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Hello Virginia Jaycees!!

What a time we had in New Orleans for the Annual Meeting of the US Jaycees. If you have never been to a National Meeting, I highly recommend you go. You get to meet Jaycees from all over the US and hear what their chapters and states are doing. It's a great time to also get ideas on projects and activities you can run. Plus it gets you energized to go back to your home state and chapter and do great things. So make plans and mark your calendars now for June 10 - 12 to attend the Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

While at the National Meeting, we recognized the Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA) Saturday night at the banquet. Hearing what these great young men and women do in their communities is very inspiring. The stories of what some of the recipients had to overcome in their lives, was amazing to say the least, and yet they want to give back to their communities. Many times the phrase "make a difference" was used and they all want to make a difference and encouraged all in attendance to do the same.

(see more from President Lin below)

ID= Incredibly Dazzling

The May meeting was a fantastic success for ID! We had 29 people advancing in their degrees- 29! Wow, we've had some busy Jaycees this quarter. Keep 'em coming! With those 29 degrees there was one challenge won- the Richmond Jaycees met their



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Coming Soon



There are lots of exciting things going on around the state! Visit the state calendar to see the full list. Your events aren't showing on the state calendar? Let us know- we want to make a difference for all of our chapters- we are here to serve you!

A few highlights:

June 25th
Membership Deadline

July 1st
Va Cup Deadline

July 10th
Awards Submission
Deadline

August 20-22
Summer Board
meeting
Go to the state
website to register
now!

challenge but opted to have me at their disposal for training instead of their party. Given that I am at all of your disposal any time you like, I still owe them. Fantastic job! My own home chapter turned in their degrees but fell a little short on their challenge so they will have 6 entries in competitions next time... and I get to pick which ones.

Speaking of competitions- we had a fantastic turnout for the May competitions. Debate was so close we had to go into overtime for a run off! Congratulations to all of our winners! With all of those winners we are going to continue to fundraise to help pay for all of our finalists to go to Chicago and compete nationally next June! The 2009 competitors have continued Virginia's great history, with Julia Marsh being chosen as a finalist in Speak-Up and Sally Schroeder taking home 1st place in Jaycee Jeopardy. Please congratulate them and thank them for representing our state so well at the national level. Also a special thanks to Harry Schroeder for being our judge at the national level.

A Community Special Report - OYV

What do John F Kennedy, Howard Hughes, and Elvis Presley have in common? They are all past recipients of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans award presented by the National Jaycees each year.



Did you know that Virginia had a TOYA winner last year? That's right our OYV winner from a few years ago was a TOYA winner just last year. What is OYV?

Each year, the Virginia Jaycees honor special young people through the Outstanding Young Virginian (OYV) program. This year's honorees will be recognized at a formal celebration ceremony and banquet held at the November State Meeting. During the event, the Virginia Jaycees will also honor recipients of the Outstanding Young Farmer, the Outstanding Young Leader, and the Outstanding Young Emergency Medical Service Responder award.

NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED FROM YOU.

We are looking for nominees and have forms available on our website. They are also available from Chuck Nelson at cnelson_07@comcast.net. Basically just fill out the form for a deserving young person in your area that is "Making a Difference" and send it in via email or mail to the address on the form.

Please also contact Chuck if you want to help organize and run this project. There is a lot of need to help raise funds, organize, judge nominations, and solicit nominations.

Business Sponsorships Now Available!

There is a new business sponsorship fundraising program that was adopted by the Board of Directors at the May state convention. Now businesses can advertise through our state newsletter and website for a fee.

Own your own business? There is a discount for current Jaycee members. Do you know any businesses looking for new advertising opportunities? This is a great opportunity to reach an audience of young community leaders. Contact our state office for more details.

See your business here!



Our new sponsorship program will include featured sponsors that help our organization in this space!

If you click on the image above it takes you to the Virginia Jaycees website. Our sponsors will have the same opportunity at certain levels!

Hidden Trivia: What year were the Va Jaycees formed? Be the first to

Membership Mania

We have doubled in size this month! Ok... not yet but wouldn't that be great to read? We have so much to offer and we are being a little selfish if we aren't sharing that with others. I was inspired during the awards ceremonies at the national meeting by chapters that had doubled and even tripled their membership. We have quite a few growing chapters here in our own state. Give them a call, visit them, find out how , and yes, STEAL THEIR IDEAS!



The chapters that are currently at growth for the year are:

- Virginia Beach
- Williamsburg
- Chesterfield
- Colonial Heights
- Farmville
- Goochland
- Hopewell
- South Boston
- Tuckahoe
- Alexandria
- Lexington/Rockbridge

Will your chapter be on the list next month? Additional congratulations to the following chapters for being at growth this month: Apprentice, Alexandria, Farmville, Richmond, Virginia Beach. Warrenton-Fauquier also managed to bring themselves back to 20 members. Great job everyone! keep making a difference by adding members and giving the gift of membership in our organization! There are several membership challenges out their including a drawing for a \$50 Gift Card from NVP Candace. Do you have a challenge? Bring it on.

- the Membership Madame

International

I love football, but most Americans would call it soccer. As I write this article we are less than 24 hours away from a truly world wide competition know as World Cup, where 32 teams from around the world come together every four years to see who has bragging rights as the best soccer/footballers in the world.

The Jaycees are a reminder of that world cup spirit. All around the world, in over 100 countries you will find your brothers and sisters in Jaycees. While many of us have visited other chapters when traveling within Virginia and even within the US, it should not be forgotten that 90% of the Jaycee membership is outside of the United States. Are you planning a trip to Mexico? We have chapters there. Europe? We have chapters in every country of the European Union. How about the far east? The national chapters in Japan and S. Korea each have more members the the US Jaycees.

email your answer to
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To learn more about the International opportunities and programs available through your Jaycee membership visit our international website at www.jci.cc

Daniel Anzanello

Around the Regions

Mountain Region

The Mountain Region is in need of a Regional Director... know someone you think would be great? Contact President Lin!

Capital News

Greetings Virginia Jaycees! I'm Patrick Knightly, your friendly neighborhood Capital Region Director here to fill you in on some of the things going on around the Capital Region in the next few weeks.



First, The West End Jaycees are looking for a few good men, literally. Turns out that some of our West End Jaycee women and their friends have decided to take a Sadie Hawkins concept one step further and hold a bachelor auction (for those of you who don't know what Sadie Hawkins is, look it up. I don't have time to explain right now). Anyway, the West End Jaycees are looking for any single men, or attached men who want just want to find out what their attacheses (Is that even a word? Microsoft doesn't think so, but who cares?) think they are worth. The auction is being held on June 24, but they need bachelors to make it happen. If you know of anyone who would be good to auction off, please have them check out www.westendjaycees.org for more info.

Before the Bachelor Auction, the Fredericksburg Jaycees are hosting a Poker Tournament on June 19 at the VFW. Top prize is an LCD TV, so put on your poker face, grab your ridiculous hats, non-reflective sunglasses, and get ready to Hold 'Em. Suggested Donation is \$25 per entrant. Check with the Fredericksburg Jaycees for more info.

The Farmville Jaycees are headed to see the Lynchburg Hillcats play on June 15, and will be holding another First Fridays Concert event on July 9. They've had successful First Fridays events so far and are looking to keep it up.

Chesterfield is hosting the Pig Races on the 16th of the month and is participating in yard sale fundraisers on the last Saturday of every month until the end of October

It's always a good time for whitewater rafting! The Tuckahoe Chapter is going whitewater rafting twice this month. The first trip is in West Virginia June 11-13, and the second is in the City of Richmond on June 27. Contact Matt Montero for more information.

Richmond is returning to help out Bandit's Adoption and Rescue of K-9s on the 19th. They are also back at Project WARM with Tuckahoe every Tuesday evening for the summer / early fall, and are continuing their VA Pizza Party, and Feed the Homeless Projects as well.

Hopewell is hosting its regular dinner night out on June 21 and is also planning a trip to see the Richmond Raiders play at the Richmond Coliseum on June 19. Contact Cheryl Patrick for more information.

Colonial Heights had a very busy May with Fort Clifton Art Festival and Strawberry Hill Races etc., and they are likely still recovering. To find out what other events they have coming up, check out the regional calendar.

As always, Capital Region BINGO is scheduled for the first Thursday of every month. The next BINGO session is July 1. We are still looking for chapters that are willing to sponsor BINGO for a month (one evening for about 3 or 4 hours, need 4-6 volunteers).

July is looking to be a big month, with BINGO kicking things off, followed by Fredericksburg running it's raft race again on July 3 (we hear there may be more chapters competing this year) and Fredericksburg and Chesterfield holding events and fundraisers all weekend.

To check out all Capital Region events and local chapter meeting times, please go to the Capital Region website <http://www.capitalregionjaycees.net> for more info.

Congratulations again to all of our Capital Region National Performers and don't forget that Summer Boards are coming up August 20 - 22. To have your chapter's events listed on the Regional Calendar and in this article, please e-mail capitalrd@gmail.com.

Highlands Regions

The Highlands Region is also in need of a regional director. We do have a few "on the inside" and can give you a brief scoop.

Jenifer Robinson took 4th place in the state debate competition. Chris and Tina Shaw took home a special "Partner Power" award for their commitment as a team to the Pulaski Jaycees. Pulaski Jaycees also took home many others.

Michael Wilson of the Lexington Rockbridge Jaycees was awarded the



Veteran Member of the quarter award. Congratulations to all of the Highland Region Jaycees for a great quarter

Nova Region

No update from the regional director however it was rumored Alexandria was ranked 7th in the nation, Arlington and Alexandria were both blue chip, and Alexandria took home several awards from the national meeting including a chapter plan of the year award, project entry award, and a first place in Jaycee Jeopardy!

It was also rumored that several state awards were received at the last state meeting including 1st place Va Cup by Alexandria.

Atlantic Highlights

Greetings Virginia and more specifically Atlantic Region Jaycees! I'm Patrick Knightly's "Evil" Doppelganger, your friendly neighborhood Atlantic Region Director Stand- in here to fill you in on some of the things going on around the Atlantic Region. (Before I go any further I would like to point out the following for legal reasons: anything I say or write does not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of Patrick Knightly, nor does my resemblance to said individual and knowledge of certain events in any way indicate Patrick Knightly's complicity or foreknowledge of events that may have already or will occur)



Now that that's out of the way, let me congratulate the "Sticky Fingers" region for striking again at the Spring Board Meeting. Word from those who have gone before us is that you have made them proud. Alexandria may think that they are first place in the state and they may try to claim the VA Cup by the end of the year, but who is it that took the cup home with them? Good job guys! Don't forget to make those challenges, and keep the state board on its toes. Word on the street is that Lin Martin was already planning on showing up to the Apprentice Membership Recruitment cookout on the 26th, as was Patrick Knightly, so that may not be a good challenge to make for those who have proper leverage.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Oceanfront Jaycees kicked off the summer with a fabulous Cinco de Mayo 5K in May and chapters are off and running in the Atlantic Region.

There are quite a few events coming up in the Atlantic Region, but the biggest event has to be the East Coast Surfing Championship August 26-29. The Virginia Beach Jaycees are going to reserve hotel rooms for Jaycees from out of town who would like to help make the event successful again this year. They are expecting roughly 200,000 attendees at this event and could use all the help they can get. Contact Scott Spiegel for more info.

As mentioned above, the Apprentice Jaycees are trying to GROW, and they will be holding a cookout on June 26 in an attempt to meet that goal. Contact Matt Brunscheon for more info.

Oceanfront is having a dinner social at Chix Café on June 19, and they have already started planning for their Pig Out which will take place on October 9. It also looks like the chapter could use a training on how to read a calendar as they are holding multiple 4th of July events on different days, but really, they are simply using their creativity and innovative natures to spread the celebration of the 4th of July out over several weeks. On July 10th they are hosting a 4th of July cookout at Walser's, on July 17th, they are helping out with a CLASP 4th of July Dance. Contact Sabitha Venkatesh for more info.

The Norfolk Jaycees had a very successful Clean the Bay Day on June 3, and helped protect the environment. They have a few other events coming up in the next few weeks as well. On the 4th Tuesday of Every month they are planning the annual Pub Crawl, and that promises to be fun, but they do have events coming up before then as well. IN fact, this month, the Norfolk Jaycees will be hosting a Restaurant of the Month event on June 29 and participating in the CHKD RunWalk for Kids on June 19. The Double Decker Rooftop Mixer is coming up in July.

Be sure to check out the Atlantic Region Calendar for more events and meeting times! And, as always, remember, sticky fingers trump spreadsheets any day! Doppelganger Out!

Final Thoughts from President Lin:

Virginia Jaycees, we can make a difference. It just takes one simple act of kindness. It doesn't have to be anything huge. Just a simple smile, a hug, opening the door for someone, can make a difference to someone. We can ask someone to come to one of our meetings, socials, or events and show them what the Jaycees are all about. This organization makes a difference in our lives. I know I am a whole lot better person because I joined our great organization. It all started because someone wanted to make a difference in my life and they thought that the Jaycees would be what I needed. I would have never thought when I joined years ago all the opportunities that I would have experienced since joining.

I challenge each of you to invite that person at work, in the store, or where ever you are, who you think that might benefit some way out of joining the Jaycees. You never know what difference you will make in their lives for asking them to come out and join us. Plus you never know, that person you asked to join could be the next State President, National Officer, National President, or serve on the JCI level. This organization has countless opportunities; we just need to share what we have with others.

Let's go out there in our communities Virginia Jaycees and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!! We are too great of an organization not to have everyone know who we are.

Yours in the Jaycee Spirit,

Lin
76th President Virginia Jaycees

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