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Clive Jaycees April Newsletter

## Brenda Peel

*President*

As we end the first quarter of 2004, I want to share something with you. I knew being on the board would be a lot of work and take quite a bit of time. Past presidents told me that. They also emphasized that it was very rewarding. I couldn't see that part of it in January when I was learning what needed to be done. There seemed to be something new to learn every day. When you get past the drudgery of the daily tasks and see what kind of impact the Clive Jaycees have on the community and its members, it is very rewarding.

I have spoken with different groups that were grateful to us for running the project, helping their organization or giving them a donation. Whatever it was we did for them, it makes you ready to do all the hard work again. I used to see this as the Community Development Vice President, but had gotten away from that when I started doing more of the paperwork for the chapter. I feel fortunate to have seen the light again. It revitalized me.

I want to outline some of the communications I have received recently that made me realize this. In the last week, I have received 3 phone calls from the Des Moines Register about different projects we have scheduled. We have received a number of inquiries about what we do and who we are. People moving to Des Moines wanting to meet people and become involved. It makes you feel like a vital part of the community. It is humbling to realize how many ways we can help people.

The reason for our current success is you: the local member who gives your time in whatever way you can! I want to thank you for making our chapter what it is today: an invaluable community resource!

Congratulations on the Howard A. Marks award for the nation's best Jaycee chapter overall. You have earned it!



**Easter Egg Hunt:**

**How many Easter Eggs can you find in the April Clive Jaycee Newsletter?**



# Emily Vaughn

## *Individual Development*

The weather is changing fast and soon we'll be able spend more time outdoors. I'm starting to plan some outdoor activities, but I'm always open for suggestions. This April we had planned on taking a trip to Chicago, but since not many people could make a commitment to go, I will be rescheduling the trip for sometime this summer for either the Clive Festival or State Fair weekend. I will let you know for sure when it will be soon. Since we will not be going to Chicago, we will be having a cultural day, which may include the Science Center, the Salisbury House, the Botanical Center, as well as other places of fun for kids of all ages!

Please let me know what individual development activities you would like to so, I would like to have more activities that would draw more members out to join us.

**March 30th** – Movie Night at Wynnsong @ 6:30pm

**April 6th** – Book Worms at Amy Crolls @ 6pm (The De Vinci Code by Dan Brown)

**April 8th** – Movie Night at Emily's @ 6pm (Top Gun and Hot Shots)

**April 14th** – Wine and Dine at Corigliano's @ 6:30

**April 17th** – Cultural Day, places TBA



### **Buca di Beppo Charity Meal and Fundraiser**

Mentor Iowa has teamed up with Buca di Beppo for a charity meal. The event will be held on Sunday, **April 18th** from **12pm-3pm** at **Buca di Beppo** in West Des Moines. Buca di Beppo will create a special buffet for ticket holders which will include: Mixed greens salad, Mashed Potatoes, Rigatoni with meat sauce, Spaghetti Aglio Olio, Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Spumoni, house bread and non-alcoholic beverages. Tickets for this event cost only \$10 (children under 4ft. tall are only \$5) which includes the all-you-can-eat buffet and gratuity.

This event is open to the community and we encourage you to attend and invite your friends!

If you would like to buy a ticket or have friends/family/others who would be interested in supporting Mentor Iowa please call the office (277-9797) to reserve tickets.

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# Reed Anderson

## *Community Development*

First of all I would like to give my congratulations to last year's board for our number one ranking. The great news is that the ranking is a great tribute to what we have been doing for a number of years. I have been a member for three years now and I have always been impressed by the number and the variety of projects that we have to offer for our members. That leads right into my agenda for the next several months. If you were at the last membership meeting then you are well aware that we have a full schedule of community projects for the next several months. I will jump right into the schedule. Hopefully you will all be able to find something that is of interest to you.



Join us **April 10th** at **Orchard Place** for the Clive Jaycees and Orchard Place joint **Easter Egg Hunt**.

Melissa and I have been busy collecting donations from local businesses and now we need your help to stuff the eggs and best of all help find the best hiding places for them. We have already received some great donations for this event from local businesses and I can't wait for the actual event. Jim McCool has also volunteered to be our Easter Bunny for the event. More information will be coming on the specific meeting location and time for this event.

We will be walking through the fields? Roads? trails? Something at **Living History Farms** on **April 17th** for the **American Heart Walk**. The best news for you is that you are not required to collect pledges or pay a minimum fee to walk. The chapter has allocated \$500 to the American Heart Association for this event. Come out, get some exercise and support the American Heart Association.

Can't make it to the Spring All State in Waterloo? No problem, come out and help the chapter for **Adopt a Highway** on **April 24th**. If you've ever done this before then you know how big of a help this is in keeping Hickman Road clean. The

chapter will even pick up the bill for your lunch afterwards.

We have some exciting projects coming up in May. Some are old favorites and some are new projects that we are trying this year.

**May 1st** is our first **Greater Des Moines Jaycees Rebuilding Together Day**. This is going to be a huge project and we need your help. If you haven't been to the meetings then I will give you a quick rundown. The Des Moines, Clive and Urbandale Jaycee chapters have teamed up this year to sponsor a Rebuilding Together house. Our homeowner is a single woman with several disabilities that prevent her from maintaining her home. There is plenty of work to do including everything from general cleaning and moving boxes to installing windows, handrails, building a deck and movement of the washer and dryer.

**May 8th** we have two choices for you. If you are a walker then the **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk** is for you. Donation amount is at your discretion. We will also be hosting the **Local Hit, Run and Throw** kid's baseball competition. John Parsons and Linda Worth will have more information on this project as we get closer to the date. If you like kids and baseball then you will not want to miss this.

On **May 15th** we will again be helping out with the **Run for Ronald** for the Greater Des Moines Ronald McDonald House. We will again be working one of the water stations along the route. Also on **May 15th** is the **Hy-Vee Fishing Derby**. The chapter has not had the opportunity to participate in this event in the past, but it looks very exciting. All money raised from this event goes towards **Big Brothers Big Sisters**. They need over three hundred volunteers to run this event in areas such as helping kids with fishing, working concessions, working the prize center, trash control and selling raffle tickets.



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# Courtney Beckman



*Joined January 2004*

**C**ourtney Beckman joined the Jaycees early this year for a lot of reasons - one reason being that community service and involvement have been a large part of Courtney's life since she was very young. Both of Courtney's parents have always been actively involved in the community from the time she was a small child which instilled in Courtney and both of her sisters the importance of giving back to her community. Of course, the mandatory community service hours at her all-girls high school also had something to do with it!



Courtney moved to Des Moines a year ago and has been looking for ways to become involved in the Des Moines and surrounding area communities. The Jaycees was a perfect fit! Courtney works with Jennifer Gracey who brought the Clive Jaycees chapter to her attention and enticed her by not only mentioning the vast community work that the Jaycees does, but the fun and social events that they organize as well. This leads into another reason why Courtney joined the Jaycees - to meet new, fun, energetic people! She is very excited to be a part of such a highly-respected organization!

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# Jacque McCurdy

*Management*

What a great 1st quarter. Congratulations to Laurie Barr for raising the bar at National convention even more. I guess I have my work cut out to hurdle over that one.

Keep up the great work on getting those CPG's turned in following projects. Getting them done in those first few days, can sometimes make a big difference as your thoughts/ideas are the freshest. We are presently caught up for the quarter.

If anyone happens to see any articles in any of the newspapers about our chapter, please email them to me or bring them to meetings. Even if a get duplicates that's great, as I won't have to kill another tree making a copy. Hopefully, I won't miss any that way.

The program booklet is just about to final copy. The goal is to have completed by the end of April.



# Jen Gracey

## Membership



**A**pril is going to be a busy month, but I hope you can take time out to relax and participate in some of our social and membership events. Thank you so much to everyone who attended the socials these past few months. We had a great turnout for the Hessen Haus and Paddy's. We all had a great time playing games at Chuck E. Cheese and it was a nice event that members could bring their kids to. I think I need to brush up on my skeeball skills because there were some 8-year-olds doing much better than I. Like I said, April is going to be a busy month and before you know it, we'll be starting Clive After Five! So let's make the most of April and do something different!

We'll be going to **Buzzard Billy's** for **Crappy Beer Night** on **Thursday April 1 at 5:30 p.m.** (they don't take reservations, so we need to start this event early so we can get a table). Please **RSVP** to John Parsons at **heresjohny72@mchsi.com** so he knows how many people to expect. Crappy Beer will be \$1 a can and you can enjoy old favorites like Schlitz and Pabst Blue Ribbon while enjoying some great cajun food.

There will be no Friday social on April 2nd so that we may support the **Grimes Jaycees** and attend the **Grimes Adult Prom - Blast from the Past** on **Saturday April 3rd**. We already have 10 people signed up and you can purchase tickets at the door if you would like to attend. Tickets will be \$25 per person or \$35 per couple and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Dallas Center-Grimes High School After-Prom Activities. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be served at the Adult Prom and a DJ will be spinning tunes. Dress for this event is formal and the Grimes Jaycees request that you wear prom garb from the past. We will probably be having some pre-prom activities in the Clive area and then carpooling to Grimes. After the adult prom, festivities will move to the American Inn in Grimes and will be BYOB.

Do you like to drink **wine**? Would you like to learn more about **wine**? We will be having a **Wine and Cheese Tasting** on **Friday, April 9th**. Bring a wine glass and **RSVP** to me with the the type of wine you will be bringing. If you don't want to bring wine, bring cheese! We'll be doing wine and cheese pairing and experimenting

with the different flavors of wine from around the world. There is no price minimum or maximum, but I would request that you not bring boxed wine, Arbor Mist, Boone's Farm, Mad Dog or any of the cheap stuff we drank in college. Please let me know if you need a suggestion of what to bring. You'll earn things like the difference between White and Red Zinfandel, what wines are perfect for before or after dinner and what wines to pair with your favorite foods. We are still looking for a location to have this event, so please contact me if you are willing to host this event.

The last social before Clive After Five starts...On **April 16th** we'll be doing a **Clive Pub Crawl** down **86th Street**. We'll be starting at **Down Under** and working our way south. We will also use this an M-Night to try to recruit new members. if you have any friends or co-workers you think would make great Jaycees, please give me their name, phone number and email address and I will personally invite them to our events and keep them updated on chapter activities.

**We need to recruit some quality members this month and gear up for Clive After Five!**

### **SOCIALS:**

- APRIL 1 - CRAPPY BEER NIGHT AT BUZZARD BILLY'S 5:30 P.M.**
- APRIL 3 - GRIMES ADULT PROM AT DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES HIGH SCHOOL 7 P.M.**
- APRIL 9 - WINE AND CHEESE TASTING 7 P.M.**
- APRIL 16 - CLIVE PUB CRAWL AND M-NIGHT STARTING AT DOWN UNDER 6 P.M.**

## April Renewals:

Natalie Anderson	Heidi Nelms
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Jennifer Brown	Sarah Porter
Lori Edwards	Kim Reeder
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Deanne Gummert	Marty Schwager
Michael Hermsen	Jacqueline Selix
Gianna Hoffman	Rich Sessler
Travis Kain	Shelley Sessler
Amy Kearns	Nicole Slater
Roger Knobbe	Shawn Steinkamp
Heidi Kupka	Diane Stubbe
Wendy Lambke	Bruce Wegner
Erin Murray	



## May Renewals:

Jennifer Amodeo	Laura Leathers
Reed Anderson	Nicole Miller
Scott Eggleston	Stacie Miller
Jennifer Gracey	John Parsons
Tom Hamilton	Tina Shineflew
Martin Hinrichs	Jason Urban
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# April

Sunday

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Thursday

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Saturday



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Crappy Beer Night @ Buzzard Billy's 5:30 pm

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Grimes Adult Prom

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Daylight Savings Time "Spring Forward" Palm Sunday

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7 pm Board Meeting

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Book Worms 6 pm Amy Croll host

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Movie Night 6:07 pm @ Emily's

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Social: Wine & Cheese 7 pm Good Friday

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Easter Egg Hunt 10 am @ Orchard Place

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Easter



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7 pm Membership Meeting

Habitat 4 Humanity Fire Dept Demo

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6:30 pm Adel Mtg @ Raccoon Valley Comm

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Wine & Dine 6:34 pm Corigliano's

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Scholarship Committee Meeting 6 pm @ Tara's

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Clive Pub Crawl 6 pm

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American Heart Walk

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Year End All-State in Waterloo

Year End All-State in Waterloo Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up

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Year End All-State in Waterloo

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6 pm JCU 7 pm Membership Meeting

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6:30 pm Adel Mtg @ Raccoon Valley Comm

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Clive After Five! Standing Hampton

How many Easter Eggs did you find? If you found 28 then you are correct! Have a wonderful Easter everyone!

