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A Note From The Most Dangerous Lame-Duck President In America

My Fellow Jaycees,

On the surface, a year sounds like a lengthy piece of time. But when you really think about it, a year goes by very quickly. Case in point...the year just past. At this time last year, I was sworn in as the president of the Peoria Jaycees. However, it boggles my mind to think I've been the president that long. A new year is upon us, and with that, a new president and officers.

As I reflect upon this past year, I realize that the Peoria Jaycees have made large strides towards the betterment of the community and its members. By working together as a team, the members of the chapter and the board made the year 2000 a very successful one. It was these people that really strived to make a difference, and they made me proud to be their chapter president.

For those who can remember back a year ago, you will recall I had four main goals that set the direction for the Peoria Jaycees. The first one was the recruitment of quality members. I feel that we have done a stellar performance of achieving this goal. While signing up just anyone may be of little challenge, we have made the effort this year to invest a little more time to get to know whom we were trying to recruit. In turn, the prospective member had the opportunity to learn about the Peoria Jaycees. Hopefully, a good match had been made between the two parties, and a new member would be signed. Since becoming selective of who we sign up to be a member, we have created a very active membership with strong retention. Strong retention means strong growth and, ultimately, a strong chapter. Currently, the chapter roster is at 71 members. Approximately 75% of our members are active, and our retention rate is about the same. The chapter's involvement was most apparent during the operation of our haunted house, where it was common for eight to ten members to show up every night. In recent years, that figure was more like three to five members.

My second main goal was the improvement and maintenance of fiscal and administrative responsibilities. I feel that we have made continued improvement in this area, as well. Examples of our improvement include membership dues being collected in a timely manner, CPGs and other documentation being routinely sent to the Illinois Jaycees Service Center for proper credit, and the board assembling quarterly to review our chapter plan and goals for the year. In addition, we held a new member orientation every quarter for newer members, and we still continue to look for ways to improve how we conduct business and handle other matters. Going into the next year, I have a few ideas of ways to better follow budgets more efficiently and effectively.

The third main goal was to gain more public exposure. This goal definitely kicked buttock! The board this year appointed a Public Relations Director to handle public relations duties and to distribute public service announcements for our events. We were also successful in getting exposure through television and the *Peoria Journal Star* newspaper. Events we held to increase our exposure were the Business After Hours last summer, which propelled us with a more professional image among the business community, while our 60th Anniversary reunited us with our past members and dignitaries. I'm sure there are a few more people in the community that know about the Peoria Jaycees this year.

The last main goal was to have fun. I guess you will have to personally assess the rate of success towards this goal. However, for me, I've had a blast this past year, and being the president was an experience where I have learned a great deal and will have many fond memories. It is kind of a bittersweet situation for me to see my presidency come to an end. While I look forward to some free time that the chairman of the board position offers, I will miss many of the aspects of being the president.

Before I conclude my piece, I would like to once again thank the board of directors this past year for all of the hard work they have done and for the dedication to make the year 2000 one to remember. I could not have completed my year as president without these talented people. I offer my congratulations to our new officers for the year 2001, and I wish the best of luck to them for what is looking like another strong year for the Peoria Jaycees. As the incoming chairman for 2001, I will remain committed to assisting the board in their endeavors and try my best to the utmost to maintain the high standards we have already set for ourselves.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season.

Thanks,

RLO

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 the Peoria Public Library, downtown Peoria.

Membership Meetings: Held the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00pm at the Amvets Post #64 in downtown Peoria, on the corner of Monroe & Fayette.



Membership Report *by Dubby Janosov*

We are at the end of the year...I don't know where it went! I would like to say that it has been a pleasure being the membership vice president for the Peoria Jaycees over the past year. I learned a lot. I would like to wish **Frank Perino** good luck next year as the new membership vice president.

Peoria Jaycees Rivermen Night

Jaycees Rivermen Night will be Saturday, January 27 at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$12.00, and we will be sitting in Lower Bowl, Section 4. 45 People have signed up, so that leaves us with about 15 tickets left. Those who have your name on the list need to get me your money by January 8 (please make checks out to the Peoria Rivermen). Mail your payment to me at:

Kevin Janosov
1724 West Willowwood Drive
Peoria, Illinois 61614

Don't wait till it's too late...give me a call at 691-6608 if you want to go!

Monday Night Football Club

December 11 - 7:30 PM – Webby's Sports Bar
December 18 – 7:30 PM – Sully's

Come on out!!

Who's Due

No members are due in December

New Members

Please welcome **Wendy Clune** (recruited by **Kevin Kokinda**), **Brad Gordon** (recruited by **Anne McSorley**), **Danny Hougham** (recruited by **Dan Schmidt**), **Dawn Kusch** (recruited by **Heather Zech**), **Kim Seay** (recruited by **Aimee Calbow**), and **Dean Trotter** (recruited himself) to the Peoria Jaycees. We're glad you're here!

I want to wish the new board good luck next year. I also want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mark Your Calendars

December

Monday Night Football - Monday, December 11, 7:30 PM, Webby's Sports Bar (the old Silver Bullet) – call **Dubby @ 691-6608**.

Business After Hours - Thursday, December 14, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Creative Logics, Washington Street, downtown Peoria – call **Randy Stevens @ 686-8480**.

Holiday Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate Fantasy - Saturday, December 16, 7:00 PM - ??, **Jeff Pulfer's** residence –contact **Jeff Pulfer @ 444-4656**.

Monday Night Football – Monday, December 18, 7:30 PM, Sully's – call **Dubby @ 691-6608**.

International Beer Festival Committee Meeting; Wednesday, December 20, - call Frank Perino @ 685-2972 or Matt Ryan @ 688-9089

Membership Meeting - Thursday, December 21, 7:00 PM, Amvets Post 64, 237 Monroe, downtown Peoria – contact **Rick Owens @ 243-7319**.

January

Board Meeting - Thursday, January 4, 7:00 PM, Peoria Public Library, downtown Peoria – contact **Randy Stevens @ 686-8480**.

Jaycees Happy Hour - Friday, January 5, 5:00 PM - ??, VOP's, Peoria – contact **Anne McSorley @ 677-2184**.

Pancake Breakfast - (TENTATIVE) Saturday, January 6, 8:00 AM, Amvets, downtown Peoria – contact **Kevin Kokinda @ 673-5688**.

Business After Hours - Thursday, January 11, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, JMP Media, 331 Fulton St., downtown Peoria – contact **Anne McSorley @ 677-2184**.

Illinois Jaycees State LOTS - Local Officer Training Seminar, Saturday, January 13 – contact **Randy Stevens @ 686-8480** or **Toby Quin @ 444-9304**.

Membership Meeting - Thursday, January 18, 7:00 PM, Amvets Post 64, 237 Monroe, downtown Peoria – contact **Randy Stevens @ 686-8480**.

Ski/Snowboarding Dynamics - Friday, January 19 - 21, Devil's Head Ski Resort in Wisconsin – contact **Jonathan Sinclair @ 693-1297**.

Jaycees Hockey Night; Saturday, January 27, Rivermen Hockey game starts 7pm – call Dubby @ 691-6608

Community Development by Anne McSorley

It is hard to believe that my time as CDVP is coming to an end!! Overall I think it has been a very successful year. Starting with the DSA Banquet last year, through the Easter Egg Hunt, T-Ball, the Firecracker 5000, and many other projects, great things have happened in the area of Community Development. Not only did we raise a lot of money, we also volunteered for agencies from the Muscular Dystrophy Association to the Center for Prevention of Abuse. Perhaps one of the things I am most proud of is the money we raised for Camp New Hope (which I still believe should be called Camp Wilkinson!!!). Good luck to **Bob Klannakurn** as he regains control of the area of Community Development. I am looking forward to switching roles and serving this group as Chapter Management Vice President. Have a wonderful Holiday!!!

Chapter Management by Randy Stevens

At a time when the Peoria Jaycees are usually slowing down, we continue to pick up steam! The momentum of a very successful haunted house propelled our chapter through November, with more in store for December. Business After Hours will be December 14 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at Creative Logic, located on Washington Street in downtown Peoria. Business After Hours is a great way to get out and meet other folks in Peoria and promote your business or yourself. There is usually a contingent of Jaycees present. When surfing the web, you should stop by and check out our website at www.jaycees.com. **Dan Schmidt** is the webmaster, and you can send any submissions to him at dan@ssi.net. He would love to hear from you! **Diana Janda** is the editor of *The Charge*, and you can email her articles at sdjanda1@home.com. Remember, you don't have to be on the board to submit an article or "newsworthy" item. **Frank Perino** is getting the ball rolling on the 9th International Beer Festival. There are still positions that need subchairs, so please contact Frank. Bagel is pitching in, but he can't do it all. The Distinguished Service Awards are just around the corner, and this will be the 61st installment of this illustrious event. Please contact **Bob Klannakurn** or myself if you are interested in lending a hand. Another year is almost on the books, and I would like to congratulate everyone in the chapter on an outstanding year. I wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season!

Congratulations and best of luck to the 2001 Board Members

President - Randy Stevens
Chapter Management VP - Anne McSorley
Community Development VP - Bob Klannakurn
Membership VP - Frank Perino
Individual Development VP - Jennifer Routzon
State Director - Toby Quin
Treasurer - Ted Sumner
Secretary - Alicia Coleman
Local Directors - Heather Zech, Dan Schmidt, Kevin Kokinda, Jason Roeder, Julie Witte, Jeff Ulrich, Matt Ryan and Dubby Janosov
Chairman - Rick Owens

Election Dispute Continues In The Peoria Jaycees

Peoria, IL (*Charge!* News Wire) - Weeks after its officer elections, the Peoria Jaycees still do not know for sure who their next president is. Peoria Jaycees Republican presidential candidate **Bob Klannakurn** continues to contest the election and has again sent his team of lawyers to Illinois to ask for a full and immediate hand recount of the ballots, which were cast on the evening of November 16, 2000. It is the 27th time such a recount has been demanded from the Klannakurn campaign.

"This is the Jaycees," Klannakurn said at a press conference yesterday, "and when votes are cast, we count them." Klannakurn contends that several thousand votes had not even been counted which would prove to be in his favor. Klannakurn also believes that dimpled ballots show voter intent and should be counted in three disputed Illinois counties while absentee military ballots should remain invalid. Klannakurn also indicated that his team of lawyers will ask for another recount in Cook County, where election officials halted its hand recount because they believed such a recount could not be completed by the deadline set by the Illinois Supreme Court a week before. Klannakurn also still demands a full revote in Peoria County where alleged votes were miscast due to confusion from reading a "moth" ballot.

The former Peoria Heights Jaycees president has yet to win any recount. After the last hand recount, Peoria Jaycees Democratic presidential candidate **Randy Stevens** was certified by the Illinois Secretary of State to be the winner of the Peoria Jaycees election by a razor thin margin of 357 votes from a chapter of 70 members.

"The people have spoken and have voted their next president," Stevens said in a televised address, "and I thank all those who have supported me in my race for office." Stevens also stated that the chapter needs to move forward and put the election behind them. In addition, Stevens also said that he was perplexed as to why Klannakurn was demanding so many recounts in other counties, when only Peoria Jaycee members could cast votes for the high office.

Since the certification, Stevens has formed his transition team and is taking steps to assume the presidency on January 1, 2001 when current president **Rick Owens** leaves office.

Jaycees Install New Officers For 2001

The Peoria Jaycees installed its new executive officers at the 2000 Christmas Party and Year End Awards Ceremony on December 1, 2000. President-elect **Randy Stevens** was sworn in after the Year End Awards presentation. Stevens then took the task of swearing in his board and that of next year's chairman and current president **Rick Owens**.

Kicking off the Year End Awards presentation was Dennis Owens announcing the 3rd quarter mock stock winner and loser, being the new **Mrs. Vicki Bilsland** and **Dennis Owens**, respectively. Owens then presented a new chapter gavel, which was made out of 100% hedge wood. The gavel band listed all past presidents of the Peoria Jaycees, up to the chapter's president for 2001. In addition, room remains on the band to complete chapter presidents names up to the year 2038.

Winners for the Year End Awards for 2000 were:

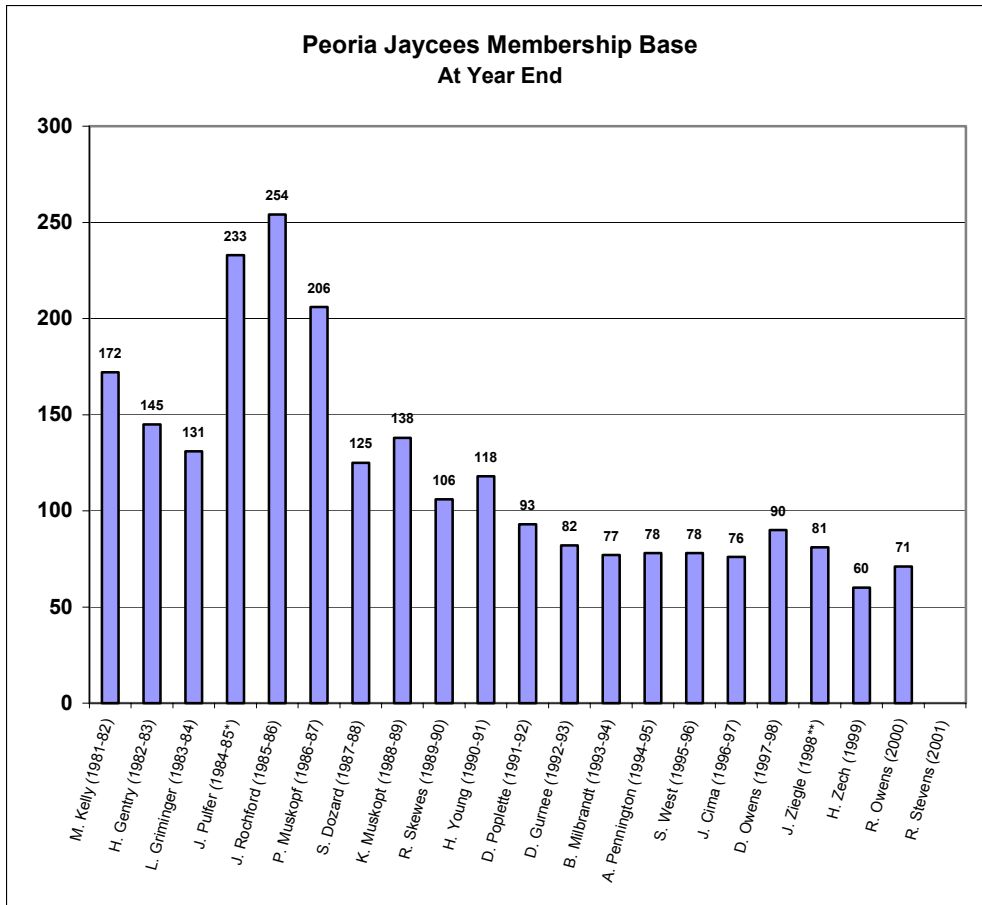
Chairman of the Year - John Cima (Dan Wilkinson, runner up – Randy Stevens, honorable mention)

Project of the Year - Tee Ball / John Cima (60th Anniversary Celebration / Randy Stevens, runner up – Haunted House / Dennis Owens, Randy Stevens, and Dan Schmidt, honorable mention)

Dale Akridge Memorial Award - Toby Quin (Frank Perino, runner up – Ted Sumner, honorable mention)

Board Member of the Year - Anne McSorley (Dan Wilkinson, runner up – Randy Stevens, honorable mention)

Jaycee of the Year - Randy Stevens, (Jennifer Routzon, runner up - Dubby Janosov, honorable mention)



Mail Call

November 10, 2000

Rick,

Great finish to a very good year in Peoria! Getting people involved is the key to continued chapter success! You, your board and your chapter should be very proud of your accomplishments!

John Gill
President,
Illinois Jaycees



Santa Reviews List for 2000



North Pole (*Charge!* News Wire) – Santa Claus has officially announced that he has completed his list of naughty and nice, and that preparations were being made to complete his Christmas run on December 24, 2000.

“Ho Ho Ho” stated the jolly bearded one, “this is going to be the best Christmas ever!” Santa also announced that extra gifts were to be delivered to the members of the Peoria Jaycees as the organization worked very hard over the past year in running projects to better their community, in making a definite difference for the people that live there and for being “good little boys and girls.”

Santa would not go into specifics over his flight plan and schedule for Christmas Eve, but he did say to everyone to have a Happy Holiday Season and a Great New Year.

The Peoria Jaycees wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. Remember, Santa says know when to say when!!

The Peoria Jaycees

62nd Annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet

Thursday, February 22, 2001

Once again, the Peoria Jaycees will be recognizing our community's local outstanding young leaders in areas of education, law enforcement, business, medicine, government and community service.

While a lot of the preliminary work has been completed for this event, the Peoria Jaycees is looking for one of its members to step forward to serve as chairman for our longest running and highest profile event.

Interested? Please contact Randy Stevens at 686-8480 or robran@bitwisesystems.com or Bob Klannukarn at 692-1612 or bob@klannukarn.net.

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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 2000 Peoria Jaycees Executive Board

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- A slew of new members
- Year End Awards recipients
- The election dispute continues...