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The Annapolis Jaycees
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From the President

By Elizabeth Krejsa

On March 20, 2001 I was on a mission. I had spent two and a half years living in Maryland, working and going to graduate school, bored and miserable. I had gone to work that day and then to the University of Maryland in the afternoon for class until 6:30. At the end of class I raced to my car and drove down the beltway and over to Rt. 50. The clock was ticking away...almost 7 now. I made a bet with myself, if I made it to Bowie by 7 I'd continue on, otherwise I'd go home. At 7:03 I was in Bowie and decided that was close enough to continue the journey.

My anxiety level was through the roof. One part of me ticking away all of the possibilities...what if you can't get in, what if you can't find the room, what if you're late, what if... the other part of me beating the drum of, "I think I can, I think I can." I followed the directions carefully, parked the car, took a deep breath and walked into an easy to find room...the meeting room of the Annapolis Jaycees.

Just seconds after crossing the threshold I was greeted by Dave Schmiel who had been patiently waiting

for me to arrive. He said hello, introduced me to a table of Jaycees, and started his 3rd membership meeting at President. I vividly remember Mike Sloan trying to get me to sign up for paint ball during the meeting and Silvia and Patrick arguing over the complexities of the budget from the back of the room. At 9:00, as the budget motions dragged on, I told Mike Dye, seated to my left, that I had to leave. He walked me out of the room, where we were joined by Bill White, and spent a few minutes talking to me more about the Jaycees.

I was so proud of myself that night, because I had made it. I'd overcome obstacles, took a risk, and had been welcomed easily into a group of strangers.

I'm not much different today. I still want to leave budget meetings at 9:00 and still don't want to go to paint ball (sorry Mike). I still have anxiety about going to new places and meeting new people. But, I now know more jargon and have seen more events and know better what to do to help. Mostly I know that taking risk and stepping outside of my comfort zone is likely to make me a happier person. So when opportunities are swinging by I grab on, anxiety and all, and enjoy the ride.

The 2007 Board of Directors elections are just one month away. Are you ready to grab on?

Management Development

By Andr a Cabrales

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens is only 5 and a half weeks away!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Event date is **November 18th, at 8 am!!!**

The Board cannot do this alone! We need help from EVERY member, both new and experienced. This year, instead of a committee, we are trying a new approach. We are asking that everyone jump in and contribute at LEAST 1-2 hours of their time to help plan this project before event day. I know everyone is busy with his or her job, school, home, etc., but everyone has 1-2 hours to spare to help make this year's HOG better, and more fun for all.

For any new members—Hanging of the Greens (HOG) is a one-day event during which teams of Jaycees, as well as their families and friends, go out and decorate downtown Annapolis/Eastport for the Holidays. We end the evening with party at a SURPRISE location to celebrate all our hard work! We provide breakfast, lunch, and food and drink for the after-party.

For those of you that didn't get to come out and help during Seafood Festival, this is your second chance!

We **need help** in the following areas:

- Contracts
 - Help with contract mailings
- Solicitation
 - Follow-up with businesses to ensure that contracts are received
 - Walk contracts to managers
 - Measure any new stores for greens/wreaths
 - Negotiate with businesses to exchange food for greens
 - Coordinate food donations for breakfast and lunch
- Order Management
 - Help to track contracts, and checks on the database
 - Coordinate final order for our suppliers
- Manpower
 - Help make calls/contact with potential volunteers to coordinate teams

Kickoff meeting:

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2006

Time: 7 pm

Place: Squisito's in Eastport

Contact: andrea_mooper@hotmail.com
or call 443-852-2612.

This is our largest project of the year, and our biggest fundraiser. If you cannot make it to the kickoff meeting but still want to help, please contact me. Tell your friends to put November 22nd on their calendars!

Grand Illumination

November 26th

Our last management project of the year! Many thanks to Teri Brittingham, an enthusiastic new member, for co-chairing this project! This is the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Market Square in downtown Annapolis. Come down and to see Santa, and the Mayor light the tree, and enjoy the sight of all the stores that we worked to decorate! There will be several choirs and singing groups performing to help get you in the Holiday spirit! Help will be needed for an hour or two to help sell hot chocolate, cider, and glow sticks. If interested, please contact andrea_mooper@hotmail.com or call 443.852.2612.

Happy Birthday

Chris Conner

Sherri Bouslog

Timothy Griffeth

Teri-Lynn Koch

November Renewals

Jessica Lucas

David Nestico

Diana Olinger

Mike Sloan

Upcoming Events:

October Membership Meeting – Tuesday, the 17th @ 7:30 p.m.

Location- Downtown Marriott in Annapolis

Business Networking Dinner – Thursday, October 19th, at B.F. Biggins.

Anyone interested in representing his or her company, please contact Jessica at hevinsangel25@aol.com.

Happy Hour- 7:00p.m. Friday, October 20th. Location Tsunami's (Dinner beforehand)

Community Development

Lighthouse Shelter

October 25th at 6 p.m.

This is your last chance in 2006 to volunteer with the Jaycees at the Lighthouse Shelter! In July, our chairperson, Jen, prepared, served, and cleaned up by herself. That will not happen again in October! Make plans now to help serve dinner at the Lighthouse Shelter, established to provide emergency shelter for men, women, children, and families in the Annapolis area. Dinner prep starts at 6, followed by food service and cleanup. Contact Jennifer Kyritsis at Kyritsis@webtv.net to volunteer or with questions.

Barkin' Bash 2006

Calling all animal lovers.....come on out to the Howl-O-Ween Barkin' Bash at Quiet Waters Park on October 28th. Your help is needed as we serve hamburgers, hotdogs and other tasty treats to humans and dogs alike. You are guaranteed to have a good time as you help out at this event to raise money for the Annapolis Jaycees while also raising money to benefit the Quiet Waters Dog Park and beach. For those of you not familiar with the Barkin' Bash, this is a community event where doggie vendors, canine rescue groups, raffles, costume competitions and other festivities abound. You are guaranteed to see lots of cute pups in costumes....a sight not to miss!

Please sign up to help out for a couple of hours at this event. Shifts are available from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m on October 28. In addition, help will be needed to shop for this event. So if you enjoy Sam's club come help us shop! Please contact Meryle at meryledunlap@yahoo.com to volunteer or if more information is needed.

Holiday Food Baskets

This year the Holiday Food Basket (HFB) is delivering basket to 25 families. Each family gets a frozen turkey, clothes, toys, and canned goods. We are standing in front of Graul's (by the Navy Stadium) and asking for canned goods or a cash donation on October 15th (Sunday), November 4th, and December 2nd, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There are two shifts. The first shift is 9 am to noon. The second shift is noon to 3 pm. You can also bring canned goods or toiletries to the next meeting or to the Hanging of Greens. If you are interested in helping by standing in front of Graul's, buying clothes and toys, or delivering the goods, please contact Cliff at jayceesholiday@yahoo.com.

58th Annual Annapolis Jaycees Elections

on November 14, 2006

We will begin announcements for Candidacy for the 2007 Board of Directors starting in September through the Elections in November! Contact ajccob@annapolisjaycees.org or 410-757-4213 for more information or to make a confidential inquiry! To learn more, attend an election orientation session prior to each membership meeting at 7pm on October 17 and November 14.

All Positions Available!

President
Management V.P.
Membership V.P.
Community V.P.
Individual V.P.
State Director
Director(s)
Treasurer
Secretary

Introducing the Annapolis Jaycees Business Networking Group!

You are invited to join the Annapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce (JAYCEES) for a Business Networking Event to introduce the Annapolis Jaycees Business Network Group.

The event is first come, first serve and limited to two representatives from each business sector. The event will provide young professionals the opportunity to expand business contacts.

What: Annapolis Jaycees Business Networking Group

Where: B.F. Biggins, West Street, Annapolis Maryland 21041

When: Thursday, October 19, 2006 7:00-10:00 pm

Cost: \$25 for Jaycees, \$80 for non-Jaycees (Includes a Social/Networking Hour, Progressive Dinner including 4 Course Meal, and the opportunity to join the Annapolis Jaycees!)

To sign up for the event RSVP by October 12 to:

membership@annapolisjaycees.org or 410-224-1776 or on the web at www.annapolisjaycees.org

This event is hosted by the Annapolis Jaycees
P.O.Box 248, Annapolis MD 21404
www.annapolisjaycees.org
membership@annapolisjaycees.org

Sponsorships are available.
Place an ad in the event program:
Business Card Ad - \$25
Quarter Page Ad - \$60
Half Page Ad - \$90

Membership Development

By Jessica Lucas

Membership VP

I am pleased to announce that we have two new members in our midst; their names are Eric Shipe and Jennifer Kersmanc. I encourage all of you to continue talking up the Jaycees to your friends and family. I am again going to put out the incentive that I will take out to dinner, the first person that brings in a new member for October.

A big thank you goes out to those of you who are helping out with organization and planning of our Business Networking Dinner, to be held October 19, 2006.

Please check the AJC News for information on the different events being planned for October and November. 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 October 17th at 7:30 or **2-** bring them to our next Happy Hour on October 20th.

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

Individual Development

Self Defense Seminar

October 17th

We will have a guest speaker at the October membership meeting focusing on Self Defense. While most of us live and work in relatively safe environments it never hurts to have an extra tool in our back pockets in case something happens. Plan to attend the membership meeting to learn more about the best ways to defend yourself.

Old Stein Inn Dinner

October 13th, 7 p.m.

We will once again head to the Old Stein Inn in Mayo/Edgewater for a little taste of Oktoberfest. Contact Jessica at membership@annapolisjaycees.org by Thursday the 12th to let her know you plan to attend.

Kickball

The Jaycees kickball team, a.k.a Safety Orange, continues to put its old school skills to the test every week. Thanks to Coach Tim and Assistant Coach Chas for a great season so far!!! Feel free to come watch us play or join us after games at Sharky's. Games are held at the Griscom Fields (unless otherwise noted) on Hilltop Lane. Games for the rest of the season are:

Thursday, October 12th at 6:15

Thursday, October 19th at 7:15

Wednesday, October 25th at 6:15 (Collison Fields)

Thursday, November 2nd at 7:15

Games Night, November 11th at 7 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of games. Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards and a snack for everyone to share. Contact President Eli at president57@annapolisjaycees.org if you plan to attend. We are still confirming a location for this event.

State Director

Travel the state for some fun filled events!!! Contact President Eli at president57@annapolisjaycees.org if you are interested in attending.

District Meeting

We will be hosting a district meeting during the 4th quarter (October – December). Check out the AJC News email for details.

Frederick Jaycees Haunted Hayride, Saturday, October 21st, 6 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

We'll venture to Frederick to help scare young and old alike along the haunted hayride. Actors wanted!! There are three ghouls signed up to go and we're looking for more!

Maryland Fall Convention, November 3rd – 5th, Ocean City

Join the entire Board of Directors, Patrick Allison, Laurie Kinnamon, Maryland President Teri-Lynn Koch, and new member Jennifer Kersmanc at this great weekend getaway!!!! It's a jam-packed weekend! The convention will include Jaycees-related training, non-Jaycees training, 2007 Maryland elections, party rooms, and the Turkey Plunge. President Eli and Maryland President Teri-Lynn will be taking the plunge into the ocean. The Annapolis Jaycees will also be hosting a breakfast hospitality room on Saturday morning (help needed). For more information, please visit: <http://www.mdjaycees.org/Library/FallFlyer06.pdf>

Towson's Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner, November 22nd

If we're up to it after Hanging of the Greens we'll venture to Towson to serve hundreds of senior citizens a warm thanksgiving meal. Spend just a few hours of your holiday week helping out others. We simply take hot food from the kitchen to the tables. Low key and easy but so rewarding!!

Maryland Winter Convention, February 2nd – 4th, Annapolis DoubleTree Hotel

We will be hosting the Maryland Winter Convention right here in Annapolis at the DoubleTree Hotel on Riva Road (formerly the Radisson). Help is needed to plan for this event. Please contact President Eli if you are interested, president57@annapolisjaycees.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> October	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
	7:45p Board of Directors Meeting @ B. F. Biggens Columbus Day		RSVP for 10/13 Old Stein	RSVP for 10/19 Networking Event	7:00p Old Stein Inn	Early Bird Registration for MDJC Fall convention 11/3-11/5
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00a -4:00p Holiday Food Collection		7:00p Membership Meeting @ the Marriott 7:00p -7:30p AJC 2007 Board Of Directors Election Orientation Session 8:30p -9:00p Self-Defense Seminar		7:00p Jaycees Business Networking Dinner	7:00p Happy Hour at Tsunami's. Dinner beforehand.	Chapter Assist-Frederick Haunted Hayride
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			6:00p -8:30p Lighthouse Shelter			9:00a -5:00p Barkin Bash
29	30	31	1 Nov.	2	3	4
Daylight Savings Time Ends		Happy Halloween!	7:30p Board of Directors Meeting		MDJC Fall Convention Ocean City	MDJC Fall Convention Ocean City 9:00a -4:00p Holiday Food Collection