



# The Charge!

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## 1997 Peoria Mayoral Debate

The primary election is over; it's down to two men, **Lowell "Bud" Grieves** and **David Ransburg**; and the Peoria Jaycees is hosting one of the very few mayoral debates. With co-sponsor **Community Now!**, the Jaycees will be hosting this highly visible and community oriented event on Sunday, March 16th at the Apollo Fine Arts & Entertainment Centre. The debate is set to begin at 5:00pm and last until 6:00pm, with a reception immediately afterwards in the Apollo Palm Room. There are still a few seats open for those who would like to be there and witness this historic occasion (when was the last mayoral debate in Peoria?). The debate is to be televised live by **WEEK TV 25** and broadcast by **WTAZ FM 102.3**. If you would like to get involved and help with the mayoral debate, or would like to reserve seats, call **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland** at 682-2897 or **Rustin A. Greene** at 243-1027. Call today and let's show Peoria that the Jaycees can really be a class act!

## Epicurean Night Rating System Established

A new system of rating the quality of food, service and atmosphere at restaurants visited during Epicurean outings was established during the February Epicurean night. On Thursday, February 27th, six Peoria Jaycee members visited Maria Elena's in Peoria Heights. This Mexican restaurant is a small and quaint establishment and was not very crowded that evening. Once a dinner is ordered and paid for, it is almost immediately served and ready to eat. After ordering and picking up her feast of burritos, rice and beans, **Cindy Schwerer** began to savor her Mexican treat. "Oh my God...", Cindy screamed with excitement and enthusiasm, "this rice is great!" Others there for dinner slightly glanced at Cindy, thinking to themselves, "Oh well, that's Cindy." Moments later, Cindy inhaled to catch her breath while everyone in the little restaurant could hear her loud breathing. "Ohhh.. these beans are wonderful! Yes! Yes!" Cindy exclaimed. It soon became apparent that the food Maria Elena's serves was somehow pushing Cindy's bodily senses into overload and reaching a climax. The Epicurean crowd then formulated a new rating system for future outings. If Cindy should reach multiple sensory overloads or climaxes, the restaurant will be rated outstanding; if Cindy only reaches one climax, the restaurant will be rated fair or satisfactory; and if Cindy does not climax at all, the restaurant will be rated poor. Maria Elena's received a total of 3 climaxes from Cindy. And speaking of Cindy...

## Cindy Schwerer Case Settled Out of Court

The **Cindy Schwerer** case against the big pharmaceutical company was settled out of court last week which resulted in an unprecedented turn of events for prominent Peoria attorney **Steven J. West**. Ms. Schwerer, who was released from a drug rehab center last month, agreed to accept a lifetime supply of Aleve pain killers if she would drop her case against the drug maker. "I am outraged at this settlement!" testified a hot tempered Mr. West, lead council of Ms. Schwerer's prosecuting legal team, "this is like something out of a *Seinfeld* episode." The Peoria attorney, who has yet to lose a case and has a record better than attorney **Perry Mason**, claimed that Ms. Schwerer did not even consult him on the settlement deal. "Had I known about this offer, I would have advised my client against it and deem this proposal as unacceptable" the lawyer stated. Attorney West claimed that the big pharmaceutical company took advantage of Ms. Schwerer and her problem with the pain killer. "And worse yet," stated Mr. West, "my record as an attorney has been blemished from the snap decision made by my client." Attorneys **Robert Sharpiro**, **Johnnie Cochrane** and **F. Lee Bailey**, who also sat on Schwerer's legal team, offered no comment to this latest turn of events. Ms. Schwerer took legal action against the big pharmaceutical company last January when it was learned she had a problem taking too much Aleve.

## The Last Call

As **Jeff Pulfer** is gearing up for his move to Miami, Party Central saw it's final festivity under the Pulfer administration on Saturday, March 8th, thus closing out a long chapter in the history of the Peoria Jaycees. Several friends, family and various Jaycees were on hand to bid Herr Jeff Pulfer "Aloha." There was an abundance of food and drink at the Aloha party. "Hey, I'm leaving on Friday, so you guys have to drink all this beer." Pulfer commanded to his guests. There was a hefty amount of micro brewed and "wimpy" American beer on hand on the back party deck. "And I have four more cases downstairs!" Pulfer added.

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

*by Rick Owens*

I am extremely pleased to report to you that *The Charge!* has won the runner-up award for Most Outstanding Chapter Newsletter for the third quarter in the State of Illinois last month. I was particularly flattered when **John Cima** told me that officials from the Illinois Jaycees requested that I be at the last General Assembly to accept this award. Unfortunately, I had other commitments at the time.

At any rate, I would like to thank the academy (or those people who decide on the awards) for this honor. I would also like to thank my newsletter staff of **Beth Barr** and **Susan Wilbur** for helping me in the distribution of this publication. I also would like to mention a thank you to those board and other Jaycee members who submit news and other interesting items for publishing. And a special thank you should go to those of you who have ever been written up in *The Charge!*, particularly **Cindy Schwerer** and **Steve West** for having a great sense of humor and being such a good sport, as they have put up with all the stuff I've written about them.

*The Charge!* is sent to roughly 240 different individuals and businesses. It is also located on the Peoria Jaycees web site, so those outside our realm of influence can read what is happening. Putting together *The Charge!* every month is a large undertaking and it always makes it worthwhile when people comment on how they like it. I seem to get comments from phone calls, letters, e-mail and even personally face to face from people whether affiliated with the Jaycees or not. So until next month... I thank you for your support!

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## Mark Your Calendars

### March

**Ides of March;** Saturday, March 15, Your time is coming, "Caesar!"

**Peoria Mayoral Debate;** Sunday, March 16, 5 - 6:00pm, Apollo Fine Arts & Entertainment Centre, downtown Peoria, seating still available - call Jeff Bilstrand or Rusty Greene

**IBF Pub Crawl #1 & St. Patrick's Day;** Monday, March 17, 5:00pm, Sully's in downtown Peoria - call Shari Quin

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

**Easter Egg Hunt;** Saturday, March 22, 8:00am, Detweiller Park - call Dr. Shari Quin, "Membership Woman"

**IBF Committee Meeting;** Tuesday, March 25, 7:00pm, Jimmy's on Farmington Rd. - call Becky Lemont or Joann Ziegler

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

**Epicurean Night;** Thursday, March 27, 6:30pm, Weaver's, Knoxville Rd. next to VOP's - call Susan Wilbur

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

### 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

**IBF Pub Crawl #2 & Susan Wilbur's birthday;** Friday, April 4, locations and times TBA after the first pub crawl - call Shari Quin

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, April 10, 5:00pm - 7:00pm - call Joann Ziegler

**Peoria Heights Jaycees Lawnmower Clinic;** Saturday, April 12, 8:30am - 4:00pm, PAL Automotive, Peoria Hts. - call John Cima

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria, ELECTION NIGHT! - 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

**Attention! All meetings are open to all Jaycee 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 the Amvets in downtown Peoria

## Moving?

### 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.

### Mark Monge Offers Fund Raising Plan

**Mark Monge**, who is with Remax Realtors and a Peoria Jaycee member would like to announce a great fund-raiser for the chapter. If anyone would either purchase or sell a house through him, or refer someone to him that is looking to purchase or sell a home, Mark is willing to donate \$200 per transaction to be earmarked for whatever project or segment of the Peoria Jaycees that member would want. If 50 people know at least one person that moves this year, that equates to \$10,000 to the Peoria Jaycees! For more info, call Mark Monge at 674-1000, ext 133, or at home at 681-7653, or e-mail at 75253.2622@compuserve.com.

## Classifieds

### Break the Boundaries of Convention

Educated SWPM, 33, husky build, eclectic thinker, seeks SWF, 25-38, educated, earth mother, who is into deep conversation, real beer, ecology and physical fitness. Call 676-5292.

### Party Central is For Sale!

Looking for a great place for entertaining all of your Jaycee friends? Check this out, a four bedroom ranch in Marquette Heights with a double garage, a wooded back yard, large family room and best of all, the biggest party deck in the neighborhood. Only minutes from downtown Peoria, Pekin, Morton, East Peoria. And Continental Cablevision has a much better variety of TV programming than TCI. Plus, everyone in the Jaycees will already know where you live (*an amenity money can't buy*).

Asking price mid-to-upper 80's. Call **Jeff Pulfer** at 675-6503 or after March 18th at (305)816-3306.

## Mail Call

Here is the latest e-mail *The Charge!* has received.



Forwarded on 2/26/97:

Great Web Page! I am envious.

I am a JCI Senator from

Cockeysville-Timonium Maryland. We are about 30 members and been around over 30 years. Keep up the good work!

**Senator Tony Lorenzo**  
JCI 19073

## Easter Egg Hunt by Dr. Quin, Membership Woman

The Easter Egg Hunt is fast approaching! It is going to take place early morning on Saturday, March 22nd. People are needed to help hide eggs at Detweiller Park the morning of the event at 8:00am. The event starts at 10:00am. We have 3,600 plastic eggs (yes, count them 3,600 eggs) to fill with candy or prize tickets. The Jaycees are purchasing candy and prizes, but we are also looking for donations. If you get anything donated or would like to help, please call **Shari Quin** at 745-8453.

## 1997 Mayoral Debate

Sponsored by Community Now! & The Peoria Jaycees



**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 extremely limited.

Reserve your seat today!

**Call 676-5292**

Televised by WEEK TV25  
Broadcast by WTAZ FM102.3

## State Director's Report by 'Mad Hatter' Jason Arends



Hey gang, it's me, **Jason E. Arends**, your state director and it's going to be a great month. I haven't had much time to do anything with the chapter lately because of a new job that keeps me working up to 60 hours a week. I also have a new woman and that take up the remaining hours left in the week.

### IBF Power Visitations

We have the International Beer Fest coming up and we need to make some "power" visitations and promote this thing. **Rick Owens** has volunteered to help organize and schedule the IBF visitations for the next month or so. Rick is planning on forming "away teams" to each chapter and Rick himself is personally going to lead 2 of these away teams himself (and there could possible be a third); Princeville on April 3rd and Peoria Hts on April 14.

The Power Visitation Schedule is as follows:

**Wyoming;** Monday, March 17, 7:00pm, Resource Hall

**East Peoria;** Tuesday, March 18, 7:00pm, East Peoria Jaycees Clubhouse

**Green Valley;** Wednesday, April 2, 7:00pm, call for location

**Princeville;** Tuesday, April 3, 7:30pm, the downtown bar

**Farmington;** Monday, April 7, 7:00pm, Bowling Alley

**Galesburg;** Wednesday, April 9, 7:00pm, Regency Hotel

**Bloomington;** Wednesday, April 9, 7:00pm, Bogies

**Lincoln;** Thursday, April 10, 7:30pm, American Legion

**Peoria Heights;** Monday, April 14, 7:00pm, Leaves n Beans

We need as many people possible to go on these visitations and seek volunteers and support for one of our biggest projects this year. If you are interested in going on a visitation or actually leading an "away team," call Rick Owens at 243-7319. Remember, get involved and "make it so Number One" and have a great day!

## Epicurean Night by Susan Wilbur

On February 27th, the Epicurean Night took us to Maria Elena's in Peoria Heights. The group that went rated Maria Elena's, on a scale from 1-5: Atmosphere-3, it is small eating area but clean and colorful with mementos of Mexico everywhere; Food -4, the beans rated a 5 with Cindy. It was

## Membership Report by Dr. Quin, Membership Woman

### Who's Due

In March, the following members are 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

In April, the following members will be due:

Chris Alcocer	Jennifer Routzon
Tambria Bill	Steve Venzon
Joe Binder	Heather Zech
Michael Godar	

### Welcome New Members!

February was a great month in the way of new members. Please welcome our newest members; **Cara Freehill, Eric Gengler, Robert McBeth** and **Stan Whetsell**. Cara joined us at the February membership meeting, Eric transferred all the way from South Dakota while Stan transferred from the neighboring community of Canton. Robert joined us as soon as he met some Jaycees at a recent Business After Hours. Welcome guys!

I hope to see the new members get involved in many of our upcoming activities. I joined at this time last year and have really enjoyed it. You have joined at the perfect time, right before the Beer Fest. The Beer Fest was the first event I participated in. Okay, enough about me. At any rate, there are a lot of activities planned for summer so please try to participate and have fun.

*Editor's Note: Shari asked if she gets anything for turning in two articles this month. For this, she gets a gold star, but unfortunately, I have no gold stars to hand out. Therefore, she gets nothing and likes it!!*

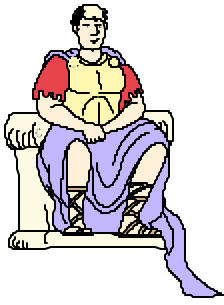
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almost an orgasmic experience; Service - 3, you serve yourself. After ordering the food, the customer picks up their plate at the window between the kitchen and dining room. The food was prepared fast, but was not fast food. The dinner was followed by dessert at the Spotted Cow where the topic of discussion was Cindy's attire. The night finished up at Peoria Pizza Works for drinks and karaoke.

On Thursday, March 27th, we will be going to Weaver's Ranchhouse on Knoxville, next to VOPs. The prices are medium range and the food is worth it. The time is TBA and will be decided at the March membership meeting.

I will be on vacation in April, so I am seeking someone to handle Epicurean duties for me. Please call me at 685-8365 for details (there's not much to it)!

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## Caesar's Scroll by John 'Caesar' Cima

Well, I managed to survive Mardi Gras! Despite the fact that it seldom got above 50 degrees, the trip managed to accomplish my main objective- to get out of Peoria during the winter and recharge my batteries. Now that I'm back, it seems that we have no shortage of Jaycee stuff

coming up to close out my term. By the time this goes to print I will have already attended two committee meetings and a board meeting. Amongst the highlights coming up are the Mayoral Debate (3/16 - call **Rusty Greene**), the Easter Egg Hunt (3/22 - call **Shari Quin**) and the International Beer Festival (4/19 - call **Joann Ziegler** or **Becky Lemont**). We need as much Jaycee participation as possible in these events (particularly the debate and beer fest). I hope to see a lot of the less-familiar faces from the chapter at these upcoming events. A couple of notes:

1. Elections are coming up at the April Membership meeting. All offices (President, Treasurer, Secretary, State Director, Management V.P., Community Development V.P., Membership V.P., Individual Development V.P. and Local Directors) will be up for grabs, and no one has announced their candidacy to date. This is sad! The Peoria Jaycees is a great organization, and there are many people currently active that would make great official leaders. All of the current officers (particularly the President, Treasurer, and Community Development V.P.) will bend over backwards to make sure that your transition into power is a smooth one. If you have any questions about any of the offices, please ask myself or any of the current officeholders.

2. The upcoming events offer a great opportunity not only to boost our name recognition and public image in the community, but also to add new members. Although every Jaycee event is a potential recruiting event, the three events mentioned above offer us the opportunity to add significantly to the numbers of our little family. Let's not let potential opportunities like these pass without making first-rate efforts to recruit new members.

3. Finally, as most of you are aware, **Jeff Pulfer** will be leaving us shortly. As far as adding quality members and contributing time, knowledge, and ideas, there has not been a more active and vital member in this organization over the past decade. Even though he has been a pain in the tuckus on occasion, his contributions toward the betterment of this organization have far outweighed any times when he's been a burr in our saddle. I hope everyone were able to attend his Aloha Party on March 8th. So Jeff, I raise my glass of good beer to you and say "Thanks and Best of Luck!" You are always welcome to come back for any of our events. Just remember to leave the paper work in Miami!

## 5th Annual International Beer Festival Update by Becky Lemont

Thanks to all the sub chairs of this project, our pieces are falling into place... but now we need the final pieces to complete our puzzle, those pieces are **YOU!!!** Co-chairs **Becky Lemont, Joann Ziegler** and last years co-chair **John Cima** will be calling the roster over the next couple of weeks to sign YOU up for manpower for the day of the event as well as invite you to join us for the infamous IBF Pub Crawl. Please keep April 19th open on your calendar.

**Sue Wilbur** will be distributing tickets to outlets over the next two weeks. If you would like to help sell advance tickets or need some complementary tickets to pass out, please call Sue at 685-8365.



**John Cima** and **Jeff Pulfer** will be going to visit the Bloomington Jaycees on Wednesday, March 12th. Call if you would like to go along. Also, John has the list of Jaycees chapters that we will try to visit over the next month. Please call John at 692-4422 or **Rick Owens** at 243-7319 if interested.

**Heather Zech** and her sidekick, **Dr. Quin** are working hard on promotions. Also, Shari with help from **Emily Duncan**, will be in charge of our first pub crawl on Monday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day). Everyone is to meet at Sully's in downtown Peoria at 5:00pm. Our second pub crawl is scheduled for Friday, April 4th. If you have any questions regarding IBF promotions, please call Heather at 274-4035.

**Mark "Wrongway" Klokkenga** is getting our facility under control and this year's event will feature an outdoor patio area.

The next IBF meeting will be on Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00pm at Jimmy's on Farmington Rd. in West Peoria.

Thanks again, Becky and Joann.

### -- Quotables --

*"If people behaved in the way nations do  
hey would all be put in straitjackets."*

- Tennessee Williams (1911-1983)

*"I always turn to the sports page first. The sports page  
records people's accomplishments; the front page nothing  
but man's failure."*

- Chief Justice Earl Warren (1891-1974)

## 1996-7 Year End Awards Nomination Form

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

At the annual awards and installation banquet in May, several awards will be presented to Jaycee members for their service during the past year. Please feel free to nominate any individual who you feel has exhibited outstanding service to the Peoria Jaycees or a project that has had the most impact. Be specific if possible - i.e. number of projects chaired, members recruited, number of people involved, funds raised, meetings attended. Please return all nominations to **John Cima** by the April Membership Meeting.

**Jaycee of the Year:** This award will be presented to the Jaycee member who best exemplifies the total Jaycee concept throughout the year. Judging criteria will include leadership, enthusiasm, and overall participation.

Individual Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why this individual should receive this award:

**Board Member of the Year:** This award goes to the board member who has shown the greatest level of commitment and teamwork towards furthering the Peoria Jaycees goals and handling their assigned area.

Individual Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why this individual should receive this award:

**Dale Akridge Memorial Award:** This award is presented annually to the new Jaycee who exhibits the most outstanding qualities of leadership, enthusiasm, and belief in the Jaycee Creed.

Individual Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why this individual should receive this award:

**Project of the Year:** This award will be presented for that project run during the last year which is worthy as being recognized as the most important project for the year.

Individual Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why this individual should receive this award:

**Chairman of the Year:** This award will be presented to the Jaycee member who exhibited exceptional leadership abilities in chairing a project. This is not necessarily measured in terms of money raised or complexity of the project but also includes the individuals overall handling of the project.

Individual Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why this individual should receive this award:

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## Individual Development

by Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt

### Mini Grand Prix

In August, the Arthritis Foundation is holding a Mini Grand Prix, where entrants in the race drive 3.5 horsepower go carts dressed up as Indy race cars. And I want to get the Jaycees involved in this community and charitable event. How this event is run is the Jaycees purchase an already prepared go cart from the Arthritis Foundation and is entered into the race. The cost to do this is roughly \$2,200, half of that cost is for the purchase of the go cart, the other half for the entry fee. However, we are going to solicit sponsorships and will advertise on the go cart.

There has been some talk about this project regarding certain procedures not being followed. And I will stand forward, raise my hand and admit, I am guilty as charged as I jumped the gun before getting chapter approval. Furthermore, the board has discussed this matter in detail and determined that there was some miscommunication and mistakes made. But what's done is done and the board decided to move forward and work things out. I am proud to announce that the Mini Grand Prix will go on as planned pending a revised budget and official approval from the chapter membership. The CPG and revised budget will be presented at the March Membership meeting. So you need to be there, to get involved, have fun and find out more on this event!

We still have positions open on the go cart committee. If you are interested in possibly becoming a race car (I mean cart) driver, call **Dan Schmidt** at 674-5290.

### Personal Ads Dynamics

**Cindy Schwerer** one night showed a few Jaycee members what it takes to write an eye catching and effective personal ad. Approximately 3 or 4 Peoria Jaycee members currently have personal ads floating out there somewhere in the *Peoria Journal Star*. Even one ad appears in this issue of *The Charge!* Thanks to Cindy for assisting these chapter members in finding that special someone.

## Chapter Management

by Joann Ziegler

Hey Ya'll I'm back with some of my own news, before the saga is created by Rick on my behalf. It's been a very busy month in my house! Only one more month before I go to HAWAII!!! But back on to my exciting news!

### Ten Outstanding Young Persons

The TOYP (The Ten Outstanding Young Persons) was fantastic. The winners were this year by far some of the best winners that I have ever seen. It was an honor and a pleasure to meet, speak, and hear some of the things these people have accomplished in their lifetime! And yes, **Chris Zorich** did attend and was looking very smashing!

## Community Development

by Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland



### Firecracker 5000

For the 15th year the Peoria Jaycees will run their annual race on the Fourth of July this year, the Firecracker 5000. This is a well respected 5 K race through downtown Peoria and is the 4th largest in the Peoria area. The Firecracker is on the IVS Grand Prix Race series sponsored by the Illinois Valley Stiders. We have people from all over the country attend the race and plan to increase the attendance again this year. Last year we successfully incorporated roller blading in the event and we plan to do it again this year.

There is much planning to be done and you are the one that can do it. This is your chance to take a leading role in this race. Planning and organization is starting and you need to get involved. If you are a race enthusiast or just enjoy competition, we need your help. Contact **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland** at 682-2897 for more information on how you can help.

### From The Community Development VP

Yes, its that time of year again, election time. With the Mayoral race coming up in April and all eyes turn to the leadership of Peoria, remember that the Peoria Jaycees also need leaders to make our organization a successful one. The role of the Community Development Vice President is an honor to fill and a fun one. I have been the VP in this area for 3 years and have enjoyed seeing children smile as we bring Santa to Visit them, watch them hunt for joy in the Easter Egg Hunt and see the competitive feeling of athletes participating in the Firecracker 5000. I have seen many wonderful projects and always had the feeling that I took part in making these projects happen. Its great to feel the satisfaction when a project that I am overseeing is a successful one and to see the chairmen learn and understand the complexity of it all. Oh what a wonderful life!

Enough of that. Run for CDVP because it is the most gratifying position that you will ever know. I may at times go a little crazy, jump up and down and look like at any given time I could succumb to a nervous breakdown or heart attack, but hey, I've been doing it for 3 years, there must be something special about it.

I am retiring a happy man but would be happier if I knew that someone was going to take over the position and give it all they have. If you are interested, contact me, **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland** at home 682-2897, work 692-2685, e-mail [Jeff@flink.com](mailto:Jeff@flink.com), or carrier pigeon.

I admire and respect him for attending and speaking at our banquet! It was really neat to see someone of his caliber at one of our events. If you didn't get a chance to attend this year, think about it next year! It was enriching to see us recognize someone else efforts for something we believe in as an organization. (continued on page 8)

## Tell Trudy Your Troubles



Dear Trudy,

**I have a problem. I am easily intimidated by other people. Call it peer pressure if you want, but I have a hard time expressing myself, especially when I disagree with someone. This situation occurs not only at work, but I**

**have found that in the Jaycees as well there are some people who just plain scare me. What can I do? Signed -- Central Illinois Fradey Cat**

Dear Cat,

I understand your problem completely. Let me give you a hint about humans -- 90% of the time, the harder they blow, the more insecure they are themselves. You are right about one thing, I also know a few Jaycees who can become over emotional, but don't let that throw you off -- they're like that with everyone and everyone knows who they are. Their reactions are not a reflection on you -- it's a reflection on them.

I can't speak for the people you work with, but as far as the Jaycees are concerned you must remember that absolutely no one is a superior over anyone else, we are all equals. **NO ONE HAS CONTROL OVER YOUR LIFE.** So go ahead and speak up. Chances are that there are at least two other people in the room who agree with you. No one is going to hate you or think that you are dumb. If everyone agreed with everyone else it would be pretty boring and nothing would ever change (which would be a bad thing, especially for us). Now I'm not telling you to be obnoxious and pick fights but please...let your opinions be known. This is a learning/training organization, and I suggest you use it to train yourself to be more aggressive, and soon you will be more confident at work and throughout the rest of your life.

## Chapter Management (continued)

Also, congratulations to **Rick Owens** on winning the Runner Up award for the most outstanding newsletter of the third quarter and for his dedication and hard work for the Peoria Jaycees.

### Elections

Elections are right around the corner. Think of what you want to accomplish in the organization and for yourself. Challenge yourself and go one step outside your safety zone!! Do something to surprise yourself! You never know how much you can learn unless you try! And knowledge is Power! You can learn skills to take into your personal life as well as your professional life. The only thing that is stopping you is you! If you never wander out of your comfort zone, we miss so much that could touch our lives. Out of those experiences, we grow inside and not only make ourselves a little better, but we make life for someone less fortunate a little bit brighter! Now I will get off the soap box and expect to see everyone at the **INTERNATIONAL BEER FEST!**

## You Might be a "High Tech Redneck" if...

- Your computer speakers used to belong to the Pioneer Drive In Theater.
  - Your computer is named after a Southern Civil War general.
  - If you use CD ROM's as a beer coasters.
  - You consider a sixpack and a screen saver Friday night entertainment.
  - If your computer is worth more than all your cars combined.
  - You get a Genealogy program and learn your family tree is really a wreath.
  - Your mousepad is Elvis on black velvet.
  - Instead of your AOL saying "you got mail" it plays "Dueling Banjos".
  - Your idea of a portable computer is that it all fits in the back of your El Camino.
  - You made your computer desk out of cinder blocks and milk crates.
  - Your laptop computer, your dog and your wallet are all on chains.
  - Your startup music is your favorite Slim Whitman song.
  - You bought your computer with Marlboro miles.
  - All the .WAV audio files on your computer are "Hee Haw" out takes.
  - Your belt buckle weighs more than your laptop.
- submitted by Dan "The Friar" Schmidt*

## Heights Jaycees Lawn Mower Clinic

The Peoria Heights Jaycees are holding their biggest fund raiser, the Lawn Mower Clinic, on Saturday, April 12th, from 8:30am to 4:00 pm at PAL Auto Parts and Repair Service, 1016 E. Marietta (across the street from Cohen's Warehouse).

The Lawn Mower Clinic is a project where people can bring in their lawn mowers for it's yearly service and maintenance and prepare it for a summer's worth of grass cutting. Included in this service is a change of oil, blade sharpened, spark plug replaced and the mower cleaned. There will even be some "grease monkeys" around for those special problems you may have. The cost of this service is \$20.00 per lawn mower. However, a \$1.00 off coupon is to run in the Observer about 2 weeks before the clinic.

The Peoria Heights Jaycees are looking to recruit volunteers for this project. They determined about 6 Peoria Jaycee members are needed. There are three shift options, morning, afternoon or as much time as you can give. No mechanical experience necessary... will train!

And for all you **Amiee Nuzzo** fans...the Heights Jaycees will send out press releases to the TV stations, but no promises on whether any reporters including Amiee will come. Also, rumors about Peoria Heights Jaycees president **Bob Klannukarn** being the president of the Amiee Nuzzo fan club are absolutely false. However, it is believed that **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilsland** holds that title.

## Top Ten Reasons Dan Schmidt Wants To Enter the Mini Grand Prix

10. Wants to drive something that looks and runs better than his own car.
9. It's a good way to impress the babes!
8. One word: Scam.
7. He wants to party in the infield.
6. If Batman can have a Batmobile, why can't the Friar have a Friarmobile?
5. Just wants to see 'Mad Dog' Bilsland foam at the mouth.
4. It's a great way where Dan can still act like a child.
3. He challenged Steve West in a title for title drag race against his 1970's looking Dodge Fury.
2. Hey! The go cart can be used in the Hit and Run room of the Haunted House!
1. Cruise Main Street!

## The Last Call (continued)

In the kitchen of Party Central was a large spread of appetizers, chicken, roast beef, meatballs along with a large assortment of mixed drinks. Attendants of the party were beginning to think that the final party was a clearance sale of food and booze. However, the partygoers did their best to clean out the Pulfer residence and help his moving efforts. Almost all the wimpy American beers were gone as well as the micro brewed beers. Soda and snacks were also getting in short supply. Two attendants of the party managed to single handily finish 4 bottles of champagne, every propane molecule was siphoned out of the fuel tank of "**Mr. Heater**" and every charcoal briquette was consumed.

The highlight of the party was the return of **Mistress Dawn** from Big Al's. Mistress Dawn appeared at Pulfer's 40th birthday party in the summer of '95 and she had to make one more stop at Party Central before the doors were closed. This time however, Pulfer sat on a sturdy wooden bench instead of the weak plastic patio table he used before. "Break the bench, Break the bench" the rowdy crowd chanted. Afterwards, the crowd watched the newly recovered video of Mistress Dawn's first performance at Party Central. Before she left for the night, Pulfer presented Mistress Dawn with a piece of plastic table that was destroyed.

Party Central in Marquette Hts. is now up for sale as Pulfer is now preparing for his move to Florida. As they wish Jeff the best of luck in Miami, a sense of foreboding now lingers over the Peoria based volunteer organization as to what life will be like without Party Central. If only those walls in that house could only speak.

## It's A Little Known Fact...

### The Iditarod

Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is an annual event held in March, in which mushers (dogsled drivers) race teams of dogs on a grueling Alaskan course from Anchorage to Nome, over some 1,825-1,870 km (1,135-1,165 mi) of difficult terrain. Challenging conditions along the trail often include deep snow, unpredictable weather, and encounters with animals. The dogs often wear boots to shield their paws from ice.

Approximately 75 teams compete each year, with some of them dropping out or being disqualified during the week-and-a-half-long trek. The winner receives about \$50,000 in prize money. Noted mushers include Rick Swenson, who in 1991 set a record with his fifth first-place finish, defeating Susan Butcher, who had won four of the previous five years' events. The current record was set by Jeff King in 1993.

The Iditarod was named for an old supply route to interior Alaska's gold mining regions. In 1925 this route was used to relay serum from Nenana to Nome during an outbreak of diphtheria, and it was this dramatic run that inspired the annual dogsled race.

## 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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