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THIS MONTH:

THANKS & CONGRATS
FROM THE PREZ
BOOK DRIVE RECAP
CALENDAR
B-DAYS AND DUES
HAUNTED TRAIL
JAYCEES VOLLEYBALL
BOARD NOMS.

Have an idea for the
next Blast?!?

Email Ashley and let
her know!

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Membership Meetings:
2nd Wednesday of every
month at Central Station
Cafe in Downtown
Bloomington - 7pm

A BIG THANK YOU TO...

- *Lisa Beohm & Nicole Williams for the most successful Book Drive yet! Congratulations on surpassing your goal. Fabulous job!!!
- *State Farm for contributing to the Jaycees/UNBA Book Drive. We appreciate your support!
- *Everyone who donated to the Stockings for Soldiers collection.
- *All volunteers for the Lion's Club Candy Days. What a fun way to show our support!
- *All the volunteers that helped at Bruegala
- *Co-Chairs, Jeremy Kelley and Eric England for putting on an awesome Bruegala!
- *Katy Griesemer for coordinating volunteers at Bruegala

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Ashley (Vandermoon) Brennan & Joey Brennan on their wedding.

Lynn (Sieberns) Meuser on her marriage to Matt Meuser.

We wish you a lifetime of happiness!

~ Joellyn Nauman – Community VP

From the President



Natalie McKee, 2010 Chapter President



So here we are... in the last quarter of 2010. At this point we can look back at all we have accomplished, yet still look forward to the great projects in the planning stages. It's hard to believe that spring and summer have passed us by. Many say that Labor Day is a sure sign that summer is over. For those of us in the Jaycees, Bruegala might be the tell-tale sign of the end of summer.

Illinois General Assembly was this past weekend and the message given to the current chapter Presidents was "Finish Strong." As I sat in the room and listened to all of the ways to rejuvenate and motivate a chapter, I couldn't help but think about the great consistency our group has had this year. We've raised money for ourselves four different ways: parking cars, restaurant fundraisers, community grants, and beer tasting. We've donated money, time, and supplies to six great community causes: community food pantries, pancreatic cancer research, autism, literacy programs, disability services, and newborn services. **AND THE YEAR ISN'T OVER!** As the holiday season approaches we are going to be providing Thanksgiving meals and Christmas gifts to those who cannot afford it and staging a Bloomington-Normal tradition — the Jaycee Christmas Parade.

I encourage all of you to remember what the Jaycees pride themselves in — faith, brotherhood, justice, freedom, personality, and service to humanity. The upcoming holiday season and our planned projects really give us an opportunity to exhibit these core values and give back to a community in need, now more than ever. I look forward to seeing you at these events in the final quarter of 2010!

In Jaycees,
Natalie McKee, Au.D.

Bloomington-Normal Jaycees and Uptown Normal Book Drive for Children in Need in McLean County a Huge Success

Reading is crucial to a child's development. Thank you for helping open up the world of imagination for children in our community. With your help, the third annual Bloomington Normal Jaycees and Uptown Normal book drive collected a whopping 2,852 books for McLean County toddlers through teens. Books were collected August 2-August 13th at The Alamo II, Babbitt's Books, Children's Discovery Museum, The Garlic Press, and Normal Public Library. This year, our friends at State Farm kicked in with an additional drive helping us double our goal. "In this case, over achieving is a really great thing. All kids should be able to experience the joy of reading and the world of possibilities that books can open up to them," said B-N Jaycee Co-Chair and past President Lisa Beohm.

All books collected are being distributed through Book Showers for Literacy of McLean County (BSLMC) and the YWCA's Book Buddies program. For media inquiries on the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees, membership, or any of their sponsored events, call them (Lisa Beohm) at 309-452-3280, or visit their web site at www.bnjaycees.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, October 1st.....First Friday Happy Hour, Gradys/Da Bar 5:05pm

Saturday, October 2nd.....Purse of Hope 5K, 9:30am

Wednesday, October 13th.....Membership Meeting, 7pm



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Membership Dues

September renewals

Craig Bryce
Terry Dodds
Virginia Neal

October renewals

Alicia Whitworth
Carmen Shaffer
Laura Livesay

Please get your dues to
Katie Reeter ASAP.



September & October Birthdays

Joanie Spencer
Craig Bryce
George Coontz
Katy Griesemer
Mary Amend
Melanie Ward



Happy Birthday!

Haunted Trail

Hi all....

As I mentioned at the last chapter meeting, the haunted trail is put on by the town of Normal on the last two Fridays and Saturdays of October. I was hoping we could get a group to volunteers together for Friday October 29th and Saturday the 30th from 6:30pm to 9pm. More information about the haunted trail can be found here: <http://www.normal.org/files/Parksandrecfws2010.pdf> -- page 55



The town of Normal provides the costumes, makeup, and whatnot... so all we would have to do is show up. The deadline to volunteer is October 4th. It's a fun way to help the community without a lot of effort. Then since we're already together, we could make it into a social activity and go down to the Normal bars for a few drinks afterward.

Let me know what you think,
Seth Carter sethful@gmail.com



Jaycees Volleyball Battle!

I figured I would give everyone the update on the most exciting day of volleyball in the long storied history of BN JC 1 and 2. It was big. It was bigger than Team 1 vs. Team 2 day. This one would have gone down on ESPN as an instant classic. It will be shown someday with Steve Sabol from NFL films doing the voiceovers to the action. We will tell our grandchildren about this day. It was epic!!!!

Ok...actually...it was just fun. The only epic part of the day we me NOT going to the hospital and 5'9" Tim Bill putting the house block on the 6'6" monster on the top rated team. We will come back that that.

So...game one for team one....we win! We move on to play the undefeated top ranked team the second we got done. They brought fans to cheer. They were determined. However...they forgot to account for three things. 1/ When Wendy serves...look out. After throwing down 8 straight points with MANY aces...we were off to an untouchable lead! She kept it up all night... 2/ James ate his Wheaties. He was playing one handed slap whack a mole at the net all night. The first two games of the final match were no different. He was on FIRE! 3/ Tim and I made it a block party. There were probably 6 moments where 'tall' and his partner 'slim' just embarrassed the other team while they were trying to slam it on us....and it ended up back in their face or on their court. EVERYONE played super solid, and David slew Goliath. JC team one now is sitting 3 games from a title with the easiest path in the bracket ahead of them. We play at 7 pm...so come on out. But wait... there's more!



Team 2 started the night off a bit apprehensive. We lost our "Carmel Thunder" due to babysitting duties. We lost Alicia to crutches and a bum foot. We brought over Lindsey from team one to help fill the gap....but she was a bit wore out due to earlier duties. However...thanks mostly to "Dan"...we won game one. As I said..."Dan" was wonderful. I should explain though....our "Dan" was very good...but the other team's "Dan" was very not. We were able to target Dan most of the night, our Dan was all over the court, and by the combined brilliance and ugly-ness of both Dan's together...we pulled out a win.

We then moved on to game two. This team was pretty good (another very high seeded team). We start out of the gate...and win game one!!! We then go up 15-7 in game two. We have all the momentum. Then...my adrenaline ran out and the effect of playing 10 games caught up. They went on a good serve run, we were all dragging, and the other team tied it up. I wish I could report that game three was a re-visit of the first game...but I cannot. There was some wonderful play by those on our side. Reeter did all she could to be the glue...Alex was everywhere on the court...and Joanie was bringing the one armed fists of pain to the other side...but it was not enough. We fell and ended the season with a VERY respectable three game loss. The good news....this team will be the team standing in the way of JC team 1 to get to the finals. They are very beatable! We have the scouting report! We should be good!!! So...there is the volleyball recap for the year. Well done to everyone who played....and come out on Monday at 7 to root on JC 1!

~Jeremy Kelley

Call for Nominations!

It's time for 2011 Board of Directors nominations! Do you or someone you know want to take on a larger leadership role within the Jaycee organization? This is a great opportunity to have a say in the direction of the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees in 2011. Below are summaries of each board position. Please contact the current board with any questions or nominations. The floor will be open for nominations again at the October meeting. Elections will be held in November.

President - Chief Executive Officer of the organization, shall supervise the organization's affairs and activities, while corresponding with all Vice Presidents about their area of opportunity. The President shall preside over General Membership and Director Meetings and vote only in the case of breaking a tie.

Administrative Vice President - work with the President on the affairs of the organization, shall coordinate and communicate with the Illinois Jaycees in completing paperwork, and shall insure that the following the deadlines set out by the Illinois Jaycees.

Secretary - keep a permanent record of the minutes of business meetings.

Treasurer - coordinate with the Board on all financial matters concerning the organization. Along with the Membership Vice President, the Treasurer shall be responsible for collection of dues for the membership. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for all books of the organization, including insuring proper filing of taxes.

Management VP - work with the President on the fundraising affairs of the organization.

Community VP - Community Development Vice President shall work with the President on the Community Development affairs of the organization, such as community projects and activities.

Membership VP - responsible for membership recruitment, orientation, activation, and retention, and shall work with the Treasurer in the collection of dues. The Membership Vice President shall be responsible for reporting renewals and new memberships to the Illinois Jaycees.

Individual Development VP - work with the President on the Individual Development affairs of the organization, such as promoting personal growth, organizing officer training, and organizing professional and personal development programs for the general membership.

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We Believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to
human life;

That the brotherhood of man transcends the
Sovereignty of Nations;

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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