

Raising The
Bar

The WVJC State Journal

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Greetings from President Jennifer

HAPPY SPRING!!! I am excited to announce that the Spring Convention will be held April 24-25th, in South Charleston at the Ramada. We will tour the State Capitol and Mansion and stop by the Capitol Market, which houses indoor specialty shops. You will find all of the information in the attached convention flyer and the newsletter. Also, check out our upcoming convention info. Our speaker will be our National V.P., Travis Ahlquist, from Minnesota.

Welcome to the first issue of the New West Virginia State Jaycee Newsletter. The title, The WVJC State Journal, may not sound like the most exciting title, so, let's fix that with a little friendly competition. For details, check out the "Newsletter" section.

So much has happened this year, already. The Leadership Academy/Presidential retreat took place in January. Three of our own attended: Joshua Smith, our web designer; Craig Erbacher, Ohio Valley's chapter president; and myself. Check out the details in the "Leadership Retreat" section.

Our Year End Convention was held February 6-7th in Wheeling. I would like to thank everyone for a fantastic turn out for the dinner and awards ceremony. We had to bring in extra chairs to accommodate everyone!!!! For those of you who could not make the state convention, Eastern Greenbrier won the Sistersville Trophy for Project of the Year for Penny Pitch, Weirton won the Traveling Gavel Trophy for Visitation miles, and Ohio Valley won the Hoblitzel award for Chapter of the Year and the Gavel for Membership Growth. Debbie Gooch was awarded for President of the Year. In addition, we have two new Senators in West Virginia: Keith Zoekler #68751 and Cori Breeden #68752. Congratulations to both of you. We also have two new Statesman from Weirton, Linda Stear, #357, and Tanya Kelly, #358. Way to go, girls!!!!

We are updating our membership information files, and are in need of your corrected phone numbers, mailing addresses, and e-mail addresses to help with better communication across the state. In a survey of young professionals, the biggest thing requested was technological communication. We now have a Facebook page and a Facebook group. You may register at **Facebook.com**. Although we are committed to doing a paper copy newsletter, those who wish may receive our newsletter and other updates by e-mail. Members who contact us with their e-mail can do so, by e-mailing me at wvjcpres@wvjaycees.org. Congratulations and a big Thanks to Eastern Greenbrier for sending in a list of all members with their updated information and e-mail addresses.

Yours in Jaycees,

Jennifer Staley

**WEST VIRGINIA
CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF JAYCEES!**

The Comedy Zone Raffle

The Ramada Hotel has graciously given us a Comedy Zone Package to raffle off. The package includes Appetizer to Share, Dinner for 2, 2 Show Tickets, Room Accommodations, and Breakfast to the lucky winner. Tickets are \$1/each or 6 for \$5.

Proceeds will benefit the Charleston Convention Fund and the winner will be drawn at Dinner at the convention on Saturday night.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

- Our state newsletter needs a new name and you can make history by naming the new newsletter!
- Submit your ideas by e-mail at wvjcpres@wvjaycees.org by Thursday, April 23rd or by 11 pm. On Friday at the Spring Convention.
- A Fun Vote will take place on Saturday at the Convention.
- The WINNER will receive a special surprise from the MYSTERY BOX.
- Questions? Or to submit ideas by phone, please call Jennifer at (304)243-6894.

Next Blue Chip submission is due April 30th!!!
IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR YOUR CHAPTER TO PARTICIPATE!

Springboard and Degrees

WV Jaycees is excited to announce that we have a Springboard and Degrees Chairman! Leona White from Madison-Danville is our new project chair.

Springboard and Degrees is a Program for members to follow to learn about the Junior Chamber and experience personal growth in a logical manner. The forms to register can be downloaded at either www.wvjaycees.org or www.usjaycees.org. If your chapter does not currently have a Degrees program, you may register directly with the state. Send your forms to 129 Asbury Circle, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Springboard is for First Year members, and Degrees picks up where Springboard leaves off. First year members that complete the Springboard requirements and renew for the second year, earn their first three degrees.

Eastern Institute 2009 Fundraiser

As members of the Eastern Institute, we are helping with a Reverse Raffle Fundraiser.

The costs of the tickets are \$10. Ticket holders have 5 chances to win \$50 and one chance to win \$1000. \$50 winners can opt to have their winning ticket placed back in the drawing after the 390th ticket is drawn.

Drawing will be held in Maryland at the Eastern Institute Meeting on June 13, 2009.

This is the only fundraiser that the Institute does and the proceeds go toward keeping our membership costs down.

The Institute helps individuals in member

If you have some ideas for the state officers or info you would like included in our newsletter: Please contact the president, at wvjcpres@wvjaycees.org

Community Development Projects:

American Cancer Society Relay For Life

The USJC's are the first ever non-corporate sponsor of the American Cancer Society.

Jaycee Chapters who form a team and register online at www.relayforlife.org, may receive a heavy duty reusable vinyl banner, if they register in time to call me by April 28th, 2009. One Order will be placed on the 29th for all chapters participating. When filling out the Registration Information, make sure you use the drop down box and choose "Jaycees" as your team/organization.

Support Our Troops

This is a national Jaycee campaign to show our troops overseas support.

The main way we can help immediately is to collect items for care packages. Things like phone cards (#1 requested item), Visa and M/C gift cards, USB Memory sticks, wet wipes—individually wrapped in foil packs, chap stick, floss, toothbrushes, foot powder, disposable razors, movie DVD's and music CD's—clean content, empty IPOD's, breath mints, candy and gum, books—clean content, beef jerky, nuts in cans with lids, flavored coffee and cappuccino. Once these items are collected, you may contact SOT Program Manager Candace Hollis at either jchollis@suddenlink.net or at 979-575-5218. Each chapter will receive detailed fact sheets on this program.

CONGRATULATIONS goes to BRAD AND JANETTE JOSEPH on their NEW BABY BOY, STEVEN BRADLEY JOSEPH born FEBRUARY 26TH, 7 lbs., 15 oz., 21 inches long.

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The shortest national vote in history

At the National USJC Convention in Florida in March, The group of us from West Virginia that attended was witness to the shortest meeting and vote in remembered Jaycee history. The vote was to redo the National Meeting structure, and have only one National Convention to be held in June with TOYA. Several hundred people crammed into the meeting room. The meeting was brought to order by National President, John Weber. He entertained a motion. A first and second was called. Discussion was called. No discussion. Vote was called, Vote was passed. Meeting ADJOURNED.



The Delaware Jaycees formally announce the candidacy of JEFF LANK for National USJC President for 2010. Jeff has been a friend of the WV Jaycees for several years. Please check out his website at www.jefflank.com.

YOU CAN BUILD WEALTH Ohio Valley Saves

Tired of the economy? Need some tips to get out of the slump?

This year, West Virginia Jaycees partnered with Ohio Valley Saves, part of America Saves, to provide you with some resources to build wealth, not debt, and survive the economy ahead of the game.

This is our first partnership in a while.

Members can register at state meetings, or online at

<http://ovs.chipeducation.org/cgi-bin/public.cgi?action=enroll>

Your chapter may also run this as a project. Members, who register at the state convention, receive a little piggybank. They also get entered to win one of two \$500 college scholarships a year. Members receive a newsletter and a disc of 10 areas where they can improve their finances to help them save. If you fill out your e-mail information, you will receive e-mail tips every so often from financial professionals to help you save.

The more people, who register at meetings and online the more grant money this program receives, so spread the word and sign up your friends and family.

We do ask that you not register through America Saves, because the grant money does not stay in West Virginia if you register through the national website.

Become a SAVER! All over America people are proving that you do not have to be rich to build wealth, by saving for college, homeownership, retirement, or a variety of other financial goals. Ohio Valley Saves can help you "Build Wealth, Not Debt" with tips and tools to help you set goals, develop strategies and start saving to reach your goals.

The Ohio Valley Saves Campaign Coordinator is Rebecca Carey. E-mail is ohiovalleysaves@swave.net.

JCI-JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL

Because we are members in our local chapters, we belong to the West Virginia Junior Chamber, the United States Junior Chamber and to Junior Chamber International.

JCI offers you resources that you may not know you have access to. Log in to www.jci.cc. You may download trainings and register for JCI classes. You may also get information about their upcoming conventions. CAN YOU SAY, TRAVEL, TRAVEL, TRAVEL? They even offer training at the national conventions on the day before the regular national convention starts. Have you thought about learning to train? They are the go-to people to complete your training. These trainings are offered around the world.



THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, TULSA, OK

The Leadership Academy is held every January in Tulsa, OK. Each state has two spots to send someone to Tulsa and meet national and international guests and receive fantastic leadership training. If not all states send someone, other states are given the opportunity to send an extra individual.

This year, we had a dance and got to explore the National Service Center. It was awesome to see the history and the pictures and the gifts to National Presidents. Our own John Price, was on the Senators wall. They had other fun activities on Friday and Saturday evening, also. You may see some of the pictures on our state Facebook page. We stood by the War Memorial Wall by the West Virginia Plaque. Saw the original versions of The Creed. The VFW, where we had the dance, had ceiling panels that were painted in honor of veterans. We were amused by the big decorated penguin in the water fountain where we posed for the Photo Scavenger Hunt.

This year Craig Erbacher, President of Ohio Valley, and Joshua Smith, State Web Designer, attended. Craig said he came back with some great new ideas for his chapter. Joshua said that he got more functional business knowledge in two days of training than he got in 4 years of college.

If your chapter feels that someone could greatly benefit from this experience, please let your state officers know. We must submit our nominees in October.

Attendees will be roomed with someone from another state/country. This year, attendees flew out on Thursday and returned on Sunday. They will also be responsible for purchasing their own food. Only lunch on Friday and Saturday and tailgate food for Saturday were included this year.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2009 UPCOMING EVENTS:

Check out our website for updates at www.wvjaycees.org

April - May: Recruiting in Weirton

April 24-25, Spring State Convention in South Charleston, WV

April - May: New Chapter Extension in South Charleston, WV

May – June: New Chapter Extension in Morgantown Area

June 4-7: GALS in Austin, TX

June 13: Eastern Institute Meeting in Maryland—Location TBA

August-September: New Chapter Extension in Parkersburg

September 11-12: WV State Convention in Parkersburg

November 13-14: State Event and Planning Session

in Morgantown

Chapters are invited to come and have their own planning sessions, then Join the Rest of the State in celebrating:

70 YEARS OF JAYCEES IN WEST VIRGINIA!!!!



MEMBERSHIP DUES

This is just an FYI for members: Every Chapter must pay their membership dues for the current month, plus all new members from the previous month to the state by the 5th of the month, so that we, in turn, can pay the dues to the National Service Center by the 11th of the month. This means that your dues are typically required to be paid to your chapter the month before your actual membership month.

Please check with your chapter for their requirements for your dues.

Your chapter president or membership officer receives a call from the State President at the end of the month to ask for renewals for the upcoming month and new members for the past month. Whatever members are turned in to the state, your chapter is responsible for paying. If your chapter or the state turns in a renewal late, the charge is \$5. This system has been in place for several years.

So, you can help your chapter out by paying your dues before the first of your due month.

What You Can Get From Your National Service Center

Your chapter can get lots of things from the national service center
By calling 800-JAYCEES, or by logging on the national website at www.usjaycees.org and requesting or downloading information. Here are some of the things you can receive:

Project Materials

Awards and Recognition Programs

Membership Support

Training Materials

Chapter Marketing Materials

*****Each Chapter is receiving a detailed list of items you can request.**

**THE JAYCEE CHOCOLATE CANDY
BAR****(Fundraising Opportunity)**

World's Finest Chocolate has a candy bar fundraising opportunity for you. Candy bars sell for \$1 and you keep \$.50. You may check it out online at

www.worldsfinestfundraising.com/jaycees

Or call toll free: 888-405-3560

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REMARKS

WOW!!! I can't believe how quickly the year has gone by! It seems like it wasn't that long ago that 2007 President Keith Zoekler was swearing me in at Lewisburg, when Eastern Greenbrier hosted the Year End Meeting. What a year it has been! It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as your 2008 State President. I've been able to see just how beautiful our GREAT state is. We truly are a "Wild and Wonderful" place, with plenty of natural beauty and WONDERFUL people! I've also been able to meet TERRIFIC Jaycee leaders from around the country that are wonderful, fantastic people that I will never forget.

Most of you probably do not know that I am a huge Disney cartoon fan. "The Lion King" is one of my all time favorites. One of my favorite scenes of the movies is when Timon is telling Simba (the rightful Lion King) that 'sometimes, you have to put your past in the behind.' That is what we need to do now. Although 2008 did not end up quite the way we had hoped, we kept kept the flame of the West Virginia Jaycees lit. The flame has been passed on to President Jennifer Staley and her Executive Team. It is our job to nurture the flame, so that it may grow and we will be able to pass it on to future leaders in this WONDERFUL organization!

I look forward to serving as President Jennifer's Chairman of the Board and I hope that I will see many of you as we "RAISE THE BAR" in 2009!!!

69th WVJC President

2009 Chairman of the Board

Gayle Ann Montgomery