

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 20

Jaycee General Membership Meeting
6:30pm

Sunday, September 25

Adopt A Highway Clean Up
10:00am

Tuesday, September 27

First City of Lights Meeting
6:00pm

Tuesday, October 6

Board of Directors Meeting
6:00pm

Tuesday, October 13

First City of Lights Meeting
6:00pm

Tuesday, October 20

Jaycee General Membership Meeting
6:30pm

Saturday, October 22

I.D. College
MN Northwest Foundation
RSVP, 9:00am

Tuesday, October 27

First City of Lights Meeting
6:00pm

Hello Fellow Jaycees!

I just wanted to thank you all for a wonderful year so far. I really appreciate all YOU do in this chapter. I hope to see you all out at any of upcoming projects, such as; The Adopt A Highway pick up, ID College on October 22, the Paint 'N Sip (the date is still TBD), or The Night We Light as well as other events coming up. We also have General Membership Meetings every month and various other small projects that are bound to pop up. Of course, in January we have our Annual State Convention where we get together with other chapters around the state and celebrate our achievements together. If you are interested in going, please contact our State Delegate, Eva Fisher. We are a never-ending group, always moving, growing and doing amazing things for our community and individuals.

We just had our Fall All State Convention this past weekend and many people from our Chapter were recognized for all of the hard they have done so far this year. Congratulations to the many individuals that received an award. You were all very deserving. Also congrats to our Junior Chapter who also received recognition for being the top Junior Chapter in the State! You all definitely deserved it.

I have had the opportunity to meet many of you throughout this year so far but if I have not had the chance to say to you at some point please don't be afraid to come to the next event and say, "Hi!" I hope you are all fulfilling your hopes and dreams as I have had the chance to fulfill many of mine during this year. Have a great fall and again, Thank you!

In Jaycee Pride,

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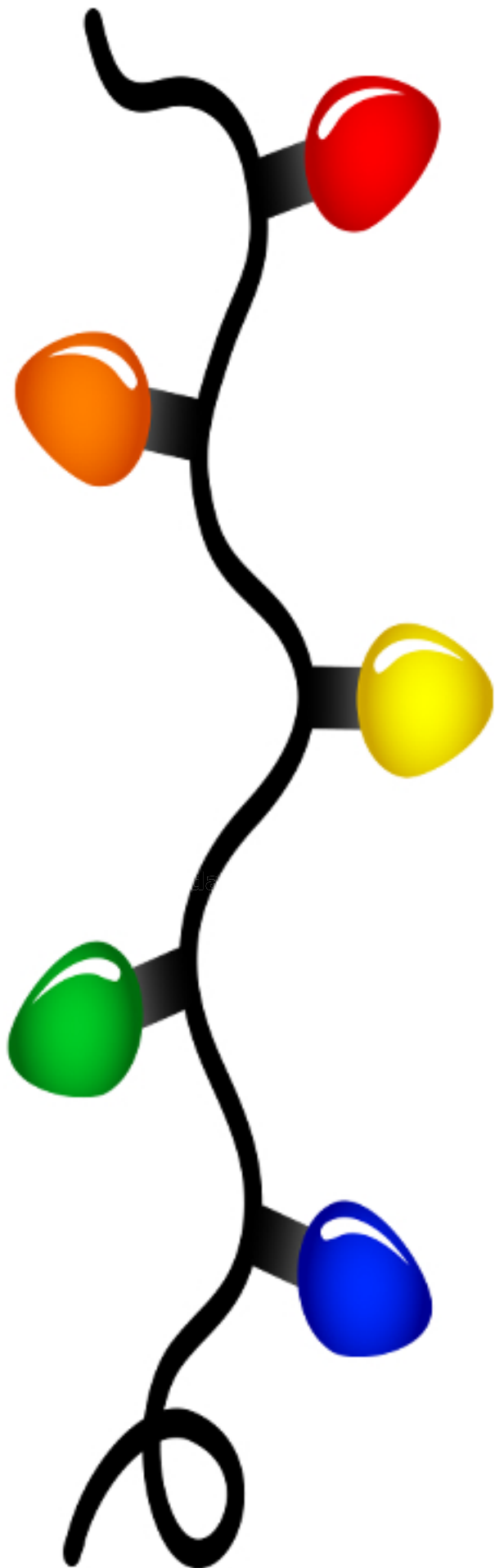
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The Bemidji Junior Jaycees is a group unlike any other group in town. We are creating positive change both in our community and within ourselves every week, and we have a really fun time doing it! Our kids are learning a lot about compassion as we work to investigate the needs of our community and the struggles our neighbors are facing. We are then able to do something about it, which is an amazing thing to watch and creates an enormous feeling of pride within our kids. A perfect example of this was our recognition of food insecurity as an issue in our area so we raised and donated money to the local Backpack Buddies program which provides non-perishable food to school age children. As their confidence grows so does their desire to take on larger scale projects, which is exactly what we will be working on this fall and into the winter. Working with the adult chapter and learning how to run projects has prepared us to create a project of our own. Planning begins this month, so now is the perfect time to get involved with the Junior Jaycees!

Nicole Mckinnon-Crenshaw
2016 CDVP and Junior Jaycee Mentor



In Jaycee Pride,



Tis the season to be thinking Christmas, fellow Jaycees! The 20th Annual First City of Lights Celebration is currently in the planning process for the Night We Light Celebration. We have many ideas to celebrate the 20th anniversary milestone. We invite all members to join in and bring any ideas to our upcoming meetings.

We will be holding our first ever press conference, on September 20 at the Paul Bunyan Park Plaza at 2:00pm, announcing to the public our plans for expansion of the First City of Lights as well as show off our new street light decorations.

We have a fantastic partnership with the City of Bemidji, who will be donating all of the labor and electricity for the Christmas City Lights display at Paul Bunyan Park and Library Park. The City of Bemidji is also investing in the installation of our new streetlight decorations along Highway 197 (Paul Bunyan Drive). The Bemidji Chamber of Commerce has also partnered with us on helping us make Bemidji Christmas City! The Chamber will be taking care of all of our mailings and helping us fundraise for this year's Christmas Light display.

The Night We Light Parade and Celebration will be held on Friday, November 25, beginning at 6:00pm.

Josh Peterson
Public Relations VP
First City of Lights Chairman

