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Thank You



Justin Lashley
85th President

This is my last Connection, as I enter the last month of presidency. What a year it has been. I want to say thank you to everyone, who has made this year successful. It would not have been possible to have done everything we did without the help of each and every one

of you. We did a lot of exciting and new events this year and these all gave the Saint Paul Jaycees more visibility, and let our members experience different parts of Saint Paul. I had the great experience of seeing past leaders stay in touch to help the organization and myself, and saw many new leaders step up. Below are some final thoughts I would like to leave you with over the holiday season.

On November 12, we had our Membership Appreciation Party and during this event, we also held the 2012 board elections. Everyone had a great time at this event! The 2011 Board of Directors and I again say thank you for all of your hard work this year. We really appreciate all you have done to make this past year a success for the

chapter. We also extend a "Congratulations and Welcome" to Dawn and her 2012 Board of Directors as they were all elected at this same event.

Have you been to our chapter website lately? If you have not, take some time this month to visit www.stpauljaycees.org. We have rolled out the new site, and I think this will become a valuable tool in the recruitment of new members. I have received very good feedback from several people on how to make the site look even better and I appreciate all the advice everyone has given. Make sure you sign up for the newsletter/post, and you will receive an email when there is a blog or calendar posting. This will drive our information directly to your inbox.

Membership ebbs and flows throughout the year, but we did end the year down in membership. I ask you to please tell co-workers, employees, and friends what a great organization we have and share your experiences from being a Jaycee. This is how we can really get long term members into our chapter. If we all get one new member in 2012, just think of the possibilities of what we can do! If you have any new ideas around recruiting friends and/or coworkers within your current organization, please feel free to contact Dawn at dawnstillmunkes@hotmail.com; she said that she's more than willing to help you engage these people and get them to consider joining!

I am proud of what we have done in 2011, and I can not say enough that the 2011 Board of Directors did a great job for the chapter. We will be finishing out the year strong, as we have two large Community events coming in December. I look forward to seeing the excitement on everyone's face as we hold our two holiday parties, as they are always a great time.

I would like to say one last thank you to the 2011 Presidential Selection Committee. I have really enjoyed my time as President, and know it has helped me grow as a person and as a leader. I started out by being a board member and then stepped into this role. It is hard to explain everything that you learn by being on the board and especially being President, but the benefits will be with you the rest of your life. If you are ever asked to be in a leadership position, just remember that it is a great experience. I can attest to that.

Special Notes:

* We will not be mailing out printed Connection newsletters starting on Jan. 1, unless you contact me and ask for a printed copy by Dec. 15.

* If you do not currently receive the 'YAHOO! group email', contact me and I'll make sure that you are added to the list.

* Contact me at justinlashley1@yahoo.com.

Deb Most Administrative Vice President

It is award season in the St. Paul Jaycees. So get out the Champagne, get in your fancy duds and get ready to celebrate!

On December 3, the Minnesota Jaycees will recognize the 10 Outstanding Young Minnesotans, one of our nominees Ni Suphavong, owner of Jade Logistics, a freight logistics company in Eagan. Ni is building a company that from the beginning includes giving back to the community, encouraging her staff to volunteers as well as donating do non-profits around the world. On January 7 the St. Paul Jaycees will be hosting a Gala, We will not only be celebrating all the achievements of the previous year, we will also be recognizing the great work our own members have done this year – and it has been great work. The Jaycees board chooses the award winners after much discussion.

During the weekend of January 27-29, the Minnesota Jaycees will hold the Annual Convention at Crown Plaza North in Minneapolis. Besides socializing and training, the Minnesota Jaycees will be recognizing project and people throughout the state.

The awards' main purpose is to recognize achievements. These achievements go above and beyond what is expected of the recipients. Awards are a way of showing our appreciation for what members do for us and our community.

Awards have another purpose- they are examples of what we value. The recipients can provide ideas and inspiration for other members of the Jaycees. To me, the best part of any award is finding out what the recipients did to get these awards. It is so much fun to see what other people are doing in the Jaycees.

SAVE the DATES

Watch your mailboxes for an invitation to the

2012 Annual Gala Black Tie Event

Sat., Jan. 7, 2012

DeGidio's Restaurant & Bar

Social: 6:00 p.m. - Dinner & Program: 7:00 p.m.

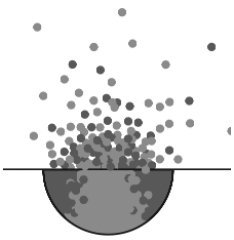
Questions? Contact Gena at gena@coolestvolunteer.com or 651-226-6312

2012 Annual Convention

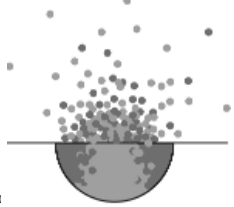
Jan., 27-29, 2012

Crowne Plaza Minneapolis North

Online Registration: <http://mnjaycees.org/learn/conventions-events/state-conventions/>



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That the brotherhood of man 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 the human personality;

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.



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Saint Paul, MN 55107

Upcoming Events

Please see our website for complete details at www.stpauljaycees.org

Fri., Dec. 2 - December Meet & Greet;
Stouts Pub (The Old Chianti Grill)
1611 Larpenteur Avenue, Falcon Heights, MN

Sat., Dec. 10 - Les Farrington Children's Holiday Celebration;
Merrick Community Services
715 Edgerton Street, Saint Paul, MN
(Note the NEW LOCATION!)

Thurs., Dec. 15 - White Elephant Gift Exchange;
El Toro - 199 Plato Blvd., Saint Paul, MN

Sat., Dec. 17 - Les Farrington Special Olympics;
Arlington High School
1495 Rice Street, Saint Paul, MN

Sat., Jan. 7 - 2012 Annual Gala (Black Tie Event)
DeGidio's Restaurant & Bar
425 West 7th Street, Saint Paul, MN

Special "Thanks" To:

November Meet & Greet Chair
at Town Hall Brewery:
- Elyssa Weber

Membership Appreciation
Party Coordinators at
Sun Ray Bowling Alley:

- Nicole Anderson
- Tara Broker-Lashley
- Sam Goodwin
- Deb Most



Saint Paul Jaycees 2011 Accomplishments

Total Members: 87

Funds Raised for Charitable Foundation: \$6,074

Funds Raised for Chapter: \$15,488

Community Hours: 530

Fundraising Hours: 1,756

