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“Celebrate. Inspire. Explore the Possibilities...” was the central theme for 2004, and we started the year celebrating at the Winter Carnival. The festival, extended this year as part of the NHL All-Star Game at the Xcel Energy Center, featured an Ice Palace - the first one in more than a generation that visitors could walk through! The Saint Paul Jaycees were involved in several aspects of the frozen festivities: managing parades, volunteering at the Ice Palace, and selling Winter Carnival merchandise and buttons. The chapter’s share of merchandise and button sales profits accounted for 20% of its annual fundraising goal.

The Saint Paul Jaycees explored other history-making opportunities, supporting Grand Excursion 2004 with volunteers to help guests board and embark from riverboats that cruised along the Mississippi River. But the chapter also kept up with many favorite chapter events, including the School Police Patrol Parade and Picnic, the Best 100 Art Show, the Children’s Holiday Celebration, and the Les Farrington Triple Play. With a stated goal to support smaller organizations, the chapter participated in several community projects such as Books for Africa, Amy Johnson Residence Valentine’s Party, and Buckthorn Clean-Up...in all, we partnered with more than 30 local non-profits, city, county and state agencies.

Inspired by the variety of opportunities available to Jaycees, President Hiebert encouraged chapter members to explore the possibilities in improving their own healthy habits. For four months, chapter members participated in the “Presidential Healthy Lifestyle Challenge,” participating in more than a dozen special activities that

focused on: physical fitness/wellness, nutrition, spirituality, and stress management. The ID Team also offered a variety of personal and professional development activities that ranged from learning about their social/professional style, conflict management, and using humor in the workplace to more physical endeavors like hiking, rollerblading, canoeing - and even skydiving!

The activity and excitement of the Saint Paul Jaycees has proven contagious. As of press time, the chapter has steadily grown during the year, from a 159-member start to 174 members year-to-date. The Saint Paul Jaycees continue to lead by example, in every project they run, relationships they build, organizations they support, the communities they celebrate, people they inspire, and possibilities they explore. On October 2, 2004, past and current Saint Paul Jaycees came together to celebrate our chapter’s diamond anniversary and renew our unwavering commitment to many more years of service to humanity.



Saint Paul Jaycee members attend one of the games played by the Midway Little League team they sponsor annually.