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Meet Your 2009 President

Greetings Cherry Valley Jaycees,

Let me introduce myself for those who do not know me very well. I am Jessica Onken, your 2009 Cherry Valley Jaycees Chapter President. I am very excited to be President and anxious to lead the chapter this year. I am a full time Manufacturing Technician at Thermo Fisher Scientific. I am also a part time college student at Rockford College in my last semester working toward my Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry (woohoo!). I have been a Jaycee since May 2005 when the chapter was chartered. When I first joined, I was a little leery if this is what I really want to do because, at the time, I was not big on community service. But since then, I have held various board positions including Local Director, Management VP, and Treasurer.

One of my goals this year is to make sure our members and community are getting what they would like from the Jaycees. This great organization has a lot to offer such as networking opportunities, leadership experience, many, many trainings in whatever it is you want/need, and providing you with just plain fun social opportunities. So, if you are a member and are not getting what you want out of the Jaycees, please let me or another board member know what it is you would like and we will do our best to make it happen. The Jaycees are also here for the community; please contact us if there is anything we can do for you.

Yours in the Creed,

Jessica Onken
2009 Chapter President



"In the race for growth, there is no finish line." - Anonymous



Congratulations to the Cherry Valley Chapter and its members for receipt of the following awards at the Year End State GA!!

*Moonlight Bowl – Outstanding International Project
Jessica Onken – Outstanding Treasurer
Veronica Corwin – Runner Up Local Director
Katy Dabbs – Presidential Award of Excellence
Veronica Corwin – Presidential Award of Excellence
Jay Onken – Presidential Award of Excellence
Katie Onken – Presidential Award of Excellence*





Meet Your 2009 Vice President, Chapter management:

Hello Cherry Valley Jaycees! I am Veronica Corwin your Chapter Manager VP for 2009. I joined the Jaycees in March of 2008 and have been excited ever since. As Chapter Manager, one of my jobs is to make sure you get all paperwork into the state. I am going to make sure we Blue Chip and achieve a high amount of POC points. Awards submissions are also part of my job. There are many different awards on local, region and state levels. If you do not know what Blue Chip and POC points are, it is ok. We will teach you.

I need your help! When you complete projects, I will need to get your CPG's in by a certain time. Don't worry, I will tell you that date. If there is anything you need, let me know I will help you and if I don't know the answer, I will find out for you. My ONE goal for everyone this year is for you to get what you want out of the Jaycees aka **HAVE FUN!**

Veronica Corwin
2009 Chapter Manager

"Write to be understood, speak to be heard,

Meet Your 2009 Vice President, Membership:

I was introduced to the Cherry Valley Jaycees in April 2008. My best friend Veronica was a new member. Once she learned how great this organization was, she asked me to join. In September 2008 I attended my first General Meeting. I signed my application for membership that day. After attending New Member Orientation I was sold on the Jaycees.

I was chosen as the 2009 VP of Membership for the Cherry Valley Chapter. I've joined committees and started working on projects.

I work full time at Rock Valley College. I have a Bachelors degree in History. I enjoy reading, learning, volunteering, hanging out with friends and I love animals.

I'd like to introduce two of our newest members, Krystal Rampalli and Amanda Rodriguez. Krystal and Amanda joined the Cherry Valley Jaycees at our January GM. Before joining our chapter Krystal attended the Cherry Valley Social, our Christmas Party and the Shot tasting night. We look forward to getting to know Amanda better. New members in 2009 will be given a binder at their New Member Orientation. The binders are designed to be a central location to keep all of their new Jaycees materials.

My first project this year is the Money Pot. The money pot is a box covered in cherry fabric. Two coins are created for each member of our chapter. One coin is given to each member and the other is placed inside the Money pot. The coins have a cherry on one side and the members name on the other side. At each General Meeting a coin will be drawn from the Money pot. The member whose coin is drawn will be required to produce their matching coin and will be give a prize. At our January meeting Veronica won a \$20 gift certificate to Ruby Tuesdays.

Katy Dabbs
2009 Vice President membership





Meet Your 2009 Vice President, Individual Development:

Hello Cherry Valley Jaycees.

My name is Marcia Schlarmann I am the Individual Development VP for our chapter in 2009. I am very excited about this position because it is forcing me to broaden my horizons. My focus in previous years has been in the Community area.

You may ask - "what is individual development?" Well, in a short answer, it is what sets the Jaycees apart from all other community service organizations. The Jaycees have this additional element that teaches you skills that are needed in the real world. Have you ever had to get up in front of a group of people and talk and your stomach is in knots the whole time? Have you ever been on an interview and you were so nervous that you could barely speak much less put your best foot forward? Well, the Jaycees have programs to help you with this and many other skills. I can personally say that I wish I had taken advantage of some of the ID programs earlier because I am sure it would have helped in my job search last year.

I look forward to an outstanding year in the Cherry Valley Jaycees and I cannot wait to show you what ID can do for you!!

Marcia Schlarmann
2009 Vice President, Individual Development

"The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Meet Your 2009 State Director and Northwest Region Director:

"You may not need to reinvent the wheel, but you can certainly change the tires". This is a quote I made after Leadership Summit in Tulsa and the Illinois 2008 year end general assembly. Its origin comes from speaker, Jeff McGee in Tulsa who reaffirmed that if you keep doing the same thing, you'll keep getting the same results. That's a hard lesson to learn, but we've all done it. The second message we got was that there is no need to reinvent the wheel. While I agree that the basics, the belief of the Jaycee organization and its structure should remain as it has since the 1920's, I do believe that times are so much different than they were just five years ago. It's time to get a new set of tires.

The state of Illinois is THE NUMBER ONE STATE IN THE NATION. The Illinois Jaycees have more members than any other state, and yet we still dropped 298 in 2008. Although our membership is down, our spirits are up to save the organization as a whole. In 1979, the United States Junior Chamber had 394,672 members. Today, the US Jaycees have just 24,767. We can speculate all we want as to why that is, but instead of contemplating the past and how we got to this, let's change the tires we're driving with into the future.

If you could meet Henry "Hy" Geissenbier, would you be proud to tell him of your activity in your local chapter? If National Jaycee President John Weber walked into your next general meeting, would you be anxious to tell him what you're doing? Active Citizenship is the key phrase right now. Being active in our communities is what provides us the leadership experience we need in our everyday lives. The Jaycees provide that for us....and at the same time, it's FUN!!

Yours in Jaycees,

Cammi Edmison
2009 State Director
2009 Northwest Region Director



Meet Your 2009 Treasurer:

Hello! I am the 2009 Treasurer for the Cherry Valley Jaycees. I am a single father raising my 2 out of 3 daughters which can be rough at times. But, I am doing a wonderful job in my eyesight. I work for Winnebago County as a Building Maintenance Mechanic, I play on 2 different softball teams during the summer season. I am also a member of the Cherry Valley Masonic Lodge.

Right now, I am working on my second degree. This is my second year as a Jaycee and I am loving it! I enjoy doing whatever to make this world a better place. It can range from taking out the trash for someone to helping remodel a friend's home. I am very open-minded to just about anything.

I love the fact that we the Jaycees have a very strong Board for 2009 and I am very proud to be part of it. I look forward to the upcoming year.

Vaughn Fowler
2009 Treasurer



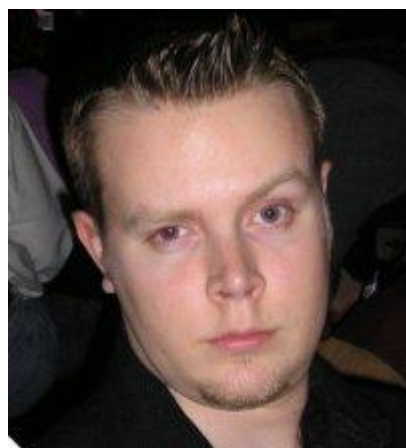
Meet Your 2009 Secretary:

Greetings to all from your 2009 Secretary! First off, I'd like to congratulate those who received awards at the Year end GA-especially Jess! I'm proud of what you've accomplished. Keep up the good work little sis! Attending the GA was an enjoyable learning experience and has shown that there are a lot of things to strive for in 2009 (including the Giessenbier trophy). I highly recommend that everyone attend a GA. It's a great way to meet people, party, and get some valuable training.

Personally, the goals I wish to achieve are: recruiting at least 2 new members, learning the ins and outs of the CPG, and break a little more out of my shell when it comes to approaching "strangers". The 2009 board looks strong and I feel together we can build this chapter into a prominent and highly competitive team to give other chapters a run for their money. Let's achieve Blue Chip status this year!

Cheers!

Jay Onken
2009 Secretary



Meet Your 2009 Media Relations Officer:

I was honored to become a member of the Cherry Valley Jaycees in September of 2008. I took on the role of Media Relations for 2009. I have always loved Cherry Valley, especially Baumann Park, where I have many memories of tennis matches and walking or rollerblading around the lake. Aside from the Jaycees, I am also a member of The Junior League of Rockford, The Interstitial Cystitis Association, and am Co-Chair of Shimmy for the Cure: Bellydancers Fight Breast Cancer.

As for me personally, I do Marketing for Alpine Bank. I love to Bellydance and perform under the stage name Nakia Jizeem. I also love tennis, reading, baking, singing, and currently my new wii system. I value honesty, family, and true friendship. I have a lot of experience in the past with community involvement and am looking forward to a great year with the Cherry Valley Jaycees!

Natalie Needham
2009 Media Relations



Meet Your 2009 Sergeant At Arms:



Hello Fellow Cherry Valley Jaycee Members!

My name is Lora and I am currently the Sergeant At Arms for our Chapter. I am a charter member of the CV Jaycees, having joined in 2005. When I first joined it was honestly because a dear friend of mine said, "If I start a chapter, will you join?". I thought, what the heck? I can hang out with friends and do good for the community at the same time. Well, let me just tell you that it has become so much more than that for me!

I was the chapter Secretary for two years, I have been to 3 State Assembly's, done countless fun and fulfilling community events AND got to hang out with friends. (not to mention the many, many others I have made along the way!) It has been a wild ride and I am looking forward to sharing it all with any one who is willing to listen!

Yours in the Creed,

Lora Gale
2009 Sergeant At Arms

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress,
working together is success"
- Henry Ford

Meet Your 2009 Local Director:

Greetings Cherry Valley Jaycees!

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Katie Onken, a.k.a. Katie O'Mama, your 2009 Local Director. I joined the chapter this past July, but I've been involved in the Jaycees a good portion of my life through my parents. I've seen first hand how the Jaycee experience can make miracles happen! Even at a young age, the Jaycees inspired me to live the dream! I cherish those memories and look forward to making new ones as an active member!

I know, I know – what's with all the sappiness?!?! I could blame it on the pregnancy hormones but the truth is I just get sappy sometimes. I'm the person who cries at every episode of Extreme Makeover! Anyway, enough about me, let's talk about you! My goals to help you in your Jaycee experience are:

- Discover each member's passion: Everyone has different needs and goals. There is a Jaycee project, program, or ideal to help you!
- Hold quarterly Members only forums: These will be your chance to speak up and be heard. We will discuss what is working well in the chapter and what needs improvement from your perspective. From there, we'll work together to determine how we can improve and make this experience the best for all of us!
- Establish communication protocol: If you're only interested in specific projects or socials, I want to make sure we know what those are and that you're the first to hear about them when they occur!

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you! Please let me know any feedback, comments, or questions you have. I'm always available to lend an ear or a helping hand – whatever you need!

Katie Onken
2009 Local Director



Chapter Officer Roster

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February 1stKaitlyn's committee 11:00 am at the Cherry Valley Cafe
February 2ndGM 7:00 pm at the Cherry Valley Library
February 2ndRaw Fish Night at Hachi Hachi following the GM
February 6thNational Wear Red Day
February 8thCooking for Jaycees 9:30 am
March 7thState Bowling at Peoria



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

February 19th - Cammi Edmison
February 28th - Bob Watson

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!!!