

# THE JAYCEE SPIRIT

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## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

I can't believe it is September already, summer is gone and the kids are back into school!! The year is flying by fast and the holidays are right around the corner. It makes me think of spending time with friends and family celebrating the holidays.

Recently a co-worker of mine past away unexpectedly, she was about three years away from retirement. This has made me think of all the things that I have thought about doing but just have not gotten to. I am GREAT procrastinator at many things in my life and always think I will have time to do things later. The truth is we may not always have that luxury. This has made me also think of President Michele's theme for the year: Leap into Action. We have some big projects coming up and also election of next year's officers. Take time to think about if you would like to be a part of the executive board, chair a project or become more involved helping with projects. My challenge to all of you is to Leap into Action not just in the jaycees but in your own personal lives. Think of the different things that you may have put off thinking you would do it later or just have not taken the time to do.

I am very excited about all of the potential we have in our members and can only imagine what we can accomplish as a group if we all choose to Leap into Action!

See you all on Tuesday September 11 at 7:30 for our general membership meeting ☺

Lori Jepson  
President

## INDIVIDUAL VP

On Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, an EF-4 tornado set down in Northwood, ND, outside of Grand Forks. Damage estimates to this town of roughly 959 people range from \$38 million to \$59 million. There was serious damage to the city's fire hall, school, library, and grain elevator, as well as to local businesses, including the Super Valu grocery store and Agvise. According to Red Cross estimates, 431 of Northwood's 460 homes were destroyed or damaged by the tornado. There was one confirmed death. Regional volunteer cleanup efforts are being coordinated by the United Methodist Church and Lutheran Disaster Response in Northwood. You can show support for this North Dakota community by donating to the Northwood recovery fund: Alerus Financial, P.O. Box 220, Northwood, ND 58267. The Grand Forks Salvation Army (1600 University Ave., Grand Forks, ND 58203) and the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross (1708 River Road N.W., East Grand Forks, MN 56721) are also taking up donations.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Judy Bauer	Don Taghon
Shawn Froelich	Leif Olson
Lisa Weber	Eric Stroshane



## MEMBERSHIP VP

Hello all! We had an awesome month with the both the NCI and State conventions here in Bismarck. I was very glad to see everyone who could make it. I know it is tough in the summer time, but I do wish a few more of you could have made it, especially the new people. Conventions are one of my favorite parts of being in the Jaycees. We did not have any First Timers at our own convention this time, which I thought was a shame, but hopefully we can have some at the year end convention. I am sure it will be a blast again!

I am hoping that, as they say, pictures are worth a thousand words. So therefore I am encouraging all of you to check out all of the fun we have been having on our website. I have posted many pictures from our last conventions, as well as other activities that we have had. Simply click on the [Photos](#) link on the side menu of our web site and then click on [View Photo Gallery](#) at the top of the page. There are currently around 800 pictures on the site and I am adding more all of the time. To find my personal collection of Jaycee photos, which has a few more of the funner pics than the main page, click on [Album: Jaycee's Photos](#) and then [Album: Leif's Photos](#). Here you will find the latest State Convention photos among other things. Here is the address if you want to go straight to the state photos:

<http://www.bismarckjaycees.com/gallery/v/bismarck/lolson/state/>

I hope you enjoy all of the pictures that I have been putting up and as always I welcome any submissions of pictures that you may have taken as well. Hope to see you all at the next convention!  
Leif Olson

Membership VP

Web Master  
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## **SECRETARY**

Hey everyone its that time of year again for upcoming elections to be on the local board of your Jaycee chapter. The elections for the board will be held at the October meeting. You can nominate someone or yourself for an upcoming position at the September meeting. If you have any questions related to any of these position feel free to contact anyone on the execboard. All of the execboard information is on the first page of the newsletter.

The positions open to run for are:

President

Management Vice President

Community Vice President

Individaul Vice President

Membership Vice President

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On November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck is LOTS (Local Officer Training) training. This is a 1 ½ day training for people holding a new office or people who have held the office but its been awhile and need to brush up on there skills.

Amy Barwicki

Secretary

Hi Everyone!

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fill the Bus sponsored by Y-93 was held at Red Carpet Car Wash Locations north and south on August 15. The Bismarck Jaycees did their part in the community by both raising money to buy school supplies and helping collect supplies at the event. Fill the Bus is a campaign started by Y-93 to collect school supplies and distribute them to area kids in need. This is a very worthwhile cause in our community and has grown every year.

To raise money, the Jaycees sold tattoos and suckers at the races for three nights and were able to raise \$93 (kinda fitting since it was sponsored by Y-93). This money was used to buy a lot of school supplies including backpacks, notebooks, folders, pencils, markers, crayons, and other essential items.

My personal experience helping on the day of the event was very rewarding. It was great to see a lot of people coming out to help others in need whether it was a bag of supplies, a car load of supplies, or a cash donation. I was especially touched to see young children come up to the bus with their bags to help other kids in need. They are learning at a very young age to give to others less fortunate.

A special thanks goes out to everyone who helped out.....Sarah, Amy, Jill, Tiffany, Chris, and our new members, Brad and Erica Kirschenheiter. Thanks a bunch for all your hard work and help!!

Both Y-93 and the Bismarck Public Schools were very appreciative for the help we were able to provide. They have already contacted me to help organize for next year. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help, please let me know.

Judy Bauer

## **DEMO DERBY WRAP-UP**

Imagine the smells of dirt, oil, gas and beer whipping by in the brisk prairie wind. This is the scent of the Lincoln/Bismarck demo derby. Three years ago as chapter president I hoped to find a project that would increase our visibility in the community and provide extra funds for the chapter. The derby has succeeded in both those areas while being a challenging leadership project. We created a partnership with the Lincoln Derby folks to have our chapter help run the event. I have learned how to plan, schedule, promote, and implement a large event. A skill I know will come in useful for my future Jaycee endeavours.

This year the derby was attended by over a thousand people and featured more than fifty cars. The derby has seven heats to qualify to determine who advances to the final heat. It also includes a herby derby race consisting of small four cylinder cars smashing about the arena. The arena itself is built in a farm pasture north of town on Tim Hoage's land. Tim is an avid derby fan and owner of T & T dirtworks. Through T & T we have access to a mower, grater, and other necessary equipment to prepare the arena. Seating for the event is on a hillside surrounding the pasture.

One special part of the derby is the kids games. We involved the kids during the derby by inviting them down the hill to foot race. Kids are divided into age groups between each derby heat and then race down toward the finish line. The top three winners are given prizes and each participant receives a pass to river city water park.

Next year I will not chair the event given my other duties. Which Jaycee out there would like to chair this project? Remember this is an opportunity for leadership and growth! Let's continue to build a successful chapter and run this great project for the community!

## **PAT'S AUGUST CONVENTION**

What a great August convention! Thanks to all my friends in the Bismarck Jaycees for awarding me Roughrider #662! The roughrider is a distinguished lifetime membership in the N.D. Jaycees. The membership allows me to participate in the Roughrider Corps which is a group that meets at each convention to organize events for jaycees, raise funds to send Jaycees to nationals, and other important functions. I know I will enjoy being a part of this group for a long time.

I am also very excited to have been elected N.D. Jaycee president for 2008! This is a tremendous opportunity for me personally and a great milestone in my Jaycee career. I am already busy planning local officer training, upcoming conventions, and my goals for the coming year. I look forward to helping N.D. Jaycees build a successful future. This leadership opportunity will challenge me to mentor others and encourage Jaycees around the state grow into leaders as well. I believe leadership skills developed by the Jaycees is at the heart of our movement.

I have so many people to thank for supporting me in the last six years I cannot name you all. SO...  
**THANKS TO YOU ALL!**

Sincerely,  
Pat Groce

**BISMARCK JAYCEES CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2007**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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2	3.	4.	5. Exec Board Meeting 7:30pm	6.	7.	8.
9.	10.	11. General Membership meeting 7:30pm @ Jaycee Hall	12.	13.	14.	15. Washburn Pitch, Hit, Run @ 10:00am
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22. Bismarck Pitch, Hit, Run @ 10:00am Place to be determined
23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.

**BISMARCK JAYCEES  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
8/14/2007 7:30PM**

23 Members Present

1. Call to Order

By President Lori

2. Agenda Change Requests

No agenda changes Janitda made motion to approve agenda as is. Leif 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

3. Open Items

1. Previous Meeting Notes included in Monthly Newsletter

Pat made motion to approve previous meeting notes that could be found in the monthly newsletter. Motion Passed.

2. Review of Chapter Finances – Lori Jepson

Pat made motion to approve the chapter finances. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

3. Review of Recent Projects & Events:

1. CPG Event – Lori

CPG Judging Friday 5:00pm at the Doublewood Inn. Janitda made a motion to have the chapter pay the fee of \$3.00 for every CPG that is entered in the judging. Jill 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed without any discussion.

2. NCI – Lori

Was August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck. It was the National organization of the Jaycees on electing the National President.

4. Chaired Upcoming Projects & Programs

1. Fill the Bus – 8/14 – Judy

6:00am-6:00pm at the Red Carpet Car Wash. Show up any time to help work. Raised \$93.00 selling the tattoos and suckers at the races. Judy went and bought \$93.00 worth of school supplies and took them over.

2. State Convention Entertainment

-Entertainment

7:30pm with Trivia until 9:00pm. After opening ceremonies are done a DJ until 1:00am. Saturday night after banquet a DJ.

-Hospitality Room

Jill planned everything and had to ask Judy to set up due to she had to work. Jill came up with Come On In And Get Laid. Serving Sex on the Beach drinks. Jill asked for \$40.00 reimbursement fee from the chapter for the supplies she bought to decorate the room. Missy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Jill stated she could get the alcohol cheap or for free and not to worry about that.

-Registration & Kid's program

Amy is going to help with the Kid's Program on Saturday. Lori and Missy going to help with the registration. Tiffany agreed to help with taking meal tickets.

-CPG Judging

Need 1 Judge for every 3 CPG's the Chapter enters. Jim and Pat have agreed to Judge them.

-Competitions

Start at 7:00pm. Master Speak Up, Speak Up, and Jaycee Jeopardy.

3. Washburn Chapter Extension – Missy

To Be done by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> or forget it for the rest of this year. Going to do PPK up in Washburn on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and try and recruit members that day. Going to meet next week to regroup and get things moving again. A motion was made up to \$100.00 to buy the PPK kit and cover advertising expenses for PPK up in Washburn. Motion passed.

4. Punt Pass & Kick – Jake

Going to be held in Bismarck on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> tentative at Century School with the possibility moving it to Solheim. Going to advertise in the school newsletters. Jill made a motion to spend the \$25.00 for advertising fee for the Bismarck school newsletter. Vanessa 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Motion passed.

5. Murder Mystery progressive dinner – Missy

Tentatively Nov. 10th. Progressive dinner possibility of doing a 5 course meal. People offered to hold at their houses. Missy, Judy, Dennis and Becky. Missy made a motion for \$100.00 to help cover some of the cost of the party. Motion passed.

6. Derby – Pat

August 25th. Pat asked for people to sing up and work either in shifts or all day if they would like. Pat passed out flyer's and asked people to help hang them up.

7. Bowling Tournament – Chris

Going to be held Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14th. And Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22nd. Chris made a motion asking for \$500.00 to be used for different methods of advertising for the tournament. Discussion was done. Motion passed.

4. New business

1. National Jaycee Mission Week October 7-13 – Lori

Hold the Jaycee Thank You social maybe the Wednesday of that week and then recruit at the bowling tournament.

2. Shirts – Jim

Working on getting quotes for polos.

3. Membership Dues – Leif

Leif made a motion to have the General Membership dues increased from \$50.00 to \$60.00 due to the chapter does not receive hardly any of the money. He stated that for a new member \$48.00 dollars goes to state and the chapter gets \$2.00. He stated for a renewal member the state receives \$43.00 and the chapter receives \$7.00. He also stated that other chapters are starting to increase there wages to. A lot of discussion was done on this and Tiffany made a motion to table this until the September meeting so everyone can think about it. Motion passed to table it until next month.

4. TOYA

Sept. 21st-23<sup>rd</sup> in Omaha, Nebraska. This is were the 2008 National Jaycee President will be announced. This year it is a contested race. Plus, April from the Mohall Jaycee Chapter will be representing the ND Jaycees for JC Idol.

Announcements:

5. Leif's – 9/16/07

BYOB. Potluck of side dishes or desert. Leif will provide the main course.

6. 2008 Office Elections

October meeting. Start thinking about if you would like to run for an office.

7. Bowling Team

Amy Mueller putting together a Bowling team for fun. Anybody interested in bowling or just wanting to sub on a bowling team contact her. The cost is Males \$17.00, Females \$15.00 and a weekly fee of \$13.00.

8. Election Reimbursement

Item was brought up that in previous years the chapter has agreed to pay up to 80% of a persons filling fee if running for a state office. Jill made a motion to have 80% of Pat and Jim's filing fees reimbursed. Motion passed.

5. Adjourn with Jaycee Creed

6. Post-meeting Activities -Paradiso