



# Official Newsletter of the Portland Junior Chamber November 2005

## From the President...

I want to devote my column this month to talking about the Blanket Drive. This year will be the third year that we have worked to collect blankets for Portland's homeless population. This is a small project, but probably one of the most important ones that we do. As many of you know, without a budget, it is almost impossible to do enough advertising to make public collection of blankets a viable option. One of these days, as the chapter and the project grows, this will become the main focus. For now, however, the success of this project is on our shoulders.

Christmas is a time of giving, and most people during the holiday season want to help. A lot of people cannot afford to help with financial donations, which is why this is a great project. It allows people to make a difference without having to scrape their wallets. This is also the time of year when a lot of people clean out their closets en route to unburying the Christmas decorations.

What I would love to have everyone do is ASK people. ASK your neighbors. ASK your coworkers. ASK your family. Send emails, post notes in break rooms. Whatever means of communication you have, ASK people if they have blankets or winter gear they would like to see donated to help people in crisis.

This year, we are working with a tremendous local organization called JOIN. JOIN exists to support the efforts of homeless individuals and families to make successful and sustainable transitions off the street. We are assured that the items that we come up with are going directly to the people who need them the most.

At this time, I am still not sure that we will have a public collection site on December 10th, as I am not sure that we will be able to collect much from there anyway. So what I would like to do is have everyone bring their collected items to the General Meeting on December 7th. Even if we all just find one blanket, that is 30 people that we can impact right there!

I am also willing to come to your offices or homes to pick up collected items. We will be taking them to JOIN on Saturday, December 10th.

Thank you for your efforts with this project.

Melissa Dudek, November 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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This Month's Projects/ Events

## The Grotto

A Portland holiday tradition since 1988, The Grotto in Northeast Portland once again opened its doors for the Christmas Festival of Lights. One of the largest lighting and music festivals of its kind in the world, the Portland Jaycees were part of the 800 volunteers needed to make this holiday tradition come to life for some of the 60,000 guests who will visit the display this season.

Our chapter volunteered on Monday, November 28th, the first week of the celebrations, providing over 2/3rds of the volunteers staffing the festival that night. A chilly and wet evening, the hardy volunteers weathered the weather to help create Christmas magic for families and tour busses full of visitors. Some Jaycees were more directly involved in spreading the holiday spirit than others, with Tracie Fehringer and Josh Hartinger donning angel wings and a Saint

Nicholas suit, respectively. Other members helped with ticket taking, greeting, and concessions. Though some dreamed of working in the petting zoo, the members merely visited the assortment of pygmy goats, bunnies, and the llama.



## Cosmic Bowling ...

On Friday, November 18th, the Jaycees hit Valley Bowl in Beaverton for an evening of Cosmic Bowling. There were enough adult beverages to bring out Brian's dormant bowling prowess and to convince Nate that he was so good, he could bowl left handed (which he did, and he actually was pretty good at it, meaning he didn't permanently damage the bowling alley in the process). Cosmic bowling, at least a yearly event for the chapter, is always a lot of fun. Definitely make plans to join us at the next go round.



*Above: Allison Anderson is dressed for the brisk weather as she helps warm patrons at the very popular hot chocolate stand. Above right: Tracie and Josh really getting into the spirit of things. Bottom Right: Coasmic bowling with a Christmas twist. More pictures from both outings available on the website.*





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Upcoming Projects/ Events

## Holiday Party

Since December is such an impossibly busy time for everyone, we decided to try a different approach with the year-end Holiday get-together. Instead of scheduling it on a Friday or Saturday evening, we are going to have a party on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th at 4pm** at Leanne and Andrew Sype's house in Lake Oswego. Leanne will be sending out e-vites in the next week or so, but put it on your calendar now.



The holiday party is a great chance for all of us to get together and celebrate this last year. We will be doing a potluck dinner (which Nate will be coordinating) with everyone bringing a dish of some sort, and other people bringing Doritos. It will be a fun, casual afternoon, with a 95% chance of a certain card game breaking out in the middle of it.



We also will be doing a White Elephant gift exchange. If you wish to participate, you can bring a wrapped "gift" that is no more than \$20 in monetary value (though it can be as "priceless" as you wish). Gifts will be exchanged and stolen in a fun game that is sure to be the highlight of the party.



**SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 18th, 4 pm**  
**The Sype House in Lake Oswego**  
**Directions and Details Coming Soon!**

## Blanket Drive

Please continue to collect blankets and other warm, winter accessories (coats, hats, mittens, etc.) for the Third Annual Blanket Drive. Neighbors, co-workers, friends, and relatives are great sources for donations. We may still be doing a public collection on December 10th, but the brunt of the efforts need to happen before then. Bring anything that you have collected to the General Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 7th at the Northwest Library. Melissa will also be willing to come pick up anything you collect if you can't make it to the meeting on the seventh.



### Upcoming Schedule of Events

**December General Meeting:**  
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, 6:45 pm  
Holidays Around the World  
Northwest Library Meeting Room

**Blanket Drive Final Collection/ Donation**  
Saturday, Dec. 10

**Portland State Basketball Game**  
Friday, Dec. 16th, 7 pm

**Holiday Pot Luck/ White Elephant Exchange**  
Sunday, Dec. 18th, 4pm  
Leanne and Andrew Sype's House, Lake Oswego  
e-vite coming soon



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Membership

Getting to know...

**Your 2006 Board of Directors**

In case you missed the November meeting, the leadership for the 2006 year was voted on and installed. Here are your newly-elected officers. There are many familiar faces in familiar positions, but a few newcomers as well who are going to help keep our chapter going in the direction it needs to go!

- Treasurer: Brian Annand**
- Secretary: Leanne Sype**
- Director: Jim Lewis**
- Director: Josh Hartinger**
- VP Membership: Nate Look**
- VP Community: Camille Keonjian**
- VP Individ. Devlopment: Brian Annand**
- VP Management: Junko Fujii**
- President: Carrie Wheeler**
- C.O.B.: Melissa Dudek**

and Andrew Sype has also volunteered to be the Deputy Membership VP.

Thank you very much to everyone who has volunteered to step up into a leadership role this coming year.



**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:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <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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