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# The Focal Point

Lincoln Jaycees

## “Reaching for the Stars”

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### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...

Lincoln Jaycees:

I wanted to share with you excerpts from an email that was sent out by 2006 National President Lisa Parrish regarding the tragedy that occurred in Virginia on April 16th:

"As National President for The U.S. Junior Chamber in 2006, any time that I was introduced all over our country, all y'all know the first part of my introduction referenced that I'm a graduate of Virginia Tech. For any of you that know me well, you know that I am a PROUD graduate of Virginia Tech.

It's hard to put into words how I feel regarding the tragedy that struck my alma mater on Monday. Horror, disbelief, devastation and shock are what sum it up for me. I don't want my university, my alma mater, only known for this tragedy and that's why I want to share with all y'all a little of Virginia Tech - the War Memorial Monument, which is above our War Memorial Chapel, located at one end of the drill field. You can say it's the cornerstone of campus. At the monument, there are 8 pylons which represent the following: Brotherhood, Leadership, Sacrifice, Honor, Service, Loyalty, Duty, and UT Prosim-"That I May Serve".

**UT PROSIM:** "That I May Serve": Forge your life on the precepts I try to teach, which are:

**BROTHERHOOD:** Let no wall separate you from your fellow men.

**DUTY:** It is your obligation to know what you ought to do and to do it.

**HONOR:** Personal integrity is a shield to protect you from dishonor.

**LOYALTY:** Be faithful and true to God, nation, state, community, school and home.

**LEADERSHIP:** with brotherhood, duty, honor and loyalty, you may be qualified to say, "Follow me".

**SERVICE:** But I warn you that leadership requires courageous service.

**SACRIFICE:** And that service requires sacrifice, even unto life itself.

I think you can see the similarities to our Jaycee Creed and what we do as an organization. It is at this time, just as 9/11, when we need hope. I believe now more than ever, we need a strong JCI organization all over the world. I look to our Jaycee Creed knowing that the more young people we reach with our philosophy and beliefs, we can strive to work towards what our founder, Henry Giessenbier, wanted, that of true and everlasting world peace."

This was very powerful to read on Wednesday when I received it. I wanted to share with you the hope and the impact that the Jaycees bring to people across the county.

Please join us for an event or two this month. Let's make the world a better place to live; let's become better citizens of the world.

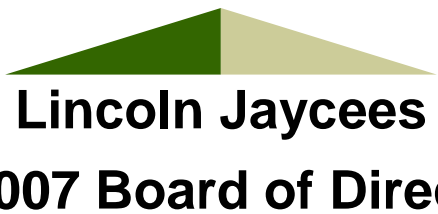
In Jaycees,

*Chris Peters*

81st President



**June Focal Point Articles & Personals Due May 16th to  
[newsletter@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:newsletter@lincolnjaycees.org)**



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### 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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# MAY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>GMM at NTC</i>	3	4 <i>Haymarket Concessions</i>	5 <i>Pastathon / Cinco de Mayo</i>
6	7	8 <i>4th of July Committee Mtg</i>	9 <i>Board Meeting</i>	10	11 <i>Convention at Grand Island</i>	12 <i>Pitch, Hit, &amp; Run</i>
13	14	15	16 <i>Focal Point Articles due!</i>	17	18	19 <i>Renaissance Wine Tasting</i>
20	21	22 <i>4th of July Committee Mtg.</i>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
<b>June: 6</b> —GMM-Lone Star			<b>27</b> —GMM at Oak Lake Park Picnic Shelter			

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## **PERSONALS...**

*Send your personals to [newsletter@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:newsletter@lincolnjaycees.org) by the newsletter deadline each month.*

**Alex & Joely** - Can't wait for the housewarming! Congrad's on the new house!

What awards did Lincoln get at Convention? Come to GMM to find out!

Fitness challenge participants - We ALL win when we're getting "slim and sexy"! Go, teams, go!!

**Tracy** - Thanks for hosting the BBQ. I'm glad you have a new fire pit to try out, too! **-Chris**

Anyone that brings a member to GMM that hasn't been to a meeting in the last 2 months will get their first drink paid by President Chris. Or if YOU are that member that hasn't been to a meeting in 2 months - just get there!!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

## Lincoln Marathon's "Pasta-thon" to be the biggest ever!

For the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Lincoln Track Club has asked the Lincoln Jaycees to help with their "Pastathon" event – a free pasta meal served to all Lincoln Marathon participants and their families the night before the Lincoln Marathon is run. This event is a great way to welcome runners from across the nation (and the world!) to Lincoln.

The word is that this year's event will be the biggest ever – nearly 5,000 runners are expected for the marathon. Based on past attendance, that means we'll feed about 2,500 people at the Pasta-thon. That's a lot of pasta!

This Pastathon event will take place on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at UNL's Champion's Club - which is the building just north of Memorial Stadium. Our job will be to help attendees find the registration and parking areas, answer basic questions about Lincoln and direct the traffic flow of people between the different dining areas. There may be a few additional tasks as needed, but they are always easy and enjoyable!

Our help is needed on May 5<sup>th</sup> from about 4:30 pm until around 7:30 pm. Those who help out will get a free Lincoln Marathon T-Shirt and a free meal. (Afterwards, we can all go celebrate "Cinco De Mayo" with some adult-type beverages.)

I do have to order the shirts in advance of the event, so I need a commitment about a week prior to the event. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at [jane.Gustafson@ngpc.ne.gov](mailto:jane.Gustafson@ngpc.ne.gov) or 761-42101 (home phone). (You will be able to park in a UNL parking lot without fear of being towed, so I will give you the parking information when I talk to you.)

Hope to see you there!

Jane Gustafson

## Wine Tasting!

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, James Arthur Vineyards is having their annual Renaissance Festival. Events run throughout the day starting at noon and ending at 8pm. A list of scheduled activities will be available on the James Arthur Vineyards webpage soon ([www.jamesarthurvineyards.com](http://www.jamesarthurvineyards.com)). The cost of admission is \$1 with all proceeds going to the Big Brothers Big Sisters. They are using a ticket purchase system that day, \$1 per ticket. For 2 tickets you get your first tasting and you get to keep the glass. All additional tastings will be 1 ticket each or they will have regular bottles available for purchase if you prefer. Food will be for sale, anything from giant turkey legs to stew filled bread bowls with an estimated price of 5 to 7 tickets. Please RSVP by May 16 so I know how many people to watch for. We could meet at the patio area at 3pm. If you would like more information please contact me at 580-3519.

-Lyn O'Hearn

**The MAY GMM** will be 7:00 pm at the Nebraska Training Center at 7620 N. 70<sup>th</sup> Street. This is at the Abbott sports Complex, just west of the Tennis courts on the South side of the drive.

Come early for tours of the facility (beginning at 6:00) and food catered in. Cost for dinner is \$5.00, and will include salad, pasta, bread, and your choice of soft drink or water.

## Pitch Hit and Run - Morning of May 12th @ Lewis Sports Complex (233 S. 23rd Street)

Steve McMasters is working with the Lincoln Parks & Recreation Dept. to put on our annual baseball competition for boys & girls ages 7-14. This event is free for all that participate, and kids will compete in pitching, hitting and running! The top performer in each event and the overall champion for each age division will be eligible to represent Lincoln at the State Competition hosted by the Sidney Jaycees on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and help shag balls, measure distances and encourage the kids! Bring your own gloves!

# Area Reports and Challenges

## Jaycee Fitness Challenge

Did you sign up for our fitness challenge? WHY NOT!?! Teams of 2 (at least one Jaycee member) can still join. So far we have 8 teams competing, and it's off to a GREAT start. Even if you're not in it for the competitiveness, it is still a great deal for 90 days of gym membership! Please read the details below from the Nebraska Training Center (NTC):

The Nebraska Training Center is partnering with the Lincoln Jaycees to provide its members with a unique fitness challenge. We here at NTC are supportive of the needs of those who are committed to improving themselves, their families, and their communities. That is why, beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>, we are excited to present a FITNESS CHALLENGE!!! Partner up with a spouse, friend, or sibling and get started today! All you need is \$100 per couple and pay nothing for the duration of the challenge (ends

July 1<sup>st</sup>). The couple who loses the most weight and/or has the highest workout attendance will receive a free one-year membership! Starting July 10<sup>th</sup>, Jaycee members will also receive a discounted rate to continue their fitness goals of only \$29.00 a month. There is no contract only a 60 day notification of cancellation required. Call us today to register for the competition and begin your journey of self-improvement.

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## Membership Development News

Hola!! ¿Como estas? ¿Tiene sed usted? (Hello!! How are you? Are you thirsty?)

That's your Spanish lesson for the month - now come join us for a real FEISTA as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo (the 5th of May) at Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant (211 North 70th). We will try to reserve a table for 7:00 that night for the group, so please email Director Rebecca Wheeler at [rebecca@lincolnjaycees.org](mailto:rebecca@lincolnjaycees.org) if you are interested in being there. Or you can sign up at GMM for a final headcount. Anyone who wears their own personal

sombrero gets a prize!!

There is a membership challenge out there from President Chris - anyone who recruits two people by May 26th gets 2 hours of free servitude! Can you say SPRING CLEANING!?! Please invite your friends and coworkers to join our organization. New people are the lifeblood of the Jaycees - they bring in new ideas, help form new relationships, and have an excitement that is contagious!! And with the 4th of July just around the corner, we can use the additional manpower!!

**May General Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday May 2, 2007, at 7:00pm**  
**Nebraska Training Center (7620 North 70th Street)**  
Guests are invited to attend.

\$5.00 Catered Dinner

More information inside!

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