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## Project chairs gain critical business skills



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Are you looking for a way to add more leadership/management experience to your resume? Here are the top 10 ways Management Development can help.

**10. Fundraising -** Businesses cannot run without funds, neither can non-profits. Learn ways to earn cash for general operations.

**9. Budgeting skills -** Learn to accurately estimate project costs and expected profit margin.

**8. Problem Solving and Decision Making -** See first hand the importance of back-up plans.

**7. Recruiting-** Learn to find the right people to make a successful project.

**6. Staffing -** Learn the art of coordinating people to jobs that meet their interest and skills. Our events have lots of tasks that require a variety of skill sets.

**5. Delegating -** No one can do it all. Learn to be realistic about what you can accomplish and when to ask others for help.

**4. Negotiation -** Work with vendors and contacts to negotiate deals.

**3. Networking -** Interact with businesses and other organizations to build strategic relationships for the success of our chapter and you.

**2. Project Management -** Many employers look for their employees to be able to define a set of procedures and practices to ensure that projects are completed on time and on budget. The Chairperson's Planning Guide leads you through the project and helps you learn these skills.

**1. Team work -** Get to know people on a different level and learn to appreciate their individuality, while working together as a team.

Management opportunities are available with the following events: City Pages Beer Fest, Ribfest or Basilica Block Party. Contact Management Development Vice President Marty Pleasant for details on how to improve your management skills.

## Chapter members take National Championship

As a result of winning the debate competition at the Minnesota Jaycees Annual Convention in January, the debate team from the Saint Paul chapter moved on to represent the state of Minnesota in debate competitions at the United States Jaycees National Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC on March 7 through 11.

Saint Paul Jaycees Debbie Ackerman and Gena Johnston and Minnesota Jaycees' First Lady Erin McComb prevailed over debate teams from ten other states, earning the title of Debate Champions and National Competitions Awards winners. This is a first for the



**National Champions Erin McComb, Debbie Ackerman and Gena Johnston**

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## President's Remarks - Move in the right direction



**Kathy Harvey,  
President**

When setting long term goals, you need to evaluate your progress along the road to accomplishment. The 2006 board of directors is now through the first three months of our 2006 plan of the year and I am asking them to evaluate our progress versus our 2006 goals and objectives. I ask you to do the same.

While it is easy to get discouraged when situations are not quite working as you hoped, it helps to think of the quote by Henry David Thoreau, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams."

The question you must ask yourself is this: Am I moving in the right direction? If you are

standing still or not moving forward, it is the same as moving backwards. There are three keys to better your chances for success:

- 1. Get started** – "Go as far as you can see and when you get there, you will always be able to see further." Zig Ziglar
- 2. Keep moving** - Strive for excellence, not perfection. Even when you are struggling, you are learning and growing. As long as you are working consistently on activities that support your goals, you are making progress.
- 3. Don't quit** – Operate on commitment, not emotion. When obstacles come, you have a choice of whether to give up or press on. Commitment is pursuing your goals long after the emotional excitement in which the goal was set has worn off. Accept no excuses, only results.

With planning, focus, discipline and creativity you will find a way to continue on the direction of your dreams.

## Take control of your credit

Do you know what FICO score means? At April's General Membership Meeting (GMM) a speaker from Fair Isaac will define what is a credit score, how it affects you and what you can do to affect it. Fair Isaac provides the scores to all the credit bureaus and works with most of the nation's top banks.

The GMM is back at O'Gara's in April and the program starts at 7:00 p.m.

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Interested in making a difference by being on the 2006 Board of Directors? Contact President Kathy to find opportunities.

## Wrapping up the Triple Play and art exhibition

April's Youth Activities are making a difference for children in our community. Volunteers are needed for the Les Farrington Triple Play #3 and the Best 100 Juried Art Exhibition.

### "Best 100"

In it's 49th year, the Best 100 Juried Art Exhibition runs the entire month of April to showcase metro area students' artwork. The "Best 100" provides a unique opportunity for students to showcase a body of work and receive scholarships and recognition for their efforts.

Volunteers are needed throughout the month to help with set-up, judging, awards and take-down. See the website for dates and time details.

### Les Farrington Triple Play #3

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 22 to take kids from the American Indian Magnet School for a behind the scenes look at the Minnesota Zoo.

Volunteers will meet at the school at 9:00 a.m. to take the kids to the zoo and enjoy lunch with the kids. Sign up on the website.



## Volunteers and leaders needed Are you making a difference in our community?

The Saint Paul Jaycees pride themselves on developing leaders through community service. If you would like to take the lead on upcoming Community Development projects contact Community Development Vice President Matt Dougherty (651)686-4565 or [mattjdougherty@yahoo.com](mailto:mattjdougherty@yahoo.com).

## Gavel travels to warmer climates First sighting of President Kathy's gavel

Trading sub zero temps for palm trees, it looks like President Kathy's gavel enjoyed some time on the beach. Kathy, next time, ask Dan Salzl to take you on a cruise and leave your gavel at home.



## Let your inner artist shine Design needed for new T-shirts

Are you always doodling, designing or creating something? Then the Saint Paul Jaycees need you! Design a T-shirt for the Saint Paul Jaycee T-Shirt and have a chance to win \$50 and see your design on Jaycee T-shirts for years to come.

If you are interested, please contact Membership Vice President Elyssa Weber, [weber14us@yahoo.com](mailto:weber14us@yahoo.com) for a complete list of rules. Watch the website for details.

## Membership Trivia

The Membership Forum runs from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., prior to the General Membership Meeting at O'Gara's.

**April Membership Forum Topic:** Minnesota Jaycees' Spring All-state Convention and Competitions.

The membership team will give away one \$10 gift certificate to the place of your choice to the attendees of the Membership Forum who answer a trivia question related March's Membership Forum.

**Answer to March Connection Trivia: government, history, environment, and safety and health.**

**April Trivia Question:**

**How many years has the project, Les Farrington Best 100 Juried Art Exhibition been in existence?**

All participants of the Membership Forum must submit the answer via e-mail to [weber14us@yahoo.com](mailto:weber14us@yahoo.com) by April 19, 6:00 p.m. central time. All correct answers will be entered into a drawing and the winner will be chosen at the April General Membership Meeting. You need not be present to win.

## Live Trivia Pub Quiz

### O'Gara's Bar & Grill

164 N. Snelling Avenue, St. Paul  
(651) 644-3333

April 18, 2006 7:00pm -- ?

Six rounds of live trivia. Topics cover movies, sports, music, current events and more!!

Test your knowledge, have fun with friends and earn bragging rights! Teams can be up to five members.

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## New Members

We encourage all new members to attend our Membership Forum, to learn more about our organization and programming. Welcome to the following new members.

**Dave Kunert**  
**Sreelakshmi Yenamandra**  
**Jamie Carlson**  
**Mandy Clemenson**

## Jaycee of the Month

**Dawn Michel** worked very hard co-chairing the new Bock Fest Trip. Even though she was traveling for work much of the time she jumped in and kept asking "What else can I do?" Thank you Dawn for running a successful debut of our Bock Fest fundraiser.

## New Jaycee of the Month

**Rachel Rodriguez** has not let her new member status scare her from chairing an event and participating in many others. In February, Rachel chaired the Amy Johnson Valentine's Day Party and participated in the first leg of the Les Farrington Triple Play. Congratulations Rachel.



## Make a splash at first official family event

**Andrea D. Suchy-Shinn**  
Family Chair

To kick off spring, we're having "Make a Splash" pool party on Saturday, April 8th. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria Street North, Shoreview, MN 55126. The Community Center has an indoor water park with slides and a pool.

After an afternoon of swimming, we will make a pit stop at Dairy Queen at 4:00 p.m.

This is a family friendly event and everyone is encouraged to grab a kid or two and their swim suits. Children are not mandatory. This event is open to everyone. Admission to the water park is \$6.00 per person and DQ is on your own. For questions or more information contact Andrea D. Suchy-Shinn at (651) 635-1770.

## Retirement planning seminar free to members

Andrea Suchy-Shinn, Financial Advisor and Saint Paul Jaycee will host a Retirement Planning Seminar at 6:30 p.m. on April 26 at O'Gara's Bar and Grill. Attendees will gain insight on the importance of saving for retirement and answers to questions regarding products used for retirement. Topics of discussion include 401K's, 403B's and other employer sponsored work programs as well as individual savings plans. Discussion will also cover the need for saving in appropriate areas and how taxes will affect everyone now and in the future.

This will be a short, audience participation presentation, with diagrams, a question and answer session and dinner provided by project chair, Andrea Suchy-Shinn. Please RSVP on the website. Seminar limited to 25 participants.

## Chapter members take National Championship

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Saint Paul chapter to compete at Nationals and a first for the Minnesota State Jaycees to win the national competition.

"I was able to watch the team in action for all their debates," said 2005 Saint Paul Jaycee President Laura Chesney. "They were truly amazing working as a team, solidly debating their topics each and every time."

For all their hard work and successes, the team has the opportunity to represent the United States at the Junior Chamber International World Congress in Seoul, Korea in November 2006.

The cost to attend World Congress is substantial and lies on each individual competitor. Several states have come forward to help fundraise. Over the next several months, Saint Paul chapter members will see numerous fundraising events to help the chapter's competitors realize their goal of representing the United States at World Congress.

"Thank you to Debbie, Gena and Erin for your hard work," said Chesney. "I look forward to watching you compete in Korea."

### Do you have what it takes to be a competitor?

We are looking for competitors to test their speaking, writing or debate skills at the upcoming Spring All-State Convention.

Contact Individual Development Vice President Gena Johnston at (651) 226-6312 or [gena@coolestvolunteer.com](mailto:gena@coolestvolunteer.com).

## Upcoming Meet & Greets

Network with your fellow Jaycees at this monthly event. Meet and Greets are the first Friday of every month and it is purely a social event, no Jaycee business is discussed.

**April 7 -**  
**Gabes By The Park**

**May 5 - The Grand 7 Bar**





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## APRIL EVENTS DETAIL

*Details as of press time, please see [www.stpauljaycees.org](http://www.stpauljaycees.org) for updates*

### 1st - Summit Brewery Tour

1:00 PM-2:30 PM at Summit Brewing Company  
 910 Montreal Circle, St. Paul  
 Dan Salzl at (651) 765-8088

### 1st, 3rd, 6th & 27th

#### Les Farrington Best 100 Juried Art Exhibition

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Academy  
 1712 Randolph Ave. St. Paul  
 Sara Martin at (612) 281-3690

### 7th - Meet and Greet

6:00 p.m. at Gabe's By the Park  
 991 Lexington Pkwy  
 Greta Utvik at (651) 457-3310

### 18th - Pub Trivia

7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at O'Gara's Bar  
 164 Snelling Ave N, St. Paul  
 Elyssa Weber at (651) 324-2415

### 20th - General Membership Meeting

7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at O'Gara's Bar  
 164 Snelling Ave N, St. Paul  
 Amy Zajack at (651) 998-0437

### 22nd - Les Farrington Triple Play #3

American Indian Magnet School  
 1075 E 3rd Street, St. Paul  
 Elizabeth Lukanen at (651) 698-5331

**Board Meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of every month.**

**They start at 6:00 p.m. at the Saint Paul Chamber of Commerce offices and are always open to the general membership.**

**Regional Meetings are on the third Monday of every month.**

**They start at 7:00 p.m. Check the website for location.**

# April CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Selected Road Run opportunities are indicated in *italics*.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> Best 100 Judging  Summit Brewery Tour
2	<b>3</b> Best 100 Art Pick-Up	4	5	<b>6</b> Best 100 Awards Ceremony	<b>7</b> Meet and Greet	<b>8</b> Making a Splash
9	<b>10</b> Board Meeting	11	12	13	14 <i>Good Friday</i>	15
16 <i>Easter</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Regional Meeting</i>	<b>18</b> Pub Quiz	19	<b>20</b> General Membership Meeting	21	<b>22</b> Les Farrington Triple Play #3  <i>Mankato Walkabout</i>
23	<b>24</b> Board meeting	25	26	<b>27</b> Best 100 Art Pick-Up	28	29
30	<b>April Birthdays</b> Laura Chesney, Bridget Delaney, April Krueger, Felicia Lyons, Chris Marsh, Cindy Miller, Timothy Nichols, Drew Niemants, Tim Simplot, Elyssa Weber, Bobbi Jo Woods					

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- That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
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- That government should be of laws rather than of men;
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- And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

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## THANK YOU

- **Paula Krumholz** for chairing the blood drive.
- **Lisa Hiebert and Elizabeth Lukanen** for organizing the Community Development task force.
- **Amy Bicek and Angela Marckel** for chairing the second leg of the Les Farrington Triple Play.
- **Spencer Sokoly** for chairing the Swarm Game.
- **The Gander Mountain Team: Sara Martin, Erin Moline, Erin McComb and Rissa Mohrman** for chairing the 49th Annual Les Farrington Best 100 Juried Art Exhibition.