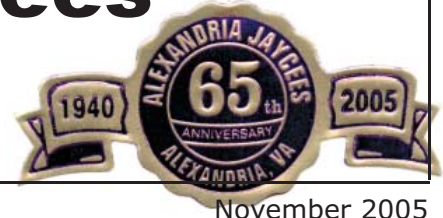




# Alexandria Jaycees News



November 2005

## Wrap up Christmas in Bows and Ribbons

### For Alexandria's underprivileged children - Holiday Shopping Tour 2005

The true meaning of Christmas is often buried under commercials and busy calendars as the holiday approaches. Those of us in the Jaycees are blessed to be able to show our loved ones how much they mean to us by giving them tokens of our appreciation. Others in our community are not as blessed.

In preparation for our *Annual Holiday Shopping Tour*, we need 30 volunteers to pair up with and help local underprivileged children shop for holiday gifts. Please join us at the Target at Potomac Yards on Route 1 on **Saturday, December 10** at 7:45 a.m. to participate. We'll shop until 10 a.m., then wrap it all up with a pizza party (guest star: Santa Claus!!).

## Twelve Days of Baskets Fundraiser



Longaberger® prizes in a fundraiser? How cool is that?! Jaycees will be selling "prize sheets" in November that contain 12 days of Longaberger prizes to be given away each of the 12 days.

Drawings will be held daily for 12 days beginning December 1, 2005 and correspond to the daily Virginia "pick three" lottery. So help support the Jaycees by buying and/or helping to sell prize sheets.

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## Feature Projects

We expect to be able to provide funds to 50 children again this year so they can purchase gifts for their families - and possibly for themselves.



Jaycee Denise Taylor Helping a Young Shopper

The amount of money and the number of children we can shop with depends on how successful the annual Christmas Tree sale is, so please help! To volunteer or to get more information, please contact me today.

Cheers,  
**Robyn Martin**  
Project Chair  
(202) 489-6619  
[robynmartin@earthlink.net](mailto:robynmartin@earthlink.net)

Over \$1,000 in prizes will be given away! The cost of a prize sheet is only \$10, and there will be a winner every day... and it could be YOU!

For more information, please contact **Cindy** at [CHauser212@msn.com](mailto:CHauser212@msn.com), **Larry** at [lrادford36@hotmail.com](mailto:lrادford36@hotmail.com), or **Valerie** at [ValerieLCarney@aol.com](mailto:ValerieLCarney@aol.com).



**November is the month of Thanksgiving and given recent events in the news, I am thankful for all of the blessings around me. Being a Jaycee gives you the opportunity to give back to your community.**

Some trivia:

Which U.S. president made Thanksgiving a national holiday?

In the middle of the Civil War, prompted by a series of editorials written by Sarah Josepha Hale, the last of which appeared in the September 1863 issue of Godey's Lady's Book, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day, to be celebrated on the final Thursday in November 1863:

Since 1863, Thanksgiving has been observed annually in the United States.

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that Thanksgiving would be the next to last Thursday of November rather than the last. With the country still in the midst of The Great Depression, Roosevelt thought this would give merchants a longer period to sell goods before Christmas. Increasing profits and spending during this period, Roosevelt hoped, would aid bringing the country out of the Depression.

At the time, it was considered inappropriate to advertise goods for Christmas until after Thanksgiving. However, Roosevelt's declaration was not mandatory; twenty-three states went along with this recommendation, and 22 did not. Other states, like Texas, could not decide and took both weeks as government holidays. Roosevelt persisted in 1940 to celebrate his "Franksgiving," as it was termed.

The U.S. Congress in 1941 split the difference and established that the Thanksgiving would occur annually on the fourth Thursday of November, which was sometimes the last Thursday and sometimes the next to last.

On November 26 that year President Roosevelt signed this bill into US law. Beginning in 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented the President of the

## President's Message

United States with one live turkey and two dressed turkeys. The live turkey is pardoned and lives out the rest of its days on a peaceful farm.

Since 1970, a group of Native Americans and others have held a National Day of Mourning protest on Thanksgiving at Plymouth Rock in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Reference: <http://www.orenoque.com/thanksgiving/>.

Thanksgiving is a time for reflecting on all that has been given to us, especially as Jaycees. Many times we underestimate the impact we have on others around us in our communities. This season choose to give back to others less fortunate. I hope each of you has a wonderful holiday and thank you for all of your support this year.

Peace,

Jack Ferry

President 2005



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## Got News?

Share your good news - a new job, a promotion, an engagement, etc., - with your fellow Jaycees!

Send an email with details and photo, if desired, to [newsletter@alexjaycees.org](mailto:newsletter@alexjaycees.org) by the 20th of the month to have your good news included in the next issue of the newsletter.

Date	Event	Details
Nov.; daily	Veteran's Clothing Drive - Fredericksburg Jaycees	If you have any gently worn suits, the Fredericksburg chapter is taking up a collection for the Veterans Hospital. Melanie Allen Mla9t@yahoo.com
Nov. 4th	Dinner and a Movie - Fairfax Jaycees	Head on over to Fairfax Corner for Dinner and a Movie. Fairfax Corner is the new shopping center by the Fairfax County Government Center. They will first grab dinner at one of the restaurants and then will head on over to the movie theatre. They will pick the movie that night. Jeff Lint jlint@pobox.com
Nov. 4 - 6	Fall Foliage Hiking / Camping Trip - Oceanfront Jaycees	As autumn creeps a little closer, the colorful splendor of the trees brighten up the Mountainside. We will be hiking a part of the Appalachian Trail to a 4000' peak, hike down Crabtree Falls and we'll camp alongside a mountain creek. This can be a car-camping trip or backpacking trip depending on your comfort level. A great way to enjoy the colors, sights, and smells of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Jeff Miller jeff@ofjc.org
Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup> ; 7:30 PM	Chapter Meeting - Vienna Jaycees	Virginia Commerce Bank, 374 Maple Ave. E. Karyn - <a href="mailto:president@viennajaycees.org">president@viennajaycees.org</a>
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup> ; 7 - 9 PM	Basket Bingo - Fredericksburg Jaycees	Come out and play for Henn baskets and other fabulous prizes at Hugh Mercer Elementary School. Melanie Allen Mla9t@yahoo.com
Nov. 12th	International Pot Luck - Fairfax Jaycees	They will hold an International Pot Luck Dinner at Doug Spengel's house. The theme for the dinner is "Your Dream Trip". What that means is you think of the one country you would love to visit and make a dish from there to bring to the pot luck. This way we will get to taste foods from around the world. We have run these types of dinners in the past and they are always a lot of fun. Doug Spengel dspengel@hotmail.com
Nov. 13th	5K Turkey Trot - Vienna Chapter	At the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. <a href="mailto:The Race Director race@viennajaycees.org">The Race Director race@viennajaycees.org</a>
Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup> ; 7:30 PM	Vienna Restaurant of the Month - Vienna Jaycees	Santini's Pizza, 2975 Chainbridge Road, Oakton, VA. (703)766-6666 Karyn - <a href="mailto:president@viennajaycees.org">president@viennajaycees.org</a>
Nov. 18th, 19th & 20th	Virginia Jaycee Annual Meeting - Virginia Jaycees	At the Sheraton Park South in Richmond, VA. Come for the day or for the whole weekend. Lots of great activities planned. See the flyer attached. Laura Murphy <a href="mailto:Laura.Murphy@axiom-rm.com">Laura.Murphy@axiom-rm.com</a>
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> ; 11-4	Blood Drive - Tuckahoe Jaycees	<b>AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.</b> The Tuckahoe Jaycees will be sponsoring a Blood Drive. Contact: Eric Costello <a href="mailto:eric@miniwaankerbot.com">eric@miniwaankerbot.com</a>
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> ; 9 AM	Geocaching - Gaithersburg / Germantown Jaycees	Go find some caches and get some exercise. Meet at Shady Grove Metro. We will be covering the Mall area from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial. There are tons of sites to see and lots of waking involved. Wear comfortable clothing for the temperature and good shoes for walking.
Nov. 26th	After Thanksgiving Social - Gaithersburg / Germantown Jaycees	Come out and have some fun! For more information e-mail Lydia Stockton. To contact a member of the G&G Jaycees, you need to go to their website and complete their e-mail format. The G&G website address is: <a href="http://www.ggjaycees.org">www.ggjaycees.org</a>

## Member News: Welcome, Baby!

Michael Hugh was born to Alexandria Jaycees **Melanie and Michael McCollum** on October 18 at 12:57 a.m. after Melanie was in labor for eighteen hours. Proud papa reports that Melanie is doing well and that Michael (Minnie Me) is a healthy 9.6 pound baby.



## ID Projects

The **Book Club** meets on at 7:30 p.m. at Panera Bread, 3201 Duke Street, Alexandria. The selection **November 29: *Now is the Time to Open Your Heart***, by Alice Walker. **December 20: *Mind Catcher***, by John Darnton. Contact project chairperson **Diana Combs** for more information at [dcombs001@comcast.net](mailto:dcombs001@comcast.net).

The **Bar of the Month** is on **November 18** at Ruby Tuesday's Kingstowne, located at 6601 S. Van Dorn Street. If you need directions, call (703) 921-5006. There is no Bar of the Month scheduled for December.

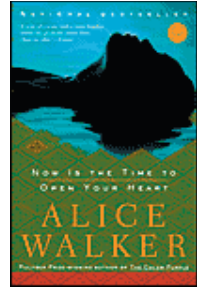


## Individual Development

Cooking/Food Club-Thanksgiving for Jaycee "orphans" (those not traveling elsewhere for the holiday). This can be either a Thanksgiving meal or something simple like Turkey Pizza. Contact **John Hoffmann** for details - [JMHoffmann@peoplepc.com](mailto:JMHoffmann@peoplepc.com).

If you have any questions about any of the projects listed above, please contact me.

**Cindy Hauser**  
Individual Development Vice President  
2005  
[id\\_vp@alexjaycees.org](mailto:id_vp@alexjaycees.org)



## 2006 Starts Hot!

Join us at our **Annual Chili Bowl** on **January 1<sup>st</sup>**---New Year's Day---for our annual Chili Bowl. Bring a crockpot of your best chili out for a little friendly competition and take away a prize and some bragging rights. Or, if you're not into cooking, come out and let us help you ease your hangover. Bring some change to put into the jar beside your favorite chili, and have a little of the hair of the dog that bit you. Admission is \$5 for Jaycees who don't bring chili, free for those who do, and \$8 for non-members.

Event will be held at the party room of the Summit Apartments at 260 S. Reynolds Street (plenty of free, untowable parking in the lot or on the street noon-6 p.m. All contes-

tants must bring their chili no later than 1:30 p.m. to be entered into the competition. **Final judging will be held at 2 p.m.**

Remember to bring any change left from the night before to patronize your favorite chili---all the money from the judging will be going to a Jaycee charity. Bring your favorite board game, etc, and we'll entertain each other with stories from the night before, too.

Start 2006 with the Alexandria Jaycees!!!

**Sharon Sobel**  
Communications Vice President 2005  
[communications\\_vp@alexjaycees.org](mailto:communications_vp@alexjaycees.org)

## Membership Update

Keep up the referrals of prospective members and renewing your memberships. We can't do it without you. I would like to welcome our new members who joined in the last month. Please welcome **Jennifer Lednicki** and **Summer McDowell**.

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their memberships and recommended friends and colleagues for membership. Big thank you to **Beth, Alicia, Jack, Larry, Laura** and **Alex** who attended the M-night at the Cosi.

The last M-night of the year and the last opportunity to introduce the Alexandria Jaycees to friends, colleagues

## Membership

family, complete strangers, etc. Join us for the November M-night on **Thursday, November 17** from **7:30-9:30 p.m.** at Mango Mike's, 4580 Duke Street, Alexandria (phone: 703-370-3800). We will be sitting in the Banana Lounge enjoying the atmosphere.

Thanks for all your help.

Cheers,

**Stacy Hickman**  
Membership Vice President 2005  
[membership\\_vp@alexjaycees.org](mailto:membership_vp@alexjaycees.org)

## Sign up For Bermuda Cruise

Cabin availability on our cruise to Bermuda for next October 8-13 is becoming quite limited! I haven't received ANY \$100 deposits to go on the cruise. But you're interested, right? Just a little afraid of commitment? Don't let it ruin the great time you could have at such a GREAT price!

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### Rooms and Pricing

These rates are per person, and each room NEEDS to have two people in it, or you will have to pay double!

**Category N** - Inside Stateroom-Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), vanity area and a private bathroom. (146 sq. ft.). \$634.90 (or \$664.90 for non-Jaycees).

**Category M** - Inside Stateroom-Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), vanity area and a private bathroom. (146 sq. ft.). These rooms are available on decks 2 and 3. \$644.90 (or \$674.90 for non-Jaycees).

**Category I** - Outside Stateroom-Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), sitting area with sofa, vanity area and a private bathroom. (154 sq. ft.). \$774.90 (or \$804.90 for non-Jaycees).

**Category F** - Outside Stateroom - Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), sitting area with sofa, vanity area and a private bathroom. (154 sq. ft.) these rooms are on deck 4 only. \$834.90 (or \$864.90 for non-Jaycees).

**Category D1**- Balcony Stateroom - Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), private balcony, sitting area with sofa bed, and a private bathroom. (190 sq. ft., balcony 36 sq. ft.). \$974.90 (or \$1,004.90 for non-Jaycees).

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Final payment is due 70 days before the sail date—that's also the latest date that you can cancel and get a full refund.



Please make all of your payments directly to Cruise Directors, with the exception of your last payment, which should be made payable to the Alexandria Jaycees, who will then make the final payment to Cruise Directors on your behalf (we are subsidizing part of the cost for Jaycee members). Book your trip now by calling Cruise Directors at 703-683-6535, and ask for Gayle. Hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Let her know what room category you are interested in, and that you are part of the Alexandria Jaycees group (whether you are a Jaycee or not!!).

All of these rates and cabins are subject to availability, so the sooner you book, the better off you are. There are not very many rooms left on this cruise (under 20!), and the travel agency is not able to get any more from Royal Caribbean. We are competing with two other groups that are also selling this cruise! A \$100 deposit holds your space on this cruise. Saying "I think I might want to go" DOES NOT hold your spot on the cruise. Please, if you want to go, book your spot before Thanksgiving, and before you lose your place on the ship!

Contact **Sharon Sobel** at [sharon@picturethisvideo.net](mailto:sharon@picturethisvideo.net) if you are looking for a roommate or if you have any additional questions.



## A Basket Case

Financial

First of all, I'd like to thank the entire chapter for supporting our recent Art Auction. Thanks to those who volunteered their time and labor and to those who donated items for our silent auction, the evening truly paid off. Also, I'd like to give a huge thanks to the SPCA of Northern Virginia for partnering with our chapter and sharing the work and profits.

Autumn is in the air and our Yard Sales are now completed. So I'd like to thank Dr. Bill for chairing these massive money-making events. Despite the minor obstacles, Dr. Bill always kept us going with a positive attitude. He'll need that attitude soon when he becomes a Dad (best of luck to **Dr. Bill** and **Kristie!**). Thanks also go to **Tim Castricone** for volunteering his truck (and gas) from time to time. Special thanks to **Dave Correia** and **Jeff Bobich** for their grill expertise. And thanks to **Kathleen Short** who helped sell on behalf of the chapter on many occasions and for many projects. Still looking for the Ivory Toad of Shang-hai? **The toad is out there.**

Sounds like the Yard Sales left me a "basket case." And I am. Sort of. You see this month we need to sell the remaining Longaberger basket chances to raise much needed funds for the chapter. Cindy Hauser is chairing this unique project, "The 12 Days of Longaberger." By purchasing a basket sheet containing 5 three-digit numbers, you have the opportunity to win one of 12 beautifully hand-crafted wooden baskets made right here in the U.S. by the Longaberger Basket Company. The Virginia Lottery's Pick Three determines the winner on each of the first 12 days of December. Be sure to contact **Cindy Hauser** TODAY at [chauser212@msn.com](mailto:chauser212@msn.com) to sell some the sheets or buy some additional prize sheets to increase your odds of winning!

Basket case or not, I'll be there this November 26 -- and hopefully you will too -- as our Christmas Trees are delivered to the parking lot of the Safeway grocery store in Old Town Alexandria. Join us as we unload the truck and then come back to help us sell these festive holiday trees. Remember, all the funds generated by this project support the Holiday Shopping Tour. Watch your e-mail for an exact time! Also, this year patrons will be able to reserve their tree online. Watch for details on our web site.

What else is back this November beside our beloved Christmas Trees? Why the Caps are back! That's right "Your Washington Capitals" are back in action at the MCI Center and so will the Alexandria Jaycees. The Caps will be playing Hockey; we'll be pouring beer and serving food at a concession stand. Our first stand is on November. 6th and we'll have many more this year. **NOTE:** You have to be TIPS Trained to work the Aramark Concession Stand. For details on TIPS Training or to sign up for the MCI Center Concession Stand, please contact **Lea Anne Chapman** at [lachap89@aol.com](mailto:lachap89@aol.com). Lea Anne thanks for taking on the challenge of MCI Center.

In the spirit of giving thanks, I'd like to tip my virtual hat to **Mike McCollum** (Financial Director, Retired) for his support this year. And let us congratulate him and his wife **Melanie** as they now the proud parents of a baby boy -- also named Michael. **Dr. Bill** and **Kristie** also receive our best wishes for a happy, healthy baby. And so fellow Jaycees, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, may you return with many blessings counted and many more to be received. Please take along my thanks for all your hard work, friendship, and support.

Larry Radford  
Financial Vice President 2005

## Renewals Due This Month

Andrew Campbell	Jennifer Lang
Shannon Catlett	Shea McLaughlin
John Crane	Kathryn Phillips
Tim Frank	Lori Terry
Christine Flinton	Justin Tilinghast
Nensi Fiorenini	Kelly Vlahos

## Happy (November) Birthday to...

Anne Barrett-Vaughan	Shea McLaughlin
Randy Cole	Lori Terry
Tim Ferry	
Beth Fujishige	
Dr Bill Incatasciato	



SUN	MON	TUES	NOVEMBER WEDS	THUR	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> MCI Center Caps v Toronto @ 2:45 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Board Meeting @ Jack Taylor Toyota 7:30 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> M-Night @ Mango Mike's 7:30 PM	<b>18</b> Bar of the Month @ Ruby Tuesday Kings- towne 7:30 PM	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Unload & set up X-mas Trees for sale
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Chapter Meeting @ Masonic Temple 7:30 PM	<b>29</b> Book Club @ Panera Bread 7:30 PM	<b>30</b>			

Visit [www.alexjaycees.org/calendar.htm](http://www.alexjaycees.org/calendar.htm) for details....

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## Member News: Cooper Dawson (1910 - 2005)

It is with sad news that we note the passing of Past President Cooper Dawson. He served our chapter as our second President - from 1941 to 1942. The section below is excerpted from the *Washington Post*.

Samuel Cooper Dawson Jr., 96, an Alexandria native who ran a motel and restaurant for decades and later owned a summer camp in West Virginia, died of congestive heart failure Oct. 13 at a nursing center in Salisbury, Md., where he lived. He had lived in Alexandria until 2003.

Mr. Dawson graduated from the University of Virginia, from which he graduated in 1932, where he

played baseball and basketball. Mr. Dawson taught science at St. Christopher's School in Richmond from 1932 to 1936. He was an insurance underwriter with the Maryland Casualty Co. in Baltimore from 1936 to 1939.

In 1939, he joined the family business, the Penn-Daw Motor Hotel and Restaurant in Alexandria. The restaurant was known for its fried chicken, called "chicken in the rough." Mr. Dawson managed the business until it was sold in 1973. He was also a Navy veteran of World War II and retired from the Navy Reserve as a captain in 1969. From 1969 to 1983, Mr. Dawson was business manager of Episcopal High School and also served as assistant baseball coach. After his retirement, a new baseball field was dedicated in his honor.



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