

# THE JAYCEE SPIRIT

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## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Happy New Year Bismarck Jaycees! I hope you all had a wonderful New Years. As I'm writing this I'm having a moment of panic as I have no clue what I am going to say. Year-end convention is coming up and it will be a blast. I believe last year I had predicted that Bismarck would end up on top – well, we did in August, so cross your fingers that it will happen this January. If not – we had a good effort. If we do – then we have a lot to live up to. I would love for our chapter to run many projects, get recruit and activate new members, and of course HAVE FUN. I tend to procrastinate some and I realize that I should be packing for my trip to Tulsa for the Local Leadership Academy. Lori and I should bring back some wonderful experiences and exciting ideas to share with you all.

I will be sending out the membership survey again – thank you to the people who have filled one out. I do need this information as soon as possible – as it is part of our Blue Chip. So, if you get one in the mail, please mail it back or bring it to a meeting or get it to an exec board member.

I hope this year will be fun – if anyone has any thoughts, concerns, questions or ideas about projects, please – speak up. If you don't want to speak up at meetings, then send any member of the exec board team an email or give them a call. Here is the contact information for us – so if you need anything please – give us a call. If anyone has any ideas or articles for the newsletter contact Amy and if you have any items, pictures, etc. for the website please contact Leif.

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Yours in Jaycees,  
Jill Simpfenderfer

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	2007 President Bismarck Jaycees

## **INDIVIDUAL VP**

## **MANAGEMENT VP**

No Article Submitted by Lori this month.

Greetings all! My name is Eric Stroshane and I'm your new Individual Development VP. Here's a bit about me: I can legally preside over baptisms, funerals, and weddings in 48 of the United States (including North Dakota). I enjoy chess, origami, trivia, jazz, blues, extreme metal, all things strange and unusual, the companionship of cats, laughter, and living in fear. Professionally, I'm the Head of Public Services at the North Dakota State Library. I have a mechanical device that keeps me alive by mimicking properly functioning Islets of Langerhaans. My goals for the year include writing a crappy novel and not dying.

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## **COMMUNITY VP**

No Article Submitted by Chris Z. this month.

## **MEMBERSHIP VP**

Hello there. This is Leif Olson, your new Jaycees Membership VP for 2007. This is my first attempt at an article for my new position, so please bare with me. In my role as Membership VP this year I would like to focus as much or more on retention and activation as recruitment. We had a great year last year and we wish we had seen some of you more. We hope to have an even better year this year and would love for all you to be a part of it. And, as always, if there is anything that we can do to make your Jaycee experience a better one, please let us know.

Also, just a note on my other role as web master. At the beginning of the year I updated our web site with a brand new look. I want to continue to grow our website and make it the best in the state. In order to do this I need your help. Please send me any photos, articles, or suggestions that you may have, or even just any typos that you may spot. ([www.bismarckjaycees.com](http://www.bismarckjaycees.com))

Thanks in advance for your help and I am looking forward to seeing you all at our future events.

Leif Olson  
MVP

## **REMINDERS**

### **SECRETARY**

Hi everyone! My name is Amy Barwicki and I am your Jaycee Secretary/Newsletter person for 2007. My goal for the newsletter is to have it done before the monthly meetings. If anyone has articles or other information they would like submitted in the newsletter please contact me by the last day of the month. I am open for suggestions also to improve anyway. I am looking forward to a great year.

Amy

### ***February:***

Leif Olson

Marty Leier

Roberta Heinert sorry to see go due to aged out.

### ***March:***

None

## **YEARLY RENEWAL**

### **Brain Teasers**

Why is George Washington's official birthday celebration held on February 22 when he was actually born on February 11?	What letter is next in this sequence? M, A, M, J, J, A, S, O,___
Whats full of holes but still holds water?	What happened in 1961 and will not happen again until 6009?

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<b>BISMARCK JAYCEES CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 2007</b>						
<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. CPG Judging 1:00pm Lisa Weber's House
7.	8.	9. Monthly Jaycee meeting @ Sertomoa Park Community Building 7:30Pm	10.	11.	12.	13.
14.	15.	16.	17. "M" Bowling Night 7:00pm Midway Lanes	18.	19. State Year End Convention @ Minot	20. State Year End Convention @ Minot
21. State Year End Convention @ Minot	22.	23.	24.	25. Speed Dating @ Peacock Alley 7:00PM in the Langer Room	26.	27

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**Bismarck Jaycees  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2007**

Members Present: Jill, Jim, Leif, Lori, Eric, Chris, Amy B., Roberta, Pat, Al, Shawn.

Guest: Pam

1. Meeting was called to order by President Jill.
2. The installation of the 2007 Officers
  - A. Jim swore Jill into her new position of being President.
  - B. Jill swore Lori, Leif, Eric, Chris, and Amy B. all into their positions.
3. Open Items
  - A. Review of Previous Meeting Notes was done
    1. Jill and Lori went and purchased a new pre-paid cell phone from Alltel. The new phone number is 701-220-1243. This phone number will be on the website instead of peoples' personal numbers.
  - B. Review of Chapter Finances was done.
    1. Previous balance 12/12/06 was \$4,108.35
    2. Total Income was \$446.30
    3. Total Expenses was \$737.80
    4. Check Book Balance is \$3,816.85
  - C. Review of Recent Projects and Events
    1. Magic of Christmas (contracte Christmas Program) was very successful. Talk was done next year plan a little better for the wheel chair guests. \$3000 was raised doing this project.
    2. Salvation Army Bell Ringing went okay. Talk was done to do again next year.
    3. Holiday Family Project \$238.00 in gifts was purchased for 2 little girls and parents. \$300 gift card was given to the family also. \$200 from the donation of the First Community Credit Union and Cashwise donated a \$100 also. Lori, Jill, Janitda, and Amy shopped for the gifts. Jill, Lori, and Amy wrapped the gifts. Chris talked with

Cashwise about the gift card. Lori delivered the gifts to Charity Luthern Church.

4. New Years Party was at Matt and Amy Mueller's house in Lincoln. Several people attended.
5. Santa Claus come to Lincoln Jill, Janitda, and Pat went to Lincoln to help with this. They filled candy bags for all the little people and helped serve food at lunch time.
6. Other Visitations/Events Jill and Lori went to Tulsa,OK for Local Leadership Training over January 4-7. They had a lot of fun and learned lots.

D. Charied upcoming Projects and Events

1. Speed Dating January 25, 2007 7:00pm @ Peacock Alley in the Langer Room. Lori asked for 5 people to help her work the event, if anyone is intrested feel free to call Lori. Proceeds are going to be donated Cari's Kids Program.
2. Civic Center Staffing Chris reported he has not heard from the Bismarck Civic Center that they needed are help yet.
3. August 2007 Convention Entertainment Committee asked for a budget of \$500 to plan for Entertainment for Friday night of the convention.
4. Website Update Leif stated he has updated the current Bismarck Jaycee website. Leif stated he found a couple of websites for \$8.00 a month or possibly even free to create the new website.
5. Bowling MembershipNight is January 17, 2007 7:00pm at Midway Lanes. Chris called and reserved 2 lanes. Talk was done if you want supper the bowling alley has lots of food.

4. Projects and Events in Need of Chair

A. Valentines for Vetrans-Eric agreed to chair. He will go purchase Valentines and line up a day for us to sign the Valentines and then the Valentines will be mailed to VA

Hospital.Treats for Troops-Lori agrred to chair. Talk was done on sending care packages overseas to the troops. Lori said she had a contact at the National Gaurd. She will keep us posted.

B. Pitch, Hit, and Run-Shawn chairing. We would like to see this ran in 2 communities if possible. Going to be held in April.

C. OYND-Jim chairing. Deadline to nominate someone is April 5,2007. The award will be presented at the end of April. The date to be announced.

D. Fitterer Twins from Bismarck-Jim chairing. Jim is going to find out when the twins are coming home from the hospital and contact the family to find out if they would be intrested in us hosting a Hotdog Fundraiser for them. Chris stated he would be able to talk to someone at Cloverdale to maybe donating the hotdogs.

E. Jaycee Superbowl Party at Leif's house on February 4, 2007 time to be announced.

F. ONTO State Organization is looking for stuff to be donated if anyone would like to donate anything.

G. Hope chest for Tami B our 2006 State Jaycee President-if you have any momentos you would like to donate to put into the Hope Chest get it to Al by Thursday evening or bring it to Minot if you are going to the State Convention. The Hope chest will be presented to Tami saturday night at at the Sate Convention in Minot the weekend of January 19-21.

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H. Bowling Tournament-Chris chairing. The dates of the tournament are Oct. 13-14 and Oct. 20-21. A committee was formed to help Chris. The committee is Jim, Shawn, Al, and Pat.

5. Other Items

A. State Year End Convention-January 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> in Minot at the International Inn

1. Debate Team was formed: Jim, Pat, Lori, and Jill these guys will compete against the Williston Jaycee Chapter.

2. Jill suggested car pooling if anyone was interested.

B. National Year End Convention-March 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis

C. Next Meeting -Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at Sertoma Community Center.

6. Meeting was adjourned by saying the Jaycee Creed

7. Post-meeting Activities was held at the Ground Round

Answers to Brain Teasers:

1. We lost 11 days when we changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendars during his lifetime so Washington celebrated his birthday 11 days later to make it a year after his last birthday.
2. N for November
3. Sponge
4. The year reads the same upside down

**JANUARY QUOTE**

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Lord Tennyson Alfred

