



# The Charge!

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## Jaycee Couple Return From Surprise Wedding

Peoria, IL (Charge! New Wire) - A Peoria Jaycee couple already planning to wed in June later this year have decided to move their wedding date up a little sooner; to April! **Beth Barr** and **Rick Owens** exchanged wedding vows on Wednesday, April 1st at the Little White Chapel in Las Vegas, NV. "We always planned on going to Vegas to get married," stated the infamous editor of a Peoria Jaycees monthly periodical, "but not only did the location for our reception get screwed up, we just got tired of waiting. So we did it!"

The new Mrs. Owens stated "The ceremony at the Little White Chapel was beautiful. **Elvis** walked me down the aisle and then later sang 'Can't Help Falling In Love' to close the service." She then claimed that Elvis did an impromptu encore, performing 'Viva Las Vegas,' which resulted with him ripping his white bell bottomed pants in the seat. The Maid of Honor and Best Man were two complete strangers the couple met in a nearby lounge just hours before the ceremony.

The couple left for Las Vegas a day earlier, leaving their friends, family and Jaycee members behind in Peoria, unaware of what was to happen. They then spent a few days in Las Vegas as a "practice honeymoon," gambling and taking in a **Wayne Newton** show before returning home to announce their surprise wedding.



The newlyweds, **Rick & Beth Owens** pose with **Elvis** in Las Vegas, NV at the Little White Chapel.

Photo courtesy Inegrated Computer Resources.

## 6th Annual Beer Festival Most Successful On Record

The Peoria Jaycees 6th Annual International Beer Festival turned out to be the largest and most successful beer festival ever held by the volunteer organization. With assistance and sponsorships from **Specialty Imports Distributing**, **WGLO/WFYR/99x Radio**, **Deep Elm Brews**, and **Godfather's Pizza**, the event turned out an estimated attendance of 3,500 people who wanted to try different types of beer.

Specialty Imports was able to make available for the first time, over 200 different micro brewed and imported beer. Of the favorites was a brand called Lusty Lemon, which features a lemonade flavor. Lusty Lemon was so popular that it ran out half way through the event; in fact it was being drank faster than it could be poured.

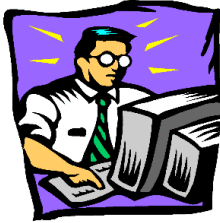
Radio advertising on three different stations that included a classic rock, country and alternative formats proved invaluable. In a survey of 176 beer fest customers, 37% claimed they learned about the beer fest through radio advertising (see related article on page 7). It was also reported that WGLO, WFYR and 99x had an internal contest for the best beer fest promo. The result: 99x the winner! Other prizes and CD's were given away from WGLO, WFYR and 99x to beer fest patrons.

Deep Elm Brews were very helpful throughout the day, giving beer brewing demonstrations and assisting with the clean up after the event. Godfather's Pizza helped out in the "IBF Soup Kitchen" with their kind donation of pizzas and manpower.

The Peoria Jaycees would like to thank it's beer fest sponsors and volunteers in making this the most successful beer festival on record. IBF chairman **Mike Rhodes** would like to extend a personal thank you to the beer fest committee for helping him with the Peoria Jaycees largest project. Proceeds from the International Beer Festival are to benefit Friendship House and the Jaycees entry into the Arthritis Foundation's fund-raiser, the Mini Grand Prix. Proceeds from the "Soup Kitchen" are to benefit Common Place.

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

*by Rick Owens*



### Decision '98

It's that time of the year again where we see a changing of the guard in the Peoria Jaycees. And unless someone else has some burning passion to take over, I will once again volunteer to serve as your newsletter editor and webmaster for another

year. In addition to that, I declared my candidacy for membership vice president at the last membership meeting. I hope all will attend the April membership meeting to cast their ballot. I'm counting on your vote!

But another decision is needed to be made by some of those who are reading this month. At the International Beer Fest, we received 145 names of prospective members who will be receiving this newsletter this month. If they read far enough into this publication, they will probably be wondering what's going on. So perhaps a small explanation is in order.

During the month of April, I usually offer an April Fool's issue, where several news stories are completely unbelievable and fictional. After the first time I had done this, it was received so well that every month became April. Stories in this periodical are sometimes completely factual but written with a certain flare, others are written with half truths and some are completely made up.

Once you know the members in the Peoria Jaycees, I imagine you would appreciate this newsletter a little better. However, there are many others outside the chapter who have expressed their enjoyment of this publication, despite their lack of the inside jokes.

I must encourage all prospective members to come out to a membership meeting or one of our social functions. The Jaycees is a great experience, a great way to meet new people, become involved and most of all, have a great time. I hope the decision that you make in 1998 is to join our lively organization.

Hope to see you all at the election on April 16th!

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## Mark Your Calendars

### April

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, April 9, 5:00pm - 7:00pm; sponsored by Barrick's Cater Inn - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**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

**International Beer Fest Appreciation Party;** Saturday, April 18, 4:00pm - ?, Sandy Pearce's residence, 305 Timber Ln., East Peoria - call Sandy Pearce @ 699-6568

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

**Epicurean Night;** Thursday, April 23, The Galley, East Peoria, cocktails 6:00pm, dinner 6:30pm - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Golf Dynamics;** Saturday, April 25, need a chairperson - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2780

### May

**Give Blood with 'Commander' Steve West;** Friday, May 1, 9:00am, American Red Cross, 405 W. John Gwynn Jr. Ave - call Steve West @ 682-7958

**Girls Night Out;** to celebrate the nuptials of Beth Barr, Shari Quin and Cara Freehill - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2780

**Praireland Regional;** Saturday, May 2, hosted by the Clinton Jaycees - call John 'Caesar' Cima @ 693-0631

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

**Illinois Jaycees General Assembly;** Weekend of May 8 - 10, held in Decatur, IL - call John 'Caesar' Cima @ 693-0631

**Year End Awards & Installation Banquet;** Friday, May 15, 6:00pm, Alexander's Steakhouse, presentation of year end awards and installation of newly elected officers, - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

## Mail Call



March 16, 1998  
Mr. John Cima,

We'd like to thank you, and everyone with the Jaycees for looking to our stations for media sponsorship of your beer festival. Judging by the crowd, I would say the event was a success! It is our company's mission here at the Cromwell Group of stations to become a community partner and friend. Therefore, your event and our stations seemed a natural match!

If there is ever anything we can do for you, do not hesitate to let us know. Again, it was a pleasure working with you to help make your event successful, and we look forward to the opportunity to continue to build our partnership! Thanks again!

Sincerely,  
Jay Nunley, Director of Programming & Operations  
Robb Rose, Promotions Director  
WGLOWFYRWIXO

More Ms. HOI Pageant letters...

I just wanted to write you a little note telling you how much I appreciate all that you've done for this program. It makes me very happy to know that the people and businesses are involved! Thank you again.

Kelly Crawford

## Invitation To Prospective Members

During our International Beer Festival, we picked up over 140 names of people who were interested in the Peoria Jaycees. We normally send our newsletter to these "prospective members" for a few months to allow them to determine if they want to join our organization. However, with this many prospective members, we are unable to maintain this large of a mailing. Therefore, unless the Peoria Jaycees receives word of your continued interest, this will be the only newsletter you will receive. If you have Internet access, you can regularly read this newsletter at our site at <http://www.jaycees.com>.

The Peoria Jaycees would also like to invite all it's prospective members to our next membership meeting on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 at the Amvets Hall in downtown Peoria on the corner of Monroe and Fayette. The Peoria Jaycee membership meetings are open to the public. Also, the Peoria Jaycees would like to invite all prospective members to attend our International Beer Festival Appreciation Party to be held on Saturday, April 18th. The party will take place at the residence of one of our members and is held to show appreciation to those who volunteered at our event. If interested in attending, please phone our hotline at 676-5292 for directions.

Also, feel free to attend any of the Jaycee events posted in this newsletter. Do not hesitate to call our hotline or the person in charge of the event should you have any questions.

The Peoria Jaycees is a young person's leadership training organization for people between the ages of 21 and 40. The Jaycees promotes and sponsors projects to enhance the leadership and organizational skills of it's members by becoming involved in the community and having fun. For more information, call our hotline at 676-5292 or on the Internet at [www.jaycees.com](http://www.jaycees.com).

### 1998 International Beer Festival Appreciation Party

**When:** Saturday, April 18th

**Where:** Sandy Pearce's house  
305 Timber Lane  
East Peoria

**Phone:** (home) 699-6568  
(work) 690-4530

**Time:** 4:00pm - ??



Prospective members & guests welcomed!

Party to be held outside unless the weather does not permit. Wear appropriate apparel.

Food & beverages will be provided by the Jaycees!

Feel free to bring a dish if you want.

### Let's Get To Work!



Good Luck to the following who announced their candidacy for office:

Rick Owens	Membership VP
Mike Rhodes	Treasurer
John Cima	PR Director
Dubby Janosov	Social Director
Heather Zech	Local Director
Dan Wilkinson	Local Director

**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

## Chapter Management

by Heather Zech



### Elections

Chapter elections will take place at our next membership meeting on Thursday, April 16th and officer positions on the chapter's executive board will be up for grabs. These positions include local directors, secretary, treasurer, state director, individual development vice president, membership vice president,

community development vice president, chapter management vice president and of course... president. If you did not announce your intention to run for office at the March membership meeting, but now have decided to run for a position, you should attend this month's meeting to solicit a nomination from a fellow Jaycee member to be included in the election of that office.

Even if you are not going to run for an office, it's very important that you are there. The 1998-99 Jaycee year is in your hands! Also remember, you need to be in good financial standing to run for an office as well as to be able to cast your ballot for your favorite candidate.

During the March membership meeting, the following people announced their candidacy for these offices: **Rick Owens**, membership vice president; **Mike Rhodes**, treasurer; **John Cima**, PR director; **Dubby**, social director; **Dan 'Wilky' Wilkinson** and myself, local directors.

Good luck to all candidates this month!

### Epicurean Night

Epicurean night last month at Fairview Farms was a great turnout. A total of 7 people attended to experience the fine cuisine at this wonderful restaurant. The "Cake Rating" is as follows:

Atmosphere	🍷🍷🍷🍷
Service	🍷🍷🍷🍷
Food	🍷🍷🍷🍷
Price	🍷🍷🍷🍷

The next Epicurean night is set for The Galley in East Peoria on Thursday, April 23rd, with cocktails starting at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm. If interested in going or need more information, please give me a call at 274-4035.

### Habitat for Humanity

I am volunteering with Habitat for Humanity with a ground breaking ceremony that was held on Sunday, April 5th. Habitat for Humanity builds homes throughout the country for people who would otherwise not be able to have a home of their own. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Habitat for Humanity at 676-6729.

### Personal Note

Well, this is it... the last month... only one more of these damn news articles... it's been FUN! I have really have learned a lot this past year as your chapter management vice president and it's been a great experience. Thanks to everyone who helped me out along the way. This organization has a lot to offer to anyone, so I encourage everyone to get involved in one capacity or another. Since I am now working two jobs and going to school, I cannot get involved as much as I would like. However, I will still be around, helping out whenever I can.

As always, if anyone has any questions about what's going on within our organization, just give me a call at 274-4035.

## Community Development

by Emily Duncan & Cindy Schwerer

### 10,000 Eggs



Yes, that's right! We had 10,000 eggs at this year's Easter Egg Hunt; definitely the largest Easter Egg Hunt that we know about. This was clearly the largest and best Easter Egg Hunt the Peoria Jaycees has sponsored!

We would like to thank **Lori Cave** and **Kim Turner** for doing a great job on this project. This was their first project and they handled it like real pros. We also want to thank **Dubby**, **'Governor' Owens** and **'First Lady' Shari Quin** for helping Lori and Kim with the details of this community oriented project. The Peoria Jaycees would also like to thank **Bowl Mor Lanes**, **Burger King**, **Clifton Gunderson**, **The Clubs at River City**, **Dunkin Donuts**, **Frames Plus**, **Friendship House**, **Home Comics**, **Newman & Ullman**, **The Observer**, **Peoria Journal Star**, **Play It Again Sports**, **Russell's Cycle World**, **Sam's Club**, **Second Cinema Video**, **Spotted Cow Ice Cream**, **SVI Systems**, **Toys R' Us** and **Wal Mart** for donating prizes and candy for the kids. Last but not least, the Peoria Jaycees would like to offer a huge thank you to **Godfather's Pizza** for their donation of pizza and their involvement in this project with their coloring contest.

We approximated that 300 kids showed up to hunt for eggs at Detweiller Park on the morning of Saturday, April 4th. And according to Dubby, Godfather's Pizza was packed afterwards for the Easter coloring contest that they sponsored. And, once again, Dubby played the part of the Easter Bunny. The "Dubby Bunny" did a great job as he sat comfortably in his lawn chair, chatting with the children.

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## 1997-98 Year End Awards Nomination Form

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

At the Annual Year End Awards and Installation Banquet scheduled for Friday, May 15th, 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 **Dennis Owens** by Thursday, April 16th. You can bring this form to the membership meeting, e-mail your nominations to [dennis@flink.com](mailto:dennis@flink.com), fax them in at (309)691-5196 or mail this form to the Peoria Jaycees, PO Box 2, Peoria, IL, 61601.

**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 should include the individual's overall handling of the project.

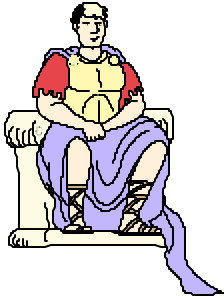
Individual Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why this individual should receive this award:

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## State Director's Report

*by John 'Caesar' Cima*



### Region & State Events

With the end of the Jaycee year upon us, I want to remind you of a few Region and State events in these last months. On Sat, April 18, the Peoria Heights Jaycees will be conducting its annual Lawnmower clinic from 8am-4pm at Pal Automotive in the Heights. This is their major fundraising project for the year and could use our help. Shifts are from 8am-12noon and 12noon-4pm. The Heights Jaycees usually help us out on our major projects, and I hope several of us can work the event. No mechanical expertise is necessary (according to Bob K). Give me a call at 693-0631 if you want to help out.

The other two events on the horizon are the Regional to be held in Clinton on May 2 and the State Convention to be held on May 8-10th in Decatur. The region and state boards will be elected at these two events, respectively. Give me a call at 693-0631 if you plan on attending one or both of these events.

### Random Thoughts... with John Cima

I wish to commend the chapter on their performance this year. The projects were well-run, we raised a lot of money for good causes, and added several quality new members. It looks like we'll have a head of steam going into next year. Don't forget to show up at the membership meeting this month to vote in your Board of Directors for 1998-1999. If you are interested in running for a position, nominations will be flying fast and furious at the meeting. Show your fearlessness and take that bold step into the role of a leader for the chapter.

Nominations for year-end awards are included in the newsletter- take time to fill one out. The winners will be recognized at the installation banquet in May. I'm sure most of these issues were addressed in other areas of the newsletter, but a little extra reminder never hurt anyone.

We are adding a couple of new appointed officer positions for the upcoming year- Social and Public Relations. I have expressed my interest in becoming the P.R. Director for the chapter. We do a lot of good things in this community that go unnoticed- my job will be to make sure that this does not happen in the upcoming year. I will be working closely with the board and project chairs to make sure the word gets out on everything we do. If you have any media connections or suggestions on how we can best promote ourselves, just give me a call. With that I think I'll call it a day.

Thanks again for all of your support during the past two years.

Signing Off,  
Caesar

## Community Development (continued)

*by Emily Duncan & Cindy Schwerer*

### Firecracker 5000

This year will mark our 16th Annual Firecracker 5000, which will of course be held on Friday, July 4th. Since planning and organization for this event needs to start in the near future, we are now seeking volunteers for the Firecracker committee. **Mike Buckley** has stepped forward and expressed his interest in becoming a chairman if someone is willing to co-chair this project. Unconfirmed at the time of this writing, **Steve Arianoutsos** has also expressed interest in becoming a chairman. In addition, some preliminary work has been done by **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** with the Peoria Police Department. If anyone is willing to help out with this event, please call Cindy at 685-4906 or Emily at 692-4512.

The Firecracker 5000 is a 5 kilometer/3.1 mile footrace in downtown Peoria that includes running, walking and rollerblading. Proceeds raised go to benefit local charities. The Firecracker 5000 is the 3rd largest footrace in Central Illinois.

## Wyoming Visitation

A group of vacationing Peoria Jaycee members made the last visitation for the 1997-98 year during the month of March. **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland**, **'Governor' Dennis Owens**, **'First Lady' Shari Quin** and **Rick Owens** attended the Jackson Hole, Wyoming Jaycees membership meeting on Tuesday, March 24th while on a ski vacation. The meeting took place at the local Legion Hall on in Jackson, WY.

Members of the Jackson Hole Jaycees were quite flattered to see that the Peoria members traveled so many miles to attend their meeting. They appeared to enjoy hearing several stories and projects from the Peoria chapter. During the meeting however, the members from the Peoria Jaycees admired the Jackson Hole chapter's gavel. It was much larger than Peoria's 'Big One' gavel and made a loud and serious sounding tone when used.

'Governor' Owens said to the others "Look at that! We could really use that now that our gavel is gone." He then formulated a plan to run off with it, knowing full well that it would be unlikely they would travel to a Peoria chapter meeting to get it back. At the end of the meeting, the slick 'Governor' managed to swipe the Jackson Hole Jaycees gavel while Rick informed them of the tradition of taking booty from hosting chapters during visitations.

After the meeting, a number of Jaycees adjourned to a local drinking and tourist establishment called the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar, where the Jackson Hole Jaycees learned of the missing gavel and would have to travel to Peoria to get it back.

## The Results Are In

### Membership Report

by Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt

#### Who's Up For Renewal

The following members are due this month:

\* Michael Godar      Lisa Urban  
Kevin Poppen        Heather Zech  
Jennifer Racestraw

The following members are due in May:

No one is due

\* - 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.

Ahoy! This is **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** thanking all for the privilege and honor of being your membership vice president for the year past. I welcome **Rick Owens'** bid to replace me for next year. I believe Rick will make a great membership vice president for 1.) he thinks he knows everything that's going on and 2.) if he doesn't know what's going on, he's one hell of a ghost writer! God knows (and I'm a Friar so I should know that God knows), I've missed a deadline or two for the newsletter. But what's been done has been done... let's move forward.

#### Membership Status

March was an excellent month for the Peoria Jaycees membership. With help from the beer fest, we picked up a total of 7 new recruits. Please welcome the following, **Chuck & Faye Dutart, Shawn Livengood, Don Mitchell, Mary Owens, Maureen Reilly** and **Brian Wheeler**. Unfortunately, the bad news is we had 4 regular members drop and 1 member roosting (a slang term used when you get too old to be a member of the Jaycee organization). However, we did retain that member as an associate member. In the end, we netted 2 regular members for March. Let's keep up the good work!

#### IBF Membership Booth

I would like to thank several people for making the membership booth at the International Beer Festival a HUGE success. **Mike Buckley** and **Jill Sendelbach** were in the booth with me the whole day. **Godfather's Pizza, Specialty Imports** and **Cromwell Radio Group (99x, WGLO & WFYR)** donated the prizes that made the huge response for the booth possible. Furthermore, I would like to thank **Mike Rhodes** and **Becky Lemont** for the encouragement and support for the idea.

A small survey was conducted during the International Beer Festival last month by **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** to acquire some marketing information regarding the event. With this information, the Peoria Jaycees can plan a bigger, more efficient, and profitable beer fest for next year. Questions asked on the survey included whether the patron was from the Peoria area, what age group they fell in and how they learned about the International Beer Festival.

Out of 176 surveys taken with an approximate 3,500 attendance level, 63.1% of the people surveyed claimed they lived in the Peoria area. Other locations taken in the survey stretch from Alaska, to Quebec, Canada to San Francisco to Winfield, WV. The 21-30 age group was the largest at 43%, followed by 27% for the 31-40 age group, 21% for the 41-50 age group, 5% for the 51-60 age group and 2% for the 61 & older group. Thirty-seven percent of the survey group learned about the beer fest from the radio ads on **WGLO, WFYR** and **99x**. Word of mouth was the second highest at 32%, followed by those who attended last year at 22%, the Internet at 3%, and newspaper and specialty beer publication ads, both each at 2%.

In a stunning revelation in the same survey, a question was asked if the infamous 'Mad Dog' Bilsland had too much time and energy on his hands to conduct a survey. Ninety-nine percent of those surveyed said yes. Comments were also posted regarding this important question. **Jeff Pulfer** of Miami, Florida stated, "That man should be muzzled... and a rabies shot wouldn't hurt either!" **Rustin A. Greene** of Dunlap, Illinois, said, "If we could only harness all his energy for the benefit of mankind."

At any rate, the survey project turned out better than expected, obtaining approximately 5% of the beer fest population and projecting a good idea of patron's opinions and data. The information derived from this survey should prove useful in the planning and execution of next year's International Beer Festival.

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#### Additional Thanks To...

This past year would have not been fully realized without **Dubby's** "social" involvement. Dubby single handily made a regular Chiefs game into a "Jaycee Night" and had it announced and printed on the tickets -- he also made a regular Riverman game into the same type of promotion. Dubby is a sports God! He got us involved, noticed and inquired upon. Thanks Dubby!

Before I sign off... I would like to thank you, the Peoria Jaycees for making this year a blast! Hail 'Governor'!

Dan,  
Out

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## A Stay of Execution from 'Governor' Dennis Owens



Well this is the final month of my reign of terror and I encourage all Jaycees to come to the April meeting to take part in the elections. You know being on the board of the most powerful young persons organization in Illinois is quite a thrill. You will get to meet a whole lot of very important people in Illinois and also be directly responsible for tens of thousands of dollars that we give to charity each year. It's not just a non-paying job but a free adventure.

Hopefully some of you made it out to our little International Beerfest. This thing was huge, even by Peoria Jaycees standards. As president, I worked in the kitchen most of the night but for a half an hour, **Sandy Pearce** and I sold beer tickets to the crowd. In that short time period, we went through almost 4,000 tickets, that's 2.2 tickets a second. At .50 cents a ticket that comes out to \$1.00 a second, I wish I was getting paid at that rate. Anyway, the "Soup Nazi Kitchen" netted about \$1,650 for charity, 75% will go to Common Place and 25% will go to membership incentives. But this is small potatoes compared with the profits from the IBF. Friendship House probably doesn't know it yet but they are going to get a very big check from us in the near future. Other charities for the event are the Arthritis Foundation and AmVets. The April membership meeting will be your chance to become a part of all this; you too can be on the Board.

Now for the Goals.

### G1: Law and Order in Meetings

I think only two meetings in the whole year were less than an hour long, but hey, look on the bright side the longest meeting was only an hour and 25 minutes. As for Law and Order the meetings I think are much more constructive but on the other hand they are quit boring. For Goal 1, I am going to give myself a 6 and a scale of 1 to 10.

### G2: Train and Involve More Members

There was not much Jaycee training though the year but we did involve a great deal of our members in projects. The only problem was that 10% of the members did 90% of the work. One thing that should have been done several times this year but wasn't was CPG Training. These things are simple but people are terrified by them. I am going to rate myself a 5, no training but lots of involvement.

### G3: Give More Donations

We did tons of donations this year and I think it's really catching on. I am going to rate myself a perfect 10, since I am the judge I can do this (just like the Russians do).

### G4: 150 Members

Well we grew pretty well through the year but this goal was clearly too high, a 100 people would have been a better goal, currently we have 83 members all we need is 17 more to get a 100. Well I give myself 4 for not even getting halfway.

Well the total is 25 out of a possible 40 or 62.5%, if you apply the Jaycee curve that would be an A+.

*Editor's Note: It's not over with yet! You still have a month left in your term of office.*

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

## Jaycees Offer Reward For Missing Gavel

The Peoria Jaycees has announced a substantial reward of \$1 million dollars or more for information leading to the recovery of it's 'Big One' gavel and/or the arrest and conviction of it's abductor. Only minutes before the March membership meeting, the chapter gavel mysteriously vanished when **'Governor' Dennis Owens** momentarily left the gavel and other items unattended so he could retrieve other meeting materials. When he returned from his vehicle, the gavel was absent while other items remained. The gavel was a significant historical piece to the Peoria Jaycees and has remained in the chapter for several years.

The reward structure is extremely simple. If someone were to come forward with vital information to regain the gavel or punish the perpetrator for this wretched injustice, the Peoria Jaycees will purchase a lottery ticket as reward for the informant. According to 'Governor' Owens, "Winning the lotto and claiming the million dollars is entirely up to the reward recipient" The reward offer has since been harshly criticized. The 'Governor' added, "Hey, the potential is there even though the odds are astronomically against you."

But as crime stoppers say, "We don't want your name, just your information."

### Peoria Jaycees Membership Night Chiefs Game

- Saturday, May 16th
- Meinen Field, Peoria, IL
- Game Time 7:05pm
- 40 Tickets Available @ \$4 a ticket
- Fireworks show after the game

Call Dubby at 691-6608 for more information or to reserve

## Top Ten Results In The International Beer Festival Survey

10. Almost everyone surveyed claimed that Steve West talks way too much.
9. Eight out of 10 people questioned say Rusty Greene might have had a little too much to drink.
8. The best selling food item in the beer fest kitchen was the new snack cracker, Sober-tines.
7. Seventy-three percent of people surveyed claimed to have been a guest on the *Jerry Springer Show*.
6. Half the people said the beer tastes great; the other half said it was less filling.
5. Over 50% of those surveyed admitted that they have read the book, *Beer Drinking For Dummies*.
4. A surprise finding; 77% of the people think Dubby's hair is too long.
3. Four out of 5 dentists recommended having an intern over a dental hygienist.
2. Ninety-three percent of women claim to like the taste of the Lusty Lemon beer while Dan Schmidt says he likes the effect Lusty Lemon has on women.
1. Fifteen percent of those polled said they are tired of the Clinton sex scandal, 18% said they are tired of the movie *Titanic* and 67% said they are tired of the newsletter editor's inane top ten lists.

## Dubby The Bunny Gave All At Easter Egg Hunt

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) - World famous **Dubby the Bunny** gave all he could give at the latest Peoria Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt. Advertising 10,000 eggs to be found, Dubby had his work cut out for him. Early in the morning on April 4th, Dubby arrived at Detweiller Park in Peoria, IL to begin laying 10,000 eggs. After a few hours, brightly colored plastic eggs littered the park everywhere, waiting for anxious egg hunters to begin their search. People watched in awe, thinking to themselves, "he's part bunny, part Dubby and part chicken."

Squatting over an area of grass, Dubby finally laid the 10,000th egg. It was at this point when he felt a rupture. Dubby had given himself a double hernia from laying so many eggs. **'Governor' Dennis Owens** immediately got him a lawn chair so Dubby the Bunny could sit and rest while he continued entertaining the children. "Dubby the Bunny is incredible!" stated the 'Governor,' "There's no way I could make it through that hunt with a double hernia."

After the egg hunt, the compassionate 'Governor' put Dubby in the bed of his turbo diesel powered pick-up and drove him straight to the animal hospital for surgery. Not wanting to waste any time on heavily traveled roads in the city, 'Governor' Owens put his truck into 4 wheel drive and drove the incapacitated bunny over rocky and rough terrain. Within the hour, Dubby found immediate medical care for the condition which really earned him his name.

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

Lightning is a form of visible electric discharge between rain clouds or between a rain cloud and the earth. The discharge is seen in the form of a brilliant arc, sometimes several kilometers long, stretching between the discharge points. The discharge also sets up a sound wave that is heard as thunder.

Thunder is the explosive sound produced by an ordinary lightning discharge. The lightning bolt heats the air around it so quickly (within a few millionths of a second) and to such a high temperature (about 10,000° C, or about 18,000° F) that the air molecules are pushed apart with great force, much like in an explosion. A wave of compressed air (a sound wave) moves out from the lightning bolt. A lightning strike seems to be over very quickly, but thunder can last much longer, changing in pitch and loudness. Because the lightning bolt is not straight, not all parts of the bolt are the same distance from the listener, so sound from different places on the bolt reaches the listener at slightly different times.

There are 3 common and erroneous ideas about lightning. One is that lightning never strikes twice in the same place. Photographic evidence shows that skyscrapers and other tall structures may be struck many times in the course of a single storm. A second idea is that the safest place to stay in a thunderstorm is under a tall tree. Trees, because of their height, are apt to be struck by lightning and are, therefore, actually dangerous during violent electric storms. The safest places for a person outdoors in a thunderstorm are inside a metal-bodied car or lying flat on the ground in the open. A third misconception is that lightning is always clearly associated with thunder. Observers who listen for thunder as a cue may miss up to 40 percent of lightning strokes.

**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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