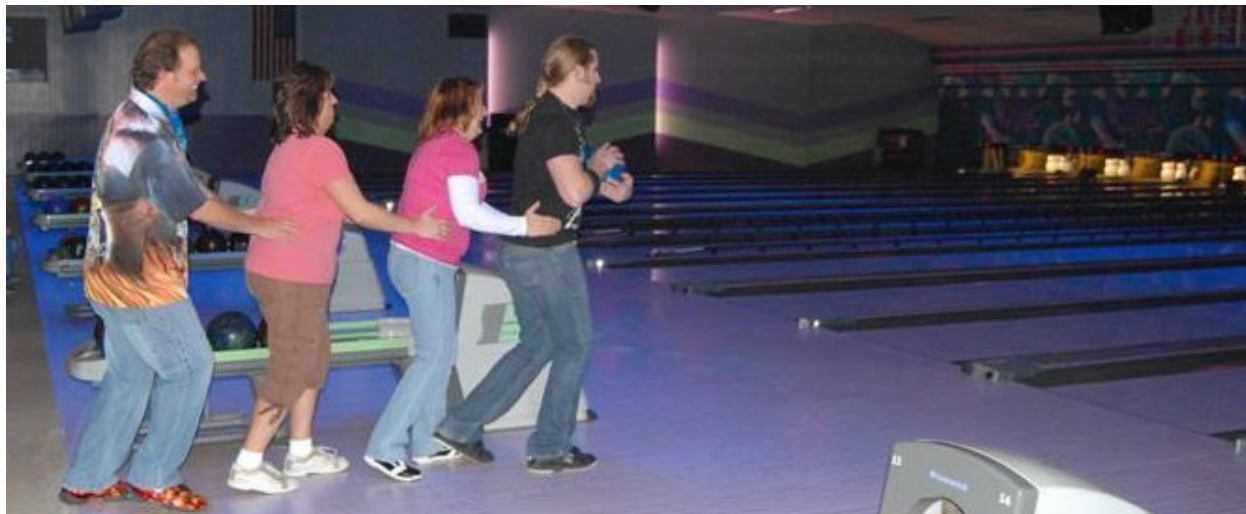


The Twister

The Official Newsletter of



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Our next general membership meeting is Wednesday March 10th at 6pm at the La Porte Police Department



General Info

BOD meetings will now be the 2nd Monday of every month, two days before the general meeting. The meeting will be at GIS at 5:30.

Our Blue Chip deadline for Jaycees was February 28th. Brian will keep us updated on our progress toward this goal.

2nd Annual Bowling Bash

This was a huge success! Along with a few injuries and moments of hilarity, Jaycees managed to earn about \$1500. Thanks to all who helped out.

LPHS Scholarship

Forms were due 2/26/10. Jaycees will receive the packets in early March.

Jackie and Jill are chairing this event.

Real Colors Personality Test

3/10/10 6 p.m.

During the March general meeting, Jim Jessup will help each of us learn our true personality types. Come and find out how you fare against your fellow Jaycees.

This was rescheduled due to weather in February.



A Word from Our President

Hello Jaycees,

February got off to a great start with the Tailgate Bowling Bash. Even though, I ended up on crutches later that day (I knew I should have helped Angie sell raffle tickets) it was a huge success. Angie and Joy did a fantastic job again this year. Thanks ladies!!!

Even though it is still cold outside, the 4th of July parade committee met for the first time to get this year's parade off to a fantastic start. The 4th of July falls on a Sunday this year which gives us a great opportunity to utilize the entire weekend for all of our festivities. There are a few changes this year also. The next meeting is March 15. Hope to see you there.

Easter is right around the corner. The Easter Bunny pictures, Easter Egg Hunt, and Port-a-pit chicken are our next events. Is there a better way to start spring off then with an Easter Egg hunt?? I just know that the weather will be beautiful this year and the birds chirping.....can you hear them?

The next general meeting will be on March 10th. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this month. I can't wait to see everyone there. Happy March!!!

Tonya

Easter Bunny Pictures

4/3/10 at Kroger

Kayde will be wearing the bunny costume once again at Kroger. Please volunteer a few hours of your time if you're able to come out and aid in this fun event. Pictures will be \$5 and will be delivered to customers on the spot.

Port-A-Pit Chicken

4/3/10 10-2 pm (setup 9 am) at Kabelins

Josh is chairing this event. We will be encouraging people to fill out "Letters from Home" while they purchase chicken to support our troops.

We will be selling the famous Port A Pit chicken for \$5 per half, Ribs for \$10 per slab, and will feature a limited amount of a new product called Pit-Tatoes for \$3.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help offset some of the costs of upcoming community projects ran by the Chapter.



Easter Egg Hunt Scramble

4/3/10 at LP County Fairgrounds

LeAnn is chairing this event.

This year's Easter Egg Hunt Scramble begins at 9:00am at the La Porte County Fairgrounds. The La Porte Jaycees sponsor this annual event to offer the children of La Porte a special and memorable experience with family and friends in our local community. Hope to see you at the Easter Egg Hunt!

***New!!* Battle of the Bands**

This will be a fundraiser aimed at promoting local bands. Possible dates for preliminary battles are 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, and 6/12. We may incorporate finalists into the fireworks events on the 4th. Mark your calendar and

notify your favorite local bands. More to come on this exciting new Jaycees event!

Arts and Crafts Show 7/3/10 at the Fairgrounds

Rachel and LeAnn will be chairing this event, which will be held at the fairgrounds. Exact location to follow. Note the change in location from last year.

Beer Barns

July 2nd -- The Current

July 3rd -- P.S. Dump your Boyfriend / Pfreakshow.

We may be moving the location to a tent at the fairgrounds rather than in the old location. If anyone has access to a camper for use as a treasurer's area, please let Joy know. There is also the possibility of a trailer rental for a stage, which can be locked up every evening.



Deserving Children's Shopping Tour

Planning for the 2010 Roofsit has already begun! Joy and Tonya went to the first Roofsit meeting. They are looking for newer members to help with this project.



4th of July Events

- 7:00 a.m. Louie's breakfast
- Flyover will be arranged by Ashley Knoll
- Parade will start **at noon** on Sunday – please pass this along to your friends and family
- Chris Blake is in charge of judges and trophies
- We are considering Miss America 2009 and Ed Buss (former Westville Corrections head and current Commissioner of Indiana Prison System) for dignitary status.
- Dawn is looking for a volunteer to take on the Media Chair for the 4th. She is willing to help with this.
- Please give Joy any ideas you have for the Give A Way. We are looking for some new and exciting prizes.
- **VIP Tent**
Joe and Tonya will chair this event.

Member News

Ashley Knoll has decided to leave her job at the bank to stay home with her kids and also watch 5 children. If anyone knows people who are looking for childcare please send them in her direction. She is also in need of some girls' toys, as well as other materials.

Her home email is ash_s01@hotmail.com. Please e-mail her if you can help out!

Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life!!!





Other LaPorte News

Marine Lance Corporal Joshua H. Birchfield, 24, of Westville, died on Friday, Feb. 19, 2010, in Afghanistan. Jaycees helped put flags along the highway on the morning of Feb 27th. Thank you to all who could come out and show your support.

LaPorte YMCA 10K/5K

March 27, 2010

The seventh annual LaPorte YMCA Run begins at Soldiers Memorial Park. The course winds through scenic LaPorte County. The 10K competitive run has been sanctioned by the Calumet Region Striders as a Gold Cup Series race. For more information, contact YMCA Sports Director Mark Schreiber at (219) 325-9622 or by e-mail at mschreiber@lpymca.org.

UNDERWATER

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 3rd, 11 am – 2 pm

Our second annual "Bunny Bubbles" will be held at the LaPorte YMCA's indoor swimming pool. There will be prizes inside floating and sunk Easter eggs. There will be different starting times and different sections of the pool designated for different

ages and swimming abilities.

This will be fun for all!

Cost: FREE

Ages: 0-3 With Parent; 3-6 With Parent, 3-6 No Parent, 6-12 With Parent; 6-12 No Parent; 13-18 Without Parent

HEALTHY KIDS DAY

April 10th, 9-12 am

Healthy Kids Day is coming.

This will be a free event for the community to see all of the programs offered at the La Porte Family YMCA.

SCUBA

Scuba Certification Class offered for lifetime NAUI Certification. This certification will allow you to dive and rent gear anywhere in the world. This class will be nine hours in the classroom (book included) and nine hours in the pool to learn the techniques hands on. After the certification there will be two open water dives in local open water locations that are mandatory for the class.

Orientation is at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30. Class work scheduled Tuesday evenings (April 12, 20, 27) from 6-9 p.m. and the pool work scheduled Sundays (April 18, 25; May 2) from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Members \$350

Away Members \$375

Non-Members \$400

(There is a \$75 refresher fee for those who are certified, pool portion only.)

Call Al Sitkoski (Scuba Instructor) at 574-210-5640.

CORPORATE CHALLENGE

Looking for a way to increase your staff camaraderie? Want to get your business involved in the community? Enter your company in the YMCA's Corporate Challenge. Team captains determine the slate of events. Past events include 3-on-3 basketball, volleyball, bowling, euchre, darts, Texas Hold 'em poker, golf shootout and "hurry-up" softball. Potential new events include dodgeball, bean-bag toss, flag football, kickball and a scavenger hunt.

Our staff will work with any size to create a great experience. Contact Chris Blake at (219) 325-9622, ext. 106.

2nd Captain's Meeting
Monday March 29 @
11:30am

Our next general
membership meeting
is Wednesday,
March 10th, 2010
at 6:00 PM at the
LaPorte City Police
Department.
See you there!

