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From the President

By Elizabeth Krejsa

On your marks.....get set.....go!

Yes, it's that time of year again. We're off and running! It's Jaycees Season!! Just look at the calendar....it's filled to the brim. There are over 20 events in the next four months. Sometimes I look at my calendar and honestly wonder how I will ever make it through everything...over 100 hours of manpower for me alone, plus planning, administrative work, and meetings. It's enough to make even the most dedicated Jaycee grimace. Sometimes I look at my calendar and smile with anticipation because it's not really about the 100 hours or the sleepless nights (and we all know how much I like to sleep!); it's about all of the opportunities and the fun and surprises that are yet to be had.

Maybe Seafood Festival will bring another member a future spouse (like it did for Meryle). Maybe we'll discover a kickball phenom is among us. Perhaps we'll be wowed with the number of people who volunteer for the lighthouse shelter in October. I'm sure that someone will find out just how cold the ocean is in November when we're off at the Fall Convention but it's anyone's guess as to who that might be. Do you know who the 2007 President of the Annapolis Jaycees will be? I bet we'll find out at the November meeting. Some of us know who Santa is...but some of us will find out at Grand Illumination. Maybe I'll be pleasantly surprised at the overwhelming support Holiday Food Baskets and Hanging of the Greens receives this year. Perhaps our best happy hour is yet to come. Perhaps we'll end the year with more members than we started with (we're only 6 away).

A lot of things have surprised me this year and I'm looking forward to many more in the four months to come (and beyond). So, as of this moment, I'm leaving my trepidation and anxiety in August and embracing the fun that's yet to come! I hope you are ready to join me!!!

Community Development

By Elizabeth Krejsa

USO Package Stuffing for the Troops

What: Providing manpower to fill boxes to be shipped to Iraq to support the troops. It is like Holiday Food Basket stuffing but on a much larger scale.

When : Saturday, September 23rd from 7:15 am-4 pm

Where: Ft. Belvoir, VA (We will car pool there)

Time: Meet at Applebee's (Mall) at 7:15am. We must be at Ft. Belvoir by 9am. We are allowing extra time for travel and going through security. The project should finish around 2 pm.

Food- They provide breakfast and lunch.

What to Bring- We are working in a warehouse. No open shoes. Please bring your driver's license. Please bring a few dollars for gas money.

Contact: Cliff at Cliffaroo2@verizon.net by September 18.



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.

Bark'N'Bash

October 28th at Quiet Waters Park

We will once again be serving food at this event. Help is needed to purchase the food, setup on the day of the event, and work the event. Please contact Meryle if you're interested in helping (either before or during the event) at legal@annapolisjaycees.org

Holiday Food Baskets

Work to plan the food collection will begin very soon with basket planning will start shortly after that. At the September membership meeting we will discuss how this project should be run this year. If you have thoughts about changes to the project or thoughts in general about how to serve the less fortunate during the holiday season please contact Cliff Moses (cliffaroo2@verizon.net) or Eli (president57@annapolisjaycees.org).



Individual Development

By Elizabeth Krejsa

Self Defense Guest Speaker

Breaking News!!! We will have a guest speaker at the September 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.

Kickball Team

The Annapolis Jaycees are putting together a kickball team for the Annapolis Sports and Social Club. The league will be on Wednesday and/or Thursday nights beginning on September 20th and will run for 7 weeks plus playoffs. Games will be played in Annapolis. The cost of the league will be about \$50 per player, depending on the number of players that sign-up. Currently, we have 8 players, but since there is no maximum, we are looking to add a few more players.

Non-Jaycee members are welcome.

Contact Tim Griffeth at TSGriffeth@yahoo.com or (412) 965-2344.

State Director

As many of you know we get great support from chapters around the state during Seafood Festival. Without the support of the state we would not be able to support our booth at the Seafood Festival. The Board of Directors is asking members to show their appreciation for the support we receive by returning the favor and supporting other chapters' activities. We are planning to attend the following events. Let Eli know which event(s) you'd like to attend:

Waldorf Poker Tournament

Friday, September 29th in Waldorf at 6 p.m.

Waldorf is seeking anyone who knows how to deal cards for their Poker Tournament. Assistance may also be needed of non-dealers.

Ocean City Wine Festival

Saturday, September 30th in Ocean City

Support the JCI Senators from Maryland raise some cash for several state sponsored community programs. We will leave Annapolis in the morning, work the festival for a few hours (cleaning out wine glasses or something not too labor intensive), and enjoy the festival.

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!!

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!!

Other events around the state include a yard sale in Mt. Airy, Oktoberfest in Gaithersburg, and a Christmas parade and shopping tour for kids in Salisbury. If anyone is interested in these events please see Eli for details.

Membership Development

By Jessica Lucas, Membership VP

I am pleased to announce that we have another new member in our midst; her name is Alys Klouse. I am very excited about the rise in new members and 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 who brings in a new member for September and October. A big thank you goes out to those of you who are helping out with organization and planning of our Business Networking Dinner.

Please check the AJC News for information on the different events being planned for September and October. 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 September 19th at 7:30 or **2**- bring them to our next Happy Hour on September 22nd, at Heroes.

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, and 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

58th Annual Annapolis Jaycees Elections

on November 21, 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 September 19, October 17, and November 21.:

All Positions Available!

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



Upcoming Events:

September Membership Meeting – Tuesday the 19th @ 7:30 p.m.

Location- Downtown Marriott in Annapolis

Business Networking Dinner – Thursday September 21st, at B.F. Biggins.

**This date will change

This event will be \$80 for non-Jaycee members and \$25 for Jaycee members.

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

Happy Hour- 7:00p.m. Friday the 22nd, at Heroes in Annapolis

Happy Birthday

Elizabeth Hardesty

Lisa Lawhead-White

Lori Pierelli

David Schmiel

Chris Ward

October Renewals

Amber Meagher