

# THE JAYCEE SPIRIT

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## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

I can't believe it is November already!! At the October meeting the 2008 elections were held. We still have on vacancy left, Community Vice President. It would be great if we could fill this position at the next meeting. I encourage all of you to think about becoming involved.

I wanted to thank all of you who helped and participated our first annual bowling tournament. Everybody on the committee worked hard in getting sponsors and donations for prizes. I am excited to see this tournament grow and become a big fund raiser for our organization.

We are coming into the holidays, which is a busy time for all of us. We have a few bigger projects coming up. There is the community action Thanksgiving drive that Dennis and Amy are working on. Ringing bells for the Salvation Army and our Magic of Christmas Show on December 16<sup>th</sup>. We also have a fun night planned for ourselves with the Murder Mystery progressive dinner Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to RSVP to Missy. Hope to see all of you at our monthly meeting Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

Lori Jepson,  
President

**INDIVIDUAL VP**

You may have heard chatter over the past few years about the \$100 laptop or about One Laptop Per Child (OLPC). Their mission: to provide children around the world with new opportunities to explore, experiment, and express themselves. The realization: a rugged, wireless, open source, low power, and affordable laptop. That also happens to be dust proof, waterproof, drop proof, and usable without access to electricity. It's name is XO. The attentive may have ogled prototypes that sported hand cranks or foot pedals (like old school sewing machines). The snarky and attentive will have mocked them.

The production model runs on 2 watts and has a ten dollar battery that can be recharged using a pull cord or solar panel. What else does it feature? A web cam, an e-book reader, a screen that's suitable for viewing in high sunlight or total darkness, and mesh networking (meaning that they automatically network with any other nearby XO laptop, for collaborative projects). While these are designed for bulk sale to third world countries, U.S. citizens will have a chance to purchase them for a two week period, starting November 12<sup>th</sup>. Are there strings attached? Two of them—one is that it came in over cost, and the current models are selling for around \$200 each (the tag will decline as production increases); the other is that if you want one, you have to purchase two and the second will be given to a child in a third world country. That's right, the power of your geeky consumer capitalist impulses will compel you to be charitable. But at least you can claim it as a tax deduction. For more information, check out <http://laptop.org>.

Eric Stroshane  
ID VP

**MEMBERSHIP VP**

Hello all, just a quick note this month due to some technical difficulties. I just wanted to remind everyone of the membership incentive that I put out for this trimester. I will give one 6-pack of the beverage of your choice or one bottle of wine of the color of your choice to the person with the most recruits for each of the last 4 months of this trimester. So, that could have been 4 bottles of wine or a case of something to somebody, but so far, the only rewards go to me.

So, lets try to finish strong these last 2 months and get out there and recruit some new people!

Leif Olson  
Membership VP



## SECRETARY

### 1. Revisit your priorities.

Make a list of the top five priorities in your life now. Rank these in order of importance. When you're stressed and overwhelmed, revisit these priorities and remind yourself what's most important to you.

### 2. Put things in perspective.

Think about how important whatever is stressing you will be in a week, a month, or a year from now.

### 3. Look at the big picture.

Relax and take a step back. What's really important to you?

### 4. Simplify your life.

What do you put up with or take on? What annoys you? Let go of the things you have no control over. Deal with the things you can do something about, to the best of your ability. Look at areas of body/health, home, work, lifestyle, relationships and finance.

### 5. Listen to your intuition.

If you're used to thinking rationally, try using your intuition. It may take some practice to really "hear" what is inside you. You will start to notice co-incidences and experience a feeling of effortless in your life.

### 6. Create a de-stressing toolbox.

Create a toolbox of things that can bring you back from stress. Your toolbox may include a favourite CD, poem, quote or beautiful picture. Find something to laugh about. Whatever helps calm your mind.

### 7. Change what you are doing.

If your job involves a lot of thinking and problem solving, do the opposite, try working with your hands, e.g., painting, gardening, clearing out a wardrobe or creating something. If you work with your hands, try learning something new, writing or investigating a subject on the Internet.

### 8. Listen to your body.

Eat the right foods for your body including lots of fruit and

vegetables, and drink plenty of water. Stretch, meditate or go for a walk. Take a warm bath or shower. Talk to a positive friend. Do what your body needs and your brain will be rewarded. Get some rest, an early night or a quiet weekend.

### 9. Recognize fear of failure.

Look rationally at the situation; write down your worst possible fear and the worst possible outcome. It is not likely to be as bad as you think and you will survive. Have the courage to do things you are afraid of.

### 10. Do something you love.

Make time to do something you're passionate about. You will be surprised how it will change your outlook on life.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sad to say but no birthdays this month that I have been told about. I apologize if I have missed anyone's birthday.



Hey Bismarck Jaycees

Mark your calendars for November 10th. We are hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner that evening. The theme is: "Pasta, Passion, & Pistols." Now, I understand that it's the opening weekend of hunting, so if you can't make it, that's fine. But if you do want to join in on the fun, there are parts available to fill. Here is a little background on our event and the list of suspects. Please contact Missy at 527-3718 or email: [evansm@bis.midco.net](mailto:evansm@bis.midco.net) to reserve your part. Invitations are being mailed out with the exact details.

Giuseppe (Pepi) Roni was found murdered in the kitchen of his renowned New York City eatery, La Sperenza. Pepi had been shot in the back with his own pistol. His family and friends will gather to pay their respects to poor Pepi and to eat a feast of Italian food in his honor. One of them is a murderer!

**THE SUSPECTS ARE:**

**Rocco Scarfazzi:** Pepi's twin brother, a tough-talking no-nonsense Italian business man. In addition to his vineyards and real estate holdings, it is rumored that Rocco is in the 'laundering' business. He had no love for his brother Pepi, but his reasons are his own...capiche?

*Costume Suggestion: Black three-piece suit, white shirt, black hat and cane. Limousine optional.*

**Tara Misu:** Tara is Rocco's vivacious young fiancée. She was just an upstairs maid in Rocco's villa until she swept him off his feet. Now Tara keeps a smile on his face and a firm grip on Rocco's assets.

**Costume Suggestion: Tara is dressed to kill. She knows the effect she has on men and flaunts her charms shamelessly.**

**Mama Rosa:** Pepi's grieving widow. For 25 years,

Mama Rosa cooked the pasta while Pepi greeted La Sperenza's dinner guests. In all the years they were married, not once did they argue. Had something finally boiled over in Rosa's kitchen?

*Costume Suggestion: Mama Rosa is wearing widow's black. Pots and ladling spoons optional.*

**Marco Roni:** Pepi and Mama Rosa's only son, Marco was expected to take over the restaurant after his parents retired. Marco hates waiting tables. His goal is to play on a World Cup soccer team but his papa has been keeping him permanently on the bench.

*Costume Suggestion: Soccer player's uniform. Waiter apron optional.*

**Angel:** Angel is Pepi and Rosa's beautiful daughter. It was Pepi's dream that his "Angel" would marry a good Italian boy, have children and carry on the family traditions. Angel has a few fantasies of her own though, and one of them is that hunk, Bo Jalais. Mama-Mia!

*Costume Suggestion: Angel is in mourning so her short leather skirt is black, complemented with a tight black sweater. She loves gold jewelry.*

**Bo Jalais:** Cousin of a cousin of Rocco's, Bo manages the Scarfazzi vineyards. Bo comes from a long line of French wine makers and no one knows 'ze' grape like Bo. An important man in the Scarfazzi organization...what could Bo possibly have to whine about?

**Costume Suggestion: Bo wears a beret and a casual sports jacket over a black t-shirt. Grape-stained fingers and an eye for fine wines complete his ensemble.**

**Father Alfredo:** An Italian priest and long-time family friend of the Roni's and the Scarfazzi's. The good priest has heard their confessions and knows their sins.

**Costume Suggestion: Priest's cassock and hat. An overnight bag with at least one bottle of wine (for**

*religious purposes only).*

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**Clair Voyant:** Rosa's best friend and astrology advisor. Clair's talents include an ability to communicate with the spirit world and see into the future.

**Costume Suggestion:** Clair wears a gypsy-style gown with excessive makeup. She talks with a husky voice.

Thanks,  
Melissa Evans

## **COMMUNITY VP**

Happy Halloween! I hope that everyone did not overdue it on eating all the left over candy. What a month we had in October. This past month marked the Bismarck Jaycees First Annual Bowling Tournament. Because it was the first annual tournament it was kind of small but we hope to build on that every year for many years into the future. The month of October was a little slow for some of the community activities that we did but November is promising it be better. Again for the Thanksgiving Holiday we are looking to help with donating food to community action.

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## **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSERIES**

Janitda Muller  
Jill Simpenderfer



**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. Exec Board Meeting 7:30pm	8.	9.	10. Murder Mystery Dinner 5:30pm Please RSVP to 527-3718
11.	12.	13. General Membership meeting 7:30pm @ Jaycee Hall	14.	15.	16. LOTS PARTY at Jaycee Hall	17. LOTS Training 9:00am @Comfort Inn
18.	19.	20.	21.	22. Happy Thanksgiving	23. BLACK FRIDAY-GO SHOPPING DAY OF SALES!!!!	24.
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	

**BISMARCK JAYCEES**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 10/9/07 7:30 PM**

12 Members Present

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Change Requests – items were added to the agenda. Janitda made motion to approve agenda. Amy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
3. Open Items
  1. Previous Meeting Notes included in Monthly Newsletter-Pat made motion to approve previous month minutes. Leif 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
  2. Review of Chapter Finances – Lori Jepson
  3. Review of Recent Projects & Events:
    1. Punt, Pass & Kick – Bismarck - Jake
    2. Punt, Pass & Kick – Washburn – Pat  
? 19 kids participated
    3. Corn Maze Membership night – Leif  
16 people present for it. A couple of prospects may join. Went to Westside Bar and Grill afterwards for pizza.
    4. TOYA-Janitda went to Oklahoma with some other people from ND. Denice O'Neil was elected National President for 2008.
  4. Chaired Upcoming Projects & Programs
    1. Bowling Tournament – Chris  
Oct. 13-14 and Oct. 20-21. Sign up to work one of the shifts or more. Held at the Ten Spot in Mandan.
    2. Appreciation Social – Lorrie  
8 invitations were hand delivered with a pumpkin. Will be Oct. 10 at the Jaycee Hall.
    3. Magic of X-Mas Christmas Program-  
Will be 12-16-07 at 3:00pm at the Ramkota. We as the Jaycees are guaranteed \$3000.00 from this event. Tickets for this event will be coming. Stay tuned for further info. On this.
  5. Old Business
    1. Washburn Extension – Missy  
The goal was to have the extension done by Sept. 30 or not to go forward with it anymore for the year. This goal was not met.
4. New business
  1. State Engineering Gaming Event – May 17<sup>th</sup>

Dennis Burdolski chairing the project. Starting ? 2:00pm- 5:00pm. This will be entertainment between the meetings for this group before their banquet starts. Roughly around 150 people or less. Dennis will look at our gambling equipment we have and decide if it can be fixed and will purchase some new pieces also.

2. Jaycee Cards – Chris

Chris suggested to have a simple card with the Bismarck Jaycee logo in Blue and Green coloring on the front of a tent card and plain on the inside. These cards will work in Laser or ink jet printers. The purpose of the cards are for people to use them as thank yous after running an event, or invitation cards if need be. 500 cards for \$168, 700 cards for \$186, or 1000 cards for \$199. Leif made motion for the chapter to purchase 500 cards at the price of 168.00. Al 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No discussion. Motion Passed.

3. Credit Card Payments-

Chris made motion to set this feature up. Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No discussion was done on this. Setting up this feature entails a 1.85 fee when the person goes to use it each time. Chris made motion to have the members pay for this. Lorrie S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. By show of hand vote 5 for individual to pay and 6 for chapter to pay. The motion fails. Al made motion to have the chapter pick up the cost of 1.85 every time someone uses it and evaluate it after 1 starting on Nov. 1, 2007. Shawn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No discussion was done. Motion passed.

4. 2008 Elections

**President**-Nomination was made last month for Lori J. Janitda made a unanimous motion to make Lori the 2008 president. Motion passed.

**Management VP**-Chris Z. was nominated last month. Janitda made motion to have Chris as the Management VP . Shawn 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. Motion Passed.

**Community VP**-No one was nominated for this last month and no one stepped up for the position. Chris Z. offered to do this along with Management VP. Chapter decided to leave open until the end of Dec. if no one has stepped up to hold this office Chris will do it.

**ID VP**-Leif and Tiffany were both nominated last month for this position. Since the sept. meeting Tiffany has declined due to she has other commitments. Motion was made to have Leif as the ID VP. Motion passed.

**Membership VP**-Judy was nominated for this last month. Motion was made for Judy to be the Membership VP. Motion passed with out any discussion.

**Treasurer**-Janitda was nominated for this last month. Motion was made for Janitda to be Treasurer. Motion passed with out any discussion.

**Secretary**-Missy and Sara were both nominated last month for this position. Discussion was done on this. Motion was made to have Sara as the Secretary. Motion passed.

5. OYF Candidate-Outstanding Young Farmer

Start thinking of someone you know who is a farmer for their primary job and is the ages of 18-40. This award will be handed out at Year End Convention in Minot in January. Deadline for this application is beginning of December.

6. OYND-Outstanding Young North Dakotan

This award is given at the Spring Convention beginning of May. This candidate has to be between the ages of 18-40.

7. Salvation Army Bell Ringing-

Chapter voted to do Bell Ringing indoors like a grocery store for a work week Monday through Friday. Starting the shifts around 5 and going to 9. Only 1-2 people have to be their at a time.

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5. Other Items

1. Lots – Nov. 16 – 17

Comfort Inn-Bismarck. Chapter will pay the registration cost for the new incoming officers.

2. BYOP & BYOB-Bring Your Own Pumpkin & Bring Your Own Beverage

Sat. Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> starting 4:30pm at Al's house. Please RSVP by the 25<sup>th</sup> so he knows how much chili to make.

3. Lori announced that she put the chapters name down to pay for 3 awards at the Year End Convention. The cost will be around 100.00.

6. Adjourn with Jaycee Creed

7. Post-meeting Activities – Paradiso

As your ND Jaycee President elect for 2008 I would like to invite you to Local Officer Training School . NVP Debbie Lutz from Wyoming is coming to Bismarck to assist! She is a great personality and has done superb training featuring goal setting and leadership development for chapters. If you are a chapter officer for 2008 or would like to take part in the training please see the information below.

**ND Jaycees LOTS Training (Local Officer Training)**

**Comfort Inn-Bismarck,ND**

**November 17, 2007**

**Hotel Information:**

Comfort Inn\*1030 E Interstate Ave\*Bismarck,ND 58502

(1-701-223-1911)\*Room Rate: \$59 Double or \$50 Single + Tax

When making reservations inform Hotel you are with the ND Jaycees.

Registration is \$40 per person-No refunds within 2wks of convention date.

Payment must accompany registration form.

**Mail Registrations to:**

Janelle Halverson\*129 18<sup>th</sup>St. SW\*Minot,ND 58701\*701-839-1312

**ND JAYCEES LOTS AGENDA**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17,2007**

**When:**

9:00am  
9:30am  
10:00am  
10:00am  
10:00am  
11:00am  
11:30am  
12:00pm  
1:00pm  
2:00pm  
3:00pm  
4:00pm  
5:00pm

**What:**

Introductions  
Blue Chip Training  
Chapter President Training  
Local Officer Training  
VP's and PM Training  
CPG Training  
How to handle Chapter Finances  
Lunch  
Proper recruiting exercises  
Teamwork exercises  
Foster relationships to build your chapter  
Using technology to build your chapter and  
and attract younger members.  
Closing Remarks  
Followed by a brief 2008 Exec Board Meeting

I look forward to my upcoming work in 2008.

Pat Groce