

The Charge!

EXTRA EXTRA

The first Annual Peoria Jaycees Masquerade Ball Will be held on October 31st. More details in the October Charge.

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Past President Becky Ulrich is ready to get roasted

Mark your calendars

September

- Sept 18 **Membership Meeting.** 7:00 p.m., AMVETS 237 NE Monroe in Downtown Peoria.
Contact Kristin Smead
- Sept 20 **Night Golf.** 8:00 p.m., Detweiler Golf Course
Contact Toby Quin
- Sept 21? **Dinner and a Movie.** Details to be Announced
Contact Mike Tucker
- Sept 30 **Candidate Forum.**
Contact Roxy Baker

October

- Oct 3 **Board Meeting.** 7:00 p.m., Lakeview Library.
Contact Kristin Smead
- Oct 4 **Happy Hour.** 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Double A's.
Contact Mike Tucker
- Oct 9 **Business After Hours.** 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Peoria Housing Authority.
Contact Kristin Smead
- Oct 17 **Membership Meeting.** 7:00 p.m., AMVETS 237 NE Monroe in Downtown Peoria.
Contact Kristin Smead
- Oct 20? **Dinner and a Movie.** Details to be Announced.
Contact Mike Tucker
- Oct 31 **Masquerade Ball.** Details to be Announced.
Contact Randy Stevens

From the Editor by Toby Quin

In this month's humor article, I mentioned that this year's board has been recalled. That of course did not happen. On the other hand, it is that time of the year that people should be thinking about running for a position on the 2009 board. I have worn many hats on the board including State Director, Chapter Management VP, and President. While advancing each rung of the ladder, I learned many skills that I use at my job and in everyday life. Some of these skills are public speaking, project management, delegating, time management, and public relations. I'm sure that this year's board has had similar experiences. If you are interested in being on the 2009 board, I would ask members of this year's board to find out what is involved in the various positions to find one that fits your desired level of involvement, skills set, and areas of interest. November is fast approaching so it is definitely not too early to begin your preparations.



President's Report by Linda Thomas

Hello Fellow Jaycees,

We have some exciting new events planned for this fall. We will be co-hosting a **candidate forum** for local candidates running for city and state offices on September 30th. Thanks to Roxy Baker for planning this event.

Also, we are working on some exciting new community events and sponsoring some new events for our adopt-a school. Randy Stevens has stepped up to chair a **Masquerade Ball** on Halloween night. We will be raising money for the Peoria Playhouse, which is an interactive children's museum slated to be built by the Glen Oak Zoo. We will be voting on the preliminary CPG at this month's membership meeting. If you would like your input heard, please plan on attending the meeting or contact Randy Stevens.

Another reason to come to this month's **membership meeting** is that we will have representatives from the charities we are donating to from the proceeds of the Firecracker 5000 in attendance. We will be donating \$1250 to each of the four identified charities for a grand total of \$5000. How appropriate that the Firecracker 5000 raised \$5000 for us to donate. We will also be giving out awards for the Member of the Trimester, Rookie of the Trimester and Board Member of the Trimester as well as some region awards for the trimester.

I would like to congratulate **July's member of the month** Tamara Ruth. During the month of July, Tamara co-chaired the Firecracker 5000 and the Mock Stock ID Project. She also stepped up to be the Local Director for the Community once our previous Local Director stepped up to become the VP for Community. Way to go Tamara!!!!

Please remember that we are always looking for **new ideas** for events. If you have an idea for a new Jaycee event, please contact a board member. Also, remember to keep recruiting **new members** if you want to see me wear a Cardinals or Packers Jersey to an event of the members' choosing.

Remember that the annual **Night Golf** event is coming up on September 20th at Detweiller Golf Course. Toby Quin is chairing this event and proceeds will be donated to Big Brothers and Big Sisters. This is a best ball scramble and it is only \$80 for a team of four. If you don't have a team just contact Toby and I'm sure he can get you hooked up with some lone golfers to form a team. It is sure to be an exciting and fun time. If you know any golfers, please pass on the information for this event as anyone can play. It is the only time a year I golf and I always have a blast.

Rock the Boat V was a great event and Rookie Renee Beard with the assistance of Victor Dzekunkas organized a great event. Make sure you let them know how much fun you had if you were able to make it to the event. Proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

A big thank you to Rhonda Ryan for chairing the **Past President's Party** in August. I believe that everyone who attended had a good time. This even included Becky who was the honoree of the evening and, for lack of a better term, the punch line of every joke. You know we love you Becky!

Until Next Month,

Linda Thomas

GO BEARS!!!!!!!



Misc Photos



Mandy and Brett Ellis getting sworn in at Camping and Canoeing



Keith and Matt showing off their 3rd place trophy from the Railroad Days Rib cookoff



Welcome Anton Spence

Rock the Boat



LLCoolD and his lady



It's a Lisa Cook Sighting



Mad Mike poses with his girl



Co-Chairman Victor gives the Rock the Boat a thumbs up with Renee Beard



President Linda is trying out a Ruth Sandwich



Tim's going to Subway later to get a \$5 footlong

Past President's Party



Toby gets some laughs from his infamous Top 10 list



Project chair Rhonda presents the Presidential gavel to Becky



Some Jaycees Dancing



Becky's favorite cake flavor is evidently boob



Fat guy in a little frozen T-shirt



Dennis and Becky doing some karaoke



Roxy getting a little payback

Membership Report by Mike Tucker



What's up Peoria Jaycees!

Another summer is quickly coming to an end - where did it go? It seems like just yesterday when we were camping and (not) canoeing and playing mud volleyball. There's still a few weeks left of summer, though.

Special thanks to Julie and Alexa Hoadley for running a great Rockin' P Ranch **Horse Riding** project last month! The bad weather stayed away for the most part, and all who attended were able to go horseback riding and have a great time! Great project ladies!!

The September **Happy Hour** was a good time! It was great to see some new faces this month. Next month, our Happy Hour will be on Friday, October 3rd at Double A's in Peoria. It's a great place to grab a bite to eat and to unwind after a hard work week! Happy Hour starts at 5:30, and usually goes well into the night. Hope to see many of you there!

And lastly, I noticed as I was typing out the **birthday list** for next month that October is a very popular birthday month for the Peoria Jaycees. There are about 20 members with October birthdays! For those of you having parties, you can email my invitation!:) Seriously though, here's a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to everybody getting another year older next month!

October Birthdays

10/1 - Becky Cassidy
 10/4 - Rod Mahr
 10/4 - Melissa Harrison
 10/6 - Doug Graham
 10/9 - Amy McLaren
 10/9 - Bryan Devine
 10/10 - John Ritter
 10/14 - Shae Johnson
 10/14 - Brad Taylor
 10/15 - Rusty Greene
 10/16 - Heather Zech
 10/18 - Megan Mahr
 10/18 - Dan Schmidt
 10/19 - John Sharp
 10/19 - Leslie Barton

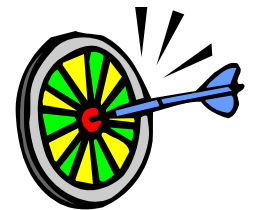


10/21 - John Bandle
 10/22 - Tamara Ruth
 10/25 - Melody Metzler
 10/26 - Charlie Moore
 10/26 - Matt Ryan

Who's Due

Sept. (Final Renewal)

John Bandle
 Leslie Barton
 Mary Gordon
 Matt King
 Dave Peterson
 Tracy Street
 Scott Ulrich



Tamara Parker
 Tamara Ruth
 Rebecca Ulrich
 Nathan Wenzel

October (Early Renewal)

Aimee Calbow
 Frank Perino
 *Jeff Pulfer
 *Wayne Stogsdill

Stephanie Lebanowski
 Steve Pfeiffer
 Eric Ruth

* Denotes Associate Member

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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.



Individual Development by Kriss Cochran

Hey Jaycees...Fall is here!

Be on the lookout for the following great ID projects coming up:

Book Club OCT/ NOV

Planning 4 the Future OCT

Winter Car Prep NOV

Roxy Baker is gearing up to start our **book club**. Be on the lookout to hear when our first meeting will be to pick the book we are going to read. The plan is to meet every 2 weeks to discuss what we have read.

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

Look for dates coming in your weekly update.

Matt King is helping out by running our **Winter Car Prep** in November. We will be checking air pressure in tires and changing your wipers. Battery and spark plug checks and going over the necessities for an emergency roadside kit to keep in your car.

Also don't forget we are having a follow up to the **Help my House is on Fire!** project. If you show us a filled out detail list by the October membership meeting on the 16th, you will have a chance to win a fireproof safe. Even if you didn't come to the project you can pick up a detail list and instructions from Anton Spence himself at his office on Willow Knolls and Radnor Rd or email him.

Take care and remember you get out of the Jaycees what you put into it!

Peoria Jaycees Board Recalled

The entire 2008 Jaycees Board has been recalled due to not living up to their campaign promises. The 2008 Jaycees Board ran on a platform of *No meetings past 8 in '08*. This was well received by the electorate as they felt something had to be done to decrease the length of our membership meetings. Unfortunately, the board failed to live up to their campaign promises as the meetings in July and August both ran over their allotted time of 1 hour. The July meeting lasted till 8:10 while the August meeting was not over until 8:30. Disgruntled Jaycee Rusty Greene led the recall. "I have a wife and two kids and my time is limited. The 2008 Jaycees Board members are just like all other politicians. They will say anything to get elected. I decided I was not going to take it anymore", stated Rusty. Elections will held at the November membership meeting. The only requirement to run for one of the positions is you have to be a Jaycee in good standing. The new board will begin their term on January 1, 2009. This follows on the heels of the Jaycees Building Fund Collapsing due to mismanagement. See *Peoria Jaycees Building Fund Collapses* on page 6 of the August Charge. The 2009 board will definitely have its' hands full trying to restore the Peoria Jaycees to its' former glory.

Community Development by Tamara Parker

Hello Jaycees,

It's getting a lot cooler outside and summer is just about over. It has been a great summer for the Jaycees with project such as Firecracker 5000, Rock the Boat, Bar Olympics, Camping and Canoeing, Mud Volleyball, need I go on? With the changing weather, seasons and upcoming holidays, there are different projects, ideas, and support that we are going to need from the Peoria Jaycees. I am asking that all members continue to support the Community development. I am always happy to hear of new refreshing idea and past experiences on previous projects.

Night Golf is fast approaching. Night Golf will be held on September 20 at Detweiler Golf Course starting at 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person with the proceeds going to Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Peoria Jaycees. There is space for a total of 18 four-person scramble teams divided into three divisions: men, women, and mixed. The winning team from each division will receive medals. Participants will use either a 7 or 8 iron and a putter. At this time there are still a few openings so please contact Toby Quin ASAP to get your team signed up before it is too late.

I know it seems too early to think about **Christmas** but if anyone is interested in chairing the Santa Visits the Kids **project** please contact me. Julie Hoadley has stepped up to chair Santa's Little Helpers. These projects are great projects for newer members to run or assist with and this will be a good chance to learn more about our organization. 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 Wal-Mart 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.

Also speaking of **Adopt-a-School**, I want to organize a committee to gather positive ideas for future projects. I look forward to getting to know the faculty, students, etc at Calvin Coolidge. We are the Peoria Jaycees and we are making a difference in other people's life. If anyone is interested in being on this committee, there will be a short meeting directly after the September membership meeting.

Wishing you all the best that life has to offer.

Did You Know.... The **Pony Express** was a fast mail service crossing the North American Continent from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California, from 1860 to October 1861. The original fast mail service had messages carried by horseback riders relay across the prairies, plains, deserts, and mountains of the Western United States. It briefly reduced the time for mail to travel between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to around ten days. By traveling an easier shorter route and using mounted riders rather than stagecoaches, the founders of the Pony Express hoped to establish their service as a faster and more reliable conduit for the mail and win away the exclusive government mail contract. Since 1866 until 1990, the Pony Express logo was used in security business. Presently, "Pony Express" is a trademark for postal services in Russia (by Freight Link) and US (by the United States Postal Service).

State Director's Report by Toby Quin

The first weekend in September, the Bloomington/Normal Jaycees held their annual International Beer Festival which they call the Bruegala. Several Peoria Jaycees traveled there to return the favor and pour some beer at their event. This event is about a quarter of the size of our IBF, but there were several things that Bloomington/Normal did that was either better than us or that we could be incorporated into our Fest to make it even better. The beer pourers met in a separate building to go over the rules and they definitely do a better job of acquiring sponsors. I also met several members of their chapter that were really cool. These are some of the reasons that I encourage our chapter to increase the number of chapter visitations. Visitations are a good way to make some new friends but also to get new ideas for projects. When I was State Director in 2001, we visited the Bloomington/Normal regularly. We kind of grew apart for over the years, but it nice to see our chapters starting to do things together again.



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.

That's it for this month. PEACE

Chapter Management by Kristin Smead



Hey Jaycees!

We have had a really exciting summer with lots of great events and there is much more to come this fall! This year we will have the first ever Peoria Jaycees **Masquerade Ball!** The event will be held on Friday, October 31st with more details to come. Contact Randy Stevens if you would like to help out.

We all had a great time at the **President's Roast** for Becky! Congratulations on a great year Becky and a big thank you to everyone that helped make this night so much fun. Hey Becky... watch out for those M&Ms!

Start printing those business cards! **Business After Hours** is held on the second Thursday of every month. The next event will be held on Thursday October 9th from 5-7pm at the Peoria Housing Authority (100 S. Richard Pryor Place). This is a great chance to learn about local businesses and network with local professionals.

Start working on those **CPGs!** I have hearing about some very good ideas for new and exciting projects. Start working on your CPGs or send me an e-mail if you need some help. We have some time to run new projects this year so don't let this opportunity pass you by!

We are looking for someone to chair the **Christmas party and end of year awards banquet.** This is a really fun way to end the year and an exciting time because of the swearing in of the new board members. If you would like to chair this event, please contact me. Speaking of new board members. Elections will held in November. If you are interested in helping the community and learning new skills, please consider running for a board position.

2008 Peoria Jaycees Executive Board

Becky Ulrich.....Chairperson
Linda Thomas.....President
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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