

The Charge!

EXTRA EXTRA

Congratulations to Aimee Calbow who recently became engaged to Tony Schinall.

Congratulations are also in order for Jason Warner who is now engaged to Angie Juenger.

The August Membership Board Meeting has been moved to Friday, August 22 to coincide with the Annual Past President's Party

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Is that Rick Owens rockin' at Mardi Gras? No. He is playing Rock Band at the IBF Appreciation Party.

Mark your calendars

June

- July 17 **Membership Meeting.** 7:00 p.m., AMVETS 237 NE Monroe in Downtown Peoria.
Contact Kristin Smead
- July 18-19 **Mud Volleyball Tournament.** Lena, IL.
Contact Victor Dzekunskas
- July 26 **Fire Prep 101.** 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Woolsey Wilton Meeting Room, 2408 W. Willow Knolls Road in Peoria
Contact Lynda Solin

August

- Aug 1 **Happy Hour.** Detail to be Announced
Contact Mike Tucker
- Aug 6 **Jaycees night with the Chiefs.** 7:00 p.m. game.
Contact Kriss Cochran
- Aug 7 **Board Meeting.** 7:00 p.m., Lakeview Library.
Contact Kristin Smead
- Aug 16 **Rock the Boat.** Spirit of Peoria.
Contact Renee Beard
- Aug 22 **Membership Meeting and Past President's Party.** AMVETS 237 NE Monroe in Downtown Peoria.
Contact Kristin Smead
- Aug 23 **Horseback Riding.** Rockin' P Ranch in Pekin.
Contact Julie Hoadley
- Aug 24? **Dinner and a Movie.** Details to be Announced
Contact Mike Tucker



From the Editor by Toby Quin

I have noticed that too often a chairman runs a project exactly as it was run the previous year. The chairman seems to be afraid to try new things or they hear this phrase "Well that is not how we did it in the past". This attitude also lessens the chance for the event to grow and become even more successful. The Firecracker 5000 was held earlier this month and it was successful by most any measure. There were several changes incorporated this year including chip timing and the awarding of finishing medals. Some of these changes were well received while others have not produced as positive of feedback. The important lesson is that the chairmen were not afraid to try new things. By trying new things, they have created opportunities to make the event even better. Another thing I see is chairmen fail to complete the final cpg. By complete, I do not mean submit the final cpg. I mean go over every detail of the project- what worked, what didn't- and make recommendations for the chairman of the event the next year. I know Tamara Ruth and Kerri Differding, chairmen of this year's FC 5000, are currently seeking feedback to include in the final cpg. Please do not hesitate to give them your opinions.

State Director's Report by Victor Dzekunkas



The 3rd Annual Galesburg Jaycees **Rib Cook-Off** was held June 28th. The Peoria Jaycees, represented by Matt King, John Ritter, Jim Cochran, Bryan Devine, Keith Winters, and Brad Gordon, compete for the top prize. Peoria was not successful in this endeavor, but they represented themselves quite well with a third place finish and \$100 prize which covered their entry fee. Congratulations. I heard the ribs were awesome and I'll definitely will have to attend next year.

On July 19, the Le-Win Jaycees will be having their annual **Mud Volleyball Tournament**. We entered a team last year and plan on doing the same this year with one notable change for the better. The plan is to head up on the 18th and camp then kick some mud volleyball butt on Saturday. As the Peoria Jaycees that attended the event last year can attest, this event is fun to play in or just watch. So please plan on attending.

The next Illinois Jaycees General Assembly will take place in November. I will have further details in next month's Charge!

That's it for this month. PEACE.

Rib Cookoff



There's the 3rd place team in action



The secret to the team's success -
Bring your own pig.



John gives the thumbs up while Jim poses



BBQ makes Keith sleepy

President's Report by Linda Thomas

Wow!!!! I can't believe it the year is already half over. We have had some great events and added some awesome new members so far this year. I'm sure that it is only going to get better during the second half of the year.

T-ball drew to a close on July 1st. Each of the children who played received their picture and a team picture plus a trophy with their name on it. Tracy Street did such a great job with this event that she was awarded the member of the month award for May. Congrats Tracy you deserve it!

The **Firecracker 5000** was incredible. We had over 600 paid participants and Tamara Ruth and Kerri Differding added some amazing touches with chip timing and finishers metals for all who completed the race. I heard many rave reviews from the runners. The overall winner Adam Smith ran the 5K course in 15 minutes and 31 seconds, that is a five minute mile pace. Kudos to all the winners and all the Jaycees who competed!!

All this talk of winners reminds me of a poem I received from a mentor in college that I would like to share with each of you.

There is a Winner Inside Each One of Us

*Winner's take chances.
 Like everyone else, they fear failing, but they refuse to let fear control them.
 Winner's don't give up.
 When life gets rough, they hang in until the going gets better.
 Winner's are flexible.
 They realize there is more than one way and are willing to try others.
 Winner's know they are not perfect.
 They respect their weaknesses while making the most of their strengths.
 Winner's fall, but they don't stay down.
 They stubbornly refuse to let a fall keep them from climbing.
 Winner's don't blame fate for their failures nor luck for their successes.
 Winner's accept responsibility for their lives.
 Winner's are positive thinkers who see good in all things.
 From the ordinary, they make the extraordinary.
 Winner's believe in the path they have chosen even when it's hard,
 even when others can't see where they are going.
 Winner's are patient.
 They know a goal is only as worthy as the effort that's required to achieve it.*

-Nancy Sims

I see so many Winners in the Jaycees and am truly enjoying serving each of you this year as your chapter president.

The gauntlet has been thrown down and I received a challenge from Mike Tucker, the membership VP, and some members. The challenge is that if the chapter ends up at plus 10 members for the year that I will have to go out in public either wearing a Cardinals jersey or a Green Bay Packers jersey. Both of which I believe could burn my flesh, scaring me for life both mentally and physically. Thanks to Brad Gordon for recruiting a couple of friends Mandy and Brett Ellis who are planning to join at camping and canoeing I think we will be at plus one for the year so far. This takes into account the members who have aged out or moved away and the new members so far this year. So only nine more to go to see me in red or green, the membership can choose at the November meeting which team jersey and where I will have to wear it as a special part of our annual elections.

Last but not least, for those of you who were unable to make it to our June membership meeting, we have had a couple

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changes to the executive board. Danielle Pyles chose to step down from her Community VP position due to some personal issues. This was a difficult decision for Danielle and she still plans to be a major part of the Jaycees she just felt that she could not give the Community VP position the time it needed and she believed that it deserved. I would ask that we all be supportive of Danielle because she is a great member in our Jaycee chapter and it takes a very strong person to make this type of decision. Therefore at the June meeting the current Community LD Tamara (Tam rah) Parker was elected to the Community VP position and Tamara (Ta mar ah) Ruth was elected to fill the Community LD position. Thanks to both Tamara and Tamara for stepping up to these roles on the board.

Until next month stay cool and enjoy some summer fun!

LT



Chapter Management by Kristin Smead

Hello Everyone,

We had a very successful **Storage Shed Clean Up** project on June 21st. It was amazing to see how organized we could get the storage shed. A big thank you to Rick Owens for running this project. Linda Thomas and I both have a key for the storage shed and we will be checking items in and out of the shed to maintain the current inventory of Jaycee items. If you have any items that need to be returned, please contact one of us. We are namely looking for two tables and one large cooler that were on previous inventories but have possibly been misplaced over the years. If you have any knowledge or information about the whereabouts of these items, please contact Linda or me.

Rock the Boat is right around the corner and Renee Beard is planning a great event. Rock the Boat is scheduled for August 16th. Rachel's Hippo is the band again this year and our goal is to sell out the entire boat. The ticket price is \$35, which includes the cruise, food and beverages. Kriss Cochran is again in charge of food prep more information to follow.

The **Past President's Party** is scheduled for Friday, August 22 at the AMVETS. Final details are still being worked on, but these are the tentative plans- 6:00 optional dinner with cost of \$5.00. Drinks for the night are an additional \$5.00. The regular membership meeting will begin at 7:00. Following the meeting is the highly anticipated roast of our most recent past president, Becky Ulrich. Finally, we will wrap up the festivities with games and other forms of entertainment.

Thank you to all who completed the **Haunted House** surveys either via the internet or the phone. The results are being used to help the board make a decision about this years Haunted House.

If you have any ideas for new chapter management projects please feel free to contact me.

Membership Report by Mike Tucker



What's up Peoria Jaycees!

Summer is now in full swing, and with the warm weather come some fun outdoor events! Our **Annual Camping and Canoeing** weekend is July 11-13. As I'm writing this article now, it's still a few days away. However, as you're reading this, we've already returned (hopefully safely) from yet another classic weekend at Turkey Run in Indiana. One thing is certain - all the juicy details from the weekend will be addressed in my article for the August newsletter, so be looking out for that!!

We're having our second **Jaycees night with the Peoria Chiefs** on Saturday, August 6 at 7:00 against the Burlington Bees. Like the last Chiefs night in May, they're giving away free hot dogs and peanuts all game long. Last time, Matt King, Bryan Devine and I all ate 8 hot dogs each, so the bar has been set!! And also like last time, the tickets are free and are available on a first come, first served basis at the membership meeting this month. If you make it to the membership meeting and want a ticket, you're guaranteed to get one. If you don't make the membership meeting and there are tickets left, we'll let you know. But with the popularity of this event, there probably won't be any left (there weren't any extras last time). The only way to make sure you get a ticket is to come to the meeting on the 17th, so come out and pick up your ticket and join us for a relaxing night at the ballpark.

Also in August on Saturday the 23rd, we'll be heading to Rockin' P Ranch in Pekin and doing some **Horseback Riding**. The cost will be \$10 per rider, and we'll probably ride for a couple of hours. Directly following the riding, there will be a picnic lunch provided at the ranch. Anybody not wishing to ride is still welcome to come out for lunch. It sounds like it'll be a great time! Thanks to Alexa Hoadley for coming up with this great idea, and to Julie Hoadley for making it happen!

And finally, I've been looking through our ledger, and I've noticed that there are a few members who are behind on their **membership dues**. It's very important that we, as members, pay our dues when they come up. Our chapter is responsible to pay dues to the state for each member we have. If you haven't paid and you've already been due this year, please make an effort to get your dues in. If you don't know if you're past due or not, I'll be sending some past-due invoices in the mail within the next week or so, or you can contact me and I can let you know.

Stay cool this summer!!

Mike can be reached

August Birthdays

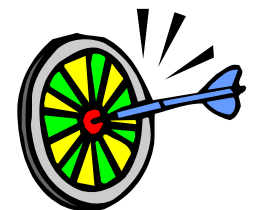
8/14 - Dave Peterson
 8/14 - Ashley Nay
 8/15 - Dennis Maue
 8/15 - Marc Koch
 8/17 - Chris Kneer
 8/17 - Shane Hoadley
 8/19 - Jason Kneer
 8/20 - Angie Walker
 8/21 - Tracy Street
 8/28 - Josh Swank
 8/28 - Tamara Parker
 8/29 - Teresa Ho-Smith
 8/29 - Julie Hoadley
 8/31 - Jennifer Davis



Who's Due

July (Final Renewal)

Kerri Differding
 Pat Klimaszewski
 Garth Madison
 Ann Michanicou
 Danielle Pyles
 Linda Thomas
 Heather Winemiller



*Beth Owens
 Brad Taylor
 *Rhonda Umdenstock-
 Rhonda Wise

August (Early Renewal)

*Jeff Bilslund
 Victor Dzekunskas
 *Karen Fuller
 Megan Losher
 Lori Mutton
 Ann Pettinger

Chris Differding
 Kurt Freidinger
 Dale Losher
 Denise Merriman
 Jennifer Orange
 Nathan Shelabarger

* Denotes Associate Member

Individual Development by Kriss Cochran



The summer keeps rolling along ...so let's keep ID doing the same!

Coming up in Individual Development...

Fire Prep 101 July 26th 3:30 - 5:00 pm.

Woolsey Wilton Meeting Room 2408 W. Willow Knolls Road. Peoria

This amazingly informative class will help us learn how to keep track of our losses in case of a fire. The purpose of this project is to educate members on what needs to be documented in case a disaster should happen to your home. Disasters can consist of fire, flood, tornado, etc. This will be educational for homeowners and renters alike. **Lynda Solin**, our fearless chairman has set up a great class with an American Family Insurance agent. Those attending will receive an attendance gift and 1 lucky attendee will win a larger gift! Cost of this class for our lovely membership...**FREE!!!** I highly recommend attending this class!

Emergency Roadside for Dummies Watch for Date and Time

This is our August ID project and **Matt King** will be teaching us the needed skills on changing a flat tire, attaching new windshield wiper blades, checking oil and putting together an emergency kit to keep in our car. Those attending this project will also receive an attendance gift!

Wills and Estate Planning Watch for Date and Time

Our September ID project will focus on keeping our lives in order. Our amazing ID local director **Garth Madison** is setting up a class with his wife who will teach us what we need to know. Are you newly married, just had a child, or moved into a new house? These are all reasons to attend this ID project to protect your life and helping your loved ones know what you what!

Mock Stock is winding down and boy has the Stock market been a roller coaster...Well maybe just a straight drop but either way it sure has been fun. Hope everyone involved has gotten a taste of what it's like to *play the market!* Thanks **Tamara and Eric Ruth** for setting up this great project!

Be on the lookout for our next 3 month long project! **BOOK CLUB!**

We are planning another **FREE** hot dogs and peanuts **Peoria Chiefs game!** We have 25 tickets for Wednesday Aug. 6th. Those attending the July Membership meeting will get 1st dibs! \After that it will be first come, first serve. After the meeting on July 17th, email me to get your tickets!

Did You Know.... Absolute Zero is the lowest temperature theoretically possible, characterized by complete absence of heat. Absolute zero is approximately -273.16°C (-459.69°F), or zero degree on the Kelvin scale (0 K). The concept of absolute zero temperature was first deduced from experiments with gases; when a fixed volume of gas is cooled, its pressure decreases with its temperature. Although this experiment cannot be conducted below the liquefaction point of the gas, a plot of the experimental values of pressure versus temperature can be extrapolated to zero pressure. The temperature at which the pressure would be zero is the absolute zero temperature. This experimental concept of a gas -thermometer temperature scale and of absolute zero was subsequently shown to be consistent with the theoretical definitions of absolute zero. Temperature measurements at values close to absolute zero also present special problems. Gas thermometers can only be used up to the liquefaction point of helium. At lower temperatures, electric and magnetic measurements must be used to determine the effective temperature. That's something to think about during the dog days of summer.

Community Development by Tamara Parker

Hello Jaycees,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Tamara Parker. I am 29 yrs old and married to a wonderful guy named Brian Parker who is a fellow Jaycee. I have been a member of the Jaycees for almost a whole year. Last December, I accepted the position as the Local Director for the Community. I even had a chance to run a project this spring, the Easter Egg Hunt. In June, I was elected to the position of Community VP. It is my great pleasure to be a part of an organization that has high standards, lofty goals, wonderful projects, and great people. I'm truly excited to finish out the year with some wonderful community projects. I have some new ideas for community projects and I am always open to other ideas. Also, I would like to try to do more with our adopt-a-school Calvin Coolidge.

The Jaycees recently were involved in the **Relay for Life** event. Relay for Life is a fundraiser put on by the American Cancer Society every year. Teams of 10 raise money throughout the year with all the money going to this worthy cause. The event culminated in a 24-hour relay at Northwoods Church on June 27 and 28, where at least one member of each team has to be circling the track at all times. Thanks to Chairmen Dale and Megan Losher and the rest of the team for participating. The final totals are not in yet, but I'm sure we met our fundraising goals. Great Job!

The **Firecracker 5000** was a wonderful success. I would like to thank my new LD, Tamara Frank and Kerri Differding for doing an excellent job chairing this event. Also I would like to thank all of the many Jaycees that supported the event. I would like to congratulate the Jaycee members who completed the race. They are Lisa Cook, Bryan Devine, Chris Differding, Bill Gohs, Brad Gordon, and Heather Winemiller.

T-ball finished at the beginning of July and I would like to thank Tracy Street as well as all of the coaches for another successful season.

Night Golf will be held in late September. This event is a four person scramble at Detweiler Golf Course where the participants can use only one club plus a putter. The best men's, women's, and mixed score receive medals. Toby Quin has agreed to chair this event and he will be passing on further information as details are finalized.

I know it seems too early to think about Christmas but if anyone is interested in chairing either the **Santa Visits the Kids** project or **the Santa's Little Helpers**, project please contact me. These projects are great projects for newer members to run. Santa Visits the Kids involves taking presents and food to families at the Salvation Army Mission and presents to children at Children's Home. The Santa's Little Helpers project is when we take 10-15 students from our adopt-a-school to breakfast and then shopping at Walmart to buy gifts for their families with a gift card that we provide. Then we return to the school and help them wrap the gifts so they can show their love and share in the Christmas spirit of giving with their families.

Wishing you all the best life has to offer,

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Attention! All meetings are open to all Jaycees members, prospective members and the public!
Board Meetings: Held the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Lakeview Library.

Membership Meetings: Held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the AMVETS Post 64, on the corner of Monroe and Fayette in downtown Peoria.

T-ball Photos



Blue team coached by Victor and Tucker



Watch out for the dog poop here



She was safe ump



The Mean Green Machine



The red team coached by Linda and Rhonda



I'll make sure your hat does not blow off again



The Mello Yellow Team



Several T-ballers and coaches enjoyed a Pirates game courtesy of the team

2008 Peoria Jaycees Executive Board

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Tamara Ruth.....Local Director, Community
Matt King.....Local Director, Membership
Garth Madison.....Local Director, ID

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 government should be of laws rather than of men;
That earth's greatest treasure lies in human personality;
And that service to humanity is the best work of life

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