

Our mission is to provide the opportunity for young adults to develop personal and leadership skills through local community service and organizational involvement.

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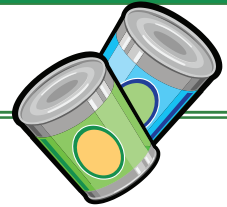
Bloomington-Normal Jaycees

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Membership meetings:
Second Wednesday
of every month at Central Station in
downtown Bloomington • 7:15pm

can-a-thon 2009 sunday, march 22



nicole williams, chair

Can-a-thon is only a month away. It is one of our signature events and we look forward to another successful year.

Can-a-thon is a food drive on a grand scale coordinated by the Jaycees and sponsored by Kroger, the Crossroads Center and The Pantagraph.

Grocery bags will be inserted into The Pantagraph March 20 along with instructions to fill the bags with canned goods and set it on doorsteps March 22 for collection.

Our job is to then drum up somewhere between 200 to 250 volunteers to drive a route (encompassing about a two-block

radius) in teams of at least two, grab the bags on the designated streets, and bring them in for sorting. Choose to stay and sort, go home, grab a victory beer... whatever! But your good deed will be done for the day, and I guarantee you will have fun doing it.

So, **Sunday, March 22, 2008**

bloomington-normal jaycees foodshare Can-a-thon

we would like to see the shining face of you and all your loved ones and friends at the Crossroads Center at 310 Wylie Drive Suite #450 in Normal. Please show up at noon to take a route and by 1:00 to sort.

Check us out on

facebook

from the president

timothy bill, 2009 president



Grow, Retain, Remember

As we start 2009, it feels good to reflect on a very productive and successful 2008. Let's take that momentum and make 2009 even better. We have a great group and I know we can make it happen.

This year I would like us to focus on "Growing, Retaining and Remembering."

Grow

As a chapter I think it is important to grow our membership and for each of us to grow ourselves. I would like to have more members at the end of the year than we started with. This starts with the membership as a whole. If you enjoy being a member of the Jaycees then tell people about us. Word of mouth is the best way to gain new members.

During my tenure as a member of the Jaycees I have seen so many members grow on a personal level, from becoming better at public speaking to becoming leaders. Participate in the events and projects that will help you grow personally and professionally.

Retain

A big part of growing our membership is retaining our current members. The members that stay with the Jaycees over time are the members that regularly participate in our events, projects and meetings.

I encourage all of you to help us keep our members active. If you see someone that hasn't been around in a while, invite them to the next event. You could call that person and tell them we have missed them and they should come to the next meeting, project or so-

cial event.

Remember

The last goal may not be considered a goal by some because it is not necessarily measurable. However, I think it is one of the most important parts of being a Jaycee and one we often forget to do.

When we are in the middle of a project we tend to get caught up in the organization, logistics and headaches of the project and we forget why we are really doing that project.

I was at GA last month and the emphasis is definitely on the awards chapters and individuals can achieve. I had to ask myself, "Are we doing this for the awards or the good of the community?"

I ask you all as Jaycees to take a step back as you are working on project, and ask yourself, "Why we are doing this project?" Is it to feed the needy, to brighten up Christmas for underprivileged children, to raise funds for charity, to develop ourselves personally, professionally or as a leader, or to just have fun with our peers? What we do as Jaycees is important to each of us and our community. Just remember that.

Here's to 2009!

Timothy Bill

2009 BN Jaycees President

a word from our membership director



Hello Fellow Jaycees!

I hope you are all having a great year thus far! As we look to strengthen and grow the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees, I invite each of you to bring a prospective member – friend, co-worker, etc. – to a chapter meeting, social, or fundraising event. I announced at our January chapter meeting that one of my main goals for this year is to not only retain current members, but also recruit 24 new members into our chapter. We are off to a good start so far this year with new members Katie Reeter and Ashley DeRycke. We also had a former Jaycee rejoin the group – Katy Griesemer.

I look forward to working with all of you this year and together, we will make this year a huge success!

Lynn Sieberns

2009 membership director

Mark your Calendars!



- March 6
1st Friday Happy Hour
- March 11
Chapter Meeting
- March 22
Can-a-thon

meet one of our newest members: **Katie Reeter**



Age/Birthday:
25 – January 28,
1984

**Where to you
work:** COUN-
TRY Financial

Occupation:
Replacement
Specialist (Life
Division) I issue
life policies.

Married: No

Children: No

Pets: No

Where are you from originally:
Bloomington, IL

Where did you attend college:
Eastern Illinois University!!!

**What was your major/s and/or
minor/s:** Major-Speech
Communication Minor-
Business Administration

What degree/s did you earn:
Bachelor

When did you join the Jaycees:
January 2009

Why did you join the Jaycees:
To meet new people and help
out in the community!

What do you like about the Jay-

cees: The people and first
Fridays!

**Current affiliations with other
organizations:** No, maybe in
the future.

Church or other activities: I
attend the Neumann Center
and Holy Trinity.

**Past personal achievements
and/or awards:** I have re-
ceived 2 LOMA (insurance
industry) designations

Hobbies: Working out at Gold's!
Going out with friends!
Studying for LOMA – 4
more tests to go!

Special/unique skills: none,
really.

**How do you like to spend your
free time:** Listening to mu-
sic, watching YouTube or
other funny internet clips,
watching movies/TV (“The
Office” and “30 Rock” are
my favorites!)

Favorite movie: I recently saw
“Lions for Lambs” and
“Grand Torino” – both excel-
lent movies. I also LOVED
“Stepbrothers!”

Favorite book: I only read a few
a year – Freakanomics and a
book about little known sto-
ries about how America was
formed-both very interesting!

**Favorite genre of music and/or
musician:** Really I like all
kinds- but my favorite band
has to be the White Stripes!

**Favorite restaurant and/or type
of food:** Pizza, anything
spicy and sushi!

Favorite sport and/or game:
Basketball – I also like to
watch the winter Olympic
sport of curling!!

**Where do you see yourself in 5
or 10 yrs:** Happy!

**What would people be the most
surprised to learn about
you:** At the first Bear’s game
I went to (I was about 11), a
special events worker asked
me if I wanted to kick a field
goal at halftime with some
other kids! So I did from the
10 yard line-I don’t think it
even went into the air – but
they let me keep the football!

the jaycees book club

Six members gathered on Feb-
ruary 17th to discuss the
book *The Curious Incident of the
Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark
Haddon. The group agreed that
the book was great - an easy read
with good character development.
For some the meeting lasted into
the wee hours of the morning.
You see, Book Club isn't just
about reading and discussing the
selected book, it is also about

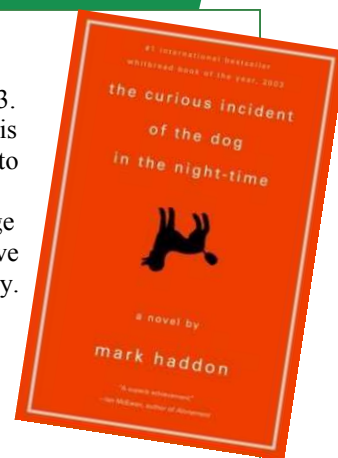
socializing and spending time
getting to know one another.

My goal for Book Club is to
read a variety of books that will
appeal to a wide audience. If there
is a book you'd like to share with
the group, please let me know and
we will add your selection add the
calendar.

For April's Book Club, Lisa
Beohm will be leading a discus-
sion of *Letters to My Daughter* by
Maya Angelou. For more infor-
mation about this book, please
visit: [http://www.amazon.com/
Letter-My-Daughter-Maya-](http://www.amazon.com/Letter-My-Daughter-Maya)

Angelou/
dp/1400066123.
The date for this
meeting is yet to
be determined.

I encourage
everyone to give
Book Club a try.
I hope to see
you in April!



Joanie Spencer
2009 idvp

2009 past president's mixer: january 22, Medici

On the evening of January 22, the B-N Jaycees held their annual Past President's Dinner at Medici in Uptown Normal. It has become tradition for the outgoing president (now Board Chair) to organize and plan this celebration. In previous years, this event has been held at NV Lounge and Reality Bites. It is a way to celebrate accomplishments, present year-end awards, thank past president's for their service and hardwork, as well as pass on the gavel by swearing in the new president and his/her board.

Festivities began at 6:30pm in the upstairs of Medici. With an estimated 40 people in attendance, the room was buzzing with socializing. Everyone was very excited to present Shirley Drazewski from

the Community Health Care Clinic \$5,000.00 from the money raised at Bruegala in 2008. In addition, we also provided Big Brothers & Big Sisters \$500.00 from the chapter's general fund. Also, I'm pleased to say we had the biggest turn out of past presidents we've seen in many years, with a total of 8 (not including those who are still current members). Each got a chance to introduce themselves and share some Jaycee stories, as well as pass along bits of advice.

2008 Chairman, Az Wazeer, was on hand to present the year-end awards, which went to:

Board Member - Natalie McKee and Member of the Year - Meghan Swords. As outgoing 2008 President, I received a

plaque in appreciation of serving as president, along with the gavel I used during my year. It is now proudly being displayed in my home office. I will miss being able to use it. Perhaps, it will wield some power at home (you'll have to ask Jesse).

Next on the list, I had the pleasure of swearing in Timothy Bill, who after taking the Oath of Office became the official 2009 Jaycee President. He then swore in his new Board. The rest of the evening was free of programming, and it was great to see a handful of potential new members getting to know more about the Jaycees.

Lisa Boehm

2009 chairman of the board



5k walk/run

April 19th at White Oak Park in Normal. The primary purpose for this project is to raise funds for pancreatic cancer research and early detection. Katy Griesemer is the chair and will

need volunteers to help raise money/sponsorships prior to day of, in addition we need a handful of volunteers to help the day run smoothly and last but not least... PARTICIPANTS! :) Get your jogging shoes on and let's find a cure!

Do you have something you want to share with the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees?

Send your submissions to bnjnewsletter@gmail.com.
The next deadline is Wed., March 11.

first friday happy hour



Thanks to everyone who came out to February's Happy Hour at Swinger's Grille; in attendance were 18 members and 2 potential new members!

Our March First Friday Happy Hour will be taking place on March 6th at Entourage (909 N Hershey, next to Terry Winn Tire & LePeep) starting at 5:05. We're in for a fabulous time with Drink Specials and FREE appetizers! Come out and join your fellow

Jaycees to wind down the work week and get ready for the weekend!

Also, any suggestions/ideas for the 2009 year are greatly appreciated, please email me at bnjsocialchair@gmail.com

Carol O'Connell

2009 social chair

Next Membership Meeting

March 11

7:00pm

Come early to socialize!

meet one of our newest members: Kerry O'Connor



Age/Birthday:
30

Where to you work: Heartland Bank and Trust Company

Occupation:
Trust Officer

Married: No

Children: No

Pets: A cat named Gizmo

Where are you from originally:
Pekin, IL

Where did you attend college:
Illinois Wesleyan University

What was your major/s and/or minor/s: Business Administration / Finance

What degree/s did you earn:
Bachelors

When did you join the Jaycees:
November 2008

Why did you join the Jaycees:
Networking Opportunities

What do you like about the Jaycees: It is a very well organized group and has an active membership

Current affiliations with other organizations: MCC Women's Division Recording Secretary and Member / MCC neXt professionals Member

Past personal achievements and/or awards: completion of my CTFA designation in 2007

Hobbies: I play on a BUNCO team and enjoy Pilates and yoga

How do you like to spend your free time: vacationing or relaxing at home

Favorite movie: The Shawshank Redemption, A Time to Kill, and Serendipity

Favorite book: Not a big reader but I always scan my ABA Trust & Investments Magazine!!!

Favorite genre of music and/or musician: I enjoy a variety of artists and many different types of music

Favorite restaurant and/or type of food: Italian

Favorite sport and/or game:

Unfortunately, I am not athletically inclined to play many sports, but I enjoy "watching" college basketball

Where do you see yourself in 5 or 10 yrs: There are definitely things I would like to see happen, but right now I can't pin point anything that "must" happen. I guess there are worse situations to be in.

What would people be the most surprised to learn about you: I love NASCAR!!!

help a family in need!

Emilio Gravez is a four-year-old boy diagnosed with Stage IV Neuroblastoma. He has undergone radiation, chemotherapy, surgery and a bone marrow transplant and is currently receiving treatment at St. Jude.

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for more details.

february birthdays



- Julie Wazeer
- Nicole Williams
- Sarah Backstrom
- Wendy Bill

march birthdays

- Shawn Hodina
- Lynn Sieberns
- Sara Bowman
- Justin Ziller
- Meghan Swords

happy birthday

New member of the quarter



From the moment Carol O'Connell said the words, "I, state your name..." she began working to help the Jaycees with the annual Thanksgiving Baskets project. Her small mention of contacting Family Video for a partnership led to the largest bas-

ket donation the Jaycees have put together. We were able to raise enough money to fill baskets with all of the Thanksgiving necessities, complete with pumpkin pie, to complement Family Video's donation of 55 turkeys. Not only did she contribute to the success of this project, she gave the families in the Bloomington-Normal area something to be thankful for. Thank you Carol and keep up the good work!

member of the quarter



When Virginia Neal signed up to be on the Christmas Parade committee, she had no idea she would be promoted to chair just a few weeks prior to the event. But she took the promotion in stride and did what had to be done - including obtaining a last minute permit,

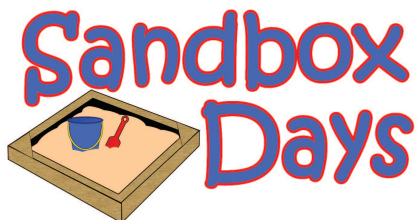
costumes and fire truck for Santa and Mrs. Claus, volunteers for traffic control, organization of the participants, convertible for the Grand Marshal, and day-of coordination. Without her, there would not have been a 79th Annual Jaycees Christmas Parade. Stupendous job Virginia!

Thank you!



An area Girl Scout troop will be selling Girl Scout cookies March 7 from noon-3:00 pm at Lowes in Bloomington. The girls ask folks if they'd like to donate \$3.50 to buy a box of cookies for our soldiers.

The troop donates all of those cookies to Adopt a Soldier, they ship them to our monthly heroes.



Sandbox Days

No delivery date set yet, however we still need you! The primary purpose for this project is to deliver sand to local children in

Bloomington-Normal and see them smile. The sand is donated so a portion of the proceeds go to charity and remaining amount goes to future Jaycee projects throughout the year. Currently volunteers are needed to place phone calls to the local daycares to obtain pre-orders of sand. Please see this year's chair, Craig Bryce, for more details.

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That economic justice can best be won by
free men through free enterprise;
That government should be of laws rather
than of men;
That Earth's great treasure lies in human
personality;
And that service to humanity is the best work
of life.*

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