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IT'S ABOUT POWER

JASON MACHLAUHLAN, PRESIDENT 2005

Those of you who know me and have had to sit with me through audio commentaries of episodes, listening to me go on about the genius of Joss Whedon, know that I'm a big fan of Buffy the Vampire Slayer (The TV show not the dumbed down movie in the early 90's). "It's about power" was a theme in that final season of that modern classic. It was quoted throughout the season and the power that was being referred to was the power to change the world.

"Change Your World" was a US Jaycee slogan a few years ago and when I heard it I said to myself, "That's a good one." By being an involved Tuckahoe Jaycee you are

offered a chance to change your world. Think about it, by becoming a member you have the opportunity to do things that you have never done before and probably wouldn't have if you did not become a Jaycee. I know I have. It takes one thing to make it happen: you getting involved and that's where the power comes in.

You have the power to change the world and not just yours but someone you may never meet. Last year if you got involved, you changed the world of the people you delivered wood to through Project WARM and the 100 or so kids who had a better Christmas because of the toys



we help raise for Toys for Tots. We made lives better through Bingo with the Elderly and raising money for scholarships to Camp Virginia Jaycee. We radically changed the world for one boy and his family new to this country as well as the folks at the Virginia Boys and Girls Home. Now that is power!

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Happy Birthday!

Anthony Campbell
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April Renewals!

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PARTIAL PRIVATIZATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY: THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR AMERICA

ERIC COSTELLO, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



I'd like to discuss an issue of great importance to Jaycees and all people of Jaycee age,

and that issue is the future of Social Security. You have probably heard on the news that Social Security needs reform. So what is the problem? First, some background. You may have heard that Social Security is a "pay as you go" program. What that means is that this generation of workers pays for the Social Security

benefits of today's retirees with the implicit agreement that they will receive benefits from the next generation of workers when they retire. For many years, this program worked well, however the population dynamics that made this program work without much critique in the past are changing. The baby

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LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER

(Lay say lay bohn tohn roo lay)

Let the good times roll

MEGAN GURETSKY, STATE DIRECTOR



I think February turned out to be "Flu Month". I know I had it and I am sure that many more of you got the bug as well. Due to the illness, not many visitations

were made on my part this past month. However, the few places that I did visit turned out to be great fun. The Fairfax dating game was a night of excitement and laughter. Trish Tyler did a wonderful job as the emcee for the night. My visit to Chesterfield's meeting with Loren Hatcher turned out to be a great time as well. We left there with new friends, valentine balloons, and chocolate. Who

could ask for more?

March 16th- 20th is our National convention in sunny Daytona, Florida. Virginia will be receiving many awards and all of you should get on down there if at all possible. Please contact me for any details. Mgretzki@cs.com or 804-467-4391.

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MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

MATTHEW MONTERO, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Name?
Matthew Montero

Why did you join the Jaycees?
My mother made me. Plus, I heard that they let you throw unlimited amounts of wood, free of charge. It was an offer I couldn't refuse.

Where were you born?
Mountain View, California. I was there just long enough to let the ink on the birth certificate dry, unfortunately.

Occupation?
Male stripper. I deliver pizza on the side until I hit the big time.

Pirates or ninjas?
Pirates. ARRRR!

Hobbies?
Did I mention throwing wood?
Computers, mostly.

Do you dress your feet in the sock-sock fashion or the sock-shoe fashion?
Sock-Sock, baby. I like to have my feet warmed up as quick as possible.

How do you feel about the controversial question regarding yourself in the past two newsletters?
It was a great gag, and I really liked hearing folks' answers.

What the heck is wrong with Matthew Montero? * **
Personally, I think this question is inadequate. The real question should be "What the heck ISN'T wrong with Matthew Montero anyway?"

*"My name is Matthew Montero and I approve of this question." -Matthew Montero

**"I approve of the (new) Matthew Montero question." -Eric Costello.

boomers will be retiring soon and Americans in general are having fewer children and living longer. This produces an America where there will be far fewer workers per retiree than there have been in the past. This puts an enormous burden on the current and future generation of workers and this issue needs to be addressed soon because changing public policy is often slow and incremental. So what do we do?

The idea that every American has ownership in his or her future is extremely compelling.

The Bush Administration has proposed to improve Social Security's finances through a program to gradually reduce Americans' dependence on government for financial security during retirement, called "partial privatization". Under the expected Bush plan (which hasn't been proposed in detail yet), workers under 55 would be given the choice to divert part of their Social Security taxes (probably about 1/3) to a personal account (similar to a 401(K) or other Individual Retirement Account (IRA)), which would be invested in diversified bond and stock funds that would accrue interest over the years. In exchange, workers who participate in this plan would agree to receive reduced benefits when they retire. Not everybody agrees that this is a great plan, though. Why?

Opponents of President Bush's proposal argue that diverting Social Security taxes

into personal accounts would force the government to borrow huge sums of money to meet current obligations to retirees. They believe that borrowing this money would not only saddle future generations with debt, but would cause interest rates to go up because the more the government borrows, the less money that is available for the private sector to borrow for investment. Additionally, opponents believe that personal accounts is a "gamble" because the stock market doesn't guarantee that you will achieve enough of a return to meet basic needs during retirement.

In my opinion, while partial privatization is not a magic fix to the Social Security problem, I believe it is the right direction for this country, both for the Social Security program and the political culture of this country.

What will partial privatization do? It will allow workers to gain real ownership in their future. Americans will have tangible, earned, and growing assets for their retirement. The government won't be able to take away this money from you, your spouse or your children. This method also reduces our government's tendency to spend Social Security taxes for other purposes. There is a lot of pressure on Congress and the White House to fund special interests, often for short-term political gains. The plan can also help develop a culture of ownership in America. The idea that every American has ownership in his or her future is extremely compelling. Not only will Americans feel like they are getting more out of their labor, but this will help reduce our reliance on government for needs that we can provide for more effectively for ourselves (in this case, for no extra effort).

Opponents' arguments to the plan may have some merit, but overall I don't find them convincing. I'm not an economic

expert but borrowing money to make up for the revenue shortfall due to personal accounts probably won't have any more of a negative effect on the economy than if we continued the Social Security program with the status quo. Either way, we owe a debt to baby-boomer seniors and some of our nation's resources have to be put aside for it, either in the form of borrowing or taxes. Therefore, there seems to be no real extra cost for society in switching to privatization if you look at it on a national level. That is why I'm skeptical of the argument that interest rates will go way up with this privatization versus traditional Social Security, but I don't understand financial markets well enough to say for sure. Also, the argument that personal accounts are too risky is nonsense. The investment choices are not going to be high risk and I'm sure the government can come up with a reasonable plan to protect those very few that actually do lose out. In fact, most Americans should be better off at retirement with this plan because of the higher rate of market returns. To me, the "risky" argument is another way of saying that Americans are too stupid to manage their money. Remember, the expected Bush plan gives Americans a choice to divert funds to personal accounts!

This debate is detailed and complicated, and I don't have the space to discuss all of it. But Jaycees certainly have an interest in understanding this issue because most of us work half a day per week just to pay Social Security taxes (12.4% of your salary)! I believe the President's vision will move Social Security into an ownership plan for all Americans and out of the pyramid scheme format that no longer works. E-mail me at Eric.A.Costello.01@alum.dartmouth.org if you have any comments or questions.

**Congratulations to
Eric Costello**

for winning the Name that Event Contest.

Tuckahoe Cheers

Happy Hour the third Friday of each month!

MARCH 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Project WARM 9am (CD)
6	7 Membership Meeting Roma's 6:30 (MD)	8	9	10	11	12 Project WARM 9am (CD)
13	14	15	16	17 Bingo with the Elderly 7:00 pm (CD)	18 Tuckahoe Cheers! Rare Old Times 6:30pm (MD)	19 Project WARM 9am (CD)
20	21 Membership ID Meeting Tuckahoe Library 6:30 (MD)	22	23 Go Carts (M)	24	25	26 1st Quarter Birthday Bash 7:30 pm (MD)
27	28 Richmond Jaycees Drive for the Blind (SD)	29	30	31	For more info: CD = (Scott Elliot) ID = (Jason Maclauchlan) M = (Jason Maclauchlan) MD = (Min Casali) SD = (Megan Guretsky)	

First Quarter Birthday Bash!!

Who? The Tuckahoe Jaycees

What? Are throwing a party!

**Where? At Allison Slaughter's house
602 Shelton Bend Drive, Bumpass, VA 23024**

When? Saturday, March 26th at 7:30

Why? To celebrate January, February and March Birthdays!!

Come on out to Allison's house for the party! Beverages and Munchies will be provided. Have a neat dish that you enjoy making? Feel free to bring it and share with the group!

We will also be collecting old coats to be fixed up and given to needy families for next winter. Please bring an old coat!

Wanna carpool? We'll be meeting at Parham Park and Ride at 6:30.

For more information, email

Allison at alleycat23226@yahoo.com or Min at MinCasali@cavtel.net

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

SCOTT ELLIOT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT VICE PRESIDENT



Rebuilding Together

Be sure to attend our March meeting and hear Jackie Shornak, Rebuilding Together board

member and House Captain coordinator, speak about the Rebuilding Together program and how we can help which takes place on April 30, 2005. This was a great project that we participated in last year and look forward to the opportunity again this year. Join us and find out more!!

Project Warm

The season is coming to an end but your help is still needed. The wood pile is still low and Virginia weather is unpredictable at this time of year as many of us already know. Come on out and help deliver and split wood at the wood lot every Saturday at 9am. For additional information please contact Scott Elliott at sellio70@aol.com

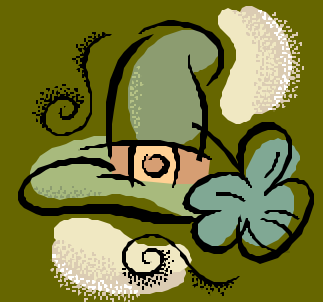
Project Warm has some new leadership for the 2005-06 season. Please welcome and support Lauren Lightfoot and Jennifer Barclay to make this a great season. Stay tuned for updates on what is in the works, they are kicking me to the curb and taking over!!

Tuckahoe Cheers!

Friday, March 18th

Rare Old Times

6:30 pm



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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

It's coming!! =====

NASCAR =====

May 13th and 14th =====



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