



December 2, 2020

Dear JABA Members:

Wow 2020, what a year it has been. JABA started the year with a full calendar of events. We had a successful Expo only to have the majority of the rest of our events cancelled due to COVID. At the onset no one knew what to expect. We cancelled the April regular meeting and decided to go virtual for the May general meeting. The State of The Village dinner was originally postponed but eventually it was also cancelled.

In July we went back to in-person meetings and continued to offer the virtual meetings for those that were uncomfortable or unable to attend. One silver lining is that we learned this hybrid option is something we will probably keep around as a benefit to our members.

We went back and forth on the golf outing, should we cancel, postpone, or move forward? Ultimately we held the event and what an event it was! We had more golfers, more contests and more fun. We added a ball drop which was very successful and enabled us to make a \$1,000 contribution to the Johnsborg High School Incubator program. We are already looking at ways to improve this event even more. We welcome suggestions from the membership.

As 2020 comes to an end I think we will all agree we are ready to usher in 2021 and hopeful for a better year. The end of the year is bitter sweet for me as my term as president of this incredible group comes to an end. It has been my honor and pleasure to have this opportunity and I look forward to staying actively involved with JABA. I am excited to pass the gavel to Laura King who will bring new ideas and continued success to JABA. Laura's energy and creativity will bring JABA to new levels. The new Passport Program was her idea and will bring much to our members and the community.

In closing I'd like to thank the board, our director and all the members for allowing me to be president of this amazing group for the past 2 years.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Sincerely,

Mark S. Adams