



# The Charge!

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## Toga Wearing Jaycees To Enter Annual Parade

Break out your togas! The Peoria Jaycees have signed up to take part in the annual Louie, Louie Parade. Proceeds from the parade, which is now entering its second decade and features its participants playing the song *Louie Louie* with kazoos, is to benefit **St. Jude**. The Louie Louie Parade is scheduled for Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> in downtown Peoria, with participants to start lining up at 2:30pm and the parade to start at 3:00pm. Parade participants are to meet at the Peoria Civic Center parking lot in downtown Peoria. In the event of rain, the parade is scheduled for a week later on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Jaycees, by tradition, dress in togas (basically, your non-soiled bed linen) for the event. The event and the togas were so popular in the past that it became the origin of a current member's nickname. **Jonathan Sinclair** is chairing the Jaycees entry into this event and is his first project.

Jaycee members are meeting at 12:00 noon at the Judge's Chamber in downtown Peoria, and will then head out to the parade together. This is one of the most fun events the Jaycees gets involved with and all Jaycee members are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Jonathan at 243-7855.

## Jaycees Become FC5k Compliant

The Peoria Jaycees are now preparing for what will be its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Firecracker 5000. In April, **Rusty Greene** and 'Governor' **Dennis Owens** stepped forward to co-chair the third largest footrace in the Peoria area. Thus far, two committee meetings have taken place where a majority of sub-chairmen have been recruited.

Four of six sub-chairman positions for the Firecracker 5000 committee currently include **Anne McSorley**, who as the newest member of the Peoria Jaycees, is undertaking the race course operations sub-chair position. **Dara Allen** is handling packet pick-up and registration sub-chair position. **Jonathan Sinclair** has agreed to undertake the pre and post race refreshments sub-chair position and **Theresa Diefendorf** is taking care of the awards ceremony sub-chair responsibilities.

The remaining two sub-chair positions yet need to be filled. These positions are the public relations and manpower sub-chairman. These two duties are very important and highly critical to the success of the Firecracker 5000.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the RLO World Headquarters in Peoria. The Firecracker 5000 is a 5-kilometer/3.1 mile walk/run footrace in downtown Peoria during the morning of the Fourth of July. Proceeds from this year's Firecracker 5000 are to benefit the Lutheran Social Services and the Peoria Jaycees. If interested in getting involved or if you have any questions, please contact Rusty Greene at 243-1027 or Dennis Owens at 579-3484.

## Keyman Saves The Day At Xmas in April

The Peoria Jaycees performed a great community service, as they took part the Christmas in April on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. This project, in which the Jaycees co-sponsored with RLI, enlists the services of volunteers to fix and clean up homes of the elderly and the disadvantaged. The Peoria Jaycees were assigned to help fix up the house of an elderly woman who lived just north of downtown Peoria. This woman however had ten children, twenty-some grandchildren and several more great-grandchildren. The Jaycees were disappointed that almost all of them did not help in one capacity or another. **Jeff Ulrich**, who coordinated the Jaycees involvement in the Christmas in April project, stated that "she really needs our help if her own kids won't help her."

The Jaycees performed an invaluable service in fixing up her house. They primed and repainted her garage, painted the interior walls and trim in her house, cleaned up her yard and even repaired some plumbing. The unplanned plumbing repair came about when cries for help were heard coming from the bathroom. It was Jaycee member **Dubby**, who called for help when he inadvertently clogged the toilet. Hearing the cries for help, several Jaycee members whet to investigate. Upon learning what had happened, it was 'Governor' **Dennis Owens** who then said, "I'm a Keyman! I know exactly what to do!" In 1997, Owens stated at his Keyman acceptance speech that it takes a Keyman to fix a toilet. (Continued on page 3)

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

By Rick Owens



### Report Cards

Now that we are well into the current Jaycee year, avid readers of *The Charge!* might be wondering how the executive board is doing on getting their news stories into the newsletter editor. I have read other Jaycee publications and have noted similar

problems everywhere... board members and project chair people failing to get their news in.

Some newsletters just state "Nothing Submitted" from that officer. Some newsletters don't include anything from that office. Some newsletters don't even get published. As for *The Charge!*, these people often get humiliated for their failure.

For your organization or project to succeed, you need to convey information of what is happening or promote what is coming up to its members. The newsletter editor may not know every detail of this information. If everyone does their part, it will make the newsletter editor's task a little easier, and will allow an earlier distribution of their newsletter. This does not only apply to the Peoria Jaycees, but every Jaycee chapter for that matter.

As for this year, the board as a whole has done an exceptional job of submitting their news. With a third of the year behind us, I though I would issue report cards for our board members.

Getting an A+ would be **Mike Buckley** and **Dubby**. Their news articles getting submitted are more reliable than the sun coming up in the east every morning. Receiving an A is **Bob Klannukarn** and **Shari Owens**. Bob was extremely late one month and Shari was absent with her news only one month. **Heather Zech** has been award with a B. While she has submitted her news every month but one, she would have had an A if only her articles would come in a little sooner. **Jeff Ulrich** is receiving a C for his performance. He completely missed two months of news articles. I would probably have given him a D+ for such a disgraceful act, but he has supplied me with some mock stock info and he's a hell of a guy. Last but not least, **Joann Ziegler** has received an F for turning in news articles, as I have yet to receive anything from her.

## Mark Your Calendars

### May

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, May 13, 5:00 – 7:00pm, sponsored by the Holiday Inn Brandywine - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

**Illinois Jaycees General Assembly;** Friday, May 14 – Sunday, May 16, Henry VIII Hotel, St. Louis, MO, hosted by the Gateway Region Jaycees, interested in going – call 'Queen' Joann @ 689-0051 or Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Firecracker 5000 Committee Meeting;** Monday, May 17, 7:00pm, RLO, Inc. – call Dennis Owens @ 579-3483 or Rusty Greene @ 243-1027

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, May 20, 7:00pm, Amvets Post #64 – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Louie Louie Parade;** Friday, May 21, 12:00 noon, Judge's Chamber Saloon, downtown Peoria, parade starts lining up at 2:30pm, Civic Center parking lot – call Jonathan Sinclair @ 243-7855

**Movie & Dinner;** Saturday, May 22, 6:30pm, Webb's Windsor Pub, movie TBA at dinner – call Stan Munton @ 691-4924

**Taco/Karaoke Night;** Wednesday, May 26, 6:30pm, Amvets Post #64, downtown Peoria – call 'Commander' Steve West at 676-5292

### June

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, June 3, 6:00pm, RLO World HQ, newsletter articles due – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Jaycees Happy Hour;** Friday, June 4, 5-7:00pm, Schooners, War Memorial Dr., Peoria – call Mary Owens @ 263-6067

**Firecracker 5000 Committee Meeting;** Monday, June 7, 7:00pm, RLO, Inc., – call Dennis Owens @ 579-3483 or Rusty Greene @ 243-1027

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, June 10, 5-7:00pm, sponsored by Henricksen & Co. – call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, June 17, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Firecracker 5000 Committee Meeting;** Monday, June 21, 7:00pm, meeting location TBA, – call Dennis Owens @ 579-3483 or Rusty Greene @ 243-1027

**Firecracker 5000 Committee Meeting;** Monday, June 28, 7:00pm, meeting location TBA, – call Dennis Owens @ 579-3483 or Rusty Greene @ 243-1027

**New Member Orientation;** TBA but planning sometime in June, allow new members to become more familiar with the Jaycee organization - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

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



**Board Meetings:** Held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 6:00pm at RLO, Inc.

**Membership Meetings:** Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:00pm at the Amvets Post in downtown Peoria, on the corner of Monroe & Fayette.

## Amvets Chicken Tuesdays

Join the fun! Every Tuesday at 12 noon for lunch, enjoy **Sonny's** fried chicken.

Only at the Amvets Post #64, 237 Monroe St. in downtown Peoria.



## Jaycees Happy Hour Is Back

The Peoria Jaycees monthly happy hour is now back, every first Friday of the month starting this June! Join the Jaycees at Schooner's on War Memorial Dr. in Peoria on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7:00pm for some fun and drinks.

For more information, please call **Mary Owens** @ 263-6067.

## Membership VP Resigns

**Bob Klannukarn**, membership vice president for the Peoria Jaycees, has effectively resigned his office so that he could take a new position with State Farm in Bloomington, IL. His new employment will commence on May 10<sup>th</sup> and he will be moving from his Peoria apartment in late May. Before leaving, Klannukarn wished the Peoria Jaycees the best.

Klannukarn, who was well known for his desires of a former, dark-haired Peoria television journalist, transferred into the Peoria Jaycees in November 1998 from the Peoria Heights Jaycees. Since then he had taken an active role in the leadership of the Peoria-based volunteer organization. He became membership vice president a month later in December. Shortly after taking office, Klannukarn announced an unprecedented offer of shaving his head if the chapter could successfully recruit 31 new and paid members by December 31, 1999. Despite some critics, Klannukarn assures the Peoria Jaycees that he will keep his word on the offer if the organization should recruit the specified number of new members.

On May 6, 1999, the executive board of the Peoria Jaycees appointed **Mary Owens** to serve as the interim membership vice president. An election will be held during the June membership meeting to officially fill this office. Any member in good standing may run for this office by announcing their intention at the May membership meeting on May 20, 1999. For more information, please contact Jaycee president **Heather Zech** at 274-4035 or **Jeff Ulrich** at 693-7871.

Recently, Klannukarn was the butt of several jokes in the infamous Jaycee publication *The Charge!* Now, with his resignation, he has had to not only deal with several more jokes, but other comments about keeping his word on his offer. Klannukarn simply stated "Why is everybody always pickin' on me?"

## Mail Call



Dear Peoria Jaycee Members  
We just wanted to drop you a quick note to say thank you for all your help Saturday at our Lawnmower Clinic. Thanks to all the added manpower you provided, we completed 28

mowers by approximately 1pm. We were cleaned up and on our way home by 3pm.

Thanks again for the help.  
The Peoria Heights Jaycees

E-Mail Received  
April 16, 1999

The Brigham City, Utah chapter of the Jaycees sends greetings to the Peoria Jaycees. We just had our annual Easter egg hunt at the first of this month which is always a big success, and held a chapter meeting this evening. I stumbled onto your page quite by accident as I was looking for the National organization web site. But since I am here, I thought I would say hello.

Richard Clark

E-Mail Received  
April 20, 1999

Hi Rick,

I live! I just wanted to drop a note and let everyone know I am still with the living world. My life will become much more active in the coming months now that I have successfully defended my dissertation and have unofficially obtained the coveted "Dr." title. The official "crowning" will occur in August when the doctoral degree will be awarded.

Look for me at upcoming Peoria Jaycee events.  
Courtney C. Bosworth, Ph. D.

## Xmas In April (Continued)

Within minutes, Owens had the toilet in working order and the Jaycees continued to perform their worthwhile community service. The Christmas in April project was so successful within the Jaycee organization, several members of the Jaycee leadership stated that the organization should do something similar on their own.

## Social Director's Report

*by Dubby*



Yummmm! Spaghetti and meatballs... what a meal!! Before I give you my report, let me finish eating this and wipe my meat sauce covered face. <Slurp!>

Hi everybody! How's it going? It is getting warmer outside so there is going to be a lot of things happening.

It would be great to see more people get involved.

### Dinner and Movie

The dinner and movie outing is scheduled this month for Webb's Windsor Pub on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at Webb's at 6:30pm and then decide on what movie to see during dinner. For more info, please call **Stan Munton** at 691-4924.

### St. Louis Weekend Trip

I would like to plan a weekend in St. Louis and go to Six Flags. If you would be interested, please call me at 691-6608 so we can plan a good time. I would also like to know if anyone wants to help the park district out this summer and do some projects. If you do, call Dubby at 691-6608.

## Membership Report

*by Bob 'Buzz' Klannukarn*



### See Ya!

This is my last newsletter article as Membership VP. If you haven't already heard, I have accepted a position with State Farm Insurance in Bloomington. I start on May 10<sup>th</sup> with a 2 ½ day orientation where I will begin to be assimilated into the State Farm

Collective. I'll move to my new apartment in Normal on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. I could use some help moving that day. If you are interested, let me know so I can get a count for the food and drink.

I've had a great time as Membership VP and a Peoria Jaycee. I hope that the new members remember my advice which is "you'll get out of the Jaycees what you put into it." I wish who ever takes over as Membership VP the best. I know everyone will support that person by doing your best to recruit new members. Remember, recruit 31 new members by the end of the year and I will shave my head! Yes, I will keep my word if you do your part.

### Happy Hour

The Peoria Jaycees are once again having their monthly happy hours. They will take place on the first Friday of the month. All members and especially prospective members are invited to attend. Its also a great way to get to know the members of the Peoria Jaycees.

The next happy hour will be on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7:00pm at Schooners in Peoria.

## Individual Development

*by Mike Buckley*

Spring has arrived and has brought us some nice weather. When the temperature rises and sun shines, it reminds me of our last outdoor project, the gardening/lawn care program. That involves work. The next project will involve fun. We are planning Golf Dynamics for the near future. We've had a couple of people interested in chairing it and I know countless others who are interested in learning about the game. I don't have any info yet, but stay tuned to this column in the future for details.

I will be passing out a membership interest survey at the next membership meeting. If you want to have your say in future ID projects, be sure to fill out your survey. I will try to run projects on the most popular areas of interest. Or better yet, you can run a project in an area of interest to you.

## Chapter Management

*by Jeff Ulrich*



### The Time is Now

The Peoria Jaycees are looking for a few good people. The board needs the help of the membership to come up with new and innovative ideas for projects and events. These ideas do not need

to be large ideas like the Haunted House or the International Beer Fest. They could be small projects like a car wash or cookout to raise money for a favorite charity. One thing that I promise is that we not dismiss your idea or laugh any project that is brought forward. The Jaycees is an organization that promotes growth of and the community and the individual. Now is the time for growth.

### Election

At the last board meeting on May 6 the board nominated two people to temporarily fill two vacant board positions. Mary Owens has temporarily filled the position of membership vice-president. She will do a great job!. The position of Local Director has be temporarily been filled by **Jonathan Sinclair**. There will nominations at the May membership meeting and elections will be held at the June membership meetings to permanently fill these offices.

### TOGA! TOGA!

The Louie Louie Parade is coming up on May 21. The Jaycees will have their toga-wearing members in full swing for the parade. The parade starts at 2:30 at the Civic Center. The Jaycees will be meeting at 12:00 at the Judges Chambers. This is a BYOT event. (Bring your own Toga)

### Business After Hours

In April, the Business After Hours is at the Holiday Inn Brandywine. The event is on Thursday, May 13 from 5-7 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce provides free food and beer to anyone that attends this event. You must show your Jaycees card or badge to get in. This event is a great opportunity to meet people from different fields and companies. It is also a good way to pursue future involvement with the Chamber of Commerce.

## Confidential Report From The Z-Files

by Heather Zech



Hello everyone!! Another fun month went flying by!

I would like to take a moment this month to discuss membership. I know, know, blah blah.... As I look at our membership roster, I see that it is extremely low. I don't know if its ever been this low before.

For starters, we have been slowly eliminating "paper members" for some time now. In know in March and April last year, we signed several people from the beer fest who had since never shown to any project or meetings in the Jaycees. As their renewal came up, almost all of these people did not want to renew. Therefore, March and April this year was a devastating blow to the Peoria Jaycees.

Our membership vice president **Bob Klannukarn** has done a great job with membership. I must applaud his efforts as he took the initiative and dropped several people from our roster that had not paid their dues for a lengthy period of time. While they still remain on the Illinois Jaycees roster as Jaycee members, they are not reflected on our roster. This means they don't get a newsletter and I can write whatever I want about them <he he he>!

We send out invoices for membership renewals and we follow up with phone calls. It costs us money to instate these people as members. It is even stated in our bylaws that if members' renewals are not paid by their due date, they automatically cease to be a Peoria Jaycee member. If these people say they want to renew but then never pay, why should the Peoria Jaycees continue to recognize them as members (especially when the majority of them are not very involved)?

The good news in all this is that the percentage of our roster that is involved with this organization is extremely high. We would like to get all members involved with this organization and we would like more to join, but there is a point when you have to "cut the fat," "clean house" or get rid of your dead weight. Remember, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

I also want to remind people that membership is everyone's responsibility, not just the membership vice president. So try and recruit, but let's recruit those who what to get involved, to better our lives and our community. Don't recruit them just because it will add another number to our roster or because they can drink a lot of beer.

Before signing off, I would like to congratulate **Mary Owens** as the Jaycees interim membership vice president. I think she can do an excellent job. I also want to wish Bob good luck on his new job. Lookout Bloomington!

Hope to see everyone at this month's meeting!  
Heather

## Community Development

by Shari Owens

### Firecracker 5000

Our biggest community development project is right around the corner... the Firecracker 5000. This will be our 17<sup>th</sup> year at running what is now the third largest footrace in Peoria. **Dennis Owens** and **Rusty Greene** are chairing this event this year and have gotten off to a good start. We are now enlisting sponsorships for the Firecracker and need to fill two important positions on the Firecracker committee. The next committee meeting is set for Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the offices of the RLO World HQ (Dennis' place of employment). Proceeds from the Firecracker 5000 this year are to benefit Lutheran Social Services and the Peoria Jaycees.

If you would like to help, call Dennis at 579-3484 or Rusty at 243-1027.

### Xmas in April

We had a great time at the Xmas in April on April 24<sup>th</sup>. There were about 10 members that showed up to help paint, clean and fix up. Afterwards, we headed out to Fitzpatrick's North, where we enjoyed some drinks and celebrated **Jeff Ulrich's** birthday... HAPPY BIRTHDAY JEFF!!!! I know he hates that (ha ha).

While we thought this was an excellent project, we were a little critical of the Xmas in April's selection process of who gets their assistance. We are looking into the prospect of running our own Xmas in April. However, nothing has really been started. If this is something you'd like to run, please call **Shari Owens** at 579-3483 or **Jeff Ulrich** at 693-7871.

### Project Ideas

If any one has any ideas for a community development project, please don't hesitate to speak up. The Jaycees are always looking for new things to do. If you have a particular cause you would like to help and would like to run a project, please call **Shari Owens** at 579-3484. Remember, things just don't happen; you have to make them happen!

## Jaycees To Host Business After Hours

The Peoria Jaycees are trying to co-sponsor a Business After Hours, hopefully sometime later this year. Business After Hours is an event held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month by a member of the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce. It is an event where you are able to network your business or organization and meet others in the Peoria business community. The Jaycee organization is also known as the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

While the Peoria Jaycees do not have a physical location, they are currently seeking a co-sponsorship of this event. **Rick Owens** and **Sandy Pearce** are chairing this project. If you are interested in getting involved, please call Rick at 243-7319 or Sandy at 745-9783.

## Involvement Checklist

How involved have you been in the Jaycees this past year? Have you helped out often, benefiting the community and furthering your professional skills and personal life? Have you hardly attended any events or have you gotten so involved that everyone is sick of seeing you?

Take the following quiz and see where you rank. The period of consideration for this quiz is between June 1, 1998 to the present.

\_\_\_ Volunteered at least two nights at the Haunted House, which raised over \$8,000 for the Youth Farm, St. Jude and other community events. (2 points)

\_\_\_ Volunteered in some way at the 1999 International Beer Fest, with proceeds going to benefit the Arthritis Foundation and the historic Civil War Veterans hall in downtown Peoria. (1 point)

\_\_\_ Volunteered at the Firecracker 5000, with proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association and Children's Home. (1 point)

\_\_\_ Was an executive board member sometime in the past year. (3 points)

\_\_\_ Did you co-chair the Haunted House, Firecracker 5000 or International Beer Fest anytime in the past year. (3 points for each project)

\_\_\_ Did you serve as a sub-chairman at the Haunted House, Firecracker 5000 or International Beer Fest (2 points for each project)

\_\_\_ Attend at least 6 membership meetings in the past year (2 points)

\_\_\_ Attend at least 2 membership meetings in the past year (1 point)

\_\_\_ Attended any happy hours, Super Bowl party, Xmas party or any other social event hosted by the Peoria Jaycees. (1 point)

### Scoring

Add up your total points. Use the chart below to determine your involvement with the Peoria Jaycees.

26 - 20 points Extremely involved with the Jaycees. Great work! We are glad you are this involved but, we are concerned that you'll get burned out.

19 - 13 points Very involved with the Peoria Jaycees. Again, the organization thanks and appreciates your dedication.

12 - 6 points Moderately involved with the Jaycees. Great start, but you don't know what you're missing.

6 - 0 points We'd like to see you a little more often. Come on out and join us and have some fun.

## Jaycees Website Status

Have you been surfing the Internet recently and notice the Peoria Jaycees website has not been updated for nearly 2 months?

The Peoria Jaycees Internet provider service, **Solution Services**, has been modifying its service and equipment in the past few weeks. As a result, the Jaycees were not able to log onto their Internet server and upload any new information.

The good news is that they are now able to load new information on the site. According to Jaycees webmaster **Rick Owens**, the next update won't be available until the week ending of May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The web site has roughly an average of 25 to 30 hits a day, with people from all over the world surfing onto it. "We've had a lot of positive comments about our web site," Owens testified, "but the interesting aspect about it is that its basically simple... no large graphics and no complex navigation to it. Its just the basic news and information about the Jaycees and its projects."

Owens also reminded members that the Jaycees web site was an excellent way for project chairpeople to promote their events. If you wish to run an event in the Jaycees and would like to use the Internet to help promote it, please contact Rick Owens at 243-7319 or e-mail at [clark\\_kent@flink.com](mailto:clark_kent@flink.com).

## Adopt A School Flower Power Project

The Peoria Jaycees have been attempting to help the kids at Calvin Coolidge Middle School with a Spring flower planting project during the past few weeks. However, the weather has not been cooperating and the project has been getting postponed. It has now been rescheduled for Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> between 2:30 and 4:30pm.

The Jaycees need volunteers to supervise the kids work. If you can help out, or if you want more information, call **Jeff Bilisland** at home at 682-2897 or at work at 692-2685.

## Building Fund Committee

The executive board of the Peoria Jaycees has passed a measure to transfer or delegate authority to manage the chapter's building fund to a four-person committee. This committee will be appointed by the board and approved by the membership. The board feels that this responsibility can be handled with much more efficiency than by a 12 to 15 member board of directors.

To initiate this committee, a bylaw change must be made to transfer this authority. This vote will be taken at the May membership meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. All Jaycee members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The board has appointed **Mike Buckley**, **Dennis Owens**, **Rick Owens** and **Steve West** to this committee.

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## Top Ten Excuses Why The Jaycees Internet Site Has Not Been Updated

10. The webmaster was waiting in line for advance tickets to the new *Star Wars* movie.
9. Got lost on information superhighway; refused to stop and get directions.
8. Was running a simulation for when the Y2k bug destroys the Earth as we know it.
7. Inadvertently uploaded the update to the Psychic Friends Hotline.
6. Internet provider service would not accept charges because the webmaster did not use 1-800-CALL-ATT.
5. The last update mysteriously vanished in the Internet Triangle.
4. Webmaster hasn't finished reading the book, *Internet Site Updating For Dummies*.
3. The thingamabob on the whatamacallit was turned off.
2. Phone modem is comprised of 2 tin cans and a string; still waiting to get a dial tone.
1. The data was cyber-jacked by Internet hackers.

## G-Men Reunite At Appreciation Party

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) - After a rousing performance before excited fans and screaming groupies, The G-Men brought the house down at the Peoria Jaycees International Beer Fest Appreciation party. The party, which took place on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the historic Grand Army of the Republic Hall, was held to show appreciation to all the workers and volunteers for the Jaycees annual beer tasting event. The G-Men reunited that evening specifically for the event, which saw party guests from as far as Bloomington, IL. It was the first time the ad-hoc music group performed live since the 1998 Super Bowl Party.

Renown-music critic **Cindy Schwerer** claimed that it was refreshing to hear the group perform again. Her review indicated that the band still played tight and kept in tune despite their absence from the stage. Schwerer also stated "Um, you know, that was interesting music they played." Other critics were not as generous and kind. **Heather Zech**, editor for *Cake & Government Cover Ups* magazine stated, "All it was, was loud obnoxious guitars and screaming girls. I was appalled!" Zech also claimed that the G-Men's sound technicians had done a poor job in working with the acoustics of the room.

The group opened the show with Elvis' *All Shook Up*, and played other cover versions of songs dating back to the 1950's. None of the members of the group, which include **Rusty Greene**, **Rick Owens** and **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt**, did not indicate if and when there will be another performance.

## It's A Little Known Fact Allergies

Allergies are a condition of hypersensitivity in certain persons or animals to substances harmless to most individuals. Some people have characterized allergy as immunity "gone wrong." In the immune reaction, contact with a disease-producing microorganism or a toxin prompts an individual to build up antibodies (proteins related to globulin serum) against the offending organism or toxin so that he or she will be protected against further exposure. All normal people are able to produce such protective antibodies, but in some the capacity to differentiate potentially harmful substances from harmless ones is absent. These persons produce antibodies against one or many inoffensive substances and thus are said to be allergic.

When an antibody reacts with an antigen (a substance that stimulates the formation of antibodies) an allergic reaction results. The symptoms of that reaction will depend on where it takes place. If it occurs in the nose, it may cause sneezing and running of the nose, giving rise to hay fever. In the air passages it may cause contraction, leading to wheezing, coughing, and difficulty in breathing, as in asthma. In the skin, it may produce itching spots, hives, or welts (urticaria). If the reaction takes place in the circulating blood, a severe reaction known as serum sickness may ensue. The allergen, the substance producing the reaction, is usually a protein or protein-carbohydrate complex. It may be inhaled, as dust or pollen; it may be eaten, as eggs or shellfish; it may be injected, as penicillin; or it may act by mere contact, as wool, adhesive tape, or metal.

The variety of substances to which a person may be allergic is almost infinite; diagnosis involves discovering the particular substance or substances to which the patient is hypersensitive (reacting excessively). A careful history of the development of the allergic reaction may give a clue, particularly when it is seasonal, when it is associated with an exposure to a specific substance, or when it occurs only in a particular place. Often it is possible to remain unaffected merely by avoiding the particular allergen to which the person reacts allergically, but common allergens such as dust or pollen cannot easily be avoided.

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