senior center for the day? Do you have any ideas? Let Eli know.

Membership Development

Jessica Lucas

Membership VP

I am pleased to announce that we have 3 new members in our midst; they are Alena Pilon, Becky Styer, and Alicia Moran. I am very excited about the rise in new members and I encourage all of you to continue talking up the Jaycees to your friends and family.

I am currently looking for someone who would be willing to help out with organizing paperwork, and getting packets together for our Business Networking Dinner, to be held in September.

Please check the AJC News for information on the different events being planned for August and September. I am still collecting goods for our **Adopt A Troop Program**: Here are a few easy ways to get those items to me: 1- bring them to the next Membership Meeting on August 15th at 7:30 or 2- bring them to our next Happy Hour on August 11th, at the Ram's Head.

These items include:

calling cards baby wipes

crackers/ pretzels powdered juice or powdered ice tea mix holiday cards that they can send back home books

magazines old DVDs

** For those of you interested in writing to members of my brother's unit, please contact me for the correct address. Jessica - Hevinsangel25@aol.com

Upcoming Events:

August Membership Meeting –
Tuesday the 15th @ 7:30 p.m.

Location- Downtown Marriott in Annapolis

Happy Hour- 7:00p.m. Friday the 11th at the Ram's Head in Annapolis

Happy Birthday

Katherine Hardesty

Amber Meagher

Karen Poffel

September Renewals

Jeff Childs

Cliff Moses

John Sweeny

Individual Development

White Water Rafting Trip A Success!

by Meryle Freiberg Dunlap

Amazingly, the Annapolis Jaycees survived the Shenandoah river without a single Jaycee falling into the river....although some of us were close. **Cliff Moses** used his strength to save the air conditioning/bailing bucket, which ended up being very useful. **Karen Poffel** and **Laurie Kinnamon's** raft started the

splashing wars. We're still not sure how or why **Andrea Cabrales** and her raft full of friends managed to stay sooo dry....the water felt sooo good on a hot summer day.....just ask **Eli Krejsa** who was constantly asking for buckets of water to be dumped on her. **Chris Ward** was the master bouncer! (Could we get stuck on any more rocks!!!) Two of our newest members, **Tim Griffeth** and **Chas Sweeny** also joined us for this trip...we're so glad you came. I must apologize to **Jessica Lucas**....my paddle was a little too fond of hers. And the most important lesson learned while rafting is: If you ever get stuck between a rock and a hard place, just bounce!

3rd Quarter Speak Up/Write Up Topics

What is Speak Up/Write Up?
Exercises for Individual Development that gives Jaycees the opportunity to exercise their verbal and written communication skills.

1. Continuing the Star Wars theme from last quarter...Clone Troopers are the most elite fighting force the galaxy has ever seen. Cloned from the bounty hunter Jango Fett, they are all completely identical to one another. From their unmatched ability on the battlefield to their unquenchable drive to serve the

Republic, these troopers are of a single mind and are wholly capable of successfully completing any task assigned to them.

Given the chance to repopulate your chapter with clones of any individual, would you? Or do you think that the secret to our success is in the diversity of our members?

2. "Live out of your imagination, not your history." **Stephen Covey.**

This is going to be really unpopular. Maybe no one will answer an up-topic based on this quote, but the fact that you read it means that maybe you will start thinking about the problem and help us all find a solution. Nationwide, the Jaycees are in a period of massive contraction. Chapters are disappearing left and right and membership is nowhere near the record levels seen in the not so distant past. Despite this, many chapters, many states, and indeed the United States Junior Chamber seem to be proceeding with a business as usual attitude. Without evolution, we would all still be slime mold on the edge of some ocean. Continuing to repeat the same projects/policies/attitudes year after year will, in most cases, only compound the problem. Clearly, (at least to me) what has worked in the past is not working in the present. While changing the attitude and

disposition of the United States Junior Chamber may be a little beyond the scope of one essay or speech, we can always change what is happening locally. And if we make enough noise, we may just get some grease.

What is one (or more) "time-honored tradition" you would change in your chapter (or the Maryland Jaycees or the United States Junior Chamber) and what positive effect do you see it having on the organization?

*If you have an alternative idea for a question for this area please let me know as soon as possible. I'll allow just about anything as long as it can be published statewide 2 weeks prior to the August convention.

3. "Men talk of killing time, while time quietly kills them." **Dion Boucicault**

We are all in this organization to make a difference. Whether that difference is for us personally, or for our community, or some combination of the two, we only have a limited time before we age out to make our mark. Many people expect success to come with time alone. We're smarter than that. We're Jaycees.

What are you actively doing to achieve your goals in life and in the Jaycees?

4. "Success is a science; if you have the conditions, you get the result."
Oscar Wilde.

As a scientist, I would like to say that Oscar Wilde was completely full of something vulgar and smelly. In theory, however, he was right. If you have the right conditions, your experiment **SHOULD**, work. Unfortunately, unexpected variables keep getting in the way.

Discounting unexpected variables, how has the Jaycees given you the right conditions to achieve the result you are after in life?

5. "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
Confucius.

Show me a person who has never failed and I'll show you a person who has never tried as hard as they could. Whenever I go skiing, I'm really disappointed if I haven't fallen at least once during the day. It's not that I like pain or freezing cold snow. I just know that if I haven't fallen then I haven't pushed my limits and I probably haven't learned anything new.

Describe an instance where you have been pushed past your limits and how you became stronger as a result of the experience.

6. "History will be kind to me for I intend to write it."
Winston Churchill.

Everyone knows that the winners get to write the history books.

What is the Maryland Jaycee history book going to say about you?



State Director

Contact Eli if you're interested in any of the following events around the state:

August 18th - 20th

Summer Maryland Jaycees
Convention

Frederick, MD

The summer convention is all about fun. Rumors of pool games and picnic fun are floating around. Training is available for those who are interested. Awards will be presented on Saturday evening.

August 26th

Bonfire at Assateague

Salisbury Jaycees

Join the Salisbury Jaycees for a fun evening around the fire. Hopefully it cools off by then!!!

September 29th – 30th

Ocean City Wine Festival

Volunteers needed!

October 21st

Haunted Hayride

Frederick Jaycees

Spooks Wanted! Help the Frederick Jaycees out with their annual haunted hayride.

November 3rd – 5th

Fall Maryland Jaycees Convention

Ocean City, MD

A great opportunity to hang out with your friends from around the state (and make new ones) in a great place!!! Join us for state elections and more awards.

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