

February 2007

The Focal Point

Lincoln Jaycees

“Building Our Future”

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From Your President...

Lincoln Jaycees-

January was spent celebrating the successes of 2006 and gearing up for the 2007 year. The Year End Convention was a hoot and I think that everyone enjoyed themselves. New board members in attendance were trained in their areas and will bring that back to the chapter. We even accepted a challenge from Nebraska Community Vice President, Lisa Diekmann, to present the Jaycees Against Youth Smoking (JAYS) program to 500 youth. If we don't complete this by the end of March, we will be serving someone lunch at next convention.

Inaugural was another time to celebrate, this time focusing on Lincoln's achievements. This has always been one of my favorite projects, as many alumni come back and get to meet all of the new members that are the future of this organization. The 2007 Board was also installed, so they are ready to get to work.

We are one month into the Jaycee year and your Board is ready to show you what we have outlined for the year. We took the results of the Project Survey held at the General Membership Meeting and will target the projects that were most requested. Those include social activities, Business tours, Cultural events and professional skills. By giving the Board your feedback, we can effectively plan events that you as members are interested in participating in. As we hear back from additional members, we will adjust as the interest changes.

Oh, and I've finally come up the a theme. State President, Brian, is using "Rise to the Occasion". Region Director, Lisa Gebers, is using "Catch the Spirit". So

to keep on those lines, I will be using "Reaching for the Stars". Lincoln IS home to the Stars (hockey) and our chapter is full of Star members. Also, as Casey Kasem used to say, "Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the Stars". Well, we're going to do some reaching this year. Strive to reach our goals, meet the needs of our members and make an impact in our community.

February's Top 5 List:

1. Work at least one of the 2 casino nights we have (3rd or the 12th).
2. Spend time with loved ones on the 14th. Even if you're not "involved," find those close to you.
3. Put a personal in the March newsletter. Maybe something funny happened at a project.
4. When the Bulldog Basketball game date is set, plan to be there. This project has the most impact on kids that we run. These kids just LOVE to beat us on the court! And we love that they have to earn the right to play with their grades and attendance!
5. Call one board member and offer to run a program of your choice during the year. They'd love to have you as a chair and the best way to get the leadership training is to take the lead on a project. What better way then to pick one YOU want to do!!

Until next time!

Chris Peters

81st President



**March Focal Point Articles & Personals Due Feb. 21st to
newsletter@lincolnjaycees.org**

Lincoln Jaycees

2007 Board of Directors

The following have been elected or appointed as your 2007 Board of Directors. Phone numbers have been listed for each individual for better communication. Please leave a message for those using the Lincoln Jaycees phone number and your call will be returned. Contact via e-mail with firstname@lincolnjaycees.org. (i.e. lea@lincolnjaycees.org)

Chris Peters, President, 467-3330
Jane Gustafson, Admin Vice President, 434-8900*
Jolene Quaring, Secretary, 434-8900*
Ryan Caldwell, Treasurer, 434-8900*

Business Area of Opportunity Team
Open

Community Area of Opportunity Team
Phillip Webb, Community Director, 310-8496
Stacie Newlin, Community Director, 434-8900*

Individual Area of Opportunity Team
Megan McMasters, Individual Development Director, 525-1990

Membership Area of Opportunity Team
Kendra Werth, Membership Vice President, 770-4219

*Lincoln Jaycees phone number - please leave a message.

Jaycee Creed

We Believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
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 men;
That Earth's greatest treasure lies in human personality;
And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 <i>Casino Night—1st Natl. Bank/Omaha</i> |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 <i>GMM at The Pantry</i> | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 <i>Casino Night—Olsson Assc.-TBA</i> | 13 | 14 <i>Board Meeting</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 <i>Fat Tuesday at Buzzard Billy's</i> | 21 <i>Focal Point Articles due!</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 <i>Progressive Dinner</i> | 27 | 28 | | | |
| March: 15-18 —National Convention 24 —State Super Shooters in Nebraska City 31 —State Shooters Education in Falls City | | | | | | |

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PERSONALS...

Send your personals to newsletter@lincolnjaycees.org by the newsletter deadline each month.

To My Valentine- Thanks for all you do so that I can do what I do. You are always there to support and love me and it means the world to me. Happy V-day! **-Chris**

Amy R- Ralston is lucky to have you and you will be missed! We had better still see you from time to time!
-Chris(& Ed)

Lyn- I can't wait to see what you think up for the Progressive Dinner. More details for everyone at the GMM!! **-Chris**

Lynn- Hope AZ was warmer than here! It was a long month without you and we're looking forward to your return. **-Chris**

Kirsten- OK, I thought I moved around too much. At least the next time should be the last time (for a while). I'm so happy for all that is happening for you and hopefully the job thing works out too! **-Chris**

Stephanie and Megan- Thank you for putting on a wonderful Inaugural Banquet. Your hard work and the time you put in is greatly appreciated. Hope you took time to enjoy the evening! **-Chris**

AND THE AWARD GOES TO.....

STATE 4TH QUARTER AWARDS

Top Performer: Amy Roeder
Chairman's Planning Guide-Individual Development Area: 1st Place, Sushi 101
Outstanding Local Individual Development Officer: Jolene Quaring
Individual Development Impact Project: Sushi 101, Noboru Ohara & Jolene Quaring
Overall Outstanding Local Community Development Officer: Christy Eurek
Overall Outstanding Local President: Chris Peters

STATE YEAR END AWARDS

Overall Annual Report: Individual
Overall Annual Report: Business
Overall Annual Report: International
Granddaddy Giesenbier: Lincoln
Year-End Competitions:
Write-Up, 3rd Place, Jolene Quaring
Jeopardy, 3rd Place, Amy Roeder
Jeopardy, 1st Place, Melissa Sammy
Master Speak-Up, 1st Place, Chris Peters
Supporter Award: Kendra Werth
Outstanding Local Individual Development Officer: Jolene Quaring
Individual Development Impact Project: Around the World Beer Tour, Stacie Newlin
John C. Reek Memorial Award (Overall Community Development Officer of the Year): Christy Eurek
Outstanding Local Management Development Officer: Lynn Weiland
Charles Gabus Overall Outstanding Local President: Chris Peters

R. Gordon Hope Memorial Award (Overall Outstanding Local Member): Stacie Newlin
Hugh McKenna Award (Overall Outstanding State Program Manager): Kirsten Cords
Silver Keyman Award: Kendra Werth
Silver Keyman Award: Lisa Lewis
Gold Keyman Award: Kirsten Cords
Parade of Chapters, 2nd Place: Lincoln

SE REGION 4TH QUARTER AWARDS

Outstanding Project: Sushi 101, Noboru Ohara & Jolene Quaring; Bowling Social, Rebecca Wheeler
Outstanding Director: Jolene Quaring & Amy Roeder
Outstanding Community VP: Christy Eurek

SE REGION YEAR END AWARDS

Outstanding Project: MDA Fishbowl, Amy Kiser; Around the World Beer Tour, Stacie Newlin; Business Trade Show, Lisa Lewis; 80th Anniversary, Gene Stoddard
Outstanding Director: Jolene Quaring & Amy Roeder
Outstanding Community VP: Christy Eurek

DEGREES

First Degree - Kendra Werth
First & Second Degree - Ross Cone
First, Second, & Third Degree - Jodi Denson
First, Second, & Third Degree - Stacie Newlin
First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, & Sixth Degree - Amy Roeder
Eighth, Ninth, & Tenth Degree - Rachel Rezabek

Lincoln Jaycees Area Officer Reports

Individual Development Director, Megan McMasters

Hello Jaycee Friends!

We are in the process of planning some great activities in the Individual Development area. These include projects focused on professional development (i.e. public speaking, inter-communication skills), personal development (i.e. hobbies, cultural), and family centered (i.e. zoo/museum trips, outdoor activities). Please look for these projects to be held each month.

On February 26th, we will be putting on a Progressive Dinner—a multi-course meal with changing scenery. That's because we move from house to house for each course! Lyn O'Hearn is working on the theme and we will be calling around for host/hostesses! There will be a small stipend for each course to help offset the cost. Please join in the fun be hosting and/or joining in on the great food!

Megan McMasters

Membership Vice President, Kendra Werth

Hello everyone,

I am so excited for the upcoming year in membership. We are looking to a new approach to membership this year. It all has to do with a "Magic Number." This means that we need to turn our magic number into the state each month for closeout. This number can include renewals, reinstatements, and new members. Lincoln has been given the magic number of 3 per month by the state. President Chris and I have been talking about increasing that number. We have a membership goal of growing by 10% this year. In order for us to accomplish this, we need our magic number to be a 4 or 5 each month. We are on track so far by turning in 4 members for January and 4 members for February. There are some tough months ahead for us. We have 3 members due for March, so we will need 1-2 new members along with our renewals. I know that our chapter is capable of meeting this goal.

Speaking of new members, I want to thank Kyle for attending our January GMM. Kyle is a new member that joined in December. We also had a guest at our January GMM, Christine. Thanks for coming out and learning more about Lincoln Jaycees.

We have started out the year of monthly membership socials.

Last month we went to the Zoo Bar for the "Hump Day Blues." Thanks to everyone who came out for this project and a special thanks to Rebecca for the work you did to help make sure it was a success. This month we are celebrating Fat Tuesday at Buzzard Billy's in the Haymarket. We do need anyone interested in attending to RSVP for this social as Buzzard Bill's is always packed on Fat Tuesday. We will provide beads to everyone in attendance. Remember, if you bring a guest, you and your guest will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

Rebecca and I want to know what you want for prizes. We will do our best to provide the items that are requested. Sorry guys, no alcohol and we can't take money off of your dues. We are open to any other suggestions. Let us know what would motivate you.

I have a couple of other things I need chair people for. I would like to have a quarterly M0Nnight to show our appreciation to the members and I would also like to have a quarterly new member orientation. If interested in helping with either of these projects, give me a call or send me an email.

Kendra Werth

Kendra@lincolnjaycees.org

WANTED

New "Girlfriends" for 1st Gentleman Ed. His last two found the love of their lives, so maybe it's a trend! Duties include keeping Ed entertained at projects and talking him into letting President Chris leave town on Jaycee travels. No prior experience necessary, but beware of his outspoken personality! If needed, may consider male applicants as well.

NOTICE: The Pantry only takes Cash or Check!

Guests are invited to attend.

The Pantry—Van Dorn Plaza (48th & Normal)

Wednesday—February 7, 2007, at 7:00pm

February General Membership Meeting

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