



The
North Star

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President's Report

Being President so far has been an honor that I am proud of. What I have learned in this short time has helped me better understand our organization. I see the need for leadership training, personal development and the continued growth of our chapter. Accomplishing this need will help our chapter continue on with our many successes. The commitment we make is the first step to this success.

During the month of March we have many things going on. We start out with our annual retreat at Buck Creek State Park. Cost is \$35 for Chapter Members. You will share a cabin with other Jaycees, March 7 - 9. Meals will be provided along with refreshments. Your time will be filled with informative training and a fun Saturday night party. Contact Mike Wanchick for more details.

On the 15th we have our Bus Trip/Pub Crawl. This project has long been a favorite of the chapter and this year we will be celebrating Mike Wanchick's 40th birthday. See the attached flyer for more details.

Easter is around the corner and that brings our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year's project is being chaired by Brent Shaw and will be held on Saturday, March 22nd. Approximately 2,000 eggs filled with candy will be hunted. The eggs will be filled at our March 18th meeting.

Make your plans to attend the upcoming meetings and get involved in a project. Have an idea for a project? Bring it to the Board; we are always looking for new ideas.

Kevin Kowalsky
President

"Attitude Makes A Difference"

Individual and Business Development News!

March is an exciting time for our individual development at The North Columbus Junior Chamber. We will have our Annual Chapter Retreat March 7-9 at Buck Creek State Park. The cost for members is \$35 and includes food, lodging and training. If you have someone who would like to join our group from now until the retreat, the cost is only \$20 (Plus the \$50 membership fee). If you know of any Jaycee outside our chapter who would like to attend, the cost is \$70. If you have not made your reservations with Mike Wanchick, retreat chairman, please contact him at 614-532-0170 and let him know you are going. Also this month we are purchasing a vending machine to place at the Jaycee Village. This vending machine will be filled with snacks for the residence at a discounted price. The goal of the vending machine is to give members the opportunity to learn business skills such as inventory, money management and ordering. Any profit made on the machine will go towards room cost at the All State Conferences.

Greg Davis
Internal Vic President

North Columbus Earns Most Awards at Convention

The North Columbus Junior Chamber won an enormous amount of awards at the Ohio Jaycees 2007 yearend convention on February 16, 2008. The awards were given out to recognize the hard work the chapters in Ohio did in 2007. For the fourth quarter, Michael Vinson won the Secretary of the quarter, Zack Kassor won Junior Jaycee of the quarter, Kevin Kowalsky won VP of the quarter and the chapter won awards for the Food Basket Project and the Individual Development Workshop. For the Year End Awards, the chapter won third and fourth place in the parade of chapters and won Best Newsletter. Member Greg Davis was the Speak-up One winner of the Year and Mike Wanchick won the Karen Hardin Memorial Award Grand Slam Speak-up Winner and the Douglas Hoge Memorial Award for Outstanding Local Chapter President. North Columbus is the Chapter to beat in the State of Ohio and we are very proud of our accomplishment in 2007. Keep up the good work North Columbus!

Junior Jaycee News

AWARDS

Congratulations to Ted, Mimi and Sara Shank as well as Zack Kassor who were recognized by the Chairman of the Board Mike Wanchick for their 2007 contributions to the North Columbus Junior Chamber at the chapter meeting of 1/15/08. They each received presidential medallions in addition to t-shirts. Way to go Junior Jaycee's!

Poker Anyone?

During the January meeting the Junior Jaycee's learned to play poker with card shark Sharon Eason. We discussed the importance of good math skills in connection with winning the big money and all the kids related to that. Turns out Elisa was the biggest winner of the night!

Mardi Gras Celebration

What is Mardi Gras, how did it start and what makes it such a tradition in New Orleans? At the February 5th meeting the kids came prepared to celebrate the occasion with games, trivia and food! We talked about the tradition, the significance of the colors and all the ways it has been impacted by Hurricane Katrina. We ended with a competitive game of Win/Lose/Draw using Mardi Gras words and phrases with the winners getting beads!

President's Day Celebration

At the 2/19/08 meeting we talked about the United State Presidents becoming great thinkers and leaders. We talked about how they began at an early age to gain the skills needed to lead our nation. Our activity for the night was THE GREAT EGG DROP. Each Junior Jaycee was given straws, paper clips, rubber bands and duct tape to protect an egg that was dropped from 8 feet. For the eggs that survived the first drop, they were later dropped from a height of 3 stories and do you know what? Several of them survived!

The kids voted Sharon's Pyramid design the most original and Sara's the most likely to save the egg with Zack's being the most likely to break the egg.

Website Update

The kids are working on a website update for the Junior Jaycee's and here is a taste of what they are saying.....

What I like about The Jaycees - I like the projects because I get to help the community. I like to meet new people but if I could sum it up with one word it would be because I see presidents come and go and they do a wonderful job. I have so much fun with the parents and kids. I hope the Jaycees are still working when I am 18. So I hope a lot more people join. Tyler Shaw

Easter Egg Hunt

The Junior Jaycee's will be assisting with the Easter Egg Hunt this year and will need all the extra hands we can get during the March 18th meeting when we will be stuffing eggs with the chapter members and residents.

Upcoming Junior Jaycee Events:

03/04/08 Cool Jewelry Making at the Village

03/18/08 Easter Egg Stuffing with the Residents and Jaycee's

Kelly Kassor
Junior Jaycee Director

Upcoming Events

3/4/08	Chapter Meeting	Jaycees Village Community Room	7:30pm
3/7-9/08	Chapter Retreat	Buck Creek State Park	All Weekend
3/18/08	Chapter Meeting	Jaycees Village Community Room	7:30pm
3/22/08	Easter Egg Hunt	Cremeans Park	12:00pm
4/1/08	Chapter Meeting	Jaycee Village Community Room	7:30pm
4/15/08	Chapter Meeting	Jaycee Village Community Room	7:30pm

JCI NORTH COLUMBUS CHAPTER RETREAT



Friday March 7th 2008
Thru
Sunday March 9th 2008
at

BUCK CREEK STATE PARK

Join us for our Annual Chapter Retreat! This all inclusive get-a-way is three days and two nights filled with Social Events, Individual Development Training, Teamwork Building and home cooked meals!

What's Included?

Three days of awesome training!
Two nights lodging in a cabin (bathroom and kitchen included)
All meals on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday
Saturday Mardi Gras Party!

How much is it?

* The cost is \$70 per person (includes lodging, training and food)
JCI North Columbus member discount price is \$35 per person.
(prospective members will receive a \$50 credit towards dues for attending)

Where is it?

Buck Creek State Park, 1901 Buck Creek Lane Springfield, OH 45502. Check in at Cabin #6 in the cabin area of the campground.
The Retreat Starts at 7pm on Friday.

How do I sign up?

Contact Mike Wanchick at 614-532-0170 or email mike@wanchick.com
or sign up at one of the February Chapter meetings

* This is a private event. All non-members must be approved by the Board of Directors of the North Columbus Junior Chamber before attendance is permitted. Only adults are permitted at this event.

2008 Chapter Retreat itinerary:

Friday March 7th:

- 7pm Cabin check in and Social
- 8pm Team Ice Breaker (cabin #6)
- 9pm Snacks, Games and Bonfire Social

Saturday March 8th:

- 5am Morning Fishing Trip (optional, weather permitting)
- 9am Breakfast in your cabin
- 10am-1pm Individual Development Training (cabin #6)
- 1pm Lunch (cabin #4)
- 2pm-4pm Team Building Workshops (cabin #6 or outside)
- 4pm-6pm Skills Training (cabin #6 or outside)
- 6pm Dinner (cabin #4)
- 7pm-8pm Free time (nap time)
- 8pm Mardi Gras Party (cabin #6, bring your beads!!)

Sunday March 9th

- 9am Breakfast in your cabin
- 10am Cabin check out (meet in cabin #6 after you check out)
- 11am-1pm Chapter Planning Workshop (cabin #6)
- 1pm Lunch and social (cabin #6)
- 2pm adjourn

What do you need to bring?

Each cottage has two bedrooms, a bath with a shower, a living room with a trundle bed, television with local stations and VCR, complete kitchen, dining area and screened porch, heat and a gas log fireplace. Bedroom 1 has a queen or full size bed; bedroom 2 has a bunk bed with a full size bed on the bottom and a twin bunk on top, as well as a single twin bed. Bed linens and towels are provided (though you may want to bring some of your own). The Chapter will provide you with breakfast foods and coffee for your cabin. Beside your clothes and hygiene items, you need only bring snacks and your choice of beverages.

Special Needs: If you have any special dietary or other needs, please contact Mike Wanchick so that we can have those taken care of.

Directions From Columbus, Ohio:

I-70 West to Exit #62 to Route 40 West, 3 miles to first traffic light, right on North Bird Road to Buck Creek Lane, follow the signs to the cabins.

Come Party with the 40 Year Old Virgin
On his
Birthday Pub Crawl

Saturday March 15, 2008

Hospitality Room opens at 8pm

At the
Best Western Hotel
888 E. Dublin Granville Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43229
(614) 888-8230

Party bus leaves at 9:00pm and will return at 2:00am

Cost is \$30 per person

**Space is limited, so Call Kym (614) 625-4013 Or
Connie (614) 371-0255 and make your
reservation soon!**

Sleeping rooms are available for \$76.50 + tax

Ask for North Columbus Jaycees Rooms

Check In as early as 3pm Saturday Check Out by 12 noon on Sunday

**Continental Breakfast is available. Amenities include Refrigerator, Microwave, Indoor
Pool, Whirlpool, a Workout facility and free wireless internet access.**



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!

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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