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FEBRUARY 2009 – FEEL THE LOVE

A Message from the President

Cherry Valley Jaycees!

Wow! We have started out the year with a bang. We have had many successful socials, trainings, and projects. We also are at growth in membership for the past two months! I want to thank and congratulate all the members who have made accomplishments so far this year. Let's keep up this momentum to continue on track in achieving the chapter goals we have set for the year.

I encourage everyone, non-members, brand new members, and experienced members to get involved. Nothing is more rewarding than successfully achieving the goals that you have set for yourself. If you are not sure where to start, just ask our board, region director, area VP and/or state staff. That is what we are here for. We are here to help you succeed! So, please do not be afraid to step up, take on new challenges, and take charge in what it is you would like to accomplish in your Jaycee career!

"If not you, who? If not now, when?" – President Ronald Regan

Yours in the Creed,
Jessica Onken

Membership Update

We have two new members!! Amanda Rodriguez joined us in February and Ashley Bohacz joined us in February! Welcome!!

I'm planning a St. Patrick's Day get together on March 14th. I'm planning on sending out an evite once the destination has been chosen. The St. Patrick's Day get together is open to all members and their friends. If any prospective members attend the get together, we can classify it as an M-night.

Katy Dabbs
Membership VP



Congratulations to the below Cherry Valley members for receipt of the following awards for the month of January!

*Natalie Needham – Rookie of the Month
Vaughn Fowler – Jaycee of the Month
Katie Onken – Officer of the Month*



LOVE THOSE PROJECTS!

Take a Chance!

Lou Holtz once said "Actually all I ever wanted to be was the best in my field." Are you the best in your field? If so or if not, I challenge everyone who is reading this to step up in the Jaycees and hold a project. You will learn leadership skills, business skills, teamwork, budgeting (Yes, pretty people can do math), and you will gain respect. These are all essential skills in all fields of work. If you are unsure of yourself, we, as Jaycees, have confidence in you. Pick an easy project or a project that someone has done before; we will walk you through it! CPG's are not a scary thing once you have finished one. In order to be the best in your field you must believe you can do it.

Veronica Corwin
Chapter Management VP

Relay For Life Friday June 6th - Saturday June 7th

Cancer touches us all, but we don't just have to sit idly by. I've chosen to fight back by participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life®.

Relay really brings the cancer fight close to home. The American Cancer Society starts the night with an incredible ceremony to celebrate cancer survivors and caregivers from our area. There's a moving ceremony to honor and remember those who have fought the disease. And before the night is over, we'll have a chance to make our own personal stand against cancer. It's a night full of fun, hope, and remembrance. I sincerely hope I can count on you to join Team Cherry Valley Jaycees.

The Biggest Loser: Cherry Valley Jaycee Edition

Since there has been interest in doing a weight loss program among the members of our Chapter, we are announcing the Biggest Loser: Cherry Valley Edition. The competition will run from April through July, with the winners awarded a \$15. Subway Gift Card each at the August GM. To participate you just have to weigh in/measure at each GM during those months. At no point will your actual weight/measurement be disclosed to anyone else other than the person monitoring the weigh-in. There are two prizes being awarded: Most Weight Lost and Most Inches Lost. The primary purpose of this is to help the chapter members lose weight in a fun competitive way.

If you are interested in either project, please sign up at the next meeting. If you have questions you can contact me at 815.978.2352 or natalie.needham@bankalpine.com.

Natalie Needham

Training Opportunities

Why did you join the Jaycees? My guess is that it was either to help the community or to meet new people. Did you know that what sets the Jaycees apart from other community organizations is their training opportunities?

What kind of training opportunities you may ask? Well I have spoken before about improving writing skills, speaking skills, debating skills and interview skills. Those are the programs that are run throughout the entire Jaycees organization. As a local chapter we can train on anything we want. What would you like to learn more about? The Jaycees are a network of different people and professions. If you tell me what it is you would like to learn more about, I will find someone to give you more information.

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2009 IDVP

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March 2ndGM 7:00 pm at the Cherry Valley Library
March 7thState Bowling at Peoria
March 8thKaitlyn's benefit at Belvidere Community Center 2:00pm
March 14thSt. Patty's Day M-Night/Social TBD
March 20thPoker Night at the Onken's 7:00pm
March 21stCrop Into Spring Fundraiser at the Masonic Lodge 8:00am



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Jaycee Creed

We Believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and
Purpose to human life:

That the brotherhood of man
Transcends the Sovereignty of Nations;

That economic justice can best be won
By free men through free enterprise.

That government should be of laws
Rather than of men;

That Earth's great treasure lies in
Human personality.

And that service to humanity
the best work of life.

Cherry Valley Jaycees!!!