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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

CHRISTINE HOPKINS, PRESIDENT 2007

“WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?” How many times did we hear that from our parents as we were growing up? If you were anything like me, that was in invitation for me to tell my parents exactly who I thought I was, and to get in even more trouble at the same time.

As an adult, the question “Who do you think you are?” has a more profound meaning. Just who am I? Looking back on my life I realize I am a lot of things: daughter, sister, and most recently aunt. I am a student, outcast, band geek (even the leader of the band geeks), college student, Kappa Delta, and college graduate. But there are three parts that most define who I am. I am a Christian, a teacher, and a Jaycee.

I knew I was a Christian since I was about three-years old. On Sunday mornings, I would climb on to my parent’s bed and wake them up to go to “Grandpa School.” See, I knew that school was where I went to learn, but I couldn’t remember “Sunday School.” I knew I went to a special school to learn about Jesus, and that my grandfather would be there, so I called it “Grandpa School.” I loved to go to my class to color, hear the stories and sing. There were even times where I would jump out of the pew and wander up to the altar to sit with my grandfather in the choir (it was a small church, and every one knew Christine Susan was Harvey’s granddaughter and they thought it was cute). When I was in second grade, we moved to a city that was too far away to get to “Grandpa School” every Sunday, but my parents found a new church for us to go to. I made quickly made new friends and became a part of a new type of family. I learned that the church was a place I could turn to when things were tough and when things were good. My youth group helped me survive the awkward teenage years and grow with grace into a young adult. Even now I turn to God

and my church for support and to celebrate. I am, and always will be, a Christian. It is who I am.

I knew I was a teacher when I was also three-years old. When I came home from nursery school at night, I would teach my stuffed animals everything I learned that day. I count with my dolls and read with my stuffed animals. (I was happy when my little brother came along – he could hold a pencil better than my teddy bear!) When I played with my friends, we would play house and dress-up, but my favorite was playing school. My friends would sit at the make believe desk and I would give them workbooks and pencils and instruct them do their work. I would carefully grade their papers and draw smiley faces on top, and if I had stickers, I lovingly placed them at the top of the paper. However, when I hit middle school, I decided that I was NOT going to be a teacher. See, I was a girl in the 80’s and I was going to break some barriers. I was not going to be a secretary, a nurse, and there was no way I was going to be a teacher. I had no clue what I was going to do, but it would not be “woman’s work.” But, when it was time to sign up for high school classes, I chose the education classes, and I thrived. By the time I graduated, I had already taught in a preschool and elementary school. I went to college where I earned my degree in elementary and special education. Since then, I have taught all age levels from preschool to 6th grade. I taught autistic students and regular students; special ed and gifted; students who have everything handed to them and students who horded food in case there was no dinner. I love all the students I have taught, and have never regretted my decision to be who I am, and teach. I know that I would be successful in any career I chose, but I am at home in the classroom. I am a teacher.

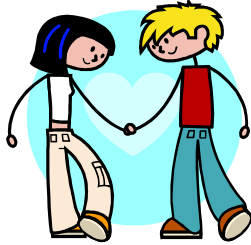
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Renewals:

June – Min Casali, Robert Jenner, Megan O’Toole

August – Michael Gage, Loren Hatcher, Kenny Loyall

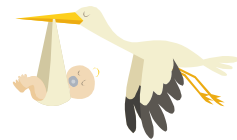
September – Tracy Hale, Sze Hui, Matt Briggs, Meredith Briggs,
Kay Faries



Congratulations to Kearsten Mauney who recently became engaged to Paul Adams.

Congratulations to Eric Costello and Min Casali, who are also recently engaged.

Congratulations to Christine Hopkins who recently became an aunt to nephew Jackson Tyler Hopkins.



Editor's Note:

I apologize for the tardiness of the newsletter. As you read some of the articles, you will notice that some were meant for May's newsletter.

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I did not become a Jaycee at three, but at twenty-three. I joined the Tuckahoe Jaycees after moving to Richmond from Rhode Island. I was here 4 or 5 months and had met no one. I worked at a daycare center during the day and sat at home at night. I was like Tulla in My Big Fat Greek Wedding. In one scene, Tulla is sitting on the living room couch watching TV with her mother on one side and her father on the other. That was me – Tulla sitting between my mom and dad night after night. I was getting more and more depressed and had no idea how to meet people. One day, mom was talking about me to some of her co-workers, trying to find out where someone as shy as I was could meet decent people. That was when someone mentioned the Tuckahoe Jaycees. Mom quickly gave her my phone number, and that was when Kenny Loyall called me. I remember that call as clear as day. It was the third Sunday in January, I was sitting on the floor of my bedroom and it was the longest phone conversation I had had for months. Kenny told me about the Jaycees – about becoming a better leader, about community service, and about meeting people. Knowing that I was a special education teacher, he

also told me about Camp Virginia Jaycee. That hooked me in and I went to the meeting the next night. I was interested, but not sure I would come back. I had gone so I could tell my parents I went, and that was all. But something made me go back. I joined the Tuckahoe Jaycees the first Monday in February 1998, and even offered to chair my first project that night. A few months later, I was asked to run for Community Development Director. I agreed and had no idea that 10 years later I would be sitting here as the president. It was not anything I aspired to, but here I am. Joining the Jaycees created another part of me – one that has shaped who I am today. I am a Jaycee.

Since being elected president last fall, I attended training in Tennessee from the Dixie Institute and the National Leadership Conference in Tulsa, OK. Throughout the weekends, the trainers kept telling us that we were the “rising stars” and the “future leaders.” Looking around the room, I was with bankers, and CPAs and all sorts of business people. I started to ask myself what I was doing there. I’m not using my Jaycee experience to get ahead in the business world. I’m a teacher. Heck, I don’t even want to be a principal! I just want to stay in

the classroom and do what I do best – teach. So, what was I doing all of this for? Why had God put me in a position to develop all of these leadership skills, and given me the experience of being president, when he wants me to be a teacher? Why? Well, the answer came in early February. One of the Student Council Advisors at my school had a baby and did not want to continue being the advisor next year. That’s when a seed was planted in my heart. I knew why God had led me down this Jaycee path – to become one of next year’s Student Council Advisors. I get to combine the part of me that is a teacher with the portion that is a Jaycee to do what God has called me to do. I get to teach the future Jaycees how to be great leaders now. I will pass on the lessons I’ve learned and give students the experiences needed to develop themselves into the best that they can be.

So, here I stand, a Christian, a teacher, and a Jaycee. And in September, I will add another part of the answer to the question “Who are You?” I am an SCA Advisor.

Now my question to you, Tuckahoe Jaycees, is “WHO ARE YOU?”

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WANTED - USED CELL PHONES!

Do you have an old cell phone laying around collecting dust? Know a friend or co-worker who just got a new phone and still has the old one? We are collecting used cell phones (they do not have to be working phones), chargers and batteries to donate to the Mary Kay Foundation. They will refurbish and given to abused women to use while they are trying to rebuild their lives. Please bring your cell phones to any Tuckahoe Jaycee event in June and July, or contact Jennifer Bruckschen at jenbruckschen@yahoo.com to arrange to have your phones picked up

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2007

KAY FARIES, IDC 2007 CO-CHAIR

The committee has been hard at work planning IDC 2007. Over the last few months we've lined up fireworks, gotten bands, gotten food vendors, and now we begin to promote the event. You will soon begin hearing and seeing advertisements for the event. As the word gets out, there are many opportunities for our chapter membership to get more involved in this project.

On June 2, we will have a poster drop around the city. We will be meeting at the Panera Bread on Broad Street across from Innsbrook at 8:30 am. We will divide into teams and get the posters put up around the city. After working hard all morning, we will meet for lunch at BW3

for lunch. For more information, contact Eric Costello at Eric.Costello.01@alum.dartmouth.org or 615-2994.

There will be several different opportunities to help on the day of the event. Please contact Lauren Clare (adpial@comcast.com) to let her know when you will be available to help out.

This event is going to be huge this year. Please come out and support the committee and chapter on July 4.

Kay Faries & Tracy Hale, co chairs

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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

KAREN GAGE, SECRETARY/TREASURER 2007

I cannot believe it is already the month of May. It is the first Springtime in our new house. That means yard work – not my thing. By the time you read this hopefully our garden is blooming that Mike spent many hours getting ready. But I will have to partake in some yard work. Our great neighbors have shown us all the amazing flowers we have around the yard. They will help us even them out and if anyone wants any lilies or iris's I will be very happy to give them to plant in your yard. Please come over any time and get them. I bought some new garden tools to use.

Checks we mailed out the past few weeks: Storage Unit, Verizon and Telecom voicemail. These are both for our hotline 777-77JC Did you know we had a hotline? It should be kept up to date with our latest info for prospects and folks can leave messages. We can get new members or work with new organizations with this hotline.

As I write this article very late on April 26 (sorry Min) it is Arbor Day. Check out www.arborday.org for more info. It's also been

a month where GO Green and helping the environment is popping up everywhere. I know I am not someone who recycles right now but I will try and start doing more earth friendly things so we keep the earth save for our kids when they become our age.

Don't forget Mother's Day this month. Some ideas are Pajama Grams, Perfume, Plants, Jewelry (Lia Sophia that I Sell) Mary Kay, a nice new purse or handbag, Pampered Chef products, gift cards, dinner and a movie or help her do something around the house that maybe she has been putting off.

And to those of you in our chapter that are Mom's or mom's to be – Happy Mothers Day.

And thanks Michele for a great Womanless Beauty Pageant. What a super turnout and what a great impact we will make to the Flagler Home for Homeless mothers and children located at St. Joseph's Villa. We thank Bruce Cauthen from the Villa for coming out and being one of our judges.

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JUNE 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Board of Directors Mid-year retreat	4 Chapter Meeting	5 Project WARM 5:30 pm (CD)	6	7	8	9 CPG Training VA Beach area
10 Church, Lunch and Movie Madness	11 Board of Directors Meeting Regency Square Community Room 7pm	12 Project WARM 5:30 pm (CD)	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Project WARM 5:30 pm (CD)	20	21 Bingo with the Elderly 6:55 pm (CD)	22 Tuckahoe Cheers M-Nite Pour House 6:30 pm (M-ship)	23
24	25	26 Project WARM 5:30 pm (CD)	27	28 IDC Volunteer Night Pour House 6pm (CD)	29	30 IRL Race ALL DAY LONG!! (CD)

JULY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 IDC Prep	3 IDC Prep	4 Independence Day Celebration	5 IDC Clean up	6 REST	7 REST
8 REST	9 REST	10 PW 5:30 pm	11	12	13	14 IDC M-nite Madison@ Spring oak
15 Tubing on the James	16	17 PW 5:30 pm	18 Newsletter Articles	19 Bingo with the Elderly	20 Washington DC Trip	21 Washington DC and White House
22 Movie Madness (ID)	23 Phone Bank	24 PW 5:30 pm	25 CCC and Paperwork Due	26	27	28 Pulaski Bingo Trip!
29 Pulaski Bingo Trip	30 5th Monday Dinner Social	31 PW 5:30 pm				

AUGUST 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Bottoms Up and Braves Game
5	6 Chapter Meeting JC Jeopardy	7 PW 5:30 pm	8	9	10 Game Night	11
12	13 Board of Directors Meeting	14 PW 5:30 pm	15 Newsletter Articles	16 Bingo with the Elderly	17 Tuckahoe Cheers 6:30	18 Cosmic Bowling 9:30pm (ID)
19	20	21 PW & Cookout 5:30 pm	22	23	24 Summer Boards	25 Summer Boards
26 Summer Boards	27 Phone Bank	28 PW 5:30 pm	29	30	31	

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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

Help needed at the 2007
Henrico County
Independence Day
Celebration on July 4!

Contact Kay Faries or Tracy
Hale to volunteer for the night
time festivities

AND/OR

Min Casali or Kearsten
Mauney to volunteer for the
5K in the morning!