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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hey All! Hard to believe we are already entering the month of March. This year seems to be flying by so fast. I know I myself am very sick of the winter months and am very much ready for Spring. With Spring right around the corner, we are entering the busy time for the La Crosse Jaycees.

If you are looking to get involved, we have many events coming up in the next few months that may spark your interest.

- Polar Plunge/March 5th
- MDA Shamrocks/TBD- Please pay close attention to emails for upcoming socials for this project. Or contact Kelsey Schwartz or Dawn Tauges for more information
- St Patty's Day Parade/ March 12th
- Bowl for Kids Sake/ April 1st
- Indoor Olympics (Oshkosh)/ April 9th
- Neighbor's Day/ April 16th
- Big Bikes for Little Tykes/ May 14th
- Pit, Hit and Run/ May 11th
- Walkin' for Wishes/ June 11th— Rock out Cancer/ Date TBD

Please let me know if you are interested in helping with any of the above events and I can get you coordinated with the correct member. Also you will more than likely find more information on each of these projects throughout the newsletter.

I am looking forward to the coming year and the projects ahead. I know we are going to be very busy in the next few months, but I am confident that with the outstanding members we have all of the projects will be an absolute success.

Think Spring!!

Kelly Goyette
"Building Unstoppable Leaders"
President

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Management Updates

Our chapter is looking for a Chairperson for the spring Chicken Q. This is an important project which ensures our chapter has the money needed to cover its many expenses. The chair person would be in charge of planning the budget, coordinating volunteers, and promoting the sale of chicken dinners. If you or someone you know is looking to improve their management skills, and gain real world experience please let me know!

Also a BIG thank you to Alex Lueck, our new Big Bikes for Little Tikes and End of Summer Bash chairperson!

Kyle Olson
Management Director

Membership Notes

I’m pleased to announce our newest member of the La Crosse Jaycees...Alex Lueck. Alex is originally from Tomah, has done quite a bit of traveling around, and has recently moved back to the area and is now working for Xcel Energy. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Alex when you see him.

Jeff Steidl
Membership VP

March Calendar



March 1

General Meeting at 7 p.m.
MDA Social following at Boot Hill Pub

March 4

Build your courage for Polar Plunge with a night downtown and to say hi to past member, Rachael Eaton

March 5

Polar Plunge, Pettibone Park

March 6

Happy Birthday to Dawn Tauges

March 8

New Member Orientation at 7 p.m.

March 12

St. Patrick’s Day Parade

March 15

General Meeting at 7 p.m.
MDA Social following at Sloopy’s

March 22

Board Meeting 6 p.m.
Happy Birthday to Sara Halberg

March 27

Happy Birthday to Adam Weissenberger



MDA Shamrocks

So far we have 4 bars in the area selling MDA Shamrocks for us: Boot Hill Pub, State Room, Bennett O' Reilly's and Sloopy's. Please see the schedule for giving the bars our support under socials. We are also looking for people to march in the St. Patty's Day parade and sell shamrocks along the parade route. I will have a sign up sheet on the clipboard at the hall, but if you're unable to make it to a meeting and would like to join us, please just email me at pdot95@yahoo.com. The parade will be on Sat. March 12th and the parade begins at 11am. I will be sending out an email giving the details on what time and where to meet that morning. Please come out and help us support this great cause!!



Dawn Tautges (pdot95@yahoo.com)
Kelsey Schwarz(kelsey.m.schwartz@gmail.com)
Co-Chairs

Community Updates

The year is certainly starting off to a great start for the community area! Cheer on the Polar Plunge participants on March 5th at Pettibone for noon plunging as they raise money for Special Olympics. The following weekend, we will participate in the St. Patty's Day Parade in efforts to support MDA Shamrocks. We will step off at noon on March 12th from the Riverside Park loop.

On April 1st, we'll gather to support Big Brothers Big Sisters at Bowl for Kids' Sake at South Lanes; pizza and drinks beginning at 5pm, with social hour to follow 7pm bowling. Don't forget to save April 16th for Neighbors Day. A huge thanks to my chairs for the first few months --- Alicia (Polar Plunge), Kelsey and Dawn (MDA Shamrocks), Suzy (BFKS), and Heather (Neighbors Day). Contact me any time with suggestions or questions on Community projects!

Sara Halberg
Community VP

The Social Butterfly

We're heading into March and before we know it, Spring will be here. March is a great month for socials in the Jaycees because of St. Patrick's Day! We will be starting out at Boot Hill pub on March 1st following our General meeting.

On Friday, Feb. 4th, Rachael Eaton will be back in town visiting us from Michigan so we will be starting out the night at the State Room and will also be hitting up Bennett O' Reilly's that night. I'm not sure of an exact time so I will send out a Reminder email with the specific details.



On March 15th, we will be heading to Sloopy's after our General meeting. All these bars are selling MDA Shamrocks for us so I encourage you to come and join us if you can to show the bars our support. Also, if you have a MDA Shamrocks shirt for past years, please wear it to the socials! I hope you all have a great month and a very happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

Dawn Tautges
Social Director

Bowl for Kids' Sake

Yo Jaycees, hit pins for the KIDS!

Come meet for pizza at South Lanes with the Bowl For Kids' Sake participants on April 1st. Bring money and your orders for pizza at 5PM before cheering on the Bowl For Kids' Sake volunteers at 7PM. We will be socializing and having a few drinks afterward, as well. Don't forget to sponsor your fellow Jaycees teams, every penny of profit goes to Big Brothers Big Sisters. And it is not too late to sign up if you still want to bowl - email Suzy Stock if you're interested at felix1051@yahoo.com.

I hope to see many of you at Bowl for Kids' Sake 2011!!

Suzy Stock
Chair

Secretary's Report

Spring has sprung and gone away again! Let's hope we have seen the last of the cold white stuff for a while! UGH! Since March is here, that has to be a good sign, right? Hopefully everyone has settled in to 2011...we are well into the year already with projects getting planned and organized. We are in the midst of MDA Shamrock selling, thanks to the committee and the co-chairs Dawn and Kelsey for getting this project off the ground! I want to welcome Martha Boehm to the Board of Directors! She was made Community Director at our first general meeting in February. I am looking forward to working with her, I think she will be a great asset to the board!

Kristie Arens
Secretary

Individual Development Updates

If you weren't able to join us at our first ID event at 4 Sisters Wine and Tapas Bar, no need to panic! We will have a lot in store for you this year. At our last February meeting we took a survey from our members. If you didn't have the opportunity to participate we will still be taking surveys throughout the month of March at our meetings and your ideas throughout the year. Please continue to keep an eye on email notifications and meeting announcements for our upcoming ID's. We plan to offer a total of 12 personal development and six professional development opportunities this year.

If you are willing to lead an individual development event, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Tanya. A chapter goal this year is to have some of our own members lead a few ID's by either sharing a special knowledge/talent/hobby you have or by researching an area of interest and educating other members on it. We look forward to seeing what you can share with us!

Angie Menezes
Individual Development VP

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. More details on both events will be available in the April newsletter. Be sure to save the date!

Sara Halberg
Chair

Tasting of Tapas

The La Crosse Jaycees first 2011 Individual Development (ID) event was held on Thursday, February 17th. Seven Jaycees visited the new 4 Sisters Wine Bar and Tapas Restaurant in downtown La Crosse and learned first-hand about tapas, what they taste like, and a bit about their history. Tapas are small servings of warm or cold food, much like an appetizer or snack, and come in a wide variety of options. A few favorites of the group included the 4 Sister's "World's Smallest Three Pack Mini Blues" (an Angus Beef patty with blue cheese, bacon and a horseradish herb cream cheese spread on a mini Kaiser roll), "BA Jeweled Stuffed Dates" (Medjool fresh dates filled with chorizo sausage, wrapped in bacon and served on a roasted tomato sauce), and "Spanish Meatballs" (beef, pork and garlic chipotle meatballs served with a tomato sauce, chipotle and chocolate). It is commonly thought that King Alfonso X from the region of Castile in Spain helped begin the tradition of serving tapas with wine.

If you were not able to join in the ID, we still recommend you make your way down to 4 Sisters Wine Bar and Tapas. Their wine and beer lists are impressive and tapas selections are updated often.



Pitch, Hit, & Run

“Play ball!” With the Brewers and Twin starting Spring Training, it’s time to start thinking about our local, “Pitch, Hit and Run” event. We have confirmed the local and sectional date with the La Crosse Parks and Recreation Department. We’ll need about 12 people to help on Wednesday, May 11th at 5 p.m. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. We’ll also need about a dozen people on Sunday, June 5th starting at 11:30 a.m. so we're ready for registration by Noon. Both events will take place at Erickson Park on La Crosse’s South Side and 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; and how fast they run the bases—and take down the equipment and hand out awards. This was my first Jaycees event that I helped with last year... and I wasn’t even an official member yet. This will now be the first event that I’m chairing and I’ll need your help to make it a success!

So stay tuned for more information and a sign up sheet that will no doubt be passed around at an upcoming meeting. If you have any questions about the event, feel free to email me at mboehm1@gmail.com.

Martha Boehm
Chair/ Community Director

Chairman’s Brain Teaser Corner

According to the folks at Guinness, world consumption of the velvety black beverage jumps from 5.5 million pints per day to 13 million pints on St. Patrick's Day. Slainte!

The teaser for the month is:

I end the race. I am the beginning of the end. The start of eternity and the end of space. There are two of me in Heaven and one in hell. I am in water, fire, sunshine and darkness. I am the beginning of earth and the end of life.
What am I?

Please email me your answers at heather.suby@gmail.com. The winner will be drawn and announced at the second meeting of the month. Remember, you must be present to win a fabulous prize!!

Last month’s riddle was:

Jacy's husband's father-in-law is Jacy's husband's brother's brother-in-law, and Jacy's sister-in-law is Jacy's brother's stepmother. How did this happen?

Answer: Jacy's father married the sister of Jacy's husband.

Heather Suby
Chairman of the Board

Neighbors Day



What: Neighbors Day 2011
When: Saturday, April 16th
Where: Black River Beach
Neighborhood Center
Why: Because we need your

help running the toolshed, helping with registration or volunteering to help clean up yards for the elderly or disabled of La Crosse! Please let me know if you are interested in organizing a group of volunteers to help or if you are interested in being the toolshed "go to" person!

Heather Suby
Chair