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Jaycees News Flash

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2009 Collinsville Jaycees

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President's Address

Hello Jaycees,

Welcome to our second month! We were rolling right along in January; we had 2 new members, completed 2 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.

The weekend after my return we all ventured UP to Decatur for the Year-End GA (State General Assembly) at the Decatur Conference Center – Our home away from home. Aside from the hotel, I was even more excited that so many of you attended the GA and better yet, attended LOTS. I am proud to have had so many board members attend training at the GA; no doubt this will help them in their areas.

Then after a few days of relaxation (recuperation) we had our installation banquet at the hall. It was good food, good company, and good awards. Also, I am now; at last ceremonially, you're President. We recognized several outstanding Jaycees for 2008. I also swore at oops I mean swore in my new board that night. After the serious part of the evening was over with we all ventured outside to play in the snow. Yes the snow there was the remnants of the over six inches of snow that we got earlier in the week. We did sledding dynamics and sled racing also that night. Wow, it's been a long time since I can remember playing on sleds in the snow. It was a very fun night seeing everyone come and enjoy themselves again. Heck even the cops showed up for a few minutes – Nosey neighbors.

We had two chapters come join us at our meetings in January. I would like to thank Belleville and New Baden for showing their support. Belleville kicked off the New Year by stealing our Year-end region award and auctioning it off to the highest Jaycee bidder. Needless to say we now need to get it back from New Baden who bought it for $25. 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 Dave Oxendine, our new treasurer, for stepping up to do this daunting task. He has a long year ahead of him managing checking accounts, 2 certificates of deposit and four savings accounts. It's good to know I have a good treasurer behind me.

Drew Pollard, Membership Development Vice President, 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 +2 for January!!!!! I would like to thank Kelly Sipes for all her hard work getting us to that point.

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This month is going to build right upon the last, increasing momentum and driving us into the best February 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.

"In order to form an immaculate member of a flock of sheep one must, above all, be a sheep."--Albert Einstein

Yours in Jaycees,
Joey Bridges
2009 President

Management V.P

Hello fellow Jaycee's! It is I, Joseph M. Rick; a leader of men and the fantasy of women. I might have that reversed. Anyway, the spring like weather of the last few days has me dreaming of the summer. The warm air, the sun beating down on you on a cloudless day, and balls of fire and explosions raining down over your head like it's the end of the world. I'm so excited. But for us to have our annual end of day's party on the fourth of July, we're going to need your help! Talk to me, Joey, John, or Jef and get on the committee. We always need a chairman; will it be you this year? Also with the summer theme, I've talked to Melissa Leavy with the city of Collinsville. She has asked us to once again provide the concessions for this year's outdoor movie nights. Culvers will be the main sponsor again this year. Nothing is final yet, but Culver's has asked us to sell their frozen custard and we'll split the profits or take a commission from the custard sales. There will be a movie night on Saturday, April 4th that will begin at 6pm. The kids from Collinsville Connection, a facebook group, are putting it on as a "swing vote" event to correspond with the local elections. I think it is imperative that we have a great turn out of members to this event since it is geared toward young voters. And young voters equal new members. And new members equal new ideas and a passion to serve the community. And that equals a much stronger chapter! I hope to see you all at an upcoming event or meeting.

Peace and afro grease,
Joe-Management VP

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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

- February 28th - New Baden Chicken & Beer Dance
- March 1st - Super 7 Training hosted by New Baden
- March 7th - State Bowling in Peoria
- March 7th- Mouse Races (Addieville JCs)
- March 14th – C&B fundraiser for Sam Roniger (Sam's Pizza) Highland JCs involved.

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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 January came and went and here it is February. 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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