



The Charge!

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'Queen' Joann Brokers Peace Accord

After several weeks of marathon talks, Peoria Jaycees president **'Queen' Joann Ziegler** has successfully negotiated a peace accord between the rival factions of **Jeff Ulrich**, **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** and **Dubby**. The peace talks, which were held at the Haunted House at Expo Gardens for almost the entire month of October, is being hailed as one of 'Queen' Joann's greatest achievements. "It has taken a long time in achieving this peace accord. I've hardly seen my family in the past 2 weeks because I've been here at the Haunted House the whole time. But we were successful in securing a peace deal." 'Queen' Joann announced.

With a lack of Jaycee manpower, long hours, fighting a continuing threat of "burn-out", tensions began to build between the three personalities until finally, arguments broke out. 'Queen' Joann immediately took action and began to hold peace talks in order to resolve differences and to continue efforts on the Haunted House project.

Despite low Jaycee-member turnout and the failure of the wormhole to operate properly, the Haunted House has turned out to be the most successful on record, if not the most successful Peoria Jaycees project ever, in terms of financial and in the number of people in attendance. An estimated 7,000 to 7,500 people came out the Haunted House. Advertising and media attention were key factors to this success and could not have been possible with Jaycees Haunted House sponsors, **WGLOWFYR/99x Radio**, **WHOI TV 19** and the **Times-Observer**. **Godfather's Pizza** also made a substantial contribution to the project by providing pizza for workers and becoming a ticket outlet.

An appreciation party was held on Saturday, November 7th to offer thanks to workers and volunteers. Haunted House co-chairmen **Jeff Ulrich** and **Angela Babcock** would like to thank everyone that helped out. In addition, the Peoria Jaycees would like to thank all of its sponsors, members and volunteers that helped with the Haunted House in making it the success it was.

Proceeds from the event go to benefit the **Youth Farm**, **St. Jude**, and Peoria Jaycees projects Santa Visits the Kids and the Community Easter Egg Hunt. The peace accord was officially signed by the 'Queen,' Ulrich, Schmidt and Dubby on October 31, 1998 and was expected to go into effect immediately.

Introducing Mr. And Mrs. John 'Caesar' Cima

Jaycee members **Cara Freehill** and **John 'Caesar' Cima** were married on Saturday, October 10, 1998 at the First Christian Church in Peoria. In attendance was several other Peoria Jaycee members who unbelievably sat quietly in the back three rows.

It was apparent that John was a bit nervous as beads of perspiration emerged from his forehead. As the couple began to recite their wedding vows and in an attempt to relieve some of his anxiety, John thought he would liven things up by pulling a stunt he saw on an episode of *Friends*. When he was to say Cara's name in the wedding vow, he instead said the name Rachel, referring to a character in the situation comedy. "Cima!" Cara exclaimed, "what do you think you are doing?!" Cara then smacked him good.

The wedding soon continued without incident. After the ceremony, Cara and John went to receive wedding guests row by row. When they reached the row of Jaycees, **Jeff Ulrich**, who was sitting next to the aisle, shook John's hand, said "Good play my man!" and then patted him on the buttocks as would a ball player on a sports team. To John's dismay, all the other Jaycees proceeded to do the same. Some of the female members even pinched him, causing his face to turn to a shade of red. Embarrassed, he couldn't wait to clear out the row of Jaycees, even though there were two more rows to go. Then suddenly, John's eyes got a big as full moons when he noticed that the Jaycees from the other two rows got up and moved forward to the row he was currently receiving.

A reception immediately followed at the Holiday Inn Brandywine. Cara and John are the third couple to have met in the Peoria Jaycees and to marry this year alone.

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

By Rick Owens



Excuses, Excuses

Another Haunted House has come and gone. And in the process, more memorable Jaycee moments took place. Moments like dropping the wormhole on our cellular phone; moments like the realization that the wormhole was not going to work and

Dan Schmidt about ready to cry; moments like the wrecked car coming out of the haunted house more wrecked than it was going in. Unfortunately for many members of the Peoria Jaycees, they cannot share such memories from fun and camaraderie. Why you ask? These people opted not to come out to the haunted house and help.

And the chapter wasn't asking for an arm or leg. The chapter was asking for their first born. All the Peoria Jaycees ask is one or two nights for a member to help and volunteer. This year has been the worst turnout in member involvement I've ever seen. I can understand someone's fear of burn out after being at the Haunted House for 6 weeks, but how can you get burned out if you just volunteered for only one night? We even had sub-chairs of the Haunted House who never came to one meeting, never showed up to help and never returned any phone calls we made when we were trying to find out what they were doing.

And you should hear some of these excuses. If I had a nickel for every time I heard the excuse "My schedule," I would have a Swiss bank account. I can understand that everyone may not have a lot of free time and other events in their lives can keep them away for the most part. But in a 6-week period, it's hard to imagine that all these people cannot spend 3 or 4 hours to volunteer.

My hats off to **Dubby** for his hard work in phone solicitation. I know he had a tough time getting people involved. We need people to get involved so that our projects can continue. In addition to the Haunted House, I've noticed that the beer fest is in jeopardy of manpower shortage; not in terms of beer pourers, but in chair people to organize the event.

Let this be a wake up call! If you want to see these events continue, get off your butt, get involved today and do something about it.

Mark Your Calendars

November

Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours; Thursday, November 12, 5-7:00pm, sponsored by Byerly Aviation, Greater Peoria Airport - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2708

Illinois Jaycees General Assembly; November 13 - 15, Springfield Holiday Inn - call Courtney Bosworth @ 673-5492

Crony Party; party for the kids that volunteered at the Haunted House, Saturday, November 14, Dan Schmidt's house - call Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt @ 682-5432

Dinner and Movie Night; Saturday, November 14, 7:00pm, Basta Mangiare - call Dubby @ 691-6608

Sunday Afternoon Football; Sunday, November 15, 11:30am, Mulligan's - call Dubby @ 691-6608

Membership Meeting; Thursday, November 19, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria, **ELECTION NIGHT!** - call 'Queen' Joann @ 689-0051

Astronomy Night; Friday, November 20, 7:00pm, Northmoor Observatory, Donovan Golf Course, Peoria - call Mike Buckley @ 693-7811

Sunday Afternoon Football; Sunday, November 22, 11:30am, The Galley, East Peoria - call Dubby @ 691-6608

DSA Committee Meeting; Monday, November 23, 7:00pm, John Cima's house - call John Cima @ 693-0631 or Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Christmas Card Night; learn how to stamp and emboss your own Xmas cards, Tuesday, November 24, 7:00pm, Mike & Laura Buckley's residence - call Laura Buckley @ 693-7811

Sunday Afternoon Football; Sunday, November 29, 11:30am, Kouri's Pub, Peoria - call Dubby @ 691-6608

Officer Training; Sunday, November 29, time & location TBA - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2708

Haunted House Bills and Receipts Due; If needed to be reimbursed for a Haunted House expense, this is the last day to get receipts in, Monday, November 30 - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

December

Board Meeting; Thursday, December 3, 7:00pm, RLO, Inc., newsletter articles due - call Joann Ziegler

Happy Hour/Installation Banquet/Year-End Awards/Xmas Dinner; Friday, December 4, 6:00pm for happy hour, dinner at 8:00pm - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2780

Business After Hours; Thursday, December 10, 5-7:00pm, sponsored by Creative Logic, 417 SW Jefferson

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The Dubby Report

I would like to start off and say **Jeff Ulrich** and **Angela Babcock** did a great job on the Haunted House. We got to eat some good pizza thanks to Angela and Godfather's Pizza. I would also like to thank the local directors for helping me call our roster and everyone that helped out.

Monday Night Football Moves to Sunday

Due to lack of attendance and other commitments I'm engaged in, Monday Night Football will be moving to Sunday Afternoon Football, beginning on November 15th. The Sunday Afternoon Football schedule for the next month is as follows:

November 15th - Mulligan's, 11:30am
November 22nd - The Galley, 11:30am
November 29th - Kouri's, 11:30am

Hope to see a few more people come out, watch some games, drink some beer and eat some food!

Dinner & Movie

We will be holding a dinner and movie night on Saturday, November 14th starting at 7:00pm. Dinner will be at Basta Mangiare, which is across from K's Merchandise in Parkway Plaza. After we eat dinner, we'll pick a movie to go see. If interested in going, please call Dubby at 691-6608 so we can make reservations.

Hockey Night

The Peoria Jaycees Hockey night is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 1999 at 8:00pm. We will try to schedule a place to eat before the game that night as well. Other points of interest for this outing include that it will be a disco night at Carver Arena and several Bloomington Jaycees have expressed interested in attending. Please call Dubby at 691-6608 if interested.

Well, I've got to go and get something to eat. Keep up the good work.

Dubby

Haunted House Receipts Due on Nov. 30th

If you one of the people who are owed money from the Peoria Jaycees for a Haunted House expenditure made with your own money, receipts or bills are due on Monday, November 30th. Please submit your reimbursement request to **Jeff Ulrich**. Failure to turn in your reimbursement request by this time will result in your involuntary contribution to the Peoria Jaycees (this means you won't get paid).

Also note that this may be your only notice. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Ulrich at 693-7871 or e-mail at julrich5@aol.com.

Mail Call



E-Mail Received: October 5, 1998
Re: Michigan Jaycees Webpage Link

Dear Peoria Jaycees,

I just wanted you to know that I have selected your webpage as the "Mystery Jaycees site of the month," on the Michigan Jaycees Service Center webpage.

The mystery site is something we do just for fun every month, in an attempt to learn from other Jaycees. This month, out of the webpages we looked at from your state, we chose yours.

I have no idea how many people who visit our site actually follow the link, but I hope many of them take the opportunity. You have a very good site. FYI, our address is <http://members.aol.com/MIJCSC/index.html>

Our Michigan Jaycees Service Center webpage is designed to be a resource to our members and not really a place for the general public to go to find information about the Jaycees. For that reason, we have not listed it with search engines.

Thank you
Paul Ballinger
Michigan Jaycees
Executive Director

E-Mail Received: October 27, 1998
Re: Thanks

Just thought that I'd let you know that I'm enjoying the Jaycee history page. My dad was Charles Schlink and it is fun to read about him. I plan to send the site to other family members. Thanks!

Mary Lossman

Congrats!

Congratulations to **Monica & Mike Rhodes** on the arrival of **Richard Ronald Rhodes** on October 31, 1998. Baby Rhodes came in at 5lbs 11ozs and everyone is doing well.

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



Board Meetings: Held the 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00pm at RLO, Inc.

Membership Meetings: Held the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00pm at the Amvets Post in downtown Peoria, on the corner of Monroe & Fayette.

Community Development

by Cindy Schwerer



Hello!

As everyone should know the haunted house is finished! **Jeff Ulrich** did a ghoulishly great job of making things run smoothly. Everyone who came out to work was greatly appreciated. In addition, a large sum was earned

which will be distributed to Youth Farm and St Jude. Also, 2 busloads of kids came from Calvin Coolidge and had a great time. According to Principal **Gary McMullin**, this was a great incentive for the school fundraiser.

Santa Visits The Kids

Christmas is right around the corner! We have 4 or 5 openings to help with Santa Visits the Kids, our project where we dress up as Santa and his elves and distribute toys to kids in area hospitals. **Clayton Hoffman** has stepped forward to chair this worthwhile project. If interested in helping, sign up at the November membership meeting on November 19th or call Clayton at 243-1704. It is actually a lot of fun and remember, give thanks for the turkey in all of us!

PS My aunt is giving a slide show at the Madison Theater called Rome, the Church, and You. This will be November 15th. Shows at 2:00 & 6:00. It is only \$3!

Later,
Cindy

State Director Report

by Courtney Bosworth



In October, the Peoria Jaycees had a successful visit to the Bloomington Jaycees. In comparing notes, the Peoria Jaycees Haunted House seemed to be much scarier... maybe

because our members just look scarier. Better luck next year Bloomington!

A lot is happening in the Jaycee world in the next few months. The East Peoria Jaycees are hosting the Prairieland Regional meeting on November 7th. The Fall General Assembly of the Illinois Jaycees will be from November 13th to the 15th in Springfield. Internationally, the Jaycee World Congress will be held from November 15th to 20th in Manila, the Philippines, so get your bags packed now.

Coming up in January, Jaycee Week will be from the 17th to the 23rd. In addition, January marks the beginning of a new Jaycee year! For the advance planners, the Winter General Assembly will be from February 12th to the 14th in Decatur. So rest up, there is a lot to do in the coming months.

Individual Development

by Mike Buckley

Astronomy Night

What do the Peoria Jaycees and the 1998 Academy Awards have in common? ... give up? Both offer stargazing. On Friday, November 20th at 7:00pm we will go to the Northmoor Observatory at Donovan Golf Course and look at the stars. I'm not talking about finding someone like weatherman **Jim Barnett's** house and peeping in his windows with a telescope. I'm talking about stars in space, like where UFO's come from. Provided the weather cooperates and **John Glenn** doesn't get in our way, we can look at planets, constellations, and maybe even another galaxy. Bring your friends, family and prospective members if you want. Admission is free, but there is a donation jar at the door. Please call me at 693-7811 to let me know how many of you are coming. I may not be able to offer the Hollywood variety, but we can gaze at stars on a much larger scale.

Christmas Card Night

Speaking of stars, it reminds me of how nice they look on top of a Christmas tree. Since you're now thinking of Christmas, it's a good time to bring up a new project my wife has agreed to chair. It is called Christmas Card Night. On Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00pm, at our house on 9131 N. Pine Tree Rd., Laura will get out her rolling cabinet o' stamps to stamp, emboss, and color Christmas Cards. She will demonstrate some techniques with stamping and embossing for those unfamiliar with the hobby. Some blank card stock will be provided, but if you want to get into mass production, bring your own. Please call Laura at 693-7811 if your coming, so she knows how many to plan for.

Chapter Management

by Becky Lemont



Chapter Elections

Did you vote last Tuesday? Did your candidate get elected? Well, here is your chance again to participate in a great American institution....Elections. We are voting for our 1999 Jaycee Board of Directors. Voting takes place for all members at our favorite polling

place....Amvets, November 19, at 7:00pm. Get your voice heard and your vote counted.

Officer Training

Officer Training for all officers will be on Sunday, November 29th. This will be a painless pizza party to help in-coming officers get the info they need and celebrate with the outgoing officers. The Chapter Plan for 1999 will be started and worked on at this time. Anyone that has suggestions, projects or ideas for 1999, needs to attend or pass these on to any board members, so they can be included in the Chapter Plan. Time and place for this training will be announced at the Elections.

1998 Year End Awards Nomination Form

Name of Nominator: _____

With the recent adjustment in Jaycee year and that we are only going to have a 6 month year for 1998, the Peoria Jaycees still plan on presenting the Annual Year End Awards at the Installation Banquet. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th. Several awards will be presented to Jaycee members for their service during the past year. Please feel free to nominate any individual who you feel has exhibited outstanding service to the Peoria Jaycees or a project that has had the most impact. Try to be specific if possible. Please return all nominations to **Joann Ziegler** by Thursday, November 19th. You can bring this form to the membership meeting, e-mail your nominations to qlf9@aol.com or mail this form to the Peoria Jaycees, PO Box 2, Peoria, IL, 61601.

Jaycee of the Year: This award will be presented to the Jaycee member who best exemplifies the total Jaycee concept throughout the year. Judging criteria will include leadership, enthusiasm, and overall participation.

Individual Nominated: _____

Please describe why this individual should receive this award:

Board Member of the Year: This award goes to the board member who has shown the greatest level of commitment and teamwork towards furthering the Peoria Jaycees goals and handling their assigned area.

Individual Nominated: _____

Please describe why this individual should receive this award:

Dale Akridge Memorial Award: This award is presented annually to the new Jaycee who exhibits the most outstanding qualities of leadership, enthusiasm, and belief in the Jaycee Creed.

Individual Nominated: _____

Please describe why this individual should receive this award:

Project of the Year: This award will be presented for that project run during the last year which is worthy as being recognized as the most important project for the year.

Individual Nominated: _____

Please describe why this individual should receive this award:

Chairman of the Year: This award will be presented to the Jaycee member who exhibited exceptional leadership abilities in chairing a project. This is not necessarily measured in terms of money raised or complexity of the project but should include the individual's overall handling of the project.

Individual Nominated: _____

Please describe why this individual should receive this award:

Chapter Management (continued)

I am not running for any offices for the 1999 year. I will be available to help train the new Chapter Management VP with this office.....and of course will be available to help run some of our great projects. Keep in mind that Distinguished Service Banquet is coming up in January, March is Beer Fest Month and of course Easter Egg Hunt is right after that. But before all of those, plan on attending the... Jaycee Christmas Party/Installation Banquet/Awards Presentation.

Installation Banquet/Xmas Dinner

This festive event will be held on Friday, December 4th at Alexander's. The Jaycee Happy Hour will precede this event and dinner will be at 8:00. You are paying for your own dinner and drinks for this event. We will exchange Secret Santa gifts after the program then continue on in the Peoria area to celebrate. Secret Santas will be exchanged at the next membership meetingremember Election Night. So be there for both BIG events.

Anything else? Nope, not for now. Call if you have any questions and see you at the next meeting

Becky

Officer Positions Available

Chapter elections are coming up at the November membership meeting and you may still run for an office. All you will need to do is get nominated by one of your Jaycee peers at the next meeting.

Here is a brief listing of the executive board offices. For more information on what responsibilities that each office holds, contact that current officer.

President - 'Queen' Joann Ziegler; responsible for the direction of the chapter, sets agendas and runs board and membership meetings

Chapter Management VP - Becky Lemont; responsible for the day to day needs of the chapter and most administrative duties, fills in when the president is not available

Community Development VP - Cindy Schwerer; responsible for chapter activities which directly benefit the community

Membership VP - Rick Owens; responsible for the administrative duties of membership, i.e. invoicing and collecting dues, also organizes membership nights and recruitment activities

Individual Development - Mike Buckley; responsible for all personal training activities

State Director - Courtney Bosworth; keeps chapter informed of district, region, state and national Jaycee activities

Membership Report

by Rick Owens

Who's Up For Renewal

The following members are due November 21st:

Courtney Bosworth	Dennis Owens
Holly Brinker	Rick Owens
Eric Gengler	Steve Weers
Clayton Hoffman	

The following members are due in December:

No one.

*- denotes associate member

Membership Status

I am extremely excited about the membership status at the end of October. Unfortunately, we did not grow, but we did pick up some new members, which kept us even for the month. The chapter is currently at 83 members. As usual, I have been dropping our "paper" members; members who signed up in the past but then we never see them. Hey, if they don't respond to our invoices or phone calls, do we need to re-sign them?

For October, please give a really warm welcome to **Lori Lavalle**. Lori was a member in the Champaign Jaycees until she recently married and moved to Peoria. Also, give a warm welcome to someone whom a lot of us already know, **Bob Klannukarn**, originally from the Peoria Heights Jaycees. Bob is transferring into the Peoria chapter and we couldn't be happier.

I believe that these two new people will prove to be high quality members and will be a true asset to the Peoria Jaycees. Welcome Lori and Bob!!

Jaycees Happy Hour

The next Jaycees Happy Hour will be held at Alexander Street Steakhouse on Friday, December 4th. It will be held in conjunction with the Installation Banquet, Year-End Awards Presentation and Xmas Dinner (all held on the same night). The Happy Hour will start at 6:00pm.

Our last happy hour was at Vonachen's on November 7th and saw a great turn out. Hope to see everyone at the next happy hour!

Secretary - Jeff Ulrich; responsible for recording and publishing minutes of board and membership meetings

Treasurer - Mike Rhodes; responsible for all bookkeeping activities; handles all financial statements, tax filings and other financial matters

Local Directors - Dubby; up to 12 maximum, responsible for communicating the current events and need of the chapter back directly to the membership

Top Ten Signs That You're Taking The Jaycees Too Seriously

10. Can't do anything without drafting and approving a CPG.
9. Your name appears on a headstone in the Haunted House.
8. You think the Jaycees year change is a great idea!
7. On your 40th birthday, you get a fake ID stating that you are 21 years old.
6. You begin considering your position in the Jaycees as your real job, and your real job as a volunteer organization.
5. You've written the chapter newsletter for over 3 years.
4. You find yourself rummaging around a garbage dumpster for Haunted House props.
3. You wrote a book called *Jaycees For Dummies*.
2. One of your biggest hobbies is collecting Firecracker 5000 T-shirts for the past 16 years.
1. Calling the roster is your biggest turn-on.

Greene Confesses: "I'm a Closet Liberal!"

Dunlap, IL (Charge! News Wire) - After the abrupt resignation announcement from the Speaker of the House **Newt Gingrich**, the GOP has been hit with another setback this week with a sudden and upsetting announcement from Peoria Jaycee member **Rustin A. Greene**. Just days after the November elections, Greene admitted that he had been a liberal democrat for several years while at the same time, continued a façade of right-wing conservatism and Christian beliefs.

At a press conference held at Greene's Dunlap estate, he stated "I can no longer live a lie... I must come out of the closet. I must come clean and confess to all that I have been a staunch liberal all my life." Greene's political affiliation came into question when several **Carol Mosely-Braun** re-election signs appeared in his yard. Congressional Republicans have been working in damage control mode this week, claiming that this whole incident has turned out to be more "atypical Democrat lies and deceit." "When will the democrats learn that the American people will not tolerate these lies?" one House Republican stated.

Democratic leaders welcomed and embraced Greene's announcement and have indicated that they will meet with him in early 1999 to discuss potential involvement in the Democratic agenda. Greene closed his press conference by stating "I'm liberal, pagan and proud!"



Rustin Greene's political affiliation came into question when he showed up at the Haunted House (pictured above) wearing a re-elect Mosley-Braun shirt.

It's A Little Known Fact Astronomy

Astronomy is the science dealing with all the celestial bodies in the universe, including the planets and their satellites, comets and meteors, the stars and interstellar matter, the star systems known as galaxies, and clusters of galaxies. Modern astronomy is divided into several branches: astrometry, the observational study of the positions and motions of these bodies; celestial mechanics, the mathematical study of their motions as explained by the theory of gravitation; astrophysics, the study of their chemical composition and physical condition from spectrum analysis and the laws of physics; and cosmology, the study of the universe as a whole.

Astronomers now study not only planets, stars, and galaxies but also plasmas (hot, ionized gases) surrounding double stars, interstellar regions that are the birthplaces of new stars, cold dust grains that are invisible in the optical regions, energetic nuclei of galaxies that may contain black holes, and photons originating from the big bang that may yield information about the early history of the universe.

With the use of the telescope, many new members of the solar system were discovered, including the planet Uranus in 1781 by the British astronomer Sir William Herschel; the planet Neptune in 1846 independently by the British astronomer John Couch Adams and the French astronomer Urbain Jean Joseph Leverrier; and Pluto in 1930 by the American astronomer Clyde William Tombaugh.

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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