



The **JAYBILL**

Monthly Newsletter of the Richmond Jaycees

November 2005

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Project WARM

Saturdays in November

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Tuesday, November 1

Board Meeting

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Jaybill Deadline

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Sunday, November 20

Drive for the Blind

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Coming in December

Christmas Tree Sales

Christmas Parade

Little Santa Party

Restaurant Rendezvous Holiday
Celebration

Project WARM Needs Your Help as Delivery Season Nears

First off a special thanks to those that came out to the BIG Split. We were able to have three splitters running for most of the morning.

Over these last couple of months we had attempted to shift splitting of firewood to Monday evenings. Attendance had been low. Some of our regulars and I thought the problem might be people not wanting to wake up early on the weekend.

The experiment was not a success. After eight weeks of no attendance we resumed splitting on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in November.

Given this change Fred Clark will need the assistance of a Richmond Jaycee to supervise some splitting sessions. Fred Clark will not be able to attend every week. Please let Fred Clark know if you are willing to help.

If attendance does not improve dramatically splitting will be done in conjunction with Tuckahoe. While it would not yield considerably more wood; it would be more encouraging to those that are interested in participating. Tuckahoe should be commended for the great work they have been doing out there.

We need your help splitting wood for the winter delivery season. Contact Fred Clark at 840-8317 for more information.

Upcoming December Board of Directors Elections

At the December Chapter Meeting, the Richmond Jaycees will elect the 2005 Board of Directors to run the Chapter during the upcoming year. These are the folks who decided what projects to run and what to change about Chapter programming.

Who are the elected Board of Directors?

President, Area Vice Presientes, Area Directors, State Director, Secretary

How often does the Board of Directors meet?

According to our bylaws, the Board of Directors must meet once each moth. This year, meetings generally took between 1 ½ and 2 hours, including dinner. Attendance is expected at the Board of Directors meetings, to help maintain a quorum which is necessary to conduct business. The day, time and location of the meetings are decided by the new Board.

Is being President a lot of work?

The minimum time required of the President is about five hours per month. Additional attendance at chapter events throughout the month is voluntary. You can make the President's role what you want but there are a few things that a President must do. (see the box).

There are plenty of resources to help an incoming president serve successfully in this role. Past president, Jackie Jones, has put together a notebook full of important dates (when certain bills are due) and processes/procedures for paperwork for the Virginia Jaycees.

If you have mastered the art of delegation or want to learn how to delegate, this is the job for you.

What are Area Vice Presidents and Area Directors?

"Area" refers to the area a Vice President or Director covers in regards to programming. According to the Richmond Jaycees bylaws there are four Areas:

- **Community Development**-projects that involve community service and community fundraising (Project WARM, Drive for the Blind, Little Santa Party, James River Cleanup)
- **Individual Development**-projects that involve life improvement (Restaurant Rendezvous, Cooking Class, attending Dogwood Dell performances,

leadership training-competition skills: Speak up, write up, debate)

- **Business**-projects that raise money for the chapter (Glow Necklace Sales, Friday Cheers Beer Pouring, Christmas Tree Sales) and chapter management (chapter website, Jaybill, maintaining insurance, keeping business licenses up to date)
- **Membership**-projects that help retain/recruit members; tend to be social in nature (Mix and Mingle, Holiday parties, Comedy night)

What is the difference between a Vice President and a Director?

Vice Presidents serve as the team leader of an Area and are responsible for managing that Area's programming. Directors work with the Vice President to monitor projects and help project committees implement the plans developed for the projects. Both Vice Presidents and Directors have considerable influence on yearly programming. Wonder why we don't do Habitat for Humanity? Want to have more social events? Want to try new locations of chapter events? JOIN the Board of Directors!

Do you need experience to run for Board of Directors position?

NO. Historically many board members and officers have served successfully only after being a member for a short time. In addition, there are several training activities and mentor systems set up to help the 2006 board members navigate transition process. Current board members will be available to help throughout the transition period.

If I don't want to "run" for office, can I still serve my chapter on the Board of Directors?

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors but you do not want to participate in the election process, you can make a request to the elected 2006 Board of Directors to be appointed to an unfilled position on the Board. However, there is no guarantee that the position you are interested in will still be vacant if you choose not to run for that office during the election process.

INTERESTED in becoming a member of the 2006 Richmond Jaycees Board of Directors or want more information? Contact Nikita Patel at 358-6340 or nikimasi@aol.com and/or Jackie Jones (2004 Richmond Jaycees President) at 796-3562 or jsquaredx2@aol.com.

November Chapter Meeting: Upcoming Events

Need another reason to put off that holiday shopping trip to the mall? Well, you are in luck! December is a busy time of the year for the Richmond Jaycees, come to the meeting and get more information on upcoming events!

At this meeting we will be highlighting two projects: Christmas Tree Sales and also the Richmond Christmas parade. **Our**

annual Christmas Tree sales basically provides our annual operating revenue as a chapter, so all chapter members are definitely encouraged to sign up for at least one shift. Our project coordinator, Elizabeth Miller, will be on hand to

give us a few tips/ pointers about selling the trees. Also she can help answer any questions you may have about this project.

The Richmond Christmas Parade will be held Saturday December 3rd, and historically the Richmond Jaycees have always been on hand to help make this event a success! In the past we have provided balloon handlers, division captains and marshals, greeters among other volunteer roles. We are looking for folks who are interested in helping with this event and also a point person to help coordinate the volunteers the day of the parade. Shari Himmelbloom, the parade volunteer coordinator and last year's Richmond Jaycee project coordinator, Shawn Ruger will talk about the volunteer needs for this year's parade. **As with other projects, if we cannot identify a project coordinator, we may not be able to participate in the event-so if you are interested in this event please try to come to the meeting.**

Since November is election time, we will also have some discussion about the upcoming elections in December. Our regional VA Jaycee director, Kay Faries, will also be on hand to help answer any questions you may have regarding a specific position as well as our current board members. We are looking for folks to serve in all capacities: President, Area Vice Presidents, Area Directors, Secretary to name a few! Be sure to check out more detail in the

preceding Board of Directors Election article as well. ***This is your chapter, and it needs your support to continue.***

We hope to see you all there! If you can not come to the meeting but are interested in any of the projects listed above, or interested in running for a position in the upcoming elections, feel free to contact Nikita Patel.

Volunteers Needed For Little Santa Party

The annual Little Santa Party at the William Byrd Community House will Be held Thursday December 15 from 6 to 8 pm.

A big part of the Little Santa Party is the visit by Santa Claus at the end.

The Jaycees help Santa distribute a gift from each child's wishlist. Throughout November, the committee of the Little Santa Party will be at Jaycees meetings and events asking members to adopt kids, so that we eventually have

one gift on each child's list (value around \$15). With 30to 40 kids participating, we will need help from as many people as possible. If you can't be there for the event, please consider adopting a child and helping to make his or her life a little more pleasant this holiday season.

Games, activities, carols and food are also part of this fun event. We need volunteers for the event, including folks to help set up for the event, coordinate activities during the event and clean up after it ends.

Baja Bean Company
1520 W. Main Street
(804) 257-5445
Tuesday, November 1
6:00 PM - Social
6:30 PM - Speaker begins

For more information,
contact:
Nikita Patel
358-6340

Please contact Kelley if you would like to volunteer at the party and/or adopt a child:
Kelley Hope
726-5270
curliegirly@yahoo.com

It's Time for Some Fall Comfort Food!

Nothing can take the chill off of a cold fall day like Comfort's squash casserole, mac n' cheese and other comfort food favorites. Join the Rendezvous gals for some warm conversation and tasty southern food to warm your soul. The rendezvous starts at 5:30 with drinks and dinner starts at 6:30.

Comfort
Broad and Adams

Wednesday, November 16
Happy hour at 5:30 PM
Dinner at 6:30 PM

For more info, contact:
Lori Hall
739-1587
Emily Gupton
794-6373
gupgirl2002@yahoo.com

Will it be a White Christmas???

We probably won't have a white Christmas in Richmond, but we definitely will have Christmas trees thanks to the work of our chapter. Yes, it is that time again. I am looking for volunteers to come out and help **set up the tree lot on Sunday, November 20th from 2-6pm**. We will be moving items from the storage center as well as putting in the poles for lights. Please come out and help set up. We also need people to start signing up for shifts at the tree lot. This year we will be **open from 10am – 9:30pm Sunday-Thursday and 10am-10pm on Friday and Saturday**. I have openings for a few more shift supervisors as well. We will take delivery of the trees on November 25th and start selling that day. **Call Elizabeth Miller at 648-7445 if you can help**. Remember this is our **BIGGEST FUNDRAISER** and all Jaycees should make the commitment to help.

November Drive for the Blind

Be a part of a longstanding Jaycees volunteer program - Drive for the Blind. Driveres are needed for shuttle members of the Federation of the Blind, Richmond Chapter to their monthly meeting on Monday, November 28th. 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 Aaryn Clark at 439-3162 or 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 that time.

Monday, November 28
6:45 to 9:30 PM

For more info, contact:
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Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 13

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: TBD



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