



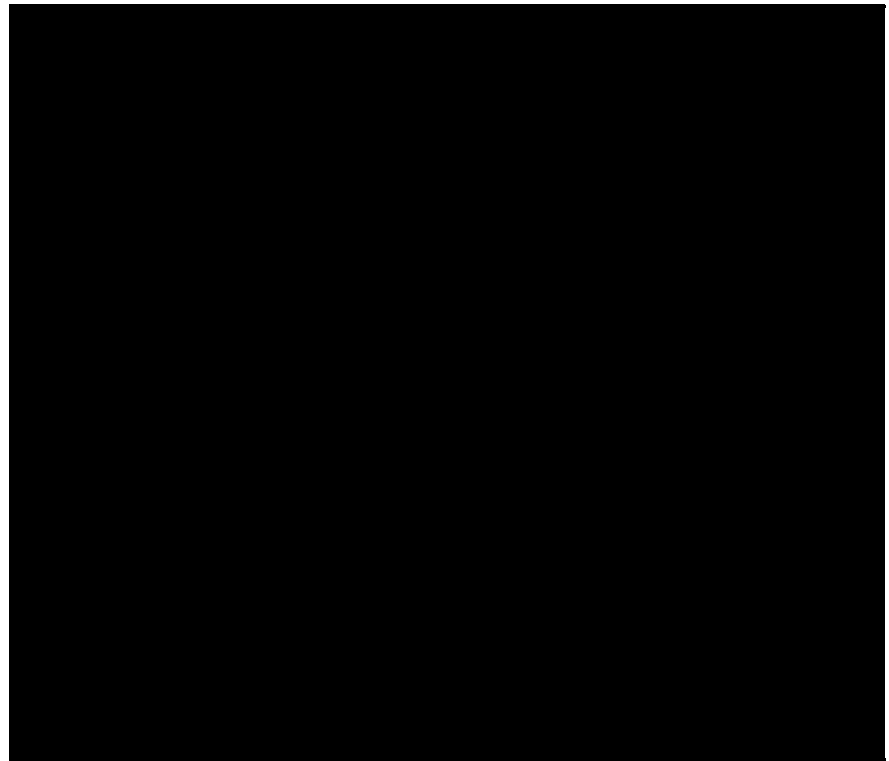
The Charge!

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EXTRA EXTRA

The first Annual Peoria Jaycees Masquerade Ball will be held on October 31st. See Flyer on Page 5.



Night Golf was a blast and raised over \$600 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
More photos on page 4.

Mark your calendars

October

- Oct 17 **Membership Meeting.** 7:00 p.m., AMVETS 237 NE Monroe in Downtown Peoria. School Supply Drive.
Contact Kristin Smead
- Oct 28 **Fall Festival.** 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Calvin Coolidge School.
Contact Kriss Cochran
- Oct 31 **Masquerade Ball.** 8:00 –p.m. - 12:00 p.m., Packard Plaza
Contact Randy Stevens

October

- Nov 1 **Winter Car Prep.** 3:00 p.m., Beachler's BP on corner of University and War Memorial.
Contact Kristin Smead
- Nov 6 **Board Meeting.** 7:00 p.m., Lakeview Library.
Contact Kristin Smead
- Nov 7 **Happy Hour.** 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Jimmy's Bar.
Contact Mike Tucker
- Nov 13 **Business After Hours.** 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Five Senses Spa and Salon and Jones Bros. Jewelers Inc Grand Prairie.
Contact Kristin Smead
- Nov 14-16 **2nd Trimester General Assembly.** Wyndham Hotel in Lisle.
Contact Linda Thomas
- Nov 21 **Membership Meeting.** 7:00 p.m., AMVETS 237 NE Monroe in Downtown Peoria. Elections
Contact Kristin Smead
- Nov 28 **Santa Parade.** Downtown Peoria.
Contact Kristin Smead



From the Editor by Toby Quin

In this month's humor article, I chose to do a Top 10 Things Heard at Night Golf. You will find a reference to Happy Gilmore and the conversation between me and the waitress is based on a bit in Caddy Shack. Hope you enjoy these made up quotes. I am still pretty bummed about the Cubs failing in the playoffs again, but I just paid \$2.89 a gallon on October 8th at the Clark on Sheridan near Sheridan Village. I bet gas will stay fairly inexpensive until election day when it will begin its upward journey. Speaking of elections. It is that time of the year that people should be thinking about running for a position on the 2009 Peoria Jaycees board. Generally, people announce at the October meeting but that is not required and frequently is not the case. I will accept submissions in the November Charge from interested candidates where you can explain your qualifications and ideas. Please keep the articles fairly short and they are due by Sunday November 9th.

President's Report by Linda Thomas

Boo!!! Probably didn't scare you but it should make you think of Halloween! If you have not heard, we are having a **Masquerade Ball** on Halloween this year. It is going to be held from 8-12 at the Packard Plaza. Proceeds will be benefiting the Junior League Playhouse. I know Randy Stevens and his committee could use your help at the event. Please contact Randy or show up at the next membership meeting to sign up to help the night of the event. It is always so exciting to see new event ideas come to fruition. I hope you can make it to join in the fun and excitement of the evening.

Another new event this October is the **Fall Festival** we have planned for October 28th from 5-7 at our Adopt-A-School, Calvin Coolidge. This is going to be great fun for the students and their families. Contact Kriss Cochran if you are able to help, I know she is looking for volunteers. Lets get out there and make this an unforgettable night for the students who are able to attend.

In September, we had a couple great events. On September 13th Matt King hosted our 1st Annual **Summer Bar Olympics**. Two person teams competed playing bags, ladder golf and washers. The gold was awarded to Peoria Jaycee member Jason Warner and his friend Kerry Yocum. The silver was awarded to our Web Master extraordinaire, Tim Wright and the one and only John Ritter. The bronze was awarded to our terrific Newsletter Editor, Toby Quin and Membership VP, Mike Tucker. I know that all who attended had fun.

On September 20th Toby Quin chaired our 12th Annual **Night Golf Tournament**. We had to move the event to the FONDULAC Golf Course in East Peoria because it would have had to be renamed to the 1st Annual Underwater Golf Tournament if we would have held it at Detweiller. Seventeen teams competed and we raised over \$600 for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Peoria office. Congrats to all of the winners...of course everybody wins when you can have fun and donate money to a great charity. Great Job Toby!!!!

Speaking of winners...we had **some great awards** presented at our September meeting. Renee Beard was awarded the Member of the Month for August due to all her hard work on making the Rock the Boat event such a huge success. Tim Wright was awarded the Rookie for the Trimester due to his involvement at several Jaycee events and the fact that he stepped up to take over the website. Brad Gordon was awarded the Member of the Trimester for being a part of so many successful events during the trimester and even chairing a couple. Kriss Cochran was awarded the Board Member of the Trimester for all her work in the area of Individual Development and trying to come up with several new ID projects. Plus, she has assisted with other projects and remains our contact person with our Adopt-A-School. You all Rock!!!!

As the year winds down we need to be looking towards next year and our future leadership. If you are interested in a **board position for next year** and have any questions please, please, please, feel free to contact me.

Until Next Month, Peace!

Linda Thomas

GO BEARS!!!!!!!!!!



Night Golf Winners



Women 1st Place– Stephanie, Gretchen, Mary, and Linda



Men 1st Place– John Trap’s Team



Mixed 1st Place– Kim Picken’s Team



Mixed 2nd Place– Lori Cave’s Team

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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.

**Masquerade
Ball
Flyer
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Membership Report by Mike Tucker



What's up Peoria Jaycees!!

Thanks to everybody who **came out to our Happy Hour this month**. It was one of our best attended happy hours of the year. There were many new faces and first-time attendees, as well as the usual suspects. It was a great time! After the happy hour, many of us went to the Jukebox Comedy Club and watched Tammy Pescatelli. Oh my gosh - she was such a riot!! I don't remember the last time I laughed that hard.

In November, our **Happy Hour** will be returning to one of our favorite locations - Jimmy's on Farmington Road. The date is Friday, November 7. The first ever Happy Hour I attended was at Jimmy's, so this place always brings back some memories for me. Let's try to have even more people come to this one!!

As I'm sure most of you remember, we still are running our **membership incentive program**. If you can recruit one person to join the Jaycees, you will receive a free T-shirt. If you get three people to join, you get a free Peoria Jaycees hoodie. And if you recruit five new members, you will have your dues paid for the 2009 year. Here is my list of members who have recruited somebody this calendar year, followed by how many they have, and then who they have recruited. If you think you have recruited somebody that I haven't credited you for, please let me know.

Brad Gordon (2) - Mandy Ellis, Brett Ellis
 Bryan Devine (1) - Tim Wright
 Tracy Street (2) - Dennis Maue, Matt Fike
 Victor Dzekunskas (2) - Renee Beard, Greg Johnson
 Lynda Solin (1) - Anton Spence
 Jenni Wickert (1) - Deb Hofmann

There's still time to recruit - some of you are real close to a hoodie!! Woohoo!!

November Birthdays

11/02 - Jason Hall
 11/10 - Becky Ulrich
 11/15 - Joe Burkitt
 11/16 - Lori Mutton
 11/16 - Danielle Pyles
 11/17 - Stan Mutton
 11/19 - Randy Stevens
 11/20 - Mark Klokkenga
 11/22 - Rick Owens
 11/22 - Scott Ulrich
 11/24 - Kathy Caldwell
 11/25 - David Wayne
 11/27 - Tim Sheets
 11/28 - Matt Fike



Who's Due

Oct. (Final Renewal)

Aimee Calbow
 Stephanie Labanowki
 Frank Perino
 Steve Pfeiffer
 Eric Ruth



*Jeff Pulfer
 *Wayne Stogsdill

November (Early Renewal)

Roxy Baker
 Bryan Devine
 Dawn Klimaszewski
 *Rick Owens
 John Ritter
 Angela Walker

Shawn Bennett
 Brad Gordon
 *Dennis Owens
 Toby Quin
 David Schoffield

* Denotes Associate Member



Individual Development by Kriss Cochran

As the year is winding down...it always seem like the Jaycees are moving fast!

Here is what is going on in ID.

BOOK CLUB: When Roxy Baker gets back from Ireland she will be setting up our book club. Being a very important election year...be on the lookout for the date we are meeting to vote for which book to read!

WINTER CAR PREP: Matt King is chairing a project that Terry Beachler of Beachler's BP will be helping us learn what it takes to get our cars ready for winter. November 1st 3 pm at Beachler's BP Station on the corner of University and War Memorial. We will have drawings for various prizes such as a free oil change, new windshield wipers and tire pressure gauges. We will also learn the essentials to have in your car in case of an emergency.

PLAN 4 THE FUTURE: Date and Time TBD at the Board Room at Woolsey Wilton on Willow Knolls Rd. Planning 4 the future is a 3-tiered project. We will be discussing the importance of:

- Wills and Estate Planning
- Pre-planning our funeral arrangements
- Life insurance

Each segment will take about 20 minutes. Just think of the knowledge you can soak up in just over an hour! Please contact me to let me know you would like to join us. This way we have enough materials to hand out!

Thanks for a great year so far and here is to ending it with a bang!

Top 10 Things Heard at Night Golf

10. A swing and miss- Victor's entire team to Victor repeatedly
9. Maybe I should have paid the \$5 for the closest to the pin contest- Mrs. Kathy Gruening
8. I lost another ball Toby- Matt King
7. Fore (John Ritter).....thunk.....Ah My liver (Bryan Devine)
6. What club do you recommend for this shot? The 8-iron or the putter- Brad Gordon to his caddy
5. Get in the hole. Why can't you go home? Aren't you good enough for your home? Answer me!- Dubby
4. Toby, I got the golf cart stuck- Jeff Ulrich
3. Wrong hole you hillbilly- Unidentified female
2. The moon sure is beautiful tonight- Mary Gordon
1. I had a great time at night golf- Everyone

Bonus conversation- Toby with waitress at Silver Bullet after Night Golf

T- There were a lot of golfers at the event.

W- Gophers. How could you see gophers at night?

T- They wore glow necklaces.

W- Gophers wore glow necklaces. How did you get the varmits to put them on?

T- Not gophers, you great fool. Golfers!

Community Development by Tamara Parker

Hello Jaycees,

Can you believe that it is already October? Christmas will be here before we know it. This year has been filled with so many projects and fun ideas, it seems like Easter was just yesterday. I am so proud and thankful for the Jaycees that have stepped up to Chair and sub-chair the upcoming projects for the holiday season. The Jaycees are really known for giving their support and charitable contributions to the community. The upcoming projects for the Community Development will be the Halloween Masquerade Ball, Santa visits the Kids, Santa Little Helper, and the school supply drive at our October Membership meeting and the Fall Festival for Calvin Coolidge, our Adopt-a-School. (For more information on the Adopt-a-School projects, please read the article below this one.) I truly appreciate the support that I receive from the Board and members of the Peoria Jaycees. I am so excited to be apart of the Community Development and its true purpose.

Let's end 2008 with a Bang!!!!

Adopt-a-School Update by Kriss Cochran

There are two events we have planned for Calvin Coolidge, our Adopt-a-School.

School Supply Drive: We are also having a school drive at the October membership meeting. We have a list of needed items to help the school out. Please pick something up on your way into the meeting and Mr. Bloomer (new principal) will be there to accept the donations. Please come out to meet him. If you need the list of items, please contact me and I will zip 1 over to your email.

Since our Haunted House is on hiatus, we didn't have an event to bring the Calvin Coolidge kids to this year. So we put our heads together and came up with a **Fun Fall Festival**. This will take place on Tuesday October 28 from 5-7 pm at the school. We are going to have a trick or treating path and carnival games and some fun on the run events. We are joining forces with Calvin Coolidge's Chili Supper and giving the students and families a great fun time. We will need volunteers to help with all aspects so please come out and show your support to our Adopt-a-School!

Did You Know.... The **Electoral College** consists of 538 popularly elected representatives who formally select the President of the United States. The Electoral College is an example of an indirect election. Rather than directly voting for the President, we cast votes for electors. Each state has a number of electors equal to the number of its Senators and Representatives with Washington D.C getting three electors. 48 states and Washington D.C. have adopted a winner take all format while Maine and Nebraska use a tiered system. Each elector casts a vote for President. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a majority (270) of the votes cast. Should no candidate receive a majority of the electoral votes, the choice is referred to the House of Representatives who chooses our President. With using this system it is possible to win the election while failing to get the majority of popular votes cast. This has most recently occurred in the year 2000.

State Director's Report by Toby Quin



The 2nd Trimester General Assembly will be held November 14-16 at the Wyndham Hotel in Lisle. I highly recommend attending this event because it is great way to make new friends, learn some new skills at the numerous forums offered, cheer on our chapter members as we hopefully will get rewarded for all our hard work the past 4 months, and support our very own Scott Ulrich as he runs for State President. I also want to announce that they have scheduled Matt Booth to be a speaker. He is a great speaker and will offer some great seminars about Communication and Goal Setting. From, what I have heard, his seminars are very informative.

That's it for this month. PEACE

Chapter Management by Kristin Smead



Hey Jaycees!

A big thank you to Becky and Victor for getting their **Beerfest** CPG finished in time for awards this year! Great job to everyone that was involved! On October 9th at Old Chicago, we presented checks totaling \$12,000 from the Beerfest to various charities. Now that we have tied up the loose ends, we are looking for a few people to chair the event next year. We have a lot of work ahead of us but we have lot of people willing to assist with the project. If you are interested, contact Becky or Victor for more information.

We will have a special guest coming to the membership meeting on October 16th. The principal of **Calvin Coolidge** will be coming to talk to us about our efforts in helping their school and what we can do to support them. To show our support for the school we will be collecting school supplies at the meeting so be sure to bring something with you.

The **Christmas Party / Awards Banquet** will be chaired by Jennifer Orange this year. This is a fun time to reflect on all of the great times and fun events throughout the year. If you would like to help out with the planning and festivities, contact JO.

Calling all Jaycees! We need a chair for the **Santa Parade** this year. The parade will be held on November 28th. This is the longest running holiday parade, celebrating 121 parades this year! Lets show our Jaycee pride and support the community! If you are interested in chairing this fun event, contact me.

Business After Hours is held on the second Thursday of each month. The next BAH will be co-hosted by Five Senses Spa and Salon and Jones Bros. Jewelers Inc at 7719 N. Grand Prairie Dr. The event will be held on Thursday Nov 13th from 5-7 pm.

Elections are coming up soon. As a member of the board you will have many challenging tasks but you will also learn a lot about the chapter and grow as a leader. Chapter Management VP is a very fun and rewarding experience. If you are thinking of running for this position or are just interested in learning more about it, feel free to contact me.

2008 Peoria Jaycees Executive Board

Becky Ulrich.....Chairperson
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 Kristin Smead.....Chapter Management
 Tamara Parker.....Community Development
 Mike Tucker.....Membership Development
 Kriss Cochran.....Individual Development
 Victor Dzekunskas.....State Director
 Kerri Differding.....Treasurer
 Mary Gordon.....Secretary
 Keith Winters.....Local Director, Management
 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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