



# BEMIDJI JAYCEES INKSLINGER

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## From Your President Dawn Palmer



### Hello Fellow Jaycees!

I cannot believe this is the last newsletter that I will send as your chapter president. Where has the time gone? When we look back at the year I believe that we have accomplished a great deal: as individuals, as leaders and have made a significant contribution to our community. It is with a great deal of honor that I can say that in the very near future we will be donating our Water Carnival proceeds to the community: Over TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. April and Darvin are setting up a Donation Day so that we can give this money in the next week or two. Make sure you watch the Weekly Update for the time and place for the donations and photos.

November gave us a bit of resting time. We had planned on tubing, but Mother Nature did not cooperate. We didn't have any snow, and although it was too bad we

couldn't go sledding, we did have great weather for the First City of Lights Parade. Thank you RandiSu for chairing this project and arranging to have our float in this parade. December brings the Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans. We have submitted our very own member, Ben Stowe. We already know he has placed in the Top 10, we just have to wait until Saturday night to find out exactly where in the top ten. How exciting! Also, don't forget the planning meetings that Ryan Thomas is having for the 7th Annual Polar Plunge. January will also bring Miss Polar Days. Look in other articles and the Weekly Update for times and places of these and other happenings.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to have served as your chapter president. There are so many people that worked hard this year: helping me, to keep improving our chapter, and to improve our community. There are too many people to thank here individually; however, you know who you are. You should be proud of the contributions you have made. For those who have gone above and beyond: please come to the Year End Awards and Installation Banquet. Invitations will be coming out soon, but plan on the evening of Saturday, January 23, 2010. Hope to see you there.

Again, thank you for your support throughout the year. I hope that the support for RandiSu and her board continues next year. I have now officially aged-out of our Chapter, but will serve as the Chairman of the Board next year. I guess I am now officially an Exhausted Rooster (or as my daughter says, "a dead chicken.")

Remember, Young People Can - and do.

Sincerely,  
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*All the insects on Earth weigh three times as much as all the other animals combined.*

## Management Development

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daughter would say, my BFF and shows up for every project that she possibly can. I hope that next years board will also use her for the experience that comes with a seasoned Jaycee.

I look forward to being an alumni next year and attending the general meetings with our new 2010 President Randi Su Tanem. She has a lot of great ideas and has a good board to help her in the year to come. I wish her great success and will do all I can to help her in the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who ran projects, volunteered their time and attended meetings and socials. It takes some pretty dedicated people to keep an organization such as this one alive and serving their members and community.

Hello Jaycees!

It is December and the year is almost over. I can't believe it has gone by so fast and soon it will be Christmas. This week was amazing as we were able to donate over \$19,000 back to the community thanks to everyone who attended the Water Carnival. I am very proud of everyone who volunteered their time to make it a smashing success. This is the best part of running a project. The money headed out is listed below and pictures will be scheduled for next week for those we are giving to. Please keep an eye on your weekly updates.

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| North Country First Responders | \$5,000                     |
| Animal Shelter                 | \$500 cash / \$500 pet food |
| Citizen's Patrol               | \$1,000                     |
| Bemidji Volunteer Fire Dept    | \$1,500                     |
| Boys & Girls Club              | \$1,500                     |
| House of Hospitality           | \$1,500                     |
| Soup Kitchen                   | \$1,500                     |
| Holiday Gifts for Kids         | \$1,800                     |
| Radiothon                      | \$500                       |
| Food Shelf                     | \$2,000                     |
| Rugby                          | \$1,000                     |
| Take A Kid Fishing             | \$500                       |
| Let's Go Fishing               | \$500                       |

The leadership skills that I have developed this year are amazing and go with me to my business and everyday life. My wonderful co-chairman was Darvin Bohlman and of course my husband. He is and was amazing. He is already a leader in the community but this experience has shown noticeable changes in him and his willingness to step forward and give of himself to help his community and everyone around him. I would also like to thank Char Blashill as she is a plethora of knowledge when it comes to running a project in any way shape or form. She is also, as my

## ICE FISHING DERBY

FEBRUARY

After the wintertime event returned so successfully earlier this year, there is interest in bringing it back to a yearly event! If

you are interested in chairing some fun on the ice, contact President Dawn!



## Home, Sport and Travel Show

April

This event, like the Water Carnival, is one of our chapter's largest events. Believe it or not, we are already beginning to think about getting some wheels turning on this gala event. Interested in getting involved? Contact President Dawn!

*Only 1 in 3 consumers pays off their credit card bill every month.*

## Annual Convention

Jan. 8 - 10

You still have an opportunity to start 2010 off right at the big state get-together in Bloomington, MN! Come and see the state board inserted into their new posts as we boldly start a new decade! Contact President Dawn if you are interested in heading down this winter! Keep reading below as our state delegate Darvin Bohlman has a little somethin' somethin' to say on it...

## Community Development

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Hello Jaycees!

After reading through some Christmas letters so far, I've noticed a rather disturbing trend. Much like the Oscars, events that occurred in the first few months of the year are grossly underrepresented in the end of the year production. While I'm sure nobody consciously omits stories from the beginning of the year, it just seems to happen.

To atone for this injustice, I have made the proactive decision to document events that occurred in January. It was cold, and it snowed a little bit. Well, that's neither witty nor insightful, but next year I will take better notes throughout the year so you may be presented with a fair, and balanced portrayal of my boring life. I promise.

Oh, gee, except that some other schmo is gonna have to try to fill my rather large shoes (size 12, ladies), and communicating to you what is going on within the Community Development portion of our world. Hopefully, they're a better VP than I have been. I hope that they are a tad more plugged into all the events that fall under them. And therein lies the beauty of this job: the many volunteers this organization boasts very nearly isolate any event from the remote possibility of failure. Thank you all very, very much for all your support and help throughout the year.

I'd be remiss, however, if I didn't call out a few people for their help throughout the course of the year in chairing projects or for their kind words: Sam Rich, Char Blashill, Kelli Hasbrouck, April and Darvin Bohlman, Carolyn Fisher, Kristi Albright, Crystal Hegg, Dave Geiger and Randi Su Tanem. If there are others I forgot to mention, it's because the Newsletter guy is pointing a gun at my head, screaming "DEADLINE!"

For the record, the average man's shoe size is 10. And you know what they say about a man with a big foot; a bigger stink.



## Poker Night

January

'Tis the busy holiday season! With plenty of hustle and bustle there just 'aint enough time for hustle and bluff! So we're holding off on another poker night until next month. Stay tuned...

## First City of Lights

It was a lovely evening full of lights, magic and Jaycees! Its always a good time giving ourselves a mental kick-start into the holiday season and our mini Paul and Babe never looked so good! RandiSu Tanem did a stand-out job chairing the event and a special thanks to all who showed-up and came out charged with holiday spirit! Have a happy holidays everyone!

## Haunted Corn Maze

We have finally swapped-out our bloody chainsaws for happy Santa faces and "love" of snow! A big thank you to everyone who showed up and enjoyed scaring pee out of unsuspecting guests! The Donats were again happy to have us and have already extended an invite for 2010. A big thanks to Dave Geiger who again championed this year's scream fest. Put a thought in the back of your mind for next year!

*In ancient Greece, if a woman watched even one Olympic event, she was executed.*

# Polar Plunge

Jan. 16

Wheels are turning and prep is already underway! Ryan Thomas has a gain stepped-up to run this year's event with Kelli Hasbrouck as his special slave-like helper! There is a planning meeting coming up this Wednesday at Cattails at 6PM. If you're interested to help out, here is your opportunity! The



Plunge is a growing event that will be expanding this year and becomes more popular with every passing "dip"!



# Super Shots

Dec. - Feb.

The state Jaycees have been working with the Minnesota Timberwolves and NBA to get this basketball skills competition launched into the stratosphere and are making good progress. It is the basketball version of the Punt, Pass and Kick or Pitch, Hit and Run. Bemidji is looking to hold our local event sometime between now and the end of February and we are looking for a chairperson to run this fun, fast and easy event! If you are a new member looking to get involved, this may be just what you've been looking for! Contact President Dawn for more information!

# Individual Development

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Hello Jaycees!

First off I would like to thank everyone who attended my last social of the year-the appropriately name Last Hoorah Social-which took place before then general membership meeting in November. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time and the food was delicious thank you to Darwin and April Bohlman, Don and Leslie Heinonen, Dawn Palmer, Ryan Thomas (with assistance by Kelli Hasbrouck), and myself (with assistance from Rick Francisco) for providing food.

Looking ahead to the December and January months it is time again for convention, which means it is also time for competitions. This year's Annual Convention will be held from January 8-10 in Bloomington, Minnesota. Annual Convention is part on-to completion and part portfolio competition, meaning that if you are interested in competing in Brownfield (for those Jaycees highly active and still in their first 18 months of membership), Armbruster (for those Jaycees that are highly active and have been a member for more than a year), and last but not least Mungenast (for a Jaycee family be it husband and wife, brother and sister, single parent with children, etc. that has been active and would like to run for a 'family of the year' type award) you should let me know ASAP. I can give you more information about those competitions and your submission is due to your Regional Director by December 10<sup>th</sup> and your State Staff by December 16<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who has helped me during this year from attending socials, to preparing food for socials, to participating in any of the events I've chaired, to putting up with my elevated stress levels on these dates (especially Prez Dawn-thanks mom, Rick Francisco-love you babe, and Leslie Heinonen-your food is always appreciated☺) it has been an experience for sure!

*To win at Bingo in the old days you had to ring a bell. That's where the "bing" comes from.*

## State Delegate

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## Upcoming Calendar

12/1- Board Meeting 6PM at Jaycee Office  
12/2- Polar Plunge Meet 6PM at Cattails  
12/15- General Meeting 7PM at Elks Club

## 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 greatest treasure lies in human personality;  
And that service to humanity is the *best work of life!*

Hello Jaycees!

This year has flown by and its time already to get ready for the 2010 Annual Convention. This year it will be held in Bloomington, MN at the Embassy Suites Hotel on January 8-10. It is always a great time and we would love for you to join us welcome in the new board and escort out the old.

If you are interested in going you can register by contacting me and making your own reservations by calling 952-884-4811.

## Check Us Out!

Did you know that the Bemidji Jaycees have a webpage? Yeah! We've been kicked into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and has some NEW updates to show you! Log-on and see: [www.bemidjijaycees.com](http://www.bemidjijaycees.com)

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](http://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 (Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>) at the Elks Club. Anybody and everybody is welcome to attend!

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*Camel-hair brushes are made from squirrel tails*

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