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The North Star

November, 2016

October Overview President's Report

I can smell the fresh sent of recently fallen leaves all around me, OSU football mania is in full swing at every parking lot I have been, there is currently a turkey in the oven, and I think I saw Santa Claus dressed up as a vampire at the shopping mall yesterday. Ahhhhhh... it must be November.

October in Review

We had a general meeting on Oct 4 and Oct 18 and a Board of Directors meeting on Oct 11. We helped out with parking and traffic at the Buckeye lot on Oct 1, 8, and 29. Lastly, Greg Thirtyacre III, Steve Kowalsky and I went to North Canton Jaycee's Gala, to celebrate there 70th Anniversary.

Recognition

I want to think Ashley Gose, Greg Thirtyacre III, and Rich Galzarano for chairing the OSU Football games. Thanks to their efforts and everyone else who volunteered, our chapter was able to raise nearly \$2000 as well as meet new and amazing people. A thanks goes out to Brian Metzbower from the Franklin Board of Elections for giving us a chance to volunteer at the polls for the 2016 general

election. Lastly, I would like to congratulate our newly elected 2017 North Columbus Jaycee Board of Directors that were elected on October 30. Congratulations to all.

Up Coming Events

Amanda and Krystle will be chairing the Thanksgiving Food Basket drive in mid-November and on December 10 and 11 the chapter will be hosting a Christmas Party for the residents of the Jaycee Village and Jaycee Arms.

To learn more about these events, the chapter is holding general meetings on Nov 1 and 15 and a board of directors meeting on Nov 8.

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JCI National Conference Secretary's Report

In September, a few Jaycees took the opportunity to represent OHIO at the Jaycees National Convention in Detroit, Michigan!

Matthew Burger, Ashley Gose, and Greg Thirtyacre III of The North Columbus Jaycees partnered up with Stephanie Sweaney of the North Canton Jaycees to make this a memorable convention. Thank you to Greg for navigating and coordinating a fantastic Air B&B and food throughout the whole weekend. Here are some highlights from the weekend:

- We enjoyed some fantastic Polish food the first night at Polonia Polish Restaurant and the waitress even gave us each a free crape for desert – we thought we were too full for desert – we were wrong – it was delicious!
- Collaborated with other Jaycees and attended trainings such as Global Goals.
- Dressed up for the TOYA (Ten Outstanding Young Americans) Gala.
- Brought out our inner childhood by playing at a park as a pit stop on the way home.

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Christmas Party President's Report

Every year the North Columbus Jaycees host two Christmas parties for the residents of our senior housing complexes that we sponsor: The Jaycee Arms and Jaycee Village. We will provide the residents with plenty of food and beverage as well as live music. This year we will also have bingo and a raffle for our residents.

We would like to invite everyone in and outside of our chapter to volunteer to help prepare and serve the food, help run the door raffle and bingo, as well as, decorate the community rooms. And if anyone feels like dressing up as Santa, the Grinch or any Christmas Character feel free. We will provide food and beverage for all of our volunteers. The parties will be held on December 10th at the Jaycees Arms and December 11th at the Jaycee Village. Due to the size of the community room at Jaycee Arms, the party will be broken up into 2 shifts, 1 and 3 P.M. The party at Jaycee Village will run continuously from 1 to 3 P.M. So please come and enjoy some good food, music, and company all the while helping to put a smile on the faces of our residents on December 10 and 11.

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Weather Emergency

In the event a meeting or event needs to be canceled due to a weather emergency, power outage, or zombie attack, a notice of cancelation will be on our Facebook page and our website.

November All-State

November 11 – 13 | 7pm – 10 am
Embassy Suites – Columbus Dublin

Wyandotte, Michigan State Director's Report

On September 22nd – 26th I found myself in Detroit, Michigan with some time on my hands. I drove a group from the North Columbus and North Canton Jaycees up for the JCI National Conference and was chauffeur for the trip. We stayed in a very nice duplex (Air B&B) in Hamtramck as Ashley mentioned in her article (the home of Captain Walter Koskiusko "Painless Pole" Waldowski). The neighborhood and food was amazing and I highly recommend eating/staying here.

With time to explore while others were in trainings and never having been to Michigan, I got in the car and headed Southwest on 94. Once about 10 miles out of Detroit, I got onto backroads to see what I could find and the first town I pulled into, what I thought was a small river town that looked to have a good diner or two. I parked at the public park and started to walk down the main street (Biddle Ave). Imagine my surprise as I turned the corner, I happened across the Wyandotte Jaycees Haunted House! I assume such a random find must be fate however being a Thursday afternoon it was closed... but not locked... so I may have wandered around a bit inside on my own. If you are a Wyandotte Jaycee and reading this, sorry for breaking and entering.

After doing some window-shopping I asked a construction worker and then an elderly lady where the best place was to eat in town, because if you're looking for a fair priced local place to eat these are the people you can trust! They both suggested a place called "Nanna's Kitchen" (2962 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192). They were right and I ended up eating lunch there the next 4 days in fact. After lunch, I wandered around a bit more along the riverfront then went back on the clock as a chauffeur.

Day two of my Michigan experience I decided to go back to Wyandotte and

wander around a bit more (and because I saw a cold meatloaf sandwich on the menu at Nanna's I wanted to try). The Wyandotte Jaycees and volunteers were working on the Haunted House and I was able to chat with them. After giving me a tour of the house a couple of members stood outside and talked with me about the local chapter and the area for about an hour. I was relieved and saddened at the same time to hear they were facing many of the same issues the majority of other chapters are facing. With falling membership numbers, a dwindling bank account, and a lack people wanting to volunteer their chapter is still strong but in decline.

I was happy to find out that the local city government works very closely with the chapter and has been providing locations for their haunted houses many years at no cost to the chapter. This relationship with a local government was extremely refreshing to see and is a huge advantage of a smaller town chapter I realized. In Columbus it is difficult to get ahold of someone able to work with you on the cities behalf and generally leaves you feeling frustrated. To get them to donate a property for project use is pretty near impossible.

All in all, I was very happy with my Wyandotte experience and very impressed with their Jaycees chapter and the level of community involvement. They utilize local high school students as volunteers to build and run the haunted house and have a Junior Jaycees program called "Jayteens". With the haunted house and many other community outreach events such as food baskets, toys-4-tots, community dinners and the like they are having a great impact on the local community. It was very refreshing to see a thriving chapter that is facing the same issues faced by many chapters and overcoming... even if it was behind enemy lines.

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November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Chapter Meeting	2	3	4	5 Ohio State Football Parking
6	7	8	9	10	11 <u>Veterans Day</u> Ohio Jaycees All-State	12 Ohio Jaycees All-State
13 Ohio Jaycees COSI Day	14	15 Chapter Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 Ohio State Football Parking
27	28	29	30			

Birthdays

November 4 — Jarrod Brinkman

November 28 — Lee Johnson

November 9 — Aaron Wells

November 11 — Kelly Kassor

November 14 — Matt Burger

November 17 — Dr. Lou Berta

November 18 — Josiah Leeman

November 24 — Taylor Jenkins

November 25 — Durelle Love





All-State Convention

November 11-13, 2016

OHIO

JAYCEES



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