

Virginia Jaycees Life Membership Association

Celebrating and Making Our History

October 2014

A Word from President Sabitha...

Hello Life Members!

Hope everyone had a relaxing and fun summer! The LMA family had several get-togethers these past few months, giving everyone a chance to catch up and socialize. We had our annual planning meeting at the Goin farm, which was attended by over forty Life Members. A beautiful day combined with delicious food and a large serving of Roz and Sam's hospitality made for a productive afternoon!

On September 13th Life Members held regional socials in the NOVA, Capital, Highland-Mountain and Atlantic regions. They varied from luncheons to beer tastings and brewery tours. I want to thank our regional coordinators Blair Hedgepeth, Christine Hopkins, Leslie Hager, Joyce Cooke and Chris Taylor for organizing the socials. A very special event took place at the Capital regional social. We presented Joe Lewis his Life Membership certificate, which was a follow up to his initial presentation at the May meeting. His wife and daughter very proudly accompanied him for this long overdue honor.



Now that the leaves are changing, we are reminded that fall is here! This is the season for our annual trip to Chincoteague in October and the Jaycees' state convention in November. This year we will be celebrating the Jaycees' 75th anniversary, and I invite all Life Members to join us for this momentous occasion in Dulles. As always, our Hospitality Goddess Roz Goin will have a delicious spread for us to feast upon and Joyce Cooke and her team – Blair Hedgepeth and Gerald Marchek – have a fun filled weekend planned for us in the LMA suite.

Seventy-five years is quite an accomplishment! Just as Life Members stepped up to help us when we were Jaycees, let's continue the tradition of supporting current Jaycees with any assistance they may need. Let's ensure the Virginia Jaycees continue for another seventy-five years and beyond!

Part of the Virginia Jaycees legacy is Camp Virginia Jaycee – founded by Bill Robertson, a past Roanoke Jaycee and a very close friend of Joe Lewis. Camp celebrates its 45th year of serving the special needs community, and the LMA is proud to be a partner in these efforts. I am very pleased our Camp Vice-President Lee Wolfe, a long time advocate of Camp, will be leading us in an effort to raise funds so the LMA can provide more camperships this year.

I've had an opportunity to meet some of you for the first time, and some of you whom we have missed. We will have many opportunities this year to continue reconnecting with current members, and introducing new members to the LMA family. Please stop in our suite at any one of the upcoming state meetings and join us for our winery tour in March and regional socials we have planned for the rest of the year.

I want to thank you, the Life Members, for welcoming me as your President and for your continuous support. To the best executive team, I appreciate all your efforts these past few months and look forward to a fun-filled year.

Here's to Celebrating and Making Our History!

Camp Vice President - Lee

Hello fellow "Ellie May-ers"! I hope this finds you all well and looking forward to Fantastic Fall!

As your Camp VP, my job has become to create an event that generates funds for CVJC. If you were at the summer planning session, you know a 5k race is in the making. The tentative date is April 25 at Greenwood park in Salem, VA (waiting on confirmation from the park), which will sync with Founder's Day at the camp. Now, I've never chaired an event like this one before, but President Sabitha and her home chapter had a 5k race annually for a few years for camp. So whether or not she knows it, she has her hands full with me as we work on all the race details! lol

Please keep this in mind: I'm asking for volunteers to help with the race (we will need sponsors, items donated, volunteers to work the race, etc.) So if anyone is willing to help, please let me know!

I will be passing along more details soon, probably through our listserv or via Facebook. Please watch out for them!

The year 2014 will be over before you know it; get out there and enjoy what's left of it! Don't forget to continue support of local chapters; just because we're the "old farts" doesn't mean we can't lend a hand every now and then. I think you'd be surprised how appreciative they will be! Just a call to boost their confidence will be well worth your time -- trust me!



In the Jaycee/LMA spirit,



Our Liaison - Christine

Hi there! I would like to do more talking upfront at the upcoming meetings. To make this a reality, please encourage your chapters to nominate worthy participants or give a hint to a Jaycee that can help a chapter complete a nomination. The application form is on the LMA website and linked to the Virginia Jaycees website. Please have anyone who is interested in submitting a nomination, and who has any sort of questions, contact me by email at cshopkins1027@gmail.com. I'll be happy to guide anyone through the application process and read any nomination drafts if desired. Let's recognize those Jaycees who deserve a Life Membership!



State Functions Vice President - Joyce

Hello Life Members!

Here I go again as State Functions V.P.! I can't remember how many times I've done this job but it must be amazing or I wouldn't keep saying yes. ☺

Speaking of amazing, I want to thank Roz, Scott, and Rob for doing such an amazing job this past year. Roz's yummy food, Rob's delicious specialty drinks, and Scott's products were the highlight of the meetings! **THANK YOU!**

Our wonderful Roz Goin is our Hospitality Goddess once again (we are so lucky!) She will provide delicious food for us during our weekends. For those of you new to the LMA suite, there will be appetizers Friday night, breakfast on Saturday morning, and an incredible feast on Saturday night. She works very, very hard!!!

Scott Grantham will be carrying on as our Products Director. See Scott for your LMA hats, shirts, etc... I love mine!

Rob Cooke will continue as our Web Master, keeping our site up to date and informative.

Gerry Marchek will be taking over the bar this year and I look forward to some delightful beverages.

Jennifer Rebby will be doing our Newsletter this year! It will be great to have a newsletter once again!

Blair Hedgepeth will be providing entertainment this year. She hasn't clued me in yet on the plans but I can't wait!

Please show all these folks some love throughout the year by telling them how much you appreciate what they do! Hopefully, by the time you read this, you're getting ready to come with the LMA to Chincoteague Island on October 17th! One of the great things about our LMA family is that we love to travel and spend time together. Hope to see you there!

Happy Trails!



Hospitality Goddess - Roz

Okay people, I cordially invite (and sort of insist) you to come to the LMA Suite and eat, eat, and eat some more. We will be open Friday evening with a assortment of snacks. Saturday morning we will have a complimentary breakfast in the same suite--time to be determined. There will be NO lunch this time. The Jaycees are having their awards luncheon, and it was determined that we should not compete with them. You are encouraged to attend their luncheon instead of ours. Saturday night will be our usual (slightly more upscale) reception for all of our new inductees. Don't make me smack your hand---you know you don't dive in until our new family members have arrived. I look forward to seeing you soon.



Entertainment Director - Blair



Buckle your safety belts and take off with the LMA!

As your 2014 Entertainment Director, I want to personally invite you to the LMA Suite during the November State Meeting in my neck of the woods, the Dulles area of Northern Virginia. **As you roam about the conference**, make sure to celebrate with the LMA's with the **launch** of several new activities throughout the entire conference, including a "Hollywood Game Night" type evening on Saturday and a "selfie" and "team selfie" competition. At this time, we request that all mobile phones be fully charged and ready to chronicle the **take off** of the 75th Anniversary of the Virginia Jaycees for the full duration of the conference.

Attendees and Crew- doors on automatic, cross-check and report. Thank you!

Bar Master - Gerald

Thank you allowing me the opportunity to serve as your bar master for the 2014-2015 LMA year.

The next two meetings are in some interesting locations, so we plan on having a drink menu around our locations. The fall meeting is near Dulles International Airport; I am planning several airline related drinks. We might have a beverage cart on Friday night, space is permitting. The winter meeting is again in Virginia Beach and I would like a beach theme, but of course I do not want to see snow flying upwards. I have been told that the suite will be in a timeshare attached to the hotel, so we should have a decent hospitality suite.

Now something about myself. I have been in the tax, bookkeeping and payroll business for 27 years. I have worked in a lot of industries over the years as a primary occupation, but now I will stay with what I know: taxes. I have served the LMA as Treasurer three times, director, both vice presidents, president in 1999-2000, chairman of the board, chaplain, and liaison.



This picture is from my trip to Alaska on my birthday. The puppy was six weeks old. Picture was taken at the musher's camp outside Juneau, the state capital. Hope to see many of you in Dulles in November...



"Raise Your Glass!"



Products Director – Scott

Products? You want clothing with VA JCLMA and Ol' Farty on 'em? We've got them or can get whatever you want with Ol' Farty embroidered on them!! We now have available for sale to life members: polo shirts, both in green and blue, both men's and women's short sleeved denim shirts, men's long sleeved denim shirts (all are \$20 each, and I have just about every size covered) and now, navy blue, Haynes Beefy-T pocket T-shirts, with Ol' Farty in full color on the back for \$15 each. If I don't have what you are looking for, let me know what you want with Ol' Farty on it and I can have it for you within a few weeks. Also, check out the Marketing on Main website they have set up just for us to see some of what is available:

<http://www.companycasuals.com/vajaycees/start.jsp>. You can also get to this link on the LMA website home page (www.VAJCLMA.com) by clicking the "products" link on the lower left. See y'all in November,



Chaplain - Lisa

Hello fellow Virginia Life Members!

I just wanted to take a moment in this first newsletter of the year to say hello and introduce myself as your Chaplain for the year.

This is a "repeat role" for me. I was honored to have this position a few years ago when I was very new to the LMA. I hope to do an even better job this time. Many don't know this, but I am actually an ordained minister.

Although my life as a self-employed Mindset Coach is very hectic and I work a lot of hours to keep my business going, support myself, and help my clients make important changes in their lives, I still wanted to be able to contribute to the betterment of the LMA and support my good friend, Sabitha, in her LMA presidency this year.

Sometimes we get wrapped up in our lives and the "busy"ness of the 21st Century. There seems to be so much to do and so little time to do it. Adding something else to the plate can feel overwhelming. Finding ways to give even just a little of your time and talents in volunteer work, even if in little ways or time to time, pays immense dividends.

If you're not on the board this year, not on a committee, or not even very active in the Life Member Association to which you have been inducted by virtue of your past support to the Jaycee organization, I encourage you to find ways to help out, even just a little, even on occasion. "You can't be everything to everyone, but you can be something to someone."

As your chaplain this year, I will do my best to keep you aware of significant events in the lives of your fellow Life Members, to pass on your events and requests for prayers or help, to represent the creed idea that "faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life" by attending major functions and leading with prayer, and to be here as moral/spiritual support for anyone of you who need it. Sabitha and I will be in communication with each other about such events and make important announcements through the listserv email as well as the Facebook LMA group page and at our in-person functions.

Let me know how I can serve you.

In love and light,



Regional Socials Galore

September 13, 2014 was a popular date. We had four regional socials at the same time!!
Great minds think alike!! Take a look at who joined the fun...



NOVA Region LMA and Jaycees enjoyed a private tour at Port City Brewing Company. On the tour were Sean Murphy, Lillian Cheng, Skip Hilton and Blair Hedgepeth



Highland/Mountain Region gathered at the Texas Steak House in Staunton.

Good times included Paula See, Scott Grantham, Elissa Shields Grantham, Joyce Cooke, Rob Cooke, Bryant Blankenship and Bridget Harvey Blankenship.



Regional Socials continued...



Atlantic Region held a progressive social in Norfolk with Chris Taylor, Lee Walker, Ronda Shelby, Sabitha Venkatesh and Jennifer Rebbly. First stop was Smartmouth Brewing Company.

Next stop was Tortilla West and then...



They ended the evening at The Birch, one of the top 50 beer bars in the world!

But wait, there's more...



Capital Region met at the Capital Ale House in Innsbrook. Enjoying themselves were Kay Faries, Dan Benka, Elizabeth Benka, Christine Hopkins, Jackie Julien, Bill Duncan, Sabitha Venkatesh, Peggy Mchugh, and Jennifer Rebbby



Carroll Mason (L) was at his first LMA event in 30 years!



Joe Lewis and his family were the guests of honor.



A Jaycee Alumni Social was held on Friday, September 19, 2014, in Uptown Martinsville as part of the TGIF Concert Series. Approximately 25 former Jaycees attended including (L-R) Virginia Life Members Timmy Lawson, Jeanne Lawson, Ralph Lawson, Kathy Lawson, John Phillips, Marla Rogers, Susan Turner, Mark Philpott, Walter Sheppard, Dan Hennis, Dee Hennis, Manker Stone, and W.C. Fowlkes.



Minutes of the Summer Board Meeting...

July 20, 2014 @ Goin Family Farm

President Sabitha called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elissa Grantham

Camp VP Report – Lee Wolfe

⌚ A 5K run is being planned in Roanoke, VA possibly at Greenwood Park in the spring of 2015 as a fundraiser for Camp Virginia Jaycee. Lee handed out a CPG for the 5K run. Peggy McHugh made a motion for having a 5K run in the spring of 2015 as a fund raiser for Camp. Melissa Sleeth made the second. No discussion, all were in favor.

⌚ Lee is in the process of getting information about the Bike Fest held in Roanoke, VA the weekend of Founder's Day and about having a possible booth or doing a fund raiser there instead of doing a Charity Ride.

Hospitality – Joyce Cooke

⌚ The LMA outing to Chincoteague is going to be Oct 17 – 19th. Everyone is encouraged to come early and stay as long as you would like to.

Regional Socials

⌚ Atlantic Region – Chris Taylor, Matt Bruncheon

⌚ NOVA – Blair Hedgepeth

⌚ Highland/Mountain – Joyce Cooke, Lee Wolfe, Lin Martin

⌚ Capital –

Winery Tour – Chris Taylor

⌚ The next winery tour will be in the NOVA area most likely in the Loudon County area. The tour will be in March or spring of 2015.

Breast Cancer Fundraisers

⌚ Sabitha spoke about Sean Murphy is looking for run/walks for breast cancer to do as an event(s) for the LMA. If anyone hears of an event, contact Sean.

Financials – Lillibet Obrecht

⌚ An audit of the financials will be conducted after the meeting.

⌚ Balances are as follows (pending the audit committee's approval)

○ General Fund - \$2,182,56

○ Office Building Fund - \$871.46

State Office Building – Melissa Sleeth

⌚ Tracy Hale and Melissa went to the state office building and made a list of what needs to be done and what needs to be saved.

⌚ There was discussion about creating an award to be sponsored by the LMA to be given at the November meeting in honor of Debra Patrick.

Boost them up program – Jennifer Rebby

⌚ Life Members are encouraged to help boost up local events with their local chapters by providing man power and training as needed. A form has been created to log how many man hours are being provided to the chapters. Submissions of these forms are due on November 1 and March 1. The form is available on the LMA website.

Minutes of the Summer Board Meeting continued..

VA Jaycee State Meetings

- ⌚ November 14 – 16, 2014 in Dulles, VA at the Washington Dulles
- ⌚ January 23 – 25, 2015 in Virginia Beach, VA at the Ramada. Rooms at the hotel will be \$72/night. Rooms at the Turtle Cay Resort will be \$89/night.
- ⌚ Art Esenburg will work with the Senate on planning a tribute to Debra Patrick at the January meeting.
- ⌚ Encourage people to come out to state meetings, even if it's just to visit in the LMA Suite even if they are unable to attend the whole weekend.

Newsletter

- ⌚ The newsletter will be coming out once a quarter with the first one coming out in September. If you have any articles to put in the newsletter, send them to Jennifer Rebby.

VA Senate – Troy Anderson, President

- ⌚ Troy encouraged the LMA and the Senate working more together and being able to help the VA Jaycees more together. Possibly do events together.

VA Jaycees – David Obrecht

- ⌚ Spoke about the state project “Oysters for Life”. Each cage costs \$50. Helps restore the Chesapeake Bay.

Liasion – Christine Hopkins

- ⌚ Encourage chapters to submit names of individuals who are deserving of their Life Membership.

Chaplain – Lisa Smith

- ⌚ Sympathy card is being passed around for Hope Ellis whose father passed away.

Product – Scott Grantham

- ⌚ If you are interested in any product with the LMA logo on it, contact Scott.

The meeting was adjourned with the Jaycee Creed led by VA Senate President, Troy Anderson at 2:45pm.



Life Member Association Fall Retreat
Chincoteague, VA

October 17-19, 2014

Virginia Jaycees 2014 Fall Convention
Outstanding Young Virginians &
75th Anniversary Celebration
Holiday Inn Dulles Airport
Dulles, Virginia

November 14-16, 2014

Virginia Jaycees 2015 Winter Convention
Ramada on the Beach
Virginia Beach, Virginia

January 23-25, 2015

Life Member Association Regional Socials

February 2015

Life Member Association Winery Tour

March 21, 2015



Life Member Lillibet Miller Obrecht and her husband Dave
on the birth of their daughter, Paige Elizabeth Obrecht

Life Member Sara (Via) Haroon and Tawheed Haroon
Said "I do" on June 7, 2014

Life Members Chuck Nelson and Valerie (Harte) Nelson
Said "I do" on August 30, 2014

Life Members Dan and Elizabeth Benka
51st Wedding Anniversary

Big Birthdays this year

Roz Goin - 60th

David Bailey - 50th

Scott Grantham - 50th

Ariel Jones - 50th

Tom King - 50th

Sharon Showalter - 50th

Susan Turner - 50th

Donna Yenney - 50th

Financial Report – Lin

The Life Member Association (LMA) remains financially sound and able to continue its mission to support the Virginia Jaycees. As of September 25, 2014, the LMA has cash on deposit of over \$25,000 in all of the accounts of the Life Member Association.

For the 2014 – 2015 year the LMA has 18 regular members and 45 sustaining members. We would love to see membership numbers increase and to see more of our LMA family out and about in the next year.

Regular members may vote, run for office, conduct the association's business and receive the newsletter. Regular members may also enjoy the hospitality suite (with delicious snacks, beverages throughout the day) at State Meetings.

Sustaining members are entitled to all the benefits of regular membership. The additional \$10 goes into the general fund and provides the LMA with an additional source of income for unforeseen expenses and supporting the Virginia Jaycees and Camp Virginia Jaycee. Additionally, your name will be included in the newsletter as a sustaining member.

If your name appears on one of the membership lists (in this newsletter), you have already paid your dues for 2014 – 2015 and do not need to take any further action. If your name does not appear, please complete the enclosed dues form and drop it in the mail as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding dues, please feel free to contact me.

**Virginia Jaycees Life Member Association
2014-2015 Dues Paid Members as of September 2014
(Paid through May 31, 2015)**

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Dan Benka	Peggy McHugh
Elizabeth Benka	Matt Montero
Jeff Bobich	Sean Neff
Matt Brunscheon	Lillibet Obrecht
Joyce Cooke	Kathy Ralston
Rob Cooke	Jennifer Rebby
Bill Duncan	Charles Rogers
Art Esenburg	Lisa Seamster
Rox Goin	Scott Sexauer
Sam Goin	Cathy Sharp
Aimee Hart	Stu Shatz
Blair Hedgepeth	Paul Showalter
Chris Hienz	Sharon Showalter
Christine Hopkins	Melissa Sleeth
Rebecca Hopkins	Tanju Sonuparklak
John Hoppe	Marti Stevens
Ariel Jones	Bertha Tiffany
Mark Jones	Sabitha Venkatesh
Joni Jordan	Sara Via
Jackie Julien	Lee Walker
Nichole Kaminski	Brie Wilson
Joseph Lewis	Donna Yenney
David Little	

REGULAR MEMBERS

Troy Anderson	Vanessa Kingsley
Frank Butler	Gerry Machek
Lillian Cheng	Lin Martin
Kay Faries	James Nefflin
Elissa Grantham	Larry Radford
Anne Johnson	Lisa Smith
Kathleen King	Sharon Sobel
Sherry King	Lee Wolfe
Tom King	Mike Wolfe

We need more members to pay dues!

Please contact Lin Martin to arrange payment (lin_I95@yahoo.com or 540-577-1197)