



The Charge!

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Voice of the Peoria Jaycees'

August 1997

3rd Annual Past President's Party

The Peoria Jaycees 3rd Annual Past President's Party will be held on Thursday, August 21st. It is held in conjunction with the August membership meeting and will honor the past presidents and Keymen, with a good "roasting" of the newest past president. The dinner is to begin at 6:00pm with the regular membership meeting to commence promptly at 7:00pm (promptly... just ask the 'Governor'). Dinner choices include chicken breast or pork chop sandwiches along with soda and/or beer. The cost is \$5.00 per person. All members, past presidents, Keymen and roosters are invited and encouraged to attend. **'First Lady' Shari Quin** is chairing this critically acclaimed project. Please make your reservations by Monday, August 18th to Shari at 745-8453.

Death Race 1997

It was your typical hot and humid day in August. The sun beat down on those who either participated in or who came as a spectator of the Arthritis Foundation Mini Grand Prix. No matter how hot the day would become, it was nearly impossible to break the spirit of those who decided to be there. With it being their rookie year, the Peoria Jaycees arrived at Folepi's Marketplace in East Peoria, proudly displaying their unblemished and undamaged 3.5 horsepower go cart. "Jaycee Racing" as the race team became known, consisted of **'Governor' Dennis Owens** as their crew manager, with **Jim Barr, Eric Gengler, Kevin Leach, Chris Liebsch** and **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** as drivers. And no matter how hot that fateful day in August was, several other Jaycee members arrived to show their support for Jaycee Racing.

The race schedule consisted of different types of races, five of which Jaycee Racing would take part. First up to drive the go cart was Eric Gengler. To start the race, **Dr. Joe Kouri** gave a beautiful rendition of the *Star Spangled Banner*; so beautiful that the race fans wanted to hear it again! After which, the infamous command was given over the public address system... "Gentlemen, start your engines." The roar of finely tuned lawnmower engines hummed throughout the parking lot of the marketplace. Anxious to get started, the Jaycee team would have to wait a little longer as they were to start racing during the second half of the first "Heat" Race.

Once on the track and after the pace lap, Eric gunned the engine and tried to get in a good position. Half way into the third lap however, Eric was being cut off by other drivers while going into a curve and struck one of the straw bails that outlined the race track. The Jaycee go cart, Jaycee Racing's pride and joy, that dream machine of 'Friar' Schmidt's, encountered it's first collision and was already damaged. Luckily, the cart was still driveable and Eric continued on.

It was in the fifth lap that Eric encountered the same problem with other racers coming too close to his vehicle. Passing by the race commentator's station, Eric again was forced off the road and hit a another straw bail. This time he ran completely off the track, undoubtedly displaying his unique driving skills he learned in his home state of South Dakota. Unbeknownst to Eric, one straw bail was thrown from his cart, striking commentator **Laurie Adams'** legs, knocking her horizontally into the air and landing on her head. Eric continued to race until he found out something dreadful had happened. The race was temporarily halted until Ms. Adams' condition could be assessed. Medical technicians were called to the scene, but fortunately, they were not needed as Ms. Adams was uninjured. Adams got back up and finished announcing the race, saying "You gotta watch out for them rookies!"

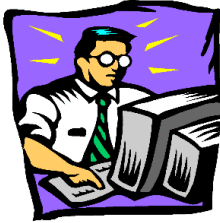
That race was soon finished and a short lecture was given to Jaycee Racing drivers by a course monitor on how to conduct themselves on the track. Dan Schmidt went on to finish first place in the second Heat Race, Jim Barr went on to finish 2nd place in one of the Trophy Dash races and Chris Liebsch wound up getting 3rd place in the Semi Feature. Jaycee Racing also qualified for the championship race and finished fifth place. By the end of the day, the Arthritis Foundation raised over \$25,000, the go cart lost it's entire front end and Eric Gengler picked up a new nickname; "Crash."

Open House Pub Crawl

A pub crawl to pass out flyers and help promote the Peoria Jaycees Open House will take place on Friday, September 5th, starting at O'Leary's on Willow Knolls Rd. at 5:00pm. From there, the traveling group of crawlers will head to Vonachen's, Mulligan's, Jimmy's, Sully's, SOP's and then ZZ Pops. Call **Rick Owens** at 243-7319 for more information or call Rick's cellular on the night of the pub crawl at 676-7186.

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

by Rick Owens



I just saw the movie *The People vs. Larry Flynt* last week and did it get me thinking; would someone actually sue me in a libel suit from something written in *The Charge!*? This movie highlighted publisher Larry Flynt's legal battles over his magazine and freedom of speech.

For starters, *The Charge!* does not contain any explicit photos or suggestive material (even though, I wonder at times) such as *Hustler Magazine*. Most people realize and understand that a lot of this stuff is to be taken lightly with a sense of humor. And besides, any competent person would know that my attorney is none other than **Steven J. West**. Who's going to touch that?

I started thinking about this when, in the movie, **Larry Flynt** was being sued by **Rev. Jerry Falwell** over a fictitious article that appeared in *Hustler Magazine*. The article detailed a lude sex act initiated by Falwell, something so disgusting and outrageous that followers of the Rev. Falwell would never have believed it. This was Flynt's defense... and it held up in court. It was meant to be fictitious humor (depending on one's sense of humor and tastes). And since *Hustler Magazine* did not think anyone would believe this tasteless story, Falwell could not prove any libel had taken place.

Who would write something that's totally unbelievable and outrageous? At this point I thought, "God, this sounds like something I'm doing with *The Charge!*" If that's the case, I hope 'the Friar' won't sue me over something that appeared in this publication.

Well, I don't think I take the newsletter to the extremes Larry Flynt did with *Hustler Magazine*, so I shouldn't be in any risk of legal problems. Anyway, it just got me thinking, but now I'm wondering how I can even compare *The Charge!* to *Hustler Magazine*.

Mark Your Calendars

August

Business After Hours; Thursday, August 14, 5:00 - 7:00pm, sponsored by Advance Medical Transport - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

RSVP Due for Past President's Party; Monday, August 18th - call 'First Lady' Shari Quin @745-8453

3rd Annual Past President's Party/Membership Meeting; Thursday, August 21, 6:00pm, Amvet's, downtown Peoria - call 'First Lady' Shari Quin @745-8453

Blood Donation with 'Commander' West; Friday, August 22, 9:00am, Red Cross Blood Center - call 'Commander' West @ 682-7958

Cookout for Muscular Dystrophy; Saturday, August 30, 11:00am - 2:00pm, Cub Foods, Peoria, - call Cindy Schwerer @ 685-4906

September

Monday Night Football; Monday, September 1, 6:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call Dubby @ 691-6608

Board Meeting; Thursday, September 4, 7:00pm, RLO World HQ - call the 'Governor' @ 693-8771

Newsletter Articles Due; Thursday, September 4 - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

Open House Pub Crawl; Friday, September 5, starting at 5:00pm at O'Leary's - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319 or 696-7186 on the night of the pub crawl

Business After Hours; Thursday, September 11, 5:00 - 7:00pm, sponsored by PARC - call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

Peoria Jaycees Open House; Friday, September 12, 7:00pm - ????, Hollow Creek Apts. Clubhouse, 6625 Big Hollow Rd., - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

Membership Meeting; Thursday, September 18, 7:00pm, Amvets Post #64, downtown Peoria - call 'Governor' Owens @ 693-8771

Haunted House Unloading & Blowout Party; Friday, September 26, 7:00pm - ???, Expo Gardens, Peoria - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319 or Jeff Bilsland @ 682-2897

October

Board Meeting; Thursday, October 2, 7:00pm, either at RLO or the Haunted House - call Dennis Owens @ 693-8771

Newsletter Articles Due; Thursday, October 2 - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

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Mail Call

E-Mail received July 20, 1997
Subject: Peoria Jaycees Web Site

Found it browsing. Looks good, but that motley crew you've got for a Board of Directors must be a handful to keep track of! Best of luck in all you do.

Carl DiMaria
JCI Senator 38429
Florissant Valley, MO Jaycees
Retired many moons ago....

August 1, 1997

Excerpted from a letter from Dave Facker:

Rick,
I have been making statements for the past several years to a variety of people as to the quality of the Peoria Jaycee newsletter. It is time I take the opportunity to share them with you. I have had the fortune to read "The Charge!" for twenty years. It has seen good times and great times. It stands today at one of its all time highs. Your input specifically, and a good deal of what is submitted to you, has shown a high degree of professionalism and effectiveness in communicating the important aspects of Peoria Jaycee news, while at the same time generating a light hearted mode of entertainment. Be proud of your accomplishments, and keep up the good work.

David A. Facker
Chairman - Peoria Jaycees Keyman Organization

Peoria Jaycees Open House

Attention prospective members! If you are interested in learning more about the Peoria Jaycees, the Open House is for you! It will be held Friday, September 12th at 7:00pm at the Hollow Creek Apts. Clubhouse, 6625 Big Hollow Rd. Beer, soda and snacks will be available. Board and regular Jaycee members are requested to bring a side dish.

The Peoria Jaycees Open House is primarily a recruitment project where prospective members have an opportunity to meet chapter members and learn what the Jaycees are about. Also, the open house will provide newer members to become more aquatinted with other Jaycee members. Current members who have not been as active in the Jaycees will be able to get reacquainted with the chapter. New member orientation and GPG training will also be available if needed. For more information or questions, call **Rick Owens** at 243-7319, the Jaycees hotline at 676-5292 or on the Internet at <http://www.jaycees.com>.

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

Personals

Male Seeking Female Bowler

Single White **Dubby**, 34, non-smoker, beer drinker, seeks female bowler for mixed couples league and fun at Mt. Hawley Bowl, Wednesday nights at 7:45pm, if interested, call Dubby at 691-6608.

Peoria Jaycees Stock Exchange



These are the mock stock results as of July 15, 1997. Most stocks have seen tremendous growth but a few have surprised all of us. Congrats to our big gainers especially **Monica Rhodes** and keep your chin up **Cindy**

Schwerer, we still have two months to go. The next posted results will be at the Membership Meeting on August 21, 1997.

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Profit/(Loss)</u>
Monica Rhodes	\$4,325.66
Dennis Owens	\$1,796.06
Dan Schmidt	\$1,392.14
JoAnn Ziegler	\$1,152.37
Bryce Huette	\$916.71
Bob Manasco	\$700.00
John Cima	\$512.25
Rick Owens	\$511.55
Scott Fletcher	\$481.91
Angela Manasco	\$350.87
Mike Buckley	\$348.20
Jennifer Routzon	\$228.40
Eric Gengler	\$211.41
Joe Burkitt	\$91.36
Heather Zech	(\$20.93)
Steve West	(\$66.68)
Kim Turner	(\$271.43)
Cindy Schwerer	(\$332.39)

Remember if you would like to change any of your stocks, there will be a \$100 commission. *Editor's Note: Strange how this year's treasurer is in the lead and last year's treasure is dead last... how bizarre... how bizarre!*

Membership Report *by Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt*

Who's Up For Renewal

The following members are due this month:

Jeff Bilsland	David McMullin
Alison Dye	Kathy Pulfer
Sarah Guzman	

the following member are due in September:

Jason Arends	Mike Rhodes
John Cima	Monica Rhodes
Kristen Kennedy	Tim Ritterbusch
Dana Olsen	Steve West
Rodney Olsen	

Remember, renewal dues are \$35 and for your convenience, you can send a check made payable to the Peoria Jaycees, PO Box 2, Peoria, IL, 61650. If you have any questions, please call me, **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** at 674-5290.

New Members

Please welcome our new members for July... **Scott Fletcher**, **Tim Rohlf**, **Greg Simpson** (all recruited by the '**Governor**') and **Ross Hager** (recruited by **Steve West**). Now please excuse me as I know I haven't been on top of every thing but, I think we only had one member drop last month, giving us a net gain of 3 members. Let's keep up the good work!

Monday Night Football

On Labor Day, September 1st, the Chicago Bears are playing the Green Bay Packers for the first week of Monday Night Football. The Peoria Jaycees' very own **Dubby** is planning a chapter outing for this game. The party takes place at Amvets Post #64 in downtown Peoria and starts at 6:00pm. Free hot dogs, chili and of course beer will be available while they last. Door prizes will also be offered. Prospective members and guests are more than welcomed to attend. The Jaycees would like to encourage members to bring a side dish however. For more info or want to help, call Dubby at 691-6608.



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



The first quarter of my term is gone now and it feels like 25% of my pain has gone away. Could there be some relation there, I don't know, I think its just because the haunted house is coming up. Some people think the haunted house is just a

bunch of mindless work to scare a handful of people. Well I hate to tell you the truth but, IT IS. The only thing that makes this project worth a grain of salt is that Peoria's handful of people is about 6,000 people, and the mindless work will become a work of art by the time the haunted house opens. Remember that art is in the eye of the beholder!!! Some of you people out there are thinking why waste a day, week or month on the haunted house. Well let me tell you a little story.

A long time ago the Peoria Jaycees started a little Heart of Illinois Fair. The months and years went by and the Peoria Jaycees lost the Fair because we were not kissing the right keyster, so I'm told. Well years later the Peoria Jaycees started another little project call the 4th of July Fireworks and again we could not find the right keyster. Now all we have that is a complete family affair is the haunted house. All other Major events cannot include the whole family. This is our event and we must do it to the best of our ability. So I am encouraging you to help out. Lets show Peoria how the professionals do a haunted house. OK on with the Goals.

Goal 1: Law and Order in Meetings. The last meeting went over by 19 minutes and this was probably due to the fact that I did not have the Gavel. I have now found the Gavel and will proceed to use it at will. So look for even shorter meetings in the future.

Goal 2: Train and Involve More Members. The Mini Grand Prix is a perfect example of how we train our members. We were in 5 races and we had 5 different drivers. They all had excellent training on how to crash a go kart. Eric "Crash" Gingler was by far the most well trained.

Goal 3: More Charitable Contributions. We did good on this goal this month. I think \$3,000.00 went to charity from the Firecracker 5000, I haven't written the checks yet but I will. The Mini Grand Prix for Arthritis got a \$1,250.00 check from us. All and all we are spending it faster than we can make it. Don't worry I'll stop before we run out.

Goal 4: 150 Members. Its looking bad for membership, we grew by three in July, and it looks like we are going to be losing big time in August. We need to get out there and recruit before the Past Presidents party or we are going to lose for the month of August.

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

Open House Pub Crawl

Friday, September 5th @ 5:00pm

To Pass Out Flyers & Promote the Jaycees Open House

Drinking Establishments Include:

O'Leary's	5:00 - 6:00pm
Vonachen's	6:00 - 7:00pm
Mulligan's	7:00 - 8:00pm
Jimmy's	8:00 - 9:00pm
Sully's	9:00 - 10:00pm
SOP's	10:00 - 11:00pm
ZZ Pop's	11:00 - ?????



More Info - Call Rick Owens @ 243-7319
Night of Pub Crawl call 696-7186

The Keyman Award

It's that time again! That time to nominate our next Keyman Award winner. You will find the nomination form on pages 5 and 6 of this issue of *The Charge!* The Keyman Award is usually given in January during the Peoria Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards banquet. It is an award given to the one Peoria Jaycee members who truly exhibits "that service to humanity is the best work of life." Listed below is a brief synopsis of the Keyman Award. Please take a few minutes and thoughtfully fill out this nomination form and send to Dave Facker, 330 E. Eller Dr., E. Peoria, IL, 61611. The deadline to send in this nomination is September 15, 1997. The Peoria Jaycees Keyman Organization would like to thank you for your time and consideration.

Keyman Award Synopsis

PURPOSE: To honor individuals whose dedication and work during the year was a key to the growth and success of the Peoria Jaycees. The recipient of this award need not have been an officer of the chapter, but might well have been that person whose behind the scenes drive and actions was the key element to create or sustain the momentum of the chapter.

BASIS FOR SELECTION: The Keyman Organization (comprised of previous recipients of the Keyman Award) establishes the criteria for selection. The basis for selection will include leadership, the ability to delegate responsibility and lead by example; formation and promotion of new projects a/o outstanding promotion of established projects; overall participation, committee work, new member recruiting, membership retention, meeting attendance at all levels; and demonstrated support of the Jaycee Creed.

ELIGIBILITY: Project Chairmen, Officers and Directors who have made an outstanding contribution beyond the expectations of their position, Regular Members who have distinguished themselves on a State or National level, or Regular Members whose work and activities have made an outstanding contribution to the success of the chapter.

PERIOD OF CONSIDERATION: The period of consideration for the Keyman Award is in conjunction with the Jaycee fiscal year. The year being May 1 to April 30.

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS: Selections each year shall not exceed one key per 100 members or fraction of 100 members of the Peoria Jaycees. A Keyman Award does not have to be given.

AWARD PROMOTION: The Keyman Organization is responsible for promoting the award during at least one regular membership meeting between April 1 and August 31 following the year of consideration. The chapter is responsible for publishing the nomination form (provided by The Keyman Organization), eligibility and selection criteria, and any accompanying articles in the chapter newsletter (*The Charge!*). The Keyman Organization may also submit an article to promote the award and the organization.

NOMINATIONS: All Regular Members in good standing and past Keymen may submit nominees with the appropriate supportive documentation. The Keyman Organization is responsible for establishing a nomination deadline date each year.

AWARD SELECTION AND PRESENTATION: Candidate evaluation and recipient selection will take place at a closed meeting of the Keyman Organization. Recipients must receive 2/3's majority vote of those Keymen in attendance. The Keyman Award will be presented at an event and time which is mutually agreed upon by the chapter and the Keyman Organization. It is normally presented by a representative of the organization. The actual award (Key) is procured from the United States Jaycees Products Department, and is engraved on the front with the year of the award and on the back with the winner's name.

Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

All information must pertain to the period of consideration (May 1, 1996 - April 30, 1997).

Projects on which nominee assisted:

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |
- Over -->
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In what capacity did the nominee assist on these projects? (Chairman, Sub-Chairman, etc.):

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Projects originated by the nominee.

Office held in the Peoria Jaycees.

Offices or chairmanships held at the District, Regional, State or National level.

District, Regional, State and National meetings/functions attended.

What percentage of the local membership meetings did the nominee attend? _____

How many new members did the nominee sign? _____

How many years has the nominee been a member of the Peoria Jaycees? _____

Explain why you feel the nominee has distinguished him/herself as a Peoria Jaycee so as to be deserving of a Keyman Award. How did the nominee demonstrate support of the Jaycee Creed? (Use an extra sheet of paper if needed).

Signed: _____

Send nominations to David A. Facker, 330 E. Eller Dr., East Peoria, IL, 61611

Chapter Management

by Heather Zech



Past President's Party

Happy August!!! Okay, there are no really big holidays in August to celebrate. But for the Jaycees the big day in is the 21st which is the Past Presidents party!!! In conjunction with August's membership meeting we will be having a cookout. All the past

presidents and Keymen are invited and encouraged to attend. As you can gather, this party is to honor our past presidents and recognize the most recent past president. Coincidentally, the day following the party is our one and only ex-president **John "Caesar" Cima's** birthday. We are going to have lots of fun and surprises, so this is going to be one meeting you will not want to miss!!! The meeting will start at 7:00pm as usual, but dinner will start at 6:00pm. So come early and beat the rush!! Food and beverage are provided for the cost of \$5.00.

Epicurean Night

We have not had an Epicurean night in a couple of months and it is long over due. Therefore we are planning an outing on August 28th. This time we are going to try a new place in town, "The Outback" which is located in Westlake Shopping Center. Cocktails at 6:30pm with dinner beginning at 7:00. Please give me a ring if you are planing on going.

1997 Haunted House

I'm sure there is already several mentions but just wanted to let you know the Haunted House planing has begun. We have already had two meetings and lots of great ideas. This years' Haunted House is going to the best yet!!!! Don't miss out on the fun. There are still positions open on the Haunted House committee, notably the Donations sub-chair, Sponsorship sub-chair and the Tear Down sub-chair. Call Chairman **Rick Owens** or **Jeff Bilsland** today to find out what you can do to help!!

And before I am off just wanted to let everyone know that if you have any questions about what is going on or ideas for projects do not hesitate to call me at 274-4035.

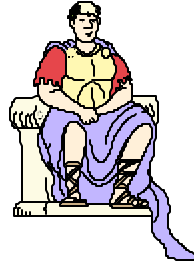
Individual Development... ...Served Hot and Fresh

*from your hostess, **Becky Lemont***

Thank you to everyone who are participating in the Mock Stock project. This has proven to be a real learning experience for all of us... especially those who are making big \$\$\$\$. Alcohol Awareness will be our topic at the August Membership Meeting. Two Officers from the Peoria City Police Dept. will tell us about the new Illinois laws regarding driving under the influence. They will also provide several pieces of literature for anyone who might be interested in learning more.

State Director's Report

by John 'Caesar' Cima



Ahhh! It feels good to be finished with a major project! Thanks for everybody's help on the Firecracker. I hope that all of you can make the Past President's Party on the 21st at the Amvets. It's the day before my birthday and I hpe that this is a fun start to the weekend. Anyhow, on to some state and region stuff.

Visitations

We need to go to Lincoln to get our creed back. Their meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30; but I will also check if they are going to have any fun events to attend. It takes three members to complete an official visitation. So let me know if you're interested.

Other Events

- E. Peoria Pork Chop cookout - August 31st, Jubilee Park Car Show
- Morton Pumpkin Festival - September 10 - 13th, Morton, IL
- Princeville DeutchFest - October 4th

Any and all are welcomed to attend. Call me at 693-0631 if you need more information.

And... a special thanks for all of those who attended the GA in Itasca, Illinois this past weekend. Some state people had been wondering if I was a one-man chapter in Peoria. Now they know better!

Later,
'Caesar'

In September I am planning a Speak Up/Write Up project, but I will have more info on this next month. October and November will be our food and wine months. In addition, I would like to hold a wine tasting project, but I will need a chair or chairs for this project. I will also be holding a Cooking Tips/Eat for \$25 a week class at my house. We will be cooking and of course eating whatever we make. If there is a lot of interest in this project, we will hold it twice so that we can have smaller classes. Also, November will be our first ID Rotation. This rotation will be four 1/2 hour projects where each member will select two. I really need some chairs for these and of course, fresh ideas. Let me know. We will work on CPGs for this in September.

That's it for now... I have to go burn some buns in the kitchen... Becky

Community Development

by Emily Duncan & Cindy Schwerer



Hi! We just got back from the summer GA at Nordic Hills Resort in Itasca, IL. **John Cima, Heather Zech, Rick Owens, Beth Barr, Shari Quin** and our illustrious leader **Dennis Owens** attended. Friday, we attended the Spam-A-Rama mixer and there we

partied until 4:00 in the morning. My legs are sore from following John and Heather up and down stairs to go from room to room. Saturday was a very lovely, relaxing day spent at Rick and Beth's room balcony overlooking the golf course. 'Mrs. Bilsland' (AKA Heather Zech) proceeded to drink mass quantities of Yukon Jack. A good time was had by all. Anyway, as for community development... here we go....

Cookout for Muscular Dystrophy

A cookout is still being planned at Cub Foods on August 30th. It will be open from 11:00am to 2:00pm and proceeds are to benefit Muscular Dystrophy (meaning to find a cure, not to benefit the actual disease). **Stan Whetsell** is chairing this project. We will need volunteers to help setup, cook and tear down. If interested, please call Cindy at 685-4906.

Center for the Prevention of Abuse

I would like to thank those people who helped pass out the Diabetes Walk flyers. We raised approximately \$150.00! The money from this project will be used for the Center of the Prevention of Abuse. Also, if anyone has items they would like to donate, please feel free to call Emily at 692-4512 or Cindy at 685-4906. Thanks again!

Blood Donation with 'Commander' West

Enough time has now passed since the last bloodfest with the '**Commander**' to where you can safely donate blood. The next scheduled blood donation with 'Commander' West is set for Friday, August 22nd at the Red Cross Blood Center, roughly at 9:00am. The Peoria Jaycees are members of the Red Cross' Quiet Heroes Club. Giving blood on behalf of the Peoria Jaycees will make the chapter stronger members, not to mention the community service you are doing for those in need. For more information or interested in donating blood, contact Steve West at 682-7958.



Lastly, I would like to congratulate **Dubby** for jumping right in there and planning activities for the chapter and helping with community development. I think he is doing a great job. Hope to see you later.

Love, Cindy & Emily

It Came From Peoria!

Something so huge! Something so powerful! Something so destructive, Central Illinois may never be the same again! It Came From Peoria! In Technicolor! With an All-Star Cast! It



Came From Peoria! See a large prehistoric monster destroy the Twin Towers of an Illinois city. It Came From Peoria! See mankind's struggle for survival in a thrilling new Haunted House by the Peoria Jaycees. It Came From Peoria! New Rooms! New Horrors! New Ideas! It Came From Peoria! Proceeds to Benefit the **Youth Farm** and the

Center for the Prevention of Abuse! It Came From Peoria! You have to see it to believe it! Starring **Rick Owens** and **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** as the Haunted House co-chairs! Co-starring **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** as the Creative Consultant sub-chair; **Beth Barr** as the Public Relations sub-chair; **Heather Zech** as the Outside Manpower sub-chair; **'First Lady' Shari Quin** as the Inside Manpower sub-chair; **'Frauline' Kathy Pulfer** as the Costumes, Props and Make Up sub-chair; and introducing for the first time... **Chris Liebsch** as the Construction sub-chair; **Kevin Leach** as the Maintenance and Security sub-chair and **Eric 'Crash' Gengler** as the Electrical and Special Effects sub-chair, and special guest star, **Godzilla** as himself! It Came From Peoria! See it today! Call Rick Owens at 243-7319 or Jeff Bilsland at 682-2897. Get involved today... before it's too late!

Jaycees Revisit Heart of Illinois Fair

It was in the late 1940's when the Peoria Jaycees started a central Illinois tradition. Now 50 years later and no longer involved with organizing this tradition, the Peoria Jaycees still like to visit one of it's offspring, the Heart of Illinois Fair. For almost every night the fair was in Peoria, **'Frauline' Kathy Pulfer** was seen walking the fairgrounds. On the second to last night of the fair, the lovely and talented 'Frauline' attended the **Tracy Byrd** grandstand show. And being the avid fair goer that she is, Kathy obtained front row seats! With the heat of the night and the excitement of the show, Kathy began to act like a love sick school girl while she danced away in the night. Before long, she was stripping off her underclothing and throwing them on stage. "Give it to me, baby!" Kathy shouted. This definitely caught the country entertainer's eye. Fair security was being dispatched to contain the lovely Frauline, but roadies for Tracy Byrd got approached Kathy first and invited her back stage.

Meanwhile, Jaycee rooster **Stanley Munton** (pronounced MOOOO' ton) was walking through the midway of the fair on a nightly basis. There he secured gainful employment with a traveling entertainment company called Freaks R Us. Stan was hired as a carnival freak and became the main attraction. Stan even joined the Freak Union Local 69. "There's no business like show business." Stan said. Stan also claimed he was being paid "the big bucks" just to play himself. It's good work if you can get it Stan!

Top Ten Signs You're At A Bad Past President's Party

10. The only beer available is leftovers from the 1995 International Beer Fest.
9. You look around the room and realize there's no presidents; just Commanders, Caesars and Governors.
8. Valet service is being provided by Steve West.
7. Cover charge went to the 'Governor' Owens election campaign and vacation fund.
6. It appears that Lyndon Johnson came back from the dead for the party, but then you realize it's really Brian Milbrandt.
5. The invitation said something about "roasting" John Cima and then you find out that he's the main entree.
4. Musical entertainment is provided by the G-Men.
3. Jeff Pulfer.
2. The party's dress code requires you to wear a Richard Nixon mask.
1. The party turns out to be a pancake breakfast, only to keep a certain past president from speaking too much.

T-Gate Scandal Investigation Expands

An alleged conspiracy of Peoria Jaycee members who served as unfair umpires for the Peoria Heights Jaycees T-Ball league has expanded exponentially in past weeks. **Robert Klannukarn**, a staff reporter for the *Heights Highlights*, broke this story of scandal and misuse of power in early July. On June 25, 1997, the Blue Team defeated the Red Team in the final game of the 14th Annual Peoria Heights T-Ball World Series. According to Klannukarn's investigative report, T-Ball coach **Jerry Nuese** suspected a conspiracy by the Peoria Jaycee members to prevent the Red Team from winning. In response to the allegation, Peoria Jaycees president '**Governor**' **Dennis Owens** appointed prominent Peoria attorney **Steven J. West** as special prosecutor to investigate the growing scandal now deemed as "T-Gate."

Since attorney West has begun his investigation, evidence has been uncovered to suggest that foreign money was solicited and received by the Peoria Jaycees to fund a possible conspiracy. "We believe that money from an Asian financial institution was transferred into the Jaycee chapter," claimed West. In a recent mock stock market that the volunteer organization is conducting, Jaycee member **John 'Caesar' Cima** selected the Bank of East Asia as one of his stock holdings. West also believes that this Asian money could have been used to fund the election campaign of 'Governor' Dennis Owens. In addition, 'Governor' Owens is being suspected of selling the chapter's gavel on the black-market and holding sleepovers in the Haunted House to supplement campaign donations. "And that spells trouble in my book!" West added. 'Governor' Owens disputed the claims of attorney West and assured the chapter he did not do anything illegal. However, Owens recently returned \$50,000 in questionable soft money that was collected during his campaign. Owens also stated he will allow the investigation to continue.

It's A Little Known Fact... Vision & Eyeglasses

Lack of symmetry in the shape of the eyeball or lack of ability of the muscles of the eye to change the shape of the lens so that it focuses the image accurately on the retina may result in myopia (nearsightedness) or hyperopia (farsightedness). Myopia may be corrected by the use of biconcave lenses; hyperopia requires convex lenses. Presbyopia is similar to hyperopia, resulting from the loss of elasticity of the eye tissues with advancing age, starting usually after 50. All these conditions are readily corrected by the use of properly fitted lenses. Astigmatism is the result of the warping of either the cornea or lens out of the normal spherical contour, with greater curvature along one meridian than another. Aniseikonia is a common condition in which the images produced in the two eyes are of different size.

In 1268 the English philosopher Roger Bacon recorded the earliest statement about the optical use of lenses. Possibly as early as the 10th century, however, the Chinese had made use of magnifying glasses placed in frames. Eyeglasses were first used in Europe in Italy, and some portraits dating from the Middle Ages depict persons wearing eyeglasses. With the invention of the printing press in the 15th century, the demand for eyeglasses increased and by 1629 was large enough for a charter to be granted to a guild of spectacle makers in England. The first bifocal glasses were made for Benjamin Franklin at his suggestion about 1760. In early times the only eyeglasses having spherical lenses were manufactured to correct nearsightedness and farsightedness. Not until the end of the 19th century did the cylindrical lens for the correction of astigmatism come into common use.

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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