



The Charge!

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Super Bowl Party Bids Farewell to Rooster

The Peoria Jaycees annual Super Bowl Party was held on Sunday, January 25th at Billiards n More in Landmark Plaza. The party had a good turn out and even recruited a new member, **Greg Boyd**. A spontaneous individual development project took place during the festivity as well. **Rick Owens** showed the volunteer organization what it takes to make his famous, highly acclaimed, world renown homemade ice cream (which is high in demand and low in supply, causing to sell at premium prices). Once again, the chili cookoff was held, but unfortunately, the butt dart tournament never materialized. However, the most emotional moment at the event was not when Green Bay won the Super Bowl, it was when a beer stein was presented to **Jeff Pulfer**. The sentimental gift was given for primarily two reasons; as a going away gift pending his forthcoming move to Miami and as a token of appreciation for everything he's done for the Peoria Jaycees. Also, the chairpeople of the Super Bowl Party, being **Joe Lemont** and **Cindy Schwerer**, would like to thank **George Jacob** at Brewers Distributing and **Steve King** at Specialty Import for the donations of prizes for the party. Joe and Cindy would also like to thank **Ron Zech** at Billiards n More for allowing the Peoria Jaycees to hold their party at his place of business.

DSA Banquet Honors Would-Be Plumber

The DSA Banquet which took place on the evening of January 22, had all the makings of a grand event. The Peoria Jaycees not only looked good, but we looked prepared and respectable. The atmosphere was excellent, the food was great, the winners were exuberant - everything was going down without a hitch. Suddenly, our last year's Keyman and V.P. of Community Development, **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland**, (who was the only one who knew who the recipient of the Keyman award) realized the winner of the Keyman award was not there. Jeff was lucky. He reached the winner on his cellular phone. The winner and his guest showed up after dinner was over (this did save us \$25.00) but before the awards presentation was given.

The presenter of the Keyman award was **Bill O'Neill**, the 1991 recipient. He described all the wonderful attributes of the winner as well as all the stuff he did to deserve this award. When he announced the winner, **Dennis Owens**, we were all very excited and proud. We got even prouder when he made his acceptance speech. It started out about how well kept the secret was that he was the winner and that he was busy assisting his girlfriend, **Dr. Quin**, select a toilet. He explained that he just got the call from Jeff an hour before and hurried to put on the appropriate attire. The toilet would have to wait; he left it in his truck. In closing, Dennis left the crowd with these inspiring words; "You know, it takes a Keyman to put in a toilet." So with those words of wisdom, the rest of the Jaycees pondered as to what good to humanity they could perform to receive this prestigious award next year. I felt the distinguished audience (75 people) which consisted of community leaders and award recipients were dumbfounded by his wit and obvious insurmountable good will. (*Story respectfully submitted by Sandy Pearce, DSA Chairperson*)

Ski Trip To The Land of Cheese

Twelve Jaycee members consisting of **Beth Barr**, **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland**, **John "Caesar" Cima**, **Rustin A. Greene**, **Mark "Wrongway" Klokkenga**, **Rodney** and **Dana Olsen**, **Dennis Owens**, **Rick Owens**, **Dr. Shari Quin "Membership Woman"**, **Dan "the Friar" Schmidt** and **Susan Wilbur** braved the elements and sub-zero temperatures for a weekend ski trip in Wisconsin. With a convoy of 3 vehicles, the group departed Peoria on Friday, January 17th. The only misadventure the group sustained on their journey northward was a blowout on Rodney's tire near Paw Paw, IL. "I'm glad we're girls so we don't have to go out there and fix it." stated the good doctor Quin. After several other stops, the group finally arrived to their destination; the American World Resort in the Wisconsin Dells at roughly 12:30am.

The next day brought plenty of sunshine, low temperatures and hang-overs. About mid day, the group packed up their ski gear and the convoy proceeded to Devil's Head Ski Area. Dennis claimed that the ski area was only 16 and a half miles away from the hotel, but when reality set in, it turned out to be roughly 30 miles. (continued on page 9)

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

by Rick Owens

After witnessing the fallout from the January 1997 issue of the Charge, it has come to my attention that perhaps I should be known as 'the World's Most Powerful Writer.' As you recall, I featured a piece on locating the whereabouts of Old Man Winter and how he has not been seen in Peoria for over 15 years. It was January and 65 degrees that day the article was written.

I also wrote how board members actually turned in their news articles. Truth of the matter is only two board members submitted anything; I only wanted people to believe that they submitted their reports so I could really make them look like knuckleheads.

As the month of February approached, sub-zero temperatures and substantial snowfall hit the Peoria area along with Peoria Jaycee board members turning in their reports to *The Charge*. I then realized something I did not know about myself... I must have the power! All I have to do is write about something and then the opposite happens!

In closing, I would like to stress that I want to see world war and devastation, I want to see the stock market crash and economy deteriorate, I want to see the Earth's environment ruined but most of all, I want to loose on the Riverboat every time I go gambling! One thing's for sure however, the January 1997 issue of *The Charge!* will be talked about for some time to come.

I have written... and I thank you for your support!

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Mark Your Calendars

February

Membership Meeting; Thursday, February 20, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call John Cima

Epicurean Night; Thursday, February 27, 6:00pm, Maria Elena's in Peoria Heights - call Susan Wilbur

March

Beer Fest Committee Meeting; Tuesday, March 4, 7:30pm, Crooked Waters Brew Pub, at the Riverfront, Peoria - call Joann Ziegler or Becky Lemont

Business After Hours; Tuesday, March 4, 5:00pm, Area Business Connection/Ameritech - call Joann Ziegler

Board Meeting; Thursday, March 6, 6:30pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call John 'Caesar' Cima

Newsletter Articles Due; Thursday, March 6, at the Board meeting - call Rick Owens

Aloha Party; Send Pulfer off in style!, Saturday, March 8, 6:00pm - ???, Jeff Pulfer's Party Central, Marquette Hts. - call Pulfer or the Jaycee Hotline, 676-5292

Ides of March; Saturday, March 15, Lookout "Caesar!"

St Patrick's Day; Monday, March 17

Membership Meeting; Thursday, March 20, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call John 'Caesar' Cima

Taco/Karaoke Night; Wednesday, March 26, Amvets, downtown Peoria

Good Friday Big Al's Lunch Outing; Friday, March 28, 12 noon - call Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland

April

Board Meeting; Thursday, April 3, 6:30pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call John 'Caesar' Cima

Newsletter Articles Due; Thursday, April 3, at the Board meeting - call Rick Owens

Membership Meeting; Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call John 'Caesar' Cima

5th Annual International Beer Festival; Saturday, April 19, 3:00pm - 10:00pm, volunteers needed to pour beer, ticket sales, concessions - call Becky Lemont or Joann Ziegler

International Beer Festival Update

The beer fest committee is planning this year's event without any difficulties. However, there was one hitch; **Dave McMullin** has since moved from the area, therefore **Becky Lemont** has assumed the co-chair responsibilities with **Joann Ziegler**.

At this time, sponsors are being sought for this year's beer fest. **Heather Zech** and her sidekick, **Dr. Quin, "Membership Woman"** are the PR chairs and they are currently seeking a radio station to help sponsor the Jaycees' fastest growing project.

Complementary beer fest tickets have been printed up and are available if you would like some to hand out to dignitaries and/or your friends. **Susan Wilbur** is in charge of beer fest ticket sales. The advance tickets will be printed up as soon as we finalized the beer fest co-sponsors.

The next beer fest committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4th, at 7:30pm at Crooked Waters Brew Pub in downtown Peoria at the Riverfront. Crew chiefs of the beer fest are requested to attend the next meeting as there will be some critical information to be explained. Also, the infamous IBF Pub Crawl will be planned and discussed at the next meeting. As always, volunteers are still needed and it's not too late to get involved. If interested, please call Joann Ziegler at 689-0051 or Becky Lemont at 676-2780

Epicurean Night

Last month's Epicurean was held at the DSA banquet. The food at the RiverStation was great, the atmosphere was very electric and inspiring, and the service was par excellence.

Overall, I give it ratings of 4 across the board (please note that these are my own observation and not a group rating).

Mark your calendar for Friday, Thursday, February 27th for the next Epicurean Night. This month we going to Maria Elena's in Peoria Heights.

This little known and little sized restaurant serves very good and rather authentic Mexican cuisine. The dress is casual and the cost for a meal is low. Since this establishment is rather small, I need to know how many are planning on making this months dinner. I want to be able to let them know ahead of time. Maria Elena's is off Prospect road, behind Leaves-n-Beans. If you have any questions or want to RSVP for the Epicurean, please call **Susan Wilbur** at 685-8365.



Mail Call

Jeff Pulfer received the following from Past President **Hank Gentry**. Jeff felt that it was worth sharing with all of you.



Hey Pulfer,

Thanks for keeping the Jaycees in touch with me! I actually do read *The Charge!* each month. I can't believe you've roostered. We both were just kids when I left Peoria. I'm enclosing a quote I cut out of the Jaycee magazine several years ago. I keep it in my wallet and do refer to it from time to time. It's been helpful to me and represents one of the more important lessons I've learned from my Jaycee involvement. Say - did I read that Fack is back? Anyway, good luck with your move and all. Most of those guys wouldn't recognize you if I described you as the quiet guy keeping pretty much to himself at the back of the meeting. Take care and stay in touch.

Hank

PS - tell Kelly the check is in the mail.

Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation), there is one elementary truth...the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favour all manner unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance which no man could have dreamt would have come his way. I have learned a deep respect for one of Goethe's couplets: *"Whatever you can do, our dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."* - English Author & Explorer W.H. Murray.

Keep Your Subscription Current

Remember to send in your changes of address when moving. Since *The Charge!* is sent via bulk mail, it will not get sent to forwarding addresses (meaning it is sent to the address labeled on your copy). Failure to do so will mean the interruption in your subscription. Send your address or phone number changes to Peoria Jaycees, PO Box 2, Peoria, IL, 61650 or call **Rick Owens** at 691-9292.



Meetings are open to all members and the public!

Board Meetings: Held the 1st Thursday of the month, 6:30pm at the Amvets in downtown Peoria

Membership Meetings: Held the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm at

Membership Report by Dr. Quin, Membership Woman

Who's Due

In February, the following members are due:

James Buehler	Sandy Pearce
John Cosigny	Shari Quin
* Jay Denton	Rod Skewes
* Marie Martin	Nancy Ulrich

In March, the following members will be due:

Sean Apsey	Dan Schmidt
Alan Bruce	Heather Schoeneman
Tom Carrigan	Scott Socha
Becky Cassidy	Susan Wilbur
Rustin A. Greene	Cindy Wrobel
Jeff O'Kane	Jennifer Young

* - indicates associate dues

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest members to the Peoria Jaycees. They are **Kevin Leach**, **Matt Schellenberg** and **Greg Boyd**. Remember, there is a new member incentive going on right now; \$10 off initial membership dues. So if you know someone who might want to join, now is the best time to do it!

Jaycee Softball

Ok sports fans, its here! The first annual Peoria Jaycee softball team. We will be playing softball at the Peoria Stadium under the lights. There will 10s of people watching us. We will be registered under C league or dysfunctional players... I mean co-ed recreational league. There must be 5 women on the field at all times. No John, you can't dress up in a skirt and pretend your a girl. Although it might be worth a good laugh, I don't think the Park District would allow it.

Yes it is true. This league will have real, paid umpires to officiate our games. We will also have neat looking T-shirts and baseball caps. **Rick Owens** has come up with a name for the team and **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland** has agreed that this will be the official name of the Jaycees' softball team: THE JAYCEES BREW CREW.

If you are interested in becoming one of the few unpaid softball players, contact Mad Dog at 682-2897. Cost for the event is \$14 per player which must be given to Mad Dog by February 26 (make all checks payable to The Peoria Jaycees). Games start on April 18 and run through the summer. For more information, come to the February 20th, membership meeting or contact Mad Dog.

A Life Lesson

Taken from a recent episode of *Seinfeld*:

Kramer: I saw you bounced a check at the Bodega.

Jerry: How'd you know that?

Kramer: Your check is posted on the cash register with the other bad checks.

Jerry: You can't do that!

Kramer: It's the only way you'll learn.

Months ago, it was announced to Peoria Jaycee board members from *The Charge!* editor to turn in their news articles or be prepared to be 'burned'. Now, what happens when the bank calls an individual and tells them to make their car payment or they will repossess their car? What happens when a dentist tells someone to brush their teeth or they'll get cavities? What happens when a therapist tells a patient to quit doing it or they will go blind? And what happened last month... the car was repossessed, cavities were found at the last check up, they went blind from doing it and board members got 'burned.'

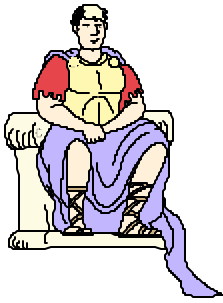
Since last summer, rarely did board members turn in a newsletter article. "I wasn't even asking them to write anything" stated *Charge* editor **Rick Owens**, "All I want is the information from their respective positions. Is that asking too much?" Lack of cooperation forced Owens to use other means to motivate board members to submit their information, i.e. writing their article and making them look silly and foolish. The January 1997 issue of *The Charge!* finally hit home, motivating board members and project chairpeople to turn in requested news, for they felt the wrath of the editor's pen!

Corrections & Amplifications

■ In last month's *The Charge!*, it was announced that **Joann Ziegle** was running for president of the Peoria Jaycees. Joann did not announce her candidacy for president. Apparently, it is also a direct violation of the constitution and the by-laws to make such an announcement before the month of March... or so it is heard on the streets.

■ It was reported in the January 1997 issue of *The Charge!* that East Peoria Jaycee **Jim Dishman** frequently pressures "**Mad Hatter**" **Jason Arends** to go to the Club Cabaret in Creve Coeur all the time. To the knowledge of the reporters and editor of *The Charge!*, this is not true. The last thing this publication needs is to cause marital strife between the Dishman's.

■ Rock 106 did not "screw" the Peoria Jaycees or "tattoo" them as reported by **Dan Schmidt** in last month's newsletter. The golf classic produced a loss close to \$350, not the \$2,000 as erroneously reported. The loss was due to a misunderstanding with one of the sponsors. No ill will was intended towards the Jaycees from Rock 106.



Caesar's Scroll

by John 'Caesar' Cima

The Real Dog Days

Most folks consider the 'Dog Days' of the year to occur in July and August, when it's so hot that you can fry an egg on the sidewalk and so humid that you tend to stick to any piece of furniture. Maybe I'm in the minority, but I consider the dog days to be the period following the Super Bowl to the first spring thaw. The reasons being that 1) it's generally too cold and nasty to do anything outdoors (except skiing, which in the heart of the flatlands, makes for an expensive way to pass the time), 2) football season is over (translation - nothing worth watching on TV), and 3) I'm generally getting up for work before sunrise and coming home after sunset, therefore virtually existing solely in the presence of artificial light for three months. What a bummer! As a result, my weight tends to creep up from being such a slug and I want to sleep all of the time. That is generally why I try to take a vacation during this time of year to recharge my batteries (this year - New Orleans and Mardi Gras). The reason that I am mentioning all of this is because this year has been a little different (except for the weight gain, unfortunately). As a direct result of my Presidency with the Peoria Jaycees, my winter to date has been jammed so full of meetings (IBF, the Mayoral Debate, Constitution & Bylaws, Board and Membership meetings) and Jaycee functions (ski trip, DSA Banquet, Super Bowl and holiday parties) that I haven't had much time to sit around and continually remind myself how much I normally hate this time of year. So if you're like me and are always looking for a way to make the winter months go by a little faster, here's a suggestion - come to a meeting and get involved with the project of your choice. We can always use an extra hand, and who knows, you may become so involved that Spring has arrived before you even realize it.

Speaking of projects, I would like to thank all of the people who have taken on the responsibilities as chairpersons and sub-chairs for some of our recent and upcoming events. You're doing a great job - keep it up!

We added four new members to our little Jaycee family in January - **Greg Boyd, Michelle Feger, Kevin Leach** and **Matt Schellenberg**. Kevin and Matt joined at the January meeting, Greg joined at the Super Bowl Party, and Michelle, who was signed by her sister, **the Membership Woman**, is reportedly going to co-chair the Easter Egg Hunt with Ms. Quin. Welcome aboard one and all!

John 'Caesar' Cima

Are You A Slacker?

The problem with goof-offs, said one expert, is that "some of them don't know who they are."

You may be a slacker if:

- You think work is a four letter word.
- Mention of your name around the office generates a singular response: "Didn't he/she die?"
- Monday and Friday you ease into and out of the work week. Wednesday you celebrate hump day.
- You faithfully observe Spain's gift to Western culture, the midday siesta.
- Before embarking on a weekend trip to the beach, you always remember to pack a lunch, buy sunblock and call in sick.
- You live in Chicago and work bicoastal shift: in at 9:00 pm Pacific Time and out by 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time.
- Admonitions to pursue independent accomplishments inspire you to spend the day playing solitaire.
- Your colleagues think the water cooler looks "different somehow: when you take the day off.
- You haven't received a compliment on your work since the Eisenhower administration.
- Right now you're at work. There's work to be done, and your taking this quiz.

Article submitted by **Susan Wilbur**, excerpted from the Federal Times.

Other Blurbs in the News

- John "Caesar" Cima** received a series of nose bleeds from candy canes passed out at the Santa Visit's the Kids. Apparently, he was sticking them up his nose... just what kind of 'nose candy' is this, John?
- Baby boomers from all walks of life, rejoice... Quisp cereal has been found! Even though military and government officials still deny the existence of Quisp, it can be found at Thompson's grocery store at Candletree in Peoria (also deemed Area 51).

Community Development

by Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland



This month, I have a special treat for you! Not only do I have a new piece of clip art for my newsletter article, but you don't have to read my babbling. This month, the project chairpeople wrote their own articles! So, here we go!

1997 DSA Banquet a Success

The Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) banquet took place on Wednesday, January 22nd at the RiverStation. The RiverStation did an excellent job with the atmosphere, arrangements, food and service. 75 people attended the event which included 20 Peoria Jaycees. The guest speaker was **Christine Zak**, a news anchor for WEEK - TV 25 NBC affiliate.

Joe and Becky Lemont, new Peoria Jaycees (but not new to the Jaycees organization) were the Masters of Ceremonies. They were absolutely excellent. The presenters were well prepared and professional. They were as follows: **Greg Myroth**, "**Frauline**" **Kathy Pulfer**, **Emily Duncan**, **Heather Zech**, **Dan "the Friar" Schmidt**, **Bill O'Neill** and **Susan Miller Kingery**, last year's recipient of the Prescott Bloom Memorial Distinguished Service Award. A special thanks to the presenters and the following individuals: **John "Caesar" Cima**, **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland**, **Jennifer Holzinger**, **Cindy Schwerer**, **Joe Lemont**, **Becky Lemont**, "**Commander**" **Steve West** and **Jeff Pulfer**. The list of awards and recipients is as follows:

Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer
- **Mr. Robin Turner**

Outstanding Young Health Care Professional
- **Ms. Margret Swanson**

Outstanding Young Religious Leader
- **Mr. Sam Amick**

Outstanding Young Educator
- **Ms. Susan Marie Ortman**

Outstanding Young Business Professional
- **Mr. George Eid**

Prescott Bloom Distinguished Service Award
for Community Service
- **Mr. Ivan Williams**

Peoria Jaycees Keyman Award
- **Dennis Owens**

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Pearce, DSA Chairperson

1997 Mayoral Debate

It is I, a bearded **Rustin A. Greene**, Chairperson of the 1997 Peoria Mayoral Debate, would like to invite you, the members of the Peoria Jaycees, to attend this debate between the two run-off candidates from the primary election. It is very important that as many members attend this event as possible. It is your duty to know the candidates so you will be wise when making your selection for our next mayor. This debate is a great public relations event where we, the Peoria Jaycees, can look intelligent, recruit new members, and make possible business connections. I have forty seats available to give to whoever the hell I want! If you wish to attend this debate, you must call the Peoria Jaycee hotline at 676-5292 immediately. This event is worth going to and maybe the only opportunity you will have to attend a mayoral debate. If you have any questions call Rustin A. Greene at 243-1027. First come, first served. Please respond by February 21, 1997.



Editor's Note: Thanks to Norm Huff for supplying The Charge with an improved piece of clip art for Mad Dog Bilsland's column.

Ziegler Campaign Calls It Quits

In a press conference late last week, independent presidential candidate **Joann Ziegler** announced that she was withdrawing her bid for office. "There's a time and place for everything" Ziegler stated, "and now, I believe, is not the time for me to be president." A swarm of recent charges and allegations, ranging from improper campaign financing to sexual harassment, forced the chapter management vice president to cede from the presidential race. Ms. Ziegler is currently under investigation for accepting illegal campaign contributions from a group of Asian businesses as well as an ongoing investigation regarding an Arkansas real estate venture that went sour. Ms. Ziegler has also been recently charged with sexual harassment by **Chris Jones**, now a Cleveland electrical technician. Jones' alleges that Ziegler used two Arkansas state troopers to bring him to Ziegler's room at a posh and lavish Little Rock hotel, where she exposed herself to him. The sexual harassment case is now being reviewed by the Supreme Court. Ms. Ziegler did not rule out getting back into the race if and when she is cleared from the pending investigations and charges, nor did she make any endorsement for any other candidate. Please see related article on page 4.

Individual Development Report

by Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt

The Ice Cream Bandit

Public Notice... I would like to apologize to everyone who looks forward to reading my articles in baited anticipation (right). Because last month I didn't get an article in on time... But you say Dan, you had a very interesting article last month....Ah! on the contrary, my article was absent and in its stead an article ghostwritten by the most Dangerous Writer in The World (we're on-line you know) **Rick Owens**. Rick jokingly punished me by writing a few things that I don't believe in...or feel similar to. This has been Rick's standard practice for board members who don't submit their articles on time.

So I **Dan Schmidt** of sound body and mind...well the best that can be expected, hereby apologize for not having my last article in on time, and MOSTLY APOLOGIZE TO ROCK 106 FOR THE ABUSE THAT RICK TOOK OUT ON THEM, BECAUSE I DIDN'T TURN IN A ARTICLE!

Anyway ... on to the story of the Ice Cream Bandit, Rick (who has been busy indeed) also had time this month to submit the only ID project this month: Ice cream dynamics. He made Vanilla and Chocolate Ice cream for and at the Super Bowl Party. **Heather Zech's** dad furnished the place and a great time was had by all. The Bandit delivered on a good Vanilla and a delicious Chocolate. Until next time...Read the article on The Mini Grand Prix...and Get involved! Friar...Out!

Jaycees Race in Grand Prix

Attention Race fans!!! The Peoria Jaycees are now the proud owners of their own Mini Indy race car. With this Mini Indy body and a durable Briggs and Stratton powerplant the Jaycees are about to take on the Arthritis foundation's Mini Grand Prix.

This annual race held at Folepi's Marketplace on August 2nd will help to generate positive public relations for the Peoria Jaycees as well as give us a blast for donating money to the Arthritis foundation. The car is now in our possession, and soon to be kept at a top secret storage facility (**Shari Quin's** storage shed) or any where else our budget can afford to keep it (free). The body is Penske yellow and is looking for volunteers/sponsors to paint and number it.

The first Grand Prix committee meeting will be held February 26th at 7pm at Chantilly Lace on North University. Their can be up to five Jaycees driving the cart in the race so volunteers should show up for the committee meeting, their can also be committee members that don't have to drive...Get Involved! We need to get sponsors for the car. Our goal is to get the entry fee (\$1,150) donated by a big sponsor or a few smaller sponsors. Sponsors can benefit their donation by getting their logo painted on the yellow body of the car. Their are ad placement spaces on the sides and on the front and rear fin. Sponsors can have the car at their place of business, showing

their customers that they are actively involved with this eye catching car, and giving to a good cause to boot.

Here is your chance to get involved it a fun...and easy project. Plus, committee members will get to drive this little monster. Several prospective members have appeared when this project has been spoken of. Benefits for this event go beyond the sizable media coverage and promotions. I also happen to be working on the official web page for the event, thus leading to opportunities for links with the Famous newsletter *The Charge!*, and the World Famous Jaycees.com webpage. If you are interested in doing anything with this project please contact me (Dan) at work 674-5290.

Chapter Management

by Joann Ziegler

Howdy Ya'll! Sorry about the last *Charge* article, I was in Texas when the last one was written for me! Yes, Texas was fantastic! I was wearing shorts at midnight on New Year's Eve! I would go back in the drop of a hat!

I want to congratulate Jennifer on her award from the **STATE!** It was well deserved! Also, congratulations to all the winners at the last Regional in Lincoln. Keep up all the great work! I hope to see you all at the GA in Decatur. If not, I will let you know how the TOYP program turned out. **Chris Zorich**, from the Chicago Bears, is one of the winners. I can't wait to meet him!!

There is two months left in the year to get things accomplished! There is still time! It's also time to think of what you would like to do next year?? Challenge yourself and try something new and different. You can do anything in this organization, because that's what it's all about. Not only helping your community, but learning new things to make yourself better. I know there's people who will disagree with me, but I do believe in this organization. You only get out of it what you put in! Hope to see you all at the Beer Fest in April!

Business After Hours

The Peoria Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is a great way to meet new people, make new business contacts, recruit potential Jaycee members, but most of all, it's a lot of fun. As a Jaycee member, you are members of the Chamber of Commerce (since we get our name from Junior Chamber). Take advantage of the Business After Hours. The Business After Hours is usually held the 2nd Thursday of the month and starts at 5:00pm. Check the Calendar of Events in *The Charge!* to find the next Business After Hours.



Tell Trudy Your Troubles



Dear Trudy,

I've really got problems with this newsletter and it's editor! In last month's issue, he really assassinated my character and made me look like a do nothing board member. He went as far as to write about how I turned in my newsletter article, when in fact I did no such thing. He then proceeded to write my article and then announced events which I know for a fact did not take place. And last month was not the only time this wiseacre has done this; there's been many more! How should I deal with this Clark Kent wanna be? Signed, a victim of the most dangerous writer in America

Dear Victim,

I'm a little confused on your situation. Let me try and get this straight. You were once a general member of the Peoria Jaycees. You enjoyed that so much you decided to contribute a little more to the organization and run for office. You looked into the positions available, researching all of their responsibilities. You stood up in front of the whole group and said "I want to be an officer of this fine organization!" You then took an OATH, swearing you would uphold the dignity of the office and lead to the best of your ability. And now you are upset that someone is doing something the YOU SHOULD BE DOING YOURSELF! Well let me tell you, if this is the best of your ability you should never run for another office again. As far as I can see, you are a "do nothing board member." Get off your duff, take 10 minutes out of your dull and dreary life, and write down a few things that are going on, turn it in, and move on.

Or maybe this is your situation (this is why I'm confused) -

You were once a happy member who was shanghaied into running for an office that you knew nothing about. You were drunk at the banquet and said something about doing something for a year. You have no idea what's going on in your area, and it's not that you don't care, it's just that you have a life and the Jaycees are not the most important thing in it. Well, if this *Charge* thing is on your nerves enough to make you write to me, then take some time and give this "Clark Kent wanna be" a taste of his own medicine. He's been running this show long enough, and quite frankly it's getting on all of our nerves. In the time it took you to write to me, you could have written your *Charge* article while putting this hack in his place.

Either way, quit your whining and do it yourself like you said you would.



1997 Mayoral Debate

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March 16, 1997

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Apollo Fine Arts & Entertainment Centre
Peoria, IL

You are cordially invited to attend the 1997 Community Now!/Peoria Jaycees Mayoral Debate. A reception for candidates and attendees in the Apollo's Palm Room will immediately follow. Seating is limited. Reserve your seat by February 26th.

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Come Get Leid at the...

Aloha Party

to bid Herr Jeff Pulfer Farewell

Saturday, March 8
Party Central - Marquette Hts., IL
301 Beloit Rd.
From 6pm to ????

-Lots of food, music and fun!

-Sample freshly made home
brews and micro-brewed
beers along with an assorted
wines & a secret recipe
tropical punch!

-Wimpy American beers will
also be available!

-Limbo and hula contest (what... no butt
darts?)

-Hawaiian Shirts and Beach Attire
Recommended



Top Ten Reasons Jeff Pulfer Has To Leave Illinois

10. The township of Marquette Hts. were complaining too much about his parties.
9. There's no Hooters restaurants within 15 minutes from his house.
8. A recently passed law prohibits the 'Magnum P.I.' look.
7. Terry Baer moved to Ft. Lauderdale (Oops! That's reasons Kathy Pulfer has to leave Illinois).
6. He owes the paper boy \$2.63... and he doesn't want to pay!
5. Val Mount was pursuing him too aggressively with pink flamingo lawn ornaments.
4. Brian Milbrandt.
3. A new issue of *The Charge* was about to be mailed and didn't want to take complaints about the editor (Oops! That's reasons John Cima wants to skip town).
2. He felt arguments with Jeff Bilsland were not challenging enough.
1. When you get to be Pulfer's age, you start thinking about retirement.

Ski Trip To The Land of Cheese(cont.)

"Mad Dog", Rusty and Rick were ready to go and they immediately took off for the black diamond runs as soon as they got their lift tickets. Other members were beginner skiers and they stayed closer to the lodge. Rodney was giving "Wrongway" some much needed ski lessons that day. Interesting, since it was Rodney's second time skiing. However, it appeared as if "Wrongway" was trying to change his nickname to "Waytogo", as he not only conquered one of the black diamond runs, he never once fell (unlike his instructor). As for "the Friar", he was never seen all day. No one in the group knew where or what could have happened to him. "Mad Dog" and Rusty searched other bars, ski shops and even the First Aid station and no luck. Could "the Friar" have been sucked into the Devil's Triangle? No, he was out skiing else where. Shari Quin wanted to get her money's worth, so she took the rope tow several times and finally took a ski lift to the top. Beth Barr and John Cima made the riskiest decisions of the day; they decided to wait for everyone in the bar.

The next day, the group checked out from their fine accommodations at approximately 11:00am and started the long trek home. This included a 2 hour lunch (1 hour to get our food, the next hour to pay the check), a stop at Tommy Bartlett's Robot World for a look at ice and snow sculptures, a stop at the Circus World Museum and finally, a stop at a genuine Wisconsin Cheese Shop. On the way home, Rusty complained about the amount of time it was taking to get back. When the group stopped at the cheese shop, Rusty stated "This is the last f*****g stop we are making!" Sounding a little grumpy, perhaps Rusty already had too much cheese and was feeling a little 'bound.' Quite unlike our fearless dictator, "Caesar", who seemed to be enthralled with polluting the air that weekend. What happened after the cheese shop was an involved discussion over the citizen's band radio of bodily functions. This publication will not even begin to describe the perverted content of what went over those air waves.

The skiing troop finally arrived back in Peoria around 8:30pm that Sunday night. In the end, no broken bones or frozen appendages were reported, leaving to believe that a good time was had by all.

It's A Little Known Fact... Waffle House - Open 24 Hours Everyday!

Waffle House began as the dream of two neighbors who envisioned a company dedicated to People - both customers and employees. On Labor Day 1955, the dream became reality as the first Waffle House opened for business in Avondale Estates, GA., a suburb of Atlanta.

The business grew throughout Georgia and to neighboring states. These early restaurants established the famous Waffle House reputation of serving "Good Food Fast" in the friendliest atmosphere around. Waffle House exclusively uses Kraft cheese, Coca-Cola soft drinks, Minute Maid orange juice and Heinz sauces. The Waffle House dining experience can best be described at "America's Place To Eat."

Taken from the Unofficial Waffle House Page, located at <http://ns.netmcr.com/~jmims/>

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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.

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Previously Unpublished: A piece I wrote for Dan Schmidt in the event he did not turn anything in for the February 1997 newsletter.

"Et Tu, Brutus?!"

- Julius Caesar, 44 BC

"Et Tu, Clark Kent!?"

- Dan Schmidt, 1997 AD

Golfing Dynamics

Our newsletter editor, Rick 'Clark Kent' Owens, screwed me from behind, took my booty and I didn't even get as much as a kiss! The January 1997 Individual Development article was not authored by me. Yes, it is true, I have not regularly submitted my newsletter article every month, and yes, it true that Rick told us what would happen if no news article was turned into him (meaning I'd get burned). Well, Rick really burned me this month.

If you recall, Rick wrote up a story about how the Peoria Jaycees did not receive any proceeds from the Rock 106 Tutu Golf Classic last August. Apparently, catering expenses came over what was budgeted, so the golf classic failed to turn a profit.. In the original plan, the Jaycees were to be the beneficiary of the project so that the chapter can finance their Adopt-A-School program plus the Santa Visits the Kids and Easter Egg projects.

Rock 106 had no intention of 'stiffing' or 'getting' the Peoria Jaycees; it was simply a project that did not come off as planned. Also, I know what our (mild-mannered?) newseltr editor was trying to do. Since I have been lacking in my newsletter responsibilities, and since he was getting tired of not only writing my piece, but writing almost all the other board members as well, he was trying to embarrass me and the others. Our newsletter editor, Clark Kent is truely, 'the World's Most Dangerous Writer!' But all that aside, he has done a great job, especially when he dosen't even know all the details with all the projects currently going on. This he says takes even longer to put together the newsletter and requires time which he doesn't have. Anyway, he told us a few board meetings back he would write something that would make us look bad... and from what I learned... don't call his bluff!

I guess I have to take some of the blame here... since I never turn in my article. Rick was only trying to motivate (or intimidate) me into turning in my news... I did not listen to his warnings. I'm sure he didn't mean to offend Rock 106, or to portray them to be scoundrals looking to make a fast buck by walking over people. He just wanted to make me look like an idiot, and get me in trouble.. and he did a "super" job at it!

Wait til next month... I'll be sure to turn in my article and this time, our Clark Kent will get screwed blue and tattooed... I might even throw in a little kryptonite body piercing. It will make him WEAK!

This is 'the Friar' and I am OUT!