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Jaycees News Flash

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2009 Collinsville Jaycees

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President's Address

Hello Jaycees,

Wow it's the fourth month already! We were rolling right along this year; we've had 8 new members, completed 3 CPG's (Chairman's Planning Guide), and ran both ID and Management projects. We did so much; it's hard to give it all credit in just one article, or newsletter for that matter.

Since I last talked to you we have had a lot of stuff go on. We have been on visitations, been to other chapters projects, and started running projects of our own. We need to keep up the pace. We have a lot of things going on in the upcoming months.

We have the May GA coming up the first weekend in May. The chapter is paying for a room for the members to use. It's always a good networking opportunity for everyone attending. It is also good for training. I've heard there is even a jumpstart program for springboard and degree program. This GA is also TOYP at the Saturday night banquet. It is always amazing to see accomplishments of these young people. If you are interested in going let me know ASAP so I can make sure we have enough room for everyone who wants to go.

We have had several chapters come join us at our meetings so far this year. I would like to put out a special thank you to Belleville for being so supportive of our chapter. We need to create this kind of relationship with the rest of the chapters in our region. If we did, we could work together better and get more things accomplished on all levels of the Jaycees. This just goes to means we need to get out and go to some of the chapters and show them that they aren't the only traveling thieves-I mean chapters.

The whole board should be commended on their hard work in preparing an operating budget in our fiscal deficiency and the chapter plan in a time of uncertainty. I am proud to have a board not afraid to speak their minds, through this only can democracy prevail, each voice be heard, and no opinion weigh heavier than the next.

I would like to thank Zeb Lemmonds, our new Membership VP, for stepping up to do this daunting task. He has a long year ahead of him managing our chapters' membership roster, member dues and state dues. He stepped up after Drew Pollard had to step down as my elected VP because he got a job working straight nights. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with Zeb to make this the best membership year ever.

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Zeb has been researching and developing new tools for us to use in membership recruitment and activation. I know communication is one of his key focuses, so plan on hearing from him. Oh yeah, did I mention we're +8 for the year!!!!! I would like to thank everybody for their hard work getting us to that point.

We are also in the process of expanding our chapter in a new way not done in a long time. We are in the preliminary procedures to College Chapter Extension at SIUE. We have our first meeting with SIUE the first week in May. I am hoping we are accepted to start the chapter. If you would like to be on the in house committee for the extension please contact me. We are going to need a lot of help to make this a success.

This month is going to build right upon the last, increasing momentum and driving us into the best year we've ever had. Remember, this year we have an opportunity to recreate the fun and enthusiasm in our chapter and the region. We can and will do this a whole for we are the Jaycee and we've "Gone Crazy" this year.

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." ***Albert Einstein***

Yours in Jaycees,
Joey Bridges
2009 President

C.O.B

Easter has come and gone. It is officially Spring!! Do you know what that means? You guessed it, spring-cleaning. This is the time of year that many people sift through all of the stuff and decide what they need/want to keep and what they don't.

In order to help everyone deal with all of the stuff that ends up in the "get rid of" pile, the Collinsville Jaycees are having a yard sale. All you need to do is drop off you unwanted items at the Jaycee Hall during our normal membership meetings on June 2nd, and June 17th, as well as June 19th during setup. We will take care of organizing the sale and pricing the items. Best of all, you don't have to worry about what to do with the things that do not sell. Anything left over at the end of the yard sale will be taken to various donation locations like Goodwill and the Salvation Army.

Proceeds from the yard sale will go towards running projects (like a frequent worker auction) as well as general chapter expenses. So, start gathering all of those unwanted items that are cluttering you home and we will see you at the sale.

Julie Britsch
Chairman of the Board 2009

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From the desk of your State Director

Some Questions to ask yourself:

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

Author: Unknown

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented, that your name is on the list?

Do you attend meetings, and mingle with the flock?

Or do you meet in private, and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part, to help the work along?

Or are you satisfied to be, the kind who just belong?

Do you work on committees, to this there is not a trick?

Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?

So come to meetings often, and help with hand and heart,

Don't be just a member, but take an active part!

Think this over members; you know what's right from wrong

Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

Important Dates/ Events Compliments of Scott

- April 29th- Belleville's membership meeting at 7:30pm
- May 1st-3rd- GA in Decatur
- May 9th- Highland Regional
- May 15th,16th &17th- Beer & wine event in Belleville
- May 17th- Highland Poker Run
- May 29th- Shriner's Parade in Belleville

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New Members

Do you know of anyone between the ages of 18 and 40 who could benefit from membership in the Collinsville Jaycees? If so, bring them to the next meeting! We're constantly looking for new people to bring energy and ideas to the group.

In order for your membership to be renewed, you must pay your dues before the end of this month. Members who have not paid are listed below. Please let Patrick know if you need another invoice or if your address has changed. Don't be afraid to pay early if you are able.

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 government 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!

Collinsville Jaycees!

Secretary

Well March came and went and here it is April. If you have attended any of the Collinsville Jaycees meetings this past month I'm sure you could feel the excitement we have. Please come to a meeting and listen to what we have in mind for this year. Suggestions are always welcome! If you have comments, questions, concerns or ideas for the Jaycees to follow up on or research please let us know. I hope to see you at the next meeting!

Regards,
Tiffany Robbins
2009 Secretary
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Membership Meeting times

Membership Meetings held the First Tuesday and the Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.
Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month and are open to members.

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