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Legacy of Leadership



Debbie Ackerman
83rd President

In 2009 the Saint Paul Jaycees will celebrate 80 years of developing young leaders through service to the Saint Paul community. At our Annual Gala we had a few artifacts on display that were recently sent to our chapter from relatives of the late Les Farrington, our first chapter president. The artifacts sent included telegrams,

letters, pictures and awards, some sent by United States presidents and other dignitaries. When Les

Farrington became our first president in 1929 I wonder if he could have imagined his vision continuing to this day. The years have brought many changes in membership, projects and community connections. In addition to celebrating 80 years as a chapter, 2009 is also the 25th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to allow women full membership. Without the hard work and perseverance of the young women and men 25 years ago, especially the late Anne Ford Nelson and the late Colleen O'Kane Fraley, I would not be serving today as president of this organization. I am grateful to the past leaders of this chapter for laying the groundwork for a successful model of a not for profit organization and a vision to develop young leaders through community service. As our chapter has changed over the years it has also stayed the same, I am proud to say that we continue today as we began in 1929, a group of young professionals who are dedicated to serving

the community and developing our leadership skills.

The legacy of leadership of the Saint Paul Jaycees is not limited to the past presidents of the organization. It is within each of us who have served on the board of directors, chaired a project or volunteered to help. No role or task is too small to not be considered of relevance to the overall mission of our organization. Leadership development is not always measurable, but I challenge each of you to think about a project you have attended or chaired and ask yourself if you were better for the experience at the end of the day. As you review our calendar of events please consider enriching yourself and our chapter by getting involved. Our success as a chapter comes from each one of you, the board of directors, project chairs, general members, mentors, state staff, community connections and family support systems.

Be Better!

The Junior Chamber International (JCI) Motto

Amy Bicek
Administrative Vice President

The February Networking and Monthly Membership (aka Third Thursdays) meeting this month will showcase all of the great programming the Saint Paul Jaycees have to offer. We hope that you will strongly consider attending! Why? To find out about all of the fun and exciting events we have planned; to meet your fellow Jaycees in a FUN atmosphere; and to find out how we can help you "Be Better" in 2009! We are planning events that will help you be better at achieving a more balanced lifestyle; be better at getting out of your comfort zone; be better at achieving your personal and professional goals; be better at ballroom dancing; and of course be better at beer pouring. We will also be asking you what tools you need to "Be Better" in 2009. We will use your ideas to tailor programming to "be better" for you. Come find out all the ways we can all help each other "Be Better" in 2009!

Thank you to all who braved the very chilly weather for our January Networking and Monthly Membership meeting! We will reveal our "winner" at our February meeting. Don't know what we are talking about? There's only one way to find out – attend our February meeting!

February Networking and Monthly Membership Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009
6:30 p.m.

New Member Orientation starts at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Gabe's By the Park

2008 Year-End Chapter, Regional Awards

C. William Brownfield Award: Dawn Stillmunkes

John H. Armbruster Keyman Memorial Award:

Joy Goodwin

Charlotte & Andrew Mungenast Memorial Award:

Tom & Elizabeth Lukanen

Colleen O'Kane Fraley Memorial Leadership Award:

June Adams, Chris Hiebert, Lisa Hiebert, Quinn Kolb, Beth Salzl, Anneke Schultz, Sarah Voigt

B. Warren Hart Award:

Pa Houa Xiong, Youth Asian Ministries

Ted Christiansen Memorial Award: Beth Salzl

Saint Paul Jaycee Lifetime Membership:

Spencer Sokoly

Minnesota Jaycee Statesman Awards:

Quinn Kolb #1507 and Eric Scott #1508

Saint Paul Keys:

Gold – Tara Broker, Deb Most, Dawn Stillmunkes;

Silver – Amanda Baribeau, Amy Bicek, Rebecca Henders

Bronze – Joy Goodwin, Bill Kotnour, Tom Lukanen, Marty Pleasant, Eric Scott, Chris Thompson, Jackie Van Deusen, Elyssa Weber

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Minnesota Jaycees Annual Awards

Chapter Awards

Fifth Place, Parade of Chapters

Individual Competitions

First Place Speak-Up: Justin Lashley

Runner Up Speak-Up: Lisa Hiebert

First Place Debate: Angel Scott, Eric Scott, Joy Goodwin

Individual Awards

Silver Director: Dawn Stillmunkes

Outstanding Alumnus: Martin "Toon" Bauman

Danny Schroeder Memorial Award: Martin "Toon" Bauman

Gold State Staff Member:

Laura Chesney, Management Development Vice President

Bronze State Staff Member: Josh Ackerman, Webmaster

Presidential Medallions

Debbie Ackerman, Josh Ackerman, Laura Chesney, Trisha Hasbargen, Angel Scott, Eric Scott

State Staff Keys

Silver: Debbie Ackerman, Awards & Blue Chip Program Manager and Laura Chesney, Management Development Vice President

Bronze: Josh Ackerman, Webmaster and Bobbi Jo Woods, Publications

Membership Awards

3-member recruiting pins: Debbie Ackerman, Amy Bicek, Mark Priore, Jamie Schindeldecker; Joy Goodwin, Angel Scott, Eric Scott

7- and 11-member recruiting pins: Spencer Sokoly

Minnesota Jaycees Annual Awards Cont.

Project Awards

Gold Youth Activities Project:

Rondo Community Library Youth Event

Gold UN Millennium Development Group Project:

Youth Asian Ministries Mentoring Program

Gold International Development Project: Oktoberfest

Gold Membership Recruiting Project:

New Member Orientation

Gold Public Relations Project:

Saint Paul Jaycees Group on Meetup.com

Gold Fundraising Project: Preferred Pickle

Gold Chapter Website: www.stpauljaycees.org

Region Six Year-End Awards

Gold Awards

Director: Dawn Stillmunkes

Management Development Project: Preferred Pickle

Individual Development Project::

September Third Thursday Social: Lucy Dotté, Life Coach

Public Relations Project: Meetup.com

Silver Awards

Community Development Vice President: Amy Zajack

Treasurer: Nikki Rohloff

Secretary: Kari Keller

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Website: www.stpauljaycees.org

International Development Project: Oktoberfest

Bronze Awards

Chapter: Saint Paul Jaycees

New Jaycee: Chris Thompson

Community Development Project:

Rondo Outreach Community Library Youth Event



Past presidents #78 Lisa Hiebert, #79 Laura Chesney, #61 Monte Johnson, #81 Elizabeth Lukanen, #77 Quinn Kolb, and #82 Spencer Sokoly welcome current president #83 Debbie Ackerman at the Annual Gala.



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Leadership Development Through Community Service

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 treasury lies in human personality;

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

It's YOUR life. Make a CHANGE!

Now that the new year is here, are you looking for the support to make a positive change in your life? Or are you looking to help support someone who wants to make a positive change? If you've said YES to either, please join us for a Maximized Living Makeover Challenge.

Aspire Chiropractic and LA Fitness have partnered to hold this community wellness workshop. It is taught by Health and Wellness Coach, Dr. Brenda Kress and is sponsored by local St. Paul businesses such as Great Health Nutrition, Shish, Laundry Doctor, Blockbuster, LA Fitness, and Aspire Chiropractic. Workshop topic items include Healthy Longevity, Detox, Nutrition, Stress and Time Management, Exercise, and Olympic Success. The objective of the Challenge is to lead people towards optimal health and wellness by giving them the tools to apply to their life for long-term success. For more details, check out <http://maximizedlivingdrkress.com/>.

You may decide to volunteer for the event or be a participant only. For more information, contact Amanda Baribea (651-206-5184 / abaribea@umn.edu)

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Time: Volunteers - 8:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,

Makeover Challenge Participants: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: LA Fitness - 1370 University Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55104

Join us for the 9th annual Amy Johnson Valentine's party!

The event will be on Thursday, February 12 from 5:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Amy Johnson Residence in St. Paul (89 Virginia St, St. Paul, MN 55102). The Amy Johnson residence is a licensed board and care home for adults with mental illnesses. We provide the residents with dinner and dessert, and socialize with them in a variety of ways. We may play games, do a craft project, sing songs or distribute small gifts for the occasion. Both the residents and volunteers look forward to this event every year. Come see for yourself why this is a favorite for our members!

Bock Fest

Do you have plans for Saturday, Feb 21? You do now! You and your friends are invited to join the fun at Bock Fest! The Saint Paul Jaycees and their friends will caravan down to the August Schell's Brewery in New Ulm, MN to enjoy some amazing locally brewed beer, listen to a German band, and hunt for "bocks" in the woods. Be sure to dress warm as this event is held outdoors - sun or snow. Bus will be leaving in the early AM and returning in the evening. Be sure to check our website for complete details. See you at Bock Fest!

New Jaycee of the Month

Chris Thompson

As a newer member, Chris has stepped up so many times and ways. Chris used his professional skills in bringing in WCCO-TV to get video clips of the Children's Holiday Celebration! Thanks for all your hard work Chris!!

Jaycee of the Month

Joy Goodwin

Joy really worked hard in December, handling a very busy work schedule, chairing the Special Olympics Holiday Celebration, as well as working with the Best 100 Committee. Thank you Joy for all you do for our Chapter!

Committee of the Month

Children's Holiday Celebration

Once again the Children's Holiday Celebration committee put together a wonderful and successful event! This year's event brought its own unique challenges and opportunities. You worked as a team and put together a great event in mid-December! Way to go!