

The Lincoln Jaycees Focal Point



8 Pages

June 2002

Gear Up For The Fourth Of July

I want to thank everyone who has taken time out so far this year to come to a project, bring a friend, or chair a project. You are all great and I thank you so much for everything you have done for the Jaycees. You are reason we are such a great chapter in the state of Nebraska!

With 4th of July around the corner I would like to share a story with you. When I was a little girl the 4th of July in my hometown was the event everyone waited for each year. To me, it was bigger than Christmas. Jaycees started the 4th of July celebration in my hometown and twenty-five years later my dad is still in charge of the fireworks. Every year he and his former Jaycee buddies get up and go down to the park just after sunrise and light off one of those loud booming shells that wakes the whole town. That is the kick off to my hometown's 4th of July. The 4th of July is the one Jaycee event I remember clearly as a child, from the year a Jaycee accidentally ran the flag up the pole upside down; to the time a firework shell went off too low and almost started my family's van on fire. It was always a great adventure, and it was so fun to know as a kid my

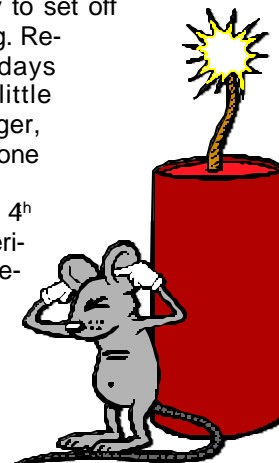


dad was in charge of the best part of the day. He would give me different jobs to do and still to this day I am in charge of the music for the celebration.

I would love to see each of you out at Holmes Lake on the 4th of July. Please take a couple hours out of your 4th of July or more if you can spare it, and come down the park and help. Feel free to bring your kids. Trust me it is a memory that will stick with them forever. It is a great feeling as a child to know that your parent is helping out their community and that they trust you enough to bring you along too. That is part of why I am a Jaycee today to get the feeling back of knowing I am doing something good. That is why as the sunsets on Hooper, NE, and the flag is raised in the ball diamond you can bet there are seven former Jaycees getting ready to set off the first firework of the evening. Remembering their younger days when they could move a little faster, celebrate a little longer, and praying they are safe for one more year.

Please come help at the 4th of July, it is a rewarding experience and something you will remember for years to come.

Kim Ruwe
77th President
Lincoln Jaycees
kim@lincolnjaycees.org



**General
Membership Meeting**
Wednesday, June 5
7:00 p.m. - Blue Cactus
5555 S. 48th Street
Plan on eating?
Please arrive between 6:00 and 6:45 p.m.

"Where It Is"

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Community Development . . .

We are officially one month away from the biggest Lincoln Jaycee project we do! Can you believe it?! The Fourth of July is rapidly approaching. I hope we are ready! I am excited for this year's Fourth of July! **Brad Cornelius** is doing a great job of lining up fun activities for all of Lincoln!

May was a great month, lots of projects and many memories! Thank you all who chaired May projects.

June is now here, and we have several things going on in the Community area. We have the Kids Fishing event, which will help you figure out exactly what kind of fish you have caught. HOBY, which we are volunteering to help in, and the Relay for Life!

The next couple of months we will be donating school supplies for a "BACK to SCHOOL" program we are going to do to help kids with their school supplies. I know when I was a kid they were expensive, I can't imagine what they are now! This will hopefully have a community wide impact! So don't forget your school supplies!

Thanks again for all of my helpers this year in Community! I think we have one of the strongest Community areas in the state, and we wouldn't if it weren't for all of the participation! Thanks!

Amy L Sall
Community Development Vice President
amy@lincolnjaycees.org

KIDS FISHING ADVENTURE

ALL kids (and adults) are invited to join the Lincoln Jaycees for a fun and informative evening learning "all you need to know about fishing".

Friday, June 7, we are planning on getting together at Oak Lake (Charleston and Sun Valley Blvd.) at 5:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to fish! We will have a guest speaker from the Department of Parks and Recreation explain the different types of fish in Nebraska and how to catch them.

If you have any questions, please give me a call!

Mike Shields
 464-8305



HOBY

Hugh O'Brian began HOBY and he challenges all student leaders to "giving back" to their community and to take responsibility in remedying the social problems of the young adults. HOBY recognizes young people are our greatest resources and works to build leadership among students. Each high school in Nebraska recognizes one sophomore who will represent their school at HOBY.

The dates of HOBY are June 6-9. We will be volunteering our time in judging essays and presentations of the young participants of HOBY. This will take place in Milford.

There will be more information at GMM. Hope to see you there!!

If you have any questions, please see Amy Sall.

RESULTS ARE IN!

Thank you so much for helping the chapter raise funds with the Avon Fundraiser. As promised, rewards go to the top sellers:

- Sally Schwinck**
- Rachel Rezabek**
- Deb Carlson**
- Art Weiland**
- Lisa Lewis**



Come to June GMM to see what they've won! When you need to raise money again, let me know. There are new books available that you can sell from. You can target any special cause.

Chairperson
Melissa Sanny
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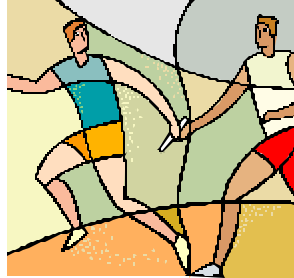
RELAY FOR LIFE

Calling on all RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM MEMBERS and DONORS June 28th, 7 p.m. - 7 a.m., SaltDog Stadium.

Last chance to join team. \$25 check to ACS will get you a t-shirt. Purchase Luminaries "In Honor of/In Memory" of your family and friends for only \$5.00 from the team members to help them earn money for this great cause.

We would enjoy seeing other members out at the stadium for all of the FUN events. Come and find out why this is Kim Ruwe's favorite project.

If you want more information please contact **Janet Oenbring** at 483-7197.



KARAOKE NIGHT

Go out on a Tuesday? Are you kidding? No joke folks. We are planning a karaoke night at El Matador Lounge on June 11th. Karaoke starts at 8:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Feel free to call if you have any questions or need directions there.



Kendra Werth
Chair
466-1484

MONTHLY DONATIONS

We will be collecting school supplies such as pens, pencils, backpacks, note books, crayons, markers, etc. For a BACK to SCHOOL project we will be working on in September! Please begin to bring your school supplies to all GMM's in June, July, August and September! This is going to be a GREAT project!



Please don't forget the school supplies!

Hello Lincoln Jaycees!

As I write this article, we are finishing the final details for the First Triad convention here in Lincoln. If you have not yet made plans to attend, I would really encourage everyone to do so as it will be a great opportunity for you to meet lots of Jaycees from all over the state.

It is also a great opportunity to learn more about this great organization we call the Jaycees. In addition to that; you will be able to help us celebrate all the awards that the Lincoln chapter and it's members receive. Who knows, you could be there to witness as Lincoln is named the #1 chapter in the state.

I would also like to remind everyone that the National Convention in Sioux Falls, SD, will be held during the last week of June. This is an awesome opportunity to meet Jaycees from across the country and to experience the Jaycees on a whole new level. It's an experience you won't regret.

In Jaycees,
Gene Stoddard
State Director

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Individual Development . . .

HOW CREATIVE ARE YOU??

Well, how creative are you? Each one of us has a creative side. It's just learning what interests you and seizing the opportunity. WOW! That's what we do as Lincoln Jaycees, especially in Individual Development, everyday! With the spring season underway, I'm sure each one of you are blooming with ideas for outdoor projects. Don't be afraid.

I'm the only "manly" Lincoln Jaycee VP on this year's board of directors. If you have a great project idea, give me a call or just send via email. Here's a couple of project ideas that may get you thinking. How about a tour of local businesses? Or a visit to our local fire, police, and emergency management departments?



To close, I would like to thank and congratulate **Leslie Webb** on organizing our Competitors Training. For those who missed out, lets just say, you probably weren't as prepared for the State Competitions as those who attended. GO LINCOLN!!

REMEMBER: GET SIGNED UP TO HELP WITH THE GREATEST SHOW IN LINCOLN AT THE 2002 FOURTH OF JULY AT HOLMES LAKE!!

Steve Strong
Individual Development VP
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SUMMER FUN

Hello Lincoln Jaycees and Greetings from your Chaplain! During the summer months of June, July and August, we will not be holding a scheduled church visitation. Rather, we will be organizing a picnic or some other activity where we will feel blessed!

Stay tuned for more information. Best wishes for a Great Summer and remember to Pray on a Daily Basis.

God Hears You Always!
Rachel Rezabek
Chaplain

WET AND WILD 2002

Don't forget about August 9, 10 and 11. That's right, it's our annual canoe trip down the Niobrara River.

For those of you who are new, here is the skinny: We caravan the 300 miles to Sparks, Nebraska, with a few bar stops on the way; Camp out by the river near Rocky Ford Falls; Wake up bright and early Saturday morning and canoe the greatest river in the state; Camp, eat, play some games, maybe drink some beer; Then head back Sunday.

Cost is \$42.00 per two-man canoe and \$3.00 per person per night to camp. Plus tax. Yes, even the government has to tax in on our fun.



And don't worry about roughing it 100 percent. Showers and toilets are less that a block away from our reserved campsite.

I'm calling in our final count July 10th, so time is short. RSVP me at quince@lincolnjaycees.org ASAP.

Quince Michl
484-5927

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 12:00 p.m. (noon) the third Saturday of every month (depending on calendar). Send submissions for articles and pictures (highly encouraged!) to: **Lori Michl** at lori@lincolnjaycees.org or call 484-5927.

SUPPER CLUB 2002



On Sunday, June 23rd, we will meet at 6 p.m. at Lazlo's Brewery and Grill in the Haymarket (710 P St.) for supper.

This will allow members to enjoy food, brew and visit with each other.

Please RSVP to Janet Oenbring by 6/22 for reservations to be made.

Same idea - different place



Congratulations Joe and Kylon on a job well done!

Joe Finegan (left) and Kylon Fett
represented Lincoln at
State Pitch, Hit and Run
Saturday, May 18, in Wayne, NE.



"Lincoln Saltdogs"



"Lincoln Stars"



Going for two!



Where did it go?



Autograph time!



*Celebrity Basketball
Lincoln Saltdogs*

vs.

Lincoln Stars



Strategy time!

COME CHECK IT OUT!

Hungry? Like to play cards or board games?

Come one, come all to see how incredible the haunted house upstairs looks. Reconstruction is almost finished and we want to show off our handy work. Only bad thing is we spent too much. So, to pay for all of this we are having a pasta supper. Five bucks will get you a **huge** plate—o—pasta, bread, brownie, and a beverage (BEER anyone?).

Before, during, or after see the sights and sounds of the new and improved haunted house upstairs. When everyone is done, we will partake in some Pitch and board games. Fun for the whole family!

See Ya there!

Date: June 8th (Saturday)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Haunted House of course (16th & P - Across from the Federal Building)

Any questions, call chairs **Nixie Eylar** at 690-3236 or **Dave Stava** at 470-3007.

P.S. Bring your favorite game and stay awhile!

NOT YOUR FATHER'S CONVENTION

This article will be brief. Thank you for all of your hard work and for volunteering your time so that Lincoln could put on an outstanding State Convention! Rewards for your time and effort will follow!

Happy 75th Anniversary to the Nebraska Jaycees! Thank you Jennie Rasmussen for coordinating with us and helping us plan the weekend!

See you at the Ho Jo!

Melissa Sanny

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and

Jill Marshall

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Mayju Convention

CoChairs



You Got Mail . . .

She Who Points - When is the next weekend you have free again? Skeeve

Bunny - *BIG KISSY!* Bear

Mike, Carol, Christy, Deirdre - Thanks for chairing projects in May! They were all successful and fun!!! Amy

All Matt Talbot Kitchen Helpers - *German Chocolate Cake rules!*

Janet - Thanks for taking care of Ash-monster and Abby!

Mike, Leslie and Janet - Thanks for chairing June projects! Amy

Art - The small town bar crawl was a blast!!!

Pull Tab Challenge - *Where are you guys?*

Kim - When can we score again?

Hey Lisa - *Did you notice the personal page is working now?*

J.O. - Shore-ly people wouldn't lie about their resume, would they?

IF you bring a potential member to a Community activity and they sign up to be a wonderful Jaycee, I will buy you a six pack of your choice of beverage! Amy

Stick - Where are all you pull-tabs?

Jane K. - *You make a wonderful Mexican Margarita!* Amy

Deb - Keep up the great work!

Come check out the boobs and balls at the ACS Relay. See if you can detect the lumps.

Remember those who have been affected by Cancer by buying a luminary at convention or GMM.

Come sample a few microbrews at the June 23rd Supper Club at Lazlo's in the Haymarket.

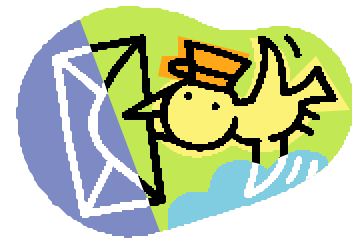
Amy - Thanks for all of the hard work and time you have put into the community area this year, especially on the ACS Relay. Janet

Supper Club Ideas? Let Janet know where you want to go in the next few months. Possibilities: Shogun, Cracker Barrel, Isle's, Misty's, Grisanti's, Golden Corral, USA Steak buffet, Mamasita's, Merle's, TGIF's, Lone Star, etc.

Kim and Julie - We had no idea the two of you were that close!

BEAT RALSTON!!!

"I know what I'm doing, I just haven't realized it yet!" (Another famous quote from Kim!)



“On To Sioux Falls”

June 26 - 30, 2002

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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Package includes T-shirts, trading pins
and other *COOL* stuff!

Tickets will be \$1 each or six for \$5

Attendance at National Convention not required to purchase tickets.

To purchase your tickets mail your check along with the form to:

Gene Stoddard, Onto Program Manager

3715 NW Boxwood Ct.

Lincoln NE 68521

402-432-4569 (cell)

spotter@inebraska.com



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ SHIRT SIZE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Drawing will be held at First Triad Convention in Lincoln. Need not be present to win.

June 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 State Convention
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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.