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2009 President

Hello Jaycees,

Yippee! Spring has finally sprung! And right around the corner is a whole boatload of projects! The next couple of months are so full of projects, meetings, socials, softball and Riverfest! It's a little bit crazy!

First off in April, we have the Chicken Q on the 2nd. From 11-6 at the VFW on 6th St., you can get a delicious chicken dinner for just \$7. Spread the word! And if you can help out with deliveries or putting together the dinners we would greatly appreciate it. Our next project is Neighbor's Day. From the mail I have been getting from the PO box, we will have a very busy day. At the end of the month 10-12 of us will be heading down to Lancaster for the WI Jaycees Indoor Olympics. We will apply our skills to several games played in bars such as Fool's Ball, pool, darts and I even heard mention of Flippy (Tippy) Cup! I know La Crosse will rule at that one!

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In May, we have decided to once again work the Big Bikes for Little Tykes on May 16th. We will serve food and drinks to several hundred bikers who are out raising funds on a run. We make a little money on this project, but the main focus is donating our time so most of the funds will go to the child that The Rock Fund has chosen for this year. If you have some time between 1pm-6pm to come help out, it would be great to see you. We will also be running the Pitch, Hit & Run competition on May 6th. We will end the month on the 30th with a Road Rally, think Amazing Race/Scavenger Hunt. Look for more details on that shortly.

Next thing you know, it is summertime! Make sure you are marking your calendars for Habitat for Humanity on June 6th, Walkin' for Wishes on the 13th, the Family Picnic on the 16th, Riverfest set-up on the 27th and 28th. July starts out with Riverfest from the 1st thru the 5th. And then, the La Crosse Jaycees are hosting a state camping/game weekend called Superstars from July 24-26th. Jeff Treder is chairing this project, so be ready for some crazy games! (continued to page 2)

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As you can see, we have LOTS going on. I hope that they sound like fun events to you and that we will see you one or all of them! Several of them will require us all pulling together and rolling up our sleeves to do some work. Others will require a little work and then we can all have some fun. If you are not sure what some of these projects are, please ask a board member, we can fill you in. Although, we may be busy, there is always room for more. If you have some ideas of projects, either for the community or for the chapter, or socials or ID courses, please let us know. We are always open to trying something new. Thank you for being a La Crosse Jaycee. I hope that you are getting the most out of the opportunities that are out there for you.

In Jaycees,
Laurie



Chairman of the Board

Hello Jaycees!

Things are looking up as our chapter heads into April! The weather is warming up, many projects are starting up, and even our membership is up! Currently our chapter is plus five! Congratulations to those who were able to sign new members, those who renewed their membership, and of course welcome to all of our new members!

Let's keep the positive momentum going into the summer! One way to do so is to invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to any of your chapter's upcoming events. Show them a good time, and what your chapter has to offer!

Go La Crosse!!!
Kyle Olson
Chairman of the board



Management VP

Hello Fellow Jaycees!

Spring has finally sprung, and a sure sign that it has arrived is...

Chicken

Q!! Our first Chicken Q for the year is going to be on April 2nd at the VFW on 6th and Market Streets. Make sure you buy your tickets and get all of your co-workers and friends to but them as well! Thanks again to Zach Geier for chairing this project! Who's up for a road trip?

We are planning a Road Rally for May 30th. So start getting your teams together for a fun scavenger hunt! I am going to chair this project, so I will need a few people who want to be on the committee to help with the planning. These are always a fun time, so mark your calendars!!!

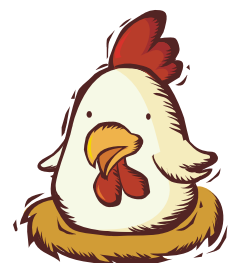
Kristie Arens
Management Development VP



Community Director

Don't forget, our Chicken Q is Thursday, April 2nd! A big thank you for everyone that helped sell dinners and/or signed up to work! Thanks also go out to those that came and watched/supported those of us crazy enough to do the Polar Plunge and also Bowl for Kids Sake! April is filled with several fun activities...Neighbors Day on April 18th is sure to be a day full of hard work, but the good we are doing is more than words can say.

Zach Geier
Community Director



Neighbor's Day

Get ready to put on your work boots and roll up your sleeves. It's time for another Neighbors Day!

La Crosse Neighbors Day will be Saturday, April 18th at La Crosse City Hall. This is a great opportunity for the members of the community to help our elderly and disabled neighbors spruce up their yards for spring. The Jaycees are in charge of running the tool shed. We will be handing out the tools to the volunteers and then checking them in when they return from their jobs. If you would like to help out, please contact me or sign up at an upcoming membership meeting. The hours would be 7:30 am until approximately 2 pm. A very light breakfast and light lunch will also be available for all volunteers.

I am also going to need a few people to help put together the volunteer packets. I am thinking that we might tentatively schedule this for Tuesday, April 14th. But look for an email closer to the date!! I hope to see you all bright and early at City Hall on the 18th!!



Heather Suby
Neighbor's Day Chairperson

Tidbit from the Treasurer

Monthly Update from the Treasurer,

Can you believe that we are a quarter of the way through 2009? Spring is already here. One update that I want let everyone know, in case you missed the last couple meetings, about is regarding reimbursements/checks. I must have 24 hours notice before I disperse any check. This allows for better tracking of our funds. Thank you for your consideration on this matter. Hope to see you at a meeting this month!

Jason Arens
Treasurer



Habitat for Humanity®

This year we have decided to add a new project under Community Development. I am excited to announce that we will be helping with one of the Habitat for Humanity homes in Holmen on **Saturday, June 6th**. What a great chapter we have!!! Already, there are 12 member signed up and ready to roll up their sleeves, pick up a hammer and build!!! I think this shows how dedicated we are to the community and I think we will have a lot of fun, too!! Please attend an upcoming general membership meeting for more details and to sign up to help!!!

Heather Suby
Community VP

March for Babies

May 9th we will be participating in March for Babies through March of Dimes. When you walk, you give hope to the families of babies born too soon or sick. The money we will raise supports programs in our community that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. And it funds research to find answers to the serious problems that threaten our babies. March of Dimes has been walking since 1970 and have raised an incredible \$1.8 billion to benefit all babies. March for Babies takes place in more than 900 communities across the country. You'll be joining 1 million people walking with their families or co-workers.

This will be my 3rd year participating in this walk and it is for such a great cause. If you'd like to join the team, please visit <http://www.marchforbabies.org/> and click join team. Our team name is Jaycees of La Crosse.

Suzie Goyette
March of Team Captain



Membership VP

Welcome to the Jaycees four new members Adam Binsfeld, Kimberly Grosskopf, Meghann Obieglo, and Rhett Rykal who joined in March.

For April we had both members renew, thank you for renewing!!!

Here are the members that are due for May:

- Kelly Goyette
- Monica Hauser

May renewals are due by April 10th.

Members due for June are:

- Erin Morrison

June renewals are due by May 10th.

If you know of anyone that would like to join the Jaycees bring them to a meeting, project or social to show them what we do in the Jaycees.

Donella Sarauer
Membership VP



Membership Director

Hello Jaycees,

Hope all of you had an awesome St. Patty's day and yippy spring is finally here! We have tons of awesome events coming up this Spring, Summer, and Fall so if anyone has any questions or just wants to hangout or has a potential friend who is interested in what the Jaycees has to offer them and get the "411" on what the Jaycees have been doing lately or will be doing to make a difference in our area give me a call at 608-385-8924. I am always available.

Jason Mickelson
Membership Development Director

Social Director

Hello everyone,
We have another fun month ahead of us! We are finally starting to see some nice weather and what better time for a road trip.....



April 4th we will be going on a gambling road trip. We will leave the South Side Shopko at 2:00 pm and work our way to the boat. Normally along the way we stop in a few of the small towns for a beverage. We will need some drivers. I will be giving each driver \$10.00 in Jaycee bucks and also the people in your car will help pay for gas.

The only expenses for you or guests to come along are gas money & any thing you want to spend on food, beverages or gambling. If you can make it or if you would like to be a driver please let me know.

We also have the Worlds largest office party coming up on April 23rd.



And I am sure we will go out to lunch after neighbor's day on the 18th.

We are also going to try something called Eat before we meet. On April 7th we will be meeting at 5:30 pm at Sloopy's . And on April 21st we will be meeting at 5:30 pm at Bucky's Burger barn.

Hope to see you at these events.

Barb Frahm

Upcoming news....

- More information will be coming out in the next newsletter regarding Softball. Please plan to come cheer on your La Crosse Jaycees team!
- A total of what sales were for MDA Shamrocks
- Big Bikes for Little Tykes

APRIL 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Chicken Q 11-6 VFW 630 6th Street	3	4 Gambling Social Meet at South Side Shopko at 2:00
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Jaycee Anniversaries</p> <p>Jeff Treder April 1994 (15 years) Amy Andress April 2006 (3 years)</p> </div>						
5	6	7 5:30 Eat before you meet at Sloopy's 5:30 WFW Meeting at Sloopy's 7:00 General Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Steve Petersen's B-day	16	17 Rhett Rykal's B-day	18 Neighbor's Day
19	20	21 5:30 Eat before you meet at Bucky's 7:00 General Meeting Liz Arihood's b-day	22	23 Worlds Largest Office Party	24 Indoor Olympics in Lancaster	25 Indoor Olympics in Lancaster
26	27	28 6:00 Board Meeting	29	30		



Superstars 2009

"Old MacDonald Had A Farm"

July 24-26, Hosted by The La Crosse Jaycees
River's Edge Campground, Galesville, WI.

The campground is located at the end of Pow Wow Lane, on the Black River, just off Hwy. 53, approximately 15 miles north of I-90 exit 4 in La Crosse. For campground information and amenities, please visit www.RiversEdgeCampgroundGalesville.com

Camping reservations are to be made through the La Crosse Jaycees via the registration form below. Check in will begin at 10am Friday. Check out will be by 3pm Sunday. All sites have electrical hook-up. Contact Laurie at 608-317-3046 if you require a "pull through" site or are interested in the weekend rental of a fully set up travel trailer (first come, first served).

Camping fees include the following in addition to the campground's normal amenities:

- Bar tokens for two free pitchers of beer in the bar with each night's site rental
 - Hand stamp/ wristband good for \$3 pitchers of beer in the bar all weekend.
 - Friday afternoon canoeing and kayaking I.D. at 3pm
 - Friday evening social with home made pizza and DJ/ Karaoke
 - Saturday lunch with beverages
 - Saturday night awards ceremony and costume social
 - Saturday night entertainment by "Heavy Water" (a classic rock/ rock/ country band)
- Jaycee Special Off Sale (carry out) beverages available from the bar: \$6 for 24 pack of soda, \$11.50 for 12 pack of beer, \$16.50 for 18 pack of beer, \$22 for 24 pack of beer.



Additional information: Optional events and competitions are planned throughout the weekend for additional fees, including multiple canoe trip opportunities with round trip transportation (bring your own equipment and canoe/ kayak for a discount). Poor weather contingency plans are in place with indoor I.D.s and competitions as well. Superstars competition will begin at 9:30am Saturday. Competition fees are for teams of 4-6 people. Campsite prices are for 4 person occupancy, with up to two additional persons allowed per site for additional fees.

Cut and send below with your payment

Chapter Name _____ Contact Name & Number _____
 Team members: 1) _____ 2) _____
 3) _____ 4) _____
 5) _____ 6) _____

Superstars 2009 Competition at \$25 per person x _____ persons listed above= \$ _____
 Camping site at \$28 for Friday night (4 people and 2 tents/ vehicles max)= \$ _____
 Camping site at \$28 for Saturday night (4 people and 2 tents/ vehicles max)= \$ _____
 Extra person at \$15 per person x _____ persons (2 max., covers both nights)= \$ -- _____
 Late fee assessment of \$25 (only for registrations mailed after June 23rd)= \$- _____
TOTAL: \$- _____

Please make check(s) payable to "La Crosse Jaycees" and mail to La Crosse Jaycees, PO Box 1234, La Crosse, WI 54602.

