

BEMIDJI JAYCEES INKSLINGER

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From Your President Dawn Palmer



Hello Fellow Jaycees!

Wow! Where is the time going? School is in session once again and that means that scary projects are just around the corner. This year will be the Third Annual Morbid Social at the Heinonen's. I don't know what kind of things we will learn or eat this year, but I'm looking forward to it! I am (along with my son) looking forward to the Haunted Corn Maze again this year. This is a neat project that Dave Geiger spearheaded last year and we will keep the tradition going again this year. People pick on my height, but who else can hide behind dried up, shrunken corn without bending or stooping? Thank you Don, Leslie and Dave for keeping up the traditions!

September flew by and we were kept busy with other events. Thank you to the members who helped at the various projects that went on over the past month or so: Dave Geiger for heading up Night Games almost ALL

summer; Randi Su for chairing local Punt, Pass & Kick; Rick Francisco for chairing sectional Punt, Pass & Kick; Sam Rich for chairing the Progressive Dinner; Crystal Hegg for putting together the Meet and Greet social prior to elections; Char Blashill and Don Heinonen for putting together the tent raising for the County/United Way fundraiser; Amy Winkelman for continuing to send out cards, flowers, and gifts through the Sunshine Club and to that "special someone" who I probably missed and don't know it. We are all important!

With all that is going on in our busy lives, it's very easy to forget what the Jaycees can do for us: personally, professionally, as a community and as a nation. Please take a couple of minutes to reflect on what we have done in our community, what we and other Jaycees have done around our great state and then what could be done through the country. How many Presidents of the United States were previously Jaycees? The answer is probably surprising. Look elsewhere in this newsletter to see some local statistics regarding Jaycees' volunteer hours.

True story: Last month someone I've known for about seven years used my name as a personal reference on a job application. I explained to his would-be boss that I didn't know this person's work history, but I chaired the second longest running Jaycees project in the state and when I asked his person to do something for me, he did – without complaint. Turns out this would-be boss had been a Grand Rapids Jaycee. No lie, when he found out this person was a member of our chapter he told me, "That tells me a lot. If he passes the background check, I'm hiring him." And, he did.

With Jaycee Pride,
Dawn Palmer
76th President
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If a mackerel stops swimming, it dies.

In Recognition...

Board Member of the Month: It's a mystery...

General Member of the Month: Kristi Albright

Overall Member of the Month: Dave Geiger

Bonehead of the Month: President Dawn...again!

Members of the Month receive their special awards for going above and beyond to help our local president and chapter. You too can be a member of the month by doing things to help out in our chapter, thereby helping your family, neighbors, and community.

Management Development

April Bohlman

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Hello Jaycees!

The F.B.I has been notified. The I.R.S. is claiming she owes them money. The C.I.A. has disavowed EVERYTHING! Has anyone seen this woman? Anyone? Bueller?

2010 Board Elections

The elections were held just after the September general meeting. Congratulations to our elected board for the coming year. Vacant slots may still be appointed. Please contact the President-elect if you are interested in the position.

President: RandiSu Tanem

Management V-P: Amanda Vincent-Anderson

Community V-P: OPEN

Individual V-P: OPEN

Membership V-P: Kristi Albright

Public Relations V-P: Karen Ganetta

Secretary: OPEN

Treasurer: Char Blaschill

Directors: Dan "Toilet" Kohler, Darvin Bohlman, Ryan Thomas, Dave Geiger, Derek Mulcan, Gabe Norby, Kim Williams, Kelli Hasbrouck

Fall All-State Convention

The Bemidji Jaycees walked tall and proud and in the top ten! Thanks to all who helped the Jaycees shine so bright at the event and for all that you do. For those who went, here's hoping that you had a blast! We'll see you at the annual convention in January!

Annual Convention

Jan. 8 - 10

If you missed the fun in Alexandria a few weeks back, you 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!

The tallest pyramid on Earth is the Transamerica Pyramid in San Francisco

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Speaking of scary Dave, he's been playing with kids at our new weekly thing – Night Games. Well, not him alone, but in conjunction with the city and Boys & Girls Club, Dave has been giving kids in the Bemidji area a safe option for play at Diamond Point Park on Thursday nights.

Finally, thanks to the hard work of Crystal Hegg and Kristi Albright, we will be donating \$600 to Relay for Life.



Poker Night

TBA

Hello Jaycees!

My sincere apologies in advance for not being better about writing stuff for this newsletter. You'd think a dude with a B.S. from BSU in mass communications (BS) would be better about communicating with his peeps. OK. Did that sound as turbo-dumb as I think it did?

My point is, I've forgotten to thank lots of people along the way (thanks, people) and to alert you to the goings on that are ongoing within the Bemidji Jaycees. And what are we without our volunteers? Nothing. And if we have no volunteers for our events, then what do we have to show for it? Not much.

Thanks, to all who I've forgotten to thank:

Sam Rich deserves a pat on the back for chairing the county fair. Although numbers aren't final, it seems that we did quite well as an organization. As VP, I also want to take a moment to thank Sam for chairing more events under my umbrella than anyone including myself. She's a credit to her species, whatever that may be. (Just kidding, Sam. Please don't kill me.)

Randi Su Tanem is steadfastly plugging away at this year's local Punt, Pass & Kick competition in conjunction with Bemidji State University on Sept. 26. Rick Francisco will chair the regional competition, which our chapter is hosting on Oct. 3.

With the eerie sounds of Rob Zombie music and flashes of B-level slasher flicks playing in my head, my mind has turned also toward the Haunted Corn Maze, which will again be at Lazy Acres Pumpkin Patch Oct. 16-17, 23-24 and 30-31. If you'd like to help stain the underpants of many a soul, talk to Dave "The Ghoul" Geiger, who is once again plotting the scores of scares.



Many asking for the September poker night date, but as yet, there is not one. Stay tuned to the weekly reminders for details. However, as of now, the poker nights will be STRICTLY on a RSVP basis. If you do not notify in advance, don't expect a

spot to be waiting for you. Likewise, if we have a low number of RSVPs, the event will be called-off for the month. The drill's the same; \$10 to play, you play till you bust. Call 444-2788 to RSVP!



PUNT, PASS AND KICK

OCT. 3

The local competition was this past weekend and was a rousing success! Thanks for all who came out and helped us out. And while you're all in the helping mood, Rick Francisco is chairing sectionals on Oct. 3rd at the BHS football field at 10AM. It's a fun, fast and easy event so if you missed the local event, please come on out and help us bring the game to area kids!



In 1900, tobacco was illegal in fourteen states

First City of Lights

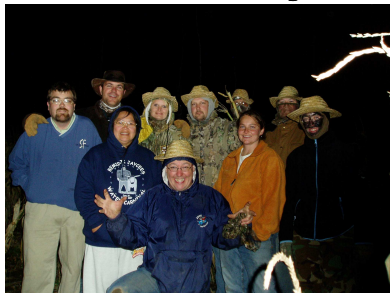
Nov. 27

Yes, we do realize that the grass is still green and that that there has been no sighting of Santa just yet, but our mini Paul and Babe are just itching to meet the public among the lights and garland stringing Beltrami Ave. Interested in making the Jaycees shine bright as a holiday tree? Contact President Dawn!

Haunted Corn Maze

October 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 & 31

Is it this close already? The Pick-A-Pumpkin Patch is already open for fall business and the maze is already being walked. All the guests need now is to be STALKED! In just a few short weeks, we'll be there to greet and terrorize the masses! On



any night that you plan to arrive and help out, please ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 5:30 and ready to go! Please dress for the elements as it got a tad wet last year. The darker your outfit, the better. Costumes will be provided to you walking

dead. The Pick-A-Pumpkin Patch is south of Bemidji off of South Lake Plantagenet Rd. at 47517 229th Ave. Hop on to the website below for more information. Any questions, please call Dave at 444-2788 for details and to let him know that you're coming!

www.pickapumpkinpatch.com

Polar Plunge

January

Last year, this event swelled to its largest, frankly unexpected size? For this installment, we're thinking bigger! This is one of the highlights of the Brrrmidji Polar Days and one that we will prepare to rise to the challenge! If you are interested in chairing this event, contact President Dawn.



Individual Development

Sam Rich

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Hello Jaycees!

First off I would like to thank everyone who attended my September progressive dinner social! (While it hasn't happened yet I'm sure everyone had fun and it was worth the effort.)

Looking ahead to the October month I am hoping to have a scavenger hunt social October 20th before the general membership meeting. I am asking that everyone meet at the Elk's Lodge at 6pm and we will divide into 2 competing teams to see who can get their items and get back first! The items we will be collecting I will then package and send to Afghanistan to one of our troops. Please plan to attend, the pre-meeting social in September never happened because only 1 member showed (Thank you Shannon). Speaking of socials... I have just one big one left, to take place in November and if you have any ideas what you would like to do so learn about let me know!

While the end of the year is quickly upon us I still appreciate input, helping to foster any ideas, and am willing to answer any question sent my way. Remember I am here to help you learn and to learn myself, so don't be afraid to ask!

Morbid Social

Oct. 10

Its time to get into that spooky mood and have an early Halloween party! As in years past, its also educational on the...um.....morbid side of life. The fun will follow the willies! Come on out to Don and Leslie's at 415 Gould Ave. at 5PM and bring your morbid smile!

The oldest living thing on Earth: a 2,600-year-old redwood tree in California

Membership Development

Until the end of the Jaycee year, for every new member signed in to the Jaycees your name will be entered into a drawing for a Blu-Ray disc player. Sign three members, your name is entered three times. Drawing at Annual Convention.

Sign five or ten members and get a special membership pin.

For every new member signed in to the Jaycees, your name will be entered into a drawing for \$100. For every renewed member, excluding renewal of any board members (either currently serving or elected to serve) or state staff, your name will be entered in to a \$50 drawing. This will happen on a monthly basis until December and the money & applications MUST be turned in to President Dawn before Minnesota Jaycee closeout.

New members can be signed for \$35 and the Chapter will subsidize the other \$20. Please, please, if you sign a member at this reduced rate of \$35, make sure they understand they will be expected to renew at the regular member rate.

If you bring a prospective member to a membership social, you receive a \$5 gift card. If you sign that member at the event, you and your newly signed Jaycee with both receive a \$10 gift card.

Check Us Out!

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

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 (Oct. 20th) at the Elks Club. Anybody and everybody is welcome to attend!

Upcoming Calendar

10/3- PPK Sectionals 10AM at BHS field
10/6- Board Meet 6PM at Jaycees Office
10/10- Morbid Social 5PM at 415 Gould Ave.
Fri. & Sat 10/16 - 31- Corn Maze 5:30 at Pumpkin Patch
10/20- Scavenger Hunt 6PM at Elks Club
10/20- 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!*

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60% of American men say that they normally eat a hotdog in five bites or less

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