



Alexandria Jaycees

NEWS

March 2010

Truth of Dare to Dream Be Told!

A big round of thanks goes out to everyone who participated and/or helped out with our January Dare to Dream event. We had a wonderful committee helping us pull it off, and everyone's hard work showed! Special thanks (in no particular order) to **Amy Tenhouse**, **Bob Wear** (Arlington Jaycees), **Lillian Cheng**, **Erickson Foster**, **Christine Flinton**, **Kerryellen Kerry**, **Stephanie Wallis**, **Romney Hogaboam** and **Mark Kaufmann**.

Our event began as a response to the challenge from Camp Virginia Jaycee (made last fall to all Virginia Jaycee chapters) to hold a fundraising event for the camp. The camp suffered severe financial losses last year, and was in danger of not being able to re-open this summer for the developmentally disabled campers they've served since the 1960s on their 90-acre camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Even though the official "Dare to Dream" Day was set for last October, our chapter decided we needed more time to hold an event that would generate a successful fundraising return for the camp. The time that we took in planning and recruiting participants paid off! We raised approximately \$4500 for the camp, even though our goal was only \$3,000 (still no small feat!).

We had wonderful support from the Alexandria community as well, who helped us funnel more profits to the camp with their donations:

- » **American Legion Post 24** generously donated their ballroom to hold our after-party event, as well as providing drinks and a bartender.
- » **Stephanie Wallis** donated her skills and design experience to create a branded look for our event in invitations, flyers, and tickets.
- » Many Alexandria businesses donated raffle items, and about \$1,000 was generated just from the raffle ticket sales.
- » The **Washington Capitals** donated a huge prize package that brought us \$300 through a silent auction.
- » **Bittersweet Catering** and **Heidelberg Pastry Shop** donated dessert trays to the after-party event.
- » **Mike Nguyen** donated his DJ services to our after-party event!

And a very special thanks to our wonderful dinner hosts, **Blaire Hedgepeth**, **Lori James** (and her crew of co-hosts), **Deirdre McDonnell**, **Romney Hogaboam** and **Jack Ferry** (and thanks, too, to the Jaycees and friends that attended my own dinner party)! Each dinner host held a dinner party at their home, where the attendees each paid \$25. This also entitled the guests to free admission to the after-party.

We got a lot of participation from older-generation Jaycees who welcomed the chance to raise money in honor of their dear friend, **Laura Williams**, an Alexandria Life Member who passed away suddenly last summer. She always held a special place in her big heart for the camp. **Tom King**, Chairman of the Board of the camp, also made a special guest appearance at the after-party event, and explained how much the Jaycee support means to the camp.

When you get the chance to visit the camp, either through a summer boards, or a Camp Work Party (held in the spring and fall), I encourage you to go. It is a very special place, and we hope that through our support, we'll be able to visit the camp for years to come.

Sharon Sobel

M-Night

(Membership Open House, Meet, Greet, Eat & Drink)

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Union Street Pub in Old Town

The next M-Night will be at Union Street Pub on March 10, 2010. This is your chance to meet and get to know all about the Jaycees in an informal atmosphere. New, old and prospective members are welcome to attend and ask questions about the Jaycees. For questions about the event, please contact Christine at membership_vp@alexjaycees.org.

Goals for M-Nights are to:

- 1) Have fun!
- 2) Get to know and network with some of your fellow Jaycees in a casual environment!
- 3) Enjoy drinks and/or a light meal!
- 4) Welcome prospective members!

So, bring a friend with you or come by yourself and enjoy a good time with the Alexandria Jaycees. We hope to see you all there!

Christine Sivigny

2010 Vice President, Membership

Renewing Your Membership

As many of you that have been long-time members of the Alexandria Jaycees can attest, membership has its privileges! But, have you wondered why the Alexandria Jaycees' membership starts asking you about your intention of renewing your membership up to two months before your renewal date? The reason is that you receive a \$5 discount for renewing your membership the month prior to your anniversary month. Otherwise, your renewal dues would be for the full amount (\$80). For example, if you joined in April 2009, your notice of intent to renew and renewal dues would be due no later than March 10, 2010.

This discount is granted from the national organization. The Alexandria Jaycees would like all members to benefit from this discount, and has established a system for reporting and paying for all renewals according to the Virginia Jaycees and US Jaycees deadline for early renewals. So, please let us know of your intentions when asked. Of course, we hope each of you continues to find your membership worthwhile and renew!

If you have any questions throughout the year about your membership, dues, etc. please contact any of us on your Membership/Activation Team: Christine Sivigny (Membership VP), Sarah Godshall (Director) and Romney Hogaboam (Director). And, if you have additional suggestions or ideas that would help motivate you to renew, please let us know what we can do to serve you better.

Christine Sivigny, Membership VP
membership_vp@alexjaycees.org



Recycle this Newsletter!

Pass it on to someone you think may be interested in joining the Alexandria Jaycees!

President's Remarks

We're #1!

As the Olympics come to a close, you could say that the Alexandria Jaycees won a gold medal of their own by *winning the Virginia Cup in 2009* (see details below). We don't have a medal stand that is big enough for you all to stand on, but we do have a fancy trophy and a lot of pride for being the top chapter in the State. We owe a lot of thanks to our President from 2009, Amy Tenhouse, but each of you should give yourselves a pat on the back for working hard all year long and finishing with a job well done.



With this award comes responsibility and a challenge for 2010. After our chapter was recognized at the Virginia Jaycees State Convention at Virginia Beach, several local presidents from other chapters approached us and challenged us. They said that their chapters were going to be the best this year. That means that our job this year is to make sure that they are all fighting for 2nd place.

What can we do to be the #1 chapter in 2010?

- » Run projects in each area of opportunity in the Jaycees
 - Financial (Business Development)
 - Community Development
 - Individual Development
 - International Development
- » Recruit New Members
- » Nominate our fellow outstanding members for state level awards
- » Ensure that we are growing as individual members by completing the Passport to Leadership (Degrees of Jaycees) Program
- » Visit other chapters
- » Have Fun!

My challenge to you this month is to get involved. Whether you are a brand new member or a seasoned veteran, you can chair a project or brainstorm for ideas, bring a friend or volunteer your time. It is up to all of us to work hard in 2010 and continue to be the ones to beat for another year.

Thanks again for everything that you do as a Jaycee. With this experience you're helping to improve your community.

Harry Schroeder
2010 President

My First Virginia Jaycees State Convention

I spent several years in Virginia Beach when I served in the Navy and even went back a few times for work since then. However, last month I returned to the beach for something other than work — the Virginia Jaycees Year-End Convention. As a relatively new member of the Alexandria Jaycees and first timer at the Convention, I was very excited to attend and see what the Jaycees were all about, outside of the activities I had been involved with locally. I had an absolute blast and got to meet a lot of great people. I look forward to attending another state convention when the weather is a little warmer and there is less chance of being stuck in a blizzard! Yes, the blizzard hindered some of our fun, but it didn't stop us Jaycees from doing what we came to do, which was celebrate a great year, learn some new things and have some fun. All of us certainly had fun. But, it wasn't just about the fun; there were some good training sessions where I learned some new things about the Jaycees, as well as learned about the traditions and regulations of the organization. As a former military guy, learning about and understanding history and traditions means a lot to me. One of my favorite events to participate in was the First Timer's Program, in which all the first timers were asked to participate in a scavenger hunt type of activity which doubles a great way to meet as many Jaycees at the convention as possible. Unfortunately, a West End Jaycee beat me in the competition, but I tried! I took my defeat in stride and with honor, as the Alexandria Jaycees took home oodles of awards including the Local Chapter President of the Year and the Virginia State Cup (aka the Number One Chapter in the State)! For anyone who has not been to a state convention, I highly recommend attending one soon, especially for those Jaycees that are new to the organization. I will be at one in the near future, and if you need advice on how to win the First Timer's Award, I'll be happy to help.

Mark Kaufmann
2010 Director, Finance

ALIVE!

A big thank you goes out to **Julie and Andy Feltman** for leading the ALIVE! Food Unloading on Jan 29, 2010. Also thank you to **Jeff Spevak** and **Erickson Foster** for coming out to help unload the food despite the bad weather. If you'd like to assist in running one of the future ALIVE events, please contact Jennifer Jackson at jennifer.jackson07@gmail.com or Laurie Bledy at LaurieBledy@yahoo.com.

Please join us for our next ALIVE! event on March 26, 2010. RSVP on Meetup.com.

Jennifer Jackson
2010 Director, Community Development

Go Green!

Choose to receive your newsletter electronically—no more paper copies—and save a tree! If you want an electronic copy only, please contact Amy at amy.alexjaycees@gmail.com.

Show Your Irish (and Jaycee) Pride at the Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade!

The 29th Annual Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held in Old Town Alexandria. The parade celebrates the Irish American community in Alexandria.

Come join the Alexandria Jaycees as we march in the parade wishing spectators a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Be sure to wear something green!!

If you are interested in marching in the parade, RSVP on Meetup.com. If you're interested in coordinating an easy project, please contact Laurie Bledy at LaurieBledy@yahoo.com.

Laurie Bledy
2010 Vice President, Community Development



Congratulations to our State Level Award Winners

4th Quarter Awards

Outstanding Projects of the 4th Quarter:

Camping Trip by **Abbey Warren**: Individual Development

Outstanding New Member of the 4th Quarter:
Laurie Bledy

Presidential Awards of Appreciation:
Abbey Warren
Blair Hedgepeth

1st Place Chapter for the 4th Quarter:
Alexandria!

Year End Awards

First Timers at Convention Award:
Mark Kaufmann

Year End CPGs:
Run/Walk Club

Tucker Watkins — Outstanding Local Officer: 0
Diana Karczmarczyk — Community Development

Sidney D. Peck — Outstanding Local President:
Amy Tenhouse

Luther Lee Allison — Virginia Cup Program Manager:
Laura Murphy

Virginia Cup Winner — Top Chapter in the State:
Alexandria!

Harry Schroeder
2010 President

Community Appreciation Night

Save the Date!



March 18, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Alexandria City Hall
Sister Cities Conference Room
#1101

More details to follow

Community Appreciation Night

Community Appreciation Night (CAN) is a special evening honoring five outstanding City employees who have gone beyond the call of duty both on and off their jobs. This year's event will be held on **March 18**.

CAN consists of an awards reception including hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and beverages. We ask the heads of the following city departments to nominate an employee (aged 21–40 to reflect the Jaycee population) who has gone above and beyond the call of duty:

- » Fire Department
- » Sheriff's Department
- » Police Department
- » City Manager's Office
- » Public Schools

The Jaycees are looking for co-chairpersons and members to help ensure this event goes off effortlessly. Please contact Laurie Bledy at LaurieBledy@yahoo.com for ways you can help. See the listing on Meetup.com for more information.

Laurie Bledy
2010 Vice President, Community Development

SAVE THE DATE!

We'll be celebrating our 70th Anniversary with our Charter Weekend on May 14–16!

May 14 — Happy Hour Social

May 15 — Banquet

May 16 — Picnic

More details coming soon... For more information, contact Amy at amy.alexjaycees@gmail.com.

State Director's Remarks

"Chapter Checkers" in effect!

As of Friday, February 19, we have visited 2 more chapters. On Saturday, February 13, we visited the Fredericksburg Jaycees at their "Social Media Training" that was offered free to all members. Thanks to Ying Lu for attending the training along with me. We both learned a lot! Alexandria has also visited the Arlington Jaycees at their February chapter meeting. Thanks to members Abbey Warren, Amy Tenhouse, and Daniel Anzanello for attending the visitation for us.

Five upcoming VA state/chapter-wide events worth noting:

Wednesday, March 17 — The Arlington Jaycees are having their monthly chapter meeting at the NRECA building in the Ballston neighborhood of Arlington. Meeting starts at 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 25 — The Arlington Jaycees are having their monthly Food Assistance Center event. Volunteers are needed for food organization and distribution from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meet them at the Food Assistance Center located on South Nelson St. in Arlington.

Saturday, March 27 — The Norfolk Jaycees are holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Salvation Army Facility on VA Beach BLVD in Norfolk.

Sunday, March 28 — The Fredericksburg Jaycees are holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Memorial Park in Fredericksburg.

Friday, May 21 – Sunday, May 23 — The next **State Convention** — As you read from President Harry's column, the Alexandria Jaycees did extremely well at the Convention held in Virginia Beach, VA. The location of this upcoming Convention is TBD.

So, here's your next Jaycee Jeopardy quiz...

If you are a current dues-paying member and you know the answers, you could WIN A \$25 GIFT CARD TO OLD NAVY! Send me your quiz answers in an email to: sallyschroeder@hotmail.com. The winner's name will be drawn at the March Chapter meeting!

Match the description to the appropriate historical Jaycee Member:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ardent supporter of the Jaycees from its beginnings in 1920, this member helped form the JCI Senate Organization. _____ 2. The member who penned the Jaycee Creed. _____ 3. First female elected as US Jaycee President in year 2000. _____ 4. The first president of the US Junior Chamber and considered the founder of the organization. _____ 5. A key member in the US Jaycees earliest years, this member urged the organization to adopt the first line of the creed referring to "Faith in God". _____ 6. This Jaycee member had the Jaycees working to help establish airmail services for the United States. _____ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Henry Giessenbier b. William Brownfield c. Andy Mungenast d. Charles Lindbergh e. Sydney Ward f. John H. Armbruster |
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Sally Schroeder
2010 State Director

SPRING
for
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Alexandria Gives! Alexandria Gives: A Community Contribution Day

(a part of Spring for Alexandria!)

Coming Soon!!

May 1, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Clear out your cupboards and closets and contribute to our neighbors in need. Volunteers from Alexandria charities will be onsite collecting food, clothing, supplies and more. The Jaycees are coordinating this project and need many, many volunteers so please mark your calendar!

In the meantime, we need help with planning the event. Join us on **March 11th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Caboose Cafe and Bakery, 2419 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray and get involved!

Amy Tenhouse

Financial Vice President's Remarks:

The Jaycee Yard Sales are ALMOST here!

Even though there is still snow on the ground, we know that the summer will be here before all know it. That means that the Jaycee yard sales will be here soon! Starting in May until November there will be at least one yard sale a month. As a Jaycee you have the benefit of one FREE space (valued at \$15) per sale. The yard sale vendors have all sorts of products. You can find household goods, new shoes, furniture and jewelry.

To learn more check out the web site at <http://www.alexjaycees.org/yardsales.php> and pass the word on!

Of course, this event would NOT be possible without help! It is a fun way to spend a Saturday morning! We walk around and make the vendors feel comfortable, answer any questions, cool up and sell hot dogs and drinks and have fun with other Jaycees! If you are interested in helping PLEASE email Diana at financial_vp@alexjaycees.org.

The Financial Development portfolio is looking for help! Are you interested in helping to plan some fundraisers for the Chapter? Are you interested in leading or co-leading a fundraiser for the Chapter? Do you have some ideas on ways to make money for the Chapter? We need your help! Email your interest and suggestions to Diana at financial_vp@alexjaycees.org

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.

If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.

— Chinese proverb

Diana Karczmarczyk
2010 Vice President, Finance

Charter Night Planning

We need your help to make our 70th anniversary a memorable one! Join us on **March 4**, to plan the events for the Charter weekend to be held May 14–16. The “Charter Weekend” will be jam-packed with fun that you and your friends won’t want to miss — a Friday night social, a Celebration Dinner & Dance on Saturday, and a Picnic on Sunday. We need your ideas and suggestions to make this weekend memorable and fun.

So, if party planning is your thing, if you’re good at getting sponsorships from businesses, or if you just want to get involved and meet some new people, join us at our next planning meeting!

March 4, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Panera Bread, 3201 Duke Street, Alexandria

Amy Tenhouse
2010 Chair

Share a Meal with Fellow Jaycees: Greek Cooking Night

What’s better than a great meal? Maybe sharing one you helped prepare with old and new friends. On Saturday, March 20 you are invited to meet with 8 others to prepare and enjoy an authentic Greek meal. Dinner preparation begins at 5:00 p.m. for those who want to learn more about the ingredients and techniques used. Appetizers will be available starting around 6:15. Dinner is scheduled to begin between 7:00 and 7:30. You are invited to come for part, or all of the of the four course meal. Greek music will be played throughout the event along with a slide show of Greece. No prior experience or skill is required. Attendance is limited to 9 due to space constraints. Non-alcoholic beverages are included. You are welcome to bring your own adult beverages. Check out Meet-up for complete details and to RSVP.

Sarah Godshall
2010 Director, Activation

March

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Jaycee Run/Walk Club 7:00 p.m. Pacers Running Store, 1301 King St. Contact Sally Schroeder at sallyschroeder@ hotmail.com	3	4 Charter Night Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m. Panera Bread, 3201 Duke St. Contact Amy Tenhouse at: amy.alexjaycees@ gmail.com	5	6 Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade 11:30 a.m. Contact Laurie Bledy at: LaurieBledy@yahoo.com
7	8 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 p.m. Jack Taylor Toyota, 3750 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Alexandria	9 Jaycee Run/Walk Club 7:00 p.m.	10 M-Night! 7:00 p.m. Union Street Pub, 121 South Union St., Alexandria	11 Spring for Alexandria Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m. Caboose Cafe & Bakery 2419 Mt. Vernon Ave. Contact Amy Tenhouse at: amy.alexjaycees@ gmail.com	12	13
14	15 Community Service/ Financial Portfolio Meeting 6:00 p.m. Panera Bread, located at 3201 Duke St. Contact Laurie, Diana or Lillian management_vp@ alexjaycees.org	16 Jaycee Run/Walk Club 7:00 p.m. Warrenton-Fauquier Jaycees Bowling Social (visitation opportunity) 7:00 p.m. Broadview Lanes, 272 Broadview Ave., Warrenton	17 VISITATION to the Arlington Jaycees Meeting 7:15 p.m. NRECA Building, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington	18 Community Appreciation Night 7:00 p.m. Alexandria City Hall Sister Cities Conference Room 1101 Contact Laurie Bledy at: LaurieBledy@yahoo.com	19	20 State of the City Address 9:00 a.m. Fire Station at Potomac Yard, 2800 Main Line Boulevard Contact Harry at: president@alexjaycees.org Greek Cooking Night 7:00 p.m. Contact Sarah at: director2@alexjaycees.org
21	22 The Alexandria Jaycees March Meetup 7:00 p.m. American Legion 400 Cameron Street Contact Harry at: president@alexjaycees.org	23 Jaycee Run/Walk Club 7:00 p.m.	24	25 VISITATION to the Arlington Jaycees Food Assistance Center 6:30 p.m. Arlington Food Assistance Center, 2708 South Nelson St., Arlington	26 ALIVE! Food Unloading Volunteer Project 6:30 p.m. Cora Kelly Cntr, 25 Reed Ave. Contact Jennifer Jackson at jennifer.jackson07@ gmail.com Bowling Bash 8:30 p.m. Details TBD	27 Norfolk Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt (visitation opportunity) 9:00 p.m. Salvation Army Facility, 5524 East Virginia Beach Boulevard, Norfolk
28	29	30 Jaycee Run/Walk Club 7:00 p.m.	31			



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Community Service & Financial Portfolio Meeting

March 15, 6:00 p.m., Panera Bread

Want to learn about upcoming community service projects? Interested in exploring the financial side of the Alexandria Jaycees? Join us to hear about volunteer opportunities in both these areas. Your ideas are also encouraged, so bring them!

Check out the listing on Meetup.com for directions and to RSVP.

Run/Walk Club

Are you interested in keeping up that New Year's resolution of getting fit, meeting new people or just having fun? Maybe you have aspirations of running a 5K, a half marathon or even a marathon this year! Run/Walk Club is for you! The Jaycees meet at the Pacers Run Store, 1301 King Street in Old Town Alexandria at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights (and sometimes Thursdays too!). Pacers holds fun runs those days — perfect for all ages and levels of runners and walkers. No need to worry if you are a beginner or not a frequent runner, this is the perfect opportunity for you to explore and try new things! If you need a little motivation or exercise in your life, then this project is for you. Contact Sally Schroeder at sallyschroeder@hotmail.com or Abbey Warren at id_vp@alexjaycees.org for details. We hope to see you there!

Abbey Warren
2010 Vice President, Individual Development

Check out all the ways that you can connect with us!

- Web site: www.alexjaycees.org
- Meetup: www.meetup.com/alexjaycees
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/alexjaycees
- Blog: www.alexjaycees.blogspot.com
- Facebook: search for: "fanpage — Alexandria, VA Jaycees"

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