



# The Charge!

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## Party Roasts Past President In Grand Style

The Peoria Jaycees held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Past Presidents and Anniversary Party at the August membership meeting on Thursday, August 20, 1998. Over 50 people were estimated to be at the party, including several past presidents and Keymen of the Peoria Jaycees, not to mention several other guests. Chicken, pork chops, beer and a cake decorated with a large 4-wheel drive truck similar to the one **'Governor' Owens** drives, were the main items on the menu that night. In the end, it turned out to be a very memorable evening.

As **'Queen' Joann Ziegler** was called away from town and with **Becky Lemont** suffering minor pregnancy complications and was ordered bed rest, **Rick Owens** was called to run the membership meeting. One of the highlights took place during **Mike Buckley's** report for Individual Development. He entertained a "joke dynamics" project, with the winner receiving 2 tickets to the Jukebox Comedy Club. The winners were **Mel** and **Norma Novakow** who together sang *Are You Bloated Tonight*, which is sung to the music of **Elvis' Are You Lonesome Tonight**. It was a parody song dealing with the trials and tribulations of getting older. Mel was the president of the Peoria Jaycees during the 1956-57 year.

A total of \$88.00 was raised during the 50/50 drawing that is normally held during membership meetings. The winner was **Bill McDaniels**, president of the Peoria Jaycees during the 1958-59 year. The Peoria Jaycees would also like to thank Bill as he donated his winnings of \$44.00 to the Jaycees Adopt-A-School project.

The major highlight of the evening took place after the meeting when the man who was to be honored, the most recent past president, 'Governor' Dennis Owens, was required to sit in front of everyone during a slide presentation. Stories from **Heather Zech**, **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilisland** and Rick Owens took place while they showed everyone in attendance at the party humorous and embarrassing photos of the former Jaycee leader. A cake fight ensued afterwards between certain members of the volunteer organization. By the end of the night, this year's Past President's Party had truly become unequalled to any other Past President's celebration.

## 1998 Haunted House Update

After an intensive search, the Peoria Jaycees have found another member to co-chair its largest project, the Haunted House. **Angela Babcock** officially joined the Haunted House committee as its co-chairperson at the August membership meeting. Angela joined the Peoria Jaycees in April and this is will be her first project. **Jeff Ulrich**, who had been the only Haunted House chairman, claimed he was extremely relieved with this turn of events.

Ulrich recently accepted a part time job at the George A. Zellar Mental Health Facility in Peoria, filling up his schedule further and allowing less time to dedicate to the Haunted House. "If it wasn't for Angela coming forward to help with the Haunted House," Ulrich commented, "I would not only be employed by Zellar, but I'd be a resident as well."

The Peoria Jaycees have a strong start on this year's Haunted House. The house layout is mostly completed, including the most complex of rooms ever designed in its 28-year history. 'The Wormhole,' a walkway through a moving tube will undoubtedly be this year's biggest attraction, inflicting dizziness on patrons who enter. The Jaycees are assuring customers that **Cindy Schwerer** will be on hand to administer Aleve medication for any such dizziness. There are also several other newer rooms as well as returning favorites.

Haunted House public relations sub-chair **Dan 'the Friar' Schmidt** successfully negotiated for **99x**, **WGLO 95.5FM**, **FIRE 97 Radio** and the **Observer** to be major sponsors of the event. "We are going to have a real media blitz this year." Schmidt was quoted as saying.

And speaking of a blitz, it is being requested that all members be ready for September 25, 1998. That is when the largest Haunted House blowout party ever will be held. According to Ulrich, the party will include burgers, pork chops, chicken, hot dogs, brats, chips, soda and beer. "This is one Blowout Party you will not want to miss!" Ulrich exclaimed. Construction for the Haunted House is to begin at the Blowout Party. Trailer unloading which usually takes place at the Blowout Party will be held two days earlier.

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

*By Rick Owens*



### Editor Suffers Writer's Block

This month your most dangerous writer is suffering from a condition known as writer's block. You'd think with all that's been going on there would be plenty to write about. I guess I've been so busy lately that I haven't put any thought into any of

the stories featured in this month's newsletter. For once, a newsletter where almost every story is factual. That's just not right!

Between weddings, birthday parties, ball games, daily life, I just haven't gotten around to my editor duties. Therefore, I have basically put 30 days of editorship into a 24-hour period. The result from this ... the September 1998 issue of *The Charge!*

But I look at it this way. To be a great film actor, you have to be willing to be in a few bad movies. To have a long running TV series, you have to produce a few boring episodes. Even **Mark McGuire** had to strike out a few times to get 62 home runs this year. I suppose a few lame issues of *The Charge!* is not bad.

Unlike the editor of this publication, our printers have done a great job last month. **Alpha Graphics**, located off of Pioneer Parkway in Peoria, are now printing the newsletter. For a slightly lower price than Pip Printing, the newsletter was printed, folded and labeled (and in zip code order) perfectly. And this was all done in less than a day; far faster than Pip.

Anyway, I am now going to leave you with some blank space on this page and continue with my writer's block. If I'm smart, I'll stop now and just start working on next month's issue of *The Charge!*

## Mark Your Calendars

### September

**Visitation;** Lincoln Jaycees, Thursday, September 10, 7:30pm, American Legion, Lincoln, IL - call Courtney Bosworth @ 673-5492

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, September 10, 5:00pm - 7:00pm, sponsored by Wildlife Prairie Park - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2780

**Haunted House Committee Meeting;** Monday, September 14, 7:00pm, Tom Cat's Saloon - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871 or Angela Babcock @ 637-0280

**Monday Night Football Club;** Monday, September 14, 6:30pm, VOP's - call Dubby @ 691-6608

**Membership Meeting;** Thursday, September 17, 7:00pm, Amvets Post 64, downtown Peoria - call 'Queen' Joann @ 689-0051

**Glow Ball Night Golf;** Saturday, September 19, 8:00pm, Detweiller Golf Course - call Dubby @ 691-6608 for details

**Monday Night Football Club;** Monday, September 21, 6:30pm, Dubby's house, BYOB and a football side - call Dubby @ 691-6608

**Haunted House Pre-Construction Meeting;** Tuesday, September 22, 7:00pm, Tom Cat's Saloon - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871 or Angela Babcock @ 637-0280

**Haunted House Unloading;** Wednesday, September 23, 5:30pm - ?, Expo Gardens - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871 or Angela Babcock @ 637-0280

**Blowout! Party;** at the start of Haunted House construction, Friday, September 25, 6:00pm, Expo Gardens, volunteers needed! - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871 or Angela Babcock @ 637-0280

**Monday Night Football Club;** Monday, September 28, 6:30pm, Mulligan's - call Dubby @ 691-6608

### October

**Board Meeting;** Thursday, October 1, 7:00pm, at the Haunted House - call 'Queen' Joann @ 691-0051

**Jaycees Happy Hour;** Friday, October 2, 5 - 7:00pm, at the Haunted House - call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

**Chapter Visitation;** Wednesday, October 7, Bloomington Jaycees - call Courtney Bosworth @ 673-5492

**Business After Hours;** Thursday, October 8, 5 - 7:00pm - call Becky Lemont @ 676-2708

**Haunted House Opens to Public;** Friday, October 16, volunteers needed at 6:00pm - call Jeff Ulrich @ 693-7871 or Angela Babcock @ 673-0280

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## Monday Night Football Club



If rock star **Sheryl Crow** can have a Tuesday Night Music Club, the Peoria Jaycees can have a Monday Night Football Club. Each week, the football club will meet at different drinking establishments in the Peoria area for food, fun, drinks and of course, football. Listed below is the Monday Night Football Club schedule for September.

- September 14 VOP's
- September 21 Dubby's house - BYOB and a football dish; Dubby will provide hot dogs & other stuff
- September 28 Mulligan's

The football fun begins at 6:30pm on Monday nights. Prospective members and guest are also encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, or any suggestions for a future outing for the football club, call **Dubby** at 691-6608.

## Dinner & Movie Club

It's another club that **Dubby** is assembling! Like the Epicurean Nights the Jaycees use to hold that has now become defunct, the dinner and movie club will have dinner at a different restaurant and see a new movie afterwards on one night out of the month.

If you are interested in going out for a dinner and a movie, contact Dubby at 691-6608. Announcements of the restaurant and the movie will be made when enough people show interest.

Epicurean Night was a Jaycee outing to a new local restaurant where it's food and atmosphere was rated by chapter members. It offered members a chance to try something new in the company of other members and friends.

## Glow Ball Golf Tournament

The Peoria Jaycees 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Glow Ball Night Golf Tournament is set to take place on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> with the tee time at 8:00pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes greens fee and 2 glow balls. The only clubs you need are a 7 iron and putter.



Openings in the tournament are filling at a record rate. If you are interested in entering the tournament, act fast! Call **Dubby** at 691-6608 to enter or find out more. Proceeds, if any, will be donated to a local young persons sports organization.



## Mail Call

E-mail Received  
August 20, 1998

I was just surfing and came across your page, it looks real good. If you're ever in Kennett MO, stop in and have a cold one.

Robert Privett,  
Ambassador 3547

## America's Walk For Diabetes

The Bloomington Jaycees would like to get a team of 10 walkers to represent the Peoria area Jaycees. The walk will be held on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Laura Bradley Park. Check in time is at 9:00am with the walk starting at 10:00am.

If each team member can raise \$100 each, they will receive a free T-shirt. In addition, if a team member raises \$100 in cash and turns it in on the day of the walk, they will receive a free America's Walk hat.

To sign up, dial 1 (800) 234 WALK (or 1-800-445-1667). If you have any questions, call **Steve** at (309) 452-7554.

## Haunted House Schedule

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Haunted House season. Listed below are some key dates.

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| Monday, Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> :                 | Committee meeting                    |
| Tuesday, Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>                  | Pre-construction meeting             |
| Wednesday, Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>                 | Trailer unloading                    |
| Friday, Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>                   | BLOWOUT Party; Construction Begins   |
| Wednesday Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>                  | Media Night                          |
| Friday, Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> | Open to public; Closed Monday nights |
| Sunday, Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>                     | Kid's Day                            |
| Sunday, Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>                     | Tear Down Begins                     |



Volunteers are always needed for the Haunted House. The Haunted House is held at the farthest barn to the west at Expo Gardens in Peoria. If interested in helping and have questions or comments, please call **Jeff Ulrich** at 693-7871 or **Angela Babcock** at 673-0280, or simply show up at the Haunted House barn at Expo Gardens during the evenings.

Also, check out the Jaycees Haunted House web site later this month at <http://www.jaycees.com/haunted.html>.

## Chapter Management *by Becky Lemont*



### **Business After Hours**

Thank you to everyone that attended the Business After Hours last month at RLI Corp. While we had an excellent turnout, I noted one small thing that we were doing wrong. We were mingling with only ourselves.

These events are a great opportunity to meet others and learn about their businesses. Let's attend the next event and take the opportunity to hand out one Jaycee Card to any new person that we meet. The next Business After Hours will be held at Wildlife Prairie Park on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm. This is a not to be missed opportunity to see this one of a kind park. Let's have another great turnout. Note: Please wear your Jaycee name tag too.

### **Installation Banquet/Xmas Dinner**

Christmas is coming and I need help..... We have some ideas for places to have our Officer Installation Banquet/Xmas Dinner Party but we need a place (preferably someone's home) to have our after dinner extravaganza. Can you help us?!!!!

### **Thank You Local Directors!**

Thank you to all the local director's for calling the roster to remind our membership of our upcoming events. Please use this opportunity to ask our local directors questions about events, our chapter or give us some ideas of projects that you would like to participate. Some upcoming events that look for volunteers and we have had Jaycee participate in the past are:

Peoria Oktoberfest - Sept 25-27. Volunteers are needed for gates, serve food or beverages, assist with wagon rides and set up. Call **Sue Alexander**, Coordinator for Peoria Park District @ 686-3353, ext 227.

Bowl for Kids Sake, Oct 3rd at Landmark Bowling Lanes. Call Big Brothers/Big Sisters for more info.

Both these events are great opportunities to talk about Jaycees and hand out our Jaycee Cards. They encourage us to wear our nametags and Jaycee T-shirts.

### **Personal Note:**

Sorry that I missed the Past President's Party in August but Doc put me on bed rest. I hear it was a great turn out. I would like to thank **Mary Owens** for chairing this project. It was her first project and she did a super job!

I'm also sorry as I'm not sure if I can make the next meeting either.... Actually by the time that you read this we will have had baby. But now, you have to come to the meeting to find out what we had and see photos!!

Becky

## State Director's Report *by Courtney Bosworth*



### **Summer GA**

The Illinois Jaycee Summer General Assembly was held in Champaign from August 14th to the 16th. One of the main topics of discussion was the need for all Jaycees to recruit members.

Being a Jaycee is an honor, which is both, gratifying personally and professionally, so all Jaycees should recruit new members to experience the wonder of the Jaycees organization. I may add that the Peoria Jaycees has more to offer than most of the other chapters I observed at the General Assembly!

### **Visitation Schedule**

On Thursday, September 10, 1998, the Peoria Jaycees will attempt another visitation, this time to the Lincoln Jaycees. The Lincoln Jaycees meet at 7:30 in the American Legion Hall in Lincoln, IL, so the Peoria Jaycees will caravan into Lincoln and take the town by storm!

Also, just in time for their Haunted House, an excursion to the Bloomington Jaycees is being planned for Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will undoubtedly meet somewhere and then head to Bloomington together. The membership meeting will take place at their Haunted House in October.

The visitation to the Peoria Heights meeting was close but fell one member short of being an official visitation. For more information or if you would like to attend a visitation, please call **Courtney Bosworth** at 673-5492.

## Haunted House Update (cont.)

Volunteers are still needed at the Haunted House. Two vital sub-chair positions still remain vacant; sponsorship and construction sub-chair. In addition, help will also be needed for construction, decorating, costume repair, electrical work and others just to lengthy to mention.

"Please come out and help" Ulrich pleaded to the Peoria volunteer organization in a voice that suggests he really is ready to become a resident of the Zellar Mental Facility. He especially requested help in the two sub-chair areas.

If interested in becoming involved in the 1998 Haunted House, please call Jeff Ulrich at 693-7871 or Angela Babcock at 673-0280.

The Peoria Jaycees Haunted House web site should be on line later in September. Find more info about the Haunted House at <http://www.jaycees.com/haunted.html>.

## Membership Report *by Rick Owens*

### Who's Up For Renewal

The following members are due on September 21<sup>st</sup>:

Steve Arianoutsos	Mike Rhodes
Laura Buckley	Monica Rhodes
John Cima	Brett Tilly
Dana Olson	* Steve West
Rodney Olson	

The following members are due in October:

Terry Gavin	Cathy Schwerer
Mark Klokkenga	Stan Whetsell
* Jeff Pulfer	Joann Ziegler

\* - denotes associate member

### Membership Status

I have good news, and I have bad news. First the good news! Please welcome our 2 newest members, **Cheryl Antal** who was successfully recruited by 'Commander' **Steve West** and **Cheryl Peak**, recruited by **Don Mitchell**. But now for the bad news; the chapter netted a loss of one member for the month of August.

True, the members that we are losing are not very active members and their absence is not strongly felt. However, it is still a decline in membership. I would like to remind every member that it's every member's responsibility to recruit where possible. It's not just the membership vice president's job to sign up new members.

Also on the bright side, unpaid dues have seen probably an all time low... with only 9 members being over 30 days past due (it was around 30 members at one time). We have also seen some newer members take on some large projects recently as well. Hopefully, we'll see some good candidates for office this November.

### Jaycees Happy Hour

The next Peoria Jaycees Happy Hour will take place at the Haunted House on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 5:00pm to... whenever. Since we don't have an abundance of time to prepare the Haunted House this year, I thought we'd kill 2 birds with one stone and keep the Happy Hour where Jaycee members are needed most.

### Monday Night Football, Dinner & Movies

I'd like to thank Dubby for taking charge and organizing 2 new ideas for membership outings. These are the Monday Night Football outings and the dinner and movie nights. I would like to encourage members to attend one or two of these events and to bring a prospective member or friend as it would be a great way to meet new people and become acquainted with other Jaycee members.

And remember, if you have any questions or ideas about membership in the Peoria Jaycees, do not hesitate to call me at home 243-7319, work 691-9292 or cellular 696-7186.

## Individual Development *by Mike Buckley*

### Guest Speakers

I have lined up one, possibly two speakers for the September membership meeting. **Dan Tuhy** from **Lutheran Social Services** will be in to speak about some of the problems children face and what his organization is doing about it. Also, **Jeff Parmenter** from **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** might be coming in to promote their Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser. Big Brothers/Big Sisters was the charity for the Firecracker 5000 and they are interested in developing their relationship with the Jaycees.

### ID Project Chairpeople Sought

Fall is approaching and that reminds me of two projects I need chairs for. The first is the mock stock project. With the recent roller coaster ride in the stock market, now would be a good time to learn about the market mechanisms and practice in picking stocks. Please contact me if you're interested in chairing this project.

Fall also reminds me of cool, crisp and clear evenings, perfect for star gazing. If anyone is interested in heading up an Astronomy Night, let me know. We could plan a trip to the Lakeview Planetarium to look at and learn about the stars. If you want to go all out, this could be combined with Astrology Night where we read the *Weekly World News* and *Enquirer* for our horoscopes and to learn about celebrity type stars.

## By Her Majesty's Order

*by 'Queen' Joann*



Hey Ya'll

Another month has come and gone. Before you know it, our abbreviated year is going to be over.

Since we are only having a 6-month year in 1998, I'd still like to assure people that we can still do great things, even in a short period of time.

And a good example of this is with the Haunted House. Take those who are really involved with it.

The Haunted House is one of our largest projects. It's co-chair Angela is a new member who has never chaired a project before. We are also undertaking a large task with that "wormhole" thing.

Other positive things that are happening this year include the winning of the Mini Grand Rix, a successful Firecracker 5000 and the most involvement with our Adopt-A-School in years.

However, we do need to do better in other areas. Membership for example is down during the past few months. While our newest members are more active than other recruits we've had over the years, we are still down for the year. (continued on page 6)

## Community Development *with Ross Hager*

Greetings from your community development vice president. As a lot of you know, several people I work with have either left or been let go. In return, it has increased my workload and made my job a living hell. However, I have accepted a great job offer and will require me to move to Salt Lake City, UT. Therefore, this will be my last new article as your community development vice president.

I am officially resigning from this office. I must admit it is a great experience that allows you to improve your personal and leadership skills while giving back to the community. I would really like to encourage everyone to consider running for this office in November.

The board has appointed **Cindy Schwerer** to be my successor and it will be voted on at the next membership meeting. Other than a few topics that I'm about to report, I'd like to offer the best of luck to the Peoria Jaycees in all their endeavors and please keep in touch!

### Adopt-A-School

The Peoria Jaycees completed a painting project with its Adopt-A-School Calvin Coolidge Middle School on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. **Rick Owens, Cindy Schwerer, Heather Zech, Jeff Ulrich, Becky Lemont** and myself were on hand to help paint one of the school's bathrooms and to help put up a new basketball hoop on the playground.

Looking forward, the Jaycees are helping to promote the school's volunteer and mentoring program. We are also going to treat the kids for a night of thrills and chills at our annual Haunted House. As always, we need help with our Adopt-A-School program. If you would like to get involved, please the Jaycees hotline at 676-5292 or Calvin Coolidge Middle School at 672-6506.

### Community Involvement with Education

I think this project is about wrapped up. I would like to thank **Jeff Bilisland** for his hard work and dedication to this effort. I would also like to thank **Mike Berg** for his taking over of the chairmanship of this project.

This was a project where we collected data and information on what was happening to Peoria schools and offer ideas on how to improve the educational environment of Peoria students.

## Items Of Gossip

- ☐ Becky Lemont had her baby on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. At press time, Becky and Baby Lemont are doing fine. Come to the September membership meeting to find out if it's a girl or boy!
- ☐ Congrats to Laura and Mike Buckley as they are now expectant parents! Baby Buckley is to make his/her appearance in February 1999.
- ☐ Ross Hager has accepted a job offer in Salt Lake City, UT. He will be moving sometime after the 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

## Majesty's Order (continued)

We as a chapter do so many positive things for the community. We as a chapter hold so many skills and achievements. We as a chapter have so many contacts in business and society. And yet, we seem to manage to lose numbers in total membership. I think we can do better.

Place a little effort in recruitment. Someone you may know would really like to join an organization like the Jaycees. All they need is an introduction to our organization and a little encouragement. If every member were to do this, we can gain in membership. With more active members, we can become a stronger chapter and we'll be able to do more for our community.

Before I go, I would like to thank **Rick Owens** for taking over at the Past President's Party for me. With the exception of losing our gavel to the Bloomington Jaycees, I hear he did a good job. Anyway, I hope to see all of you at our next membership meeting. And if you can make it, please help us out at the Haunted House.

See ya'll soon!  
'The Queen'



Former 'First Lady' Shari Quin & 'Governor' Dennis Owens were married on September 5, 1998 in Peoria, IL. In the photo above, the 'Governor' enjoys a cold Budweiser after the ceremony.

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## Top Ten Rejected Themes For The 1998 Haunted House

10. Like so, this is a real scary house.
9. It Came From Dan Schmidt's Basement!
8. Did Somebody Say "McHaunted House?"
7. 'Mad Dog' Bilsland's Big Adventure... If you know what we mean.
6. Dubbyville
5. I Know What You Did In The Oval Office Last Summer!
4. 'Commander' West's Fantasy Camp
3. House of Duct Tape
2. Presidential Interns From Hell
1. Jeff Ulrich's Furlough From The Funny Farm!

## Going To The Chapel

It was high noon when **'Governor' Dennis Owens** fired up his Dodge Turbo Diesel Ram truck. He was elegantly dressed in a black tuxedo, preparing for the happiest day of his life as the black exhaust fumes emitted from the truck's tailpipe. Dennis was on his way to the altar for his wedding. But first he was to pick up his best man, groomsmen and ushers. Dennis arrived at **Rick Owens'** house as Rick was serving as best man in the ceremony. He hopped into the back of the truck to tap the keg of Budweiser that was waiting for the wedding party.

Next, they drove to pick up the rest of the groomsmen and ushers. But once that Rick was assembled with **Jeff 'Mad Dog' Bilsland** and **Rusty Greene**, chaos emerged. The keg of Budweiser was being consumed at a rapid pace. "Hey Dennis" 'Mad Dog' shouted, 'how about a beer?' "Good Lord!" Dennis said, "you guys are a bunch of drunks!" "Yea, I guess I better have a drink" he reconsidered. Dennis was a bit nervous that day and figured a drink could help. And besides, at the pace the groomsmen were consuming, there wouldn't be any left for the 'Governor.'

It was quite a sight to see 6 tuxedo-clad men in the back of a pick up truck drinking from a keg of beer on the way to the church. The passerbys in traffic were all shouting and howling at them. At one point, Rick said "Hey, I need a toothbrush when we get to the church; a bug got stuck in my teeth". They finally arrived at the church where all the groomsmen and users plopped out of the truck and stumbled around. The bride, former **'First Lady' Shari Quin**, was getting ready for the wedding when she looked out the window to see this sad display. She shook her head in disgust and thought, "Those guys are a complete embarrassment to me."

## It's A Little Known Fact Mt. Everest

Mount Everest is a mountain peak in south central Asia, in the Himalayas, on the frontier of Nepal and Tibet and is the highest peak in the world. According to a 1954 Indian government survey, the summit is 29,028 ft or 8848 meters above sea level. More recent surveys, however, have cast some doubt on this figure. The issue is not yet resolved. The English name commemorates Sir George Everest, surveyor general of India from 1830 to 1843, who in 1841 first recorded the location and height of the mountain.

Explorers have made numerous attempts to reach the summit of Mount Everest. On the first noteworthy expedition, British explorers began the ascent in the spring of 1922. On May 20, 1922, three of the group attained a record height of 26,985 ft or 8225 meters. In 1924, another British expedition made the attempt and set a record height of 28,200 ft or 8595 meters was attained, and two members of the party set out to surpass this mark. Associates thought they saw them near the summit; but a mist enveloped the men, and they were never seen again.

The summit was finally reached on May 29, 1953 by two members of a British expedition. They were Edmund Hillary, a New Zealander, and Tenzing Norgay, a Nepalese guide. Hillary was knighted, and Colonel John Hunt, the leader of the expedition, was made a baron. An American expedition was successful on May 1 and again on May 22, 1963, using the previously unattempted western ridge ascent on the latter date.

***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***

***Peoria Jaycees***

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Joe Lemont	Local Director
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