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## From the President...

Hello Jaycees,

Summer's finally approaching, and even though I'm not sure you could tell by the weather, at least it means less rain!

We have our annual Summer Picnic/Membership Open House event on Saturday, June 14th. If you've never been to a Jaycee event, or it's been awhile since being able to make it, or simply want to come and have yet another a fun time with the group, this is definitely the event to make it to. Come hang out, grill some food, enjoy the outdoors and meet up with old and new friends.

Another major summer highlight for the chapter is the Relay For Life 24-hour walk-a-thon to raise funds for the American Cancer Society which starts Saturday, July 19th and goes through the next morning. This overnight team event always draws a great crowd of volunteers from all over Portland; we'll pass the time with games, live music and dancing, catered food and taking turns walking the track for this great cause.

See you all soon!

Camille Keonjian

*80th President*

## Friend Raiser Auction

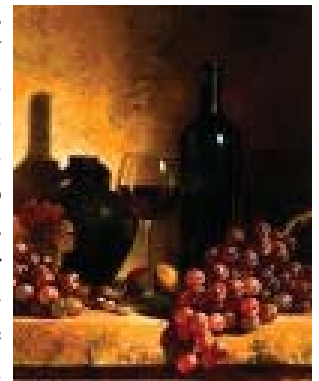
Contributed by Camille Keonjian, President

The Friend Raiser auction is the signature event for Friends of the Children, an organization that pairs Portland's most at-risk youth with one adult mentor who stays with them from kindergarten through high school graduation. As one of the largest auctions in the Portland metropolitan area, this year's event raised over \$1.5 million for Friends of the Children. President Camille Keonjian and new member Josh Evans volunteered in the art gallery section of the auction, then handed out the thousands of auction items to each of the winners at the very end of the event. It was a late night with lots of running around, but the great group of volunteers and the amount of money raised made it all worthwhile!

## Wine Tasting

Contributed by Camille Keonjian, President

A group of 18 Jaycee members and guests gathered at Michael Carrano's office in NW Portland to discuss and sample five international wines, brought to us by sommelier David Speer. David, owner of Wine and Chocolate company, talked to the group about what to look for in a wine, the story behind the names and types of wines, the options available for collectors (both amateurs and serious connoisseurs!) and more. After sampling each of the unique wines and pairings with various cheese, the group took off to check out the art galleries for First Thursday in the Pearl District. It was a great time!



## Self Defense Training

Contributed by Pia Herreid

On May 19, VP of Individual Development Michael Carrano hosted a “non-physical” Self Defense class at his office in NW Portland. Several of our members gathered to watch a representative from the Portland Police Department share stories and tips of how to stay assertive and what to do when we find ourselves in compromising situations. With several years of experience in law enforcement as a counselor, she had many stories to share which provided us with tools to prevent and protect ourselves from perpetrators in everyday situations.

## International Corner

Contributed by Robert Gierек, VP of International Development

Welcome to the International Corner. I am your International VP, Robert aka Rowbear. With May being full of holidays including Mother’s Day and Memorial Day, the month had one major event. On May 2, we attended the Cinco de Mayo fiesta at Tom McCall Waterfront Park - the largest one in North America. There we enjoyed delicious cuisine, live music and entertainment, and even a fireworks show to officially commence the festivities, weekend. With June and July almost here, we have many awesome events planned for this summer.

<b>June</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rose Festival Float Decorating	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Living Room Theater	10	11	12	13	14 Annual Summer Picnic
15	16	17	18	19	20 TGIF event: Jax Restuarant	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 St. Paul Rodeo Beer Garden
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

### Save the date:

- 7/12 Bastille Day Celebration
- 7/13 Board Retreat
- 7/19-20 Relay for Life
- 7/26-27 Camping Trip
- 7/30 Japan-American Society



More details to come in your email as we get close to the dates of each event and as events may get added. Should you ever have questions about the events or anything else, please contact anyone on the Board of Directors and or visit our website at [www.portlandjaycees.org](http://www.portlandjaycees.org)