

The Lincoln Jaycees

# Focal Point

8 Pages

August Edition

## Thinking About Tomorrow, Today!

As of the June U.S. Jaycees annual meeting in Dayton, a name change is official. The Lincoln Jaycees is now a part of the **United States Junior Chamber**. Also announced was a new campaign, "Change Your World".

You know what? In Lincoln, we ARE changing our world, as well as that of others in Lincoln! (There's a refurbished national web site now on-line. If you have a few minutes, check it out at [www.usjaycees.org](http://www.usjaycees.org).)

What a magical summer it's been in Lincoln! Thank you to everyone who helped to make a difference. I'm not just talking about the awesome job that the Fourth of July team led by Dave Stava, Tina Schrader and Brad Cornelius did, and all of the sub-chairs and others who made the day such a success. Whether it be simply talking to a new or prospective member to make them feel welcome, donating sports equipment and/or food for the needy, assisting in communications by contributing to the newsletter or web site, YOU have helped to make a difference in someone's life. Feel good about that, you deserve it!

At the June Nebraska Jaycee convention, National Jaycee President Sydney Ward talked about something that many of us had been discussing for awhile. The Jaycees ARE the best kept secret around. We have SO much potential, and there are SO many testimonials (not just here, but worldwide) of how Jaycees have



greatly improved peoples' lives. What other organization can offer such personal and professional growth as the Junior Chamber?

***"In an environment that fosters true friendship, we offer the best opportunities for business development, career advancement and community action to men and women 21 to 39 years of age."***

I challenge you to find another organization that can do this! Thanks again for the differences you've made, and I challenge EACH of you to go outside your box and try something you haven't before...make a difference, change your world!!! Convention is coming up September 14-16 in Kearney. Let's go show the rest of the state that the LINCOLN Jaycees are the ***"best kept secret"*** in Nebraska. I'm VERY proud to say I'm a Lincoln Jaycee. Care to join us?

**In Jaycees,  
Lisa Lewis  
76<sup>th</sup> President  
[lisa@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:lisa@lincolnjaycees.org)**

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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Coleen Warner  
Sara Nelson  
Jill Marshall

**General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, August 1  
7:00 p.m. - Engine House Cafe  
6028 Havelock Ave.**

### "What It Is!!"

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# Individual Development . . .

## Another Quick Look at ID

Hard to believe that August is here – and that the year is half over! That means you have only a few short months to get involved in all the great opportunities the Lincoln Jaycees have to offer. You paid your dues – now reap the benefits!!

I have a few folks I'd like to extend a special thanks to. **On behalf of the whole chapter, a HUGE thanks to those who helped with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!** You stepped up to the plate, proved your leadership, and put forth an all-out effort – and it is appreciated!! If you enjoyed July 4<sup>th</sup> at Holmes Lake, be sure to take a minute to thank **Tina, Brad, Dave and all the 4<sup>th</sup> of July sub-chairs and helpers** for their hard work and dedication over the past months.



In other areas of gratitude, another BIG pat on the back goes to **Dave Stava** for his support with the Family Miniature golf night; kudos to **Tina Schrader, Brad Cornelius, Lee McGinnis** and especially **Elizabeth Murphy** for their support of Jazz Up July; a high five to **Art Weiland** (and **Lynn Spieker's** neice and nephew) for a great trip to the Omaha zoo; a special thanks to **Lea Alderman** for being a good sport (and all-around fun!); and a salute to **Dennis Henry** for putting a check NOT in the mail, but in my hand, on time! You guys are truly supportive – and your dedication and enthusiasm is appreciated!

If you get this newsletter in time, you might have a chance for a real treat – our own **Kathleen Fosler** is chairing **Cookies 101** on **Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**. Having personally sampled a number of Kathleen's treats, I highly encourage you to take part in this project. (Rumor is that there will be lots of tasty treat to sample!) Thanks to ID Director **Janet Oenbring** for helping make this project happen!

I also encourage you to attend a unique opportunity being given to us by **Kurt Meyer** – Kurt has set up a type of **Town Hall Meeting** on **Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great chance to learn and discuss the challenges and issues that face all of us on the local, national, political, economic and social front. But don't let that scare you – we'll all be there to learn and examine our own beliefs and opinions. I'd like to throw

out a special challenge to all the conservative-minded members in our group – we liberal-thinkers will be out in force, so if you want to debate some ideas – **BRING IT ON!!** (Look for Kurt's article for more details on this project.)

There are many things that your ID team would still like to do this year. If you have a project idea, or are interested in learning how YOU can become involved in the organization, don't just sit there – **COME TALK TO US!!**

**Jane Gustafson**  
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## Town Hall Meeting

Are any Jaycee members bewildered about the current events and political discussion in the media? Would you like to have the opportunity to sit down and share your opinions on various issues? Now is your chance to be heard.

Are nuclear power plants consistent with an energy friendly society, or should the energy plan to depend on coal and oil be maintained? What about illegal immigrants, separation of church and state, etc.?

On Thursday evening, August 9, at 7:00 p.m., a Jaycees town hall meeting will be held at the DaVinci's restaurant at 11th and G. This is an opportunity to bring up issues to a group of people of like-minded values. As an individual development project, a goal is to help members learn more about issues that affect them, so that they can make more informed decisions. It states right in the Jaycees Creed: "That government should be of laws rather than of man." Let us take an opportunity not to focus on the politicians, but rather on the issues.

A short introduction of the purpose of this town hall meeting, and, as with others in the audience, you will be able to address questions and comment on issues. A moderator will open up the floor for questions, discussion, and debate.

Hope to see all you good American citizen Jaycees on the 9th!!!

**Kurt Meyer**  
**Chairperson**  
**438-7316**

# State Director . . .

Last month we traveled to a couple chapters and had a good time.

A couple more opportunities for fun will be on August 4th. The Ralston Jaycees will be having a volleyball tournament starting in the morning and ending in the afternoon. That night the Fort Calhoun Jaycees will be having one of their famous street dances.

These are such fun as there are members from soooo many chapters there to mix and mingle with. The Fremont Jaycees will have their annual Night Golf on Saturday the 25th. I've had such a good time at that in the past.



Our next region meeting is quickly coming around. It will be the 26th of August. I haven't heard where it's at yet, but I'll have that information by the general membership meeting.

And set this one on your calendar. The next Nebraska convention will be in Kearney on September 14th, 15th, and 16th. Early registration is \$38, due by August 31st. Late registration is \$43. The Theme is "Jaycee Knowledge Sale", it promises to be fun as the Kearney Jaycees have proven that they KNOW how to host a convention.

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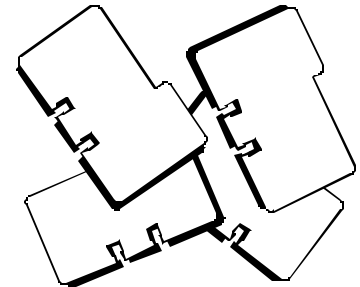
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## Join the Lincoln Jaycees Listserve!

Keep up on the latest and news and project updates quickly and easily. Here's how! (Via any web browser: Netscape, AOL, Microsoft Explorer, etc.) visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lincolnjaycees> on the right hand side, click "Join this group" take 2-3 minutes to create a login that's it, you're in and will get new messages (plus can read any past messages)

The more people signed up on the listserv the better and the more useful it will be. At this time, limited people can post (send to any VP or Pres to post) just to get things rolling. While you're on-line, don't forget to check out the great work that Quincer is doing on our website at [www.lincolnjaycees.org](http://www.lincolnjaycees.org)



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# Membership and Growth . . .

## I HAVE SOMETHING TO CONFESS

On July 4<sup>th</sup> I did something I have never done before. I attended the Holmes Lake 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. I have lived in Lincoln eight years, been a Jaycee for three, and never went to the celebration. To be honest, I hardly knew where the lake was. I had to call Rachel for directions to Holmes Lake last month.

I have to tell you, I was so impressed. Everything went great from the dunk tank to the kid's games. It was a great day. I have to tell you my hometown has a 4<sup>th</sup> of July tradition, but when the fireworks went off on the other side of the lake they were not my hometown's firework display. It was incredible.



During a good portion of the day, I was lucky to visit with residents of Lincoln and have them fill out a community survey. Time and time again the same message came across, "we need more people like the Jaycees in our community." At that point it became abundantly clear to me, people do know who we are, we do make an impact, and we can do more.

I want to encourage you to find new ways to help the Lincoln Jaycees make an impact in this great city we live in. Even bringing somebody to a project exposes one more person to what we do. I believe the Lincoln Jaycees are the best kept secret in this city and it is up to us to let the secret out. I discovered this at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year. I encourage you to help get the secret out. You can do this by chairing a project or encouraging someone to come along with you to a project.

**Let's have a great August!**

**Kim Ruwe**

**Membership and Growth Vice President**

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## TIME FOR FOOTBALL SEASON

Husker Football is here. Yea! The Huskers start off with the Pigskin Classic on the 25th.

Many thanks go out to our July chairpersons!

**Jodi Denson** – for FAC at Alexandria 2112. We loved the lights down there!

**Candy Hemmer** – for Safari.

**Dave and Lori Spohr** – for having Safari at their place.

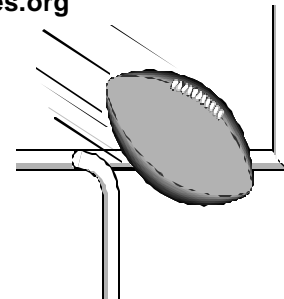
If you are a new member and have not picked up your free T-shirt, please see me at general membership meeting. You can use one of those handy notecards to write down your name and T-shirt size. I will do my best to fulfill your order!

**Melissa Sanny**

**Membership and Growth Director**

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### August Renewals

Rich Geshwender  
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Jason Scranton  
Jeff Johnson  
Dave Stava  
Steve Anderson  
Jane Gustafson  
Candy Hemmer  
Jane Kracl  
Jake Little  
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### September Renewals

Art Weiland  
Rachel Rezabek  
Kim Ruwe  
Lori Michl  
Jodi Denson  
Machelle Hines  
Shelly Norval  
Chris Schmidt  
Shane Scranton

### Editors Note

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.

Deadline for articles is the third Thursday of every month (except for special occasions). Send submissions for articles and pictures (highly encouraged!) to: **Lori Michl** at **[lincjcs@yahoo.com](mailto:lincjcs@yahoo.com)** or call **484-5927**.

## A FIFTH WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Now is the time for our third AFWAC of the year. Since there are five Wednesdays in August, we will be meeting at PO Pears. Whenever there is a fifth Wednesday, we must have supplemental social time.

**What's it called?** AFWAC

**Why should you come?** First beverage is free. Wings are free.

**Why should you tell your friends?** First beverage is free. Wings are free. And we're not kidding.

**Hey now, what's it called?** AFWAC

**Day and Date:** Wednesday, August 29th

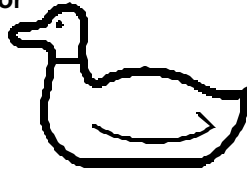
**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Location:** PO Pears at 322 South 9th Street

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## FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

This month we will be meeting up at Joe's Place. Come one, come all to our monthly FAC. They have pool, darts and drink specials. Usually they have live music.

**Day and Date:** Friday, August 17th

**Time:** 5:00 PM until whenever

**Location:** Joe's Place, 1930 West "O" Street

**Cost:** Standard bar prices

If you have any questions, you may contact:

**Jodi Denson**

**FAC Over-see-er**

**560-5682**



## New Member Orientation

Are you a new member and would like to know more about this great organization? Come to **New Member Orientation** Tuesday, August 21, at Lori Michl's residence at 910 S. 39th St.

Along with training, speaker(s) and a chance to get answers to all your questions about the Jaycees, we will also have a little fun.

Kim informed me that she would bring the burgers if we would supply the side dishes. So, I'm going to put Chef Quince to work at the grill. (Trust me, he's figured out the grill and makes a mean burger.)

See ya there!

**Lori Michl**

**Chairperson**

**484-5927**

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# Personal Corner . . .

**President Lisa** - Thank you for putting up with your errant board members. (We wouldn't argue if we didn't care.....)

**Hey Everyone** - State Convention is only a month away!!!

**Squirrel** - It's almost winter. Do you know where your nuts are? (Silly furball - they're on the Board!)

**Dave** - No good deed goes unpunished. It's like a cosmic rule or something.

**Man, President Kim** has such an awesome ring to it.....

**Don't trample** the bunnies on your way out the door!!

**CONGRATULATIONS ART and LYNN!!!**

**Skeeve** - She who points is trying to show your the escape route!

**Lost** - My Sanity. Reward Offered.

**Dave and Lori Spohr** - Thank you SO MUCH for helping with Safari and hosting it for us. It was a wonderful location and we couldn't have asked for a better night. Kim Ruwe

**Candy** - Thank you for chairing Safari. It was great project.

**Diane** - Thank you for driving to Safari and putting up with me being so late and spacey that day. I owe you big time. Kim

**Only one more month until State Convention!** Can we top being Number Two? Everyone come on out to Kearney and let's see what the Lincoln Jaycees can do!

**Kim, Art, and Dave** - How about a Party Ball Tapping 101 class?

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# Community Development . . .

## And it ends with a BANG!

The largest annual Lincoln Jaycee project has come to a successful completion. After over **FIVE** months of intense planning, preparation, haggling, complaints, and setbacks, the 2001 Holmes Lake 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration passes into history.

A HUGE **THANK YOU** goes out to all that helped make this project such a success. The long hours put in and dedication to the chapter was really appreciated and shows who will be the future leaders.

The Co-Chairs **Tina Schrader** and **Brad Cornelius** did an **OUTSTANDING** job running this project. The sub-chairs: **Carla Green** (Kid's Games), **Candy Hemmer** (Bands), **Brenda Spieker** (Glow Necklaces), **Steve Strong** (Volleyball), **Art Weiland** (Dunk Tank), and **Lea Alderman** (Softball) did a **FANTASTIC** job in making their areas run smoothly.

Since the 4<sup>th</sup> is such a manpower intensive project, I'd like to personally **THANK** those that sacrificed their holiday for the chapter: Lea Alderman, Deb Carlson, Brad Cornelius, Carla Green, George Green, Candy Hemmer, Dennis Henry, Jane Kracl, Alex Lewis, Lisa Lewis, Kurt Meyer, Janet Oenbring, Chris Peters, Kim



Ruwe, Amy Sall, Mike Shields, Brenda Spieker, Lynn Spieker, Gene Stoddard, Steve Strong, Art Weiland, Joley Wesch, anyone I forgot to mention, and all visitors from other chapters. As for the rest of you – GOYA!

There will be plenty to do in August. On August 11, we will tour the Germans from Russia Museum. Contact **Deb Carlson** for more details. On August 18, we will have the local kid's soccer competition (**Kicker's Cup**) chaired by Steve Strong.

**Dave Stava**  
Community Vice President  
dave@lincolnjaycees.org



## USE YOUR HEAD!! No Hands!

Yep!! It's that time again. Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual **Kicker's Cup** kids competition.

The Kicker's cup project provides kids a chance to compete in various soccer related events.

More details at August general membership meeting, or call Chair Steve Strong (430-4639).

## Personal Corner . . . continued

**Tina and Brad** - FANTASTIC job with the Fourth! Way to go!!! Amy

**Janet and Elizabeth** - How about another evening at the Vineyard??? Amy

**Lee** - Glad your mom is doing well!!! Amy

**Elizabeth** - Have fun in Cali! I'll miss you! Amy

**Art and Lynn** - Congratulations on your engagement!!!! Amy

**Deb** - Thank you for chairing a project for us!! Amy

**Dearest Maryland White A\$\$** - A few months have passed. It's time to get back in that van. We don't have to go too far. Kearney. Road Rage will stop once we are in the Elephant's Eye Bar. - Melissa

**Lynn** - Thanks for saying "yes". Man on bended knee

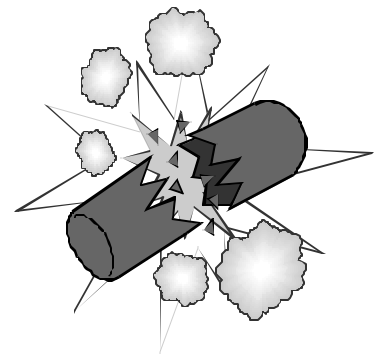
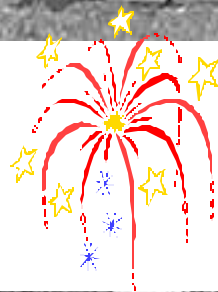
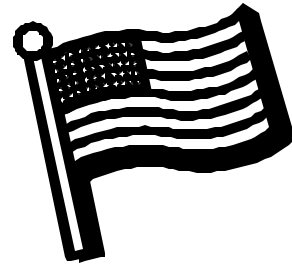
**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** To all who worked the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**She who points** – YOU are AWESOME! Skeeve

**Bunny** - You are my world! Bear



# Fourth of July Celebration Holmes Lake



# August 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 GMM 7 p.m.	2	3	4
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 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.