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From Your President Crystal Hegg

days. We will be opening this Wednesday and running everyday through Sunday. If you are

able to row on the Dragonboat team, please let me know ASAP so we can finalize the roster.

Hello Fellow Jaycees!

What a wonderful time we all had at the 64th Annual Water Carnival. I



need to send a big "THANKS" out to Will and Carolyn Fisher for another great year and to all the members that came to help out. Whether it was helping to pour beer, setting up the tent or helping to organize the parade, it takes the joint efforts of all the members working together to get such a big project from planning to



Pie eating contestants

completion. Everyone did a fantastic job and you should be very proud. I also want to thank all the business members, such as LifeQuest Chiropractic that stepped up to co-sponsor the medallion hunt. It is dedicated members such as these that really show us their support not just for their chapter, but the community they serve with their businesses.

And the summer events keep marching on!! County Fair and the Dragonboat races are both this weekend and we will need all the help we can muster from as many members as possible. Please contact Karen Gannetta, (218)766-9174, if you will be available to help with County Fair any of the

With so many projects still in the works, we need to keep in mind that it is the members that keep everything running year after year. Now is the perfect time to get more active in your chapter and really make a difference in the community. If you are a new member, we have a lot of ways to get your feet wet and find something that will really inspire you to make the most of your membership. We have several projects that are not officially up and running, such as Oktoberfest and the Haunted House. We are struggling with locations for both and are in desperate need of chairpersons for both. If you are interested in either of these projects, please contact me right away. If we can't solidify a chairman or planning committee by the August board, we may have to scrap one or both of these projects. It would be nice to bring the Haunted House back, as it's been a few years and I would love to be able to offer the community something to look forward to this fall.

If there is ever a question or suggestion you might have regarding anything to do with the Jaycees, you have only to ask. We have a lot of qualified members with knowledge to spare and we are always willing to help other members out so that they get the most out of their Jaycee career. This is your opportunity to leave your mark on this chapter and the community it serves. Have you left your mark yet?

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Drivers kill more deer than hunters. C'mon you orange-clad! Get out there and DO YOUR STUFF!

Management Development

Hello Jaycees!

The worst part of any job is paperwork, however, the better working knowledge you have of it, the easier it is, and the more members we have doing their part, the faster it goes and the less stress on everyone. It's that time of the quarter where we need to start looking at the projects we've been running and see which ones have completed their CPGs (Chairman's Planning Guides).

Many of you may be wondering what these are and why we need to do them. The answer is simple. They are a step by step guide to planning, running and completing a successful project, and the more we have, the easier it is for future chairmen to run those same projects next year with less stress that comes from searching for everything and asking a million questions to find the right answers.

Can you imagine if you had never touched a computer and were suddenly given one with no manual and told to make it work?? Scary, I know, but this is why paperwork is important. We will be running several CPG work nights in the next couple of weeks for anyone that needs help finishing theirs or for anyone that's interested in learning more about the process. We will be submitting all the finished ones to state for judging and awards

If you have any questions please contact President Crystal.

Beltrami County Fair

July 30 – Aug. 6

The northwoods are buzzing with the sound of motocross, rodeos and events at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds! The Jaycees are in charge of concessions during the evening grandstand events. Come on down and join us in serving up refreshments and freezy-stick thingies and we'll see you at the fairgrounds!

Fall All-State Convention

Sept. 12 - 14

The great Minnesota Get-Together, Jaycee style, is headed to Alexandria next month! The fall convention will meet at the Holiday Inn off of HWY 29. Come and get some always-welcome training to transform you into Super Jaycee! Meet fellow members from around the state! Most importantly, come to Alexandria and have some fun! You should have already gotten registered if you intend to come, but if you have forgotten this step, you'd best get ahold of President Crystal as soon as you read this to sneak-in for this fall's event.

64th Annual Water Carnival

It was another rousing success for the Water Carnival! Bands were danced to,



previously eaten carnival food was raining down from the midway and smiles were the order of the week! Thanks to all the Jaycees

who stopped down to work at the entertainment tent, run bingo and help at headquarters. A special thank you to our co-chairs Will and Carolyn

"Carrie" Fisher who ran an amazing project this summer and made the 4th of July another spectacular event in Bemidjil! Thanks again, all and remember that we're always looking for chairs for 2009!



In France, "The Big Dipper" is known as "The Casserole."

Community Development

Hello Jaycees!

We have several events coming up and many of them family oriented. Don't forget to check out the Dragon Boat Races during Crazy Dayz, or bring the kids out to the Beltrami County Fair. We also have the local Punt, Pass and Kick football skills competition coming up. This is for boys and girls aged 8 to 15, so look for the date, time and location on that. We will also be hosting the sectionals for that event so bring your kids out and let them show what they've got. The state competitions will be held at the Metrodome on November 2nd right where the Vikings play!

We will be running a few fun projects this month as well, such as "Cut the Scrap" scrap booking night at the Jaycee office on August 13th starting around 5pm. We will have snacks available and workspace, so bring some pictures and whatever scrap booking you might want to work on, and we will see you there. Please call Crystal if you have any questions. We are also running a Poker night at the Bemidji Town and Country Club on August 20th, starting at 7pm. Bar is available and the kitchen is open till 9pm.

We are trying to get the Haunted House going again, but need someone to step up and chair that event, or we will have to drop it from the calendar again. Also, the 2009 Bemidji Jaycees Fishing Derby is slated to take place on February 21st, 2009. If you are interested in being on the planning committee and want to help out, please contact Chairman Kevin Hegg at 218-755-1207 with any questions. Please keep checking the website and MySpace pages for updates on the upcoming projects.

If you have any questions, please contact President Crystal

3rd Annual Dragonboat Races Aug. 1 & 2

You perhaps have noticed buffer bods on your fellow Jaycees' lately and wondered what may have brought on the change. The answer is; Intense Training. Captain Laura Stittsworth has whipped this row team into shape, and short of using a bullwhip, has transformed us into lean, mean, two-legged Evenrudes. Come down and cheer your guts out for the Jaycees' boat as we beat the rest of the pack this weekend!

NEXT MEET: One more practice today (Tuesday) and the races begin on Saturday!

Relay For Life Aug. 8

The great all-night event to end cancer is almost upon us. The move is on to the new site at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds as is our booth, a walk-in movie theatre to help relax those tuckered-out walkers. The Jaycees are looking for a few good ushers to come out, sacrifice some sleep and kick cancer in the butt as we screen some silver screen gems, complete with fun and games, fresh popped popcorn and tissue for the requisite chick flick. Make your plans and we'll see you at the movies!



PUNT, PASS AND KICK AUG. / SEPT.

The Vikings are down in Mankato gearing-up for a hopeful run into the playoffs, and the kids in the Bemidji area are starting to prep for their seasons. Who's got the right stuff to conquer the gridiron? Kids will compete in Bemidji a little earlier this year in the NFL sponsored event. A date is yet to be set Aug. 1 to Sept. 20. Will Fisher and Dave Geiger have

Just 1/3 of consumers pay-off their entire credit card bill every month. Shaaaaammmeeee.....

stepped-up to chair this event for both the local competition, but Bemidji will be hosting the sectional event too. Kids, if they perform well, can advance to the sectional competition, regional competition at the Metrodome before the Nov. 2 game against Houston and then ultimately to the national competition at a playoff location this Jan. Stay tuned!

2nd Annual
Oktoberfest Bemidji
Oct. 3 & 4

Now that the Water Carnival is over, attention is starting to shift to Oktoberfest, but this next project is not without some arising difficulties. A street dance has been scheduled for the weekend before and with some downtown businesses facing closed two weekends of street closings, we have obstacles to overcome. We are also in need of a chairperson(s) to step-up and give this project the attention that it deserves. With these issues before us and time to fully plan becoming an issue, the Jaycees have decided that if no chairperson is found or no major movement is made on this project by the August board meeting, this year's event will be called-off. So, be brave, strap-on your lederhosen, take a deep breath and contact President Crystal to make sure that Oktoberfest returns to Bemidji!

NEXT MEET: Its up to you!

Haunted House

The rumor mill has been suggesting that an idea or two has been floating around in an effort to resurrect the spooktacular spectacle this fall. Ideas are always needed including a location, in case our leads fall-through. This is a project that, believe it or not, needs to get moving SOON! Yes, we do realize that the summer still goes on, but the amount of prep it takes to create convincing screams is immense. Drop those ideas off to President Crystall

NEXT MEET: TBA

Franklin D. Roosevelt was related to five other presidents by blood, six others by marriage.

ICE FISHING DERBY

FEB 21

Momentum is still moving us toward the return of a wintertime tradition. Perhaps the only thing that will stop us is catching a fish too big to fit through the hole! As the leaves begin to change in a few short weeks, we will be looking for help and sub-chairs to make this come-back project a bigger! Contact Kevin Hegg and Steve Sovde if you are interested in lending a hand! 755-2709

NEXT MEET: TBA

Individual Development



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Hello Jaycees!

How is everyone's summer going? Great I hope! I believe everyone had a wonderful time at the 64th Annual Water Carnival. Little hard work, mixed with a little fun makes that more enjoyable. More project and road runs on the way, so don't miss out on other events going on through-out our chapter, community, or the state. Convention is coming up real fast its not too late to get yourself registered for some excellent trainings,



fun times during awards, and also some good old fashion meet new and old friends at various hospitality rooms. I hope

to see new faces at convention, you don't know what you're missing.

The General Membership Social is moved to the Jaycee Pavilion at the waterfront at 6pm Tues Aug. 19th. This is due to our Meet and Greet for nomination for next years board members. We will be having the Bemidji's Best Pizza tasting contest, so come out and vote for your favorite pizza. Then stay for the meeting and see who is nominated for the next year's board position. If you feel you have something to contribute to the Board, step up and get active. The social and meeting will move to the Jaycee Office, if weather turn nasty. We can't have soggy pizzas! Keep smiling and enjoy the beautiful summer while it lasts.

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

-Edith Wharton (1862 - 1937), Vesalius in Zante

How do you spread your light? I will always try to be both the candle and the mirror.

- Will Fisher
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All kinds of goodies going on and coming up! Dealing cards to dealing out info with the "Me and My Gang" system! Read on...



Poker Night

Aug. 20

Put on your blank, emotionless poker faces and come out to the Bemidji Town and Country Club on August 20th for an evening of Texas Hold'em! The name of the evening's game is not to clean-out your friends but instead to have fun with some lively chit-chat! There is a ten dollar buy-in and winner takes all! Eat before you come as meals will not be available, however snacks and drinks will be at the bar. Everyone is welcome but we do ask to RSVP in advance for planning and set-up sake. Contact Dave Geiger if you are interested at 444-2788. See you at the tables!

Just A Reminder...

It's something new that has been the talk of the chapter recently, our New Team Concept! Lots of questions have been asked and what better place than to answer them as best as possible!

What is this? It's been nicknamed "Me and My Gang" and it is a way to encourage active membership and to get projects the involvement they deserve. Really, it's a glorified calling tree. Each board member has a team consisting of members and when help is needed, that board member, or captain, calls their members in an effort to mobilize them.

What is the benefit? Aside from the obvious, active membership and projects with the man-power to run them, there are also incentives. Depending on the level of activity, points are awarded to the team. They can be awarded for acts as simple as attending a Jaycee event all the way up to chairing an event. At the end of the year, the team with the most points wins an all expense paid trip to one of Neptune's moons! Well, okay we're still working on the reward but we do have some great ideas floating around. The teams themselves are listed here.

Two-thirds of American men prefer boxers to briefs. Ladies, how does *your* man stack-up?

This is something that we all hope can get some juices flowing and get our membership a bit more active! If you have any other ideas that you would like to see for membership socials or projects please contact me.

- Kelli Hasbrouck
Membership Development VP

Me and My Gang Teams

Al Zutz - Team Ramrod

Molly Rucinski, Jerry Hemstad, Deb Hemstad, April Bohlman, Dave Smith, Tony Todavich, Matt Hemstad, Scott Kurtzweg, Liz Oxenreider, Brian Bissonette, Rich Blomberg, Dan Voss, Doug Fuller, Ronna Campbell and Danielle Stittsworth

Kelli Hasbrouck - Kelli's Peep's

Char Blashill, Scott Anderson, Abigail Johnson, Amy Winkelman, Jake Stoutenburgh, Philip Dorman, Dawn Palmer, Samantha Rich, Mareike Stoutenburgh, John Lyman, Scott Finnegan, Todd Merriam, Mandy Gazelka, Don Heinonen and Leslie Heinonen

Will Fisher - Fisher's Frozen Fishstix

Carolyn Fisher, Kristi Albright, Connie Olafson, Corey Stittsworth, Diana Stittsworth, Russ Hiltz, Tim Kunz, Jeffery Campbell II, Chris Vacek, Mychal Stittsworth, Auna Brule, Sandy Lewis, Joleee Wackerfuss, Janna Schiltz and Wayne Yoemans

Dave Geiger - Captain Fantastic & His Legion Of...

Nathan Preuss, Tonya Sandbo, Ken Roff, Ross Ladehoff, Dan Jaycox, Jason Rylander, Wanda Roff, Jerilynn Fuller, Jessica Evenson, Jeff D'Albani, Liz Sorenson, Steve North, Bill Batchelder, Everette Johnson and Lisa Johnson

Team Super Monkey Bowel Strong Grip

Dean Behnke, Ashley Lossing, Ryan Sorenson, Melissa Stokes, Tony Lossing, Michelle Johnson, Kevin Hegg, Shawn Rutledge, Karen Gannetta, Cathy Yoemans, Elizabeth Edwards, Carol Ann Peterson, Stephanie Anderson, Allen Swedmark and Doris Swedmark

The Super-Secret Yet Un-named Stealth Team

Jennifer Sanford, Bill Sanford, Jason Benton, Valerie Benton, Tina Gehrke, Becky Hiltz, Becca Wold, Craig Baker, Steve Sovde, Darvin Bohlman, Craig Harvey, Jamie Knutson, Susan Anderson, Tony Baker and David Wold

* Some members may not yet be placed on a team, so please do not cry if you do not appear as part of a team. Just contact Kelli, beg and plead to be included and you will probably get your wish!

Upcoming Calendar

7/30 – 8/3 – Beltrami County Fair
8/1- Dragonboat Ceremonies 6PM at Waterfront
8/2- Dragonboat Races at Waterfront
8/5- Board Meeting 7PM at JC Office
8/8- Relay for Life 6PM at Fairgrounds
8/19- General Meeting 7PM at Waterfront
8/20- Poker Night 7PM at Country Club

Check Us Out!

Did you know that the Bemidji Jaycees have a webpage? Yeah! We've been kicked into the 21st Century! Log-on and see:

www.bemidjijaycees.org

We've also entered the Generation Y landscape called MySpace! The best part is you don't need to have a MySpace account of your own to access it, but it does help in order to see ALL of it.

www.myspace.com/bemidjijaycees

We're looking professional now complete with a downtown Bemidji office! You should swing by during one of our meetings, see it and say hello! Its where our board and other meetings are held.

522 Beltrami Ave. #20 (its downstairs)

Our general membership meetings are held every third Tuesday (Aug. 19th) at T Juan's but has been moved for this month only to the [Lake Bemidji Waterfront under the Jaycee Pavillion](#). In case of bad weather, the meeting will be held at the Jaycee Office. Anybody and everybody is welcome to attend!

Think short people aren't special enough? Harry Houdini stood only 5"1'.

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