



From the President:

I was wondering what on earth I was going to say in my final column of the year. I spent so much time reflecting while writing the annual report last month, I thought I would be reflected out. No such luck. We ran some really spectacular new projects this year (my personal favorite, of course, being big, giant Monopoly. I'm still trying to work through the disappointments caused by the word 'up' at the Scrabble tournament) and turned old projects into something even more special than before (the third-annual blanket drive this month was our most successful; our time at the food bank fed more families than any of our past efforts.) Josh and Tracey as Saint Nick and his angel friend—how can one top that?

As good as this year was, 2006 could be the breakthrough year that our chapter has been working towards the past several years. With new leadership at the state, we have a chance to shine as a chapter, and grow as Jaycees. We have (for the most part) individually been working on our degrees and concentrating on what it means to be a good Jaycee. This year, however, I foresee many opportunities for development in working with other chapters in the State to help the State organization grow stronger. The upcoming January convention is a prime opportunity. I am encouraging as many of you to go as possible, something that I definitely haven't done in the past. This convention has some activities plan that will be fun and beneficial. Even with my crazy schedule, I am making time to go to a part of the convention. Check your calendars and see if there is any opportunity for you to do the same. I think you will be glad you did.

With that said, I return to reflection. Thank you, everyone, for making this crazy year of mine as President such a great experience. Annual reports aside, I have loved nearly every moment of it. Thanks for the hard work. More importantly, thanks for the fun. It is the personality of this chapter that makes us great!

Have a safe and happy new year!

Melissa Dudek, December 2005

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The Jaycee Creed

We Believe:

That faith in God gives 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 great treasure lies
in human personality;*

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

This Creed was adopted in 1947, written by C. William Brownfield.

*This creed has since been translated into 100 different languages
and are still recognized today as the official Jaycee Creed.*



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Blanket Drive



Thanks for everyone's efforts on making the 2005 Blanket Drive the biggest success yet! Together we collected over 100 coats and blankets and donated them to

JOIN. As stated on their website, JOIN is a program that helps "individuals and families transition out of homelessness and into permanent housing."

The winter season is a difficult time for those living on the streets and the donations we collected will help many stay warm and dry during the wet and rainy Oregon days. Our donations were put to immediate use when President Melissa Dudek helped pass out our collections to some of the JOIN clients.

THANK YOU

Oregon Health Career Center

We would like to recognize those who have taken time to work on our Community Development project for the Oregon Health Career Center. During the week before Christmas and the week after New Years members of our chapter are working on putting together science kits for the organization's

after school program *aka Science*. "The *aka Science* program is a hands-on, inquiry-based...science program for



students in grades K-8. The program was developed to engage students in science and the learning process for a lifetime. It uses structure yet playful hands-on activities to encourage observation of the world through exploration" (OHCC Website). Participating members are Allison Anderson, Brian Annand, Melissa Dudek, Tracie Fehringer, Camille Keonjian, Heather Meader, and Carrie Wheeler.

Holiday Party

The weather outside was frightful and the fire was so delightful, but since there was no place to go, it snowed and it snowed and it snowed...sorta. Due to inclement weather, the annual Jaycees holiday party, scheduled for December 18th, was cancelled. But before you start opening your White Elephant gift to keep for yourself, the holiday party has been rescheduled for New Years day! Yes, the holiday spirit is still in the air and we will take full advantage of it. So bring your White Elephant gift, an appetizer or beverage, and your appetite to Membership VP Nate Look's house on New Year's Day at 1:00pm. (See below for location information.)



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Our New Home



ATTENTION!! We now have a new meeting place for our monthly general meetings! Starting with our first meeting of the year, January 4, 2006 at 6pm, we will be gathering at the Bamboo Grove Hawaiian Grille. Our group will occupy the meeting room located in the very back of the restaurant; Bamboo Grove is letting Jaycees use this room free of charge under the agreement that we help out the restaurant by paying for any meals or drinks ordered in groups of three or four per ticket. There will be an automatic gratuity added to each bill.

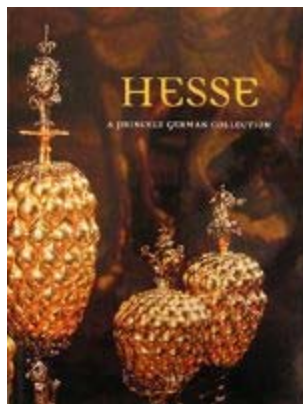
For January's meeting, we have a guest speaker from the Portland Art Museum who will be talking with us about the Hesse Exhibit, which our group will be visiting on January 7th (see next article for details). Networking/social hour will go from 6-6:30; the meeting will start at 6:30. Some of the other things you'll hear about include a Mt. Bachelor ski trip, a monopoly tournament benefiting the Dove Lewis Animal Hospital, and an opportunity to attend the Jaycee State Convention.

January is a busy month for our chapter; we look forward to seeing everybody to kick off 2006!



Portland Art Museum

On Saturday January 7, 2006 our group will be visiting the Hesse Exhibit at the Portland Art Museum. Tickets are \$15 and include an audio guide as well as



admission to the rest of the museum. Our group will meet at the Portland Art Museum at 10:45am in order to purchase tickets for the 11:00 entry and to ensure that we all get in as a

group.

The Hesse tour lasts about an hour and the tickets are good for re-entry into the museum until 5pm; after we view the Hesse Exhibit, you are more than welcome to grab some lunch and come back to see the rest of the exhibits.

If you are interested in attending this event please contact Brian Annand at BAannand@gmco.com as soon as possible. Hope to see you there!





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Mark your Calendar:

JANUARY EVENTS

- January 1: Jaycees Holiday Party
Nate Look's House
1:00pm
7744 SW 4th Ave
Portland, OR 97219
(503) 349-1366
- January 4: General Meeting
Bamboo Grove Hawaiian Grille
6:00pm
515 SW Carolina St.
Portland, OR 97239
- January 7: Portland Art Museum
10:45am
1219 SW Park Ave.
Portland, OR 97205
Contact Brian Annand
- January 13-15: Mt. Bachelor Ski Trip
Details to Come
- January 20-22: State Convention
Salem Red Lion Inn
Details to Follow
- January 27: TGIF
Details to Come
- January 28: Community Involvement
Monopoly Tournament
Dove Lewis Animal Hospital
Montgomery Park
Details to Follow

Application for Membership

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Date of Birth: _____
 Home #: _____
 Work #: _____
 Email: _____
 Employer: _____
 Title: _____
 Referred by: _____
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 Phone: _____

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

- Social Issues Sporting Activities
- Community Involvement
- Family & Youth Activities
- Governmental Affairs
- International Affairs
- Environmental Issues
- Business Networking
- Personal Development
- Meeting New People
- Professional Development
- Others:

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

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*** Member Profiles will resume in January.**