

Virginia Jaycees Life Member Association

Celebrating and Making Our History

January 2015

A Word from President Sabitha...

Happy New Year Life Members!

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends! As we welcome in 2015, I would like to take a moment to reflect on this past year. The LMA family had many celebrations – marriages, births, milestone birthdays, new jobs and many more. We said goodbye to some of our members who will always be remembered and have a special place in our hearts.



The past year was also the Virginia Jaycees' 75th year anniversary; Life Members near and far gathered in Dulles to celebrate this momentous occasion. It was a time to catch up with friends and relive the memories of “when we were Jaycees.” A slide show presentation at the banquet perfectly captured 75 years of the countless projects the Virginia Jaycees accomplished in our communities throughout the state, and all the fun times we had doing them. The room was filled with past state presidents, life members, JCI senators and current Jaycees all with one thing in common – we are and always will be Jaycees!

We also had a very special life membership presentation, which was given posthumously to Lou Wilson - a former Portsmouth Jaycee. While Lou contributed to numerous projects as a Jaycee, he is most known for founding Project Warm in the Richmond area. This project continues to be a collaborative effort between the Richmond Jaycees, past Tuckahoe Jaycees, the city of Richmond and the Salvation Army. Lou's wife, Mary Ann, graciously accepted the award and shared many stories of his affection for the Jaycees.

In the spirit of celebrating and making our history, let's ensure the Virginia Jaycees and LMA legacy continues by doing all we can to assist our local Jaycee chapters and those throughout the state. Joyce Cooke, our State Functions VP, challenged all of us at the November meeting to reach out to our LMA family between the last meeting and our next one in Virginia Beach on January 23-25. In her words, let's “storm Virginia Beach in January and have a huge LMA family reunion!!”

Here's to Celebrating and Making Our History!



“Raise Your Glass!”



Camp Vice President - Lee

It's winter time, fellow Life Members! I hope everyone's staying warm and dry across the Commonwealth. Speaking of winter, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the year-end meeting in Virginia Beach. We need to encourage as many to attend as possible - new members, old members, people we haven't seen in a very long time, and if you still have active chapters in your area, please encourage those members to attend also. Let's not forget what this great organization has given us in the past, and what it can and will still give to future members!

Here's what's coming up on the Camp Virginia Jaycee home front: the weekend of March 6 we'll be holding a camp work party, and I hope to be able to pass on more details as they come available and closer to that time. I will mention this: that time frame is still during the winter period, and you never know what to expect along the Blue Ridge. So if you plan to attend (and I hope you will!), be prepared for winter and spring weather - you could see both within those three days, as we have in the past. Also, I anticipate everyone is looking forward to the Founder's Day celebration, to be held the weekend of April 25. During that same weekend, we're still planning our first annual Camp Virginia Jaycee Founder's Day 5k, and very, very soon I'll be posting our sponsorship letter to be forwarded to any company/individual/group you think might help with sponsoring that event. More details to follow!

Lots of exciting things are happening everywhere; let's make sure we keep each other apprised by using the Facebook page, email and all the other many resources available. And until I see each of you again, stay safe!



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 Member Family!

I realize we just saw one another in November but I miss you already!

I issued a challenge at our last meeting. I asked each of you to start reaching out to one another (especially to those we haven't seen in a while.) Send an email, make a phone call, send a card, or even Facebook! Let your LMA family know you care. You never know when a friend is having health, family, financial, or work problems. A simple note can mean the world to someone going through a rough time. Our friendships are something to be treasured and nurtured. I want us to have a huge LMA reunion in Va. Beach with our regulars as well as those we miss so much!

As always, the Wizard of Roz did an amazing job with the Hospitality suite! I can't wait to see what's in store for us in January!

Gerry was an excellent Bar Master and I'm sure he'll have something special planned for the beach.

Unfortunately, Blair was not able to attend the meeting but I hope those of you who played LMA Family Feud had a good time. I know I did! Blair had planned an airline theme and we did have airline questions. Both the "Full House Team" and the "We Are The Champions Team" did an excellent job and were rewarded with "Cash and Prizes" for their efforts. ☺ But the "Full House Team" claimed victory and was awarded the coveted LMA Family Feud trophy!

Hope you all had a blessed holiday and healthy, Happy New Year!



Hospitality Goddess - Roz

Hey Everybody, hope you had a wonderful holiday season. I'll see you at Virginia Beach (remember – we'll be across the street – in the Turtle Cay Resort.) Breakfast and lunch, as well as the evening events, will be held there. Don't you dare tell me you're too full to eat. If you are too full, put it in your pockets. See you in a few weeks.



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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

Happy New Year!

I hope you enjoyed your holidays and are ready to get back into a normal routine. Or do you really want to do that? Is there something old or stale about your "normal routine?" Perhaps some habits you would like to ditch?

The beginning of the year is the perfect opportunity to re-assess – your year, your life, your present, your future; your health, your finances, your business/career, your relationships. It holds the promise of "starting over," making a clean slate, new beginnings.

January is one of my busiest times of the year for my business as a mindset coach. People seek me out to help them make changes they haven't been able to accomplish on their own. Especially ones they have failed at over and over again. They are often at a point of desperation by the time they come to me, and are willing to "try anything."

The good news is that change doesn't have to be hard or take a long time. Our minds are capable of so much more than we realize. I wish we were born with an owner's manual of the human psyche and taught all through our lives how to use more effective techniques to process the natural ups and downs of life. I was "lucky" enough to learn these things early on (in high school) and start using them to improve my life.

My wish for you in 2015 is that you decide what you really want to be different this year (and beyond), make a commitment to seek out better resources (and support systems) for making change, and take consistent action on doing so. What your mind can conceive and believe, it CAN achieve!

If you'd like to learn some ways to do that and get motivated to make some important changes, use this link to listen to a teleseminar I recorded in 2010: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/43623204/2010%20Breakthrough%20Call.mp3>

I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Convention in Virginia Beach!



Chairman of the Board - Sean



Fellow Life Members,

Each year, we need new officers to step up and help our organization support the Virginia Jaycees, make a difference in our communities, and put together fun activities for our fellow Life Members to enjoy. I'd like to encourage you to consider an elected or appointed office for the 2015-16 LMA year. Here are the offices and their responsibilities:

President (elected):

- preside over meetings of the membership and the board of directors.
- listen to what the membership wants to accomplish, then works to achieve those goals.
- plan for the future of the LMA.
- work with the Treasurer to ensure the organization has sound finances and spends money appropriately.
- maintain a working relationship with the Virginia Jaycees, Camp Virginia Jaycees, and affiliate organizations.
- assist with presentation of new Life Memberships at state meetings.

State Functions Vice President (elected):

- oversee the Directors for Products, Newsletter, Hospitality, and Barmaster.
- assist with presentation of new Life Memberships at state meetings.
- participate in board of directors meetings.

Camp Vice President (elected):

- maintain a working relationship with Camp Virginia Jaycee.
- inform the LMA of Camp's needs and how we can support them.
- plan community service activities of the LMA.
- participate in board of directors meetings.

Liaison (appointed):

- encourage chapters to nominate Jaycees for Life Membership.
- help chapters with the nomination process.
- make sure payment for Life Memberships is promptly sent to the Treasurer.
- write script for presentation of new Life Memberships.
- present new Life Memberships at state meetings.
- participate in board of directors meetings.

Products Director (appointed):

- determine wants & needs of membership for LMA apparel and other products.
- transport products to state meetings and other LMA activities and makes them available for purchase.
- work with Treasurer to coordinate payments.
- participate in board of directors meetings.

Chairman of the Board contd.

Newsletter Director (appointed):

- publish quarterly newsletter, usually about one month prior to each state meeting.
- mail out newsletter to those requesting a paper copy.
- send PDF version via email or Facebook to everyone else.
- wrangle articles from officers for the newsletter, including delinquent COB(s) who brazenly miss the deadline.
- participate in board of directors meetings.

Hospitality Director (appointed):

- plan, purchase, and prepare food for Friday & Saturday evening hospitality suites.
- decorate & set up hospitality suite.
- provide Saturday breakfast & lunch for members.
- ensure hospitality suite is available during agreed-upon times.
- store hospitality items (trays, electric skillet, etc.)
- participate in board of directors meetings.

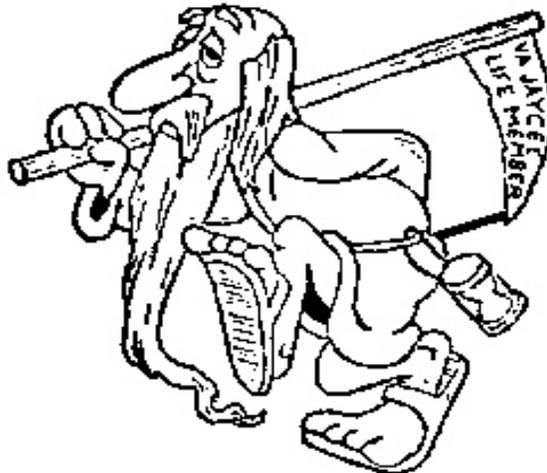
Barmaster (appointed):

- purchase, transport, and set up non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks for state meetings.
- coordinate themes with Hospitality Director.
- store bar between meetings or arrange appropriate storage.
- participate in board of directors meetings.

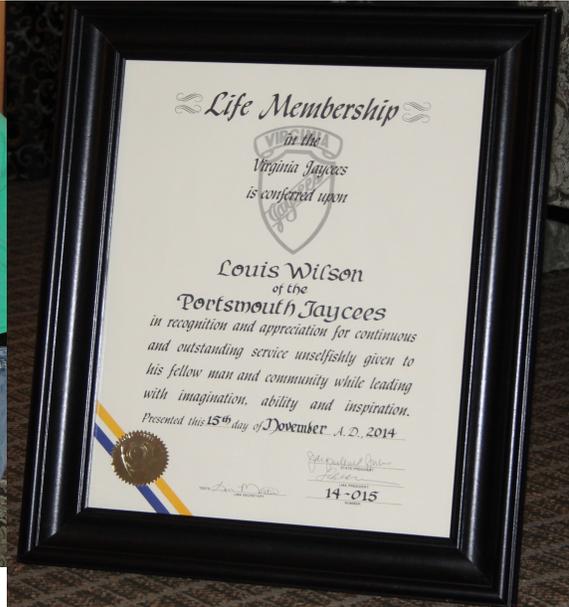
We also have a Secretary/Treasurer who usually serves a two-year term. Lin Martin is currently mid-way in her term.

Our officers this year have done a wonderful job of putting together fun events for us to enjoy. They've worked very hard to make this happen. Now it's your turn – how can you help the LMA? I hope you'll consider giving back to our organization by taking on a leadership role! We are passing the torch to you!

If you have any questions about these positions or would like to be considered for an office, please let me or President Sabitha know. Thank you!



Scenes from the Suite



Minutes of the November Meeting...

November 15, 2014 10:00am at Holiday Inn, Dulles, VA

Call to order by President Sabitha at 10:30AM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Sean Neff

Invocation given by Chaplain, Lisa Smith

Meeting minutes from summer meeting handed out, Gerry Macheck motion to approve, Sherry King 2nd, All in favor.
Sean Neff motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Joyce Cooke. No discussion. All in favor.

Secretary/Treasurer's report – Lin Martin

Membership report presented.

Financial report \$25,552.28 in the checking account as of 11/13/2014.

Joyce moved to accept the financial report. Laura Murphy 2nd. All in favor.

Camp Vice President's report – Lee Wolfe

*Charity Ride shirts for sale, \$10 each.

*Caramel Apple Cheesecake in a jar for sale. Specially made for Camp Virginia Jaycee, \$6 each or 2 for \$10.

*5K Run for Camp Virginia Jaycee will be held on the camp grounds on April 25th. Contract with Mountain Junkies to help run the event. Goal is to make \$3,000 from the run. Looking for sponsors to reduce race costs. Will need lots of volunteers to help with the race. \$100 minimum sponsorship for the race.

*Working on getting more camp shirts available for LMA members.

State Function VP report – Joyce Cooke

*Bar Master – Gerry Macheck - Suite is open. There will be plenty of delicious drinks available.

*Hospitality Goddess – Roz Goin/Joyce Cooke - Circle, Eat, Repeat tonight. Suite will be open this evening after the banquet. There are some special foods available for people who have dietary restrictions, there are special labels on the table for those foods, do not touch if your name is not on it.

*Products Director – Joyce Cooke - All kinds of products are available. Let Scott or Joyce know what you want with the LMA logo on it.

*Entertainment - Rob and Joyce will be doing the entertainment tonight in the suite after all the celebration. Including LMA Family Feud. Have all kinds of good prizes.

*Challenge: Reach out to one another, to other family members that we don't see very often. Invite them to the VA Beach meeting in January. Let others know you are there for them. Let's take care of our family members.

*Regional Lunches - All regions had regional lunches in the past few months.

*Chincoteague – Joyce Cooke – 16 people present. Had plenty of great food and fellowship all weekend. We had our own room to enjoy social time together while at the hotel.

*Regional Lunches will be held in February. Looking for volunteers to help coordinate the events.

Minutes of the November Meeting continued.

VA Jaycee State President Jackie Julian addressed the membership.

*Thanked the membership for all their help and support. If anyone has memorabilia available to display this weekend, please put the in the banquet room.

*Asked the LMA for support in shipping copier back to the company in CT from which we are renting the copier. Copier is in the state office building. Sean Neff offered to check with camp to see if the camp would be interested in taking over the lease. President Jackie will find the paperwork for the lease and get more information about the status and options available for what we can do with the copier and will report back to the LMA in January. Lisa Smith motion to table this discussion until January when President Jackie has more information. 2nd by Sean Murphy. No further discussion. Motion carried. *Editor's Note: Copier issued is resolved at this time.*

*President Jackie introduced the 2015 President-Elect for the Virginia Jaycees, Amy Tenhouse.

Liaison – Christine Hopkins

*One Life Membership will be presented tonight. There will be a reception in the LMA suite after the Banquet.

COB's remarks – Sean Neff

*Congratulations to President Sabitha for having “standing room only” in the room for the meeting.

President's remarks - Sabitha Venkatesh

*Thanked the Executive Board for all their help. Thanked the membership for the honor to serve.

* Introduced Bill Lewis, the newest Life Member and Bill Robertson.

* Sabitha asked Ariel Jones to speak about Adrienne Sedgewick, who we lost in June.

Old Business

*No Old Business

New Business

*The following By-Law revisions were presented to change the sections to read:

Under Policy 5: Life Membership Presentations. Section A: “The \$200 application fee for Life Membership into the Virginia Jaycees will be disbursed as follows: \$30 for first years dues to the Life Member Association, and the remainder to the general account to offset the expense of presentations.”

Under Policy B: “A late fee of \$50.00 shall be imposed on those applications received after the designated due date. The late fee will be deposited into the general account.”

Peggy McHugh motioned to make the By-Law revisions as presented. 2nd by Beth Fujishige. There was discussion. Vote called for to close the discussion. Majority of the membership was in favor to close the discussion.

Vote called for on the motion on the By-Law's, majority of membership in favor of the By-Law change.

*Sean Neff motioned that the State Office Building Account be closed and the funds be moved to the General Account, 2nd by Joyce Cooke. Discussion about the different funds of the LMA. Sherry King motioned to close the discussion, 2nd by Ariel Jones. All in favor. Vote called for to close the State Office Building Account and move to the General Account. All in favor.

Minutes of the November Meeting continued.

*Art Esenberg spoke about the Virginia Jaycees 2015 Winter Meeting, January 23 - 25, 2015. Rooms will be at the Ramada Virginia Beach Oceanfront and Turtle Cay Resort.

*Troy Anderson, VA JCI President introduced Randy Young, JCI President from Minnesota..

*Lisa Smith, Chaplain - reported on cards that have been sent. Passed a card around for all to sign to be sent to the family of Hunky Henderson. Card will be available in the LMA suite for all to sign.

Adjournment - motion by Sandy Fulghum, 2nd by Chris Williams. All in favor.
Jaycee Creed - led by Lee Wolfe.

Financial Report – Lin

The Life Member Association (LMA) remains financially sound and able to continue it's mission to support the Virginia Jaycees. As of December 19, 2014, the LMA has cash on deposit of \$25,324.62 in all of the LMA accounts.

For the 2014–2015 year, the LMA has 19 regular members and 53 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 association business and receive all issues of the newsletter. Regular members may also enjoy the hospitality suite (with it's delicious snacks and beverages) 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.

I look forward to seeing everyone in January in Virginia Beach..



Virginia Jaycees 2015 Winter Convention **January 23-25, 2015**
Ramada on the Beach
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Life Member Association Regional Socials **February 2015**

Life Member Association Winery Tour **March 21, 2015**

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

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Betty Bass	Rebecca Hopkins	Lisa Seamster
Dan Benka	John Hoppe	Scott Sexauer
Elizabeth Benka	Ariel Jones	Cathy Sharp
Jeff Bobich	Mark Jones	Stu Shatz
Matt Brunscheon	Joni Jordan	Paul Showalter
Joyce Cooke	Jackie Julien	Sharon Showalter
Rob Cooke	Nichole Kaminski	Laurie Skinner
Bill Duncan	Paul Kehrer	Melissa Sleeth
Hope Ellison	Joseph Lewis	Tanju Sonuparklak
Art Esenberg	Sherry King	Marti Stevens
Beth Fujishige	Peggy McHugh	Amy Tenhouse
Roz Goin	Matt Montero	Bertha Tiffany
Sam Goin	Sean Neff	Sabitha Venkatesh
Aimee Hart	Lillibet Obrecht	Sara Via
Blair Hedgepeth	Cathy Ralston	Lee Walker
Chris Hienz	Jennifer Rebbly	Brie Wilson
Skip Hilton	Thomas Roberts	Donna Yenney
Christine Hopkins	Charles Rogers	

REGULAR MEMBERS

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

We need more members to pay dues!

Please contact Lin Martin to arrange payment (LIN_L95@yahoo.com or 540-577-1197)

