



Peoria Jaycees
2002 Member Handbook



The Jaycee Creed

We Believe:

*That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;
That governments should be mad of laws rather than of men;
That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;
And that service to humanity is the best work of life.*

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Jaycee History & Concept

Your organization, The United States Jaycees, has a rich and impressive heritage. The Jaycee movement began in an era when many organizations were getting their start. Young men's civic groups were sprouting up in cities from coast to coast in the early 1900's. The movement grew as these groups consolidated their efforts.

Our movement actually began in 1910 when the Herculeum Dance Club was formed to socially elevate its members. The Herculeum was so successful in providing the proper atmosphere for social relationships that it and other groups formed the Federation of Dancing Clubs. The early leader of the Federation, a young bank cashier named Henry "Hy" Giessenbier, played a significant role in changing the dance groups into a dynamic national organization.

Giessenbier wanted to develop the business skills and the reputation of young men. This approach was a bit unusual, but became the hallmark of Jayceeism. Hy is referred to as the founder of the Jaycee movement because of this early influence on the organization. He led a meeting of the Federation of Dancing Clubs on October 13, 1915, at the Mission Inn in St. Louis, Missouri. At this gathering, 32 young men agreed to form the Young Men's Progressive Civic Association (YMPCA). After several name changes, the YMPCA became the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1920. Today, October 13 is "Mission Day" for Jaycees and is observed with membership drives and "M" Night meetings.

The YMPCA reflected the views of many young men in America who were tired of dancing; they wanted to tackle difficult civic problems. In the process, those 32 young men at the Mission Inn knew they and those to follow would grow from their involvement with other young men and weed develop their potential as leaders.

In the early twentieth century, young men were thought unfit to assume business responsibilities. Those who aggressively sought those responsibilities were considered "upstarts." Older businessmen were unsure of young men's skills and were skeptical of their ability to succeed. Giessenbier wanted young men to make an impression early in life, so development of business and leadership skills was offered to members of the early movement. Those skills and other benefits are still offered today.

In 1916, the YMPCA changed its name to Junior Citizens at the request of Clarence H. "Daddy" Howard a St. Louis industrialist and early benefactor of the Jaycee organization. The shortened version of Junior Citizens-J.C.s-became the permanent trademark of this organization for energetic young men.

The Junior Citizens affiliated with the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce in 1918. Following the First World War, a plan to form a national coalition of young men's groups was widely circulated. The "St. Louis Plan" resulted in a gathering of 25 organizations from around the country in January of 1920. This caucus on January 21 and 22 is the official date of birth of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. Today, the commemoration of the caucus falls within Jaycee Week, which begins the third Sunday of every January.

In his address to the caucus, Henry Giessenbier outlined the purposes of Jaycees in America. In the process, he revealed his vision of the movement for all generations to see.

"It shall have for its prime purpose to promote cooperation among the young men's business and civic organizations of the country To increase their efficiency and to create and foster the growth of such organizations To provide avenues of intelligent participation of the young men in the study of city, state and national problems To advance the character and business efficiency of its members along clearly defined constructive channels."

"It shall further propose to secure cooperative action in advancing the common purposes of its members To secure uniformity of opinion and concentration of action upon questions affecting the civic and commercial interest of the country. This proposed organization shall, at all times, be non-religious and non-political. It shall not be an organization for propaganda, but shall be an organization to render service."

Giessenbier finished by saying. "I believe the great task that is assigned to us is to put into execution those purposes and, my fellow delegates, may I say that in your hands lies the destiny of a great organization. Let us build it to national recognition. Let us organize it in the interest of the young men for a greater America. Let us not fail in this task." Hy Giessenbier was convinced the principle of the Jaycee movement was sound. In June of 1920, when the first Annual Meeting was held, Hy was elected president. Little did he realize how much impact the organization he started would have in America and around the world. He died on November 7, 1935.

In the 1920s, the Junior Chamber of Commerce began the first national program, "Get Out The Vote." The program was designed to encourage citizens to participate in their government. As the organization has grown in membership and influence, governmental involvement has remained a national concern.

One of the significant accomplishments of the Jaycee movement in the '20s was its role in the development of aviation in America. Many local organizations helped construct and develop airport facilities in their communities. The efforts of Jaycees are also credited with the establishment of regular airmail service in this country.

In the 1930s, the organization grew to nearly 700 chapters. A national publication, FUTURE, began. Adoption of a new constitution, design of the official seal of the Junior Chamber and the establishment of the Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) program also took place. The U.S. Junior Chamber named the Ten Outstanding Young Men.

More significant, though, was the role Jaycees had in conserving America's natural resources. Cooperation between groups in Canada and the U.S. resulted in the Quetico Provincial Park in Canada and the Superior National Forest in northern Minnesota. Junior Chamber groups also worked with Garden Clubs, the Farm Bureau, Isaac Walton League and other groups to form the National Wildlife Federation. The Federation represents all conservation groups. Its purpose is to ensure adequate legislation for conserving our natural resources at the state and national level.

When the 1940s rolled around, Jaycees were having an impact in this country. They had worked hard to reduce urban traffic accidents in the '30s through the "Safety With Light" program and the '40s presented new challenges.

Even though most of its members would hear the call of duty, the Junior Chamber of Commerce went on record in favor of compulsory military training at the organization's 1940 Annual Meeting in Washington, D C. While more than 85 percent of the membership was fighting World War II, local groups were conducting scrap drives, selling war bonds and assisting USA chapters to help in the war effort.

Despite the hostilities in other countries, the true spirit of Jaycees prevailed in the 1940s. The organization was established in other countries in 1944 during a meeting in Mexico City, Mexico. Today, more than 80 countries are part of the organization known as Jaycees International (JCI).

A young Jaycee from Columbus, Ohio, attended the first convention after the war (in Milwaukee). He was so inspired he wrote the words of what is known today as the Jaycee Creed. C. William "Bill" Brownfield had seen the impact of the movement and put that impact into a statement of belief.

A Junior Chamber project that bridged the 1940s and 1950s was a government reorganization. President Truman had asked former President Hoover to review the operation of government. Hoover's recommendations met with opposition from government officials, veterans and other groups. Jaycees backed the recommendations because it was felt the changes would benefit all Americans. The organization's campaign on behalf of the Hoover Report enabled more than eighty percent of the recommendations to be enacted.

The 1950s saw the outbreak of another war and saw the Junior Chamber of Commerce working harder to preserve the freedoms of America. President Dwight D. Eisenhower became the first President to address an Annual Meeting of Jaycees in 1953. In his speech, the president said, "Yours is one of the nation's most distinguished and enterprising organizations. You are young and responsible people, with impressive careers and achievements already recorded to your credit. Because you are both young and responsible, you know what is your greatest responsibility of all-tomorrow-the whole future of freedom."

The Junior Chamber worked to obtain statehood for the territory of Alaska during the 50's.. When this was achieved, statehood for Hawaii was achieved shortly afterwards. But Jaycees were also concerned about the youth of America and so began the "Junior Citizens Crusade."

The Crusade was designed to curb and prevent delinquency by offering constructive activities for youth, such as the Safe Driving Rodeo and other programs. The efforts did not stop there, however. Jaycees worked to rehabilitate youth that strayed by establishing a uniform juvenile court system and by backing the "Big Brother" program.

With the 1960s came efforts to appeal to a broader spectrum of society. The Junior Chamber officially changed its name to Jaycees in 1965. It also required that all members of the national organization become members of the international movement. Jaycees enlightened the country about mental health and mental retardation through a national program in the '60s. The most significant activity of the '60s, though, was the organization's efforts to create a Uniform Vehicle Code. Chapters surveyed local problems and worked to promote enactment of uniform laws by all states and to adopt similar municipal codes.

In the 1970s, the national Jaycee movement continued to follow the purposes outlined by Giessenbier back in 1920. The organization helped create the National Center for Voluntary Action, but also played a vital role in other areas of public concern.

An alcohol abuse program, "Operation Threshold," contributed to an understanding of the problems associated with alcohol consumption. "Operation Red Ball" saw Jaycees distribute more than 5 million fire protection stickers in 1972 alone as part of a program to aid fire departments in locating children and invalids during household fires. Many other national programs helped young men have an impact on their communities during the 1970s.

The history of the Jaycee movement in the 1980s made a major turn. In Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 16, 1984, during a special meeting of The United States Jaycees, the membership voted successfully to expand their membership requirements by admitting women, ages 19 -35, as full voting members in The United States Jaycees. In June 1987, another vote revised Jaycee age limits to 21 through 39, expanding Jaycee opportunities to even more people. Jaycees in the 80s continued to support America's Olympic Athletes, raised funds to fight muscle destroying diseases, was concerned with the conduct of government in this country, made further improvements in their communities while developing their own personal skills as leaders and extended the hand of Jayceeism to other communities and helped more young people than ever before create a lasting impact.

Changes in the Jaycees will continue. It is through these changes that the organization has grown to the height of what it is today. Changes come through the new ideas proposed by the membership. Each young adult who is a member of this organization is given that chance to grow and develop. For more insight on how the Jaycees has affected the lives of some of its members, a book entitled, on *Being A Jaycee* has now been published. It is a collection of statements by past Jaycees on what the organization means to them.

This history culminates today into what we now term the "total Jaycee concept." This concept is something that you must also understand and communicate to your chapters. The concept is represented by the logo to the right.



You will note that the logo is an equilateral triangle with the arrows indicating a distinct overlapping. The sides of the triangle represent community development, management development and individual development. The triangle completely surrounds a circle, which represents the member. The logo does, in fact, represent a process. It is equilateral, so that equal emphasis is placed upon all three areas of activities and overlapping because each activity is dependent upon the other and is an integral part of the other. It is a process by which the "whole chapter" can offer its members a "total experience" personal growth, development of their managerial skills and effective service to the community.

Three functions are absolutely essential for the "**total Jaycee concept**" to be a reality: management development, individual development and community development programming.

If a chapter is poorly managed, it may suffer from lack of organization, morale, pride, fiscal stability or recognition as a credible group.

When a Jaycee chapter does not offer self-improvement programs like Personal Dynamics, Leadership Dynamics, Communication Dynamics, Speak-Up or Family Life Development, it fails to provide an individual member with the most unique tools available within the Jaycees for pursuit of personal goals.

When a chapter rests solely on its record of community development programs, it may lack the cohesive stability of a well managed organization, exhaust the leadership currently available or fail to provide for the development of emerging Jaycees. The beneficiaries when such a cohesive combination of chapter functions complement each other, are the individual member and the community. Only then is it possible to "develop the whole member through the whole chapter" and realize the worth of this total chapter concept.

SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES IN U.S. JAYCEE HISTORY

1910 Herculaneum Dance Club organized in St. Louis, Missouri, by Henry (Hy) Giessenbier to bring about the social elevation of its members.

1915 First step toward Jaycee movement of today was taken when 32 young men met at Mission Inn, St. Louis, on October 13, 1915 to form the Young Men's Progressive Civic Association.

1920 Caucus of 29 clubs from around the nation met and officially gave birth to The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce; Henry Giessenbier was elected the first president of the newly formed national organization with 12 cities as charter members.

1930's Jaycees established the TOYP award program, the DSA program, and helped to establish the National Wildlife Federation.

1940's Jaycees took a stand in favor of a mandatory military training prior to WW II. During WW II, 85% of the Jaycee members were overseas fighting for freedom.

1944 Establishment of the Junior Chamber International.

1946 Bill Brownfield authored the Jaycee Creed.

1947 The offices of the national organization moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where citizens pledged \$100,000 to help finance a building now known as the War Memorial Headquarters.

Use of the word "Jaycees" was officially sanctioned.

Jaycees helped to obtain statehood for Alaska. They also became involved in preventing delinquency through various activities and support of the Big Brothers program.

1960-70's National programs on fire safety, mental health, mental retardation, and alcohol abuse were established.

1965 Name changed to the United States Jaycees.

1972 Membership voted to admit 18 year olds as full voting members.

1984 Membership voted to admit women as full voting members.

1987 Membership voted to change the age limits to 21-40.

1995 75th Anniversary of the U.S. Jaycees Advocacy program adopted.

1998 US Jaycees votes to turn fiscal year to the current calendar year.

2001 Jaycees colors and logo changed when new marketing campaign is introduced at the National Convention in Dayton, OH. "Change Your World" is adopted as a new tag line.

HISTORY OF THE PEORIA JAYCEES

The first fifty years of the Peoria Jaycees provided the means for many of our present day leaders in business and government to achieve the leadership and self-awareness that has carried them forward until today. During this period, the firm foundations and traditions were established, as were the precedents, that allow us today to adjust our projects and programs to the varying needs of the community service to localities.

The Founding Of The Peoria Jaycees

The actual organization of the Peoria Junior Chamber of Commerce took place July 23, 1940, when, with assistance from the Decatur chapter, some 20 men decided to help further an idea conceived in 1920 by Henry Giessenbier in St. Louis.

The first official meeting was held July 25, 1940 at the Creve Coeur Club. The first officers were elected as follows: Dustin Miller, President; Walter Tobias and Charles E. Barnum, Vice-Presidents; Albert L. Lukeman, Secretary; and James Wheeler, Treasurer.

The Peoria chapter was granted its state charter on August 27, and on September 19, 1940, the national charter was presented at the charter dinner, attended by 250 people. There were then 48 members in the chapter.

Founding Forties

The "Americanism" program, chaired by Perry Piper in 1940, won top honors nationally and was adopted by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as a national program.

1942 coincided with the development of World War II. Many members were called to service so it was natural that efforts over the next few years were directed toward helping the war effort. "Military Health" program, scrap drives, and numerous projects were created.

"Rumor Clinic" was under Dan Bell's chairmanship: The idea was that any rumor could be phoned into the Jaycees who in turn would check it out, get the correct information and publish the truth.

In 1943-1944, our chapter was judged to have the fifth best Jaycee organization in the country. During the year, the Jaycees placed long awaited street signs on previously unmarked corners, and the first Jaycee office headquarters as opened.

The Peoria Jaycees moved up one notch 1944-1945, being recognized as the fourth best chapter in the nation, for a well-rounded program. The chapter sponsored the "AAU State Basketball Tournament" and continued their war effort programs. National recognition was once again obtained and a \$100 prize was awarded for the Peoria Plaxi. The first "Go-To-Church" campaign was initiated this year, during the Lenten season, in an effort to increase church attendance year around.

1946-1947 saw the emergence of two significant projects. One was "Senior Residents' Day," on which Jaycees volunteered their time and cars to take residents of the city's old people's homes on tours of the area. Rat Control, an intensive program, was planned to make the public conscious of the need for controlling the rat population.

The first "Home Show" was sponsored in 1947 at the Armory. The show was the biggest profit maker ever, and the money was placed in a trust fund to be used for civic projects and to finance chapter activities for several years. The Jaycees turned to public safety with a "Bike Registration" program under which all bicycles in the city were registered and the riders given basic safety information. 23 states participated in the first "National Junior Golf Tournament" held at Mt. Hawley Golf Course, and sponsored by the Peoria chapter. This has since become a yearly event in many cities across the country.

The Peoria Jaycees reached a tough goal during 1948-1949. The chapter was awarded the Harold A. Marks trophy, signifying first place chapter standing among the 1,800 local Jaycee groups nationwide. The chapter sponsored "Your Candidate Speaks" giving candidates of both parties for all offices radio time to express their views and policies. "Johnny No Vote" was burned in effigy at the corner of Main and Jefferson. Jaycees and their wives "adopted" children from city orphanages for a night at the theater.

1949-1950 was a banner year for the Peoria Jaycees. The membership was at a record high of 570 men. An intensive 20-day membership drive resulted in the signing of nearly 300 members. "National attention was focused on Peoria this year, as the Jaycees sponsored the National Distinguished Service Award" presentation. This country's 10 outstanding young men came to Peoria for the awards dinner and related recognition. This banquet has since evolved into the "National Ten Outstanding Young Persons in America" program. Among the top 10 honored at the Shrine Mosque the night of Jan. 21, 1950 was Gerald R. Ford, 36, the new U.S. representative from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Also among the 10 were Charles Percy, the 30-year-old president of Bell and Howell, the youngest chief executive of a major industrial concern and Kenneth Pitzer, 35, director of research for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.



The ten outstanding men of 1949, at the 1950 National Distinguished Service Award Banquet. Pictured from left to right: Robert Floyd, Gerald R. Ford, John Shepperd, Charles Percy, Franklin Murphy, C.B. "Bud" Wilkinson, Kenneth Pitzer, Charles Hastings and Harold Russell. Not pictured: Theodore Roosevelt III.

The War Years

A general "War Effort" program was started in 1941. The chapter undertook a vigorous campaign to close "vice resorts" in the city. A large mass meeting sponsored by the Jaycees was called. The city council by a vote of 14 to 3 supported the campaign, which threatened to make public the names of property owners where brothels were located. Army officials warned the Peoria City officials that if toleration of vice continued, Peoria would be ruled "out of bounds" for all members of the armed services, including Peoria's own service men home on furlough.

A big project during 1942 was the scrap drive headed up by H.L. "Bud" Stoner, for which a huge pile of household scrap a block long was collected and piled at the foot of Hamilton and Fayette Streets. A second scrap drive in 1943 collected 125 tons of metal. In addition, the Jaycees sponsored the removal of streetcar rails from Sheridan Road to obtain 200 more tons of scrap.

During the war years, there was active participation in the citywide "War Bond" drive and equipping the lounge for the USS Peoria.

Jaycees launched a "Veterans' Service" program to compliment the city's plan, designed to aid returning veterans in 1945. Among the activities in the project were counseling aid, aptitude tests, educational information, job placement help, and tours of local industries.

Decade Of The Fifties

Election fever! The first all-out internal election campaign was conducted with big band and vociferous campaigning. The Jaycees re-entered the active battle to stamp out prostitution in our city and plunged into the fight against Communist front-organizations.

During the fifties, a major focal point of the Jaycees was the "Heart of Illinois Fair" activities. They booked shows and exhibits, ran booths, and supplied the hundreds of man-hours needed for the fair's many jobs and activities. During 1952-53, Jaycees improved Exposition Gardens with new roads, drainage ditches, sewers, gates, and added a new roof on to the grandstand.

In leading the fight to bring the Council-Manager form of government to Peoria, the Jaycees gave this new form of government the first public endorsement. The Jaycees conducted research and brought full information to area citizens. They helped form the PCM political party with a slate of candidates. Then on Election Day, Jaycees provided rides to the polls and helped police voting areas to prevent ballot box stuffing. Despite the fact that streets were solid with ice, voters came out in force. Nearly 50% of them came in Jaycee cars to vote for the new form of government. The chapter received a Freedoms Foundation award for its election year activities during 1952.

The biggest State Convention to date was held in Peoria 1953. More than 700 were served at the convention banquet. Again in 1957, Peoria was host for the state convention.

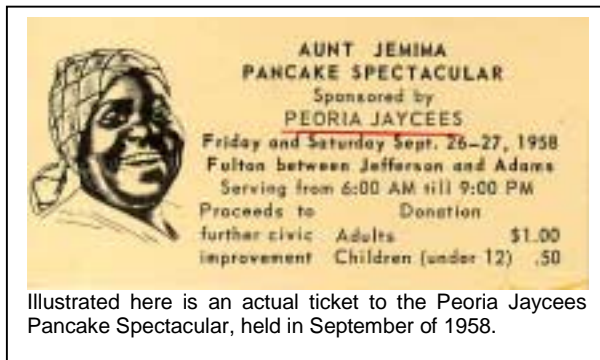
The chapter organized efforts to give wide publicity to the Hoover report, aimed at reform in federal government programs. Under Gordon Peters' direction, in 1954, the Jaycees set up a speakers' bureau and researched the misuses of federal influence and duplication of projects. Presentations to citizens were conducted throughout the city.

As a sidelight, during the 1954-55 year, five Jaycee keglers won second place among 83 teams in the "State Bowling Tournament.

1955-57 was a time for "railroading" by the Jaycees. The chapter entered into a public controversy over the sale of the T.P. & W. Railroad, bringing the M. & St. L. Board Chairman to a Jaycee board meeting to give his testimony. The chapter subsequently supported the bid of the Santa Fe & Penn. RR to buy the local road. This sale finally consummated after a lengthy court entanglement. Action was also take to place the "Old 886" in Glen Oak Park, to serve as a monument to railroading and as a popular visitors' attraction.

Two thousand attended the first "Jaycee Christmas Tree Burning" held at the Bradley Park pavilion in 1956 where 1500 trees, creating a 25 foot pile with a base about 30 feet, were burned.

The Giessenbier Award, awarded to the number one chapter in the State was earned by our chapter during 1956-57 and again in 1958-59.



Illustrated here is an actual ticket to the Peoria Jaycees Pancake Spectacular, held in September of 1958.

How about in 1958? On September 26 and 27th, 70,000 flapjacks were eaten during a Jaycee event. The 300 block of Fulton was roped off and Jaycees worked from 4:30am to after 9:00pm for this two day event. They used one ton of flour, 100 cases of syrup, 1,400 pounds of sausages, and charged \$1 for adults, and 50 cents for children.

First aid classes for members were conducted, and aid in rehabilitation was offered to Hungarian refugees who settled in Peoria.

During 1959-1960 the Oberammergau Passion Play was sponsored for the enjoyment of area audiences.

The State President's trophy was presented to the chapter for its several city beautification campaigns during 1958-59. These included sponsoring of automobile litter bag distribution and the purchase of trash receptacles, which were painted and placed in nearly 100 locations to serve both as advertising and convenient trash locations.

Decade Of The Sixties

The decade of the sixties saw the Jaycees involved in many activities to benefit the citizens of Peoria: "The Home Show," "United Fund Parade," "Miss Peoria Pageant," "Golden Gloves Tournament," "Auction," and candy sales.

Governor Kerner signed a bill that stated that all 1961 and later automobiles licensed in the State of Illinois would require two seat belts in the front seat. The chapter responded with a Seat Belt Clinic. In 1966, Jaycees used their manpower to install 600 seatbelts in "Operation Buckle Up."

During the 1966, Dr. James Turpin addressed the group at a District Banquet, speaking on the real struggle in Vietnam "today". A "Holiday Rest Stop" was conducted over the 1966 Labor Day weekend. More than 300 cars. and about 1,200 people took advantage as the Jaycees manned the Mobile Oil Company on Interstate 74 at the Kickapoo exit. Local merchants donated refreshments, safety literature was distributed, clowns entertained the children, and Jaycees washed many more windshields than they ever knew existed.

1966 also saw the task of providing sidewalks at the Neighborhood House campsite near Chillicothe. The project actually consisted of digging the complete area, laying of the forms, spreading the cement, and working for numerous foremen.

The purpose of "Project Little Red Wagon" was to donate a wagon to each of the city's three hospitals. The wagons were given to the pediatric wards to transport young patients.

Decade Of The Seventies

The 70's, a dynamic decade for Peoria, resulted in a very active and growing organization.

In 1971, during the Metro Conference, several chapter members attended a seminar on fundraising activities. One of the ideas presented was a haunted house. The Peoria Jaycees found an old house on Wilcox Street, and got permission from a couple they thought were the owners to "redecorate". The Journal Star did a feature article publicizing photographs and the scary details. That afternoon, Tom Horstman received a phone call from Commercial National Bank. Did the Jaycees know that the bank was the owner of the house? Horrors, they had not gotten permission from the true owner. The result? The bank was cooperative, 14,000 people went through the doors of "The House of Terror," and this was the first of many successful haunted houses.

In May 1975, "The History of Peoria" was published by the Jaycees and distributed as a part of the Steamboat Days celebration.

An emergency meeting of the Peoria Jaycees was called to help save the oldest Santa Claus Parade in the nation. Vandals had damaged and destroyed the floats. The chapter dismantled and rebuilt the floats, raised funds, and manned the parade to ensure it was another successful parade.

The Mayor of Peoria proclaimed June 5, 1976 as "1976 Junior Sports Jamboree" during the "Spirit of '76" Bicentennial Celebration.

On August 26, 1976, it was reported that the Building Fund had accrued \$11,860.03.

"Operation Threshold" was conducted to teach the public to say no to drugs and to be responsible when drinking.

The 70's saw the continuation of the "Home Show", assisting with Channel 47 Auction, "Merchant Coupon Books," and the "River Raft Race Run/in the Rain" with the Peoria River Rowdys.

Peoria hosted Two State Conventions during the 70's. One in 1975 and again in 1978~ "Pow Wow in Peoria" '78 State Convention was held at the Continental Regency. It was so well attended that the hotels ran out of tables and chairs and were forced to rent extras for the banquet.

Decade Of The Eighties

The decade of the 80's saw the Jaycees participate in numerous community projects: "Muscular Dystrophy Association Bowling Tournament," "Wilderness Camp," "Channel 47 Auction," "Peoria County Jail Referendum," "Magic Time," "Jr. Miss Pageant," "Riverfront Improvement," and sent many handicapped children to Camp New Hope in Mattoon. Additional projects run were: "Rose Day," "Dynamics" programs, "Home Energy Awareness," "Jaycee Bosses Night," "Festival Week," "Flags Around the Courthouse Square."

In 1980, the idea for "Riverfront Fireworks" was conceived watching the fireworks at Glen Oak Park. This project was conducted for eight straight years, involved many other organizations, and was claimed to yearly entertain over 100,000 people at no charge.

At the State Convention in May 1981, the chapter won the Giessenbier Award! Our Americanism entry, "Fireworks '80" went on to win first place in our population division at National Convention.

At State Convention in 1982, Peoria once again finished as the number one chapter in the State out of 420 chapters. Membership was at 166 with an overall retention rate of 72%. The chapter made a clean sweep finishing number one in Chapter Management, Community Development, and Individual Development.

The 80's saw numerous Peoria Jaycee leaders continue with the Regional, State, and National Jaycee organizations.

1982-84 saw the continuation of the strong presence of the Jaycees in the Peoria community. "Candidates Speak Night," "Sweetheart Appreciation Day," "Smiley Living Center," "Country Supper and Jamboree," "Fireworks," "Easter Egg Hunts," "Oktoberfest," "Springfest," "International Battle of the Bands," "Pride of Peoria Week," and the "House of Terror" were just a few of the many projects.

In 1984-1985 the chapter grew by 102 members. More board positions were created to accommodate the influx of new Jaycees. The year ended strong with 233 members.

In 1985 the chapter also hosted the State Convention that year using the revamped Pere Marquette and the Civic Center using the theme "Puttin' On the Ritz".

The "Firecracker 5000 Foot Race," was started in the 80's and as the chapter entered the 90's, it continues to gain more participants each year. It is currently the third largest race in the area.

Previous years, the Haunted House was used as a community development fundraiser, grossing several thousand dollars each year. In 1988, it achieved results beyond expectations, grossed over \$20,000, and has continued to be a huge financial success terrorizing the community each year.

The "Adopt-A-School" program is one the chapter supports with pride. Blaine-Sumner Middle School was adopted in the early 80's. Jaycees work with the school and give monthly recognition to student leaders and incentives for attaining scholastic excellence. The offer of free passes to the Haunted House motivated over half the school to make the honor roll during 1989.

Through an internal fund raising effort, members donated \$1,000 toward establishing Constitution Gardens.

Decade Of The Nineties

In 1990, the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall, a half scale replica of this memorial in Washington DC stopped in only one city in Illinois - Peoria. The Peoria Jaycees were instrumental in manning the wall and assisting onlookers as they hunted for familiar names of the war heroes and listened to General Westmoreland address the audience.

On Saturday, September 1, 1990 the Peoria Jaycees held their "50th Anniversary Banquet" at the Peoria Civic Center.

1992 saw the Peoria Jaycees involved with Peoria's "Tri-Centennial Celebration." The Jaycees sponsored a "Mardi Gras" at the Cornerstone Building.

In 1993 the Jaycees began a new project called the "International Beer Fest" which has quickly become one of the most popular and profitable projects the chapter has run in recent years. The event featured beers from all over the world along with brews from the emerging American microbreweries. By 1999, the IBF offered over 240 different beers.

In 1994 the chapter began meeting at the Amvets on Monroe Street.

In 1995, Rick Owens took the office of newsletter editor for the chapter's newsletter, *The Charge!* By May of 1998, it had won 5 state awards and continued to be a personal favorite among members, state board members and others outside the Jaycee organization.

In 1996, the Peoria Jaycees entered the world of cyberspace by establishing an Internet site. It was one day when newsletter editor Rick Owens was on the phone with fellow member Dan Schmidt. They were talking about Internet addresses and they questioned whether another chapter had acquired "jaycees.com". Since Dan was employed with an Internet service provider, he quickly investigated the prospect and discovered that the address was available. He immediately acquired the address of jaycees.com for the use of the Peoria Jaycees. In 5 years time, the site received an average of 1,600 visitors a month from all over the world.

Also in 1997, the Peoria Jaycees changed their Adopt A School from Blaine-Sumner to Calvin Coolidge Middle School.

In April of 1997, the Peoria Jaycees along with Community Now!, a community service volunteer organization of Caterpillar employees, sponsored a Peoria mayoral debate between Dave Ransburg and Lowell "Bud" Grieves. The event was broadcast by WEEK-TV.

In August 1997, the Jaycees entered the Arthritis Foundation Mini-Grand Prix. That first year saw a poor turn out of the Jaycees Racing team, including a mishap that saw a Jaycee racer involved in an accident with the race announcer. Eric Gengler, the driver of the kart, careened into a hay bail, which pushed the race announcer Laurie Adams cart-wheeling into the air. Fortunately, Laurie was not seriously hurt. The following year, the Jaycees participated in the event again, and this time they came in first place, winning a giant trophy. However, to this day, jokes are still made regarding the Jaycees rookie year at the race.

In 1998, the US Jaycees voted to change the Jaycee fiscal year to the calendar year. While this was an unpopular decision in the Peoria Jaycees, it was decided to change the chapter's fiscal year to the calendar year so that it could stay in sync with the national organization. In effect, the executive board offices only had a term of 7 months, from June to December 1998.

In April of 1999, the Building Fund hit a milestone by reaching a market value of over \$100,000. With the Building Fund increasing in value, the Peoria Jaycees moved to delegate a 4-person committee to manage the building fund. In May of 1999, the chapter approved the first such committee, with Mike Buckley, Dennis Owens, Rick Owens and Steve West to serve.

The 21st Century

On July 13, 2000, the Peoria Jaycees and Lakeview Museum held a Business After Hours with the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce. The event brought a larger increase of exposure for the Jaycees.



Peoria Jaycees past presidents get together at the 60th Anniversary Banquet, Saturday, August 19, 2000. Front Row, left to right: Mel Novakow (1956-57), Bill McDaniels (1958-59), Chuck Kreie (1970-71), Mike Kelly (1981-82), Larry Griminger (1983-84), Jeff Pulfer (1984-85), John Cima (1996-97), Dennis Owens (1997-98), Joann Ziegler (1998), Heather Zech (1999) and then-current president Rick Owens (2000).

In August, 2000, the Peoria Jaycees celebrated a milestone 60th Anniversary. To promote the anniversary, all Jaycees, past and present were invited to a mixer, held at Brewer's Distributing on August 18, 2000, a formal dinner banquet and dance on Saturday, August 19, 2000 held at the Pere Marquette in downtown Peoria and a picnic that Sunday. Twenty light post banners that read "The Peoria Jaycees – Serving Peoria Since 1940" were displayed around Peoria. Also, Mayor Bud Grieves declared in a proclamation at the city council meeting that that week will be designated Jaycee Week.

The Peoria Jaycees started the new millennium in the right direction. At the close of the 2000-year, the

chapter saw several contested elections for the 2001 Board of Director positions, including Randy Stevens and Bob Klannukarn for president and a 4-way contested race for Individual Development Vice President.

As the 2000-year finished, the Peoria Jaycees achieved Blue Chip status, ranked #14 in the Parade of Chapters in the Illinois Jaycees, was one of 7 chapters in Illinois nominated for the Vice President's Cup for the year in the Illinois Jaycees and grew in membership by 15%. By the first trimester of 2001, the Peoria Jaycees won the Vice President's Cup and ranked in the top ten in the Parade of Chapters in the Illinois Jaycees. This recognition was the first for the Peoria Jaycees in many, many years.

In March of 2001, the Peoria Jaycees once again held a Peoria Mayoral Debate with WEEK TV 25. The candidates, Dave Ransburg and Gary Sandburg squared off during the 30-minute debate.

In May of 2001, the Peoria Jaycees attended the Spring General Assembly in Decatur, Illinois with a theme; Pimps & Prostitutes. It was a total smash and a complete success during the Saturday night banquet as the costumed chapter "ran away" with the Vice President's Cup for the 1st Trimester, the Outstanding ID Chapter for the 1st Trimester award, the Outstanding Vice President for the 1st Trimester award and a few others.



Members of the Peoria Jaycees dressed as "Pimps & Prostitutes" at the Illinois Jaycees 2001 Spring General Assembly in Decatur, Illinois. The chapter received several state awards that evening, not to mention a lot of looks and attention.

In December 2001, webmaster Bob Klannukarn reported to the Jaycees that its website saw a rough average of 1,600 visitors a month from all over the world.

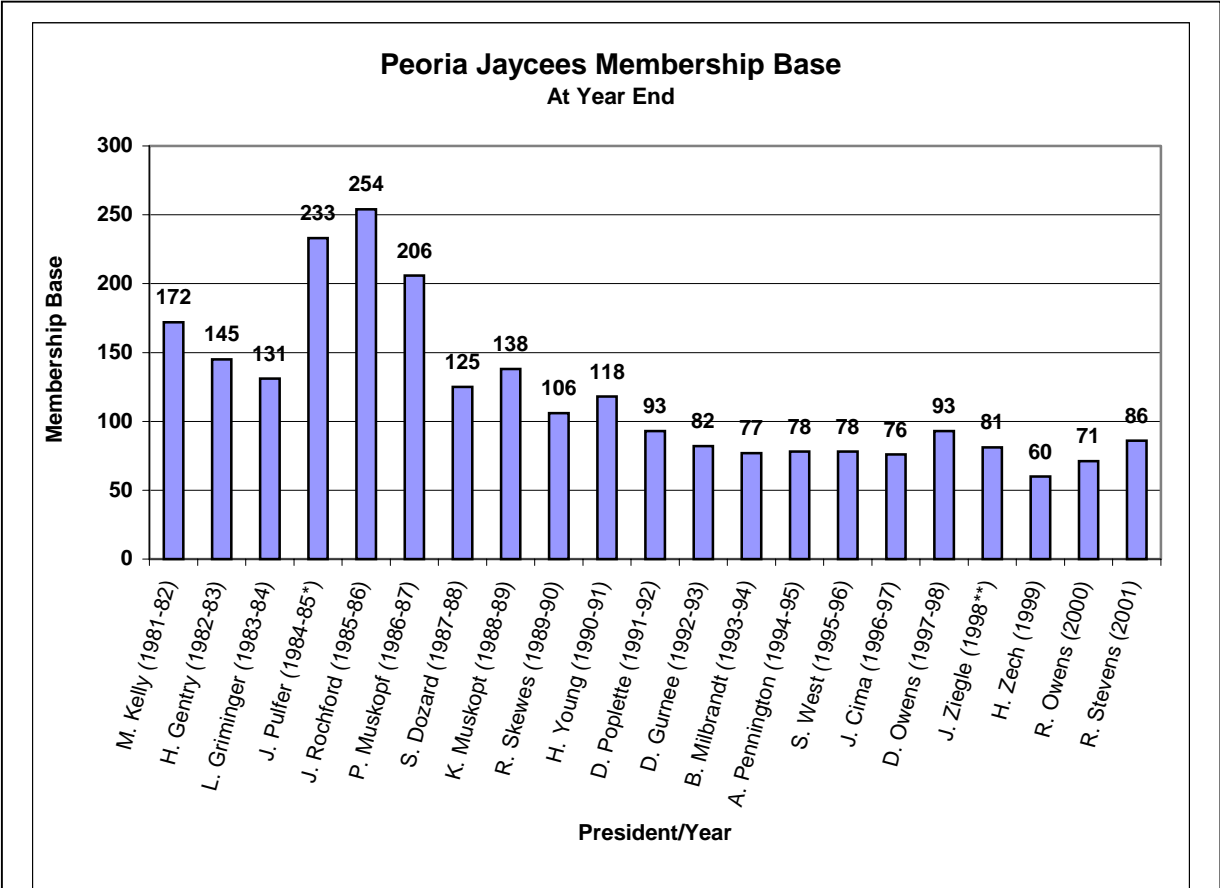
The Role Of Women In The History Of The Peoria Jaycees

During 1958, the wives of the Jaycees formed an organization to aid in furthering chapter activities. They planned their own activities, but were also often the ideas and manpower behind the scenes, contributing greatly to the Peoria Jaycees and the Peoria community. A few activities that originated with the Jayceettes still exist today, i.e. the Firecracker 5000. As a separate organization, additional leadership and personal training could be realized as they too, had their own president, officers and board and managed their own affairs and events. The Jayceettes later changed their name to the Jaycee Women and permitted single women to join their organization.

On July 3rd 1984, the Supreme Court ruled that the segregation of men-women organizations was unconstitutional. At a special meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 16th, in response to the ruling, the U.S. Jaycees voted to allow women to become Jaycees. Lynn Demanes became the first female to join the Peoria Jaycees on August 17th.

At the State Convention in Peoria in 1985, the Illinois Jaycees and the Illinois Jaycee Women voted to merge the two organizations. During 1984-1985 the chapter grew by 102 members. Many of them were young women. More Board positions were created to accommodate the influx of new Jaycees. The year ended strong with 233 members.

In 1988 Karen Muskopf became the first female president of the Peoria Jaycees and in 1989, was the first woman awarded the Keyman Award for the role she played in 1998. Karen is also the only woman, and only member from the Peoria Jaycees to become an Ambassador.



* - Supreme Court rules that women can join the Jaycees organization.

** - A 7-month term of office due to US Jaycees decision to change year.

Executive Officers

Chairman of the Board - The chairman is not an elected position. The outgoing president automatically assumes this position. The chairman acts as an advisor and consults the new president and Executive Board. No one else may hold this office. Randy Stevens currently holds this office.

President - Responsible for monitoring all activities of the chapter. Must be organized and a good delegator. The president is responsible for the direction of the chapter, in which it is typically a leadership position and not a management position. Also, the president sets the agenda and runs board and membership meetings. The current president is Ted Sumner.

Chapter Management VP - This can be the most difficult and important vice president position. This officer is responsible for the day-to-day needs of the chapter. Arranges meeting locations, sets-up and organizes management training for members, officers and potential officers.

The chapter management vice president serves as the president's "right hand man". This position will assume the president's duties and role when the president is not available. Julie Walker currently holds this position.

Community Development VP - This position is responsible for chapter activities, which directly benefit the community. This includes fund raising for charities, providing manpower for community events and oversees service programs such as Adopt-A-School and the Distinguished Service Awards Banquet. It is a very important position as projects run under this officer are visibly seen in the community, reflecting the image of the Peoria Jaycees. The current community development vice president is Heather Mills.

Membership VP - Responsible for the membership as a whole. Keeps track of when members are due, ensuring as many as possible renew. Also responsible for the invoicing and collection of membership dues and orders name badges as needed. While the responsibilities for this office is mostly administrative and not towards recruiting, this officer will assist and supervise membership recruitment activities and outings. Approximately 90% of this office requires computer use. Jennifer Routzon currently holds this position.

Individual Development VP - Schedules and is responsible for all personal training activities. Supervises projects such as the mock stock market, ID rotations, speak & write ups and other personal learning and training projects. Aimee Calbow is the current individual development vice president.

State Director - Keeps chapter informed of district, regional and state Jaycee activities and organizes visits to other chapters. Dan Schmidt currently holds this position.

Secretary - Responsible for all correspondence to and from the chapter. Records and publishes the minutes of Board and Membership meetings to be available at membership meetings. The current secretary is Marcia Hayes.

Treasurer - Keeps chapter books; responsible for checkbook, monthly financial statements, tax filings and the building fund. Responsible for knowing what the chapter can spend and what it can't spend on projects and events. The chapter's accounting system is currently kept by using Quicken software. Jeff Bundy is the current treasurer.

Local Directors - 12-13 maximum - Local directors are responsible for communicating the current events and needs of the chapter back directly to the membership. The current local directors are Tara Ault, Dubby Janosov, Marc Koch and Dawn Kusch.

PROJECTS THAT THE PEORIA JAYCEES RUN

The Jaycees is not a businessman's club. Our members come from all walks of life. It is this blending of skills, talent, and knowledge that gives us the foundation to tackle problem areas in our community and the basis from which to encourage personal growth.

One way in which Jaycees develop their leadership skills is by being involved in projects, which effect the community. Some of our chapter's annual community projects include:

"Distinguished Service Award Banquet" recognizes the achievements of outstanding community leaders in their areas of expertise. "Santa Visits the Kids"- "Santa" and his "elves" deliver present hospitalized children during the Christmas season. "Adopt-A School"-working with Calvin Coolidge School to encourage the development of student leaders. "Easter Egg Hunt"- "the entire community is invited!" "International Beer Festival for welcoming the end of Winter

The Peoria Jaycees also offers courses designed to promote individual development and personal growth:

"Speak Up"-improving public speaking skills. "Time Management effectively organizing one's time. "Personal Dynamics"-how to set and achieve personal goals. "Stress Management"-learning to cope with stress. "Personal Financial Planning"- making a budget, investments, starting a small business.

Being a Jaycee also offers the opportunity to meet new people and establish new friendships. Social events include:

"Wine Tastings," "Epicurean Nights" at which we go out for dinner. "Super Bowl Bash cheer on your favorite team with your friends. Bowling and Softball games-local, regional, and state competitions. Sporting events: As a group, we often attend: Rivermen Hockey and Chief's Baseball.

Projects are only limited by the member's imagination!!!!

Peoria Jaycees Events Calendar

Listed below is a brief outline, by month of the year, of typical Peoria Jaycee projects and events. Of course, smaller or unexpected projects can spring up at almost any time during the year (i.e. a cookout or a car wash here and there).

January

Hockey Night – a chapter outing one evening to meet for drinks and see a Rivermen hockey game.

Ski Trip - Not an actual Jaycees event, but several members for the past few years have taken a ski weekend to Wisconsin sometime during January.

Super Bowl Party - Chapter party and recruitment effort - just for fun

February

Distinguished Service Awards Banquet - Awards presentation and recognition of Peoria's young leaders.

March

International Beer Festival - 2002 will mark the 10th Annual Beer Festival for the Peoria Jaycees. This event allows people to taste test almost 300 different micro brew and imported beer. The event is held at Expo Gardens in Peoria.

IBF Appreciation Party - Since 100 or more volunteers are needed to complete a successful beer fest, a party is thrown by the Peoria Jaycees to show appreciation to all those who volunteered to work at the International Beer Fest. It is usually held at a member's home.

April

Easter Egg Hunt - Open to the public, the Jaycees sponsor a massive Easter Egg Hunt in one of Peoria's parks for kids. In the last couple of years, nearly 15,000 eggs were available for hunting at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Lawnmower Clinic - Originally a project of the Peoria Heights Jaycees, it was taken over by the Peoria Jaycees in 2000. It is an event where customers, for a fee, can drop off their lawn mowers and the clinic will change the oil and spark plug, sharpen the blade, clean it up, etc.

May

T-Ball - Also originally a project of the Peoria Heights Jaycees, the Peoria chapter assumed this project in 2000. It is a program where 4-7 year old kids can learn the rudimentary basics of playing baseball. An extremely fun and worthwhile project!

June

Building Fund Committee takes office, June 1st.

T-Ball continues. Planning takes place for the Firecracker 5000.

July

Firecracker 5000 - A 5 kilometer walk/run event in downtown Peoria, held on the Fourth of July

Fourth of July Hog Roast - held since 1995, a hog roast is thrown to celebrate the holiday and to show appreciation to those who volunteered to help at the Firecracker 5000. Fireworks are usually included.

Haunted House - a chairman should be found and planning should begin

Mini Grand Prix - The Jaycees usually make an entry in this Arthritis Foundation fundraiser.

August

Past President's & Anniversary Party - A party thrown at the August membership meeting to recognize that previous year's chapter president and to recognize the founding of the Peoria Jaycees.

Haunted House - Planning continues.

September

Monday Night Football - A social held to kick off the football season. Also used to try and recruit new members.

Haunted House - Planning continues and construction begins.

October

Haunted House - 2001 marked the 31st consecutive year the Peoria Jaycees have sponsored this event. The first 2 weeks is usually construction, the last two weeks the house is open to the public.

Candidate announcements for office can be made at the October membership meeting.

November

Haunted House Tear Down/Appreciation Party - Tear the house down, have a party to show appreciation to those who helped.

Chapter Elections - Held at the chapter's membership meeting; all executive board positions are open to any chapter member in good standing. Includes president, vice-presidents, treasurer, secretary and local directors.

December

Jaycees Xmas Party - Chapter Christmas party.

Year End Awards and Installation Banquet – Year-end awards are given to those who excelled in the chapter and the installation of new officers; usually held at one of Peoria's finer restaurants.

Santa Visits The Kids – A project that collects and buy toys and then see that "Santa" delivers them to children in foster care or who are underprivileged.

Holiday Attitude Adjustment Party - Held in December as a massive individual development project. It offers holiday tips and information such as tree trimming, how to make egg nog, present wrapping, etc. New member orientations have also been included with this.

How To Utilize the CPG

1. Primary Purpose

A brief statement giving the one reason the chapter wants to conduct this project.

2. Give a brief description of the proposed project and background information. Follow this with a listing of the specific and measurable goals to be accomplished by this project.

Summarize the concept of the proposed project-the who, what or how that provided the idea-and briefly describe the desired results. Explain how this proposed project relates to the chapter's objective, priorities and goals. Project goals must be specific, measurable and attainable. There is no minimum or maximum number of goals a project may have. Remember that successful achievement of project goals will have a positive influence on achievement of the primary purpose.

3. What are the specific manpower assignments?

Document proposed involvement, both member and nonmember. List each individual along with his or her specific duties and responsibilities. For manpower assignments where a specific person(s) has not yet been selected, list the specific responsibilities, talents, skills, knowledge or abilities that person(s) will need to possess.

4. What specific materials, supplies, and resources will be required?

List all materials and supplies that will be needed, from both chapter and community resources, to successfully complete this project. Make sure to show quantities. List each resource, providing detailed contact information (address, telephone numbers, contact person, etc.).

5. Describe the potential problems and the possible solutions to successfully complete this project.

Anticipate potential problems and develop backup plans or alternate solutions to each problem.

6. Complete a proposed budget indicating all anticipated income and expenses.

Keeping project goals in mind, refer to the list of materials, supplies, and resources, along with the proposed action steps, to determine estimated project income and expenses. Include the value of donated items (goods and services). List all anticipated income and expenses.

7. List the specific steps to bring this project to a successful completion showing planned dates for each step.

Prepare a detailed list of what actions are planned or will need to be completed, including dates for each planned action.

8. Record any revision of the original plan.

Anything that changed in the original plan, steps 1-7, should be recorded and explained. It is important to highlight all modifications so that a clear understanding is provided for future chairman. (Record actual income and expenses, including any revisions, on the budget sheet under tab 2.)

9. What changes or recommendations do you have for a future chairman?

What changes could have been made that would have made the project more successful? Compile a detailed list of recommendations for the next project chairman.

10. Give specific and measurable results for each goal established. Describe the impact of the project on the chapter, individual members, and the community.

What were the specific results of each goal? Identify the impact on the committee members, the chapter and the community as a result of the completion of the project.

Please see a sample CPG in the Appendix.

THE "NUTS AND BOLTS" OF JAYCEES

THE TOTAL JAYCEE CONCEPT

You will note that the logo is an equilateral triangle with the arrows indicating a distinct overlapping. The sides of the triangle represent:

1. Community Development
2. Individual Development
3. Management Development

The triangle completely surrounds a circle, which represents the member. (Hello, member.) The logo does, in fact, represent a process. It is equilateral, so that equal emphasis is placed upon all three areas of activities, and overlapping because each activity is dependent upon the other and is an integral part of the other.

It is a process by which the "whole chapter" can offer its members a "total experience" through:

1. Personal growth
2. Development of managerial skills
3. Effective service to the community

THE GOALS OF JAYCEES

1. To give members a voice in community affairs.
2. To allow members to participate in community affairs.
3. To improve the community by conducting city improvement and service programs.
4. To improve the member through self-improvement programs.
5. To offer leadership opportunities.
6. To further the principles of democracy and the free enterprise system.

OPPORTUNITIES IN JAYCEES

1. The opportunity to know many of the civic leaders in the community.
2. The opportunity to help direct the organization.
3. The opportunity to become a leader in the organization.
4. The opportunity to correct things that are wrong in the community through Jaycee projects.
5. The opportunity to have ideas accepted as projects.
6. The opportunity to develop lifelong friendships.

WHAT DOES THE CHAPTER EXPECT FROM MEMBERS?

1. Participation in chapter projects.
 2. Constructive criticism and action rather than complaints.
 3. Regular attendance at meetings.
 4. Accepting responsibilities for promotion when it arises.
 5. To speak up and participate in chapter functions.
 6. To know the purpose of the organization and have pride in it.
 7. TO BECOME INVOLVED.
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Presidents of the Peoria Jaycees

1940-1941	Dustin Miller	1979-1980	Tom Hanahan
1941-1942	Perry Pipe	1980-1981	Michael Fleming
1942-1943	Herbert N. Johnson	1981-1982	Mike Kelley
1943-1944	James E. Wheeler	1982-1983	Hank Gentry
1944-1945	Ronald E. Jones	1983-1984	Larry Griminger
1945-1946	Robert E. Dickison	1984-1985	Jeffrey L. Pulfer
1946-1947	Lee J. Reagan	1985-1986	James M. Rochford
1947-1948	Bernard J. Burford	1986-1987	Paul L. Muskopf
1948-1949	Charles C. Schlink	1987-1988	Steven Dozard
1949-1950	Ray Neumann	1988-1989	Karen J. Muskopf
1950-1951	Joseph G. Gasperich	1989-1990	Rodrnick Skewes
1951-1952	Victor A. Banister	1990-1991	Hilary Young
1952-1953	William Ridgeley	1991-1992	Dan Poplette
1953-1954	William C. Speer	1992-1993	Dave Gurnee
1954-1955	Richard L. Schwab	1993-1994	Brian Milbrandt
1955-1956	Thomas G. Schwarzlose	1994-1995	Alan Pennington
1956-1957	Melvin D. Novalow	1995-1996	Steven J. West
1957-1958	Gordon S. Peters	1996-1997	John E. Cima
1958-1959	William McDaniels	1997-1998	Dennis Owens
1959-1960	Dale Runyon	*1998	Joann Ziegler
1960-1961	James A. Cummings	1999	Heather Zech
1961-1962	Donald W. Borholdt	2000	Richard L. Owens, Jr.
1962-1963	Wesley G. Foster	2001	Randy Stevens
1963-1964	Edward W. Pegg	2002	Ted Sumner
1964-1965	Eldon H. Woerner	2003	?????
1965-1966	Alan E. Liffengren		
1966-1967	Jerry Vohland		
1967-1968	Darrell E. Bell		
1968-1969	Gene Grumm		
	Robert C. Bass		
1969-1970	Richard O. Towles		
1970-1971	Charles Kreie		
1971-1972	Don Post		
1972-1973	William Dunham		
1973-1974	Dennis W. Krause		
1974-1975	Donald Roby		
1975-1976	Alex Crosman		
1976-1977	Charles Fisher		
1977-1978	Thomas Horstman		
1978-1979	David L. Lush		

* - Only a 7 month term due to US Jaycees year change

Peoria Jaycee Keyman Award Winners

Each year, individual Peoria Jaycee members can be nominated for the coveted "Keyman" award. The award is bestowed upon those individuals who have made a significant impact on the chapter and best exemplifies "service to humanity is the best work of life."

1947 - R.M. Vance W.P. Kimsey	1966 - Bob Schnarr Al Liffengren
1948 - Jim White Andy Paul John Altorfer	1967 - Jack Hansen
1949 - John Sprecher Hugh Shaw Harlow Piper Merle Dargel Bernard Burford Vic Banister William Arnold	1968 - Dick Towles 1969 - Chuck Kreie 1970 - Harry Price 1971 - Tom Kennedy 1972 - Bill Dunham 1973 - Dennis Krause 1974 - Jerry McDaniels 1975 - Don Roby 1976 - Alex Crosman 1977 - Dave Merritt 1978 - Mike Kelley 1979 - Dan McConnell Tom Horstmann
1950 - William Ridgely Syd Jamieson Robert Weise	1980 - Dave Facker 1981 - Hank Gentry Mike Flemming
1951 - Paul Cation Stan Vermeil	1982 - Bill Reber 1983 - Mike Sondag Dave Hart
1952 - Joe Gasperich Robert Lehnhausen	1984 - Brian Bachler Rick Kern
1953 - Robert Riley, Jr. Joe Kelly Gordon Hunt Randy Egbert Jerry O'Connor	1985 - Paul Muskopf Gary McDaniels
1954 - Vernon Welander	1986 - Larry J. Zoss 1987 - Jeff Pulfer 1988 - Karen Muskopf 1989 - <no award given> 1990 - Hilary Young 1991 - Bill O'Neill Rod Skewes
1955 - Charles Stephen William Skogland Richard Schwab Melvin Novakow	1992 - <no award given> 1993 - Chris Jones 1994 - <no award given> 1995 - Jeff Bilsland 1996 - Dennis Owens 1997 - Rick Owens 1998 - Heather Zech 1999 - John Cima 2000 - <no award given> 2001 -
1956 - Donald Stoner Robert Hankins James Flemming	
1957 - William H. McDaniels Dale Akridge	
1958 - Randall West Robert O. Campbell	
1959 - Edward Pegg, Jr.	
1960 - Gordon Peters Robert Alcorn	
1961 - Wes Foster	
1962 - Robert C. Bass	
1963 - William Schwab Don Doyle	
1964 - Bob Heller	
1965 - Edwin Bates	

Project of the Year

The Project of the Year is a year-end award presented to the chairman of the project that not necessarily had the biggest profit or public turn out, but which had the strongest impact upon the community and or chapter.

1940-74	<i>Unknown</i>
1974-75	Illinois Jaycees State Convention (Jerry McDaniels)
1975-76	History of Peoria Books (Joe Kaufman)
1976-77	Save the Santa Claus Parade (Don Klahre)
1977-78	House of Terror (Jim Zogby)
1978-79	The Charge! (Jim Collier)
1979-80	House of Terror (Ron Hoehn/Bill Miller)
1980-81	Fireworks '80 (Hank Gentry, Bill McKinney)
1981-82	Las Vegas Night (Al Bogner/Brian Bachler)
1982-83	Fireworks '82 (Mike Sondag/Don Sier)
1983-84	Oktoberfest (Mike Sondag/Ron Hoehn)
1984-85	Oktoberfest (Steve Demanes/Gary McDaniels)
1985-86	WIRL Day
1986-87	Springfest
1987-88	Oktoberfest
1988-89	Haunted House (Ron George)
1989-90	Haunted House (Bill O'Neill)
1990-91	Junior Jaycees (Terri Lulay)
1991-92	Nature Conservancy (Rod Skewes)
1992-93	Adopt-A-School (Tammy Huser)
1993-94	Summer GA (Chris Jones)
1994-95	Easter Egg Hunt (Norm Huff/Dennis Owens)
1995-96	Praireland Regional (Kathy Pulfer)
1996-97	Mayoral Debate (Rustin A. Greene)
1997-98	Easter Egg Hunt (Lori Cave/Kim Turner)
1998	Haunted House (Jeff Ulrich)
1999	Xmas in April (Jeff Ulrich)
2000	T-Ball (John Cima)
2001	Lawnmower Clinic (Toby Quin)
2002	

Chairman of the Year

The Chairman of the Year award is a year-end award presented to the one or two co-chairs of a project that displayed an exemplary job in leadership and organization of the event overall.

1940-74	<i>Unknown/Unrecorded/Not Given</i>
1974-75	Dave Merritt (Home & Garden Show)
1975-76	Don Sier (Junior Sports Jamboree)
1976-78	Gary Wilkenson (Santa's Workshop)
1977-78	Tom Hanahan (Home & Garden Show)
1978-79	Randy Swenson/Bob Flores (Santa's Workshop)
1979-80	Henry Pratt (The Charge! newsletter)
1980-81	Hank Gentry (Fireworks '80)
1981-82	Dave Hart (Overall Contribution)
1982-83	Chuck Robers (Haunted House)
1983-84	Paul Muskopf (DSA Banquet)
1984-85	Rick Kern (State Convention)
1985-86	Joel & Barb Carter (The Charge! newsletter)
1986-87	Gary McDaniels (Oktoberfest)
1987-88	Sharon Waters (Santa Parade)
1988-89	Russ Look (Firecracker 5000)
1989-90	Russ Look (Firecracker 5000)
1990-91	Dan Poplette, Rod Skewes, Brian Milbrandt, Brian Mooty, Paul Muskopf (Firecracker 5000)
1991-92	Suzanne Richey (Easter Egg Hunt)
1992-93	Mike Egel (DSA Banquet)
1993-94	Julie Damschroder (Adopt A School)
1994-95	<i>Not Recorded</i>
1995-96	<i>Not Recorded</i>
1996-97	Sandy Pearce (DSA Banquet)
1997-98	Jeff Bilsland, Rick Owens (Haunted House)
1998	Mike Buckley (Firecracker 5000) Mary Owens (Past Pres Party)
1999	Beth Owens (Easter Egg Hunt)
2000	John Cima (T-Ball)
2001	Diana Janda (The Charge! newsletter)
2002	

Dale Akridge Memorial Award Winners

The Dale Akridge Memorial Award is a year-end award presented to honor the first-year Jaycee who exhibits the most outstanding qualities of leadership, enthusiasm and belief in the Jaycee Creed.

1940-60 *Unknown/Unrecorded/Not Given*

1961-62 Jay Hamerin
1962-63 Rody Ober
1963-64 Al Liffengre
1964-65 Don Roby
1965-66 Dick Towles
1966-67 Nick Weede
1967-68 Clarence Doelling
1968-69 Tom Kennedy
1969-70 Don Post
1970-71 Leonard Kaufman
1971-72 Bill Dunham
1972-73 Jerry McDaniels
1973-74 Vic Swanson
1974-75 Jim May
1975-76 Mike Kelley
1976-77 David Lush
1977-78 Robert Martin
1978-79 Randy Swenson
1979-80 Jim Rochford
1980-81 Bill Reber
1981-82 Don Casper
1982-83 John Harmon
1983-84 Paul Muskopf
1984-85 Tim Lipp
1985-86 Jana Rockey
 Deb Rochford
1986-87 Leslie Campbell
1987-88 Sharon Waters
1988-89 Tim Nybo
1989-90 Barb Needham
1990-91 Dave Gurnee
1991-92 Beth Barr
1992-93 Dawn Weber
1993-94 Diana Barach
1994-95 Dennis Owens
1995-96 John Cima
1996-97 Heather Zech
1997-98 Mike Buckley
1998 Angela Babcock
1999 Anne McSorley
2000 Toby Quin
2001 Aimee Calbow
2002

Board Member of the Year

The Board Member of the Year award is a year-end award presented to the one board member who goes above and beyond the call of duty, and sees to it that their responsibilities and performance are met in an unparalleled manor.

1940-74	<i>Unknown/Unrecorded/Not Given</i>
1974-75	Steve Banister (Vice President)
1975-76	Jim May (Vice President)
1976-79	Art Gneuhs (Director)
1977-78	Mike Kelley (Personnel Vice President)
1978-79	Dave Facker (Personnel Director)
1979-80	Dave Facker (Programming Vice President)
1980-81	Mike Kelley (State Director)
1981-82	Henry Pratt (Individual Development Vice President)
1982-83	Dave Hart/Mike Sondag (Community Development VP)
1983-84	Brian Bachler (Personnel Vice President)
1984-85	Jim Lillard (Treasurer)/Larry Zoss (Director)
1985-86	Debbie Tucker (Community Development VP)
1986-87	Rick Kern (Treasurer)/Steve Dozard (CDVP)
1987-88	Karen Muskopf (Community Development VP)
1988-89	Rod Skewes (Treasurer)
1989-90	Hilary Young (Chapter Management VP)
1990-91	Jeanne Skewes (Individual Development VP)
1991-92	Mike Egel (Membership Development VP)
1992-93	Andrea Peters (State Director)
1993-94	Jay Denton
1994-95	<i>Not Recorded</i>
1995-96	Rick Owens (Treasurer)
1996-97	Jeff Bilslan (Community Development VP)
1997-98	Becky Lemont (Individual Development VP)
1998	Rick Owens (Membership Development VP)
1999	Rick Owens (Treasurer)
2000	Anne McSorley (Community Development VP)
2001	Jennifer Routzon (Individual Development VP)
2002	

Jaycee of the Year

The Jaycee of the Year award is a year-end award presented to honor the member of the Peoria Jaycees who has shown the most dedication, enthusiasm, leadership and belief in the Jaycee Creed.

1940-75 *Unknown/Unrecorded/Not Given*

1975-76 Don Sier
1976-77 Mike Kelley
1977-78 Art Gneuhs
1978-79 Dr. Dan McConnell
1979-80 Mike Kelley
1980-81 Bill Miller
1981-82 Bill Reber
1982-83 Mike Sondag
1983-84 Brian Bachler
1984-85 Paul Muskopf
1985-86 Michelle Campbell
1986-87 Linda Duvall
1987-88 Jeff Pulfer
1988-89 Hillary Young
1989-90 Dave Frederick
1990-91 Kim Ford
1991-92 Brian Milbrandt
1992-93 Chris Jones
1993-94 Jeff Bilsland
1994-95 Kevin 'Dubby' Janosov
1995-96 Dan Schmdit
1996-97 Susan Wilbur
1997-98 Heather Zech
1998 Kevin 'Dubby' Janosov
1999 Dan Wilkinson
2000 Randy Stevens
2001 Rick Owens
2002

JCI Senators – Peoria Jaycees

Richard Schwab
William McDaniels
Dale Runyon
William Schwab
Robert Schnarr
Robert Bass
Jeff O’Kane (Creve Coeur)
Charles Kreie
Don Roby
Charles Fisher
Reg Willis (E. Peoria)
Jim May (Iowa)
Mike Fleming
Mike Kelley
Jeff Pulfer
Rick Owens

Jaycee Dictionary

AFFILIATION - Process that a brand new chapter must complete before being officially recognized as a chapter.

AMBASSADOR - The highest honor conferred by The United States Jaycees. This most distinguished form of recognition for outstanding past and present Jaycees can be bestowed at the state or chapter level upon application and approval. The Ambassadorship signifies an individual's exceptional contribution to the Jaycee movement in the United States.

ANNUAL MEETING - The meeting held in June each year to conduct business of the U.S. Jaycees.

ARMBRUSTER/BROWNFIELD COMPETITION - A program to recognize outstanding accomplishment by a Jaycee. Armbruster is for Jaycee members of 2 years or more. Brownfield is for Jaycees of less than 2 years.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER - A person usually over or under Jaycee age, granted the privilege of associate membership.

ACS - Average Chapter Size. The number of members a chapter should have based on the population of its community.

BID - An offer to host an event or meeting.

BLUE CHIP - A management program designed to assist local chapters in developing the total Jaycee concept.

CHAIRMAN - The individual charged with responsibility for the completion of a project. The chairman heads a committee and provides motivation for its members.

THE CHARGE - The official newsletter of the Peoria Jaycees.

CHAPTER PLANNING GUIDE (CPG) - A assessment of the chapter's strengths and weaknesses, and a plan of action to meet identified needs and goals.

CHARTER - A document indicating an organization's affiliation with The U.S. Jaycees of Jaycees International.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS - Those programs of the chapter that serve as a method

through which an individual member is given the opportunity of applying learned leadership and management skills in fulfilling chosen social responsibility. Programs run by Jaycees for the benefit of the community.

CONSTITUTION - Rules and regulations an organization employs to determine its government and procedures.

CPG/CHAIRMAN'S PLANNING GUIDE - A tool used to plan and evaluate projects.

DEGREES OF JAYCEES - An individual activation program.

DSA BANQUET - Distinguished Service Award Banquet. A National event, but held in our chapter annually in January to recognize persons in their area of expertise for outstanding accomplishments or contributions.

DISTRICT - A group of chapters within a region.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR - A region officer that works directly with the local chapter presidents. Primarily responsible for membership growth of the district.

EXTENSION - The initial organizing of a chapter prior to completing the affiliation process. Sometimes called an "out-house."

FUTURE - The U.S. Jaycee publication sent to all members.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (G.A.) - A quarterly meeting of the Illinois Jaycees.

IN-HOUSE EXTENSION - The recruitment of a specified number of members over a period of time-usually one month. If done over a longer period of time they are called "accumulative in-house extensions."

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS - The self improvement programs of a chapter aimed at teaching, developing and increasing the members personal and leadership skills.

INSTITUTIONAL CHAPTER - When a Jaycee chapter exists in a prison, rehabilitative, or otherwise confined facility.

JAYCEE FAMILY WEEK - Thanksgiving week is recognized annually by Jaycees as a time to emphasize the importance of the family unit.

JAYCEES.COM – Website of the Peoria Jaycees

JCI - Jaycees International, the worldwide Jaycees organization operating in 75 countries.

JCI SENATOR - The highest honor bestowed upon a current or past individual member for their contributions to the Jaycees by Jaycees International.

JCI WORLD CONGRESS - The Annual Meeting of Jaycees International in which delegates from member nations conduct the organization's business.

JAYCEE CREED - A statement of philosophy and beliefs adopted by the US Jaycees and JCI.

JAYCEE SHIELD - The emblem of the U.S. Jaycees.

JAYCEE WAR MEMORIAL - The home office building of the U.S. Jaycees in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is a modern, three story office building near the downtown area of the city where a staff of more than 80 people conduct the business of The U.S. Jaycees.

LINCOLN LEDGER - The monthly newsletter of the Illinois Jaycees provided to each chapter that promotes all programming areas. This magazine should be made available to all chapter officers.

LOTS - Local Officer Training School. A training and orientation session held each June for newly elected local officers organized and conducted by the Illinois Jaycees.

MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS - Those programs of the chapter that serve as a method through which an individual member receives training and develops planning and leadership skills. Projects are also run to raise operating funds for the chapter and to promote community awareness of the chapter. Projects are also run to see to the internal operations of the chapter.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS - Those programs of the chapter that serve to promote the growth of the organization through projects related to recruiting, member orientations, and member activation. Socials may also be considered as membership development projects.

MNMA - Minimum New Member Adds. A specified number of recommended new members to be recruited each month by a chapter based on the chapter population size. A term used by people responsible for membership.

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ORIENTATION - The program designed to educate new members about the Jaycee organization, its benefits, and opportunities.

PARADE OF CHAPTERS (POC) - Competition among chapters within a state and population division. Chapters receive "points" for submitting paperwork and attaining membership goals.

PINNACLE - Used to be called an MEA or Major Emphasis Area. Each Programming area is broken up into several "pinnacle" or priority area which projects are run in order for a chapter to satisfy their planning goals.

REGION - Two or more districts within a region. The state is broken up into 12 different regions, with Peoria in the Prairieland Region.

REGIONAL MEETING - Quarterly meeting of all of the chapters within a region.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR - A region officer that works directly with the local chapter presidents, district directors and the state president. Primarily responsible for membership growth of the region.

ROTS - Regional Officer Training School. A training and orientation session held each May for newly elected local officers organized and conducted by the Region.

SINGLE PROJECT ENTRY (SPE) - A project scrapbook that starts with a CPG and has supporting evidence including news articles, photographs, receipts, maps, etc.

SPEAK-UP - A individual development program to develop verbal communication skills. Competitions are held at regional, state, and national levels.

SPRINGBOARD - A member activation program for Jaycee members during their first 90 days of participation.

THE BOOK - A large manual the chapter president gets at the beginning of the Jaycee year which explains all aspects of how to manage a Jaycee organization. This book should be shared with other board members.

VISITATION - A term used to describe members from your chapter attending another chapter's meeting or project.

WRITE-UP - An individual development program to develop written communication skills. Competitions are held at regional, state, and national levels.

Appendix