

FOCAL POINT

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Learning from the Past

Looking forward at the 2004 year I am very excited about the enthusiasm and commitment of the 2004 Lincoln Jaycee board of directors. As many of you know we traveled in the month of January out to Kearney for LOTS (Local Officers Training School) A great time was had by all that attended, and we all learned "LOTS" about the ins and outs of running a successful chapter.

While the members of the 2004 board did learn new things about running the organization as well as themselves. They really were not doing anything that unusual. Over the history of our organization year after year It just takes one AIGM (all important general member) to step forward and become active and take a leadership roll in the chapter. One example of this was Herbert F. McCulla. Mr. McCulla was one of the original Charter members of the Lincoln Jaycees, he beloved in the organization so much he stepped forward and became the first Local chapter president. The next year it

was felt that in Nebraska a state organization was needed. Being a leader of a thriving local chapter he moved on and was elected as the First Nebraska Jaycee President. Seventy-eight years later the organization still thrives on a standard that was set back in the early 1900's. That new individuals and the ideas that they bring, are one of the things that makes the Jaycees great. In the Lincoln Jaycees we have a very strong history of Leadership, and it is evident in the fact that since 1927 we have had 14 of our local members move on to serve as President of the Nebraska Jaycees.

If you were to ask each of them how they did it? I am sure each of them would say somebody asked me to be a Jaycee, and from there they stood up to the opportunity to learn grow and eventually lead the organization. With this in mind I challenge each of you to go out attend a project, be a chair on a committee, make plans to serve on a future board or better yet extend the opportunity to somebody you meet. You never

know what you or they may be capable of accomplishing until you do.

This past month we have had some people who stepped up and did a great job fulfilling the opportunities that were placed in front of them. Paul Huss National Vice President for our training at Bizco. Lea & Lynn for the great job on Inaugural, and the ID College. A special thanks to Bizco for allowing us the use of their building. Kristen for her hard work on putting together the Blue Chip for 2004. The board of directors you all are doing a great job, Keep learning, asking questions and striving to be the best chapter in the state.

In Jaycees

Brad Cornelius
Lincoln Jaycees
President 2004



February Friday Afternoon Club

I would like to invite all members to the February FAC which will be Friday, February 13th at 5:00 p.m. The event is going to be at Sports-caster's Bar and Grill which is on the corner of 70th and Adams. Sports-caster's was chosen because they have not one but three happy hours in a row! From 4-7 p.m. come and enjoy free food, \$1 off pitchers and the company of your fellow Jaycees. What more could you ask for?

All your elected members will be there (hint, hint) so I look forward to a large turnout. See you all there!

If you have any questions call me at (402)304-2641.
Jeramie Abel



Pitch Night

When: FRIDAY, February 27, 2004 @7pm

Where: Steve and Julia Strong's home. 1100 West C St #208

Please join us for 10 point pitch. Bring a friend, munchies to share and your drink of choice.

Any questions me let me know, we look forward to seeing you on Friday night.

Jenny Seamans
Membership Director

2004 Inaugural Banquet

Hey Lincoln Jaycees, 2003 was an unusual year for us, however many people put in an extra effort and helped our Chapter continue on into 2004. We had a great turnout on January 24 at the Inaugural banquet and Lea and Lynn would like to say thank-you to everyone who helped us celebrate our past successes and our new Board of Directors. Thank-you also to the many people who assisted in

making this an unforgettable evening and congratulations to the following award winners.
Aged Out (Jaycee Alumni):
Coleen Warner

Corporate Sponsors :
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Outstanding Performers:
Lynn Weiland, Steve Strong, Jill Smith & Jodi Kroeker

Outstanding Projects:
2002 Year-End Convention,
Haunted Easter Egg Hunt, Charity Basketball/Network International, Relay for Life, Chamber of Terror, Saltdogs Baseball Game Social, & Jaycee Christmas Families

Overall Outstanding Project:
4th of July

10 Years of Service:
Brad Cornelius, Melissa Sanny, & Maura Tolzin

5 Years of Service:
Grady Blasé, Kim Ruwe

3 year members:
Jane Kracl, Deirdre Smith, Amy Sall, Alex Lewis

Brownfield:
Jill Smith

Armbruster:
Lisa Lewis

Kennedy Family:
Joely and Taylor Wesch

Overall Outstanding Board member:
Jill Marshall



WhiteHall Basketball

Yes roundballer's, it's once again time to blow the dust off the ole sneakers in the corner of the closet, and knock the rust off your shooting arm. The Behavioral Skills kids have challenged us to a game of Basketball. This year we have 2 chances.

Saturday, January 31st is our first opportunity to run, jump and shoot

some hoops as these kids challenge us to the finish, trying to

keep their winning title. We will be meeting at the Whitehall school gym(56th & R on the Southeast corner) at 12:30 for warm-up. Game time is promptly at 1:00 pm.

Please wear your most recent 4th of July T-shirt. (If you do not have one, any white T-shirt in good taste will do.)

Only 28 days later (enough time for even us old guys to catch our

breath) we will be doing it all over again. February 28th will be the second challenge. Same time and same place. Just bring along your water bottle and a friend. Lynn & Art Weiland
477-0676



Casino Night

Time to deal 'em out and collect the cash! Another Casino night is on its way!

The Jaycees' version of Vegas will be held for Lincoln Pediatrics Association on February 7th. We will begin dealing at 8:00pm. The location for this event is the Havelock Social Hall at 4538 North 62nd Street.

Now my request from my fellow Lincoln Jaycees, man-power! You can help with running the tables, set-up, and hauling the tables (got a truck?). If your interested, come to GMM or contact me for more information.

Lea Alderman (402) 416-1793



WANTED!!

Do you have a great idea that you want to try and see happen this year? Do you want to chair or co-chair a project???

It is planning time for the year so if you have any ideas on socials, ID college themes, fundraising, or things for the community please let us know. There are no

bad ideas.

There are several projects that we are currently planning for the upcoming year and we need your help to chair them. If there is a project that you would like to chair or an area of interest please contact a board member today.

Jenny Seamans

Co-director of Membership





Looking Forward to a Great Year!

Happy Belated Jaycee Week (January 18th-24th)! Jaycee Week is a week to remind ourselves of this wonderful organization that we belong to, and what we can do to make it better! How can you make it better...for you? For Lincoln? For Nebraska? For the World? Many of you have some great ideas to "make it better" and I am looking forward to hearing each and every one of them! My "door" is always open, so feel free to pull me over in a meeting, send me an email or pick up the phone and call. Together we can make it better!

As your Management VP of 2004, I am currently working with the board on our Blue Chip and Chapter Plan. Figuring out our goals for the year, the budget, our strengths and weaknesses, a proposed calendar of events, Insurance paper work (Thanks Tom Powell at Mid-Alliance Insurance) and so forth. And I welcome any ideas you may have for 2004!

I am also working with Network International and our Print-A-Kid program. Hopefully next month I will have more information for you, since it just kicked off this past week. Thanks to Lisa Lewis for helping get us trained and on the right track with it.

I also want to Thank Lea Alderman and Lynn Weiland for their

hard work chairing the 2003 Inaugural Dinner and Dance. It was a wonderful time...thank you!

Chairing projects is a great opportunity for you get leadership training and make many friends at the same time. You can ask any of my fellow board members how bummed I was when I found out I couldn't chair any projects this year...that has always been one of my favorite parts of the Jaycees. Coming up with an idea, implementing them and seeing the smiling faces afterwards. If you have never chaired a project please take time this year to "Just Try It!" If you have any ideas for projects, let a board member know. If your the type of person who doesn't like to come up with the ideas, but likes to implement them...don't worry, we've got plenty of ideas for you! Again I say...Just Try It! I was reminded over this past weekend after talking with some prospective members about the true meaning of the Jaycees. Why we join, why we stay and why we promote it.

I joined because a friend of mine made me. I bet you have not heard that before. I stayed because I made life-long friends and continue to do so. I learned leadership skills that will help me throughout my lifetime. I was able

to help my neighbors and my community. All the while, having a great time doing it!

So why do I promote the Jaycees...because I want to help, I want to teach and want my friends to understand the true meaning of the Jaycees for themselves!

2004 is going to be a great year for the Lincoln Jaycees! The board is eager, excited and ready for challenges ahead. I look around at our board and general meetings and see so many different people and so many different

"Just Try It!"

talents and ideas. I just can't wait to see what this great chapter has in store for this town, this state and this world!

Remember "Just Try It!"

Kirsten Cords
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February General Membership Meeting (GMM)

Where: World Famous P.O. Pears (332 South 9th Street)

When: Wednesday February 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

(parking meters only monitored until 6pm)

Want to Learn more? Come at 6:30 to learn more about the organization and what it can do for you!!



You Said What??

"First I am going to do Brad and then Brad is going to do his board!"
- Kim R.

"Gene, do you still have your wood?"
- Lisa L.

"Can anyone tell me where Lisa went? I am sure I had her on."
- Lisa L.

"He's good enough (Tony S)!" - Janet

"I am NOT touching her pieces I am touching her hands."
- Kim R

"Hot and Ready \$4.50" - Kendra

"Try me" - Kendra

"I'll meet you in the cheeseball isle"
- Kirsten

"It gets dark, after dark." -President Gene

PERSONALS

"Gene, thanks for taking us out in public" from Tony, Kirsten, and Kendra

"Lisa- When do you kiss and tell? -Kendra

"Lynn and Lea, thanks for putting together a great Inaugural" -Tony

"Lynn and Lea, thanks for the wonderful

Inaugural" - Jodi & Jill

"Kendra, thanks for teaching me the words to In the Navy" from Tony

"No Tony, I don't know the words." — Kendra

"Kim- Thanks for helping the board out again this year." Kendra

"Kirsten- Wanna meet in the cheeseball aisle?" —Kendra

Attending Convention? Then we have Training for You!

"Hello everyone! We have some great projects planned for this month. Of course, convention is quickly approaching. If you have never been to a convention, or are planning to compete for the first time, you need to attend Convention 101 on the 11th at 7:00p.m.in the Haunted House building on 126 North 16th Street. We will be covering the protocol for conven-

tions and explaining the different competitions. I'm sure there will be socializing as well, so everyone is welcome to attend.

We are working on planning a supper club and will send out postcards with a date and location.

Remember, if you have any ideas for projects, or would like to chair a project, the board is open to all suggestions.

A big thank you goes out to Lynn Weiland and Lea Alderman for the wonderful job they did on the year-end banquet. I know that I had a great time.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming projects.

Kendra Werth
Individual Vice President

Community Activities Start off with a Bang!

I can't believe that January is almost over. I hope everyone is having a good year so far. We have some fun projects coming up in the Community Area: On Jan. 31st, we are challenging the kids at Whitehall School to a game of basketball. I hear the competition is tough this year so come on down to help out the team or to cheer on them on to victory. Thanks to Lynn Weiland for chairing the project and thanks to Art Weiland for getting us the contacts in the community.

Look for the annual basketball youth competition 'Super Shooters' to be coming up in Feb or early March. We are still looking for a chairperson so if anyone is interested in a fun day of basketball activities, give me a call at H: 484-7351 or W: 437-4731.

Finally, it's never too early to think about one of our biggest Lincoln Jaycee projects of the year. The 4th of July. This is a great opportunity to get out, have a fun day in the sun, interact with our community and let everyone know

what the great Jaycee organization is all about. Plus the fireworks are pretty cool too. Day activities usual include fun run, ice cream social, kid's carnival, local bands, car show and much, much more! Let us know what you are interested in and we will get things started.

Christy Eureka and Joely Wesch
Community VP & Director

February 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Super Bowl Game	2	3	4 GMM at PO Pears 7pm	5	6	7 Casino fundraiser
8 Blue Chip/Chapter Plan 3pm	9	10	11 Competition training at HH 7pm	12	13 FAC at Sportscasters	14 Valentine's Dance at David City
15	16	17	18 Board Meeting Calling Night	19	20 State Convention	21 State Convention
22 State Convention	23	24	25	26	27 Pitch Night	28 Whitehall BB SE Region Social
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Lincoln Junior Chamber

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