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**April is
National Volunteer Month.**

So many times, I've heard people say, "What can I do to make a difference? I'm only one person!" If you have caught yourself saying this phrase, then you need to walk away from the computer or couch right now! Find something in the community to do, because it is with this seemingly small act, that the world IS changed. Change happens when one person goes out and gets involved. Its that involvement that ignites passion. Its passion that inspires others to join you. And it's the passionate masses that influences government.

The Omaha Jaycees knows this fact. We have banded together to get involved in the Omaha community and ignite our passionate members. We know that not every member becomes passionate about the same cause, so the Omaha Jaycees offer a "buffet" of opportunities to get involve. Already this year, we have volunteered to bring help to animals in shelters, raising money for Alzheimer's, fixing up homes of the elderly, fundraising for inner city youth, judges for teens who excel in academics, and finding prom dresses for teens who wouldn't otherwise afford it. Our Community Team set the goal of achieving over 500 volunteer hours in 2010. In just 3 months, the Omaha Jaycees have already reached 186.5 hours. If you have been out with us, thank you. If you haven't been out yet, there is so much more that we are planning for the upcoming year. In May, we will be hosting our annual Special Olympics Village where we get to entertain the athletes. Every year, I hear about more growth from our volunteers than the attending athletes. We will be volunteering at Summer Music Festivals and the Cox Golf Classic. Many organizations now come to the Omaha Jaycees because they know that when we volunteer, we come out in massive numbers and work harder than any other group.

This is also where we need help from you. Not only do we need you to join us when we have volunteer projects, but we are ALWAYS look for more places where our help is needed. If you know of a cause, event, or just a fleeting idea of a volunteer project, PLEASE contact me. I would love to hear from you and your ideas!!

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Individual Development

Vice President: John McDermott

Keeping and Loving Your Job in Turbulent Times

When: Monday, April 26th at 5:30pm

Where Dundee Presbyterian Church,

5312 Underwood Ave., Omaha.

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The Omaha Jaycees and Omaha Toastmasters are partnering in this Professional Development event. The presentations will be on topics including: picking a job that matches your passion, time management, social skills in the workplace, embracing change, and how to start your own business. This evening also includes an interactive workshop on how to ace a job interview with feedback on what you may be doing wrong. Join us afterwards at the Dundee Dell for further networking, socializing, and beverages.

General Membership Meetings (GMM)

When: Third Wednesday of Every Month

Where: McKenna's Blues Booze and BBQ
7425 Pacific Street, Omaha, NE 68114

Every month, the Jaycees meet together to have a drink, eat some food, and learn what new projects are coming up. We also invite a guest to speak on various projects that our members might find interesting. If you have any suggestions for future guest speakers, please contact John at McDermottlawoffice@msn.com Guest Speakers for the upcoming months include:

Understanding Your Credit Score!

When: April 21st at 6:00pm

Brittni Redding is a Certified Mortgage specialist with First National Bank for 4 years. She will go over what is a credit report, what are the major credit agencies, common misconceptions, suggestions to improve credit scores, determining factors of the credit score, managing that credit report, and what is its impact on mortgages and other major purchases.

Visit the Joslyn Art Gallery!

When: May 12th at 6:00pm

GMM is 1 WEEK EARLY!!

Where: Joslyn Art Gallery

Come join the Omaha Jaycees for our monthly meeting followed by a private tour of exhibits at the Joslyn Art Gallery. Jaycee members, guests, and YAP members don't have to pay the admission price this evening.

Biggest Loser Challenge!

Contact Person: John McDermott

Just like the television show, you too can challenge yourself to become healthier by losing those unwanted pounds. John will give us more information at the May GMM, and the weigh-in's will begin at the June GMM. Biggest PERCENTAGE of weight loss by October will be crowned the "Biggest Loser!" More information to come!!

Cooking 101

When: June 6th, 2010

Where: Rachel Lewis's Home

Contact Person: Molly Woodworth at

clarkson_molly@yahoo.com

Jennifer Falstad who attended the Metro Culinary School is going to teach us about cooking tools, safety, easy appetizers and a yet to be decided dish. I'm pushing from scratch homemade mac n' cheese like Noodles and Company.



Tami and John with Nebraska Governor,
Dave Heineman

Community Service

Vice President: Amy Eggers

Academic Decathlon

Volunteers are needed for the Academic Decathlon National Finals on April 21st – April 24th, both of which are held in Omaha. Volunteers act as test proctors, scorers, and judges. This is a fun opportunity to be involved in the community, and our help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering, please let a board member know or contact Patrice Pirsch at Patrice.Pirsch@LFG.com.

Special Olympic Village

When: Saturday, May 22nd 2010

Where: Benson Track and Field

Contact Person: Rachel Lewis at

Rachel.lewis@ameristar.com

The Special Olympics Nebraska has a state track meet every year. We set up a “village” where the athletes can play games and win prizes in between competitions. The volunteers will be running the games and handing out the prizes. If we get enough people we will have two people at each tent. It is casual dress as we will be outside so be prepared for the weather.

Membership

Vice President: Molly Woodworth

World Food Tour!

Each month I will find a different foreign food restaurant for the group to go to and try that Nationalities cuisine.

The plan is to go mostly to mom and pop or hole-in-the-wall establishments when possible. Most people are somewhat reluctant to try new things by themselves so this would give people the support and encouragement needed to do so. Below is some information that will be shared regarding the culture of the month.

April 25th Korean Food 108th Q @ 5pm

May 9th New Gold Mountain 15505 Ruggles St,

May 23rd: Zum Biergarten 513 Fort Crook Road N

Bellevue

Murder Mystery Social

When: May 22nd, 2010

RSVP to attend with Molly at clarkson_molly@yahoo.com

Do you have what it takes to put the clues together to unravel the mystery. A dead body lays on the floor and the room is filled with clues. Come join us for dinner and a murder case to solve.

Friday Afterwork Clubs:

When: Last Friday every Month

The Friday Afterwork Club (FAC) is a long-standing favorite of the Omaha Jaycees. Meet together the last Friday every month for happy hour. It's a laid back atmosphere where guests, new members, experienced members are able to share a drink and socialize.

Questions or RSVP to attend with Molly at clarkson_molly@yahoo.com.

Dinkers Jitterbug Dancing Night!

When: Friday, April 30th

Where: Dinkers 2368 S 29th St and Eagles Club 24th and Douglas

We will be starting off the night at the Omaha legend Dinkers and after lots of yummy greasy food we'll be going over to the Eagles club at 7:30 for an 8pm beginning Swing Dance lesson. After the lesson the dance floor is open until midnight and is usually jumping. An awesome opportunity to learn a new skill!

SkateDaze

When: Friday, May 28th at 7:30pm

Where: Skate Daze 3616 S 132nd St

Going back to the days of youth, should be an amusing experience. See if you still remember how to skate or dust off those old skating skills.

Management

Vice President: Jaime Hann

TOYO Teens Awards Ceremony

When: Sunday, May 2nd, 2010 at 2:00pm

Where: Village Point Vibes

Outdoor Award Ceremony to present the Ten Outstanding Young Omaha Teens their award and scholarship. Looking for volunteers for 2-3 hours.

Contact Person: Molly Woodworth at clarkson_molly@yahoo.com

Village Point Vibes:

Mark your calendars for joining us every Saturday for some outdoor music at the Village Point Summer Concert Series. Sign up for volunteering on the Omaha Jaycees' Website!

Contact JR Rother at rrother@fnni.com with any questions.

Cox Classic

Mark your calendar for July 29th to August 1st.

Contact Tim Lens at tmlens@yahoo.com

Jaycees Creed

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life.

That the brotherhood of men 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.

April 2010

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4	5	6	7 Exec Meeting	8 NCI Convention	9 NCI Convention	10 NCI Convention World Food Tour
11 NCI Convention	12	13	14 Board Meeting	15 State Awards Submissions	16 FNB Social	17 Huskers Home Human Society Black Tie & Tails
18	19	20	21 GMM FNB: Academic Decathlon	22 FNB: Academic Decathlon FNB Meeting	23 FNB: Academic Decathlon	24 FNB: Academic Decathlon
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May 2010

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2 State Convention Kearney TOYO Teens Ceremony	3	4	5 Exec Meeting Board Meeting	6	7	8 Game Night
9 World Food Tour	10	11 Cox Executive Networking event	12 GMM: Joslyn Museum	13	14	15
16 Movie	17	18	19	20 FNB Meeting	21 FNB Social	22 Special Olympics Village Murder Mystery
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30 Project Proposals	31 Memorial Day					