

Jaycees Help 'Mainstream'

An ambitious project termed "Operation Mainstream" is enlisting the Jaycees to help in the war on poverty in conjunction with the poverty agencies in the State of Alaska. The Alaska Jaycees conducted a seminar on the Operation Mainstream on February 2, at the Anchorage International Inn to which they invited social workers and poverty warriors from the Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, the Older Persons Action Group, and the Anchorage Human Rights Commission.

State Jaycee Executive Members, Jerry Riggan and Wayne Mabry, charged the fellow Jaycee Chapters from across the state that this would be a number one priority this year and that the meeting should be a spring board for cooperative efforts with these agencies to become involved in programs and projects that might help poor people in their home communities.

Mrs. Agnes Harrison gave a rousing challenge to the Jaycees to work in coordination with the people most affected by poverty, as did Mr. Vince Casey, Anchorage Human Rights Executive Director.

The Southeast Chapters of the Jaycees will be assisting the Southeast Alaska Community Action Program in developing a regionalized fire protection program that could involve bringing fire extinguishers to every low-income home in the targeted areas.

The poverty professionals were in unanimous agreement that the Jaycees were ambitiously tackling an area that previously, their group had no experience in and the poverty workers genuinely appreciated the efforts. State President Maybrook concluded the day-long seminar by challenging the state-wide gathering to cooperate with the agencies and to make this a very successful program in the coming year.