



The Charge!

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Tattoos For Charity

The tattoos for charity, chaired by Dan Schmidt and Kathy Pulfer, was an incredible success at the Summer G.A. during the weekend of August 11-13. Jaycees throughout the state of Illinois took part in this charity, paying \$1 per tattoo and having their favorite Peoria Jaycee apply it on whatever body part they so desired. It was the greatest experience in a lifetime for both, Dan Schmidt and Jeff Bilsland, putting water tattoos on women in the most provocative places known. When a petite blonde hiked up her skirt and said she wanted it, Dan Schmidt, being the gentleman and Friar that he is, dropped to his knees, thanked God, and planted a rose right on her left butt cheek. And that wasn't the only place tattoos showed up; arms, legs, necks, thighs and yes, even a forehead. The charity was completely politically correct as these were only temporary tattoos that could be washed away with soap and water and would not leave any permanent markings. A total of \$105 was raised to benefit the Illinois Jaycees Mission Inn, which helps children born with AIDS or who are HIV positive.

Workin' at the Car Wash (part 2)

The latest car wash held by the Jaycees was on August 19 between 10:00am to 2:00pm. They washed a total of 36 cars that day and hardly had any time to rest, as vehicles kept getting in the car wash line non-stop. It was by far more successful than the previous car wash that was held. Jaycee members in attendance that day were, **Beth Barr, Joe Burkitt, Rusty Greene, Dubby, Dennis Owens, Rick Owens, Jeff Pulfer, Kathy Pulfer, Nancy Rice, Cindy Schwerer, Steve West, Susan Wilbur**, and three prospective members, **Heather Schoeneman, Treasa Heisel** and a friend of theirs. In addition, there was a cameo appearance by **Valerie Mount**, who stopped by for a bit, then left to shop for new jeans. She later returned to have her truck washed before leaving for the day.

Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation Golf Outing

Jeff Bilsland, Dennis Owens, Rick Owens and Canton Jaycee **Dan Wilkinson** played in the Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation golf outing at Quail Meadows golf course on Saturday, August 12. In a four man scramble, they won 2nd place in their flight and won not only cheap recognition for themselves and the Peoria Jaycees, but they each got a free T-shirt! During the last nine holes, Jeff Bilsland started showing weakness in his game and was not hitting the ball very well. "I'm falling apart", Jeff repeatedly said. On the number 9 tee, the foursome engaged into a small wager with the golf outing staff where to win, they would have to drive their ball within a radius approximately 10 feet from the hole. In the entire outing, only Rick Owens was able to manage it. With the ball now 4 feet away from the cup, it took three of them to sink it. Dennis Owens watched helplessly from the cart, hoping he would not have to get up and deal with the pressure of making a birdie. Everyone had a great time and money was raised for the Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation, which raises money for educational scholarships.

September Epicurean Brunch Rescheduled

The Epicurean Brunch that was scheduled for Sunday, September 10th has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 24th at Wildlife Prairie Park at 11:00am. Since not many people signed up for the September 10th outing, it was decided to be rescheduled. This then left this date open for a brunch of Bloody Mary's' and watch football at Mulligan's. The cost will be \$11.50 and includes entrance to park. To RSVP or for more information, call **Sue Wilbur** at 685-8365. The October Epicurean Night will be on Sunday, October 22. Because of the haunted house, it will be a pot luck at Expo Gardens. Everyone is to bring a covered dish or dessert. November's Epicurean is yet to be announced and no Epicurean Night is being planned for December.

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

by Rick Owens

I have just returned from an extended vacation in Bermuda last weekend and I must say it is good to be back in cool September temperatures. It was nice to get away, however, I didn't need to get away from work; I needed to get away from the Peoria Jaycees. Stress levels build when you have **Commander West** and **Jeff Pulfer** call you on a regular basis.

While sight seeing on the tiny Bermuda island (*please see related article on page 7*), I made it into the city of St. George. Walking around town, I inadvertently approached the city limit. There I found a sign marking the border of the city. I not only noticed that the city of St. George had a Kewanee Club, but low and behold, a sign was there that said 'St. George Jaycees Welcomes You'.

"On No!", I thought, "What must I do to get away from this bunch for a week?" I traveled almost 1800 miles to a foreign land just to get away from the Jaycees, but yet, there they were, saying "Rick, where have you been?" Why not just put up a picture of Pulfer wearing his Hawaiian flower shirt and sandals, waving at tourists coming in!

After a quick snapshot, I left town quickly. I spent the rest of the week relaxing, Jaycee free! I wondered about the potential threat of hurricanes in the Atlantic. If I were to get stuck in one of these, I might not be able to make it home. The Jaycees would have to go on without me, pondering the question... who would write the newsletter.

Until next month, I thank you for your support!

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Mark Your Calendars

September

Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours; Thursday, Sept. 14 - call Val Mount

Membership Meeting; Thursday, September 21, 7:00pm; at Amvets, downtown Peoria

Haunted House Unloading; Friday, September 22, Blow Out party to be included - call Sue Wilbur or Dan Schmidt

Haunted House Construction; Starts Saturday, Sept. 23, and will last until October 17

Epicurean Brunch; Sunday, Sept. 24, 11:00am, at Wildlife Prairie Park - Call Sue Wilbur to make reservation

Camping Dynamics; Saturday, September 30, at Jubilee Park - Call Dennis Owens

October

Board Meeting; Thursday, October 5, 6:30pm; at RLO, Inc. - call Commander West

Newsletter Articles Due; Saturday, October 7; - call Rick Owens

Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours; Thursday, October 12 - call Val Mount

Haunted House Media Night; Wednesday, October 18 - call Sue Wilbur or Dan Schmidt

Membership Meeting; Thursday, October. 19, 7:00pm; at Amvets, downtown Peoria

Haunted House Opens to Public; Friday, October 20 and will close Tuesday, October 31

November

Haunted House Tear Down; Wednesday, November 1 to Monday, November 6

Board Meeting; Thursday, November 5, 6:30pm; at RLO, Inc. - call Commander West

Chamber of commerce Business After Hours; Thursday, November. 9 - call Val Mount

Haunted House Appreciation Party; Saturday, November 18, location to be announced

State Director's Report

By Rustin A. Greene



It is I, **Rustin A. Greene**, State Director for the Peoria Jaycees and it is time once again to inform you pagan liberals of the many great things that have happened in the last month.

First, in August I took a trip to Washington D.C. where I viewed the White House, Capitol Hill, the memorials, and the museums. After many hours of lobbying (for many causes), I was very surprised when **Karen Griffith** ask me to marry her. She finally asked me to zip the zip and make a commitment. **Norm Huff** will be in charge of the festivities.

Second, on August 19, 1995, the Peoria Jaycees held their membership meeting. The membership meeting started at 7:28pm (without **Janet Neuswanger**). We enjoyed a past president's party, long time, old, Rooster Jaycees, and of course, my presence. The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Third, on August 15th, **Jason Arends**, **Val Mount** (our Prairieland Regional Sec/Treasurer), **Jeff Pulfer**, **Sue Wilbur**, and I, **Rustin A. Greene**, attended the East Peoria Jaycees monthly membership meeting. East Peoria Jaycees began their meeting at 7:25pm and ended at 8:35pm. After a slight delay (due to vandals and a fire extinguisher) we learned about pork chop cookouts, MDA telethon volunteers, and a Festival of Lights hanging.

Fourth, on September 5, 1995, **Jason Arends**, **Joe Burkitt**, **Val Mount**, **Jeff** (where's my thong) **Pulfer**, **Kathy Pulfer**, **Steve West**, **Sue Wilbur**, and I, **Rustin A. Greene** attended Princeville's monthly membership meeting. We came, we saw, we embarrassed, we encouraged, and we left. Thanks everybody for going!

Next visitations:

- El Paso - Tues., Sept. 19, 1995 at 7:30pm; VFW
- Canton - Wed., Oct. 4, 1995 at 7:30pm; VFW
- Wyoming - Tues., Oct. 17, at 7:30pm; Resource Room, Mike Biggers, State Farm North 7th St.

And as always, I, Rustin A. Greene, am proud to provide thoughts and wisdom to the Peoria Jaycees:

"Learn to listen, opportunity sometimes knocks very softly!"

News From Around The State

Bloomington-Normal - The Bloomington Jaycees and the March of Dimes are in the middle of planning their Dates for Dimes. This event will take place on Saturday, October 7th, where eligible bachelors are auctioned off as dates. The bachelors put together a date package from donations they can secure. The buyer usually looks for monetary donations as well so that they may purchase the date. All proceeds go to the March of Dimes. If interested or know someone who is, call **Natalie McIntyre** at (309)825-NATS (and hurry, time's running out).

Also, congrats go out the Bloomington Jaycees for recruiting 6 new members in August.

Galesburg - The Galesburg Jaycees haunted house is now underway. Construction started on August 3rd with the maze and now need to complete the individual rooms. They plan to construct every Tuesday night and possibly 2 or 3 Saturday and Sunday with a cookout.

San Jose - The San Jose Jaycees have been busy this summer with various projects. Among them was a will writing ID project in May that turned out to be very informative. Also, on July 15 they held a euchre tournament. They are looking forward to holding the fall regional in November.

If your chapter would like to announce upcoming events in *The Charge*, please send your newsletter or article to Rick Owens, 1010 Wonderview Dr., Dunlap, IL, 61525 or FAX at (309)691-5196 or CompuServe E-Mail 71332,2775.

-- Mail Call --

Chris Jones has been traveling lately along the information superhighway. In August, **Rick Owens** received an E-mail message through the Internet with the topic 'Great Newsletter'. Chris relayed that he enjoys getting *The Charge* every month, reading about the events the Peoria Jaycees are involved with and complemented the editor on a great job. Chris would like to say "Hello" to everyone, and wants one particular member of the chapter to 'lighten up'. If you have access to the Internet on any on-line service, Chris's E-mail address is chris.jones@po.cle.ab.com.



Attention Peoria Jaycee Alumni and Roosters: We want to hear from you! Tell us about what is going on in your life and career. Simply send your news to Rick Owens, 1010 Wonderview Dr., Dunlap, IL, 61525 or FAX at (309)691-5196 or CompuServe E-Mail 71332,2775.

Community Development

by Jeff Bilsland

Quiet Hero Club

Have you donated your pint of blood for the month? The Red Cross has been promoting donation of blood on a regular basis. The Jaycees are members of their Quiet Hero Club and we would like to become stronger members. By donating blood regularly you will be helping to keep the blood stock for central Illinois at acceptable levels. The blood donated at the Red Cross in Peoria will be used throughout Central Illinois so you know that your blood will help those in your communities.

The American Red Cross unit is located at 405 W. Third St. in Peoria (just behind the Civic Center) and the phone number is 800-728-3543. Please contact the Red Cross if you have any questions to how the process is done. Remember when donating blood tell them that you are a member of the Quiet Hero Club under the Jaycee name.

Adopt-A-School

Your help is needed to help educate the children of Blaine-Summer School. Our first project will be to take the kids through the Jaycee Haunted House. **Jason Arends** will be chairing this project and needs all the help that he can get, so please don't hesitate to call him to show your support for the project.

This promises to be a better year for the kids because Jason has many new ideas for projects. We will be showing the kids that it is worthwhile to stay in school by providing rewards such as baseball games, basketball games, trips to educational and new places to the honor roll students and student of the month students. Please contact Jason at 681-1839 or **Jeff Bilsland** at 682-2897. Call either Jason or Jeff to show your support or express some new ideas for projects.

Santa Parade

Yes, we are in the works of organizing a float for this year's Santa Parade, which will be held on Friday, November 24th, the day after Thanksgiving. The wonderful and talented **Beth Barr** has volunteered to crack the whip on the people decorating the float. Beth has many talents and you will soon find out that decorating is one of her finer points. This year's theme is a "Story Book Christmas" which gives us plenty of room to be creative.



Dennis Owens has donated his trailer to be decorated and we need more people to help with ideas. Pick up the phone and call Beth at 691-5891 or you can call **Jeff Bilsland** at 682-2897. Help us get a float in the parade this year and we can all have fun.

JAYS

The JAYS program is a national program that gets the Jaycees involved with their community. It stands for Jaycees Against Youth Smoking. Get it? JAYS. By pairing up with each other we will go around to the local convenient markets and talk to the managers asking them to make a real effort not to sell cigarettes to people under 18 years of age. This program features famous spokesman, **Danny Glover** (*Lethal Weapon*), who talks about the reasoning behind this program.

I need someone to head up this project. There is very little work in getting it off the ground and can lead to great exposure for the Peoria Jaycees. If you are interested in helping in either running the project or just doing the footwork, contact **Jeff Bilsland** at 682-2897. Remember why you joined the Jaycees? This is your chance to get involved in improving your community. Pick up the phone and call. It's as easy as that.

Dates For Dimes

This is a project run by the Bloomington Jaycees in conjunction with the March of Dimes. This event is a very high class event in which 26 bachelors with date packages (2 of which are Peoria Jaycees) will be auctioned off to the highest single female in attendance on auction night. Auction night will be Friday, October 6, at the Paragon Ballroom in Bloomington. It is a \$100 minimum bid and all single females in the Central Illinois region are invited. Tickets are \$15 dollars or a table of 8 for \$120. There will be a "Meet the Bachelors" night on Thursday, September 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Rosie's in Bloomington. If you are interested in either event you can contact the Bloomington Jaycees or Jeff Bilsland for more information.

There are two brave Peoria Jaycees who have dedicated themselves to raising money for the March of Dimes by volunteering themselves as Bachelors for the event. These men should be glorified for their bravery and unselfishness. These two men are no other than **Dan Schmidt** and **Jeff Bilsland**. These men laugh in the face of danger and don't know the meaning of fear. The next time you see these men, shake their hand and know that you have met the greatest men on the face of the Earth. (Either that or the dumbest.)

There are yet two other Peoria Jaycees that weaseled out at the last minute. These men cared only about themselves, claiming that they would be sold 'like a piece of meat' and worried about their own self meaning. These two should be pitied, scorned, booed and spit upon the next time you see them. Their acts are so horrid that I cannot reveal their names (**Dennis Owens** and **Rick Owens**). Let these two men serve the purpose to show how your children should not be raised. It is a sad day for the world of charity.

Always remember: "The service to humanity is the best work in life."

Individual Development *by Diana Barach*



Camping Dynamics

Learn to rough it in the great outdoors with **Dennis Owens!** On Saturday, September 30th at 5:00pm, go camping in Jubilee Park with the Peoria Jaycees. This ID project will show the various survival skills that our forefathers had when they came to the new world. Learn to find food

(using high powered firearms to shoot small woodland creatures); the proper disposal of waste products such as plastic and Styrofoam (throw it in the ditch); looking for firewood (someone bring a chain saw); starting that all important campfire (a little gasoline and it doesn't matter if the wood is wet or dry); and to be one with nature (have the RV take up two parking spaces that have good view). Dennis will show us the way it should be done. For information to where the campsite will be, call Dennis at 693-8771

Chapter Management *by Valerie Mount*

Haunted House Update

The Peoria Jaycees Haunted House is right around the corner and we are going to need all the help we can get. The collective efforts of **Susan Wilbur** and **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** are chairing our longest running and more popular events. If you are interested in getting involved with this project, please call Sue at 685-8365 or Dan at 691-0700.

Jason Arends is handling manpower with the Haunted House project, looking for monsters, gools and goblins, not to mention people to run the cash box. So if you or someone you know would like to help in that capacity, please contact Jason at 681-1839.



The schedule for this year's Haunted House is as follows:

Fri., Sept 22; Unload the truck and have a blow out party

Sat., Sept. 23 - Tues., Oct. 17; Construction

Wed., Oct. 18; Media Night - sponsors get in for \$1 per person

Fri., Oct. 20 - Tues. Oct. 31; Haunted House open to public

Wed., Nov. 1 - Mon. Nov 6; Tear Down

Sat., Nov. 18; Appreciation Party

Don't wait! Get involved now and make this the greatest haunted house ever.

Membership Report *by Ms. Janet*

Who's Due

For September, the following members are due

Jim Anderson	Chris Jones
Jason Arends	Richard Proffer
Paul English	Tim Ritterbusch
Sheila Farraher	Mike Schaub
David Gurnee	Steve West
Paul Jantz	

In October, the following members are due:

Kevin Aughenbaugh	Brian Mooty
Connie Barach	Joann Ziegler

It's Never Too Late...

One of the pitfalls people have over forty (perhaps when they rooster) fall into thinking that it's too late. It's an old cliché but the simple fact is that it's rarely too late for anything.

Some years ago, a man over sixty was offered nearly \$200,000 for a restaurant-motel-service station business that he'd spent his life building up. He turned the offer down because he loved the business and wasn't ready to retire yet.

Two years later, at age sixty-five, he was flat broke with no income to look forward to but a small Social Security check each month. The state had built a new highway, bypassing his business and he lost it. Most people would

have been crushed by such a blow, but he refused to give up.

Instead, he took stock. There was one thing he knew how to do - fry chicken. Maybe he could sell that knowledge to others. He kissed his wife good-bye and in a battered old car, with a pressure cooker and a can of specially prepared flour, set out to sell his idea to other restaurants. It was tough going and he often slept in the car because there wasn't enough money for a hotel room.

A few years later, he had built a nationwide franchised restaurant chain called Kentucky Fried Chicken. The man was Colonel Sanders.

Taken from *Bits & Pieces*, Vol. M, No.1D.



President's Letter: From the Desk of Commander West

Once again, it is that time to inform our chapter and the community on the status of the great Peoria Jaycees. However, this time, as my father put it at the 50th Anniversary & Past President's Party, "I am a man of few words"; I will try to make this article as brief as possible. (A round of applause is heard the world over).

To begin with, we had the Summer G.A. last August 11-13, which was sponsored by the Lincoln Jaycees. It was a great time with the Tattoos for Charity. And WOW, \$105 was raised from the peddling of these hokey little water tattoos to be donated to the Mission Inn. This could be something every chapter should try. I personally had a lot of fun that Friday night with the tattoos. I found it's a great way to meet women when you have a flaming skull tattooed on your forehead. You should have seen the look in the court room that Monday when I tried to defend my clients. It really threw the jury off.

Also at the G.A., the Peoria chapter came in 10th place in the parade of chapters. This has not been done in a decade. I would like to thank each and every member who helped to make this possible. This year's board has been doing an outstanding job, especially **Rick Owens**. I call him all the time, sometimes about a dozen calls a day. However, I don't understand why he just got up and left all of a sudden. Oh, well.

We also had a great turn out for the Anniversary and Past President's party. We are wanting to make this an annual event, so mark your calendars now for August '96.

I also want to stress that we need more volunteers. We are an active chapter and we need people to 'Make it Happen'. Please call me for more information at 676-JAYC. Please call as I sit by the phone all day, waiting for someone to call. The way things are now, I'm on a first name basis with the Maytag repair man. I'll even make a deal with you, if I get 15 calls from members and/or prospective members who wish to get involved in the next 30 days, I will shave my beard into a goatee. I'll even go further: I will shave some pointed *Star Trek* sideburns. Wouldn't I look attractive?! I'll save this look for the next membership meeting after the 30 days, so that all can see. So go for it! It's only one call every two days.

Well as promised, I will keep this short. I must confess that I have been negligent in my duties, as I have failed to submitted my *Charge* article on time. The editor, though his vast authorship skills, had to write my letter for me. Therefore, I must pay the price, and I might I say, the price is high. However, I am still proud to be your humble commander.

With Regards,

Steve West

Top Ten Things Overheard During the Tattoos for Charity

- 10.) Gee, a whole dollar... and they're not even permanent!
- 9.) Hi, I'm Jeff Bilslund and I do breasts.
- 8.) Not there... lower... lower.
- 7.) Hey, we're the Peoria Jaycees; don't get us confused with that little guy that hangs out with Ricardo Montabahn.
- 6.) Yes, the guy with the flaming skull on his forehead is our president.
- 5.) When you said put it on your cheek, I thought you meant your face.
- 4.) Believe me, this will be more enjoyable to me than it is to you.
- 3.) That's not a tattoo, that's Steve West's Taco Bell Congo watch.
- 2.) You want it where?
- 1.) Blow me!

For Your Information

Want to learn how to scuba dive? If so, contact **Jeff Bilslund** for all the details as he fast becoming a frogman extraordinaire (lookout Navy Seals). His instructor is offering a free introductory lesson/seminar/class for beginners who are interested in self-contained breathing apparatus's.

It's A Little Known Fact... Bermuda

Bermuda is located 600 miles off the coast of South Carolina and is semi-tropical, with the Gulf Stream flowing in between. It has two seasons: Spring and Summer, with summer temperatures from late April to mid November. During the warmest months, the temperature rarely rises above the mid 80's F, however, humidity tends to be high throughout the year, averaging about 77%.

Bermuda's land area is 21.61 square miles or approximately the same size as the island of Manhattan or London's Heathrow Airport. The highest point of land in Bermuda is in Smith's Parish, where is 259 feet above sea level.

The tiny whistling frogs were introduced to Bermuda from the West Indies in the late 1800's. Hard to find, they are responsible for the loud bell-like chorus that dominates the Bermuda night throughout the summer. The whistling frog produces his whistle by rubbing his legs together - for reasons that only he can explain.

It is thought that between 300 and 400 ships have been wrecked on Bermuda's reefs over the past five hundred years. Most of these wrecks are off the southern and western reefs within 500 yards of the shore; other wrecks lie off the north reefs. One can now realize why the islands were treated with such caution by explorers of the new world.

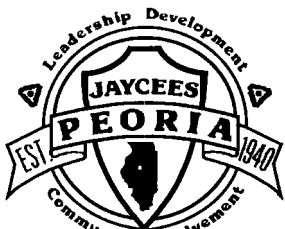
Taken from *Bermuda: As A Matter of Fact*.

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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