



The Charge!

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Governor Involved in Chili Scandal

Peoria, IL (Charge News Wire) - Allegations are now surfacing that '**Governor** **Dennis Owens** had pressured the judge of a chili cookoff to select his chili to be the winner at the recent Jaycees Super Bowl Party. While supporters of the Governor claim his chili won on merit, others are alleging that the Governor's chili won by slick marketing and packaging from a popular catch phrase.

Governor Owens entered what he called "Soup Nazi" chili in the annual chili cookoff which is featured at the Peoria Jaycees Super Bowl Party. The term "soup nazi" emanated from a popular episode of the television series *Seinfeld*. Judging the different chili was former Rock 106 personality **John Lamb**. Owens won the contest by a wide margin.

At a press conference last week, Owens angrily and sternly told reporters his side of the story. With his finger pointed in the air, the Governor said, "I will say this again. I did not have any relations of any kind with this man. I did not pressure him or force him to do anything. These allegations are false." Special prosecutor **Steven J. West** is now considering giving immunity to John Lamb for his testimony into this latest scandal which is now being called "Chili-Gate." Attorney West was appointed as special prosecutor last summer when Governor Owens was under fire for umpire fraud at the Peoria Heights Jaycees T-Ball games, also known as T-Gate.

Distinguished Service Award Winners

The Peoria Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards Banquet was held last Tuesday, February 3rd at Mt. Hawley Country Club. With the exception of some confusion as to whether the event was the 57th or 58th annual DSA, the event ran very smoothly. **John Cima** and **Cara Freehill** served as the master (and mistress?) of ceremonies. **Major Barry Swanson**, the commander for the Salvation Army served as the key note speaker for the Jaycees prestigious event.

Award winners included **Darrell Fuchs** for the Young Law Enforcement award; **Kim Ritchhart** for the Outstanding Young Health Care Professional; **Dr. Ted Chapin** for the Outstanding Young Business Professional; **Kamey Ganashaw** for the Outstanding Young Educator; **April Gould** for the Outstanding Young Religious Leader; **Camille Gibson** for the Good Government award; and **Debra Margetis** won the Prescott E. Bloom Award for Outstanding Community Service. The Keyman Award was presented to **Rick Owens** for the dedication and service to the Peoria Jaycees. The Keyman Award is similar to a "most valuable player" award and is given to a member of the Peoria Jaycees who exemplifies "that service to humanity is the best work of life."

After the Keyman Award presentation, John Cima asked "What's going on here; last year **Dennis Owens** won the Keyman, now Rick. You Owens' are taking over." Little did he know is that is was right. Secret planning has been taking place to where **Beth Barr** will win the Keyman Award next year, followed by **Shari Quin** the year after that.

This year's DSA Banquet had a strong turnout of Jaycees and other dignitaries. **Emily Duncan** chaired this year's DSA Banquet, and thanks to her work and effort, an excellent time was had by everyone in attendance.

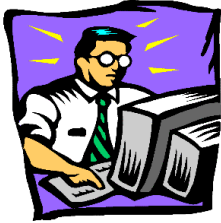
Pick A Crawl... Any Crawl

Not one, but two pub crawls to Peoria's finer drinking establishments are being planned to promote the Peoria Jaycees International Beer Festival. The first pub crawl will take place on Saturday, February 21st, starting at 7:00pm at Sulley's Pub & Grill in downtown Peoria. Pubs that will be visited afterwards are being held secret until the night of the event in hopes to get members to attend.

The second IBF Pub Crawl is scheduled for Friday, March 6th at 5:30pm at Khaki Jack's on the corner of Allen Rd and Willow Knolls Rd. And again, to encourage people to attend, you have to come out to discover where this pub crawl will take you. However, more secret details may be disclosed at the February membership meeting, so it is encouraged that members attend. If you have any other questions or comments, call chapter management vice president **Heather Zech** at 274-4035 or IBF chairman **Mike Rhodes** at 681-9747.

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

by Rick Owens



Sir Richard?

Last week, a high honor was bestowed to me as I won the coveted Keyman Award. Even though I knew I was in the running, I did not know for sure whether I was going to win it. It was still a surprise to hear my name being called as the winner of this

award, not to mention how flattering it was.

Now that I have won this prestigious award, it means more to me now than it did before. After everyone had to shake my hand and congratulate me, it felt as if I was just knighted by the Queen of England. Do I now get to be called "Sir"?

How did I come about to win this award? The answer is simple... I really duped the Keyman committee into believing I was worthy of this honor.

Seriously, when I get involved with any Jaycee project or event, it's my goal to do the best job possible. When writing a newsletter, I try to make it better than any previous newsletter (and I'll be the first to say I've failed here, but at least I tried). As I tried to convey in my acceptance speech, it is the hard work and dedication that gets recognized with any award; not holding a special office or title. For example, a war hero does not set out to be a hero; it is their dedication and devotion to their country and their duty that gets them recognized as a hero.

However, there are those who constantly seek recognition and attention. Unfortunately, these people are so preoccupied with attaining these things that they do not apply themselves to any matter at hand. In the end, they do not receive the recognition that they want, and will walk away with bitter feelings.

In closing, I would like to thank the Keyman Organization, the Peoria Jaycees and anyone else who had a hand in my winning this award. And I will endeavor to uphold this high honor by never disclosing where that secret Keyman meeting will take place next year.

Mark Your Calendars

February

IBF Committee Meeting; Tuesday, February 10, Khaki Jack's, 7:00pm - call Mike Rhodes @ 681-9747

Visitation to Bloomington Jaycees; Wednesday, February 11, meet at RLO, 6:00pm - call John Cima @ 693-0631

Business After Hours; Thursday, February 12, 5:00-7:00pm, sponsored by Packard Plaza - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Illinois Jaycees GA; Friday, February 13 - 15, Holiday Inn, Decatur, IL, hosting the Ten Outstanding Young People - call John Cima @ 693-0631

Membership Meeting; Thursday, February 19, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call the 'Governor' @ 693-8771

Chapter Finance Meeting; Friday, February 20, Monica Rhodes house, 7:00pm - call Dennis Owens @ 693-8771 or Monica @ 681-9747

International Beer Fest Pub Crawl #1; Saturday, February 21, 7:00pm, Sulley's, downtown Peoria, show up to find out what other pubs are on the crawl - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Epicurean Night; Thursday, February 26, cocktails 6:00pm, dinner 6:30pm, Taste of Thai, Pioneer Pkwy, Peoria - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Give Blood with 'the Commander'; Friday, February 27, 9:00am, American Red Cross, downtown Peoria - call Steve West @ 682-7958

Cooking With Becky; Saturday, February 28, 12:00 noon, Becky Lemont's residence - call Becky @ 676-2780

March

Board Meeting; Thursday, March 5, 7:00pm, RLO World H.Q., newsletter articles due - call 'Governor' Dennis Owens @ 693-8771

IBF Pub Crawl #2; Friday, March 6, 5:30pm, Khaki Jack's, show up to find out what other pubs are on the crawl - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Business After Hours; Thursday, March 12, 5:00pm, Area Business Connection held at the Peoria Civic Center - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Beer Fest Setup; Friday, March 13, setup tables, posters, etc., deliver beer to Expo - call Mike Rhodes @ 681-9747

6th Annual Peoria Jaycees International Beer Festival; Saturday, March 14, Expo Gardens, volunteers needed to pour beer and sell tickets - call Mike Rhodes @ 681-9747

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Mail Call

Thank You Letter received 12/23/97:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation to the Center for Prevention of Abuse. It is most welcome during this special time of the year.

We are abustle with holiday preparations here at The Center. The Angel Tree Project has been a huge success, providing gifts for adult clients, including abused elderly men and women. We are very grateful to anyone who cares enough to include the names of strangers in their gift-giving lists.

We are also very grateful to you. Your compassion and caring help ease the trauma of all those who come to The Center. Thank you for your donation of \$2,500.00 on December 22, 1997. The Center for Prevention of Abuse did not provide any goods or services in return for your donation.

On behalf of all of us - the Board of Directors, the staff and the clients - a most heartfelt thank you and a wish that you and your loved ones have a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Martha Herm
Executive Director

PS - What a wonderful surprise! We've had a bit of red ink this year, so this is a tremendous boost. Thank you so much!!

Thank You Letter received 1/2/98:

Dear Friends of Youth Farm:

On behalf of the boys at Youth Farm let me say thank you for your contribution in the amount of \$2,500.00. No goods or services were given to you in exchange for this gift. As the cost of caring for our boys continues to escalate, contributions like yours are more important than ever.

These contributions enable us to continue to provide a second chance for these troubled boys.

Once again, thank you. Your support is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Randall D. Hunt
President

Thank You Card received 2/4/98:

Thank you so much for being a corporate sponsor for the Miss Heart of Illinois pageant. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Sarah Conklin

Thank You Card received 2/4/98:

Thank you so much for sponsoring the Miss Heart of Illinois 1998. Without your sponsorship the pageant would not have been possible. This pageant gives girls the chance to gain confidence and share themselves with the community. Thanks again!

God Bless
KT Jonas

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



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

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



Peoria Jaycees

6th Annual International Beer Festival

Taste Test Over 150 Different
Micro Brew and Imported Beer!

Saturday, March 14th
3:00PM - 10:00PM

Expo Gardens
Northmoor Rd., Peoria, IL

Tickets:
\$3.00 in Advance
\$5.00 at the Door

More Info: call the Jaycee hotline @ 676-JAYC or
on the Internet - <http://www.jaycees.com>

Community Development

by Emily Duncan & Cindy Schwerer



IBF Soup Kitchen

The IBF Soup Kitchen is a smaller project run under the International Beer Festival that provides food and concessions to the patrons of the event. We really don't serve soup... or are we? **Rodney Olson**, in his first project, will portray the role of "soup nazi" and will be featuring chicken

gumbo at this year's Soup Kitchen. Also on the menu will be Godfather's Pizza. Proceeds of the Soup Kitchen will go to benefit Common Place. If you would like to sign up for KP duty in the Soup Kitchen, please contact Rodney at 685-3314.

Easter Egg Hunt

I think we have a winner! It's not confirmed at the time of this writing, but two newer members of the Peoria Jaycees may chair the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. **Bob and Angela Marasco** have expressed interest in running this highly visible of community projects. And thanks to the 1997 Haunted House, we have \$500 to work with in trying to out do last year's Easter Egg Hunt of 3,000 eggs! For this year, **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** wants to get 10,000 eggs. I'm concerned for Jeff's well being; I think he's going to break a blood vessel or get a hernia from laying all those eggs.

'**First Lady**' **Shari Quin**, who has chaired this project for the last two years is willing to help the new chairpeople. If you would like to help on this project, please call **Cindy Schwerer** at 685-4906 or **Emily Duncan** at 692-4512. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th at a location as yet to be determined and announced.

Blood Donation With 'The Commander'

'**Commander**' **Steve West** commands all Peoria Jaycee members to give blood with him on Friday, February 27th at 9:00am at the American Red Cross in downtown Peoria. The Peoria Jaycees are members of the Red Cross' Quiet Heroes Club. By giving blood, the Jaycees not only become stronger members but we can assure that blood banks can maintain healthy levels of this life sustaining substance.



For more information or want to attend, contact Steve West at 682-7958.

Get Well Soon!

Sandy Pearce

Lisa Urban

The Peoria Jaycees wish you the best and hope to see you soon!!



Membership Report

by Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt

Who's Up For Renewal

The following members are due this month:

James Buehler	Robert McBeth
* Jay Denton	Sandy Pearce
Cara Freehill	Shari Quin
* Marie Martin	Rod Skewes

The following members are due in March:

Mike Buckley	Dan Schmidt
* Becky Cassidy	Susan Wilbur
Nik Gerspach	Cindy Wrobel
Rustin A. Greene	Jennifer Young
Jeff O'Kane	

* - indicates Associate Member

If wanting to renew ---> Renewal fees are due on the third Thursday of the month (by the membership meeting). Remember, renewal dues are \$35 and for your convenience, you can send a check made payable to the Peoria Jaycees, PO Box 2, Peoria, IL, 61650. If you have any questions, please call me, Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt at 674-5290.

The Jaycee Card - Don't Leave Home Without It!

The Jaycee Card is here! Come one, come all to the next membership meeting and receive this membership tool to invite new members to our membership meetings. If you need a card before then, call the Jaycee hotline at 676-5292 and schedule to receive a shipment.

Hockey Night

The Jaycees Hockey Night was a huge success! We met up with a bunch of fun prospective members which we hope to sign up soon. I would like to thank **Dubby** for chairing this outing. Hail Dubby... another great project!

Beer Fest Membership Table

Mike Buckley, Becky Lemont and **Mike Rhodes** deserve accolades in offering to run a membership recruitment table at this year's International Beer Festival. The table will have giveaways and beer voting and will hopefully recruit new members.

Dues Invoice

If you recently received a bill from the Jaycees... it was the membership invoice. Please pay your yearly dues as soon as possible. Also, if you were billed in error, call the Jaycees hotline at 676-5292 and complain!

... and before I go, I urge you all to sign a new member this year!

Dan,
Out

Chapter Management

by Heather Zech



Hello Everyone! This year is really going fast! It seems like I just entered this office of chapter management and now already, it's time for the beer fest and before long, the year will be finished. The next few months should be exciting in the Jaycees. We have our International Beer Fest next month and Officer Elections coming up the month after that.

International Beer Festival

The 6th Annual International Beer Festival is only a month away. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th, from 3:00pm to 10:00pm, at Expo Gardens on Northmoor Rd. in Peoria (next to Richwoods H.S.). Admission is \$3.00 a person in advance; \$5.00 at the door on the day of the event.

The committee has shaped nicely, but we still need help. **Mike Rhodes** is chairing this year's beer fest, with **Jeff Bilsland** serving as the **Graphic Arts & Printing** sub-chair, **John Cima** and **Courtney Bosworth** as the Promotions & Advertising sub-chair, **Ross Hager** serving as the Facilities sub-chair, **Becky Lemont** in charge of Manpower and myself as the Ticket Manager. The next beer fest committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00pm at Khaki Jack's.

Admission tickets have been printed and they are available at the following locations; Deep Elm Brews, Jimmy's Bar, Sully's Pub & Grill, ZZ Pops, Stan's Wines & Spirits, Village Square Liquors in Wasington, Khaki Jack's, Wine Country in Peoria Heights, Peoria Hofbrau restaurant, Yogi's and Broadway Liquor's in Pekin. Radio sponsorship has been secured with **WGLO 95.5**, **WFYR 97.3** and **99x**. Other promotion includes road signs (like the Haunted House) manufactured by **'Governor' Dennis Owens** and **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland**. The sign will most likely be posted on the corner of War Memorial Dr. and Allen Rd. (like the Haunted House).



Right now, we need help from chapter members and members from other Jaycee chapters to help on the day of the event with pouring beer and selling beer tickets. These are usually 4 hour shifts and include free admission and 5 tickets to sample 5 beers. This year, Jaycee members will have priority of pouring beer. If there are not enough volunteers within the Jaycee organization, then outside help will be solicited. If you would like to help and want to assure your place next to your favorite beer, contact Mike Rhodes at 681-9747 or Becky Lemont at 676-2780. Or if you have any other questions or comments, feel free to call me at 274-4035, Mike Rhodes, the Jaycees Hotline at 676-JAYC or on the Internet at our website, <http://www.jaycees.com>.

Epicurean Night

It's been a while since we've had an Epicurean Night. But since the holidays are over and the Ms. HOI Pageant and DSA are wrapped up, we can get back to our normal monthly Epicurean Nights. For those who are not familiar, Epicurean Night is where several Jaycee members will visit a local restaurant and try out its food. It's a good way to get acquainted with other members and experience a new restaurant.



The next Epicurean is set for Taste of Thai, located on Pioneer Pkwy, on Thursday, February 26th. We will meet at 6:00pm for cocktails and start to order dinner at 6:30pm. If you are interested in attending, need more information or just

have an idea for a future Epicurean Night, feel free to call me at 274-4035.

Chapter Elections

I would like to remind to everyone that officer elections are coming up pretty soon. At the March membership meeting you can announce your intention to run for an office on the Board of Directors. Then, at the next membership meeting in April, the actual election will take place. If you do not announce your intention to run for an office at the March membership meeting, you can have a member of the Peoria Jaycees nominate you for an officer position at the April meeting. Also remember, you must be a member in good standing and all membership dues must be paid for you to run or hold any office.



I encourage anyone who has never held a position on the Board to run for an office. It is a great learning experience and can strengthen your leadership skills and even your resume. If you have any questions regarding a certain office on the Board, please feel free to call me at 274-4035 or contact the current officer holding that position.

Ms HOI Pageant

The Miss Heart of Illinois Scholarship Pageant took place on Saturday, January 24th. The turnout was great as we had to open up the upper balcony to accommodate everyone. Other than a small delay in starting the program that night, everything ran smoothly. There were 18 contestants in the pageant, in which **Sarah Conklin** turned out to be the winner. She won \$3,000 in scholarship money and can go on to the next pageant level.

The Peoria Jaycees served as co-sponsors of this event, along with **WHOI TV 19** and the **Mark Twain Hotel**. I would like to thank all those Jaycees who served as committee members and who came out and helped make this a successful event. It was a nice change of pace to see all of you dressed up (and you guys smelled great with all that cologne!).

Individual Development... ...Served Hot and Fresh

from your Hostess, Becky Lemont



Good Cooking

Yes, we will finally be "Cooking with Becky" on Sat. Feb. 28th from 12:00-3:00. This project will be held at my kitchen. The address is 716 N. Ashland Ave....but please, call me first so I can plan accordingly. We will bake some bread, make some soup and have our cake too. Individual Development is also cooking up a great schedule for the next three months.

All these projects are tentative. They are based on what the interest is and if someone will step up to the stove to make these projects happen. One project that is not on the schedule is Bar Tending Dynamics. This project will be run only when someone puts on the apron, grabs the spatula and says: "Yes, I too can be Julia Childs and run this project." Individual Development will help write CPG, make contacts and serve refreshments to help encourage anyone to run a project.

Individual Development Schedule

Feb 27th - "Snows of Kilimanjaro". This is a Senior Citizen movie night through the Peoria Park District. This is our chance to ask neighbors, grandparents and even parents to go to the movies. This is a classic based on Ernest Hemingway's story.

Feb 28th - "Cooking with Becky"

March 19th - ID Rotation. Guest Speakers, a chance to learn something new and great fellowship. This project will be run after the regular membership meeting

March 28th - Golf Dynamics. This has had a huge response but no Chair or CPG yet. Call me now so we can get a jump on the season.

April 12th - Easter Service. Everyone that does not have plans for Easter are welcome to join Steve West at his Church.

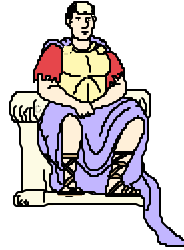
April 18th - Zoo Day. Join us with a picnics at the Glen Park Zoo for a fun afternoon of talking to the animals. A great opportunity to invite prospective members and friends (especially those with children) to get to know us better in a great setting.

April 19th - Church Dynamics. This project will give us the opportunity to be introduced to another church/religion. After church, we will go out for brunch.

May 2nd. - Girl's Night Out....sorry guys, you are not invited to this project until midnight when you all turn into Princes. We will be celebrating the upcoming nuptials of **Beth Barr, Shari Quin** and **Cara Freehill** plus anyone else that can get engaged before this date. Dinner, dancing and FUN. Let's get them started right.

State Director's Report

by John 'Caesar' Cima



Visitations

Since the International Beer Fest is upon us, now is the time to make some much needed visitations to area chapters to recruit manpower for this event. We will be going to the following places:

Peoria Heights - Monday, Feb. 9th, 6:30pm, Leaves & Beans

Bloomington - Wednesday, Feb. 11th, meet at the RLO World HQ as we will be traveling together.

Lincoln - Thursday, Feb. 12th, (for anyone who wants to go and get our creed back)

If you have any other questions or ideas for a visitation, please give me a call at 693-0631.

General Assembly

The Illinois Jaycees Winter GA is scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 13 -15th at the Holiday Inn in Decatur, IL. It is rumored that this is one of the top five best and nicest Holiday Inns in the country, so I think that's incentive enough to go. The Ten Young Outstanding People award is the main attraction for this GA. If interested in going, please call me at 693-0631 as soon as possible as room availability is limited. The Spring GA will also be held in Decatur in May, 1998.

Other Events

The Macomb Jaycees are holding a beer festival on Saturday, February 21st. It will take place at the Stampede in downtown Macomb. I don't know exactly where that is, but if you are interested in going or helping out, call me at 693-0631 and I will get you more info. Please keep in mind that this is during our IBF pub crawl.

The Bloomington Jaycees are having some sort of Jimmy Buffett party at the Sandwedge in Bloomington, IL on Saturday, February 27th. They ask that you come dressed in your favorite Buffett attire.

Signing Off,
'Caesar'

More info on all these projects will be available at the next Membership Meeting, Feb 19th. or you can call Individual Development VP at 676-2780.

A Stay of Execution from 'Governor' Dennis Owens



I have two things on my mind. The first thing is bottles, a lot of them. The International Beer Fest is coming to a Peoria near you. March 14 is D-day, no not drink day, that's for our customers. If you want to get involved, come to one of the committee meetings on the calendar of events, you will not regret it. One item I want to make very clear is that this is a very good recruitment opportunity for the Jaycees and we should not blow it. Anybody that wants to volunteer and isn't a Jaycee already should be encouraged to join. I mean really encouraged, like they can't pour beer, or help unless they join.

Now obviously we will need outside manpower for this project but putting a little fear in their minds may just put them over the edge and force them to join. I have been to every Beer Fest, the first 2 as a customer and the last 3 as a Jaycee. I see the same people pouring beer every year and these people love doing it, but they will not join. I think it is time to pay the piper.

The other thing on my mind is eggs, like 10,000 eggs. Yes, the Easter Egg Hunt is not far away. April 4 is the date and I want 10,000 eggs. Did you know Peoria Plastics makes almost all of the plastic eggs for the entire country? This means we should be having the biggest egg hunt in the country. My ultimate goal is 100,000 eggs in 3 or 4 years. I HAVE A DREAM, come help me fulfill it.

Now for the projects we just ran, the Distinguished Service Award was a great success. **Emily Duncan**, with little help from the chapter ran this project beautifully. I don't know if she wanted help or needed it because every time I called her she seemed to have everything in order. Great job Emily! The Ms. HOI Pageant was also run with a very unexpected greatness. This project turned out to be 10 times better than I had expected. It all seemed to come together after the show started. **Theresa Diefendorf** did a tremendous amount of work on the project and produced a program for the event that was second to none. I have to admit though the Jaycees dropped the ball on ticket sales, posting a big 0 in sales; that's despicable. Come on, we can do better than that.

Now for the Goals.

G1: Law and Order in Meetings

I just got out of our February board meeting and the board members were actually discussing at length how we could bring more order to meetings. They have finally waked up. I guess they never read my goals. One of the new things they suggested is a quarter fine for anyone who talks out of

turn during the membership meetings. They then said it was too harsh. Bull, I am doing it. I will have a roster and start checking off names of people who interrupt other people when they have the floor. Don't worry there will be a warning at first.

G2: Train and Involve More Members

Speech training was the big thing this month at the DSA. A whole bunch of Jaycees got to stand up and talk to 80 people in the crowd. Some were noticeable terrified. Also, biggest bag of hot air, **Rick Owens**, the editor of *The Charge!* was able to speak after he won the Keyman award. I am here to tell you that he is much better in writing than in person.

G3: Give More Donations

The DSA saw a great donation to the community for honoring the young community leaders. Having this event a Mt. Hawley Country Club put a polished look on everything. Hopefully, we will be recognized as a first class act. Another donation was to the HOI Pageant, as we sponsored the second runner up prize of \$800 dollars and help run the event. Times are good in the Jaycees.

G4: 150 Members

No new members since November. Good Lord, what's going on here? Remember, if we recruit 20 new members by May 1, myself and 4 of the top recruiters will get a free meal at a nice restaurant. **Jeff Pulfer** is paying the bill. Remember working the Beer Fest as a non-Jaycee is not a right, it is a privilege, a rare privilege.

Its Better to Burn Out than Fade Away
Governor Dennis Owens - Out



A rowdy crowd of Jaycee members take part in the membership night at the Peoria Riverman game. Roughly 40 Jaycees and their guests turned out for this event. Thanks to **Dubby** for setting up another outstanding time!

Photo © Scott Fletcher

Chapter Election Guide

The Peoria Jaycees chapter elections are once again upon us. This is a great opportunity for a member who has never held a position to come forward and run for an officer on the executive board. Holding an office is a great learning opportunity. It will allow you to develop your leadership, organizational and personal skills. It also allows you to make several new contacts in the community and will help you network yourself. It is also a definite resume builder.

At the March membership meeting, the chapter will be soliciting any and all announcements from members who wish to run for an office. Then at the April membership meeting, the actual election will take place. If you do not announce your intention to run for office in March, you must then have a fellow Jaycee member nominate you for that position at the April meeting. To run for an office, members must be in good financial standing with the chapter. Listed below are the available offices on the executive board, the current office holder and a brief description of that office and it's responsibilities.

Chairman of the Board (John 'Caesar' Cima) - The chairman is not an elected position. This position is automatically assumed by the outgoing president. John in this case acts as an advisor and consult the new president and Executive Board. No one else may hold this office.

President ('Governor' Dennis Owens) - 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 typically a leadership position and not a management position. Also, the president sets the agenda and runs board and membership meetings.

Chapter Management VP (Heather Zech) - This can be 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.

The chapter management vice president serves and the presidents "right hand man" (in this case, it's a left handed woman). This position will assume the president's duties and role when the president is not available.

Community Development VP (Emily Duncan & Cindy Schwerer) - 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 and the Distinguished Service Awards Banquet. It is a very important position as projects run under this officer are visibly seen in the community, reflecting the image of the Peoria Jaycees.

Membership VP (Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt) - Responsible for the membership as a whole. Keeps track of when members are due, ensuring as many as possible renew and recruiting new members. Also responsible for the invoicing and collection of membership dues. Assists and supervises membership recruitment activities and outings. Once again, another important position on the executive board.

Individual Development VP (Becky Lemont) - Schedules and is responsible for all personal training activities. Supervises projects such as the mock stock market, ID rotations, speak & write ups, wine tasting and other personal learning and training projects.

State Director (John 'Caesar' Cima) - Keeps chapter informed of district, regional and state Jaycee activities and organizes visits to other chapters.

Secretary (Eric 'Crash' Gengler) - Responsible for all correspondence to and from the chapter. Records and publishes the minutes of Board and Membership meetings to be available at membership meetings.

Treasurer (Monica Rhodes) - Keeps chapter books; responsible for checkbook, monthly financial statements, tax filings and the building fund. Responsible for knowing what the chapter can spend and what it can't spend on projects and events. The chapter's accounting system is currently kept by using Quicken software.

Local Directors - 12-13 maximum - Local directors are responsible for communicating the current events and needs of the chapter back directly to the membership. The current local directors are Joe Burkitt, Cara Freehill, 'Dubby' Janosov, Sandy Pearce, 'First Lady' Shari Quin and Mike Rhodes.

And keep in mind that if you announce to run for an office next month, you can place your free campaign ad in *The Charge!*

Top Ten Other Scandals Involving Governor Owens

10. Failed Arkansas real estate venture with Mark Rosenburg.
9. Cheated at the Mock Stock market project by using corporate inside information.
8. Didn't pay for any beer at the International Beer Fest (Ooops... that's scandals involving Dan Schmidt).
7. Has a serious nicotine patch problem.
6. Secretly ordered the execution of those frogs in the Budweiser commercial.
5. Covered up a botched break-in and burglary at the Democratic National Headquarters in 1972.
4. Accepted bribe money from John Cima to run for president.
3. Held sleep overs in his 1950 party bus to raise money for his scandal defense fund.
2. Scarfs down more than his fair share of jelly donuts at board meeting's.
1. Hired Shari Quin as an intern at the governor's mansion for personal reasons.

John & Cara's Housewarming Party

Two of the newest residents of Sherwood Forest, **John Cima** and **Cara Freehill**, held a housewarming party on the night of January 31st. Proudly wanting to display their new abode, they made the misfortune of inviting their Jaycee friends.

Attending the party was **Dennis Owens**, who brought with him the infamous bull horn used at the 1996 Fourth of July hog roast. Knowing what trouble that could bring, John immediately told Dennis to put it away and don't let anyone know it was around. Dennis did as he asked, but that was only temporary.

In the early hours of the morning and after the keg turned dry, an impasse of excitement was reached and the group of Jaycees turned to the bull horn for entertainment. Unbeknownst to John and Cara, **Rodney Olson**, another housewarming partygoer, grabbed the device and proceeded outside. With other rowdy Jaycees looking upon him, Rodney turned the bull horn on and loudly stated, "Citizens of Sherwood Forest. My name is John Cima. I am required by law to inform you that I am a convicted child molester and... I am not wearing any pants!"

John came running outside, screaming "What in God's name are you doing... Call it off! Call it off!" His face was several shades of red. Paranoia started setting in as John noticed all his neighbor's lights being turned on and tens of people looking outside their window at all the commotion. The rest of the Jaycees giggled at John's plight. The days that followed became increasingly stressful for John and Cara. As they would drive in and out of the neighborhood, hordes of neighbors shouted and carried protest signs against the two newcomers. After working their way through the protesters, John would shake his head in disgust and think, "those darn Jaycees!"

It's A Little Known Fact... The Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympic Games were first held as a separate competition in 1924 at Chamonix, France. From that time until 1992, they took place the same year as the Summer Games. However, beginning with the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, the Winter Games were rescheduled to occur in the middle of the Olympic cycle, alternating on even-numbered years with the Summer Games.

The 1924 Winter Games included 14 events in five different sports. The scheduled program for the 1998 Winter Games, to be held in Nagano, Japan, included more than 60 events in eight different sports. In the first Winter Olympics the Scandinavian countries dominated competition. Norwegian athletes won all four of the skiing events, while Finnish competitors finished first in four of the five speed-skating events.

The Winter Games first gained wide international notice four years later at Saint Moritz, Switzerland, when Norwegian figure skater Sonja Henie won the first of her three consecutive Olympic figure skating titles. Her triumphs in 1932 and 1936, in addition to her charisma, contributed to her subsequent success as a motion-picture star.

The Winter Games were cancelled in 1940 and 1944 because of World War II. (They were to have been held in Sapporo, Japan, and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, respectively.)

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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Jaycee Member Moonlights As Pied Piper

The Peoria Jaycees recently made their annual ski pilgrimage over the weekend of January 9 - 11th. The group left Peoria on that Friday night with a convoy of four vehicles. Two of the vehicles, Dennis Owens' turbo diesel Ram truck and Rick Owens' German Iron, luxury sedan Audi, were both equipped with citizen band radios. Rusty Greene who had been riding in Dennis' truck, proceeded to maintain his reputation as a "ratchet jaw." After an hour of travel, truckers were becoming quite annoyed with Rusty's comments and stated that the Truckers Federation will outlaw CB's for "four wheelers."

Stopping at a Hardee's to get something to eat, several semi-truck trailers pulled up behind the group of Jaycee skiers. In moments, they surrounded Rusty and pulled out baseball bats and switch blade knives on him. Rusty calmly looked at them, raised his left eyebrow and then pulled out his harmonica and began playing and dancing around. The truck drivers were impressed. "He's bad!" said one truck driver. They all put away their weapons and left Rusty and the rest of the Jaycees alone.

The group finally arrived at Devil's Head Ski Lodge in Baraboo, Wisconsin late that night. They checked in and had adjoining rooms with one another, making it all the more convenient to celebrate until the wee hours of the morning. After several complaints were issued, the party was interrupted when two Devil's Head security came up to stop the noise. When Rusty discovered that the hotel security was cracking down on the Jaycees, he immediately took action. "Stand back," Rusty exclaimed, "I'll handle this!" He got out his harmonica and began to play to the security personnel. Rusty proved to be a pied piper of sorts as his harmonica playing convinced the security people to allow the Jaycees to continue their partying efforts.

The two hotel security employees walked away, saying that Rusty played some "bitchin' harmonica."

Rowdy Jaycees Attend Hockey Game

The Jaycees had an exceptional turnout on the night of January 17, 1998 for it's membership night at the Peoria Riverman hockey game. Nearly 40 Jaycees and their guests showed up to watch the Riverman don their old Peoria Prancer uniforms and engage into senseless and random fighting on the ice rink. "Once again, **Dubby** had done another incredible job!" stated membership vice president **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt**. Jaycee member Dubby was the organizer behind this membership event.

Despite two small incidents, the event ran very smoothly. In one instant, a minor problem arose regarding tickets and seating. As some members in the group were standing in the aisle of the lower bowl of the arena, an usher for the Riverman, abruptly told everyone to sit down so other could see the game. "I don't care where you sit, just find a seat so these people can see!" the irate usher ordered. It would have been a great opportunity for someone with upper bowl tickets to get into the lower bowl.

Another small contingency on the event were the fog horns behind the section to where the Jaycees were seated. Every time the Rivermen would score a goal, the horns would sound, causing Jaycee members to cover their ears. It was purported that prominent Peoria and Jaycees attorney, **Steven J. West's** office was inundated with phone calls from people at the hockey game who wish to press charges of hearing loss. In an exclusive interview with *The Charge!*, one of the would be plaintiffs said "Huh, what... speak up, I can't hear you." when asked to comment on their allegations. Attorney West stated "I don't need to chase ambulances anymore; hanging out with these Jaycees has been very lucrative for my practice."