

the blast

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THIS MONTH:

CAN-A-THON

WHEELCHAIR

BASKETBALL

B-DAYS

COKE POINTS

NEW MEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Have an idea for the next Blast?!?

Email Ashley and let her know!

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Bloomington-Normal
Jaycees

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

Attention Jaycees!

Can-a-thon kick-off is Sunday, March 27th at the Crossroads Center! We are asking all Jaycees and their friends and family to please volunteer for this great cause. We will need volunteers on the day of kick-off to pick up food door-to-door and also to help sort food after the routes have been picked up and collected. All volunteers will meet at the Crossroads on March 27th at the following times: those picking up food meet at 11:30 am and volunteers that are sorting food will meet at 2:00 pm. All volunteers are encouraged to stay as long as they are able to help, if possible for both food collection and sorting. Area Kroger and Curves will have on-site donation boxes set up through April 8th. The Pantagraph will distribute bags the weekend of kick-off. A link will be updated on the Jaycee website to include information about Can-a-thon.

March 2011



Mark your calendar for the 3rd annual wheelchair basketball game! It's right around the corner! On April 16th, starting at 11:00am we will be running the concession stand during the game at Kingsley Jr. High. This event is all about having a good time and helping to raise awareness for youth programs and summer camps specifically for kids in wheelchairs. Based on my experience working with John Contarino and Brianne Anderson from the Life Center for Independent Living, the game gets better and better each year. I'm both excited and honored to be a part of this years' game. If you would like to participate, please let me know. We could always use a helping hand!



Ryan Fitzgerald

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, March 22nd.....Prairie Thunder 50/50 Raffle

Sunday, March 27th.....Can-a-thon

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

Saturday, April 16th.....Wheelchair Basketball

Sunday, April 17th.....Tulip 5K

Sunday, April 30th.....March of Dimes, March for Babies

Sunday, April 30th.....Autism Society Golf Scramble



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Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

Lynn Meuser

Meghan Swords

Sara Bowman

Shawn Hodina



Calling All Coke Points!!!

As we all heard at the March membership meeting, the IL Jaycees are once again collecting Coke Points for Camp New Hope. For those not aware of what Camp New Hope is, the State Jaycees sponsor a camp down in the southeastern part of the state that allows under-privileged and at risk youth a chance to get away a few weeks for a structured summer camp. For those aware of the camps at lake Bloomington, it is very similar to the Timber Pointe Outdoor Center's Camp Limberlost. To help this great cause...all you need to do is start collecting Coke Points. Send an email out to your friends and family asking them to join in the collection, bag or box up the caps, and get them to Jeremy Kelley. Last year we were one of the top 5 chapters in points brought in and we have already delivered a computer paper box full this year...so please help us take the top spot this year and sponsor as many children as we can! If you have any questions, contact Jeremy at 275-5463.

September 11, 2001 is an historic day in our history. Those of us who are old enough to remember this day, remember where we were, what we were doing, when news broke of the horrible attacks. April 19, 2008 is another one of those memorable days for me. That was the day my mom passed away from Pancreatic Cancer. By the time her symptoms of this unforgiving cancer showed up, it was too late for her. She fought for 6 months...

35,000 Americans are diagnosed each year with Pancreatic Cancer, most of who will die within one year. By the time this cancer is diagnosed, it is too late. There are no early warning signs, no screenings, and most people aren't even aware it exists, unless pancreatic cancer has affected someone they know.

There **needs** to more awareness. There **needs** to be screenings BEFORE it's too late. There **needs** to be better treatments. **YOU CAN HELP!**

Join me in the fight against Pancreatic Cancer on April 17, 2011 at 1pm located at White Oak Park in Bloomington, IL. Come to run, come to walk, come to watch, or even volunteer to help, but come to see that EVERYONE together can stop this horrible disease. Contact Katy Griesemer with any questions at tulip5k@yahoo.com or [309-826-4262](tel:309-826-4262).

Katy Griesemer

Meet the Newbie!

Name: Jennifer Brown

Age/Birthday: 26/ December 3rd

Where do you work: Barnes & Noble

Occupation: Assistant Store Manager

Married? yes

Children? One on the way, due in June

Pets? 1 dog (Blue) and 3 cats (Wally, Marley, Mauser)

Where are you from originally? Manito

Where did you attend college? Illinois State University

What was your major? Apparel Merchandising and Design

Why did you join the Jaycees? Want to get more involved in the community and gain connections

What are you hoping to learn/experience while you're a member of the Jaycees? I am hoping to learn more about different organizations and charities in Bloomington-Normal

Favorite movie? Super Troopers

Favorite book? Hunger Games Trilogy

Favorite music/artist? Lady Antebellum or Kings of Leon

Favorite restaurant/type of food? Herra Dura/Mexican

What would people be the most surprised to learn about you? I LOVE to play Texas Hold'em Poker





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!

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.

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

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

CONTACT:

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Bloomington, IL 61705
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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)

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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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