



The JAYBILL

Monthly Newsletter of the Richmond Jaycees

April 2005

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Chapter Meeting - Preventing Identity Theft

Skilled identity thieves are on the prowl. They use a variety of techniques to steal your personal information to open credit card accounts, take out car loans, and go on spending sprees using *your name*. They might even give your name and address to the police during an arrest. How do they get this information? Thieves get access to your personal records by:

- Hacking into businesses' computers
- Stealing records or abusing legitimate access to personal records with their employer
- Bribing an employee who has access to personal records
- Rummaging through your trash or the trash of businesses
- Stealing your purse or wallet
- Taking pre-approved credit offers, tax records, bank statements, and checks from your mail box
- Posing as a landlord, employer or someone else who has a legal right to the information

Thieves use bits of information – like your bank or credit card account numbers, your income, your Social Security number, or your name, address and phone number – to commit fraud or theft, but *you can* protect yourself. As with any crime, you cannot totally control whether or not you will be victimized, but by exercising extra diligence and managing your personal information cautiously, you can reduce your risk.

Find out more by attending the April chapter meeting. We will be joined by Certified Fraud Examiner Merritt L. Cogswell who will present information about fraud and identity theft and how you can better protect yourself. As always, the chapter meeting will be held at Baja Bean in the Fan on the first Tuesday.

Baja Bean Company
1520 W. Main Street
(804) 257-5445
Tuesday, April 5
6:00 PM - Social
6:30 PM - Meeting

For more information,
contact:
Nikita Patel
358-6340

Camp Work Party

It's time for spring cleaning at the Camp Virginia Jaycees in Bedford, VA. Volunteers are needed to get the camp ready for summer from Friday, April 1st through Sunday, April 3rd. Projects can range from painting, to fence building, and yardwork. Come out and enjoy the spring weather, help a great cause, and have fun in the process. Any time you can give whether it be a day or the entire weekend would be much appreciated. For details and possible carpool information, contact Nikita Patel at 358-6340.

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 3rd

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Contact Nikita Patel at 358-6340 for more information

All members welcome

Restaurant Rendezvous

Viva la France! The rendezvous makes its next stop in the land of high fashion, good food, and great wine. Come on out and join the mademoiselles for a night at Can Can on Wednesday, April 13th. Can Can is one of Richmond's hottest new restaurants - so come on out and taste for yourself what the buzz is about. Can Can is located in Cary Court in the heart of Carytown. Wine hour starts at 5:30 pm and the french cuisine at 6:30 pm.

Can Can
3120 W. Cary Street
Wednesday, April 13

For more info, contact:
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Can Can: Menu Sneak Peak

www.cancanbrasserie.com

Strawberry Hill Races

Ah, nothing signifies Spring's arrival in Richmond quite like the Strawberry Hill horse races. Whether you are there to check out the fashion show, eat and drink til your hearts content, socialize with old friends, or actually watch the horse races, a good time is always had by all.

The Richmond Jaycees will be taking part in Richmond tradition again this year. The Richmond Jaycees will be hosting a bus trip to the 73rd running of Strawberry Hill Races on Saturday April 16, 2005 at Colonial Downs. The Bus will Depart Willow Lawn Shopping center at 8:30. The price is \$45 and includes Admission, Food (Regular and Vegetarian) and Drinks (Beer, Soda & bottled water), and two premium spots on the inside rail of the racetrack. Please contact John Scheid for Tickets 559-2565

Strawberry Hill Races
Colonial Downs
Saturday, April 16

For more info, contact:
John Scheid
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Celebrate National Volunteer Week: April 18-24, 2005

Chances are if you are a Jaycee, you are interested in helping out your local community, and you have probably volunteered to help with one of our ongoing community projects. Volunteering can take on many different forms: fundraising for Tsunami victims, shoveling snow off a sidewalk for an elderly neighbor, raising awareness for a local charity or cause, donating your unused frequent flyer miles to help fly family members of wounded soldiers to U.S. military hospitals so they can be at the bedside of their loved ones ...the list goes on and on. There are such a wide array of volunteering opportunities, that you are bound to find one to fit your lifestyle and interests [See below on ways to donate your unused frequent flyer miles].

Most people are aware of the benefits to the community from volunteering, but have you ever stopped to think of all the potential benefits for YOU the volunteer? Here is a list obtained from the **Virginia Commission for National & Community Service's** website: <http://www.vaservice.org>.

Volunteering can help you ..

- Gain work and life experiences
- Build self-esteem and self-confidence
- Improve your health
- Meet new people
- Feel needed and valued
- Make a difference in someone's life
- Decide on your career choice
- Open up to new opportunities and challenges
- Experience diversity
- Opens horizons for the volunteer and the mentor
- Can be an overall FUN experience!

Celebrate Volunteer Week by joining in one of these upcoming events with your fellow Richmond Jaycees. (for further information about these events please refer to the Jaybill, or contact the person listed):

April 1-2: Camp Virginia Jaycee Work
Party: Help get the camp ready for campers!
Kelley Hope 247-2460

April 25: Drive for the Blind: Help transport members of the Va Federation for the Blind to their weekly meeting.
Jackie Jones 796-3562

April 30: Rebuilding Together: Help local Richmond families preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that low-income homeowners, from the elderly and disabled to families with children, live in warmth, safety, and independence.
Kelley Hope 247-2460

Do you have unused frequent flier miles? Consider donating them to help others!

While millions of Americans accrue frequent flier miles through reward programs, the number of people who actually use them is considerably smaller. Several charity organizations have established arrangements with selected airlines that enable people to donate unused frequent flier miles, which results in free transportation for that charity. Here is a list of several organizations that would be happy to put your miles to good use!

1. Operation Hero Miles. Website: <http://www.heromiles.org>

Operation Hero Miles was created by the US Airlines and Congressman Ruppberger to meet the needs of our soldiers deployed overseas. It relies on the generosity of thousands of fliers who have donated over 540 million miles to help our soldiers. In partnership with the Fisher House Foundation. Hero Miles tickets are now used to fly family members of wounded soldiers to U.S. military hospitals and be at the bedside of their loved ones. .

2. American Red Cross

Website: <http://www.redcross.org/donate/donatemiles.html>

Through the generosity of several major airlines, the American Red Cross can receive donations of frequent flier miles. Charitable mile agreements with these airlines enable individuals to donate their miles to the Red Cross. The miles, in turn, are used by the Red Cross to fulfill our promise to the public — to provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

3. Make a Wish Foundation

Website: <http://www.wish.org/home/giving/airmiles.htm>

The Make-A-Wish Foundation was able to grant thousands of travel wishes last year. Frequent fliers donated hundreds of millions of miles to fulfill travel wishes. The foundation estimates that more than one billion frequent flier miles will be needed to grant each child's travel wish this year.

Financial Planning Seminar Part I: Life is Risky Business

Let's start building your 'financial' house. Are you currently protected from financially catastrophic events that could leave you in massive debt that you would never recovery from? If you think you are, you're probably not and if you're not then you should do something fast. Come join fellow Jaycee, Paul Childress of Financial Services of Virginia for the first seminar of his Financial Planning Series, Risk Management.

Managing risk is the first step in building a strong financial plan. Learn how to protect your assets and yourself, including your family, from financially catastrophic events that could force you to liquidate your

savings and leave you in debt. The Risk Management Seminar will teach you how to lay a strong foundation for your financial plan that will allow you and your loved ones to weather the economic storms of life. I guarantee it will be an educational experience that will leave you with some practical knowledge that you can use in your every day life.

Thursday, April 21
6:30 PM
Financial Planning Workshop
@ Financial Services of Virginia
9011 Arboretum Pkwy, Suite 100

For more information, contact:
Paul Childress
272-1400 ext 267
Nikita Patel
358-6340

The Risk Management Seminar will be held in the conference room at Financial Services of Virginia, at 9011 Arboretum Parkway, Suite 100. FSV is located in the Arboretum office park and is directly off the Powhite parkway, near the Midlothian turnpike exit. The Seminar will be held on 4/21/2005 and will start at 6:30pm and will be 45 minutes to an hour long. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and there will be a Q&A session after the seminar. For those of you who attended the Financial Planning presentation at Baja Bean, please bring your hand outs with you. Every one should bring a pen and a several sheets of paper.

Drive for the Blind

Help transport our visually impaired friends at the Federation of the Blind, Richmond Chapter to their monthly meeting on Monday, April 25th. The Jaycees typically pick folks up who need rides approximately 6:45-7:10PM (depending on where they live in Richmond area) and drive them to the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired which is located on Azalea Ave near Henrico High School. The Federation of the Blind meeting begins around 7:20 PM. While the Federation meets, the Jaycees go and eat dinner at a nearby restaurant. The meeting is over around 9PM and we drive our folks home.

If you have never participated in this project and would like to ride along while someone else drives, this can be arranged.

Please contact Jackie Jones at 796-3562 or jsquaredx2@aol.com to volunteer to be a driver or "ride along". We typically get the list of riders the week before and want to confirm drivers with riders by April 18th.

Monday, April 25
6:45 to 9:30 PM

For more info, contact:
Susan Burkhart
598-0594
Jackie Jones
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Volunteer, Make a Difference in someone's life!

Rebuilding Richmond Communities Together

“Rebuilding Together” is a volunteer effort to repair and rehabilitate homes owned by low income, elderly and disabled people who are unable to maintain them. On this single day across the United States, volunteers descend on neighborhoods to fix plumbing, repair staircases and windows, paint and replace siding...

anything that makes homes more habitable.

This year's effort will focus on the Eastview neighborhood in Richmond, which is bordered by 360 and I-64. Many Project

WARM volunteers may be familiar with this community and understand why it was chosen. No specific construction or carpentry skills required, but you may choose to bring tools if you have them.

Saturday, April 30
Time and Place: TBD

For more info, contact:
Kelley Hope
247-2460 (m)/726-5270 (h)
curliegirly@yahoo.com

Hooray! It is Chili Time!

It's time again for the 102.1 The X Chili Cook-off! April 30th at the Richmond International Raceway Complex from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come check out our booth, and our top secret Chili recipe. The Richmond Jaycees are in our fourth year of competition and we need help passing out the chili, look for the sign-upsheet at the next chapter meeting or contact Bret Harrington or John Scheid. This is the first year for official judging of the chili, so we have a good chance of winning \$! Featured bands this year are: Chevelle, Seether, Future Leaders of the World, X-Posture, Champ, & more TBA, best chili wins \$\$\$ for Make-A-Wish Foundation. Come out and enjoy the fun filled day!

Coming in May...

Race for a Cure for Breast Cancer

Saturday May 7, 2005
Brown's Island
8:00 am to 10:30 am

Kelley Hope
247-2460 (m) 726-5270 (h)
curliegirly@yahoo.com



Join us for the 8th annual Susan G. Komen Greater Richmond Race for the Cure. This year's Race will feature a 5K run/walk and the 1K fun run, as well as the new “Kids for the Cure” run. The Race for the Cure is a totally volunteer run event that raises money and awareness about breast cancer education, screening, and treatment. The Greater Richmond chapter has raised almost a million dollars to date with nearly 75% staying in this community! The remaining 25% has helped to fund breast cancer research to find a cure to this devastating disease.

The Richmond Jaycees will be volunteering as Race Marshalls to help direct the racers and cheer them on. As a past participant, I assure you this is a very emotional role, especially when you pick out the breast cancer survivors in their pink t-shirts. If anyone is interested in helping out prior to the race, please let me know as there is a need for this as well.

Coming in June...

The Sixth Annual James River Cleanup will be held Saturday June 11, 2005. Help clean up the James River Park System, Reedy Creek area from 7:45 am to noon. Contact Kelley Hope for more information. 247-2460 (m), 726-5270 (h) or curliegirly@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday to:

Jared Cunha
Carla Davis
Antoinette Eason
Alan Fowlkes
Lisa Morrow
Michelle Nelms
Ann Williams

MEMBERSHIP

April Renewals

\$55 due by March 25, 2005

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