

LaPorte JAYCEES TWISTER

January 2009

President's Letter

I have met some of the greatest people I know in the few years I have been in the Jaycees. I really believe that the strength of our membership is what makes the La Porte Jaycees such a great chapter; without all of you this chapter wouldn't be as successful as it is and has been. This year our Membership/Individual Development VP's Sarah Poe, Angie Moser and Josh Meyers plan to bring the excitement back to the chapter with increased membership socials and member focused events. We want to give back to you because you have been there to help out at our chapters many events. Without all of your participation, we couldn't do as much for La Porte as we do.

Thank you to everyone who turned in their chapter surveys. This helps the board decide what events will have the greatest impact and attendance by our members. The board has a lot of exciting ideas, but we can't do them without all of you. I want you all to have a great time, meet as many great people as I have and realize that being part of the La Porte Jaycees means giving back to our community; and that includes "moving Santa back to the courthouse".

On a final note, come out this Saturday to our annual Super Bowl party held at the La Porte County Fairgrounds Community Building. Please come help Angie Moser set up and/or tear down for this fun filled event. Set up at 5:30PM, doors open at 7:00PM, cost is \$5.00 at the door. There will be raffles and prizes to win. Looking forward, our much-anticipated Easter Egg Hunt is on the Horizon. Courtney Cerajewski and Ashley Knoll already have the ball rolling. Please feel free to contact me or other members of the board if you are interested in contributing to this or any other upcoming events. Questions, concerns, comments are always welcomed! Thanks for another great year for the La Porte Jaycees.

Dawn Zigler
2009 President

State News

Well since the Business Meeting in January there was another twist of events regarding the Convention in November. Not too sure what happened since the bid committee could not attend, but long story short we didn't get the bid for Convention. Prez Dawn and I feel this was a blessing in disguise for all the hoops the State was making us jump through and no one else. BUT we will stay involved as much as we can so keep an eye out for more information about conventions and other projects.

The new members that have joined within the last 6 months I will have Springboard information for you at the next meeting. This is a program that helps you stay active, learn more, and hopefully want to renew during your first year as a LaPorte Jaycee.

Beth West

LaPorte State Rep

Sponsorship Update

In September the LaPorte Jaycees agreed to sponsor local Girl Scout Troop 30280. This Troop is made up of 13 – 10/11 year old girls from Kingsbury, Hailmann, and Door Prairie Elementary. The girls have been very busy the last few months and thought I would bring you up to day on what they have been doing.

The girls have been working on patches to learn about values and how to release stress and have started on how great it is to be a girl and becoming a teen. They also had a very successful bake sale in December to raise more funds to be used for their Community Service projects. This year so far they have made decorations for Hailmann's Book Fair and will be serving refreshments at the family night. When the weather breaks they will be maintaining 2 planters in downtown LaPorte – they have been doing this for 4 years now, cleaning up either Stone Lake Beach or one of the parks, making gifts for nursing home residents, and possibly attending a Teddy Bear concert that donations are a teddy bear to help children that are injured or sick. The girls are also in the middle of their annual cookie sale which goes until March 15th. They will be manning 3 cookie booths at local grocery stores to help raise money for the Troop to offset Troop costs and go on a couple fun field trips this summer. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

Beth West

Troop Leader

Awards Banquet

The awards banquet will be held at the Best Value Inn and Suites, with a banquet at Rother's Pub. The banquet is for members only. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:00, and awards immediately following. This will all be taking place on Friday Feb. 20th. Finish out the evening by joining us in the bar at the hotel afterwards for drinks and dancing (spouse's/boyfriends/girlfriends/potential members/whomever may come for the after party). Invitations/RSVP will be in the mail.

Money maker ideas wanted

Jaycees...please think of ideas of ways we can make some mooolahhh!!!! We can't do any of the community events if we don't have the funds to support them!

Please email your ideas to Tonya or Kayde...Management VPs! We want to plan a calendar for the year...and have a least 6 money making projects this year-besides the 4th.

Get your thinking caps on!!!! And ask around!!!!

Candy Donation Request

Ashley Knoll and Courtney Cerajewski

Are requesting candy donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. They would like to have the residents at Golden Living Center start stuffing eggs ASAP. If any of you as members can donate or have employers that would like to donate a couple of bags of candy that would help out a ton!!! Please let Courtney or Ashley know if you have anything to donate. Candy may either be dropped off at the bank or you may make arrangements to have it picked up for you.

Welcome New Members

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome the following new members to the LaPorte Jaycees: Joe L. Biernacki, Chris Blake, Dinesh Jayaraman, Kris Jonas, Nick Price, Kevin Seaney, Krissy Seaney, and Libby Wilson.

January Birthdays

The following members celebrate a birthday in January: Cathy Homan and Jessica Arnold.

Announcements

Ashley Knoll is expecting her second child. Her due date is July 30, 2009.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Try one of our Gift Sets, Gift Mugs, Gift Baskets, or Gift Boxes for all your sweethearts this year.
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