

The Twister

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Children from our community met with Santa and Ronald McDonald before volunteers took them Christmas shopping at Kmart or Walmart on December 1st

Deserving Children's Shopping Tour 2009

Tuesday, December 1st was the La Porte Jaycees 39th Annual Deserving Children's Shopping Tour. Nearly 400 children from our community were accompanied by volunteers from La Porte and surrounding areas to the La Porte County Fairgrounds to meet Santa and Ronald McDonald and have dinner provided by McDonald's.

The kids were then taking to either Walmart or Kmart and given an allowance of \$100 each to spend on needed clothing and toys.

Special thanks to the Roof Sit committee for raising the funds for this event, McDonald's, Kmart, Walmart, the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Work Ethic group, National Honor Society, Girls Reserves, and the many volunteers that escorted the kids and helped at the fairgrounds. You have made this year's Christmas brighter for many!

~Joy and Bethani

2010 Board of Directors Announced

Votes were cast for the 2010 La Porte Jaycees Board of Directors.

Your new Board of Directors for 2010 is as follows:

President: Tonya Thompson
Membership Vice President: Sarah Poe
Community Vice President: LeAnn Sale
Management Vice President: Joy Zigler
Media Director: Steve Raymer
State Director: Brian Niksch
Website Director: Chris Blake
Secretary/Treasurer: Bethani Morris
Twister Editor: Elizabeth VanHook



Congratulations to you all and sincere thanks to the 2009 Board for all your hard work this year!! We look forward to a great new year together!

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Our next general membership meeting is Wednesday, December 9th at 6pm at the La Porte Police Department (Weather Permitting)

"Service to humanity is the best work of life!"



The La Porte Jaycees would like to wish you, your family and your friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!!



Salvation Army Bell Ringers

The Salvation Army is one of many other organizations that are struggling in this hard economy. They have asked us to help ring the bells to collect donations this year. We will be ringing the bells at the donation kettle at Al's East on Thursday, December 10th from 6-8pm.

If you are interested in joining the group to ring bells or for more information contact Sarah Poe at spoe@thelpsb.com.



Santa Parade

This year's Santa Parade took place on Saturday, November 28th in downtown La Porte. The children of La Porte waived to Santa and his helpers as they rode down Lincolnway on the back of a La Porte Fire Department fire truck.

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and other volunteers for keeping this La Porte tradition going! It's events like this that make La Porte a great place to live!!

Recipe of the Month: Peppermint Bark

*What you'll need: ½ pound of Dark Chocolate, ½ pound of White Chocolate
1 cup of crushed peppermint candy canes, double boiler, wax paper, large pan with ¼ inch raised edges and plastic wrap.*

Cover the pan with wax paper. Melt the dark chocolate in the double boiler and pour smooth chocolate into the wax paper lined pan and set aside. Clean out the double boiler and melt the white chocolate until smooth and pour it onto the semi-hardened dark chocolate. Sprinkle the crushed candy canes onto the white chocolate and press gently to form

a bond. Cover gently with plastic wrap and put in the refrigerator for about 45 minutes or until the bark has completely hardened.

Pull the hardened chocolate out by lifting out the wax paper and break into large chunks (like peanut brittle). Enjoy or wrap in a decorative tin for a homemade gift!



DOUBLE FEATURE: Recipe of the Month: Oreo® Cheesecake Truffles

What you'll need: 1 package of Oreo® cookies, one 8 oz. package of softened cream cheese, wax paper, plastic wrap, a small bowl, a cookie sheet and small melon baller.

Place the cookies in a food processor and chop until they turn into fine crumbs. Combine the softened cream cheese with the cookie crumbs in a mixer. Pour mixture into your bowl and cover with plastic wrap and place in the freezer until hardened, approximately 1 hour.



Using your melon baller, scoop small balls onto a wax paper lined cookie sheet and cover finished truffles in plastic wrap. Place in the freezer for 30 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet and transfer truffles to a storage container or enjoy them now. Store unused truffles in the freezer for up to 3 weeks.

Optional: For a more attractive truffle, roll in toasted coconut, cocoa powder, cookie crumbs or cover in melted white chocolate, let harden and drizzle melted semi-sweet chocolate over the top.



Last Letter from the 2009 President: *Dawn Zigler*

Happy Holidays La Porte Jaycees!!!

Thank you for another outstanding year! I thank each of you for all your efforts, leadership and important contributions in 2009. Together, we once again accomplished much and clearly have a lot to be proud of as we look back on this past year. Kudos to Joy and Bethani on another successful Deserving Children's Shopping Tour. The volunteers did a fantastic job and there were lots of smiles on the children's faces. Thank you Tamara for all the wonderful food you coordinated for the volunteers and escorts.

Here is a short list of some of our accomplishments that had a positive impact. These accomplishments touched lives, made our community a better place and helped many of us grow and discover much about others and ourselves.

- Hosted our first ever Beach Bowling Bash (April)
- First Blizzard Free Easter Egg Hunt in several years (April)
- First annual Visit/Picture with the Easter Bunny (April)
- Annual Port-A-Pit Chicken Fundraiser (April)
- First Pancake Breakfast (May)
- Adopt-A-Highway (May)
- La Porte High School Scholarship (May)
- Had a successful and profitable 4th of July Celebration (June/July)
- Volunteered at the 2009 DCST Roof Sit (They raised over \$43,000.00)
- Continued the fun into October with helping Garwood's First Annual Haunted Orchard scare up some ghosts and goblins. (October)
- Fantastic turn out at this year's Ghost Walk/Trick or Treat Bash (October)

This does not include everything we did in 2009. You should be proud of yourselves that we didn't let any of our community projects suffer due to these economic times. We were able to turn enough profit to see these projects through. Not to mention we gained 12 new members. Way to go Membership team!

In closing, as my presidency for 2009 and another year come to an end, I am excited about what the future holds for our chapter and our community. I look forward to working with the 2010 Board. The 2010 leadership team is a strong and impressive group. I encourage all members to attend the January

Jaycee Membership Benefit of the Month: AT&T Wireless Services



This month get free shipping from AT&T Wireless and for members of the US Jaycees they'll waive the activation fees for any new phone!! You can also take advantage of a FREE BlackBerry Bold or BlackBerry Curve 8530. You can also qualify for a free \$50 Visa gift card with the purchase of a new AT&T smart phone.

Just visit our exclusive site at www.jayceeswireless.com. Take advantage of all the benefits of being a part of the Jaycees!

