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President's Report

Hello, Jaycees!

This will be my last newsletter article as your president. One of our past presidents told me that you never really figure out how to do everything till you're done with your year. Well, I don't know if I have everything figured out, but it has certainly been a learning experience for me. I appreciate the support (and sometimes patience!) that North Columbus has given me this year.

We have done a lot in the last couple months- we provided Thanksgiving dinner and basic staples for 14 needy families in our service area. Last weekend we had our annual Resident's Christmas Parties, with entertainment provided by St. Anthony Contemporary Choir and of course the regular visit from everyone's favorite elf, Santa! We have examined our Bylaws and will be presenting final suggestions to the executive board this month in anticipation of a chapter vote in January. We have also elected our 2007 President and Vice Presidents! Mike Wanchick unanimously won his bid for President, and his board will consist of Joel Harcar, Lisa Miller, Amy Harcar, Stephanie Franks and Kevin Kowalsky. Please congratulate them the next time you see them!

We still have a couple of projects coming up- the Cookies for Rookies project has been given new life, and we still have the chapter Christmas party coming up at our December 19 meeting. We will be having a Chinese Gift Exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped item that cost no more than \$10.

Well this is just about a wrap! Speaking of wrapping, I hope you all have a warm, joyful Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year!

Yours in Jaycees
John Skaggs, Chapter President

Internal VP News

Box Tops for Education

Just a reminder to save your Box tops for education for Mathew Hard. He is collecting them as a project. Look for labels on many products (boxes, cans and bags) * they are specially marked. Sharon Arnold is collecting them for Mathew so you can pass them on to her at any Jaycee function.

Resident's Christmas Parties

The parties for the Residents of the Village and Arms went on the first weekend in December. The schedule was:

12/1/06 - 7:00 PM, Met at the Village for shopping and minimal prep work.

12/2/06 - 10:30 AM, Jaycee help reported to the Village to prepare food and load up supplies for the Arms

12:00 - 1:30 PM - First Party

2:00 - 3:30 PM - Second Party

12/3/06 - 11:30 AM, Jaycee help reported to the Village to prepare food and decorate for the Village

1:00 - 3:00 PM - Party

The menu was :

Turkey & Ham

Pies

Mashed potatoes

Stuffing

Green Beans

The residents as always were so grateful for the efforts each of you put in to make this a successful project. Santa made a visit and along with the St. Anthony's Contemporary Choir.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets Wrap Up

Amy Harcar reported that 14 families were assisted this year. There was an exciting turnout for help in delivering the baskets and a fantastic family style dinner was served after the deliveries. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and energy to pull this off. A special thanks to the cook, *Connie Skaggs*, for the wonderful meal.

We also wish to recognize Jake and Tyler Shaw, Jamie and Billie Franks, Brandy and Elisa Skaggs and Zack Kassor for their help in delivering the baskets. Their energy and enthusiasm was contagious!

Adopt-A-Family

Amy Harcar, Connie Skaggs and Kim Shaw will be chairing the Adopt-A-Family project this year. They have already located three families that will be served and are planning to provide toys, clothing and food for the families.

By-Laws, By-Laws and more By-Laws

The By-Laws Committee lead by Steve Kowalsky reported that the proposed changes were presented to the board for review. The review should be finalized during the next board meeting and will then be presented to the chapter. Much appreciation to Steve Kowalsky, Mike Wanchick, John Skaggs, and Amy Harcar for their work to bring the chapter guidelines up to date.

Flags On High

The project is now completed for the year after displaying the flags for elections and Veterans Day. Special recognition to Swan Cleaners of Gahanna for cleaning our 100 American Flags for free.

2006 NCJC Chapter Elections

Congratulations go out to the following:

Mike Wanchick - President
Kevin Kowalsky - Internal Vice President
Joel Harcar - External Vice President
Amy Harcar - Treasurer
Stephanie Franks - Secretary

Best of luck on the upcoming year!

Kelly Kassor
Internal Vice President

Chairman of the Board Report

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know that many local families were touched by the generosity of our chapter. This year we donated food to 14 families who were in need of some help. Many of the recipients were elderly or people with disabilities.

We had a lot of support from the chapter for this project. Sharon, Connie, Karen and Claire helped with the shopping. And once the FOH crew was done taking down flags they helped us unload vehicles and get the food into Jaycee Village.

John, Clara, Mike, Kelly, Joel, Amy B., Lauren (a past member-visiting from out of town) Stephanie, Brent and of course our Junior Jaycees, Brandy, Tyler, Jacob, Billy, Jamie and Zach helped prepare the bags of groceries, load vehicles and deliver the food.

After the work was done it was time for dinner. Connie worked all day to prepare an incredible Thanksgiving feast. I truly appreciate everyone's help on this project.

Junior Jaycees

Next year I plan to take a seat on the board if needed. So unfortunately I will not be able to be the Junior Jaycee Liason. If you are interested in working with our younger members to coordinate fun projects to serve the chapter and community, please let me know. I would love to see someone take an active role and guide the Junior Jaycees.

Amy Harcar
Chairman of the Board

State Director's Report

The November All-State in Cincinnati, November 10, 11 and 12, was well attended by our chapter. On Saturday afternoon, Walt Smith was elected the new State President. We hosted a party on Saturday night that was well attended by Jaycees from around the state. Also, we had a special guest visit us. Rich Hoge, Past President of our chapter stopped by to visit with us.

I'd like to say thanks for allowing me to serve as State Director this year. I have had a great time doing it. Also, thanks for the confidence in electing me Internal Vice President for the up coming year.

Kevin Kowalsky
State Director

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Webmaster

We have added a "Members Only" area to the website. It is still being tested and there is nothing there other than user profiles. We are working the bugs out before we upload any information. Also, we have moved forward with our mailing list. Some of you may have gotten an email with an invite to join the list. Please, accept the invitation so we may update you with upcoming events. If you did not receive an invite, please go to:

www.northcolumbusjaycees.org/calendar_of_events.htm, go to the bottom of the page and sign up. You may also email me and I can send you an invite. Stop by and check the site out. Make any suggestions or corrections you feel are needed.

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We Believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to
human life,

That the brotherhood of man transcends the
sovereignty of nations,

That economic justice can best be won by free
men through free enterprise,

That government should be of laws rather than of
men,

That earth's great treasure lies in human
personality,

And

That service to humanity is the best work of life!

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