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STOP, read about our longest running project

The authority of the STOP flag. What school-age child hasn't delighted in the chance to legally stop traffic? As school safety patrols, hundreds of children around Saint Paul make sure that the neighborhood traffic sees and stops for the children who walk to school.

For some of us who have outgrown the school patrol uniform, we can still remember the musty smell of the

storage closet where the flags were kept; the orange flags that are so bright, you squint when you look at them; the sinking sense of dread as we wondered "will the car really stop?"

It didn't seem like hard work at the time, but our public schools' safety patrols provide our children a safe way to get to school. The Saint Paul Jaycees have been thanking our public schools' safety patrols every year with a

picnic. In fact, this event is the longest-running Jaycee project in the nation.

This year's parade and picnic will be held on Tuesday, May 15. The event starts at 10:30 a.m. with a parade in downtown St. Paul, and ends at 2:00 p.m. after a picnic in Como Park. We give away some great prizes, and have a fun time with these kids.



Saint Paul Jaycee members and guests willingly became test rats during a Jaycee organized visit at the Museum of Questionable Medical Devices recently (Hmmm . . . makes you wonder how smart Jaycees really are, doesn't it.)

Get active in your membership!

Tom Lukanen, Membership Director

New Members + Involvement = Retention

A simple equation, but solving it can be a bit more difficult. That's why I'm so excited to announce a giant step towards solving this equation: we have created a new position on the Board called the Activation Chair. This year's chair, Julie McGinley, will work with newer members to help them find Jaycee activities to try out. This is a great way for our new members to get acquainted with other Jaycees, and an even better way for project chairs to find new volunteers who are interested in their projects. Julie's positive presence and energetic outlook is a perfect fit for this position. Look for her contact information on the Board roster if you are a new member trying to find something to do, or if you are a project chair trying to get a few volunteers.

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Tunnel of Terror looking for a few live bodies

Carol Langer, External Tunnel Director

Greetings from "Scary Cave" (AKA, The Tunnel of Terror, TOT, The Tunnel...). We have been incredibly busy this year already, making changes in many different sets. This phase involves a lot of "deconstruction," so if you have any pent-up frustrations, come on down on any Wednesday night, pick up a hammer, and we'll point you in the right direction to vent your aggressions.

There are also a few projects we're starting that involve that dreaded four-letter word: **WORK!** It doesn't matter if you're handy with tools or just looking to learn—we'd love to have your help. We need help with construction, painting, landscaping (in a tunnel? Ask anyone who saw the tree branches sprouting new leaves in the Tunnel last year), and just plain old grunt work.

We are always looking for a few compulsive cleaners who drool at the sight of a dumpster—last month, we brought down a 40-yard dumpster and filled it in just three hours with the help of nine people! We need to fill more of those dumpsters, so come on down and break this record.

A special thanks to everyone who helped on very short notice to move equipment in the Tunnel of Terror to higher ground before the flood of 2001 hit Crosby Park. You know who you are. Pat yourself on the back.

For people who like to plan, we have a few openings on the Tunnel committee that we'd like to fill soon. Call me if you're interested in costume design, or staffing. You don't have to have a ton of previous experience, and it's a great way to learn a new skill!

"But it's nice outside," you say. Sure, it's spring, and we like to feel that warm sun on our faces—but let's be realistic, folks. The hot, sticky summer weather is closer than we want to believe. This would be a good time to mention the consistently cool and comfortable temperatures of the caves. A welcome relief if the air conditioning in your home is on the blink.

Our construction hours for the Tunnel are easy to remember: every Wednesday, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. As long as we continue to have lots of volunteers to help with construction, we won't have to add any more shifts.

The Tunnel of Terror is located off of Shepard Road, by Crosby Park, across the road from the Watergate Marina. Contact Carol Langer if you need directions.

Mmmmm . . . beer . . .

Spring is in the air: the snow is gone (mostly), the birds are singing, trees are budding; what could possibly make this better? **BEER!!** Not just your standard Plain Jane Budweiser or Miller product, we're talking about **REAL BEER**. The kind of beer that the folks at Great Waters Brewery make, honest-to-goodness **REAL BEER**. For all you beer aficionados, or if you just want to try some quality stuff, join us at the Great Waters Brewing Company on Sunday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m. The good people of Great Waters will give us a tour of their brewery and some samples of their fine work. All are welcome—even Bud Lite and Miller Lite drinkers, although they will be treated roughly if they try and order that swill at Great Waters. Please RSVP to Eric Scott at escott3133@aol.com, so we know how many folks to expect.



Whoop! There it is! . . . The presidential gavel was spotted outside the country recently.

Jaycees help build future by getting involved with youth

Tim Simplot, President

Happy May to you all. As much as I love snow and cold (seriously...I do), Spring is also a favorite of mine. How can you not be in a good mood when you see everything green up? As spring is approaching, the Jaycee calendar really starts filling up. We are doing our best to spread our great events throughout the spring/summer so you won't have five projects on one weekend and none on the next.

If you ask any Jaycee what their favorite project is, I bet most of them would say that it is a child/youth-related event. My personal favorite project was helping the Minneapolis Jaycees build a playground in Uptown. I will never forget the excitement on the kids' faces as they waited in anticipation for us to finish.

Last month, we had the opportunity to again hold the Les Farrington Best 100 Art Show. Each local high school was invited to submit up to 100 pieces of art from their students. Three judges then had the incredibly hard task of picking the best 100 out of these. The winners were displayed at the College of Visual Arts Orbit Gallery. Not being very artistic myself, I was blown away by the talent and ability of these



students. They were all winners in my book. I really want to thank Terri Grubar for all of her hard work in making this event a tremendous success.

Coming up in May, on the 15th, we will be holding the School Police Patrol Parade and Picnic. This is the longest continuously run Jaycee project in the nation. If you can break away from work between 10:30 and 2:00 on this day to help out, I would highly recommend it. This project serves to thank the many school patrols throughout St. Paul that make walking to

school a lot safer. The parade will be held in downtown St. Paul and the picnic will be at the Como Park Pavilion (by the pool, not the one on the lake).

The Saint Paul Jaycees present lots of tremendous opportunities to help the children of our community. The Youth Activities Committee (YAC) works hard to bring you fun and rewarding projects. If you have a pet project or interest, please stop by a committee meeting and fill us in. If not, come to an event. I guarantee if you put a little effort in, you will get a lot more in return.

p.s. My video pick for the month is Charlie's Angels. If you want to rent a fun, mindless movie, I highly recommend it.

Community Involvement a cure-all for cabin fever!

Mark Hess, CIC Chair

April snows bring May—well, hopefully we're done with the snow for a while! We're planning some fun CIC outdoor events to help rid you of your cabin fever.

For the Mexican at hand, we are helping out at the Cinco de Mayo parade on Saturday, May 5. This Mexican Independence celebration is held in West St. Paul. Angela Marckel, project chair, is looking for a co-chair and a few volunteers to help organize parade participants. If you want to work the home tour on this day, you would still be able to make it to the afternoon shift.

Anyone who has worked with the Special Olympics knows how rewarding the experience is. We are looking for a chair and volunteers to help staff their Track and Field event on Saturday, May 19.

We are also looking for a few green thumbs to join us at the Marian Center Retirement Community when we make their grounds a little greener on Saturday, May 26. The Marian Center planning is a mid-day event where we get to be outside, plant flowers, and also enjoy a snack. Gardening tools are not required, but feel free to bring your own! Let me know if you're interested in chairing or volunteering for this event.

Throughout the year, we would like to support two meal services. This will most likely involve helping out with serving meals at a homeless shelter like Sharing and Caring Hands, or working at a local food shelf. We're still working out the details, but will have news about our first event in the next few weeks. Stay tuned...

If you're interested in helping out with any of these great events, please contact Lisa Dinzeo, CIC Director, at: 651/683-1532 (w), 651/310-0083 (w), or ldinzeo@cadets.com. You can also contact Mark Hess, CIC Chair, at 651/407-4217 (w), 651/336-5179 (h), or mhess@trane.com.

Social committee rounds out month with food and drink

Bernadette Knopke, Social Chair

Have you had your Nookie???

If you are among the "Nookie" deficient, have no fear our monthly meetings are at Mickey's Nook - Home of the Nookie Burger. So, those who help with our project are never "Nookie" deprived. We are still looking for a few chairs to make our events possible. And, if you volunteer,

we will throw in a FREE Nookie Burger (we thought since bribery was working so well for fundraising, we might as well try it).

This month prepare to be dazzled by Chef Ellis of the Machine Shed. He will be leading the culinary experience for the Jaycees on Wednesday, May 9th. This is a FREE event, so why not drop by and pick up a few cooking tips. The deadline to sign up is May 4th.

Contact Julie McGinley (see contact information in the advertisement).

Also this month, Eric Scott has organized a tour of the Great Waters Brewing Facility, home of the gold metal Old Bastard. Come and learn how the staple of the Jaycee diet is made. The tour is on Sunday, May 20th at 1:00p.m. To sign up, contact Eric at escott3133@aol.com or any of the social committee members.

Announcing FUNdraising open season

Karla Winter, Fundraising Director

Let the FUN begin! That's right, it's FUNdraising season, let the homes be toured, the Coca Cola be sold, and the beer be poured.

Home Tour Help Wanted

If you're like me, then you too have driven around Saint Paul admiring the beautiful historic homes and secretly wishing they were yours. Here's your chance to have your wish come true (or at least pretend for a little while) by staffing a remodeled or historic home during the 14th Annual Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour, May 5 and 6, 2001. There are three shifts to choose from Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. We simply act as guides in the house, pointing out items of interest to the people who tour the homes. If interested please contact Jenny Grain at jgrain@briggs.com or 651-223-6484.

Did someone say "Beer"?

Our next adventure in FUNdraising is pouring samples at the City Pages BEER Festival on June 1st. Enjoy the

beautiful outdoors and take in the variety of brews the City Pages BEER Festival has to offer. Did I happen to mention that we are pouring BEER at the festival? If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Julie Muench at jcmuench@stkate.edu or at 651-690-6034.

Have a frighteningly good time

Are you one of those persons who wish there were more opportunities to wear your favorite Halloween costume? Well, here's your chance! The St. Paul Jaycees will be bringing a little Tunnel of Terror to Grand Old Day on June 3 when the volunteers staffing our Coca-Cola stand will be decked out in the costume of their choice. A great way to promote the Tunnel and raise money at the same time. If interested in chairing or staffing this event, please contact Karla Winter at klwinter@stkate.edu or 651-690-8756.

As always, we are looking for fun and creative fundraising ideas from one and all. If you have an idea please join us at our monthly Fundraising Committee meeting the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at Chang O'Hara's.

No 'day of rest' during GOD's parade

Holy acronyms, Flash! The Grand Old Day parade is, literally, a holy acronym: GOD's parade, scheduled for Sunday, June 3, takes place along Grand Avenue. We are looking for volunteers from 7:30 a.m. to noon to help with line-up, route, and dispersal. All volunteers receive a free t-shirt and special other goodies. To sign up, or for more information, contact Tommy Lukanen at 612-801-2862 or tlukanen@carlson.com.

Looking for something to do?

Sign up for the What's Happening Newsletter. This twice monthly email lists the most current events going on in the St. Paul Jaycees.

To sign up send an email to kolbj@parknicollet.com Include your name, email address you want newsletter sent to and the phrase "subscribe to What's Happening" in the body of the email.

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May calendar of events

Event/Project	Date	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
Tunnel of Terror construction	Wednesday, May 2	6:30-9 p.m.	Tunnel of Terror 2501 Crosby Farm Rd.	Chris Berg	651-698-6141 (h)
Social Committee Meeting	Wednesday, May 2	6:15 p.m.	Mickey's Nook 492 Hamline Ave. St. P.	Beth Linebarger	651-487-9845 (h) 763-847-3622 (w)
Meet-n-Greet	Friday, May 4	6 p.m.	Sergeant Preston's 221 Cedar Ave. S Mpls.	Joe Donohue	651-696-0215 (h) 651-227-9247 (w)
Cinco de Mayo	Saturday, May 5	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	West St. Paul	Angela Marckel	651-917-0157 (h) 651-855-0640 (w)
St. Paul Home Tour	Saturday, May 5	8 a.m.-12 p.m. 12 p.m.-4 p.m.	Various locations	Jenny Grain	651-489-7514 (h) 651-223-6484 (w)
Spring Regional Awards	Saturday, May 5	6 p.m.	Farmington Senior Ctr. (431 3rd St. Farmington)	Janelle Ensrud	612-910-8960 (h)
St. Paul Home Tour	Sunday, May 6	1-5 p.m.	Various locations	Jenny Grain	651-489-7514 (h) 651-223-6484 (w)
Fundraising and membership meeting	Tuesday, May 8	6 p.m.	Chang O'Hara's	Karla Winter	651-602-0259 (h) 651-690-8756 (w)
Tunnel of Terror construction	Wednesday, May 9	6:30-9 p.m.	Tunnel of Terror 2501 Crosby Farm Rd.	Chris Berg	651-698-6141 (h)
Cooking Class	Wednesday, May 9	6:30 p.m.	Machine Shed I-94 and Inwood Ave.	Julie McGinley	952-930-4206 (h) 952-948-0454 (w)
Board Meeting	Monday, May 14	6:30 p.m.	Chamber Office 332 Minnesota St. Suite N-205	Tim Simplot	651-699-7875 (h) 651-662-7338(w)
Tunnel of Terror construction	Wednesday, May 16	6:30-9 p.m.	Tunnel of Terror 2501 Crosby Farm Rd.	Chris Berg	651-698-6141 (h)
Monthly Social	Thursday, May 17	6-8 p.m.	Holiday Inn St. Paul E. I-94 and McKnight Rd.	Tim Simplot	651-699-7875 (h) 651-662-7338(w)
Spring State Convention	May 18-20	All Weekend	Holiday Inn Alexandria 5637 Hwy. 29 S Alexandria, MN	Janelle Ensrud	612-910-8960 (h)
Special Olympics Track and Field	Saturday, May 19	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	White Bear Lake High School	Lisa Dinzeo	651-310-0083 (h) 651-683-1532 (w)
Great Waters Brewery Tour	Sunday, May 20	1-4 p.m.	Great Waters Brewery 426 St. Peter St. Downtown St. Paul	Eric Scott	Escott3133@aol.com
Tunnel of Terror construction	Wednesday, May 23	6:30-9 p.m.	Tunnel of Terror 2501 Crosby Farm Rd.	Chris Berg	651-698-6141 (h)
Marion Center Spring Planting	Saturday, May 26	1-3 p.m.	Marion Center 200 Earl St. St. Paul	Lisa Dinzeo	651-310-0083 (h) 651-683-1532 (w)
Board Meeting	Monday, May 28	6:30 p.m.	Chamber Office 332 Minnesot Street Suite N-205	Tim Simplot	651-699-7875 (h) 651-662-7338(w)
CIC/YAC Meeting	Tuesday, May 29	6 p.m.	Fabulous Ferns 400 Selby Ave., St. Paul	Lisa Dinzeo	651-310-0083 (h) 651-683-1532 (w)
Tunnel of Terror construction	Wednesday, May 30	6:30-9 p.m.	Tunnel of Terror 2501 Crosby Farm Rd.	Chris Berg	651-698-6141 (h)
City Pages Beer Fest	Friday, June 1	5:30-9:30 p.m.	Calhoun Square	Karla Winter	651-602-0259 (h) 651-690-8756 (w)
Grand Old Day Parade	Sunday, June 3	8 a.m.-12 p.m.	Grand Avenue	Tom Lukanen	612-801-2862

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Board meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday each month, and are open to the general membership. We'd love to see you there! Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

Jaycee office hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. every Monday, and 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. every other Wednesday

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The St. Paul Jaycees helped run the St. Patricks Day Parade in downtown St. Paul, and later partied it up after the parade like only Jaycees know how to do.

Cooking Class with Chef Ellis

Wednesday, May 9

6:30 p.m. Drinks

7 p.m. Class

The Machine Shed

"A restaraunt honoring the American Farmer."
I-94 and Inwood Avenue (Hwy. 13, exit 250)

Chef Ellis will dazzle us with his culinary expertise. It will be a great way to pick up cooking tips, gather new recipes, and meet new people. There is a full bar, restaurant, and gift shop to explore. Come and have some fun!

Deadline to reserve a free seat is Friday, May 5

Call Julie McGinley at

952-930-4206, 952-948-0454

or email her at jmcginley@opportunities.org



Jack Daniel S. on tap at the May Social

We're honored to welcome National Jaycee Vice President Jack Daniel Smith as our guest speaker at this month's social. Jack is the owner and founder of the California Basked Company (www.calbasket.com), has an impressive and extensive Jaycee track record, and currently serves as National Jaycee Vice President. Join us to hear Jack share the story of starting his own business, and a few thoughts and secrets of creating a successful Jaycee chapter.

When: Thursday, May 17,
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Holiday Inn Saint Paul East
2201 Burns Avenue,
located south of I-94 and
McKnight Boulevard

For more information, contact Tim Simplot at 651/662-7338 (w) or email at tim_simplot@bluecrossmn.com.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to parents Joe and Mary Donohue and big sister Katherine, on the arrival of baby Emmett Robert Donohue! Emmett was born on Friday, March 30.

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Jaycees of the Month

Congratulations to our Jaycee of the Month, Fred Tio. Fred's participation in recent events like the St. Patrick's Day parade and the Great River Greening project are just a couple of examples of his team spirit and dedication. Keep up the great work, Fred!

Our New Jaycee of the Month, Danyell Punelli, is practically brand-new as a member, but she's been to so many events, you would think she was an old-timer! Danyell's participation is a great reminder for what it means to be a truly active member of the Jaycees. Thanks, Danyell!

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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 be best 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.

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