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Peoria Jaycees Celebrate 60 Years Of Service

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) – The Peoria Jaycees celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a series of gala events mainly held during the third weekend in August. It started off with its monthly membership meeting on August 17th, followed by a mixer at Brewer's Distributing the next evening and a dinner banquet and dance the evening after that. In addition, **Peoria Mayor Bud Grieves** declared the week of August 13th to the 20th as "Jaycee Week," several banners were displayed around Peoria announcing "60 Years of Service" and a news article about the Jaycees was featured in the *Peoria Journal Star*.

"We were very pleased with how everything turned out," stated **Randy Stevens**, the chairman of the 60th Anniversary Celebration, "There was a good crowd at the mixer and we had roughly 90 people at the banquet." Stevens also claimed that several past Jaycee members, past presidents, Keymen and Jaycee-ettes spanning from the 1940s to the 1990s were in attendance at both events, as well as many current and new members and even a couple of prospective members.

Several items of memorabilia were on hand at the banquet for past members to browse through. This included the tens of buttons collected by **Mike Kelley**, a videotape showing of the 50th Anniversary, many awards and lots of scrapbooks with stacks of photos. In a slide show presentation from Mike Kelley, rookie member **Ted Sumner** discovered a photo of his grandfather in a newspaper story from circa 1943.

The weekend ended with a small picnic at Robinson Park on the north side of Peoria. However, many past Jaycee members did meet up elsewhere for a cook out of sorts on that Sunday. All in all, a great time was had and many more Jaycees memories were made.



Peoria Jaycees Past Presidents in attendance at the 60th Anniversary Banquet. Pictured from left to right, front row, Mel Novakow (1956-57), Bill McDaniels (1958-59), Chuck Kreie (1970-71), Mike Kelley (1981-82); back row, Larry Griminger (1983-84), Jeff Pulfer (1984-85), John 'Caesar' Cima (1996-97), 'Governor' Dennis Owens (1997-98), 'Queen' Joann Ziegler (1998), Heather Zech (1999) and current president Rick Owens.

Presidential Recruitment Incentive Continues

The recruitment incentive that **President Rick Owens** established last month is off and running and is still in effect. According to Owens, the next few months will be the greatest opportunity for the Peoria Jaycees to recruit new members in a very long time. He cites recent exposure of the organization through newspaper and TV coverage from the 60th Anniversary as well as the Jaycees Business After Hours it held in July as one factor. Also, a strong retention rate will make it favorable for the chapter to see real growth in the next three months.

The incentives include dinner for two at Alexander's Steakhouse along with a case of beer of choice to the person that recruits the most new members by November 30, 2000. Also, another incentive will be for a chapter party in January 2001 at Owens' new residence if the Peoria Jaycees has an active chapter of 75 members by November 30, 2000. The organization currently stands at 63 members. All new members must attend the required 3 Jaycees functions or events to be considered for membership as stated in the Peoria Jaycees policies and all new members must be paid in full for consideration in the incentive. For more information, please contact Rick Owens.

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

Board Meetings: Held the 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00pm at RLO, Inc.

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



Peoria Jaycees 30th Annual Haunted House Schedule of Events

September 15 – BLOWOUT Party!! Construction Begins at 6pm

Construction continues every weekend until October 8. Fridays at 6 – 10pm, Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon – 6pm.

October 13 – Friday the 13th Fright Night at the Haunted House/Sneak Preview. This is tentative and will be decided pending overall progress on the Haunted House.

October 18 – Media Night and Haunted House run through. Calvin Coolidge Adopt-A-School kids to visit the Haunted House. All Jaycees needed to man the Haunted House.

October 20 – 31 – Haunted House is open to the public every night. Volunteers are needed to help in every capacity, tour guides, monsters, ticket booth, and security. Please arrive at 6pm to help, doors open to customers at 7pm and will close 10pm on Sunday – Thursday nights; close at midnight on Friday, Saturdays and Halloween night.

November 1 – 7 – Tear down; help needed to pack away props, costumes, and masks and to tear down walls and electrical equipment.

The Haunted House is located at the far west barn at Expo Gardens on Northmoor Rd in Peoria. Just simply show up to help volunteer during the times listed above. Food and drinks are always provided to volunteers. For more info, please call Randy Stevens at 686-8480 or Dennis Owens at 579-3484.

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Mark Your Calendars

September

Business After Hours; Thursday, September 14, 5 – 7pm, McLeodUSA, Allen Rd., Peoria – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480

Haunted House BLOWOUT PARTY!; Friday, September 15, 6pm, Expo Gardens, construction of the Haunted House begins – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480 or Dennis Owens @ 579-3484

Haunted House Construction; Weekends during September and October; please refer to the Haunted House schedule in this publication - call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480 or Dennis Owens @ 579-3484

Praireland Regional; Saturday, September 16, 2pm, hosted by the Galesburg Jaycees, WD's, Galesburg – call Dan Wilkinson @ 691-6574

Monday Night Football; Monday, September 18, 7:30pm, Dubby's house – call Dubby @ 691-6608

Membership Meeting; Thursday, September 21, 7:00pm, Amvets, downtown Peoria, 237 NE Monroe St. – call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

Illinois Jaycees General Assembly; Friday, September 22 – Sunday, September 24, Oakbrook Hyatt – call Dan Wilkinson @ 691-6574 or Rick Owens @ 243-7319

Monday Night Football; Monday, September 25, 7:30pm, Kouri's Pub, Sterling Ave., Peoria – call Dubby @ 691-6608

Bloomington-Normal Jaycees Beer Fest; Saturday, September 30, 3pm – 10pm, volunteers needed – call Ken @ (309) 452-7634 or Rick Owens @ 243-7319

October

Monday Night Football; Monday, October 2, 7:30pm, Tom Kats, Pioneer Pkwy, Peoria – call Dubby at 691-6608

Board Meeting; Thursday, October 5, 7pm, RLO World HQ, Haunted House construction after the meeting – call Rick Owens @ 243-7319

Happy Hour; Friday, October 6, 5:00pm - ?, at the Haunted House, Expo Gardens – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480

Business After Hours; Thursday, October 12, 5 – 7pm, South Side Savings, 101 SW Adams, downtown Peoria – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480

Haunted House Open????; <TENTATIVE, depending upon Haunted House progress> Friday the 13th – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480 or Dennis Owens @ 579-3484

Haunted House Run Through; Wednesday, October 18, setup at 6pm, Adopt-A-School kids to arrive 7pm, volunteers needed – call Randy Stevens @ 686-8480 or Dennis Owens @ 579-3484

Membership Report *by Dubby*



Hi everyone! How's everyone doing? It's that time of the year again. It's Haunted House time. I hope everyone will come out at least one time to help out on this great project.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the Tuesday Volleyball nights and the golf nights this summer. We had a lot of fun. Look for it next year. And, if anyone has any ideas for fall and winter activities, please send them to me and I'll see what I can do to get it going.

Here's what's going on in membership...

Who's Due

September

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

October

Scott Lautzenheiser	Jason Roeder
Frank Perino	Jennifer Stanley
*Jeff Pulfer	Joann Ziegler

* - denotes associate member

Monday Night Football

The Monday Night Football will continue on Monday, September 18th at my house at 1724 W. Willow Wood, across from Tepper's on University St. Brats will be provided but please bring your own drinks and a side dish to share. The fun starts at 7:30pm.

Our other Monday Night Football outings will be at these locations starting at 7:30pm:

Sept 25 th	Kouri's Pub, Sterling Ave., Peoria
Oct. 2 nd	Tom Kats, Pioneer Parkway, Peoria

Night Golf

Night Golf was a huge success this year. We had 72 people and I had to turn away 5 foursomes (20 people) because we could not accommodate that many people. I would like to thank the people that played. Also, I would like to thank **Toby Quin, Jennifer Routzon, and Laura Buckley** for their help. I couldn't do it without you. Thanks!

Well, I have to go now, but keep up the fine work Peoria Jaycees! We are looking good.

Dubby (aka 'Sportsboy')

Welcome New Members!

Valerie Ferguson (recruited by Jennifer Routzon)
Brian Ask (recruited by Dubby Janosov)

Community Development *by Anne McSorley*

Thanks needs to go to all those who volunteered part of their Labor Day weekend to help man the phones at the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. We were able to help a worthwhile cause and provide a little exposure for the Jaycees. I understand a new idea surfaced to sponsor a project for charity that has **Dubby** stuck on top of the Peoria Heights tower. We'll have to see how this one comes along.

Even though it seems that the year is winding down, we still have a good three or four months left. We can still do quite a bit. I will be looking for other guest speakers to attend our meetings and will be on the lookout to how else we can serve our community. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help, please let me know.

Regards,
Anne

State Director Report

by Dan 'Wilky' Wilkinson



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

Praireland Regional

The Praireland Regional is scheduled to be hosted by the Galesburg Jaycees and will be held in Galesburg on Saturday, September 16th. It will be held at some drinking establishment called WD's. The theme is Hawaiian, so break out your flowered shirts!

Illinois Jaycees General Assembly

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

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

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

Bloomington Jaycees Beer Fest

The Bloomington-Normal Jaycees are going to hold their 1st ever beer fest on Saturday, September 30th starting at 3pm. The event will take place at the Sale Barn in Bloomington, IL. At this time, they still need volunteers to fill out empty beer pouring positions. If interested in helping out, please give me a call at 691-6574 or call **Ken** with the Bloomington Jaycees at (309) 452-7634.

60th Anniversary Photos



After a small parody skit, Peoria Jaycees past president **Heather Zech** shakes current president **Rick Owens**' hand after receiving the Lifetime Member Award for her service and dedication as president. Chapter Management VP **Randy Stevens** performed a great impersonation of the ex-president.



Sara Heidbreder and **Frank Perino** patiently wait for an adult beverage at the bar before the banquet. Also waiting in line is **Randy Stevens**, **Ted Sumner**, **Bud Vest** and **Keith Kramer**.



Seated and waiting for the banquet to begin, from left to right, **Ted Sumner**, **Frank Perino**, **Jennifer 'the Routz' Routzon**, **Valerie Ferguson**, **Rita Hoch** and **Dubby Janosov**.



Gary Pittenger and a host of Bloomington-Normal Jaycees women join in to perform the "Flea Dance" or so it was called.



Past president and DJ for the night **Jeff Pulfer** manages to take a break to have some fun. Here, he manages to sandwich himself between **Rita Hoch** (on right) and a Pekin High School reunion party crashette, "**Carress Matits**" (on left).

60th Anniversary Photos



Jaycees, past and present, take time out to get a photo together at the Friday night mixer at Brewer's Distributing.



The Peoria Jaycee Keyman Organization made a strong presence at the 60th Anniversary Banquet



Jeff Bilisland proudly displays the selection of plaid for his kilt that he will be wearing for his wedding. Coincidentally, a Scottish wedding reception was taking place just down the hall.



Rick Owens and **Randy Stevens** perform their skit before awarding **Heather Zech** with the Lifetime Member Award.

A Note From The Most Dangerous President In America

My Fellow Jaycees,

We have truly made a difference last month during our 60th Anniversary. Normally, we try to make a difference for others in our community while building our leadership and personal skills as Jaycees. However, this time we have made a difference for ourselves.

Our 60th Anniversary Celebration brought us notable exposure within the Peoria community through newspaper and television coverage. Because of that, interest has spread allowing greater recruitment opportunities.

Past Jaycees members were able to get reacquainted with one another. As I watched old friends hug one another and talk about old times, it made me realize that this was made possible because we decided to do something to recognize our 60th anniversary. In fact, after the banquet, I heard about a large group of past members and their wives decided to meet up with each other once a month as they had lost touch with each other over the years.

Embarrassingly enough, I learned a little piece of Peoria Jaycee history regarding the Jaycee-ette organization and some of the projects they started and still continue today. This made me realize that our members, almost all of whom were not even old enough to join the Jaycees at the time when women were allowed to join, do not know much about this chapter of Peoria Jaycee history. We will work to preserve some of this history.

However, our anniversary celebration has concluded and now its time once again to get back to business as usual. While the 2000-year still has yet three months or so, and while we don't have as many other projects on the horizon, we are now upon our biggest annual event. Yes, it's the Haunted House!

I would like to make a request, or make a plea if need be, to our current membership to help in any capacity. The Haunted House requires a lot of manpower and we can use all the help we can get. I have chaired this project before and believe me, even the smallest of help means a great deal! The duties are extremely diverse and anyone with any skills can help in one way or another. And help can still be used regardless of one's work schedule, be it 1st, 2nd, or 3rd shift. Portions of this year's Haunted House proceeds are to benefit the Youth Farm, the Alzheimer's Association and Easter Seals-UCP. So your help with this project will be going towards a great cause... plus you'll have fun!

And speaking of fun, we are getting ready to head north to Oakbrook, Illinois for the September General Assembly. If you have not been to a GA, now's the time. It is a great opportunity to travel with friends and learn more about the Jaycees... and there's usually a pretty good mixer. The GA is on the weekend of September 22 - 24th. If you are interested in going, please call me, or **Dan Wilkinson**.

So Jaycees, let's start today in making a difference in our community, our chapter and in our lives by getting involved. Together we can make this year one to remember.

Thanks,
RLO

Chapter Management by Randy Stevens

Haunted House

This year's Haunted House is coming right along. The Haunted House committee has made the decision to start the project a bit earlier and schedule the work a little differently this year.

The annual Blowout party to kick off the Haunted House construction will be on Friday, September 15th at 6pm at Expo Gardens. House construction will mainly take place during the weekends and Thursdays, with construction times being 6 - 10pm on Thursday and Fridays and 12 noon - 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays.



We still need help with this project and we still have sub-chair positions open. I ask that all Jaycees come out at least a couple of times and help with what they can.

Also, we noticed that there is a Friday the 13th in October. We are going to try to get the house finished in time so that we may be able to do something by then. But for now we'll have to wait and see what progress there is.

For more info on the Haunted House, please give me a call at 686-8480 or simply show up at the Haunted House barn to help.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour is always the first Friday of the month. The next scheduled Happy Hour is for Friday, October 6th starting at 5pm and lasting until whenever.

The Jaycees Happy Hour will be moved for the month of October to the Haunted House. Things should be pretty well set up and it will be a good time to relax.

Xmas Party/Installation Banquet

It's not even Halloween and we're talking Christmas already. **Heather Zech** is heading up our annual year-end spectacular. At the time, we are looking at holding our Xmas party sometime during the first part of December. Also, we are looking at 3 different facilities to hold our event. We should have something firmed up and ready to report by the next membership meeting.

President Owens Strips Bilmland of Nickname

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) – In a bold and sudden move, **President Rick Owens** stripped **Jeff ‘Mad Dog’ Bilmland** of his infamous namesake and has introduced legislation to replace it with a newer and more fitting name.

In a televised special report that interrupted the final *Survivor* episode, Owens stated, “It (Mad Dog) was an identity of strength and character. ‘Mad Dog’ was there for you and all you would have to do is to provide a few ounces of Yukon Jack. However, I think the time has come to finally realize that ‘Mad Dog’ no longer exists. To that effect, I am stripping Jeff Bilmland of the title and name of ‘Mad Dog’ and all the privileges thereof.” Owens also gave insight to the upcoming wedding of Bilmland’s and his “Big Bad Bill is Sweet William Now” mellowness in recent years.

In his resolve, Owens provided details of new legislation he will introduce shortly after the September 16th bachelor party for the former ‘Mad Dog.’ Indicating that it was not a demotion or an act of reprimand, the new name that Owens’ suggested was ‘Lap Dog.’ “This is an ideal name for Mr. Bilmland as it provides a crystal clear vision of his behavior when his future bride is present,” Owens said. The president also claimed the new name had strong bipartisan support on the Board of Directors.

Media calls to the Bilmland home did not provide a confirmed rebuttal as Bilmland’s intended, **Vicki**, stated that Bilmland was not available for comment. However, sources close to the Bilmland camp indicated that he would seek legal action and was very probable that prominent Peoria attorney **Steven J. West** might come out of retirement to represent the newly appointed ‘Lap Dog.’

Owens claimed that it was a very difficult and emotional decision to make. “While ‘Mad Dog’ is gone, he is defiantly not forgotten,” Owens commented.

Presidential Hopeful Caught With Degrading Remark

Peoria, IL (Charge! News Wire) – Peoria Jaycees republican presidential hopeful for the 2001 year, **Dubby Janosov**, was recorded on a live microphone as calling a reporter from the acclaimed publication *The Charge!* as a “major league <expletive deleted>.” Janosov was at a local sporting event promoting his budding campaign when the incident happened.

Democratic political analyst **R. Randall Stevens** made the prediction that “it is over” for the Janosov campaign. “When you want to hold such a high office,” Stevens stated, “you are going to have to use a little tack and be respectful of others, even if they are an <expletive deleted>.” In defense, Janosov later commented “Heh, ... well, you know, that’s what I’m sayin’.” Janosov also declared that the renowned periodical was nothing but lies and sensationalized news.

Since the incident, Janosov’s numbers have substantially dropped in a CNN/Charge! opinion poll of likely voters, allowing another republican presidential hopeful, **Robert Klannukarn**, a strong chance of winning the primary elections and the party’s nomination.

It's A Little Known Fact Golf

Golf is an outdoor game in which individual players use specially designed clubs to propel a small, hard ball over a field of play known as a course or links. The object of the game is to advance the ball around the course using as few strokes as possible.

Some historians believe that golf originated in the Netherlands (the Dutch word kolf means “club”), but the Romans had a game played with a bent stick and a ball made of feathers that may have been the original source of the game. It has been fairly well established, however, that the game actually was devised by the Scots in the 14th or 15th century.

The game became so popular in Scotland that in order to keep people from playing golf and football during time that should have been employed in practicing archery, a military necessity, the Scottish parliament in 1457 passed a law prohibiting both games. The Scottish people, however, largely ignored this and similar laws, and early in the 16th century James IV, king of Scotland, took up the game of golf. His granddaughter Mary, later Mary, queen of Scots, played the game in France, where she was educated. The young men who attended her on the golf links were known as cadets (pupils); the term was adopted later in Scotland and England and became caddy or caddie. (Caddies, once an integral feature of the game, have now been superseded on many courses by golf carts and buggies).

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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