

The Charge!

Voice of the Peoria Jaycees

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60th Annual DSA Banquet

The Peoria Jaycees are holding its 60th Annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet on Thursday, February 24, 2000. The event will be held at the Pere Marquette Hotel in downtown Peoria. Cocktails will start at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. The award ceremony will follow dinner.

The Jaycees would like to see as many members as possible attend this event. Please RSVP to Randy Stevens by February 17, 2000. Dinner cost is \$25.00 a person. Please make checks out to the Peoria Jaycees.

The Peoria Jaycees DSA Banquet first started in 1941 and has continued to today. It is the opportunity for the Peoria Jaycees to recognize the young leaders of Peoria. Awards include the Outstanding Young Business Leader, Outstanding Law Enforcement Leader, Outstanding Young Educator, Outstanding Young Heather Care Professional, The Charles C. Schlick Good Government Award and the Distinguished Service Award for Community Service.

For more information or to make your reservations, please call Randy Stevens at 686-8480.

New Member Orientation

The Peoria Jaycees are holding a new member orientation on Saturday, February 5, 2000 at 2:00pm at Leonardo's Pizza on War Memorial Dr. in Peoria. The orientation is designed for newer members of the Jaycees who are not familiar with how the organization operates. However, it is open to all members, but newer members of 6 months or less are encouraged to attend. Just simply show up! The Peoria Jaycees will provide pizza and drinks!

Newsletter Editor Still Sought

Hello! My name is Don West and as a favor to our president Rick Owens, I agreed to publish one (1) monthly newsletter for the chapter. I have not been very active as of late and have been looking for some way to get more involved with the Jaycees. Rick approached me about doing the newsletter. It isn't possible for me to continue this responsibility on a monthly basis, especially in the way with how Rick published *The Charge!* But I agreed to do this month's issue and hopefully encourage someone to take this task on a more permanent basis.

Rick was a big help to me on this project. He helped me with some of the clip art, typesetting and showed me what I need to do for the bulk mailing. Really, it's pretty easy! He also gave me some tips on producing a quality newsletter, which I hope you will find in this issue. I'm sure Rick will help anyone out who is willing to take over this endeavor.

Rick also confided that he has received some calls and comments over the last couple of weeks regarding *The Charge!* Many said how they missed it and how the chapter really needs a newsletter so that they know what's going on in the Jaycees. This is probably one of the most important positions in the chapter and we really need someone to fill it. We also need someone to fill the position of PR Director. This position mainly deals with the public relation duties for the Peoria Jaycees.

If interested in any of these positions and would like more info, please call Rick Owens at 243-7319 or Randy Stevens at 686-8480.

Calendar of Events

February

Board Meeting; Thursday, February 3, 7:00pm, RLO World HQ – call Rick Owens at 243-7319

New Member Orientation; Saturday, February 5, 2:00pm, location TBA – call Randy Stevens at 360-0391

50/50 Raffle at the Bradley Game; Saturday, February 5, 5:30 pm, Peoria Civic Center, sell 50/50 raffle tickets to raise money to send a child to Camp New Hope – call Anne McSorley at 677-2184

International Beer Fest Committee Meeting; Monday, February 7, 6:30 pm, Jimmy's, Farmington Rd. – call Jeff Ulrich at 693-7871 or Jennifer Routzon at 692-1791

Visitation to Bloomington Jaycees; Wednesday, February 9, meet at the Amvets 6:00pm – call Dan Wilkinson at 691-6574

Illinois Jaycees Winter GA; Friday, February 11 – Sunday, February 13, Decatur Holiday Inn, call Dan Wilkinson at 691-6574 or Rick Owens at 243-7319

Membership Meeting; Thursday, February 17, 7:00 pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria – call Rick Owens at 243-7319

DSA Banquet; Thursday, February 24, cocktails at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00 pm, Pere Marquette Hotel, downtown Peoria – call Randy Stevens at 686-8480

IBF Pub Crawl; Friday, February 25, pub-crawl to promote the IBF at Bloomington-Normal bars - call Jeff Ulrich at 693-7871 or Jennifer Routzon at 692-1791

Macomb Jaycees Beer Tasting; Saturday, February 26 – call Dan Wilkinson at 691-6574

March

Board Meeting; Thursday, March 2, 7:00pm, RLO World HQ – call Rick Owens at 243-7319

IBF Pub Crawl; Friday, March 3, 5:00 pm, locations TBA – call Jeff Ulrich at 693-7871 or Jennifer Routzon at 692-1791

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Jaycees to Hold 50/50 Raffle For Charitable Cause

The Peoria Jaycees will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets and the Bradley basketball game at the Peoria Civic Center on Saturday, February 5, 2000 to raise funds in order to send a handicapped child to Camp New Hope.

Approximately 12 – 15 volunteers are needed that evening to sell the tickets during the first half of the game. Admission into the arena will be waived and after half-time, volunteers are welcomed to stay and watch the game. Volunteers are to report to the Peoria Civic Center at 5:30 pm.

Camp New Hope is a summer camp designed to house and entertain handicapped children. For more information or wish to get involved, please call Anne McSorley at 677-2184 or e-mail at mcsorley@bradley.edu.

Meeting Notes

The Peoria Jaycees January membership meeting was held on January 20, 2000. Approximately 30 members were in attendance and was President Rick Owens' first meeting (while in office).

We swore in 3 new members at the meeting. Please welcome Tina Rutherford, Mark Rosenberg and Jennifer Young. Mark and Jennifer were previous members of the Peoria Jaycees and Tina was a previous member of the Galesburg Jaycees. Also welcome Pam Zadrzynski, who joined us towards the end of December 1999.

The meeting lasted a mere 90 minutes where afterwards, members adjourned to the basement bar of the Amvets for drinks.

President's Notes

By Rick Owens

It's a new millennium! It's a new century! It's a new decade! And it's a new Jaycee year! As your new president, I would like to highlight some of the things I'd like to accomplish in the next 12 months. There are only 4 areas in which to concentrate our efforts; recruitment, fiscal and administrative responsibilities, public exposure and to have fun.

I would like the Peoria Jaycees to recruit, not just anyone, but those who wish to get involved and help improve their life and their community. To do this we are updating our policies to include that all prospective member attend 3 Jaycee events before they are considered for membership. It's just a period of time for them to become acquainted with the organization and who we are. Also, I would like to see the implementation of a recruitment committee where their sole task is with recruitment.

We are also going to strive for improved fiscal and administrative responsibilities. This means more follow up after events, to see that budgets are followed and met, thank you letters are submitted, etc.

We also need to work on our public relations as well. We do many things for this community and it pretty much goes unrecognized. Let's let the public know who we are and what good we are doing! (This should help with recruitment once people know who we are!)

Lastly, let's have fun!! If it's not any fun, no one's going to be around to do any of this.

The year ahead is off to a great start and looks to be really exciting. In 2000, the Peoria Jaycees will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary, and another milestone, the 30th Annual Haunted House. Work has already begun in planning what celebrations will take place, including the hosting of a Business After Hours in July. I would really like to see all our members, old & new, come get involved in one way or another with the Peoria Jaycees.

And, if anyone has any questions, comments or suggestions for the chapter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thanks,
RLO

IBF Update

The 8th Annual International Beer Festival is getting closer. The event, which features the taste testing of over 150 micro brewed and imported beers, will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2000. Doors will open to the public between 3:00 – 10:00 pm and will be held at Exposition Gardens. Cost is \$5.00 at the door (\$1 off with a canned good) or \$3.00 for an advance ticket. Beer tickets are 50 cents each.

Volunteers are still needed for the event, but please hurry if you wish to volunteer as all the fun positions are quickly becoming filled. Setup for the beer fest will start at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 10, 2000 and will continue into the afternoon. Of course help is needed there to load/unload beer, set up tables, etc.

Something new is being added to the beer fest this year; the Opera House will also be used for the beer fest, with the possibility of a band playing. Details for it right now are in the developing stages, but we definitely have the facility.

To get involved or for more information, please contact Jeff Ulrich at 693-7871 or Jennifer Routzon at 692-1791. To volunteer, please call Jonathan Sinclair at 243-7855 or John Cima at 693-0631.

Policy Changes

The Peoria Jaycees have assembled a committee to review its current policies and to make changes where necessary. The last such review and revision took place in 1993.

With the exception of two major changes, just simple word and phrasing changes are being made. The two major changes are made towards recruitment and membership dues. In article 1, section 4, it will state that a prospective member must attend no less than 3 Jaycee functions prior to induction into the organization. In article 1, section 5, the policy will state that all membership dues for new and renewing members shall be \$35. As we submit more money to the Illinois Jaycees to sign these members, 5% from the net profits of the Peoria Jaycees two largest ways and means projects will subsidize the deficit. Any shortage or surplus of these funds will go back to the operating account.

The policy changes will be voted upon at the February board meeting. The board can waive policy at any time with a 2/3 majority vote.

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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- New Member Orientation
- DSA Banquet
- Winter General Assembly
- International Beer Festival