

May 2008



# The Focal Point



Lincoln Jaycees

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## From Your President...

Hello Lincoln Jaycees!

We enjoyed several great projects & learning opportunities last month – and it made me think about a couple of the really great aspects about Jaycees, for me: enjoying projects that we have a history with, and watching newer members try new things. I was reminded of this when I joined our enthusiastic and boisterous basketball team at the **Bulldog Basketball** game. Lead by chairman **Lynn Weiland**, the crew included veteran Jaycees and project originator **Art Weiland**, several chapter members, friends and co-workers of chapter members, and future Jaycee Gabe Weiland. We were possibly even playing some future Jaycees members on the Bulldog team.

Seeing the enthusiasm of our team, and how much the Bulldog kids and their families enjoyed the game, made me really think about the tradition of this projects, and how good it is to start and run projects that give back to the community and have continuity from year to year. **Lynn, Art and all the folks who participated deserve a big thank you** from the chapter and the community for their efforts – both this month and in past years!

On the other end of the spectrum, I got to watch a newer member of our chapter stretch her wings and try something new. A big congratulations goes out to **Lyn O'Hearn** for speaking at last month's General Membership Meeting and giving us some great travel tips. Lyn has run several excellent projects in the past couple years, but stepping up to speak at a meeting was a new challenge – and one that she met with flying colors. We also had some **'first-timers' attend a state convention** – so kudos to them for attending the event in Hastings. (Special thanks—on behalf of all Nebraska Jaycees—to Lincoln member **Chris Peters** for helping plan the convention.)

Running projects that our chapter has a history with, and watching chapter members build new skills is a really rewarding part of being president. It pulls together the outstanding past that the Lincoln Jaycees have with the incredible future we could have. And it makes me realize how lucky I am to be in the position I'm in – and how much I'm looking forward to the months to come.

It's now May – and summer is just around the corner! It's time to get outside and enjoy all the stuff life has to offer in the great outdoors. I'm probably a bit biased, given where I work, but I think Nebraska has some of the best places for outdoor activities in the nation. Granted, you can't really surf McConaughy, climbing the 'sandhills' is a bit different than the Rockies and we don't

have a Disneyland or a major league baseball team...but there are still plenty of things you can do outdoors.

If the weather is good, our outdoor activities can start at **Game Night on April 26<sup>th</sup>** at the Lynn & Art Wieland residence. **JoAnna Lynch** has several **Husker Baseball concession nights** lined up for us, so please check your schedule and see what night you can help her out.

After that, we have some other outside events lined up – and are always looking for brand new activities – or event a new spin on some of our traditional ones. **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** brings us our annual chance to help with the **Lincoln Marathon's Pastathon**, and **Family Fishing Night on May 22<sup>nd</sup>** provides us a chance to get out to Holmes Lake and help with a community fishing activity.

**What else would you like to do in May?** The sky is the limit – contact me, or anyone else on the board, and let's start making some plans!

In Jaycees,

Jane Gustafson

Lincoln Jaycees President



**June Focal Point Articles & Personals Due May 22nd 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.

#### Session 2 of Junior Chamber University

When: Monday, May 19th, 7:00 pm

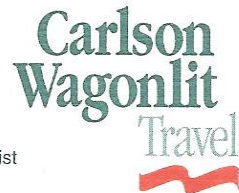
Where: 3311 Apple Street—Chris's house

Come learn the basics of chairing a project, and running an effective meeting, including Roberts Rules of Order / Parliamentary Procedure.

This is a great opportunity for anyone to see what it takes to run a project (not much!) and how meetings should be run.

Refreshments will be provided.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Pasta-thon
4	5	6	7 GMM at Brewsky's 7pm	8	9	10
11	12 4th of July Committee	13	14	15	16 FAC	17
18	19 JCU	20	21 Board Meet- ing	22 Family fish- ing at Holmes	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31
<b>May Birthdays: Quince Michl,</b>						
<b>Coming in June: Babysitting Training, Day at the Races</b>						

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## Personals...

- ◇ Lynn—GREAT JOB on Bulldog Basketball! You made several kids & their families happy. Thanks to everyone else who played or participated! Jane
- ◇ Have you signed up to help with Husker Baseball Concessions? Contact Joanna Lynch today!
- ◇ Janet Oenbring—I feel the need to paint myself silly.....can you help?? Jane
- ◇ Lyn O'Hearn—You are a great speaker! Thanks for speaking at GMM & giving us some terrific travel tips! Jane G.
- ◇ Chris—State Convention, COB, the 4<sup>th</sup>.....when do you sleep? Thanks for all your hard work! Jane
- ◇ Congrats to all who attended state convention in Hastings!
- ◇ Megan & Steve – Ireland called.....they want some of their beer back.....

## Go Fish!

*Help out with Family Fishing Night at Holmes Lake*

On Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have an opportunity to assist with a Family Fishing Night at Holmes Lake. Sponsored by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Family Fishing Nights are public events that anyone is welcome to attend. They are great opportunities for families that have little to no fishing experience or that want to get back into fishing.

Or, if you have a youngster that you'd like to bring out to fish,

The Nebraska Youth Fishing Program will provide bait, rods and reels, tackle and basic instruction during the event. Volunteers are needed to help hand out poles and keep an eye on the activities – you can even bait the hooks and help pull the fish off, if you want. Or, if you have a youngster that might enjoy this event, bring them along and take them fishing.

All participants ages 16 and older are required to have a current Nebraska fishing permit to fish at the event.

More details will be available at the May General Membership Meeting. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Jane Gustafson at [jan-equick@hotmail.com](mailto:jan-equick@hotmail.com) or 499-7746.  
Jane Gustafson

## Babysitting Training

The Lincoln Jaycees and the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a babysitting training on June 7th at 9a.m. The class will include basic first aid, safety and activities training. Volunteers are needed to help supervise small groups and help with lunch. Signup sheet will be available at May GMM. Please contact Joanna Lynch at 402-209-9316 for more information.

Thanks!

We can have the training at their office-11th and Oak Creek Drive or someplace else. I am working on that. Also, I am working on finding sponsorships to help offset registration expenses so that does not deter people who want to participate. Registration is \$50 for the class. For advertising, I have a list of contacts including principals, clcs and ministers to send announcements out to; I have radio and newspaper to check in with as well.

Timeline

Location-confirmed by April 28th

Contacts made in community by May 2nd

Funding-confirmed by May 9th

Registrations due May 30

Reminders to volunteers week of May 26th, done by the 28th

## Help Make the Lincoln Marathon's "Pastathon" a success!

For the 8<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/get-together for all Lincoln Marathon participants and their families. The event takes place the night before the Lincoln Marathon is run, and is a great way to welcome almost 3000+ runners from across the nation (and the world!) to Lincoln.

This year's Pastathon event takes place on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be held at UNL's Champion's Club (701 Stadium Drive – across the street to the west from Memorial Stadium). As in past years, Jaycees will assist with the event by welcoming attendees to the event, and directing them to the registration table and meal locations, as well as directing the traffic flow of people between two different dining areas. There may be a few additional tasks asked of us as needed, but they are always easy and enjoyable!

Jaycees are needed to help out on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from about 3:30 pm until around 7:30 pm. Those who help out will get a free Lincoln Marathon t-shirt and a free meal. (You might even score some free adult beverages after the event is over!) I do have to order the shirts in advance of the event, so I need a commitment and head count about a week prior to the event. (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.)

If you are interested in helping, please contact Jane in advance of the event at [jane.Gustafson@ngpc.ne.gov](mailto:jane.Gustafson@ngpc.ne.gov) or 499-7746. Hope to see you there!

Jane Gustafson

## 4th of July Committee

The group has gotten together twice to start organizing the events for July 4th. We will be looking for manpower at the May GMM and up until the event is over. Please review your holiday plans, and let us know when you can be there for 2-4 hours! We will be doing many of our usual events—Fun Run, Information Booth, Bingo, Glow Necklace Sales—and continuing some of the new projects from last year, like the Food Eating Contests! We'll be starting later in the day, so you can just commit the late afternoon/early evening to us!

Chris Peters, Chairperson

525-8869

## *Individual Development News*

Hello members,

I am working on getting some exciting and fun speakers to talk at our next upcoming GMMs. For May, I am waiting on confirmation from a real LUCKY speaker who could make you a big WINNER for just showing up to GMM. In June, we will learn how to bet on the horse races and then meet for an FAC and put our new skills into action and become winners.

Each month, the board is setting up an FAC or a game night. Give

us your ideas for places to go to for FACs and let us know when you would like to host a game night.

I am looking for volunteers to help me run some upcoming projects - miniature golf, Paint Yourself Silly session, cooking or baking 101, etc. If you have a great idea for a project, let me know.

Thanks,

Janet

## *Community Development News*

Spring is here...finally!

Thank you to everyone who came out to help with the Lincoln Jaycees Bulldog Basketball competition in April! And a special thank you to Lynn Weiland for chairing the project! She did a great job!

Coming up on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Lincoln Jaycees will be helping with the Lincoln Marathon Night Before Pasta-thon for the runners of the Lincoln Marathon and their families. The event runs from 4 – 7 p.m. and we will act as ambassadors and helpers and get a free meal and t-shirt...how can you beat that? If you are interested in chairing this project or just helping out, please contact me ASAP!

Thanks!

There's still time to get involved in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July planning. This is the Lincoln Jaycees signature project so we need as much help as possible to make it a success! Regardless of your availability to attend on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, you can still help out. Please check out the calendar and plan to come to the next committee meeting or contact me or Chris Peters if you would like more information.

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