



The **North Star**

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President's Report

It has been an awesome year for the North Columbus Junior Chamber! First, I would like to thank everyone for supporting me as president this year. A special "thanks" to the board of directors for all of your hard work. Thank you Kevin Kowalsky for your work as Internal VP and with the Individual Development Projects. We now have our degrees program up and running and have made strides in giving our chapter members quality education. Thank you Joel Harcar for your work as External VP and with the community Projects and M-nights. Thanks Amy Harcar for stepping up as Treasurer and sending in our dues on time. A special "Thanks" to Liam Flynn and Michael Vinson for stepping up as new members and joining the Board. Congratulations to both of you for stepping out of your comfort zone and becoming a part of something bigger than yourself. Our Junior Jaycees program has been a tremendous success this year because of our Director Kelly Kassor. Thank you Kelly for the hours of dedication you have put into our youth program! It has been a great year for me personally for learning leadership and growing. I have all of you to thank for that and for being my mentors. We still have a month to

Congratulation 2008 Officers!

Congratulations to our 2008 Board of Directors. Our 2008 Team is as follows:

President:	Kevin Kowalsky
Internal VP:	Greg Davis
External VP:	Brent Shaw
Treasure:	Kym Shaw
Secretary:	Scott Kucinski
COB:	Mike Wanchick

North Columbus Designated "Blue Chip Chapter"

What separates the North Columbus Junior Chamber from all the other Chapters in Ohio? It is the Blue Chip Award. The North Columbus Junior Chamber is the only Chapter in the state of Ohio to earn this prestigious designation. The Blue Chip program is a National Program to recognize the best chapters in the country. What makes this accomplishment even more special is the US Jaycees changed the program in 2007 and made it extremely difficult. It was so difficult that they scrapped the changes and went back to the old system for 2008. Of course North Columbus worked extremely hard to earn the Blue Chip Award and showed the country that they can rise to the challenge!

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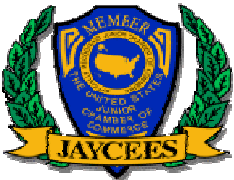
Let me start by thanking the chapter for supporting me for president this year. I promise to work hard and to continue our success, while growing as an individual and leader. I have already learned so much and the year just started.

At the awards banquet many people received awards for all the hard work during the year. I'm sure the chapter and some individuals will also be receiving awards at the Ohio Jaycees February All-State. Congratulations to everyone and a special thank you to Mike for another outstanding year. Way to go Mike!

My theme for this year will be, **"Attitude makes the difference"**. With the right attitude we will be a stronger force in our community, grow as leaders, grow as a chapter and succeed in life. How's your attitude? Ready to make a difference? I hope your answer is **YES!**

We can all start by becoming more involved and bringing new fresh ideas to the chapter. What's your idea? The chapter want's to hear it and make it happen. Nothing is too small or too large. If that was true we would not have the buildings that we do. Plan on attending the next meeting and bring a guest. See you Tuesday the 15th.

Kevin Kowalsky
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2007 Year End Banquet a Success!

On January 3, the North Columbus Jaycees celebrated the 2007 year with a Year End Awards and Officer Installation Banquet. This year we celebrated at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Columbus. Over 45 members and their guests attended this event. Many awards were given out for the hard work done in 2007. Our 2008 officers were sworn in and the highlight of the evening was Keynote Speaker, Dr. Lou Berta. Dr. Berta was one of the founding members of the chapter in 1963 and was the Charter President. Dr. Berta spoke about the founding of the Junior Chamber and the creation of the Jaycee Creed in Columbus, Ohio. He ended with a challenge to us and the Junior Jaycees to work hard and restore the Jaycees to its former glory so that the Jaycee Creed can once again live up to its purpose. The party ended with dessert and the reciting of the Jaycee Creed. The following is the list of honorees at this year's banquet:

Individual Awards:

Jaycee of the Year	Kevin Kowalsky
New Jaycee of the Year	Liam Flynn
Alumni Jaycee of the Year	Kelly Kassor
Life Time Achievement Award	Dr. Lou Berta
Outstanding Citizen	Sharon Eason
Merchant of the Year	Cook's IGA
Jaycee Family of the Year	Skaggs Family
"Lou Berta" Enthusiasm Award	Kym Shaw

Areas of Opportunity Awards:

Project of the Year	John Skaggs "Thanksgiving Food Baskets"
ID Project of the Year	Brent Shaw "Home Improvement Seminar"
Community Project of the Year	Jeff Eason "Flags on High"
Business Project of the Year	Amy Harcar "Business Card Exchange"
Management Project of the Year	Steve Kowalsky "Soap Box Derby"
International Project of the Year	Greg Davis "National Speak-up"

Special Recognition Awards:

Presidential Medal	Michael Vinson for Secretary
Presidential Medal	Joel Harcar for M-nights
Presidential Medal	Connie Skaggs Bus Trips
Presidential Medal	Kym Shaw Bus Trips
Presidential Medal	Karen Huffman Cooking for the Seniors
Presidential Medal	Amy Brown Mentoring and Donations
Presidential Medal	Scott Kusinski Picnic
Presidential Medal	Steve Kowalsky website
Presidential Medal	All members of the Junior Jaycees!

Individual and Management Development News

The New Year brings new challenges to the North Columbus Junior Chamber. In order to combat these challenges we need tools and training! The new 2008 board attended the Ohio Jaycees LOTS (Local Office Training School). President Kevin Kowalsky and Vice Presidents Greg Davis and Brent Shaw spend an entire Saturday training and learning new skill to bring back to our chapter. For the members of our chapter, we are planning the Annual Chapter Retreat for the first weekend in March. This event will most likely take place at Buck Creek State Park (same place we had it last year). As a twist this year we may open this training event up to the other chapters in Region One. More discussion at the meeting in January!

Community and Membership News!

December was a busy month for the North Columbus Junior Chamber. In the Community Area of Development, we hosted a Christmas Party for the Residents of the Jaycee Arms and Jaycee Village. Both events were well attended and the resident enjoyed the food and singing! Another Community Project in December was the Adopt-a-Family project. Because of a generous donation from the Casto Company, we were able to help several families.

Junior Jaycee News

Congratulations to all the Junior Jaycee's who were recognized at the year-end banquet for their contributions to the North Columbus Junior Chamber. You were instrumental in completing community service projects, involved with fund-raising efforts for the chapter's general funds as well as with Jaycee Arms and Village resident's initiatives. The guest speaker and founding president of the chapter Dr. Lou Berta was impressed with all the ways our kids were involved with the JCI movement and congratulated us on our successes. What a great way to finish off the year!

Given all the activities from last year we will have to get really creative to top it. Note that the Junior Jaycee projects were among some of the best attended events that the chapter sponsored last year so I guess we had better roll up our sleeves and get busy planning for this year. Listed below are the upcoming events for the January, February, March time frame.

See you at the meeting!

Upcoming Junior Jaycee Events:

- 01/15/08 Game Night

- 02/05/08 Mardi Gras Celebration
- 02/19/08 Patriots on Presidents Day

- 03/04/08 Cool Jewelry Making at the Village
- 03/18/08 Easter Egg Stuffing with the Residents and Jaycee's

Upcoming Events

1/15	Chapter Meeting	Jaycees Village	7:30pm
2/5	Chapter Meeting	Jaycees Village	7:30pm
2/16-17	All State	Dayton Howard Johnson	8:00pm
2/19	Chapter Meeting	Jaycees Village	7:30pm
3/4	Chapter Meeting	Jaycees Village	7:30pm
3/7	Annual Chapter Retreat (date not yet confirmed)	Buck Creek State Park	7:00 pm

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 treasure 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
Mike Wanchick-Chairman of the Board

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