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SPRINGING INTO A NEW LIFE

CHRISTINE HOPKINS, PRESIDENT 2007

The winter is almost over, and spring is just around the corner. March is here, bringing promises of spring and the newness of life. Daffodils are beginning to bloom, the robins are singing and Tuckahoe is looking to the renewal of energy from a variety of sources. We are heading into spring with some new projects, a revival of some old ones, an excitement from a board determined to renew the life of the chapter, and the hope that our energy will be contagious to every member.

March is also a time for growth. In the past few months, we have been slowly adding new members to our chapter. Tara and Aleisha are vibrant and excited about being Jaycees. They have jumped into the chapter with both feet and will be instrumental in helping us accomplish the chapter's goals by growing and developing their own leadership abilities. In March, we are looking to grow our membership even more and add some dynamic new people to our organization.

One way we will be doing this is by running some exciting projects and offering some new and improved training opportunities. One business development opportunity is JCI Achieve training, which will be held March 24 at Capital One off Nukols Road. JCI Achieve is meant to teach local chapters how to market their chapters, but each and every tip can easily be adapted to market a local business. I encourage everyone who owns, works for, or wants to begin their own business to attend this session.

A project that is being revived is the Womanless Beauty Pageant. Once upon a time, Tuckahoe ran the best Womanless Beauty Pageant in the state. After experiencing Arlington's pageant (and being so proud that our own Matt Montero won it), Community Development Vice President Michele Rocca has made it one of her goals to bring it back to Tuckahoe. What is a Womanless Beauty Pageant? It is simply a beauty pageant with a twist – the contestants

are men dressed as women! They compete a variety of typical pageant competitions - evening gowns, talents, question and answer and even a limbo (OK, so that is not typical, but VERY funny to watch). The Tuckahoe Jaycees Womanless Beauty Pageant will be held April 21 at the Richmond Volleyball Club and the proceeds will benefit a woman's shelter.

Some of you may be asking: why would we do this? We do this to become better leaders and help the community. By running projects, the Project Managers (known to older Jaycees as Project Chairs) learn how to plan a project, create a budget, work with a committee, and manage the volunteers who help out. Michele has been learning how to write a business plan, find a venue, and promote a project. She has practiced revising a proposal, delegating tasks to others and is putting together a committee. Each and every skill she is developing will help her in her professional life. After successfully pulling off an event of this magnitude, Michele can put all those skills on her resume! As she does more and more in the chapter, her resume will grow and grow. I think you can all figure out that this means she is qualified for better jobs, quicker promotions, and more money!

So, are the Tuckahoe Jaycees only about community service? No. We are able to help the community by developing ourselves to be better leaders. Being a better leader means more doors will open for our members, better jobs, and more opportunities to improve ourselves and the community. My challenge to each and every member is to come up with one new project that you can manage, or volunteer to manage or work on the committee of an existing project. (Some projects that are currently looking for committee members include the Womanless Beauty Pageant, Name that Beer, NASCAR, and the Independence Day Celebration.) So Tuckahoe, get involved, improve your leadership skills, and build your resume. Take advantage of all that Tuckahoe has to offer. It is time that you Make an IMPAct on your own life.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

MICHELE ROCCA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT VICE PRESIDENT

Although the weather will be getting warmer, we still need people to cut wood for next year.

Mardi Gras was a big success this month, we had a nice large group of people show their support for the LAM foundation. Also, it was nice to see as many people turn out for Project Warm as did, I know it was difficult doing in on both Saturday and Sunday, but we did have a few really cold weeks with a few really large (31) deliveries. Although the weather will be getting warmer, we still need people to cut wood for next year. Also this month, March 15th is the St. Patrick's Day Bingo with the Elderly for many of the people there we are the only visitors they get, so please come out if you can.

Spring Camp Work party is the end of this month, March 30 – April 1, if you can make it please come, I understand it is a fun event and this will be my first time going.

As you all know I said I would bring back the womanless even if I had to do it myself. I am

happy to announce that the Womanless Beauty Pageant will be on Saturday, April 21st after the State Competition Boot Camp at VCU, the proceeds will be going to the Flager Home for Women. The Pageant will be held at the East Gym of the Richmond Volley ball Club 3300 West Marshall Street at 7:00 p.m.. For those unfamiliar with the area it is near where Broad meets 195 behind the Comfort Inn.

NASCAR is also coming up, May 4 and May 5th, if you can be there, be there, this is how the chapter raises its money for the year and we need as many people helping out as can be there, if you have a friend who wants to help out, let us know they are always welcome. Please contact Eric Costello.

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SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

KAREN GAGE, SECRETARY/TREASURER 2007

I will be attending the National Jaycee Convention March 10-17. It doesn't start until the 15th but I get to go out early and judge our Jaycee Chapter's Chairman's Planning Guides, Annual Reports, Area of Opportunity Reports and the past two years I have judged either the Best Chapter in the Nation and the Best Project in the Nation. In addition I get to interview the Outstanding Veteran (Armbruster) Jaycee competitors picking the top 3 best Jaycees in the Country. All of this is done in 3 long days. It is a lot of hard work but fun at the same time. I get to see my Jaycee friends from Tennessee, Iowa, Alabama and California just to name a few and of course meet new folks each time as well. It is great information sharing and I always come home with new stories. I encourage you all to try and go to one of them – you get to see a new part of the country and learn so much. The next one in September is in Omaha, NE and the following one is in Memphis, TN a year from now.

Here is a tip: Buy a box of those clear page protectors and a 3 ring binder and if you want divided tabs. When you get mail or receipts or things you need for your taxes or your credit card statements put them right away in one of the page protectors. Place like items together in one

of the clear sheets and place behind a marked tab sheet and place in your 3 ring notebook. Keep a shelf or a closet in your house to hold the binder and when you need to find it – you will have it all organized. Go through your mail right away and file things. This will help you keep your home more organized.

Treasurer's report:

We have over \$12,000 in our account. We sent the \$200 deposit to the RVC Gym where we will have our Womanless beauty pageant and gave reimbursements for stamps so we can send out monthly birthday cards to you our members and to send out our anniversary (renewal) notices to you all as well. We will be getting the entire year's letters out the month of March and include a self addressed stamped envelope to return your \$60 dues. In addition if you send in your dues to renew – we will send you a lottery scratch off ticket. Just a little way to say thank you for being a member of our family.

Please keep making an IMPAct in the community and to yourself as an individual.

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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 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.

MARCH 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	*Bring new baby stuff for the Crisis Pregnancy Center			1	2	3 PW 9am Color Me Something Pottery Afternoon 3pm
4	5 Chapter Meeting* Guest Speaker 6:30 Social 7:00 Mtg	6	7 IDC Committee Meeting 6:30	8	9	10 Project WARM 9am (CD)
11	12 Board of Directors Meeting Regency Square Community Room 7pm	13	14 Newsletter Articles Due	15 Bingo with the Elderly 6:55 pm (CD) National Convention	16	17 Project WARM 9am (CD) St. Patrick's Day Social 7pm
18 Movie Madness (ID)	19	20	21	22	23	24 PW 9am (CD) Achieve Training 10-6 Tuckahoe Cheers 6:30 Pour House
25 National Convention	26 Phone Bank	27	28 Name that Beer (tentative)	29	30	31 Project WARM 9am (CD)
					Camp Work Party	

APRIL 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Chapter Yard Sale
8 Easter	9 Chapter Meeting Get 2 know U Bingo 6:30 Social 7:00 Meeting	10	11	12	13 Project WARM Party 7pm	14 Tuck U 10 am
15	16 Board of Directors Meeting	17	18 Newsletter Articles	19 Bingo with the Elderly	20 Tuckahoe Cheers Pour House 6:30	21 Womanless Pageant State Comp. Boot Camp
22 Movie Madness (ID)	23 Phone Bank	24	25 Paperwork Due	26	27	28 Rebuilding Together 7am
29	30 5th Monday Dinner Social					

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	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	22 PW 5:30 pm	23	24	25 Tuckahoe Cheers Pour House 6:30	26
27 Member and Life Member Picnic	28 Phone Bank	29 PW 5:30 pm	30	31		*Bring peanut butter, jelly or tuna

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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 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