

# The Lincoln Jaycees Focal Point



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April 2002

## **ATTITUDE IS YOUR CHOICE**

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think, say, or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes.



*The one thing in this life we can control is our attitude. No one can change that. Everyday we wake up and events in our lives happen. We decide how we are going to react to those everyday. Our attitude towards those events can be negative or positive, but that is our choice. - Rev. Charles Swindoll*

We have great things happening in the Lincoln Jaycees this year. This is a direct result of our attitude. An attitude based on knowing how great we are and how great we can become. It is great to see so many new faces in the organization and so many people coming to projects. We are definitely a group with a positive attitude and I want to encourage you all to keep up the good work and continue to be a shining example of what a Jaycee chapter can be to Nebraska and to the community of Lincoln.

I have said this many times this year and I will say it many more times. I am so proud to be your President and I want to thank you again for this opportunity!

Keep up the great work Lincoln!

**Kim Ruwe**  
77<sup>th</sup> President  
Lincoln Jaycees  
[kim@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:kim@lincolnjaycees.org)

**~ NEW LOCATION! ~**

**General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, April 3**

**7:00 p.m. - Blue Cactus**

**5555 S. 48th Street**

*Plan on eating?*

*Please arrive between 6:00 and 6:45 p.m.*

**Guest Speaker**  
**Member of**  
**TeamMates Organization**

### "Where It Is"

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# Community Development . . .

Hello from the great Community Development team!!!! WOW!!! Have we been busy this year!!! If you haven't been fortunate enough to join one of our outstanding events, NO FEAR!! There will be several more events to choose from!!! I promise to keep the Community area very, very busy the next couple of months!

First of all, I want to thank personally those people who donated to the Easter Basket project. We were able to make 50 Easter baskets for the Cedars Home for Children. It was a great feeling for me to see the smiles on their faces when we presented them with the baskets. I have a feeling we made their Easter!! A HUGE thank you for those who donated stuff!!!! AND thank you for **Jane Kracl** and **Deb Carlson** who worked very hard on this project!

I want to say thank you to **Elizabeth Murphy** for chairing the Elderly Bingo project! I know I had fun playing Bingo!!!



The Lincoln Jaycees also had a chance to donate money to the Make-a-Wish foundation by attending a black-tie event at the Rococo Theater for the Oscars! I honestly felt that I was at the Oscars and was waiting for Julia Roberts or Brad Pitt to walk by! What a great project!

We have a packed April! We start off with the Big Sister/Big Brother Bowl-A-Thon, which **Joely Wesch** is chairing April 6. If you haven't already signed up for the project, please see Joely. I know she would be happy to have you on the team!

Pitch, Hit and Run, which is a baseball skills project for the kids is being chaired by **Quince Michl**. We will be having Pitch, Hit and Run Saturday, April 13, at Speedway Motors Park. I hear there will be some famous Saltdogs helping out! Way to go Quince!

We are also hoping to clean-up Jaycee-Kahoe Park. We are looking at cleaning up the park and also POSSIBLY planting trees for Arbor Day. However, the project will take place April 27. More details will be told at GMM.....

I am proud to announce that we are sending a team to the State Shooters Ed competition! This event will be held April 6 in Imperial, NE.

If you are interested in helping out at the Fourth of July, please see Brad Cornelius! He is doing a great

job at getting everything organized for a great Fourth!

Don't forget the PULL TAB CHALLENGE! I hear from Jane Kracl that the Membership Goddess is still in the lead.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at all the events we have planned in April. If you think April is packed, just wait until May!!!

Have a great April!!!

**Amy Sall**  
Community Vice President  
[amy@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:amy@lincolnjaycees.org)

## PITCH, HIT AND RUN

I am proud to promote Pitch, Hit and Run sponsored by Major League Baseball and Pepsi.

This youth competition allows kids ages 7-14 to show off their baseball skills consisting of three contests: Base running, fielding/throwing and batting.

The event will be held at Speedway Motors Park located at 340 Victory Lane, Saturday, April 13, at 1:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, April 27th.

Our goal this year is to involve 100 kids, so please come out and help along with some Salt Dog players.

**Quince Michl**  
Chair  
484-5927  
[quince@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:quince@lincolnjaycees.org)



## Community Monthly Donations

**April:** Cleaning Supplies  
**May:** Puppy and Kitty Supplies  
**June - August:** School Supplies

**Donations will be collected at GMM.**  
**For more information, contact Amy Sall at**  
[amy@lincolnjaycee.org](mailto:amy@lincolnjaycee.org).

# Membership & Growth . . .

## MORE OF THIS, MORE OF THAT

More meetings. More planning. More fun. We will double up on the meetings for the next two months.

We are now meeting the first and third Mondays of each month. Every one of you should plan to attend. Get acquainted with the Ho Jo. Find out how you can make this Mayju Convention a success.

### The next four meetings are:

- Monday, April 1st
- Monday, April 15th
- Monday, May 6th
- Monday, May 20th

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Howard Johnson's, meet in Al's Oasis (the lounge), 52nd and Cornhusker

**Hungry?** Try daVinci's at 6:00, or have it delivered to the lounge

**Special Bonus Social.** Monday, April 1st, is not only April Fool's Day it is also the Final 2. March Madness comes to a screeching halt as it overlaps into April. After the meeting we plan to watch the basketball game in the lounge!

If you don't already know, May/June Convention for all the Jaycees from the entire State of Nebraska is on Friday, May 31, through Sunday, June 2.

**Price Break** for Lincoln Jaycees in good standing only. Pay your early registration of a mere \$35 by the early registration date. See the registration form out on the web or at the GMM.

If you want to be part of the committee and know what is going on with all the planning, just email Melissa. Then she will add you to the "convention committee email list." Thanks!

**Melissa Sanny and Jill Marshall**

**Mayju Convention CoChairs**

[melissa@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:melissa@lincolnjaycees.org)

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*Mark your calendars and join us for  
Friday Afternoon Club and  
Mixin' It Up  
Friday, April 19th, at  
P.O. Pears*

*Come mix with your friends and  
learn how to mix your favorite drinks!*

*For more information,  
call the membership team.*

## COME SING YOUR HEARTS OUT!!!

Hey there, Lincoln Jaycees. Join us for Karaoke Night on Friday, April 5th at El Matador Lounge, 1620 Cornhusker Hwy. Karaoke begins around 8:30 p.m., but you're welcome to arrive earlier if you'd like to have a few beverages first. Sometimes it helps build courage, but I'll leave that determination up to you!

This project proves to be tons of fun for everyone, so I hope you can join us on April 5th. See you there.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

**Rachel Rezabek**  
Chairperson



## SUPPER CLUB 2002

On Sunday, April 21st, we will meet at **4:30 p.m.** at Famous Dave's Grill and Barbecue at 27th and Pine Lake Road (West side of South Point Pavilions Mall) for Supper.

By being seated before 5 p.m., we can order off the lunch and dinner menu. This will allow members to enjoy good eating and good times together. Please be on time! See you there!

Reservations to Janet Oenbring by Saturday, April 20th.

## HERE WE COME HICKMAN!

We are planning an extension. Kim and I are looking into starting a new chapter in Hickman. Several days are planned to go recruit in April. I need several people to go with us.

The planned dates in April are the: **2nd, 4th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 16th, and 18th at 7:00 p.m.** and the **7th and 21st at 1:30 p.m.**

We can meet at the Overtime Pub located on 107 Locust in Hickman. I hope to hear from all of you soon with the times you are available.

**Kendra Werth**  
Chairperson  
466-1484

# Individual Development . . .

## SPRINGING UP IN ID

All sorts of ideas have been springing up for Individual Development projects for the upcoming months.

I know everyone has planned or is planning to attend our CHURCH VISITATION as well as our SUNDAY SUPPER CLUB. If you didn't make it to the March Supper Club (Buzzard Billy's), you definitely missed a "crowdaddy" of a great time.

Summer is around the corner and I know there is a "cool" group of volleyball players that are missing the sand. I definitely would like to some team coaches for our Spike's Volleyball team(s).

Hope to see each one of you at the great projects going on in April.

P.S.: Isn't the First of April the BEST day of the year!!

**Steve Strong**  
**Individual Development Vice President**  
[steve@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:steve@lincolnjaycees.org)



## Help us FIX IT UP!

Hi all! We are going to start work on fixing up the second floor of our Haunted House Building (126 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street). If you are interested in helping, let me know. I need people who are good with paint brushes and hardware, as well as those who aren't (like myself).

Drop me a line at [jane@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:jane@lincolnjaycees.org) or call me at 474-7501 and let me know if you are interested in helping us FIX up OUR building!

**Jane Gustafson**

## Heeee Hawwww!!!

Getting the feeling that warm weather is here to stay?  
 Feel like getting in your car to just drive around and enjoy the company of your fellow Jaycees?  
 Then do we have the project for you. Come to the GMM and hear about the project that will happen on May 11th.



## April Church Visitation

We are making the rounds in Blessing Lincoln! Thanks to everyone who has joined us on our monthly church visitations. I know I have enjoyed each of them, and it's been interesting to learn a few things about other religions.

If you'd like to join us, our next visitation will be, Sunday, April 7. We will be worshipping at Messiah Lutheran Church, located at 1800 South 84th Street. (This is on 84th Street, between "A" and South Streets). We will attend the 10:30 a.m. Service. Please try to meet us in the foyer by 10:20 a.m. at the latest.

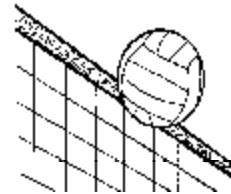
One reminder: Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, April 7th, so remember to "Spring" your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed Saturday night so you can make it to the Church on Time!

Members who attend this church include, but may not be limited to: Sally Schwinck, who I thank for the suggestion; Brian and Michelle Ternus, and Rich Geschwender. By the time you receive this article, we will have all celebrated Easter. I wish you and your families all the best as we continue to celebrate this joyous occasion, and hope you will keep God in your hearts throughout the entire year!

**God Bless!**  
**Rachel Rezabek**  
 Chaplain

## ATTENTION:

**Team captains needed for the Summer Spike's Volleyball Session.**



**PLEASE CONTACT STEVE IF INTERESTED. 430-4639**

## 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.

Deadline for articles is the third Thursday of every month. Send submissions for articles and pictures (highly encouraged!) to: **Lori Michl** at [lori@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:lori@lincolnjaycees.org) or call **484-5927**.

# Management Development . . .

## Spring Into Management!

It's that time of year again - Time to ask yourself "What am I going to do this season to be involved with the Lincoln Jaycees?" Your Management Development team can provide you with a number of alternatives!

For starters, there are several opportunities coming up in April. Learn more about them at the **April General Membership Meeting (GMM)** to be held at a new place – **The Blue Cactus!** Located at **5555 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street** (48<sup>th</sup> and Highway 2, by Earl May Garden Center), the Blue Cactus features a meeting room with a bit more space than we have at the Engine House Cafe. The meeting will still start promptly at 7 p.m.; if you'd like to eat, please plan to arrive between 6 and 6:45. This month's speaker will be from the TeamMates Organization.



It's great to think that our numbers are growing and that more people are being active. The additional space at the Blue Cactus will offer us some great options for meetings.

On behalf of the entire chapter, I do want to thank

the Engine House Cafe for all their hospitality and assistance in the past year – don't forget about their fabulous menu when you are looking for somewhere to eat in the Havelock area!

Mark your calendars to attend **Entrepreneurship 101 and Business Networking** on **Saturday, April 20!** The Management team and chairperson **Joely Wesch** have put together a GREAT project for all members. See the article in this issue of the newsletter for more information!

Don't forget that the Lincoln Chapter is hosting the **1st Triad Nebraska Jaycees State Convention** in late May/early June. It will also be the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the Nebraska Jaycees – what a great reason to celebrate! Look for the article by **Jill Marshall and Melissa Sanny** in the edition of the Focal Point.

Chairperson **Lisa Lewis** is continuing her work with Network International. Be sure to save time on the evening of **Friday, May 3**, to attend the **Lincoln Jaycee-sponsored basketball game between members of the Lincoln Stars and the Lincoln Salt Dogs team.**

**Melissa Sanny** has a come forth with a great fundraising idea for us – come to the April GMM and find out what it is!!

Don't forget that we also have cookbooks for sale (\$10), and we will be making plans to move items out of the storage garage and into our building downtown, as well as scheduling a **April Workday** to do some "fixing up" on the upstairs of our building. Details for this will be available at the April GMM, and via the Lincoln Jaycees list serve.

Speaking of the list serve – it's the BEST way to stay in touch with the Chapter! Be sure to go the website and subscribe!

Last, but not least, special thanks go out to **Chris Peters** for chairing a SUPER project last month – the **Budget, Lifestyle Investing and Taxes (BLT) College**. It was a great chance for learning about some of those pesky financial details that we all should be aware of.

The time to get involved is now! Don't want for another month to pass you by – give me a call and let's talk about some fun projects we can do!!

**Jane Gustafson**  
Management Development Vice President  
jane@lincolnjaycees.org

**P.S.** Don't forget that our own **Diane Cawein** has a recital scheduled this month, on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Contact me for more details!

## PITCH NIGHT

Friday, April 12

7 p.m. - ???.

Zach and Sue Hill's residence  
3030 Sardius Court



*For more  
information  
call Joely Wesch  
at 467-4207.*

**Bring you favorite beverage and munchie!**

## Entrepreneurship 101

Self-employed? Starting your own business? Have a hobby that you'd like to make into a business?

This project is for YOU!

If you've ever wanted to learn more about starting up or enhancing your own business, you know that expert advice is invaluable. Join us at the **Haunted House building (126 North 16<sup>th</sup>) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 20**, to learn more about



the ins and outs of being an entrepreneur. We will cover a number of topics, including:

- What resources are available to you local, state-wide and nationally?
- How to know if you are making a profit. (It's harder to determine than you think!)
- What common pitfalls and problems to avoid.
- Tax-related issues you should be aware of.
- What the marketplace looks like in your industry or service area.

Even if you are just thinking about hobbies that you might enjoy – join us! There will be a little something here for everyone. Plus – we will be setting up some opportunities for you to get some promotion within both the local chapter and the state chapter.

Questions? Contact Joely Wesch, chairperson, or Jane Gustafson, Management Vice President (474-7501).

See you there!!

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### **Pull-Tab Challenge!!!**

Don't forget to collect the pull-tabs off of canned beverages!! We will be collecting throughout the year and in December we will count how many pull-tabs are collected and the winner will receive a 12-pack of their choice. All pull-tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House!

Please bring your pull-tabs to GMM in a plastic bag with your name on in the bag! Can anyone beat the Membership Goddess???



**Jane Kracl  
Chair**

### **CONTACTS**

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# You Got Mail . . .

**Noel** – Good luck on your test this month. I know you will do great. Kim

**Elizabeth** - Have fun in San Diego! Amy

**Have you been to convention before?** If not make plans now to attend First Triad convention 2002

**Deb and Brad** - You are doing great! Keep up the good work! Thanks for your help! Amy

**Hickman here we come!**

**To all the new March members** – Wow! It is great to have you aboard!

**BEAT RALSTON!**

**Kaitlyn and Karissa** – Happy Birthday kiddos! Love, Kim

**Valentine** – Do you really think Lincoln is going to let you be most excited chapter in our town?

**Hey Lea** - Ever seen one so BIG?

**Kim and Alex** - Looking forward to Tuesday nights and your support!!! Amy

**Noel** - Good luck on your exam! Amy

**Amy and Kendra** – We scored! Kim

**Steve** - Thank you for the birthday cake, it was YUMMY! Amy

**Membership Goddess** - You are still ahead for the Pull Tab Challenge, think anyone will catch you?????

**Note to self:** Next time when drinking for state officer, make sure meeting isn't 3 1/2 hours long.

**Hey Joely!** How was that HOT guy you were singing with??? OOOOLALA!!

**Kendra** - It is a joy to have you with us. You truly ROCK!!! MG

**Chris Peters** - YOU ARE THE TAX GODDESS! Thanks for a great BLT College!!

**Kim** - Nice Bunny costume. But you are still a 'Roo. Jane

**Anyone wanting to get Dave/Bob back** for scaring them during the Easter Egg Hunt? Keep the latter part of October free....

**Brad** – FYI the Jaycee phone number is 434-8900. Kim

**May 4th** - The Lincoln Marathon's Pastathon. Fun, a t-shirt and all the past you can eat! Mark your calendars now!!

**Janet O.** - THANKS for listening to my trouble for a second consecutive year! Jane

**MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.....**By attending Entrepreneurship 101 and Business Networking.

**Quince** – Where is my carrier? Kim

**Kim and Amy** - I can't believe how BIG it is!!! MG

**Bear** - You can be my antique-bargain finding Spook anytime! Bunny

**Run, Forrest.....Run!!!**

**Kendra and Kim** - I had fun "scoring" with you at State Super Shooters! Amy

**Kim, Amy and MG** - Where have you girls been and WHY wasn't I there?! - Editor

## Hello Lincoln Jaycees!

First of all, thank you to everyone who took time last month to visit another chapter. Although there are always lots of things to do here in Lincoln, it's also lots of fun to visit other chapters. Visitations provide you with the opportunity to meet lots of new people and see how other chapters run their projects.

If you weren't able to make it to a visitation in March, that's OK; because we'll have plenty of opportunities in April to visit some really cool chapters. Come on out to the April GMM and I'll have a list of possible visitations that you may be interested in.

Also; just a reminder that the 1st Triad convention is just around the corner. The Lincoln Jaycees will be hosting the convention so it will be a great opportunity for everyone to find out how much fun you can have at the state convention. Remember to register early so you

get the special discounted price.

In Jaycees,

**Gene Stoddard**

**State Director**

## Wanna See Some Beef?

Ralston has invited us to come and watch the Beef play the Lincoln Capitols. This is arena football for those of you who are wondering who the Capitols are.

We will be heading up April 20, 2002, caravanning up there at 5:30 p.m. to meet Ralston. Cost of tickets are \$15.00. Please bring money to GMM.

Questions? Call Kim Ruwe at 464-7389.



# April 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mayju Convention Committee	2 <b>Hickman</b>	3 Exec Board and GMM	4 <b>Hickman</b>	5 Karaoke Night	6
7 Church Visitation <b>Hickman</b>	8	9 <b>Hickman</b>	10 <b>Hickman</b>	11 <b>Hickman</b>	12 Pitch Night	13 Pitch, Hit and Run
14 <b>Hickman</b>	15 Mayju Convention Committee	16 <b>Hickman</b>	17 Full Board Meeting	18 Focal Point Deadline <b>Hickman</b>	19 FAC and Mixin' It Up	20 Entrapre- neurship 101
21 Supper Club <b>Hickman</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27 Park Clean-Up
28 Pitch, Hit and Run Raindate	29	30				

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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.