



The Charge!

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Feel The Burn!

On Friday, January 19th, Peoria Jaycee members **Beth Barr, Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland, Rusty Greene, Dennis Owens, Rick Owens, Jeff Pulfer, Cindy Schwerer** and **Susan Wilbur** headed up to Dubuque, Iowa for a day of skiing at Sundown Ski Area. Departing from the RLO World Headquarters, the group used two vehicles for transportation; Bilsland's SEPCO van and Dennis's Ram Tough pickup. Both of these vehicles were equipped with citizen band radio. Once the CB was turned on, Rusty's true talent emerged as a 'ratchet jaw', and Bilsland acquired a new nickname... 'Mad Dog'.

When the Peoria Jaycees arrived to their motel, they had met up with four members from the Bloomington Jaycees. With a Susan from the Peoria Chapter and 2 Susan's from the Bloomington chapter, confusion set in quickly. Alias's had to be established to keep track of the Susan's. After settling in their rooms, beer and snacks were distributed and everyone was bouncing from room to room, watching various programs on TV.

The next day, the group awoke for a long day of skiing. Beth and Cindy signed up for ski lessons along with two other members from the Bloomington chapter. Meanwhile, Rick and Dennis were the first out on the ski runs as everyone else was messing with their lift tickets. Finally, everyone was ready to go. Bilsland, a Sue from the Bloomington chapter and Rick took a run down the 'Gunbarrel', a black diamond run. The three executed this hill with out any incident, however, Rick noticed Bilsland's skiing style, with him skiing on one foot (obviously trying to impress the women). As Rick observed him, he thought "He's crazy, someone' gonna get hurt." Moments later towards the bottom by the ski lift, Bilsland went off a small jump and wiped out, injuring his knee. Bilsland felt the burn!

As the day progressed, Cindy was really getting into skiing. After hours on the bunny hill, she was determined to go down the Gunbarrel, go off a jump and perhaps do a couple of daffys and maybe even a backscratcher, assuming she can get enough 'big air'. Cindy and Stephanie (another Bloomington member), built up enough courage and decided to go down the big hills, using only their beginners lift pass. Stephanie returned, but Cindy was not with her. After considerable time in the lodge, people began to wonder what happened to Cindy. Rick commented saying "She skied all the way down there and the lift operators won't let her back up because she only has a beginner lift pass." Two minutes later, Sue Wilbur looked out the window and spotted Cindy, hiking up the hill. Cindy felt the burn!

On the way home the following day, Rusty was at it again, jabbering on the CB. This time he was relentless with the truckers, stating that "you guys sit on your #@@, making all that money, complaining about your hemorrhoids and your backs", and so on (we all know how Rusty can keep talking). The truckers kindly responded to Rusty's comments, saying they were tired of listening to him for the past 10 miles. "Pull the plug on him", Pulfer commanded, fearing for his life. The group made it back to Peoria, alive and intact and deemed the weekend to be a success.

Beer Fest Pub Crawl

The International Beer Festival Pub Crawl will be on Friday, March 1st, starting at 4:30pm at the Hofbrau Haus. Join us for a fun filled evening of passing out flyers and handbills at a variety of bars in Peoria, promoting and inviting people to attend the beer fest. If you want to come along and you miss us, call **Dennis Owens** on his cellular at 253-2383. The bars and times are as follows:

4:30-5:30pm	The Hofbrau Haus	8:30-9:15pm	Sully's
5:30-6:30pm	Khaki Jacks	9:15-10:15pm	ZZ Pops
6:30-7:15pm	O'Leary's	10:15-10:45pm	S.O.P.'s
7:15-8:00pm	Mulligan's	11:00-11:30pm	Judge's Chamber & Champ's
8:00-8:30pm	Jimmy's Bar	11:30 - ???	S.O.P.'s, End Zone, ???



From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

by Rick Owens

I have returned from vacation, only to find that the board has abandoned me on this month's newsletter. As you read this month's issue, certain articles may or may not sound like that person actually wrote that piece. The reason being is that no one has submitted their report, leaving me to write it for them (with the exception of **Diana Barach**, as she submits her articles early every month).

But fear not for I was prepared. I spent 7 days out of the country with no source of current news and events (and vacationing with **Jeff Bilsland**, where I learned giving him steel tip darts is about as safe as giving Adolf Hitler nuclear weapons).

Sure, I was ready to report to the membership and to the community of what was happening with the chapter. Only someone stranded on a deserted island for twenty years would know more than me. However, I managed to put together which might even turn out to be the finest newsletter ever written. We shall see.

So here it is! Read it in good health (please note the government warning on the back page). What I didn't know, I probably made up and what I did know, I slandered the person who should have wrote it. Hey, they had plenty of time to get their things in, they were informed and they knew the penalties. They can read the fine print disclaimer at the bottom of this page.

Until next month, I thank you for your support!

Mark Your Calendars

February

Membership Meeting; Thursday, February 15, 7:00pm, at Amvets downtown Peoria - call Commander West

Rusty Greene's Bachelor Party; Saturday, February 17 - call Jeff Bilsland

Epicurean Night; Thursday, February 22, 6:30pm, Rusty's All American Cafe - call Sue Wilbur

March

2nd Annual Pub Crawl; Friday, March 1, 4:30pm, to promote the International Beer Fest - call John Cima or Dennis Owens

Board Meeting; Thursday, March 7, 6:30pm at RLO, Inc. World Headquarters - call Commander West

International Beer Fest; Saturday, March 9, 3:00pm - 10:00pm, we need workers - call John Cima or Dennis Owens

Newsletter Articles Due; Saturday, March 9 - call Rick Owens

Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours; Thursday, March 14 - call Steve West for location (because Valerie's phone is disconnected)

Membership Meeting; Thursday, March 21, 7:00pm, at Amvets downtown Peoria - call Commander West

April

Board Meeting; Thursday, April 4, 6:30pm at RLO, Inc. World Headquarters - call Commander West

Newsletter Articles Due; Saturday, April 6 - call Rick Owens

Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours; Thursday, April 11 - call Steve West for location

Membership Meeting; Thursday, April 18, 7:00pm, at Amvets downtown Peoria, Election Night for Board positions - call Commander West

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Happy Valentines Day!

Chapter Management

By Valerie Mount

DSA Banquet - Award Winners

The Peoria Jaycees held their 55th annual Community Awards Banquet at Jumer's on Tuesday, January 23rd. The key note speaker was **Linda E. Daley**, President of the Peoria Board of Education and last year's recipient of the Charles C. Schlink Memorial Good Government Award. Jeff Pulfer, a management employee for Caterpillar and a past president of the Peoria Jaycees, served as the Master of Ceremonies. **Joann Ziegler** served as chairperson of this highly prestigious event.

The Peoria Jaycees sent almost 1000 nomination forms to various churches, schools, businesses, and community leaders last fall. Nominations received were reviewed by a panel of judges for each award area. Winners were selected based on information from the nomination forms and through phone contact with the nominators and other individuals from the community.

The award recipients are as follows:

□ Prescott E. Bloom Memorial Distinguished Service Award (sponsored by First of America Bank) was presented to **Susan Miller Kingery**, president-elect and Chairman of the Junior League Planning Council.

□ Charles C. Schlink Memorial Good Government Award (sponsored by the Peoria Jaycee Keymen) was given to **Timothy J. Cassidy**, president of the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees.

□ Outstanding Young Educator Award (sponsored by Weber Insurance Marketing) was given to **Jim Carpenter** from Washington Middle School - District 150. He is also the regional director of the Odyssey of the Mind Board.

□ Outstanding Young Business Professional (sponsored by Cusack, Fleming, Gilfillan and O'Day) was awarded to **Janet Benson Wright**, editor of *Peoria Women* and the associate editor of *Inner Business Issues*.

□ Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer (sponsored by Unit Step Co. - Mike Kelly) was presented to **Officer Joe Benko** of the Peoria Police Department - Traffic Division.

□ Outstanding Young Health Care Professional (sponsored by Dan McConnell, Chiropractor) was received by **Dr. Kevin Nelson**, also recently recognized at the 1995 outstanding young dentist in Illinois - "the William J. Greek Memorial Leadership Award".

□ Peoria Jaycee Keyman Award winner for 1995 went to **Jeff Bilslund**, currently the Community Development VP. This award is given to the Peoria Jaycee who best exemplifies that "service to humanity is the best work of life."

Epicurean Night

In honor of **Rustin A. Greene** and his upcoming wedding, the next Epicurean night will be at Rusty's All American Cafe, at the corner of IL Rt. 40 and IL Rt 90 near Edelstein, IL. Mark your calendar for February 22nd at 6:30pm for this outing with drinks at the Woodcutter to follow.

Last month's Epicurean night was at Carlos O'Kelly's and there was an excellent turnout, so join us this month for food fun and most importantly, drinks! If you have any questions, need directions or have an idea for any future Epicurean outings, call **Sue Wilbur** at 685-8365.

Elections

It's coming sooner than you think; the Peoria Jaycee election of officers. If you are interested in running for a position on the board, now is the time to announce it as elections will be held in April at the membership meeting. If you haven't thought about running for a position, maybe you should as it is a very good experience and it's also one of those resume builders. If you have any questions about any office on the board, just contact that board member; he or she will be more than happy to answer and even help you should you be elected to that position.

International Beer Festival Update

The 2nd annual Pub Crawl to promote the Beer Fest will be on Friday, March 1st, starting at 4:30pm at the Hofbrau House. If you are having problems catching up with the crowd, call **Dennis Owens** on his cellular at 253-2383.



The three Jaycee beers are now bottled thanks to a few "bootleggers" who met at Pulfer's house on January 27th. The beers are Mad Dog Honey Red, Cranberry Wheat and something really nasty called "Death Beer".

The International Beer Fest is going to be held on Saturday, March 9, 1996 at Expo Gardens from 3:00 - 10:00pm. Admission prices are \$3.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door.

We are also in need of volunteers to help with advance ticket sales and promotions. Attend any of the upcoming Jaycee events or talk with **Joe Burkitt**, **Jeff Pulfer**, **Dennis Owens** or **John Cima** to get tickets to sell. Also, contact **Dan Schmidt** or Pulfer to get flyers or handbills to distribute.

We also need help in setting up for the event. Set up will begin on Friday, March 8 at 9:00am and end around 8:00pm. Set-up will continue the next morning at 9:00am. Also, get your friends and co-workers to help serve beer. For more up to date information, call Dennis at 693-8771, John at 692-4422 or Pulfer at 675-7979.

State Director's Report *by Rustin A. Greene*



It is I, **Rustin A. Greene**, the powerful state director for the Peoria Jaycees, and once again it is time to inform you Pagans of the upcoming visitation schedule. Lately, I have not had the time to perform all my duties; besides planning a wedding, I have had a wart removed. The doctor performed a new treatment on me, using a flesh eating bacteria to remove the wart. However, the procedure was botched, and the virus moved down to my lower extremities. But I'm feeling better now.

Unfortunately, I have no schedule for visitations. I haven't even set Rick my Charge article... Hell, let him write it. You know, when you get to be my age, you start planning a wedding and getting married, and you're traveling all the time for your job, you don't have time for that. I will try to get something together in the next few days and will make phone calls to people when I know where we are going. Or if you want up to date information, just call me at home at 243-1027.

And as always, I, **Rustin A. Greene**, am very proud to provide thoughts and wisdom to the Peoria Jaycees.

"One of the quickest ways to meet new people is to pick up the wrong ball on a golf course."

Individual Development *by Diana Barach*

If you missed the last membership meeting, you really missed out... or should I say your bank account has missed out! **Don Cheney**, a financial planner from Smith Barney in Peoria stopped by to give a presentation about financial planning and goal setting. With the good advice and stock tips Don shared with us, everyone at that membership meeting is now living on Easy Street, with a Porsche in the garage and a lear jet in the hanger, and having caviar and champagne for afternoon snacks. This turned out to be a very interesting and very informative presentation, and for the first time, we had to cut off the question and answer period so we could adjourn the meeting.



However, it's not too late to get into the action; here's what's coming up in individual development...

Membership Report *by John Cima*

Who's Due

For February, the following members are due:

James Buehler	Nancy Rice
Deborah Ehnle	Rod Skewes
Marie Martin	Paul Zeithammer

In March, the following members will be due:

Sean Apsey	Dan Poplette
Alan Bruce	Dan Schmidt
Rustin A. Greene	Dawn Weber
'Wac' McIntyre	Susan Wilbur
Jeff O'Kane	

Membership Status

If you have not heard yet, **Janet Neuswanger** has left Peoria and is now living in Dallas, TX. We in the Peoria Jaycees wish her well in her new life. As of late, I have been handling the duties of Membership VP.

Please welcome our newest members to the Peoria Jaycees, **Steve Weers** (recruited by **Dan Schmidt**), and **Greg Myroth** (recruited by yours truly).

Peoria Jaycees Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 1996, 7:00PM
Amvets Post #64, Downtown Peoria

Communication/Estate Planning ID

At the February membership meeting, we will be hosting a communication ID project with **Lisa Eberle**. She will give a presentation on communication with the disabled. In addition, we are concurrently having a second ID project with our beloved Commander, **Steve West**. Steve will be discussing estate planning and wills.

New ID Projects

As always, I am looking for new and fresh ideas for an individual development project. If you have any ideas or have some type of professional or social skill you would like to share with everyone else, please call me at 693-0307.

Mail Call



The Charge has received mail from **Rod & Jeanne Skewes**! They have written to express how much they enjoy receiving the newsletter every month. "You balance humor and inside jokes

with pertinent information", they write, "It's perfect." Reading a letter like this from people whom I have never met makes this entire effort worthwhile. I'd like to thank Rod & Jeanne, and the other silent majority for their interest in my work. And now... here's what they are up to.

Dear Peoria Jaycees,

The time has finally come for us to move South! As some of you know, Rod has always wanted to get back to warm weather and nearer to his family. An opportunity has come up for Rod to relocate with Caterpillar. We are moving to Dyersburg, TN on January 20th. Although we look forward to a new town and new friends, we're sad to leave Peoria; all our friends here, our beautiful 90 year old house (which most of you helped rebuild), and, most of all, our friends in the Jaycees. True, we have not been active since the birth of our daughter Rachel in July '94. But, there was a time when we ate, drank and slept CPG's, phone calls and meetings as many of you do now. We are proud of the Peoria Jaycees and all that you do.

Please feel welcome to visit us in our new home. It is nestled in the most beautiful part of West Tennessee and just 70 miles from Graceland! (Maybe **Beth Barr** can plan an outing!?!). We hope to see you. Keep in touch. We wish each of you all the best things in life!

Rod & Jeanne Skewes
314 Fairfield Drive
Dyersburg, TN 38024
(901)287-9631

E-Mail Addresses

More and more Peoria Jaycees are getting E-Mail addresses on the Internet. If you have an on-line service for your computer, feel free to write to the following people (**Norm Huff** wrote in and even claimed he's an E-Mail Junkie):

Jeff Bilsland	102460,2420@CompuServe.com
Norm Huff	NormHuff@AOL.com
Chris Jones	Chris.Jones@po.cle.ab.com
Rick Owens	71332,2775@CompuServe.com
Dan Schmidt	Dan@SSI.Net

If you have news or something you would like to submit to *The Charge*, don't hesitate to write, call, fax or E-Mail. This publication reaches over 230 people throughout Central Illinois. Take advantage of it!

Community Development

by Jeff Bilsland

FireCracker 5000

The 14th Annual FireCracker 5000 is to be held on Thursday, July 4, 1996. The FireCracker 5000 is a 5k walk/run to benefit local charities. Last year, we had over 650 entrees in this event and raised \$1000 for the Moonlight Basket Ball League and the Special Olympics.



Right now, we are looking for a volunteer to step forward and chair this project. **Jay Denton** chaired this project last year and done an outstanding job. As Jay is beginning to rooster from the Jaycees, he has still express interest in helping out, though he had decided he won't run the project. So now's the time to get off your butt and get active in the Jaycees and help your community.

If you are interested in helping or wish to chair this project, call Jeff Bilsland at 682-2897.

Confession

I must confess, I am in the same boat with all the other officers as I too, have not submitted my *Charge* article on time. But hey, you guys didn't have to spend the whole week with Rick. Every day I had to listen to him call me 'Sissy Boy' because I wouldn't ski on my bad knee. Every day we had to go skiing, take pictures, try different restaurants and bars, see the sights and museums. Sure, that's fine and all, but I was busy trying to pick up that blond bartender, and that waitress, and that gondola operator at Sulfur Mountain, and all those snow bunnies... I don't have time to ski! But I'm back now, and next month, just you wait as my article will be extra long... Ha Ha Ha... I have the last laugh now... Ha Ha Ha.

--Quotables--

"A professional is someone who can do his best work when he doesn't feel like it." - Alistair Cooke

"The previous quote pretty much sums up this month's newsletter." - Rick Owens, February 1996

"Happiness isn't something you experience; it's something you remember." - Oscar Levant, pianist-composer (1906-1972)

"The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents and the second half by our children." - Clarence Darrow, American attorney (1857-1938)



President's Letter: From the Desk of Commander West

Impeach me, Please!

Well, it's happened once again. I only have myself to blame. And there's no excuse this time as I've had a few extra days to get it done. I'm talking about getting my newsletter article in on time. Rick was on vacation and he gave us a few extra days to submit our article and I have not turned mine in; I failed miserably. I am a balding fool who does not deserve your loyal devotion and followship. Oh well, at least I admit my mistakes and try to correct them. Look at our beloved chapter management vice president; she thinks it's entirely Rick's responsibility to write her article. When I told her that she had a couple of extra days to get her submission in, she stated that she doesn't have to write her article; "Rick does it for me." Maybe that's why we see **Valerie Mount** jokes in every newsletter. Who knows? I'm glad I'm not the newsletter editor.

Anyway, this month I would like to talk about the upcoming elections. As you know, I am roostering and as much as I would like to, I can't be your president and commander forever. If you are considering a position on the board, I must recommend it! It is a terrific experience that will build your leadership skills, your ability to work with other people, develop new contacts, business or social, help beef up your resume and will allow you to move the Peoria Jaycees in the direction you want it to go. I will admit, it does get hectic at times and you'll stop and ask yourself 'why did I do this.' But when you look back, you then tell yourself that it was worth it and that it was really a lot of fun. Here is a brief description of the current positions on the board and who is currently filling those positions:

Chairman of the Board - Alan Pennington - This position is automatically assumed by the outgoing president. This is why I must leave office; I want to be Chairman! Alan in this case acts as an advisor and consult the new president and Executive Board. No one else may hold this office.

President - Steve West - 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 a leadership position and not a management position.

Chapter Management VP - Valerie Mount - This is the most difficult and important vice president position. 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.

Community Development VP - Jeff Bilsland - 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.

Individual Development VP - Diana Barach - Schedules and is responsible for all personal training activities.

Membership VP - John Cima - Responsible for the membership as a whole. Keeps track of when members are due, ensuring as many as possible renew and recruiting new members.

State Director - Rusty Greene - Keeps chapter informed of district, regional and state Jaycee activities and organizes visits to other chapters.

Secretary - Joann Ziegle - Responsible for all correspondence to and from chapter, records and publishes minutes of Board and Membership meetings.

Treasurer - Rick Owens - Keeps chapter books; responsible for checkbook, monthly financial statements, tax filings and building fund.

Local Directors - 12-13 maximum - Responsible for communicating the current events and needs of the chapter back directly to the membership.

So there you have it. Run for a position and I wish you the best of luck!

With Regards,
Steve West

Top Ten Dan Schmidt Pick-Up Lines

- 10.) My blood type is HIV positive; what's your blood type?
- 9.) Please... oh Please!?! My mom's gonna be home at ten.
- 8.) Wanna play truth or dare?
- 7.) Your place or the Jaycees' Haunted House?
- 6.) Want some candy little girl?
- 5.) You slut!!!
- 4.) Uh... yea, I am Conan O'Brian.
- 3.) When are you coming over to sit in my hot tub (Oops! That's a Bill O'Neil pick up line).
- 2.) I'm such a good person that they call me 'the Friar'; take off your shirt and let me bless them hooters.
- 1.) Having sex with me makes you strong!

Government Warning:

- (1) According to the Surgen General, women should not read this newsletter during pregnancy because of the risk of birth defects.
- (2) Reading of this publication impairs your ability to drive a car or operate machinery, and may cause health problems.

It's A Little Known Fact... President's Month

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732 (February 11 on the calendar used then). Best known as "the father of our country", Washington was commander in chief of the American Forces in the American Revolution, chairman of the convention that wrote the United States Constitution and the first president of the United States. Washington served as the country's first president between 1789-1797. At the time of his presidency, no one knew how the new Constitution would work, but Washington was determined build a strong federal government for the United States.

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809 in a one-room log cabin only 16 feet long by 18 feet wide. "Honest Abe", as he became known, was elected 16th president of the United States in 1860 and was the first Republican to hold the office of the president. Lincoln was elected to a second term, and a month later of beginning his new term as president, General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Confederate army to Gen. U.S. Grant. To celebrate the end of the war, Lincoln took his wife and two guests to Ford's theater on the night of April 14, 1865. During the third act of the play, Our American Cousin, John Wilkes Booth, a young actor, crept into the presidential box and shot Lincoln in the head. Since Lincoln's election in 1860, every president elected to office in 20 year increments have died while serving in office, with the exception of Ronald Reagan.

Ronald Wilson Reagan was born on February 6, 1911 in Tampico, Illinois. He was elected as the 40th president of the United States in 1980. He was a critic of liberal government programs and supported a strong military and low taxes. Reagan was considered to be the most conservative candidate to win office in 50 years. For 30 years, Reagan's career was primarily in the entertainment industry, starring in motion pictures. He became one of the few men to be elected president without a life in politics and public service.

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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