



Alexandria Jaycees

News

January 2006

Community Service Opportunities in 2006

As the Jaycee creed indicates, service to humanity is the best work of life! **Amy Tenhouse** is leading the Community Development (CD) team this year as CD Vice President, and **Robyn Martin** and **Sarah Salomon** are working as CD Directors. We need your input and participation. So, please, come on out to a project or planning meeting and bring a friend!

Below are some projects you can look forward to in 2006. Please be assured this is not an exhaustive list; in fact, we are always looking for new ideas! If you are interested in getting more involved or just want to learn more, just contact Amy, Sarah or Robyn.

Ongoing – *Coins for Campers*. We collect change at monthly Chapter meetings and other projects in order to sponsor a camper at Camp Virginia Jaycee. At Camp Jaycee, children and adults with mental retardation can participate in games, learn to appreciate the outdoors and, most importantly, have fun.

January – International Dinner (January 19), ALIVE Food Distribution (January 28)

February – USO Care Package Stuffing (February 11), George Washington Birthday Celebration (February 18-20), ALIVE Food Distribution (February 25)

March – International Dinner, ALIVE Food Distribution (March 24)

April – Rebuilding Together – formerly Christmas in April (April 29), Imagine Dinner (April 29)



Feature Projects

May - ALIVE Food Distribution, International Dinner



June – Red Cross Waterfront Festival (June 17-18), ALIVE Food Distribution

July - Ice Cream Social with Seniors, ALIVE Food Distribution

August - ALIVE Food Distribution

September – International Dinner, ALIVE Food Distribution

October – Art on the Avenue (October 7), Lights on Halloween for Kids, ALIVE Food Distribution

November - ALIVE Food Distribution, TC Williams Scholarship Telethon

December – Holiday Shopping Tour, ALIVE Food Distribution, Santa Calls



Our portfolio (planning) meetings will be the **third Tuesday of every month at Panera Bread, 3201 Duke Street at 7:30 p.m.** If you would like to be more involved in CD events or have ideas for new projects, please join us! In addition, if you are interested in running a project, please attend a portfolio meeting at least a month or two before the project.

Hope to see you at the next planning meeting or project!

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Welcome to a New Year

Greetings from your new sucker...er....president. Seriously, you people are stuck with me and I'm warning you, I tell it like I see it.

Since we have a much smaller Board of Directors this year (positions still available), we will put our main focus on the Chapter's signature projects. These are the projects that the Alexandria Jaycees are known for doing every year (i.e., Scottish Games, GW Birthday Parade, Art on the Avenue, etc.).

The main focus of the Jaycees is that "We Help People" and the yearly surveys indicate 85% of you joined to participate in community service. 2006 will be the year of Community Service. So guess what I need from each of you?

I need you to volunteer your time. Do I hear the murmur of a chorus of "I'm so busy", "I don't have any time" or "I don't know anyone"?

Well, here is my challenge to you! I'm asking for is a minimum of **one hour** of your time a month. **ONE HOUR!** Even the President of the United States has a free hour a month. If every member listed on the membership roster donated **one hour** a month that would equal 100 hours a month and 1200 hours a year. More than enough hours to cover our needs in 2006. We could help a lot of people in Alexandria and the surrounding area with that amount of time.

President's Message

So since it's resolution time I encourage everyone to resolve to donate at least one hour a month to the Alexandria Jaycees to help with or attend a project. A bonus resolution is to bring a friend or co-worker with you.

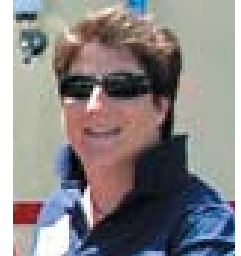
As for the "I don't know anyone" argument - the best way to solve that issue is to come out and attend an Alexandria Jaycees project or event, so you can (gasp!) meet people. Or bring a friend with you, so you feel more comfortable meeting new people. We'll take all the help, we can get.

The most important thing about 2006 is to have fun! If it's not fun, why bother. So if you have some ideas that will be fun that you would like us to do, let your 2006 Board of Directors know and don't be surprised if we ask you to help with your idea.

A final piece of business, the January Chapter meeting will be held on **Monday, January 30th**. Please note this on your calendar.

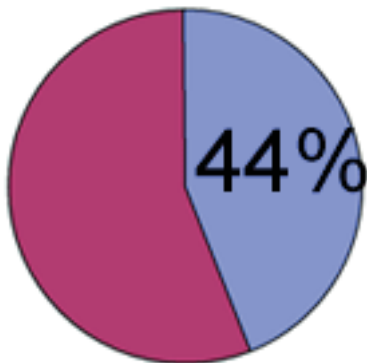
AFFAFFA (All For Fun And Fun For All)

Stacy Hickman
2006 President
Alexandria Jaycees



"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

- Teddy Roosevelt



Did You Know...

- **44 percent** of adults volunteer.
- **83.9 million American adults** volunteer, representing the equivalent of over **9 million** full-time employees at a value of **\$239 billion**.

Statistics from IndependentSector.org

International Dinner

Get your taste buds ready to start off the New Year with a bang! Mark your calendars for Thursday, *January 19* as the first International Dinner of 2006.

Watch the Jaycee list server for an announcement about the location and time. If you would like to suggest an Alexandria restaurant for this or a future international dinner location, please e-mail **Annette Beacham** at annettebeacham@hotmail.com.



ALIVE! Food Distribution

Join us at the ALIVE! Last Saturday food distribution. ALIVE! generously provides needy families in Alexandria with supplemental food and produce to help them get through the month.

The Jaycees, along with other community groups, help to sort, bag, and distribute donated food and produce. Local food banks, grocery stores and individuals donate food and produce to ALIVE! This is such a worthwhile project—the recipient families certainly appreciate your time and efforts!



So, wake up a little early on the last Saturday of the month to help us make a difference in Alexandria. The ALIVE! Last Saturday Food Distribution runs from **9 a.m. to 12 noon** at the Cora Kelly Recreation Center at 3600 Commonwealth Ave, Alexandria. The next three distributions will be January 28, February 25, and March 25. If you plan to participate or want more information, please contact **Amy Tenhouse** at atenhouse@hotmail.com.

Community Development

Drive a Local Celebrity

As the Alexandria Jaycees' representative to the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, I'm looking for a few good people who have *February 20* off to spend it with the Jaycees and the great citizens of Alexandria at the *George Washington Birthday parade*.

Drive VIPs down the parade route and then finish the day with a great big brunch with catering from Royal Restaurant. 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 Council 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.

If you are interested, please contact **Sharon Sobel** at once 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!

Chapter to Receive Proclamation from City

Hear ye, Hear ye! Alexandria City Council Proclaims *January 15-21, 2006* as **Jaycee Week** in the City. The Alexandria Jaycees will be receiving a proclamation from the Alexandria City Council at the Council meeting on Tuesday, *January 10* at 7 p.m. at City Hall in Old Town at 301 King Street.

Everyone is invited to come to City Hall for the presentation, which should only take about a half hour of our time. From there we will head to a local restaurant for dinner, drinks, and good company.

If you would like to attend the presentation, please contact **Alicia Auerswald** at alexjaycees@hotmail.com by January 5.

Upcoming State & National Events

Don't forget to sign up for the Annual Virginia Jaycees Year-end meeting **January 27-28** in Portsmouth, VA. Go to the Virginia Jaycees website at www.va-jaycees.org to get a registration form, or see page 10 of this newsletter.

The *U.S. Junior Chamber Year-End Celebration* will take place in Myrtle Beach, SC, **March 9-12, 2006**. Register by February 10 to receive the discounted rate. Visit www.usjaycees.org for more information.

Celebrate 2006 and Look Back at 2005

Installation 2006 is just around the corner. Come on out and help the chapter ring in a new year (officially) with the 2006 *Installation of New Officers* to be held **January 30, 2006** from **7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the Masonic Temple (101 Callahan Dr, Alexandria). Light refreshments and wine will be served.

This night will be looking back over the past year with a slide show and presentation of awards and then on to the celebration of our new leadership with the swearing in of Stacy Hickman as the 2006 President of the Alexandria Jaycees and all the members of the 2006 Board of Directors.

Happy Birthday to...

Stone Baggiano
 Shannon Catlett
 Kellie Cluff
 Mike Hugo
 Regina Reninger
 Sarah Soloman
 Donna Teabo



Jaycee Dues Update

It was proposed and voted on at the November Annual meeting of the Virginia Jaycees to increase the dues payment each Chapter makes per member to the Virginia Jaycees from \$19.50 to \$24.50. This is the first dues increase in many years. The proposal passed by only 2 votes.



Beginning January 1, 2006, this chapter must pay \$24.50 per member to the state. What does this mean to you? Nothing in terms of paying more to be a member. The 2005 Board of Directors decided not to increase the Alexandria membership dues. So the rate will remain \$60 for new members and \$55 to renew membership.

This change does affect the chapter in the percentage of money, we receive from each membership. The increase now means the chapter receives almost no monetary benefit from your membership dues, which means will need to cover operating expenses by raising money from outside sources with the help of our members. So, when we ask for help with financial projects, know part of that money goes towards keeping the chapter alive and kicking and providing you with a newsletter, meeting location, etc. Here is a breakdown of where the dues money goes:

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Renewal</u>
\$30.50 to USJC & JCI	\$30.50 to USJC & JCI	\$30.50 to USJC & JCI
\$24.40 to VAJC	\$24.40 to VAJC	\$24.50 to VAJC
\$55.00 subtotal	\$55.00 subtotal	\$55.00 subtotal
\$ 5.00 Alex Jaycees	\$ 0.00 Alex. Jaycees	\$ 0.00 Alex. Jaycees
\$60.00 Total	\$60.00 Total	\$55.00 Total

I hope this encourages folks to help out with fundraising projects and helps people understand why we need to run so many financial projects.

Work at the MCI Center

Are there any Washington Capitals or Wizards fans out there?! I certainly hope so because the MCI Center Concession Stand is back up and running. I have signed us up working at Sunday, **January 8** Caps game. The game is the Caps vs. Florida. The game starts at 3:00 p.m. so we need to be there at 12:45 p.m. to set-up the stand. I will need to know by **NOON, Wednesday January 4** if you will want to work the Caps game on January 8.

The next game is on Saturday, **January 21**, the Caps vs. Carolina. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. so we need to meet at 5:15 p.m.. I will need to know by **NOON, Wednesday January 18th** if you will be working this stand. Also for possible events include the Bon Jovi concert on February 2, Coldplay concert on March 2 and the NCAA Tournament Regionals in March as well. I will provide more information on the events as they come closer.

Why should you consider helping out at the MCI Center Concession Stand? One good reason is that you get into the event for free. You won't be able to see the event because we will be busy working at the stand, but we will be able to hear the concert and games. Also you will be helping making the Chapter a good sum of money as well. The concerts bring into the concession stand an average of \$8,000-\$12,000, which we get 10% of the net profits so at one concert we could possibly bring in \$800-\$1,200. Plus we will be able to eat the food and drink for free as well. (Trust me on this one; they have a good chicken fingers basket!)

The rules are the same as last time we did the MCI Center Concession Stand. Everyone needs to meet up at the scheduled time by the security entrance on 6th Street. Also we are required to wear either black slacks or black jeans. The emphasis is on the color black. It is also recommended that you wear comfortable shoes (tennis shoes) at this event because we will be on our feet the entire night. Be sure to bring

your picture id because the security will match it to the list of names that are submitted to MCI Center. If you don't bring your id, you will NOT be



Jaycees Tim and Lea Anne at MCI

allowed inside to work. There will be no drinking of alcohol tolerated before or during the event at all. Also you will need to be TIPS trained to work the stand as well.

Speaking of being TIPS-trained, there are a couple of ways of getting TIPS trained. The first way, is through www.gettips.com. It costs \$40 per person to take the class and the class is accepted by MCI Center. The second way is taking the training through a course that I will arrange with the contact person at Budweiser. Before the training course is set-up, I will need to have 10 people to take this course and the days you are available to take the course in January. The trainer is unable to do training on Wednesday and Friday nights. This course would be held at the Budweiser Building at 2815 V Street, NE, Washington, DC. The building has off-street, secured, free parking available. So please let me know as soon as possible so we can get a class set-up.

Just remember by taking this TIPS class, you will be helping out the Chapter. You will be qualified as TIPS trained for 3 years, the class is easy, and you will certified to work at the Red Cross Waterfront Festival in the summer as well.

I can be reached at (703) 567-7215 (home) or (202) 354-2000 (work) or by e-mail at LACHap89@aol.com.

Lea Anne Chapman
Alexandria Jaycee Point of Contact

State Jaycee Events

Let's start the New Year by taking a leisurely trip around the state. Don't worry, I will try not to get you lost or the very least not take you down the wrong side of the highway. (I just do that when I am driving by myself!)

The first stop will be in **Fredericksburg on January 14-15**. The first state event of year will be **LOTS (Local Officers Training School)**. This will be held at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg. This event is open to ALL local Chapter officers and your attendance is suggested and recommended. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. There is a registration fee of \$5, which includes snacks during the day. You don't have to pay now, but payment is expected upon arrival. Please let me know if you will be attending the event. The following day on Sunday, **January 15 is book judging**, which will be held at the Ramada Inn. If you are attending and want to stay overnight at the Ramada Inn, then the rate is \$59 under the Virginia Jaycees name. The hotel phone number is (540) 786-8361. The Ramada Inn's address is 2802 Plank Road, Fredericksburg. This is located at I-95 and State Route 3 West.

The next stop is a bit further from home and it is located in Portsmouth, VA. On **January 27-29, 2006** is the **Virginia Jaycees 2006 Convention**. At this convention, there will be training, socializing with other Chapters, a banquet, the installation of the new state executive officers, Year-End awards, dancing and Sunday's Board of Directors meeting. It should be a lot of fun. The early bird deadline is January 2, 2006. Please use the registration form in the newsletter to register or go to the Virginia Jaycees website to download the registration form. The fees are as follows:

Minimum registration - \$10 (early) \$15 (late)
 Friday Night Social - \$15 (early) \$18 (late)
 Saturday Night Installation and Year End Awards Banquet - \$29 (early) \$33 (late)
 Saturday Night Social/Dance – includes open bar

(beer, wine & soda) - \$15 (early) \$18 (late)

Full registration – \$64 (early) \$79 (late)

The State Convention will be held at Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704. The room rate for the hotel is \$72. Hope to see you there! If you are planning on attending, please let me know.

Mark your calendars for more state conventions - **Spring Boards** will be held in **May** with the dates to be announced later with the possible location being in Fredericksburg. **Summer Boards** will be held **August 25-27** at Camp Virginia Jaycee. **Fall Boards** will be held **November 10-12** at Harrisonburg. If the Harrisonburg location falls through, it will be held in Richmond at the famous Kroger Center. More details to come at later date!

As we continue the drive through Virginia, the Richmond, Chesterfield and Tuckahoe Jaycees sponsor Project W.A.R.M throughout the winter months providing firewood that help provide heat for low-income families each Saturday morning starting at 9:00 am. Personally, I am interested in helping out with this event at least once and if anyone is interested attending, please let me know.

The tour stops back closer to home with our neighboring chapter – Fairfax with the **Chocolate Lover's Tour**. I don't have many details about it at the moment, but it will be held within the month of February. It sounds rather delicious so please watch the list-serve and February newsletter for more details.

That concludes the tour of Virginia for now. There will be opportunities to tour later on. If you have any questions or want to visit any other Chapters contact me at LAChap89@aol.com.

Lea Anne Chapman
 State Director 2006

