



# The Charge!

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## Jaycees Summoned To Pour Beer

The Peoria Jaycees 6th Annual International Beer Festival is set to take place on Saturday, March 14th at Expo Gardens in Peoria. It will be open to the public from 3:00pm to 10:00pm. Ticket prices have remained unchanged from other years, \$3.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. Beer samples will cost 50 cents, with the exception of a few beers. Souvenir glasses will still be offered this year as well as IBF T-shirts. This year's beer fest is beginning to shape up better than last year's as it has been purported that over 200 different beers will be offered; not the 150 beers previously advertised.

The annual event is being co-sponsored with **Specialty Imports Distributing, WGLO 95.5/WFYR 97.3/99x Radio, Godfather's Pizza and Deep Elm Brews**. Other promotions for the event include the infamous pub crawls that Jaycee members attend. This year saw two pub crawls, the first was held on Saturday, February 21st and the 2nd on Friday, March 6th. Success was reported during the first pub crawl as the Jaycees were kicked out of only one drinking establishment for distributing IBF flyers.



And of course, with any Jaycee project, manpower is needed. Set up will begin on Friday, March 13th (mostly in the afternoon) and continue on Saturday morning. Then, later that Saturday, the Jaycees will need beer pourers and beer ticket sales people. There are two shifts for these people; 2:30pm to 6:30pm and 6:30pm to 10:00pm (note: the first shift people have to work 30 minutes more). And then manpower is needed after the event for clean up. Help is also needed in the IBF "Soup Kitchen," the beer fest's concession outlet. **Rodney Olson** is chairing this year's "Soup Kitchen" and will be featuring Godfather's Pizza and some delicious chicken gumbo.

Now is the time to come out and get involved with the Jaycees. This sounds like a lot of work, but one wouldn't believe what fun they can have. If you would like to help out for this cause, please call the IBF manpower chair, **Becky Lemont** at 676-2780 or IBF chairman **Mike Rhodes** at 681-9747.

## Jaycees "Big One" Gavel Declared M.I.A.

The Jaycee creed is flying at half staff during the month of February as '**Governor**' **Dennis Owens** declared the Peoria chapter's "Big One" gavel as missing in action. The touted gavel was discovered missing prior to the February membership meeting, held at the Amvets Post #64 on Thursday, February 19, 1998 and has not been recovered to date.

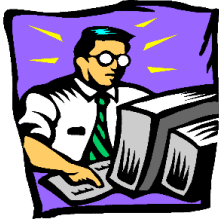
'Governor' Owens was unloading a series of awards, documents and other meeting materials from his Dodge Turbo Diesel truck into the building. He sat several items in the foyer of the Amvets building while he went back to his truck to retrieve more items for the monthly membership meeting. Upon his return, he discovered that the gavel had disappeared. When the meeting was called to order, the 'Governor' made the announcement that the gavel had disappeared and asked for anyone with any information to come forward.

"I don't know who would take it. What value would it have to them?" the 'Governor' stated. Owens ruled out another chapter taking the item, despite the fact that several other chapters, including East Peoria, Washington and Lincoln, were making visitations that night. It is very common when another chapter makes a visitation, the act of a Jaycee chapter attending another chapter's membership meeting, to run off with some item and force that chapter to attend one of their meetings. "If another chapter ran off with our gavel, I'm sure they would of told us so that we would have to go get it back." Owens explained.

The Peoria Jaycees gavel was nicknamed the "Big One" in 1995 when a number of Bloomington Jaycees women commented that the Peoria chapter's gavel was much larger than theirs. The gavel was engraved with the names of past presidents, including **Dan Gurnee, Brian Milbrandt, Alan Pennington, Steve West** and **John Cima**.

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

*by Rick Owens*



*The following is an unbelievable tale of total and complete incompetency. Unlike several other news stories you may have read in this publication, this story is entirely factual! The names and dates herein have not been changed for the innocent need not be protected. The*

*opinions in the conclusion of this story are solely mine (but I'm sure you'll probably agree with me).*

### What is K of C?

As most of you know, I became engaged last Labor Day weekend to **Beth Barr**. In September, we arranged with "Tommy" at the Knights of Columbus Hall to provide a location for our wedding reception. Two days later, an individual named "Randy" phoned and informed us that the Knights of Columbus Hall was double booked and that we could not hold our reception there on that day. However, Randy said he could make arrangements to allow us the use of a new facility which was being build and was near completion. I directly and clearly asked him if it would be ready in time and nothing foreseeable would happen to prevent us from using this facility. Randy gave us proper assurances that the building would be finished in time and that we would be able to use it.

As November and December came and went, it appeared on the outside, that not much work was getting done on this new building. I called the Knight of Columbus in early January and asked if someone would be around at lunch time so that Beth and I could inspect the progress. I was told no one would be around at the time. Anyhow, Beth and I decided to drive by and take a look and low and behold, there were several cars in the parking lot... what do they mean no one would be there.

I called back later in January and asked to talk to Randy. Randy also works at Notre Dame High School and gets to the Knights of Columbus when he is not busy with students, so it was somewhat difficult to find him. Randy was not in at this time and I figured I would call him back later.

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## Mark Your Calendars

### March

**International Beer Fest Setup;** Friday, March 13, setup tables, posters, etc., deliver beer to Expo - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2780 or Mike Rhodes @ 681-9747

**6th Annual Peoria Jaycees International Beer Fest;** Saturday, March 14, 3:00 - 10:00pm, 1st shift volunteers should arrive 2:30pm; 2nd shift volunteers should arrive 6:30pm - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2780 or Mike Rhodes @ 681-9747

**Ides of March;** Sunday, March 15 - Beware 'Caesar'

**St. Patrick's Day;** Tuesday, March 17, nothing planned at time of printing - grab a roster, call anyone

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria, candidacy announcements for executive board positions - call 'Governor' Dennis Owens @ 693-8771

**Epicurean Night;** Thursday, March 26, Fairview Farms, near the Greater Peoria Airport, cocktails at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:30 - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Golf Dynamics;** Saturday, March 28, tentative, chairman needed - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2780

### April

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm, RLO World HQ, newsletter articles due - call Dennis Owens @ 693-8771

**Community Easter Egg Hunt;** Saturday, April 4, setup starts early a.m., hunt begins 10:00am, Detweiller Park, Peoria - call Lori Cave @ 693-7709 or Kim Turner @ 685-6059

**Easter Service with the 'Commander;'** Easter Sunday, April 12 - call 'Commander' Steve West @ 682-7958

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, April 16, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria, Election Night - call Dennis Owens @ 693-8771

**Zoo Day;** Saturday, April 18, come to the membership meeting to learn what time - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2780

**Peoria Hts. Jaycees Lawnmower Clinic;** Saturday, April 18, 8:30am - 4:00pm, PAL Automotive, 1016 East Marietta, Peoria Hts., volunteers needed - call Mary LaKemper @ 263-7315

**Church Dynamics;** Sunday, April 19, attend a church service and then have brunch afterwards - call "The Church Lady" Becky Lemont @ 676-2780

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## Mail Call



*The Peoria Jaycees have recently received a number of thank you notes from the Ms. HOI Scholarship Pageant and the DSA Banquet.*

Thank you so much for awarding me the Outstanding Young Health Care Professional for 1998. It is truly an honor. The entire program on Tuesday was exceptional. Thank you for your contribution to Peoria.

Kim Ritchhart

Just a note of thanks for all of your support and for being a corporate sponsor of the Miss Heart of Illinois Pageant. Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Thanks again!

Sincerely,  
Tonya Schmidt  
4th Runner Up

Dear Mr. President, Peoria Jaycees,

Thank you so much for your extreme help and involvement in the Miss Heart of Illinois Scholarship Pageant. It is greatly appreciated. Hope to see your involvement next year.

God Bless you -  
Jennifer Watson  
Contestant #4, non-finalist talent winner

Peoria Jaycees,

I was a contestant in the Miss HOI Pageant this year. I would personally like to thank you for an outstanding experience and a wonderful chance for some helpful scholarship money. This is a wonderful thing! Thank you so much!

Kathryn Graham

Dear Peoria Jaycees,

I was a contestant in the Miss Heart of Illinois Scholarship Pageant. Thank you so much for being a sponsor. It was so generous of you and all the girls in the pageant appreciate it. It is because of people like you that these wonderful opportunities are available to help fund college tuitions. You really have made many people happy and several girls dreams come true! Thanks again!

Gratefully yours,  
Kristine T. Davis

Peoria Jaycees,

Thank you for your contributions and support! I had a fabulous time last week at the Miss HOI Pageant.

Carrie Biegler, #17

Dear Peoria Jaycees,

My name is Jodi Darnall and I was a contestant in the Miss Heart of Illinois scholarship pageant. I wanted to thank all of you at the Peoria Jaycees for making this pageant possible for all of us girls. It has been a great growing experience for all of us. Your sponsoring has been greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Jodi Darnall

Thank you so much for helping to make this pageant possible.

Rashayla Brooks

Thank you for your support and thoughtfulness!

Sincerely,  
Tonya England

Dear President,

Thank you for being a corporate sponsor for the Ms. HOI Pageant and other events throughout Peoria. Without your help the former would not have been possible. Your dedication is appreciated by myself and my family.

Sincerely,  
Angela Frank  
Contestant #1

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**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

## Individual Development... ...Served Hot and Fresh from your Hostess, Becky Lemont



### **ID Rotation**

Individual Development is happy to announce that we will be offering another ID Rotation at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 19th. We will be offering a Time Management Segment, a Secrets of Success segment, a Top Secret Recipe segment and Primerica Financial Services talk.

**Rick Owens**, our own intrepid news reporter, will be offering us all the opportunity to learn the secrets of his success. He claims his biggest problem in his life right now is a leaky faucet. Get Real! This guy doesn't have any problems at all! Rick will be giving us some helpful and common sense tips on how we can better manage ourselves.

Time Management will teach us about those neat gizmos that **Dan Schmidt, Dennis Owens** and **Jeff Bilsland** carry around. Learn the cost and pros/cons of ownership

**Curt Davies**, Regional Vice-President of Primerica Financial Services, will present fundamental financial solutions to help families reach their goals and dreams.

Do you crave Big Macs, Mrs. Field's Chocolate Chip Cookies, Hardee's French Fries or Wendy's Chili? Would you like to make these items in your own kitchen? Well, here is your chance to learn Top Secret Recipes. Your Hostess will give out these and other fun fast food recipes that you can make at home. We will also be sampling some clever clones including Ben & Jerry's Heath Bar Crunch and Snapple.

### **Upcoming ID Projects & Events**

Upcoming projects include a Golf Dynamics Class that still needs a Chairperson. This is scheduled for March 28th but can be moved to April.

March 28th - Golf Dynamics (chairperson needed)

April 12th - Easter Sunday - Everyone is invited to attend Church with **Steve West**.

April 18th - Zoo Day - Glen Oaks Zoo visit and a picnic

April 19th - Church Dynamics - We will visit a church service than go out to Brunch.

### **Kitchen Tip for the Day... Fix It Fast.**

**Appetizer** - top a block of cream cheese with one of the following: Curry Powder & Chutney, Jalapeno Pepper Jelly, Salsa or shrimp sauce with tiny shrimp

**Fondue** - cheese soup thinned with beer or wine

**Fruit Soup** - process softened 8 oz. of cream cheese with 16 oz. of frozen fruit without sugar. Stir in additional liquid until desired thickness and spice to taste Chicken Marinade - Cover chicken overnight with your favorite salad dressing. Try Italian Dressing, barbecue sauce, vinaigrette dressing or teriyaki sauce.

**Dunkin' Soup** - Hollow out hard rolls then fill with thick cream soup. Use the hollowed out parts as croutons or to dunk. Eat the bowl when finished with the soup

## Mail Call (continued)

Dear Jaycee Members,

Thank you so much for your support of the Miss Heart of Illinois program. Your work in getting the word out was great - special thanks to **John Cima** for his work in publicity. Also to **Theresa Diefendorf** who has become an integral part of our committee. **Heather, Dan, Emily** and **Dennis** were a GREAT help as well, not to mention **DUBBY**, who got donations and led us to a wonderful corporate sponsor. so those of you who ushered, please know that your help meant so much - kudos to you for getting all those people in and seated! What a job!

I also want to tel you how much your \$800 donation to our 2nd runner-up means. The recipient, **Carrie Biegler**, will make good use of it as she continues her studies at ICC. Please know that Miss HOI **Sarah Conklin** is available for any of the Jaycee functions. Her platform is early drug abuse prevention. Thanks again for making the Miss HOI the largest scholarship program in the state! We gave \$7,500 in cash scholarship - more than any other!

Fondly,  
Miss HOI Committee



## 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>

## Membership Report

by Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt

## A Stay of Execution

from 'Governor' Dennis Owens

### Who's Up For Renewal

The following members are due this month:

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

The following members are due in April:

* Michael Godar	Lisa Urban
Kevin Poppen	Heather Zech
Jennifer Routzon	

\* - 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.

### New Members

Please welcome our newest members to the Peoria Jaycees! They are **Trya Elias** (recruited by **Cindy Schwerer**), **Eva Lord** (recruited by **Kim Turner**) and **Prestin Read** (recruited by **Mike Buckley**). Trya, Eva and Prestin all joined at our last membership meeting and appeared to fit right in with our group as they stayed for the after-meeting social hour. Welcome aboard guys!

### Membership VP Works Real Hard At Job

It's a relief to see that my term as your hard working Membership VP is coming to a close. I really worked hard at this and I get no recognition. For example, to complete the Jaycee Card I had printed, exhausted almost all my time and resources during my term as Membership VP. After 8 months of hard, intense labor, the small business card promoting the Jaycees is finally here.

I've also been real busy in other areas of membership, and again I receive no thanks. The '**Governor' Dennis Owens** has been handling close out with the Illinois Jaycees for me every month. He also has been sending out membership dues invoices; again something he did for me. **Rick Owens** has been managing the roster for me in addition to keeping track of who has paid membership dues. **Dubby** has done an incredible job of running membership projects and events. I have been so busy this past year with membership, please let me pause so that I may wipe the perspiration from my forehead. Whew!

*Editor's Note: Exactly, just what have you done as Membership VP?*



March is here and you know what that means, yes my birthday. March 10th is my birthday and I will be 21 years old. Finally I can drink legally! Actually I will be a very young 32 but who's counting. Well

enough of the silly birthdays, just ask "**Mad Dog**" how old he will be.

It looks like we finally got some new members, the drought is over. We signed up three new members in February. I would like to welcome them all aboard the Fun ship Jaycees. Their names are **Prestin Read**, **Eva Lord**, and **Tyra Elias**. I am sure they will have a blast at our upcoming events, Beer Fest and Easter Egg Hunt. Why don't some of you other members come on out from hiding and join us.

Well I have been ill all week long and **Rick** wants this news letter early so I am writing this slightly under the weather. This means I am tired of typing so see you at the Beer Fest! PS. Announcements for those wanting to run for a board position will be heard at the March membership meeting. If you want to be a part of the board, be at the March meeting or make arrangements.

Now for the Goals.

#### G1: Law and Order in Meetings

Boy you should of seen it, my new talking fine has gotten people to pay attention. If you haven't heard there is a new 25 cent fine if you talk out of turn during the membership meeting. All the proceeds go towards refreshments after the meeting. This time around I collected about \$4.50, enough for a pitcher of beer. The meeting did run too long though, but I will work on this.

#### G2: Train and Involve More Members

Well not much went on in February. The only thing we did do was visitations and pub crawls. I guess this is like PR training, we basically did it to promote the Beer Fest. On the pub crawl we only got kicked out of one bar; SOP's. And they use to be a Beer Fest Sponsor?

#### G3: Give More Donations

No donations this month. Try again next month.

#### G4: 150 Members

Three new members, there's light at the end of the tunnel. Remember if we get 20 new members by May 1 me and 4 of the top recruiters will eat for free at a nice restaurant. '**Herr' Jeff Pulfer** is paying the bill.

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

## Community Development

by Emily Duncan & Cindy Schwerer



### Adopt-A-School

Right now, our Adopt-A-School is Calvin Coolidge and we are planning a day in April to go help the kids plant flowers for their landscaping project. If you are interested in chairing this or planning any activities with the kids, please let me

know. In the past we have "rewarded" the good students with Chiefs games or going to the Rock & Roll Fun Center.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Remember, the community Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 4th at 10:00am at Detweiller Park. We need to get there early to set up and hide eggs! **Kim Turner** and **Lori Cave** are chairing this event and so far, they are doing a wonderful job! We are working with Godfather's Pizza on the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Hope to see ya there!

### A Message From Your CDVP

The year is almost over. Thanks everyone! I love the Jaycees and most people in it. Elections are next month and community development is a very needed position. Not everyone is a natural born leader, but I believe as long as you have a desire to better yourself and your community, you can handle this position! The Jaycees will help you with areas of your life if you step into a Board position. There is a great need to help the community with countless projects. Some of the main projects under community development include: the Firecracker 5000, Santa Visits the Kids, DSA Banquet and the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Jaycees are a training organization and will help you run any project (*Editors Note: assuming the project is in good taste and legal*). The supervising chapter officer will assist you and give much needed support if you do decided to run a project. And as always, if you would like to assist with a project, please let the chairman know so we can accomplish all our goals together.

I believe the Jaycees currently have plenty of social activities for the chapter, but need more community development projects. It takes a special person to fill these positions, but anyone is welcome even if you don't have any previous experience.

Lastly, remember that "*We believe that the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations, that earth's great treasures lies in human personality and that service to humanity is the best work of life!*" Where have I heard this before? In case the newer members are wondering, this is part of our Jaycees creed. Please consider a board position for the Peoria Jaycees as it is a very rewarding, educational and positive experience.

Love,  
Cindy & Emily

## Chapter Management

by Heather Zech



Hello everyone!!! Happy March!! Spring is almost here!! Hooray!!!

### International Beer Fest

Come one, come all... the International Beer Fest is Saturday, March 14th, 3:00pm-10:00pm. If you have not

already called or have been called to help out, you need to run to the telephone right now and call **Becky Lemont** at 676-2870. Not only with beer pouring, but we also need help for set up on Friday and tear down on Saturday night and Sunday. It looks like the IBF is going to be bigger than last year, so we need all the help we can get!!!!

### Chapter Elections

The Peoria Jaycees chapter elections are coming up real fast. At this month's membership meeting, the chapter will accept all announcements for anyone who would like to run for an office. If you cannot be at the March membership meeting, scheduled for Thursday, March 19th, but would like to announce your candidacy for an office, please call me at 274-4035 and I will make sure that your announcement is heard.

Then, at the April membership meeting, nominations will be taken for those people who did not announce their candidacy. At this meeting, you cannot announce you want to run for an office; you must be nominated by a fellow Jaycee member (and this is not a difficult task). After which, elections will then be held. Also keep in mind that a member must be in good financial standing to hold an office.

My term as Chapter Management VP is almost over and it's been fun! Have you decided which position of the board of directors you would like to take over?? Maybe its even mine. Well if you are interested in my position or any other board position or have any questions regarding a board position, I would suggest discussing that with the person currently holding that office. They should be able to answer your questions and tell you about what responsibilities go with the job.

The new year does bring two new positions to the Board. The Social Director (which will report to the Membership VP) and the Public Relations Director (reporting to the Management VP). The social director will be responsible for setting up social events like membership nights, sports nights, etc.. A prerequisite for this position is that you must love to party!!

The Public Relations Director will send out public service announcements and press releases to the local media on things that we do year around and not just the specific projects that have a sub-chair for this purpose. (As Rick once said, "If we fart, we want everyone to know about it.") Basically, this officer would act as a spokesman for the Peoria Jaycees.

And as always, feel free to call me, Heather Zech at 274-4035 if you have any questions.

## Epicurean Night *by Heather Zech*

### Taste OF Tai

Ten people attended the latest Epicurean Night, which was held on Thursday, February 26th to try the experience of Taste of Tai. Most of us have never ate at this restaurant before so it was an experience.!!! I think everyone had a good time.

At the end of the evening, we tried renewed a previous practice with a new edge and decided we will try to continue this with every other Epicurean Night. We cased ballots on 4 the typical ranking areas: ASQV.(Atmosphere, Service, Quality and Value)

Each area was ranked 1-5, 5 being the best and 1 the worst. We averaged the like categories together to get the rankings in each area and this is what me got.

We have decided to scrap the current rating system now being used, which was the number of climaxes **Cindy Schwerer** would have at an Epicurean outing. Instead of stars, I decided to rank the categories with a number of Cakes (no not my favorite food, but a great band!).

Atmosphere



Service



Quality



Value

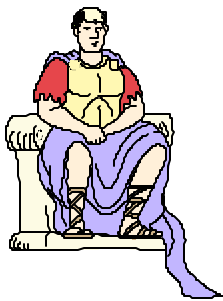


Our Waiter was very nice and I think deserves and extra Cake. Cima left his coat in the restaurant and the waiter delivered it to Tom Cats, the next door to the restaurant, which we went to for a night cap.

The next Epicurean Night is going to be a Fairview Farms, which is out by the Airport. The day is the 4th Thursday of the month which is March 26th. Please call me, Heather Zech at 274-4035 if you are planning on attending.

## State Director's Report

*by John 'Caesar' Cima*



Hey gang, time now for the State Director's Report. Unfortunately, this will not be much of a report. As the year is winding down, I don't have many visitations planned.

### Spring General Assembly

The next Illinois Jaycees General Assembly is scheduled to be at the Holiday Inn in Decatur (the same place where it was last month). It will be held on the weekend of May 8 - 10 (since the last GA was on Valentine's Day, this one is on Mother's Day). Rumor has it that several Peoria Jaycee members want to attend this one. If you too desire to attend this General Assembly, or have any questions, please call me at 693-0631 or call the **'Governor'** at 693-8771.

## From The Peoria Hts. Jaycees... Is Your Lawnmower Ready?

It must be close to spring if we are talking about the Peoria Heights Jaycees Lawn Mower Clinic. This year's clinic is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at PAL Automotive 1016 East Marietta, Peoria Heights (located across the street from Cohen's Furniture Regional Distribution Center).

We will clean the mower deck and air filter, change the oil, adjust the carburetor, sharpen and balance the blade, and replace the spark plug. Cost is \$20.00 per mower. Riding mowers will not be accepted.

We will be at the March Membership Meeting to sign up a few good Jaycees. Otherwise, call **Mary LaKemper** at 263-7315 if you can help. We are looking for help with either morning (8:30 to Noon) and/or afternoon (Noon to 4:00) shifts.

Legal Notice: Since this is our only major fund-raiser, we have put safeguards into place to ensure that **'Governor' Owens** is not serving coffee or that there are any Buddhists nuns around to avoid the expansion of Special Prosecutor **Steven J. West's** Chili-Gate investigation.

## Things To Ponder

- We do not stop working because we are old; we grow old because we stop working.
- Worrying about what's right is always more important than worrying about who's right.
- Wealth comes to those who make things happen and not to those who let things happen.
- Beware of the most dangerous person in business - the articulate incompetent.
- Don't hold a \$1,000 meeting to solve a \$100 problem.

The Illinois Jaycees GA's are held every three months and are usually a fun time. I encourage all to go!

### Other Events

The Peoria Heights Jaycees are having their annual Lawnmower Clinic on Saturday April, 18th, from 8:30am to 4:00pm. They will need volunteers to help out. If you cannot volunteers, this would be a good time to get your lawnmower tuned up.

Signing Off,  
'Caesar'

## Most Dangerous Writer (continued)

In early February, I noticed a for sale sign at the Knights of Columbus Hall. I called for Randy, and again, I was told he was not in. Once again, I figured I would call back. During the third week of February, I made another call for Randy. "He's not in" I was told. This time I decided to leave a message. The person on the other end of the phone must have not been too bright as he didn't even bother to ask who was calling for him let alone a return phone number. I had to ask him if he wanted my name and phone number. He took it once I mentioned it to him.

A couple of days had passed and no return message, so I called the Knights again. This time I was told that Randy did not work there anymore. I explained to this individual my situation with the new facility and then I was told that their deal with the new building and a local Peoria contractor fell through. I was then given to another person on the phone, "Tommy," the same fool that double booked us last September. I then learned that this deal fell through two weeks before. At this point I was getting furious.

I asked when they planned on informing us about this development. Tommy's reply was that they did not know we had the new building reserved. But why should the Knights of Columbus know when people have their hall booked. I only left a deposit with them in September; I gave Randy my information and witnessed him inputting it into their computer system. I then said "Didn't know?! You've only had my deposit check since September!"

"Oh, we can get that back for you" he replied, like that would correct everything. "I'm not concerned with my deposit check, I worried about getting a place for my wedding reception. What do you suppose I should do now?" I asked him. Complete silence was heard on the phone line as Tommy did not say a word. There wasn't even so much as an apology.

I then asked him about Randy. It turns out that he left the Knight of Columbus in November! Throughout this entire phone call, there was one central theme coming from the Knights of Columbus; "I don't know." What I'd really like to know now is who took the message I left for him and where did it go. Leaving phone messages for someone who does not work at your company or organization... now that's a good one; even the writers for *Seinfeld* can't come up with something that good! This level of incompetence is astounding! Now it's true that there are some really incompetent people in this world, but no one is born this incompetent; you would have to want to be this ignorant!

I knew I wasn't getting anywhere with this person so I asked to get the name and number of their 'Commander,' 'Caesar,' 'Governor' or whatever the title of their top officer was and hopefully I could better resolve this unbelievable mishap.

As I reflect on this whole debacle, I finally realized what K of C means. Most believe it means Knights of Columbus. Maybe so, but I think not! I believe it stands for "Knucklehead of Course!"

Who was responsible for the initial double booking? A "Knucklehead of Course!" Who took a deposit check (and efficiently cashed it the following day I might add) to book a wedding reception and then claim they were unaware of such a booking? A "Knucklehead of Course!" Who was taking phone messages for someone who is not employed nor affiliated with their organization? A "Knucklehead of Course!"

Yes, it really didn't take a rocket scientist or a brain surgeon to figure what K of C meant. And as my testimony shows, you won't find any rocket scientists or brain surgeons at the Knights of Columbus. It makes you wonder if they know what K of C means.

## Wrestlemania Breaks Out At Senior Night

Several Peoria Jaycee members took part in a Peoria Park District outing at the Owens Recreation Center on Friday, February 27th. The movie *Snows of Kilimanjaro* was the main attraction for a senior night, an event where everyone could spend quality time with Peoria's older citizens. The Jaycees hoped to get it's members to invite any senior friends or family that they may know to this event.

Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilisland invited his next door neighbor, **Kathryn**, to be his guest. Upon arriving to Owens Recreation, Jeff and his "hot date" ran into several other Jaycee members, including community development vice president **Cindy Schwerer**. When Cindy saw that Kathryn was there, Cindy's eyes got as big as golf balls and said "Hey! Your that lady that backed into my car last year!" Jeff's neighbor lady did accidentally back into Cindy's car during a Jaycee event, but no ascertainable damage was inflicted upon Cindy's car.

"Oh, dear," Kathryn thought as she was confronted. "I'll show you!" Cindy exclaimed as she started to engage into mortal combat with the elderly woman. Everyone cleared out of Cindy and Kathryn's way and into a large circle around them. "Cat Fight! Cat Fight!" someone shouted. The two women continued their wrestling, however, Kathryn was more of a challenge than Cindy had thought.

Kathryn had Cindy on the floor with her right arm up against her back, while at the same time, was able to pull on Cindy's hair. "Say uncle, say uncle!" Kathryn said. "Uncle! Uncle!" poor Cindy cried. Someone in the crowd then said, "Shouldn't she have to say Aunt?"

After the fight, Cindy and Kathryn composed themselves. Jeff and Kathryn headed in to watch the movie while Cindy, in an attempt to nurse her wounds from the battle, grabbed her purse and took several Aleve aspirin.

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## Top Ten Signs You've Been At The International Beer Fest Too Long

10. You have no idea how you got there, who you are with, or for that matter, who you are.
9. You start seeing two Dubbys.
8. As the hoards of people fill the exhibit hall, you begin to panic and start shouting "Call it off! Call it off!"
7. After the kegs are empty, you start drinking out of the slop buckets.
6. People start mistaking you for Ted Kennedy.
5. Someone photographs you wearing Jeff Pulfer's silly German beer drinking hat.
4. You giggle uncontrollably as you ask to be served the new Jewish beer, "Hebrew."
3. You've puked for the third time.
2. The big screen TV flashes a picture of Janet Reno... and it turns you on!
1. You awake to discover that Janet Reno is in your bed wearing a paper bag.

## Investigative Report: Bloomington Jaycees Promote Free Love

In the spirit of the Valentine Day's holiday, the Bloomington Jaycees are proving themselves to be a chapter of free love, according to a recent *Charge!* special investigation. In the February, 1998 issue of the Bloomington Jaycees publication, *DRIVE*, an announcement was presented to where the first person to give a Valentine's Day kiss to **Mark Thomas**, a Bloomington Jaycee member, at their February membership meeting would win a big prize.

*The Charge!* investigative reporters **John 'Caesar' Cima** and **Rick Owens** traveled to Bloomington, Illinois to discover what this was about. And while they were there, they also promoted the Peoria Jaycees International Beer Fest. "This was very interesting," stated Owens, "Not only did the first person to kiss this individual get a prize, but so did anyone else for that matter." The prize turned out to be candy.

And it wasn't only women kissing this person; it was anyone in the Bloomington chapter. "This was a complete display of gratuitous sex and free love as I've ever seen." 'Caesar' Cima, who on occasion wears a white toga, claimed. "I was appalled." Cima added.

The investigation also showed the Bloomington Jaycees to be a very likable and fun group of people to be with and that visitations to their chapter are worthwhile, especially if you need it bad.

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

Puerto Rico, a freely associated commonwealth of the United States, is composed of one large island and several small islands. Officially the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico is bordered on the north by the Atlantic Ocean, on the east by the Virgin Passage (which separates it from the Virgin Islands), on the south by the Caribbean Sea, and on the west by the Mona Passage (which separates it from the Dominican Republic). San Juan is the capital of Puerto Rico, as well as its largest city. Puerto Rico became a U.S. commonwealth on July 25, 1952. It was claimed by the explorer Christopher Columbus in 1493 and was subsequently a Spanish possession before the United States gained control in 1898.

Puerto Rico is one of the larger islands of the West Indies, and the commonwealth also includes several small islands, such as Culebra, Mona, and Vieques. It is located about 1610 km (about 1000 mi) southeast of Florida and is almost twice as far from the mainland of North America as it is from South America. Puerto Rico is a mountainous, tropical island directly in the path of the trade winds. These conditions account for its tropical rain forest and tropical wet and dry climates. The mean annual temperature at San Juan, in the north, is about 79° F, and the city receives some 59 in. of precipitation each year. The recorded temperature in the commonwealth has ranged from 40° F in 1911 to 103° F in 1906.

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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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