

# TUCKAHOE JAYCEES

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TRISH TYLER, PRESIDENT

I can't believe it's already December. What an incredible year we've had! We've done some exciting new things, have had an incredible time with our "tried and true" projects... and have emerged as one of the top ten chapters in the United States Jaycees—but that is all due to YOU. I can't thank you all enough for your continuous efforts to make Tuckahoe not only the largest chapter in the Richmond area... but in my humble opinion—the BEST chapter!

I don't have a whole lot of clever motivational messages this article—except for the fact that you all motivate ME. Your love of the organization, love of each other and love of doing the right thing is nothing short of inspiring... so I am going to take this time to do my traditional "Last Will and Testament" to thank you all for such a wonderful year!

To my Mom—Thank you for being the best Mommy in the whole world. I leave you all of my pre and post flight phone calls, the "guess what I'm having for breakfast" meanness, one dozen imaginary Krispy Kreme doughnuts, parking lot expletives, post-it notes for Annie on any dishes that need to be cooked—oh, the list goes on and

on!

To my Dad—Thank you for always making things more fun! I leave you all of the stolen glassware in my cabinet (I learned from the best), haircolor changes, Sunday Gospel Brunch, 3 liters of Chianti at Buca di

Nothing happens  
unless first a dream

—Carl Sandburg

Beppo, "discussions" with Kay, a gallon of St. Brennan's Irish Crème (to be shared equally with Kay), bowling shoes, Clemson games, Wink's BBQ, and a year's supply of Diet Cheerwine (it's sweetened with Splenda!)

To my brothers, Chris and Patrick—Thank you for being such great siblings—you both always surprise me, and keep me laughing! I leave you MORE Clemson games, "Git in your corners... and make



your plans!" Twist Cones, Turkey Bowling, Summer Boards (Chris—you know that you're a legend for this!)... and the list goes on and on!

To Annie, Kay and Kearsten—The dangerous, beautiful friends without whom I would be lost... I leave you all the complete set of SPQ books, stolen banners, stolen glassware, "RECON!" Dates that were never QUITE what we hoped for, dates that definitely exceeded our expectations, "Don't drink ANYTHING in a mason jar" My "psycho" friends (whatEVER!), trips to the MAC counter, a lifetime of good hair days, all of the "product" you'll ever need, the blow up Santa, trips in So-crates, and all of my eternal love and devotion. (Note to Kearsten—I also leave you glow sticks and poker—LOL!)

To Min Casali—Do you

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**State Director News**  
**Min Casali, State Director**

A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.  
 —Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Hello Tuckahoe. November was a pretty slow month across the state, so there's not much to report. We did have the Virginia Jaycee State Convention this month and had a blast! We turned up being the number 2 chapter in the state and the number 6 chapter in the nation!! That's quite an accomplishment, I hope you're proud.

December looks like an exciting month and I'm looking for people to go traveling with me. If you see anything in the list below that you may want to go to, please contact me. I'd love the company!!

Sunday, December 5th  
 Hopewell Christmas Parade

Tuesday, December 7th  
 Richmond Membership Meeting

Thursday, December 9th  
 Chesterfield Membership Meeting

Monday, December 13th  
 West End Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 14th  
 Fredericksburg Membership Meeting

Tuesday, December 14th  
 South of the James Social

Saturday, December 18th  
 Fredericksburg Dinner and a Movie

Have a great holiday season Tuckahoe! See you soon!

**Dinner Meeting**

Our Dinner meeting will be the Oliday Party at Trish Tyler;s House on Dec 20th. Please bring a gift up to \$20 if you want to participate in the Secret Santa Gift Exchange. Bring Appetizer/Hors do'vers/Dessert

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## Fantasy Dinner Rousing Success for Needy - Family Kearsten Mauney

Remember that strange email sent by President Trish about the November dinner meeting? It encouraged people to attend, that dinner would be a surprise, and it was sure to be something really special. Well, it was truly special for Ali, a student at Wilder Middle School in Henrico County.

On Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Tuckahoe Jaycees sponsored a Fantasy Dinner. Twelve members and guests met at the Parham Park and Ride under the pretense of attending a monthly dinner meeting. Little did they know the surprise waiting for them and a local family. After passing out menus and deciding on Kabuto's, the group was told to choose their food items. But rather than spending their money on an expensive dinner, the members contributed the cost of their dinners to buying food, clothing, and hygiene items for a local Somalian family of eight who arrived in America this past summer.

Several carloads of people then trekked to Wal-Mart to buy items for the family. They split into two groups; one set out on a mission for healthy food and the other group was given the task of finding clothing for the coming winter months. By 8:00 an entire cartload of food including bread, apples, potatoes, peanut butter, canned goods, juices, milk, cheeses, cereal, and animal crackers was waiting. Another cartload for the family contained a jacket, jeans, hats, socks, detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, deodorant, toothbrushes, and

toothpaste. Bag upon bag was loaded into the back of the Jeep to be delivered that evening.

Through translation with another Somalian at the school,



Eric Costello amazed at the store's low low prices!

the student was told to expect someone that evening. Three members drove the supplies to the family. When they first knocked, the door was slowly opened on the chain until Ali came to the door. The family was so surprised, but as each trip from the car was made, the door opened wider and wider. Finally, with the door fully open, Ali asked the members to, "Come in! Come in! Have a seat!" (Please note: This is the most English this writer has heard Ali speak since the

beginning of school!) They visited with the family for a few minutes, and the mother repeatedly spoke what little English she knew saying, "Thank you! Thank you!"

Afterwards, the group met at Kearsten Mauney's house for a spaghetti dinner. When asked what she thought of the project, Megan Guretsky replied, "Before I knew about what we were doing, I was a little selfish and thought to myself I didn't want to spend

that much on dinner. But when I found out what we were doing, I said why don't we all put in \$20? I really wanted to go [deliver the supplies to the family]."

In just one night the Tuckahoe Jaycees raised \$240 and used that money to deliver supplies to a family in need. Everyone speaks of having a "Jaycee Moment," and seeing the looks on the faces of Ali's family was this member's moment!



From left to right: Scott Elliot, Matt Montero, Patrick & Brennan, Chirstine Hopkins, Megan Guretsky, Eric Costello, Steve Allen, Kearsten Mauney, and Christine's cousin Lisa



Tuckahoe Jaycees  
presents  
**Holiday Jam**

to benefit Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Toys

@ the Canal Club  
December 4th

featuring

copper sails

**wellbitt**

Doors open @ 8:30

\$10 gets you in (\$5 with an unwrapped toy)

### *Christmas at the Boys and Girls Home*

Tuckahoe once again demonstrated that Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life! Once again we will be helping some of the residents of the Boys and Girls Home of Virginia. On December 6 Tod comes to speak to the chapter about The Boys and Girls home then on December 10 participating members will meet at 630 at the Short Pump Target for Shopping and then to Megan Guretsky's for gift

wrapping and Christmas movies and merriment! Then on Sunday December 12th we will deliver the presents to the Boys and Girls Home and have Pizza, the fun starts at noon. If you would like more info contact your chairpersons for the event: Megan Guretsky or Karen Gage. Mgretzki@cs.com jckad37@yahoo.com



# December 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4PW Holiday Jam 830P Canal Club
5 Grand Illumina- tion	6Chapter Meeting Tokpeka's 630P	7	8	9	10Shopping for the Boys Home	11PW
12 Deliver Presents to the Boys Home	13	14	15	16Bingo w/ The Elderly	17Project Warm Sleep Over	18PW Tacky Light Tour
19	20Holiday Party 630	21	22	23	24PW?	25PW?
26	27	28	29	<b>For more information:</b> CD = Community Development ID = Individual Development (Lauren Lightfoot) M = Membership (Christine Hopkins) MD = Management Development (contact Trish Tyler) SD = State Director (Min Casali)		

## How to drain your Water Heater

Read over completely before beginning.

1. Shut off the electricity to the water heater from the breaker panel or if Gas turn Gas knob to from ON to PILOT.



2. Hook up a hose to the drain at the bottom of the heater and run the hose out of the



house or to a drain in the floor.

This works on gravity alone so make sure the hose is running downhill or at least level.

3. Now open the valve, water will hopefully be running out the hose. Go to step 4! If not mostly likely sediment is blocked the opening. Working the valve on and off might clear the blockage. If not, undo everything you just did and call a plumber.

4. Shut off the water to the tank. This is done by working the valve on the pipe coming into the top of the tank on the right side.

The valve might be stuck you might need to use a wrench to get it started.

5. Open the Temperature and Pressure relief valve located on either the top or side of



the heater.

This will allow air into the tank and allowing the water to continue to flow. If the relief valve doesn't want to stay open you can open the hot water valve in your tub and that will allow the air in.

6. Let the tank empty completely, will take around 20 to 30mins depending on how many gallons your water heater holds.

7. Turn the water valve that you turned off in step 4 back on and let it run for a few minutes this will carry away any material left in tank.

8. Once the water is running clear close the drain valve and let the tank fill up. If you opened the relief valve in step 5 close and make sure you have the hot water valve open in your tub to let the air out of the tank.

9. When the water is running steadily through the faucet shut the tub off and your tank is now full.

10. Turn back on the power or turn the Gas Knob from PILOT to ON. Roll up the hose and grab a tasty beverage you earned it!

Do this approximately every 18 months!

**Project WARM deliveries every Saturday! 9AM**

Stay tuned for updates for Christmas and New Years Day

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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



### Moving?

Please drop us a line to let us know if you will be having a new address, phone number and/or email address! You can clip this form and mail it to the address above, or just email the information to any board member.

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Name

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- I would like both an emailed copy and a hard copy.