



The Charge!

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New President Keeps Promise

The Peoria Jaycees held their annual Installation Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 8, 1997 at the Lariat Club in Peoria. When dinner was finished and after the other board members were sworn in, lame duck president **John Cima** called '**Governor**' **Dennis Owens** to the front of the banquet room to take the oath of office. Stepping up in front of the others, clad in his Elvis sunglasses, Dennis said "I, state your name..." and was soon sworn into the high office.

The sunglasses the 'Governor' was wearing were symbolic as Dennis stated in his inauguration speech, "The future's so bright, I gotta wear shades!" The slick governor also promised the membership meetings would be shaved down to last an hour at most, with board meetings to last an hour and five minutes. Dennis claimed that the membership meeting can continue for over an hour "but after an hour, I'm going down to talk to **Sonny**," referring to his leaving the meeting and having a Budweiser in the downstairs bar at the Amvets.

At the May membership meeting, Dennis ran a well tuned and tight agenda, using the 'big one' gavel with authority. Cutting out unneeded committee work and irreverent discussions, the meeting ended at 8:07pm, seven minutes over the promise of an hour long meeting. However, a disturbance broke out during the meeting with a group of women from the Lincoln, IL chapter, as they ran off with the Peoria Jaycees Creed. All in all, the 'Governor' did his best to bring the membership meeting to a close in an hour's time, and in the process, keeping his campaign promise.



The future's so bright, you gotta wear shades: The 1997-98 Peoria Jaycees Board of Directors at the Installation Banquet.

Firecracker 5000 Celebrates 15th Year

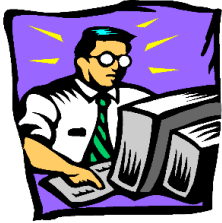
The Peoria Jaycees 15th Annual Firecracker is coming down to the home stretch, and it's looking like it's going to be a great year. Sponsors for this year's Firecracker include **Big Oldies 93.3**, **Brewers Distributing**, and **QST**. At the time of this writing, **Sears** is becoming a potential minor sponsor for this year's race. The Firecracker 5000 is a 5 kilometer/3.1 mile walk/run/rollerblade race in downtown Peoria, held on the morning of the Fourth of July.

With all the paperwork filed and registrations pouring in, there is still plenty of work to be done. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 16th at 7:00pm at **Monica Rhodes'** residence. Applications also need to be passed out at the Steamboat Classic on Saturday, June 14th. In addition, the infamous Firecracker Packet Slam is set for 1:00pm on Sunday, June 29th at **Susan Wilbur's** house, with a cook out to follow. Firecracker committee members are requested for the packet slam, but the cook out is open to all. Packet pick-up is scheduled for Wednesday, July 2nd from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at Northwoods Mall. And of course, volunteers are needed for the day of the event, July 4th, 1997.

John 'Caesar' Cima, **Cara Freehill** and the rest of the Firecracker committee will be getting things set up for the race at the crack of dawn or even earlier (you mean when the bars close at 2am?). The Peoria Jaycees need volunteers there by 7:00am to help out with registration, setting up food and water stations and to serve as course security monitors. Every single person is valuable and any contribution would be greatly appreciated. If you are a Peoria Jaycee member, expect a call from the lovely and talented Cara Freehill in regards to manpower for this event. If you would like to get more involved or have any questions, please call John Cima at 693-0631 or Cara Freehill at 691-2301.

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

by Rick Owens



As the 1996-97 Jaycee year came to a conclusion, *The Charge!* once again won another award; the Runner Up Most Outstanding Newsletter for the Year. I knew there were awards for each quarter, but I didn't know this award even existed. And once again, I find myself giving

thanks; to the people who make the award decisions, to the people who make the news for me to report, to the people who help make this publication the success it is and to the readers of *The Charge!*

I am now entering my third year as the Peoria Jaycees newsletter editor and my second year as it's Internet webmaster. This responsibility never gets dull, as the different people and projects that come about make this an exciting job. But the best part about this job is the comments I receive from all over the state of Illinois (and since we're on the Internet, the world for that matter), regarding *The Charge!* and our Internet site. These comments make this task worthwhile.

I have realized that others outside the realm of the Peoria Jaycees may not understand some of the inside humor and stories this publication depicts. Most people told me that they can read past that and still enjoy the written material. But to help some of the newer readers of *The Charge!*, here's some hints to help better understand this periodical.

Nicknames - Several members of the Peoria Jaycees have acquired nicknames over time and have become very prominent in *The Charge!* **Steve West** became the 'Commander' from an early president's article he wrote in the newsletter, stating he wanted to be our Commander in Chief. Hence, the 'Commander.' If you give **Jeff Bilsland** a couple of shots of Yukon Jack or get him going with women or in a heated argument, it's only fitting he has the name 'Mad Dog.'

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Mark Your Calendars

June

Mini Grand Prix Committee Meeting; Thursday, June 12, 7:00pm, Dennis Owens' house - call Dan Schmidt @ 674-5290

Business After Hours; Thursday, June 12, 5:00 - 7:00pm, sponsored by Fast Signs - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Visitation; E. Peoria Jaycees, June 18, 7:00pm - call John Cima @ 693-0631

Membership Meeting; Thursday, June 19, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call Governor Owens @ 693-8771

Heather's Pot Luck; Saturday, June 21, 3:00pm, Heather Zech's house, not a cookout because she's not grilling, BBQs available, bring a side dish - call Heather @ 274-4035

Epicurean Night; Thursday, June 26, Crooked Waters on the Riverfront, 6:30pm drinks, 7:00pm dinner - call Susan Wilbur @ 685-8365

Firecracker Packet Slam & Cookout; Sunday, June 29, 1:00pm, Susan Wilbur's house - call John Cima @ 693-0631 or Susan Wilbur @ 685-8365

July

Firecracker Packet Pick-Up; Wednesday, July 2, 5:00pm - 9:00pm, Northwoods Mall - call John Cima @ 693-0631 or Susan Wilbur @ 685-8365

Board Meeting; Thursday, July 3, 7:00pm, RLO World HQ - call 'Governor' Dennis Owens @ 693-8771

Newsletter Articles Due; Thursday, July 3 - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

Firecracker 5000; Friday, July 4, crack of dawn for set up, downtown Peoria, Constitution Ave, volunteers needed - call John Cima @ 693-0631 or Cara Freehill @ 692-2301

Business After Hours; Thursday, July 10, 5:00 - 7:00pm, sponsored by Holiday Inn City Centre - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Membership Meeting; Thursday, July 17, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call Governor Owens @ 693-8771

August

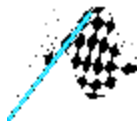
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Mini Grand Prix; Saturday, August 2 - call Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt @ 674-5290

Attention Race Fans

Come join the race committee that will race the Jaycee Mini Indy car to victory in the Arthritis Foundation Mini Grand Prix!!

This is the same machine that the Jaycees drove in the Louie Louie Parade. We are now looking for committee members, drivers, promotions & marketing sub chairs.



The first committee meeting will be held at the 'Governor's' Mansion (**Dennis Owens'** house on Radnor Rd.) on June 12th at 7:00pm. Also, check out the Mini Grand Prix web page at <http://www.ssi.net/minigrandprix>.

The Arthritis Foundation Mini Grand Prix is a fund-raiser for this charitable organization and the Jaycees will be taking part in this event. The race is held on August 2, 1997. For more information, contact **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** at 674-5290 or e-mail at dan@ssi.net.

Epicurean Night



Epicureanism - definition: "The philosophy of Epicurus who subscribed to a hedonistic ethics that considered an imperturbable emotional calm the highest good, held intellectual pleasures superior to others, and advocated the renunciation of momentary in favor of more permanent pleasures." (what a definition!!)

The next Jaycees Epicurean Night is scheduled for Thursday, June 26th at Crooked Waters. Drinks will commence at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm. A head count will be taken at the June membership meeting so that the appropriate reservations can be made. If you are unable to attend the next membership meeting but want to go to the Epicurean, please call **Susan Wilbur** at 685-8365.

For the July Epicurean, a Shakespearean play in Bloomington was planned. As of June 6th, all shows of *All's Well That End's Well* (a comedy) have sold out on the best seats with minimal space left in the worst seats. Susan Wilbur, the Epicurean coordinator stated "I thought that purchasing the tickets a month and a half before the show was early enough, but 'Alas, poor Jaycees, I knew not well.'"

Attention! All meetings are open to all Jaycee 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

Congratulations!

Congrats to '**Commander' Steve West** on his recent election of Judge Advocate position on the Amvets Post #64 Board. You know Steve, there is a position of Commander on this board as well.

Congrats to **John 'Caesar' Cima** for becoming the Region Director for the Peoria Jaycees as well as for E. Peoria, Peoria Hts and other nearby chapters.

Individual Development

by Becky Lemont

Mock Stock Market

What Would You Do With \$10,000? Invest in the stock market! If you have had that dream then here is your chance to live it. The next membership meeting on June 19th, we will feature **Bryce Unruh** of AG Edwards. Bryce will teach us about the stock market and give us some tips on picking stocks. After you have had all your burning questions answered, we will let you pick \$10,000 worth of stocks in our Mock Stock project. The stocks will be monitored by our crack team of analysts and reported in the newsletter and at the membership meetings. There will be awards for the most gains and the biggest losses at the three month mark and again at the six month mark as well as most likely to succeed.

You could jump in at anytime but to really participate then you need to attend the June meeting or contact me with your choices. Stumped on what to pick? Disney, Coca-Cola, Caterpillar, Ford and yes, even Budweiser, have stocks so let your imagination be your guide (also recommended is the *Wall St. Journal*) and join us for this fun project.

Help!

Individual development needs your help to have/run/do projects. Please feel free to contact me with ideas, interests or a project that you would like to propose. Believe it or not, the crazier the idea, the more likely we will do it. Joe and I are now on-line. Our e-mail address is blemontea@aol.com. Thanks! Becky & Baby on board.

Brew Crew Schedule

Listed below is the Brew Crew game schedule. All games are played at the Peoria Stadium on field #3.

June 13, 1997	9:00pm	Kouri's
June 20, 1997	9:00pm	Gilardi's
June 20, 1997	10:00pm	Silver Bullet
June 27, 1997	6:00pm	Simantel Seamen
July 11, 1997	8:00pm	Silver Bullet
July 18, 1997	7:00pm	ERA Real Estate
July 25, 1997	8:00pm	Bleachers
TBA/Makeup Game - Gilardi's		
TBA/Makeup Game - Mulligan's		

Chapter Management

by Heather Zech



Being the first article of my term as your chapter management vice president, this will hopefully be the first of many entertaining articles that you will read this year (Ha!). I am just starting to learn my responsibilities in this position so please, be patient and gentle. I will be attending the State LOTS in Jacksonville this month... so let's hope it pays off big time.

Since I am not sure if I have anything to report about under this area at this time, I will jump right into what I do know. Hopefully next month, I will be able to dazzle you all and make you want to come back for more, but please don't hold your breath.

Louie, Louie Parade

The Louie, Louie Parade was again a lot of fun and a great success. About 12 Jaycees participated along with **Barb (Sandy Pearce's co-worker/friend)**. Oh, and how could I forget our special guest star for that afternoon, **Trixie**, the dog from hell. Our traditional toga style was a hit with the crowd or could it be all the candy that we passed out. A new addition to our entry this year was the ever so powerful go cart. And who better to drive this powerful machine other than our chapter president, **'Governor' Dennis Owens**. I think Dennis was confused at first, believing he was at the Indy 500.

After the parade, several of the crew hung out at the Riverfront, danced a little, drank a few and once again, observed for the millionth time how **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** truly earned his name. I would like to take a moment and just say how wonderful, compassionate and forgiving a person Jeff Bilsland can be. Yes, Jeff, still sucking up! I am sorry for the little spilling incident.

Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt was also hard at work on several prospective members. A couple of them even showed at the IBF Appreciation Party the next day. Also, thanks are in order to **TMI** and **Sandy Pearce** for donating funds for this event.

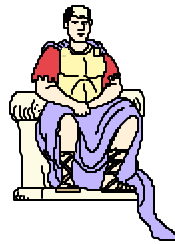
Internet News

If you have internet access, surf into the Peoria Jaycees Home Page and check out some of the new features. The site gets a major update at least once a month with the current issue (and sometimes with bonus articles) of *The Charge!* and photos, and smaller updates at times. Also check out the US Jaycees home page, as it features a photo from the Peoria Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt. The Peoria Jaycees Home Page address is <http://www.jaycees.com>. The US Jaycees address is <http://www.usjaycees.org>.

E-mail addresses are now included on the chapter roster. If you have an e-mail address you would like to share with the rest of the chapter, please call **Rick Owens**, or e-mail Rick at

State Director's Report

by John 'Caesar' Cima



Region LOTS

Region LOTS (Local Officer Training) is being held on Saturday, June 14th at ICC in E. Peoria for all of the new officers who couldn't attend State LOTS. Officer specific training, in addition to programs as How to Recruit, Team Building, CPG Writing, etc., will be presented. If the pattern holds up, it will probably be raining that Saturday, so you may as well do something more productive than veggin' on the couch! Besides, it doesn't cost nothin'. Contact me at 693-0631 if you are interested.

Visitations

Heather Zech and I are planning a visit to the Bloomington chapter on Wednesday, June 11th. In addition to presenting their chapter a check for their selling of tickets for the IBF and party down with their members, we will also be picking up the T-shirts for the Firecracker 5000. Other chapters I plan to visit for the month of June include Peoria Heights on June 9th (which by the time you read this, it's too late) and E. Peoria on June 18th. Please call me at 693-0631 if you are interested in going to any (or all) visitations.

Other Jaycee Events for June

All of these events happen on the same weekend, so take your pick! All are welcome to attend and if interested, give me a call.

Princeville Heritage Days (June 26-28, may need beer pourers!)

Galesburg Railroad Days (June 27-29)

Lincoln Camp-Out (June 28)

This Space For Rent

Promote your project the right way; Announce it in *The Charge!* *The Charge!* is sent to roughly 240 different people, businesses and organizations, and who knows how many people read it on the Internet. It's the perfect way to get the word out.

Send your announcements and/or news to Rick Owens, 1010 Wonderview Dr., Dunlap, IL, 61525.

clark_kent@flink.com to include it on the roster. Chapter rosters are available at the monthly membership meetings.

Only in a research period now, **Rick Owens** would like to know if anyone would be interested in setting up a Jaycees chat room on the internet, open to all chapters around the world. Please let him know if you are interest by e-mailing him at clark_kent@flink.com.

Membership Report by Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt

Who's Due

The following members are due this month:

Jim Barr	Dan Lattimore
Emily Duncan	Chris Maushard
Melissa Flessner	"Wac" McIntyre
Tammy Gaworski	Jennifer Monge
Jennifer Holzinger	Mark Monge
Norm Huff	Bret Naugle
Dubby Janosov	Bill O'Neill

The following members are due in July:

Beth Barr	Joe Lemont
Meg Buchanan	Mark Mount
Steve Dozard	Valerie Mount
Steve Gore	Mike Safford
Kris Joseph	Cindy Schwerer
Rick Kern	Jeffery V. Webber
Becky Lemont	

The Peoria Jaycee Card...

don't leave home without it! The new idea for membership this month is the Jaycee card. It looks like a business card, however it will have a map, directions and meeting times to assist prospective members into attending our now shortened meetings. Hopefully, by the next meeting, we will have some samples for display.

Jaycees Takeover Vonachen Stadium

The Peoria Chiefs will be honoring the Peoria Jaycees on Saturday, July 12th. Game time starts at 7:05pm. "Jaycees Night" is the genius idea of our very own **Dubby**. He has effectively coordinated with the Chiefs to have Jaycees Night printed on the tickets and to be written on the scoreboard. It is also "bat night" at Vonachen Stadium that night, so get there early, get a bat and scream "Social!" This outing is also offered to other Jaycee chapters in the area and guests and prospective members. Tickets are \$4.00 per person. If you plan on going, please get your ticket money into Dubby by June 20th or call Dubby at 691-6608.

Welcome New Members!

I am pleased to announce to you, the newest faces to the Peoria Jaycees. For April, **Lisa Urban** (recruited by either **Dennis** or **Dubby**) and **Kevin Poppen** (and I'm not sure who recruited Kevin) joined our fine organization. For May/June, please welcome **Theresa Diefendorf** and **Kim Turner**, both recruited by **Mike Buckley**, and welcome **Chris Liebsch**, recruited by **John 'Caesar' Cima**. Welcome to the Peoria Jaycees!

Attention new members, you are welcomed to attend any of the events listed in this newsletter. Just simply show up or call for more information. We understand that since you're new, you don't know exactly how to go about in getting more involved with the organization. Just showing up at events, getting to know the members and having fun is the best way.

Community Development by Emily Duncan & Cindy Schwerer



Hi! Some of you may be wondering why I'm writing this article. Myself and **Emily Duncan** are your new community development vice presidents. Emily has allowed me the pleasure of writing the first article! I still haven't figured out why **Jeff Bilsland** looks so happy these days...

Anyways, as I and many of you have noticed - the Jaycees are a great group of people. They play hare but work hard too! Sometimes during our lives you may find that you are busy with nothing. You get absorbed in short term goals and forget the things you're striving for - especially if things go bad. You can't see where you've been. That's when you need to stop and say "Hey, things are OK!"

Helping others has a positive effect on your attitude. You have the opportunity to go beyond yourself and do something that matters. Being involved in the Jaycees can be a great opportunity for you. We would like to extend our community involvement to more than Adopt-a-School this year. We are also open to positive project ideas for these Blain Sumner kids. Til later and hope to see ya!

Love, Cindy & Emily

PS - Many thanks to **Monica Rhodes** for taking over the treasurership.

Give Blood With The Commander

Steve West 'commands' all members to join him in the biggest blood drive ever on Friday, June 20th at 9:00am at the Red Cross Bldg. on 405 W. John Gwynn Jr. Ave (just south of Kumpf Blvd). Free beverages and snacks will be provided after donations are completed. In promoting the blood drive, 'Commander' West tooted the free snacks, saying, "We're talking about a free meal!" The Peoria Jaycees are members of the Red Cross Quiet Heroes Club, so the more members that give, the better. So for safety in numbers, let's all go together! For more information or if you what to join in giving blood that morning, call 'Commander' Steve West at 682-7958 or 673-8108.

Brew Crew Sees Improvement

The Peoria Jaycees Brew Crew softball team has seen some improvement since the last report was made in *The Charge!* The teams record now stands at 1 in 4. On Friday, May 23rd, the Brew Crew won their only game against ERA Real Estate, thus making ERA the shame of the league. Only nine games remain for the league, with a double header on the night of Friday, June 20th. Come out and give the Brew Crew, the most fun team on the field, your support. Games are played every Friday night. To get rain out information, call 688-3667.

Origin Of The Governor

It was the summer of '92. On one particular evening, **Rick Owens**, **Dennis Owens** and a friend of theirs from high school, **Jim Rankin**, stopped into the Judge's Chamber in downtown Peoria for a drink. After reaching a certain level of alcoholic consumption, Dennis was approaching an argumentative mood. Soon after, Rick and Dennis were engaged in an argument while Jim was caught in the middle. Playing it safe, Jim did not utter a word while the other two continued on. After what seemed like hours, the heated discussion came to an end, and it was at this time Jim felt it was safe to say something.

"It was like Crossfire (on CNN)" Jim said, "on the right was Rick and then on the left, it was 'Slick Denny,'" taken after the name 'Slick Willie' the media and Republicans was using for presidential candidate **Bill Clinton** that year. Rick and Dennis laughed at Jim's observation and it was very good note to end an argument, but the nickname for Dennis was just beginning. It was 'Slick Denny' for a very brief period of time, but then became the 'Governor' in reference to 'Slick Willie' being the governor of Arkansas. Other variations slipped into the meaning behind Dennis' newly acquired name; the fact he drove a large pick-up truck, smoked cigarettes, collected various guns and ammo, a proud NRA member and his thirst of Budweiser beer made him appear as a resident from the state of Arkansas. If Dennis were to get a Confederate flag and name his truck after a Southern Civil War general, the image would have been complete. But, so it became, the slick governor of Arkansas, Dennis Owens.

Peoria Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

The Peoria Jaycees are members of the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce. Being a member of this organization entitles you to attend the Chamber's Business After Hours.

The Business After Hours is a social "happy hour" open to businesses that belong to the Chamber. It is held on the second Thursday of the month at 5:00pm at different businesses. It is a great time to meet new people and make new contacts. It's also a great way to meet up with friends as well. Drinks and snacks are provided along with give aways and door prizes. Just ask **Kathy Pulfer**, she's won her fair share of prizes.

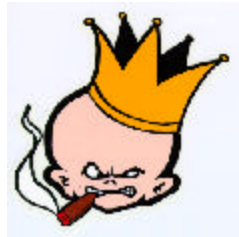
Here is where the next few Business After Hours are going to be at. Also, check the Jaycees Internet site for this listing; the address is <http://www.jaycees.com/hours.html>.

June 12, 1997 - Fast Signs
July 10, 1997 - Holiday Inn City Centre
August 14, 1997 - Advance Medical Transport
September 11, 1997 - Hult Health Ed Center
October 9, 1997 - Absolute Fun

Please note: all these locations are subject to change. Please call first.

A Stay of Execution

by 'Governor' Dennis Owens



It is spring again and the winds of change have blown in a new president, me. As with spring, my presidency will hopefully change everything. As you know I was not really looking to be president, as a matter of fact it was the last thing on Earth I wanted to do. Now there is no turning back, I am paralyzed

from the neck down and laying on the railroad tracks with the midnight freight train coming through. Now that the sheer disbelief of becoming president is wearing off, it is time to take care of business.

There are only four goals that I want to achieve this year and I will stop at nothing to get them. Goal number 1: Bring law and order to membership meetings. This meeting should last no longer than one hour and only one person at a time should talk. Also the membership meeting is for voting and decision making, not brain storming and committee work. Those of you involved in committee work at a membership meeting will be skinned! Goal 2: Train and involve more of the chapters members. If you have chaired a project before and are chairing it again, you will get a very disgusting look from me and a lengthy reprimand. This is a leadership training organization, chairing a project twice is like being forced to take first grade over again. Goal 3: Give more donations to charities. This organization in the last few years has made a lot of money and I can't believe how cheap this organization is. This is going to stop. I want to see big checks go to some charities. Lets bring back the non in non-profit. Goal 4: Grow this chapter to 150 members or more. If we can do the first three goals, then this one should happen automatically. Short meetings will help people get involved because we are not wasting there time, and they will probably get more people involved. Training and involving more of the membership will get the membership to attract some of the non-Jaycees friends. And finally giving more money to charities will give us public exposure and hopefully attract new members that way.

Well, those are my thoughts and if they scare you, well they should. I will probably not be the nicest president there ever was but I guarantee one thing, I will either be a great success or a horrible failure. I don't see any reason to be in the middle. Remember, the only thing in the middle of the road are yellow stripes and dead skunks. And for the board of directors, just remember, Its all just one big poop sandwich and we all are going to have to take a byte.

Its better to burn out than fade away!!!!!!
Governor - OUT

Top Ten Brew Crew Excuses

10. Mistook Exlax for steroids.
9. In no way did Peoria Heights T-Ball prepare us for this.
8. At least we look good on the field.
7. Thought the object of the game was to keep low score and under par.
6. The CPG said nothing about winning.
5. Dubby's complaining.
4. The only scoring that matters is with the babes.
3. We're not doing this to win; we're doing this to have another appreciation party.
2. Losing?? We've got 'em right where we want 'em!
1. Too much softball, not enough beer!

The Most Dangerous Writer in America (continued)

Doing a public service announcement for **God** is probably the best way to sum up why **Dan Schmidt** is called 'the Friar.' During a DSA Banquet, Dan gave the award for most outstanding religious leader, and in the process, did some public relations work for the All Mighty.

News Stories; Fact or Fiction - You never know. Most stories are completely factual, just written with flare to make them a little more exciting. Other stories are based on factual events, but can get exaggerated or take a big turn of events to surprise the reader. And then there are those stories that are a complete work of fiction. But it seems the more outrageous the story, the better the response from readers. A few readers have gotten completely upset over certain stories (just ask Dan), but the main thing to remember, don't take these stories that seriously; a lot of this stuff is for fun. Also, read the disclaimer on page 2.

How it Works - Most board members are requested to submit any and all news to the newsletter editor by the first Thursday of the month, the date of the board meeting. Board members have their own article and can do anything with it, however, most board members would rather give me the news and have me write their article. In addition, these board members also have their own page on the Jaycees Internet site (under *The Charge!* icon), so they can design that however they want.

Once I have the news and events from the board members, I can start to put the newsletter together and get it mailed out. I try to arrange it so the readers will have it by the second Thursday of the month. This will then give them a week before the membership meeting to catch up on any news that is going on. Thus far, I've been pretty consistent with this schedule and it seems to work well.

So there you have it, a quick guide to reading *The Charge!* Of course, the best way to get the most out of this publication is to get out here and get involved in this organization. And as much fun as we have, the Peoria Jaycees might turn out to be some of your fondest memories.

It's A Little Known Fact... It Was Thirty Years Ago Today

The Beatles album, *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* was first released thirty years ago on Friday, June 1, 1967. Two days later, Paul McCartney attended a Jimi Hendrix show at a club owned by Brian Epstein, the Beatles manager. Jimi Hendrix opened his show with the song "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band", and the album had only been out for two days. "Talk about a complement." cited McCartney.

Some of John Lennon's wit was displayed in the writing of the song "Getting Better." As Paul McCartney was on the piano, he was being straight and serious, singing "it's getting better all the time" when John, just being silly and funny, said "couldn't get much worse." They liked that so much that they included it into the song.

The album began as a theme album reflecting the experiences of growing up in Liverpool. They completed three songs, "Strawberry Fields Forever", "When I'm Sixty-Four" and "Penny Lane". However, at the time, the Beatles manager was pushing them for a new release. So they released "Penny Lane" and "Strawberry Fields Forever" as a single. These songs did not appear on the Sgt. Pepper album.

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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