Summer 2023

Newsletter



ife Member Association

Words From President Lee Wolfe...

Batter up! Who's ready to play some ball? This year we're gonna knock it out of the park.

As we progress through the year, watch for us as a team and family to hit for the cycle. (If you weren't there in May you missed the explanation, but it'll come up again, I promise....or you can just look at the next page!)

We're still working on the plan for updating various aspects of the Life Member Association, and one near and dear to me is helping the Virginia Jaycees know why it is still important to be involved in the organization and strive to become a member. I hope everyone feels the same as I do!

We're making some suggestions to see how we can best support them, besides monetarily. I hope they can use all of us as a resource and tap into all the wisdom we have to offer.

We'll also have some fun during all of our meetings, starting with the planning session scheduled for August 12 at Bear Creek Lake State Park. It's centrally located and I'm hoping for a good turn-out. I know there are lots of plans made for that time, but please, if you can show up, I promise it will be worth your while! We've put out a flier to advertise

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2023 Upcoming Events:

- Planning Meeting—8/12, Bear Creek State Park, Cumberland
- Annual Chincoteague Trip— October 19-23, 2023
- SAVE THE DATE! Virginia Jaycees Fall Meeting —10/20-10/22, Emporia



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

and ask that you RSVP so we know how many hot dogs and how much barbeque we need to purchase, and then we ask that you bring a dish or two to share and your own drinks. It'll be a beautiful weekend, rain or shine!

Lastly, I just want to say I'm looking forward to seeing who will be Rookie of the Year and MVP. More details on that to come. (I have to keep you in suspense on some level – just like a really good baseball game!)

Play Ball!

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.

Page 2 LIFE MEMBER ASSOCIATION

Elissa Grantham, Management Vice President

Welcome to our 2023-2024 LMA Board of Officers:

President - Lee Wolfe
Management VP - Elissa Grantham
Activation VP - Jackie Julien
Communications VP - Christina Brunner
Treasurer - Chris Williamson
Secretary - Kay Stout
Hospitality - Lin Martin
Bar - Jodi Dean
Webmaster - Rob Cooke
Social Media - Jennifer Rebby
Chaplain - Jeff Stout
Historian - Bill Duncan

We are still in need of a Liaison. The Liaison coordinates the awarding of life memberships with current Jaycee officers and the LMA board. He or she reaches out to chapters to encourage them to bestow this honor on their dedicated members. The liaison orders membership certificates and name badges for our newest members as well as speaking at events where the honor is given. If interested, please contact President Lee.

Elissa 2023-2024 Management Vice President

Jackie Julien, Activation Vice President

Happy Hot Summer Life Members,

I am excited to support President Lee and to serve as Membership Activation Vice President for the 2023-2024 year. My goal is simple: create opportunities for Life Members to fellowship but I need your help. Please let me know what you like to do for fun and how we can incorporate other Life Members into the mix. Would you like to have more frequent regional lunches? More outings similar to Chincoteague? Mini golf? Movies? Nothing is out of bounds.

Please email me your ideas and I hope to incorporate them this year.

Jackie

2023-2024 Activation Vice President

The first Virginia Jaycee Life Memberships weren't awarded until 1976, although we have many Life Memberships that start in the 50's, 60's or 70's (prior to 1976).

Bill Duncan, 2023-24 Historian

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Christina Brunner, Communications Vice President

What a hot summer we're having! I hope everyone is staying cool!

Another year as Communications VP. Another cycle of geeking behind the scenes. As always, I'm open to suggestions, so feel free to <u>email</u> me your thoughts. We want you to be a part of hitting this year out of the park!

Stay well and I hope to see you all soon.

Christina Brunner 2023-2024 Communications Vice President

Kaye Stout, Secretary



Hello LMA. My name is Kaye Stout. I joined the Pulaski County Jaycees in 2002. I received my life membership in November 2022. I'm looking forward to working and seeing everyone this year.

The minutes from the May 6th, 2023 LMA Meeting are now available. Please see the attachment in the Newsletter email.

Kaye Stout 2023-2024 Secretary

Chris Williamson, Treasurer

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!!

Chris Williamson 2023-2024 Treasurer

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Lin Martin, Hospitality

Hello fellow LMA members!

I'm looking forward to another year of serving as your Hospitality Chair. There will always be plenty of good food and drinks for you to enjoy in the suite at the meetings. I will always do my best to have something for everyone. If there is something you would like to have, please let me know and I will do my best to try to have it (as long as it's in the budget). I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Lin Martin 2023-2024 Hospitality Chair

Jodi Dean, Bar

Batters Up! Let's Play Ball!

Who said mocktails can't be fun? A mocktail is just a cocktail that hasn't had the opportunity at bat yet.

If mocktails were mullets, they'd definitely be the "business in the front." And if you happen to have the "party in the back" stashed, you could easily hit a home run at the August meeting.

For example, our handcrafted Curve Ball is tart, sweet, and intensely refreshing. An experienced player could easily land the ball in the sweet spot if you added a bit of whiskey or vodka.

Or our Bases Loaded blend of select ingredients can be turned into turn a Glad Slam when you add your favorite vodka, gin, or light rum.

The Runner On Third is a combination of our favorite juices and homemade simple syrup. Bring the runner home when you add your favorite dark and/or light rum to the mix.

The 3 Up - 3 Down is three ounces of our ginger beer based concoction. You could easily add 3 ounces of vodka or dark rum to close out the inning in major league style.

Looking forward to taking you out to the ball game!

Jodi Dean 2023-2024 Rookie Minor League Bartender

Jennifer Rebby, Social Media

Hello!

Long time no see, my friends. You've read my spiel before but here it is again. If you know of any life members who have new email addresses, please let me know. If you know of any life members we can welcome back and need to be added to the listserve, please share their email with me. And, if you know of any losses in the family and their email needs to be deleted from the listserve, please let me know. Thank you for your help with maintaining our database. Hope to see you soon and catch-up.

Be Well and Be Safe, Jennifer Rebby 2023-2024 Social Media Director

Virginia Jaycee Life Memeber Association Summer Meeting

August 12, 2023
Bear Creek Meeting Hall
Bear Creek Lake State Park
22 Bear Creek Lake Rd.
Cumberland, VA 23040

Arrive anytime after 10 a.m. Lunch at 12 Noon Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch will be pot luck so bring a favorite dish or two to share with everyone. Meat, plates, and utensils will be provided.

Please RSVP to Lee Wolfe at 54O-239-3524 or mikeandleewolfe@yahoo.com or to Lin Martin 54O-577-1197 or LIN_L95@yahoo.com by August 4th.



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LIFE MEMBER ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS—

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@choicehotels.com

Arrival Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 Group rate-\$115 Mention Life Members



SAVE THE DATE! Virginia Jaycees Fall Meeting 10/20-23, Emporia

May Meeting Summary—Rob & Joyce Cooke

Joyce contacted several hotels in the areas of Richmond, Williamsburg, Waynesboro and Fredericksburg. Jody had previously contacted some in Charlottsville. Waynesboro was the most expensive.

The Comfort Suites at Glen Allen had just been renovated, had a meeting room that met our needs and room rates that were reasonable. In addition, the hotel was great to work with and we didn't have any noise complaints.

Based on the information we had from the last meeting we planned on having around 35 members registering. Well, it didn't go exactly that way! We had 56 members register so I guess the date and location were good.

The hotel offered us a deal if we had a total of 40 room night booked, we would receive the meeting room for free. Using the 35 number from the last meeting we expected to pay the \$275 fee. With 59 attendees we had 42 rooms booked and got the meeting room for free! In addition, we made a profit of \$574.48.

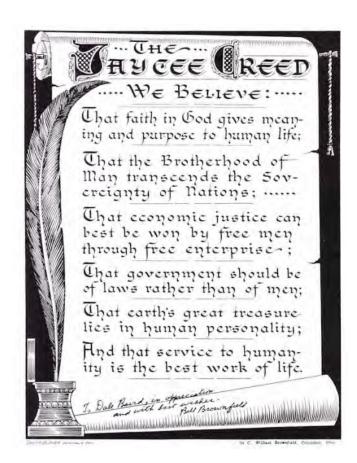
I want to thank everyone who helped us, Chris Williamson, Frances Daniels, Lin Martin and everyone who attended. It wouldn't have been successful without you!

Rob and Joyce Cooke

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