

# THE JAYCEE SPIRIT

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## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Hi all!! Summer is flying by, can't believe it is August already!! We have some big events happening this month in Bismarck. We start out the Month with the NCI convention August 3-5 at the Comfort Inn. Denise O'Neil, the National Chief of Staff will be here for the convention. We are lucky enough to have her come a day earlier and help us with some recruiting. Denise is flying in on Thursday August 2<sup>nd</sup> and we will be having a BBQ at the Jaycee hall at 6:30 for all members to come and meet her. Bring your own beverages and enjoy!!!

We are hosting the August convention August 17 – 19 at the Doublewood Inn. If you would like to go please contact me and I can get you registered. The cost is \$60 and the registration is due on Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup> so I will be mailing it in that day. It is a fun time and a great place to meet new people.

On August 25<sup>th</sup> is the Lincoln derby. This is an event that is actually held north of Bismarck. I know Pat is looking for volunteers to help for the day. If you are interested in helping drop Pat a note at [grocep@bis.midco.net](mailto:grocep@bis.midco.net). If you have questions about the event Pat can definitely help you out.

I want to finish out my article with another BIG thanks to all of the members!! You guys are awesome and are working hard. Keep up the great work!! If any of you have ideas for new projects and things we want to try, please contact one of the exec board members. The Jaycees is a learning organization here to make us better leaders and community members.

Have a great rest of the summer!! Stay cool and see you all soon!!

Lori Jepson  
President

## **INDIVIDUAL VP**

The second Saturday of August is Darwin Minnesota's Twine Ball Day Celebration. This daylong celebration honors the accomplishments of Francis A. Johnson, who wrapped twine into a ball intermittently for 39 years—from March of 1950 until his death in 1989. The twine ball grew to a staggering 17,400 pounds and is a forbidding 12 feet in diameter. I made it to Darwin during Twine Ball Day '06 and let me tell you, it was life altering. Or at the very least, charming and somewhat memorable. [Roadsideamerica.com](http://Roadsideamerica.com) notes that when you drive into Darwin, the twine ball will be on your left, and when I went it was, so it's possible that there's only one road into Darwin. I wouldn't be surprised, it's astonishingly dinky. The most amazing thing about the event, aside from the staggering quantity of tourists, is the ridiculous amount of pride every citizen of Darwin courageously exudes over the accomplishments of their famous eccentric. Who, they are quick to remind you, also made wooden pliers. Darwinians' singular passion is both touching and bizarre. Therefore, even though August is officially Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Francis A. Johnson, perhaps not a hero, but at least a man—a man who took time-wasting to absolutely awe-inspiring proportions and whose lasting legacy is not his giant ball, but the community that came to embrace it.

Eric Stroshane  
Individual VP

## **MEMBERSHIP VP**

First off, I would like to welcome our newest members Brad and Erica Kirschenheiter and Heather Edgerly into the Jaycees. I hope you all can get involved in our fun in learning and helping people!

Next, I would like to present an article on member involvement that I shortened a bit, originally by Cynthia D'Amour, MBA:

To have a strong first year member retention rate, you have got to help new members find a home in your chapter and a continued reason for belonging. Getting new members involved somehow is critical. Today's members take a hard look at the value they are getting out of belonging to your chapter before renewing. Today's members are looking for the personal touch.

Your new members need to understand what you are asking them to do, and need a realistic time commitment, and also need to be able to justify why it is personally important for them to volunteer for you.

Who has time to commit to the great unknown? Do your new members know their options? You've got to educate your members about how they can get involved. New members will need to be educated and asked, probably more than once.

Many of them, being on tight schedules, may shop for the opportunity that is the best fit for their available time. Others will simply want to know their choices before they make a commitment. Your chapter needs to explore a variety of ways new members can get involved.

Some new members will serve on task forces or problem-solving teams, some will take on year-long commitments and others will just want to show up for an hour or two to make a difference.

Your chapter should have a mix of options that encourages and supports member involvement in a variety of ways. With time and testing, your leadership team will be able to figure out the best mix for your chapter.

When your leadership team works on getting personal, communicating realistically with a benefits-focus and develops a mix of dynamic volunteer opportunities, you will find new members more likely to get involved in your chapter.

Getting new members involved takes planning and some effort. The pay off in the long run is more people will be involved in your chapter.

Leif Olson  
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Hi all-

I just got this information from John W. as to the people who are flying in on Friday for NCI. I am looking for volunteers that could be "taxi" service to the airport and pick up these people. Denise is covered on Thursday so I am only looking for somebody for Friday. as you can see there may be more that I will pass on tomorrow. So if you could please let me know ASAP that would be great!!

Also on Friday we need:

- greeters at the hotel by 5:00 pm ( I would say 2 people) to help people get checked in, greet people and offer assistance with bags/items
- help unload state stuff I would say 5:00 also
- Set up hospitality room at 7:00 PM
- Work Hospitality Room 9 - 12

SATURDAY:

- Help set up training room 8:00 AM (2people)
- following lunch help clean up if required. I would say it will be minimal since John said the Woodshed is catering and is actually using real plates they will be cleaning most of it up
- Set up hospitality at 3:00
- work hospitality 5pm - 6 pm
- Help with riverboat tour: Which includes having people at the motel to load taxis (2) and people at the riverboat to greet (2)
- Work Hospitality Room in the evening.

If you want to just let me know if you would work the hospitality room and DON'T have a preference of time i will schedule it and send it out once all have replied. IF you have a preference as to what time you work please let me know that. We are serving Pizza corner Pizza and beer. So working the hospitality means you need to know how to use a timer to make pizza and open a beer :-). We will also need to take people back to the airport on Sunday, I think. I am not sure if the comfort in has

the service to take them out to the airport. So that would be the next thing I would need. I can take President Chris out at 6:30 in the morning UNLESS somebody is DYING to get up that early in the morning :-)

THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I am so excited to have this in Bismarck!!! Please ask if you have questions or any suggestions that you would have let me know!!

Let's all have fun!!  
Lori

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Heather Edgerly



## SECRETARY

A top 10 list of activities every summer vacation should include:

10. Barbecue with friends or family. In light of the nice weather, this is something you should already be enjoying.

Summer presents fewer time and schedule obstacles when gathering a group of people together.

9. Read a steamy romance novel, an enticing mystery thriller or nonfiction how-to..

8. Spend time at a park you've never been to, whether you travel across a few states to visit like Yellowstone National Park.

7. Be around water in all its forms. Drink it, swim in it and boat in it. Activities associated with water will help you stay cool and hydrated while providing fun activities not usually offered year-round.

6. Go camping - real camping: sans an RV park, bathrooms and a clear view into the strangers' site five feet away.

Trek to unfrequented areas, large parks with more secluded sites and other areas where you can cut yourself off from the civilized world for a few days.

5. Go on a long day hike. Hikes of all lengths are fun ways to explore the outdoors, but summer offers warmer weather and longer days, which allow you to do hikes you've always wanted to do but never had enough time or agreeable weather.

4. Rock out to an outdoor concert. Warm weather and multiple-band shows lure thousands of concertgoers every summer. After all, the experience itself is often better than the bands are.

3. Watch an outdoor movie. Watching a movie in an outdoor setting lets you enjoy an ambience more

pleasant than a dark, bland theater. Who wants to be cooped up in a theater during summer anyway?

2. Take a road trip, whether it's a mini trip to a nearby city or state to visit old friends or a spontaneous one across the country with a close-knit group of friends.

Road trips offer continuous new locations that help you grow as a person while testing friendships and relationships. So, get ready for a fun, and maybe even life-changing, road trip this summer.

1. Spend an entire day doing absolutely nothing.

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Matt Binders 10<sup>th</sup>

Al Peterson 11<sup>th</sup>

Jill Simpfenderfer 11<sup>th</sup>



**ISMARCK JAYCEES CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST 2007**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1.	2.	3.NCI Convention @ Comfort Inn	4.
5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
12.	13.	14Jaycee Membership Meeting 7:30pm @ Jaycee Leadership Hall	15.	16.	17. Jaycee State Convention @ Double Wood Inn in Bismarck	18.
19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25. Lincoln Demolition Derby
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.		

**BISMARCK JAYCEES  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
7/10/2007 7:30PM**

1. Call to Order-Meeting was called to order by Lori.
2. NCI-John Weber

John just explained that he will need our help at the NCI meeting. Some of the things John needs help with are picking up people from the airport, working in the hospitality room, driving people to the River Boat Cruise on Saturday.
3. Agenda Change Requests-President Lori stated she had forgot to put on the Derby info. And she was asking if anybody objected. Janitda made a motion to approve the change of the agenda. Motion was passed.
4. Open Items
  - a. Previous Meeting Notes included in Monthly newsletter-

Discussion was done that a hard copy needs to be in the Jaycee Hall. Jill stated she would check and see if she had all of them from last year and burn a disk. I said I would burn a disk for this years.

Janitda made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Motion passed to approve the Minutes.
  - b. Review of Chapter Finances-Lori Jepson

Janitda made motion to approve the chapter finances. Motion passed.
  - c. Review of Recent Projects & Events:
    1. Fitterer Twins-Amy I informed everyone that we raised \$3000.00 for the family. I thanked everyone for there help. I informed people that if they wanted they can go to the website of the t.v. Stations and check out the broadcast of it.
    2. Acheive Training-Lori Tiffany, Lori, and Amy all attended. There were about 15 people there from other chapters. The training was done by John Weber. This was good training on how to Market the Jaycees and Recruiting.
  - d. Chaired Upcoming Projects and Programs
    1. CPG Event- 7/14/07 at Lori's house 2:00pm. CPG Judging is at the August Convention.
    2. Fill the Bus 8/14/2007 Judy- This event runs from 6:00am to 6:00pm at the Red Carpet Car wash Locations. As a fund raiser for this we are going to try in get in at the races and do face painting/tattoos, give suckers away for \$1.00. We'll take the money and go buy school supplies for Fill the bus. Fill the Bus program does need a few workers through out the day to take the donations and put them in the bus and whatever else comes up.
    3. State Convention Entertainment Games-Dennis, Jill

Would run games from 7:00pm-9:00pm They would like to give away prizes. A motion was made by Dennis for a budget up to \$50.00 for prizes at Convention. Janitda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was passed.
    4. Washburn Chapter Extension-Missy

Pat, Judy, and Amy went to Washburn on Saturday. They got half dozen names. Planning on a Informational Meeting on July 17, 2007 in Washburn. Judy and Janitda going on Thursday the 12th.
    5. Lincoln Demolition Derby- August 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee will meet every Wednesday until the Derby is held. Tiff stepped down off of the Committee. Pat asked for another person to help.

Jill said she would.

5. New Business

a. State Convention 8/17/07-8/19/07 at the DoubleWood Inn in Bismarck. \$60.00 registration due by August 3rd. Checks are payable to ND Jaycees.

b. State Convention -Set Up Committee -Lori We need a committee to help with registration and taking tickets at the meal times. Jill is chairing this project.

c. State Convention Hospitality Room-Chris Z. Chris and Amy offerered to make a bunch of home made home brew and serve it Friday night at convention. We could charge \$1.00 per Drink the money going to ONTO and The Roughrider Foundation split 50/50. Discussion was done on this and motion was made and passed on not to do a hospitality room for Friday.

d. State Convention Hospitality Room Saturday Night-Lori There is going to be a Hospitality Room Judging Contest from 4-6pm on Saturday night. This is going to be a themed Room. The Prize for the best room is going to be a FREE room at year end convention. Jill is going to Chair this. Lori will call the DoubleWood Inn and reserve a room for this. Janitda made a motion to go ahead with this. Missy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

e. Chapter By-Laws- Chris Z. It was decided at exec board that the by-laws need to be updated.

Chris said he would do this. Chris is going to form a committee to help him with this.

f. Jaycee Social-Lori. Have a social in October on a work night to thank everyone that has been part or has helped out the Jaycess this past year. Lorrie is going to chair.

g. Banner-Chris Z. Move this item to the August Agenda.

6. Other Items

a. 727 Party 7/27/07 Tiffany and Jim's Birthday that day. The JC hall is reserved. Potluck and BYOB. Discussion was done by Janitda that probably have some fried turkey provided.

b. HOBY-Tiffany

c. Denise O'Neil-August 3rd. The chapter will get her all day long to utilize her in anyway to help recruit or work on the extension project.

d. New member Orientation Training-Al

6:00pm supper grilled, and 6:30pm Training will Start. Training is provided by Al Peterson from the Bismarck Chapter.

7. Adjourn with the Jaycee Creed

8. Post Meeting Activities