

# LaPorte Jaycees Twister

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## Our Prez Says:

*By Dawn Zigler*

The Board is working very hard to ensure that the LaPorte Jaycees have a successful year ahead of us.

Projects are what capture the attention of the community. If projects are good, then the chapter's image in the community will be good. If the project suffers from poor planning and implementation, the chapter's external image will suffer as well. This means it is doubly important that projects go well. Beyond the Chapter's public image, you as a member will benefit from successful projects with increased self-confidence and enhanced skill levels.

The Jaycee vision for the chapter this year is "Build for the Future". To build we need tools! The number one planning tool available to help us achieve success is the use of a Chairman's Planning Guide better known as the CPG. Come to the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and find out how important this tool can be. We will provide a new member orientation along with the details of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events by learning about the benefits of a CPG.

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## Changes, Changes, Changes...

*By Angie Moser*

Happy New Year!!

Many of you are aware I am new to the Jaycees and I have to say I have had a blast with the things I have already been involved with. I am very excited to be your new Twister Editor. You will be seeing some changes/additions to the newsletter, let me know what you think. I am excited to introduce a "Meet our Members" section, which will be full of informative information about each of us. (Also, some fun facts that you may not have wanted to know) I will be contacting each of you soon to gather your personal bio for your cover page. I am open to any suggestions, so if any of you have anything you would like to see added, please contact me. I hope you enjoy!!!

## Meet our Members



Tonya Combs Thompson

Please join us at the General Membership meeting WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup> AT 6 PM AT THE LAPORTE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM. Great opportunities await those who are looking! Remember our members are our strengths! Without YOU, we have no chapter! So please ask your friends, family, and co-workers to join us. (Wednesday, February 13 at 6pm at the LP City Police Department Community Meeting Room) and help us grow the chapter, so that we can keep doing all of the great projects that the community has come to count on the Jaycees for!

Dawn Zigler

## 2008 Board Members

President: Dawn Zigler

Secretary: Courtney Cerajewski

Treasurer: Joy Zigler

Membership/VP: Kayde Darnell

Twister Editor: Angie Moser

Management VP: Angie McElroy

Community VP: Bethani Morris

Membership/VP: Sarah Poe

Media: Ryan Volstorf

State Director: Beth West

## 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. BEARS Our future depends on our growth today!

## Birthdays & Important Dates:

Jessica Arnold 01/04

Cathy Homan 1/25

Lori Creed 2/21

Maria Tanksley 2/26

ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAYS GIRLS!!!

## State News

The 2007 Indiana Jaycee Year End Convention is scheduled in Logansport this year on January 25, 26, and 27. The theme this year is MARDI GRAS, which will include a Masquerade Ball along with dinner on Saturday. Rooms have been blocked at a starting rate of \$72 + tax at the Ramada Inn by calling 574.753.6341. (you must mention CGIJCS for the discounted rate) A live Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction will take place in Logansport on Friday January 25<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping to make it an ongoing project. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend but will try to arrange to go to the next one. Conventions not only are a great way to meet fellow Jaycees, learn more about what the Jaycees can do for you and your chapter, but they usually put on one great party!! Anyone wanting to go to this Year End Event please contact Dawn Zigler. Dawn, Joy and Bethani plan on attending and are leaving Friday night. They have room for more to join!

Beth West  
LaPorte State Rep



## Words for Thought.....

**“When it snows you have two choices; shovel or make snow angels.”**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### SUPER BOWL DANCE

FEBRUARY 2

7:00 PM

LaPorte County Fairgrounds.

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEBRUARY 13

6:00 PM

LaPorte City Police Department

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MARCH 12

6:00 PM

LaPorte City Police Department

#### PORT-A-PIT CHICKEN

MARCH 22

10:00 AM

KABELINS PARKING LOT

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 22

9:00 AM

LAPORTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

#### Dyngus Day

March 24

### Coming Soon.....

**Classifieds** – Have an item for sale? Looking for a Vehicle? Job opening? Need a babysitter? Advertise right here in the Twister for free.

**Voice of the People** – Want to be heard? Write your thoughts and publish in the Twister,

Contact Angie at [amoser@walshgroup.com](mailto:amoser@walshgroup.com) or by phone at 324-7571 for more information.

**Don't forget to check the LaPorte Jaycees website for important updates, links, flyers and information at [laportejaycees.org](http://laportejaycees.org). Thanks to Cathy Homan we have many great additions.**

### Meet our Members cont.

**Name:** Tonya Combs Thompson

**Age:** 37

**Member Since:** September 2007

**Employer:** Dr. Kurt Wiese

**Occupation:** Medical Insurance Biller

**Marital Status:** Married, Scott Thompson

**Children:** one son, Riley Combs 10 years

I grew up in North Judson. I attended Manchester College after high school. After college, I worked for Walmart for 10 years until I decided that I wanted to work in the medical field. I then attended Ivy Tech and graduated in 2001. I currently work for Dr. Kurt Wiese in Valparaiso. I handle all the surgery scheduling for the office and also have the pleasure of fighting with insurance companies when they choose not to pay for claims. In 2006, I ran for LaPorte County Assessor. Unsuccessful then, but confident enough that you will see my name again in a few years at the next election. I have one son, Riley who will turn 10 in February. He is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Kingsbury Elementary School. He loves to play soccer and very interested in golf. He is following my passion with politics and plans to one day be President. I married Scott Thompson on 07-07-07. Scott is a lifelong resident of LaPorte County. I am happy to be involved with the LaPorte Jaycees and look forward to an exciting year.

### Personal Business

Planning a Wedding or Special Event? Sara Kessler says she can help. Congratulations to Sara who has opened a Wedding and Event Planning Business named “Platinum Pink Events” Sara’s major focus is to help plan the perfect wedding but promises to make any event from a shower, birthday or even a corporate event shine. Sara states, “I can help with as much or as little as you’d like.” Sara has recently earned her diploma from the regional and national accredited Penn Foster Career School. You can check out her web site for more information at [www.platinumpinkevents.com](http://www.platinumpinkevents.com). You can also contact Sara at 219.851.3529 or email her at [kessler.sara@yahoo.com](mailto:kessler.sara@yahoo.com). Good Luck Sara!!!

## 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.

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY** - NEED ODLERS OF HELP! CONTACT DAWN ZIGLER OR ATTEND FEB 13<sup>TH</sup> MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**EATER EGG HUNT** - 3/22 CONTACT CHAIRPERSONS COURTNEY CERAJESKI OR ASHLEY KNOLL

**LPHS SCHOLARSHIP** - CONTACT CHAIRPERSON JACKIE OHIME

**PORT-A-PIT CHICKEN** - 3/22 NEED CHAIRMAN

**CRUISE DANCE**

**BACK PACK DRIVE**

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

**JR. PIONEER CAMP LUNCH**

**ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**

**KID CARE ID**

**ROOF SIT**

**YMCA/JC HAUNTED HOUSE**

## A Note from our Treasurer

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

### February

Kayde Darnell  
Dawn Zigler  
Sean Phillips

### March

Courtney Cerajewski  
Ashley Knoll  
Sara Kessler  
Maria Tanksley  
Tracey Travis

### April

Lori Creed

### May

Eve Kacmar  
Jackie Ohime

### June

Jeff Galey  
Josh Meyers

### July

Jessica Arnold  
Bethani Morris  
Anthony Morris  
Theresa Parsons

### August

Becky Darnell  
Jessica Kidwell  
Sherri Winslett

### September

Jessica Childress  
Sarah Poe  
Tonya Combs Thompson  
Jeff Weston

### October

Brad Adamsky  
Angie Moser  
Ryan Volstorf

### November

Colleen Salyer

## JAYCEE TRIVIA

Q: In what year was the LaPorte Jaycees officially chartered in?

- A: 1926.
- B: 1946
- C: 1947
- D.: 1950

Q: How many members do we currently have in the LaPorte Jaycees Chapter?

Q: What LaPorte Jaycees Member served in the LaPorte Chapter for the longest time?

Our returning President Dawn Zigler has always dreamed of being her own boss. What type of business has Dawn always wanted to start and call her own?

Where in this newsletter is the word BEARS printed?

What current Jaycees Member couple is expecting a baby?

Think you know the answers? Have a guess? Send them to me by email at [amoser@walshgroup.com](mailto:amoser@walshgroup.com) or by mail to Angie Moser 2041 S Emmas Lane, LaPorte, IN 46350. I will draw one name of all received replies at each membership meeting for a special prize.



# 2007 Christmas Celebration at Enzo's



Clint and Member Sara Kessler Super Bowl 2007

Super Bowl Dance 2007