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THIS MONTH:
FEBRUARY SOCIAL
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UPCOMING EVENTS
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NEW MEMBERS
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Email Ashley and let her know!

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Membership Meetings:
2nd Wednesday of every month
at Station 220 in Downtown Bloomington - 7pm

Attention Jaycees!

Looking for a way to have fun, support a fellow Jaycee, and have a good dinner all at the same time? Well, mark your calendar for Wed. Feb. 23rd, 7 pm at Swinger's Grille...for this month's social....

Twin City Restaurant Week: Attack of the Jaycees!

For those who have not seen, the menu for the event is out on the website:

http://www.twincityrestaurantweek.com/participating_restaurants and the dinner cost will be 20 bucks...plus the price of your drinks.

So, invite a friend (or five) and then send Jeremy (jeremykelley@hotmail.com) an email to let him know you (and friends) are coming by Tuesday (Feb 22nd). While you do not HAVE to have a reservation to attend, we will most likely have a sizeable group for this social outing. So if you want to get in at the Jaycee table/area, please let Jeremy know you are coming so he can place the appropriate reservation. Otherwise...we will just sit, wave at you across the restaurant, and be forced to make fun of you for being anti-social....and that's just not cool.



February 2011

From the President

Joellyn Nauman, 2011 Chapter President



Although this is a new year for the Jaycees, some things about us never change. It's what the Jaycees stand for that keeps us working together and moving forward. The Jaycees mean different things to different individuals, but the mission of our group remains the same: We are all committed to making a difference in our community. As we work toward accomplishing our common goals, we also learn new things about ourselves. We examine strengths and identify areas of growth. This year, I challenge each of you to focus on the mission of the Jaycees in every decision and action we make.



“The mission of the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees is to foster personal and professional development of young adults in the Bloomington-Normal community, encourage community service awareness and advocate for the needs of the community.”

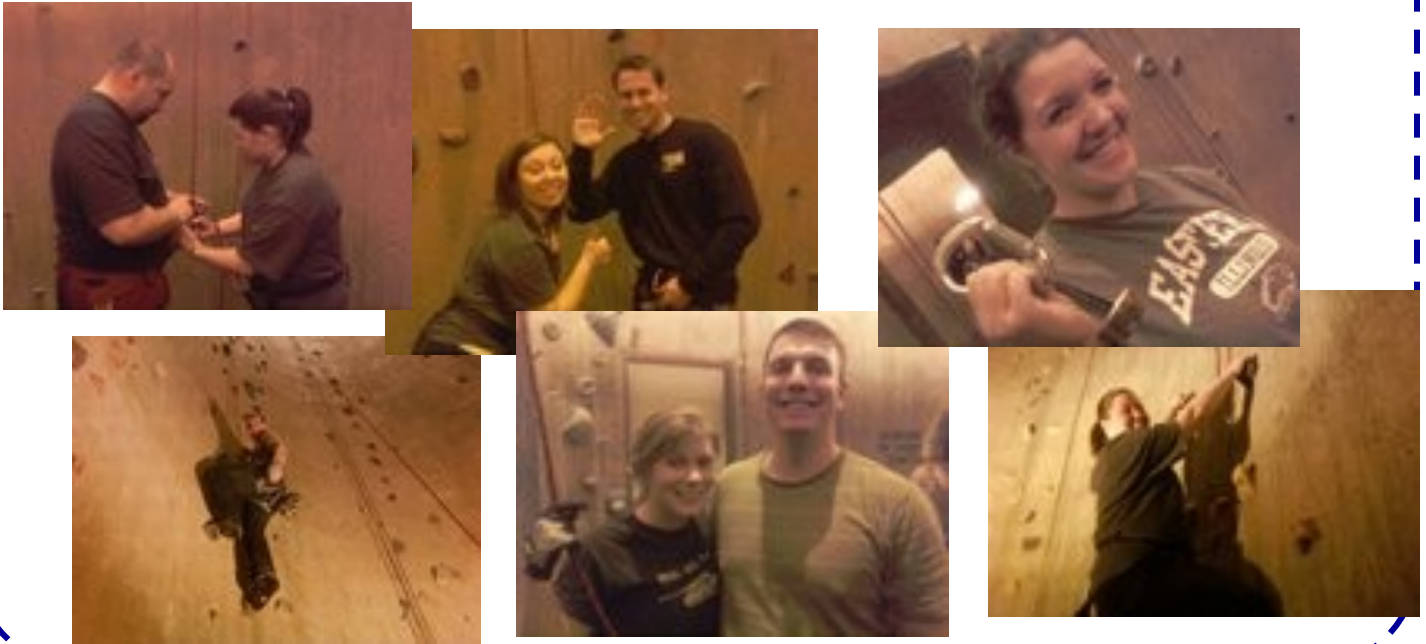
If the Jaycees live according to this mission, we all will make a difference in the lives of others and our own lives as well. Community service is contagious and addictive, so grab some friends and sign up for a project. You will learn something new, you will have a great time and you will surely impact someone's life...and that is what the Jaycees are all about.

In Jaycees,
Joellyn Nauman

Rock Climbing with the Jaycees

- Seth Carter, 2011 Individual Development VP

The first real Individual Development event at Upper Limits in Bloomington went incredibly well! We had 10 people with our group that took the Rock Gym 101 class (which taught the basics of how to tie your knots, how to belay, and the basic commands while climbing) and 14 people attended the climbing after the class! Not only was the climbing a great way to get some exercise, learn some new skills and to socialize with the other members, but the after-event social at Flingers Pizza (where 10 of us congregated) was a good time as well -- a little pizza and beer never hurt anyone! Thanks to everyone that came out to make the event such a good time and I can't wait until next month for our Normal Theater adventure!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd.....Jaycees Dinner @ Swingers, 7pm

Friday, Feb. 25th.....Tazewell Co. Jaycees Wine & Beer Tasting, 4:30pm

Wednesday, March 9th.....Membership Meeting, 7pm



www.bnjaycees.org

YOU can make a difference this year!

Here's who to contact:

Restaurant Fundraisers: Help the Jaycees raise money and have a good time while doing it! Setting up a restaurant fundraiser is a quick and easy way to help out – the perfect opportunity for a new member or busy Jaycee to give back. Contact Eric England if you can help set one up: erice@johnston-contractors.com.

Bowl for Kids' Sake, Fri. March 4 – Sun. March 6: Big Brothers, Big Sisters would love our help supporting their largest fundraiser. We already have several people interested in forming a team, but need a few more. You'll receive two free games of bowling, a Bowl for Kids' Sake t-shirt, food, drinks, chances to win door prizes, and more! Each bowler is asked to raise a minimum of \$100 in sponsorships. Please contact Joellyn if you are able to participate: joellyn.marie@yahoo.com or 309-221-7994.

Canathon, Sun. March 27: Planning is under way for the 2011 Canathon. We will need volunteers to drive the streets of Bloomington-Normal picking up food donations, and also to help sort the food. Contact co-chairs Lyndi Manson (lyndi.manson@gmail.com) or Dan Bonomo (bonomodr@gmail.com) if you can help.

Wheelchair Basketball: The Jaycees will donate their time this April to run the concession stand for the Wheelchair Basketball event benefitting the LIFE Center for Independent Living. For more information about this event, contact Ryan Fitzgerald at ryanf@midwestmailing.com.

Tulip 5K, Sun. April 17: Mark this on your calendars to help fight Pancreatic Cancer. You can walk, run, or volunteer, but join us in this fight. Contact Katy Griesemer to get involved: tulip5K@yahoo.com.

March of Dimes, March for Babies, Sat. April 30: Participate as an individual or form a team in this 5K to raise funds for healthier, stronger babies. Contact Ashley Brennan for more info: avmoon19@gmail.com.

Autism Society's Golf Tournament, Sat. April 30: The Autism Society of McLean County proudly announces its first annual golf tournament. The event will be held at Ironwood Golf Course in Normal, IL, Saturday, April 30. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with tee-off starting at 8 a.m. Cost is \$75 per person which includes 18 holes of golf, a riding cart, gift bags, lunch, and a chance to win various prizes! All participants must be at least 7 years of age. Awards will be given for: longest drive, closest to the pin, best overall score, and a putting challenge. If you are interested in playing, let Dan Kelley know: dan@kmdirtworks.com.

Sandbox Days: Dan Kelley will be chairing this event in May. Contact him to get involved: dan@kmdirtworks.com.

Bruegala: Co-Chairs Jeremy Kelley and Eric England welcome your ideas and help. To get involved, please contact them at jeremykelley@hotmail.com and erice@johnston-contractors.com.

Operation Santa: Make a difference in the lives of the troops overseas this year. The State Farm Military Affinity Group has asked for our help to raise funds to send stockings to soldiers this Christmas. We are looking for a Chair to put together an event to raise money or basic items. Contact Ashley Brennan if you can help: avmoon19@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday!

February Birthdays

Seth Carter
Deanne Carlin
Julie Wazeer
Molly Stillwell
Nicole Williams
Wendy Bill



Help a fellow Jaycees Chapter

The Tazewell County Jaycees are looking for volunteers for our upcoming Tazewell County Wine and Beer Festival on Friday, February 25th at the Avanti's Dome in Pekin, IL. We need people to pour wine and beer; there are two shifts available – 4:30 – 7:30pm or 7pm – 11pm. Volunteers receive free admission, a souvenir glass and 2 drink tickets. Information on how to sign up as a volunteer can be found on our web site – <http://www.tazcojaycees.com>. If you are not interested in volunteering, please consider attending! Admission tickets are available for \$10 at any of the Peoria and Tazewell County Avanti's and Firehouse Pizza locations or \$15 at the door the night of the event. Entertainment will be provided by 99.9 The Buzz and a local Peoria band, The Willies. We hope to see you there!
-- Joy Williamson

From the Kitchen of Lisa Boehm: Petite Nutella Pochettes

Ingredients

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, at room temperature
- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons chocolate-hazelnut spread (ex: Nutella)
- Water, as needed
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- Special equipment: 3-inch fluted biscuit cutter

Directions

In a medium bowl, using a hand mixer, cream the butter and cream cheese together until light and creamy. Add the flour slowly until the dough forms. Do not over-mix! Shape the dough into a ball and cover. Let the dough rest in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. On a lightly-floured surface, using a lightly-floured rolling pin, roll out the dough to 1/8-inch thickness. Using a 3-inch fluted biscuit cutter, cut out as many circles as you can. Form the scraps into a ball and reroll to make more circles.

Fill each dough circle with a small spoonful of the chocolate-hazelnut spread. Dip your finger in tap water and spread on the edge of half the circle to help create a seal. Fold the dough over to create a crescent. Bake until golden, about 15 minutes. Cool, then sift the confectioners' sugar on top and serve.



Meet the Newbie!

Brett Nauman

Age/Birthday: 31/Aug. 5

Where do you work: COUNTRY Financial

Occupation: Communications project manager

Married? Yes

Children? No

Pets? Two dogs, Trailmix and Chexmix (Chexi)

Where are you from originally? Bloomington

Where did you attend college? SIU Carbondale

What was your major? Journalism

Why did you join the Jaycees? I want to make a difference in our community and the lives of others.

Hobbies: Watching and playing sports, volunteering, hiking, playing with my dogs, spending time with my awesome wife

Favorite movie? Chinatown

Favorite book? Catch 22 by Joseph Heller

Favorite music/artist? The Beatles

Favorite restaurant/type of food? Pizza

Favorite sport/game? Football

What would people be the most surprised to learn about you?

I competed in the 2009 Chicago Golden Gloves boxing tournament.



**Congratulations to Member of the Year, Seth Carter &
Board Member of the Year, Joellyn Nauman!**





Autism Society of McLean Cty

1th annual golf tournament • • four man scramble

Saturday, April 30th

Ironwood Golf Course, Normal IL

Registration: 7am •• **Tee-off:** 8am •• **Cost:** \$75

This includes 18-holes of golf, riding cart, gift bags, lunch and chance to win various prizes!

Awards:

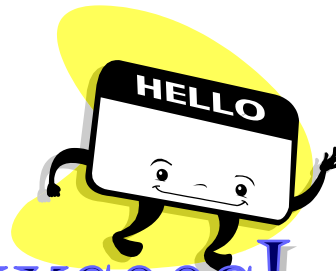
* Putting Challenge * Longest Drive * Closest to the Pin * Best Overall Score

To register visit: www.autismclean.org or call (309) 661-9440

All participants must be at least 7 years of age.

Thank you!

Welcome to The Jaycees!



Alex Whitworth

Age/Birthday: 24 born on 12/27/86

Where do you work: I work as a counter sales rep for Hertz Rent A Car at the Bloomington airport

Married? Yes

Children? No

Pets? A cocker spaniel named Cooper and a cat named Meeko

Where are you from originally? I was born in Santa Rosa, California, but over my life have also lived in the states of Indiana, Ohio, and Arizona.

Where did you attend college? I graduated from Illinois State

What was your major? Economics with a minor in Business Administration.

Why did you join the Jaycees? For a chance to meet a new group of people who are working together to better our community through multiple different activities.

What are you hoping to learn/experience while you're a member of the Jaycees? Learn more about our area and all the ways that we can provide assistance

Hobbies: jogging, ultimate frisbee, music, really any sports.

Favorite movie? Super Troopers or the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Favorite book? The Harry Potter series

Favorite music/artist? The Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Favorite restaurant/type of food? Chinese food and the best place is PF Changs.

Favorite sport/game? Baseball to watch, ultimate frisbee to play.

What would people be the most surprised to learn about you? I am an only child, but have been told lots of times I don't come off as one.

Mentoring Opportunity!

Looking for another way to get involved in the Jaycees? Become a new member mentor! This spring, we are starting a new member mentoring program to help our new members get introduced to this organization and its membership. As a mentor to a new member, you will be that familiar face that we all look for when we are someplace new. Encourage a new member to get involved by volunteering with them for a project or attending an IDVP event. Provide guidance to them when they chair their first project and help them get to know other Jaycees. If you would like to become a mentor, please email Lynn at bnjcmembershipvp@gmail.com.

- Lynn Meuser, 2011 Membership VP

The Bloomington-Normal Jaycees Present



Each year 35,000 Americans are diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer, in which less than 5% of those survive past a year. Studies show that Pancreatic Cancer has the highest death rate of all cancers. WHY????? By the time Pancreatic Cancer is discovered, it is too late. How can this be changed? With early detection, awareness, and research for a better treatment.

You can help, by participating in the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees Tulip 5k Walk/Run for a Cure, where proceeds from this event will be donated to help find a cure to pancreatic cancer.

CONTACT:

**WHEN: April 17, 2011
1pm - ????**

**WHERE: White Oak Park Trail
Bloomington, IL**

Katy Griesemer
14735 Lunar Drive
Bloomington, IL 61705
309-826-4262
Tulip5k@yahoo.com

*****Forms and any donations can be sent to the contact information above*****

*****Prizes awarded to the Top Male/Top Female (no age groups)*****

*****Make checks payable to: Bloomington-Normal Jaycees*****

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

In consideration of the foregoing, I for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby release and discharge the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees and all other sponsors and supporters for all claims and damages, demands, actions, whatever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in this event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risk involved in this event and I am physically fit and trained to participate in this event. I grant permission to all the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age on race day: ____

Gender: (Circle one) Male Female

COST

- WALK (\$25 – T-shirt Included*)
- RUN (\$25 – T-shirt Included*)
- RUN ONLY (\$10 – NO T-shirt*)

*Each participant receives a bracelet

Shirt: M L XL XXL

(to secure a shirt size, please have registration in by March 31, 2011 – extra shirts will be ordered)

2011 B-N Jaycees Executive Board

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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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