



LaPorte Jaycees Twister

October 2007 issue

FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

It's hard to believe with this 80 degree heat that we're into fall and it's time to think about our fall and winter activities. The Ghost Walk will be here before you no it. Jackie Ohime has volunteered to take on this project for all our community goblins. Looks like the City decided to keep Trick-Or-Treat on October 28th so we will stick with our times of the Ghost Walk from 2PM to 4PM. Please contact Chairperson Jackie Ohime or Community VP Jessica Arnold if you have any ideas for this year's Ghost Walk. We will need help that day between the hours of 1:30PM and 4PM so please come out and join us. Further details to be followed up on at the October 10th General Meeting.

Don't forget the Deserving Children's Shopping Tour will be here before you no it. Please mark December 4th on your calendar. We will need ALL Jaycees that evening to help with the shopping tour. Please contact chairperson's Joy Zigler or Bethani Morris if you would like to help with this project. I would like to thank WCOE/WLOI, Dennis Siddall and the Roof Sit Committee for all the hard work that went into the Roof Sit. To all the Jaycees who came out during those three days and helped collect money; Sara Poe, Craig Menne, Brian Broviak, Stacey Rial, Courtney Cerajewski, Joy Zigler, Jessica Arnold, Lori Creed, (who's Lori Creed), Sandy Miller, Beth West, Mackenzie West, Jeff Gale, Angie McElroy, Josh Meyers, Theresa Parsons and Jeff Weston. What a GREAT Jaycee turn out!!!!!!

A BIG thanks goes out to our Local Director Angie McElroy, Secretary Jeff Gale and our State Director Kayde Darnell for taking the time and attending the training on Saturday, September 29th and the fun time on Friday night at Chili's. National Vice President Jeff Smith did a great job! The State and National people were quite impressed with our Deserving Children's Shopping Tour project. Expect to see some of these members coming back to help the evening of December 4th.

It is also time to start thinking who wants to be on the 2008 board. If you are thinking about it but not sure you want to run, please contact someone from the Election Committee, Joy Zigler, Bethani Morris, Courtney Cerajewski, Angie McElroy or Kayde Darnell. I hope to see all of you at the next General Meeting, October 10th at 6PM at the City Police Station. Our guest speaker is from our very own chapter, Jackie Ohime!!!

Dawn Zigler
2007 President





CDVP NEWS.....

Back Pack Drive was a success!

I just want to thank Craig and Heather Menne for doing a fabulous job on the Back Pack Drive. We all appreciate your hard work. And there are many grateful kids out there!

New news-

Thanks to Dennis, the Roof Sit committee and the radio station for all the hard work. The Roof Sit was a huge success! It was such a lovely weekend and I was happy to spend time there. Thanks to the fellow Jaycees for coming out and the LaPorte Savings Bank for all their volunteers. Talk about team work:)

Thanks to Bethany Lutheran Church and Carrie Garwood for the generous donation to the Deserving Children's Shopping Tour! There are so many wonderful people out there that really believe in this project!

A special note - I want to personally thank Cathy Homan for getting Jaycee updates into the Local! We all appreciate it:)

The Ghost walk will be on Sunday Oct. 28th from 2-4 (prior to Trick-or-Treat). We need candy! We'd appreciate any candy the members can get donated or would like to donate themselves. We'll discuss the Ghost Walk in detail at the next meeting.

The Deserving Children's Shopping Tour is just around the corner! We'll need a volunteer to be in charge of the escorts party. We can talk about that at the next meeting too. Speaking of escorts! If any of you have friends or family members that you feel would make good escorts (or Jaycees:) and would be interested in helping out, please let us know! We'll have applications available at the next meeting that you can pass along. We might need more escorts this year and will definitely need more in the future (this project keeps expanding! Awesome!). Let's start recruiting now:)

I'll see you all at the meeting on Wed. Oct. 10th!

Jessica Arnold
CDVP

DID YOU KNOW???

.....We are LaPorte Chamber members! So here are some upcoming events that we can attend to network with Chamber businesses.....

- 🕒 Oct. 16th- Chamber Member Luncheon at Best Value Inn...11:30-12:30
- 🕒 Women's Fest is Oct. 16th at the Blue Chip Casino from 2-7pm. This is a free event and open to the public...they are having several booths, as well as guest speakers and free screenings.
- 🕒 Nov 1st is the Business Expo for LaPorte County...it will be at the Marquette Mall from 3-7pm. There will be several, several businesses to network with as well as sign up for their door prizes and give aways!
- 🕒 Nov. 7th will be an Economic Briefing at PNC starting at 7:30 am.

If anyone would like more info on any of these events...please let me know. I usually attend all of the chamber events, so if you are not comfortable going alone.....we can drive together or meet up.

Kayde Darnell
State VP



Time to Think About Christmas

Well it is that time again, time for the Deserving Children's' Shopping Tour (DCST). The event will be held on Tuesday, December 4th at the LaPorte County Fair Grounds. Last year we took 430 children and this year we are adding South Central, Westville & Wanatah so I know that the numbers will be bigger than ever. All escort letters and letters to the schools have been sent out. If you are in need of any information please contact me or Bethani Morris for info. Besides needing help with escorts, we will be needing assistance that evening at the Fair grounds with food and other activities. I am also in need of ideas for toys for the kids that night. We usually put together a bag of goodies for all of the kids and I need some insight as to where we can locate a good deal on toys. Please let us know if you have any suggestions. More info yet to come in the upcoming Twisters. Thanks everyone!!

Joy Zigler
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On behalf of the Deserving Children's Roof Sit committee I would like to thank all the Jaycees that came out to help us with the 5th Annual Roof Sit September 13th to 15th. It was a huge success!!! At last count we took in well over \$47,000. When it was first started the first Roof Sit only brought in a little over \$18,000 – we've come a long way. And as Dennis says "It's all for the kids!" All the funds are then turned over to the Jaycees to help with the Deserving Children's Shopping Tour in December. See Joy's article on page 3 and plan on helping out. It truly is a wonderful experience!!

Beth West
DCRS Secretary/Treasurer

Dues Due

Remember dues are due the both before you expire. If you need an invoice for your business, please see or contact Joy Zigler.

October

Bradley Adamsky
Phillip Garrett

November

Angela McElroy
Colleen Salyer

December

None

Also remember if there is any changes in your contact information please let Dawn or Joy know as soon as possible so you are always up to date as to what is happening in the chapter!!!

A NEW LOOK

The Twister will have a new look the next few months. It is easier for me to cut and paste articles this way so I'm going to play with it looking this way for awhile. Anyone who is interested in doing the Twister next year, please let me know so I can pass along the information that I have collected.

Twister articles will be due: November 2 for the Twister to be mailed November 8; November 28 to be mailed December 8. I have a lot of work and personal events coming up the next couple of months that is going to restrict my time a great deal.

Thanks in advance!
Beth West, Twister Editor