



The Charge!

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The 23rd Annual Haunted House

Believe it or not, since 1974, the Peoria Jaycees have been involved with running a haunted house. And the 23rd time is a charm! The first committee meeting for the Haunted House was held on Sunday, September 8th. Topics discussed that day included recruitment of sub-chairs, schedule of work, donations needed, rooms in the house and other miscellaneous items. **Dennis Owens** and **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** are chairing this year's house. More information regarding the Haunted House committee can be found on page 8.

Unloading of the trailers is scheduled to begin at 6:00pm on Friday, September 20th at Expo Gardens, home of the 22nd Annual Haunted House. Construction will start at 10:00am on Saturday, September 21st and continue all day until 5:00pm. At that time, the infamous Blowout party will begin which is also to be held at Expo Gardens. The tentative run through date is set for Wednesday, October 16th with the Adopt-A-School kids and hospitals as our guinea pigs. The Haunted House will be open to the public on Friday, October 18th at 7:00pm. Hours for the Haunted House will be from 7:00pm to 10:00pm, Sunday thru Thursday and 7:00pm to Midnight on Fridays, Saturdays and Halloween night. Prices are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids 13 and under.

Volunteers are desperately needed for this project and the Jaycees need your help. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16th at 6:00pm at the RLO World H.Q. If you would like to help or want more information, call **Dennis Owens** at 693-8771 or **Dan Schmidt** at 674-5290. Call Today! Call Right Now!!!

How The 'West' Was Won

On August 8th, several Jaycee members went on a pub crawl through the Greater Peoria area to promote the upcoming Summer International Beer Festival. Along the way, the group stopped at a drinking establishment known as Crusens. After passing around a few flyers and having a drink or two, the group was ready to leave for the next location. As the group of Jaycees was departing, **Commander Steve West** was involved in a discussion with a female saloon patron. Steve was offering a complimentary ticket to the beer fest, but his motive was for an even trade of his \$2.00 beer fest ticket for one of her complimentary \$10.00 Blues Fest ticket.

Across the bar was the jealous and intoxicated ex-boyfriend of the woman Steve was talking to. This drunk individual walked up to the Commander and said to get away from her. Steve tried to tell him they were only talking and the next thing he knew, the irate ex-boyfriend took a swing at him. The Commander calmly tilted his head back and the drunk bar patron completely missed Steve. An associate of the drunk man came up to Steve and started pushing him, trying to instigate a fight. The Commander gently pushed the woman aside and said to her "Stand back, I'll handle this!" He then stood forward and looked at drunk troublemakers with a serious tone in his eye. He held his hands up into a karate position and said 'I must warn you, these hands are registered with the United Nations as lethal weapons... and I must also warn you that I am really Adam West, TV's Batman!'

The two men laughed at the Commander. "Bring it on, four eyes!" shouted the ex-boyfriend. With lightning speed and the strength of tens of men, the Commander swung a punch at the bully. Steve did not know his own strength and caused his opponent to fly across the bar, only to land on an empty table. The table collapsed as the troublemaker landed on it, showing just how powerful the Commander really was. After witnessing the display of combat readiness the Commander was capable of, the second troublemaker hastily left the premises, losing bladder control on the way out.

The Commander pulled \$200 in cash out of his shirt pocket and tossed it at the bartender. "This should pay for the mess" the Commander stated, "Sorry for the trouble." Steve left with the woman and they lived happily ever after.

From The Desk of the Most Dangerous Writer in America

by Rick Owens

The contest is over and the winner is... nobody! If you did not read the newsletter close enough last month, you missed out on the Mad Dog Days of Summer contest. **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** had me submit a contest where the 32nd person to call his house and just say "I'm mad for Mad Dog!" would win dinner for two at one of Peoria's finer restaurants.

The contest was hidden in the It's Little Known Fact article, with the topic being Greek Literature. I knew that sounded boring, but I was curious as to who actually reads this publication. To my surprise, Jeff claims to have had 3-4 calls, and 2 or 3 others who did not call but asked if it was a legit contest. All in all, at least a half a dozen people saw it. This was tried a couple of years ago, with the article in full view and approximately the same amount of people called. People really do read this thing!

Well, this month the Little Known Fact article should be a little more upbeat and fun. With the 30th anniversary of *Star Trek* this month, I thought it was only fitting to write about fiction in a little facts column. And speaking of *Star Trek*...

"On November 22nd, resistance will be futile!" Join me and others as we celebrate my birthday with the opening night of the new *Star Trek* movie (undoubtedly playing at Willow Knolls, but I will let you know). After the movie, we will be heading to Christie's Den in Dunlap, IL for drinks.

Until next month, I thank you for your support!

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Mark Your Calendars

September

Business After Hours; Thursday, September 12, 5-7:00pm, Madison Ave Business Suites - call Joann Ziegler

Haunted House Committee Meeting; Monday, September 16, 6:00pm, RLO World H.Q. - call Dennis Owens or Dan Schmidt

Membership Meeting; Thursday, September 19, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria - call John 'Caesar' Cima

Haunted House Unloading; Friday, September 20, 6:00pm at Expo Gardens, unload Haunted House trailers - call Dennis Owens or 'Friar' Schmidt

Haunted House Construction Begins - Blowout Party; Saturday, September 21, 10:00am, Blowout Party starts at 5:00pm - call Dennis Owens or Dan Schmidt

OktoberFest at Riverfront Park; Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22, starts at 12 noon, volunteers needed to pour beer - call 'Caesar'

Keyman Review Meeting; Wednesday, September 25, 6:30pm for cocktails, dinner at 7:00pm and meeting at 8:00pm, Alexander St. Steakhouse - call Jeff Pulfer

Epicurean Night; originally planned for Friday, September 27, at Caponi's in Toluca, IL, note: could be cancelled due to Haunted House - call Susan Wilbur to confirm

October

Board Meeting; Thursday, October 3, 6:30pm at Amvet's, downtown Peoria - call John Cima

Newsletter Articles Due; Saturday, October 5 - call Rick Owens

Business After Hours; Thursday, October 10, 5-7:00pm, Wildlife Prairie Park - call Joann Ziegler

Haunted House Run Through; Wednesday, October 16, 7:00pm, test run for the house, open for Methodist and Adopt-A-School students - call Dennis Owens or Dan Schmidt

Membership Meeting; Thursday, October 17, 7:00pm, to take place at the Haunted House, Expo Gardens - call John 'Caesar' Cima

Haunted House Opens; Friday, October 18, 7:00pm, house will stay open until Halloween - call Dennis Owens or Dan Schmidt

Attention Keymen

Annual Keyman Meeting

The meeting to review the Keyman nominations will be held Thursday, September 26 at Alexander's Street Steakhouse. If you are a keyman, please make your reservations to **Jeff Pulfer** by Wednesday, September 25 at 675-6503. Leave a message.

Cocktails at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm, and nomination review at 8:00 pm. If you can't make the dinner, please show up for the nomination review and selection.

Since all keymen receive the newsletter this will be you only written communication this year. And yes, we have received nominations!

Internet News

◆ A special offer has been made to Peoria Jaycee members from **Solution Services**. If you sign up for a minimum of 6 months and you are a paid member of the Peoria Jaycees, you will get the low rate of \$10 a month for unlimited Internet access and tech support. In other words, you save 50%! **Chris Alcocer, Jeff Bilsland** and **Rick Owens** signed up a while ago and ever since they have been lost in cyberspace. To sign up or for more information, call **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** at 674-5290.

◆ Coming soon... the new and improved Peoria Jaycees Home Page! A new look with new graphics and timely pictures will be featured on the ever popular web site. Construction on the site should be completed by September 20th, so log in then and check it out. Included in the revamped home page are pictures from the Summer Beer Fest along with a Haunted House page full of news, information and photos from last year!

◆ Here are the latest statistics for the Peoria Jaycees Home Page. For the month of August 1996, there have been 12 requests from Australia, 13 requests from Iceland, 24 requests from Malaysia, 4 requests from the United Kingdom, 2,100 requests from United States, US Commercial, US Educational, US Government, US Military, US Network and US Non-Profit Organizations, 1 from Old Style Arpanet (what ever that is) and 361 unresolved requests. Of the US requests include Bradley University, Harvard University, US Navy and Air Force, Boeing, Caterpillar, State Farm, and servers from Maine to Alaska to Hawaii.

The most popular page on the Jaycees web site was the photos page (<http://www.jaycees.com/photos.html>) and the least popular page was the Mail Call page (<http://www.jaycees.com/mail.html>).



Mail Call

Here is the latest mail (and E-Mail) the Peoria Jaycees have received in the past month.

Thursday, August 8, 1996

Topic: Hello from Indy

Saw your page today while at work...

Sounds like your chapter likes to have fun... My name is Liz Tabar and I am the state director for the Great Indianapolis Jaycees.....can we all get together someday?

We will be hosting our state Winterboard in February if you all are interested in visiting....

Look forward to hearing from you soon,
Liz

August 9, 1996

Dear Mr. Cima,

I wanted to write and thank you for your recent gift of \$1,300.00 to Children's Home. It will be used to provide for the daily needs of the children we serve. This includes food, housing, clothing, therapy, as well as other services which are necessary for a child to be healthy and happy.

P.S. I appreciated having the opportunity to visit with you. The Jaycees represent the future leadership of our community. Thanks so much for thinking of our kids. Thanks for making such a wonderful gift.

James G. Sherman, President

August 16, 1996

Rick,

Just wanted to let you know that I enjoyed your newsletter. Keep up the great job! Your Top 10 list is the funniest thing I've read in a newsletter in a long time!

John 'Bucky' Gill
IDVP, Illinois Jaycees

August 29, 1996

Topic: Great Job

Just a quick note to congratulate you all for a great web page. I enjoyed the photos. Please pass this idea around to more JC's. It would be wonderful PR!!!

LAJaycee

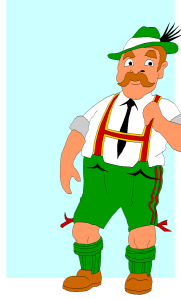
Chapter Management

by Joann Ziegler

Peoria Oktoberfest

The Peoria Oktoberfest is set for Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22. It will take place on the Riverfront in downtown Peoria, and it is being sponsored by the German-American Society and the Peoria Park District. In order to make this a top notch event, they have asked the Peoria Jaycees to do what they do best; pour beer!

There are three work shifts on that Saturday, from 12:00 - 4pm, 4 - 8pm and 8 - midnight. On Sunday, September 22, there are two work shifts, noon - 3pm and 3 - 6pm. If you are interested in working any of these shifts, please call **John Cima** at 693-0631.



There will be plenty of food and drinks available, including desserts of apple strudel and gugelhupf (pound cake topped with powdered sugar). Entertainment will be provided as well with several bands, including a group all the way from Immenstadt, Germany.

Epicurean Night

The last Epicurean night was on August 22, at Cheddar's in Peoria. Several people showed up not only for dinner, but to celebrate 'Caesar's' birthday (refer to Caesar's Scroll). Overall, the group ranked Cheddar's with good marks as the service was quick, the help was friendly and the food was good (just ask John about the Gummy Sharks).

The next Epicurean Night was tentatively set for Friday, September 27 at Caponi's in Toluca, IL. After dinner, there will be a pub crawl with stops at the Marci's, The Sly Fox, Spurs and other drinking establishments along the way home.

However, there have been reports of conflicting schedules and with the Haunted House going on, Epicurean Night may be changed or canceled. Please call **Susan Wilbur** at 685-8365 to confirm or find out more at the membership meeting.

Rock 106 Tutu Golf Classic

Rock 106 held their first annual Tutu Golf Classic on Monday, August 26th. Proceeds from the event were to go to the Peoria Jaycees. Seventy-five people showed to take part in the golf outing, resulting in \$800 to \$1,000 for the chapter. Jaycee members **Becky Lemont**, **Dennis Owens**, **Rick Owens**, **Shari Quin** and Canton Jaycee member **Dan Wilkinson** were on hand to help with manpower. However, the manpower needs that day were extremely light and the guys at 106 basically handled everything.

A good time was had by all in the two man scramble, with the exception of the choice of beer. The man running the beer cart only had Red Hook beer and encountered some trouble in serving the beverage to golfers on the course. "You don't even have to give me your complimentary ticket" said the beer man, "I'll give you this stuff for free." There were few takers of the product.

Summer International Beer Festival

The Summer Beer Fest committee and the Peoria Jaycees would like to thank the chapter members, other Jaycee chapters in the area, the **German-American Society**, **Specialty Distributing**, **WGLO Radio** and anyone else who helped put this new event together.

With poor weather that day, the project did not turn out to be a financial success, but the chapter did succeed in signing new members, gaining public exposure with the great advertising and live spots from **WGLO** and generally having a good time. With the live music from 'Three in the Pocket', several people enjoyed dancing, including our dancing fool **Commander West**

Even though the beer fest did not turn out the way people hoped, it was still planned and handled with excellent efficiency. That's something not every successful project can say!

Peoria Jaycees' 23rd Annual Haunted House



Unloading - Sept 20, 6:00pm
Construction Begins - Sept 21, 10:00am
Blowout Party - Sept 21, 5:00pm
Run Through - Oct 16, 7:00pm
Open to Public - Oct 18, 7:00pm
Tear Down - Nov 1, 6:00pm
Appreciation Party - To Be Announced

For More Info, call 676-5292



Caesar's Scroll

by John Cima (Da Prez)

August has finally come to an end. It was definitely a roller coaster month as far as the chapter (and myself) goes. Things started out well, with **Jason 'Mad Hatter' Arends**, **Joann Ziegle**, and myself attending the Summer GA in Rockford. The chapter won a couple of major State awards, finishing as the Runner-Up Metro (that's the big chapters in the state for those not familiar with Jaycee lingo) chapter for the 1st Quarter, and our own **'Membership Woman'**, **Shari Quin**, taking top Rookie honors in the State for the Months of May/June. I myself actually had a good time at the event and met a few cool people to party with over the weekend. I did end up in the hospital on Saturday, but we don't need to go into that! On 8/15 we held the Past Presidents Banquet at the Amvets prior to the membership meeting. We had a good turnout of past Presidents and Keymen, and they gave us young-uns a few helpful pointers on conducting our affairs. Thanks go out project chair **Jennifer Routzon** and grillminders **Commander West** and **Jeff Pulfer**. Everyone in attendance had a good time, and in Jaycee tradition, the party was not allowed to dissipate until the keg was dry.

Things were looking up for the next major event, the 1st Annual Summer International Beer Festival at Hickory Grove Park on Saturday, August 17. Everything was in place for another banner event for the chapter. I woke up that Saturday morning, looked out my window, and thought to myself- "There certainly is a lot of dew on the road this glorious morning". Upon removing the initial layer of sleep crust from my eyeballs, I then realized that we were in relatively deep doo-doo, as it became evident that the summer monsoon season had arrived on the Peoria Savannah. We decided to plow ahead with the event as scheduled and take whatever lumps the fickle fate of nature wished to delve out. Despite the rains ending by 11:00 AM at the park, the threat of rain throughout the day kept the crowds away from the event. Although the chapter took somewhat of a financial bath on the project, we still managed to have a good time, helped out the Farmington Jaycees, met some potential recruits, and replenished our good beer stock for the coming winter months. Thanks go out to co-chairs **Sue Wilbur** and **Scott Socha**, Crew Chiefs **Sandy Pearce** and **Joe Burkitt**, **95.5 WGLO** for their great promos, and all of those who worked the event.

After the letdown of the beer festival, I needed something to lift my somewhat sagging spirit. Help arrived on August 22 in the form of an Epicurean Night birthday bash for yours truly. Things started out at Cheddar's where a festive group of Jaycees stuffed our faces and nibbled on Gummy Sharks while enjoying a few frosty libations. The party then moved to Crusens for additional refreshments and a slathering of lipstick upon my visage. The evening concluded at Peoria

Pizza Works for Karaoke and general raucous revelry. Thanks to all that attended the bash- it was just what the doctor ordered!

So the roller coaster month ended on a positive note with a lot of fun and easy money (from the Rock 106 Tutu Golf Outing- we need more projects like that one). With my upbeat outlook restored, I expect nothing but good times, total harmony among all of our members, and wildly successful projects for the remainder of my term.

Am I naive or what!

John 'Caesar' Cima

Editor's Note: Even though I have a CD that contains over 15,000 different clip art images, this is the only one that has a man wearing a toga. Sad! If any one can draw charactures, please do one of 'Caesar' and we'll scan it and use that.

State Director's Report

by 'Mad Hatter' Jason Arends



It's me, your State Director, **Jason Arends**. Here is the visitation schedule for the next month.

Thur., Sept. 12 - Washington
 Mon., Sept. 16 - Wyoming
 Tue., Sept. 17 - East Peoria
 Wed., Sept 18 - Pekin
 Thur. Sept 19 - Peoria (I hope some of you can make it)

Now's the time to go on visitations as the Haunted House has not yet started. If anyone is interested in going to one of these meetings, please call me at 681-1839.

Farmington Family Fun Days

The Farmington Jaycees are hosting their Farmington Family Fun Days on the weekend of September 21. It is taking place in Farmington at Reed Park. They are in need of manpower and have asked us to help. Unfortunately, this is the same weekend as the Peoria Oktoberfest and it is the start of construction of the Haunted House (however, this could be a good excuse to get you out of working the Haunted House).

If you are interested in helping out the Farmington Jaycees, please call me at 681-1839 and have a great day and thank you.

The Mad Hatter!

Membership Report by Dr. Quin, Membership Woman

Who's Due

In September, the following members are due:

Jim Anderson	Sheila Farraher
Jason Arends	Tim Ritterbusch
John 'Caesar' Cima	Mike Schaub

In October, the following members will be due:

Kevin Aughenbaugh	Charles Pulfer
Mark Klokkenga	Jeff Pulfer (Assc. Dues)
Brian Mooty	Joann Ziegler

Membership Status

August was not one of our better months. All together, we lost 6 members, four because of they moved out of the area, one roostered out (but she's becoming an associate member) and the other didn't renew. However, the good news is that we signed up three new members! Please welcome **Alison Dye** (recruited by **Val Mount**), **Sarah Guzman** (recruited by **Joann Ziegler**) and **David McMullin** (also recruited by **Val Mount**). Therefore, the month of August ended up minus 3 for membership. Hopefully with the Haunted House around the corner, we can do some serious recruitment and make up for these lost members!

Deatbeat Database

As promised last month, here is the list of members who have not paid their membership dues in the past 30 days. **Rick Owens** has modified our chapter roster to include member dues paid to the chapter. Now it will be easier to track those who fail to pay their fair share!

Jim Anderson (Sept 95)
Kevin Augenbaugh (Oct 95)
Brian Mooty (Oct 95)
Eric Kuntz (Jan 96)
Sean Apsey (Mar 96)
Alan Bruce (Mar 96)
Joe Binder (Apr 96)
Tom Carrigan (Apr 96)
Michael Godar (Apr 96)
Dubby (Jun 96)
Melissa Flessner (Jun 96)
Emily Meinert (Jun 96)
Rick Kern (Jul 96)
Valerie Mount (Jul 96)
Mike Safford (Jul 96)
Jeff Webber (Jul 96)

Rick is still working on the database in making sure the information is correct. If you have paid your dues but your name appeared on this list, please call Rick at 691-9292 immediately and let him know when and how much you paid.

Haunted House Materials Needed

There are many items that are needed to make the Haunted House a success. Listed below are a good majority of things that need to be acquired or donated to this cause. If you have any connections into getting any one of these things, or would like a complete list of items needed, please call **Dan Schmidt** at 674-5290 and let him know. Also check the Jaycees web site for a complete listing.

Old Television Sets; B&W or color, as long as some kind of picture comes up

Body Parts; fake of course

PlexiGlass

PlexiGlass Pipe

Xmas Lights

Fish Tank w/ Air Pumps

All Weather Small Speakers

Smoke Machine

Iron Maiden

The Jaycees World Ski Summit

Interested in a real ski trip out west? If so, read on. A small group of Peoria Jaycees are tentatively working on a trip to Jackson Hole, WY sometime around the first week in February of 1997. For this outing, everyone will have to be responsible for their own expenses. Thus far, **Jennifer** and **Mark Monge**, **Rick Owens**, **Dennis Owens**, **Jeff Bilsland** and **Susan Wilbur** have expressed a strong interest in going. At this time, the group of Jaycees is looking for anyone else who is interested in going. Next month, *The Charge* will highlight lodging and transportation choices. Shortly there after, reservations will need to be made.

If you are interested in going, please call **Rick Owens** at 691-9292, or write at 1010 Wonderview Dr., Dunlap, IL, 61525 or E-Mail at Clark_Kent@FLink.com.

There will also be info on the Jaycees Home Page for anyone in another chapter who might be interested in attending the Jaycee World Ski Summit.

New Address

Peoria Jaycees alumni **Andrea Peters** and **Karl Johnson** have moved from Chicago to Colorado. They would like to hear from the Jaycees from time to time. Listed below is their new address.

Andrea Peters/Karl Johnson
600 W. 123rd Ave. #4128
Westminster, CO 80234
(303)252-8724
E-Mail: KJohn1077@aol.com

Pinky and the Pulfer

Based on the Warner Bros. cartoon, Pinky and the Brain, about two laboratory mice, one with a brain and the other insane, who's goal is to achieve world domination.

It was a dark and stormy night in Marquette Hts., IL. Sitting around the house and drinking mass quantities of micro-brewed beer were Pinky and the Pulfer. The two were brainstorming their next plan to take over the Peoria Jaycees.

"We need an angle!" Pulfer stated. "Hmmm," said Pinky, "let's see... every meeting we go to, you flood the entire chapter with all that paper."

"That's it!" said Pulfer, at exactly the same time a crack of lightning was heard outdoors. "That's what we'll do, we'll flood the entire chapter with all that paper. Get them good and confused and then I'll slip in a pre-written CPG. It will say Haunted House CPG, but in small print it will state that the chapter will give me unlimited control, forever! Pinky, are you pondering what I'm pondering?" Pulfer questioned.

"Duh, yea, you're going to bring more paper to the meeting?" Pinky responded.

"Those fools won't even bother to read it and they will vote to approve a CPG that leaves me in control of the Peoria Jaycees." Pulfer's eyes glazed over and sparked while his mouth hung open; he was in heaven dreaming about his long dream of taking over the Jaycees.

The next night at the Jaycees membership meeting, Pulfer was passing out his photo-copies of newspaper articles and comic strips while Pinky was to switch Haunted House CPGs.

"Everything is working, Pinky. Did you replace the CPGs like I told you to do?" Pulfer asked. "Uh, yea... I replaced them with these" Pinky said while he held up more paper.

"You knucklehead!" Pulfer exclaimed, "That's what I've been passing out. Quick, maybe we still have a chance!" Pulfer began frantically sifting through his brief case, looking for the pseudo CPG but it was too late. The Haunted House CPG was brought up for discussion. Someone had extra copies of the real CPG and circulated them around. It was voted on and passed.

"No!" cried Pulfer. "Come along, Pinky. Let's go back to Marquette Hts. where we will work on our plan for tomorrow night." Pulfer said.

"What are we doing tomorrow night?" asked Pinky.

"What we always do, Pinky. Try to take over the Peoria Jaycees."

Community Development

by Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilisland



Quite Heroes Club

The next blood donation is set for Friday, September 13th at 8:00am with the Commander at the Red Cross Building in downtown Peoria. Other than that, nothing definite is set up yet.

Rick Owens is going to attempt to set up a bloodmobile visit at the Haunted House. And as an incentive to give blood, the Jaycees would offer a \$1.00 rebate on admission to the Haunted House (for customers only, the Jaycees get nothing and like it!). This would be a great time to give blood and get our Quiet Heroes Club going again. And don't forget, the Friar said that he'd get five people to donate blood if Rick wrote that story about me last month.

Adopt-A-School

The kids in our Adopt-A-School program are going to be treated to the Haunted House next month as part of our Run Through night. This will take place on Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there, and remember, if you have an idea about our Adopt-A-School program, or want to get involved, call **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilisland** at 682-2897.

Taxpayers Right To Cry In Their Beer

The following article is excerpts from a piece in USA Today, written by DeWayne Wickham. It was submitted by Jeff Pulfer, who wanted to see it reprinted in The Charge. Only goes to show you where his priorities lie.

Back in 1991, Congress raised the federal tax on beer from \$9 to \$18 per barrel doubling to 32 cents the federal tax on a six-pack for all beer drinkers. On the same day, Congress imposed a "luxury tax" on the purchase price of big-ticket items that exceeded \$250,000 for airplanes; \$100,000 for boats; \$30,000 for cars; and \$10,000 for jewelry and furs. Those who paid less for such luxuries didn't have to pay the 10% levy.

Two years later, the luxury tax on the well-to-do was repealed, but the beer tax remains. That's not fair. There are an estimated 75 million beer drinkers in this country. Housewives and students. Corporate executives and sanitation workers. Stockbrokers and evangelists. In all, enough people to determine the outcome of November's presidential election.

Since 1987, the membership in Beer Drinkers of America has gone from 4,000 to more than 800,000 people. Like the Moral Majority or the religious right, beer drinkers could become a powerful political force if either of the presidential candidates came out in favor of repealing the 1991 beer tax.

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Individual Development by Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt

"Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be so."

Charles de Gaulle

"Nothing great will ever be achieved without JAYCEES, and JAYCEES are great only if they are determined to volunteer on the HAUNTED HOUSE!"

Dan "The Friar" Schmidt



Greetings and salutations fellow Jaycees! It is my great privilege and pleasure to announce the **23rd annual Peoria Jaycees Haunted House**...Easily the oldest continually running Haunted House in Peoria! Believe it or not I originally joined the **Peoria Jaycees** because of the

Haunted House. Around 5 years ago **Chuck Reynolds**, then the Haunted House chairman, and old high school buddy, asked me to be a monster while I was waiting in line as a customer....Seems like they had nights when their monster volunteers skipped out on them... (Reminds me of last year when **Susan Wilbur** and I co-chaired the Haunted House and a Bradley Sorority skipped out on us....they all broke a nail...or something)...anyway, I digress after volunteering in the house.....yelling till I was hoarse....and scarring people into **losing bladder control**. I decided I'd checkout this cool organization.

Now here I am, already knee deep in the 1996 Haunted house with fellow Co-Chair the "**Great Tinkerer**" **Dennis Owens**... thinking hey, I'll volunteer on the house....yell till I go hoarse....and scare people until they **lose bladder control**. All the while making money for the **American Cancer Society**, **Youth Farm** and all the other events we run for our community.

Because I know how easy it is to get Jaycees to volunteer for the manual labor, creative construction, and general manpower that is needed in the Haunted House. This year I will not make promises of good times or guarantees of gifts, food or refreshing alcoholic beverages.

(**Note:** the author of this article was forced to write the previous rubbish by the **Great Commander Steve West** ...the author really promises to blatantly shower any and all Jaycee volunteers with **Free Beer, Food, Wild Mayhem and Nonstop Entertainment!**)

I would like to thank the dedicated volunteers who have already signed up to help on the haunted house. Starting with my co-conspirator/chair in crime **Dennis "Tinker" Owens** who without his electronic wizardry half the toys in the house wouldn't exist. Also there is '**Mild Mannered**' **Rick Owens** who has volunteered to not only write the **C.P.G.** (Constant

Pulfer Gabbing) but also elected to hold the financial chairman position. The donation's chairman is **Cindy "Donate or Die" Schwerer** who will be helping with her friendly scrounging ability that was finely honed at the Firecracker 5000, contact **Cindy** if you can donate any of the items on the list **Rick** has in this *Charge*. Our new addition this year is sponsorship chairman who's post is being held by **Heather "Can I put you down for a Grand?" Zech**, she will be coordinating corporate sponsorship of week nights in order to increase house traffic, and revenue. **Jason "Have Gun will Travel" Arends** is once again in charge of security, coordinating daily monitoring of the haunted house's guests. Our Powerful Leader **John "Caesar" Cima** has volunteered to manage one of the most essential roles in the house as Inside Manpower Chairman, be ready to say YES to **John** when he contacts you about helping out. **Jeff "Mad Dog" Bilslund** is assisting with the electrical and special effects as well as being master organizer for unloading. **Commander Steve West** also declared that he would be a active participant in the house stating that he would help in all departments.

There are several exciting jobs still available on the haunted house like Candy man sub-chair, Maintenance sub-chair, Tear down sub-chair, Outside Manpower sub-chair, Costume/Props and Makeup sub-chair, and Promotions sub-chair... If you are interested in any of these positions rest assured you won't be working alone, and you will have a blast! Contact Dennis or myself for more information.

Well that's it ...save the dates on the list within *The Charge*. Our next meeting for the haunted house is this Monday, six o'clock at RLO. Already **Jim Hawk Trailers** has generously donated a trailer for the storing of haunted house props. And finally I encourage you to participate in this event either by becoming a chairman, donating supplies from our haunted house shopping list, or by simply showing up to help.

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Editor's Note: What does this article have to do with Individual Development?

Top Ten Signs You've Purchased a Bad Date at the Bloomington Jaycees Dates for Dimes

- 10.) It turns out that your date is the president of the Peoria Heights Jaycees.
- 9.) After buying some date named "Bill," Secret Service agents come over and rough you up.
- 8.) Your date used one of those real sleazy Jeff Bilsland pick-up lines.
- 7.) Not only was your date a lousy time, there were no parting gifts in the package.
- 6.) It takes about 10 months for your date to finally come through on his deal.
- 5.) Your date offers you the moon; then he picks you up without wearing any pants.
- 4.) You purchased Ray Charles then find out you're stuck on a blind date.
- 3.) He says 'Let's go back to my place' and he takes you to the Peoria Jaycees Haunted House.
- 2.) You were the only one to make a bid on this guy.
- 1.) His date package sounds suspiciously similar to an ad in the Journal Star's Meeting Place.

Taxpayers Right to Cry In Their Beer (cont.)

Repealing the 1991 beer tax would be a good idea. The price tag? About \$2 billion a year in lost revenue to the federal government. That's peanuts in a trillion dollar budget. The benefits to Clinton - or Dole could far outweigh the costs.

Most Americans think deficit reduction is more important than tax cutting. They fear soaring inflation and higher interest rates more than they pine for lower taxes. A beer tax cut puts money back into the pockets of a large number of middle-class Americans without threatening to make the deficit soar. In other words, it's a low cost, high-return proposition. A shift of 10% to 15% of beer drinkers from one candidate to another could be the difference between victory and defeat on November 5.

But more than the political thing to do, repealing the 1991 beer tax is also the right thing to do.

Just as Congress got rid of the luxury tax on the well-to-do, it should eliminate what amounts to a regressive piggyback tax on beer drinkers.

It's A Little Known Fact... To Boldly Go...

On September 8, 1966, *Star Trek* first premiered on network television. Since then, the futuristic television show reached great success in syndication, spun off an animated cartoon series, several novels, three different television shows, seven movies (eight movies this November) and conventions all over the world. However, while *Star Trek* aired on network television for the first time, it only produced 79 episodes in 3 seasons and constantly faced cancellation.

In the original pilot, the first officer of the Enterprise was a woman, something unheard of in the 1960's. There was another character who was an extraterrestrial, known as Mr. Spock. After executives at NBC viewed the pilot, their recommendations were to eliminate the female first officer and to "get rid of the guy with the ears." The result: the female first officer was removed but some of her qualities surfaced into Mr. Spock who was the only character from the original pilot that made it to the show today.

There have been many guest appearances by some of today's well known actors and actresses. However, back in the late 60's, they were not that well known. Of these guest stars are Joan Collins, Ricardo Montalban, Terri Garr, Mariette Hartley, Vic Tayback, Diana Muldar, Frank Gorshin and Sally Kellerman.

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