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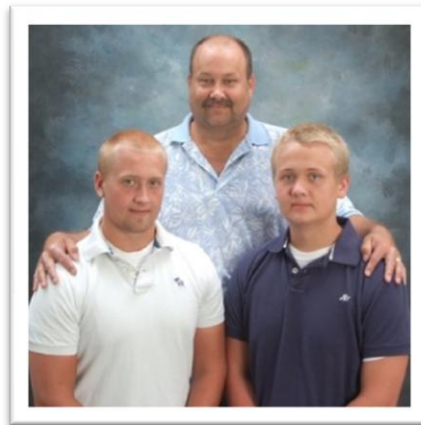
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Third Generation North Columbus Jaycee

■ Matthew Hard, Chapter Member

Growing up in the North Columbus Jaycees, many years have been spent wandering up and down the halls of the Jaycee Village, helping out at Jaycee projects, and constantly hearing about Jaycee politics. What my friends consider volunteering (be it working with the elderly, or working to better the community), I consider a part of life. I was always under the impression everyone's families worked on spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts, ran Easter egg hunts and pig roasts, sat on boards and committees, and were just actively involved in the community. Over time I grew out of this belief, and realized how lucky I have been, to be a part of the North Columbus Jaycee family.



The Jaycees preach about leadership and the skills one possesses to be an effective leader. Although I have not been old enough to be an official Jaycee, the creed and work ethic of the Jaycees has heavily shaped my life for the better. Throughout high school I have run many projects, ran three clubs, sit on a few student/faculty boards, and am the head prefect (the equivalent of an "RA") for my private boarding school. While my parents can take some credit, I like to believe the Jaycees had their hand in my success too.

With my senior year of high school coming to an end, I am excited for track season, graduation, summer, college, and most importantly, becoming an official member of the North Columbus Jaycees. I have waited 18 years to finally have this title, and I couldn't be more excited. What is even more thrilling is that I am continuing a long line of Jaycees. It started with my Grandfather, Tom Hard (President '75-'76), and was passed down to all of his kids, Lisa Hard, Jayme Hard, Jimmy Hard, and my father, Eddie Hard (President '91-'92), who married another Jaycee, Lisa Reinhart (Hard), who gave birth to two current Jaycees; Andrew Hard and me, Matthew Hard. I am proud to call myself a Jaycee, and I still have a long life to dedicate to this chapter and this community.

Hello My Name Is...

■ Lauren Ziolkowski, Chapter President

Hello my name is... Lauren Ziolkowski and I have the great honor of being the 50th President of the North Columbus Jaycees. On behalf our Jaycee family, welcome to a new year! This Chapter has a rich history of likeminded individuals who come together to learn leadership, management and development skills through Community Service projects. This year we will be celebrating

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our 50th Anniversary as a chapter, here in North Columbus on April 13th (save the date!) What this means to me is that I will have the honor and privilege of meeting the great people and families who have helped to advance our community for the past half century. What I value most about our organization is that Professionalism remains the Key!

My experiences with this Chapter have been nothing short of brilliant. Since the first few fundraisers and projects I attended the Soap Box Derby, and the Thanksgiving Food Baskets, to the First Project I chaired, The Christmas Giving Project, I have learned to roll with the punches.



The Jaycees are above all else a springboard to growth. Our projects give our people the opportunity to learn and grow both professionally and personally. It wouldn't be a lie to say that since our founding in 1963, the North Columbus Jaycees have seen numerous members in our community come and go, each taking with them the knowledge and experiences that the Jaycees provided. Our chapter has always been a place to come and meet people, learn from one another and grow into citizens and professionals.

It is the honor of my board and me to keep this rich tradition going. We vow to

remember where we came from, as we move forward and strive to grow into what we will be. This 50th year as a Chapter, our focus is on communication as a tool for leadership. We hope to reach new members of our community because this truly is a thrilling time to be a North Columbus Jaycee. We look forward to the amazing opportunities and accomplishments to come in the next 50 years.

The Asian Festival

■ Greg Thirtyacre III, Chairman of the Board

The Jaycees and friends are invited and encouraged to volunteer to help run this year's Asian Festival. This is a chance to work a large event and see how it operates while having fun. Aside from the free food vouchers and T-shirt you will also see and help with what it takes to make a



large scale (100,000+) person event to go off smoothly. This is the experience you need to plan your own large parties/events. Pick where you work in 3 to 6 hour segments so that you can try your hand at a few different areas you would like to learn from or network in.

Work the full day or just a few hours and enjoy the rest of the day at the event. I do ask that everyone if possible give at least 3.5 hours to parking each day you choose to volunteer to as it is the greatest need. Also push this event to all of your friends as some of them may be interested as well.

We as a Chapter are always looking for a chance to help new organizations and network with new like-minded people. This will be a great opportunity for us all! Please get in touch with us if you are interested in helping out.

Quarterly Notes

■ Noah Walsh, Internal Vice President

This year we are focusing on getting back to the basics, this is the state motto. We have already had a great CPG training put out by Steve Kowalsky and “The CPG Guru,” Connie Skaggs. Everyone learned a lot about the true importance of the CPG, and moving forward the success of the training will help our chapter to decide on worth-while, well-planned projects.

This Past week we began our yearly duties with the Columbus Soap Box Derby. We had a smaller than usual turnout at the first event, but I am grateful for those who did show up. We invite everyone to come out and help us with the future derbies. They are a lot of fun, not to mention getting to hang out with all the other Jaycees, and the refreshments are top notch, (I cook them!) we need all the help we can get, as it is one of the most important fundraising events for our chapter each year.

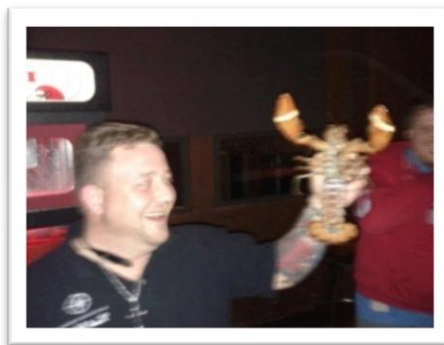


The next upcoming training I am planning with our president is for our board. Mainly so each board member knows what their job duties truly are. As a group I also intend us to over Robert’s rules of order. I truly have faith on our team this year and hope that more people like us realize that: Service to humanity is the best work of life!

M-nights and Socials, got to love them =)

■ Bryce Jans, State Director

Hello my fellow Jaycees, we had a Membership Night and Social back in December at Park Street Patio. We had a great turnout, and a fun time. We were able to pass out our cards to other people who showed up at the bar for other various parties. We were treated to free pizza and beer tower compliments of the bar. We won this VIP party in a drawing and thought it would be a great opportunity for our chapter. Noah Walsh even won a free lobster, from a claw machine! I



know what you are thinking, Winning a free lobster? But, truth be told, that was one of the highlights of the evening!

We made a valuable contact, as the owner of the bar has invited us to join him for future events, and asked that we think of them when planning future social and M-night events.

On the topic of M-nights and Socials, please be on the lookout for events to be posted via our text system, Facebook, and e-mail. We have coming up a, “classic movie night,” a trip to franklin park conservatory, Columbus Zoo and Cosi. (These are all on the table and may be subject to change based on the weather.) We need members, past and present to help us plan, implement and evaluate all of our future events. We hope to have other great nights out with our wonderful chapter!

We hope to see everyone out at a Member night or Social sometime this year! Please, remember to bring a friend, as more members means we can do more good things in our community.

Come Join US!

We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 pm in the Jaycee Village

All in at February All-States

■ Lauren Ziolkowski, Chapter President

As most of you know, the North Columbus Jaycees went to the All-States at the Embassy Suites in Dublin on February 8th and 9th.

For those of us who went, we had a great time, “Meeting all the other chapters at the all-states was an eye-opening experience,” says Noah Walsh, IVP. “The experience helped to bring our Board together,” he followed. What we took from the all-states this year is sure to help the growth of our chapter.



While at the opening night The Senate judged a debate between North Columbus and Gahanna. This debate was for the Region 1 Cup. Though the Cup was won by Gahanna, we are very proud of our debate team, Bryce Jans, Freer Hall IV and Lauren Ziolkowski put up a good argument, as they defended the idea of armed guards in schools. Ask any of us

there, we were the real winners. It was nice to see the state getting back to debates, write-ups and speak-ups.

The overall experience has left our chapter wanting to go all in as we move forward in the new year. We have round two of the all-state meetings coming up in two weeks, and though we are not signed up to do another debate, I am sure we will do some arguing!

Spaghetti and more...

■ Freer Hall IV, Secretary

The first Jaycee’s Spaghetti dinner of the year was a resounding success! Despite the poor weather keeping some away, we received great reviews from both local residents and welcomed guests from up to an hour away.

The meatballs were a delicious hit, the sauce was spectacular, and the noodles were just right. But perhaps most importantly, we had some new faces, including guests who simply saw our flyers and decided to stop by. This kind of extended advertising for events will help grow our member base, and the quality of our events will keep them coming back for all our charities.



It’s only been a matter of weeks, but already there is so much to do! Meetings, socials, charity events... hanging out with great people and gaining valuable life experiences as well. I only wish I had known such a group existed years ago. It feels good to be a part of the Jaycees.

There’s a great deal of excitement in engaging with the community. There are so many things the community needs, and being just one person isn’t enough. A strong, dedicated organization of community leaders allows me to accomplish goals in the community I never thought I would. I can’t wait to see what the future will bring!

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