

Alexandria Jaycees News



December 2005

Feature Project

Annual Holiday Shopping Tour

It's that time of the year again! Go into Starbucks (or Misha's if you live in Old Town), and the smells and sounds of the holiday will wash right over you as you order your coffee... Heck, you don't even have to leave the comfort of your own sofa! Flip on your TV and you'll be bombarded with commercials and made-for-TV-movie specials reminding you that Christmas is just around the corner.

Here's another reminder: in just a few weeks the Jaycees Annual Holiday Shopping Tour will be upon us! What a fantastic way to kick off the Christmas holiday, to get in touch with the true meaning of the season – helping out those less fortunate.



At 7:45 am on Saturday, **December 10th**, join me and your fellow Jaycees and neighbors at the **Target at Potomac Yards on Route 1** to pair up with and help local underprivileged children shop for holiday gifts.

We plan to provide funds to about 50 children again this year so that they can purchase gifts for their family (and usually a few for themselves!). However, the amount of money and the number of smiles we can put on these children's faces depends in large part on how successful the annual Christmas Trees sales goes



(hint, hint). To wrap up the day, we'll be joining Santa at **Generous George's Positive Pizza Palace (3006 Duke Street)** for pizza, a holiday sing along, and wrapping the newly bought gifts.

We need at least 30 volunteers to go shopping with our kids and to eat pizza. This is an easy ask – more fun than work! To volunteer or to get more information, please contact me today!

Cheers,
Robyn Martin

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Hello Jaycees!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! December marks my last month as your President. What a year and it has flown by. We leave the chapter in the very capable hands of incoming President **Stacy Hickman**. Your Board of Directors has many reasons to brag this year. Our chapter is at growth, 99% percent of our projects were successful, due to the some very hard work on the part of our chairman. We cleaned up the Haunted House storage site, and the Community Development, Activation, Individual and Financial portfolios were on fire this year bringing excellent projects.

I would like to thank my Board of Directors for their commitment this year in working hard to better this chapter and bring its members the best programming in the State of Virginia. Thanks to **Sharon Sobel, Laura Murphy, Stacy Hickman, Karen Ketcham, Margaret Ketcham, Andy Feltman, Larry Rad-**



Member in the Spotlight

Name: Kathryn Phillips
Date Joined: November 2004
Age: 25

Occupation: Public health research and education. I work for the National Business Group on Health, a non-profit organization that advises large public and private employers on health care benefits, provides education and resources for employers and employees on important health care issues, and - in collaboration with federal agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - develops, implements, and evaluates innovative disease prevention programs. I lead our maternal and child health initiative and focus on clinical preventive services (e.g., cancer screenings), behavioral health, health care quality/patient safety, and most recently- pandemic influenza.

Why did you join the Jaycees? To meet young people in Alexandria and build a sense of community in my new home.

What I do in my free time: Pottery, reading, sight-seeing, skiing, watching movies, baking.

Favorite project(s): The Christmas Tour was my first Jaycees community project and by far my favorite one. It is a great opportunity to connect with other members while giving back to the community and sharing in the Christmas spirit with those who are less fortunate. Plus the kids are really cute and you get free candy canes.

What's the best thing about being a Jaycee: The opportunity to meet interesting and fun people and to participate in important community service activities.

President's Message

ford, Sharon Trader, Cindy Hauser, Amy Tenhouse, Alicia Auerswald, Dr. Bill Incatasciato, Alex Abraham, Lea Anne Chapman and Mike McMcol-lum.

I hope each of you has a wonderful Holiday Season. Please be sure to attend our Holiday Party on December 3rd and the Holiday Shopping Tour on December 10th.

Thanks for all of your help this year. It has been an honor.

Jack Ferry
president@alexjaycees.org
2005 President



Santa Calls

Get in the holiday spirit by volunteering to call small children through Santa Calls, an annual program the Jaycees run in conjunction with the Alexandria Parks and Recreation Department. You'll be pretending you are Santa or Mrs. Clause. The parents of each child have already filled out a form stating the child's name and basic information, like age, names of siblings, what the child wants for Christmas, etc.

You will just call and chat with the child, see if he has been a good boy or girl this year, say you'll see what you can do about bringing him what he wants for Christmas, etc. This is guaranteed to bring great joy to the tiny tots, who will believe you are really calling from The North Pole.

We need 4 volunteers each night: 3 English speakers and 1 Spanish speaker.

You are more than welcome to bring friends and family along to volunteer, ESPECIALLY if they speak

Get Involved in Your City Government!

In the June issue of the Alexandria Jaycees newsletter, Jaycee and city council member Rob Krupicka challenged us to get more involved in making this City a great place to work and live.

In addition to participating in many great Alexandria Jaycees events, another way to get involved is to put your name in for consideration for a City board or commission.

Here are a few of the opportunities available at http://www.alexandriava.gov/city/boards_comm/vacancies.html:

Alexandria Archaeological Commission
Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation

Community Development

Spanish.

We have three nights to fill:

Tuesday, Dec. 6,

Wednesday, Dec. 7 and

Thursday, Dec. 8

We'll be on the phones from 6-8 p.m. at the Lee Recreation Center, located on Jefferson Street in Old Town (right next to the Nannie J. Lee Rec. Center where we usually hold our Goblin Games project).

This is EASY and FUN. Each phone call takes just 2-3 minutes. Light refreshments will be provided and maybe the real Santa will add a little something extra to your stocking for your assistance.

To sign up for a slot, please contact President Jack Ferry at (703) 658-2107 or president@alexjaycees.org. Ho Ho Ho!

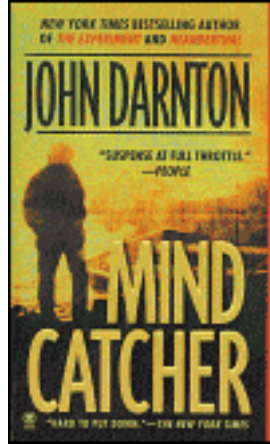
Commission

Alexandria Human Rights Commission

City residency requirements apply. Visit the City website link above for more information and available openings, or contact **Rob Krupicka** at Rob@Krupicka.com.

December Book Club

The Book Club meets on at 7:30 p.m. at Panera Bread, 3201 Duke Street, Alexandria. The selection **December 27: *Mind Catcher***, by John Darnton. Contact project chairperson **Diana Combs** for more information at dcombs001@comcast.net.



Individual Development

Bar of the Month

The Bar of the Month for December is going to be at **7:30 p.m. on December 16** at Reynolds Grill. Reynolds Grill is located at 34 Reynolds Street in Alexandria. The number is (703) 751-0830.



Test Drive a Cadillac at 5 Miles per Hour!

What? You would like to drive faster than that? Okay, you can drive faster on your way to and from the car dealership on February 20, George Washington's birthday. As the Alexandria Jaycees' representative to



the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, I'm looking for a few good people who have this government holiday off to spend it with the Jaycees and the great citizens of Alexandria.

For several years now, our chapter drives VIPs down the parade route, and then finishes the day with a great big brunch put on by the GW Birthday Celebration Committee and catering from Royal Restaurant. You don't want to miss this! It's so much fun---you get to stay warm in your heated luxury automobile donated by area car dealerships, you wait for a VIP (could be a City Coun-

cil member, the governor, or a Congress person) to be loaded into your car, you follow the car in front of you through the parade route, then you meet up with everyone at the best brunch of the year.

It's a completely free opportunity that others would PAY to do! Do you have Washington's birthday off? Find out now, and if so, please consider spending it in a parade!!!

If you are interested, please contact me at once! E-mail me at sharon@picturethisvideo.net. Slots get filled on a first come, first serve basis, and the best cars go to those who sign up first!

Sharon Sobel

Membership in the Fall

Membership

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: Jennie Leotta, Lisa Bishop, Michele DeSouza, Andrew Brodhead, Michael Bailey and Leslie Perry.

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their memberships and recommended friends and colleagues for membership. Big thank you's to **Ron Alexander, Ty Williamson, Lea Anne Chapman, Larry Radford**

and **Beth Fujishige**, who attended the November M-night at Mango Mike's. We had good attendance and I expect a few more new members in the months ahead. I hope every has a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Cheers,

Stacy Hickman

Membership Vice President 2005

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Benefits of Membership

As a member of the Alexandria Jaycees, you're also a member of the Virginia Jaycees, the US Jaycees, and Junior Chamber International.

Here are some of the benefits offered by the US Junior Chamber that you can take advantage of (see <http://www.usjaycees.org/benefits.htm>):

- AVIS 10% off car rental discounts
- CHOICE Hotels 20% off Comfort Inn, Econo Lodge, Quality Inn, Sleep Inn, etc.
- Magazine subscriptions
- ORBITZ air, car, hotel, travel discounts
- VOLVO car purchase/lease program
- Scholarships (see <http://www.usjaycees.org/scholarships.htm>)

The Jaycee Creed

We Believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;

That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;

That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;

That the government should be of laws rather than of men;

That earth's greatest treasure lies in human personality;

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

The Jaycee Creed is the statement of philosophy and beliefs adopted by the Jaycees.

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 by the 20th of the month to have your good news included in the next issue of the newsletter.

Like Snow Falling on Fir Trees

December is now upon us. And the first 12 days of December are the **12 Days of Baskets**. So everyone monitor the Virginia “Pick Three” lottery for your numbers. Good luck to everyone who purchased a prize sheet. Many thanks to **Cindy Hauser** and our own **Valerie Carney** for making this project a huge success.

As Thanksgiving gives way to the Holiday season, **our fundraising efforts turn to selling Christmas Trees**. Please come out to help sell our Christmas Trees at the lot in the parking lot of the Old Town Safeway (500 S. Royal St.). Proceeds go to support the Holiday Shopping Tour.

The Christmas Tree stand will operate until all trees are sold (we expect to be sold out around Dec. 17th). We’re open from 6 pm to 9 pm on weeknights and from 8 am to 9 pm on weekends (closing times may vary). Weeknight shifts are from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Shifts for the weekend nights are as follows:

- 8 am to 11 am
- 11 am to 1 pm
- 1 pm to 3 pm
- 3 pm to 6 pm
- 6 pm to 9 pm.

Please contact me at lradford36@hotmail.com or call me at (703) 566-6821 to schedule your shifts.

Let’s celebrate the new year with fireworks! Join us during **First Night** when our chapter will be a featured vendor at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (atop Shooter’s Hill on 101 Calhahan Dr., Alexandria, VA 22302) from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. (Dec. 31, 2005 to Jan 1, 2006). We will serve the public a light menu of holiday favorites and usher in the New Year together.

Thanks to everyone in the chapter for their outstanding support of our financial programming this year. Your help and commitment really shows. May success, happiness, and prosperity be yours this holiday season and all through the New Year.

Larry Radford
Financial Vice President
2005

Jaycee Ericka Claflin
“Prepping” a Tree



Renewals Due This Month

Jan Goodwin
Mike Hugo
Jen Refvik
Carlos Ruiz
Denise Taylor

Jen Refvik
Joel Sens

Happy Birthday to...

Annette Beacham
David Correia
Yolanda Edwards
Michael Hayes
Patty Lee
Anne McEvoy
Cynthia Powell
Rashawn Randazzo



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SUN	MON	TUES	DECEMBER WEDS	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Holiday Party 7-12; X-mas Tree Sales 8 AM - 9 PM
4 X-mas Tree Sales 8 AM - 9 PM	5	6	7	8	9	10 Holiday Shopping Tour @ Target 7:45 AM; X-mas Tree Sales
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25	26	27 Book Club @ Panera Bread 7:30 PM	28	29	30	31 First Night Alexandria TBD
30	31					

Visit www.alexjaycees.org/calendar.htm for details....

SUN	MON	TUES	JANUARY WEDS	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Chili Bowl 12 - 6 PM @ Summit Apts. Party Room	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Board Meeting @ Jack Taylor Toyota 7:30 PM	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Chapter Meeting @ Masonic Temple 7:30 PM	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Congratulations!

Jaycees **Kathryn Phillips** and **Andrew Campbell** got engaged November 17th and are planning their wedding for May 2006 in Seattle.



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