

The



Focal Point

February 2003

WHAT ARE THE JAYCEES?

I AM The United States Jaycees. My birth certificate is dated May 1915, St. Louis, Missouri. I was conceived to provide leadership, and I am dedicated to the goal of communities of America joining together to ensure the advancement of freedom throughout the world. I am Henry Giessenbier with an idea--and idea of people helping people.

I AM opportunity for all. The blood of the world runs in my veins. I am hundreds of thousands of active young people striving to become more than they think they can, and the voice of millions who have gone on before me to provide the ideals by which I live today and which I still make possible for those who follow me.

I AM a fabulous organization of many things and many people.

I AM the Indians of Oklahoma, the bright orange coats of Florida, the volunteers of Tennessee, a cowboy from Texas, the sunflowers of Kansas, and the Cornhuskers of Nebraska. I am the '49ers of California, a Viking from Minnesota, a rebel from Mississippi, the liberty bells of Pennsylvania, a lighthouse from New Jersey, and a Georgia peach.

I AM volunteerism, Special Olympics, Shooting Education, Haunted Houses, Big Brothers, Boy Scouts, telethons... and Santa Claus to thousands of needy children at Christmas time. I am Speak-Up, and Springboard and Degrees of Jaycees. I am truly leadership in action in 10,000 communities in America, and in all countries throughout the free world. I am people joining together to help those who cannot help themselves by first building a better me!

I CAN be found in sleepy, rustic villages and large, roaring cities. From the swamplands of Louisiana to the mountaintops of Colorado, I am a strong group of people wherever I am! I search for America in every project I undertake and I am busy at this very moment building a better tomorrow today!!

I AM meeting tonight in a small church, in a skyscraper in New York, in a tavern in North Carolina, and in my own building built with love and sweat.

I AM a farmer, a clerk, a salesman, a mechanic, a Christian, a Jew, a Hindu, a housewife, and yes-- even a convict. I can be found everywhere you look: a college campus, a ghetto, a nature trail, hospitals, orphanages, and a prison cell. I am there.

I AM a letter to a senator, a ballot in an election, the excitement of a national convention, the tears of joy when I win, the silence of defeat when I don't. I am growing through all that I undertake. I am never a loser.

February General Membership Meeting (GMM)

February 5, 2003 at 7:00 pm
The Engine House Café
6028 Havelock Avenue
(See Article Inside for more details)

Contact: Gene Stoddard,
432-4569

(Continued, and worth the read!)

WHAT ARE JAYCEES? (cont'd)

I AM pins, patches, vests, coats, bumper stickers, newsletters. A gavel at a podium, backrooms, long drives home, late hours, year-end books, awards, certificates, trophies, plaques, TOYA--and winners teaching winners to be winners!

I HAVE always been with the Spirit of America. I was the spirit that would not let Columbus turn back. I was there when George Washington knelt in frozen prayer at Valley Forge. When Paul Revere raised his hand at a committee meeting and said, "I'LL RIDE AND TELL THEM." It was the Jaycee spirit that gave young Nathan Hale the guts to look 'em in the eye and say, "I REGRET THAT I HAVE BUT ONE LIFE TO LOSE FOR MY COUNTRY." It was the group that collected scrap metal and helped FDR spread his message that, "THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO FEAR IS FEAR ITSELF." And I was already doing what John Kennedy asked when he said, "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT RATHER WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR COUNTRY!"

I was on the boat when Admiral Farragut said, "DAMN THE TORPEDOES, FULL SPEED AHEAD!" I built this country with faith, courage, and a spirit that can only be called JAYCEES!

I LED the fight for the draft when wartime America needed it and also led the cause for its abolishment when it didn't. I am change! I am for what is right and against wrong and injustice. I am white, black, yellow, red...and I never judge people by the color of their skin, but rather by the content of their characters.

I HAVE established and introduced many young people into the Red Cross, MDA, the USO, volunteer fire departments, boys' clubs, City Hall, state governments, and even the congress of the United States.

I MOVE. I travel to spread Jayceeism. I have presented Billy Graham in Madison Square Garden, seen the Great Phoenix Rodeo, Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, Independence Hall, the Statue of Liberty, Disney World, the Alamo, and the Golden Gate Bridge. I marched with Martin Luther King to Washington, I have walked for mankind, traveled the badlands of the Dakotas, the bluegrass of Kentucky, and the snow-filled valleys, of Ohio to pass on this feeling of brotherhood and love.

I HAVE made my mark on time with men like Seldon Waldo, Clayton Frost, Keith Upson, Dennis Hamilton, Clint Dunagan, and Don Cavalli---men who made a difference by giving all that they had. I am Bill Brownfield writing the creed, Durward Howes designing the shield, and John Armbruster editing the LOG. I am millions of young people who have graduated from my ranks to become the leaders of this very world today!

I AM THE JAYCEE CREED. I believe in God, brotherhood, free enterprise, law and order, human personality, and service to humanity. I am what is good about America. Within my spirit lies the very basis of the future of my country. I am freedom and will fight to my last breath if necessary to see that it is preserved. May I always possess the integrity, courage, and strength to keep myself unshackled and to remain a beacon of hope to all people everywhere.

**WHAT ARE JAYCEES? YOU ARE JAYCEES!!!
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!!!**

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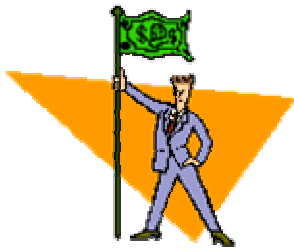
<http://www.mikemarshall.com/>

Hello everyone!

I am very excited to member of the board this year. There are many exciting things planned for the months ahead. We will be asking many of you for help with upcoming projects. Let your board know what you can help out with. Remember that convention is right around the corner.

I am encouraging everyone to attend for at least part of the fun. If you get the chance, COMPETE! Competitions are going to be in the afternoon, so you don't have to be up by 8:00. If it is your first competition, you can participate in novice write up or speak up. You can get these topics from Kim Ruwe. Also, for those who do compete, there is a special reception for you. Hope to see you all there!

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kendra@lincolnjaycees.org



SHOW US THE MONEY!

We have started the year on a bang with the first fundraiser of the year! A very grateful thanks goes out to all of those who helped with the B & R Stores Casino nights. This project has become a seasonal favorite fundraiser for us, and everyone's hard work and commitment to make is a success.

We will have several more of these as well as Our Dunk Tank, Glo-Necklaces throughout the year that we will be planning so watch the Focal Point for more information yet to come. A thank you goes out to the February project chairs in the Management area Gene Stoddard & Lisa Lewis, Convention, Coleen Warner Inaugural. Alex Lewis web Page.

If you would like to help with one of these projects or have any fundraising Ideas contact me or a board member with your ideas. The more money we raise as a chapter the bigger an impact we can make on the community.

Brad Cornelius 450-5505
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**March Newsletter
Articles will be due**

February 22, 2003

Back to the Basics

Celebrate the year's accomplishments and start
the new Jaycee year with "Jaycee Basics!"

February 7 to 9, 2003

Howard Johnson Inn, 5250 Cornhusker Highway
Lincoln, Nebraska



**NEVER BEEN TO A NEBRASKA JAYCEE CONVENTION?
WONDER WHAT'S THE "BIG DEAL"?
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE — IT DOESN'T GET ANY CLOSER
THAN IN OUR OWN BACK YARD!**

If you've never attended, it truly IS hard to explain the camaraderie built with other Nebraska Jaycees at conventions.

As host chapter, we will be responsible for registration, decorations, and having someone at each meeting and/or food line to verify people have on the registration wristband. Come on over and enjoy the FUN & EXCITEMENT of convention sometime during the weekend!

We need assistance with the following job tasks, no experience necessary:

Prepare "goodie" packets: **Thursday evening** (time & location TBA)

Registration: **Friday evening 6pm-11pm and Saturday 8am-Noon**

Check Registration bands at meals: **Saturday 11:30am-12:30pm & 6-7pm**

Check Registration bands at various mtgs: **Saturday 10am-4pm**

Various Hospitality Tasks: **Friday evening 5pm-11pm, Saturday 8am-8pm**

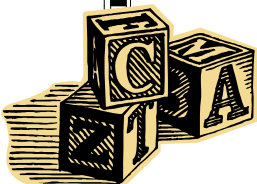
Decorations: **Saturday Afternoon**

**LINCOLN JAYCEES—WE NEED YOU!!! SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES
& RATES AVAILABLE FOR LINCOLN JAYCEES**

As a small "thank you" for your assistance, all Lincoln Jaycees who volunteer for at least one shift at convention, will be eligible for reduced convention rates!

Attend the GMM or call for more information.

To volunteer or if you have questions, contact those **fun-loving** Lincoln Jaycees:
Lisa at 402-499-4918 or Gene at 402-432-4569



So, who are the people in YOUR neighborhood?
This convention brought to you by the letters J & C



Do you remember the MayJu?

Thank you again to the many committee members who helped me prepare. Thank you again to the many general members who helped during the convention. You are a valuable asset to this chapter and your help was truly appreciated!

So better late than never...

These people worked above and beyond:

Jill Marshall
Gene Stoddard
Angela Owens
Rachel Rezabek
Jane Gustafson

These people helped out a great deal:

Brad Cornelius
Deirdre Smith
Janet Oenbring
Kim Ruwe
Lisa Lewis

These people also volunteered their time:

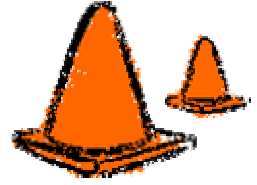
Amy Sall
Art Weiland
Kendra Werth
Steve Strong
Sara Nelson
Chris Peters
Sally Schwink
Jolene Quaring
Lea Alderman
Tina Schrader
Lori Michl
Quince Michl
Alex Lewis

First of all, I want to thank past National President John Nygren and First Lady Maggie Nygren for visiting with us that weekend. You were special guests indeed. Second of all, I want to thank all of the past State Jaycee Presidents, their families, board members and friends for attending the 75th Anniversary Banquet. Third of all, I want to thank all of the staff at the Ho Jo and daVinci's for welcoming the Jaycees with open arms. As you can see, we're coming back soon! Fourth of all, I want to thank the State board members who helped put it all together. Fifth of all, I want to thank the companies around Lincoln that donated items for the goody bags.

And finally I want to thank the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau. Their volunteers worked very hard to get the name-tags done and to welcome each Jaycee to the weekend meeting.

In Jaycees,
Melissa Sanny

CALLING ALL CHAIRPERSONS!



Do you need Plates, Pylons baseballs, stopwatches, clipboards, tables, or just general supplies to run your projects?

If the answer is yes you need supplies then we've got a solution for you. Our chapter currently has many of the items that it takes to run our year-in and year-out projects stored down at the Jaycee Building. How do you get these supplies you might ask?

Easy! On the 4th Monday of the month the Jaycee Building will be open from 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. On these nights the building will be available for getting supplies. These nights will also be used as a general building maintenance night for the day to day up keep of our building so come down and lend a hand. If February 24th will not work for you, please call Brad Cornelius 450-5505 and we can set up a time to meet you to help you get what you need.



Friday Afternoon Club (FAC) Basketball is heating up!

Friday, February 28th
(beginning at 5pm)

Risky's
47th & Leighton
(West end of the
Hy-Vee Plaza)
Contact: Melissa Sanny
melissa@lincolnjaycees.org



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(\$20/hour for Jaycees)

Call Alex Lewis
402-202-8830

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 GMM	6	7 Year-End Convention	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Inaugural
16	17	18	19 Board	20	21 FAC: Risky's	22
23	24 Jaycee Building Open 7-9pm	25	26	27	28	1 Super Shooters

Lincoln Junior Chamber
P.O. Box 85203
Lincoln, NE 68501

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