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THIS MONTH:

FROM THE PREZ

BRUEGALA

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS

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 Station 220
in Downtown
Bloomington - 7pm

Calling all Chairs!!!

We have a new incentive for chairing projects! After each project has been completed and a final CPG turned in, project chairs will receive \$10 off their next membership renewal fee or toward the next GA they attend. This new incentive is effective January 1, 2011 so get your CPG's ready!



From the President

Joellyn Nauman, 2011 Chapter President



April is a very important month — **National Volunteer Month!**

So in honor of this, grab your friends and family and show them what a difference volunteering can make. When you volunteer, you not only touch someone's life, you learn new things about yourself and appreciate life a little more.

The Jaycees would not be possible without all of YOU — our amazing, talented, energetic, giving, creative, hardworking members! Thank you for all you do for our group and our community throughout the year. With your help, we are truly making an impact.

Take a moment to reflect on the following quotes about volunteerism and remember why you fell in love with volunteering!

Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others.

-- Danny Thomas

The highest reward for a person's work is not what they get for it, but what they become because of it.

-- Author Unknown

If you insist on measuring yourself, place the tape around your heart rather than your head.

--Author Unknown

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

--Sherry Anderson



It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference.

--Tom Brokaw

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

--Dr. Seuss

The purpose of life is not to be happy - but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all.

--Leo Rosten

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.

--William James

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

--Winston Churchill

Real charity doesn't care if it's tax-deductible or not.

--Dan Bennett

We can't do much about the length of our lives, but we can do plenty about its width and depth.

--Evan Esar

One is not born into the world to do everything but to do something.

--Henry David Thoreau

When people forget themselves, they usually do things others remember.

--James Coco

The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others.

--Ghandi

~THANK YOU~

This time you have spent as a volunteer,
Be it half a lifetime or only a year,
Will have an effect in such far reaching ways,
It can never be measured in hours or days.

But we want to say "thank you" for doing your part,
For giving your hand and giving your heart.
Thank you for the smiles when you wanted to weep,
And for the helpful hand for all in need.

But thanks more than ever for the years yet to come,
When someone remembers the job you have done.
And memories brighten up a stranger's face,
In some other time, or some other place.

**Thank you for all of your hard work
and dedication Jaycee Volunteers!
Looking forward to a successful year
filled with events, leadership, teamwork and cheer!**

YOU are making a difference. We couldn't do it without you!

Bruegala 2011...its official!

After our recent membership meeting...it is time for the Bruegala 2011 effort to officially begin! This year's event will feature some major changes that promise to make it the best one ever. The 2011 edition of Bruegala will be Aug 26th and 27th from 5-11 pm at the Bloomington Center of Performing Arts (BCPA). In addition to our usual expansive selection of beers and wine, we will be partnering with the BCPA and their Summer Concert Series to feature a full concert both evenings. In addition, we have expanded the charities we will be supporting this year to include the March of Dimes, Operation Santa, the Autism Society of McLean County, Blooming Grove Academy, UNITY center on Orlando Ave, and the BN Jaycees. Tickets are available through the BCPA for 15 dollars a person. For more information or to help with the event, send an email to Bruegala@gmail.com or contact Jeremy Kelley (275-5463) or Eric England (275-1589).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, April 29th.....Merlot and a Masterpiece

Wednesday, May 11th.....Chapter Meeting, 7pm

Saturday, May 14th.....Sandbox Days



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Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays

Megan Carter

Alicia Lawhun

Joe Brennan

Lisa Beohm

Virginia Neal

Allison Buss



Bowling for Operation Santa

Join the BN Jaycees as we partner with Operation Santa to raise money by bowling! Operation Santa is an organization that aims to supply overseas troops with filled Christmas stockings each year on Christmas. Obviously, this takes a LOT of money and effort. In order to help do our small part, we will be raising money by bowling on June 17th from 7-9pm. The cost to register is 25 dollars a person or 100 dollars per team (max 5 per team). To sign up your team, contact Brett Nauman or Jeremy Kelley. **Please consider forming a team** to help ensure our troops know we appreciate what they do on our behalf!

Other Volunteer Opportunities.....

Sandbox Days, Sat. May 14: Help us deliver sand to raise money for charity! We'll be delivering sand to local daycares and homes. To volunteer, contact Co-Chairs Craig Bryce (craig.bryce.gidg@statefarm.com) or Dan Kelley (dan@kmdirtworks.com).

Special Olympics Summer Games, Fri. June 10 – Sun. June 12: We are putting together a group of Jaycees to volunteer on Sunday, June 12, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are due May 1, so email Ashley Brennan (bnjccommunityvp@gmail.com) to sign up! If this time doesn't work for you, you can also volunteer using the individual registration form that will be emailed out.

Sand Volleyball: We are still looking for anyone who wants to have fun in the sun (and sand!) Join the Jaycees volleyball team! Contact Eric England (erice@johnston-contractors.com) for details.

Merlot and a Masterpiece on Friday April 29th from 7 - 9 pm

They provide all the painting supplies, you bring your drinks and/or snacks. An artist will walk you through the steps on how to create the painting of the night. To sign up or for more information go to:

<http://www.merlotandamasterpiece.com/>

Please RSVP at the website and contact
Seth Carter as well at sethful@gmail.com



Coke Points for Camp New Hope:

Don't forget to collect your Coke points! Once again the state Jaycees are supporting Camp New Hope, a camp that serves at risk youth, by collecting Coke points. Take a few minutes, send a few emails or texts and start a Coke points collection in your office, among your friends, and at home. Its easy to do...and it helps a great cause. To turn your points in, either bring them to a meeting or contact Jeremy Kelley (275-5463).

Save the Date!!! More information to come...

Prairie Air Show Parking, Sat. July 23 – Sun. July 24: Contact Eric England (erice@johnston-contractors.com)

Bruegala, Fri. Aug 26 – Sat. Aug 27: Bloomington Center for Performing Arts (BCPA) from 5 – 11 p.m. Contact Co-Chairs Jeremy Kelley (jeremykelley@hotmail.com) or Eric England (erice@johnston-contractors.com)

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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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