

THE JAYCEE SPIRIT

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

When I look back at 2007 I am excited to see how we have grown as an organization. The willingness and dedication you have all had to make things happen. Sporting Chance, adopt a highway, Fitterer twins fundraiser, 1st annual bowling tournament to a name a few of the new projects we have done. We have hosted achieve training, a state convention, L.O.T.S training and NCI Convention.

It is exciting for me to be a part of the growth we have had this year and where we are going this next year. At the December meeting we will have another first, we will be reviewing and approving a budget for 2008. The budget was shared at the November meeting and I will be e-mailing it out to all the members to review before the December meeting. I encourage you all to look at it, ask questions and give your input to it. Also at the December meeting a survey will be handed out for all of our members to take. If you do not want to fill it out at the meeting or if you are unable to attend the meeting it will be on our website for you to fill out and e-mail in. I ENCOURAGE all of you take time to fill it out. This is one way to can get feed back to know what you as a member want and expect to gain from being a member of the Jaycees.

I want to thank all of you again for your hard work and dedication to this organization. 2007 has been a great year and I am excited to see what all we can accomplish in 2008

Lori Jepson,
President

MEMBERSHIP VP

Greetings all,

I can't believe it is already December and the end of another year in the Jaycees. I have enjoyed being your membership VP these past 12 months and I hope that we can continue our growth into the coming years. The last couple of months have been a little slow for new members, but I haven't given up yet. Hopefully, with all of your help, we can get a few new members for December so the we can finish strong this year and come out on top at the year end convention! Speaking of convention, I hope you can all make it to year end, especially you first timers. The conventions are a great experience, both fun and educational.

Well, thanks for a great year, and I hope to make next year a great one with all of the rest of you!

PayPal

We had talked about and voted on adding the ability to accept credit card payments at our last meetings and I am happy to announce that as of December 1st the Bismarck Jaycees now accept online credit card payments through PayPal to make renewing your membership even easier! PayPal is the trusted leader in online payments. They have over 100 million member accounts and industry leading security and fraud prevention systems.

Using PayPal is very easy. We will be sending out electronic invoices to our members via E-mail as they come due and they will be able to click on a link to take them directly to the online payment site where they can then choose to pay by credit card, or debit card, or E-check. There will also be links

on our website under the Membership section where you can pay at any time or get more information about PayPal. Of course, we will still be sending out paper invoices as well, and you will still have the option of paying directly by cash or check. This is just an added benefit for your convenience.

Also, just as a reminder, we have to send in whether or not you are renewing to the state by the 20th of the month prior to your anniversary month, so please let us know by then if you intend to renew for the next year, especially if you are not able to get your payment in by then so that we know one way or another what to tell the state.

If you have any questions about using PayPal, please feel free to ask me. I hope this new service will be an added benefit to many of you in the coming years.

Leif Olson
Membership VP/Web Master

COMMUNITY VP

I hope that everyone had a spectacular Thanksgiving and that you all have a very merry Christmas. Since this is the last letter of the year I would like to thank everyone for all the help that they gave me this year with all of the community projects that we have done. We did some wonderful things again this past month with community action. As Thanksgiving rolled around again this year it was nice that the Bismarck Jaycees could once again contribute food baskets for families in the community. As we look forward to the month of December the Jaycees will again this holiday season be ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Burdolski
Venessa Magstadt
Melissa Evans
Paul Haugland

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

No Anniversaries for December

Christmas Party!!!!

When: Saturday December 8th
Where: Seratoma Building (if you need directions please e-mail or call)
Time: 6:30 Potluck Supper

Bring a dish to share, games to play and beverage of your choice to drink.

I thought we could also have some fun and do a white elephant gift exchange again. We did one last year at Jim and Janitda's.

The idea of a white elephant gift exchange is NOT to buy anything. We ALL have some GREAT things in our house that we no longer use or want. So here is your chance to "regift". I know some of you have just moved so I am sure you have some things you have found that you didn't know you had and really don't need anymore. This is all in fun, so be creative and have some fun!! So wrap something up, don't put a name on it.

You do not have to partipate in the white elephant but the more the merrier.

If you have some friends you would like to bring with you are welcome to do so. I think it is a great time to bring some friends or potential members and have some fun.

Lori

SECRETARY

Well, I can not believe it the year is almost gone and this is my last newsletter I have to do. I do have to say this was a experience for me to do this task every month. I thank everyone that has helped me over the past year. I would like to say thanks to the exec board if I nagged on them to much about making sure I had articles for the newsletter. I look forward to working with you all the next year but not as the secretary or any other officer.

Amy

BISMARCK JAYCEES CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 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.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8. Jaycee Christmas Party 6:30 Potluck, BYOB and bring fun games Sertoma Building
9.	10.	11. Jaycee Meeting 7:30 Sertoma Park Building	12.	13.	14.	15.
16. Magic of Christmas Show 3:00pm @ Ramkota	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.
23.	24. Christmas Eve	25. Merry Christmas	26.	27.	28.	29.

30.	31. New Years Eve	1. Happy New Year				
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Bismarck Jaycee Minutes
11/13/2007

1. Call to order
2. Agenda change requests.
Moved by Janitda 2nd by lori
3. Open items
 1. Approval of previous meeting notes
Moved by Janitda 2nd by judy - passed
 2. Chapter finances – Lori reviewed the finance statement
Moved by Pat 2nd by Jim
 3. Recent projects & events
 1. Appreciation social
Thanks to Lori and all others who ran the projects
 2. Bowling Tournament
Tournament was completed successfully and we raised \$1200.
 3. Murder Mystery
14 jaycees participated! Excellent turn out and lots of fun!
 4. Demolition derby brought in \$3000 with \$1000 to our chapter. Santa comes to Lincoln is scheduled for December 15th at the tumbleweed in Lincoln at 10am. All jaycees are invited!
 4. Chaired and upcoming projects
 1. Community action Thanksgiving meals.
Potatoes and baskets are donated. Moved by dennis and 2nd by Jim to budget \$150 for turkeys and goods for 10 meals. – Passed
 2. Magic of Christmas fundraiser is December 16th. Jaycees are needed to take tickets and assist.
 5. Old business
 1. Community VP
4. New business
 1. Donation to troops
1st CEVG VETERANS asking for donations to help send care packages to our

- troops. Moved by al to provide \$75 and 2nd by dennis - Passed
2. Christmas party
Saturday December 8th with location pending on the hall usage as a warming house.
 3. Salvation Army
December 3-7 Outside 5-9pm at Sams Club. A signup form was passed you may email Chris Zigler to signup.
 4. Budget
Lori distributed a budget proposal prepared by the exec board.
 5. Christmas Project
We are looking into working with meals on wheels.
 6. Clean up
Adopt a highway cleanup for our section of road is due again. Plan is Sunday November 18th at 10:00am. Meet at Jaycee hall.
5. Other items
1. Lots
 2. Jaycee Deep fat fry party – Friday November 16 9:00pm
 3. OYF
 4. Year end convenion