

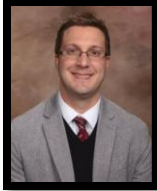
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President's Message

-Rich Galzarano, President



Jaycee family,

I wanted to keep everyone apprised of the upcoming events that we have as a chapter. I would encourage anyone to come out and join us in truly living our creed. **“Service to humanity is the best work of life.”** If you want to see our events on Facebook, please friend myself or North Columbus Jaycees or check out the North Columbus Jaycees Organization Page. We consistently post our events there.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Jaycee Village
5905 Beechcroft Rd.
Columbus, OH 43229

April 7th @ 7:30 pm

April 21st @ 7:30

Jaycee Membership Night – April 2nd @ 7 pm

Please join us in attending a Columbus Blue Jackets game to invite new members to our chapter. I encourage everyone to invite guests to this event. Tickets cost \$15 to attend. We will start at 5:30 pm with a one hour meeting at the Activity Center Boardroom within Nationwide Arena and then watch the Jackets game @ 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to rgalzarano@gmail.com by March 27th.

Jaycee Easter Egg Hunt – April 4th

Jaycees will be hosting their annual Easter egg hunt at Fryer Park in Grove City, Ohio from 11 am – 1pm. Please email us if you wish to volunteer for this event by March 31st. We are currently looking for business sponsors in the Grove City area. See attached photo complements of Randy Hall.

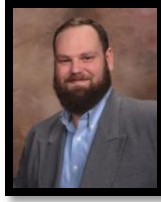
Driven Charity Basketball Event – April 18th

We need volunteers at Thomas Worthington High School by 2 pm. Also, we are looking for business sponsors in Worthington. I have attached the sponsorship package to review. Please email me sponsors if you know of a local business that we should reach out to. Please RSVP by April 10th to volunteer.

Meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month @
the Jaycee Village (address on back)

A Solid Start to 2015

-Greg Thirtyacre, III, Internal Vice President



Here we are a quarter of the way through the year and what a great year it has been so far for the Jaycees. I am very proud to be a part of a team that has been volunteering so much of their time to better the community we live in. This is because we all recognize that life is just as the creed says "Service to humanity is the best work of life". Part of putting others first is sacrificing your own time to invest in the lives of others. Now that we are into the thick of a few different projects all at the same time the chapter is really stepping up to the plate to make sure things are getting done.

Planning and follow through, while key to any project, is not all that it takes to make things happen. Stepping up and putting in the physical effort to make things go as smooth as possible is also a part of making a successful event. I have personally received many compliments on the chapters work at a couple of events we have run and helped with. One compliment from an event organizer we worked with was, I think, the best thing I have ever heard about our volunteers. After the event was over we were wrapping up and he said to me "You Jaycees really helped a lot today. I love how when you're asked to do something, generally something no one wants to do; there is no fuss over it. You just go and get it done with a smile on your face".

In my opinion this speaks very highly to the fact that we are about getting things done and doing them right. I think the chapter understands that great things do not come without effort and the best things often take the most effort. I really look forward to continuing to work with everyone in the chapter and am excited about some of the new partnerships we have made this past year and where they will take us in the future. So to all the chapter members out there putting in the time and effort and getting things done, your efforts are not going unnoticed and are greatly appreciated by many. Let's keep up the good work!

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Discrimination in 2015

-Desirée L. Evans, External Vice President



When is it okay to discriminate? I think in today's society and business world this issue is becoming increasingly clouded with individuals' religions and belief systems. I was raised to not judge people by anything but their actions. I am also educated, fairly well cultured and traveled, and have had some pretty rare experiences in my still young life and I've met some many different types of people in my life. They have all been a gift and a learning experience, of course not all positive. What has really pushed me to write about this very taboo topic is the recent occurrence in Columbus regarding a couple being refused service of filming their wedding because they are a lesbian couple. While I believe that any business owner has the right to refuse service to a customer for legitimate reasons. Sexual orientation is NOT one of those reasons in the same way that skin-color or nationality are not. (Civil Rights Act of 1964, anyone?)

If I'm in a bad mood and I'm treating a staff member terribly, please refuse me service, politely. I may storm out and whine for a while but, if I have any sense, I'll realize I've brought this on myself and will continue on with my life without any second thoughts. However, if a business chooses to refuse service to someone because of their personally held religious beliefs, please rethink this business move. Not only will this incite a fairly large-scale media circus (<http://www.cnn.com/2015/03/16/living/same-sex-wedding-videographer-feat-irpt/index.html>) and cause you to lose business, you are denying a service to someone who is also a person. They have thoughts, feelings, and emotions just like you. They deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. We are all human; we all deserve equal treatment. We all deserve equal service even if you don't like the way someone lives their life. That is none of your business. Your business is to serve a customer that treats you well and pays for your service.

If you still decide that your personal beliefs allow you to dictate who you serve as a customer HAVE SOME TACT! The reason the aforementioned situation with the couple was so unbelievable is that the business owner flat out stated "I do not offer services for same-sex weddings". While that may be true, and momma might have told you not to lie, but for goodness' sake MAKE UP SOMETHING!! This would have been the perfect opportunity to say, "I'm sorry, but I'm booked for the date range you're looking for". You have now just exposed yourself as a bigot that does not believe all people deserve equal treatment. While, I still think bringing your personal beliefs about others' lives into your business is wrong, there are ways to avoid creating a spectacle and save someone the hurt of your judgment. They did nothing to you to deserve your hate.

So when is it really okay to discriminate? Never.

Here Comes Peter Cottontail

-Amanda Higby, Secretary



There are many things in life that I never thought would happen. I never thought I would be sitting here today, writing about an Easter egg hunt that I am chairing as the Secretary of The North Columbus Jaycees. My father was a member of The Circleville Jaycee's Chapter and remember many weekends with my grandparents (which I loved due to being spoiled by the grandparents) because he was so passionate about helping the community. So it was only natural that I would end up following in the footsteps of someone that I have always looked up to.

There are many lessons that I have learned through this experience and I have to say that there have been many "A-ha!" moments along the way. Most of them revolving around realizing there could have been a different outcome had I decided to look at things differently. I also realized that it is impossible to run such an event by myself. I have learned to value the importance of having people by my side that I can depend on to help with such a great event. It has been a great experience "Chairing" my first event and I am thankful for all of the help I have had along the way. I didn't fully understand the amount of work that would be involved with an Easter Egg Hunt and I can say that it has been a great experience because of the support I have had along the way. I have planned community events before; however, nothing of this magnitude. The knowledge I have gained the past month is invaluable and I am excited to see how this event turns out. At the end of the day, as long as we can put a smile on a group of children's faces, I will be ecstatic that it was a success.

On April 4, 2015 The North Columbus Jaycee's will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Columbus Auto Resale. Please feel free to join us at Fryer Park, 3899 Orders Road Grove City Ohio 43123, from 11 am to 1 pm. Activities will begin at 11 am, including face painting, craft tables, live music, The D.A.R.E. Vehicles, Jackson Township EMS squad, and free hot dogs and ice cream.







Thank you to all of the generous businesses who have helped sponsor this event. We have happily added each of you to our business advertisement flyers and will be distributing them to local business in the Grove City area, as well as all of the families that attend the Easter Egg Hunt.

Happy Hunting

Amanda can be reached at dilirium043@gmail.com or by calling 614.254.1516. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions regarding the Jaycees or any projects that Amanda is working on.

April



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- April 2 – M-Night, Blue Jackets Game, Nationwide Arena 5:30pm (\$15)
 - April 7 – Chapter meeting, Jaycee Village, 7:30pm
 - April 14 – Board of Directors Meeting (location TBD)
 - April 18 – Soap Box Derby, Big Run State Park, 8:30am
- April 18 – Driven Charity Basketball Fundraiser, Thomas Worthington High School, 2:00pm
 - April 21 - Chapter meeting, Jaycee Village, 7:30pm

April Birthdays

Chuck Hemphrey – 8th
Lauren Ziolkowski – 17th



East Meets West In Columbus

-Matthew Burger, Director



For those who are interested in learning about new cultures, bringing various communities together, or who want to be a part of the largest Asian festival in America then come help us at the Annual Columbus Asian Festival May 23rd and 24th and the Dragon Boat Race on May 17th. Starting in 1995, the Asian Festival has brought many people of differing backgrounds and ethnicities together to promote the importance of cultural diversity that can be accomplished by building a vibrant, prosperous, and healthy community. Since its inception it has grown in such size in scope, that as of 2014, it has become the largest Festival devoted to Asian cultures with around 150,000 visitors. Always wanting to surpass the previous year's success, we are in need of your help to make sure that everything runs smoothly. During the festival we are in need of volunteers to help watch the parking lots and to direct traffic flow and at the Dragon Boat Race, we are looking for help at the docks. Depending on the number of volunteers, we would like to have 4 hour shifts. Since Columbus Memorial Day weekends have been known to be hot, we encourage all volunteers to bring sunscreen, a water bottle, and take frequent short breaks. As compensation for your time and concern for your safety, we will provide a water station at each parking lot and provide you with food discounts.

This year, the festival is May 23 & 24 (10am-8pm) in Franklin Park and the Dragon Boat Race is May 17 (8am-4pm) in Scioto Audubon Metro Park. For more information on the festival and boat race, including directions and activities please visit the web site at WWW.asian-festival.org or follow us on Facebook by going to www.facebook.com/asianfest Or you can contact me at (740) 993-9491.



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