



The Charge!

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Jaycee Member Confesses To Drug Problem

Peoria Jaycee member and chapter treasurer **Cindy Schwerer** confessed to a drug problem at a recent wine tasting party sponsored by the volunteer organization. "You know, that Aleve," Ms. Schwerer testified, "I heard it kills brain cells. I like that stuff!" Former treasurer **Rick Owens** claimed "That explains a lot about Cindy right there!" Friends and fellow Jaycee members had also suspected Ms. Schwerer to be addicted to nitrous oxide, better known as 'laughing gas.' Employed as a dental hygienist, Ms. Schwerer had unlimited access to the pain killing gas and drugs. **Emily Duncan**, a close friend to Ms. Schwerer testified that she had noticed a change in her behavior. "When she showed up at chapter events with a scuba tank filled with laughing gas, we knew something was up." Ms. Schwerer's cohorts prompted her to seek legal council, so she enlisted the services of prominent Peoria attorney, **Steven J. West**.

During a press conference earlier this week, Mr. West stated, "My client has suffered terribly. Poor Cindy has lost countless millions of brain cells from this aspirin, and we will be seeking monetary compensation to ease her suffering." Attorney West also stated, "And besides, I've always wanted to handle a case against a major pharmaceutical company." Late in the press conference, a disturbance broke out and a reporter shouted "How about the loss of brain cells you Jaycees get from drinking all that beer?" Mr. West simply stated, "I have no comment at this time."

Attorney West is currently assembling his legal team of **Johnnie Cochrane**, **Robert Shapero** and **F. Lee Bailey**, the same team he used in the landmark *Bilsland v. British Health Authorities* case. Ms. Schwerer is currently residing at the White Oaks Center.

Board Members Submit News Articles; Newsletter Editor Responds With Heart Failure

Peoria, IL (AP) - The surprise *The Charge* editor **Rick Owens** received when Peoria Jaycee board members submitted their news articles was so strong, it put the editor into a cardiac arrest. For several months, the editor of the popular publication requested a minimal amount of acknowledgment from the delinquent board. To no avail, nothing was ever submitted. Then, all at once, every board member responded to Owens' request, flooding his office with all sorts of news. "I guess he just wasn't expecting all that cooperation from the board." stated **Dennis Owens**, brother to the newsletter editor, as he puffed on a Lucky Strike filterless cigarette. "And it had to be that surprise. Rick wouldn't get a heart attack from all that pizza and McDonld's he's eaten over the past 30 years!" Several Jaycee members were shocked at this latest turn of events. "It just takes you by surprise, this board actually did something!" claimed **John Cima**, the current chapter president, "I guess all my phone calls paid off. Too bad about Rick though." Mr. Owens is in stable condition and on an IV of Absolute vodka at his Dunlap home.

Holiday Cheer - Jaycees Style

The Peoria Jaycees celebrated the holidays of 1996 in style.

The annual Jaycees Christmas party was held at **Beth Barr's** and turned out to be a great success. Approximately 25 people turned out for the event to celebrate the Christmas spirit and to discover who was their Secret Santa. However, others were too busy dissecting "**Matilda**", **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland's** date. Jeff claimed Matilda had a "firm butt". Note: For those who do not know, Matilda is a fashionably dressed mannequin; no sexual harassment intended.

A smaller Christmas party was held at the residence of "**Wac**" **McIntyre** in North Pekin. While the weather outside was getting frightful, Wac was busy building up the fire inside, using firewood he unlawfully acquired from his neighbor. When the fire was not catching, Wac withdrew a larger piece of firewood from the stove and threw it outside and swept the coals against his garage door. Thirty minutes later, partygoers noticed a smoldering along the garage door... wonder how that happened?

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

by Rick Owens

I'm impressed! This has to be a Peoria Jaycees first. Every board member that is required to submit a newsletter article had done so this month. The reasoning why escapes me, but none the less, I am please that this has happened. Perhaps it was because I took a month off and everyone missed *The Charge* or perhaps these board members became scared of what might have happened if they did not turn in their submissions.

As you recall, month after month, I would announce when newsletter articles were due. And, month after month, hardly anything was turned in. I did not know all details of everything that was going on. Therefore, I had to 'invent' news. I then informed board members to just phone in upcoming projects in their departments and I would write their article for them. I moved the article due dates to the board meeting to make things easier to remember. A second grader could handle this task, but still nothing. I received more input from total strangers over the Internet than from board members.

By October and November of 1996, writer's block started setting in; I didn't know anything what was going on; I was close to running this dog and pony show as a solo effort. After all attempts failed to get respective board members to submit their news items, I had snapped. I decided to use my literal genius, abilities and powers for evil purposes. My goal was the embarrassment and destruction of sound reputations of board members, no matter how many lives it may have cost. Conventional weapons and some nuclear armament could have been used,

destroying civilization as we know it. However, I realized that the keyboard is mightier than the pen or the sword.

Unfortunately, there were innocent bystanders, namely **John 'Caesar' Cima** and **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland**, who faithfully submit their news articles on time. And if there is ever a problem, they usually notify me in time and can brief me on what going on. But this month, all board members, submitting news... it must surely be a cold winter in Hell.

Mark Your Calendars

January

International Beer Fest Committee Meeting; Wednesday, January 8, 7:00pm, Sigrid's Cafe, Main St., Peoria - call Joann Ziegler

Business After Hours; Thursday, January 9, 5-7:00pm - call Joann Ziegler

Beer Brewing Dynamics; Sunday, January 12, 11:30am, Jeff Pulfer's House, Marquette Hts - call John 'Caesar' Cima

DSA Reservations Due; Wednesday, January 15, last day to make a reservation to attend the Distinguished Service Awards Banquet - call Sandy Pearce at 699-6568

Membership Meeting; Thursday, January 16, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call John Cima

Jaycees Ski Weekend; Leave Friday, January 17 and return Sunday, January 19; Devil's Head and Cascade Mt. in Wisconsin - call Dennis Owens

Distinguished Service Awards Banquet; Wednesday, January 22, cocktails start at 6:30pm, River Station restaurant - call Sandy Pearce or Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland

Super Bowl Party; Sunday, January 26, 3:00pm, Jeff Pulfer's Party Central, Marquette Hts - call Becky Lemont or Cindy Schwerer

February

Board Meeting; Thursday, February 6, 6:30pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call John Cima

Newsletter Articles Due; Thursday, February 6, failure to do so could result in libel - call Rick Owens

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Mail Call

Here is the latest mail and E-Mail the Peoria Jaycees have received!

E-Mail sent on Nov. 18, 1996
Hi Rick,

First I just want to say that I and the Jaycees do not give you enough credit for not only printing and disbursing *The Charge* but for also creating it. I can understand why are you worried about "burn-out". Before you started to do *The Charge*, it was never on time or even sent out every month. The text was very dry (kind of how I write). You got a talent for writing and you have been doing a great job.

Second - maybe you need a staff to help you out. People to contact the contact people for each article. It would be great if the board did their articles on their own, but the reality of it is - they won't. So instead you doing it all, others could contact the board members and chairpeople to get the info. They would be your correspondents. I would like to help out. I am not chairing projects anymore so I have time. I usually know everything that is going on and if you need to miss a meeting I can go and get the info. If you have more than one other person, the meeting duty can be rotated. Just an idea for you to think about for 1997.

See you Thursday at the membership meeting.
Gatekeeper

Super Bowl Party

The annual Peoria Jaycees Super Bowl party is going to be held on Super Bowl Sunday, January 26, 1997 at **Jeff Pulfer's** home. Jeff lives at 301 Beloit in Marquette Hts. The event "kicks off" at 3:00 PM. The schedule of events are as follows:

3:00 PM	Chili Cook-off
3:30 PM	New Member Orientation
4:00 PM	"Butt Darts" Contest
5:30 PM	Game Starts



Please bring your favorite snack and/or pot of chili. Soda and beer will be provided. **Cindy Schwerer** and **Joe Lemont** are chairing this year's Super Bowl Party. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy at 692-2450 or Joe at 676-2780.

Editor's Note: What does a go cart race and a PR event have to do with Individual Development?

Individual Development Report

by Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt

Rock 106 Tutu Golf Classic

Rock 106 royally screwed us from behind, took our booty and we didn't even get as much as a kiss from them on this project!! Last summer, WWCT approached the Peoria Jaycees about running a golf outing. **Dennis Owens**, who had ran other golf outings in the past, agreed to help out. In the original plan, the Peoria Jaycees were to be the beneficiary of the golf outing, as 106 simply wanted a public relations/golfing event. Also in the agreement, the Jaycees were to furnish manpower for the project.

On August 26th, several Jaycees showed for the event, but manpower assignments were light. With an average cost of \$36 an entry, golfers gladly paid the price of \$53 to enter the golf classic (translates to \$17 profit). With 75 paying golfers, the project somehow managed to lose \$2,000, that's according to Rock 106 (sounds to me like some 'skimming' was going on). They allege that catering expenses were too high, but where did they cater from... Buckingham Palace?! In the end, the Peoria Jaycees received nothing for their efforts! We were screwed blue and tattooed!!! The final CPG has been prepared and it shows nothing returned to the chapter.

Beer Brewing Dynamics

The Peoria Jaycees are going to give lessons on the fine art of brewing beer, a valuable trade this organization is exceptionally good at (second only to drinking beer). There will be at least two different batches of brew being made, along with the possibility of a third "experimental" batch. This event is to take place at **Jeff Pulfer's** house in Marquette Hts. on Sunday, January 12, 1997 at 11:30 am (when the football playoffs begin). Everything will already be provided, so just show up and take part in the fun. Guests are more than welcomed! Please call **John Cima** at 693-1240 or myself, **Dan Schmidt** at 674-5290. Brewing beer makes you STRONG!!

Arthritis Foundation Go Cart Race

Attention Race Fans!! The Arthritis Foundation is having a go cart race this summer and the Peoria Jaycees need to get involved. For the first year of this event, it will only cost the Peoria Jaycees \$2,250 to purchase a 3.5 horsepower go cart and enter the race. Then after we have the go cart, it's only \$1,150 to renew the following year. And don't worry, I can get all the cost donated, but we need to set aside money for the event anyway. Also, I can get the storage and maintenance for the cart donated. Just think what we can do with this go cart; we can paint Peoria Jaycees on the side of the cart and use it in Rivermen games at the Civic Center. We'll have fun with this go cart! I think the best way to get the most publicity from this go cart will be during the race. As soon as the green flag waves to start the race, we'll crash the go cart into another racer. Just imagine all the talk and publicity... it will make us POPULAR!

Membership Report *by Dr. Quin, Membership Woman*

Who's Due

In January, the following members are due:

Joe Burkitt	Greg Myroth
Eric Kuntz	Mark Rosenberg
* Stanley Munton	Steve Weers

In February, the following members will be due:

James Buehler	Sandy Pearce
John Cosigny	Shari Quin
* Jay Denton	Rod Skewes
* Marie Martin	Nancy Ulrich

* - indicates associate dues

Members Past Due

Here is the list of people who are well over 30 days behind on their membership dues...

Sean Apsey	Joe Binder	Holly Brinker
Alan Bruce	Tom Carrigan	Marcia Denton
Emily Duncan	Melissa Flessner	Terry Gavin
Mark Klokkenga	Eric Kuntz	Marty Lacefield
Dennis Owens	Rick Owens	Charles Pulfer
Jeff Pulfer	Tim Ritterbusch	Mike Safford
Cathy Schwerer		

If you have already paid your membership dues or if you think there is some mistake, please let **Cindy Schwerer** or **Rick Owens** know immediately. Remember, renew dues are \$35.00 and if you are a new member, dues are \$40.00. Please make checks out to the Peoria Jaycees and send to:

Peoria Jaycees
Attn: Shari Quin
PO Box 2
Peoria, IL 61650

Membership Status

Hey gang, welcome our newest member and my sister, **Michelle Feger**. She joined last month. As for other new members or renews, I don't know how we are doing. Please call **John Cima** to find out.

Message From The Membership VP

It's been a great year as your membership vice president and I look forward to the new year. I would like to take this time to thank the following people for handling all the job responsibilities for me; **John 'Caesar' Cima** for doing all the paper work to the Illinois Jaycees for me, **Rick Owens** for keeping track of the roster, unpaid dues and writing all my newsletter articles, **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** for planning and running the wine tasting party and **Beth Barr** for planning and running the Christmas party. I'm really glad that these

State Director's Report *by 'Mad Hatter' Jason Arends*



Hey, it's me, **Jason Arends**, your state director and it's going to be a great month and new year! I want to first say that Rick has it all wrong about me when he writes those articles.

I'm not at the Club that much and I've never written a newsletter article from there. It's **Jim Dishman** from the East Peoria Jaycees who's always there and he's trying to destroy my good name by saying he goes there with me. Not only that, but he says I'm the one who drags him in there. And speaking of the East Peoria Jaycees, we need to make a visitation there soon so we can get our Creed back. Guess where our Creed is right now. In the hot tub room at the Club! And you know how it got there?! That #&*&@%^ Dishman, that's who!

Also, at the next membership meeting, there will be a bunch of people from the Bloomington Jaycees making a visit, so try to be there to protect our "Big One" and have a great day!

Peoria Jaycees Ski Weekend

The annual Peoria Jaycees Ski trip is set for the weekend of Friday, January 17, departing Peoria at 6:00pm. The group of rowdy skiing Jaycees will be heading to the slopes of Devil's Head and Cascade Mountain near Baraboo, Wisconsin. The group will be returning to Peoria on Sunday. If you are interested in attending, you will have to be responsible for your own expenses, such as lift tickets, food, beer, lodging and other incidentals. **Dennis Owens** is organizing this event and 6 rooms have been reserved thus far. He has been trying to get a head count of who's going, so if you want to attend, please call Dennis at 693-8771 and let him know by Tuesday, January 14th. If there is no answer, leave a message. More information will be available at the membership meeting on January 16.

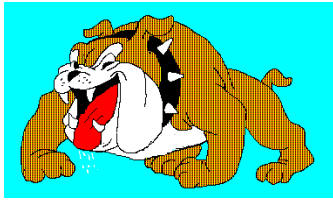
And as a bonus to this year's trip, rumor has it a group of Bloomington Jaycees also want to attend. The Peoria Jaycees ski trip, it's difficult to learn, risky to perform and worth every minute of it... just ask **Cindy Schwerer**!

Membership Report (continued)

people did those things for me because I don't want to do them. Those things are yuckie! And thanks to these people, I didn't have to do anything and I was able to spend more time fooling around with my boyfriend!

Community Development

by Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilisland



Santa Visits the Kids

Another great year for Santa, thanks to **Meg Buchanan**. Meg put together a great project and satisfied over 80 children.

Our infamous Santa, **Stan Munton**, did another great job in pleasing the kids and the mothers. We have pictures to prove it. A big thank you should go out to Meg.

DSA Banquet

The 56th Annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet that honors young leaders in the Peoria area, is running smoothly with the help of **Sandy Pearce**. This year's banquet will be held at The River Station at 212 Constitution Avenue in Peoria. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm with cocktails starting at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 22, 1997.

Cost for dinner is \$25 in which you have a choice of prime rib, lemon-herb chicken or fresh Atlantic salmon. There will be appetizers starting at 6:30 with a cash bar. You should have already received an invitation and you should return the RSVP form before January 15. If you have not received an invitation, you can print out the form from the Peoria Jaycee web site, www.jaycees.com. Please distribute these invitations to your place of business as everyone from the Peoria area is invited.

After dinner we will have the pleasure of listening to **Christine Zak** from WEEK TV News as our keynote speaker. After Christine, there will be a short awards presentation honoring the young leaders in Peoria. This is one of our chapters highest profile projects and we encourage all Jaycees to attend.

If you have any questions about the event, you can contact **Sandy Pearce** at 679-4463 or **Jeff Bilisland** at 682-2897. This is going to be a great event. Hope to see you there.

Mayoral Debate

The Peoria Jaycees in conjunction with Caterpillar and another young person's organization, Community Now, plan on

hosting a Peoria Mayoral Debate. A lot of committee work needs to take place and a CPG needs to be written, but it sounds as though Community Now has got the ball rolling pretty good. Overall response to this project has been positive and several members have offered to help. If you would like to get involved, please call **Jeff Bilisland** at 682-2897.



From the Community Development VP

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a great time last year. I know there are a few things that I want to remember. Unfortunately there are more things that I do not want to remember but I believe people like **Dennis Owens** will not let me forget any of them. I do believe there are some pictures floating around that I would rather burn than see.

I had a great time last year and I would like to have more fun this year. And how do I intend to do this? I'm glad you asked that question. I would like to get someone to fill my position as Community Development Vice President, so I can relax this year. I have been doing this job for 3 years now and I think we need some fresh blood this year. Its a great way to get involved in the community; don't miss your chance. And besides, I'll buy you dinner any place you want in the Peoria area if you take on this position. (What good deeds won't do for you, money will.)

I will still be the same old Mad Dog that you have become to know and love. I will still be loud at parties, laugh hysterically, jump around with all sorts of excitement and a few other things that I have been keeping secret. My resolution for 1997 is, "Do not date tramps in 1997. Only date nice girls." **Shari Quin** has vowed to keep me to my New Year's Resolution if it kills her. Good luck Shari.

I am always open to suggestion and propositions (please keep propositions clean, remember my New Year's Resolution). You can contact me at home at 682-2897 or at work at 692-2685. I hope everyone has a great year and remember: "Enjoy life to the fullest. After all, its the only one you have." Copyrighted quote by MADDOG 1997.

Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilisland

You Are Cordially Invited to...

The Peoria Jaycees 56th Annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet

Wednesday, January 22, 1997
at The RiverStation

Cocktails at 6:30 PM
Dinner at 7:00 PM

Dinner cost is \$25 and includes your choice of Prime Rib, Lemon-Herb Chicken or fresh Atlantic Salmon

Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 15, 1997
call Sandy Pearce at 679-4463

or
Jeff Bilisland at 682-2897

Chapter Management *by Joann Ziegler*

International Beer Festival

The committee meetings are under way for the 5th Annual International Beer Festival. Unlike other years, this year's IBF will not be held in March; instead, for scheduling reasons, it will be held on Saturday, April 19, 1997. The co-chairs for this project are myself and new and largely unknown member **David McMullin**. We still have a number of positions open on the beer fest committee and we are looking for motivated individuals to get involved with this project. We will also need several tens of volunteers for the project to pour beer and man the cash boxes. If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer on April 19, or if you want to get involved or need more information, please call **Joann Ziegler** at 689-0051 (Unfortunately, David's phone number is unknown and is not included on our roster). Our next committee meeting is to be held on Wednesday, January 8th at Sigrid's Cafe on Main St. in downtown Peoria.



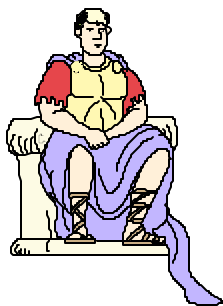
Epicurean Night

January Epicurean Night will be held in conjunction with the DSA Banquet on Wednesday, January 22nd (for more info on the DSA Banquet, refer to page 5 in **Mad Dog's** Community Development article). At the time of this writing, the chapter is looking for some place inexpensive for February. If you have any ideas for an Epicurean outing, please call **Susan Wilbur** at 685-8365.

Ziegler For Chapter President

Even though announcements to run for office won't take place until March and elections aren't held until April, I want to get a head start and announce my intentions to run for the office of President. I feel that I would make an outstanding president for the Peoria Jaycees. I am well versed in all Jaycee procedures, protocols and functions, especially when the state Jaycees are involved. I will lead the Peoria chapter in the right direction, getting active in all Illinois state Jaycee functions and showing the world over, what it takes for a local chapter to really suck up to the state. Remember in April, vote **Joann Ziegler** for Chapter President!

Caesar's Scroll *by John 'Caesar' Cima*



I have a feeling that this is going to become a ritual trend - sitting down to write my newsletter article in the midst of a Jaycee social function. This occasion is the New Year's party held at **Rick Owens** at approximately 11:45 P.M. on 12/31/96. Things appear to be going well, as most are in a festive mood. I can imagine, however, that there has been some soul searching

and general reflection on the part of the attendees of events that have occurred over the past year. I myself have been contemplating the past year, both in personal and Peoria Jaycee terms (as President, this is inescapable if you are committed to this organization), as this is not only the end of the year but also the midpoint of my term as President. The following random thoughts come to mind in reflection upon my term as Peoria Jaycee President: 1) I have not done nearly the job as I expected from myself in terms of my performance (e.g.- communication with the members, improving my organizational skills, recruiting new members, etc.); 2) the projects that we have conducted up to this point have exceeded my personal expectations, based on the degree of organization I perceived for the project prior to the event; 3) the people that are here at this event tonight (roughly 75% of the most active members) are the best group of members any President of a volunteer organization could ask for; 4) we don't do nearly enough to promote ourselves to the community at-large; and 5) I feel sorry for the 50 or so members who don't regularly participate in our activities, because they don't know what they're missing.

It is not too late to get involved. I encourage everyone to show up at a meeting or function and ask someone if they want to become involved. I'm sure I could think of more random thoughts, but I've just been informed that it is 11:57; therefore, I must bid adieu and join my fellow compatriots in the celebration at hand.

Happy New Year,
John 'Caesar' Cima

Editor's Note: Thanks to Norm Huff for supplying The Charge with an improved piece of clip art for the president's letter. This is much better than that sad looking Caesar clip art previously used.

Tell Trudy Your Troubles

Do you have troubles; problems you cannot figure out how to eradicate? If so, you are in luck! Starting next month, a new feature will be published; the Peoria Jaycees very own advice columnist will take your problems and give you down to earth solutions. *Tell Trudy Your Troubles* will answer all your problems, from your in-laws' pesky habits to Jaycee board members not turning in newsletter articles to sex problems. Turn in your problems to *The Charge* publication headquarters (found on page 2) by the 30th of the month.

Top Ten Signs You've Picked The Wrong Person to Win The Distinguished Service Award

10. During the banquet, returns from the rest room as says "Boy, did I stink it up in there!"
9. He opens his acceptance speech with a cheap pick up line.
8. They tell the audience they forgot to tape *Baywatch* that night and asks if anyone else is taping it.
7. The award winner brings in his suicide machine and then asks for volunteers from the audience to do a demonstration.
6. His name is Willie York.
5. The DSA Award winner is dressed as their favorite *Star Trek* character.
4. The Law Enforcement Award went to someone with a swastika tattooed on their forehead.
3. The award winner leaves early to fulfill their community service hours.
2. The award winner appears to be spending a lot of time at the bar.
1. The Education Award winner gives their acceptance speech in 'Ebonics.'

Have You Seen Me Lately?

Missing - Old Man Winter -- Old Man Winter has not been seen in the Peoria area for roughly 15 years. The last reported sighting of the seasonal old man was during the blizzard of '79. Since then, he has dropped out of sight and has not been heard from since. Almost every Christmas, his generous giving of snow has been missed dearly. Kids cry every year because there is no snow for the new sleds Santa gives them. Gifts of sweaters and jackets are no longer needed now that January temperatures exceed 60 degrees (which was apparent the other day). Scientists have theorized that global warming and the greenhouse effect has either injured or killed Mr. Winter. However, skeptics and critics suggest that Mr. Winter is still around, such as Banff, Canada where last year they suffered the coldest temperatures in 27 years; in Jackson Hole and the Pacific Northwest where there has been record snowfall and Europe where they have seen record setting sub-zero temperatures. According to Officer Joe Monday with the Peoria Police Dept. of Missing Seasons, stated "Old Man Winter is probably out there somewhere, he just doesn't want to be in Peoria." If you have any knowledge of the whereabouts of Old Man Winter, please contact the Missing Seasons Bureau or your local weatherman.

It's A Little Known Fact... New Year's Day

Celebrating the end of one year and the start of a new one is an age-old religious, social, and cultural observance in all parts of the world. In Western nations the New Year festivities take place on December 31, but in other cultures they take place on different dates.

The Jewish New Year, called Rosh Hashanah, is sometimes called the "feast of the trumpets." It starts on the first day of the month of Tishri, which may begin any time from September 6 to October 5. The celebration lasts for 48 hours but ushers in a ten-day period of penitence.

The Chinese New Year is celebrated wherever there are sizable Chinese communities. The official celebration lasts one month and begins in late January or early February. There are outdoor parades and fireworks to mark the occasion. In Japan the New Year festivities take place on January 1 to 3. In some rural areas the time of celebration corresponds more closely to the Chinese New Year, and the dates vary between January 20 and February 19. The house entrance is hung with a rope made of rice straw to keep out evil spirits.

The American celebration of the New Year marks the end of the Christmas holiday period. Many people go to church on New Year's Eve, and many attend parties. Street celebrations in large cities are televised. New Year's Day itself is often a time for receiving guests at home.

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 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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This Issue:

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- 5th Annual International Beer Festival

Previously Unpublished: This material was slated for the December 1996 issue of the Charge! However, that issue was edited by Jeff Pulfer while I took that month off from newsletter tasks. Therefore, these articles were never featured in any newsletter.

Where There's Smoke, There's...

It seems that any Peoria Jaycees project is not complete without an appreciation party. This is very true for the Haunted House project. On Saturday, November 23rd, the Jaycees threw an appreciation party for the successful completion of the 23rd Annual Haunted House. The festivity took place at the home of **Dennis Owens** where the usual Jaycee crowd were in attendance as well as 3 prospective members. The evening started off rather slow with the viewing of a recorded NBC Must See TV Thursday night line up. As more and more people arrived, the crowd started to disperse and mingle. Finally, to get things really going, Dennis fired up the smoke machine from the Haunted House. Complaints concerning the loss of visibility began to fill the room as fast as the smoke did. Remember, this is the same place that hosted the ill-fated hog roast last July.

Commander Steve West arrived at the party from his annual deer hunting expedition. And again, like the year before, the Commander brought with him a fresh deer heart in a zip lock bag so that it could be displayed to those who attended the appreciation party. However, in the horror of those present, the Commander opened up the sealed bag and took the bloody heart out of its plastic confines. Then, without provocation, the Commander bit into it like it was an apple. He shook his head back and forth from side to side. Blood ran from Steve's mouth and down his shirt and sweater when he then said "Good eatin'!" Attendents of the party looked on in sheer terror and fear. "Oh my God!" they thought to themselves.

Shortly after, **Heather Zech** and **Rick Owens** started getting the giggles and fired up the smoke machine again. The more complaints that were heard, the more smoke was created. At this point, the Commander decided to leave. It was not known whether he was just tired, fed up with the smoke machine or just had a case of heatburn from something he ate.

Once the living room and kitchen was filled with smoke, a few people stepped outside to view the smoke pouring out of the front door. It appeared that Dennis' house was on fire. "Great, this time we'll have the fire department out here!" someone said, lightly referring to the incident last July.

Mike Legan, a guest of the party, arrived with a stereo sound processor and microphone. With this apparatus, he was able to electronically alter anyone's voice. This provided the next hour's worth of entertainment. Meanwhile, a few others adjourned downstairs to watch a pay per view movie, *Broken Arrow*. Now board with the sound processor, the remaining party guests decided to start up the smoke machine a third time. Only this time, it wasn't a game; there was going to be some serious smoke build up. It was some time when **Cindy Schwerer** came upstairs claiming, "I can't breathe. Open the door!" Cindy however was not allowed to open the door. It wasn't long after that it was almost impossible to see anything, as if one was in a deep, deep fog. Just looking down at one's feet was difficult. The next step in the party was to take the smoke machine downstairs for the remaining party goers. After a few smoke blasts, the television was unable to be seen. **'Mad Hatter' Jason Arends** who earlier fell asleep, awoke and firmly stated, "Cut it out!"

Finally, it was pointless to run the smoke machine anymore as it was believed that the smoke could not get any thicker. The front and back doors were opened up so smoke could escape. Fortunately, at that time of night, most people were asleep; the last thing the party needed was a neighbor reporting a fire. But alas, the 1996 Haunted House appreciation party will undoubtedly go into the Jaycee history books as one very unique and unusual party.

Unsolved Mysteries

by Robert Stack

"**Dubby**" **Janosov**, once a proud member of the Peoria Jaycees, has not been seen with the organization for several months. Just over a year ago, Dubby was considered as the "King." He was liked by everyone who knew him and everyone considered him to be a good friend. Dubby was on top of things as well. He was involved with almost every project that came up. Dubby was a team player and worked extremely hard. He also played hard as Dubby was never one to miss a good party.

Then there was a change of events. Towards the end of 1995, Dubby was not at as many Jaycee events, but no one thought anything of it. It is believed that members occasionally get tired of volunteering for so many things and slowly "burn out." From all the activities Dubby participated in, he had made it further than most people. Finally, by the spring of 1996, Dubby was hardly seen anywhere. "He's burned out; we won't see him anymore!" stated **Rustin A. Greene**, a fellow Jaycee member and good friend of Dubby's. However, with a few new members that recently joined, Dubby was seen one last time in July of 1996 at **Diana Barach's** pool party. Since then, no one has heard from or knows the whereabouts of Dubby Janosov.

Unsolved Mysteries (cont.)

No clues have been left behind or found. No plausible theories can be ascertained using known information and characteristics regarding Dubby. This has left detectives puzzled. If you have any information on the whereabouts of Dubby or have any knowledge of what has happened to him, call our Unsolved Mysteries Hotline at (309)676-JAYC. Maybe you can solve a mystery!

The following Top Ten list was specifically prepared to be presented at Rick Owens' 1996 New Year's Eve party. It was written by Jeff Bilsland and Rick Owens in a course of about 2 days. It originally started at the Top Ten Resolutions for 1997, but then Rick changed it to the Top Ten Jeff Bilsland New Year's Resolutions for 1997. The majority of this top ten list was completed on Dec. 31, 1996.

Top Ten Jeff Bilsland New Year's Resolutions for 1997

10. Never allow Dennis Owens to bring a bottle of Mad Dog 20/20 into his house.
9. Actually use that exercise bike he got from Beth Barr.
8. Quit loosing hair!
7. Win more arguments with Pulfer so he'll get frustrated and hopefully move to Florida.
6. Never again ask Steve West to comment on something.
5. Promise to send Christmas cards to all the tramps that he sleeps with this year.
4. Get rabies shot so everyone will quit calling him "Mad Dog".
3. Come up with some better pick-up lines.
2. Propose to Amiee Nusso, Asia, Serena and all the other girls he said he is going to marry.
1. Get checked for "Wilkinson's Disease".