

THE JAYCEE SPIRIT

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Hey everyone ~ newsletter time. Yippee. First off, I want to say what an awesome time at convention. It gets to be such a long time between our convention in August and the Year-End one, so it's fun to catch up with friends from other chapters. Second of all, it's nice to come home with some WOOD. And I mean – WE GOT SERIOUS WOOD. Congrats to all of those individual winners and of course our entire chapter. Third, way to go Lori on running a successful speed-dating. Not too often do we come away from something with 6 – YOU BET COUNT 'EM 6 – new members.

We have some opportunities to do some traveling. Although the roadrunner program has changed this year – I still want us to go out and visit other chapters. Garrison has a coldest Budweiser in town coming up on the 17th of February. We have been asked if we want to tag along with the Mandan crew when they go to visit Grove City – so if anyone wants to attend, let me know as we need to have some background checks done beforehand. Mohall is going to be hosting their chili cook-off on March 17, so start preparing your recipes now.

Now is the time for us to be thinking of an OYND candidate. Deadline for applications to be submitted is April 6. Criteria – any individual between the ages of 18 and 40 that has demonstrated leadership and excellence within their local community or state of ND. This person must be available the weekend of April 27 – 29 to be in Fargo for the convention. I hope by the end of the meeting this month we can have our person selected, so please bring any ideas you have and we'll hash it out at the meeting.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting ~

Jill Simpfenderfer

INDIVIDUAL VP

Vice for the Common Good

By Eric Stroshane

VP of Individual Development and Stuff

Feeling philanthropic? Those with a predilection for gambling and a penchant for giving to charity have a formal forum for combining these twin loves in Long Bets (<http://longbets.org>). This non-profit website facilitates wagers on societally and scientifically significant events (including all the fun stuff like alien contact, the arrival of self-aware machines, the end of civilization, and when the linear concept of time will finally be supplanted by one viewing it as a polarity between content and context). There are a few restrictions—for instance the time frame for a bet must be at least two years (hence one valence of their name), the winnings of the wager must go to a pre-designated charity, and you have to provide arguments explaining the significance of your prediction and why you think you're right. Of course, someone also has to take you up on it. The site is also a really fun way to learn about some wild ideas—crackpot and otherwise.

COMMUNITY VP

No Article Submitted by Chris Z. this month.

Document	When to shred
Bank deposit slips	Once you've reconciled your statement
Brokerage statements	Hold until you sell the securities; then with your tax returns for 7 years
Canceled checks	After one year (7 years if you need them to support tax filings)
Certificates of deposit	Once they mature
Check statements	After one year
Credit-card statements	After one year (7 years if you need them to support tax filings)
Annually renewed insurance premiums	After renewal
Term life insurance	Once the term expires
Loan documents	Once the loan is repaid
Pay stubs	When you get a new one
Receipts	When warranty expires (7 years if you need them to support tax filings)
State and federal tax returns	After 7 years
401(k) statements	When you get a new one

**MANAGEMENT
VP**

When to get rid of financial documents

If you save every scrap of paper your bank sends you or your file cabinets are overflowing with old credit-card statements, you may be holding on to too many papers for too long. It can be confusing knowing when to get rid of financial statements and other important documents, but you don't have to be a slave to those papers.

According to Consumer Reports, almost every document has a shelf life. Once that expires, it's time to shred. And if you really want to cut down on paper, consider opting for electronic statements only from your bank and credit card companies.

Of course, there are certain documents you should never throw away: birth certificates, death certificates, marriage licenses, military discharge papers, loan discharge notices and Social Security cards, to name a few. You'll want to hold savings bonds until they mature, but it's best to convert them to electronic bonds at the U.S. Treasury. Otherwise, keep them in a safe-deposit box and have a list of serial numbers at home. And don't hold stock certificates -- you should transfer paper certificates to a brokerage account. By [Marshall Loeb](#), MarketWatch

Speed Dating
Lori Jepson

The Peacock Alley was the site this year for the annual speed dating event. January 25 eighteen people participated in helping to raise \$150.00 for the Keri's Kids Program. There were six great matches made that in night in the form of new members!! Please welcome our newest members: Anne, Don, Jacob, Kerry, Michelle and Tiffany to the Bismarck Jaycees.

MEMBERSHIP VP

To start things off this month I would like to welcome our new members from last month's very successful Speed Dating event. We received a challenge from a Mandan Jaycee to recruit five new members there and then he would join our chapter, and to his surprise, we succeeded! So, welcome to Michelle Buchholz, Tiffany Busby, Kerry Huravitch, Anne Polasky, Jake Rau, and of course Donnie Taghon who made the challenge.

Now, to help you out with your recruiting, here is a list of the Top 10 Reason to become a Jaycee:

10. As a member of the Bismarck Jaycees, you automatically become member of the State, National, and International Jaycee Organization, all with the same membership.

9. To learn to communicate more effectively.
8. To improve your leadership skills.
7. To discover more about yourself and expand your horizons.
6. To improve your management skills.
5. To build a better community.
4. To learn how to use your time more effectively
3. To make new friends.
2. To help others.
1. And the #1 reason to join the Bismarck Jaycees is:
To have fun making a difference in your world!

Leif
MVP

SECRETARY

I just wanted to say as a First Timer I had an awesome time at Year End Convention in Minot. I truly recommend everyone to attend Jaycee Conventions. I was the only First Timer from the Bismarck Chapter at the Year End Convention and I participated in an event and I ended up getting 2nd place. It was great. I got to meet a lot of new people from chapters across the state.

I wanted to thank Leif for hosting the Super Bowl Party at his house with huge 56 inch t.v. Their were about 10-15 of us there. Leif was generous enough to provide subs and everyone else brought a potluck item. We had more food than people. We all had a great time watching the game and especially watching the commercials.

Amy

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM JANUARY

Don Taghon

Michelle Buchholz

Jake Rau

Anne Polasky

Tiffany Busby

Kerry Huravitch

YEARLY RENEWAL REMINDERS

February:

Leif Olson

Marty Leier

Roberta Heinert sorry to see go due to aged out

Chris Jacobson sorry to see go due to aged out

March:

None

February Anniversaries

Marty Leier- 2003

Leif Olson -2005

Bismarck Jaycees,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the financial support of my Roughrider Nomination. My heart will always belong to the Jaycees. It has touched my life in a special way.

Even if you didn't contribute the words, it means the world to me that you would even think of giving me a Roughrider Nomination. I had no expectations of receiving that, especially not this soon, so thank you from the bottom of my heart. The last 4 years of being a Bismarck Jaycee have been rocky for me and especially this past year. I had some very rough times emotionally in my life, and a few Jaycees really helped me overcome those rough times and keep kickin. I am very honored to have received this award, and will continue to work on being a strong help in the chapter.

Congratulations on being the #1 chapter in the state for 2006. Let's all keep up the hard work, not just for the points, though, but to serve our community and to help build better leaders of ourselves and others. We each have to contribute to the success of our chapter and our state.

Proud to be a Bismarck Jaycee,

Melissa Evans

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BRAIN TEASERS

Birthdays in February

A man wanted to get into a members only club so he hid and watched the guard at the door of the club house. The guard said a number to each member as they approached, and the member would respond with a number of their own. If the member responded with the correct number they were let in. If they responded incorrectly they were thrown out. One member came up to the door, the guard said twelve, and the member responded with six and was let in. Another member came to the door, the guard said six and the member responded with three and was let in. Believing he had heard enough, the reject went up to the guard. The guard said ten, and the reject said five, but was not let in. What should the reject have said?

MEREPEAT

YYYMEN

Arlin Haider

Jeff Zins

Rodney Kalvoda



WE DID IT!!!!!!!!!! I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE STATE'S SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP PUSH IN JANUARY . . . WE MET OUR "MAGIC NUMBER" OF 57 FOR NATIONALS!! I also owe a HUGE thank you to the Bismarck chapter for adding 3 additional members tonight. You guys rock. I'm so excited . . . and no, I haven't even cried! I LOVE THE NORTH DAKOTA JAYCEES!

Michele Dean

73rd State President

North Dakota Jaycees

BISMARCK JAYCEES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2007

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				01.	02.	03.
04.	05.	06.	07.	08.	09.	10.
11.	12.	13. Jaycee Monthly Meeting 7:30 Sertoma Park Community Building	14.	15.	16.	17.
18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
25.	26.	27.	28.			

Answers to Brain Teasers:

1. He should have said three, the number of letters in the number the guard said.
2. Repeat after me
3. Three Wise Men

**The birds are gone, The ground is white,
The winds are wild, They chill and bite;
The ground is thick with slush and sleet,
And I barely feel my feet.**

