



# The Charge!

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Past Presidents & Anniversary Party

The Peoria Jaycees are readying themselves for what will be their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Past Presidents & Anniversary Party. The event will be held at the organization's monthly membership meeting on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00pm at the Amvets Post #64 in downtown Peoria. **Anne McSorley** is organizing this year's festivity that usually pokes fun and roasts the most current past president. The cost is \$5.00 per person for dinner.

The regular membership meeting will begin at 7:00pm that night and all attendants of the party are welcome to stay. During the meeting, the Jaycees will hold another joke dynamics session, where anyone can tell a joke to win a prize. It was not stated whether dirty jokes were or were not allowed, but the group hopes the jokes to be in good taste (and funny at least). After the meeting, the roasting will undoubtedly begin to honor the Peoria Jaycees most recent past president, **'Queen' Joann Ziegler**. "I don't want to give it away," stated Anne McSorley, the chairperson for the party, "you're just going to have to come out. It's going to be a lot of fun!"

The event also recognizes the Peoria Jaycees anniversary as well. This year marks the organization's 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All current, prospective and past members, guests and of course past presidents are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information or to make your RSVP, please call Anne McSorley at 677-2184.

## Chairman Boasts Haunted House

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) – **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** gave the world a sneak peak at the Peoria Jaycees ever popular Haunted House at a press conference held yesterday in Peoria, IL. "This will be the best and greatest Haunted House ever," Bilsland pompously stated. Bilsland testified that the Haunted House, for the first time, would be completely computer controlled. "The Peoria Jaycees are entering the 21<sup>st</sup> century a year early as the Haunted House will be run completely by state of the art computers and software," Bilsland added. Software for the Haunted House was being exclusively designed for and donated to the Peoria Jaycees by **RLO Systems, Inc.** In turn, RLO Systems have become a major sponsor of this year's Haunted House.

The popular "Blowout Party" that the Jaycees throw to commence the Haunted House has been set for Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. It is normally at this party when the construction begins. For this year's Blowout Party, Bilsland issued a challenge for the Peoria based volunteer organization. He claimed that they wanted to set a new speed record in constructing the Haunted House. "We want to get all the walls up by midnight, Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>" he claimed.

Bilsland also indicated that the Jaycees were seeking individuals or businesses to "adopt-a-room" in the Haunted House. For anyone who wishes to adopt-a-room, that person would have creative control and would be responsible for decorating a room in the Haunted House. For anyone wanting to get involved in the Peoria Jaycees Haunted House, or for more information, please contact **Vicki Aeschleman** or Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland at 682-2897.

## Jaycee Racing Black Flagged At Mini Grand Prix

By The Charge! staff reporter **Sandy 'Big Dog' Pearce** -- Once again, the Peoria Jaycees participated in the 10th annual running of the Arthritis Foundation Mini Grand Prix. **Randy Stevens**, chairperson & team captain, **Mary Owens**, **Dara Allen**, **'Governor' Dennis Owens**, & **'Friar' Schmidt** made up the team of drivers. And, what a team it was! This reporter is proud to announce that all our drivers completed their respective races in the true Jaycees fashion!

Randy Stevens drove in the first 10-lap heat. He put the pedal to the metal and did the Jaycees proud by clinching a 1st place trophy. Mary Owens took the wheel next in another 10-lap heat. She clung onto third position until she made her move in the 8th lap. With no mercy, she fiercely bashed other drivers forcing them into the straw bails. Although this Jaycee driver did not take home a trophy she showed the crowd the true Jaycee "no hands barred" reputation. Dara Allen was the driver for the 5-lap trophy dash. Dara not only rammed another car but also took out the flag guy, flags and 5 straw bails. It was outstanding! Veteran driver 'Governor' Dennis Owens took the track next for the 10-lap semi-feature. Members of the Jaycees pit crew instructed the 'Governor' to "do whatever it takes" to obtain a trophy. Cars were being bashed together like Matchboxes. The pit crew almost wet their pants watching the fight for 1st & 2nd. (continued on page 6)

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

**By Rick Owens**



### Karoke Anyone?

I would first like to start off by thanking those members who came out to Matt's Village Tap in Princeville, IL on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> for a night of karaoke. It was almost like some of those old days of karaoke singing and was a lot of fun. We got almost everyone singing,

including **Cindy Schwerer** and even the '**Governor**' (which is probably next to impossible).

The night was a bit spontaneous as I told everyone to spread the word only days before going, but we had a pretty good crowd show up anyway. There were others who wanted to go, but had previous commitments. For those who missed out, but wanted to go, fear not! Karoke is featured at this fine drinking establishment every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. We can easily set up another night for some more karaoke.

What's this place like, many of you may be asking. It's your typical small town tavern. It's not crowded and the people are friendly. A few months ago, I went in there with **Rusty Greene** and we ran into one of his high school teachers. "That doesn't seem right," Rusty said, "your high school teacher boozin' it up!"

The karaoke system has a very large list of available songs to choose. If we got a good 15 – 20 Jaycees in there, we could literally take over the place... are you pondering what I'm pondering?! If anyone else is interested for another outing, let me know.

The next big social outing I'm looking forward to is the Jaycees camp out. Several Jaycee members have camped out for one night 3 – 4 years ago. The last couple of years we could not make it, due to weddings, Haunted Houses, etc. However, I made it a point at the last board meeting to schedule a weekend to make it happen this year. This year we're gonna do it!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> for the next camp out. The camp out will feature a bon fire and hopefully music from Rusty and myself. I will provide more details of this event in the next issue of *The Charge!*

## Mark Your Calendars

### August

**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, Am vets Post #64, downtown Peoria – call Anne McSorley @ 677-2184

**Larry Olsen Golf Outing;** Saturday, August 21, 10:00am, Pine Lakes Golf Course, Morton, IL, to benefit the Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation – call 'Queen' Joann @ 689-0051

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

**Haunted House Committee Meeting;** Tuesday, August 24, 6:30pm, Monical's Pizza – call Vicki Aeschleman or Jeff Bilisland @ 682-2897

**Dinner & Movie;** Friday, August 27, 6:30pm, Mama Barone's, Galena Rd, Peoria Hts. – call Cindy Schwerer

### September

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

**Newsletter Articles Due;** ; Thursday, September 2– call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**Chapter Visitation;** Wednesday, September 8, to the Galesburg Jaycees membership meeting, 7:00pm, Ramada Inn – call Joann Ziegler @ 689-0051

**Poker Dynamics;** Wednesday, September 8, 7:00pm, Jeff Ulrich's house – call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, September 9, 5:00 – 7:00pm, hosted by S&S Builders – call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871

**Jaycees Happy Hour;** Friday, September 10, 5:00pm, Crooked Waters Brew Pub, downtown Peoria Riverfront – call Mary Owens @ 263-6067

**Illinois Jaycees General Assembly;** September 10 – 12, Hilton Hotel in Springfield, IL, will be holding election of state officers – call 'Queen' Joann @ 689-0051 or Heather Zech @ 274-4035 if wanting to attend

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, September 16, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria – call Heather Zech @ 274-4035

**Night Golf;** Saturday, September 18, 8:00pm, Detweiller Golf Course, \$20.00 per person – call Dubby @ 691-6608

**BLOWOUT PARTY!!!;** Friday, September 24, 7:00pm, Expo Gardens – call Vicki Aeschleman or Jeff Bilisland @ 682-2897

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## Jaycees Happy Hour

Friday, August 13, 1999  
5:00 pm - ????

Kouri's Pub  
Sterling Ave., Peoria

- ◆ 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

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



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

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

## Mock Stock Update

BECKY LEMONT	12,383.33	24%
JOHN CIMA	12,252.09	23%
MIKE BUCKLEY	12,206.66	22%
RICK OWENS	11,436.91	14%
HEATHER ZECH	10,823.35	8%
JOANNA ZIEGLE	10,328.95	3%
BOB KLANNUKARN	10,163.13	2%
SHARI OWENS	10,102.82	1%
DENNIS OWENS	9,804.36	-2%
STAN MUNTON	9,535.99	-5%
DAN SCHMIDT	9,323.66	-7%
LAURA BUCKLEY	9,125.08	-9%
ERIC GENGLER	8,827.98	-12%
VICKI AESCHLEMAN	8,596.47	-14%
JEFF BILSLAND	8,421.43	-16%

Mock stock has changed quite a bit. **Becky Lemont's** lead has dropped to \$120. This will definitely make this event more interesting. It is not too late to join. Get your stock picks to **Jeff Ulrich** at 693-7871.

## Social Director's Report

*by Dubby*



<munch munch> Mmmmm! Brats soaked in beer and then cooked on the grill is the perfect summer time dinner. Damn this is good! Let me finish eating my 10<sup>th</sup> bratwurst and give you my report... <yum>

How's everyone's summer been going? It's almost over and we will get in to the fall. That means Monday Night Football will be back! I want to get a Monday Night Football Club started. We can visit different bars every Monday night to watch some football and eat some food. We could also get some shirts made up for the club to wear. It can also help with recruitment. I will give you more details at the membership meeting this month.

### Chiefs Game

The Jaycee night at the Peoria Chiefs game is set for Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have got a ticket, please get your money to me. Game time is at 7:05pm and there will be a fireworks show after the game. It should be a lot of fun.

### Night Golf

The Peoria Jaycees annual night golf tournament will be held on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm at Detweiller Golf Course. This is an event where you can play 9 holes of golf at nighttime using a 7 iron, putter and glow balls. Please call me at 691-6608 to enter a team of 4 or to get more information. The cost is \$20 per player and the money raised will go to benefit the **Special Olympics** and a small amount will go towards membership for the Jaycees. Sign up fast as there is limited number of people who can participate.

### Dinner and Movie

The next dinner and movie outing will be on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Mama Barone's on Galena Rd. Please contact **Cindy Schwerer** if interested in going.

Also, **Sonny** and **McGee Peters** would like to thank the Peoria Jaycees for their support and for coming out to the benefit.

Former members of the Peoria Jaycees will be coming back home to Peoria after a few years of living overseas. They are **Steve** and **Diana Janda** (with an addition, **Nolan**). Hopefully we can get them to come back because they were a big part of the Jaycees before they went and saw the world for a couple of years.

Well, I've got to go. I have another game. Keep up the good work.



**Are You Compliant?...  
... We're NOT!**

**Jaycees Haunted House**

## Confidential Report From The Z-Files

by Heather Zech



Hello everyone!! Happy August!

As most of you know, I like to make my comments known at all of the meetings. However, this month I really don't have that much to make. But the few I do have are somewhat important.

First off, if you recall, I mentioned I was getting concerned over our membership base getting low. I would like to find someone to hold a recruitment party to help with recruiting new members. We have done this in the past and they have been both, successful and fun! I remember when I first joined the Jaycees in April, 1996. **Rick Owens** had a recruitment party, which was a blast! "**Chef**" **John Cima** did that great job burning those burgers (ha ha)... but I digress. Let me continue. We also had an Open House at the Knights of Columbus Hall in September, 1997 which had a great turnout of approximately 50 people. I think we need to do something like this once more and I am looking for anyone volunteering to offer his or her place for a party or organize this festivity. Preferably, I would like someone that is not on the board and has not chaired a project yet this year to do this... but beggars cannot be choosers; I just want to get this done!

I would also like to encourage someone to chair a cookout sometime this year. The board has lightly discussed running a cookout, similar to one we had at Cub Foods a couple of years ago. They are easy to set up, get a lot of people involved, gets the Jaycee name out into the public and most of all, there're just plain fun!!

Also if you recall, I put out a request earlier this year about putting all available CPGs in one binder and on a CD Rom. **Rick Owens** has volunteered to "burn" the CPGs onto a CD Rom that can be used by any Jaycee. He has set a deadline of August 31<sup>st</sup> to get those in. So I ask that if you have any CPGs in electronic format, please get those to Rick ASAP.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone of the Past Presidents and Anniversary Party at the membership meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This is the one time a year when we invite all our past presidents and "roosters" back to our membership meeting to honor them, roast our most current past president and celebrate our chapter's anniversary. If you want to attend, please call **Anne McSorley** to make your RSVP (just so we know how much food to get).

Well, that's all. Thanks for reading and hope to see you at the next membership meeting.

Heather

## Membership Report

by Mary Owens

### Who's Due List

#### August

Cheryl Antal	Aimee Fuller
Jeff Bilisland	* Kathy Pulfer

#### September

Steve Arianoutsos	Mike Rhodes
Laura Buckley	*Steve West
John Cima	

\* - indicates associate member

### Roster Updates

If anyone has a change in address or phone numbers, please report them to me (Mary) at 263-6067 so that I can update them in our roster database. For those who may not know, I am now maintaining our roster. You can obtain a fresh and updated roster at either the board or membership meetings each month.

### Name Badges

I offer apologies for not getting some members their name badges in a timely manner. I have them ordered and they are ready to go, but I am not 100% sure I have included all our new members. If you want your name badge, or if you have lost yours and would like it replaced, please call me at 263-6067.

### Happy Hour

The next Jaycees Happy Hour is set for Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> (Oh No! A Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>) at Kouri's Pub on Sterling Ave. at 5:00pm. All Jaycee members, prospective members and guests are welcomed to attend.

Our September Happy Hour will be on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Crooked Waters Brew Pub, downtown on the Peoria Riverfront.

We had a great time last month at the happy hour at Fitzpatrick's Landing. Plenty of people showed for the fun, including two guests. Let's keep up the good work, shall we!

### Correction

Last month at the membership meeting, it was announced that we were up 2 members for the month. It is my sad, sad duty to announce that this was in error. In reality, we were down two members for the month of July. We had forgotten to take into account the dropping of other members, who had earlier moved out of town and we had taken them off of our roster. Oh well, at least it was exciting to think we were at growth for a while. Was it Shakespeare who said "is better to have love and lost than not to have loved at all?"



Y2K... Time's Running Out!!  
Jaycees Haunted House

## Community Development

by Shari Owens

### Youth Farm

**Alan Pearson** will be speaking at our September Membership meeting rather than our August meeting due to the Past Presidents Party

### Haunted House

The next Haunted House meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Location for the meeting is TBA.

**Adams Outdoor Advertising** has offered to be a major Haunted House sponsor by donating 10 billboards in prime locations thanks to **Dan Schmidt** and **Solution Services**.

We are also looking for individuals or corporate sponsors to "adopt-a-room," where you can plan, design and decorate a room in the haunted house to whatever you want.

The Haunted House blowout party is scheduled for Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> (which is also **Sandy Pearce's** birthday). This is the night that we will begin building the house. This year, we would like to set a record in getting the walls put up in the shortest amount of time. Our goal is for all the walls to be up by midnight Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are trying to get some Haunted House ideas from the movies so recently a few of us got together to see *The Haunting* and *The Blair Witch Project*. We got some great ideas from *The Blair Witch Project*. We recently had the opportunity to try some of these ideas out on **Heather Zech**. *Sixth Sense* and *Stir of Echoes* are a couple of other scary movies soon to be released. If you are into scary flicks and want to see one of these movies, let me know and I will be sure to call you when we plan on going to the next movie.

For more info or to get involved, please call **Vicki Aeschleman** or **Jeff Bilsland** at 682-2897.

### Arthritis Foundation Mini Grand Prix

The Grand Prix was on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at Folepi's Market in East Peoria. The drivers were **Dara Allen**, **Mary Owens**, **Dan Schmidt**, **Dennis Owens** and **Randy Stevens**. Once again we upheld our bad reputation of running people over when Dara Allen hit a hay bail which in turn hit one of the flag men. Oh, he didn't get hurt so it was no big deal.

We didn't win the race but we did receive a couple of trophies. Randy won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the first heat race and Dennis had 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the semi-finals. Dan Schmidt drove in the championship race and came in 4th. He was in a close race with R & T Specialties when he forced R & T into the wall and the flagman waved the black flag at him. Dan tried to make his car go faster by rocking forward and backward but it just didn't help. Good job drivers and thanks to Randy for chairing this project.

The Mini Grand Prix is a fund raiser for the Arthritis Foundation and this year was the third year the Jaycees have participated in the event.

## Chapter Management

by Jeff Ulrich



### Business After Hours

In August the Business After Hours is at Jumer's Castle Lodge. The event is on Thursday, August 12 from 5-7 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce provides free food and beer to anyone that

attends this event. You must show your Jaycees card or badge to get in. This event is a great opportunity to meet people from different fields and companies. It is also a good way to pursue future involvement with the Chamber of Commerce.

September's Business After Hours is scheduled for Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at S&S Builder's Hardware.

### Past President's Party

At the August membership meeting we will be celebrating the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Peoria Jaycees. To celebrate this event we will be serving food and beverages starting at 6:00 PM. This event will also honor all of the past presidents of the Peoria Jaycees. Finally we will get around to roasting the most current past president, **Joann Ziegler**. This will be an event you will not want to miss.

The dinner costs \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP to **Anne McSorley** at 677-2184 or e-mail at [mcsorley@bradley.edu](mailto:mcsorley@bradley.edu) if you plan to attend.

### Poker Dynamics

On September 8, starting at 7:00pm the Peoria Jaycees will be holding there very first poker dynamics. There will be two groups playing. One with people that know how to play and a second table of beginners with someone that is not playing showing them how to play. This event will be held at **Jeff Ulrich's** house at 5117 Greenridge Ct. Call for directions. Jeff will provide all the provisions. Learn how to play poker or if you know how play, to improve your skill. Or just come to have fun.

## Just A Short One...

by Sandy 'Big Dog' Pearce

I am sad to report that the first official siting of spousal abuse by one of our members was witnessed at the SVI golf outing, which was attended by 4 Peoria Jaycees. The former **Dr. Quin** was pushed, not once but twice, out of her golf cart and onto the sixteenth fairway by her estranged husband, '**Governor**' **Dennis Owens**. Witnesses stated that both parties were laughing and clearly under the influence of alcohol. After some thought, Mrs. Owens realized that she had just become a victim. She stated she would not and will not tolerate this type of abuse. Projectile vomit was seen spewing in the direction of the 'Governor' during the trip home in the Owens' AUDI. Just another example of why crime does not pay.

## Individual Development

by Mike Buckley

### Joke Night with the Jaycees

It has been said that laughter is the best medicine. Medical studies prove that laughing improves your health. With that in mind, I'd encourage everyone to come to the August membership meeting ready to tell their best joke. The best jokester according to the "Sense of Humor Panel of Judges", will win a fabulous prize. Even if your joke doesn't win, at least you will have made yourself and everyone at the meeting healthier.

### Beer Brewing

I am looking for a chairperson for the beer brewing project. You don't have to know anything about brewing beer, just about drinking it. We're planning on having it sometime in September. Let me know if you're interested in chairing this project.

### Poker Dynamics

Cards anyone?

Jeff "Card Shark" Ulrich is hosting (taking everyone's money) a poker dynamics session on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at his house. There will be a beginner's table for those interested in learning how to play and a table for experienced gamblers. Contact Jeff if you would like to participate. about drinking it. We're planning on having it sometime in September. Let me know if you're interested in chairing this project.

## State Director Report

by 'Queen' Joann Ziegler

Hey All!

As I am writing this article, I am watching the qualifying for the Brickyard 400, which I can't wait to attend. My first Nascar race! My driver, **Jeff Gordon**, won the pole for the race!

### Chapter Visitation

The upcoming visitation for August is Farmington, if the newsletter comes out in time. September will be Galesburg, September 8, at 7:00pm at the Ramada Inn. October will be Bloomington-Normal, October 6 at 7 pm, at their Haunted House. If there are any other chapters or any events which you would like to attend or have any ideas, please drop me a line or give me a call!

A visitation is when 3 or more members from our chapter go to "visit" another Jaycees chapter's meeting or event.

### Larry Olsen Golf Outing

Another upcoming event is the Larry Olsen Memorial Golf Outing, Saturday, August 21. It starts 10 am and is \$50. It is a fundraiser for the Illinois Jaycee Charitable Foundation for their scholarship fund. It is at Pikes Lakes Golf Course in Morton. It includes golf, cart, meal & prizes. If you are interested in golfing, let me know ASAP.

## Mail Call



July 29, 1999  
Ms. Shari Owens,  
Peoria Jaycees  
P0 Box #2  
Peoria, IL 61601

Dear Ms Owens, Peoria Jaycees:

On behalf of the **Susan G. Komen Memorial Affiliate of Peoria, Inc.**, I want to thank you for the generous \$1,011.75 donation to the Affiliate, (Check #4017).

*IRS regulations require us to state that The Susan G. Komen Memorial Affiliate of Peoria, Inc. did not provide any goods or services to you in consideration of your contribution.*

The Susan G. Komen Memorial Affiliate of Peoria, established in 1992, is the only local affiliate of the national Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The purpose of the Chapter is to increase awareness, provide education, and fund breast cancer research.

Thank you for supporting us in our mission to eradicate breast cancer as a life threatening disease.

Sincerely,  
**Tomi Backlund**,  
President

## Black Flagged (continued)

The 'Governor' took home a respectable 2nd place spectacled beauty. The Jaycees qualified for the MGP 15-lap Championship final attraction. 'Friar' Schmidt took the hot seat. The championship race had the 9 best cars. The 'Friar', in this reporter's opinion, was absolutely the epitome of Jaycee pride. He drove threw straw bails, he rammed cars, & he rocked the yellow car all over the track. Although he wasn't officially black-flagged, he was the only driver pointed at by the official with a black flag. It was a hell of a race, even without the championship trophy.

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### September General Assembly

The GA for the Illinois Jaycees will be on Sept. 10-12 at the Hilton in Springfield. The General Assemblies are now being held only 3 times a year instead of every 3 months. The September GA will include elections for our state officers.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending by calling me at 689-0051, or **Heather Zech** at 274-4035. I know a couple of other people expressed interested in going. It will be a good time!

That's all for now, I am going to finish getting ready to leave town. See ya'll when I get back!

Joann

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## Top Ten Other Reasons The US Jaycees Are Raising Membership Dues

10. They are trying to keep out the rift-raft.
9. Wanted to trade the "Wake Up America" RV for a Lear jet.
8. Are now stockpiling cash in preparation for Y2k.
7. Wanted to purchase more worthless magazine subscriptions for everyone.
6. It's a new individual development project... tax and spend dynamics.
5. Needed extra tip money for strip clubs frequented during conventions.
4. Technology upgrade... actually means they wanted new computer games.
3. The 30% increase was needed to compensate for the really low inflation rate America has been experiencing.
2. Fell victim to a racketeering scam.
1. Just needed more beer money!

## 'Commander' West Demands Top Dollar At Benefit

'Commander' **Steve West** reportedly went above and beyond the call of duty in helping out at the 'McGee' Peters Benefit on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. The benefit, which was held at the Amvets Post #64 where Steve is a member, was organized to raise money to offset the medical bills accrued from McGee's recent battle against cancer. Among the spaghetti dinner, a number of raffles and drawings, was an auction of several pieces of quality merchandise and gift certificates.

As the auction started, Steve was making himself known to the auctioneer by frantically raising his hand in early bidding. "Oh, oh, oh" Steve shouted in the crowd, like he was in the fourth grade, raising his hand to answer an easy question. Others desperate to purchase the items up for bid continued to out bid Steve's. Despite his excited and frantic bidding, Steve was not winning any of his offers. Knowing that Steve does not like to pay top dollar or premium prices for anything, Jaycee members present at the auction began to question the 'Commander's' behavior. It was not long until fellow Jaycee members figured out Steve's odd actions.

It was apparent that Steve did not mean to purchase anything. He was working a consistent pattern. Once the bidding got to a certain dollar amount, he would quit. Basically, Steve was running up the bidding price. Answering criticism after the benefit, Steve defended himself by saying he was doing his part to bring in a maximum amount of money for the benefit. Other Jaycee members had plenty to say regarding the 'Commander's' foul scheme. "He's stooped to a new low," stated **Sandy 'Big Dog' Pearce**. **Dubby** commented, "He should have at least bought something." **Cindy Schwerer** said, "He did WHAT?! No wonder that was so expensive."

The benefit turned out to be a large success, bringing hundreds of people to the Amvets. '**McGee**', **Sonny** and the Amvets thanked the Peoria Jaycees for their kindness and support during this time of crisis.

## It's A Little Known Fact Watergate

Watergate became the designation of a major U.S. political scandal that began with the burglary and wiretapping of the Democratic Party's campaign headquarters, later engulfed President Richard M. Nixon and many of his supporters in a variety of illegal acts, and culminated in the first resignation of a U.S. president. The burglary was committed on June 17, 1972, by five men who were caught in the offices of the Democratic National Committee at the Watergate apartment and office complex in Washington, D.C.

The testimony of White House aide Alexander Butterfield unlocked the entire investigation. On July 16, 1973, Butterfield told the committee, on nationwide television, that Nixon had ordered a taping system installed in the White House to automatically record all conversations; what the president said and when he said it could be verified. Cox immediately subpoenaed eight relevant tapes to confirm Dean's testimony. Nixon refused to release the tapes, claiming they were vital to the national security. U.S. District Court Judge John Sirica ruled that Nixon must give the tapes to Cox, and an appeals court upheld the decision. Some subpoenaed conversations were missing, and one tape had a mysterious gap of 18 minutes. Experts determined that the gap was the result of five separate erasures.

Throughout this period of revelations, Nixon's support in Congress and popularity nationwide steadily eroded. Rather than face almost certain impeachment, Nixon resigned on August 9, the first U.S. president to do so. A month later his successor, Gerald Ford, pardoned him for all crimes he might have committed while in office; Nixon was then immune from federal prosecution.

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**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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## Jaycee Member Panics Before Grand Prix

A Peoria Jaycee member is comfortably resting and recuperating at a local mental facility this week after a sudden and severe panic attack. **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt**, 31, suffered the psychological trauma when he discovered that a go kart to be used in an annual racing event he was involved with, was in disrepair.

Jaycee Racing was set to take part in the Arthritis Foundation's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini Grand Prix on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Just days before, Schmidt dictated to '**Governor**' **Dennis Owens**, the "grease monkey" sub-chairman and **Randy Stevens**, the chairman of the Jaycees entry into the race, not to perform any mechanical work to Jaycee Racing's go kart. "The race is a few days away," the good 'Friar' stated, "we don't have enough time to tinker with it. You guys will get it apart and we won't have enough time to put it back together."

To the chagrin of Schmidt, Owens and Stevens decided to repaint the frame of the kart, which would entail the complete dismantling of the unit. The race was only 3 days away. The duo was purportedly laughing at the prospect of informing Schmidt of their efforts, just to see him "freak out."

But it was after they finished repainting the kart and reassembled it when Owens and Stevens decided to play a joke on Schmidt. They accumulated go-kart parts to take to the race. The night before, they told Schmidt that they dismantled the kart, just to make him worry. The next morning, they took the go-kart materials they accumulated and placed it in their designated pit area and kept their real kart out of sight. When Schmidt arrived, he was told they were having problems reassembling it.

"Oh no," Schmidt reportedly cried, "this will make us weak, not strong! Hurry, we got to get this thing together! Help! Help!" Owens stated that Schmidt completely panicked. "It was like watching Chicken Little fearing that the sky was falling," Owens stated. "You know, I'm not sure, but I think he lost bladder control in his little panic attack," Stevens said about the incident.

Mental health officials were immediately dispatched to the Mini Grand Prix, where they sedated Schmidt, placed him into a straight jacket to better protect him and transported him to the Zellar Mental Health Facility in Peoria, Illinois. **Dr. Jonathan Sinclair** with Zellar, stated "Schmidt was becoming a danger, not to us but to himself. We were able to help him in the nick of time. It's a good thing he has such good friends who called us to help him."

*Previously Unpublished...*

## Disgruntled Jaycee Goes On Shooting Rampage

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) – A disgruntled former Peoria Jaycee member went on a shooting rampage in late July at a north Peoria business office, and then turned the revolver onto herself. **Rebecca Lemont**, 36, a wife and mother of three children, stormed into the offices of RLI, Inc. armed with a powerful super soaker water gun and shot down **Jeffrey Ulrich**, 25, an RLI employee. Witnesses stated that Lemont came upon Ulrich who was diligently working at his computer, yelled, "Die capitalistic pig!" and then let loose a spray of water. Lemont then ran out of the building, soaking others whom tried to stop her. Law enforcement was immediately called to search for and apprehend Lemont. Lemont was found an hour later parked at a corner gas station in her green Ford Windstar mini van, completely drenched from shooting herself with the water filled weapon.

Testimony from Ulrich suggested that Lemont became disgruntled from steep losses she accrued in a mock stock market contest where she was entered. Ulrich was the organizer of the mock stock contest. Lemont was experiencing incredible gains in the mock stock earlier in the year, but recently, it is believed that she had lost almost all of that gain. "Her entire portfolio was all in E-bay and E-bay has not been performing too well lately," Ulrich commented. Investigators believe that the losses in the contest became too much for Lemont to handle, and so she sought out Ulrich to take revenge. "My entire cubicle is ruined from all this water!" Ulrich added.

This incident follows a wake of other shooting rampages across the United States in the last few years. An official at RLI stated that they were going to contemplate legal action against the super soaker gun manufacturing industry in an effort to curb this unspeakable violence and to recoup the millions of dollars of damage to Ulrich's cubicle.

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