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From the President

By Eli Krejsa

For those of you who have participated in a long-distance race (of any kind really – running, swimming, biking, in cars or kayaks), you know that you face both physical and mental challenges along the way. You also know that there are different phases to the race. At the beginning of the race you're on a 'high', ready to get to the end as quickly as possible, and feeling like you can go forever. As the race progresses you hit a few bumps, your body starts sending up flares for help, and your mind plays games with you to make you want to slow down or stop. Then you get to that last part of the race. The part of the race where you know the finish line is much closer than the start but it's not quite in sight yet. The part of the race where you know there's no point in quitting since you've made it this far but that from here to the end may be a little painful.

It's at this stage in the race that you have two choices. You can stick to your pace, keeping up your rhythm, and make it to the finish line. Or you can "kick it into gear", boost up your pace, and race to the finish line. Both methods will get you there but one will make the finish more successful.

As a chapter we are in that end stage of the race. As a person who often races against herself I'm ready to kick it into gear to finish the year strong. Are you willing? Are you ready to step up and make sure that Hanging of the Greens is successful and a group effort? Ready to give back to your community and help out those around you who need it? Are you ready to introduce your friends and neighbors to the Jaycees?

Let's Go Folks! Get those knees up, kick harder, paddle faster, put the pedal to the metal, and dig in! It's Annapolis Jaycees time!

The 58th Annual Annapolis Jaycees Elections will be held at the membership meeting on November 14!!

Harry Potter's Sorting Cap and how it applies to the Jaycees! Which hat will you wear in 2007?

By Margie Mackes

When Harry Potter first arrived at Hogwarts in the movie "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," the "Sorting Cap" sorted him and his friends into houses; the cap decided whether they should be in Slytherin, Gryffindor, or Hufflepuff. So one must imagine that the cap could recognize the innermost thoughts of the individual and in which house their talents would best serve Hogwarts School.

The Jaycees Portfolio areas can be likened to the houses at Hogwarts. Each of our the Jaycee Portfolios were developed over the years to appeal to a variety of members and their interests. Look below to see which portfolio describes you and where you can help your chapter with planning for 2007.

Membership – This person usually has joined the Jaycees for the social aspects, they are fun loving and love to meet new people. They can be found at happy hours, dinners out, playing on a sports team, hosting a football tailgate, hosting a game night, a BBQ or a party. This person would be great at helping to planning these fun events and helping to bring other people into the chapter, so that there would be a continuous supply of new people to get to know.

Community – This person is very giving of their time for the benefit of others. They embody the line of our Jaycee Creed that "Service to humanity is the BEST work of life". Their favorite events would be the Special Olympics, Lighthouse

Shelter, Holiday Food Baskets, charity walks/runs, Greenscape, or any other event that gives something back to the community.

Individual – If you love self-improvement projects, then this is the portfolio for you! ID projects run the gamut of health/nutrition/exercise, hiking, biking, camping, canoeing/kayaking, rock climbing, sailing lessons, self-defense, dating/mating/relating, CPR, horseback riding, budgeting/investing, home buying, dance lessons, crafts, theater, music/concerts, public speaking/writing, project planning and leadership training.

Management – *This is the Lifeblood of your Jaycee Chapter.* This portfolio has a variety of aspects to it that are essential to the ways-and-means of the chapter. It culminates combines the use of skills from all other portfolio areas. This portfolio is most appealing to people who are interested in “Leadership Training through Community Service” and Networking opportunities. Individuals drawn to this area are usually looking to improve their job skills and improve their resumes. People who volunteer for this area are usually detail oriented and able to multi-task. They are Team Players who can help coordinate members from all other portfolios and draw on their strengths. People in this portfolio are usually drawn toward communications: Marketing/Public Relations, Web Page Development, Desktop Publishing/Writing for the newsletter, or toward finance: Accounting/Bookkeeping, designing business plans, and all the skills needed for today’s office. Projects for management often double as community service and include Barkin Bash, Seafood Festival, Hanging of the Greens, and Grand Illumination.

So where do you fit in? We are looking for a few individuals who would be willing to meet once a month to help decide which projects to run in 2007 and help bring them to fruition.

What’s that you say? I don’t have any experience and I don’t know what to do? Just remember there was a first time for everyone who has ever stepped forth to help plan projects for the Jaycees! But the best way to learn how is by doing. We have experienced people who will be happy to help mentor you through the planning process.

Help continue the Jaycee legacy as we enter our 58th Year! Won’t you come be a part of the 2007 Leadership Team!

Contact ajccob@annapolisjaycees.org or 410-757-4213 if you would like more information on how to get involved!

Management Development By Andréa Cabrales

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens is only 2 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

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. 410-224-1775 or management@annapolisjaycees.org. Tell your friends to put November 18th 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 410-224-1775

Community Development

Thanks to all who Participated in the Barkin Bash

By Meryle Freiberg Dunlap

It was a sight not to miss. Ducks, Crabs, Hotdogs, Capes, Tu-Tus....these were among the costumes worn by our four legged friends at the Howl-O-Ween Barkin Bash. The weather cooperated and the Barkin Bash went forward as scheduled on Saturday, October 28. I am proud to say that the Annapolis Jaycees will be donating \$250.00 to help benefit the dog park and the community. I especially wanted to thank the following people for their participation with the Barkin Bash:

Andrea Cabrales

Mary Beth Hyde

Teri-Lynn Koch

Eli Krejsa

Margie Mackes

Susie McManus

Cliff Moses

Diana Olinger

Chas Sweeney

We couldn't have done it without you!

I also wanted to let **Amber Meagher** know that our thoughts and best wishes are with her and her family.

Thanks again to all who made this event a success!

Holiday Food Baskets

November 2006

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 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. **The assembly date is Dec. 8 from 4:30pm--9pm.** The location is Annapolis Middle School at 1399 Forest Dr. (Behind the 7-11). We will be assembling baskets in the cafeteria by the side entrance. Please look for the balloons on the door. We are putting all the stuff into the boxes so we can deliver the goods. **The delivery date is Dec. 9- from 9am-1pm.** We will be at the same location as the assembly. We will start the delivery around 9:30am.

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.

Individual Development

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, president57@annapolisjaycees.org, if you plan to attend. We are still confirming a location for this event but likely at a member's house in Edgewater.

State Director

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

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.