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February 2010 NCJC Newsletter

Fellow Jaycees!

Dear Fellow Jaycees: We are in month two of our year and we are having a BALL. We need all chapters to keep up the good work you are doing. I am so excited that we were at growth for the month of January. We can still make the same strides for February if we all work hard. Remember our Three R Principles"-Recruit, Retain and Rejuvenate. We can do it if we work together. Our inspirational thought for the upcoming month is:

Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing toward what will be. - Kahlil Gibran

Sincerely,

Maria
74th President of the North Carolina Junior Chamber

Distinguished Service Awards

It is time to recognize those people that have helped us make the NC Jaycees strong by supporting our chapters and our communities. We are now taking nominations for our Distinguished Service Awards including: • Outstanding Senior Citizen • Outstanding Young North Carolinian • Outstanding Teenager • Outstanding Young Farmer • Outstanding Young Public Servant • Outstanding Young Educator • Boss of the Year The forms have been updated and are available on the NC Jaycees website. Nominations are due to the Raleigh office by March 25, 2010. We will have the DSA Awards banquet on April 10, 2010 at the NC Jaycee Burn Center in Chapel Hill. Once the program is finalized, we will have more specifics for you to share with your nominees. Don't miss out on this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to those that stand with us making our communities stronger. Questions, please feel free to contact me at kelmouse@live.com

Kelly Eakes Awards Program Manager.

NCJC New Address

Please remember the NCJC's have a new mailing address and phone number North Carolina Jaycees 6300 Creedmoor Rd, Ste 170, #257 Raleigh, NC 27612 Ph: 336-833-NCJC *Please note that the ENTIRE address, including suite and box #, MUST be included for us to get the item. This address is to be used starting immediately for payments and all other physical mail correspondence. Packages, including CPG books, should be mailed to this address. This is a commercial mailbox service with staff available Mon - Sat who are able to accept packages on our behalf. As an alternative, chapters may still choose to use the drop-box for CPG submissions and the like at NCJC Headquarters in Asheboro.

National Outstanding Young Farmer

2010 National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress- Raleigh, NC
by USJC OYF Program Manager Stacy Hanna

February 11-14th, sixteen NC Jaycees participated and volunteered at the USJC administered National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress in Raleigh, NC. The weekend included tours of John Deere's Turf Care Manufacturing Facility, Cotton Incorporated, and Vick Family Farm. There were also many luncheons and dinners with guests including NC Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler, Comedian Jay Hendren, Orion Samuelson from WGN Radio in Chicago, Dr. David Jones from NCSU, USJC President Jeff Lank, and John Deere's David Thorne, Cheryl and Gordon Salley.

Ten finalists were interviewed prior to the selection of the four national winners. The four winners were: Richard and Debbie Norz, New Jersey; Brandon and Monica Schafer, Minnesota; Ryan and Annie Williams, Texas; Patrick and Sara McGuire, Michigan. Each received various plaques and gifts, including monetary grants. This year our goal is to receive 75 nominations by the August 1, 2010 deadline. More information can be found at www.usjaycees.org.

The Outstanding Farmers of America Fraternity is made up of past nominees of the Outstanding Young Farmer Program. The fraternity is designed to facilitate an exchange of ideas and friendship that encourages excellence and involvement in agriculture and the local, state, and national community. There are approximately 1,500 members of the fraternity across the nation who utilize their connections with each other in a strong networking format to assist farmers and promote the importance of America's farming community. The OFA vision is to be a Positive Voice in Agriculture by fostering Strong Relationships by offering the best opportunities in Education and Networking and recognizing efforts in Land Stewardships, Community Involvement and Modern Business Practices. (ofafraternity.org)

The roots of the NOYF program date back to the founding of the US Junior Chamber. In 1920, in his first speech as National President, founder Henry Giessenbier stated that one of two national concerns on which the Junior Chamber should focus its attention was the improvement of conditions for the farmer and better urban-rural relations through an understanding of agricultural problems.

Many years later, in 1951, Jaycee Dale Spears of Shenandoah, Iowa, put Giessenbier's challenge into action in designing a program to honor Shenandoah's Outstanding Young Farmers. It was soon conducted as a state-wide program by the Iowa Junior Chamber and, in 1954, was adopted by The

US Junior Chamber as a national priority program.

Today's farmer is an entrepreneur in a complex agribusiness. He or she must understand all aspects of farming, including computers, farm implements, and other equipment used in today's operations. He or she must also comprehend the complexities of fertilizer and insecticide to raise the high volume and quality crops demanded by consumers worldwide, while not running afoul of environmental regulations.

the farmer's business has changed, so has the involvement in the community. Today's farmer has become an active citizen, participating in everything from local and state government to civic groups and

charitable organizations. It is not only fitting that farmers be honored for their achievements - it is essential.

The purpose of the National Outstanding Young Farmer program is to bring about a greater interest in the farmer, to foster better urban-rural relations through the understanding of the farmers' problems, to develop an appreciation of their contributions and achievements, and to inform the agribusiness community of the growing urban awareness of farmers' importance and impact on America's economy.

NCJC Online Store

As requested, the North Carolina Junior Chamber online store is up and running. You can reach it using the link from the NCJC website or click here: <http://www.promoxml.com/eStore/Stear472/2591>

When you purchase items using the NCJC logo, 5% of your purchase price will come back to NCJC for marketing purposes. If you want to order items for your chapter or company, you can upload logos when you order.

I can also have special items or logos uploaded for you. For example, the New Orleans USJC convention shirt design and pins will be available for purchase on this site. If you are looking for something that you don't see on the store, goto www.usjcproducts.com and see if it is already listed by Stearns Promotions. I can have it added to our store for you to purchase it.

Questions? Email me at shanna@ncjaycees.org

Stacy Hanna

NCJC License Plate



NC Jaycees deserve the publicity!

When you are driving these days, do you find yourself looking at all the different license plates that are on cars these days? There are plates for the Watermelon and Tennis Interest group, Trout Unlimited, and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Further, there are license plates for the Lions,

and Rotary and Ruritan Clubs. But NO NC Jaycees plate. I know we are all very proud of being a Jaycee and we all believe in our organization and all the good works that we do. So let's show this state (and the Nation) that we believe in the Jaycees, and get the North Carolina DMV to publish

a NC Jaycee License Plate.

We need 300 completed applications in order to get the DMV to print the NC Jaycee license plate. After one year, we unfortunately still need many more applications. The cost is only an extra \$20 per year for the plate (\$50 per year if you wish to personalize it). Of this \$10 will go back to the NC Jaycees for funding of non profit activities throughout the year! Yes there is an extra benefit – the NC Jaycees get great publicity for our club and \$10.

Complete an application at <http://www.ncjcisenate.org/ncjcplate.html>. You can mail the application and payment, or email the application and use PayPal. Please send **by March 15, 2010** or we may be forced to postpone this project.

Please show our pride in the NC Jaycees and complete an application today!



Mid-Year Convention Bids

Just a quick reminder Mid-Year Convention Bids are due March 1, 2010. Please refer to the Policy Manual-"Meeting Section" for questions and or email VP Stacy-shanna@ncjaycees.org with questions.

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