



## Awards & Installation Gala

### Award Recipients

Project of the Year  
 New Project of the Year  
 Committee of the Year  
 Chairperson of the Year  
 New Member of the Year  
 Jaycee of the Year  
 Director of the Year  
 Lathrop K. Leishman Award  
 William D. Sloss Award  
 B. Durward Howes Award  
 Jay D. Rinehart Award  
 Phillip K. Ishizu Award  
 Peter Beam Award  
 Community Sponsorship Award  
 Top Jaycees Intern Awards

Queens Breakfast: Nicole Wood  
 Senior Intern Project: Megan Delight  
 Op Santa: Lindsey Reed & James Bull  
 Op Gobbler: Megan Scott  
 Lindsey Reed  
 Natalie Andres  
 Stacy Wood  
 Magnus Delight  
 Erin Scott  
 Nicole Wood  
 Eric Muntz (#74)  
 Scott Pool (#84)  
 Budincich Chiropractic Clinic, Inc.  
 Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza  
 Melissa Chan, Jill Chen & Karis Lee

*Thank you to Jed Leano (#80) for emceeding the evening!*



### 2017 Board of Directors

Chairman of the Board	Mike Wehbe
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Community Service Director	Lindsey Reed
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Membership Vice President	Nicole Wood
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## Fore!

By Stacy Wood

Thirty-four new participants joined twenty-six returning players to tee it up in support of the Pasadena Jaycees community service projects at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. The event was held at the beautiful Brookside Golf Club on October 19, 2016. Players enjoyed a spectacular day of golf followed by an awards dinner and silent auction which included gift cards to local eateries and businesses, a Go-Pro, and vacation packages, among other prizes. A fun time was had by all.

The Pasadena Jaycees would like to thank our sponsors of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament:

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If you would like more information regarding this annual event or would like to help plan this year's event, please email [golf@pasadenajaycees.org](mailto:golf@pasadenajaycees.org).



## Gobble Gobble!

On November 20, 2016, the Pasadena Jaycees celebrated their 28<sup>th</sup> year working with the Friends in Deed House to provide families with all the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner. This annual event, cleverly called "Operation Gobbler", has been organized by the Pasadena Jaycees since 1987, when members Nancy Elchones, Phil Raycraft, and honorary life member Jay Rinehart founded the project. Since 1987, the project has grown and this year successfully fed over 340 families! We look forward to continuing our collaboration with Friends in Deed House and supporting their positive impact on the Pasadena community.

By Megan Scott



## Queen's Breakfast

The 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen's Breakfast was held at the University Club of Pasadena on November 22, 2016, to celebrate the tradition and legacy of the Tournament of Roses® Rose Queen® and Royal Court.

Rose Court members ranging from 1963 to the most recent 2016 alumni were in attendance, as well as several Pasadena dignitaries. The audience treasured the opportunity to personally get to know the 2017 Rose Queen Victoria Castellanos and the Rose Court prior to New Year's Day.

For the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row, ABC7 News Anchor David Ono engaged the crowd with his witty humor and clever dialogue during interviews with former court members in the audience, as well as with the 2017 Rose Court and their mothers on stage.

Most notable this year was the change in venue to the University Club of Pasadena. Thanks to the University Club's Catering Director (and newest Jaycee member) Valerie Vance, the event received an overwhelming number of compliments for the intimate, classy ambiance, and hearty, delicious breakfast.

Thanks to the continued support from Pasadena Jaycee Past Presidents Ed Morales (#66) and Bob Cheney (#44), the Jaycees were able to build upon our relationship with the Tournament of Roses, who financially supported this year's event and are committed to the long-term success of this project.

Thank you to the many community partners who supported and participated in this longstanding tradition!

By Nicole Wood

# 2016: A Year in Review from the Chairman of the Board

By Mike Wehbe



2016 was a great year for the Pasadena Jaycees! We started the year earning average proceeds from Program Sales at the 103rd Rose Bowl Game. In the spring, our projects with Five Acres were successful as we continued our longstanding relationship with this most deserving organization. In August, we celebrated our

31st year of the international homestay exchange with the Jaycees from Kasukabe, Japan. Kazunobu Hashimoto returned to Pasadena as the President of the Kasukabe Jaycees. I was honored, as President of the Pasadena Jaycees, to serve and host him the same year he



was President of the Kasukabe Jaycees. President Hashimoto is not only a good friend of mine, but his father was also one of the founders of the Kasukabe - Pasadena Exchange. In October, our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament was a successful moneymaker which



helped make up for the shortfall that we have recently experienced from Program Sales. Then in November, we held our Annual Operation Gobbler feeding over

300 low income families giving them the opportunity to have Thanksgiving dinner in the privacy of their own home. At the end of November, we hosted the 78th Annual Queen's Breakfast. This year's Queen's Breakfast was an important one for me. I am proud to announce that the Pasadena Jaycees received a check from the Tournament of Roses® to help eliminate the loss that we have been experiencing for the past several years. Special thank you to Bob Cheney, Ed Morales, Nicole Wood and her committee for coming together to make this possible. In December, we held our 82nd Operation Santa and I am proud to say that even with the changes the school district had made that resulted in a drop in letters from the previous year, this year we had an increase in letters and were able to deliver toys to over one thousand children.

In addition to our projects, we were also successful

in putting the organization on a stronger financial footing. Through the Finance Committee that I established, we were able to cut operating costs by approximately half. This was achieved by researching alternatives, renegotiating service contracts, and looking closely at every budget. By doing this we were able to lay the groundwork for a more stable financial standing going forward. One of my many goals for the year was to raise awareness and strengthen relationships with leaders in the Pasadena community. Mayor Terry Tornek is now more aware of who the Jaycees are and what we do for our local community. I am proud to say that our relationship with the Tournament of Roses, as well as the Rose Bowl Operating Company, is very strong. The awareness of who the Jaycees are has risen this year as our profile within the community has been more visible. We will also be making a deposit into our investment account this year on behalf of the 2016 Board of Directors. Lastly, I am proud to say I have left the chapter with a substantial amount of funds for the 2017 President and Board to utilize this year.



I wish the 88th President, Jessica Privett, and her Board the best of luck. My door is always open for future generations to call on me for guidance and support. I am proud to have been the 87th President of the Great Pasadena Jaycees. None of this could have been possible without a strong Board of Directors. I am honored that you trusted me and that we could experience this journey together. Thank you for the countless hours you spent with me and the rest of the organization making this year such a success. I would like to thank the Past Presidents for always allowing me to call on you for guidance when needed. Thank you to all of the chair people who made our projects a success, and to all of our members.



\*If you are the first person to email the editor of this publication with the correct number of times that the Pasadena Jaycees vertical banner appears in this edition of the Communiqué, you will win a special prize!\*

# Operation Santa

By James Bull and Lindsey Reed

Operation Santa was an incredible experience this year from start to finish, and affirmed that both past and present Jaycees, as well as members of the Pasadena community, can be counted on to consistently come together for a great cause. For yet another consecutive year, thousands of children benefited from this project and dozens of Santa teams got a chance to make a direct and immediate impact in our city. Some highlights included an increase in the number of letters received following a significant drop last year. This is the second year that we had to reach out to families using an online platform and other methods, as the Pasadena Unified School District has discontinued mailing printed notices to parents. By contacting organizations like Foothill Unity Center and Friends in Deed, we were able to reach more families in need and get toys to kids on Christmas Eve.

We are setting our sights on continuing to get the word out to local organizations like shelters, group homes, and other places that offer homeless services or aid to needy families. In this way, we hope to (ideally) reach as many homes and children as the Jaycees were once able to. We are also shifting our focus to higher quality toys moving forward. We want the kids to receive toys that are fun and exciting, and these are the kinds of toys that our Santas want to deliver. Op Santa 2017 is sure to be another success as we will be getting an earlier start on operations and doing our best to get the word out to the community that we are, in fact, still going strong with this outreach.



## 2016 Project Chairpersons

Program Sales	Mike Wehbe
Five Acres Easter Party	Alison White
Five Acres Summer Party	Kim Teate
Kasukabe Homestay	Natalie Andres & Erin Scott
Golf Tournament	Chris Pelch, Nick Scott & Stacy Wood
Jaycee Intern Program	Megan Delight
Queen's Breakfast	Nicole Wood
Operation Gobbler	Megan Scott
Holiday Party	Annelies Manuel
Operation Santa	James Bull & Lindsey Reed

## Intern Program

The Youth Intern Program continued for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year during the fall of 2016. This program aims to give citizens under the age of twenty-one a chance to develop leadership and networking skills through our community service projects that will benefit them as they prepare to join other organizations and the workforce. Twenty-six students participated in various volunteer opportunities through Operation Gobbler and Operation Santa. Returning students participated in a special committee which planned and executed a new fundraising project. Proceeds from the ice skating fundraiser went towards Operation Santa. If you know of a student who may be interested in participating in this program, please email [internprogram@pasadenajaycees.org](mailto:internprogram@pasadenajaycees.org).

By Stacy Wood

## A Word from the President

By Jessica Privett



I am honored to be the 88<sup>th</sup> President of the Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Jaycees have been a part of my life for over 6 years and I am privileged to serve as the leader for 2017. Over the years, I've been amazed by how much this organization has to offer and this year is no exception. As we charge through the new year, let us continue our commitment to create positive change in the world around us, whether it be through empowering young leaders, providing food for needy homes, or sharing a smile with a stranger.

The chapter's focus this year will be growth and innovation. We plan to increase quality members through various outreach platforms including incentive programs, new activities and continuing to build strong personal relationships. We plan on continuing the long-standing projects while injecting them with innovative ways to accomplish more. I am extremely privileged to be working with a Board of Directors who are talented, passionate and driven individuals who care deeply about this organization. We have very high aspirations and I am overwhelmingly excited for the future.

However, we would not be able to move forward without the accomplishments of the past. I'm continuously humbled by how many individuals have committed their time to a group so much larger than themselves. Countless people have dedicated years of experience, support, and wisdom. Thank you to every member, intern, donor and friend who has stepped up to help and create a positive impact on our community. I am privileged to lead an exceptional group of people and honored to be the 88<sup>th</sup> President of the Great Pasadena Jaycees.

## Upcoming Events & Projects:

3/15  
Monthly Mixer  
at Vertical Wine Bistro

4/15  
5 Acres Easter Party

Interested in getting involved?

Please email  
[community@pasadenajaycees.org](mailto:community@pasadenajaycees.org)  
to find out how.

## The Purpose of the Pasadena Jaycees...

is to be a positive force in the Pasadena area, determining community needs, providing solutions by planning and running community service projects. While serving the Pasadena community, our members cultivate great friendships and receive hands-on experience, which translates into personal growth and the development of valuable leadership skills. This is the Jaycee concept.

View the Communiqué online at:  
[www.pasadenajaycees.org/communique](http://www.pasadenajaycees.org/communique)

## Membership Has Rewards...

Expand your social circle  
Get involved in community events  
Take advantage of networking opportunities  
Build your project management and professional skills

## Annual Membership Fees

\$95 Individual  
\$170 Married Couple

### Renewals:

\$10 discount if you participated on a committee during the previous year.

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## New Member Spotlight

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Christina Asai  
 Sarah Balderas  
 Jermaine Ee  
 Matthew LeSueur  
 Nancy LeSueur  
 Alisabeth McQueen  
 Scott McQueen  
 Jessica Morgan  
 Jordyn Orozco  
 Valerie Vance



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