

The Focal Point Lincoln Jaycees

February Edition

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Hi Lincoln Jaycees, what a great start to the year it's been. It began with a project even before the General Membership Meeting (GMM), Elderly Bingo. There aren't too many projects that you can go to and come out feeling so much better than when you went in...this was one of them. Our Bingo caller for the night (also chairperson) was **Tina Schrader** and she did an awesome job! (They said I'd talk too fast, go figure?!?) At GMM the Community areas was SO impressed by your sweaters and sweatshirts donations, Jaycees giving back to the community – I love it!

We had a very efficient GMM, and members still got to watch most of the Orange Bowl on the same evening. **Deirdre Smith's** first GMM as chairman went very well, and I danged near fell off of those funky boots I borrowed from my mom. The platform heel was something else, but I kinda liked the temporary height increase. Oh, and how about that food at Engine House Cafe? One word for it – YUM!

Candy Hernandez pulled off two more Casino Nights and thanks to the MANY members who helped out (it was more FUN than you thought, wasn't it!) Though I couldn't be in attendance at the Membership College, those who were have provided great feedback. Kudo's go out to **Kim Ruwe** and **Christie Eurek** for coordinating the event – they even had Jaycees there from other chapters, so cool! A HUGEST thanks goes out to **Coleen Warner** – though weather and other events interfered with Scrapbooking that resulted in low attendance, she completed **President Gene's** scrapbook. We got to see it at the Year-End banquet, maybe he'll bring it to GMM too if you missed it then. That was no small task she undertook!

I'd like to thank **Lori Michl** for all of her work planning the Year-End Awards and Inaugural Banquet, we had a ton of fun! If you missed the slide show, you missed quite a show. **Zach Hill** took quite a bit of time during last year gathering pictures for the website and keeping them posted, (**Quince Michl** submitted so many great ones, check it out!) then **Zach** combined them for a slideshow. So, to be sure your fun stuff from this year is recognized, please be sure to make an extra set of pics, get them to me and I'll get them in the right form for publication (they may even show up in the newsletter)!

Congratulations to **Lori Michl** for representing Nebraska at national competition in Washington DC January 24-27. All that studying paid off - she got a call back for being in the top 10 for Jaycee Jeopardy.

It's February (guys and gals, Valentine's Day is just around the corner) and there's a great lineup of projects this month. Please take time to read the newsletter, mark your personal calendar with projects that interest you, and bring a friend to share in those wonderful Jaycee experiences. I'm looking forward to sporting a referee shirt – can you guess which project that is? First person who tells me correctly at the February GMM will receive a special gift! See ya then!



In Jaycees,
Lisa Lewis
Lincoln Jaycees 76th President
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Thinking about tomorrow, today!

Come to February's
GMM at
Engine House Cafe
6028 Havelock Ave.
Wednesday, Feb. 7
7:00 p.m.

MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT

Happy February Everyone!!! I don't know about you, but to me February is a rather weird month. It is always so gloomy and sometimes there is tons of snow on the ground. Well, on a positive note, Valentine's Day is in Feb. — YEA YEA!!! So, in keeping with the love theme, help us celebrate all your love for the LINCOLN JAYCEES by wearing red to the next GMM. You can bring kisses too and see how many people you can kiss! Also, we will be making Valentine's cards for the patients in the hospital/burn center so bring your creative talents and have some FUN!!!!

I want to thank **CANDY HERNANDEZ** for keeping the Casino Night project going. It is a great project that really helps out the management department. Candy has done a great job keeping it going — and thanks to all the people who showed up this past Friday on short notice — it is greatly appreciated! Also a big thanks goes out to **SARA NELSON** for helping represent Lincoln at LOTS in Kearney this past weekend. We learned LOTS, didn't we?

OK, so coming up in February for management is

organization. I am trying to get through past CPG's and come up with some good ideas for projects. I know that my directors will be helping me out greatly so, an advanced thanks goes out!

Unfortunately, I will be supporting the ski resorts and learning some new anesthesia techniques in Feb, I so I won't be able to make it to GMM — MAKE ME PROUD AND HAVE FUN!! If you have any ideas for projects for management — don't hesitate to let the management team know!



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State Capitol Tour

Come tour the Nebraska State Capitol with the coolest Jaycees in town. We will meet inside the North entrance at 2:00, Saturday, February 17 for an exciting journey through the history of the State Capitol. This free tour will last approximately one hour, and maybe afterwards we can hang out - open to suggestions. Please join us.

Questions??? Call or e-mail Michelle Acklie at AcklieM@aol.com or 476-6096.



Kudos to the Board of Directors!

We're "good to go!"

You'll be happy to know that we had close to 100% of your Board of Directors in attendance at the Board Retreat. We were honored to have **Nebraska Jaycee President Paul Huss** as a featured speaker, and I'd also like to thank **Gene Stoddard**, **Steve Strong**, and **Art Weiland** for conducting training during the day. In addition, we had a great turnout at LOTS (Local Officer Training School) in Kearney. What does that mean to you, the **AIGM (All Important General Member)**? It means that your Board is committed to the chapter, and "good to go" for the year. I'm very pleased to tell you all, that I've been very impressed by them, one and all. (And I'm not that easily impressed, let me tell ya!) Our training has just begun, we'll continue to learn and grow with our community as we continue to think about tomorrow, today! Thank you to the Board for your extra time in January getting things planned and underway!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Howdy All . . .

I really can't believe that January is already over and that February is in full swing. January was a great month for chapter community involvement. We rocked at Lancaster Manor in the **Elderly Bingo Night**. A **BIG THANK YOU** to **Tina Schrader** and crew – See you again on February 6th! We also had a great time with some great kids at **Super Shooters** – **GREAT JOB Scott Sackville** and everyone that helped!! The Community charity drive collected over 70 sweatshirts and sweaters for the Salvation Army. **Awesome job** Lincoln Jaycees!!!



We will be just as busy in February. Please join us on February 6th for another **Elderly Bingo** night with **Tina Schrader as chair**. It will be a full court press on February 10th when we play basketball with the kids from **Whitehall** with **Art Weiland** chairing. We are planning on a tour of the State Capital on February 17 with **Michelle Acklie** leading the way as chair. And finally, it's never too early to think about the largest annual Lincoln Jaycee event – **The Fourth of July** with **Tina Schrader and Jodi Denson** as chairs. If you are interested in sub-chairing any of the areas under this project, please call any of us on the CD team and chairs.

This month's Community charity project is all about Valentines. We plan on giving Valentines Day cards to children in the hospital. We are teaming up with I.D. and making valentines for these kids at G.M.M. so come to G.M.M. and help us out. For March, we are planning on giving hygiene and personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.) to the Fresh Start program. Fresh Start helps individuals and families who have left an abusive situation and are starting over.

Dave and the C.D. Team
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WhiteHall Basketball

And now starting for the awesome Jaycee team "Insert Your Name". Yes, it's time once again to lace up those sports sneakers and see if you remember to play basketball because the Bulldogs from WhiteHall have been practicing. We'll square off February 10th, starting at 1:30 p.m.. So please show up at 1 p.m. and we can warm up. So we don't wear out too soon I'd like to have about 12 to 15 players (guys as well as gals). The school is located at 56th and R streets, park in the east parking lot and enter the east doors. Please wear the 2000 4th of July T-shirt. I'll bring extra's.

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Submissions are welcome by e-mail, handwritten (legible please) or disks. Be sure to include contact information including names, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and dates. The editor reserves the right to have typos and factual errors and edit copy for length and content.

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STATE DIRECTOR

Lincoln Jaycees

You'll be excited to know that your board had a full contingency travel to Kearney to receive training at L.O.T.S. or Local Officer Training School. They've come back brimming with motivation and overflowing with ideas. They've already begun putting the plans into action for the rest of this year, which is also your year, so if you've any additional ideas or want to chair a project, give them a call. I've been informed that the Southeast Region LOTS is slated for February 10th in Auburn, another chance for more education. It has also come to my attention that I'm to be in charge of visiting other chapters. In January we've visited Beatrice and Kearney, as of this writing. If anyone hears of something fun that they'd like some company to go with them, give me a call and we'll work it out.

Art Weiland
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Year-End Convention

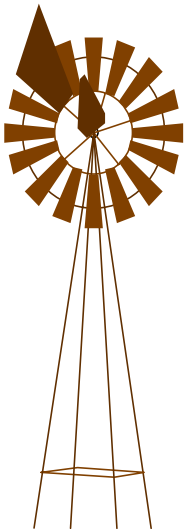
It's February and It's Convention Time!!! The Nebraska Jaycee Year-End Convention is February 2-4 in Gering/Scottsbluff. There are a few of us Lincoln Jaycees preparing to make the trip West, and there is still time for YOU to join us! Registration is only \$43. We are going to end our year "Bursting with Excitement" by celebrating Mardi Gras style. So bring all those fabulous beads!!! You know it's always fun to get more of those from other Jaycees, too! We will be staying at the Scottsbluff Inn and rooms for the weekend have been reserved so see me for your confirmation number.



Now, here's what to wear: Friday night, Gene's Board Shirt or your FAC "Trust Us We're Fun" shirt; Saturday lunch, Lisa's Board Shirt; Saturday banquet, dress clothes; and Sunday is your choice! Lincoln had a great year in 2000 and we're sure to have another outstanding year in 2001 as we join President Lisa in "Thinkin' about tomorrow, today!"

On a side note, thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Director. It's been a real pleasure and I wish Art Weiland all the best as he takes over the reins of this fun job!!
 THANKS!

Rachel Rezabek
Outgoing State Director



Howdy everyone!

I have accepted the opportunity to serve on the Nebraska Jaycee State Board as the Outstanding Young Farmer (OYF) Program Manager. Nebraska is very fortunate this year because we are hosting the National OYF convention February 15-18, 2001 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Downtown Omaha. Teresa Parke, Jennie Rasmussen and Leo Blaha have been very busy working on this important event, and they could use our help. If you are interested in volunteering your time to work at this convention, please let me know or contact Teresa at 402-332-2673 or parke@neonramp.com or Jennie at 402-721-7570 or rcjennie@uswest.net for more information. The NOYF committee is requesting help Friday night and Saturday day/night with taking tickets at the meals. They also need help to set up the staging for the banquet Saturday. There are incentives to helping — to learn more contact me and I'll let you in on all the good stuff!!! It is an honor for Nebraska to host this convention so if you can help, I know the committee would be most appreciative.

Thanks,
Rachel Rezabek
OYF Program Manager (after Feb. 2001)

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM ID

One of the world's most successful software monopolies—oops, I mean companies—has an advertising slogan that asks “Where do you want to go today?” That’s the perfect question for this year’s Individual Development (ID) team.

We’ve taken a cue from President Lisa’s theme for the year (“Thinking About Tomorrow, Today”) and put our own ID spin on it. Individual Development is all about YOU and developing the interests, skills, abilities and potential that YOU have. Your ID team is here to help you develop and enhance yourself as an individual – whether it be through learning different skills, discovering new talents, gaining knowledge, building stronger family dynamics or simply just recharging your soul. Best of all, we have some great IDEas to get you started – and we are willing (indeed, hoping!) to get more IDEas from all of you!

Who’s on First?

So who is your ID team for this year? In addition to myself, your team consists of two very talented Directors, **Paula Miller** and **Janet Oenbring**, who have volunteered their time and talent to help set up and lead projects.

What’s on Second?

What have we got planned for you in the coming year? In addition to the project IDEas that we hope to get from all of you, we do have some scheduled items to start off the year. First up is a small craft project that we’ll be doing in the minutes before the February GMM. (Hint: it involves Hallmark’s favorite product and Cupid’s favorite holiday.) During that meeting, you’ll also get an introduction to the “ID Minute” and some other IDEas we have for other projects.

Lori Michl will be helping us all learn the ins and outs of mixing drinks on **March 23rd** when we again serve up the ever-popular **Mix It Up Bartending Class** at P.O. Pears. Also in the works is an Easter Egg Hunt for Jaycee kids and families, a short financial planning seminar and a Fine Arts 101 course.



I don’t know!**

Do you have a topic or subject you would like to learn more about? How about a hobby or skill you’d be willing to share with other members? Don’t sit home and wonder about it - contact your ID team! Let us know what we can do for YOU. We are always looking for projects, IDEas to pursue, and (of course) potential

chair people.

We’ll try to help you find out where you want to go today—and tomorrow—as well as how you can get there. All it takes is YOUR commitment to learn. See you all at the February meeting!

Jane Gustafson
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***P.S. I’ve got prizes for everyone who can tell me the response to this line – and what it’s from.*

February Birthdays

Martin Jensen Yvonne Sabatka
Chris Peters Maura Tolzin
Amanda Haumont Christopher Greer
Art Weiland

Happy Birthday!



Your 2001 Board!



Dancing The Night Away!

Lincoln Jaycees INAUGURAL 2001 January 20th



That's Entertainment!



U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce 2000 President John Prozinski (left) swears into office 2001 President Sydney Ward (right) of Austin, Texas.



"TOYA" Ten Outstanding Young Americans Jan. 24-27 Washington D.C.



See, It's not that big!

MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH

Be A Part Of The Team

Lincoln Jaycees are you having fun yet? Last month we started off the year with a big bang. The Lincoln Jaycees had fourteen projects in the month of January and thanks to everyone who brought somebody to a project we really appreciate it. A big thank-you to **Jodi Denson** and **Art Weiland** for recruiting two new Jaycees for us. Welcome **Becky Sindelar** and **Lea Alderman**, we are happy to have you in the great Lincoln Jaycees and look forward to getting to know you both. Please consider bringing someone to one of the great projects we have planned in February, see the details for the Membership projects throughout the Focal Point.

At the beginning of January we had a Membership College big thanks to everyone who attended and **Christie Eurek** for chairing the project. I would also like to thank **Jill Marshall**, **Nick Kelly**, and our **2001 National Vice President Donny Kayl** for taking time out of their busy schedules to come and speak to us. One of the topics discussed were Membership Nights a project that is planned to debut in March! Be ready for another exciting and fun filled project from the Membership and Growth area. This project is guaranteed to get us to Active Chapter Size by the end of the year. Isn't that exciting?

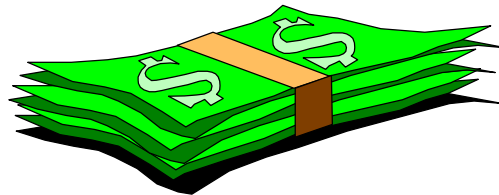
Finally, several officers recently went to Local Officers Training School (LOTS) in Kearney. I just want to tell you all, we are the best chapter in the state. "I am not judging. I am just saying." I am so happy to be a part of an excited and fun chapter like Lincoln. Let's go out and share that enthusiasm with the rest of Lincoln and show everyone our true potential as a chapter. This is the best time ever to be a Lincoln Jaycee.

Don't forget our incentives! Let's have a great February!
Happy Valentine's Day!



Add one for the team

Kim Ruwe
2001 Membership and Growth VP
kim@lincolnjaycees.org



February Renewals

Christie Eurek
Travis Ferguson
Tammy Hastings
Bob Kelly
Quince Michl
Jared Minary
Chris Peters
Amy Sall
Steve Schmitz
Maura Tolzin

March Renewals

President Lisa Lewis
Sara Nelson
Amanda Haumont

2001 Membership Incentives

Triad Incentive - Poker Game:
\$50.00 Gift Certificate every triad

Rules:

1. Chair Membership Project = 1 card (only one FAC a triad)
2. Bring prospective member to project = 1 card
3. Recruit a new member = 2 cards
4. Chair a project where new member is recruited = 1 card for every new member.
5. Bonus cards at discretion of V.P.'s and President.

Best hand wins gift certificate.

Whole year incentive:

Recruit 10 members for the Lincoln Jaycees and receive registration to a 2001 National Jaycee Event (a \$175.00 value) or talk to Kim about other incentives for recruiting 10 members.

Every member who recruits will receive a koozie.

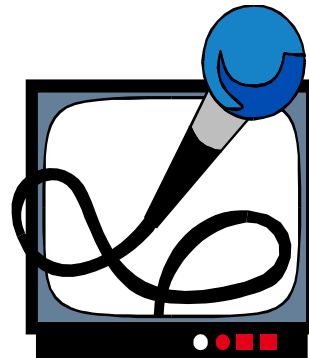
Friday Afternoon Club

You might wish to enjoy a beverage after work. You might want to play some keno. You might need to do some social networking. You might be able to sing later in the evening. Good! Then come to the February FAC at Neighbors Lounge.

Day and Date: Friday, February 23rd
Time: 5:00 PM until whenever
Location: Neighbors Lounge, 7010 O Street, north side
Cost: Whatever you care to spend

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Chairperson: **Lea Alderman 464-9546**
Over-see-er: **Jodi Denson 474-5328**



Personally Speaking . . .

JEJ - Thank you for keeping me alive at LOTS - A

John - Congratulations on your promotion - Amy

Deirdre - Keep your chin up - Amy

To my fellow Sigma - Thank you for all of your hard work - Amy

Chris P. - Congratulations on your new job with the State - Janet

Deirdre - What a year of changes. Remember your Jaycee friends are here for you.

Caitlin and Kylon - Congratulations! - Mommy and Daddy

Bunny - The last eight months have been AWESOME!! - Many more to come! - Bear

Melissa - We are NOT doing any challenges this year. Where do I go for some cheap champagne? Kim

Tina - Sorry about FSU, better luck next year. Kim

Michelle - What could we possibly have to talk about for three hours on the phone? Kim

Amy - I think your cell phone is ringing, isn't it? Liz

Jodi - Thanks for the grammatical advice, it worked!

Gene-o - I can't thank you enough for your advice and suggestions this past month (not to mention your patience!) - you and your Board are a tough act to follow, but we'll do our best!

Zach - Wow, what a slideshow! Thanks for all of your work on the website the past year, it's been a great resource and you're an unsung hero for keeping it up to date!

Quincer - Thanks for all of the pics for the website and slideshow, it wouldn't have been quite as exciting without them!

Alex - Thanks for your patience and support during this first month with extra "schtuff" that needed done. It'll get better, I promise! (Gene-O promised me that, so it must be true!) - Madame Prez

Lincoln Jaycees - I miss you! Randy Skiles

Randrew - We miss you!

The following personals were inadvertently left out in the January Focal Point. Sorry Geno.

Lisa - Good luck in 2001. You'll do a great job. - Gene

Sue Hill - You made it through the year. Good job! Thanks - Gene

Lisa - Thank you for helping make my year a successful one. - Gene

2000 Board - Thanks for everything! - Gene



Social Networking

In case you haven't noticed, the Membership and Growth area has been focusing on Social Networking projects. We would like to thank our chair people for January:

Christie Eurek – for putting on a great Membership College. Everyone learned a lot!

Jodi Denson – for setting up the FAC. We all enjoy the monthly Friday Afternoon Club.

Jason Scranton – for lining up a place to play Pitch. And thanks to **Mike and Susan Nagle** for having us.

Quince Michl – for organizing the Super Bowl party. That commercial was hilarious. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

Additionally, we would like to thank the three speakers who made our Membership College very special:

Jill Marshall, we can reach Active Chapter Size, no kidding.

Nick Kelly, we have a guarantee!

Donny Kayl, I am the brochure!

In the month of February, please ask one of your friends or acquaintances to check out the Lincoln Jaycees. We have a few fun things on the calendar you can bring them to.

If you are interested in working on one of our Social Networking events, drop me an email and I'll see if I can squeeze you in.

We would like to have two people work on tracking the Degrees of the members. Degrees are stepping stones for each member to follow. They will enhance your Jaycee career! Let me know if this sounds like a job for you. You will get to share the work load.

Don't forget that we have incentives. How does \$50 sound?

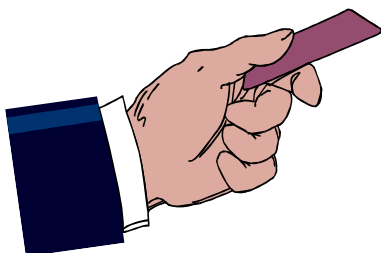
Happy Mardi Gras! Have a great Fat Tuesday!



Melissa Sanny
Membership and Growth Director
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Pitch Night

Please attend this Social Networking evening with the Lincoln Jaycees! Play a card game called Pitch. Teachers will be there if you need to learn how to play. Please bring your own beverages and a munchie to share. Also, you are welcome to bring a friend.



Day and Date: Friday, February 16th
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 1137 S. 8th Street (between C and D Streets)
Cost: Whatever you care to spend on the munchies and beverages you bring along.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:
Host: **Linda Hamik** **476-1221**
Chairperson: **Jason Scranton** **438-0984**
jwscrunt@aol.com

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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 government should be of laws
 Rather than of man;
 That earth's great treasure
 Lies in **HUMAN PERSONALITY**;
 And the service to humanity
 Is the best work of life.