



# The Charge!

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## 1999 Executive Board Elected

The Peoria Jaycees held their annual officer elections at the November membership meeting and once again have filled every executive board position for the fifth time in a row. Despite the lack of formal election announcements the month before and during the Haunted House where many members become weary and tired of Jaycee activity, a few of the positions were surprisingly contested.

**Heather Zech** was elected at the 61<sup>st</sup> president of the Peoria Jaycees, defeating two other contestants, **'Dubby' Janosov** and presidential incumbent **'Queen' Joann Ziegler**. The position of chapter management vice president was also contested between **Clayton Hoffman** and **Jeff Ulrich**, with Ulrich becoming the victor. The third office to be contested was for individual development vice president. Running for this office was incumbent **Mike Buckley** and **Mary Owens**. Buckley won this election and will remain in office.

Other members elected to the executive board were **Shari Owens** for community development vice president, **Bob Klannukarn** for membership vice president, **'Queen' Joann** for state director, **Rick Owens** for treasurer and **Sandy Pearce** for secretary. Local directors elected consist of **Cheryl Antal**, **Laura Buckley**, **Cara Cima**, **Eric Gengler**, **Clayton Hoffman**, **'Dubby' Janosov**, **Mary Owens**, **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt**, **Cindy Schwerer** and **Dan 'Wilky' Wilkinson**.

In June of 1998, the US Jaycees voted to change their fiscal year to a calendar year. In turn, the Peoria Jaycees took measures to make this change quickly and as easily as possible. This election was the first to be held in November for the new Jaycee year.

## 1998 Year Hastily Concludes At Christmas Dinner

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) - In an event which is destined to become a new tradition in the Peoria Jaycees, the annual Christmas dinner and Secret Santa gift exchange was held in conjunction with the Year End Awards and Installation Banquet and the monthly membership happy hour. The dinner was held at Alexander's Steakhouse in Peoria on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. "Yes, it is a kind of one-stop shopping for us" stated **'Queen' Joann Ziegler**, who also explained that the change in Jaycee year was primarily to blame for the conglomeration of events into one night. "Every one is busy during the month of December with other things in their lives" Ziegler explained, "simply to put it, there are not enough days in the month to get everything done. This is why we were forced to do this."

Chairman of the Board, **'Governor' Dennis Owens** questioned the rationality and competence of the national Jaycee organization. "Things were working fine before. Why change it?" Owens stated, "Those national officers probably don't have to worry about any of this; they probably don't have any Christmas or other activities outside the Jaycees because their whole life is nothing but Jaycees." While the Peoria Jaycees will cooperate and work with the national organization, they were strong opponents of the year change plan.

Year-end awards were presented after the dinner and Secret Santa gift exchange. Winning the Jaycee of the Year Award was **'Dubby' Janosov**. **Rick Owens** took home the Board member of the Year Award. The Dale Akridge Memorial Award for the outstanding new member was given to **Angela Babcock** for her work with the Jaycees involvement with Godfather's Pizza and her co-chairmanship with the Haunted House. Two separate awards were presented for Chairman of the Year. One award was for a small project, the other for a large project. Winning the awards were **Mary Owens** for the Past President's Party and **Mike Buckley** for the Firecracker 5000. Lastly, but not least, the Project of the Year Award was given to **Jeff Ulrich** for the 1998 Haunted House.

The installation of the 1999 executive board then took place after the awards presentation. At this point, the group of Jaycees started becoming restless, which developed into a brief food fight and a small debate about which drinking establishment to adjourn the dinner.

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

***By Rick Owens***



### **New Year, Same Nonsense**

Yes, it looks like there will be another year for me as your newsletter editor and Internet webmaster.

If you recall last April, I volunteered to perform these duties for at least another year, which would obligate me to May 1999. Well then in June of this year, an incredible bout of wisdom overcame the US Jaycees and they voted to change the Jaycee fiscal year to the calendar year. In conforming to this insane madness of year change, the Peoria Jaycees are ending the 1998-year this month... 6 months early. If I were to keep my word and continue until May 1999, the Peoria Jaycees would lose its newsletter editor in the middle of the new year.

During the November elections, I announced that I would continue my efforts with this publication and the web site at least until the end of the new year in December 1999. After that, who knows... I'll make that decision when I get there.

But for the meantime, I am excited for the new executive board. I think we got some choice people for key positions. Heather should make an excellent president and lead this chapter to new heights.

At one time, I stated that *The Charge!* would not rest until we unlock the truths of government cover-ups of extraterrestrial activities and UFO sightings. Heather, being the avid **Art Bell** listener, will undoubtedly speed up our efforts. By now a lot of you are probably saying "who did we just put in office?!"

### **It Pays To Advertise**

Recently, I discovered the effect of this publication first hand from something that was published a few months back. When *The Charge!* was first being printed by **Alpha Graphics**, I detailed the excellent job that they had done. **Patty Schmidt**, ('the Friar's' Aunt Patty) read this information at a time when her sewing club was looking for some print work to be done. Guess who got the job... Alpha Graphics. It just goes to prove that it pays to advertise... and someone actually reads this thing!

## Mark Your Calendars

### December

**Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours;** Thursday, December 10, 5:7:00pm, sponsored by Monastery Point, 3737 N. Marybell, Peoria - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

**Chapter Planning Guide Meeting;** Thursday, December 10, 6:00pm, RLO, Inc., board members should attend - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Gift Wrapping For Santa Visits Kids;** Sunday, December 13, 3:00pm, Stan Munton's home, 5000 N. Melody Ln., Peoria - call Clayton Hoffman @ 243-1709

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, December 17, 7:00pm, Amvets Post, downtown Peoria - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Santa Visits The Kids;** Saturday, December 19, 8:30am, meet at Cindy Schwerer's residence, 5312 N. Knoxville Ave., - call Clayton Hoffman @ 243-1709

**Christmas Day;** Friday, December 25

### January

**DSA Banquet Committee Meeting;** Monday, January 4, 7:00pm, John Cima's residence, 2521 W. Nottingham Pl., Peoria, all award presenters must attend - call John Cima @ 693-0631

**Newsletter Articles Due;** Thursday, January 7 - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, January 7, 6:00pm, RLO World HQ - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Jaycees Happy Hour;** Friday, January 8, 5-7:00pm, Sulley's, downtown Peoria - call Bob Klannukarn @ 693-2417

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, January 14, 5-7:00pm, sponsored by PARC - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

**Jaycees Ski Weekend;** (TENTATIVE) Weekend of January 15-17, everyone responsible for their own expenses - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**DSA Banquet;** Wednesday, January 20, cocktails 6:30pm, dinner 7:00pm, Barrick's Cater Inn - call John Cima @ 693-0631

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, January 21, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Super Bowl Party;** Sunday, January 31, Location and time to be announced, chili cook-off, prizes - call Dubby @ 691-0688

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## Mail Call



September 21, 1998

Mr. Mike Buckley  
Peoria Jaycees  
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Dear Mr. Buckley;

On behalf of the children, Board of Directors, and staff of the Heart of Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters, I would like to thank you for the donation of \$2,250.00 which our agency recently received. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to know that there are people, like you, who give of themselves to assist an organization like Big Brothers Big Sisters. Your gift is an investment in the youth that we serve here in Central Illinois and helps us to provide them with the guidance they need to become productive citizens. Big Brothers Big Sisters did not provide any goods or services to you in exchange for your contribution.

Again, thank you for your patronage. If you would ever need my assistance, please feel free to call me at 637-1771.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey A. Parmenter  
Executive Director

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



**Board Meetings:** Held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 6:00pm at RLO, Inc.

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

## Amvets Chicken Tuesdays

Looking for a new lunch idea? Want something other than fast food? Try having some good home cooked fried chicken at the Amvets Post #64 in downtown Peoria.

Every Tuesday at noon, several Jaycee members meet each other for Sonny's fried chicken and mashed potatoes. Come join the fun in the basement of the Amvets for Chicken Tuesday!

The Amvets Post is located at 237 Monroe St., at the corner of Monroe and Fayette.

## Dubby's Page

Hello everybody. Mmmm! I'm just finishing a plate of ribs from Big John's. This is good! Let me wipe my hands and face and give you my report.

### Super Bowl Party

I have decided to co-chair the annual Super Bowl Party along with **Theresa Diefendorf** on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. It will most likely be held at the Amvets in downtown Peoria, but you can count on plenty of prizes, chili, food, snacks, beer and fun. Check the January issue of *The Charge!* for more details.

### Movie & Dinner

Since the Christmas season keeps most of us busy with shopping, parties and dinners, the next dinner and movie night will be held in January. Our last dinner and movie took us to Basta Mangiare where we ate and then to the movie *The Waterboy*. Check next month's newsletter to find out where we will be eating and what movie we will plan on seeing.

### Jaycees Hockey Night

I have reserved a block of tickets for a Peoria Riverman/Jaycees Hockey Night. This is scheduled for Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, which is also designated 70's night (I think the team wears old Peoria Prancer uniforms). I only have 50 tickets, which are priced at \$9 a ticket, so if you're interested in going, please call me at 691-6608. I don't want to have to sell these to people in an elevator like I had to last time.

I know several Bloomington Jaycee members are interested in going as well, so you better get your ticket fast. Also, I will have a sign up sheet at the next membership meeting so that you may reserve your seat. Game time that night is at 8:00pm and we will be going to dinner somewhere before.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Board Meeting Time Change

The Peoria Jaycees executive board meetings will be moving an hour earlier to 6:00pm on the first Thursday of the month. President-elect **Heather Zech** initiated the change so that the meeting can finish sooner and that board members "can return to their lives."

The Peoria Jaycees board meetings usually take place at the RLO World Headquarters on Willow Knolls Rd in Peoria.



*Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Peoria Jaycees*

*Remember, Santa says know when to say when!*

## State Director Report *by Courtney Bosworth*



### General Assembly

The Illinois Jaycees held their GA last month in Springfield, IL. It was a sad display to see that our three newlywed men took off without their wives to go to

this convention. The only representation Peoria had was with them and **'Queen' Joann**. I would also like to point out that our newest member, **Bob Klannukarn**, formerly of the Peoria Heights Jaycees, won an award during the Prairieland Caucus. However, the drunken newlywed men who accepted the award for Bob, forgot it and left it in their room. Sorry Bob.

The next GA is set for the weekend of February 12th - 14<sup>th</sup>. At the last board meeting, there was some talk of several people going. If interested, please call the new president elect **Heather Zech** at 274-4035 or the new state director-elect **'Queen' Joann** at 689-0051.

### Best Wishes from the Outgoing State Director

I would like to offer the best of luck to my successor, Joann and to the rest of the 1999 board. Also, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Community Development *by Cindy Schwerer*



Hi! Happy Holidays!

### Santa Visits The Kids

To wrap up the year, **Stan Munton** has invited us to his new home at 5000 Melody Ln. to wrap gifts for Santa Visits the Kids. We will meet on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at

3:00pm. Please bring a goodie to share and a pair of scissors.

On Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> we will deliver the gifts. Meet at my house on 5312 N. Knoxville at 8:30am. I will not be dressing like an elf this year, but don't let that stop you.

### DSA Banquet

The DSA Banquet is set for Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at Barrick's Cater Inn. **John Cima** and **Heather Zech** are co-chairing this project and have been doing a great job. They have already arranged for award presenters and have lined up two guest speakers. If wanting to get involved, please call John at 693-0631 or Heather at 274-4035.

### Good Luck

Also, good luck to our new community development vice president, **Shari Owens**! She needs everyone's support this year.

See you all later,  
Cindy

## Membership Report *by Rick Owens*

### Who's Up For Renewal

The following members are due this December:

No one.

The following members will be due in January:

Joe Burkitt	*Stanley Munton
Michelle Feger	Mark Rosenberg
Kevin Leach	

\* - denotes associate member

### Membership Status

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. I think this popular phrase can best describe the role of membership during this abbreviated year. While there was much more I wanted to accomplish, I believe that some progress was made. Since the year started on May 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, the chapter netted a loss of 12 member. The year started at 93; we currently have 81 regular members. Please keep in mind that the vast majority of these members were considered "paper members," people who did not participate very much or at all. In most cases, no one ever responded to invoices or phone calls. This was definitely the worst of times.

During this period, the average retention rate was 62%. I think it can be higher but this is probably an average rate. Also during this period, we have managed to get a better control of the spiraling unpaid dues problem. I implemented a new invoicing software with our roster system so that we can collect renewal fees much more efficiently. We have cut the unpaid dues rate in half since this time. This is definitely the best of times.

### Happy Hour

The next Jaycees happy hour, which is normally scheduled on the first Friday of the month, will be on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Sulley's in downtown Peoria. The first Friday of the month lands on New Year's Day, and the board figured that the last thing most people would want then would be beer.

Please join us and bring your friends and any prospective members!

### Parting (or Partying) Thoughts

By looking at the membership as a whole, I believe it is in good shape. I hope that I have made the office of membership more efficient by implementing such things as the invoicing software and setting certain policies and practices. I wish **Bob Klannukarn** the best of luck with this position and I will be helping him get adjusted to not only his new office, but also his membership in this chapter. I know Bob is enthusiastic and is very capable of the position. Lastly, I hope everyone has a great holiday season this year.

## Chapter Management *by Becky Lemont*



### Chapter Plan

With the recent election and installation of officers, we held a preliminary chapter plan meeting at my house on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Originally planned to be an officer training session, we changed it to a chapter planning session just to make certain that we can come up with some type of direction for the next year.

Another chapter planning guide meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the RLO World Headquarters. We anticipate on finalizing the chapter plan and shortly thereafter, the chapter budget can be finalized. This material needs to be turned in to the Illinois Jaycees by December 20<sup>th</sup> to receive any credit.

Since I am not on the board for the next year, I will not be taking an active role. However, I'll be around for the next few months until Joe and I move to who knows where, willing and able to help out.

### International Beer Festival

Are you ready? Yes, committee meetings have already started and we have two co-chairmen for one of our biggest and fastest growing projects... the International Beer Festival!

**Mike Rhodes** will once again chair this year's beer fest along with **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt**. This year's beer fest, which is the 7<sup>th</sup> annual, will be held on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Expo Gardens. Of course, volunteers are always needed, but for now, we are looking for sub-chairs for the project. If you are interested in becoming involved, please call Mike at 681-9747 or Dan at 682-5432.



### Business After Hours

Please remember that the Peoria Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 5:00 to 7:00pm. It is held at different local businesses every month, so please check the newsletter, our website or call the Chamber at 676-0755 to verify the After Hours location.

The Business After Hours is an excellent way to network your business or services, meet new people and for the Jaycees, recruit new members.

Here is the tentative schedule for the next few Business After Hours. Please keep in mind that locations are subject to change with out notice. Please phone first to verify.

December 10, 1998	Monastery Pointe
January 14, 1999	PARC
February 11, 1999	Commerce Bank

### Personal Note

I would also like to say that I've had a very challenging and great time as your chapter management vice president. I would like to offer my congratulations to the new board and wish them the best of luck for the year ahead. I think we have very talented people in critical areas. The next year looks very bright for the Peoria Jaycees. Also, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

See you,  
Becky

## By Her Majesty's Order *by 'Queen' Joann Ziegler*



### One Last Time

I can't believe this year has already come to the end. As you look back on it now, it went by pretty fast. We made it through this year change with no casualties.

I would like to thank everyone in the chapter for the opportunity to have this position. It has been a very eye opening experience and something I think everyone should have the chance to do. You will learn a lot, as I have done. I could have never done it without the Board of Directors and all the Local Directors, who I believe have done a great job. Good Luck in those that will be switching positions for next year's board.

As we set goals that we want to reach as a chapter, it's never too late to do that with your own personal life. That's part of what this organization is about. Make a list of things that you want to achieve not only in your Jaycee life, but your personal and professional life. You will be amazed how much it will change your life. I believe each and every one of us can reach their goals if give it a chance.

Speaking of a chance, share the organization with everyone. Give everyone the chance to experience Jaycees and get out of it what you have put in. We should be the organization of choice, but we need to ask people to join. People will never have the experiences and the friendships that we have had if you never ask them. All you have to do is ask, it really is that simple.

Before I fade into the back of the room, I would like to wish Heather Zech and her new board a great year. May all of you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Thank you again for everything you have done for me this year and letting me take on this role for the chapter.

Joann

## Individual Development

*by Mike Buckley*

### A Look Back

I'd like to start this month's ID report with a review of the last couple of projects. Fourteen stargazers braved thirty-degree temperatures on Astronomy Night. We were fortunate to have a crisp, clear night to look at a variety of stars, planets, moons, galaxies and even a "red pulsar" (ha ha). I'd like to thank **Steve Wrigley** of the Peoria Astronomical Society for taking the time to show us the heavenly sights.

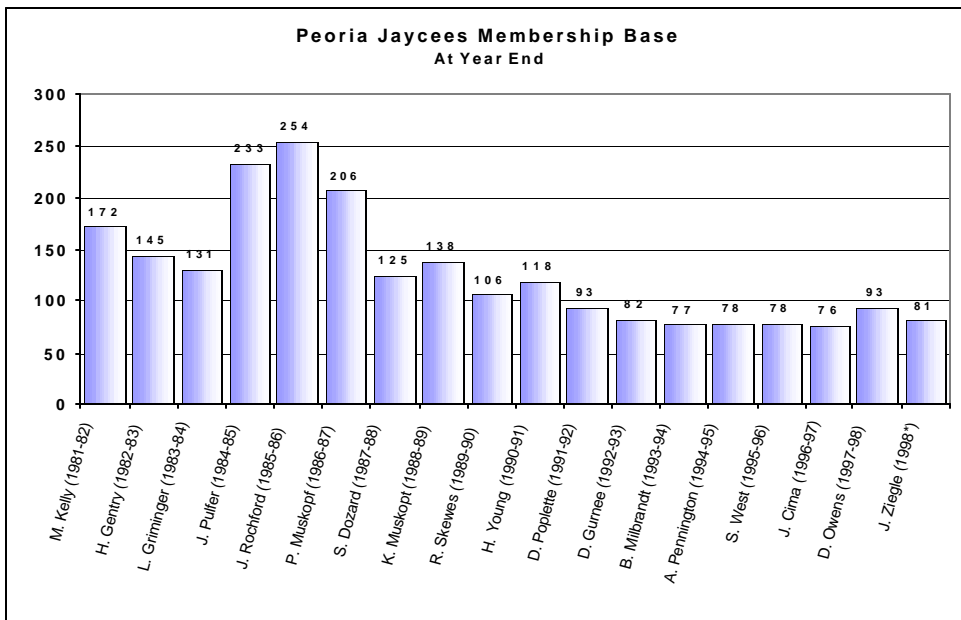
There was a small, but eager group at Christmas Card Night. **Laura Buckley** demonstrated different techniques for making Christmas Cards to **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt**, **Dubby** and myself. After our initial lesson, she turned us loose to make cards that would spread holiday cheer far and wide. To quote one participant, "I was kinds interested in stamping, but I didn't think I'd like it." Thanks to Laura for taking the time and putting up with us.

### It's Back: Mock Stock

There are a few projects coming up. **Jeff Ulrich** volunteered to chair the mock stock contest this year. You can pick \$10,000 worth of stock at the December membership meeting. The contest will officially start on January 1, 1999 and will end a day before the 1999 Christmas party, whenever that will be. Therefore, you'll have a whole year for your stocks to appreciate (or depreciate in some cases). The person who earns the most money for their mock investments will win a cool prize.

### Guest Speaker

At the January meeting, you can have all your income tax question answered. After the meeting we will have a tax expert from Clifton Gunderson speaking on changes in the tax law. Hope everyone can be there.



Displayed above is the Peoria Jaycee membership base through the years, with president's name and year listed. Note: 1998 was only a 6-month year.

## Lead The Field

Do you want to get motivated and learn the secrets behind becoming a leader? Are you looking for motivational tapes but can't bear high price tag? Becoming motivated is the start to becoming a leader.

I'm sure you've seen motivational tapes that are in the hundreds of dollars which seems a little high priced. Well, it is. I, **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland** was given a set of motivational tapes to listen to and what was said was nothing new, just a refreshment. The speaker's name is **Earl Nightingale** and I believe that he has been dead for some years now.

The message he sends is focused on the basics, which never change or become out dated. I highly recommend these tapes to refresh your mind on how to get things accomplished and a way to get motivated.

The online sale cost is \$39.00 for a set of 6 tapes. You can find these tapes at [www.nightingale.com](http://www.nightingale.com) and search for the author, Earl Nightingale and the title of the series is "Lead The Field". It will be the best \$39.00 you have spent in a long time. (You can also call 1-800-323-5552 for a copy.)

## Peoria Jaycees Ski Weekend

Every January for the past few years, several Peoria Jaycee members have taken off to Devil's Head, Wisconsin for a ski weekend getaway. This trip has always proven to be a great time and a lot of fun.

After close examination of the Peoria Jaycee schedule, it appears that the only free weekend open for such an excursion is the weekend of January 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>. All

members attending this trip are responsible for their own expenses. This could add up to \$100 alone with lodging and ski lift tickets, however, lodging costs is dependent upon how many go. Additional expenses include food and beer costs and any other discretionary spending you want to do.

Ideally, the group would leave on Friday night and return on Sunday afternoon. If interested or want more information, call **Rick Owens** at 243-7319 or e-mail at [clark\\_kent@flink.com](mailto:clark_kent@flink.com).

## Top Ten Reasons Bob Klannukarn Joined The Peoria Jaycees

10. Gets to meet a bunch of new people who have trouble pronouncing his last name.
9. He resigned from the Peoria Heights chapter before he was impeached.
8. He didn't join; he was shanghaied.
7. Needed to fulfill community service hours.
6. More beer parties.
5. He was seduced by the dark side of the Force.
4. It was a get a date quick scheme.
3. Wanted to get a free subscription to *The Charge!*
2. Is really working as a double agent for the Peoria Heights Jaycees.
1. Someone told him he could be president, and that meant interns!

## Hunter Mistakes Dog For Quarry

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) - Authorities took a Peoria man into custody last week for the shooting death of a local dog. **'Commander' Steven J. West**, 42, a local prominent attorney and Peoria Jaycee member, was accused of shooting a neighboring chocolate Labrador retriever when his current deer hunting excursions turned up unsuccessful. West is currently under psychiatric care to determine if he is fit to stand trial.

West alleges that between the twilight of the early morning and several layers of duct tape over his eyeglasses that hindered his sight, made him mistake the canine for a small deer fawn outside his Galena Rd. home. "After I shot him, I went to go get him and then realized what had happened" West testified, "I was saddened, horrified and upset." West also testified that he became reclusive for the rest of that day and remained inside his apartment in a state of remorse. In addition, the cries of a neighbor boy yelling "Here Rover!" pushed him over the edge.

Police arrested West the following day when they discovered the dog and the buckshot that killed him, lying beside Route 29. In a press conference late last week, Assistant to the Assistant District Attorney **Cindy Schwerer** stated "He's bad!" Schwerer also stated that this was the worst case of animal cruelty she had ever seen with the exception of a scene in the 1983 movie, *National Lampoon's Vacation*. "How can anyone do something like this right before Christmas?" Schwerer asked, "We're going to prosecute to the full extent of the law, and we're gonna win!" West, a noted attorney in the Peoria area, stated that he would defend himself.

West's fellow Jaycee member and deer hunter, **'Governor' Dennis Owens**, claimed that West had been "getting desperate and frantic with the (deer) season closing and not bagging anything." Owens also stated "You should be thankful that he didn't take that dog home with him and gut it."

## It's A Little Known Fact Mistletoe

Mistletoe is a common name for various parasitic plants belonging to the mistletoe family. The common European mistletoe grows on various trees, usually apples and junipers. It is an evergreen plant with small, greenish flowers and white berries. A similar mistletoe, American mistletoe, found in the United States, grows on deciduous trees, particularly red maple and elm, from eastern Texas to Florida and northward to Missouri and New Jersey.

The leafless flowering dwarf mistletoes depend entirely on the host tree for nourishment. These scrubs are lethal parasites of conifers, such as pine, spruce, fir, and hemlock. The common mistletoe figured significantly in the folklore and religions of pre-Christian Europe. Reputedly endowed with magical powers, it was used as a cure for sterility and as an antidote for poisons. It is used as a Christmas and New Year's decoration, and kissing under a branch of mistletoe is still customary.

Scientific classification: Mistletoe belongs to the family Loranthaceae. The common European mistletoe is classified as *Viscum album*, the American mistletoe as *Phoradendron flavescens*, and the dwarf mistletoe as *Arceuthobium pusillum*.

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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**

**Peoria Jaycees**

**The 1998-99 Peoria Jaycees Executive Board**

'Governor' Dennis Owens	Chairman
'Queen' Joann Ziegler	President
Becky Lemont	Chapter Mgmt VP
Cindy Schwerer	Community Development VP
Rick Owens	Membership VP
Mike Buckley	Individual Development VP
Courtney Bosworth	State Director
Mike Rhodes	Treasurer
Jeff Ulrich	Secretary
Laura Buckley	Local Director
Theresa Diefendorf	Local Director
Amiee Fuller	Local Director
Eric 'Crash' Gengler	Local Director
'Dubby' Janosov	Local Director
Joe Lemont	Local Director
Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt	Local Director
Cindy Schwerer	Local Director
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  - Year End Awards Presented
  - Santa Visits The Kids – Dec 19<sup>th</sup>
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Beer Festival

Unpublished Material:

## Jaycees Discover Astronomical Anomaly

It was a crisp, clear and cold November night when several Peoria Jaycee members arrived for an "astronomy night" at a Peoria observatory. **Steve Wrigley**, a member with the Peoria Astronomical Society hosted the event, which was held exclusively for the Peoria-based volunteer organization. **John 'Caesar' Cima**, one of the Jaycee members who was in attendance that night said the he hoped they would find the mythical Planet X. "Planet X was a bar in downtown Peoria" **Rick Owens** joking informed. Little did anyone know that this statement would ironically foreshadow it's humorous content.

After an hour of looking at Jupiter, Saturn and star clusters, John asked if he could take the controls of the telescope and try to focus on something in the heavens. Steve turned over the controls and let John look around. Meanwhile, Steve taught other facts about outer space to the group of Jaycees .

After about 10 minutes of intense observation and while it was still cold, perspiration began to develop on John's face. "I've found it!" John exclaimed, "I've found it! A red pulsar... Planet X!" John began exclaiming and ranting violently. "This can only mean one thing... life exists out there!" After witnessing this display, **Heather Zech** said in response, "I knew it! I knew it! **Art Bell** was right!" John then suddenly placed both his hands over his pelvic area and then quietly said "Oh no!" From the intense excitement of his historic discovery, John had lost bladder control and excused himself from the room.

Excited about the discovery, but remaining calm and reserved, Steve said, "Let's check this out." Upon further examination, the red pulsar, the mysterious and mythical Planet X, turned out to be a red beacon light on a radio tower that John had out of focus. Steve chuckled and told everyone what it really was. Steve then said, "Wait till John get back and he find's out what this really is."

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## Disgruntled Hunter Mistakes Dog For Quarry

Authorities took a Peoria man into custody last week for the shooting death of a local dog. **'Commander' Steven J. West**, 42, a local prominate attorney and Peoria Jaycee member, was accused of shooting a neighboring chocolate labrador retriever when his current deer hunting excursions turned up unsuccessful. West is currently under psychiatric care to determine if he is fit to stand trial.

West alleges that he mistook the canine for a small deer fawn in the twilight of the early morning outside his Galena Rd. home. "After I shot him, I went to go get him and then realized what had happened" West testified, "I was horrified and upset." West also testified that he became reclusive for the rest of that day and remained inside his apartment. In addition, the cries of a neighbor boy yelling "Here Rover!" pushed him over the edge.

Police arrested West the following day when they discovered the dog and the buckshot that killed him, lying beside Route 29. In a press conference late last week, Assistant to the Assistant District Attorney **Cindy Schwerer** stated "He's bad!" Schwerer also stated that this was the worst case of animal cruelty she had ever seen with the exception of a scene in the 1983 movie, National Lampoon's Vacation. "How can anyone do something like this right before Christmas?" Schwerer asked, "I don't know what the animal creulity law is, but we're prosecuting to the full extent of that law." West, a noted attorney in the Peoria area, stated that he would defend himself.

West's fellow Jaycee member and deer hunter, **'Governor' Dennis Owens**, claimed that West had been "getting desperate and frantic with the (deer) season closing and not bagging anything." Owens also stated "You should be thankful that he didn't take that dog back with him and gut it."

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