

The Pursuit



June 2009



Fellow Jaycees,

I am fired up from this past weekend. I soaked up your energy my fellow Jaycees and I am excited to pursue my passion with you.

This past weekend in Staunton, we celebrated our victories and started an unstoppable force. We discovered new ideas together, we competed together, and we dined together. By Sunday morning we were pursuing the vision of growing together. The Virginia air was sweet with excitement by Sunday afternoon as we left Staunton. Local chapter leaders were inviting people to join our group late into Sunday night. We unleashed our passion and ended the month of May at growth. Congratulations all!

I want to congratulate our top performers from the first quarter who were recognized throughout the weekend. They did things that set them apart and they won the coveted honor

Presidential Pursuits

of being recognized by fellow Jaycees. We had many special honorees at the conference and all of those outstanding performers are highlighted in this issue of the Pursuit. Let me start by introducing a few.

There are two people on our State Executive Team who distinguished themselves in the first quarter. State Management Vice President Lin Martin committed herself to her passion to organize our state paperwork, website, and meetings. She traveled to the National Leadership Academy in Tulsa, Oklahoma and was with us at all state events. Her work with LOTS (Local Officer Training Seminar) helped set our course in 2009.

The capital region was well served by their leader. Regional Director Sara's consistency, energy, and drive helped her to establish communication with her chapters, travel to the corners of her region and coordinate calendar information effectively.

Our Chapter Presidents are inspiring events in our state. They are people like Presidents Patrick Knightly and Jon Spalding. Whether it is great team building or taking their chapter to the next level, our local presidents are leading the way.

Many of the Virginia Cup Challengers such as the leading challenger, the Alexandria Jaycees, navigated their way through a successful quarter by welcoming new Jaycee friends and showing them how to pursue their passions through the many opportunities they made available. Chapters like these are "Making a Difference".

Some chapters are finding new energy from eager new faces. Some are determined to stand out in their community. Still others are finding passion through pride in their legacy. Whatever the passion that drives your chapter, with an honest pursuit, you are always successful.

The Jaycees are here for you. It is the opportunity of your lifetime. You are only young once, and you are only young enough once in your life to be a Jaycee. Pursue Your Passion.

Chuck Nelson
75th President
Virginia Jaycees

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Pursuit of Management

Hello Virginia Jaycees!!

What a great weekend that we just had in Staunton!! I hope that if you were able to make it to the meeting, you had a great time. If you weren't able to make it, you missed a great time. It's always great to reunited with friends and to make new ones. Make plans now to attend the Summer Board Meeting at Camp VA Jaycee

August 21 - 23.

Just a reminder that the Second Quarter submissions for the VA Cup are due July 1st. If you have any questions about submissions, please get with either myself or Laura Murphy. Second Quarter Nominations are due to Chief of Staff Lee Wolfe on the 1st also. If you have any questions about awards, please let us know.

I hope you all have a great June. I hope

you keep the passion that you were able to rejuvenate this weekend at the state meeting. Please let us know how we will be able to help you out.

In the Jaycee Spirit,

Lin Martin

2009 Management Development Vice President

Sights of May State Meeting at Staunton



Joanie Cramer National Vice President and the Atlantic Jaycees!!!



National Vice President Joanie Cramer appearing with Mo and Curly (otherwise known as "The Real Squeal") at the Sunday morning Board of Directors meeting.



Peninsula Jaycees all dressed up



Pursuit of Community Involvement

What a fantastic weekend!! Thank you to all the chapters who came out to training sessions, competitions and to the various activities throughout the weekend!!

Are you behind in Virginia Cup points, could you use a few more to boost your standing?? I can help you with that... OYV nomination forms are included in this newsletter, if you return your form by July 1st I will give your chapter 250 points towards your Virginia Cup points. I would love to see lots of forms come in, showcasing all the great

accomplishments of those around us.

Congratulations to the many chapters across the state who participated in Relay for Life.

Did you know that we as Jaycee's are the 2nd largest Relay for Life Fund-raiser?? Did you also know that this year Jaycee chapters have raised OVER \$60,000 for Relay for Life?? Congratulations, and keep up the good work!!

Quarles's apple sales are coming to a close. If you have a Quarles nearby, stop in, introduce yourself and buy LOTS of apples.

For more information of Community Development's many exciting programs, please contact me at adkinsclan@gmail.com or on my cell at 540.840.7785.

Jen Adkins
Community Development
Vice President



Pursuit of Membership

What an Amazing Weekend! I would like to thank everyone that came out the Spring Convention this past weekend in Staunton, VA. We were able to celebrate all of the hard work your chapters did over the first quarter and honor some very deserving people. We had some great Training! I would also like to thank again Mrs. Joanie Cramer, NVP for such an amazing training.

Congratulations Virginia Jaycees, We made to growth this month! We ended up at +10. Thank you to everyone for your hard work!

Challenges

State vs MVP

As promised, Marilyn Monroe will be making a video of her singing "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" to US Jaycee National President John Weber. By the Time you get this it should be on You Tube and Facebook. Enjoy!

Atlantic vs. MVP - A Challenge was issued and if the Atlantic Region was at growth for May, I would have to fix them breakfast at Summer Boards, plus Marilyn would have to sing, "Members are a girls best friend. Congratulations Atlantic! +1 The video should be on

Facebook and You Tube by now.

Does anyone else have a challenge for me on the rest of the Board? I would love to here them! Joanie Cramer, NVP also said she would step up to a challenge!

Membership Tips

1. Offer fun events and activities for potential members to attend. Have variety in your chapter meetings. Offer food and refreshments to entice members to attend your meetings. It is important to take care of Business and be professional but remember to make the meetings interesting so that members will continue to come. Also offer activities outside of meetings for your members to socialize and take a break during crazy work weeks.
2. Provide incentives for individuals who recruit new members into Jaycees.
3. Plan and host membership recruitment this week shall include many recruitment activities and socials design to introduce and entice potential members to the Jaycees.

MVP Shout Outs!

Debra – Thanks for trying to keep me straight!

Joanie – Great Training but we miss Mo!

Mo – Come back to visit soon!

Bill Duncan – Thank you for all your help with first timers.

Peninsula – Thank you for all your help, you guys are amazing!

Ryan, Andrew and Matt- Enough said!

LMA – Thanks Again! 😊

Senate - Making First Times Into Great Times!

Jason – Best Seat in the House!

Laurie Skinner
Membership VP



Chief of Staff Pursuits

Hello Virginia Jaycees!

By the time you read this, we will have had our May State Meeting, and Memorial Day will have passed, and that's what I want to concentrate on for this newsletter article.

Each Memorial Day weekend, Pulaski County is one of the many stops hundreds of participants in Rolling Thunder make on their way to Washington, D.C.; this being during their procession to The Wall. Our stop is officially called "Ride for Freedom," at the local UAW Union Hall, and each year we have a few speakers, "Taps" is played, and they have a 21-gun salute to those who gave all for our freedom. It's always very moving; men and women of all ages are moved to tears as we hear from these inspirational speakers and watch the scenes unfold at the ceremony. This year was no different, and Old Glory waved over it all as we heard from Ex-

Navy, Ex-Marine (who now is a local pastor and state trooper; he was at the Pentagon on 9/11, and he sent a piece of the Pentagon that was busted up that day to the wall with one of the riders this past Memorial Day), and a current Army Ranger currently home from his second tour in the Middle East (the first in Iraq, second in Afghanistan).

This Ranger was there to tell us about some of the things we don't see on TV. The good they do, mostly, and what it was – and is – like to watch those closest to you die right in front of you, sometimes sacrificing themselves for other soldiers so they can make it home to their families. This captain lost four men while under his command at various times, and also lost his best friend, who was assigned to a different unit.

This captain will now be stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. He asked to be stationed there so he can help take care of said best friend's wife and new baby boy; his

first son was only three weeks old when he was killed.

I could go on and on about this ceremony, but my point to all of this is: these men that spoke this past Memorial Day weekend spoke about things that were passionate to them – our freedom, serving our country, and sacrificing all they have to make sure America stays free. We should all be so passionate in our every-day lives with our every-day problems and routines, and make every day Memorial Day.

So, don't just thank our veterans and those currently serving the military on Memorial Day or Veteran's Day; make it every day! And live your life as passionately as they do, because they've been there, and they know how much freedom costs!

Lee Wolfe
Chief of Staff, 2009
Virginia Jaycees



CFO Pursuits

Hello Virginia Jaycees!

A great big thank you to everyone who came out on May 2th to at the NASCAR Races in Richmond. We had almost 30 people come out to help, which was terrific! Having so many to help makes the day run smoothly. We're planning on selling beer again at the race on **September 12th** too, so mark your calendars. Volunteers will get into the race for free. It really is a fun day of crowd watching and being with fellow Jaycees. Let me know if you're interested.

For the September race, Richmond International Raceway is requiring that most of our volunteers be

TIPS certified. A free class will be offered before race day by RIR for those volunteering at the races. TIPS stands for *Training for Intervention ProcedureS* and teaches techniques to deal with the responsible service, sale, and consumption of alcohol. Every day you use your people skills to deal politely with a wide variety of customers having all kinds of personalities. The TIPS program is designed to help you use your people skills to sell alcohol safely and legally. The information and techniques you learn through TIPS training will also help you to identify and handle unpleasant situations involving people

who are underage or who have already had too much to drink.

I took the training in May and wished I had had it sooner. I've been in situations where these skills would have been useful, whether out with friends or volunteering at a concert and pouring beer. These are important skills to have as a Jaycee.

So, if you are able to volunteer and take the training with us in September you will get some extra training that can be useful to you and your chapter!

Lillibet Miller
CFO, Virginia Jaycees
cfo@va-jaycees.org

PSST!!!

TIPS Training (Training for Intervention Procedures)
coming to Richmond in September

For More information contact Lillibet Miller - CFO



And The Winners Are

Congratulations to the following people and chapters for receiving awards at the Spring Board Meeting in Staunton.

Mid Year Competitions

Jaycee Jeopardy:	Sally Schroeder	Alexandria
Write Up:	Dean DeGood	Alexandria
Speak Up:	Amanda Demko	Virginia Beach
Masters Speak Up:	Valerie Harte	Fredericksburg
Debate:	1 st - Patrick Knightley	Richmond
	2 nd - Ryan Brown	Virginia Beach

“Come Back Chapter” Arlington

Overall Winner First Timer Winner
Tom Cymer Arlington

Outstanding Local President
Jon Spalding Peninsula
Patrick Knightly Richmond

Outstanding Executive Committee Member
Lin Martin Management Development VP

Outstanding Regional Director
Sara Via Capital Region

Outstanding State Director
Matt Bruncheon Apprentice

Outstanding Local Officer
Sarah Ruggieri Fredericksburg
Daniel Anzanello Alexandria
Scott Spiegel Virginia Beach

Presidential Award of Appreciation

Heather Eustace	For service as Local Officer	Fredericksburg
Cheryl Skaggs	For service as Local Officer	Hopewell
Rogers Motley	For service as State Director	Richmond
Christina Fortney	For service as Local President	Norfolk
Amy Tenhouse	For service as Local President	Alexandria

Outstanding Veteran Member
Irene Gilbert Richmond

Outstanding New Member
Merrit Quick Hopewell

Outstanding New Member
Erin Hawley Peninsula

“Virginia Cup Program”

5 th place	Chesterfield
4 th place	Hopewell
4 th place	Norfolk
3 rd place	Arlington



“First Timers awardees!!!”

Regional Pursuits



Capital Region

Hey CapRegion!

So glad so many of you could make it to Staunton for the Conference! It was a total success, and with great pleasure I would like to announce the Regional Award winners. Outstanding Local President goes to JEFF STOCKWELL of the Greater Ashland Jaycees!! Way to go Jeff on creating a membership machine!!

Outstanding State Director goes to Richmond's Rogers Motley, who, by the way, has appropriately coined his travels "Rogers Roams!" Congrats

Rogers! Outstanding Local Officer goes to the fabulous Heather Eustace of Fredericksburg, for her commitment to the position of Membership VP, as well as her notable personal development. Give these guys a hand next time you see them!!! Thanks y'all, for making me look good!

The regional calendar is in full force, you can now view it on the www.va-jaycees.org website. Capital Region shows up in PURPLE! Shout outs for extra volunteers in the coming month: Greater Ashland Jaycees Strawberry Fair June 6, West End's Ride for Kids June 7, West End @ Special Olympics Volunteer to Cheer June 12 and 13, Richmond's Habitat for Humanity June

13, Richmond @ BARK June 20, and LOTS going on for 4th of July- Chesterfield and Fredericksburg selling glow necklaces, Fredericksburg does the Heritage Day Parade, as well as the Raft Race where you see fools floating down the river on milk jugs. Sounds like something you need to see for yourself! Also, ongoing is the Project WARM wood split getting ready for next season, every Tuesday evening from now on. Please come volunteer a night, invite your whole chapter out to assist this combo Richmond/Tuckahoe project. Thanks everyone! "Pursue your passion!"

Sara Via, RDH
2009 Capital Regional Director

Atlantic Region

Hey Atlantic!!!

We were +1 one for May in membership. Let's do it again!

Virginia Beach – ECSC = East Coast Surfing Championships. President Ryan and made a Challenge to the ECSC board that he can bring in 40 Jaycees to help. Let's Make it happen, they really need the help!

Aug 20-24 Contact Ryan for more info tbrown783@yahoo.com

Norfolk – Decker Deck – June 19th 6-8:30 Come to one of the best membership social around. It is held on the rooftop of one of the building in downtown Norfolk. Contact Mike for more info. Raymer12@cox.net

Pub Crawl - 7th Annual **Norfolk Jaycees** Pub Crawl is October 3rd. A great night for all! Invite your friends!!! Enjoy

Downtown Norfolk's Hottest Night Spots - NO cover charge! Prizes, Door Prizes, Snacks, Flashing Mugs & Pins, & Fun all! Contact Terry@NorfolkJaycees.com for more info!

Peninsula – Beer Pours at the Mariners Museum every Thursday in June and July. 5 – 10/ Great line up of bands. Contact Jon at spaldo07@yahoo.com.



Highland Region

Highland is rocking the summer time!!! Come join us for a fun time for all. Visitations can invigorate, increase enthusiasm and reduce burn-out. We get so tired of working like crazy to pull off the perfect project. Take a break and enjoy someone else's hard work!!!

The weekend of June 12-13 looks to be a fine time for a jaunt across the state.

The **Lexington-Rockbridge Jaycees** will kick off their Friday's Alive concert series in

downtown Lexington. This year's concerts will benefit the local SPCA, Food Pantry and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. June 12 – Southpaw, June 26 – Key West Band, July 7 – Pop Rivets, July 24 – Stone Canyon and August 7 – Keith Bryant.

The **Patrick County Jaycees** are renowned for their Beach Music Festival June 13. Volunteers are needed in a variety of roles. Visitors to the area for the weekend are welcome to stay at Chateau Grantham with a possible visit to a real chateau – Chateau Morrisette, just 20 minutes down the road.

Keep your calendar open for Saturday, July 25 and come help the **Pulaski County Jaycees** with BINGO, BINGO, BINGO at the New River Valley Fair. It is an absolute blast!! And a midnight breakfast is served at a former member's home that would give IHOP and Waffle House a run for their money.

Come out, escape the humidity of Central Virginia and enjoy the clear mountain air.

Elissa Grantham
Highland Regional Director

Pursuit of Competitions

JAYCEE COMPETITIONS!

Congratulations to all our competitors who came out to compete in Staunton. We set a recent record. Not only did we have a competitor in each competition category, we had a record 5 Debate competitors. And many people came to watch. Our 1st place winners can now compete at the national level at the US Jaycee convention in Pittsburgh, PA. They will need our support.

One competition is still ongoing. Jaycee Tube is a video competition. Any group of Jaycees (chapter, region, state) can put together an amateur video and compete against other Jaycees from across the nation.

See the competition quick guide at the below link for details. The topic is "Why Jaycees".

*** President Chuck is awarding 100 Virginia Cup points to any chapter involved in a Jaycee Tube video. There is a catch – it is required to have at least one new member from the chapter from 2009 in the video. ***

There is a guide to all of the Virginia Jaycees Competitions. It is on the state website at the following link:

http://va-jaycees.org/downloads/Individual_Development/CompetitionQuickGlance09.pdf

Congratulations competitors! Share your experience with others.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG VIRGINIAN FORMS NOW AVAILABLE ON VA JAYCEES WEBSITE...

Categories included:

- **Outstanding EMS**
- **Outstanding Future Leader**
- **Outstanding Young Virginian**
- **Outstanding Young Farmer**

“Additional 250 VA Cup points for early turn in by July 1st”



Camp Wish List

Critical Needs!

- Sheet sets for twin beds: one flat sheet, one fitted sheet, one pillow case.
- Blankets for twin beds.
- Standard size pillows.
- Books for library: books appropriate for children ages 3-18

Other Needs

- Videos and DVD's: G and PG rated.
- Halloween costumes for all ages and sizes.
- Life jackets: coast guard approved.
- Sleeping bags.
- Musical instruments.
- CD's for music program.
- Rain ponchos or umbrellas.
- Supplies for arts and crafts: foam sheets or shapes, macaroni noodles, beads and string, paintbrushes, and plaster of Paris.
- Water balloons
- Standard white pillow cases
- Laptop
- **SWIMMING POOL:** Life jackets and water guns.
- **MUSIC & DRAMA:** Musical instruments, costumes, CDs (contemporary music), CD players, Karaoke machines, scarves
- **BARN:** Riding Helmets, (S, M, L, XL), Bridles, Saddles.
- **SPORTS:** Softballs, nerf balls, bandanas, board & card games.
- **SAFETY & FIRST AID:** Motorola Two-Way Radios, Band-aids, Ziploc Bags, Small Paper Cups for meds,



Ongoing Camp Virginia Jaycee

Fundraisers

- **Apples Butter for the Camp: Quarles Convenience Stores**

<http://www.quarlesinc.com/corporate-information/convenience-stores>

- **Kroger Gift Card Program: See any Kroger store or contact Sean Neff to get more details at seanneff@gmail.com**

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Save the Date

Virginia Jaycees Summer Conference

August 21-23rd

Camp Virginia Jaycee

Blue Ridge, VA

Virginia Cup Membership Due Dates:

Happy Hour Estimates June 10th

Final Membership Turn in June 25th

Monthly Submission July 1st

Outstanding Young Virginian

Early Form Deadline:

July 1

for additional 250 VA Cup points