

# The North Star

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*The North Columbus Jaycees*

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## President's Report — Mathew Burger

I first want to start off with by saying I hope all of you had a great Christmas, and congratulations on a fantastic 2015. I would also like to introduce the 2016 chapter board with, Rich Galzarano as Chairman of the Board, Devin Ericson as External Vice President, Amanda Higby as Treasurer, Greg Thirtyacre III as State Director, and myself, Matthew Burger, as the President for the North Columbus Jaycees Chapter.

When I look back on how our chapter has grown leaps and bounds in terms of community service projects and in membership, I am humbled that the chapter has put their trust in me to keep improving on all of last year's accomplishments. I am looking forward to this great undertaking, and I attend to rise to take on this challenge. To do this, my new year's resolution for the chapter is to not only continue to participate in all of last year's events, but to introduce more individual competitions, trainings, and chapter visits.

The events and partnerships that we will continue to grow include: the Driven Foundation, Easter Egg Hunt, Asian Festival, Soap Box Derby, Pride Festival, the Jaycees Pig Roast, Peddle for Pete, the Haunted Corn Maize, Buckeye Parking and Traffic, Thanks giving Food Baskets, Jaycees Residents Christmas Parties, and The Buckeye Jaycees Foundation. In addition to all this, we formed a partnership with Habitat for Humanity at the end of last year. Our role in this partnership is to conduct an annual Golf Fundraiser, and to help renovate a couple of houses. Some individual projects that we started last year that I would like to continue include: the Jaycees, Creed Contest, Jaycee Trivia, and the Membership Contest. In addition to this, I would like to see everyone advance there Jaycees Career by at least two degrees, go to more all state events, chapter visits, and participate in trainings.

Lastly, we managed to end the year with more than 40 Members in our chapter, making us one of the largest chapters in the state. This year I challenge our chapter to grow to 65 members. We plan to accomplish this by going to career fairs, displaying our new banner at the functions that we participate in, and we eventually hope to have a revamped emergency squad, that we can use at all said functions as our center of operations.

I know that this might seem like a lot of goals, but considering our rapidly growing chapter in terms of membership, and how passionate and experienced the 2016 Board is, I know that we can accomplish anything.



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### *Special points of interest:*

- 2016 Goals
- Getting to know your External Vice President
- Learn about upcoming state and national events
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## Chairman of the Board — Rich Galzarano

It was an honor to serve as chapter president last year, and I'm looking forward to my role as Chairman of Board in 2016.

A few initiatives that I will be working on in 2016 as Chairman of Board

- \* Updating and reviewing our chapter bylaws as needed. A committee will be formed to review and make changes if necessary.
- \* New member packets
- \* Providing our chapter president with any help needed

- \* Assisting External VP with new membership strategy
- \* Upgrade to our chapter banners and marketing material to utilize for chapter events (projects, trade shows, career fairs)

Rich Galzarano  
2015 Chapter President, North Columbus Jaycees



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## External Vice President — Devin Erickson

Hello everyone. My name is Devin Erickson and I have just been elected to the position of External VP for the Jaycees. First off, thank you for trusting me enough to grant me this position. Even though I have been to a number of meeting and events, I haven't really gotten to know any of you too well and vice versa. That being said, I figured I would tell you all more about the person you have elected as External VP.

I was born in the city of Howell, MI but I have always been a Buckeyes fan. My Mom's side of the family is from Findlay, OH and several of them have been lucky enough to graduate from The Ohio State Uni-

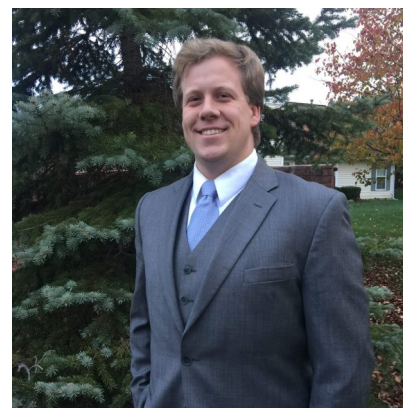
versity. I moved to a town called Topsfield, MA when I was six and I have lived there most of my life. Like many of my family, I graduated from Ohio State in 2014 with a degree in finance.

I currently live in Dublin, OH and work at a company called LPL Financial. I am a licensed operations and marketing manager and I can help anyone that wants to talk about their finances for free.

I love playing tennis and other sports, watching just about all sports, playing video games, reading, board games, community service, and talking finance. I am friendly and I love talking to people

so don't be a stranger. Over this next year, I would like to get to know you all a lot better.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.



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## Treasurer — Amanda Higby [amanda@northcolumbusjaycees.org](mailto:amanda@northcolumbusjaycees.org)

As I take a look at all of the amazing projects The North Columbus Jaycee's put together this past year, I find myself eager to see what all we will accomplish in 2016. There are so many lives that have been touched in the past year, which brings true meaning to the last line of the Creed: "Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life!" I can honestly say that I did not comprehend these words the first time I read them at my first chapter meeting. I understood what the words meant because I have always thrived on helping others; however the true meaning of this line becomes much clearer with every project that I am involved in.

It is an amazing feeling seeing the faces of people that truly appreciate the time and energy it takes to run the projects that we do. I loved seeing the faces of the children who patiently waited for the Easter Egg hunt to begin, as well as the parents faces who were excited to see their children excited; even if it meant baring the freezing cold day. I didn't get a chance to volunteer with the Thanksgiving Food drive, but loved seeing the pictures of the families who the food baskets were given too. It warms my heart to know that so many people would be able to enjoy a Holiday meal with their loved ones.

The project that is nearest and dearest to my heart is the Christmas dinners that we prepare for the seniors at The Jaycee's Village and The Jaycee's Arms. I grew up with a huge family that loved getting together for the holidays. Knowing that many of the people that live at the Village and the Arms do not get the chance to visit with their families over the

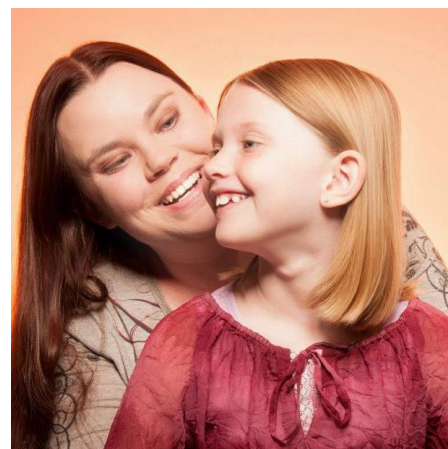
holidays makes the Christmas dinner's that much more important.

This year my daughter got to volunteer with me with the dinner that was held at the Village. She did such an amazing job helping decorating the tables, helping serve people and helping Rich with the present raffle. At the end of the raffle, Rich asked everyone if there is a special memory that anyone would like to share. My daughter Jade was the first person to raise her hand, and after Rich handed her the microphone, she proceeded to tell everyone how thankful she was to be involved in the Jaycee's with her mom because we have been through a lot together and she feels like the Jaycee's have brought us closer together. I was standing in the back of the room getting deserts ready when I heard my daughter speak and I can honestly say I have never been more proud of her. With tears of happiness streaming down my face, I made my way towards her and gave her the biggest hug ever.

As I stated earlier, truly understanding what the phrase "Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life" means to me is something that has been gradually building over the past year. Hearing my daughter speak, in front of a room full of people that she didn't know, about how thankful she was volunteering for an organization that has brought us closer together brings even more meaning to the last line of the Creed. Service to humanity has not only opened up my heart and eyes as to how much these events impact people's lives, it has also opened my daughters as well. Thank you North Columbus Jaycee's for giving us the

opportunity to put smiles on people's faces and make a positive impact on so many lives. I can never thank you enough for the positive impact that you all have had on Jade and I's life even more.

Happy New Years everyone, here's to an even better 2016.



## Greg Thirtyacre — State Director

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2016 is here!

My name is Greg and for 2016 I will be the State Director for the North Columbus Jaycees. Many of you know me from other positions or my wanted posters at the post office, but I promise this year I will work my best to keep everyone up to date on how our chapter is impacting the state and other state events. So let's get right to it!

**Ohio's Year End Convention** will be held February 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at Embassy Suites in Dublin. Full registration is \$35 and includes dinner (Please see registration form on the back of this newsletter).

**Local Officers Training School (LOTS)** will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm at the South High branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. LOTS is an opportunity

for local board members to learn more about how to be successful leaders in their local chapters

**Leadership Training University (LTU)** will be held in St. Louis on February 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. This event brings together incoming chapter leaders and interested members from across the country. Session topics include making an impact in your community, understanding what constitutes a healthy chapter, keeping chapters legally and financially compliant, building strong chapter boards, effective communication with members, potential members, and civic leaders, and understanding the membership database, the website, and other tools and resources. Deadline for pre-registration for this event has already passed but you can still attend, please contact me if you are interested.

**National Meeting 2016** will be held April 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> and this year will be a Carnival Cruise porting to Cozumel Mexico! This event is designed to let the Jaycees recognize previous year's outstanding members, chapters, leaders and programs. It also allows members reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and benefit from dozens of classes, trainings and general sessions. Preregistration for this event starts at \$364 and depends on what type of room is selected on the ship.

Again it is my pleasure to serve as your 2016 State Director, please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have and I will do my best to get them answered or resolved. I look forward to serving you!

## Rich Galzarano

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Our chapter celebrated in the holiday cheer by having our annual Christmas party for the Jaycee Arms and Village.

Our residents from both communities truly appreciate the amount of enjoyment they receive from getting a nice holiday meal and hearing some Christmas tunes. Also, we were able to giveaway many great gifts to our residents. It meant a lot

to have many residents approach us afterwards to personally thank us for putting on the party.

As a chapter, we look forward to the Christmas party. It is a time for us to spend time and get to know the residents. For some of them, the Jaycees is an extension of their own family, and for others, we may be the only family that they have left. It is also a time for us to give back. We cheerfully love to cook a wonderful meal for them and put a smile on

their faces with Christmas prizes and good holiday music. We saw several people dancing and singing along.

Thank you to all the chapter members that helped make the event possible. We fed approximately 150 people from the Arms and Village and gave away 20 gifts via raffle, but what was priceless was the stories that residents shared as to how Christmas has personally impacted their lives in a positive way.



# JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Chapter Meeting	6	7	8	9 Noah Walsh Memorial Dinner
10	11 Soap Box Derby Meeting	12	13	14	15	16 Local Officers Training Year-End Banquet
17	18	19 Chapter Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## ***Birthdays***



January 6 — David Pierson  
 January 15 — Greg Thirtyacre Sr.  
 January 21 — Mike "Super" Wilson  
 January 22 — Dennis "FTP" Williamson  
 January 24 — Sharon Arnold

# Year-End Convention February 19-21, 2016

## Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin

5100 Upper Metro Place

Dublin, Ohio 43017

(614) 790-9000

*Room Rate: \$121/night+tax*

*(king/double suite – two rooms w/sleeper sofa)*

*Reservation deadline:*

*January 29, group name:*

**OHIO JAYCEES MEETING**



### Full Registration \$35

Includes year-end dinner

**State Registration and**

**Saturday Party only \$15**

*After December 31,*

add **\$5** late fee to registration

Dinner not guaranteed after 12/31

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Region \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

State officer    YES    NO

Title \_\_\_\_\_

First Timer?    YES    NO

Competitor?    YES    NO



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