

**FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S DESK**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October 4**



Punt, Pass & Kick  
Sectionals  
BSU - 9AM

**October 7**

October Board of Directors Meeting  
6PM - Jaycees Office

**October 21**

Oct. General Membership Meeting  
Peanut Room, Cattails - 6:30PM

**October 26-31**

House of Horrors  
Bemidji Jaycees Haunted House  
Peanut Room, Cattails

**November 1**

**MORBID!**

Greetings!

In case you missed it, our arms are tired. You see, at the state's Fall Convention, we carried home a stack and a half of awards. In addition to walking third in the parade of chapters, we brought home numerous clubwide and individual awards. Eva Fisher, Brad Fisher, Twila Bolte, Carrie Johnson, Char Blashill, Don Heinonen and Leslie Heinonen all were recognized for their positions within the Jaycees, and for projects they ran over the course of the last quarter.

As I told you in the beginning of the year — and I know you locked away in your vault — I'm not out for the awards. Awards are the product of hard work, and the proof is in the Jello pudding pops. I'm very proud of all the work we've done and the personal growth I've seen in each of you (yes, YOU reading this at home).

We still have a lot of things coming up to round out the year. Just this month we'll be hosting (or will have hosted) the Sectional Punt, Pass & Kick competition, a scare your pants off haunted house — so bad you'll have to sign a waiver to go through it, and I'm not even kidding about that — and it's all capped off by the world famous Morbid Social on November 1. Regarding Morbid, you'll need to wear a costume or one will be provided you. If you're the least bit timid, you'll not want the provided costume. Also, there will be designated drivers.

There is help needed for set up, operation and tear down of the haunted house. If you have any questions or thoughts on that, please contact me or co-chairs Char (766-4258) or Eva (766-8325).

As always, please come to our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. We are now meeting in the Peanut Room at Cattails. Meetings start at 6:30 and are a great way to find out more about what we're doing.

In Jaycee Spirit,  
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## INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

How cool are we? I am amazed at what all the Jaycees accomplish. Just look at this past convention and all of the individuals and projects that were awarded and recognized. Look at our amazing Outstanding Young Minnesotan representative, Brian Ophus and all that he has accomplished. We are a force to be reckoned with, just think of what we could get done if we worked together and put our minds to it!

Many of you know, that "service to humanity" is my passion. That is why I have the best "job" ever! I serve with Americorps and at this past convention I was yet again reminded of how key the Jaycees are and how much our worlds overlap. Did you know that one of the Americorps founder's, past Senator Durenberger, was a Jaycee?! If he was able to come together with other key politicians, even ones from across the aisle ;) and form something as amazing as Americorps that is still affecting our country, our people and even me, 20 years later, think of what you could do in your Jaycee career! Think About where you want to be in 5 years. Personal and professional. Can the Jaycees help you accomplish that? I would like to try! If you have any questions on degrees, competitions or anything that you think you might like to see us do at a meeting or ID college, Please let me know!

*In Jaycee Pride,  
Twila Bolte, Individual Development Vice President  
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## Why did YOU join the Jaycees?

I was recently asked why I joined the Jaycees. Caught off guard and not expecting this conversation, I initially stumbled through my response. As I continued my conversation with this individual, although it was choppy, they did decide to join the chapter. This conversation — and eye opener — caused me to sit back later that evening and think deeply about why I really did join the Jaycees, and how I could share this with others.

I thought back to the day that I went to meet up with friends, who were current Jaycees. I saw how happy they were, how connected they were. It was something I was missing in my life. I had my small family, I had a rewarding career, I had a roof over my head, but I wasn't complete. What did I have to do? I asked about joining the Jaycees.

That day, I was signed up as a new member to the Bemidji Jaycees, and went to my first convention the following weekend. I haven't looked back since. I took my new adventure and ran with it. The people I have met, not only here in Bemidji, but on the state level, are wonderful, motivating, and inspiring people. I have gotten to see how we impact our community, and surrounding area. I have been mentored, and given further confidence to become a stronger leader. I now feel closer to complete.

*Carrie Johnson*



# 2014 Fall All-State Convention



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## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Fellow Jaycees, we are in need of some help! Due to the continued development of the south shore of Lake Bemidji, we are no longer able to launch our 4th of July fireworks show from land. We are in great need of 6-8 pontoons, donated, that can be stripped down to their platforms to form a launching pad that we can put on the water. If you have one, or know of someone who has one, please contact Char Blashill at 218-766-4258.

We will be lending our services to Lakeland Public Television's annual pledge drive on Monday, September 8, from 7-10pm, so be sure to watch for us and call in with your pledge to our local public television station!

Also, any Jaycees that are in town on September 13 and not attending convention, we would love your help at this year's Punt Pass and Kick contest, starting at 9am at BSU.

***In Jaycee Spirit ~ Stacey Bahr, Public Relations VP***

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## JAYCEE CREED

### 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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