

# Words From President Lee Wolfe...

Well, summer is over and fall has just come upon us, but that doesn't mean it's too late to "hit for the cycle." I, as an Atlanta Braves fan, have been following the team especially closely lately, and I've been watching the stats:

- Matt Olson, who plays first base, has 53 home runs so far this season, which broke a record previously held by Andruw Jones (with 51 home runs) for the franchise. He also currently has the record for most home runs in the entire league. Furthermore, Olson has the most RBIs (that's "runs batted in," in case you're not a baseball fan). He has **ELEVATED** his single-season career beyond all expectations.
- Ronald Acuna Jr., right-fielder for Atlanta, also holds two records currently: the most hits with 213 and the most stolen bases with 70, MLB-wide. He is **ACTIVATING** the minds of young baseball hopefuls all over the world with his abilities, both in the field and at the plate.
- Spencer Strider, perhaps the best starting pitcher for not just Atlanta, but MLB-wide, currently holds the record for most wins and most strike-outs. He is **EDUCATING** other pitchers at how it works in your favor when you go out, try your best, and put everything you have into the game.
- The Atlanta Braves as a whole, are "hitting for the cycle." They currently have the most wins of any team in the MLB with 102 wins, and the year isn't over yet (this is big considering a year of baseball consists of 162 games). And, as their management **RECRUITS** to the best of their abilities, they are proving something right: they have six consecutive National League East championships including this year. Those guys are doing something right!

What can we do as an organization to follow the Atlanta Braves' dedication and ambition to the game?

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### 2023 Upcoming Events:

- *Annual Chincoteague Trip—October 19-23, 2023*
- *Virginia Jaycees Fall Meeting—10/20-10/22, Emporia*
- *Bonfire—10/21*
- *Pumpkin Carving Contest 10/26*
- *Fall Wine Tasting Tour 11/4*



## Words From President Lee *(...continued from page 1)*

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What can we do to Elevate, Activate, Educate, and Recruit for the LMA? I know we have a number of things ongoing right now that should help us achieve our goals and knock them all out of the park. I'm so very proud of my team so far with all the activities planned and advancement they're making. I'm looking forward to hearing all the feedback as we progress through the year. I know my team members are "hitting for the cycle" every time we accomplish something on their own personal to-do lists. I love the enthusiasm they all show, and their excitement to serve on the board only seems to grow.

Look for more hits, strike-outs, and home runs further on down into the newsletter. They all have new and exciting things to share with you!

Go team! Knock it out of the park! And go Atlanta Braves, as we head into post-season play!

See you soon!

Lee Wolfe

2023-2024 President, Virginia Jaycees Life Member Association

# HIT FOR THE CYCLE



*It's a baseball term where a batter hits a Single, Double, Triple, and Home Run all in one game, but not necessarily in that order.*

*My hope for the 2023-2024 year is that the membership will help me **EDUCATE** the Virginia Jaycees; **ELEVATE** the Life Member Association to a new level by getting back to helping the Virginia Jaycees and sharing our various resources; **ACTIVATE** members both new and old that have fallen by the wayside; and lastly **RECRUIT**, which needs no explanation.*

## Elissa Grantham, Management Vice President

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The minutes from the August 12th, 2023 LMA Planning Meeting are now available. Please see the attachment in the Newsletter email.

Elissa  
2023-2024 Management Vice President

## Jackie Julien, Activation Vice President

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Happy October Life Members,

As it gets cooler (I'm against this), we have several member activation opportunities coming up. Oct 26 is National Pumpkin Day. In honor of this special day, we are having a pumpkin carving contest. In order to participate, have you pumpkin carved and text a picture to me by Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Those pictures will be posted on the Facebook page on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The winner gets a gift card. If you already know that your carving would be a disaster but want to judge others efforts, let me know.

Nov 4. Is the debut of our fall wine tasting event. There is an article/flyer in this newsletter. I hope you can join us for one or all of the stops. Drinking is not required at a winery, fellowship and fun are required. Please contact past LMA President Sherry King for more information and to RSVP for the event.

Finally, we plan to have a after Christmas ugly sweater party in January. If you would like to open your home, please let me know. With President Lee living further than most, we would like the event to be an easy trip for everyone.

I hope to see you Oct. 20-21 in Emporia at the Virginia Jaycees meeting. They will be electing next years leadership and possible new life members. Please support them as much as possible.

If you know of someone that deserves a Life Membership and has not been recognized, please let me know. Also be prepared to help with the application process (it's not difficult to complete, but we have to know their contributions to the VA Jaycees in order to process the application).

Yours in Jaycees,

Jackie  
2023-2024 Activation Vice President

*The Virginia Jaycee Life Member  
Association was one of the recipients of the  
Camp Virginia Jaycee Hall of Fame.*

Bill Duncan, 2023-24 Historian

## Christina Brunner, Communications Vice President

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We have another great year of LMA Board Members that are exceptional at communicating. Keep watching your emails and Facebook for updates for all things LMA!

Christina Brunner  
2023-2024 Communications Vice President

## Chris Williamson, Treasurer

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The Virginia Jaycee Life Member Association fiscal year runs from June 1, 2023 until May 31, 2024. All members are up for renewal as of June 1. Please see the attachment in the Newsletter email for a list of paid members.

Dues for the upcoming year are \$40. Your renewal entitles you to vote in elections, serve on the executive board of the LMA, and full access to the LMA hospitality suite at all membership meetings.

Please be sure to include the completed form with your dues so we can make sure your contact information is up to date. Don't forget your email address!!

The most recent paid dues list is attached to the newsletter email.

Chris Williamson  
2023-2024 Treasurer

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**VIRGINIA JAYCEES LIFE MEMBER ASSOCIATION**  
**RENEWAL FORM 2023- 2024**

DEAR FELLOW LIFE MEMBERS,

THE VIRGINIA JAYCEE LIFE MEMBER ASSOCIATION FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM June 1, 2023 UNTIL MAY 31, 2024. ALL MEMBERS ARE UP FOR RENEWAL AS OF JUNE 1.

DUES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR ARE \$40. YOUR RENEWAL ENTITLES YOU TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS, SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE LMA, AND FULL ACCESS TO THE LMA HOSPITALITY SUITE AT ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE VIRGINIA JAYCEES TO SUPPORT THE US JAYCEES ANNUAL MEETING IN VIRGINIA BEACH LAST FALL BECAUSE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP. IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR DUES, WE THANK YOU!

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN CONTACT ANYONE YOU MAY KNOW WHO HAS BEEN INACTIVE IN THE LMA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES. WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SURVIVE AS A VIABLE ORGANIZATION.

PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Lin Martin, Hospitality

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Hello fellow Life Members!

I know many of you are very unhappy to see summer leave, but I'm glad to see fall come in and the trees starting to change color. I hope to see as many people as possible at the meeting in October! I know there's a lot going on that weekend, so if you don't make it, we'll miss you! There will be plenty of food and drink that weekend. So be sure to bring your comfy pants!! I look forward to seeing everyone in Emporia!

NAME TAGS!!

If you are in need of a new name tag, please send me the name you want on your name tag and your LMA number by Oct 12th. The costs of the name tags are \$10 each. I will be bringing the name tags with me to the Fall meeting and if you don't make it to that meeting, I'll keep bringing it till you show up or I can mail it to you!

Lin Martin  
2023-2024 Hospitality Chair

## Sherry King, Fall Winery Tour Chair

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Hello Fellow LMA'ers!

I was excited to hear that President Lee and VP Jackie were wanting to do more events outside of our quarterly meetings. So I volunteered to put together our first **FALL** Winery Tour. Our annual Spring Winery Tours have been successful (thank you Sean Murphy, Chris Taylor, and Ruth Ann Bates for running those!) so we thought we would expand to twice a year.

On November 4 we will gather around the beautiful Afton, VA to see wonderful fall colors, taste some delicious wine, and enjoy each other's company. We will have a potluck luncheon at our second winery so please plan to bring some food to share. I will provide paper products and silverware. That evening, we will meet for dinner in Waynesboro. For those who can/want to stay in the area for the night, we have a recommended hotel that has already given permission for us to hang out in their lobby to play board games Saturday evening. See all the details below.

I hope you can join us for a fun, relaxing time with no meetings! Interested but not available for the whole day? No problem! We would love for you to join us for even part of the day. We will have reservations at the wineries and the restaurant, so please let me know which part of the day you can join us. Please keep in mind that the time for the first winery and dinner are definite; other times are approximate in case we leave each one earlier than expected.

**Please RSVP to Sherry King at 703-618-1757 or [newme34@hotmail.com](mailto:newme34@hotmail.com) by October 27!** Let me know if you will be there all day or just partly and what you will bring to share for lunch.

**Details:** (*Wine Tasting Flyer attached to the Newsletter email.*)

- 10:30 Meet at Comfort Inn parking lot to convoy to 1<sup>st</sup> winery (or meet at the winery)
- 11:00 [Cardinal Point Winery](#), Flights \$12-20 (depending on selection)
- 1:00 [Flying Fox Vineyards](#), Flights \$18 (6 wines) or \$12 (4 vermouths)  
We will have our lunch while at Flying Fox
- 3:00 [Hazy Mountain](#), Guided Tasting \$20 (6 wines)  
Nap or explore Waynesboro on your own (or with whomever you choose ☐)
- 6:30 Dinner at [Heritage on Main Street](#)

### **Recommended Hotel:**

[Comfort Inn](#), 15 Windigrove Dr., Waynesboro, VA, 540-932-3060

Working out a discount (watch for a follow-up email); Online rate --approx. \$162 for 2 queens; free breakfast including eggs and sausage or bacon; Hotel is pet-friendly (approx. \$20 per night).

Sherry King

## Jennifer Reby, Social Media

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Hello! It's a new year for me but I have the same favor to ask of you. Please share if you know of any life members who have new email addresses or changed their email address. Please share if you know of any life members we can welcome back and share their email address with me so I can add their email address to the listserve. And, please share if you know of any losses in the family so I can remove their email address from the listserve. I want all our members to know what's happening within the LMA. Thank you for your help with maintaining our database! Hope to see you soon.

Continue to be well and be safe,  
Jennifer Reby  
2023-2024 Social Media Director

## UPCOMING EVENTS—

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**Life Member Family,**

You are cordially invited to join us for a long weekend of fun, frolic, and great food!

We can arrive as soon as October 19 (Wednesday) and stay as long as October 25 (Tuesday).

The cut off for our room block is September 20th.

Comfort Suites Chincoteague, VA 23336-2464 4195 Main Street (757) 336-5452  
(757) 336-3700

GM.VA067@choic-hotels.com

Arrival Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Group rate-\$115 Mention Life Members



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## Virginia Jaycees Fall Meeting 10/20-23, Emporia

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**It's not too late to join the fun! Click [here](#) for details & registration information.**

Join us for the Virginia Jaycees 2023 Annual Meeting, a significant gathering that celebrates our community's spirit, dedication, and commitment to excellence. Set against the picturesque backdrop of Emporia, VA, this two-day event promises a blend of networking, learning, and leisure.

**\*\*Event Details:\*\***

Dates:\*\* October 20th & 21st, 2023

Location:\*\* Emporia, VA

**\*\*Agenda:\*\***

Friday, October 20th: Evening Social: Kick off the meeting with a delightful evening social. Mingle with fellow Jaycees, relish the exquisite catering, and raise a toast to another year of achievements with our curated selection of drinks.

Saturday, October 21st:

- Morning: Dive into a series of enlightening trainings designed to enhance your skills and knowledge. Participate in affiliate meetings where we'll discuss the roadmap for the upcoming year.
- Elections: Be a part of the democratic process as the Virginia Jaycees elect their leaders for the next term.
- Afternoon Luncheon: Savor a specially curated luncheon, a perfect time to network and discuss the morning's proceedings.
- Post-luncheon: The rest of the afternoon and weekend is yours to explore the charming environs of Emporia. Whether you're an admirer of nature, history, or local culture, Emporia has something to offer for every curious soul.
- Saturday Night Bonfire at the Emporia Chapter House: The LMA will provide hot dogs, chili, baked beans, chips, & S'mores!

## UPCOMING EVENTS—

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### **MORE EVENT DETAILS COMING SOON!**

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- ⇒ Early/mid Jan: After Christmas and Ugly Sweater Party. Place TBA.
- ⇒ Late Winter: The beer tour is back! Area TBA.
- ⇒ Late Spring: More wine tasting.
- ⇒ Regional Lunches—Chairs needed!

These events are for ALL Life Members. You do not have to be dues paying to participate (we'd like you to become a dues paying member, but there's no pressure). We just want to see your smiling, happy face!

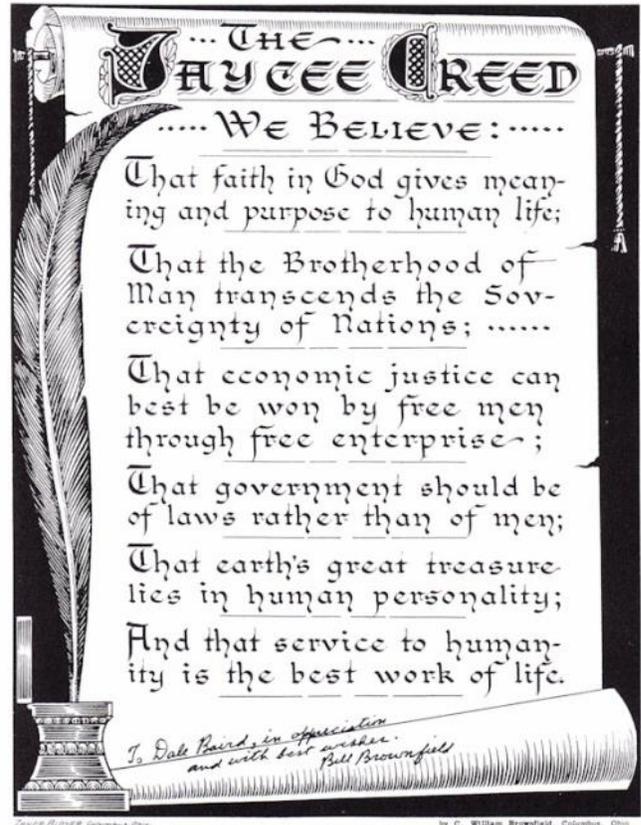
Please contact Activation VP, Jackie if you are able to assist or if you have any ideas!



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VIRGINIA JAYCEES  
LIFE MEMBER ASSOCIATION



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