When I was inducted as a Colonel in the Georgia Jaycee Honor Corps in May 1989 on Jekyll Island, I never imagined, thought or dreamed that I would one day be elected to serve as Commander of the Honor Corps. I am truly honored that you chose to allow me to serve as your Commander for 2020. I will go out of my way to serve our organization with a very high standard of integrity, honesty and determination. I am grateful to each of you for electing me into this office.

As we begin the 2020 Honor Corps year, we are faced with many challenges, not only in our local cities, state and nation, but globally as well. The Covid-19 virus has changed the way we live, work and interact with each other. We have not experienced anything close to this pandemic in this lifetime. We are having to change how we live our daily lives. This pandemic has impacted our organization in an unprecedented manner by causing us to make the difficult but necessary decision to not make our annual trip to Jekyll Island in May. Your Corps staff was united in realizing that we could not put the health and well-being of our fellow colonels, families and friends in jeopardy by travelling to Jekyll Island. However, we did decide that we will travel to Jekyll Island on August 14-16 for our next meeting. Better Late Than Never in 2020. Our host hotel will be the Villas by The Sea Resort. The rates for our stay will be the same as they would have been in May. More details for this weekend will be shared in the coming weeks.

Our theme for the 2020 Honor Corps Year will be "It's Up To Us…". It's up to us to ensure that our organization stays strong for years to come. We can accomplish this by urging those colonels we have not seen recently to become active again. We need to look at our financial situation to ensure that we will have funds to support our members. We need to ensure that we actively support the Georgia Jaycees and local Jaycee Chapters. Without the Jaycees, our membership will not grow. Reach out to Jaycee chapters in your area to ask what assistance they need. During conversations with newly inducted Honor Corps Colonel and 2020 Ga Jaycee President Allen Foley, I have pledged the support of the Georgia Jaycee Honor Corps.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Jekyll Island in August. If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to reach out. You should also find a shirt order form in the Dispatch that is embroidered with our new logo.

Yours in the Corps, Larry MacQuirter #1935 62<sup>nd</sup> Commander



And now, from Larry's Angels...

Hello fellow colonels,

I hope this edition of our newsletter finds you all safe and well. These are uncertain times but we will get through it. I look forward to working with Commander Larry, the staff, and all of you this year. And I know we are all praying for our country and each other.

The Corps will be having our Silent Auction at the August meeting on Jekyll Island. Please help me to make this a successful fundraiser by donating items for the auction. We will be having the auction on Saturday night during hospitality. You can bring your items to Jekyll and give them to me on Friday night or Saturday morning so that I am able to get everything ready in time. Your Corps appreciates all that each of you do towards events like this, and everything you do for the betterment of the Corps. I know we are all sad to not have our traditional meeting at Jekyll in May, but at least we still get to go to Jekyll, and most importantly, we get to see and socialize with our Corps and Senate family. I look forward to seeing you all in August.

Until then, I pray you all stay safe and healthy.

Yours in service, Wendy Cowart Active Vice Commander Georgia Jaycees Honor Corps



Hello fellow Colonels,

I want to start with a thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer. As I am sure you are aware by now, we will not be meeting as usual in May 'on the island'. However, it is still time for annual dues to be collected. Dues notices will be going out around the time of this article being written. Annual dues are \$30 and should be paid as soon as possible. See information below as to where to send your payment. Additionally, ribbon fees will be collected at the next meeting location which should be in August. Because we will only be having hospitality for two nights for the next meeting, ribbon fees will be \$15 for any Colonel as well as \$15 for a guest of a Colonel. If you are a lifetime member of the Corps or the Senate, ribbon fee is \$10.

Hope to see you all soon. Stay safe and healthy. Can't wait for football season (I'm sure it's coming)!! Go Dawgs!!!

Mandi Howard #2064/L121 Georgia Honor Corps. Treasurer 478-952-7378



Bartenders Report:

The Hospitality Room will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 9 pm until 1200 am and the Cocktail Party will be Saturday afternoon.

Don't forget to bring a bottle of your favorite liquor, wine or beer to donate to the Corps and get your name in a drawing for \$25 to help defray a little of the cost for your weekend. You can drop off your donation at the Corp Room or my room.

We are looking forward to serving the Corps and Commander Larry this year and if you have any suggestions or praise for the Amigos be sure to let us know.....

The Four Amigos, Randy, Curtis, Trey and Billy



Hello Colonels and Past Commanders!

In these challenging times of "sheltering in place" and "social distancing" I hope everyone is finding new hobbies or rekindling old ones that can be done alone at home. I started baking cookies (for the first time in my life) and unfortunately for my waistline I've been devouring them as fast as I make them! I will miss meeting with our group in May but I believe it was the right call for our Board of Directors and Commander to cancel our May meeting. Hopefully, the virus will soon be on the downswing and we can hold our meeting at Jekyll in August.

If you don't have our website bookmarked yet, here's the link: <u>https://gajchonorcorps.org/</u>

The key items you'll find on the website pages:

- Home: List of the current Officers and Staff, and Recent (Corps) News
- Events: Details of upcoming Corps projects and Trimester Meetings
- **Documents**: The Corps History, Bylaws, Policies, Corps Membership Application, list of Past Commanders and our Membership Roster
- Newsletters: Dispatch Newsletters from past several years
- Minutes: Meeting Meetings from the past several years

Stay safe and we'll be together again soon!

Yours in the Corps

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Thank you Commander Larry "for pulling a fast one on me" and appointing me Hospitality Chairman. It will be fun socializing with your staff, along with our Corp Members, JCI Senators and guests. Needless to say, it is disappointing not to be meeting in May, but August 14-16, will be here before we know it! We will also have the opportunity to create new memories on "The Island" in August.

There will be hospitality at the Villas by the Sea on Friday and Saturday nights. The Cocktail Party will also be in the Hospitality Room on Saturday afternoon and this will be a "Dress-Up Event". Ribbon Fees are \$10 or \$15 that will provide you a weekend of Hospitality.

Guest Ribbons will be available for purchase also.

Please contact me ASAP if your local Chapter or even a combination of volunteers would like to Host the Cocktail Party. The Corp provides the Host Group with \$400 for supplying the food items, along with the utensils, plates and napkins. "See you on the Island"!

Kay Buchanan #2180 katikb@cox.net or 478-361-3642



Hello Colonels,

Hoping everyone is staying safe in this very trying time. Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers.

Jr Clark; Lori Palo; John Swank; Alex Willis; Mike Ringel; Amy (Armour) Perkins

If I have missed anyone I do apologize. Please let me know of any prayers or praises you wish to share. My email is <u>LDLEPICK@AOL.COM</u>... 678-588-7448

Hope to see everyone very soon, Love you all



Lisa, Chaplain 20/21

I hope everyone is doing good under the circumstances. I know everyone is so tired of hearing to stay home, practicing proper social distancing by staying 6 feet away from everyone and wearing your mask. But if people would listen, we will all get through this quicker.

I am definitely going to miss not seeing everyone in May, but I look forward to seeing y'all in August when, hopefully, we will be past all this mess and able to hug each other and enjoy the fellowship we all love.

I am happy to serve as your Immediate Past Commander and look forward to seeing what the future holds for the Georgia Jaycee Honor Corps. I look forward to seeing everyone on the island in August.

I would like to say that I do hope that if you, as a Corps member, are able to help your Jaycee chapters around you in inspiring and uplifting your community that you do so.

Andrea Perry



#### Greetings Fellow Colonels!

I hope this dispatch finds you and yours safe and healthy, and none too worse for the wear of this craziness we have found ourselves in! As Nancy said, maybe you each rediscovered an old hobby, or started something new, in order to bide the time these past weeks of mandated quarantine. I for one have really enjoyed spending more time with my grandbabies, and even got some home renovations completed!

I am honored to have been nominated as your 2020 Ga Jaycee Honor Corps Adjutant and will do my best to fill the shoes of officers past, as well as try to raise the bar even more by getting everyone on-board e-Dispatch communication! I apologize in the lack of ads this go round, you'll see more in the months to come. Also, hit me up for your name in the "Honorable Mentions Corner" next trimester. You may remember this old feature from mailings past, and will hopefully help generate some income for the Corps again going forward.

In the technological day and age we all enjoy, **please** let's **ALL** do our best to save The Corps money in printing and postage and submit your email address to me by the next mailing. It only makes sense to not only be as economical as possible, but as responsibly GREEN as well!

Looking forward to serving you, and some Southern Jaycee Hospitality on the Island in August!!

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