

LaPorte Jaycees Twister

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Our Prez Says:

By Dawn Zigler

We started out this year with lots of fun at the Jaycees Annual Super Bowl Dance. Many thanks to the hard work of co-chairs Angie Moser and Tonya Combs Thompson, many people enjoyed great food, dancing and fun. Special thanks to Jeff Weston for fixing the pizza warmer and JD Darnell for holding Beer Pouring 101. Sara Poe, I see you moving to head of the class. I wish to thank all our volunteers for a fine job and their professionalism. Thank you Indiana Jaycees 2008 State President - Dawn Hetzel, 2007 JCI President – Scott Greenlee, 2008 North Area VP Ahren Hildebrandt and The Hobart Jaycees for coming out and supporting this event. *Ahren..... we'll work on those to go cups!*

This year the La Porte Jaycee Chapter was recognized at the 2007 Indiana State Jaycee Convention. Last year the La Porte Jaycees ended the year at growth. La Porte was awarded "Year to Date Growth for 2nd and 3rd Trimester 2007"; "3 New Member Adds 3rd Trimester 2007". La Porte also received "Outstanding Project of the Year Award" for the 4th of July Celebration and The Deserving Childrens

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A few words from your editor...

By Angie Moser

Another month has gone by already? I am still trying to thaw out over here on Emma's Lane. I hope that all of you enjoyed your January issue of the Twister. Testing the waters, I welcome all your comments. Congrats to Cathy Homan for she was the only one who replied with the January Jaycee Trivia answers.

As a co-chair of the Super Bowl Dance, I would like to join Dawn in thanking all those who helped make that night happen. Thanks to the area businesses for their donations and support: Comfort Keepers of La Porte, La Porte Wal-Mart, Michigan City Texas Corral, La Porte Cinema, and to the La Porte High School Music Boosters for the use of the pizza warmer.

Meet our Members



Sara Poe

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Shopping Tour. There are many reasons that this has happened. The Jaycees are the best-kept secret for young professionals. It's true. Ask young adults if they know who the Jaycees are. If they do know, at best they have a vague sense about Jaycees and beer. Yes, we DO like beer (or other beverages). However, as you all know, we are SO much more. I could go on forever and a day about the opportunities that the Jaycees provide; professional development, hands on experience, community involvement, lasting friendships....you get the picture. The point is, we need to do a better job of letting the communities know who and what we are. This is the year that the secret ends. At the January board planning session, the 2008 Board decided that we want to build upon last year's trend. We decided that 2008 we will "Build for the Future" and we will start with MEMBERSHIP! You may be wondering just what that means. I hope that by the end of this article you will just not understand, but embrace the role that you, as a general member, play in membership success. As a board, we have committed to one another that we will first be who we claim to be. This means that we are committed to the programs and processes that enable our chapter to provide great opportunities to our members. We are going to coach and mentor project chairs, building their skills and leadership, so they can later pass on that knowledge to future Jaycees. We are committed to providing quality programming that excites our members and enhances their personal and professional growth. Furthermore, we will conduct Jaycee business with the integrity that you would find in any well-run business. The board is also committed to creating awareness about our chapter. We hope to work more closely with local business and community leaders. Membership should be exciting. The public will not know about our organization unless we promote it. Word of mouth is the best marketing tool. If you care about the La Porte Jaycees succeeding, get out and market!

Dawn

Welcome New Members

We have no new members to report this month. Let us all help our organization grow. Remember to invite friends, family, and neighbors to join our Monthly Membership Meetings or ask them to participate in any of our upcoming events. Our future depends on our growth today!

Birthdays & Important Dates:

Dawn Zigler 3/18

Happy Birthday Dawn!!!!

Congratulations to Jessica on the birth of her new bundle of joy!

State News

A group of our members including President Dawn attended The Year End Convention in Logansport late January. They were welcomed with open arms! We are all glad we were in attendance to receive our rewards: Outstanding Project of the Year and Most Growth for 2nd and 3rd Trimester – way to go!!! Not only did they party with other Indiana Jaycees (which is worth the trip itself), they got to listen to some wonderful guest speakers and also participated in some training seminars that were offered. One speaker was the 2007 World JCI President Scott Greenlee. He is also a political adviser and works on the John McCain campaign. Since he was in the Chicago area, he was able to attend our Super Bowl Dance and had a great time from what I understand. Be watching this area for more State News, possible visitations, and of course the latest in convention news!!!.

Beth West
La Porte State Representative

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2007 AWARD BANQUET

FEBRUARY 29

DINNER 6:30 PM

TUSCAN TIMBERS BISTRO

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MARCH 12

6:00 PM

LaPorte City Police Department

HOBART JAYCEES ST. PATRICK DAY DANCE

MARCH 15

AMERICAN LEGION

PORT-A-PIT CHICKEN

MARCH 22

10:00 AM

KABELINS PARKING LOT

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 22

9:00 AM

LA PORTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Dyngus Day Outing

March 24

Classifieds

Miss out on Girl Scout cookies this year? Already ate them all? They are going fast but all types are available for \$3.50 per box. All proceeds go to Troop 280-16, 4th graders from Hailmann Elementary. Contact Beth West at bwest@lpcitypd.com or at 324-9012.

Looking for someone to load and haul away water damaged items from my basement. (mattresses, recliner, console TV, etc) Please contact Angie at 324-7571.

Have an item for sale? Looking for a Vehicle? Need a babysitter? Advertise right here in the Twister for free.

Voices of the Twister – Want to be heard? Write down your thoughts and publish in the Twister, Contact Angie at amoser@walshgroup.com or by phone at 324-7571 for more information.

Meet our Members cont.

Name: Sara Poe

Age: 23

Member Since: October 2007

Employer: La Porte Savings Bank

Occupation: Customer Service Representative

Marital Status: Single

Favorite Music: Country

I grew up and presently live in the small town of Hanna. My family is very close and includes of course my mother and father, two older brothers, a sister in law, and I have the most adorable niece and nephew. I currently work at La Porte Savings Bank at our Michigan City Branch, as a Customer Service Representative. I enjoy working with the public, especially the elderly, so I would have to say I love my job!

I was recently appointed to Membership VP along with fellow member Kayde Darnell. So far, I have enjoyed every bit of being involved with the La Porte Jaycees. My favorite movie would have to be Dirty Dancing, I had the words memorized to the entire movie when only ten years old. My family has a very cool tradition of traveling to Hawaii and Disney World on alternating years. Last year we vacationed in Hawaii, and this April we'll be going back to Disney World. Hawaii will always be a dream vacation no matter how many times I've been there, and Disney World with my niece and nephew is a blast. My favorite hobby is scrapbooking. I love to take pictures all year round and scrapbook the events.

Words for Thought.....

"The only difference between a good day and a bad day is your attitude" - Zig Ziglar

Having a Baby? Getting Married? Making a Career Change? Buying a new Home? We want to know...contact Angie to share in the Twister.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Please review the lists of upcoming events below that still need chairpersons or volunteers. If you think may want to be involved with any of these projects please contact the chairperson listed or your president for more information.

4TH OF JULY - NEED ODDLES OF HELP! CONTACT DAWN ZIGLER

EATER EGG HUNT - 3/22 CONTACT CHAIRPERSONS COURTNEY CERAJESKI OR ASHLEY KNOLL. THE EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE IS FOR ALL AGES AND BEGINS AT 9 AM.

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE MEETING MARCH 15, 3PM AT 1ST SOURCE BANK ON BOYD BLVD TO HELP STUFF EASTER BASKETS.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ASKED TO MEET MARCH 22, 7:30 AM AT THE LA PORTE FAIRGROUNDS TO HELP SET UP FOR THIS EVENT.

LPHS SCHOLARSHIP - CONTACT CHAIRPERSON JACKIE OHIME

PORT-A-PIT CHICKEN - 3/22 NEED CHAIRMAN CONTACT ANGIE McELROY

CRUISE DANCE

BACK PACK DRIVE

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

JR. PIONEER CAMP LUNCH

KID CARE ID

YMCA/JC HAUNTED HOUSE

JAYCEE TRIVIA

Q: Approximately how many individuals are needed to make the La Porte Jaycees 4th of July Celebration be a successful event?

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know past Presidents Bill Clinton and Gerald Ford, sports basketball hero Larry Bird, and also former Miss America Kaye Lani Rae Rafko-Wilson were all once Jaycee members?

In 1971 - More than 3,000,000 volunteer hours were provided by Jaycees to help administer seven million doses of rubella measles vaccine.

A Note from our Treasurer

Check below for your Jaycee Membership Renewal due date. Please contact Joy Zigler at zigler426@verizon.net before your due date if you would like for her to invoice your employer.

March

Maria Tanksley

April

Lori Creed

May

Eve Kacmar
Jackie Ohime

Personal Business

What do your walls say? Visit Uppercaseliving.com for some wonderful new home expressions that can be customized to match your character and color decorating preference. Enter demonstrator # **596781** and token **Moser** to visit this amazing catalog online at the customer corner. Call or email Angie Moser for more information. 219-324-7571, angiemoser@prodigy.net.

Log onto www.laportejaycees.org for your latest updated La Porte Jaycees information.

Visit these other online sites for more Jaycee information.

www.jci.cc

www.usjaycees.org

www.injaycees.org

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination."

- Tommy Lasorda

"He taught me housekeeping; when I divorce I keep the house."

- Zsa Zsa Gabor