

# Bismarck Jaycees

August 2011 Issue

## Jaycee Spirit Newsletter

### PresiVent

I've noticed that after every meeting that we have, I get all hyped up and re-energized. There is so much going on and it just keeps coming. I've also noticed that as a semi-aged Jaycee member, it's my turn to teach. I have to teach myself what I do not know yet and share my knowledge with new members. I attended the webinar on How to Run an Effective Meeting and even though I have had this training before, it was different and well worth my time. Have I made it clear to everyone what they should expect at meetings, what is the purpose, how they should behave? Let me summarize. In our General Membership, the members should expect the executive board to have discussed everything on the agenda at length and have a consensus on what to relay to the rest of the group. Each topic should have a brief overview. Large amount of discussion should be done offline or in a committee meeting. Everyone has the opportunity to participate in any meeting that is scheduled including the exec board meeting. Everyone has a voice and everyone will be giving the opportunity to be heard. This must be done within reason to conserve order and respect for every participant. Sometimes our meetings are very passionate and loud but please remember that business is business not personal. A certain amount of preparation goes into having a meeting. People must be aware if they are going to speak on a topic and given a reasonable amount time to speak. Time...Time...Time. There is never enough time in our days! Everyone should be respectful of that. My goal is to keep the meeting between 1 to 1 ½ hours. If you are prepared on what you are going to say, then every minute that you have will be maximized. The purpose of the agenda is so that everyone knows what we are discussing; it keeps us on track

and focused. To sum things up here is a list of Do's and Don'ts:



#### Do's

- Prepare for the meeting before you walk into the room
- Provide an agenda and meeting handouts
- Respect everyone's time
- Follow up meeting notes, action items, thank you cards
- Present yourself in a manner that you wish people to view the project
- Give it your all whether there are 100 people or 1 person in the room

#### Don'ts

- Create sloppy or unprofessional meeting materials
- Run late or allow people to speak too long
- Allow side conversations or more than one topic of conversation, aka: Stay On Topic
- Change the primary purpose of your meeting in the middle of it.

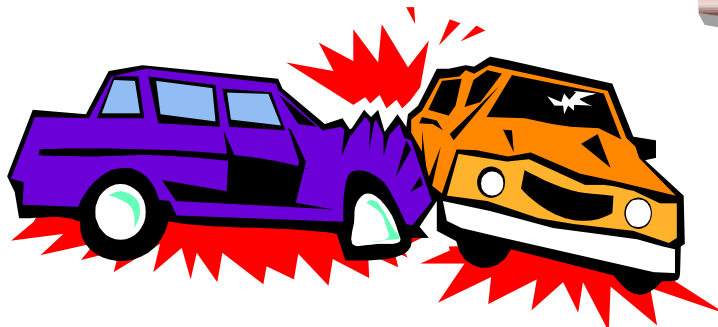
I hope this helps with expectations. Like everything in Jaycee it's always a learning experience. We are going to mess up and do things wrong, but hopefully we will learn from it. Now keep on reading cuz there is a lot going on like our biggest fundraising event, the Demolition Derby. This is an all hands on deck event, we need you. Also state convention and Relay for Life.

Stay awesome!  
Rachele Hall  
President

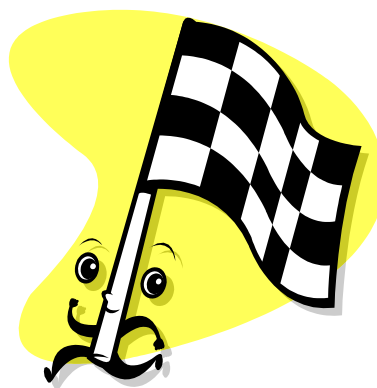


# Demolition Derby

Our Bismarck Jaycees Lincoln Demolition Derby is coming up this month on Saturday August 27th. This is set to be our biggest, funnest, and hopefully most profitable event of the year. This your opportunity to participate in one of our most import events and help to make it another big success. This is a very fun event to help out with and you get in free and get free food. What more could you want?



Fun in the sun, plenty of racing and wrecking, food and drink, and over a thousand fans are at this annual event. But, as always, the success of the event is in your hands! Will you help? We need people to work the gate, change money and give tickets from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. We need to have Jaycees available to work the lanes and pits to admit cars. The more we have the faster we all can be done and get to the derby fun! In addition, kids games and the candy toss will need assistance from Jaycees.



Wear sensible clothes, probably jeans since the grass gets tall, and bring beverages and lawn chairs with you and sun screen if you need it. Friday evening before the derby we will have a work get together out at the derby site starting at 6pm to put up twine for parking and take care of some other things that need to be done to make the derby happen. We will need as much help as we can get out there as well. Then, on the day of the derby, we will be meeting for breakfast at the former Oasis Truckstop at 8am and then meeting out at the derby site at 9am to get everything set up for the derby.

Please let me know if you are able to help on Friday evening and/or at the Derby itself. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Hope to see you all there!

Leif Olson

## Calendar of Events

### August

- 9th - General Membership Meeting @ 7:30 PM @ Jaycee Leadership Hall**
- 16th - Fill the Bus @ Both Red Carpet Locations**
- 20th - Relay for Life Century High School. Meet @ 4pm**
- 19th - 21st - Convention in Carrington ND**
- 24th - 501 @ Ground Round**
- 27th - Demolition Derby**
- Sept 12th - General Membership Meeting @ 7:30 PM @ Jaycee Membership Hall**



# Individual Development News



Much delayed, but finally we Relay. Relay For Life will be Saturday August 20. Opening ceremonies start at 5:00 PM. The Team Lap and photos following shortly after. I would

like people to start showing up at Century High School around 4:00 to help set up. Please wear your Jaycee tee shirts or I'll have Relay For Life tee shirts for those who registered before the deadline. If we can make it all night, we will, but we'll play it by ear since we could be short handed.

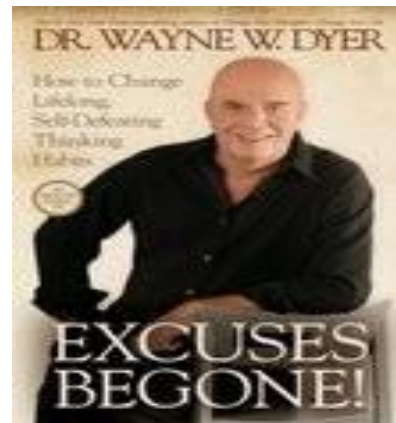
Expect a good time. Lots of charity vendors and fun & games all night. I heard something about a frozen tee shirt contest, so that should be interesting. You may want to bring some drinks and snacks, and possibly some hot dogs or brats if someone has a small grill. Please let everyone know if you are bringing a grill and care to share, so other can plan accordingly. Make sure to bring shoes you can walk in. Also just a reminder, no alcohol, smoking, or pets. If you can't show up at 4:00 PM or stay all night, that's fine. Show up when you can and stay as long as you wish. Thanks to all who helped raise money for Relay. You all did great! To those who can't make it due to convention, have a great time and learn lots.



I'm in the process reading the book "Excuses Begone!" by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer. For the those of you procrastinators and excuse makers, this is the book for you! The book teaches us why we make excuses and how to change these self defeating patterns. Well I haven't quite completed the book, it has already made me more aware of the thoughts I have that lead me to put things off, avoid things I dislike or am afraid of, and thoughts that have simply become habit over the years. I think it's a worthwhile read for most people, so check out "Excuses Begone!" by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer.

Ben Stewart

Individual Development VP



# Community News



Hello Bismarck Jaycees!

Wow, where has summer gone?! Although everybody has had busy personal lives, it has been great that so many of you have made time in your busy schedules to help with our Bismarck Jaycees activities. Thank you for the commitment you have made, and continue to make to our community and our organization.

August 16th the annual Fill the Bus campaign will be in full swing. This is an event sponsored by Y-93 that the Bismarck Jaycees have helped with for several years. The event runs from 6am to 6pm at both the North & South Red Carpet Car Wash locations. Manpower is needed to help gather supplies from those donating them & then loading them in the school bus provided at each location. Thank you to Sarah Simpson for getting information out about this event.

August 20th is the new date for Relay for Life in Bismarck. This is the same weekend as the ND Jaycees state convention. If you are not able to attend the convention please consider representing the Bismarck Jaycees at this event. It is a lot of fun & a great way to represent the Jaycees in our community. Thank you to Ben Stewart for chairing this event & keeping us up to date on changes being made.

Grant Miller & Steve DeLap have agreed to co-chair the Punt Pass & Kick event this fall. They are currently trying to work out details of time & place, so please keep an eye out for updates on this project. It has been a very important one in our community that many kids look forward to each year. Thanks for taking this project on Grant & Steve!

If you would like to develop a new community project please share your ideas. We are always looking for new ways to make a positive impact on our community and the people who live here.

Tiffany Peterson

Community Development VP

## Membership

In Jaycees, membership is always something that we need to look at. This month we don't have a lot of membership specific events going on, but we do have many good events that need help and we can always use more participation in. Any of these events listed this month can be membership and recruiting opportunities. So spread the word about our great chapter and how much fun it is to be a Jaycee. Tell people about these great events that you are helping in and hopefully it will peak their interest and make them want to help! It never hurts to spread the word about the great events that we are doing. This month we are going to have a 501 at Ground Round. This would be a great opportunity to invite anyone you feel would be a potential Jaycee!

Hope everyone has a great month!

Lance Eide

Membership VP



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**Elections are coming up! What position are you considering?**

## Jaycee Creed

**We Believe:** that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life.

That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations.

That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise.

That government should be of laws rather than of men.

That earth's great treasure lies in human personality.

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

