

LaPorte Jaycee's Twister

September Issue

From the President.....

Well by now I hope you have all received and read your Summer 2007 Issue of the National Jaycees Magazine. Please take the time to turn to page 17 and check out the Chapter Project Round-Up. We just might be one of those chapters!! I'll bring my copy to the meeting in the event you did not receive one.

Speaking of project round up, we've just finished one heck of a summer. Thanks to Maria Tanksley who chaired the Kid Care Id at the La Porte County Fair. Our new location out in front of the Sheriff's Building was a success. We did 79 kid care id booklets. I'm sure the 4-H face painting next door help. Who ever planned that out is a genius! Who would have thought we needed a parka at the Lubeznik Center Lakefront Art Fair on August 18th. Despite the cool temps there was a great turn out of Jaycees and art enthusiasts. Thanks to Craig and Heather Menne who chaired the Back Pack Drive. On Monday, August 20th a group of La Porte Jaycee members gathered to sort the supplies that Craig and Heather collected through the numerous boxes that they distributed at area businesses. These items were delivered to each elementary school in the La Porte Community School district. Thank you to everyone who came out to support these projects. To date this is one of the best years I can remember for member support. Looks like the fall projects are headed in the same direction. Thanks to you all!

Please remember that Roof Sit is right around the corner. I've emailed out sign up sheets and many of you have already reserved your spot. There's still time available on Saturday during the day for Jaycees to help raise money for the Deserving Children's Shopping Tour. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Even though it's still warm we need to start thinking about the Deserving Children's Shopping Tour project. This event has gotten so large it needs a committee of its own. Find out at the September GM meeting how you can be a part of one of our largest Community projects. If you've never been involved in the night of the shopping tour you're in for a treat. The best present you could give yourself is to sign up now.

Election time is here, please come to the September 12th General Membership Meeting and find out how you can run for a position next year. Every member out there is qualified for a position. We need you!

See you all September 12th at 6PM. We will be having guest speaker Dave Kirkham from the Indiana State Police to talk about the future of Jr. Pioneer Camp.

Dawn Zigler
President





La Porte Jaycees Back To School Back Pack and School Supplies Drive A Success!!!

Thanks to Chairpeople Craig and Heather Menne for a successful project! Drop off boxes were placed at GIS Insurance, Bortz Realty, Suds on State Street, Maple City Jewelers, Countryside Nursing Home, La Porte County Courthouse, Meridian Title, and La Porte Hospital to collect the needed items.

On Monday, August 20th a group of La Porte Jaycees members gathered to sort and divide up the supplies which were delivered to Crichfield, Hailmann, Handley, Indian Trail, Kingsbury, Kingsford Heights, Lincoln, and Riley Elementary Schools. Principals and staff members then distributed the supplies to students as needed. Here's just an idea of what was collected and distributed: 102 backpacks, 101 – 4 oz glue bottles, 98 boxes of crayons, 61 packages of glue sticks, 47 pairs of scissors, 1400 pencils, 342 pocket folders, 138 highlighters, 80 pencil boxes, 3250 index cards, 91 rulers, 61 packages of colored pencils, 476 pens, a variety of marker sets, pencil sharpeners, 52 wide ruled refill paper, 100 wide ruled tablets, and a variety of other items.

Thanks to all of the members, local businesses and community members who donated to this year's Drive either with items or their time to help the children of La Porte start the school year off on the right track.

**Don't Forget The Business Meeting
Wednesday Night, September 12
6 pm at LaPorte City Police Station**

Remember to support those that support us.....



5th Annual Roof Sit
WLOI/WCOE radio station
September 13-15



11th annual Sunflower Fest
Michigan Avenue between
Lincolnway & Osborn
September 15



Wanatah Scarecrow Festival
September 21 to 23



Timothy Robert Knoll was born at 5:08 pm on Monday August 6, 2007. He weighed 9 lbs 8 1/2 oz. (yes little Ashley had a BIG baby) and was 22 inches long. He, of course, is adorable. Mom, dad and baby are doing fine.



Congrats to the whole family!!!!



“The parties over.....” but what a great party it was! Thanks to Dick and Kathy Zigler for letting us once again “invade” their house for the after 4th party. The company was great and food was even better!!!! Can’t wait to see the triple cannonball picture – Ziglers are still refilling their pool – Just Kidding!!!

Now it is back to work – anyone interested in chairing the 2008 4th of July, please contact Dawn as soon as possible so the committee can be formed and work can get started.

KID CARE Wrap Up

A million dollars worth of Thank Yous for everyone’s help at the KidCare ID event at the LaPorte County Fair. I had an emergency at work Thursday that required my special attention that I couldn’t fulfill my commitment and I really felt terrible about it. I truly appreciate everyone that showed up that night to continue the project in my absences. Thank you again to all that participated; I had a wonderful time on that Tuesday and truly believe in the Jaycee's you all put your heart and soul into making this a fantastic organization.

Maria Tanksly
KidCare ID Chair

Official Numbers and names of those that helped:

32 packets on Tuesday
Staff: Maria, Angie, Cathy, Stacey, Sandy, Josh, Jeff W, and Courtney

25 packets on Thursday along with 22 of the Sheriff's fingerprint brochures as we ran out of packets around 6:45pm. We also handed out 2 regular packets and 2 fingerprint booklets for parents to take home.
Staff: Bethani, Tony, Jessica S, Jessica L, and Cathy

Thanks again everyone!!!!