

# FOCAL POINT

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## How Are You Ever Gonna Know....

How are you ever gonna know.....

A song by Garth Brooks talks about the unknown in each of our lives, and asks the question How are you ever gonna know if you do not take a chance once in a while. The same goes for being a Jaycee Unless you step forward and take a chance on the opportunities before you are never going to know what you can accomplish in life.

In your job taking risks is very hard to do. However in Jaycees the sky , your imagination and motivation are the limit. If you can come up with an idea, plan it out you can do it and regardless of the outcome learn something from that project.

The project may be something as simple as a Dancing after an FAC that all the chairperson has to do is

make a couple calls, promote the event the show up. To something as grand as the 4th of July at Oak Lake where it takes a overall chair, and many sub chairs to run the events. In any event it is the commitment and the dreams of the individual member who are the fire for the events in our chapter.

I challenge you to all board, general member, and prospective members to step up and show the metal that you are made of.

Thanks to some great members we grew for the 1st month of the year. We had Lea & Lynn run an awesome Awards banquet. Thanks to Kirsten we are well on our way to blue chip for the year. Thank you for everybody who has pulled things together at the start of the year, because of you we are on our way to reaching any goals that are set in our

dreams. So in the month of March I challenge every one of you to go out and extend the opportunity of being a Jaycee to another person in our community. Those who do will get a special Reward at our April GMM. So go out Embrace the Opportunities and make the most of your Jaycee membership by being active and asking others to join

In Jaycees

Brad Cornelius  
Lincoln Jaycee President



## March General Membership Meeting (GMM)

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

When: Wednesday March 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

(parking meters only monitored until 6pm)

**Want to Learn more?**

Come at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the organization and what it can do for you!!

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL!

"Saint Patrick was a gentleman,  
 Who through strategy and stealth,  
 Drove all the snakes from Ireland,  
 Here's a toasting to his health.  
 But not too many toasting  
 Lest you lose yourself and then  
 Forget the good Saint Patrick  
 And see all those snakes again.  
 'Beannachtam na Feile Padraig!'  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!"

**Where:** Legends Bar and Grill  
(84 & Holdrege)

**When:** March 17 (of course)

**Time: 8pm**— yes board members that means you need to have a quick meeting!

- I will bring green food coloring just in case!
- You bring yourselves, a smile, and don't forget to wear something green! (I would hate the pinching monster to get you!)

Jill Smith

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

Happy   
St. Patrick's Day

## PITCH

**WHEN:** Saturday March 27, 2004

**WHERE:** Quince and Lori Michl's new home.

1420 W. Sewell

Join us for 10- point pitch. If you would like to learn how to play please be there at 7:00. Please bring a friend to join in the fun. BYOB and please bring your favorite snack to share.

If you would like to host a Pitch Party please contact me:

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

Any questions me let me know, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday night!!

Jenny Seamans

## IT'S 5:00 SOMEWHERE! -Regional Update

Hello Lincoln Jaycees,

I want to say THANK YOU for helping the state and region to be at growth in January!!! What an awesome way to begin this year. Because of your efforts, the region ended up being at growth, rather than -2. Now that you've signed the members, make sure and activate. I'm not one to play the numbers game, yes it's nice to be at growth, but if we sign just to be at growth for the month, we are doing it for the wrong reasons. If we don't activate, next year that member will be a drop. Invite your new members to an upcoming event or social and show them how much FUN it is to be a Jaycee!!!

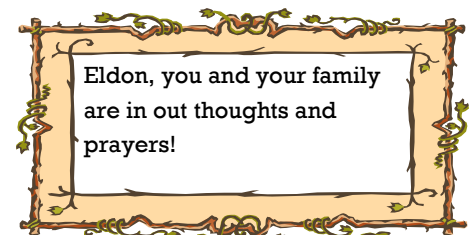
I want to thank the Lincoln members that attended the Inter-regional Valentine's Day Dance in David City. I hope you had a good time. I did enjoy getting to know a few of you a little better and now you know, your RD isn't a very good dancer. But that doesn't stop me from making a fool out of my-

self. If making a fool out of myself generates, fun, well all I have to say is: GIT 'R' DONE!!! I got to attend a couple of projects in Lincoln this month and Lincoln has a very fun and energized group this year. Keep up the good work.

Unfortunately I need to leave this article on a serious note. I know that some of you know that my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and then it went into remission. Unfortunately the cancer has spread to her bones severely. The cancer has spread to her hips. They have her on a new cancer medicine right now but the doctor's aren't really giving us a whole lot of hope. She is stabilized right now and we have asked my brother to come home and visit in the next few weeks as the doctors say she probably will not make it until this summer when he originally planned to visit. At this time I am asking the Jaycees for their prayers, not only for my mom but

for my dad. My dad is taking this pretty hard. I also want to ask for everyone's understanding if I can't be as actively involved in your projects and chapters. My heart is always with the Jaycees, but right now my family comes first. I will attend as many projects as I can but I will not be making any commitments for now as we don't know what to expect. I do promise to keep the communication alive with e-mails, phone calls, and newsletters, but I will have to leave the visitations up to Tom and Gail. Thanks in advance for your understanding and keep me informed on what's going on in your chapters.

Eldon Russell  
Southeast Region Director  
"It's 5:00 Somewhere



# WhiteHall Basketball

O.K. all of you round-ballers, your first and second chances are gone to break in the sneakers, refresh your skills on the court and to stretch out your shooting arm.

After losing January 31st to the 7th - 12th graders and then again on

February 28th to the sixth graders, the Behavioral Skills kids have challenged

us to a third and final opportunity in 2004 to shoot a game of hoops.

Saturday, March 6th is our chance to claim victory or once again face defeat. We will meet at Whitehall, the Behavioral Skills school gym (56th & R on the southeast corner) at 12:30 PM for warm-up and the game begins at 1:00 PM.

We need ten people to play and as many

people for the support squad as possible. Your smiling face and attendance is important no matter if you are a player or a supporter. Please wear your most recent 4th of July

T-shirt however if you don't have one, any white T-shirt in good taste will do.

Lynn & Art Weiland (477-0676)



## SUPER SHOOTERS

**\*\*For kids ages 6-13\*\***

Join us on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> for the yearly Super Shooters Competition. This year's event will be held at Calvary Community Church (Parkview Christian School), located at 4400 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. We ask that you arrive by 7:45am for set-up. Registration will begin at 8:00am, with competition to start at 08:30am. Bring your hot-shootin' hands and be prepared to have some fun! Please contact Steve Strong (chairperson) for more information at 770-6664.

**MEMBERSHIP  
REWARDS**

Are you tired of being an active member and not getting anything in return?

That is all about to change.

Come to the March GMM to find out more.

## Greetings from ID

**Hello there from ID!**

It looks like 2004 is off to a good start here in Lincoln. Vice President Kendra Werth and I want to make sure that you each develop on an individual basis. Send me an email if you have a project idea.

In Jaycees -  
Your Individual Development Director-  
Melissa Sanny-  
[melissa@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:melissa@lincolnjaycees.org)

## Strength in Numbers

Membership growth has been very positive so far during 2004. Four new members have joined this year and many others have expressed an interest in learning more about the Jaycees. A very big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who has been spreading the word about the Jaycees and bringing guests to activities. Your efforts will be rewarded.

Here is a list of the individuals whose membership renewal is coming up....

**MARCH:** Janelle Heine, Erin Julifs, Lisa Lewis, and Kendra Werth

**APRIL:** Grady Base, Roger Burris, Kirsten Cords, Zack Hill, Curt Meyer, Curt Ruwe, Deidre Smith, Dave Spohr, and Joely Wesch

Our goal is to have growth in membership each month. At the rate we are going, achieving that goal should not be a problem. Keep up the good work!!!

Tony Singleton  
Membership Direction

## RELAY FOR LIFE

It is that time of the year, where I am looking for a team of reliable, fun, exciting, passionate people to join me on **JULY 9, 2004** for the Relay for Life!

**What is the Relay for Life?** It is a walk to raise money for the American Cancer Society. All the money raised goes towards cancer research. The relay is a chance to honor and celebrate with those in the community who have battled cancer and won.

**When and where is the Relay for Life?** Beginning at 7:00 PM on Friday, July 9 2004 through 7:00 AM on July 10 at the Haymarket Park.

**Who can be a team member?** Anyone! I am looking for 15 to 20 able Jaycees who are dedicated to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

**Is this the Jaycees first Year for Relay?** This is the fourth consecutive year that the Lincoln Jaycees have been involved with the Relay for Life in Lincoln.

**How much money has the Lincoln Jaycees raised?** Last year we raised \$1400!!! That was EXCELLENT!! BUT I have a

challenge for the Lincoln Jaycees this year!

**What is the challenge?** IF the Lincoln Jaycees team has 16 team members and we all raise \$100 or more – I will purchase dinner of pizza, out of my own pocket, on the evening of the relay.

**How do you raise money??** There are many ways to raise money for the Relay for Life. You can sell luminaries, you can do fund-raisers, you can walk door-to-door, and you can ask friends, family, co-workers for a donation. It is an easy donation to a tremendous cause.

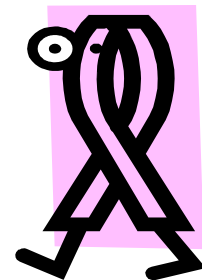
**What is a luminary?** A luminary is a small paper bag with a candle inside that honors or memorializes friends, families, neighbors and co-workers who have battled cancer. There is a luminary ceremony approximately 10:00 PM where all of these luminaries are lit. If you have never seen it before, it is beautiful! Knowing that each bag represents a person who has battled cancer, some may have won, some may have lost. It is definitely a sight to see!!!! (Even if you aren't a team member, please come down and watch this

luminary ceremony).

If you want to be a part of a team, to benefit a cause that may have some affect on you, your family, your friends in the future... I strongly challenge you to be a member of the Lincoln Jaycees Relay for Life.

If you have any questions, please see Amy Sall (780-2166) or Janet Oenbring (416-0714)

### CAN YOU BEAT THE CHALLENGE????



## Making Lincoln a Better Place!

Hello Lincoln Jaycees,

Hope everyone is having a good February so far. I for one am looking forward to the warmer weather that March will bring. And I am also looking forward to the fun projects happening in Community this month:

On Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, we took on the Whitehall School basketball team. It was a close game-but those spunky kids at Whitehall had the victory in the end. Thanks to Lynn Weiland for chairing the project. We look forward to a re-match on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>. See Lynn's article for more details.

'Super Shooters' is being held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Parkview Christian School. Steve Strong is chairing this annual basketball youth competition. Registration is at 8am and competition starts at 8:30am. Please give Steve Strong a call and let him know where

you would love to help. See Steve's article in this issue for more details.

The winners of the Lincoln Super Shooters competition will be invited to attend the State Super Shooters competition that will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Louisville, Nebr.

We have been invited to participate in the St. Jude's Children's Hospital Telethon that will be held on March 18 and 19, 6am to 6pm. If you are interested in answering phones for this fundraiser, please call me for more details. 484-7351.

This year's 'Relay for Life' is on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Salt Dog Stadium. Amy Sall is your wonderful chairperson. This is a great 'feel good' project. It is also a great opportunity to 'think global, act local' by helping the cause

for cancer research. See Amy's article for all the details.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters is very interested in having the Lincoln Jaycees become involved in some of their activities throughout the year. Coming up in April is their annual 'Bowl-a-Thon'. This is a 'bowl for fun' event that would usually include an Em Cee, music, prizes and FUN, FUN, FUN! Call me for details or if you think would be interested: 484-7351.

If there are any other community projects that you are interested in, me call either Joely or myself. Thanks; we would love to hear from you.

Christy Eurek & Joely Wesch  
Community VP & Comm. Director



## You Said What??

"When do I have to do the gerbil?" -- Kirsten Cords

"Don't ever put my phone in your pants!" -- Kim Ruwe

"I have a defective flicker." -- President Gene Stoddard

"If you want it, come and get it." -- President Gene Stoddard

"He's experienced at this." -- Lisa Lewis

"If you want to play, you have to play with us." -Shorty Talks Too Fast

"Johnson is big for its size." -- Brian Nichols, State MDVP

"She'll Do." - Tony about Kim

"No pimping in North Platte!" - Kendra

"I like screw ups." - Lisa L.

"Five minutes, five bucks" -Lisa

"She does not have many places to put it" Tony about Lisa

"I think you did it wrong " Tony about Kim

### PERSONALS:

**Kim** - Thank you for the lucky green chicken! Amy

**Janet** - Keep smiling! Good things are coming your way! Chin up! Amy

**Lea** - Don't forget my candles! =) Amy

**Kendra and Joely** - Thank you for talking about Curves at one FAC last year - I am addicted!! Amy

**Joely** ----- Three months and counting??? Are you as happy as me??? Amy

**WANTED:** Fun, crazy, passionate, dependable Jaycee members for the Relay for Life team. See Amy

**Jolene:** Thanks for the hockey tickets! You are a wonderful friend! Amy

**PSSSSST Jane** - Just thought I'd say "hi" like my soon-to-be husband says "hi" to you at work! Amy

When is the next game of Quarter Spinners? - Tony

Hey Gene...SUSA!

To the Lincoln Jaycees...Thanks for all your help with the chapter plan! I am really look-

forward to this year!...Kirsten

**Kim and Lisa**...thank you sooooo...much for all your help and words of wisdom! Kirsten

To My Valentines...Thanks for a fun evening!-Kirsten

**Kendra**...Here's your sign!-Kirsten

TNC (Tuesday night club)...He was talking' about a girl! Told Ya!!!-Kirsten

The Van Clan...Thanks for a fun road trip to North Platte...it was a blast!-Kirsten

HELP ME! I'VE BEEN STOLEN!!!! THE ONLY PRICE TO RECOVER ME IS A PHONE CALL TO THE PARTY WHO STOLE ME. HINT - I WAS AT A PROJECT & SOMEONE WALKED OFF WITH ME!- --- Your faithful banner

**Kim**—you can call me for a free meal anytime! -Lisa Lewis

**Eldon R.**— You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers! Please let us know if we can do anything for you! - Lincoln Jaycees

## ID and You

The year has started off great in the Individual Development area. Thanks to Lynn and Lea for their awesome job on the computer training they chaired for us in January. Also big thanks to Lisa and Alex for providing that training. I also need to thank Kim Ruwe and Brian Kavanaugh for training us on convention protocol and competitions.

Speaking of convention, thanks to everyone who attended and helped out in the hospitality room. I know that I had fun. Also BIG thanks to Brian Nichols for driving out van and putting up with us, as tough as it may have been.

Now for the new business, we are in need of more project ideas for the future. I have received some ideas, but am open to more, I also would like to run one ID College a triad. If you have any ideas let your ID team know, Don't think of ID only as a training area. WE can paint mugs, go to a concert, go out to dinner, not to mention our social events. Any project that helps us grow as an individual is an ID project. I look forward to hearing you ideas!

Kendra Werth  
Individual Development Vice President  
Kendra@lincolnjaycees.org

## March FAC

**When:** March 19, 2004

**Where:** Risky's Sports Bar and Grill  
4680 Leighton Avenue

**I hear there was a fantastic turnout at the last FAC, so let's continue that this month at Risky's. There is a happy hour form 4-7 p.m. with \$1 off pitchers and specials on mixed drinks including Crown Royal. Don't forget to bring you appetite because free tacos are part of the happy hour extravaganza. If you haven't been there before, it's between the apartment buildings and the Russ's Marked at 48th and Leighton. If you need directions feel free to give me a call (402) 304-2641!**

**Jeramie Abel**

# March 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7 p.m. GMM @ P.O. Pears	4	5	6 Super Shooter Whitehall BB
7	8	9	10 National Jaycee convention	11 Natl. convention Tulsa, OK	12 Natl. Convention	13 Natl. Convention
14 Natl. convention	15	16	17 Board meeting 6:30 St. Patty's Social at	18	19 FAC at Risky's	20 State Super Shooters in Louisville
21	22 Close out	23	24	25	26 5 pm set up for MOAGS	27 Mother of all Garage Sales
28	29	30	31 CPG Training			

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