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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Hello Again! I can't believe I'm back.

When I joined a tiny Jaycees Chapter in North Carolina 9 years ago, there were only 14 members, and only 6 of them were active. I knew I would have to be on the Board of Directors if I wanted the organization to survive long enough for me to participate. I joined the Board, became involved, began to care for my fellow Jaycees, and.... hook, line, sinker; that was it. I was a "lifer". I was proud to be... a Jaycee.

When I moved, I did not want a life without the Jaycees. I located the closest chapter to my new home and I found – the Foxboro Jaycees. Now, I've never had the opportunity to live in your wonderful town, but I love the Jaycees and what they stand for, and the opportunities they create for the community and their members. Although the Chapter was much larger, I knew I would need to get involved on the Board of Directors – to learn my way around the new chapter quickly and be "in the know" about my new chapter -- but also because I knew no other life as Jaycee.

I quickly found a "home away from home." Thanks to all of you. I became proud to be....a Foxboro Jaycee.

In the last few years, the Foxboro Chapter has undergone many changes – shrinking budget, shrinking membership, obstacles put in front of us by town politics and increasing regulations. But overcoming those challenges, we still managed to run over 50 projects, chaired by 19 different chairmen last year!

Even though Jaycees have work and family obligations, have other commitments to their towns and communities, are taking graduate classes, get deployed, have personal hardships, I have seen them work miracles: Such as:

- Pulling off a **Founders Day Festival**, even when Booth field was unusable after 5 inches of rain overnight.
- Snow plowing the Town Common so that the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** could take place.
- Putting together task forces in a matter of days to **help fellow townsmen** in need - cleaning up a yard or basement, to help other surrounding non-profits, or to lend support to New Jersey after a natural disaster.
- **Moving Caroling on the Common** to the Boyden Library last-minute when near-zero degree temperatures made playing brass instruments outside basically impossible.
- Moving the **Installation Banquet** date when it turned out the President-elect would not be able to attend otherwise.

➔ In short, I have seen Jaycees **shine** when lesser people would justshrivel up and die!

DATES TO REMEMBER

BANDSTAND PAINT PARTY

FOXBORO TOWN COMMON

SATURDAY MAY 10, 9:00AM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SOUTH FOXBORO COMMUNITY CENTER

WEDNESDAY MAY 14 AT 7:30PM

SPRING VENDOR FAIR

FOXBORO TOWN COMMON

SATURDAY MAY 17, ALL DAY

SPELLING BEE FUNDRAISER

THE AHEARN MIDDLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY MAY 30, 7:00PM

BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY JUNE 5, 7:00PM

FOUNDERS DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 7, ALL DAY



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More than ever, I am proud to be... a Foxboro Jaycee.

As you can see, I'm not here to present a message of gloom and doom. But, we do need a sense of urgency to change... to act ... to bring about change so that the Foxboro Jaycees organization can exist 50 years from now.

As we go through this next year, we will make some changes, try new and different things. I am asking all of you to keep an open mind as we try to evolve within our space to attract new members, yet still try to offer the traditions and rituals that have come to mean so much to all of us.

We cannot keep expecting the same people to do all the work.Yes, I know, easy for me to say – after all, I'm up here again too, right? :)

The problem is that - just like everyone else around us is busier - our lives have gotten busier too.

To be completely honest, I'm not quite sure **how** this year is going to work with me working full time & taking MBA classes. Last time, I picked my Presidential year **BECAUSE** I was planning on going back to school eventually, and wanted to "do it now," to avoid the conflict.

That'll teach me. :)

This year, I have a Board of Directors of 3 Regulars (including me) and 4 Associates. While I am deeply grateful to those willing to be on the Board with me this year (--Deena, Laureen, Lynda, Bob, Dave & Dave, - thank you!--), I am saddened by the fact that none of our newer Regular members are willing to serve on the Board. We need young, energetic Jaycees who we can train to carry on the traditions and causes of our chapter, who can take over next year, and who can pass down our knowledge and passion to the next generation of Jaycees.

I think of Regulars & Associates in our chapter like two feet: We need each other to get ahead, but we are different. We have a WONDERFUL, supporting, strong group of Associates that we want to keep. They are still valuable, contributing members of our organization, and we are very thankful to them. If you need help with a project, I recommend asking an Associate for their knowledge, insight and help. Just because they are over 42 doesn't mean their brains have atrophied. They are still FABULOUS resources.

But, as you all know, we **NEED Regulars to survive** the coming years.

In order to recruit and activate new regulars successfully, we must understand our customers, our target audience.

So, yes :) I am asking you to spy on your friends. (Or, for you Associates, spy on your children!) What interests them? What is "fun" for them? How do they spend their free time? What type of events do they make time for in their busy schedules?



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I'm also asking you to be willing to help a fellow Jaycee. Please remember when you were new and ran your first project, how intimidating it was to make roster calls, to ask for help, to be afraid to make a mistake.

Yes, getting heckled at a meeting is a rite of passage. But, after the heckling, please raise your hand and say "count me in. I can help." Madeline Albright once said something about women that I feel applies even more to Jaycees, so I will completely misuse her quote here to make a point: ***"There is a special place in hell for Jaycees who don't help other Jaycees."*** I am asking you to reach inside of you for strength, turn around and extend a helping hand. Pay it forward to the next generation of Jaycees. Show you are Proud to be ... A Foxboro Jaycee.

I am up here for a second time to make a difference. I challenge you to do the same: If you commit, commit. Don't disengage. Don't just go through the motions and don't lie back, if you do, this chapter may soon cease to exist.

Thankfully, my Board is willing to take on this challenge, but we (the Board and I) will need everyone's help **this** year if we want this chapter to exist **next** year.

(Keep in mind we only have 12 GMs and 12 Board Meetings to find a new Board of Directors for next year)

Therefore, I am challenging each and every one of you to the following "5 x ONE" Challenge:

- 1) SUPPORT ONE: If you are not on the Board, at least attend, chair, support, or promote ONE Jaycees event each month. It can be a 5 minute or 5 hour commitment, but please support us.
- 2) TALK ONE: At least once a month, tell someone you enjoy the Jaycees, how the Jaycees have helped you, how most of your friends are Jaycees, how you are PROUD TO BE ... A FOXBORO JAYCEE.
- 3) CHAIR ONE: Chair ONE project this year. Big or small doesn't matter, long-time or brand new, doesn't matter either. But I want to see each of you on the list of Chairmen next year.
- 4) RECRUIT ONE: Recruit ONE member this year. A neighbor, a friend, a coworker, your significant other, your child, your child's friend, your sibling, the person on the train -- or on the bar stool -- next to you.
- 5) GROW ONE: This year, help ONE rookie out. Provide manpower, co-chair a project with them, mentor them, or call and check up on them if you haven't seen them in a while.

Think of the huge impact we can make if we can get 50+ people to meet this challenge! :)

Let's all be.... Proud to be.... a Foxboro Jaycee. Let's make this a fantastic year!

~Vanessa

Vanessa Linke
Chapter President, 2014-2015



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Secretary's Report

Vice President: *Dave Brown*

Greetings. I look forward to being Secretary. I am sure you will find my typos and other mistakes entertaining, so please read everything carefully. If nothing else, all will see that anyone can fumble their way through a Board position; or at the very least we will have many volunteers next year to ensure that I do not return.

I would like to encourage our newer members to please come out to the GMs if able, and even co-chair a project with a more experienced member! We won't throw you in the deep end and will be there every step of the way – plus, its fun!

Now, onto the report:

Minutes from last GM

Minutes are always available and if you call I will figure out where they are on the website. You will find that I will direct everyone on everything to the website because I noticed that was what Bob did!



Sunshine

We sent a congratulations card to Dave Brown last month who is retired from his job! I am happy to report that I am still retired and that my skeletons in the closet at AIG have not been completely found. More recently we sent sunshine to Paul Dean, for recent as well as upcoming surgery. Send any sunshine requests to me.

Wise Fox — Jen Franco

The Wise Fox is our monthly chapter newsletter, communicating everything going on in our chapter – please be sure to read and enjoy it, and maybe even sign up to chair a project! Thank you to Jen, for agreeing to continue on as our editor. (*You're welcome*)

Inventory Coordinator —Dave Brown

I have volunteered to be inventory coordinator this year. I am pleased to report that everything is in good order (Thank You Bob—no can of worms here, thank goodness). If you need anything let me know. The spreadsheet is completely updated.

Electronic CPG's — Bob Gillis

When you write a CPG (Chairman's Planning Guide), please send Bob a copy for the web site.

WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT..... VANESSA LINKE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT VP..... LYNDA WALSH
INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT VP..... ROBERT GILLIS
MEMBERSHIP VP..... LAUREEN HOUSE
SECRETARY..... DAVID BROWN
TREASURER..... DEENA CUMMINGS
WAYS & MEANS VP..... DAVID FISLER



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May 2014 Jaycee anniversaries:

Kristen Corley (2), Heather Loew (6)

Happy Birthday to the following:

Bob Hickey, Bill Byrnes, Kathy Brady, Derek House, Stephanie O'Neil and Monica Rigamonti

Congratulations to our April award winners:

Project of the Month: Team Trivia, *Kathy Brady*

Jaycee of the Month: *Heather Loew*



Congratulations to the 2013-2014 Year-End Winners....

- KEY MAN: *Laureen House*
- CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR: *Laureen House*
- COMMUNITY DEV. PROJECT OF THE YEAR: *Foxboro Common Town Sign Repair, Kathy Brady*
- INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPEMEN PROJECT OF THE YEAR: *2013 Installation Banquet, Max Loew*
- MEMBERSHIP PROJECT OF THE YEAR: New Member Social at *Waxy's, Laureen House*
- NEW PROJECT OF THE YEAR: *Family Day at Lookout Farm, Maria Montanez*
- OFFICER OF THE YEAR: *Maria Montanez*
- PROJECT OF THE YEAR: *Concerts on the Common, Max Loew*
- ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: *Jeremie Smith*
- WAYS & MEANS PROJECT OF THE YEAR: *Founders Day Pony Rides, Julie Grant*

See everyone soon!

Dave [Brown—david.brown36@comcast.net](mailto:david.brown36@comcast.net) phone 508-543-9686



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Ways & Means

Vice President: *Dave Fisler*

It is so nice to be writing just one report this month. We have a lot to accomplish in the next few months.

Founders Day is just around the corner, but first we have the **Spelling Bee** May 30th chaired by Lynda Walsh. Lynda has already received ad space and received a lot of interest. She will be looking for a few able body people to help the day of. Please contact Lynda if you can help!

Spelling Bee – Lynda Walsh - 5/30 7:00 pm Ahern Middle School

Please pass the word that we're looking for teams...do you belong to another group or have a group of friends, or neighbors that would like to participate in this year's spelling bee? Please contact me if so. We're hoping for 16 teams, with members of four each. \$70.00 per team. This will be a fun evening for all who wish to match wits with other team, take home the trophy and sport some bragging rights! If you plan on being there to help work the event, please give Lynda a buzz. We still need help at the raffle table and the ticket desk.

Vendor Fair – Vanessa Linke - May 17

The fair will be chaired by our now President Vanessa Linke. Vanessa has been doing great. She has been able to secure 30 vendors so far. I am fielding phone calls and emails while she takes a much deserved trip on the presidential cruise ship for a week. We will need several people the day of to help with the event. If you are available to help, please contact myself or Vanessa.

Founders Day Pony Rides – Julie Grant – Saturday June 7

Julie will need a few strong backs to assist with the loading and unloading of passengers and to walk around with the ponies. If you can help Julie please give her a call.

Founders Day Concessions - Pam Warren – Saturday June 7

Pam will be chairing concessions again this year and is looking for many hands the day of, and several weeks leading up to Founders Day. If you are able to help Pam please contact her.

CHAIRMEN NEEDED

- Founders Day Glow Items
- Concessions for Concerts on the Common

I will be making phone calls for the above mentioned projects. I would like to team a seasoned member with a newer member. A little about the projects:



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Glow items: In this event you have a budget to purchase glow items such as glow sticks, and what has become our better sellers in past years: the battery operated LED items. We have typically purchased the items from RI novelty but that can change if you have a better supplier. You need to get 8 more people to help. Before the fireworks begin we sell the items you purchased (typically 1 item for \$3.00 or 2 items for \$5.00). This can change based on what you have purchased. We have worked in teams of 2-3 and spread out across Booth field. After the fireworks we meet at a central location to turn in left-over or defective product and count the money. Total time needed is 3-4 hours before the event to pick out, order and pick up the product and 5-7 hours the night of. Organize teams, sell product, watch fireworks, collect items and money, and count money. This is a great first-time project. You get to meet a lot of Jaycees and learn to work on a budget. If interested please contact me.

Concert Concessions: This runs in conjunctions with the summer Concerts on the Common series. This project involves purchasing water, soda and candy and selling them at the concerts. This does not need to just be you. You can have a signup sheet and ask for manpower to run the table every week. The responsibility is for the stock and the money box. If interested, please contact me.

Community Development

Vice President: Lynda Walsh

Bandstand Repair – Dave Fisler – May 10 at 9:00a

The cold and wet spring has left our bandstand in need of a fresh coat of paint. We will be gathering at the bandstand on Saturday, May 10th at 9:00 am to have a good old fashioned paint party. We'll supply the coffee and donuts for the morning and finish up with pizza for all who help. If you're a new member this is an excellent means of earning your Jaycee tee shirt! If the weather decides to not cooperate (and I mean down pouring) then we will gather at 9:00 am on Saturday May 17th just before the Vendor Fair... Bring a friend, the more the merrier, and the faster we'll get finished.

Publicity – Bob Gillis

If you have an event that you'd like the general public to be aware of, get your information to Bob as well as the respective Area VP so that he can coordinate our PR efforts with the medias.



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Concerts on the Common – Lauren Bitar & Lynda Walsh – June through August

On (Wednesday), June 11th the Foxboro High Jazz band will kick off our concert season, this was the only time Steve Massey and the students were available.

August 14th and 28th will be held open for rain dates.

Thank you to Dave Brown for the fundraising efforts.

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| Wed | June 11 | Foxboro High Jazz Band |
| Thurs | June 19 | Gobshites |
| Thurs | June 26 | Cocobanana |
| Thurs | July 10 | Good Tymes Banjo Band |
| Thurs | July 17 | Joe Sorrentino <i>(Soloist from Twenty Past Two)</i> |
| Thurs | July 24 | Howl at the Moon Entertainment |
| Thurs | July 31 | Infractions |
| Thurs | August 7 | Victim of Gravity |
| Thurs | August 21 | Galley Dawgs |

Foxboro Clean Up Day – Chairman Needed – May 17

After the success of last year's Foxboro Clean-Up Day, AJ Dooley and Jack Authelet have decided to make this an annual event. I've asked that the Jaycees be responsible for cleaning up the common area, since we will be there for the Vendor Fair anyway...so please come and pitch in to clean up our beautiful common.

Founders Day Parade Participation – Bob Gillis – June 7

This year, there's a possibility that we'll team up with a band that will be playing on the common. The plan is to march along with them in the parade while promoting our Concerts on the Common. We'll need the blue wave out there in the parade to show the town we are here and growing in numbers so please join us!

Memorial Day Crosses – Kathy Brady – May 26

For many years, the late Tom Sawran took on the responsibility of ensuring the crosses of servicemen killed in combat were proudly displayed on the foot of the common attached to the fencing. We as a chapter have taken over that responsibility. Plan on attending the Memorial Day service on Monday May 26th.

Relay for Life – Chairman Needed – June 20

Once again, the Jaycees will put together a team for this years' event...we need a leader to coordinate our efforts. Let me know if you're interested in joining our walkers or chair this project.

National Night Out – Chairman Needed – August 5

We will be teaming up with the Fox borough Police to bring awareness to our town families on the importance of safety for our children and all members of our town. We had huge support last year and our participation was greatly appreciated by all who participated. If you would like to chair this, your responsibility would be to meet with Chief O'Leary to help coordinate the event.



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Final Reports -

Special thanks to **Mohsen** for finishing up the Sand for Seniors, **Derek House** for helping the Easter bunny scattering his eggs on the common, **Bob Gillis** for introducing the candidates to the town on Candidates Night, and **Laureen House** for coordinating our efforts to help clean up Mansfield. As always, if you have an idea for a great Community Development project, please give me a call or email me. Lynda~

Individual Development

Vice President: Bob Gillis

Hello friends! I'm very happy to continue on the Jaycee board and welcome your ideas for individual development projects – this is the area we do things for our own fun and entertainment, and even sneak in a little learning here and there! Please let me know of any ideas you have for this area. Two notes for new members: ID projects are a great way to spend time with your new Jaycee friends and learn more about the chapter and each other. Also, WE NEED YOU! Please come to meetings, help with a project and maybe even chair an event – we need YOU to help the Jaycees continue for years to come!

Meetings and Programs

Guests – I'd love to bring back guest speakers at the GM, even occasionally. I will be reaching out to folks to see if there is interest in speaking at the GM. If you have a recommendation, please let me know!

Refreshments – As we have done the past few years, we will ask members to sign up to bring a goodie (or even food) to the GM. Past favorites include dessert snacks, pizza, franks and beans, and themed food, such as Irish

soda bread in March, ice cream sundaes in summer, and so on. Please volunteer to bring some goodies or food to a GM – I'll take care of May by starting with ice cream!

Book Club – Laureen House – Rotating dates and locations



Different members of the book club take turns hosting book discussions for 2 hours (7:00pm – 9:00pm) and provide light snacks. Please contact Laureen at ducla567@aol.com if you would like to join our club. Full details, including meeting notes, books read, and far more are on the Jaycee web site. You don't have to be a Jaycee to take part ☺

Next book: House Rules – Host Needed - June 5, 2014 - 7-9pm

Author: Jodi Picoult

<http://www.jodipicoult.com/house-rules.html>



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Walking Club – Laureen House – Saturday mornings, 8:00 am

Walks begin at 8am on the bike path in Mansfield. The walking group will meet at the Fruit Street parking lot, just beyond the airport, on the left. It is a 4 mile walk and takes approximately 1 hour, 15 mins. If you are interested in joining our walking club, please contact Laureen via email or phone: Ducla567@aol.com, 774-266-4365.

Restaurant Night – Chairman Needed

I'd really like to bring this one back; it's very nice to get together with Jaycees and friends and try new and favorite places. Please contact Bob if you have any ideas for a place; this can be VERY low-key and is meant to be FUN! I'll chair at least one over the summer but welcome YOU to arrange one as well!

Possible new project: Bar Crawl – Chairman Needed

We're looking at the idea of doing a bar crawl, likely around Foxboro or perhaps Patriot Place. We would also need to arrange for designated drives as well. We're thinking this could be a nice way to socialize as a group and try some new places. Interested in chairing? Let me know.

Trivia Night - Kathy Brady – Game 7 Sports Bar – Date TBD

This VERY popular event takes place (usually) the third Wednesday of the month at Game 7 in Plainville. Kids and family welcome; we get a table around 6:30; you don't have to eat if you don't want to but the food is really good. Dan starts the trivia contest at 7 and it's a LOT of laughs!

Possible new project: Biggest Loser Challenge – Chairman Needed

A 90-day biggest loser weight loss challenge has been suggested to encourage individual development and good health! Participants will pay a small fee to enter the contest. Once a week participants would meet to weigh in. A designated support person will perform weekly weigh-ins and record the results. We will track the number of pounds lost each week but the ultimate biggest loser will be based on percentage of body weight lost.



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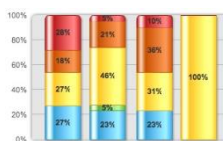
Membership

Vice President: Laureen House

Director: Currently accepting applications from Regular Members

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vanessa and the rest of the Board the privilege of being Membership Vice President for the 2014- 2015 year. I am looking forward to helping the Chapter grow in Membership and entice existing Members to be more active. But, I can't do this alone, so I am looking to the associate members to contact me and express your desires to learn more about becoming the Membership Director. Together we can make a difference.

Member Contact Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C3XBP7D>



Hello everyone! We are looking for feedback in how you would like to be contacted for various Jaycees news. Please be so kind to fill out our Jaycee Member Contact Survey, so that we know the most preferred way to get word out to our membership!

MEMBERSHIP PROJECT CHAIRPEOPLE NEEDED:

- **Founders Day Membership Booth – Sat, May 9, 10am-3pm (-ish)**
- **Concerts on the Common Membership Booth – Thursdays June-July (-ish)**
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➔ **Please let Laureen know if you want to coordinate one of these projects.**

Spring Fair Membership Booth – Sat, May 17, 9am-3pm - Monica Rigamonti

Monica has graciously volunteered to run the Membership booth with the assistance of Lisa Jolicoeur. In case of rain the event will be held on Sunday May 18, in which case we will need someone to step up to run the booth that day. There will be a free raffle at the booth, the prize is a free membership to our great organization.

Easter Egg Hunt Membership Booth – Laureen House Chairman – Final Report

Laureen was able to recruit Lisa Jolicoeur and Patricia Kelly to work the membership booth table during the Easter Egg Hunt project. They fielded lots of questions, how to be members, who to contact in regards to the Concerts on the Common and information regarding the Spring Fair. Thank you both for your great work and giving the public a place to direct their questions and find out more about our great chapter.



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Membership Committee – Various Jaycees – Next meeting TBD

I would like to keep the spirit of this great committee and their great work moving forward through the upcoming year. If you would like to join the membership committee, please contact myself, Laureen House

ducla567@aol.com and I will include you on our contact list.



One idea that was generated by the committee is coming to fruition over the next week or so. The chapter has designed and will send an invitation to Foxboro residents, target audience ages 18-40, to come join our Chapter and come meet us at a “Meet and Greet” before the June GM. I will be looking for existing Members to come and attend as well, so that we have plenty of people to greet our perspective members.

Jaycees Apparel

You will receive a Jaycees t-shirt and/or hat when you volunteer for your first CD or W&M projects with the chapter. You can earn a sweatshirt by chairing your first project or holding your first board position. For those looking to earn their coveted sweatshirt, feel free to contact Vanessa for some ideas for good first-timer projects.

Website – Bob Gillis – Ongoing

Bob Gillis is doing a wonderful job to keep our website current, especially with all the great holiday projects going on - please be sure to send him any pictures or Jaycees-related information you might have for Jaycees events so that he can post them at

<http://www.foxborojaycees.org>.



Be sure to “Like” us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FoxboroJaycees>) and find us on Meetup.com (<http://www.meetup.com/Foxboro-Jaycees/>) -- you can always find the latest updates at www.foxborojaycees.org. If you are planning on attending posted events, please be so kind to RSVP so that we have accurate headcounts!



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US Jaycees Training Available: If you are looking for some guidance or additional training, feel free to attend one of the upcoming US Jaycees Webinars. Recorded training sessions can be found on their YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsYAnFEwYvBxW177hkqu4wKil2d4PBZnM>)

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| CLC Training Update | An updated review of the CLC programs and documents that need to be submitted. An overview of where to find the forms and and Q&A on the program. | Tue 05/13/14; 9PM- 10PM EST |
| New Member Orientation | This webinar will discuss the history of our organization, Active Citizenship Framework, how to make positive change in your community and be an active member of our organization. | WED 05/28/14; 9:00- 10:00PM EST |
| Ambassadors | Learn the role of a USJC Ambassador. Learn the steps to become an Ambassador. The United States Junior Chamber has established an honor program which not only recognizes its own outstanding members past and present, but also allows a method of building and maintaining permanent records of these people as part of the Junior Chamber heritage. | TUE 06/03/14; 9PM- 10PM EST |

(All start times are Eastern; Webinars last for one (1) hour.) Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<http://www.ici.cc/local/media/usa/18989/2013-January-May-Webinar-Schedule-Released>

As always, please email Laureen with any questions, comments, concerns, project ideas, or to volunteer your services to the Membership Area.

Laureen House
Membership VP

