



Official Newsletter of the Portland Junior Chamber March 2006

From the President...

February was a short month and it went by fast, but isn't it nice that the days are getting a little longer? Our chapter had a busy month in January, so we took a little slower pace in February to let everyone catch their breath, but your Board members have been working hard behind the scenes to plan some great stuff for March and beyond. I'm always impressed by the way everyone on the Board pitches in to help so that our chapter can keep growing and improving. A great way you can support your Board is to talk to us and let us know if you have an idea for a project or event. Member Allison Anderson did just that, and thanks to her we'll have the director of a local shelter for homeless families as a guest speaker in the fall, and we'll also be volunteering at the shelter as well! We want to hear what you'd like to do for fun, too, and we're currently trying to come up with ideas for a great "signature project" for our chapter, so let us know if you have any suggestions!

Two new members joined us in February, so please welcome Anne Weintraub and Brad Macomber if you see them at event -- we're glad to have you, and hope you'll take advantage of all the opportunities Jaycees has to offer. With Jaycees, you truly do get out what you put in (and then some!), and we can all take part in guiding the direction and focus of our chapter. Don't forget this is YOUR organization, and your Board is here to help you make it look the way you want!

Carrie Wheeler, March 2006

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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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Last Month's Projects/ Events

Disaster Preparedness

In late January, a minor trembler shook the city of Portland. No damage and no injuries occurred, but the experts believe that the Rose City might not always be this fortunate. According to a May 2005 story broadcast by KATU news, "scientists are urging city planners and emergency services to get ready for the Big One. They say an earthquake of magnitude 9.0 or greater is overdue for the Northwest, and that the area is not prepared for the aftermath of such a powerful temblor. The quake is expected to strike the Cascadia Subduction Zone, an active fault line under the Pacific Ocean that runs as close as 20 miles to the Northwest shorelines."

After watching the chaos in the aftermath of Katrina, one of the most important lessons learned is that one needs to be prepared for emergencies. The American Red Cross, an organization who specializes in emergency response and crisis management, is all too happy to help people prepare for an emergency. A representative from the Red Cross gave a presentation on creating emergency preparedness kits. There is a long list of items, outside of the obvious food and water, that one should have on hand in times of emergency. Prescription information, insurance policies, cash (as opposed to bank cards), batteries, flashlights, tools, blankets, and poker chips are among some of life's necessities that are easy to set aside in calmer times but could become crucial elements of survival in the event of a major natural disaster.

For more information, visit the Red Cross website (<http://www.redcross.org>) for a complete list of emergency kit supplies.



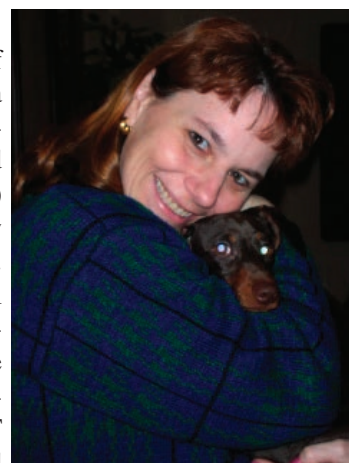
Build Your Chapter

Community Development Director Josh Hartinger and President Carrie Wheeler traveled to Seattle last month to take advantage of some excellent training offered by the Seattle Jaycees. Representatives from the Westside and McMinnville Jaycees also attended. Patrick Knight (aka Sir Patrick), Past President of the Coconut Grove, Florida Jaycees (near Miami), did a seminar in the morning called "Jump Start Your Chapter." It was full of great practical suggestions on how to strengthen Jaycee chapters by improving communication, offering a variety of activities to members, building a solid infrastructure, and also covered how to attract new members.

The afternoon session was led by Rick Griffin, a professional trainer and former Washington Jaycee now living in Arizona. Rick's topic was negotiation skills, and he took the approach of seeking to understand the person you are negotiating with to produce the best outcome. Rick included all kinds of interesting tips regarding communication as part of this seminar. "Patrick and Rick are both engaging and dynamic speakers," Carrie said, "so it was a pleasure to spend the day with them." Carrie and Josh also got to visit the Seattle Jaycees office and meet Jaycees from all over Washington state. Carrie says there are rumors that Rick may make an appearance in Oregon later this year, giving our chapter an opportunity to benefit from quality training at a Jaycee-friendly price!

Going to the dogs

Members of the board of directors were treated to a display of dachshund dexterity on February 8th. Trained wiener dogs (dachshunds) were all too happy to show off their tricks to their guests. The dog show was a special "thank you" to outgoing president Melissa Dudek. Some girls you give flowers. Others (well Ok, probably JUST Melissa) you give command wiener dog performances. Thanks to Nate Look and the people at Symonds, Evans, CPAs. And the dogs, of course.



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Upcoming Projects/ Events

Lumberjax Game



Are you intrigued by the concept of professional indoor lacrosse? Or would you just like a mid-winter excuse to eat nachos and share some frosty beverages with your Jaycee brethren? We are giving you those opportunities by heading to the Rose Quarter for **Saturday, March 25th's 7:30 pm** game between the Rose City's new sports sensation, the Lumberjax, and the visiting San Jose Stealth at the Rose Garden. Tickets will be \$13, thanks to some wheeling and dealing by the Jaycees group sales guru Tracie Fehringer. We need to know **IN ADVANCE** if you plan on attending, so please email Andrew at leanp@msn.com to RSVP for this event.

Pizza Schmizza!

We're doing it again. For some reason, there don't seem to be too many objections to sitting around and eating pizza in order to raise money for the chapter, so we will be revisiting last year's Pizza Schmizza fund-raiser and holding a new one on **SUNDAY, MARCH 19th** from 11:30 pm-- 2pm. In the near future, a flyer will arrive via email. **PASS THEM OUT TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW!** The more flyers that are redeemed, the more \$\$\$\$ for us. All of the details and fine-points of the promotion will be detailed in the email, so look for it in your inbox soon and spread the word.



Bouldering

We have a very fun opportunity for a group activity and an ID course on entrepreneurial spirit coming up this month. On Thursday, March 16, the group will be going to The Circuit Bouldering Gym on 6050 Macadam Blvd. at around 6:30. This is an incredibly innovative climbing experience. If you have a chance, take the virtual tour at their website (<http://www.thecircuitgym.com>) and you can see first-hand what they are all about. Unlike gyms with a rock wall, this gym is comprised of numerous "boulders", some of which are actually suspended from the ceiling, for a more realistic climbing experience. Admission price is \$12. The owner of the gym has also agreed to give a presentation to the group on his journey from idea to business plan to opening his business to building on that foundation. This should be a very informative ID project.



Upcoming Schedule of Events

Thursday, March 16

Bouldering at The Circuit Gym
6050 Macadam Blvd, 6:30 pm
\$12 admission

Sunday, March 19

Pizza Schmizza Fund-raiser
1422 NE Broadway, 11:30-2 pm
50% net proceeds donated back to chapter

Saturday, March 25

Portland Lumberjax Game
Rose Garden Arena, 7:30 pm
\$13 admission

Sunday, March 26

Bowl-A-Thon for Junior Achievement
Timber Lanes, Vancouver

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More upcoming Events/ Membership



Application for Membership

Name: _____
 Address: _____

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

Junior Achievement
Bowl-a-Thon

Many members of our chapter will be participating in the 2006 Junior Achievement Bowl-A-Thon at Timber Lanes in Vancouver on Sunday, March 26. If you are not already a member of one of the two teams that we are fielding, contact Josh Hartinger today to sign up. Or, if you are not able to bowl, feel free to make a donation to this worthy cause. With some very lofty financial goals, our teams could use your help to raise money for the local Junior Achievement education programs.



FEBRUARY CHAPTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Monthly Brownfield: <small>(member less than one year)</small>	<i>Josh Hartinger</i>
Monthly Armbruster: <small>(member more than one year)</small>	<i>Leanne Sype</i>
Monthly Board Member:	<i>Junko Fujii</i>
Monthly Project:	<i>Disaster Preparedness</i>

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: |

The Monthly Member Profile will return next month. In it's place, we would like to welcome two new members to the chapter:

ANNE WEINTRAUB
and
BRAD MACOMBER

We would also like to welcome "visiting" member
CLARENCE SILVA

who joins us from Houston, Texas while he is working here in Portland for the next three month.

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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