

THE CHARGE!

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EXTRA EXTRA

February Board Meeting- Due to a scheduling conflict, the February board will be moved from its usual location. Instead of Lakeview Library, the meeting will be held at Monical's Pizza, 4408 N. Knoxville Ave.

Distinguished Service Awards- The date of the DSA is January 29th not the January 28th as mentioned in the December newsletter.



The 2008 board poses after being sworn in at 2007 Christmas Party/Installation Banquet at the Riverstation

Mark your calendars

January

- January 17 **Membership Meeting.** 7pm, Amvets 237 NE Monroe Downtown Peoria.
Contact Kristin Smead.
- January 18-20 **General Assembly.** Decatur, Illinois.
Contact Victor Dzekunskas.
- January 26 **Health Challenge.** Time and Place TBD.
Contact Rachelle Workman or Jennifer Hayes
- January 27 **Dinner and a Movie.** Details TBA.
Contact Mike Tucker.
- January 29 **Distinguished Service Awards.** 6pm at Pere Marquette.
Contact Kate Miller.

February

- February 1 **Happy Hour.** 5-7 pm Po Boys.
Contact Mike Tucker.
- February 2 **Health Challenge.** Time and Place TBD.
Contact Rachelle Workman or Jennifer Hayes
- February 3 **Superfest Party.** Starts at 2 p.m. at AMVETS.
Contact Kurt Freidinger.
- February 7 **Board Meeting,** 7 pm at Moncial's Pizza 4408 N. Knoxville.
Contact Kristin Smead.
- February 14 **Business After Hours.** 5-7 pm Place TBA.
Contact Kristin Smead.
- February 16 **Health Challenge.** Time and Place TBD.
Contact Rachelle Workman or Jennifer Hayes
- February 21 **Membership Meeting.** 7pm, Amvets 237 NE Monroe Downtown Peoria.
Contact Kristin Smead.
- February 25 **Dinner and a Movie.** Details TBA.
Contact Mike Tucker.

From the Editor by Toby Quin

It gives me great pleasure to begin my second stint as editor for this fine publication. Previously, I served as editor from May through December 2002. Some of the features I am incorporating in the Charge are some humor, a Did You Know Bit, new member profiles, and educational articles that contains information that my benefit you in everyday life. The first educational article is Improve Your Gas Mileage on page 8. The rest is up to the board and the rest of the membership. I am requesting that submissions be sent to me by the Sunday following each board meeting. I can then put the finishing touches, send it the publishers, and hopefully have it arrive in you mailboxes by Monday of the following week at the latest. A last point I would like to make is to not believe everything you read. If it seems hard to believe, it probably is.

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President's Report by Linda Thomas

Happy New Year! I'm very excited to start the year of 2008 as your chapter President. We recently had our Board training and retreat and let me just tell you all that we have a great board. Many ideas were discussed and even ways to make our current projects better. The whole 2008 Board is very excited and has a great deal of energy. We have several newer Jaycees with many new ideas and, of course, our goal is to have the best Jaycee Chapter in the State and even the Country.

The Santa Visits the Kids project went very well. We had 16 Jaycees show up and we were able to bring gifts, Christmas Joy and of course Santa to 18 teen boys at the Children's Home and 12 children and their families at the Salvation Army. I've heard from most Jaycees who attended that their favorite part was when the women and children at Salvation Army told us what they were thankful for this Christmas Season. It was very moving and reminded all of us about the true meaning of Christmas. Way to go **Kerri Differding** on chairing your first Jaycee Project. It was truly a success at impacting the community and our chapter in a positive way!!!

The Santa's Little Helper project was the following Saturday and we were able to break all of the records. Kudos to chairperson, **Megan Loshner!!!** Megan was able to get outside donations so significant that we were able to Christmas shop with 25 students from our Adopt-A-School. That number is twice as many as we have ever been able to take before. I will tell you that I had the challenge of trying to help wrap several odd shaped items but our fearless 2007 President, **Becky Ulrich** helped me out when it came to wrapping a bird feeder. Thanks Becky!!!

That's a great way to illustrate the Presidency of Becky Ulrich she was always there to support us in any way possible and did many of the difficult tasks herself without much praise. Thanks for such a great year!

The Whodunit Murder Mystery Membership project was the first Jaycee event of 2008. On January 4th about 22 Jaycees got together, including 5 from the Lombard Chapter here on a Chapter Visit, to solve a murder. Seeing **Brad Gordon** read a map as a Pirate was something that can only be described as the highlight of the event. **Victor/Victoria Dzekunekas** as our host for the evening was not only gracious but also quite attractive if I may say so. All I know is that **Mike Tucker as Nick Toff** got pushed overboard by **Matt King as Sir Case**. Note to self, keep an eye on Mike and Matt at Rock the Boat this year.

On January 5th myself and 14 other Jaycees started a three-month Health Challenge chaired by **Rachelle Workman**. Hopefully, I can step up to the challenge along with my fellow Jaycees to become stronger, leaner and healthier versions of our current selves.

At the end of January, we have the Distinguished Service Awards scheduled for **Tuesday January 29th**. This is a day later than stated in the last newsletter so erase the other date and write in **Tuesday January 29th**. All I can say is yeah we have 24 more hours than we thought to get ready for our longest running event as a chapter. I know **Kate Miller** is planning an awesome event and if you can help in anyway please contact her.

Cheers to 2008!!!!!!!!!!

February Birthdays

2/15 Jim Cochran
2/18 Lois Elrod
2/18 Mike Whitlow
2/20 Kimberly McKinney
2/23 Garth Madison





Kerri Differding and Linda Thomas share with Santa what they want for Christmas

Santa Visits the Kids



2007 Jaycee Year End Award Winners



Steve Pfeiffer
Chairman



Kriss Cochran
Jaycee



Eric Ruth
Rookie



Linda Thomas
Board Member



Rock the Boat
Project
Matt King/Mike Whitlow

State Director's Report by Victor Dzekunekas

ATTENTION all you Peoria Jaycees! We have a couple events happening here in the next few months. To start it off, our G.A. (general assembly) will be happening on January 18-20 in Decatur, IL at the Holiday Inn convention center. We will have 3 rooms for the weekend. We will be meeting at 7pm in the back end parking lot at the East Peoria Walmart to caravan to the GA. If you have Not attended a GA, pack a few snacks, beverages, and what ever else you might think of. These GA's are a Great way for free training and lots of socializing with other chapters in the state of Illinois.



Mark your calendars now for the annual state bowling on March 8. This will take place here in Peoria at Town and Country Bowl. We are looking for teams of 4 at 80\$ per team. If you don't have a team, that is okay too. Come on out we can pair you up with a team. Look for more details to come on the annual state bowling.

Thank you Peoria Jaycees for you support and looking forward to communicating with you from other chapters in the state of Illinois.

Chapter Management by Kristin Smead

Happy New Year Jaycees!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and new year! We have so many exciting activities coming up in 08'. Even though we just celebrated the New Year, we are already looking forward to the many activities throughout the year. Some projects are already underway and some will be starting within a few months. If you are looking at becoming more involved in upcoming activities, now is your chance!

Current Open positions:

International Beer Fest (2 sub-chairs)

- Friday Night Food Sub-chair
- Security Sub Chair

Chairmen and sub-chair positions opening soon:

- Rock the Boat
- Lawnmower Clinic
- Haunted House

Santa's Little Helpers



El Presidente poses with two kids from Calvin Coolidge



Tamara and Brian Parker taking a ride to breakfast

Superfest Party

February 3
AMVETS, Starts at 2 p.m.

Raffles, Prizes, Chilli Cookoff

Cost \$5, Free if you bring dish to share or chilli

Guests Welcome



Jason Hall and Matt Steffen getting ready to power shop

Membership Report by Mike Tucker



What's up Peoria Jaycees!

First of all, I want to say thanks to Kerri Differding and Linda Thomas for running a successful Whodunit Murder Mystery party. It was very well attended and it seemed that everybody had a good time. Thanks also to our cruise director Victor(ia) Dzekunskas - he added a few laughs as the hostess with the mostess and saw that the night went along without a hitch. In the end, I was the one who ended up dead - pushed overboard my Matt King. Who would have thought that getting killed would be so much fun?

Thursday, January 17, is our membership meeting, and I urge everyone to come out and show the new board their support. We're going to be giving away at least one prize to somebody in attendance, so give yourself a chance to win. I'm told the meeting will not run over one hour, and that's a good thing, because directly following the meeting, we'll be gathering at Buffalo Wild Wings in East Peoria for some dinner, drinks and socializing - hopefully we'll see everybody there!

Beginning in January, on the last Sunday afternoon of the month, we're going to start up the 'Dinner and a Movie' project again. We'll meet somewhere for lunch and afterwards, hit an afternoon matinee. We'll be having some movie trivia while we eat, and be giving away some snacks to smuggle into the movie. The movie that we go to each month will be decided by voting at the membership meeting each month - so there's another reason to show up to the meeting each month - remember, majority rules!!

February happy hour (Friday, February 1) will be at Po-Boys. With Mardi Gras coming up, it'll be the perfect place to kick back and kick off the weekend. Happy hour starts at 5:00, so please feel free to join us, and as always, anybody is welcome. We'd love to see some new faces!

And finally, our annual Super Bowl party, Superfest, will again be at the Amvets on Sunday, February 3rd. Doors open at 2:00 and the party will keep running even after the game is over. The cost is \$5 at the door, or if you'd rather, you can bring a dish to share and we'll waive the fee. I believe there will be some raffles and prizes to win, as well as a chilli cook-off, so if you think you're homemade chilli could be award winning, or if you just need an excuse to make some chilli, make sure to bring it along. We'll provide the crackers, cheese, onions... and the eaters!! Kurt Freidinger will be chairing this event, so if you have any questions or ideas, let him or myself know. I'm sure it will be a great event, and we hope to see all of you there!!

Christmas Party Photos



Rick Owens and Buffy strike a pose. Buffy loved her gift so much it will probably not be re-gifted.



Don't JO and John make a cute couple at the Christmas Party

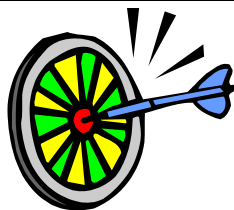
Community Development by Danielle Pyles

Hola from your brand new Community Development Vice President for 2008! This year is a fresh opportunity to get involved in some really great projects that benefit our community and encourage our own personal development as Jaycees. One great project that is fast approaching and one of our longest-running events is the Distinguished Service Awards on Tuesday, January 29th. This project is a great avenue in which to honor exceptional professionals in our community who have made a significant contribution in their field. Keynote speaker Alexis Khazzam, owner of Junction City, will also speak to us about his successes as a local entrepreneur and businessman. Alexis is a speaker whose involvement in the community has impacted me on a personal level. Khazzam's efforts include development of Project Springboard, a program at Bradley University (where I currently attend) to help young people gain experience in the business world. I encourage each and every one of you to come out and honor these young professionals through emotional support or direct assistance with the event, as well as gain insight from a seasoned professional in the realm of entrepreneurship and leadership. Don't forget to nominate individuals deserving of such awards as:

- Prescott E. Bloom Distinguished Service Award for Community Service
 - Outstanding Young Business Professional
 - Outstanding Young Educator
 - Outstanding Young Health Care Professional
 - Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer
 - Outstanding Young Rescue Professional
 - Outstanding Young Religious Leader
 - Charles C. Schlink Good Government Award
- For more information, contact Kate Miller.

Looking forward, our much-anticipated Easter Egg Hunt is also on the horizon. We are eager to identify a chairman for this popular event so that we can get the ball rolling on planning. Please feel free to contact me or other members of the board if you are interested in contributing to this or any other upcoming events. Questions, concerns, and general comments are always welcomed! Thanks for all your help, and here's to a great year for the Peoria Jaycees!

Who's Due



January Final Renewal

Joe Burkitt	
Greg Haney	
Brandy Malott	John Sharp

February (Early Renewal)

Jim Cochran	Susan Glass*
Bill Gohs	Melissa Harrison
Teresa Ho	Julie Hoadley
Allen Mayer	Matt Ryan
Lynda Solin	Ryan Styck
Heather Sumner	Mike Tucker
Diana Janda	Angie Walker

* Denotes Associate Member

Improve Your Gas Mileage

A major portion of everyone's paycheck goes to pay for gas. There are many ways to minimize this cost. Here are seven ways that can result in improving gas mileage by 10% or more:

1. Check Tire Pressure. Low pressure will increase rolling resistance and tire wear.
2. Keep your engine in tune and make sure air and fuel filters are replaced at regular intervals.
3. Keep your steering in proper alignment.
4. Use the thinnest viscosity oil that your car manufacturer recommends.
5. Do not use premium gas unless your car requires it.
6. Remove all unnecessary items from car to reduce weight.
7. Change Driving Style- Carpool, use cruise control, accelerate/decelerate gradually, avoid tailgating, slow down, combine several tasks in one trip.

Individual Development by Kriss Cochran

2008 is upon us and as rituals go I would say making New Years resolutions is one of the biggest rituals we do as humans. What are the resolutions you have made? They usually fall into a couple different categories.

The Quitters

- To stop smoking
- Overeating
- Procrastinating

The Enhancers

- Read more
- Relax more
- Learn a new skill
- Spend more time with loved ones

The Organizers

- Become more organized
- Work smarter not harder
- Keep house clean

We sometimes stick to a certain category for our resolutions, but we actually would be better fulfilled by picking a little from each category. In the Jaycees we feel a balanced organization will help flourish your own life. When we evenly spread ourselves between community involvement, networking, and personal growth we only enhance our lives as human beings.

This year I would like to take **Individual Development** and push it to helping us grow and build ourselves into better members of our community and family. I hope to offer you fun and interesting classes and projects to help you start building the foundation to a better future.

How can you help? Well I am glad you asked. I have a list of some recommendations for projects you would like to see. Great new ones and others we have done in the past but with our great growing membership I would love to see done again. Please contact me to let me know what **YOU** would like to see in a project.

What have we already been up to? Well I am glad you asked. **Rachelle Workman** has started us off with our Health Challenge. We have 5 teams of 3 competing (supporting) against each other for a healthy weight loss challenge. We also had a great turnout for the Wellness mobile. Rachelle set up this free blood screening at the Am vets on Saturday January 5. In just a few minutes you were able to see your lung capacity, blood pressure, cholesterol, triglycerides and sugars. Thanks Rachelle for all the hard work you are putting in for this quarter long project.

Please stay tuned for all the great **ID** projects we are going to set up for you. Don't forget to come out to all the great things we have planned for 2008. These great training are just 1 of the great benefits you have from being a Peoria Jaycee.



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.

Jaycee faces protests at the Jaycee Party

Kevin Janosov, aka P Dubby, was recently heckled by PETA, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. On December 14, 2007, P Dubby wore his usual winter attire, black hat and brown fur coat, to the Jaycees Annual Christmas Party held at the River Station. Members of the Animal Rights organization held signs containing slogans such as "If You Wear Fur, You Better Purr", "Give Fleece a Chance", and "I'd Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur". Riverstation and Jaycee security even had to step in to prevent PETA from splattering paint on his coat. Fortunately, the Jaycees were able to avoid being shed in a negative light as P Dubby refrained from his first instinct of stripping down. P Dubby took it mostly in stride and had this to say to about the incident- "It was cold and all my wool thongs were at the cleaners". Other than that, the Jaycee Christmas Party went off without a hitch.



P Dubby models the attire that caused protests



Jaycee Gets Very Own Star

Pinhead played by Jaycee Steve Pfeiffer received his very own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on December 17, 2007. The Hollywood walk of fame is a sidewalk along Hollywood Boulevard and Vine streets in Hollywood, California. Currently, over 2,000 five-pointed stars featuring human and fictional characters adorn the walk of fame. Pinhead is best known for the Hellraiser movies, but has been featured in TV shows such as the Simpsons and Family Guy, and a comic books series entitled "Pinhead". In the Peoria area, Pinhead is most notable for appearing at the Peoria Jaycees Haunted House the past several years. Editor's note- I have always thought of Steve as more of a Butthead instead of a Pinhead.

Did you know... **Snipe** is the common name for a shore bird of the family Scolopacidae (sandpiper family), native to the Old and New Worlds. The common, or Wilson's snipe (*Capella gallinago*), also called jacksnipe, is a game bird of marshes and meadows. It has an unusual courtship dance, circling and diving in the air. The mud snipe or woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*) is a nocturnal woodland bird. The eastern dowitcher, *Limnodromus griseus*, also called the red-breasted, or robin, snipe, frequents mud flats and shores, as does the long-billed dowitcher of W North America and South America (rare on the Atlantic coast). The European common snipe, found also in Asia and Africa, is similar to the Wilson's snipe. During the late eighteenth century in India, British officers enjoyed hunting a very small fast moving bird called the snipe. The term sniper originally had nothing to do with the current use of the word, "sniper" described a skillful snipe hunter. A sniper was also very good at stalking, and had an almost perfect shot (much like modern day "snipers"). Although I would not recommend go out on a snipe hunt if the opportunity arises, snipes are in fact real.



2007 Peoria Jaycees Executive Board

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 Danielle Pyles.....Community Development
 Mike Tucker.....Membership Development
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 Tamra Parker.....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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