



# The Leader

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## 2009 President

Hello Jaycees,

Wow, I cannot believe the month of January is over already! It really flew by. Here is a brief recap...at the first meeting of the year everyone got little presents to take home, courtesy of cleaning out the storage room upstairs. Kristie Arens and Jeff Treder tied for the most correct unscrambled spice names, congrats to those winners! At the awards banquet we swore in the new board, including some appointments as they were not elected, please welcome to the board Donella Sarauer as Membership VP, Barb Frahm as Social Director, Jason Mickelson as Membership Director and Zach Geier as Community Director. What a great group of people! Awards were also handed out to out-standing members for 2008, congrats to you and thanks for all your hard work last year. Thank you to new member James Brennan for stepping up to chair his first project, MDA Shamrocks! Please show your support to James by supporting MDA! Sprinkle in some socials and good times at Snuffy's and the month is over.

## 2009 Board of Directors

### President

Laurie Sonsalla

### Chairman

Kyle Olson

### Management VP

Kristie Arens

### Membership VP

Donella Sarauer

### Community VP

Heather Suby

### Social Director

Barb Frahm

### Secretary

Suzie Goyette

### Treasurer

Jason Arens



February is going to be an exciting month in the Jaycees! **PLEASE NOTE:** We have a schedule change for our first meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Doors will open at 5pm, as we will be starting at **5:30pm** with a La Crosse Mayoral Candidates Forum. They have another forum at 7, but are first willing to come to our meeting. Please invite your friends, co-workers, family and neighbors to attend this forum so we have a room full of people for them. There are 7 people running for Mayor, which will be taken down to 2 with the Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> primary vote. Make sure that you can make an informed decision by attending this forum. Our regular meeting will follow.

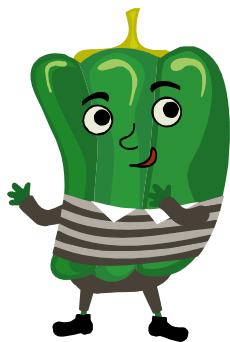
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## 2009 President (continued)

At the second meeting of the month, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, come in out of the cold to the Salsa party, after you vote, of course. Wear your fiesta clothes and enjoy some chips and salsa, tacos and maybe even some margaritas! The highlight of the night though is going to be Victor from Tequilas teaching us some Salsa moves! So wear your dancing shoes and getting ready to swing those hips. It is going to be hot, hot, Hot! Invite your friends!

We have several other events going on from community fundraising efforts to socials to planning our spring projects. This newsletter is packed full with all the info, so keep reading! Please invite others to attend our events, we are having so much fun, it's a little selfish to keep it all to ourselves!

Have a great month!  
Laurie



## Management VP

Hello Jaycees!

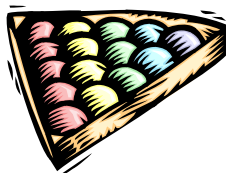
Well, 2009 is in full swing! As we are getting settled into our new positions on the board we have been coming up with some fundraising ideas. We plan to have at least one Chicken Q this year, possibly a spaghetti feed, along with a few other projects that are still in the works. Dates and times are yet to be determined. If anyone is interested in chairing any of these projects let me know and I/we can help you get started! If anyone has ideas for any fundraising projects let any member of the board know, we are always looking!

Kristie Arens  
Management Development VP  
La Crosse Jaycees

## Chairman of the Board

Hello Jaycees!

The following are a couple of State Jaycee events that are coming up fast! As always you may sign up to attend at a general meeting, or by simply sending me an e-mail at [betonajetta@hotmail.com](mailto:betonajetta@hotmail.com)



### Indoor Olympics

When: Saturday, April 25  
(Pre-register by

April 2<sup>nd</sup> for discount)

Where: Lancaster, WI

Why: Jaycee social,  
games, CASH PRIZES!



A night of fun and games!

Bus transportation is provided from the hotel to down town Lancaster, so you don't have to worry about driving! Let me know if you are interested in joining a La Crosse team. We will carpool to Lancaster, and split the cost for a hotel. For more info check out the link or e-mail me!

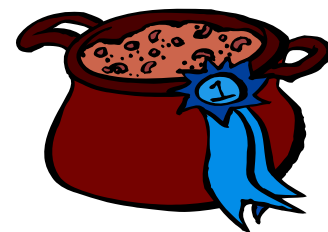
<http://www.wijaycees.org/Registration%20Lancaster%204-25-09.doc>

### Minnesota vs. Wisconsin Chili Challenge

When: Sunday, Feb 22, 12:00 noon

Where: Stillwater, MN

Why: Jaycee social,  
chili, PRIZES!



The Lake Elmo Jaycees are proud to be hosting this year's Chili Challenge. Last year our chapter hosted this event, and had a great turnout. Help to defend Wisconsin Jaycees as the reigning Chili Champions! The cost is \$5 to participate, and consider bringing a chili to have judged! Categories are Mild, Medium or Hot. Please bring enough for adequate sampling. Prizes for top winners! Please let me know if you are interested in attending, again we will carpool.

Kyle Olson  
Chairman of the Board  
Regional Director

## Community VP

### ATTENTION JAYCEES!! GENERAL MEETING TIME CHANGE

Our **February 3rd meeting** will be starting at **5:30pm**. We have invited the 7 people vying for Mayor of La Crosse to come speak at our meeting so we will be better prepared to vote in the primary on February 17th. As of right now, 5 people have confirmed that they will be there. We had to move up the time because they have another forum that night at 7. We know it is early, but hopefully you can just come to Jaycee Hall right from work. We will have some appetizers and drinks to tide you over until dinner.

We realize that not all our members live in La Crosse so they will not be able to vote for Mayor, but most of us work in La Crosse, or have dealings in La Crosse that will be influenced by who the Mayor is. It is important to know the plans and ideas of each person running. Please plan to attend the Mayoral Candidates Forum. We would like to have a full house for them since they are willing to give of their time to speak with us and answer any questions we may have. Please invite your co-workers, friends, family and neighbors.

Heather Suby  
Community VP



## Community Director

Hello Jaycees! My name is Zach Geier and I will serve as your La Crosse Jaycees Community Director. I am not 100% sure what I committed to doing when I agreed to this, but I knew one of my goals this year was to play a bigger role in the Jaycees and I couldn't really think of a better way to do so than this. I look forward to helping out with the many community projects we run and/or participate in and hopefully brainstorming a few more ideas for one or two more. Lets make this an eventful and **FUN** 2009!

Zach Geier  
2009 Community Director

## MDA Shamrocks

Everyone's Irish on March 17th!!!

It's time to don our green and search for that pot-o-gold! It's time for MDA Shamrocks!!!

Thanks to James Brennan for stepping up to chair this project this year. Last year was lots of fun and I know this year will be even better. We usually deliver the Shamrocks to local bars just after Valentine's Day and visit these bars periodically promoting the Shamrocks. On March 17th, St. Patty's Day, we will have a social to pick up all of the Shamrocks. Stay tuned for definite dates or better yet, attend a meeting and meet James himself!!! See you soon!!



Heather Suby

## Neighbor's Day

As most of you know, the Jaycees are the coordinating body for La Crosse's Neighbor's Day project. Neighbor's Day is a community-wide project that helps out senior citizens and disabled members of the La Crosse community by working on home projects for a day in preparation for spring and summer. Neighbor's Day will be held **Saturday, April 18th**. Please plan ahead and mark your calendars to volunteer and help us show the La Crosse community how much we care about each other and our neighborhoods. Look for more information on volunteering for this project at upcoming meetings and in future newsletters.

Heather Suby  
2009 Neighbor's Day  
Chairperson



## Bowl for Kids Sake

"Do Something Simply Super!!"

You don't have to have super powers to do something heroic for kids that can make an enormous difference in a child's life! Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake is about having fun to help kids. Funds raised go directly toward matching children with carefully-screened, caring Big Brother and Big Sister volunteers. We have had a great interest this year in participants for bowling and actually may have two teams!! We are planning on **Friday, March 27th at 7pm at Features in West Salem.** Please let me know if you would like to be on the Jaycees team and I will email you the information!!!

Heather Suby



## Polar Plunge

The Polar Plunge is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations, and businesses to support local Special Olympics athletes by jumping or running into the icy waters of Wisconsin.

This year there are eleven Plunges statewide to choose from. If you're too chicken to make the splash, you can still participate. Sign up as "Too chicken to Plunge" or show your support by making a pledge to a braver soul. Check out the website for more info! So far those brave enough to jump in are as follows:

Amber Leer  
Zach Geier  
Mark Van den heuvel  
Suzie Goyette

Please let me know if you are interested in participating or go out to the Special Olympics website and join the Jaycees Polar Plunge Team!

Suzie Goyette



## Walkin' for Wishes

Attention all creative people!

The committee for Walkin' for Wishes is in need of a new logo. We want your help to come up with a design that will be featured on t-shirts, letterhead, advertisements and more! So, get your creative juices flowing and help come up with an idea! The design will become either black or pink, so it needs to show up clearly as both colors. Submissions will be accepted until February 16th and the committee will pick the winner and notify them by February 18th. The winner will receive \$20 in Jaycee bucks. You may submit your designs to any committee member via email or you can send them by mail to La Crosse Jaycees Walkin' for Wishes Contest P.O. Box 1234, La Crosse WI 54602.



## 2008 Jaycee Awards

Jaycee of the Second Half:  
Jeremy Kennedy

Chairperson of the Second Half:  
Barb Frahm

Co-Chairperson of the Second Half:  
Erin Ersted

Board Member of the Second Half  
Heather Suby

Jaycee of the Year  
Suzie Goyette

Chairperson of the Year  
Suzie Goyette

Board Member of the Year  
Heather Suby

New Jaycee of the Year  
Amber Leer



## Membership VP

Hello everyone. I am Donella Sarauer and I will be your 2009 Membership Vice President. I have been a member of the La Crosse Jaycees for 11 years and during that time I have been on the board as treasurer (many times), president in 2007 and chairman of the board in 2008. I have also been the Jaycee Riverfest director in 2003 and 2006. This is a new position for me so I will be looking forward to hearing any ideas that you may have to gain active new members...

I would like to welcome to the Jaycees two new members Kristen Fromm and Dustin Manguson who joined in January.

For February we had all five members renew, thank you for renewing.

Here are the members that are due for March dues should be received by February 15<sup>th</sup>, please send to La Crosse Jaycees, PO Box 1234, La Crosse, WI 54601.

Adam Bryhn  
Zach Geier - renewed  
Shannon Hoffman - renewed  
Amber Leer  
Jason Mickelson  
Rachael Peterson  
Laurie Sonsalla - renewed  
Crystal Vaage  
Julie Van den heuvel

Respectfully,

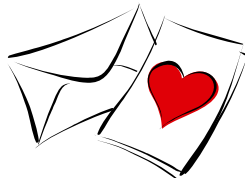
Donella Sarauer  
Membership VP  
Ph: 608-386-1404  
Email: sarauer.donella@mayo.edu

## Secretary

Valentine's Day Useless Trivia:

**Question:** In what year was St. Valentine's Day declared an official Holiday?

The first person to give me the correct answer wins Five Jaycee Bucks!



Suzie Goyette  
2008 Secretary

## Membership Director

Hello Jaycees,

My name is Jason Mickelson I was Membership V.P. last year and now have been honored with being appointed the Membership Director assisting the Membership V.P. for 2009 Donella. I feel that it is important for me to be available to our chapter at anytime someone has questions or concerns so here is a number to reach me at 385-8924. I just ask that no calls be made after 10 pm unless there is some fun being had at one of our many activities which I will most likely be at anyway.

I look forward to seeing you all again in 09 and lets have an awesome year.

Jason Mickelson  
2009 Membership Director

## ID Director

Hello fellow Jaycees,

I am your newly elected Individual Development Director for 2009. I am looking forward to an exciting year full of new experiences and adventures. This is my second year as a Jaycee member and first year holding a position on the board, so this is still all pretty new to me. Any suggestions or ideas for an ID would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to everybody who has supported me thus far and in the years to come.

Amber Leer  
ID Director 2009



Fun at the TFT Appreciation Party

## Tidbit from the Treasurer

Hello Everyone!

I am your Treasurer for 2009. I promise you that I have not had any tax issues unlike the new US treasury secretary. In case you have not met me. I previously served on the Board of Jaycees in the late nineties and the early part of this decade in various capacities. I look forward to being the Treasurer this year. Remember, the US Postal Service will not be delivering mail on February 16<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Presidents Day.

Until next month,

Jason Arens  
2009 Treasurer



## Newsletter/Website Director

Hello Everyone!

I am very excited to be your 2009 Newsletter and Website Director! As we are all out celebrating St. Patty's Day, Jumping into the cold Black River for Special Olympics, Bowling for Big Brothers, Big Sisters, please remember your cameras! The website has a wonderful gallery for you to share all your pictures. Just send them on to me. Also, if you have any news you'd like features in the newsletter or on the website, please make sure to let me know.

Suzie Goyette

## Single and Spicing it Up Valentine's Day Social

We are planning a Valentine's Day Social at the Barrel Inn starting at 6:00 p.m. on February 14th. Whether you are single or plan on being single that night, come on and join us. Please dig out your drink chips because we'll be hitting up some

watering holes after we get some burgers at the Barrel. Please let Suzie know if you plan to attend.



## Social Director

Hello everyone,

I hope you had a great time at game Night in January.

We have more fun coming up this month .... We will be meeting at Snuffy's for the Super bowl at 4:00 pm on February 1<sup>st</sup>. I hear they have great popcorn and beverages there.

We have our Salsa party on the 17<sup>th</sup>. (During the meeting) Make sure to come check that out! There will be food, drinks and dancing!

We also have a movie night planned for the 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the Rivoli at 6:45 and going to the 7 pm movie. We will not know the movie until the day of but it is always fun. Please bring a guest and join us!

We also have enough people signed up for a softball team so I will be getting you more information on that when we get closer to the snow melting and actually seeing the grass!

Spice it up!  
Barb



Thank you to everyone for coming to the TFT Appreciation party!

February 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Superbowl party at Snuffy's 4pm	2	3 5:30 pm Mayoral Meeting	4	5	6 JCI WI Convention	7 JCI WI Convention
8	9	10 Walkin' for Wishes Committee meeting 6:00	11	12	13 Heavy Water at Onalaska Legion 7-11	14 Valentine's Day Social Barrel 6:00
15	16 President's Day	17 7:00 pm General Meeting/Salsa Party	18	19	20 Movie Night at Rivoli 6:30	21
22	23 Newsletter Articles Due to Suzie	24 7:00 pm Board Meeting	25	26	27	28

**Birthdays**

**Jaycee Anniversaries**

**Birthdays for February**

Lisa Kitelinger February 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Heather Puckett February 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Kristie Arens February 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Monica Hauser February 21<sup>st</sup>



**Anniversaries for February**

Liz Arihood – 5 years  
 Lisa Kitelinger – 1 year  
 Becki Olson – 8 years  
 Josh Pogreba – 9 years  
 Donella Sarauer – 11 years

