



Official Newsletter of the Portland Junior Chamber January 2005

From the President...

As you will see looking through this month's newsletter, things have been a bit quiet for the chapter recently. All that is about to change! Beginning in February, we are hitting the ground running. We are looking to schedule at least one fun activity and one community service project per month. We will also be working on some fun fund raisers (yes, fund raising can be fun) in the late spring and into the summer. Our general meetings are going to be peppered with informative guest speakers. This full-slate of activities comes at a time of year that my work is at its busiest point. I know that is also true for many of you, especially those involved in any way with taxes (Shane, Nate, Brian, all of Brian's bosses). Several others of you have recently moved into new houses (Jennifer, Carrie, Nate) and have many projects around the house calling for your attention.

The board is working very hard to come up with a full calendar of activities, but we don't do this to overwhelm. We want you to be able to participate in the activities you want to participate in. We want to give you choices. We would love to see everyone at every function, but please, make it to the events that fit best into your schedule.

If you can't make it to a meeting, we will be very consistently updating the website with information on our project calendar. (A special thank you definitely goes out to Chris Schenk for his heroic efforts to help us get the website back up and running!!!) We also will be sending out these newsletters once a month. Leanne Sype will be taking over the editing and production of these. They will highlight what has happened in the last month, what is coming up soon, and ongoing reports on projects like the Bachelor Auction. If people have photos from events they would like to share with the newsletter or the website, you can email them to Chris, Leanne, or myself.

I cannot tell you how excited I am to get back into the Jaycee swing of things in the next coming weeks. I have missed y'all and hope you can make it to a meeting or event sometime very very soon!

Melissa Dudek, January 2005

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The 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 of men.*

*That earth's great treasure lies in
human personality.*

*And that service to humanity is the
best work of life!*

The International Jaycee Creed, adopted in 1947
C. William Brownfield's words have since been translated into 100
different languages and are still recognized today as the Jaycee Creed.

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Recent Projects/ Events

White Elephants on Parade ...



The annual Portland Jaycees Holiday Party was held this year on December 18th at the Tigard home of members Todd and Diane Heinle. It was a pot luck affair with the members dazzling one another with their culinary skills. Some potential cordon bleu students whipped up bags of Doritos. Party host Diane Heinle made a spectacular cheese dip and added a level of class unexpected for this event with a resplendent shrimp cocktail.



Top: COB Scott Humprheys is pleasantly surprised that his present neither sings nor does the chicken dance. It was one of the few. Bottom: Member Jennifer Pentecost cautiously unwraps her gift, hoping she picked a good one.

The highlight of the evening was the white elephant gift exchange. All in attendance drew numbers for the order of selection. Party goers could either select a festively-wrapped present from under the tree or they could take a present that had been opened already by someone else in the room. Each present could only be "stolen" twice, so the third person to select an item was guaranteed that gift. Everything else was up for grabs.

A fantastic time was had by the entire group of current and past Jaycees. If you did not make it this year, free up your schedule for this year's party. It truly is a "Can't Miss" event!

For more pictures from the party and other events, check out our website at <http://www.portlandjaycees.org> and our updated photo gallery. As we do more projects, new photos will be posted.

Earning your degree ...



At the January general meeting, we are going to have a discussion of the Degrees of the Jaycees and Springboard programs. Many of you have been working hard on our chapter projects and community service events. The degrees program is one way that the United States Junior Chamber recognizes dedication and hard work. There are ten levels of recognition that can be achieved by a Junior Chamber Member. It is my goal to see that everyone receives the recognitions and honors they deserve! If you will not be attending the January GM, this will be an on-going project we will be focusing on. There will be plenty of opportunities to learn about the degree program.

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We have a home!

Our last few months at the Crab Bowl on Barbur Blvd. have been fun. The location has good food (the side-salad with their secret-recipe dressing and baby shrimp was always a favorite amongst the group) and lots of room, but is a bit awkward for speakers. We have been looking for a more permanent location where we could have a room all to ourselves. Beginning in February, we have such a home. The Northwest Library meeting room will be our new meeting locations. The library is located right off NW 23rd on Thurman. The library closes at 8 pm, so we will start meetings at 6:45 to make sure that we have enough time for our speakers and our meeting. With the variety of restaurants and pubs located in the area, finding places to socialize should not be an issue. There is a parking lot (small) right at the library as your first shot at parking.

Our meetings will move to the first Wednesday of the month at the library (due to room availability). Therefore, we will hold one last meeting at the Crab Bowl on Barbur.



Remember, meetings may not be the most exciting of our events (though with the guest speakers we are hoping to have this year, they should be very informative), but they are a great way for people who may be interested in becoming a Jaycee to hear about all of the projects and events that we are planning in the near future.

Oregon Food Bank

We are working on setting up a volunteer opportunity for February at the Oregon Food Bank. The Oregon Food Bank is the hub of a statewide network of 870 hunger-relief agencies, serving all of Oregon and Clark County in Washington. They recover food from farms, manufacturers, retailers, individuals and government sources and then distribute it to 20 regional food banks across Oregon. Eighteen are independent charitable organizations. We will be working in the volunteer action room. The tasks include everything from packaging emergency food boxes to creating hot cocoa mix for consumption. We will have a date and time for this activity in the near future.



Upcoming Meeting Schedule

January General Meeting:
Previewing the coming months, degrees
Wednesday, January 19, 2005
Crab Bowl 7958 SW Barbur

February General Meeting:
Wednesday, February 2, 2005
Guest Speaker: tba
Northwest Library Meeting Room
2300 NW Thurman

March General Meeting:
Wednesday, March 2, 2005
Susan Tjernlund (topic: Identity Theft)
Northwest Library Meeting Room
2300 NW Thurman



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Membership

Getting to know you

The best thing about our organization is our members! Beginning in February, we are going to be running a special feature where we will highlight one member every month. In this space, we will be running some of the basic information (name, occupation, home town, how long they have been a Jaycee) as well as interesting and little-known facts about your fellow Jaycees. It will be a great way for all of us to get to know each other just a little better.



Pictured above is Director Todd Heinle and his little chicken pal. Todd and wife Diane have been the heart of the Portland Jaycees for many years. Thanks for all of your efforts! And thanks for hosting this year's Christmas party. Everyone had a great time! Next month we will feature a full member profile in this same space.



Application for Membership

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Date of Birth: _____
 Home #: _____
 Work #: _____
 Email: _____
 Employer: _____
 Title: _____
 Referred by: _____
 I would like to refer: _____
 Phone: _____

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Sporting Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Family & Youth Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governmental Affairs | <input type="checkbox"/> International Affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Networking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting New People |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Others: |

Annual membership fee is \$65.
Dues for your Jaycee membership are NOT tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Please send the check & application to:

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