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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

CHRISTINE HOPKINS, PRESIDENT 2007

I am a reader. I love to lose myself in a good story, putting myself in the place of the characters and wondering what “we” will do next. Right now, I am reading a series of books set in Europe in 1938 during the rise of Hitler. The series revolves around a Christian violinist and her family and friends. It begins with Elisa’s family leaving Germany because her father is from Jewish descent, continues with her time playing in an orchestra in Vienna as Hitler invades, and then her flee to Czechoslovakia to be with her family. The part I am at now has Elisa and her new American husband trying to escape with a child she rescued from the Nazi’s in Vienna. Charles, the child, was born with a deformity deemed unacceptable by the Nazis and has been separated from his twin brother. The story has infinite twists and turns as I learn about what is happening to people Elisa knew and their personal trials as they try to do what they need to in order to survive. One is fleeing for his life on board a “coffin ship” of Jews. Another is risking his life as they become “traitors” to the Reich as try to warn France, England and the United States about Hitler and his plans. Another is trying to get a visa to leave Europe and go to Palestine. I am engrossed in the story, shocked at the atrocities that we don’t hear about in the history books, and inspired by the common, everyday people who did what they could.

I am also one of those readers who likes to check out the end of the book before I read it. I like to know how many pages long it is, how many chapters there are and if there are any interesting things the publisher put in the back. This particular series has a study guide and a note from the authors. It was this last note that inspired me to write this article.

This book has a very poignant connection to the Tuckahoe Jaycees. The authors have quoted Edward Everett Hale. I am not sure many of you know who Hale is. I had never heard of him until I read this quote. I am not sure I can forget him now. The quote begins:

“I am one,
but only one.
I cannot do everything,
but I can do something.”

I am sure that those words are very familiar to many of you. Every member that has been sworn into the Tuckahoe Jaycees since I joined 9 years ago has repeated this as part of their oath. It has become a tradition of the Tuckahoe Jaycees that epitomizes what we stand for – doing something and making a difference.

It was the rest of the quote that struck me. It continues:

“And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse
to do the something
that I can do.”

Edward Everett Hale

Not refusing to do what we can do. What an awesome idea. Recognizing that the little things that we can do can have a big impact on the world. Imagine what could be done if we all did not refuse to do the something that we can do, if we helped everyone that we could help, if we did all those things we have been putting off. What a difference we could make.

As I am reading this series of books, I am amazed and awed by those people who did not refuse to do the something they could to stop Hitler and his followers. From the small things like lighting prayer candles along bridges to smuggling fake visas across borders to giving food to weaker people at Dachau. Ordinary people not refusing to do the something that they could. Imagine if more ordinary people had not refused to do the something that they did refuse to do. Imagine if more people had hid Jews, had stood up to Hitler, had heeded the warnings. Imagine how different the path of history would be.

I call on all Tuckahoe Jaycees, Virginia Jaycees, US Jaycees, and Jaycees around the world to remember that you are only one, but to not refuse to do the something that you can. Make an IMPAct.

CALLING ALL TUCKAHOE LIFE MEMBERS

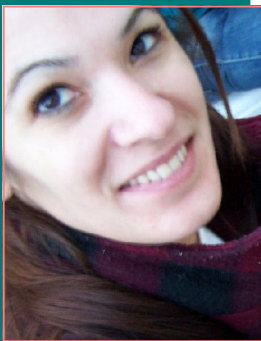
OUR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD
TUESDAY APRIL 17
6:30PM



Pot luck & BYOB
Bring your favorite dish/dessert/appetizer
We will provide one or two main courses and sodas

Karen & Michael Gage's house
2119 Megan Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060
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SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

KAREN GAGE, SECRETARY/TREASURER 2007

Greetings earthlings...

You should have all received a big envelope in the mail from me. Most of you had your anniversary notices in there with a self addressed stamped envelope. If you decide to stay a part of the Tuckahoe Family and mail us your dues before the time comes up we will send you a lottery scratch off ticket. Just a little incentive for you to make your stay in the chapter more enjoyable. I also sent you some updated info about our upcoming events, what your membership gets you and another organizing/fun tip for March.

Tip of the month – to raise money for a charity a fast and easy way log on to:

www.goodsearch.com and put in your charity of choice where it tells you to do so.

You can even put in the US Jaycees and put money towards the National Foundation that contributes to all the great training that is offered to us as Jaycees.

The week of April 23rd is Administrative Professionals Week – get your assistant a card, flowers, gift certificate or take them out for lunch – an extra way to say thanks for their hard work.

Checks we mailed out the past few weeks:
Dumpster money - \$600 to Waste Management - approximately
RVC - \$40 for the bartender for Womanless

Beauty Pageant

\$41 – for Namebadges for members to R&S Namebagde

I am hoping to have updated copies of our Life Member, Associate Member and Active Memberships at our April meeting. If you have any address or phone number or email changes let me know. Also if I don't have your job or title/occupation on the roster please email it to me. It's important we all know each other better.

Did you know that Jason Maclauchlan own his own Plumbing and Heating company and can do lots of other household helper things like helping you to install a ceiling fan or toilet seat cover? Myself and other chapter members have utilized his talents and are helping him grow his business. It's all about who you know and the Jaycees is a great way for anyone to help network and build up a business.

Do you have a business that you want featured in our newsletter – well then let me know and I can publish some info about you in my newsletter article.

If you have any questions about anything please let me know.

Karen Gage

Secretary/Treasurer 2007

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Cambridge Drive. Lexington Court Home is first left. If you've hit Ridgefield Pkway, you've gone too far.

From Richmond:

I-64W to Gaskins Rd exit, South. Take Gaskins Road to Ridgefield Pkway. Make right onto Ridgefield. Go 2 miles and make left onto Cambridge. Lexington Court Home is on the right about a half mile down Cambridge. If you pass Gayton Rd, you've gone too far.

Directions to Project Warm:

From the south, west or east ends:

Take 95 North to exit 80. Make a left onto Westbrook – take Westbrook to the end (you will pass two lights), you will pass Chamberlayne Ave. Make a right onto Old Brook Road. There will be a High School on the left and a YMCA on the left. After the YMCA, turn left onto Forest Lawn (the school will still be on the left) As you get to the end of the school (by the ball field) the woodlot entrance is on the right.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

MICHELE ROCCA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT VICE PRESIDENT

Last night I was paged into work since our entire network went down, all because of one lousy cable. When we replaced the cable, everything else on the network started to work again. This cable made me think of one person, how one person can make a difference. People always talk of teams, while teams are wonderful in building projects many of our projects were started by one person's ideas; one person's drive to want it to be a success. Then as a team, Tuckahoe made this one idea a success. The one thing I always enjoyed about being a member of Tuckahoe was that all of the members worked as a team in their willingness to help out any member whether they just joined or a seasoned member with any project no matter how large or small, that they were willing to freely share their knowledge to help others. I have also noticed that each of the members were always there for one another even outside of the organization as friends. One of the main reasons I joined and stayed with Tuckahoe was because of this and I feel we will always be the best chapter because of this.

Some of our newer members may not enjoy doing some of the projects that were implemented years before that we still do, others may want to bring in something new which they may feel others may enjoy. As a member on the board of directors, I would like to know what ideas people may have for projects, they can be different than what we are use to doing. I enjoy Volleyball, the club does an event once a year for charity in which everyone pays \$25 and plays Volleyball all day at a park and we each bring coolers of food. Many people have been to the March of Dimes Walk, Heart Walk, etc. I know a few of our members enjoy arts and crafts which may be implemented into an event. These events may be different than what we are use to, but the one thing they have in common is they are all for a good cause. Please feel free to e-mail or call me with any ideas anyone has for a new event or a twist that can be done to liven up an old event.

As for projects currently on our agenda, Saturday, March 24th will be the last day for wood deliveries this season. I'm sure everyone is

looking forward to the break. Project Warm will continue on Tuesday May 1st, after maintenance is done on the wood splitters.

Bingo with the elderly will have a St. Patrick's Day theme in March. The Bingo appreciation party will be on June 8th.

Spring Camp work Party is March 30 – April 1. We will be cleaning up for the summer camp, from what I understand, since this will be my first time attending, is that this is an enjoyable event. I will be carpooling with Matt; Christine will also be coming, feel free to call any one of us should you want to attend.

April 21st is the State Competition and after that will be the Womanless Beauty Pageant at the East Gym of the Volleyball Club at 7:00 p.m. There will be people competing from different chapters for the tiara. For anyone who has never been to the Womanless it is the funniest thing you'll ever see and I hope you come out to enjoy it even if you aren't competing.

On July 21st there will be a trip to see the Whitehouse in Washington, DC. This started off as a family event, but expanded into something for the entire chapter to enjoy. The tickets are going fast, I believe 33 are already reserved and I asked for 40, so if anyone else is interested please contact Karen Gage, she has the list of who will be attending. At the present time I did hear back from Randy Forbes staff, whom are processing the request.

Directions to Bingo:

1776 Cambridge Drive
Richmond, VA 23233
(804) 740-6174

From Midlothian/Chesterfield:

Rt. 288 North to Patterson Avenue (East).
Patterson Avenue to Pump Road (3 miles).
Make left on Pump Road. Make left on Gayton Road (1 mile down?) Make right onto

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APRIL 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Chapter Meeting 6:30 Social 7:00 Meeting	3	4	5	6	7
8 EASTER	9	10	11 Newsletter Articles Due	12	13 Project WARM Party 7pm (CD)	14
15 Movie Madness OYV/ TOYA Nominations Due	16 Board of Directors Meeting Regency Square Community Room 7pm	17	18	19 Bingo with the Elderly 6:55 pm (CD)	20 Tuckahoe Cheers M-Nite Pour House 6:30 pm (M-ship)	21 State Competitions Boot Camp @Uof R Womanless Beauty Pageant (CD)
22	23 Phone Bank	24	25 CCC & Membership Paperwork Due (Busi)	26	27	28 Rebuilding Together 7am (CD)
29	30 5th Monday Dinner Social 6pm Texas de Brazil	*Bring new baby stuff for the Crisis Pregnancy Center				

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PW 5:30 pm	2	3	4 NASCAR	5 NASCAR
6	7 Chapter Meeting* Guest Speaker 6:30 Social 7:00 Meeting	8 PW 5:30 pm	9	10	11 Comedy Sportz 7:00	12
13	14 Board of Directors Meeting	15 PW 5:30 pm	16 Newsletter Articles	17 Bingo with the Elderly	18 State Board Meeting	19
20 Movie Madness (ID)	21 Phone Bank	22 PW 5:30 pm	23	24	25 Tuckahoe Cheers Pour House 6:30	26
27 Member and Life Member Picnic	28 Memorial Day	29 PW 5:30 pm	30	31		*Bring peanut butter, jelly or tuna

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Bring peanut butter, jelly or tuna					1 History of Jaycees Part 1	2
3	4 Chapter Meeting* Guest Speaker 6:30 Social 7:00 Meeting	5 PW 5:30 pm	6	7	8 Bingo Appreciation Party	9
10 Church, Lunch and Movie Madness	11 Board of Directors Meeting	12 PW 5:30 pm	13 Newsletter Articles	14	15 White Water Rafting	16
17	18 Life Member Meeting 6:30	19 PW & Cookout 5:30 pm	20	21 Bingo with the Elderly	22 Tuckahoe Cheers Pour House 6:30	23
24 Mid year board retreat	25 Phone Bank	26 PW 5:30 pm	27 IDC Volunteer Night 6pm	28	29	30 IRL

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The Jaycee Creed

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
treasure lies in human
personality

And that service to
humanity is the best
work of life