



# The Charge!

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## Jaycees To Celebrate Anniversary With Gala Event

The Peoria Jaycees are celebrating 60 years of service in the Peoria area with several grand events during the month of August. The anniversary celebration is mainly focused towards the middle of the month and includes a mixer, banquet and picnic. In addition, a feature story about the Peoria Jaycees is in the works to be published in the *Peoria Journal Star* later this month, as well as a proclamation from Peoria mayor **Bud Grieves** designating August as Jaycee month, and several banners hung on light posts throughout the city signifying the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

All past and current members of the Peoria Jaycees are invited to any and all the anniversary events being held. The Anniversary Mixer and Happy Hour is scheduled for Friday, August 18, 2000 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Brewer's Distributing. A banquet will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2000, with a cocktail hour beginning at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm, an award presentation for the 1999 president at 8:00pm and then a dance at 8:30pm. The banquet will be held at the Pere Marquette hotel in downtown Peoria. Closing out that weekend will be a picnic at the Robinson Park Pavilion just off of Mossville Rd. on Sunday, August 20, 2000 from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

"We are really getting excited about the celebration," stated current president **Rick Owens**, "It's not only an opportunity to get the Jaycee name in the public and create some exposure for us, but it's also an opportunity to have some of our alumni come out and join us for an evening."

The Anniversary celebration has been in the planning stages since April this year. Spearheaded mainly by Owens and Chapter Management Vice President **Randy Stevens**, it has seen help and support from past members and past presidents. More information regarding these events are listed in this newsletter. If anyone has other questions, please contact Randy Stevens at 686-8480.

The Peoria Jaycees hopes that every member, past or present can attend any or all of the celebration activities.

## A Note From The Most Dangerous President In America

My Fellow Jaycees,

The month of August this year holds to be a very special one for the Peoria Jaycees, for that it is our anniversary month. This year, we will be recognizing our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary! I won't rehash the schedule of events that we have planned as it is posted throughout this newsletter. However, I do invite all members, regardless of how active you have been in the organization, to take part in this celebration.

Earlier this year when I first became the president of the Peoria Jaycees, I claimed that one of our biggest problems was failure to do more public relation work and to gain more exposure. When talking to people outside of the organization, the most common comment I would hear was "I've never heard of you guys." I am happy to report that that is starting to change. Last month, the Jaycees co-hosted the Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours. While I was at the BAH last month, I had two or three people tell me that they have heard or seen in the news of what the Jaycees had been doing. We are gaining more exposure in the community. And with our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming up, we should gain a little more.

The Peoria Jaycees are facing a great opportunity at this time; none that has seen the like for the past few years. With the exposure and awareness we have recently developed plus the fact that our retention rate looks strong for the remainder of the year, it would be an optimal time to actively pursue recruitment. To that I am offering a presidential incentive to get the job done.

Straight from my wallet I am offering dinner for two at Alexander's Steakhouse and a case of beer of choice to the person who recruits the most new members by November 30, 2000. Also, if the chapter is at 75 regular members or more by November 30, 2000, our First Lady Beth and myself will invite the entire chapter for a party at the new presidential estate.

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

**Board Meetings:** Held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:00pm at RLO, Inc.

**Membership Meetings:** Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:00pm at the Amvets Post #64 in downtown Peoria, on the corner of Monroe & Fayette.



## Celebrating 60 Years of Service

The Peoria Jaycees invite you to join them for all or part of their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

- Mixer & Happy Hour - Friday, August 18, 2000 6:00pm until 9:00pm at Brewer's Distributing, 2421 W. Townline Rd., Peoria, Drinks & Snacks provided
- Banquet & Dance – Saturday, August 19, 2000, cocktail hour starts 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm, honoring the 1999 president at 8:00pm with a dance at 8:30pm, Hotel Pere Marquette, Peoria
- Picnic – Sunday, August 20, 2000, 11:00am until 2:00pm, bring the kids, Robinson Park Pavilion off of Mossville Rd., Peoria

RSVP for Saturday's banquet required by August 11, 2000. Cost is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. For more information, contact Randy Stevens at 686-8480

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## Mark Your Calendars

### August

**New Member Orientation;** Saturday, August 5, 5:00pm, Jeff Bilsland's residence, 226 Wynnwood Dr., all new members encouraged to attend – call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**M\*A\*S\*H Party & Wine Tasting;** Saturday, August 5, 6:00pm, Jeff Bilsland's residence, 226 Wynnwood Dr., bring a bottle of wine for other to share and dress as your favorite M\*A\*S\*H character – call Jeff Bilsland @ 682-2897

**Tuesday Volleyball;** Tuesday, August 8, 15, 22 & 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - ?, Mulligan's, Sterling Ave, Peoria – call Dubby @ 691-6608

**Visitation to the Bloomington Jaycees;** Wednesday, August 9, meet at Amvets at 5:50pm, meeting starts at 7:00pm in Bloomington, "we gotta get our gavel back!" – call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, August 10, 5 – 7:00pm, Alzheimer's Association, 606 W. Glen Ave., Peoria – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480

**Haunted House Committee Meeting;** Monday, August 14, 7:00pm, RLO, Inc. – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, August 17, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria, 237 NE Monroe St. – call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mixer & Happy Hour;** Friday, August 18, 6 – 9:00pm, Brewer's Distributing, 2421 W. Townline Rd (corner of Allen & Townline, just off of Rt. 6) – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet;** Saturday, August 19, Cocktail Hour at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm, Dance at 8:30pm, honoring the past president of 1999 with a Lifetime Member Award, Hotel Pere Marquette, downtown Peoria – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic;** Sunday, August 20, 11am – 2:00pm, Robinson Park Pavilion (off of Mossville Rd.), Peoria – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480

**Jaycees Night at the Chiefs Game;** Saturday, August 26, game starts 7:00pm, Mienen Field, Peoria – call Dubby @ 691-6608

### September

**Happy Hour;** Friday, September 1, 5:00pm - ?, Schooner's on War Memorial Dr., Peoria – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, September 7, 7:00pm, RLO World HQ – call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

## Membership Report

by Dubby



Hi everyone! How's everything going for you? This month's a busy one for the Jaycees. For starters, I've completely stopped eating because of this weight-losing contest... I'd sure love to have a jelly donut! But other than that, we have our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party being at the top of our list of things to do.

Anyway, here's what's going on in membership...

### Who's Due

#### August

Cheryl Antal	Dave Madsen
Jeff Bilsland	*Kathy Pulfer
Kevin Brinkman	

#### September

Steve Arianoutsos	John Cima
Laura Buckley	Mike Rhodes
Lori Cave	*Steve West

\* - denotes associate member

### Golf Night

The golf nights will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> at Kellogg Golf Course. Come out and join us... a great way to get some practice in the company of other not-so-good golfers.

### Volleyball Nights are now M-Nights

Every Tuesday night at Mulligan's on Sterling Ave. is volleyball night. You don't have to play volleyball, but you are welcomed to come out and enjoy the \$1.25 beers and cheap food. And, during the month of August, our Tuesday nights are going to be MNIGHTS, so bring a guest or prospective member as we are going to cover the cost of some drinks.

### Chiefs Game

Jaycees night at the Chiefs game is set for Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$5 a piece and I will be selling them until August 12<sup>th</sup>. Get your order in today! I will also need your money by August 12<sup>th</sup> as well.

### Illini Tailgate

So far, there is interest in having a chapter tailgate at the Illini and Ohio State game on November 11 in Champaign, IL. If you too are interested in tailgating, please call me at 691-6608.

### Monday Night Football

As the summer is coming to an end, that means football is just beginning. Monday Night Football club will start on September 4<sup>th</sup>. To kick off the season, Jeff Pulfer is having a Monday Night Football party at his residence on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. After this, we will go to a different bar every week to watch some football. The first game is Denver vs. the St. Louis Rams... Cima, where are you?!

I would also like to take my hat off to the fine job the Jaycees did at the Mini Grand Prix on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Also, let's give a big warm welcome to Rita Hoch, our newest member in the Peoria Jaycees. If you get a chance, please introduce yourself and welcome her to the Jaycees.

### A Membership Tip

I have been getting a lot of complaints regarding our membership meetings. There is a lot of talking that goes on in the audience during the meetings. The board works very hard to bring new things into this chapter. So when someone is giving their report, give them a little respect.

Thank you Jaycees! Hope to see you soon!  
Dubby (aka 'Sportsboy')

## Community Development

by Anne McSorley

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer! Things in the area of Community Development are going well.

We are currently working on the Community Survey, and **Bob Klannakarn** has agreed to chair this project. I am sure it will be very successful. This year one of the goals of Community Development was to send kids to Camp New Hope. Over the past 8 months we have worked to raise the money needed for both this year and next. Through the efforts of events such as the Pokemon Raffle, the Big Dog Soup Kitchen and the Firecracker 5000 we have almost reached this goal. I am confident we will raise the rest of the money in the next few months.

Finally, since it is an election year, the Jaycees are looking to become involved in the political arena. Right now we are considering organizing a voter registration as well as a Congressional debate. Anyone interested in helping with these events should let myself or **Randy Stevens** know as soon as possible. More details will be available soon. Thanks again to everyone who has given their time and energy to the Community Development projects during the past year!

With Regards,  
Anne

## Individual Development

by Jonathan Sinclair

Individual development is running a breakneck speed this year... much in part to Randy Stevens. Randy has initiated the weight loss contest and the book club, both of which are new to the Jaycees this year.

I'd like to start a new dynamics program before the year closes. I am holding a clinic on getting your newsletter articles in on time. This seems to be a continuing pattern and problem within the Jaycees. It is at this time I'd like to share my newsletter article submission talents with those not as fortunate as myself and helps them overcome the fear and procrastination of submitting timely news for the chapter's periodical. If interested, please give me a call.

## State Director Report

by Dan 'Wilky' Wilkinson



Hello gang! Here's what's coming up around the state and region.

### Praireland Regional

The Praireland Regional is scheduled to be hosted by the

Galesburg Jaycees and will be held in Galesburg on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at some drinking establishment called WD's. The theme is Hawaiian, so break out your flowered shirts!

### Illinois Jaycees General Assembly

The Illinois Jaycees General Assembly is scheduled for September 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>. It is being held at the Oakbrook Hyatt in Oakbrook, Illinois. All Peoria Jaycees members are welcomed to attend.

The chapter will procure two (2) rooms and should you stay in a chapter room, the cost will be \$10 a night. You can get this fee waived by attending any seminar or forum that Saturday morning. Ten dollars will be waived for each forum attended, with a limit of two forums. You can reserve your own room if you so desire, however, you will also be responsible for the cost as well. Also, the Friday night mixer is \$10.

If interested or if you need more information, please call myself at 691-6574 or **Rick Owens** at 243-7319.

### Visitations

Our next visitation is set for Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. **Rick Owens** and **Randy Stevens** are going to the Bloomington Jaycees membership meeting. If you wish to tag along, meet them at the Amvets that evening by 5:50pm. The Bloomington meeting starts at 7pm. This visitation is more or less a special task force to bring back the gavel Bloomington stole from us at our last membership meeting.



Jaycees Racing ran off with the booty at the annual Arthritis Foundation Mini Grand Prix on Saturday, July 29, 2000. Pictured from left to right: Beth Owens, Joann Ziegler, Rick Owens, Toby Quin, Randy Stevens, Kevin Kokinda, Laurie Adams, Kathy Pulfer, Dan Schmidt, Ted Sumner and Rich Cushing.

## Chapter Management

by Randy Stevens

### Happy Hour

Our next happy hour is coming up on September 1, 2000. Once again, it will be held at Schooner's on War Memorial Dr. at 5:00pm. This is a great opportunity to bring a prospective member or to catch up with what's going on in the Jaycees.

### Business After Hours

The next Chamber Business After Hours is on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Alzheimer's Association. They are located at 606 W. Glen in Peoria.

After the great showing for July's Business After Hours that the Peoria Jaycees co-sponsored with Lakeview, it would be nice if we had a good showing for the August Business After Hours. Hope to see you there!

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary draws near. The committee for this event has a full slate of entertainment on tap.

Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> is our monthly membership meeting at the Amvets at 7pm that evening. On Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, Jaycees Happy Hour & Mixer will be at Brewer's Distributing, which is located at Townline Rd and Allen Rd. **George Jacob** with Brewer's and a former Peoria Jaycee member is kind enough to let us use their facilities to host this one of a kind event. On Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Pere Marquette hotel we will be having our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet. Starting at 6:00pm, there will be a cocktail hour until 7:00pm. Dinner will then start at 7:00pm, followed by an award presentation for our 1999 president, **Heather Zech**. At 8:30pm, a dance will start, D.J. ed by our very own **Jeff Pulfer**.

We need to receive your RSVP by August 11<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive an invitation, or have any other questions, please call me ASAP at 686-8480. Thus far, we have received quite a few RSVPs and it looks like a lot of the "old guard" will be there.

### Haunted House

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted House is under way! Dennis Owens, a past chairman of the event, as well as myself, are chairing this year's milestone project. At press time, I don't have any real details of the event, however, our next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the offices of the RLO World HQ. At that time we will know when construction will start and what days we'll be open.

Currently, we are seeking sub-chairman for the project. Ted Sumner is coming aboard to serve as an apprentice chairman as well as Frank Perino as the electrical sub-chairman apprentice.

As always, any questions, give me a call at 686-8480.

## The Most Dangerous President In America (continued)

Remember, prospective members must attend 3 Jaycees functions before they can join. Also, new members must be paid for you to take credit to receive consideration for the incentive prize. Also note, I will also be in the contest and if I recruit more than anyone else, I get to eat at Alexander's and drink a case of Heineken! Rest assured, I too will have to follow the same rules so to keep everything fair. Also, I'm going to set up special paperwork forms to keep a tally and keep track of recruitment efforts.

To help with these recruitment endeavors, the newly establish recruitment committee is declaring Tuesday volleyball nights at Mulligan's as M-Nights... something of which we have not done in ages. Invite prospective members out for some drinks, snacks and volleyball. We are currently working out a budget for the recruitment committee to pay for a few pitchers and such.

The chapter roster is currently at 63 members. Setting a goal for a roster of 75 regular members by the end of the year is not unreasonable. We are a dynamic group of men and women who have conducted quality events and are fun to socialize with. Most of us joined the Jaycees to meet new people. Let's start doing that! We can do this and now is the best time to do it.

I will have more details or can answer any questions regarding the presidential incentive at the membership meeting.

Thanks,  
RLO

## It's A Little Known Fact The Peoria Jaycees

1949-1950 was a banner year for the Peoria Jaycees. The membership was at a record high of 570 men. An intensive 20-day membership drive resulted in the signing of nearly 300 members. "National attention was focused on Peoria this year, as the Jaycees sponsored the National Distinguished Service Award" presentation. This country's 10 outstanding young men came to Peoria for the awards dinner and related recognition. This banquet has since evolved into the "National Ten Outstanding Young Persons in America" program. Among the top 10 honored at the Shrine Mosque the night of Jan.21, 1950 was Gerald R. Ford, 36, the new U.S. representative from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Also among the 10 were Charles Percy, the 30-year-old president of Bell and Howell, the youngest chief executive of a major industrial concern and Kenneth Pitzer, 35, director of research for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

How about in 1958? September 26th, 70,000 flapjacks were eaten during a Jaycee event. The 300 block of Fulton was roped off and Jaycees worked from 4:30am to after 9:00pm for this two-day event. They used one ton of flour, 100 cases of syrup, 1,400 pounds of sausages, and charged \$1 for adults, and 50 cents for children.

During the 1966, Dr. James Turpin addressed the group at a District Banquet, speaking on the real struggle in Vietnam "today". A "Holiday Rest Stop" was conducted over the 1966 Labor Day weekend. More than 300 cars. and about 1,200 people took advantage as the Jaycees manned the Mobile Oil Company on Interstate 74 at the Kickapoo exit. Local merchants donated refreshments, safety literature was distributed, clowns entertained the children, and Jaycees washed many more windshields than they ever knew existed.

In 1971, during the Metro Conference, several chapter members attended a seminar on fundraising activities. One of the ideas presented was a haunted house. The Peoria Jaycees found an old house on Wilcox Street, and got permission from a couple they thought were the owners to "redecorate". The Journal Star did a feature article publicizing photographs and the scary details. That afternoon, Tom Horstman received a phone call from Commercial National Bank. Did the Jaycees know that the bank was the owner of the house? Horrors, they had not gotten permission from the true owner. The result? The bank was cooperative, 14,000 people went through the doors of "The House of Terror," and this was the first of many successful haunted houses.

In 1976, an emergency meeting of the Peoria Jaycees was called to help save the oldest Santa Claus Parade in the nation. Vandals had damaged and destroyed the floats. The chapter dismantled and rebuilt the floats, raised funds, and manned the parade to ensure it was another successful parade.

Taken from the *Peoria Jaycees Membership Handbook*.

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***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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