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WELCOME TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD BANQUET

February 2, 1980 7:00 P.M. Blu Vue

GUEST SPEAKER: Representative James F. Morgan, 23rd District

AWARD NOMINEES

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

- 1) Ray J. Boleman Jr.
- 2) David E. Sizer
- 3) Stanley M. King III

OUTSTANDING YOUNG EDUCATOR:

- 1) Joan Webb--Tharrington Elementary School
- 2) Martha Andrews--Jones Elementary School
- 3) Betty Atkins White--Mount Airy High School
- 4) Don Smith--North Surry High School
- 5) Carol Graves--Mount Airy Junior High School

OUTSTANDING YOUNG LAW OFFICER:

- 1) Danny Carson Frick--Highway Patrol
- 2) Freddy Hutchens--Deputy Sheriff
- 3) J.D. Miller--Surry County Drug Officer

SERVICE TO HUMANITY IS THE BEST WORK OF LIFE...

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our "aycee year is three fourths over with the end of January.

We must be doing something right! We have had several successful projects in succession. The latest of which was the highly successful "doughnut sales" chaired by Nelson Parker. The overwhelming success of this project, specifically, and also of several other recent projects, was due to having a dedicated and determined CHAIRMAN. And the chairman having a plan of action and using it. Nelson used the mail and the telephone to get out constant reminders to all the members to sell their doughnuts. He followed up by delivering them on time as promised. The results were 200 dozen sold, or twice as many as we expected and a big boost in our treasury. Congratulations to "Doughnut Man" Jim Collins-- our top salesman.

Thanks Nelson for the reminder that with a plan, dedication and action every project can be a success.

Notes:

District basketball tournament took place in Pilot Mountain on January 19; our team took a bye in the first round, which saw the host Pilot Mountain team defeat King. In the second round our team fought a hard fight but lost to a more experienced and highly substituted Jaycee team--56 to 70... "Oh, but to have had Howard Morris back for a day."

We took calls for the March of Dimes telerama again this year. Utilizing the Northwestern Bank and with the help of their employees the telerama fell far short of the amount raised last year. Locally, only a little over half of last year's collections were raised: \$2753.00.

No first Thursday meeting because of DSA Banquet; our third Thursday meeting will be an athletic event--volleyball or basketball--at a place to be decided (probably Reeves). You will be notified by phone.

HEALTH FAIR--Remember the highly successful Oral Cancer Clinic on Super Bowl Sunday two yeras ago--the day it snowed eight inches? Gary Knirskern will again chair the project with the able assistance of Tycho Wood. The project will be held in April this year and will be significantly expanded. This one will be called a Health Fair and will offer close to a dozen different health checks for heart, blood pressure, breast cancer, pap smear, glaucoma and cataracts. This could be an award winning project; everyone help Gary and Tycho in your area of interest.

CHAPTER MANAGEMENT VICE PRESIDENT

Fellow Jaycees,

Jaycees? Be a Jaycee? What in the blazes is a Jaycee? Have you ever asked anyone to join the Jaycees and received these questions for an answer? Now instead of letting it go at that, these people have left themselves wide open for a lesson on Jaycees.

The importance of recruiting new members cannot be overstated. Let's all think about getting some new members for our chapter.

I would like to thank Nelson Parker for chairing our doughnut project. He did a great job. Nelson has done a good job all year. We appreciate it.

Sometimes I think I write too much, so I am going to keep this one on a normal level. But the old pen gets going and before I know it, this pen has written too much.

I would like to stress the fact that our fellowship is getting better and our brotherhood will come in time. We will just have to use what people and resources we have and make the best of it we can. We are not losers, but winners. Jaycees will always be winners, and remember that!

Cindy Cook, Miss Mount Airy, is getting ready to compete for Miss North Carolina. She has done a great job so far; she has just returned from entertaining our troops in Europe. She looks good, and Sandra and I have had nothing but good reports about her across the state. We need to stand behind her and support her 200%. She deserves it. She may well be the best Miss Mount Airy ever and that is a fact.

Well, be a good Jaycee.

Build a better you,
Fired up!

Jim Collins

P.S.--J.C. Says: The only people who never fail are those who never try.

JJAYCEE OF THE MONTH (update)

October--Jim Collins. Chaired pickle and pie booth and dance.

November--Billy Smith. Mid Year Convention.

December--Jaycettes. Carolling and food and toy basket.

Fellow Jaycees,

I have just gotten home from one of the best Jaycee meetings I have been to since I became a Jaycee. Input was there, finally! It is great to see it. Our leadership is getting fired up. I think we are finally identifying our needs and problems instead of attacking the ~~symptoms~~. We need to consider the interests and desires of our members by setting priorities such as were discussed tonight.

We need to identify our goals and it may take more than one project to achieve a goal, but we need to use all our available resources and watch not to duplicate efforts made by other organizations.

I would like to suggest that each Jaycee use a calendar of some kind--pocket, wall or desk type--to help keep you up to date on events. Set your priorities! Jaycees never have required anyone to do anything that they have not wanted to do. Jaycees is totally voluntary work. This calendar will organize your body and tell it where and when it is supposed to go and do things; it is great for management of time.

Did you know that being a Jaycee means being a little selfish? You are building a part of yourself which will--in the end--benefit other people. Be a Jaycee for your own reasons--not anyone else's!

I want to take a little more space to say something about the future of the Mount Airy Jaycees. I definitely want to be your president this coming year. My record should speak for itself: I have missed only three Jaycee meetings since I became a member. I have sacrificed for my family and job for the Jaycees. I am dependable; I am punctual. I am for the good of the club, and I have only got about two years left to be a Jaycee. Heck! What more do you want? Every absence from Jaycee meetings and conventions has been because of illness. I promise (and this is in writing) to help the club in every way possible and to represent us in the community and on the state level.

You know what keeps me going? Every time I get into a project (now don't get me wrong--I am about as lazy a person as there is) I think about all the people that are not able to do. All of the people with no use of legs and arms...damn. Here we are--healthy--and I have had my share of sickness this year, but there is always someone else sicker, isn't there?

My friend from Sparta named Frank starting losing use of his hand last year. It spread all over the right side of his body. In and out of hospitals; no one knew what was wrong. Finally he found out from a doctor in Delaware that he had a brain tumor. He is totally an invalid now. The doctors gave no hope; an operation is not possible. You would have to know the kind of a guy he was to really understand what I am saying. A man that intelligent--all of a sudden--not able to walk or talk or do things others do. He has a wife and three kids. His age is only 40. This could happen to one of us. I pray that he will get better, but God only knows.

Things like this keep you going. Let's be the Jaycees God intended us to be--winners. God didn't make Jaycees to be losers.

Be good and do alot for yourself. Get involved in something of your interest. There is still alot left in the year. Make our community proud of our organization.

Until the next time--
Get the signal; Fired up,
Jim Collins

1979 went out in a blaze of glory for the Mount Airy Jaycees. December was probably our best month as far as fulfilling the Jaycee spirit. My thanks to Tycho and Marie Wood for hosting our Christmas party at their home; a good time was had by all.

One of the most enjoyable projects this year was the Christmas Wish project chaired by David Hawkins. The Saturday morning before Christmas ten Jaycees showed up to cut and deliver wood to several needy families. Our board of directors also appropriated \$100 that was used to buy fuel for others. Hats off to David for this fine project.

Several Jaycee families enjoyed themselves and spread good cheer at Colonial Nursing Home by singing Christmas carols and handing out fruit to the residents. Thanks to all Jaycettes for putting this together and to Ginny Kniskern and Sandra Priddy for their musical leadership in this wonderful project.

December put us in the right frame of mind to enter the 80's. Remember that Jaycee week is coming up. Introduce a young man to the Jaycees.

Jim Roberts