



# The Charge!

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## Planet of Terror

Captain's Log, stardate 9610.31. Long range sensors detected a class M, earthlike planet in the JC quadrant. We altered our course to investigate. After assuming a standard orbit, Mr. Spock, Dr. McCoy and myself beamed down to what we found to be an Earth-parallel world. However, on this strange planet, ghosts, goblins and spooky creatures were the norm. We soon were taken by surprise by a group of warriors indigenous to the planet. They stripped us of our phasers and communicators and before we knew it, we were their prisoners. One of the warriors was dressed in clothing similar to the style of 20th century, 7th decade Earth. The other warriors referred to him as 'Commander', so I thought he was the leader of these people. Instead, we discovered that their leader was an individual known as 'Der Friar.' This 'Commander' was reassuring, telling us that "we'd never make it out alive."



We were brought into the capital city, known to these people as Expo Gardens. What we found were goose-stepping soldiers, heavy duty power tools, all sorts of ghouls and monsters and of course, the leader of these people, 'Der Friar.' This Friar was about to give a speech as the people continuously saluted him, putting their right hand in the air and chanting "Hail Friar, Hail Friar!" We were brought in front of the people, where the Friar exposed us as aliens out to destroy their world. I tried to tell them that we came in peace, but we were not permitted to speak. Our sentence: slave labor for the state, where we were forced to work in the Friar's palace, a large Haunted House.

Once there, we were ordered to begin construction for their spooky house. Dr. McCoy picked up a power driver and said, "What in blazes is this?! I'm a doctor, not a contractor!" However, through Mr. Spock's ingenuity, he was able to rig up a low powered communicator using Haunted House electronic equipment. After contacting the ship, Mr. Scott was able to pinpoint our coordinates and beam us back to safety. Furthermore, we were able to escape this place without violating the prime directive. After this experience, I hereby recommend to the Federation that this world be quarantined, as it is too horrifying, violent and dangerous for Federation visitors. As the landing party had discovered, this was truly... a planet of terror!

Faithfully submitted, Kirk, James T., Capt., USS Enterprise, reg. number NCC-1701, United Federation of Planets.

## Volunteers Needed at Haunted House

The Peoria Jaycees need your to help with the Haunted House project. There is about another week yet until the house is open to the public. Chapter president **John Cima** is heading up manpower and will be calling chapter members and asking them for their help. You can assist the longest running project in Peoria Jaycees history in a variety of ways. Help with painting, construction or electrical work, make-up or costume design/repair, act as a monster or tour guide during the operation of the house, or let the whole project go by and take part in the tear down of the house on November 1, 1996. **Dennis Owens** and **Dan Schmidt** are chairing the 1996 23rd Annual Haunted House. If you are looking to meet new people, get involved with the community and to have fun, give Dennis a call at 693-8771 or Dan at 674-5290 and tell them you are ready to get to work. And as a bonus, people working roughly 7 nights will get a limited edition Haunted House T-shirt with the Planet of Terror logo. So, what are you waiting for... get involved today!

To get the latest information on the Haunted House, log onto the Peoria Jaycees web site at <http://www.jaycees.com> and click on the Haunted House icon.

## From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

by Rick Owens

As I was about to complete this month's newsletter, I realized that I didn't have enough space to include the Jaycees World Ski Summit update. Therefore, I will use my article to let you know what's happening with the Jaycees ski trip.

For those who are unaware, several Peoria Jaycee members are planning a ski trip to Jackson Hole, WY in early February 1997. These members include **Sean Apsey, Jeff Bilslund, Jennifer and Mark Monge, Dennis Owens, Susan Wilbur** and myself.

I have talked with a travel agent about airfare. Things don't look good here. To give you a good idea, for the week of February 10th to the 17th, it will cost \$409.73 for a round trip ticket to Jackson, WY from Peoria. At the time this quote was made, it was more expensive to fly out of Chicago (go figure). However, airfares in general are up due to heightened security at airports.

As for lodging, if we want to stay at a really nice place next to the lifts, figure about \$100 - \$130 a room (with 4 people in a room, figure \$40 a night). For lift tickets, food and beer, that depends on how much you want to ski, eat and drink. Use your own discretion there. However, you could feasibly do this trip for \$1,200. Reservations need to be made sometime in November, so if you are interested in going, give me a call at 691-9292 as soon as possible.

Until next month, I thank you for your support!

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## Mark Your Calendars

### October

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, October 10, 5-7:00pm, Wildlife Prairie Park - call Joann Ziegler

**Haunted House Run Through;** Wednesday, October 16, 7:00pm, test run for the house, open for Methodist and Adopt-A-School students - call Dennis Owens or Dan Schmidt

**Rusty Greene, Heather Zech and Dan Schmidt Birthdays;** October 15, 16 and 17, respectively. Details of the party are to be announced later.

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, October 17, 7:00pm, to take place at the Haunted House, Expo Gardens - call John 'Caesar' Cima

**Haunted House Opens;** Friday, October 18, 7:00pm, house will stay open until Halloween - call Dennis Owens or Dan Schmidt

### November

**Haunted House Tear Down Begins;** Friday, November 1, 6:00pm, Expo Gardens - call Dennis Owens or Dan Schmidt

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, November 7, 6:30pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call John 'Caesar' Cima

**Newsletter Articles Due;** Thursday, November 7 - call Rick Owens

**Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours;** Thursday, November 14, 5-7:00pm, TCI Cablevision - call Joann Ziegler

**Epicurean Night;** Friday, November 15, Caponi's, Toluca, IL, pub crawl to follow after dinner - call Sue Wilbur

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, November 21, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call John Cima

**Rick Owens' Birthday;** Friday, November 22, celebrated by the new *Star Trek* movie and then to Christie's Den for drinks and karaoke - call Rick Owens

**Haunted House Appreciation Party;** To Be Announced, probably sometime in November

### December

**Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours;** Thursday, December 12, 5-7:00pm, United States Cellular - call Joann Ziegler



## Mail Call

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

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Post card sent on September 16, 1996

Thanks for the newsletters they are terrific (as usual!) Best of luck for a great year!

**Mary Ann Gouveia**  
**US Junior Chamber of Commerce,**  
**National VP**

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E-Mail sent on September 22, 1996

Hello Peoria Jaycees

Just a short note about the nice Web site your chapter has set up. Very informative and easy to use. Would you like some information on JAYS, OYF, Shooting Education, Grenworks, or something like KIDCARE for your newsletter or web sight I would be happy to send it to you.

**Todd (SNICM) State National Internation Crisis**  
**Management State Chairman IL Jaycees**

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E-Mail sent on September 22, 1996

Rick Owens,

I am the Region Director for the Gateway Region. I just wanted to drop you a note and tell you I really enjoy reading your newsletter. You have some great stories and most importantly it sounds like your chapter is having a lot of fun. Keep up the great job and I look forward to my next edition of *The Charge!*

**Diane Rakers**

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The Peoria Jaycees also received mail from **Diana (Barach)** and **Steve Janda**. In a three page letter that is too lengthy to publish in it's entirety, Diana explains what married life is like in the middle east. They are living in the city of Abu Dhabi which is the capital of the United Arab Emirates. From May to September, the weather is very hot and humid, with temperatures of 100 - 110 degrees F.

Diana also says that the women in the UAE are pretty much treated as 3rd class citizens. She goes on saying "*women need to get permission of the men 'in charge' of them to do just about anything. Just since I've been here, I've had to get a "letter of no objection "from my man in charge" to live here in Dubai, drive a car, purchase packaged liquor, and get a job. I wonder what else I need permission for...*"

## Caesar's Scroll

*by John Cima (Da Prez)*



As you may recall, I indicated in my first president's message that my first message would be my longest one for the year. Upon reviewing the amount of space that both August's and September's messages took up in this fine publication, I realized that my rambling diatribes have been running on a tad too long. As a result, I am making a concerted effort to reduce the length of this and future messages; this may result in

the membership actually reading what I have to say. It helps to shorten my message when the chapter is concentrating the majority of it's energy on one event - namely the Haunted House. Several members have been feverishly working on constructing and decorating the labyrinthine structure for the past two weeks. Special kudos go out to the two co-chairmen of the event, **Dennis Owens** and **Dan Schmidt**, who have been there every day and leading both the construction efforts and the conceptual design of the house. There is still plenty to do prior to opening night on October 16th. If you haven't been out to Expo yet, stop on by - I'm sure we will find something constructive for you to do. I will also be calling you the week prior to opening and throughout the time when the Haunted House is open to the public (October 18 - 31) to request your help in working the event as monsters, tour guides, makeup, security, etc. If you're not in the mood to be pestered by me, you can give me a call at 693-0631 to let me know what nights you would be willing to work. The Haunted House is the keystone project for the Peoria Jaycees. Through your willingness to contribute your time to the event, we can expect another banner year for the project.

Let me take time to welcome our newest members. They are **Kristen Kennedy**, **Dana** and **Rodney Olsen**, and **Mike** and **Monica Rhodes**. All of them have been out to work on the Haunted House, and Monica has already chaired a project - Walktoberfest on October 6th. We encourage all new members to get involved early; after all, that's what we should be all about - getting involved with the community and developing management and personal skills. If you are a newer member and want to get involved with one of our current projects, or have ideas for new projects, feel free to let myself or one of the VP's know. Good Luck! (Continued on page 6.)

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Diana and Steve will be back in Peoria on December 12th to the 18th. The full letter will be available at the October membership meeting for anyone who would like to read it.

## Chapter Management

*by Joann Ziegler*

### The Haunted House

Well, the Peoria Jaycees Haunted House is in full swing. The walls are up and braced and most of the painting is done. However, there is still much more that needs to be done. The electrical still needs to be finished, the rooms need to be organized and decorated, manpower assignments need to be filled not to mention other miscellaneous tasks. We need help. now!

We have one room in the house that needs your creativity and imagination as there is no theme to it. 'The Mystery Room' needs you to adopt it. If you have a neat idea for a room in the Haunted House, here's your big chance to make it happen.

Call **Dennis Owens** at 693-8771 or **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** at 674-5292, or just show up at Expo Gardens to find out what you can do to help at the 1996 Haunted House.

The Haunted House will have a run through on October 16th and will be open to the public on Friday, October 18th (that's next week!). Hours will be 7:00pm to midnight on Fridays, Saturdays and Halloween night; 7:00pm to 10:00pm on Sunday thru Thursday. Prices are \$3.00 for children 13 and under and \$4.00 for adults. The Haunted House is located at Expo Gardens on Northmoor Rd. in Peoria.

### Roster Maintenance

**Rick Owens** has been doing a good job at keeping the chapter roster up to date. However, a lot of information is lacking, i.e. members phone numbers. If someone signs up or is a prospective member, give Rick all the information. Rick can usually enter this information as you call it in.

For those who do not know, Rick has developed software to keep the chapter roster. This system not only generates a printout of our membership roster, it also keeps a roster for prospective members, keymen, state and region officers and general mailing. This system also generates mailing labels for the newsletter, keeps track of members when they are due and keeps track of when members pay membership dues. This software reduces a lot of administrative work for the chapter, but it is only good as the data it keeps. Therefore, it must constantly be updated.

So if you are changing your address, getting a new phone number or paying your membership dues, please call Rick at 691-9292 and inform him of your changes.

Also, any paid Jaycee member can have a copy of this software. System requirements are IBM compatible computer running Windows 3.1 or higher, Windows 95 or Windows NT. If you have Internet access, updated data files can be sent to you via E-Mail. If interested, call Rick at 691-9292.

### Epicurean Night

With the Haunted House taking up most of the free time of Jaycee members, the next Epicurean Night is tentatively set for Friday, November 15 at Caponi's in Toluca, IL. After dinner, there will be a pub crawl with stops at the Marci's, The Sly Fox, Spurs and other drinking establishments along the way home.

Please call **Susan Wilbur** at 685-8365 or attend the membership meeting to find out more.

## Peoria Jaycees' 23rd Annual Haunted House



Run Through - Oct 16, 7:00pm  
Open to Public - Oct 18, 7:00pm  
Tear Down - Nov 1, 6:00pm  
Appreciation Party - To Be Announced

For More Info, call 676-5292

<http://www.jaycees.com/haunted.html>

## State Director's Report

*by 'Mad Hatter' Jason Arends*



It's me, your State Director, **Jason Arends**. Since the Haunted House is taking up everyone's time this month, I haven't really planned out a visitation schedule. The only place I'm planning on visiting is 'the Club.'

### Dates for Dimes

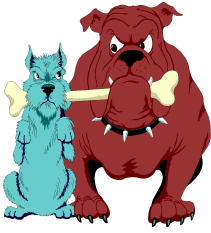
Congrats to Bloomington Jaycees on their Dates for Dimes project. They raised \$20,000 with proceeds to benefit the March of Dimes.

### Fall GA

This year's Fall GA is hosted by the Crete Area Jaycees and will be held November 15-17th at the Springfield Holiday Inn East. If interested in going, call me at 681-1839 or call **John Cima** at 693-0631 and have a great day and thank you.

## Community Development

by Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland



### Adopt-A-School

It's back to school time for the kids at Blaine-Sumner and for us in the Peoria Jaycees, it's time to start up the Adopt-A-School program. This year **Tammy Gaworski** has volunteered to chair the program and has many great and fun ideas for the kids this year. But how could she top the possibilities of something more humorous than the **Commander Steve West** on rollerblades (maybe bozo bungee jumping)? Tammy is ready to take on the youth of Peoria by scaring the bajebees out of them at the Haunted House on October 16 at 7:00 p.m. Sometimes these kids don't have coats when they show up at the house so if you or a friend have an old coat or sweatshirt that could be useful, contact Tammy at 745-3575 or **Jeff Bilsland** at 682-2897 to donate the article of clothing. If you would like to be a tour guide for these kids also contact Tammy or Jeff.

This is Tammy's first project as a new Peoria Jaycee, so if she calls you on the phone and asks for your help, your reply should be "Anything for you Tammy. I love kids and would give my soul for the chance to be terrorized by...uh I mean chaperone the little darlings". (Just kidding, Maddog will be the one terrorizing you if you don't volunteer for this worthwhile project.) Tammy will also need chaperones for the Chief's baseball game, roller skating night and open gym night. She has all this planned out quite well but she always could use some help. Don't wait until she calls you, call her first. Remember "First one in is the first one out", whatever that means.

### "Ho, Ho, Ho And A Merry Christmas"

That's right. It's almost that time of year again for the project "Santa Visits the Kids". For those of you that don't know what this project is, here is a quick overview. About a week or so before Christmas, the Peoria Jaycees drag out of the closet the infamous Santa suit and along with it comes out the not so infamous **Stanley Munton**. Together these two make the best Santa Claus ever seen (not together you just want to keep them locked away in the closet).

The Jaycee Santa Claus then picks up his bag which is packed with wrapped gifts donated by his elves, the Peoria Jaycees. He jumps in his sleigh (green Oldsmobile Silhouette van) and takes to his route with his elves and the world renown sleigh driver, Maddog. The first few stops are the children's wards at Proctor, St. Francis and Methodist hospitals. Here he goes around to all the kids and let them sit on Santa's lap and tell them what they want for Christmas. He leaves them a small gift and a candy cane and tells them to be good until the return of Santa on Christmas. Now if Santa's elves can pry him away from all the happy children (and pry Maddog away

from all the female nurses) they will venture on to their next stop, St. Anne's Hall and Guardian Angel Home.

St. Anne's Hall is housing for pregnant teenage mothers and Guardian Angel home is a housing for abused and neglected kids. The kids at St. Anne's hall are usually not more than 2 years old but the mothers all want to sit on Santa's lap. The kids at Guardian Angel Home range from 10-18 years old and they all love Santa. They take turns talking with Santa and they all enjoy just being there and enjoying the moment.

This year Santa would like to visit some older folks at the retirement villages in Peoria. This will be new and worthwhile to do. We will try to get these people involved in the project by wrapping our gifts for our children and in return give them a small token of our gratitude with a visit from Santa Claus.

Why do I ramble on about this project? Well, because it's runs during the season of compassion and good things to all. Why shouldn't we give a little to people that may have a not so nice Christmas? How can you pass up putting a smile on a little girl's face that may be scheduled for Chemo Therapy for cancer during the holidays? Why not bring a little hope to an abused child that thinks the world is a bad place to be? I don't think anyone reading this can think of one reason for the above questions. The next question I can answer is "What can everyone reading this article do to help make this project a continued success?"

I would like everyone to ask their boss if they could put up a sign asking for donations of clothing, stuffed animals, puzzles, board games, etc. If you have connections with people that can get new toys at discounted rates, know of another well deserving children's home that would like for Santa to visit, or would like to volunteer to help with shopping, organizing or wrapping for this project, contact **Meg Buchanan** or **Jeff Bilsland** at 682-2897. Yes we are starting a little early this year but we also plan to make a great project out of it for years to come.

### DSA Banquet

The Distinguished Service Awards Banquet is in it's 56th year. This is where we send out submission applications for people in the Peoria community that have excelled in the areas of business, government, religion, law enforcement, medical and education. Their peers will submit a certain person who they believe has gone above and beyond their duties to fulfill the area in which is submitted. These submissions are then voted on by a panel of 3 or more and the winner will receive an award at the banquet held in honor of all these people. There will also be specialty awards such as the Dale Akerage Award and the Peoria Jaycee's Keyman Award. (Continued on page 6.)

## Membership Report by Dr. Quin, Membership Woman

### Who's Due

In October, the following members are due:

Kevin Aughenbaugh	Charles Pulfer
Mark Klokkenga	Jeff Pulfer (Assc. Dues)
Brian Mooty	Joann Ziegler

In November, the following members will be due:

Marcia Denton	Mark Sennott
Dennis Owens	David Sporrer
Rick Owens	

### Oops! I Forgot To Pay My Dues

**Rick Owens** has been hard at work in trying to fix the bugs in his roster program and trying to compile the listing of members who are past due with their membership dues. Unfortunately, for a few months, no one had been keeping track of what dues were paid or when they were paid.

Thanks to Rick, he has gone through the check book to determine where we stand in terms of what is payable to the chapter. As close as we can tell, roughly 25% of the chapter has not paid their membership dues, basically due to no one ever asking for them.

To the best of our knowledge, these are the people who are past due in the last 12 months:

Sean Apsey	Rick Kern
Kevin Augenbaugh	Eric Kuntz
James Barr	Becky Lemont
Jeff Bilsland	Joe Lemont
Joe Binder	Emily Meinert
Alan Bruce	Brian Mooty
Tom Carrigan	Mike Safford
Alison Dye	Rod Skewes
Melissa Flessner	Jeffrey V. Webber
Michael Godar	
Sarah Guzman	
Dubby	

The Peoria Jaycees have already paid these dues to the Illinois Jaycees. Without members paying these dues, it leaves the chapter with roughly a \$735 deficit. Please review your records to see if you need to pay your dues. Renewal is \$35 and new members is \$40. Also note that our information is not 100% correct. If you feel that this information is in error, please call **Rick Owens** at 691-9292 or **Cindy Schwerer** at 692-2450 as soon as possible so we can clean this mess up.

### Membership Status

September was an excellent month for the Peoria Jaycees. We had 5 new members sign up and take the oath at the September membership meeting. Please welcome **Kristen Kennedy, Dana** and **Rodney Olsen** and **Mike** and **Monica Rhodes**. Kristen has been helping with the Haunted House as well as Monica, who has already chaired a project. Way to go!

But now here's the bad news... we lost 3 members last month. Oh well, at least we still ended up with a gain in membership for the month.

## Community Development (continued)

### DSA Banquet (continued)

**Sandy Pearce** has shown an interest in chairing this project but she will need help with subchairs in the different areas. The subchair will be responsible for picking the panel of 3 or more to vote on which submission in their area will receive the award. The subchair will also be responsible for presenting the award to the winner at the banquet. In the past we have had 80 people attend this banquet and we anticipate more this year. This is the most revered of the Community Development projects that we have and by far the most distinguished. The work required to subchair this project is very minimal and is great experience for business applications. Call **Jeff Bilsland** at 682-2897 if you would like to know more about the project or volunteer to be a subchair.

## Caesar's Scroll (cont.)

It appears that I have succeeded. This is by far my shortest message to date. Hopefully I can keep up the standard in the future. Unless, or course, I'm in the mood for incessant blathering. In that case, the only guarantee I can make is that most of you won't be able to figure out what the hell I'm talking about. That's OK - half the time I don't know what I'm trying to say; however, it usually looks damn good on paper!

Succinct and to the point (for a change)

John 'Caesar' Cima

PS - With everybody likely needing a break after the Haunted House, I would like to de-emphasize all the business stuff we cover at the November membership meeting and instead do more fun stuff (presentations, ID projects, etc.). If you have any suggestions for potential fun stuff for the November meeting, please give IDVP **Friar Schmidt** or myself a call. Thanks!

## Top Ten Signs You've Been In The Jaycees Haunted House Too Long

- 10.) You plan on redecorating your living room into the graveyard room.
- 9.) You know all the words to the movie *Night of the Living Dead*.
- 8.) You begin to wear haunted house make-up out to the bars... right, Steve?
- 7.) Your address now reads 'Haunted House - Expo Gardens'.
- 6.) On your latest tax return, you listed the Haunted House as 'vacation home.'
- 5.) You start believing that if you leave the house and allow sunlight to shine on you, you'll turn to dust.
- 4.) You find yourself bringing in fresh road kill animals for experiments in the Mad Scientist's chamber.
- 3.) Instead of drinking beer, you start drinking fake blood.
- 2.) The kinkiest fantasy you have involves the torture room.
- 1.) It's 6 am when you leave to go home!

## Home Girl Keeps Jaycees Safe at Fall Games

I need to report that the Peoria Jaycees consumed more alcohol at the summer beer fest appreciation party than was consumed at the actual summer beer fest. You will be surprised to know that not only do the Peoria Jaycees have great form in tipping their wrists but are real athletes. The theme of the appreciation party was "The Fall Games" which was supposed to consist of basketball (pig), shooting pool, jarts and croquet. Basketball and shooting pool won out. The jarts and croquet were axed from the competition due to some minor safety issues such as intoxicated Jaycees and the impending darkness. This did not, of course, stop **Kathy Pulfer** and **Valerie Mount** from partaking in jarts (Jeff - we warned you not to park your truck there). Knowing **Jeff Pulfer**, his truck has been through a lot worse than a few jarts. The most heated competition took place between the **Scott Socha/Jason Arends** team and the home team of **Sandy 'Home Girl' Pearce/Dave 'Busch Man' Burgard**. It was down to the wire and Sandy "The Home Girl" showed Scott (who just couldn't miss) the true meaning of "nothing but net". Jeff Pulfer had the urge to coach new incumbents on the basketball court. **Jennifer** and **Mark Monge** listened to their coach (only God knows why) and tried unprecedented shots that Air Jordan wouldn't have attempted. The entire competition (basketball & pool) was won by the **Michelle/Blake** team. Michelle is the sister of **Shari Quin, 'Membership Woman'**. So, *'Membership Woman' - when are you going to get those two to join??*

A couple of our members did not participate in the actual events but felt that they needed to be part of the fun. **Beth Barr**, our resident Easter Bunny and **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilslund** decided to check out the kids' toy box. They found several varieties of water guns better known as super soakers. The garage floor and deck (as well as many other Jaycees' heads) became the war zone. The hostess became fearful that 911 may need to be called. She, like a good 'Home Girl', apprehended the suspects and asked them to hand over their weapons which she promptly secured under the deck. Speaking of the deck, did anyone else notice Jaycees disappearing under the deck? What was going on down there?

Thirty-three people showed up for the party and 16 participated in the Fall Games competition. Fun was had by all and many are looking for a rematch. (Article submitted by Sandy Pearce, Local Director)

## It's A Little Known Fact...

### Harry Houdini

Every Halloween fans of Harry Houdini gather in Appleton, Wis. (which he claimed as his birthplace), and in Chicago where his ashes were scattered in a Jackson Park lagoon in an attempt to contact his spirit. This ongoing devotion is a testimony to the career and personality of the 20th century's most famous magician.

Houdini was born Erik Weisz in Budapest, Hungary (not in Wisconsin), on March 24, 1874. He took his stage name from the French magician Jean-Eugene Robert-Houdin. Houdini gained international renown for performances in which he released himself from ropes, handcuffs, submerged trunks, and other confinements. He died of peritonitis on Oct. 31, 1926, in Detroit, Mich.

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## **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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*Previously Unpublished: A letter received last month from Jim Anderson regarding his name appearing on an un-paid dues list. This letter has been copied word for word, letter for letter, punctuation for punctuation to show the character of this letter and it's author.*

9-14-96

Rick

I have not been a member of the Peoria Jaycees for over a year and a half. when I was a Jaycee, I did as much as my limited schedule would allow to help with the various projects. I may not have been a model "Gung Ho" Jaycee, but I feel I deserve better remembrance than being put on some asinine Deadbeat list! You don't know me so how dare you or any of your minions call me a deadbeat.

When I left the Jaycees they were having trouble getting and keeping members, I can see that must have changed for you're ranks must truly be swollen if you can now afford to insult past members in this fashion. If you guys are still hurting for members though, and are trying to keep old members current, I suggest a more professional and less debasing approach as this one has definitely squelched any thoughts I have had of rejoining. Please tell the slack-jawed anal-cyst who thought up this list to kindly strike my name from it or I'll do it for him.

James Anderson

*Editor's Note: I was the slack-jawed anal-cyst who thought up this list and Jim was incorrect stating that I did not know him. Actually, we had first met the previous winter/spring while eating dinner at Applebee's in East Peoria with my girlfriend and her sister, followed by several other Jaycees. I told him personally that he was still on the Jaycee's membership roster. He made no mention at that time to take him off the list, so we assumed he still wanted his membership. Now he states he hasn't been a member for over a year.*

*In addition, we continued sending him monthly newsletters. The title/term "Deadbeat Database" was meant tounge-in cheek. I listened to his suggestion, I ask that he listen to mine; lighten up, you're the only one who's taken it seriously.*