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Haunted House Experiences Y2k Difficulties

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) – After a smooth and successful start to a long-running annual project, the Peoria Jaycees Haunted House has been dealt a serious setback from an unforeseen computer glitch. The project, which two months before was boasted by its chairman as completely computer controlled, is the first in the world to experience a Y2k problem.

Apparently, an incorrect date had somehow been set into the main computer at the Haunted House, which erroneously told the computer it was December 31, 1999. When the day changed to the new-year, the entire computer network collapsed and was completely useless. “We’ve had some serious problems here,” stated **Jeff ‘Mad Dog’ Bilsland**, co-chairman of the Haunted House, “none of which we’ve been able to correct.” Bilsland testified that the software, which would run the Haunted House, was exclusively designed by ‘Governor’ **Dennis Owens at RLO Systems, Inc.** When asked to comment on the computer problem, Owens looked dumbfounded and said, “Y2k... what’s that?”

The Haunted House was off to a good start. Kids from Peoria’s **Youth Farm** assisted in the unloading of Haunted House materials on September 22nd. Two days later, the annual Blowout party saw a vast number of Jaycees who came out to help start construction. The Haunted House walls were up in 23 hours and 20 minutes, which set a new record. The goal was for the walls to be up within 36 hours. Days later, electrical work was started and room decorations had commenced way ahead of schedule.

“Yea, I knew something was going to go wrong,” stated a negative **Jeff Ulrich**, the chapter management vice president with the Peoria Jaycees, “things were just running too smoothly.” Ulrich also predicted more difficulty and failure with the computer systems. “We’re screwed!” Ulrich added. Meanwhile, Bilsland has panicked himself into paranoia and is purportedly readying a Y2k-bomb shelter where he can ride out the rest of the year. “It’s Y2k... the beginning of the end!” Bilsland exclaimed.

Volunteers are still needed at this year’s Haunted House for every facet of the project. The Jaycees Adopt-A-School kids will be going through on Wednesday, October 13th, which Jaycee members are needed to man the Haunted House. A sneak preview weekend is set for October 15th & 16th and the house will be open nightly from October 22nd to October 31st. Of course, don’t forget Haunted House tear down, which will begin on Monday, November 1st. To find out more, contact Jeff ‘Mad Dog’ Bilsland or **Vicki Aeschleman** at 682-2897, or check out the official Haunted House Internet site at www.beginningoftheend.com.

A poster for the 'Haunted House '99' event. The top text reads "Y2K... THE BEGINNING OF THE END" and "THIS YEAR, THE MILLENNIUM HAPPENS IN OCTOBER". It features a large clock face, a computer monitor, and a person's face. The event is scheduled for "Open October 22nd - 31st" at "Expo Gardens - Peoria". The poster lists the schedule: "Fri-Sat: 10am-11pm", "Sun-Thu: 10am-11pm", and "Halloween Night: 10am-11pm". Logos for Jaycees, HOI, and other sponsors are at the bottom. A small box in the top left corner says "Kids Day Oct-31 2-4pm".

Y2k... the beginning of the end! This year, the millennium happens in October at the Jaycees Haunted House.

Newsletter Editor Announces Retirement

No, say it isn't so! Long time *The Charge!* editor **Rick Owens** announced at a press conference late yesterday that he was going to retire from his newsletter editor duties after the publishing of the December 1999 issue. “I just think it’s time for me to move on and allow someone else to have the experience,” Owens wrote in what could be some of his final editorial pieces, “Like any good comedian or showman knows, leave the audience wanting more. I feel it’s time to do just that.”

In addition, Owens stated that he intends to retire from his duties as the Peoria Jaycees webmaster at the same time he resigns from his editor position. A question by cub reporter **John McConnell** of the Peoria Journal Star, asked Owens about what he had planned after his so-called retirement. “I’ll still be around,” Owens coyly testified, thus opening a floodgate of speculation from Jaycee members. While some believe that Owens could be setting himself up for a run for president in 2000, most others speculate that after being largely involved with the volunteer organization for almost 5 years, he just merely wants some time to relax. Also, the fact that Owens and his wife, **Beth**, who are currently building a new house, wants the time off to complete construction and to move in next spring.

Owens began editing the award winning publication in June 1995. He also became the volunteer organization’s Internet webmaster in May 1996 when their site first went on-line and has remained to be the only webmaster in Peoria Jaycee history.

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

by Rick Owens



If you have not heard, the Peoria Jaycees won the Runner Up award for best Jaycee Internet web site at the summer General Assembly. As the webmaster for the great Peoria Jaycees web site, I'd like to thank all those people, the world over, for surfing to the site. I'd also like to give

a big thank you to **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** and **Solution Services** for without whom, this award would not have been possible. During the past month we have been averaging around 30 hits a day. I have finally got our CPG Archive page up so anyone can download certain CPGs. Our Haunted House site is up and running and gives information on just about all aspects of the project. Feel free to check it out at www.jaycees.com.

Of course by now, you have probably heard, or read, that I am relinquishing my position of newsletter editor and webmaster. Well, I'm sorry to say the story you heard or read is true. After this December, I will be hanging up my press pass and my Internet password. Why, you may ask. I just think it's time for me to move on and allow someone else to have the experience. Like any good comedian or showman knows, leave the audience wanting more. I feel it's time to do just that.

So with that, there is now a position open for newsletter editor and webmaster (and remember, you don't have to hold both offices) starting next January. If anyone is interested and would like to know more about what these duties entail, how to go about bulk mailing this publication or whatever else is involved, please call or e-mail me.

All modesty aside, these are very important responsibilities and it's the main source of Jaycee news, listing of events and happenings, either from the newsletter or the website. Both of these duties require plenty of work and dedication.

And like anything else, you will get out of it what you put in. I have found this responsibility to be very fun, very rewarding and very challenging. It is a real compliment and very flattering when I go to General Assemblies or around town and some stranger stops you and asks if you write the newsletter and tells you what a good job you do. To me, that's the ultimate award you can receive.

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Mark Your Calendars

October

Chapter Visitation; Wednesday, October 6, meet at 6:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria, to the Bloomington Jaycees, – call 'Queen' Joann Ziegler @ 689-0051

Board Meeting; Thursday, October 7, 6:00pm, at the Haunted House – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Jaycees Happy Hour; Friday, October 8, 5:00pm - ??, Haunted House, Expo Gardens – call Mary Owens @ 263-6067

Adopt-A-School Night/Haunted House Run Through; Wednesday, October 13, 7:00pm, Haunted House, Expo Gardens, Jaycee members needed to run the Haunted House for Calvin Coolidge Middle School students – call Vicki Aeschleman or Jeff Bilisland @ 682-2897

Monday Night Football; Monday, October 11, 7:30pm, Sully's, downtown Peoria – call Dubby @ 691-6608

Business After Hours; Thursday, October 14, 5:00 – 7:00pm, hosted by Adams Outdoor – call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

Haunted House Sneak Preview Weekend; Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16, 7:00pm – midnight, Haunted House, Expo Gardens, Peoria, volunteers needed – call Shari Owens @ 579-3484

Monday Night Football; Monday, October 18, 7:30pm, Jimmy the Saints, Peoria – call Dubby @ 691-6608

Membership Meeting; Thursday, October 21, 7:00pm, at the Haunted House – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Haunted House Open to Public; nightly starting Friday, October 22 – 31, volunteers needed – call Jeff Bilisland @ 682-2897 or Shari Owens @ 579-3484

Haunted House Kid's Day; Sunday, October 31, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, monsters to pass out candy to little kids, haunted house lights will be on, volunteers needed – call Shari Owens @ 579-3484

November

Haunted House Tear Down; Monday, November 1 – 5, help needed – call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

Board Meeting; Thursday, November 4, 6:00pm, RLO – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Beer Brewing Dynamics; Sunday, November 7, Jeff Pulfer's house, Washington, IL, call Keith Kramer @ 692-6154

Haunted House Appreciation Party; Saturday, November 13, Sandy Pearce's residence – call Sandy Pearce @ 745-9783

Management Tips & Hints *by Rick Owens*

This is part 2 of a 4 part essay of timely tips, suggestions and ideas on how to become more productive, efficient and how to avoid problems, save time, effort and trouble. At least I found them to be pretty damn useful!!.

Constantly Think Ahead

By thinking ahead, you can avoid potential problems or hassles before they arrive. This is a little different than planning, although they kind of go hand in hand.

Example: You plan to do some landscaping in your yard and you want to include a large evergreen tree next to your driveway. Five years after planting it, the tree has grown quickly and now it's starting to block the driveway. If you had thought ahead, you would have moved the tree away from the driveway further.

We can't think of everything that might happen, but you can get some idea of what can happen, and from early on, develop a strategy to deal with it.

Ideas to Help You Think Ahead -

Be alert and observant - if James Bond was always daydreaming, he'd be dead by now

In your mind, form a vision or scenario - this will allow to work out a plan of action in the event things are not turning out the way you would like them

Use your imagination to find things that can save you time, trouble or money in the future - if you do something that takes 2 seconds to do now, but 1 minute to do tomorrow, it's wise to do that thing

Attention! All meetings are open to all Jaycee members, prospective members and the public!



Reminder: The October membership meeting will be held at the Haunted House, Thursday, October 21, 1999 at 7:00pm. All are invited to come out and see the Haunted House.

PEORIA JAYCEES 29TH ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE

Y2K... THE BEGINNING OF THE END

**THIS YEAR, THE MILLENNIUM HAPPENS IN
OCTOBER**

Expo Gardens, Peoria

Sneak Preview Weekend

October 15 & 16
7:00pm – 12 Midnight

Open Regularly

October 22 – 31
7:00pm – 10:00pm on weeknights
7:00pm – 12 Midnight on Fridays, Saturdays & Halloween

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Mail Call



E-Mail Received
September 27, 1999

Dear Jc Owens,

I was surfing the internet trying to get a link up with Junior Chamber International when your lom Peoria Jaycees appeared on my screen.

I therefore decided to email you a few lines just to tell you that somewhere far away in Lagos Nigeria some one saw your lom's beautiful calendar of events. I wish I could be with you in person to share your junior chamber activities with you.

Indeed, I was greatly impressed. Your lom is an example to follow closely. Kindly send my love and warm greetings to Mr. Lom President, Jc Mary Owens, I suppose your wife and other Jaycees in Illinois, Peoria.

I hope that you will keep our communication alive.

Yours in Service
Jc Chikeka Michael
Lagos Nigeria

Congratulations...

... to Kevin & Treasa Leach on their recent nuptials!

Chapter Management

by Jeff Ulrich



Just Do It.

Everyone remembers the Nike ad where they throw the slogan JUST DO IT out at everyone. Well that is just the idea. We need to remember that anyone in the world can come up with an idea. But who remembers the person that come up with a great idea? No, the people that are remembered and recognized are the people the implement the great ideas. The people that put out the sweat and energy to make sure that their idea is more than just an idea. So remember if you have an idea - do not just talk about, JUST DO IT.

IBF Chairman Sought

Here is the perfect example for some to get highly involved with the Jaycees and have a ton of fun doing it. We need a chairman for the International Beerfest that we will be holding in March 2000. There is already an ad hoc committee working on this project but what they need is some leadership. The International Beerfest is a beer tasting event, with over 200 different micro-brews and brewpubs being represented. We currently hold the title of the 3rd Largest independent one-day beerfest in the country. This is a great opportunity for someone to get a lot of experience and have a lot of fun.

Business After Hours

In October the Business After Hours is at Adams Outdoor Advertising. The event is on Thursday, October 14 from 5-7 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce provides free food and beer to anyone that attends this event. You must show your Jaycees card or badge to get in. This event is a great opportunity to meet people from different fields and companies. It is also a good way to pursue future involvement with the Chamber of Commerce.

Chapter Elections

Chapter Elections are almost here. The Peoria Jaycees will be voting in new officers to lead us into the next millennium at the November membership meeting.

To run for an office, you can either announce your candidacy for an intended office at the October membership meeting (which is to be held at the Haunted House), or you can be nominated for an office during the elections in November.

I highly encourage those who have never held an office to run for a board position. You can learn a great deal from the experience. It will surely come in handy not only in your professional life, but your personal life as well.

Somewhere in this newsletter is a description of each board position. If you still have questions regarding a certain office, seek out that officer to find out more.

HAUNTED HOUSE APPRECIATION PARTY

Saturday, November 13, 1999

Sandy Pearce's Residence

Costume Party! Dress as your favorite character!

Membership Report

by Mary Owens

Who's Due

Yes, it's that time again to remind you who is coming due in the next couple of months. Remember, renewal fees are \$35 and please make your checks payable to the Peoria Jaycees

October

Lori Lavallo Joann Ziegler
Jeff Pulfer

November

Courtney Bosworth Dennis Owens
Eric Gengler Rick Owens

Happy Hour

Since we are in the midst of our largest project, our next happy hour is scheduled to be at the Haunted House at Expo Gardens in Peoria on Friday, October 8th at 5:00pm. It will be your chance to see how the Haunted House is coming along, see what special effects we have in store, what decorations are up and to catch up on Jaycee news and gossip with other members. Also note, prospective members are always welcomed too!

Monday Night Football

I want to remind people that every Monday night, the Jaycees get together at a local bar to watch some football. **Dubby** has been doing a great job at organizing our Monday Night football schedule. If you have a favorite place where you like to watch football and would like the Jaycees go there one week, or have any questions about the Monday night football outings, please call Dubby at 691-6608. Also remember, Monday night football is not only a great way to get acquainted with other Jaycee members but a great time to bring a prospective member.

Individual Development

by Mike Buckley

Beer Brewing

The Peoria Jaycees Brew Masters will make their best batch yet on Sunday, November 7 at **Jeff Pulfer's** brewery/house. The demonstration will include the equipment needed to make the beer as well as the ingredients that go into the brew. The afternoon will include sampling various beers as well as some football and food. Contact **Keith Kramer** at 692-6154 to find out more information.

Dinner Theater

There has been some interest in organizing an evening for dinner theater. No specific plans have been made, but if you would be interested in going, please contact **Laura Buckley** at 693-7811 to express your interest.

Camping Dynamics

It looks like our Jaycee campers were not as rugged as we thought. The campout was set for Saturday, October 2nd, but several campers backed out at the last minute on a count of rain. Well, maybe next year.

Executive Officers

Chairman of the Board (*'Queen' Joann Ziegler*) - The chairman is not an elected position. The outgoing president automatically assumes this position. The chairman acts as an advisor and consults the new president and Executive Board.

President (*Heather Zech*) - Responsible for monitoring all activities of the chapter. Must be organized and a good delegator. The president is responsible for the direction of the chapter, in which it is typically a leadership position and not a management position. Also, the president sets the agenda and runs board and membership meetings.

Chapter Management VP (*Jeff Ulrich*) - This officer is responsible for the day to day needs of the chapter. Arranges meeting locations, sets-up and organizes management training for members, officers and potential officers. Also, this position will assume the president's duties and role when the president is not available.

Community Development VP (*Shari Owens*) - This position is responsible for chapter activities, which directly benefit the community. This includes fund raising for charities, providing manpower for community events and oversees service programs such as Adopt-A-School and the Distinguished Service Awards Banquet. It is a very important position as projects run under this officer are visibly seen in the community, reflecting the image of the Peoria Jaycees.

Membership VP (*Mary Owens*) - Responsible for the membership as a whole. Keeps track of when members are due, ensuring as many as possible renews and recruiting new members. Also responsible for the invoicing and collection of membership dues. Assists and supervises membership recruitment activities and outings.

Individual Development VP (*Mike Buckley*) - Schedules and is responsible for all personal training activities. Supervises projects such as the mock stock market, ID rotations, speak & write ups and other personal learning and training projects.

State Director (*'Queen' Joann Ziegler*) - Keeps chapter informed of district, regional and state Jaycee activities and organizes visits to other chapters.

Secretary (*Sandy Pearce*) - Responsible for all correspondence to and from the chapter. Records and publishes the minutes of Board and Membership meetings to be available at membership meetings.

Treasurer (*Rick Owens*) - Keeps chapter books; responsible for checkbook, monthly financial statements, tax filings and the building fund. Responsible for knowing what the chapter can spend and what it can't spend on projects and events.

Local Directors - 12-13 maximum - Local directors are responsible for communicating the current events and needs of the chapter back directly to the membership. The current local directors are Cheryl Antal, Laura Buckley, Cara Cima, Eric Gengler, 'Dubby' Janosov, Dan Schmidt, Jonathan Sinclair and Dan Wilkinson.

Board Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor (*Rick Owens*) - Responsible for the publication and mailing of the Jaycees monthly newsletter, *The Charge!*

Internet Webmaster (*Rick Owens*) - Responsible for the updating and maintenance of the chapter's website.

PR Director (*Randy Stevens*) - Responsible for submitting press releases and handling public relation duties for the chapter.

Social Director (*'Dubby' Janosov*) - Organizes several social functions for the chapter and it's prospective members.

Social Director's Report

by Dubby



Ohhhhh! <munch, munch>... These caramel candy apples are excellent! It's a great October treat. You know, the caramel alone is a tasty snack. Most of the time, I just scrape off the caramel and throw away the apple. Let me finish eating my treat and I'll give you my report. *Yum!*

Hi everybody! How's everything been going for you? It's that time of the year again; Haunted House time. We would like to see as many of you out here during the week to help construct the house. This is our biggest project so even if you can volunteer only one or two days, we would appreciate it. We need all the Jaycees to make this work.

Night Golf

On Saturday, September 18th, the Jaycees held their annual night golf tournament. There was a good turnout of 51 golfers. We made close to \$340 for Special Olympics. I would like to thank **Lori Cave** for her help and the rest of the people that helped me set it up.

Monday Night Football

We have held this for the past three weeks and it has been going good so far. Here is the October schedule for our Monday Night Football outings. Remember, everyone is invited and try to bring a prospective member.

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| October 11 | Sully's @ 7:30pm |
| October 18 | Jimmy the Saints @ 7:30pm |
| October 25 | N/A due to the Haunted House |

So come out and watch some football and have some fun.

Hockey Night

The Rivermen are back in town so that means we will be going to a hockey game. I'm going to do 2 this year; one in November after the Haunted House and one in February. Look in the Charge! for details.

We'll, I've got to go, but I hope to see you at the Haunted House. Hey, maybe one more caramel apple before I go!

Community Development

by Shari Owens

Confidential Report From The Z-Files

by Heather Zech



Hello everyone!

Sorry I wasn't at the last membership meeting. I hear I missed a lot. Oh well... I was on vacation in Denver, CO. You know, presidents get to have vacation too, Ha!

We are in the middle of the Haunted House right now and I'd like to thank all those who have helped with this event in one way or another. It's people like you that are making this year go by smoothly. And speaking of the year, it's quickly passing us by. And you know what that means... it's election time.

In November, we will be holding our chapter elections and deciding whom will lead the chapter for the next year. I have to admit that being a board member, especially president (hint-hint), has been a great learning experience and totally worthwhile. There have been so many skills I've learned without actually realizing it. When I look back, I'm glad I am holding this position. At any rate, I'd just like to let people know that elections are right around the corner and I want to encourage people to "go for it" and run for office.

I would like to take this time now to mention to fellow Peoria Jaycee members to be proud of our chapter and it's accomplishments. It is only recently when I noticed how well off we are compared to other chapters across the country. To begin with, we have a great web site, and with the highly coveted www.jaycees.com Internet address. Also worth mentioning is the combined talent our members hold, from members in the legal profession to the medical profession to the technical profession. It is from their abilities and dedication with which allow us to excel at so much. We currently have the 3rd largest beer festival in the US, at 12,000 eggs, we hold one of the largest Easter Egg Hunts around, our haunted house gets better every year with improved special effects, computer use and ideas, and we are financially managed quite well.

So be proud of our accomplishments and appreciate what we have... good friends, good fun, excellent learning experiences and opportunity to succeed.

I would also like to congratulate all those who took home awards at the last General Assembly (which are many names that I can't remember right now).

Also, remember that the October membership meeting is scheduled to be at the Haunted House at Expo Gardens. Bye for now and I hope to see everyone at the next membership meeting.

Heather

Adopt-A-School

The adopt-a-school kids at Calvin Coolidge Middle School are ready to go through our Haunted House! They are scheduled to come out to walk through the house on Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00pm. This is the one night at the Haunted House that we never use any outside manpower. Therefore, we need as many Jaycees as possible to volunteer to work for a couple of hours at the Haunted House. These kids really enjoy this house and it's good that they can get out and do something fun for a change.

If you are interested in helping out for our Adopt-A-School night, please call me at 579-3484. Used as a dress rehearsal every year, we let our adopt-a-school kids go through the house before we open it for business.

Santa Visits the Kids

It won't be long until the Haunted House is wrapped up and we'll be working on our next community development project... Santa Visits the Kids.

This is a project where we collect donated toys and gifts. Then have someone dress up as Santa Claus and distributes the toys to kids in the hospitals and homes for the disadvantaged. Of course Santa's elves help out too! This is one of our most worthwhile and meaningful projects that really gives back to the community.

Right now, we are seeking a chairperson to run this project. The responsibilities are not that great and every year, the Jaycees usually have our resident Santa Claus, **Stan Munton**, to reprise his role. Also, there is an assortment of elves to assist. If interested, please call me at 579-3484.

State Director Report

by 'Queen' Joann Ziegler



General Assembly

We had a good turnout of Peoria Jaycee members at the summer Illinois Jaycees General Assembly last month. Not only that, but we had **Dennis Owens** give a seminar

on how to use computers in a haunted house. The seminar had close to a full room. After that, there was a seminar on recruiting, which several of us attended.

Of course there was a lot of fun, too. We met up with a lot of our friends from the Bloomington Jaycees and there was karaoke at the mixer that Friday night. The next General Assembly is planned for January 2000.

Visitations

At the time of this writing, we are planning on visiting the Bloomington Jaycees and their haunted house on Wednesday, October 6th. However, I doubt that this month's newsletter will get mailed in time to report on it. This year is almost to a close, but there's still time to get a couple of more visitations in. If there's any chapter you'd like to visit, just let me know.

Top Ten Rejected Haunted House Themes

10. I see dead people... and they look like Shirley McClaine.
9. Someone's got some really bad gas.
8. The brothel from Hell.
7. It's Y2k and we're all SOL.
6. Satanland!
5. Attack of the Taco Bell dog.
4. Haunted Brewery!
3. House of duct tape.
2. An accident waiting to happen.
1. Land of free beer and home of the cronies.

'Wilky' Wilkinson Nominated For Award

Dan 'Wilky' Wilkinson was nominated for the prestigious Jaycee of the Year award by several members who attended the September General Assembly last month in Springfield, Illinois. Peoria Jaycee members '**Governor**' **Dennis** and **Shari Owens**, **Rick Owens** and **Heather Zech** were surprised to hear that Wilkinson had already arrived at the Springfield Hilton where the GA was held. He left the group a message to call him once they checked into their room.

Zech called up to Wilkinson's room and learned that he was ready for action and invited them to his room when they were ready. He also indicated that he already had a cooler of Budweiser, Bud Light and Heineken on ice. "Now what's he doing up there, by himself, with a cooler of beer that he can't drink?" Zech questioned. Wilkinson had successfully quit drinking earlier this year.

After the group met up with Wilkinson and chatted for a while, they all left to attend the Praireland Region caucus. In hand with Wilkinson was his cooler, loaded with more beer than he carried around for everyone. "I don't care what they say about you Dan," stated Rick Owens, "you'll at least get recognized in the newsletter as a damn nice guy."

The next morning, 'Governor' Owens was to give a presentation on the use of computers to control lighting, sounds and special effects in a haunted house. Wilkinson showed minutes before the seminar was to begin, and the cooler of beer still with him. Unfortunately, the hangovers everyone suffered from the night before proved too great, and Wilkinson's offer of beer was declined that morning. But it was Wilkinson's dedication and generosity that has now awarded him a nomination for the Jaycee of the Year award. The award will be presented at the Peoria Jaycees Installation Banquet and Year-End Awards Ceremony.

It's A Little Known Fact Crocodiles

A crocodile is common name for any of a number of reptiles in a family of the crocodylian order. Crocodylians first appeared about 200 million years ago and are believed to be remnants of the great age of reptiles. Their ancestors originally lived on land and were lightly built, but they soon diversified into water-dwelling, or aquatic, and amphibious forms. Except for the alligators, crocodylians live in tropical and subtropical areas of the world. Modern crocodylians are amphibious, spending much of their time in water, where they swim with rhythmic strokes of the tail. The tail is sometimes used to capture prey, sweeping it from shallow to deeper water, where it can be devoured more easily.

Crocodylians are well-adapted as predators, with few natural enemies. Bony plates, called osteoderms, form a kind of armor in their thick skin. Their teeth, about 30 to 40 in each jaw, are set into sockets in the jawbones and interlock when the mouth is closed. In crocodiles, the fourth tooth on each side of the lower jaw protrudes when the mouth is closed; in alligators, these teeth are not visible. The jaws of crocodylians are powerful enough in closing to crush the bones of small animals, but so weak in opening that they can be held together by hand.

Some members of the crocodile family are the largest living reptiles. Crocodiles usually can be recognized by their long triangular snouts, intermediate between the long, narrow snouts of gavials and the short, oval snouts of alligators and caimans. The Indo-Pacific, or saltwater, crocodile, possibly the largest living reptile, is known to grow to a length of about 23 feet and to weigh more than 2000 lbs; there are unconfirmed reports of individuals up to 30 ft in length.

Taken from "Crocodile (reptile)," *Microsoft® Encarta® 97 Encyclopedia*. © 1993-1996 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

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***

Peoria Jaycees

The 1999 Peoria Jaycees Executive Board

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| Shari Owens | Community Development VP |
| Mary Owens | Membership VP |
| Mike Buckley | Individual Development VP |
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Jaycee Member Stands Out Against Naked Aggression

Jaycee member **Randy Stevens** made a bold and daring stand against naked aggression at the September membership meeting. "It's okay to agree to disagree, but there's no need for just plain naked aggression!" Stevens attested. Stevens has been known to be a long time opponent to naked aggression.

At a press conference after the Jaycees monthly meeting, Stevens told reporters that aggression was bad, but that naked aggression was even more so. "When aggression does not have clothing, it's just plain terrible to look at," Stevens stated. However, when asked by reporters about his plans to stop naked aggression, Stevens did not have a clear-cut plan.

Stevens brought up several ideas of how to combat this aggression, but did not specify any details or confirmation of these ideas. One plan was to raise awareness by sponsoring a citywide march in downtown Peoria, with marchers carrying signs that say, "naked aggression has no home here." Other ideas were diverse, ranging from sponsoring a beer fest to stop aggression to a footrace to fight aggression to a fashion show to clothe naked aggression.

Whatever project Stevens will be behind, it's apparent that he continues his fight against naked aggression. Stevens closed the press conference by putting his fist in the air and exclaiming, "Fight the power!!"

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