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April Calendar

April 1

Bowl for Kids Sake at South Lanes

April 5

General Meeting at 7 p.m.

April 9

JCI WI Indoor Olympics, Oshkosh, WI

April 12

New Member Orientation at 7 p.m. at
JavaVino

April 16

Neighbor's Day, Black River Beach

April 19

General Meeting at 7 p.m.

April 24

Happy Easter!

April 26

Board Meeting 6 p.m.

important!

Attention to all current and future members of the Jaycees. We are moving our new member orientation from the Root Note to Java Vino. The time and day of the month will remain consistent we are simply changing the location. I am hoping that the new location will bring fresh faces and a new push for future members to get more involved. If you are currently not a member of the Jaycees and would like to learn more about who we are and what we do then please join us on April 12, 7 PM, at JavaVino 1505 Losey Blvd South, La Crosse, WI 54601. I would also like to welcome any current members to come and help us kick off the new location with a bang!

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SHAMROCK IT!!!

Thank you all so much for your support throughout our MDA fundraiser this year! Although, we did not get an early start on this project I feel that it was still a success and I am so happy we were able pull it all together. Even though we were not able to raise as much as last year we still raised an impressive amount of \$372 to go towards the Muscular Dystrophy Association. I would like to give a large shout out to our four hosts sites this year and they were Bennett O'Riley's, State Room, Sloopy's, and Boot Hill Pub. This year the award for raising the most money will go to Bennett O'Riley's. Thank you everyone for being such a great help toward making this project run smoothly. I could not have done it without your help!

Kelsey Schwartz and Dawn Tauges
Chairs



Membership Renewals

The following individuals are up for renewals in May. Please contact Jeff Steidl to make your renewal! jeff.steidl@toro.com

Ben Garrity
Ryan Miller
Michelle Pavlat
Heather Schmerse
Peter Wick

President's Message

We have a very full calendar in the next few months and there are many projects you can get involved with.

-Neighbor's Day/ April 16th- Contact Heather Suby or Sara Halberg

-Big Bikes for Little Tykes/ May 14th- Contact Alex Lueck

-Pit, Hit, and Run/ May 11th- Contact Martha Boehm

-Walking for Wishes and Rock Out Cancer/ June 11th- Contact Sara Halberg

As a chapter we must also hold events that raise money to sustain our chapter. One of these projects that we are looking to take place in the next month is a Chicken Q. Management is looking for a chair for this project, as we need to begin working on coordinating this event ASAP. **Please contact Kyle Olson if you are interested in chairing this necessary project.**

Hope everyone has had a great start to 2011. I know I am looking forward to helping out with our upcoming projects and hope to see all of you at least one of these events.

Kelly Goyette
2011 Jaycee President
"Building Unstoppable Leaders"

Community Updates

In just a few weeks time, we wrapped up several Community projects -- Polar Plunge, MDA Shamrocks, and Bowl for Kids' Sake.

Thanks to the chairs, participants, spectators, sponsors/donors and everyone who helped make these three projects a success!

Next up is Neighbors Day on Saturday, April 16th from 8am-2pm at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center. We'll need help in the tool shed and at registration. Encourage your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to volunteer - we help the elderly and disabled of La Crosse wash windows, rake lawns, trim shrubs, and turn gardens. A light breakfast and lunch are included!

On May 11th, we'll host the local Pitch, Hit, Run competition - contact Community Director, Martha Boehm, for more info.

We also have Big Bikes for Little Tikes on May 21st - contact project chair, Alex Lueck, for more info.

Thanks for a great first few months, Jaycees! I'm always reminded that "service to humanity is the best work of life" by the members of this organization!

Sara Halberg
Community VP



Secretary's Report

Looking forward to the Indoor Olympics coming up on April 9th in Oshkosh. This will be my 3rd year, and I am ready to have a great time. If you have never been, I highly suggest participating in next years event. Indoor Olympics consists of teams of 3 participating in various bar games in a variety of establishments in the host chapter's city. Team Australia (Kelly Goyette, Sara Halberg, and myself) from last year is now Team Sailing as we compete with other Olympic sports in a battle for the gold! The La Crosse Jaycees have the most teams going, including the host chapter! Go La Crosse Jaycees, and GO TEAM SAILING!!!

Kristie Arens
Secretary

Pitch, Hit, & Run

Kids ages 7-14 years-old from the La Crosse Area will have the opportunity to compete for a chance to go to Miller Park in Milwaukee, WI, and show off their baseball/softball skills this summer.

The La Crosse Parks & Recreation Department, along with the La Crosse Jaycees, are hosting this year's local "Pitch, Hit & Run" competition on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at Erickson Park on La Crosse's South Side. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. The competition will begin at 6 p.m. We need 10 people to help on Wednesday, May 11, starting at 5 p.m. for registration at Erickson Park. (We'll also need about 10 people for the sectional competition on Sunday, June 5th starting at 1 p.m. for registration.) The event(s) should take a couple of hours of your time. Basically, what we need to do is help set up, record the scores—how accurate they pitch at a target; how far they hit the ball off a tee; and how fast they run the bases—and take down the equipment and hand out awards.

There is now a sign-up sheet on the clipboard that goes around at the Tuesday night meetings. Please sign up then, or send me an email at:
maboehml@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Martha Boehm
Chair/ Community Director

Walkin' for Wishes



Walkin' for Wishes is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th at Weigent Park. This 5k walk is open to the public and the money raised will help to grant wishes to local breast cancer patients. Rock Out Cancer will take place the same weekend, with half of the proceeds benefiting Walkin' for Wishes. This event features live music, silent auction, and raffle. We'll need help running both of these events, as well as participants! We're hoping to raise \$5,000 to distribute to local breast cancer patients.

Sara Halberg
Chair

Individual Development Updates

The first ID in March was during our general meeting on March 15th. Tim Sprater with Irishfest gave us a brief history on St. Patrick's Day and the starting of Irishfest in La Crosse. Our other ID was held Tuesday, March 29th at the hall. Five of us met and learned about CPG's or Chairperson Planning Guides from Kyle Olson. It was very informative; thanks Kyle!

April's ID's are still being planned. On Thursday, April 28th the Franciscan Skemp Cancer Center will be hosting a class entitled "Boost your wellness with a shot of fun and creativity with artist Bill Eddy." The class is at no charge from 5:30 -7 p.m. Let me know if you are interested in attending.

Angie and I will let you know of any other up coming ID's and as always let us know if you have any ideas!

Tanya Molitor
Individual Development Director