

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 31

Blue Ox Novice Bonspiel

February 2

Superb Owl Social

February 4

February Board Meeting

February 8

Brrrmidji Plunge

February 11

Water Carnival Planning Meeting

February 15

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

February 18

February General Meeting

March 4

March Board Meeting

March 18

St. Patrick's Day Potluck Social
March General Meeting

April 4-6

Home, Sport & Travel Show

FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings!

I'm Ryan Thomas, your 2014 Bemidji Jaycees' President, hopefully the favorite one you'll have this year.

When I joined the Jaycees I did so because I was asked. I attended a few meetings over the next year, but when my membership was up the next year I didn't bother to send in my renewal.

A year or two passed and I started my own business and felt it was important to join the Jaycees in the name of public relations, if only so I could say I was a member of stuff. Months went by. I attended no meetings and didn't bother to even read the newsletter, which I'm sure was great.

My Jaycee career changed drastically, and for the better I may add, when someone I somewhat knew reached out to me, desperately asking for help in the Water Carnival headquarters trailer. She and I are now very good friends and I'm the president of this fine organization.

My point in all this is that as your president I would like to get more people involved with our community service "the best work of life." I'm uninterested and unmotivated by statewide awards or recognition, which place great importance on numbers.

Please, if you're reading this, we would love your help at events (less so at meetings, though they are great places to increase your knowledge of socials and projects). My hope is that shortly we will plant a calling tree so as to reach out to you. You can follow us on Facebook, too, or find out events on our new website BemidjiJaycees.com, or sign up for our text club by texting BemidjiJC to 77948.

I don't want to be too long winded, but I'll let you know about a couple things coming up in the very near future. At 5 pm on Super Bowl Sunday there's a Superb Owl Social, read that food and beverages at the home of Brad & Eva Fisher. Call me for information and directions. At 8 am on February 8, we will begin cutting the hole for the 10th Annual Brrrmidji Plunge, which begins at 1 pm off shore from the Green Mill. We need help for that. Thank you to Sam & Caren Smith for chairing it once again.

In Jaycee Pride,

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INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT VP

Hello fellow Jaycees! I am Twila Bolte and I will be your Individual Development Vice President for 2014! I am super excited to be working with you all, so please don't hesitate to ask or share any ideas you may have for individual development opportunities.

I am a former Jaycee that has re-signed after taking a break to raise a family and go back to school. I am happy to see so many new faces and to reconnect with some 'old' friends as well.

I am here to help so if you have any questions on competitions, or achieving your degrees in the passport to leadership, feel free to email me or give me a call!

Can't wait to see what this year has in store for the Bemidji Jaycees and I look forward to working with you all!

With Jaycee Pride,
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT VP

Hello all! I'm happy to be part the Bemidji Jaycees for 2014! I look forward to this years events and activities, and the challenges and excitement that comes with them. Also as a relatively new member, I look forward to meeting and working with more fellow Jaycees members. I am excited to be part of the

Bemidji community and help serve as I can. If there is anything I can do for you let me know. You can reach me at levihaar79@gmail.com. Thanks, and lets have a great 2014!

Levi Haar



PUBLIC RELATIONS VP

Warm greetings to all of my fellow Jaycees. My name is Stacey Bahr and I'll be your PR VP for 2014. I'm not only a new board member, but I'm a brand new Jaycee as well, so this is truly a trial-by-fire for me! I'm eager to be your PR VP as I come from a marketing background being a graphic designer with 15 years in "the biz." My goal this year is to attract new members and new involvement through some viral marketing campaigns on Facebook and Twitter, and through this purdy little newsletter you are currently perusing. Be sure to "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter - as soon as I get around to signing us up ;). I'm hoping to make us #awesome and #phenomenal and #doesanyoneelsehatehashtagsasmuchasIdo?

At any rate, 2014 is already looking to be a fantastic year for our organization, and I'm very happy to be a part of it. If there is anything you'd like to see in this newsletter (remember, I'm a newbie, so I'd love some feedback) or if you have some marketing ideas for me, contact me at either bemidjinewsletters@yahoo.com or my personal email stacer_b@yahoo.com.

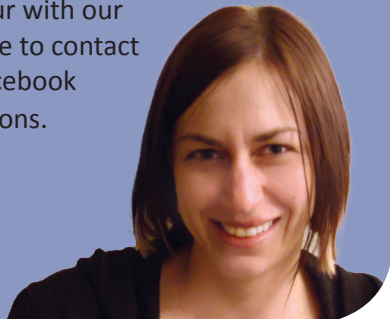
#Jayceepride,
Stacey Bahr
2014 PR VP



MEMBERSHIP VP

Hello, I'm Missy Malone and I'm your 2014 Membership VP. I've been a Jaycee for just about a year and look forward to working with you all and helping out in the community. I'm looking for help and guidance from everyone, looking to add to our Jaycee family some new faces to help our with our events. Feel free to contact me through Facebook with any questions.

Missy Malone
Membership VP



11TH ANNUAL BEMIDJI
JAYCEES BRRRMIDJI PLUNGE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need 3 set-up volunteers to arrive at 8am

Set up volunteers help clear the area, set up the fence and arrange the warming houses.

**We need 3 registration volunteers
to arrive at 10:30am**

Registration volunteers register jumpers, take pledge money and hand out t-shirts.

**We need 4-6 volunteers at
12:30-end of event**

The jump starts promptly at NOON.

**All volunteers will need to stick around
after the jump to help clean up.**

**Contact Caren at 218-368-7186
(cell - call or text)
or 218-657-2420 (home)**

**We are also in need of some supplies in
the form of a construction trailer and 2 fish
houses. If you have something like this,
please contact Caren!**

STATE PRIORITY PROJECTS



State Delegate Brad Fisher working in the Weigh-In Tent at the Brainerd Jaycees \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza on January 25.



On January 20 the Bemidji Jaycees gave a check for \$750 to the Beltrami County Fair Board. From left are Jaycee Eva Fisher, Beltrami County Fair Board President Vern Holzhuetter and Jaycees Ryan Thomas and Char Blashill.



At the January convention Awards Banquet. Aren't we a foxy bunch?

Can Do Canines

Can Do Canines is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs in the areas of, Diabetes, Autism, Hearing, Seizure, and Mobility Assist Dogs. All assistance dogs are provided to the client at no charge. At the 2012 Fall Convention, Can Do Canines was voted as a Minnesota Jaycees priority project for 2013-2014.

For more information on how to work on behalf of Can Do Canines contact cdvp@mnjaycees.org
Visit www.can-do-canines.org

Donate online:

www.razoo.com/story/Can-Do-Canines

A chapter can:

- Coordinate a fundraiser for them
- Pull together a group of Jaycees in your area to raise puppies for Can Do Canines
- Help them recruit volunteers

Aliveness Project

The Aliveness Project is a community center located in South Minneapolis that provides services and programs to the HIV/AIDS community. Since 1985, The Aliveness Project has been a community resource and active leader in the HIV community in Minnesota. What started out as a small group of people gathering to share potluck meals has grown into a membership organization that now serves one out of four Minnesotans living with HIV/AIDS!

At the 2013 Fall Convention, the Aliveness Project was voted as a Minnesota Jaycees priority project for 2014-2015.

For more information on how to work on behalf of the Aliveness Project contact cdvp@mnjaycees.org
Visit <http://www.aliveness.org>

Donate online: <http://www.aliveness.org/donate>

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WE BELIEVE:

That faith in God gives meaning
and purpose to human life;

That the brotherhood of man tran-
scends 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 men;

That earth's greatest treasure lies
in human personality;

And that service to humanity is
the best work of life.

- C. William Brownfield



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