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From Your President Crystal Hegg

Hello Fellow Jaycees!

Holy cow is the time flying. Here we are in April, and the first quarter is behind us. Spring is upon us and so is some very erratic weather, but we can't let that slow us down. In fact, now is the time we really need to pick up the pace. Home Sport and Travel show is here...always a big project. More importantly it kicks off the busiest time of the year. Water Carnival planning is in full swing and we are in desperate need of people to help out wherever they can. The all-night High School Grad party is May 24th and we will once again be running the gaming tables for the seniors. We will need help for these projects and also some Jaycees to step up to be project chairs. We will also need to start planning for Sandbox Fill, the Pitch, Hit, & Run Youth event, Beltrami County Fair, Dragonboat Races, and other projects coming up. If you are interested in chairing any of these or know of anyone interested in them, please let me know ASAP.

This is where good solid membership comes in handy. This is also why it's so important to keep adding to our membership so that we have plenty of willing hands to help things run smoothly. We have a great Membership VP this year, and Kelli Hasbrouck has come up with some great incentives, challenges and a new game plan. Look for more info on those.

We also have some great training coming up here shortly. Look for all the information on the Individual Development College being held in April. If you are planning to attend convention or if you've never attended a Jaycee convention, this May is the Spring All State Convention being held just a stone's throw away at Cragun's in Brainerd. There will be awards and great training available as well as competitions being held. I've heard this one will be fantastic so I encourage everyone to attend if you can. It is May 9th thru 11th, and I will be sending out e-mails as well with registration forms and itineraries of what's going on.

Don't forget to check out the website and our new this year, myspace page for current listings of what's happening in your chapter!! Also, if you have e-mail but aren't a member of the Bemidji Jaycee yahoo group, I strongly recommend you sign up. The next board meeting will be April 1st and the General meeting will be the 22nd, not the 15th as that is tax day and we don't want to overwhelm anyone as that is a stressful day for some. The General Meeting is held at 7pm at Tjuan's in the back room. I would love to see a lot of new faces there or faces I haven't seen in a while. We are an organization based on the strength of our members and we need each and every one of you to be successful! Please contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have. I'm here to serve you and help make this chapter a proud reflection of its members.

We are off to a good start for 2008. Some smaller projects have already been run and were very successful. More importantly our big Home Sport & Travel Show was a major success! Thanks to Molly Rucinski for chairing along with Char and April.

The most popular jukebox song of all time is "Crazy" by Patsy Cline from 1962.

There are always many things that members can do to help out and participate, regardless of what time or energy you may have to spare. The Board meeting is still the first Tuesday of every month at the Jaycee office located at 522 Beltrami Ave. and the General Membership meeting is at Tjuan's in the back room on the 19th this month. We have lots of information at both meetings if you have the time, stop in and see what we've been up to, what we're planning for the future and where we can use help.

Water Carnival planning is in full swing right now too. Always lot of help is needed for that and any time you can give is always greatly appreciated. See, there are many things you could do to help out you chapter, and that's exactly what it is...YOUR chapter.

We have a new membership plan this year with a target number of 8 members each month. This is a goal to sign 8 new members, or renew 8 or a combination of both. Our Membershiup Vice President Kelli Hasbrouck, has set up a good challenge and has offered some great incentives for signing new members. Why not take advantage of those? Sign up a good friend, do some work together and get involved in your community. We really need the encouragement of members stepping up and getting involved either again or for the first time. You, as members, are the life blood of our organization, and with out continued growth our commitment to our community will suffer.

Let's make this a great year for all our members and all our projects. I look forward to see many of you at the meetings, projects, and planning committees. Hey, some of can even road run together to other events across the state. I was able to go help at Blackduck's fishing derby and we had a blast! If at any time you have any questions or concerns or suggestions about anything, please feel free to contact me!!

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Management Development

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Home, Sport & Travel Show

Despite a massive blizzard that blanked us on the final day and having to end the show a few hours early because of it, this year's show was quite possibly one of the best ever! Visitors really noticed the slightly altered layout and appreciated the variety that it lent to the event. And to EVERYONE who helped with curtains, bringing in the vendors and especially helping them out during the storm, Molly, Char and April THANK YOU!

Beltrami County Fair July 30 – Aug. 6

Summertime is NOT all that far away and we are looking for a chairperson to run our booth during the rodeo. The Jaycees have traditionally run concessions at the Grandstand as those cowpokes ride their horseys. If you are interested, contact Joey!

Water Carnival July 2 - 6

The big top will rise and fun will reign once again over the 4th of July and Will & Carolyn Fisher have a great week of northern Minnesota fun coming together. We are still looking for sub-chairs so if you are interested or just want to lend a hand, come to the Water Carnival planning meeting May 27th at the Jaycee office starting at 6:30.

Among older men, vanilla is the most erotic smell. Who wants ice cream?

Community Development

Pitch, Hit and Run

Once again, the Jaycees are looking to get those kids shaped up for baseball season. Teaming-up with the Major Leagues again, we are looking for someone to chair our baseball skills competition. Friday May 23rd at the BSU field at 5:30 PM.

Mums For Mother's Day

Do you love your mom? Do you really? Does *she* know that? Then let her *know!* Contact Carolyn Fisher for more info, we always need more people to help us sell tickets for all those pretty chrysanthemums. For all you men, that's a kind of flower that mom's love!

Dragonboat Races Aug. 1 & 2

Remember how much fun it was last summer when you rowed that floating dragon-looking thing so hard that your arms felt like they were twenty feet long? No? Then you need to get signed up! We supply the Water Carnival tent for the event and will be setting it up at the end of July and, of course, will need manpower to do it. As for the boat, we wanna make it a winner this year (without sinking it) and will need you to do it! Contact President Crystal if you have any questions or would like to donate your big muscle-y bod to power our beast! See you at the races!

Individual Development Will Fisher

To all my fellow Junior Chamber Members: Greetings!

Spring is here and fun times for all are just around the corner. Guess what else? Coming up soon is Spring All State '08. That means we need competitions filled. There are nine areas to compete in: Speak-up, Write-up, Master Speak-up, Debate, Brownfield portfolio, Armbruster portfolio, Munganest portfolio, Jaycee Jeopardy, and Jaycee Idol. The topics for Write-up and Speak-up are "Believe in yourself and others will follow...", "I light my candle from their torches..." and "Individual we are; together we are one...". To prepare yourself, think of the topics first. Then the actual writing follows of either the essay or the speech. Preparation is the key so that we can have a great showing to the other chapters around the State. I would like to see every one of these areas filled. They do help you grow individually by building your confidence and in the planning of either WriteUp or SpeakUp.

I have been part a few of these already: Debate, Speak-up, and Jeopardy. If all the above mentioned competitions are submitted for SAS, that means I have to reach into the Challenge Bucket and complete the task. You have probably heard of some of my earlier challenges. Don't forget when you enter your challenge into the bucket; to write both what I have to fulfill and also what the Chapter should do for me if all nine competitions are not filled. Make it something that you know I would enjoy.

Two tentative dates have been set for the Individual Development College or ID College for short. April 12 or 19 is the two options right now. The following are a list of possible classes we will be offering: How to protect Yourself from Identity Theft or Rugby fun with the BSU Men's and Women's team just to name a few. Watch for e-mails sent out, a call from one of our own Vice Presidents or check out the new MySpace page on the internet.

Please feel free to contact me; my welcome mat is always out.

- Will Fisher

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Cats can make over 100 vocal sounds. Dogs can make about 10.

Membership Development

Kelli Hasbrouck

Hello Bemidji Jaycees!

Spring is finally here, which means our chapter is getting busy. This would be a great time for you to get active in our chapter! Which leads me into introducing you to my new project.

We are going to split the members of our roster into 6 teams. The Vice Presidents will be the captains of the teams, so this will include: VP Will, VP Dave, VP Kelli, VP Joey and Treasurer Al. There will be a list of ways to earn points and the team that gets the most points will win a substantial prize, which is yet to be determined. Once the teams are formed the captain of your team will be contacting you. There will be approximately 15 members on each team. Watch for next month's newsletter to see how you can earn points for your team and for the announcement of the grand prize!!

If you have any ideas that you would like to see for membership socials or projects please contact me.

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Me And My Gang Teams

Al Zutz - Team Ramrod

Molly Rucinski, Jerry Hemstad, Deb Hemstad, April Bohlman, Dave Smith, Tony Todavich, Matt Hemstad, Scott Kurtzweg, Liz Oxenreider, Brian Bissonette, Rich Blomberg, Dan Voss, Doug Fuller, Ronna Campbell and Danielle Stittsworth

Kelli Hasbrouck - Kelli's Peep's

Char Blashill, Scott Anderson, Abigail Johnson, Amy Winkelman, Jake Stoutenburgh, Philip Dorman, Dawn Palmer, Samantha Rich, Mareike Stoutenburgh, John Lyman, Scott Finnegan, Todd Merriam, Mandy Gazelka, Don Heinonen and Leslie Heinonen

Will Fisher - Fisher's Frozen Fishstix

Carolyn Fisher, Kristi Albright, Connie Olafson, Corey Stittsworth, Diana Stittsworth, Russ Hiltz, Tim Kunz, Jeffery Campbell II, Chris Vacek, Mychal Stittsworth, Auna Brule, Sandy Lewis, Jolee Wackerfuss, Janna Schiltz and Wayne Yoemans

Dave Geiger - Captain Fantastic & His Legion Of...

Nathan Preuss, Tonya Sandbo, Ken Roff, Ross Ladehoff, Dan Jaycox, Jason Rylander, Wanda Roff, Jerilynn Fuller, Jessica Evenson, Jeff D'Albani, Liz Sorenson, Steve North, Bill Batchelder, Everette Johnson and Lisa Johnson

Team Krista (Joey) Kaasa

Dean Behnke, Ashley Lossing, Ryan Sorenson, Melissa Stokes, Tony Lossing, Michelle Johnson, Kevin Hegg, Shawn Rutledge, Karen Gannetta, Cathy Yoemans, Elizabeth Edwards, Carol Ann Peterson, Stephanie Anderson, Allen Swedmark and Doris Swedmark

The Super-Secret Yet Un-named Stealth Team

Jennifer Sanford, Bill Sanford, Jason Benton, Valerie Benton, Tina Gehrke, Becky Hiltz, Becca Wold, Craig Baker, Steve Sovde, Darvin Bohlman, Craig Harvey, Jamie Knutson, Susan Anderson, Tony Baker and David Wold

Can you think of an English word that rhymes with "month"? Stop trying; there isn't one.

Members Due

April

Jeff D'Albani

Doug Fuller

Jill Grabow

Craig Harvey

Rebecca Hiltz

Calvin Jones

Scott Kurtzweg

Nathan Preuss

Jason Rylander

Jennifer Sanford

Jake Stoutenburgh

Jessica Evenson

May

Amy Winkelman

Connie Olafson

March Birthdays!

April Bohlman, Ken Roff, Sandy Lewis, Ronna Campbell, Ross Ladehoff!
Yay for getting another year!

Upcoming Events

4/19- I.D. College at Elk's Lodge at Noon

4/22- General Meeting 7PM at T Juan's

4/29- Water Carnival Planning at 6PM at Jaycee Office

5/6- Board Meeting at 7PM at Jaycee Office

5/9-11 Spring All-State at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd

5/20 General Meeting at 7PM at T Juan's

5/23 Pitch, Hit & Run at 5:30PM at BSU field



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