



The Charge!

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The Hog Kept A Cookin' All Night Long...

...and all day long, too. It was **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** who strongly lobbied to cook the hog for the Peoria Jaycees 5th Annual Fourth of July Hog Roast a little differently. He suggested to cook the 140 lbs. of pork buried underground, as it would at a Hawaiian luau. The hyperactive 'Mad Dog' was successful with his proposal and he agreed that he would take the responsibility of getting the job done. He then logged onto the Internet and began to intensely research the procedure.

The fire was started at 8:00 pm the night before the hog roast. By midnight, the fire reached what Jeff thought was the appropriate temperature. The hog was prepared by being wrapped in aluminum foil and wet burlap sacks. The aluminum foil was not included in any of the research Jeff did. In addition, other preparations the research dictated were not performed. By 12:30 am, the pig was placed into the pit by means of a makeshift and jury-rigged crane. The temperature reading on the hog was 35 degrees at that time, where it would need to reach 160 degrees for human consumption.

The next morning, a report was received at the Firecracker 5000, the Jaycees event where everyone had been, that the pig was only 93 degrees; almost 9 hours after being buried in the ground. While the party officially started around mid-day, the hog continued to cook beneath the ground. By mid-afternoon, the hog had only reached 112 degrees, far too low to eat. An executive decision was made by '**Governor**' **Dennis Owens** to yank the pig from the ground and cook it by conventional means. Dennis testified that no more than the hog came out of the ground, it jumped to 116 degrees. By 5:30 pm, the hog was ready for hungry and famished partygoers.

At nightfall when the party had been winding down, '**Commander**' **Steve West** was found hovering over the eaten hog, cutting off leftover meat with his 3 inch Swiss Army knife. After 90 minutes of delicate and precise cutting, the 'Commander' had plenty of leftovers to take home, and a completely cleaned skeleton of a pig was all that remained.

A firework show ended the annual hog roast and what was probably the largest Peoria Jaycee social event of the year.

US Jaycees Raise Annual Membership Dues

At the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting in Niagara Falls last month, a vote was taken to increase membership dues. The measure was passed overwhelmingly, increasing member dues another 5 dollars, or 13.7% for renewing members. The increase does not take effect until January 1, 2000. The last dues increase took place in 1997, which saw an increase of one dollar and fifty cents.

It was announced that the increase is for three different things. The breakdown of the increase is to be applied as follows; two dollars to benefit a Local Presidents Summit, where local chapter presidents will travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma for a training program; two dollars to be spent towards a national public relations program and the remaining one dollar to go towards technology improvements at the National Service Center.

Reaction in the Peoria Jaycees has been mainly one of disapproval. "Paying fifty dollars to join a volunteer organization in a large city like Chicago or St. Louis might be feasible," stated an irked and irate **Rustin A. Greene**, "but when you look at local chapters in Small Town U.S.A., it's gonna hit home!" Greene also testified, "I've got another kid on the way, I'm getting ready to build house, I've got to drive the church bus, I'm a God-fearin' man... when you get to be my age, you don't need hassles like this!"

Other sediments in the Peoria Jaycees echoed Greene's. '**Governor**' **Dennis Owens**, a past president of the Peoria based volunteer organization hinted that he wouldn't even renew next year. Another anonymous member stated, "A 13% increase... I'm sorry, but I don't think the cost of living has increased that much in two years!" **Past president** '**Herr**' **Jeff Pulfer** did not hail the dues increase, but understood that it needed to be done. "They [US Jaycees] need the money badly." Pulfer commented.

The Peoria Jaycees executive board discussed the dues increase at the July board meeting and have assembled a committee to investigate the chapter's options and alternatives in keeping its members satisfied and protecting members dues from any other radical increases.

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

By Rick Owens



They Are Fools!

Over the past four years, I have used this column for a variety of things; I've informed readers about *The Charge!*, answered comments made to the editor, held my own year end awards, drafted report cards for board members turning in news articles,

depicted amusing stories that have happened to me, and from time to time, gave my opinion on things I might find objectionable or completely incompetent. This month, I have found something that would seem objectionable and/or incompetent. I'm sure the people in Tulsa, Oklahoma are not going to like what they are about to read.

As you have already read in this month's periodical, the US Jaycees have once again increased its membership dues. In my opinion, the US Jaycees have just officially signed their death warrant and could now be headed towards extinction!! Wasn't it a couple of years ago when dues were raised \$1.50? Now another increase?

The first problem I have with this situation is that I believe it's a bad business decision. It doesn't take a Nobel Prize winner in economics to understand that if you raise the price of something, you are not going to sell as much (unless you've got a monopoly... then go for it!). In this case, I don't think the volunteer organization market is strong enough to support a dues price increase of this magnitude. In all likelihood, this will eventually lead to a lower membership base, and the US Jaycees will find themselves in a worse financial situation.

My analysis of this situation is that existing members who have been active will probably renew despite the increase because the Jaycee concept and organization means so much more to them. The organization and the people running it have value to them. As for recruiting a new member, the Jaycee organization is not going to mean as great a deal to them.

The second problem I have with this situation is more of principle, not money. I will admit that the US Jaycees have some good programs and that local chapters should help financially support... but to an extent. I think it's wrong to place an entire financial burden upon all the local chapters throughout the US. (continued on page 8)

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Mark Your Calendars

July

Business After Hours; Thursday, July 8, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, hosted by Health Alliance, event to take place at the Checkered Raven, Water St., downtown Peoria - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

Chapter Visitation; Thursday, July 8, Lincoln Jaycees, meet at Cracker Barrel in Morton – call 'Queen' Joann at 689-0051

Jaycees Happy Hour; Friday, July 9, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Fitzpatrick's Landing, Creve Coeur – call Mary Owens @ 263-6067

Membership Meeting; Thursday, July 15, 7:00pm, Amvets Post 64, downtown Peoria – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Haunted House Committee Meeting; Wednesday, July 21, 6:30 pm, Monical's Pizza, sub-chairs needed – call Jeff Bilsland or Vicki Aeschleman @ 682-2897

Arthritis Foundation Mini Grand Prix; Saturday, July 31, drivers wanted - call Randy Stevens @ 360-0391

Benefit for 'McGee' Peters; Saturday, July 31, Amvets, downtown Peoria, starts at 12 noon, spaghetti dinner 1 – 3:00 pm, auction 4 – 6:00 pm – call 676-9458 or 467-5129 for tickets or info

August

Board Meeting; Thursday, August 5, 6:00 pm, RLO World HQ – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Newsletter Articles Due; ; Thursday, August 5 – call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

Business After Hours; Thursday, August 12, 5 – 7:00 pm, hosted by Jumer's Castle Lodge – call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

Jaycees Happy Hour; Friday, August 13, 5:00 pm, Kouri's Pub, Sterling Ave., Peoria – call Mary Owens @ 263-6067

Past Presidents & Anniversary Party; Thursday, August 19, 6:00 pm at the membership meeting, Amvets Post #64, downtown Peoria – call Anne McSorley @ 677-2184

Jaycees Night at the Chiefs Game; Saturday, August 21, 7:00 pm, Meinen Field, Peoria – call Dubby @ 691-6608

September

Board Meeting; Thursday, September 2, 6:00 pm, RLO Inc. – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Haunted House Unloading & Blowout Party; Late September – call Jeff Bilsland or Vicki Aeschleman @ 682-2897

Are You Ready for Y2k?

Mock Stock Report

BECKY LEMONT	20,183.33	102%
JOHN CIMA	13,926.19	39%
JOANN ZIEGLE	13,561.25	36%
RICK OWENS	13,255.22	33%
DENNIS OWENS	12,040.21	20%
MIKE BUCKLEY	11,928.17	19%
HEATHER ZECH	11,379.97	14%
LAURA BUCKLEY	10,403.51	4%
ERIC GENGLER	10,287.33	3%
STAN MUNTON	10,195.75	2%
DAN SCHMIDT	9,867.84	-1%
VICKI AESCHLEMAN	9,839.66	-2%
BOB KLANNUKARN	9,764.21	-2%
SHARI OWENS	9,714.82	-3%
JEFF BILSLAND	9,069.03	-9%

These are the results half way through the challenge. The people that that have E-Bay are still in the lead with several people right on their heels. If E-bay decides to take a dive then this could become anyone's contest. Also of note, there are people in this contest who have real money on the stocks they picked. It makes you wonder, if you had \$10,000, would you be doing the same thing you're doing with this imaginary money?

There are several people that have done very well without having Internet related stocks in their portfolios. **Mike Buckley** is up 19% with his pick of Airtouch, a telecommunications company. Also **Dennis Owens** is up 20% with his pick of Pride, an oil services company. It is not too late to give me your picks or to make a transaction. The market, as of this writing, is just 50 points shy of the 11,000 mark. Long live the bull market!

Jaycees Newest Members Take Over Chapter

The Peoria Jaycees are proud of their newest members! Only becoming members after the first of this year, several of the Peoria Jaycees recent recruits have been taking very active roles.

Randy Stevens has just become the chapter's PR director and has stepped forward to chair the Jaycees entry into the Arthritis Foundation's Mini Grand Prix. Randy also is heading up the PR position on the Haunted House committee.

Anne McSorley did not only lend her egg stuffing abilities in April for the Easter Egg Hunt, but has taken a vital role in this year's Firecracker 5000. She also plans to chair the Past President's Party in August and will get offer to be a sub-chair for the Haunted House this fall.

Jonathan Sinclair has also gotten more involved with the Peoria Jaycees. He chaired the Jaycees entry in the Louie, Louie Parade and has become a Local Director on the executive board.

The Peoria Jaycees would also like to welcome two new members to the organization, **Keith** and **Penny Kramer**, who joined in late June at the new member orientation.

Remember, it's never too late to get involved and join the fun. Whether you're a new member or a seasoned one, whether you want to help an existing project or start something new, whether you want to further a specific cause or just looking for something to do, the Peoria Jaycees offers a variety of different opportunities in which to choose.

Benefit For Karin 'McGee' Peters

Saturday, July 31, 1999
Starting at 12:00 Noon

- ❖ Spaghetti Dinner: 1:00 – 3:00 PM, ONLY \$5.00
- ❖ Auction: 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- ❖ Live Entertainment (after auction)
- ❖ Bake Sale
- ❖ Prizes

'McGee' is the wife of Sonny Peters, the world-renowned bartender of the Amvets Post #64 where the Jaycees conduct their membership meetings. They both have been close friends of the Jaycees for some time now.

She has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has NO health insurance. Proceeds from this benefit will go to help offset costs in fighting this terrible disease.

Tickets Or More Information

676-9458 or 467-5192



Jaycees Happy Hour

Friday, July 9, 1999
5:00 pm - ????

Fitzpatrick's Landing
Creve Coeur (on the IL River)

- ◆ Get Acquainted With the Peoria Jaycees
- ◆ Catch Up on Current Jaycee Events
- ◆ Have FUN!!

All Are Invited!

Call Mary Owens at 263-6067 for Details

It's Coming...

Y2k... the Beginning of the End...
Jaycees Haunted House

Membership Report

by Mary Owens

New Member Orientation

Rumor has it our membership training class was a success led by our one and only paperback writer, **Rick Owens**. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us. I would also at this time like to bring it to every ones' attention that new membership handbooks were passed out and were found very informative. We also will produce additional copies if there is any one who did not attend and would like a copy. Contact Rick at clark_kent@flink.com or myself (Mary) at mowens@mqgroup.com. There was a total of 14 in attendance, well 15 when we count **Rusty Greene**, who made his grand entrance at the conclusion of the course. We understand Rusty, better late than never. Thank you to our new members, **Jonathan Sinclair**, **Anne McSorley**, **Angie Perrilles** and **Randy Stevens** for coming. We would also like to welcome our two newest members **Keith and Penny Kramer** who joined us that day.

Who's Due List

July

Scott Fletcher	Beth Owens
Rick Kern	Cindy Schwerer
Angela Manasco	Gregg Simpson
Bob Manasco	

August

Cheryl Antal	Aimee Fuller
Jeff Bisland	

A reminder to leave you with is I have several name badges with the possibility that your name could be on one. Please claim your name badge and if you don't have one, please let us order one for you! Oh I almost forgot...

August Happy Hour will be August 13, 1999 (it's a Friday the 13th). Please come join us at Kouri's on Sterling Ave. in Peoria. The happy hour starts at 5:00 pm and ends whenever.

State Director Report

by 'Queen' Joann Ziegler



Hey Everyone,

I couldn't think of much to put in my article this month, so I found something a friend sent me. All you Chocolate fans will like this one.

If you have any suggestions or places you would like to make a visitation to, I am only a phone call or an e-mail away. I am open to suggestions!! See ya'll at the next meeting!

The Rules of Chocolate

If you've got melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite, and you'll eat less.

Social Director's Report

by Dubby



Mmmmmm! Ice cream cones really hit the spot on these hot summer days. If your ice cream cone has a flat bottom and right before you finish your cone, do you ever put the whole thing in your mouth and make yourself look like Dancing Bear from Captain Kangaroo? Anyway, let me finish my ice cream and give you my report... <lick, lick>!

Hi! How's everyone's summer been going? I've been very busy playing softball and doing a lot of other things.

A Night With The Peoria Chiefs

It will be August 21st at 7:00 pm against the Quad City River Bandits. I have got 30 box seats at \$5.00 a seat. After the game there will be a fireworks show. Get your tickets fast! The cut off date is August 4th. For more info or to get your ticket, call me at 691-6608.

Night Golf

OK, we've had the golfing dynamics... now we should be ready to play! I'm planning on having the night golf tournament sometime in September. Look for information in the August issue of *The Charge!*

Gus Macker

If anyone wants to work Gus Macker on August 7th – 8th, call me at 691-6608 and I will set something up with the person in charge.

I would like to say **Rusty Greene** and **Dennis Owens** are doing a fine job on the Firecracker 5000! I would also like to thank Dan Wilkinson for setting up the golf dynamics. It was a lot of fun. Also, I would like to see all the Jaycees come to the Benefit for **Karin "McGee" Peters** (Sonny's wife down at the Amvets) on July 31st 1999 from 12 noon to 6 pm. Come support the people that have given a lot of support to the Jaycees over the years.

Well, I've got to go now. I have another game, but first, maybe another ice cream cone!

Thank You,
Dubby

Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices & strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

If I eat equal amounts of dark chocolate and white chocolate, is that a balanced diet? Don't they actually counteract each other?

Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.

Illinois Jaycees Individual Awards Submission Form Monthly & Quarterly

Please Check The Appropriate Category: *(Use this form ONLY those entries listed below)*

- Rookie (Member for 12 months or less at time of submission)
- Jaycee (Member for more than 12 months at time of submission)
- Local Officer

Submission Month/Quarter: _____ Month & Year Entrant Joined: _____

Name of Entrant: _____ Office Held: _____

Home Chapter: _____ Region: _____ # Members Recruited: _____

List Projects Involved In and Role Played in Each (briefly/concisely explain why they should be recognized):

Name of Person Submitting: _____ Position Held: _____
(if not the Chapter President, you must obtain the Chapter President's signature)

Chapter President's Signature: _____

PLEASE NOTE: State awards will be presented at each GA, do you wish to be notified if your entrant is selected?
 Yes Not Necessary

DEADLINE: End of each month (*this is **NOT** a postmark deadline*)

MAIL TO: Illinois Jaycees
ATTN: Individual Awards Chairman
6405 Canadian Cross Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62707-7386

Fax # (217) 529-5293

Chapter Management

by Jeff Ulrich



New Ideas

The Peoria Jaycees need to broaden their minds, expand their horizons, and just plain GROW. We are looking for new people, ideas, and projects. We will accept anyone that has an interest and we will look into any idea brought forward. We want your ideas! Come out, get involved! The Jaycees want to see you.

New Officers

At the June membership meeting, the Peoria Jaycees filled two vacant positions on the executive board. **Mary Owens** officially filled the membership vice president position and **Jonathan Sinclair** was also voted in as a local director. At the July board meeting, the executive board appointed **Randy Stevens** to be the new PR Director, which became effective immediately. Congratulations to all!

Remember To Recognize Good Work.

I have award forms for everyone that wants one. All you have to do is fill out a form and give it to me. I will then send it in to the Illinois Jaycees so the people that have worked their @##\$* off will have a chance to be recognized and appreciated for the outstanding job that they do. As an addition, the awards form has been included in this edition of the newsletter.

Arthritis Foundation Mini Grand Prix

The Mini Grand Prix has a chairman! **Randy Stevens** has volunteered to chair the event. You need to talk to Randy if you would like to race in the event. The event will be held on July 31, at Folepi's Marketplace in East Peoria. The Peoria Jaycees have reputation to maintain because we won the event last year.

Individual Development

by Mike Buckley

The Chapter Survey is complete. I would like to thank everyone who participated for their input. I've compiled the totals and the list below is the top three items in each category.

Individual Development

1. Wine Tasting
2. Bartending Dynamics
3. Golf Dynamics

Membership Development

1. Christmas Party
2. Chief's Game
3. Haunted House Blowout & Riverman Outing (tie)

Community Development

1. Easter Egg Hunt
2. Firecracker 5000
3. Haunted House

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



Board Meetings: Held the 1st Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm at RLO, Inc.

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

Confidential Report From The Z-Files

by Heather Zech



Hello!!

This month is off to a great start with two new members. I would like to say welcome!!

Well if you were not at the last meeting you missed the great debate. But after much discussion, the 1999 Haunted House Preliminary CPG passed. Most of the great debate was about parliamentary procedure. I hope to have a little refresher course at the next meeting so we can clear some things up and the meeting will run a little smoother.

At the board meeting this month, the board did some brain storming on project ideas. Please be on the look out for this list. We really got a lot of great ideas and they will be distributed at the membership meeting. I hope some of you will be interested in running them.

I am going to start something new at this upcoming membership meeting. I will have two trivia questions that I will read at the beginning of the meeting. Everyone will write down their answers. The person's with the correct answers will be placed in a drawing. Who ever wins will get a prize and their first drink of the evening on me!!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Heather

Chapter Management

1. International Beer Fest and related parties
2. CPG Training
3. Haunted House

If anyone is interested in running any of these projects, just let me know. And speaking of projects, **Dan Wilkinson** did a great job organizing the Golf Dynamics project. Sixteen members attended the project and each got some one on one instruction with the pro at Kellogg Golf Course. Let's see if there is a dramatic improvement in the Night Golf scores this year.

Community Development *by Shari Owens*

Salvation Army

Major James Hoskins from the Salvation Army spoke at our June Membership meeting. The Salvation Army has 3 locations in Peoria.

The Adams Street location is the division headquarters, which supports Salvation Army locations in Central Illinois to East Iowa. The Adams location serves approximately 300 meals a day in a program called "Lunch with Love". They can always use people to volunteer to serve lunch. If you would like to serve lunch, please call the Director of Volunteers at 655-7220 and let them know what time and day that you would like to help.

Meeting Speakers

At the July Membership meeting, **Lynne Costic** will be talking about a new program called "Dress For Success." This program teaches underprivileged teens about business etiquette from appearance to interviewing.

Scheduled for the August membership meeting we will have **Alan Pearson** from the Youth Farm come and explain what they do and how they serve Peoria. Youth Farm is an organization whom the Jaycees have donated money to in the past and in the future with the upcoming Haunted House.

Firecracker 5000

At the time of this writing, the Firecracker 5000 is set for July 4th, but by the time you read this newsletter, the race will be over. Therefore, I can't really report much. But at this time, we have well over 200 entries submitted and we'll be picking up the T-shirts today. Things are coming together nicely.

Haunted House

The first Haunted House meeting was Wednesday, June 23 at Monical's. Sub-chairs and responsibilities are beginning to be put into place. There is still a couple of sub-chair positions open.



Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt presents a check for \$5,000 to **Dr. Peter Couri** representing the Central Illinois Landmark Foundation. The money which was raised at the 7th Annual Peoria Jaycees International Beer Festival, is to be used for restoration work at the historic Grand Army of the Republic Hall (the Civil War Veteran's Hall) in downtown Peoria. The check was presented at the hall Saturday, June 26, 1999.

The Haunted House is one of our most profitable projects. We have several new members who are going to be sub-chairing. This is a great opportunity to get involved to see how a large project comes together.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 on Wednesday, July 21 at Monical's on the corner of Lake and Knoxville. If you would like to get involved, please show up at the meeting or call **Jeff Bilsland** or **Vicki Aeschleman** at 682-2897.

New Member Orientation

The Peoria Jaycees held a new member orientation on Sunday, June 27th at Leonardo's pizza. The orientation is designed for newer members to help "jump start" their involvement into the Jaycee organization. It explains common procedures and practices the Jaycees employ, such as writing CPGs, running projects and how the organization functions.

A great turnout was had as 14 members attended the event. Of those people, 4 were new members of 6 months or less and 3 were prospective members. Two prospective members, **Keith** and **Penny Kramer**, joined that day!

Before the orientation was finished, **Jeff Ulrich** began to eat a fair share of pizza. "What do you think you are you doing, Mr. Ulrich?" **Rick Owens** who was giving the presentation asked. "Havin' some pizza and learnen' about Jaycees" Jeff responded.

"You're wasting my time Mr. Ulrich," Rick warned. Jeff interjected claiming that it was both of their time since they were both in the same room. A small debate began about whose time it actually was. Eventually, they then both agreed that it was both of their time, so they ordered not only more pizza, but also several pitchers of beer.

Angie Perrilles To Enter St. Jude Memphis To Peoria Run

Angie Perrilles, a rookie Peoria Jaycee member, has entered the St. Jude Memphis to Peoria Run. The marathon begins on August 3, 1999 in Memphis, TN, and ends on Saturday, August 7, 1999 in Peoria. The St. Jude's telethon will also air on that Saturday to coincide with the run.

To take part in the event, Angie needs a minimum of \$2,000 in pledges. If you would like to help Angie with this worthwhile endeavor, or for more information, please call her at 697-6582.

This year is the first year Angie is running in the St. Jude run.

Dangerous Writer (continued)

Then again, maybe this dangerous writer is wrong; this measure was voted upon and it passed (from what I heard though, the Illinois Jaycees voted it down. Yea! Illinois). Maybe all these chapters do want to pay higher dues. But I think I speak for others and myself in the Peoria Jaycees when I say that this was the wrong decision to make.

Top Ten Things If Star Wars Was Crossed With The Jaycees

10. The Death Star would be made of Haunted House materials.
9. The Death Star would be the Haunted House.
8. The Empire would be referred to as the US Jaycees.
7. During an intense light saber battle, Darth Vader's lines would read, "Your powers are weak, Pulfer!"
6. A startling revelation in Episode 5 is learned that Stan Munton is Dubby's father.
5. The part of Chewbacca is played by an unshaven Eric Gengler.
4. Imperial stormtroopers would be volunteers to pour beer at the International Beer Fest.
3. A popular individual development project would be "Shagging Dynamics." (Ooops, that the Jaycees crossed with Austin Powers)
2. The Amvets Post #64 is the cantina bar where strange aliens and strange people hang out.
1. Heather Zech would be better known as Princess Leia, president of the Peoria Jaycees.

Rowdy Jaycees Reek Havoc On Golf Course Once Again

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) – The Peoria Jaycees, made infamous from a wild and repugnant Forth of July party in 1996 next to a Peoria golf course, has once again reclaimed their rowdy credentials. On Thursday, June 24th, the volunteer organization held a "Golf Dynamics" session at the new Peoria Park District's Golf Learning Center. The event was considered an individual development event where members could learn how to play golf or to improve their game.

A large group attended the event that night and started without incident. But after the first 20 minutes into the program, trouble broke out. **Joe Burkitt**, the notorious Jaycee member who helped instigate the mishap at the 1996 Forth of July party, made his mark yet again. Enclosed in his golf bag was a powerful bullhorn. Using the device, Joe began to make comments to other golfers on the course. "Can't be too happy about that one!" Burkitt exclaimed when he saw a golfer duff a tee shot. "It's in the drink" Burkitt also said through the bullhorn to another golfer as they hit their ball into a pond.

Dan 'Wilky' Wilkinson, the chairman of the golf dynamics program, noticed what was happening. He placed his hand on his forehead, rolled his eyes back and cried "No! Not again!" The golf pro that was giving the instruction walked over to Joe and, becoming irate and using extreme profanity, demanded to know what Burkitt was trying to do. Wilkinson immediately tried to intervene. It was at that time the golf pro made a startling revelation; "Hey, wait a minute..." the pro said, "you guys are those troublemakers from 3 years ago at that hog roast next to Kellogg [golf course]!" "Yep! That's us! We're back!" Burkitt replied.

Correct in his assumption, the golf pro's temper heated even more, even to the point where he called one of the lady Jaycees a hooker, only because she would hook the ball when teeing off. He then told the group to leave at once and never to return with their bullhorn. In direct response to the incident at the Golf Learning Center, the Peoria Jaycees held another hog roast on the Forth of July outside the city limits at the compound of **'Governor' Dennis** and **Shari Owens**.

It's A Little Known Fact Something To Keep You Cool This Summer

Absolute Zero is the lowest temperature theoretically possible, characterized by complete absence of heat. Absolute zero is approximately -273.16° C (-459.69° F), or zero degree on the Kelvin scale (0 K).

The concept of absolute zero temperature was first deduced from experiments with gases; when a fixed volume of gas is cooled, its pressure decreases with its temperature. Although this experiment cannot be conducted below the liquefaction point of the gas, a plot of the experimental values of pressure versus temperature can be extrapolated to zero pressure. The temperature at which the pressure would be zero is the absolute zero temperature. This experimental concept of a gas-thermometer temperature scale and of absolute zero was subsequently shown to be consistent with the theoretical definitions of absolute zero.

Temperature measurements at values close to absolute zero also present special problems. Gas thermometers can only be used up to the liquefaction point of helium. At lower temperatures, electric and magnetic measurements must be used to determine the effective temperature.

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***

Peoria Jaycees

The 1999 Peoria Jaycees Executive Board

'Queen' Joann Ziegler	Chairman
Heather Zech	President
Jeff Ulrich	Chapter Mgmt VP
Shari Owens	Community Development VP
Mary Owens	Membership VP
Mike Buckley	Individual Development VP
'Queen' Joann Ziegler	State Director
Rick Owens	Treasurer
Sandy Pearce	Secretary
Cheryl Antal	Local Director
Laura Buckley	Local Director
Cara Cima	Local Director
Eric 'Crash' Gengler	Local Director
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They Are Fools!

Over the past four years, I have used this column for a variety of things; to inform readers about The Charge!, to answer comments made to the editor, held my own year end awards, drafted report cards for board members turning in news articles, depict amusing stories that have happened to me, and from time to time, give my opinion on things I might find objectionable or completely incompetent. This month, I have found something that is incredibly objectionable and/or incompetent. I am certain that there will be a group of people in Tulsa, Oklahoma who are not going to like what they are about to read.

Last month, a vote was taken at the US Jaycees National Annual meeting to increase membership dues another \$5.00. Unbelievably, the vote passed and beginning in January 2000, the increase goes into effect. In my opinion, the US Jaycees have just officially signed their death warrant and could now be headed towards extinction!! Wasn't it a couple of years ago when dues were raised \$1.50? Now another increase?

Public relations for the US Jaycees says the increase is going towards programs and improvements. Others I hear from say it is because membership is falling nationwide in which membership dues are their main source of revenue. I can tell you right now that raising membership dues is not going to ease their difficulties; in fact I think it will only compound them.

The first problem I have with this situation is that I believe it's a bad business decision. I studied economics in college. Yes I know, many of you find it boring. But it doesn't take a Nobel Prize winner in economics to understand that if you raise the price of something, you are not going to sell as much (unless you've got a monopoly... then go for it!). In this case, I don't think the volunteer organization market is strong enough to support a dues price increase of this magnitude. Mark my words, this will eventually lead to a lower membership base, and the US Jaycees will find themselves in a worse financial situation.

My analysis of this situation is that members who have been active and been around for 3 to 5 years will probably renew despite the increase because the Jaycee concept and organization means so much more to them. The organization and the people running it have value to them.

As for recruiting a new member, the Jaycee organization is not going to mean a great deal to them. A prospective member will think, "why should I pay nearly \$50.00 to join something that I'm not sure about, has no meaning to me, that I don't fully understand and to do work without pay?" So much for recruiting new members.

The Jaycee age group is between 21 to 39 years... most of these people are paying off college and car loans, paying a mortgage, raising kids, etc. An increase in membership dues every two years is the last thing they need.

By now, the folks at the US Jaycees National HQ are saying, "Well then Mr. Hot-Shot Dangerous Writer, what should we do instead?" First I'd look for some cost cutting measures. The way I always understood business is to raise prices as a last resort. Then, to find other means of revenue, perhaps actually rolling up your sleeves and doing real work and real projects like local chapters do. How about a car wash, cookout or a bake sale (it's not a lot of money, but a good start)?

From what I understand, and someone correct me if I'm wrong, is that the national organization's main source of revenue is from membership dues collected by local chapters. It is foolhardy to put all your eggs in one basket. What happens when these chapters cannot recruit new members, possibly because of higher member dues? In my opinion, the US Jaycees should take more responsibility in raising revenues for themselves instead of sponging off all the local chapters in the country, i.e. by making them pay increasing membership dues.

The second problem I have with this situation is more of principle, not money. I will admit that the US Jaycees have some good programs and local chapters should help financially support... but to an extent. I think it's wrong to place an entire financial burden upon all the local chapters throughout the US. Local chapters became established to benefit their community... not their national headquarters.

Then again, maybe this dangerous writer is wrong; this measure was voted on and it passed (from what I heard though, the Illinois Jaycees voted it down. Yea! Illinois). Maybe all these chapters do want to pay higher dues. But I think I speak for myself and others in the Peoria Jaycees when I say that this was the wrong decision to make.
