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What Opportunities Await You?



November is now here and that gives us only 2 more months before we say good-bye to 2009. In 2009 the Omaha Jaycees board has provided new opportunities for our members, such as Farming for the Food Bank, new GMM locations, and provided new social experiences. We would like to continue to

make a difference to the community while providing leadership training to our members. This vision is still projected for the rest of the year.

At our last GMM we elected our 2010 Executive Board. The Exec Board is made up of the President and 4 Vice Presidents. 2010 Executive Board will be:

President	Tami McDowell
VP of Management	Jamie Hann
VP of Community Service	Amy Eggers
VP of Membership	Molly Woodworth
VP of Individual Development	John McDermott

When you see these individuals the next time please remember to first congratulate them for their enthusiasm to lead the Omaha Jaycees in 2010 but also offer them advice or suggestions on what you want for 2010. In December we will be electing our 2010 Directors. These are board members that are report to the Executive Board. Now it is really not that scary to think about being on the board.

Why do people decide to be on the board?

- They are interested in finding out the inner workings of the group
- They are looking for an opportunity to meet new people

- They are natural leaders and want to get involved
- They are want to become better leaders

These are all great reasons to get involved on the board. Depending on what your interest or goals are will help to determine what Area of Opportunity (Management, Community Service, Membership, or Individual Development). But there are not only Director positions available there are many appointed or board positions, such as Treasurer, Legal Council, Webmaster, Newsletter Article, PR Director. Please talk to Tami or myself if you are interested. And of course the sooner the better since 2010 Executive board will be brainstorming on their directors in the coming days. Please think about how you can shape the chapter!

As we move into the final months of 2009, I want each member to think about that their role is as Jaycees and how you can make an impact. I also want you to consider how much you've grown this year and what path you should take to go to a step farther next year. Educate yourself about all the various offices or chair positions you can hold, ask someone to mentor you, and push yourself outside your comfort zone. It is what you do with your opportunities that will stay with you for a lifetime!

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties. ~Harry Truman

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Management

By Rebecca Kaup

November is here so that means the start of the holiday season. The Management team is busying planning 2 of our largest award ceremonies – TOYO 77th and 6th Annual TOYO Teens. Many months of planning by committee members allow us to continue to honor teens and young professionals who are making a difference in our community. I highly recommend all members to get involved in either event.

TOYO Teens

TOYO Teens award was created to honor Metro Omaha teens between the ages of 13-19 who are making a difference in the Omaha community. We partner with Village Pointe Shopping Center to acknowledge these teens Amy Eggers (aceggers@hotmail.com) and Molly Woodworth (clarkson_molly@yahoo.com) will be chairing this project.

If you are looking to get involved now is the time to join the 6th Annual TOYO Teens committee. Beginning in early October, the committee will be contacting schools, spreading the word, and organizing the award ceremony, so there is still time to join the committee. If you are interested in participating in TOYO Teens please email either of them.

TOYO 77th

For 77 years, the Jaycees have honored the most remarkable individuals in Omaha by presenting the TOYO (Ten Outstanding Young Omahans) Awards. These Ten Outstanding Young Omahans, between the ages of 21-40, must exemplify excellence in both the professional and personal arenas, while taking an active role in giving back to the community. This year is a milestone with our 77th year. The Ten Outstanding Young Omahans for 2009 will be honored at a banquet on **January 27, 2010** at Qwest Center Omaha.

TOYO Applications were due on November 1, 2009. Shonda Molacek is this year's TOYO Judging Chair and will be getting out all the applications received to the panel of judges. Shonda will then compile all the scores from the judges to determine who our top 15 applicants are. Then the next step is for the top 15 to come in for interviews on December 2th (Wednesday). If you are interested in

helping as door greeter the evening of judging, please contact Shonda Molacek at slm1332@cox.net.

All TOYO Chair positions have been filled. With the event 3 months away, Becky Kaup will be requesting additional committee members closer to the banquet. Be on the lookout for these opportunities in future newsletters.

Individual Development

By Lisa Tonjes

November General Membership Meeting (GMM)

Ethics in the Workplace

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

McKenna's Blues Booze and BBQ

7425 Pacific Street, Omaha, NE 68114

6:00 – 8:00pm

Ethics in the Workplace...don't leave home without it!

Dr. Jim Eckman is president of Grace University and professor of History, Theology and Ethics. In addition to his role and responsibilities at Grace, he is an ordained minister, leads annual tours to Israel, and speaks at seminars and in churches throughout the Midwest nearly every weekend. He also hosts a weekly radio program on current issues called Issues in Perspective that airs over several Salem Communications radio stations including KCRO in Omaha, as well other radio stations in the Midwest. His "Perspective" also can be read or heard on the Grace University website or as an e-mail. He has authored four books and over four dozen articles.

Speed Networking

Speed Networking will resume in January 2010 after the holiday season.

Congratulations to John McDermott, the 2010 Individual Vice President. If you have an ideas or suggestions for upcoming speakers or events please let us know.

Contact Lisa Tonjes at tonjes74@yahoo.com or 402-350-3220 if you have questions.

Community Development

By Bruce Moritz

Drumsticks on Wheels

Saturday November 21st, the Omaha Jaycees will be helping the Open Door Mission in their Second Annual Drumsticks on Wheels. This project delivers Thanksgiving baskets to underprivileged families in Omaha. Volunteers will meet at 11:00 AM The Old Mattress Factory at 13th and Capitol, by the Qwest Center at to organize and carpool. To volunteer contact Bruce at bmoritz@woodmen.org or bruce_moritz@yahoo.com. You can also sign up on our website.

Hometown Holidays

It's once again time for our signature community event of the year. Hometown Holidays provides gifts for the kids of the Nebraska Children's Home, who without our help would not receive any holiday gifts. We are once again working with merchants at Village Pointe Shopping Center who will host holiday trees. Each tree will be decorated with names of children and what they need this holiday season. Patrons will be encouraged to take a tag and purchase approximate \$50 in gifts for that child. Unwrapped gifts can be returned to those merchants or the Village Pointe Management office. We are in need of volunteers to set up trees on Tuesday November 24th at 6:00pm. We will meet at the management office next to the Funny Bone. The Kickoff Celebration and tree lighting will be held on Friday November 27th at Village Pointe Shopping Center. Additional volunteers will be needed to shop for children's gifts on Saturday December 19th. For many Jaycees, shopping for Hometown Holidays is their favorite event of the year.

Both of these volunteer opportunities fill up quickly. Be sure to get your name submitted early. Contact Bruce Moritz at bmoritz@woodmen.org or bruce_moritz@yahoo.com or signup on our website.

Membership

By Wesley Siebert

The new Exec Team is in place and looking to build a strong and disciplined board to lead the Jaycees into 2010. If you have been looking for additional opportunities for leadership, then I strongly encourage you to consider running for board elections.

2010 is going to be an important year for the Omaha Chapter. Like many volunteer and professional organizations the Jaycees have seen a reduction in their membership base over the past year. Despite this drop in numbers, our impact on our community and ourselves continues to be strong. Continue to look at friends, colleagues and acquaintances for people that are searching for leadership roles, as well as community and personal development. There is no other professional group that allows you so many opportunities for growth both personally and professionally.

FAC (Friday Afternoon Club)

When: Friday November 20th 5:30-???

Where: TBD...

Are You Up for Renewal?

If your name appears below, please contact me (or renew online) by October 12th to receive your discounted renewal rate of \$60.00.

(Omahajayceesmembership@yahoo.com)

Brad	Pearson
Dave	Stara
Jess	Paisley
Kasey	Hopwood
Sharly	Borer
Jeremy	Curtright
Renee	Hume
Justin	Disch
Tim	Eischeid
Tony	Haggar

First National Bank Subgroup

By Doug Gilbert

Hello and greetings from FNBO! The subgroup as stated in the last newsletter is on a mission. Our membership completed a survey put together by the board and it was welcomed with an over 50% response rate and even better feedback. After compiling all of the responses we held an open board meeting where members could attend and help provide the blueprint for the group moving forward. This was then brought to the membership at our monthly meeting that was held on

October 21st. The response and feedback was well received and has given us an action plan going into elections and end of year. I would like to take this time to "THANK" all who attended these planning meetings as well as those who filled out the survey. The input will continue the group on its mission to provide our membership with a greater sense of community, leadership and self.

YOUR OMAHA 2020

Young Professionals Visioning Session

November 10

6:30-9:00

Holiday Inn Convention Center

Palace Ballroom

on 72nd and Grover

What is your vision for Omaha in the year 2020? Join other YP's as we craft vision statements, make goals and create action-oriented steps! We need your input!!

RSVP at www.omahayoungprofessionals.com

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Josh Tresemer	2 Craig Fabrikant	3 Kimberly O'Connell	4 John McDermott	5 Katie Neddenriep	6 Zachary Jilek Jennifer Hunt	7
8	9	10 Amy Eggers	11 Jami McGinn	12	13	14
15 Abby Johnson	16 Justin Disch	17 Bridget Eggers	18 Nathan Schmidt GMM	19 Bruce Moritz Jamie O'Brien	20 FAC	21 Drumsticks on Wheels
22	23 Elizabeth Peet Jared Bakewell	24 John Mickelson	25	26	27 Hometown Holidays Tree Lighting Ceremony	28
29	30					

Birthdays in Black

Omaha Jaycees events in Red