



The
North Star

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President's Report

Welcome to spring! This time of the year brings many activities to the chapter. We start the month with a chapter meeting on April 1st. At the meeting we will be discussing upcoming projects. Also, the Junior Jaycees will be making pens from clay. The second meeting of the month will be on April 18th. Both meetings will be in the community room of Jaycee Village, starting at 7:30pm.

Our Annual Spring Fling's will be held on April 12th, at Jaycee Arms and April 13th at Jaycee Village. Both cook outs start at 12 noon. We will need help setting up and preparing food. This is a fun project to get to meet and enjoy the company of the residents and their families.

Also on April 12th is the meeting for the 161 Flower Boxes. The meeting will be held at 2:30 pm at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace. I will be attending this meeting to make sure we are not left out of the loop this year. We have requested the same box at 161 and Forest Hills Blvd. Any one interested, please feel free to contact me.

Coming up the first weekend in May is the Spring Soap Box Derby Rally. This two day project is a main fund raiser for the chapter. More information will be forth coming.

Other future activities in the planning stages are: Membership Night, Membership Involvement Competition, Flags on High, Ohio Jaycee May All-State (see attached flyer), and an Individual Development program on Public Relations.

As you can see we have many things to get involved with. I hope to see all of you at an upcoming meeting or project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, C/(614) 679-2499 or H/(614) 268-6161

Kevin Kowalsky
2008 President

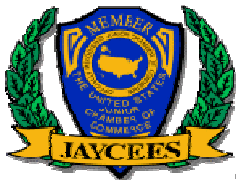
"Attitude Makes a Difference"

Membership

Membership is without a doubt the most important part of any Jaycee organization and the North Columbus Jaycees are no exception. By keeping the goal of recruiting, retaining and activating members a priority for our organization, we will make North Columbus a leader in the Jaycee organization and community.

Every year the North Columbus Jaycees take on many new projects and the challenges that go with those projects, as well as continue many of the projects that have been around awhile and we continually strive to make our chapter one of the top chapters in the State of Ohio.

If you or someone you know is interested in the North Columbus Jaycees, whether it's becoming a member or just talking to someone about what we do and see if this is for you, please feel free to send an email to info@northcolumbusjaycees.org and someone will get in touch. As an incentive for April, anyone bringing a prospective member to a meeting or project will receive an instant lottery ticket, along with the guest. If they join (dues paid) each will get 5 tickets.



Individual and Business Development News!

The North Columbus Junior Chamber offers many opportunities for a person to grow as an individual. In March we had our Annual Chapter Retreat. This year we were welcomed to our cabins at Buck Creek State Park with a winter storm. Despite the terrible weather, many Jaycees braved the elements and stayed the weekend for fun and learning. Saturday was full of training. John Skaggs gave a workshop on developing yourself. Kelly Kassor did a workshop on making our own "Bucket List" (we found out she is going to jump out of an airplane), and Mike Wanchick did a workshop on Project Management. Along with the training, there was good home cooking. The hit of the retreat was the homemade soup (great to warm you up during the blizzard). A special thanks to Connie, Kym, and their committee for all the good meals. Coming up May 3 and May 4 is the Soap Box Derby. Last Year we helped load Derby Cars after they went down the hill and brought them back up to the top. In exchange for our help, they made a donation to our chapter. This year we will be doing the same thing and if you help load cars, the chapter will pay your dues! Don't miss out on this opportunity and mark you calendar today. If you have any ideas for training or fundraising, don't keep them to yourself, share them with your Internal Vice President. I can be reached at (614) 532-0170.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Greg Davis
Internal Vice President

40 Year Old Virgin Bus Trip for Mike Wanchik

A good time was had by all yet again. And no one went to jail. Well I have heard they are still looking for some of us. The trip was one of the best yet. We started at the Best Western hotel on 161 in the hospitality suite, where the festivities began with swag bags and name tags. Some of us chose to use names other than our own like Sofonda and Bambi and Cotton. The trip continued on party bus to a grand total of 7 bars. The reports from some of the patrons the next day went something like "Those people came in drank hooted/ hollered and left." The bus did have its own dance floor mood lighting and bamboo poles, just ask Kelly the next time you see her. All in all much fun was had and there were no serious injuries to report. Hope to see you all again for the next round.

Kym Shaw Co-Chair

North Columbus Jaycees Gone Wild!!! The 40 year old Virgin Bus trip was a HUGE success. We started out with 21 people and ended with 26 wild and crazy friends. Some of the establishments we hit didn't know what hit them. We came equipped with our own entertainment. We learned that the Jaycees have hidden talents!! You know the event is a Smash, when you have people signing up for the next trip! I think for the first time we even covered our costs! Thanks to all who participated.

Ms. Kitty and Bambi



Easter Egg Hunt

Neither Rain, Nor Sleet, Nor Snow.....

Kept the Easter Bunny from visiting the North Columbus Jaycee's Easter Egg Hunt this year. Did you notice that he had a mustache? And yes, it was the worst weather possible! The hunt was held at Cremean's Park on East North Broadway as always but it sure was eventful. Although given the weather, we had a lower turnout than expected; those who did attend enjoyed the event. A special thanks to Sarah & Cody Melton, Ted, Mimi & Sara Shank, Connie & Elisa Skaggs, Clara Hernandez, Jeff, Sharon, Chris & Jason Eason, Mike Wanchick, Steve and Kevin Kowalsky, and Zack Kassor for helping with the project. Also to the Shaw's who reached out all the way from Florida to ensure all bases were covered for the project!

Be sure to check out the website for the photos of the event!



Website Update

The kids have been busy writing comments to be included in the Chapter's Website so be sure to check it out.

Easter Is Coming.....

The Junior Jaycee's are assisting with the Easter Egg Hunt this year and have appreciated all the extra help they have received. There were 42 residents, juniors and regular Jaycees and guests that stuffed the eggs with candy on March 18th. Over 2,000 eggs were stuffed and much of the candy was tested for quality assurance purposes. Special thanks go to Kym for arranging for all the pizza. A great time was had by all!

April Activities

Where's my Pen?

On April 1st, the kids will be working with modeling clay and making one-of-a-kind writing pens. Sharon Eason will lead the project and teach us how it's done. Please bring your kids and guests for a fun hands-on project.

Anybody got any Paper?

April 15th we will be creating writing journals and talking about why people use journals and the kind of information they keep in journals. Of course, we will be using our new pens to make entries.

Congratulations go out to.....

We want to congratulate Cody Melton and Sara Shank on the success of their JUMP school project. They each raised money for the American Heart Association and spent a lot of energy jumping rope for a good cause.

Also, we want to congratulate Mimi Shank and Sara Shank for their outstanding sales of Girl Scout Cookies. Together they sold 423 boxes or \$1,269 worth of treats. Many thanks go out to the North Columbus Jaycees who heavily supported the project.

Upcoming Junior Jaycee Events:

April 1st, 2008 Kids and Clay
April 15th, 2008 Journal Writing
May 6th, 2008 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
May 20th, 2008 Science Experiments in the Kitchen
June 3rd, 2008 Movie Night at the Village
June 17th, 2008 Basketball Tournament

Kelly Kassor
Junior Jaycee Director

Junior Jaycees at the 1st meeting in April we are going to be making a pen. We will be taking clay and putting it around a pen and then baking them. It will be a lot of fun to see all the different kinds of pens we will be making. So bring out your Junior Jaycee friends and make a pen.

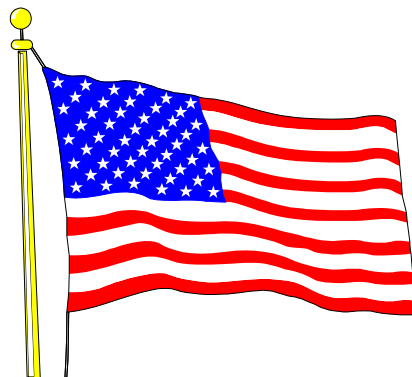
Sharon Eason

Treasurer News

Just a quick article for those who want to know where we stand financially. I give a treasurers report at each meeting so if you have any questions please feel free to address them at that time. Some free financial info for those that are interested. The Federal Government just cut prime rates again another 3/4 of a percent making prime 5.24%. This is a good time to call your creditors and make sure your rates match those that are advertised.

Creditors make their money off of your interest and late fees and over limit fees. Don't give them a reason to make more money while the economy is so bad. Set up Auto-Pay for your accounts so that you are never late. Most creditors offer this feature for little or no cost. Make sure to check your credit report regularly for inaccuracies. Your credit report not only affects your interest rates but your car and home owners insurance as well. Best Wishes.

Kym Shaw
Treasurer





May 16-18, 2008

May All-State

Schedule

Friday Night:



Jaycee Idol Competition!

Saturday Morning/Afternoon:



C&E Auction



Power of Pride Recruitment



Jaycees Officer Training



Business Skills Competitions

Saturday Evening:



First Quarter Awards Ceremony



"A Night in the Tropics" – dress in your favorite Caribbean attire

Limbo Contest * Tropical Drinks



Details

When making reservations, please say you are with the "Ohio Jaycees" to guarantee the \$85 per night plus tax room rate. All room reservations must be made by May 2nd. After that time, there will be no room block & rates increase to \$89 plus tax per night.

Cambria Suites Airport
1787 Thorn Dr.
Uniontown, OH 44685
(330) 899-1990

Check out the hotel at:

www.cambriasuitesgreenoh.com

Make checks payable to the Ohio Jaycees and mail along with pre-registration form to:

North Canton Jaycees
PO Box 2636
North Canton, OH 44720



Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Region: _____ Chapter: _____

2008 Exec Committee Member? Yes / No If yes, title: _____

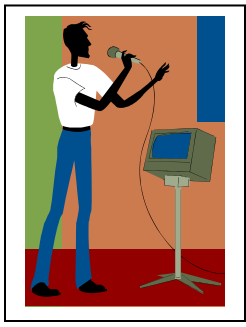
Participating as a first timer? (circle one) Yes / No

Pre-registration: \$10
Fri party: \$5
Tropics party: \$5
Sat BOT luncheon: \$5

If paid after May 2, add \$5 Late Fee



Pre-reg Total: \$25 Total Included: _____



Join DJ John Skaggs

FOR

KARAOKE AT GROUCHO'S

5770 Emporium Sq
Columbus, OH 43231
Phone: (614) 882-5439

Every Friday Night from 9pm-2am

John will be holding a drawing for a free drink giveaway
every hour!*

*Drawing based on entries selected from singers every hour. To have a chance to win,
you need to SING!



The North Columbus Junior Chamber is a chapter of Junior Chamber International (JCI), a worldwide federation of young Leaders and Entrepreneurs. We have over 200,000 members in over 130 countries worldwide. Since 1920 the Junior Chamber has been developing worldwide Leaders and Entrepreneurs and since 1963 the North Columbus Junior Chamber has been developing leaders in the Columbus Area. We have a proven system of Leadership Training that can benefit YOU! Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Jaycee Village Community Room. Below is our creed which was written by C. William Brownfield in Columbus, Ohio. This creed is recited worldwide at JCI meetings and events!

JCI (Jaycee) Creed - C. William Brownfield, Author

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 reassurance lies in human personality, and
That service to humanity is the best work of life!

Our Officers:

Kevin Kowalsky - President
Greg Davis - Internal Vice President
Brent Shaw - External Vice President
Liam Flynn - State Director
Kym Shaw - Treasurer
Scott Kucinski - Secretary

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