



The Pursuit

January 2009

What is your Passion?

Fellow Jaycees,

Welcome to 2009. The December holidays are that special time of year to enjoy the company of loved ones and take in a break from the daily routine as we reflect on the year that has been. For some it may be a difficult time and for others a joyful time. For all of us, we again have the chance to redefine our future as we look to a new year.

It is the same with Jaycees. Taking stock in our Jaycee trials and triumphs, we start our experiences together anew. Our future is ours to decide. And this year we have a special privilege. We have a great foundation to “build” on. Thanks to Past President Kathleen and her team the Virginia Jaycees have finished 2008 at growth.

So what future awaits us? The Virginia Jaycee theme for 2009 is “**pursue your passion**”. Our passion is our choice. It is the light in our eye and the interest that stirs us to think, talk, and act. It can give us the power to do extraordinary things. The Jaycees offer us a chance to explore our passions through actions that have a positive impact. If your passion includes helping the community, government involvement, or raising funds for cancer research then you are a Jaycee. If you are fired up about learning how to write a business plan, manage a project, or become a future board member of your company then you are a Jaycee. If you enjoy traveling and meeting new people, or discovering the potential that lies within you then you are a Jaycee. In the coming year we will explore the things that make us the place where you choose to invest your time. And we will reach to be the place of choice for young people throughout Virginia.

We have an excited team with Vice Presidents Lin and Jennifer; Regional Directors Ellisa, Sara, and Jamile; and appointments such as Chief of Staff Lee Wolfe, Secretary/ Treasurer Crystal Barns, Parliamentarian Laura Murphy and a few people waiting for approval.

In the spirit of the season, I will share a personal story. My parents loved to embarrass me during the holidays by regaling an amusing story from my youth. One Christmas, when I was just a few years old, I thought the holiday was a one time event. That evening I was saddened to think it was over for good. For some reason my view was limited to the loss of that day. Once my mother figured out what was wrong, she informed me that the holiday would be back every year. My eyes lit up with joy. Realizing that that the holiday would be back was more than a calendar education, it changed my perspective. I realized another great day lay ahead.

I wish you all a happy new year and a successful pursuit in all your passions this coming year. I am excited about what lies ahead for the Jaycees and look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Chuck Nelson
75th President
Virginia Jaycees

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From Management



Hello Virginia Jaycees!!

Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve you in 2009 as your Management Vice President. I am looking forward to serving in this job. President Chuck and I have already been working hard planning a great year. There are some new and improved changes to the state paperwork program as you currently know it. Plan on being at the meeting later this month, to see what we've done with the program. If there is training that you would like to have at a State Meeting, please let me know. We want to do our best to provide the training you would like attend.

I would like to thank the following people for stepping up and being Program Managers this year. Laura Murphy is going to be Paperwork / Blue Chip Program Manager, Jeff Miller is the Webmaster, and Leandra Finder is going to be putting our Newsletter together.

Don't forget to come to the state meeting on January 23-25 in Virginia Beach. We will celebrate our successes for 2008 and kick off the 2009 year. Friday night will include a fun social at a nearby hot spot. Saturday will include training sessions and Saturday night we will celebrate with a year end banquet where we will celebrate the successes of 2008 and install the 2009 officers. More information is available on our website at www.va-jaycees.org

If you need anything from me, please feel free to contact me. My cell phone number is 540 577-1197 or you can reach me by email at LIN_L95@yahoo.com I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting in Virginia Beach at the end of the month.

In the Jaycee spirit,
[Lin Martin](#)

Blue Chip - To any member who will be in charge of their chapter's paperwork:

Blue Chip is a national Jaycee program for all chapters. It can help your chapter by providing a planning guide to a successful year. Additionally, doing Blue Chip will count toward the 2009 state paperwork which will be unveiled on Saturday at the state convention.

The first Blue Chip submission includes:

- Development of a Chapter Plan of Action
- Conduct a Chapter Planning Session
- Calendar of Events
- Membership Plan
- Officer Roster
- Constitution and By-Laws
- Chapter Incorporation documentation
- Liability Insurance documentation

The above documents need to be sent electronically to the Laura Murphy, Program Manager sunshine110868@gmail.com by January 26th.

All Blue Chip program requirements can be browsed at:

http://www.usjaycees.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=57&Itemid=166

Please bring this first submission to the first afternoon training session Saturday afternoon at the January Board Meeting for feedback and to see how it relates to the state paperwork. There will extra forms available at the training if you forget your form at home. Please plan on attending the Saturday afternoon training at the Board Meeting to find out more about this program and help your chapter to succeed. If you have any questions, please contact 2009 Management Vice President, Lin Martin, at 540 577-1197 or LIN_L95@YAHOO.COM.

From the Community

Happy New Year, Fellow Jaycees.

It's time to begin another exciting Virginia Jaycee year, and this year we will be "Pursuing Our Passions." What a fantastic theme for 2009!! Community Development is definitely a passion of mine and I look forward to working with all of you to make this a great year.

On the top of the Community Development VP's list of responsibilities is Camp Virginia. We have two excited Program Managers for Camp: Sean Neff will help with Fundraising, and Jason Adkins will help with the Work Parties. Did someone say Work Party??? Our first work party will be held the first weekend of April (the 3rd-5th). We are working on some great incentives for chapters to come to the work party, as well as getting lots accomplished on the Camp's to-do list. This year we will also be changing up the Camp raffle fundraiser, we will be giving the chapter who raises the most raffle money a day trip to Atlantic City.

If you are interested in finding out more about Camp Virginia Jaycees, their new web address is www.campvajc.org. You can also find them on Facebook and Myspace, so be sure to add them to your accounts.

I am still looking for Program Managers for Model General Assembly and Outstanding Young Virginian. If you are interested in helping out with either of these programs, I would love to hear from you.

Don't forget the first weekend of April is the Spring Work Party!!

Jen Adkins



Camp Work Party
April 3rd-5th
Camp Virginia Jaycee



Bring your hat and your warm mittens and join us for a fun filled and productive weekend at Camp Work Party.

More details to follow.

From the Regions



Capital Region

What's up Cap Region!!! I know, and you know, that Cap Region has gotta have it goin' on in 2009.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Sara Via (think long "i" in Via). I have served the West End Jaycees starting in 2006 as Treasurer for two years, then 2008 President and will be serving this year as incoming Chairman of the Board. I have helped get this chapter get back on its feet after having dissipated for a while. I plan on helping every one of our chapters flourish as well, and I intend on helping wherever I can, in whatever area you might need help! Now that we're all on the same page, let's also continue with what Cheryl Patrick has done so expertly- helping our region's chapters get on board with events at all levels... you with me? Let's do this!

Contact me whenever! Email is preferable, contact me at capitalrd@gmail.com. I am also available on my cell at 804-986-6169. I look forward to seeing everyone!

Atlantic Region



To all,

My name is Jamile Donovan, originally from St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands. I currently reside in Portsmouth, Virginia. I was introduced to the Jaycees by the previous Atlantic RD, Kareem Solomon. My home chapter is the Apprentice School Jaycees, the "coolest" chapter. I joined in 2007, started as a general member, bringing new ideas to the organization. During my first year I stepped up and became the Membership VP, where I assisted the chapter in doubling their membership. I began to appreciate the organization and it's purpose once I got more involved. The following year I ran for President, I was voted in and assumed my position. I had the support of an excellent board, and members who were eager to get involved. During my Presidential position I engaged in state events and attained knowledge from more experienced Jaycees. I absorbed the information and utilized it in my home chapter. Ok!! Enough about me, anything else you want to know about me, just ask me. Oh yeah, I enjoy riding motorcycles and playing the saxophone in my spare time.

My goal for this year is to strengthen the relationships between the local chapters and the state level. I'll need feedback from the chapters to let me know what you need from the state. LP's, I'll either need you or a POC from your chapter to submit any information you'd like to be listed in the state newsletter by the 15th of every month. Be mindful of the amount of space provided. I look forward to a another great and successful year. If you need to reach me call me at 757-537-0020, text 757-217-7297, email jamdon51@aol.com. Thank you.

Jamile Donovan
Atlantic RD

CHRISTMAS FOR CAMP

Please consider Camp Virginia Jaycee this holiday season!

Each year, camp spends hundreds of dollars replenishing basic supplies that we need. If each Jaycee chapter could commit to fulfilling two or three of the requests on our Christmas List (just a couple of dollars per Jaycee member)....

We could be restocked for Summer 2009

- 2-3 Tubs of Beads
- 4-5 Stretchy String for Beading
- 2-3 Large Glitters
- 2-3 Containers of Foam Shapes
- 1-2 Large Bags of Poms
- 1 Large Bag of Feathers
- 20 Foam Paint Brushes
- 2 Glue Guns with Glue
- 5-10 bags of Noodles/Beans
- 1-2 Skeins of Yarn
- 2-3 bags of Google Eyes (campers love them)
- 4-5 packages of Paper plates (small and large)
- 2 boxes of Tinfoil
- 2 boxes of wax paper
- Lots of Construction Paper
- Stickers
- Coloring Books
- Large roll of White Paper
- 2-3 Economy Size Gallons of White Glue
- 1-2 Large Sets of Face paint
- 2- 100 Marker Sets
- Large Jugs of Tempera Paint
- Yellow, Red, Blue, Green, White, Black
- 10-20 Packages Water Bombs/Balloons
- 10 Multi-Color Packages of Balloons
- 1 Tub of Sidewalk Chalk
- 1 Large Bottle of Bubbles
- 4 Large Sponges
- 1 Uno Game
- 2 Puzzles of Animals (with Large Pieces)



Feel free to drop off items to the Camp booth at the January State Meeting, bring them to Camp Work Party or mail them to Camp Virginia Jaycee, P.O Box 648, Blue Ridge, VA 24064



Support The Troops Cell Phone Collection

Did you get a new cell phone or PDA for the Holidays? Donate your old one with all its equipment to a good cause. We are currently collecting at the January State meeting for the Support the Troops program. Help keep the men and women currently serving their country away from home in touch with their love ones.

Drop off point will be found when you come to check in at registration. So do not delay, find all those old cell phones and bring them to the January State Meeting at the Beach!

VIRGINIA JAYCEES 2008 Year-End CONVENTION

January 23-25, 2009

Holiday Inn – SunSpree Resort Oceanfront – Virginia Beach, Virginia

Name: _____

Address, City, State & Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Chapter: _____ Region/Banquet Seating: _____

MARK IF APPLICABLE:

FIRST TIME ATTENDEE EXHAUSTED JCI SENATOR EXHAUSTED LIFE MEMBER 10th DEGREE JAYCEE

REGISTRATION

| <u>TYPE</u> | <u># of Tickets</u> | <u>EARLY by Jan 12</u> | <u>LATE</u> |
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| <u>Minimum Registration (Exhausted = no charge)</u> | | \$10 | \$15 |
| Friday Night Social 10pm – offsite @ “Waterman’s”; includes transportation by Limo and the renowned band, Drink specials – Signature Drink “OrangeCrush” / Bottle Beer / or Wine @ \$3 +tax; Free sodas for non-drinkers! | | \$5.00 Wristband required to enter club | \$8.00 |
| Saturday Night Year End Awards and Installation Banquet | | \$30 | \$34 |
| <u>Saturday Success Celebration</u> <u>Social/Dance – includes open bar (beer, wine & soda) & DJ</u> | | \$15 | \$18 |
| <u>FULL REGISTRATION</u> | | \$60 | \$75 |
| <u>Child Banquet – chicken finger platter</u> | | \$12 | \$15 |

Cash, personal checks, chapter checks, and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express) will be accepted for registration. Make checks payable to: **Virginia Jaycees**

Credit Card #: _____ Exp Date: _____ CVV Code # _____
Name on Card: _____ (back of card)

Completed registration form **and** payment **must be** postmarked by **January 12th** to:

Lee Wolfe
Virginia Jaycees 2008 Year End Convention
611 N Madison Avenue
Pulaski, Virginia 24301

If you have any questions, please contact Lee at (540) 239-3524.

All requests for refunds must be received no later than January 15, 2009.

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| Holiday Inn – SunSpree Resort 3900 Atlantic Avenue Virginia Beach, VA 23451 \$69 room rate + 13% tax | On Line Reservations: | Reservations by Phone: (757) 428-1711 Identifying Group: “Virginia Jaycees” |
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