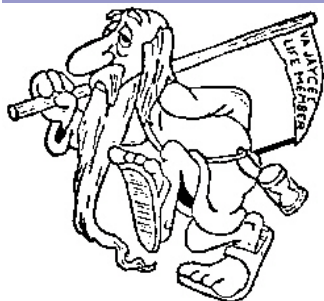


Spring 2018

Newsletter



VIRGINIA JAYCEES

Life Member Association

Words From President Mike...

So, as I write this article, I am watching the weather report, and even though Spring has officially arrived, I am still being plagued by snow.

Going from riding the motorcycle in February to snow in March is almost unbearable!

I am looking so forward to seeing everyone at Mountain Lake Lodge in May. We don't get visitors in our neck of the woods very often; it will be very exciting to show all of y'all true southern hospitality at its finest!

Lee and Lin have put a lot of effort into planning the meeting, and there is so much to do in the area, from local wineries to The Cascades to some of the most beautiful mountains in the Blue Ridge, everyone will have a good time. Be sure to tour the "Dirty Dancing" museum, and stop by and chat with the hotel bartender for a comical experience; he's always ready to tell a joke or story or two.

So, bring your serious side, your sense of humor, and your appetite! Lots of good food during the weekend, I promise!

Here's to hoping the snow is just a rumor... See you all soon!

Mike Wolfe

President, Virginia Jaycees Life Member Association
2017-2018

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Special points of interest:

- *Winery Tour 4/28/2018*
- *LMA & Senate Outing 5/18-5/20*
- *Renewal Deadline 5/31*



Lee Wolfe—Hospitality and Management Vice President

Hello Life Members! Happy Spring!

I hope everyone is gearing up for the joint meeting between LMA and Senate in May (May 18 - 20) at Mountain Lake Lodge in beautiful Pembroke, Virginia! This meeting will give all you pavement pounders and beach combers a chance to enjoy the beautiful mountains of Southwest Virginia once again. I plan to make it a memorable and wonderful time for all who will attend. A temporary plan is a Mexican buffet, along with other snacks, Friday night in the Pulaski cabin (Bluefield), which will also serve as the Hospitality suite for the weekend, and then for the LMA to meet Saturday morning at 9 am, brunch to start around 10 am, and then the Senate meeting to begin by 11:30. This will give everyone a chance

to attend either a wine tour at Belleveau Winery, which is about half an hour's drive from the lodge grounds, and then also attend Brew Ridge on the lodge grounds until 5 pm (the lodge is in charge of this event, and you can contact them directly for more details: (540) 626-7121). Then we're gonna have a great meal on Saturday evening consisting of your choice of grilled chicken breast, pork loin, or beef kabobs, deviled eggs, green beans, sweet potato casserole, corn on the cob, mac & cheese, and for desserts: lemon pound cake with lemon glaze, strawberry shortcake, and peanut butter banana pudding. Everything's gonna be so yummy, so get those registration forms in to us asap!

We do have golf carts running as a shuttle service during the weekend so that not so much

walking will be required, and some of our Pulaski County chapter members will be helping with that service. Please watch for more details to come out on ListServ and our Facebook page as we move closer to the meeting date.

Sean Murphy is working on the Spring wine tour (see his article for more details), and as usual I'm sure it will prove to be a lot of fun, so if possible please plan to attend.

Wrapping up, enjoy the impending warmer weather with flowers and trees in full bloom, and I pray for all you allergy sufferers out there! See you in May!

Lee Wolfe

Hospitality & Management VP
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Sean Murphy—Jaycee Liaison

The LMA Winery Tour will take place Saturday, April 28 in the Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania area. We will visit three wineries: Wilderness Run Winery, Rogers Ford Winery, & Hartwood Winery.

We will meet at Wilderness Run at 11:00 when they open. When we finish there we will head to Rogers Ford Winery. Our winery tour will end at Hartwood. During the winery tour we normally have a picnic lunch at one of the wineries. This is a chance to eat and relax for a bit longer

than we will at the other wineries. All we ask is that everyone bring something to share. I am looking at having our picnic lunch at Rogers Ford Winery. However, I figured we would play this by ear based on what everyone felt was good time to have lunch.

After the winery tour is over those who want can join us for dinner at The Bavarian Chef. The Bavarian Chef has tasty German cuisine. Dinner will be at 7.

You can e-mail me at odubum@gmail.com to let me know if you will be joining us for the tour, dinner, or both as reservations are required.

My main request for everyone is to relax and have a good time. As that is the whole goal of the winery tour. So come and join us in sampling wine and having a great time.

Your Winery Tour Guide,
Sean Murphy
odubum@gmail.com

Patrick Knightly—Membership Vice President

- **To pay dues, see Sharon Showalter.**
- **To make a donation, see Sharon Showalter.**
- **To suggest new life memberships, see Sean Murphy.**

To help make the Virginia Jaycees and, in turn, the Life Membership Association successful, be sure to reach out to your local board and state officers with words of encouragement and recognition.

Responding to news of current VA Jaycee membership numbers with gasps, grunts, and “shocked” exasperation is the wrong response from those of us who, as life members, should know better. AND... It’s the exact opposite of what our responses should be according to Shawn Achor, Harvard Professor and author of **The Happiness Advantage**, and **Big Potential**. In his books, Achor explains through analysis of several multi-year research studies, that the power of a positive mindset can have a ripple effect that increases productivity, and morale, and the overall strength and durability within any organization. A negative mindset can create or strengthen a downward spiral into failure or organizational collapse.

Part of our role as Life Members, as was told to me when I took an oath as Virginia Jaycees State President, is to offer the disputation of negative beliefs/

consequences, to prevent the negative mindset from taking hold. Our role should not be to ridicule, or scoff at the numbers, but to draw attention to and to praise the positive accomplishments of current chapters.

In the very least we should be reaching out to local chapters (unsolicited), to offer encouragement, and let them know that we are paying attention and are proud of/amazed at what they have accomplished, what they are doing, and we stand behind them 100% because what they do is important.

I actually tried a bit of this positive approach out at the Winter Meeting. Whenever I met someone new at the last state meeting, I asked what chapter they were from, and then asked questions about projects I knew that chapter did. Here I was, someone they had never met before, who lived 70 or even 100 miles away mentioning projects they had worked on, sometimes the projects were relatively small. I let them know that the reason I knew about such projects was because their chapter’s life members and senators love to brag about them when we gather in our suites at conventions and our Dutch Treat Dinners (OK, so I took a few liberties there, but you get the point). A few of the current members stated they had never met their chapters’ life members, and questioned how I could have heard such people brag about current projects. I of

course replied that they may not know us yet, but we know what they are up to because even after all these years, we follow what’s going on in our chapters because current chapters are our legacies, etc..

The effect was immediate. Smiles and flashes of energy and enthusiasm appeared on faces. And I ended up spending the banquet listening to current Jaycee chapter members discuss their projects and activities with enthusiasm and charisma (You know, the kind of energy it takes to successfully recruit and retain members?).

So, again:

To Pay Your Dues: See Sharon Showalter

To Make a donation: See Sharon Showalter

To suggest new life memberships, see Sean Murphy.

But above all, if you do nothing else, reach out to current Jaycee leaders with words of positive encouragement, praise and recognition... They are earning it.

Patrick Knightly
Membership VP
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By-Laws and Policies Review and Update

Paul Showalter and Sean Neff have been reviewing the LMA by-laws and policies at the direction of President Mike and his board.

We will post a PDF file of the proposed by-law changes on the LMA website and Facebook

page prior to the May 2018 board meeting. Changes to the by-laws are voted on by the membership and changes to the policies are voted on by the board. Several policy changes have been made during the past year, and these changes will be reflected in the posted file.

Please review the proposed changes and come to the May board meeting to vote. Only current paid members can vote on by-law changes.

Thanks.

Paul Showalter and Sean Neff

Sharon Showalter, Treasurer

After serving as Treasurer for almost 2 years now, it will soon be time to pass the torch. When I was chosen to serve under President Bubba, I was asked to reinstate the LMA budgeting process. With help from a budget committee, we were able to pass our first balanced budget at the February 2017 meeting. This first budget was useful in drafting the current year's budget which was passed by President Mike and his Board at the Summer Planning meeting. I thank everyone for their support during this effort.

I want to remind everyone that May is the time to **renew your membership** in the Life Member Association! The new LMA fiscal year starts on June 1, and every member is up for renewal. In May 2017 the board voted to change the LMA's 2-tier dues structure to a single tier of \$40 for the upcoming fiscal year 2018-2019. Please complete and mail the renewal form included in the newsletter along with your check or bring your renewal check to the May meeting.

If you have not paid your renewal for the current fiscal year, it is not too late! We have 92 members who have renewed their membership this year – thank you! Please remember that your membership will need to be up-to-date to be eligible to vote in May's elections.

Finally, please consider running for a position on the new board. If you would like more information about what it takes to serve as Treasurer of the LMA, feel free to contact me. Sharon Showalter, Treasurer
sharonshowalter@comcast.net

Jeff Stout, Chaplain

Think about it. We all hear it, whether at work, school, even sometimes at home. “You can't be successful without compromising”, “You have to adapt to your surroundings to get ahead”, “Go ahead, everyone does it”. We hear these things from the time we're little. It's all a big lie though. We don't and shouldn't do these things this way.

We strive to get ahead, many times relying on ourselves, instead of God. This winds up many times breeding arrogance, greed, and ma-

terialism, often sacrificing our beliefs, and virtue to just try and get ahead in this life and causing tension with all those around us, instead of relying on Him to help us through life's hardest times, which helps to us to be humble, generous and love more.

But we're “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession” ([1 Peter 2:9](#)). To be that *is to live in the tension*. You see, we're sent “into the world,” but we mustn't be “of the world” ([John 17:14-19](#)). When

we're willing to live for Him, and only then, can this broken world feel the full weight of who we really are—who God intends us to be, with Him.

As you walk into any situation, whether with colleagues, school-mates, family, into a restaurant, business, a mall, wherever, ask Him to guide your path and guard your heart as you go.

Hope to see you all soon,
Jeff Stout, Chaplain



Virginia Jaycees Life Member Association Renewal Form 2018 - 2019

Dear Fellow Life Member,

The Virginia Jaycees Life Member Association's fiscal year is June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019. **All members are up for renewal as of June 1 every year.** At the May 2017 meeting, the board voted to change the LMA's two-tier dues structure to a single tier, so dues for the upcoming fiscal year 2018 - 2019 are **\$40 per year**. Your renewal entitles you to vote in elections, serve on the LMA board, and provides full access to the LMA suite at all membership meetings.

The Life Member Association is continuing its efforts to reconnect with all Life Members. If you know of any member who has lost contact with us or if you would like to help with this effort, please let us know.

PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Mobile Phone _____ Spouse Name _____

Email Address _____

LMA # _____ Chapter _____

**Please mail completed form and your renewal check payable to
"Virginia Jaycees Life Member Association" to:**

Sharon Showalter, Treasurer
818 North Danville Street
Arlington, Virginia 22201
703-812-8131 home
sharonshowalter@comcast.net

Thank you for renewing your membership!



VIRGINIA JAYCEES **LMA / SENATE SPRING MEETING**

MAY 18 – 20, 2018

MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE
PEMBROKE, VA

- Room Rates - \$99/night, + \$10 parking fee/vehicle (not taxes) – Lodge rates are normally \$235/night
- Meetings in the morning to have time to enjoy the Lodge and the surrounding area in the afternoon
- Registration for the weekend \$25.00 (includes all food for the weekend)
- Brewridge Saturday afternoon on the front lawn (tickets sold at the event)
- Hiking trails, Zip-line, other family friendly activities available
- Pet Friendly
- Virginia Tech – 30 minutes away
- Belleview Winery – 40 minutes away
- See where “Dirty Dancing” was filmed
- Sit on the porch and rock your worries away and enjoy the mountains in the spring
- Golf cart shuttle service will be provided on Saturday

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

LEE WOLFE (540) 239-3524 – MIKEANDLEEWOLFE@YAHOO.COM

LIN MARTIN (540) 577-1197 – LIN_L95@YAHOO.COM

VIRGINIA JAYCEES LIFE MEMBER ASSOCIATION / SENATE SPRING MEETING
May 18 – 20, 2018
Mountain Lake Lodge

Name: _____
 Address, City, State & Zip: _____
 Home Phone: () - _____ E-mail: _____

TYPE	# of People	EARLY By 5/16	LATE	TOTAL
FULL REGISTRATION (Includes dinner and snacks Friday night, brunch, dinner, and snacks Saturday.)		\$25	\$35	
Saturday Dinner/Social		\$10	\$15	
CHILD'S REGISTRATION (12 and under)		\$15	\$25	
TOTAL				

Please check the boxes below as to what meal(s) you will be enjoying, along with what entre(s) you would prefer on Saturday night.

Friday Night (Mexican Buffet)	
Saturday Brunch	
Saturday Dinner	
Chicken	
Pork Loin	
Steak Kabobs	

Special Dietary Restrictions (Describe): _____

Rooms are \$99 per night with a \$10 parking fee per night. No taxes are on the rooms or parking. The facilities are pet-friendly (deposit required for pets).

Contact Lee Wolfe (mikeandleewolfe@yahoo.com or 540-239-3524) or Lin Martin (LIN_L95@yahoo.com or 540-577-1197) to request your room. Deadline for room request is April 9, 2018. Room assignments will be provided to you no later than April 13. Members who are attending can call the lodge directly (540-626-7121) to pay for reservations beginning April 16; refer to Virginia Jaycees Life Member Association and your room assignment.

Cash or personal checks will be accepted for mail-in or emailed registration forms. Make checks payable to: Virginia Jaycees Life Member Association.

Completed registration form and payment must be postmarked by April 16, 2018 or email to:

Lin Martin
 4059 Robinson Tract Rd
 Pulaski, VA 24301
 LIN_L95@yahoo.com

All requests for refunds must be received no later than May 1, 2018.

November 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes—Section 1

President Mike Wolfe called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sean Murphy,

Invocation was given by Bryant “Bubba” Blankenship

Special Guest 2018 Virginia Jaycee President Lin Martin said that she “was looking forward to a new Jaycee year.” She declared that she “will not sugar coat membership numbers anymore.” She stated “that there are many chapters in danger of folding and that the Virginia Jaycees need our help.”

The good news is that the Pulaski Jaycees are +7. The bad news is that there were 451 Virginia Jaycee members at the beginning of 2017 and by November there were 336.

The Virginia Jaycees will be offering membership dues incentives to help recruit new members. Other incentives will be offered for Chapters that are +.

Secretary’s Report-Joyce Cooke

Sean Murphy moved that the Secretary’s Report be approved as sent out via email. Laura Murphy seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report-Sharon Showalter

Sharon provided financial information to the members reporting that the bank balance was \$20,380.00, expenses YTD were \$1093, and Income was \$2400.00. Expenses did not include receipts from this meeting. There are currently 76 paid members.

Products-Lee Wolfe

Lee reported that there are hats available for sale this weekend and to please contact her for LMA products.

Management Vice President-Lee Wolfe

Lee reported that the Winter Board Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn North, Virginia Beach on February 9-11. Registration info will be out by December 1.

Hospitality Suite-Lee took the opportunity to recognize Roz Goin for her many years taking care of the Hospitality for the Life Member Association and announced that lunch will be served at 12:15 with a cost of \$5. BBQ, Corn Surprise, Grape Salad, Chips, and Cakes will be available. EAT!

Membership Vice President-Patrick Knightly

No report

Liaison-Sean Murphy

Sean reported that there will be 2 new Life Memberships this weekend and he encouraged us to give more this year! Contact him at odubum@gmail.com

Communications Vice President-Christina Brunner

Not present. Newsletter dates will be coming soon and the web site has been updated.

Chairman of the Board-Bryant “Bubba” Blankenship

Do you want to be an officer? Call Bubba

November 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes—Section 2

OLD BUSINESS:

New LMA pins are available at \$5 each.

Roz Goin reported that the October trip to Chincoteague was a success.

By-Laws Changes:

At the August Planning Meeting, the following motions were made and needed approval by the membership.

Motion made by Roz Goin to change our By-Laws to read “vote by secret ballot during only contested elections.” Seconded by Sharon Sobel. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Rob Cooke to determine whether the Constitution/By-Laws and Policies were one document. Seconded by Gerry Machek.

Research proved that they were separate and the motion was withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. By Laws/ Policies Change Recommendations: Paul Showalter was ready to present his By Laws/ Policies recommendations to the membership but it was suggested that the Executive Board hear them first. Tom King moved that Paul present them to the Executive Board this weekend so that the membership could vote on them at the February Board Meeting. Seconded by Laura Murphy. Motion approved. The Executive Board met with Paul immediately after the board meeting to discuss the changes. Paul will send a copy of the changes to the Board and membership.

2. Camp Virginia Jaycee Status: Tom King reported that Hope Tree will be auctioning off Camp Virginia in March or April and that the Camp had shut down in November. Tom encouraged us to send our donations through Camp Virginia Jaycee Inc.

President Mike Wolfe reported that the LMA Executive Board had discussed this issue and decided that we would not support Camp Virginia financially at this time. It was decided that we would like to come up with a similar charity or special needs camp to support since our camp no longer exists.

There was a lengthy discussion on what we should do.

A motion was made by Ariel Jones to table this discussion. Seconded by Laura Murphy. Motion Approved.

President's Remarks-Mike Wolfe

Mike stated that “Camp Virginia is near and dear to my heart. We (the Exec. Board) want to have information before we give financial support. “

Announcements: Roz Goin reported that Stu Shatz suggested moving the Chincoteague trip to the weekend of the Chili/Chowder Cook Off. Rates are a little higher and the town is much more crowded. It was discussed but no decision was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 with the Jaycee Creed led by Art Eisenberg.

Minutes submitted by Joyce Cooke, Secretary. jkudzu@ntelos.net

February 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes—Section 1

President Mike Wolfe called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Duncan.

Invocation was given by Melissa Sleeth.

Secretary's Report-Joyce Cooke

Stu Shatz moved that the Secretary's Report be approved as sent out via email. Jennifer Rebbly seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report-Sharon Showalter

Sharon provided financial information to the members reporting that the bank balance was \$20,653.36. In November she moved our savings to a higher yield account, Dues will remain the same till the end of May. Everyone is reminded that they need to pay the \$10 suite fee for their guests and that lunch will be \$5.

President Mike introduced the 84th president of the Virginia Jaycees, Lin Martin. She announced that the Jaycee National Convention will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina April 18-22, 2018. As of January 1st there were 355 Virginia Jaycees. Unfortunately, Norfolk, Williamsburg, and Roanoke will no longer exist as of the end of this quarter. The State will pay half of new members initial dues, using money from the sale of the State Office Building.

Products-Lee Wolfe

Lee encouraged everyone to check the website www.elevenwest.com or contact her at lee@elevenwest.com.

Management Vice President-Lee Wolfe

Hospitality-Lee stated that lunch will be served at 12:15(soups/salad, dessert). The cost is \$5.

Bar-Sarah Foultz reported that the drink of the weekend is Polish Apple Pie.

May Meeting-Lee reported that the May meeting will be held at Mountain Lake(home of the movie Dirty Dancing) May 18-20, 2018. There are both cabins and lodge rooms available for \$99/bedroom.

Be aware that the lodge does not have in-room televisions. There is a \$10 parking fee and a \$25 registration fee that covers the meeting room, hospitality, and golf cart shuttles. The registration forms will be coming out soon.

Membership Vice President-Patrick Knightly

Liaison Sean Murphy announced that there would be 2 presentations this evening, one from Apprentice School and one from Virginia Beach.

Communications Vice President-Christina Brunner

Christina announced the deadline for articles for the newsletter is March 15, 2018.

Chairman of the Board-Bryant Blankenship

No report

Old Business

February 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes—Section 2

LMA pins for sale-\$5

Policy/By-Laws changes will be sent out

Camp Funding Update-President Mike reported that he spoke with Tom King and that donations can be designated for specific children.

New Business

Wine Tour--Sean Murphy informed everyone that he was looking toward the Northern Neck and will be sending out information in March or April.

Presidential Remarks-Mike Wolfe

Mike stated that he would be willing to coordinate campership fundraising in conjunction with another group he belongs to--Moose Riders.

Announcements

Art Esenberg thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Paul Showalter explained the Policy change that was adopted by the Board of Directors this morning. Section A stated that notification of changes must be made by written communication. The Board approved "written" to mean-a USPS letter, and at least two or the following electronic methods: electronic mail(eg.LMA listserve),text messages, or social media posts.

Adjournment-The Jaycee Creed was led by Sabitha Venkatesh.

Minutes submitted by Roz Goin, acting Secretary.

Hello LMA family, being the COB it is my duty to find our groups next board. So step on up and throw your name in the hat. Everyone should be wanting a position on the LMA board it is a wonderful thing to do. Please contact me if you are interested in filling a position on next year's board.

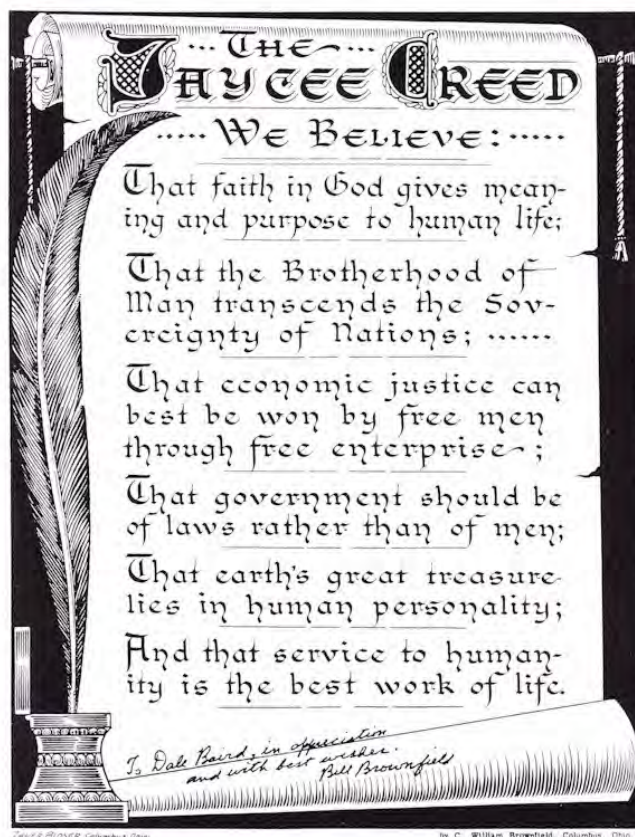
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