

- State Meeting at Tan-Tar-A
January 18-20
- National Year-End
Celebration in Memphis, TN:
March 19-22
- State Meeting in Macon:
May 16-18
- State Meeting in Kansas City:
September 12-14
- National Meeting in San
Diego, CA: September 24-28

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

- 12/4/07 Cameron, Jackson,
Boonville GMM
- 12/5/07 St. Charles, EPC, Flo.
Valley, Hannibal, Columbia GMM
- 12/7/07 Washington Xmas Drinks
- 12/8/07 St. Louis Christmas
Shopping Spree
- 12/8/07 Hannibal Xmas Parade
- 12/8/07 Mid County Volunteer at
Soup Kitchen
- 12/8/07 Macon Casino Night
- 12/9/07 Region 2 Meeting hosted
by Macon
- 12/11/07 Cape Girardeau,
Bowling Green, Jeff. City, Kennett,
McD County, St. Peters GMM
- 12/12/07 Southern Boone GMM
- 12/12/07 Springfield, St. Charles,
Mexico, Macon GMM
- 12/13/07 Mission Inn, Cole Camp,
Joplin, Oran GMM
- 12/14/07 Misson Inn Teddy Bear
Express
- 12/14/07 Boonville Year End
Banquet
- 12/15/07 West St. Louis County
Holiday Party
- 12/15/07 Mission Inn Happy Hour
at Teddy Bear Express
- 12/16/07 Macon Installation
Banquet
- 12/17/07 Pacific, Union GMM
- 12/17/07 Joplin Great Russian
Nutcracker Ballet
- 12/18/07 Cameron, Jackson,
Boonville GMM
- 12/19/07 EPC, Flo. Valley,
Hannibal, Columbia GMM
- 12/19/07 Sikeston Xmas Basket
Campaign
- 12/20/07 Macon Children's
Christmas Party
- 12/20/07 Eureka, W. St. Louis GMM
- 12/26/07 Mexico, Macon GMM
- 12/27/07 Cole C, Joplin, Oran GMM
- 12/29/07 Region 9 Meeting
- 12/31/07 MOJaycees 3rd Trimester
POC Deadline
- 1/5/08 Missouri Jaycees LOTS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Missouri Jaycees!

As I write this last article for the Impact as your state president, I feel glad and sad. I feel sad because the year has flown by! There has not been enough days, enough visits, or enough time to get to know all of you.

I feel glad though because we have accomplished so much as a state this year. I could go on forever about the disappointments or the frustrations that have occurred, but when I look back, I know I will remember only the good things this year. I have made so many new friends, I have met so many incredible people, and I have experienced the greatest sense of accomplishment I could ever imagine. I hope that as 2007 draws to a close, you can say all of this about yourself and your chapter.

Missouri chapters, did you achieve what you set out to achieve this year? All of the chapter presidents, chapter officers and general members, did you accomplish everything you wanted to? Most of you probably answered no. That's okay! The one lesson I have learned this year is that goals are a continuing process. The original goal you wrote down in January probably has changed over the year. Does this mean you have failed? Absolutely not! It means that you have developed into a leader that is flexible, able to change things when needed, and someone who understands that life doesn't always follow a list.

All year long, I have talked about building strong chapters and

developing stronger leaders. My main goal this year was to ensure every Missouri chapter was stronger in their programming, stronger in their membership and stronger in their leadership at the end of this year. Is your chapter stronger today than it was in January? Do you have new projects, new members and leaders ready to take charge in 2008? If so, congratulations! How about chapters that didn't achieve this goal? There is still time to turn things around. Nothing in this organization is ever just over! We continually push to better what we have!

Another goal of mine for 2007 was to bring back training at all levels of this organization. Throughout the year, we have had excellent training opportunities. I sincerely hope that those who attended training really received something relevant and useful and exciting to you! To those that were unable to attend training, more opportunities await you in 2008! I hope to see a lot more of you step up and step out of your comfort boxes and work to become better leaders!

The last goal of mine for 2007 was to bring some fun back into this organization! I hope that people began to have fun again at their chapter meetings and I hope chapters ran projects just for themselves, to remember to have fun as a chapter. We worked hard this year to bring some fun back to the state meetings and I know that trend will continue into 2008!

Lastly, I have talked a lot about Going the Distance in 2007. To me, this

concept means that every individual, every chapter, every district, every region, and every state team member has taken the time to finish what you have started. It also means that the goals set in 2007, should be the goals continued forward into 2008. This organization is about building leadership skills, teaching people to become leaders. This doesn't happen overnight, or just in one year! Sprinting towards the finish line means nothing if the athlete collapses after crossing the tape, due to lack of preparation and training.

It has been my privilege to serve as your president in 2007. Your commitment to yourselves and to your communities has been an inspiration! This organization is truly unique and I hope everyone continues to strive to become better people through the philosophies of the Jaycees. Let's continue to Go The Distance!

Respectfully,
Jennifer Boggs
86th Missouri State President

Thanksgiving Facts to Feast On

Since becoming a national holiday in 1863, Thanksgiving has been a time for gathering and celebrating with friends and family, giving thanks, and of course - eating! To commemorate this holiday, MERIC has compiled this list of facts to feast on.

28 - Number of places in the United States named Plymouth, as in Plymouth Rock, the landing site of the first Pilgrims. Speaking of Plymouth Rock, there is just one township in the United States named "Pilgrim." Located in Dade County, Missouri, its population was 135 in 2006.

\$9.5 million - The value of U.S. imports of live turkeys during the first half of 2007-99.5 percent from Canada.

Fifth - Missouri's rank in turkey production in the United States for 2007 with an estimated 21 million raised. Minnesota is the nation's leading turkey producer at 46 million, followed by North Carolina (39 million), Arkansas (31 million), and Virginia (21.5 million).

November - The month of the year when U.S. turkey prices are at their lowest. Last year, turkey prices averaged 97.3 cents a pound in November.

841,280 tons - Estimated U.S. production of snap green beans in 2007. Many Americans consider green bean casserole a traditional Thanksgiving dish.

1.6 billion pounds - The total weight of sweet potatoes-another popular Thanksgiving side dish-produced by major sweet potato producing states in 2006.

690 million pounds - The forecast for U.S. cranberry production in 2007, essentially unchanged from 2006.

38.7 million - Forecasted number of Americans who will travel 50 miles or more for Thanksgiving, a 1.6 percent increase from 2006.

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Hanging out in Omaha.



Duenweg's Just Change project.



Left: St. Charles ladies hanging out with Trent Tomlinson at the JC Fair. Top: Barry, Micah and Trey of the Sikeston Jaycees at the rodeo.

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VICE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGES

End of 2007 by VP Kristi Webb

It's nearing the end of 2007 as I write this article and I can't help but think of how the year has been and how it will end. I always look forward to Tan-Tar-A as that is the time that we celebrate the year's accomplishments as a whole. Even though the year will not end with us as a state at growth, overall, the year was a huge success because we were able to begin new chapters and really "clean up" some rosters. To be able to grow our organization in some months was a great accomplishment and showed the dedication that chapters and leaders have to this organization.

In 2007 we had some unprecedented trainings and I'm glad that members took the time to ensure they took advantage of that training and I know that they came out of it knowing and understanding so much more than they imagined. We as a team are focusing on national conventions and what we can do to get MiO recognized for all that we do. We have some chapters that will be putting together books to be judged and look forward to seeing how well we do. Our Speak-Up and Write-Up winners are going to begin competing at the national level. We have learned what it takes and are taking that knowledge with us into 2008.

I want to congratulate the new leaders who were elected for the 2008 year in each chapter and region. You are the leaders that people will look to and follow to either step up with a project or get a chapter to growth by recruiting new members. Remember, the new members are your best recruiting tool. They know people that should get involved and join with them! They bring new ideas and new projects that will grow the chapter or send it down a new and greater path. Don't underestimate these new resources and be sure they are involved and stay involved.

Thank you to all the leaders in 2007 as well. It's been great to travel and meet you all. It's been great to spend time with those that I've known and to watch each of you grow your leadership skills and knowledge throughout the year. I look forward to seeing what the future brings for each of you. Take that new knowledge and leadership into 2008 and have an even more successful year! Continue to grow your knowledge, your leadership skills, your chapter, region and state. Together, we can continue to make this state the best place to be a Jaycee!

I wish each of you a safe and happy Holiday season! See you around the state and at LOTS and Tan-Tar-A!!

Get in the Know by VP Tonya Benton



Do you want to know what Jaycees are doing around the state? Do you want to promote your projects to other Jaycee chapters to get help for your projects or get them to attend? I recently read a USA Today article that talked about service organizations and their pursuit of the younger member. The article stressed the fact that the younger generation is technologically savvy and the way to attract the younger generation is to incorporate technology into the service organizations.

There are several resources on the web for you to get ideas and guidance. Your first stop is the Missouri Jaycees webpage at www.mojc.org. Some of the things you will find here is information on upcoming State and National events, important deadlines, a state directory, the State Plan of Action, the Monday Morning Memo, information on state programs and links to web pages for chapters around the state. Next you have the U.S. Jaycees webpage at www.usjaycees.org. Some of the things you will find here are information on national programs, a national directory, a CPG library, award informa-

tion and The Book (the guide to running your chapter). JCI (Junior Chamber International) has a webpage at www.jci.cc. Here you will find information on International events, JCI University (which includes upcoming JCI trainings), information on twinning and JCI publications.

The Missouri Jaycees have a Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mojaycees>. We have 2,600 members in the state, yet only 181 members on the Yahoo Group. I'm asking each of you to become a member of the Yahoo Group and use it as a tool for your chapter. The following regions also have yahoo groups:

Region 5 <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/r5mojaycees/>

Region 6 <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Region6MOJaycees/>

Region 9 <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/r9mojcs/>

Many chapters use the e-groups to communicate with each other. You can choose to be e-mailed each time there is a new post or a daily digest of messages. Some options to consider for your chapter are Yahoo Groups www.groups.yahoo.com, Meetup www.meetup.com, Google Groups www.groups.google.com and List Serve at www.listserve.com.

I believe the more we use the technology we have available, the more informed our members will be and the more we will attract those younger members!

Share Our Organization by VP James Danley

As I sat in my office and pondered the thought of what I would write my next Impact article on, the answer suddenly hit me. I wanted to write about something that would benefit each and every person that read this and I also wanted to make sure that it was not something that I had previously tackled in the Monday Morning Memo or a previous issue of the Impact. I decided that the most important thing to each one of us as Jaycees is our organization itself.

We all joined the Jaycees because somebody asked us to. We all activated our membership because a chapter presented an opportunity for us to do so. Now we continue to work to make a difference in our own lives, chapters, state, and the organization as a whole. I know that I am proud to be a Jaycee and I am glad that I was given the opportunity. This is why I feel it is important that I share with each one of you how I became a Jaycee.

My mother passed away in December 2002. This event was tragic and very shocking,

as my mother was only 45. John Thurman asked me to join the Jaycees in January 2003. I was reluctant to do so because I did not know much about the Jaycees. I knew that they ran the parade in town, worked concerts in the area, and had previously worked a haunted house in Joplin. John was persistent and was very detailed in providing me information about the Joplin Jaycees. I finally gave in and joined in February 2003.

I came to one meeting where I was sworn in as a new member and then lost in the crowd. Joplin was experiencing some growing pains and I was easily lost in a crowd of new members. 2003 proved to be a difficult year as I was coping with the loss of a parent while going through a divorce. It was not until 2004 that I was asked to come back and help the chapter out. John was sincere, apologetic, and eager to help me learn everything that I needed to in order to be a successful Jaycee.

The rest is history and here I am today. Because of this organization I am a more confi-

dent and professional leader. I am a better person and I feel that I make a positive contribution to others as a result of the Jaycee influence in my life. I love this organization and I am proud to be a Jaycee. So what is the importance of all this?

The main points that need to be taken away from this article are imperative for every Jaycee to understand. I joined because I was asked to. Make sure you are asking people to join. There are many people out there who need the Jaycees in their lives. Do not drop the ball on activation. When you sign new members make sure you assign them a mentor so that they do get lost in the crowd. Finally the last point is this: Share your own story with others. It is your story that made you a successful Jaycee. You are successful and I know you are because you are reading this article. Share your success with others and ask them to join you as you GO THE DISTANCE!

It's A Wonderful Life by R5DD Holly Kosick

Have you ever watched a movie a second or third or fourth time and it takes on a different meaning than the 1st time you saw it? It is that time of year when the television stations start playing those classic Christmas movies that all of us have probably seen a good half dozen times or more growing up. As I've gotten older the messages of these Christmas movies often have changed. One such movie is "It's a Wonderful Life" starring Jimmy Stewart. Right at this moment this sweet and sentimental movie reminds me of the Jaycees.

For those few souls that may not have seen the movie - Jimmy Stewart's character, George Bailey is on the brink of suicide, wishing he'd never been born when the Angel name Clarence pays him a visit.

Clarence shows him how different life would be without George. In the world without George Bailey everything is a little darker and a little sadder. He makes Jimmy Stewart's character realize how important his being here has been. George doesn't commit suicide and instead he goes home, Clarence gets his wings and everyone ends up happy.

If you will, imagine how different your life and your town might be without your chapter. What your community might be like if your chapter had never been extended? Can you picture your "Bedford Falls" as a "Pottersville"? What your life might be like if the Jaycees had never been in your life? Would it be a little dimmer? I feel pretty certain that my town would be a little darker without the Jaycees and my life

would be a little less full without the Jaycees.

However, for you and your community, think of all the buildings and parks that may not have ever been if the Jaycees had not been extended to your town. For your community, think of all the underprivileged children that would not have received a toy at Christmas. For your community, think of all the families that would not have received a turkey dinner at thanksgiving. For your community, think of all the soldiers that would not have received a care package. For your community, think of all the charities that may not have reached their goals without your chapter's donations. For your community, think of all the lives you and your chapter have touched because your chapter existed.

For you, think of all the friends you wouldn't have made without your chapter. For you, think of all the experiences you would never have had without the Jaycees. For you, think of all the business contacts you would never have made, all the places you would never have visited or all the fun you would never have had without the Jaycees in your life.

Can you relate a little to George Bailey after Clarence shows him what would have been if he hadn't existed? Think of these things the next time you hesitate to ask someone to join the Jaycees. Think of these things the next time you reject the idea of an extension in a neighboring community. You see it really is "a Wonderful Life" with the Jaycees.

PROGRAM MANAGERS' MESSAGES

Well Done! by Wonderland Camp PM Lorie Thompson

Missouri Jaycees, I want to say a big THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! In 2007, you did an amazing job of working hard to raise cash and gifts for Wonderland Camp. You did so great on cash donations that my initial goal of \$30,000 was met in July!!! So we had to raise that goal to \$40,000! At the time that I am writing this, I am not sure that we have met it-but it is well within reach!

I also want to congratulate chapters on their donations through the Camps for Kids program. Over \$27,000 was contributed through this avenue-over \$10,000 more than last year!!!

All of this money goes to camperships-can you just imagine how many people got the awesome opportunity to experience Wonderland Camp as a result of your hard work and generous contributions! We were lacking a bit in our in-kind donations

around the middle of the year, but with a bit of incentive to watch a bunch of adults throw pairs of balls around, we exceeded our goal of \$15,000 in this area too!

Part of the reason for the monetary success was due to a new project for Wonderland Camp this year by the Jefferson City Jaycees. It was called Pulling for Camp and was a professional truck and tractor pull that was held the first Saturday in May. This outstanding project raised \$12,000! There are plans for another new project in 2008 to watch for-a golf tournament by the Cottleville/Weldon Springs Jaycees. This new chapter has put in place some outstanding plans for this project.

I also want to recognize a new element brought to camp this year in the form of a new chapter preparing meals at a work weekend. The Greater Northland Jaycees provided the

meals at the Fall All Region Work Weekend and did a great job despite a small bit of difficulty with one of the ovens.

It has been a great joy and opportunity to serve as your Wonderland Camp Program Manager this year. I have visited areas of the state and chapters that I have never before gotten acquainted with, and I have made many new friends and skills which will never be forgotten. Thank you for giving me this chance. Please give as much effort and more to your projects for Wonderland Camp in 2008. It is a fantastic place which will always be near and dear to my heart and I hope that if it does not already stand in this place for you, you will visit camp both on work weekends and during camper season to see why Wonderland Camp is the best there is!

Ticket Fixes for Camp

Any MO Jaycee who receives a traffic violation (exclusive of DWI, DUI, BAC, DWS, DWR) can receive representation for a \$100 donation to Wonderland Camp.

You are responsible for the payment of your fine and court costs in addition to your donation to Wonderland Camp. This offer is open to any MO Jaycee, including Life Members, Ambassadors, Senators, Muleskinner and Show-Me Corp members.

If you have a friend or co-worker who would like to take advantage of this offer...sign them. If you have any questions or get a ticket, call Chip Gentry at 573-636-2177 or Mary Elizabeth Dorsey at 636-940-8000. Effective until December 31, 2007

Access Day Fun

Missouri Jaycees, I was able to go to "Access Day" at the State Fair in Sedalia, MO. The drive up from Duenweg was quick and I got there about two hours early because I was told that it would take longer to get there than it did. This was a good thing however because it gave me time to walk around and get familiar with the surroundings. Once other Jaycees started arriving we started getting things arranged for our special guests. We moved tables around, brought in a D.J. for music, set up the food line. Then Pepsi came in and supplied the drinks that were much needed in the best way as it turned out to be a very hot day. The grill was set up and the cooking began.

" Boy did it smell fabulous". Pretty soon our guests arrived. I started filling cups with ice and as it turned out that's where I ended up throughout the mealtime. Our guests came in ate thanked us and then went out to enjoy the rest of their day. I want to personally thank the grill masters, as the food was excellent. The D.J. did an outstanding job and overall this was a great experience for me one in which I will never forget. Hopefully next year I can do it again.

Gary S. Heffner
2007 Duenweg Jaycees
Business Development V.P.

OYM & OYF

Missouri Jaycees, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the chapters who submitted applications for OYM or OYF. As this year draws to a close please be out there looking for applicants for next year. There are so many outstanding young people in this great state we need to just get out there and find them. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve you as state program manger for

OYM/OYF. I will see you all at the Winter Meeting in January. Thanks for your continued support of this program! Please continue to support whoever represents this program next year!!!

Ann Kampeter
2007 Program Manager for
OYM/OYF

JCI Senatorship

What is JCI Senatorship and what is the Missouri JCI Senate Organization?

A Junior Chamber International Senatorship is the highest honor in the world that a Jaycee can receive and is a special category of membership in the Junior Chamber International. It is designed to provide a link between past and present Jaycees. The honor is awarded by Junior Chamber International only after the recommendation of a local chapter and requires the signatures of the Missouri and United States Jaycee or Junior Chamber International presidents. Since its inception in 1952, a JCI Senatorship has become the Jaycees' most coveted honor. Fewer than one Jaycee out of a thousand receives a Senatorship in the United States. The Senate today provides you, as a member, the means by which you can maintain a lifelong link with old friends, the Jaycee organization you served so well, and the opportunity to make new friends around the state.

The JCI Senate in Missouri was organized in 1976 to promote fellowship among Senators and to support the Jaycees at local, region and state levels. It continues to serve these functions today. The state organization was chartered and became an affiliate of the United States JCI Senate in 1977. It has grown both in size and pres-

tige and with membership open to all JCI Senators who are current or former residents of Missouri.

The classes of Membership in the Missouri JCI Senate are active and associate. Active members are those who are current in their dues to the Missouri JCI Senate. Active members are entitled to vote on all matters brought before the Senate and participate in Senate functions. Associate members are those who are not current in their dues, and are not entitled to the benefits of Active Members.

A New Senator's dues to Junior Chamber International are paid along with the application fee and approval of membership. This entitles the new Senator to a Certificate and Membership Pin. No publications or mailings from JCI are afforded by this category of membership. New Senators will want to find out if their active membership dues to the Missouri JCI Senate were paid along with the JCI Senate application. These dues are paid separately and directly to the Missouri JCI Senate for new Senators. Active Missouri JCI Senate members regularly receive newsletters, mailings, email communications and publications. Additional benefits of active membership in the Missouri JCI Senate are a Missouri JCI Senate name badge and having National dues paid for one (1) year. Senator Randy Johnson

MO Jaycees Planning Session



Saturday,
November 3,
2007



Setting
goals for
2008!



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Local Officer Training School (LOTS) - January 5, 2008

For 2008 board and members new and old this is a wonderful training that can be resourceful and helpful to make your position run smoother. This training will be held at Lincoln University Campus in Jefferson City, MO. Registration opens at 8 am. Meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 am, and expected to end at 5:30 pm.

Training sessions include Effective Meetings, Communication & PR, Project Management, Membership Recruitment & Dues Billings and Activation of Members & ID Programming. There will also be special break-

out sessions for Local Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers, Community VP's & Directors, Membership VP's & Directors, Business/Mgmt VP's & Directors and Individual VP's & Directors.

U.S. Jaycees National Vice President, Debbie Holbrook of California, will be joining us for the training, so please make plans now to get your fellow chapter members to attend. Get your



Debbie Holbrook

2008 Jaycee year off to a good and solid start!

"You have to find something that you love enough to be able to take risks, jump over the hurdles and break through the brick walls that are always going to be placed in front of you. If you don't have that kind of feeling for what it is you are doing, you'll stop at the first giant hurdle."

- George Lucas (American film maker)

Cold and Flu Myths from MSN Health & Fitness

Colds are not caused by going outside without a coat. Sorry, Mom. You meant well, but the only way to catch a cold or flu is by picking up a virus. Going out into the cold without a jacket or a hat, or with wet hair, does nothing to facilitate transmission. It's true, though, that we are more prone in the winter. Viruses are more easily shared when people are clustered together indoors.

Flu vaccines do not cause flu. The Centers For Disease Control and Prevention are emphatic that you cannot get the flu from a flu shot. The vaccine is made from killed or "inactivated" viruses, which can't be transmitted. However, you may experience a few side effects which mimic the disease such as aches and a low-grade fever.

Feed a cold, starve a fever? Nah. Feed 'em both. This bit of armchair advice is probably repeated as often as it is jumbled. But you wouldn't want to starve either virus: At higher temperatures the body produces more interferon, a protein that helps prevent virus reproduction. "The body is like a furnace, and to create heat you need calories," says Dr. George Wootan, a family physician. "When people have chills it is because they don't have enough calories to bring up the heat normally...by feeding them, they will have enough calories to raise the temperature, increase the interferon, and kill the bugs."

Viruses survive on surfaces. You don't have to wait to be sneezed on to catch a cold or flu—you can pick the virus up right from a counter top, keyboard, telephone or other surface. Rhinoviruses, the family of germs responsible for most colds, have been shown to survive on a surface for several hours or even days. "The concentration of virus attenuates; that is, the potency is less and less as time goes on. But you need very few viral particles to trigger an infection," explains Dr. Richard Rosenfeld, professor and chairman of otolaryngology. "Even if there's just a little left and you happen to touch that doorknob or coffee cup, the virus can then survive on your hands for quite a long time. Then all it takes is a little wipe or your nose or eyes and whatever little bit of virus on there will go to town very quickly. It's a very efficient multiplying process."

Colds that linger or worsen may indicate sinusitis.

Barring an underlying condition or immune deficiency, most people can fight off a cold inside of 10 days. When symptoms such as congestion, headache and runny nose drag on, it may indicate a bacterial infection of the sinuses, or sinusitis. "Duration of a cold beyond 10 days is highly suggestive of bacterial infection," says Rosenfeld, who was the lead author of a new guideline for treating adult sinusitis, which addresses the importance of distinguishing a cold from sinusitis. "The other feature suggesting sinusitis is the pattern of 'double worsening.' That's when someone starts to feel better and then all of a sudden they get hit again, and they're getting worse. Now bacterial infection has superimposed itself on the viral illness. When you have prolonged illness or the double-worsening pattern, it's reasonable to consider antibiotics."

Vitamin C is ineffective for preventing or treating cold or flu. A review of 30 studies on vitamin C that was updated in May 2007 put to rest a few dozen years' of overconfidence in orange juice. "Vitamin C cannot effectively prevent or cure common colds or flu in the majority of people," says Sari Greaves, registered dietician. Greaves allows that some benefit has been shown for extreme athletes exercising in extreme cold, but "since vitamin C is only known to offer a biological benefit in certain cases and in a restricted number of people, for the average adult, it's not worth it to supplement."

It's true: we can put a man on the moon but we can't cure the common cold. The problem is that there are hundreds of varieties, or serotypes, of rhinovirus in addition to other viruses that cause the common cold. Of those hundreds, just a few are causing widespread infection at any point in time. The serotypes change so rapidly that they're impossible to keep up with. A vaccine would have to be specific to the current serotype, and by the time the virus was identified and an antidote developed, the active serotype would have changed. On the plus side, we've been to the moon six times.

Would you like to see your chapter in the IMPACT? It is simple just send article and photos to Bridgette Epple at bepple@downtownwashmo.org. Deadlines for the upcoming edition is as follows: February 2008 issue articles are due by Jan. 15, 2008.

Hannibal Make-A-Wish Pool Tournament by Jennifer Foster

Once again the Hannibal Jaycees and River City Billiards hosted our Annual Make-A-Wish pool tournament! It was great success, we out did ourselves again by raising around \$2500.00. This is a record for us!

This could not be done without the help from all of our local businesses we would like to thank them for their support. They help us each year by donating money or different items for us to raffle or auction off. We held a live auction this year that went over very well we raised \$868.00 from this. From our raffles, 50/50, entry fees and food sales we were able to raise around \$2500.00.

We had 36 entries this year which tells us we had good turn out! Our First Place winners are Doug Williams & Byron Bonifield. Second Place winners are Perry Melton & Ken Mayhew. Presenting the trophies are on the left Derwin

Conley the Manager of River City Billiards & on the right Jennifer Foster Chairman for Make A Wish of the Hannibal Jaycees!

The First place winners each received a 1st place trophy donated by Signs & Etc and a cue stick donated by River City Billiards and the other donated by Top Hat Billiards. 2nd Place winners each received a trophy also donated by Signs & Etc.

The Make A Wish Foundation has helped many children the Foundation Started in 1980 with a young boy named Chris Greicius whose wish was to be a police officer someday. Days before Chris passed away, Chris was given a tour in a police car, a ride in a helicopter and given his own official police uniform. His dream helped inspire the largest wish granting organization in the world. There are several children in our own community that are in need of a wish

granted. A child with a life threatening medical condition, who has reached the age of 2 1/2 and is under the age of 18 at the time of referral, is potentially eligible for a wish.

This event we hold each year helps a child in need of a wish in our local surrounding area. Once again the Hannibal Jaycees and River City Billiards would like to thank you for your support for helping us raise money for a great cause.

Jennifer Foster
Chairman Make-A-Wish Tournament
Hannibal Jaycees



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Maximize Your Mondays

Some people I know tend to slide into their week pretty slowly and don't really start to pick up on their productivity until about Tuesday or Wednesday. They make it over "hump day" and breathe a sigh of relief, and by Thursday afternoon they are starting to wind down for the coming weekend. Then Friday, for all practical purposes, is not much different than Monday was-unproductive.

How do I know this? Well, to be honest with you, that is how I used to go through my weeks. I dreaded Mondays and looked forward to Fridays, and did as little as I could get by with in between. Obviously, that's not the most effective way to get things done, nor is it the way to capture what good living is all about, and fortunately it didn't take me too long to figure that out.

I now look forward to each new week and I try to make each day in it count. The best way I have found to make sure that happens is to "maximize my Monday" by jump-starting my week.

What do I mean by this? Well, considering the fact that you can't be very effective if

Monday shows up and the only goal or plan you have is just to get through the day, you need to think about Monday before Monday gets here.

I have found that the wisest strategy for living a productive and result-producing life is for me to plan ahead of time for Monday. Each week on Thursday, I look ahead to the next Monday and see what positive possibilities lie ahead, taking time to plan and schedule, thus building a solid foundation of effectiveness and productivity for the week ahead.

As I build my Monday, I think about the most result producing projects I could work on and I make a list. I think of activities to engage in that I know will bring me great satisfaction and joy to see them accomplished. I think about people I need to talk to and appointments I have to keep, and in hardly any time at all, I have pre-arranged a Monday that has laid a solid foundation for my week.

As we all know, having a solid foundation makes the rest of the work go much smoother. Not only that, but having a solid base allows you to build tall and wide. In other words,

you can easily add to the plan as necessary. Greater success is the result when you maximize your Monday.

Maybe as you're reading this, you realize that you are one of those people who have not looked forward to going to work on Mondays. Perhaps now that you realize there is a way to maximize your Mondays, and in turn, your entire week, you are determined to make a new habit. Go for it! Don't let anything hold you back. Start planning for next Monday by Thursday of this week.

Always remember that Monday (and every other day, too) is a day of fresh starts and new beginnings, and it is never too late to start maximizing your Mondays. So even if you haven't done any advance planning for today, why not take just a few moments right now to make your plan, in the best way you can, to maximize this Monday?

By Robert A. Prentice and submitted by Holly Kosick.

Just Change

On October 13th and 20th the Duenweg Jaycees had a fundraiser called "Jaycee's Just Change" in which the Duenweg Jaycees walked door to door collecting just the pocket change that residents had handy. The Jaycees were only able to walk half of the area on the first Saturday that we wanted to complete. However do to the time constraints the walkers had available

we had to complete the walk on the following Saturday. I feel that our efforts were very successful.

We collected \$165.24 and were able to get out and greet and thank our community for their support. The Jaycees are planning on doing this fund-raiser again soon. I just wanted to thank all the walkers, the Joplin Globe for coverage and the residents who contributed.

Are You A Team Player?

Every once in awhile I will get a call from my family asking me about a computer problem they have and asking me what can they do to fix it. I don't know how I've become the computer expert in my family but for some reason my family thinks that's me. It's not that my parents or my sister know nothing about computers, but for some reason they think I know a lot more. That's not always the case. I may know different things than they do about computers but I don't necessarily know more than they do. I never claim to be an expert and for those who are all I can say is there always more to learn.

Everyone has different abilities and strengths. Not everyone knows what their strengths are so learning about different things helps to learn about your strengths as well as your weaknesses. The Jaycees gives everyone opportunities to find out about their strengths and weakness.

One of the biggest strengths of the Jaycees is teamwork and learning

how to be a team player. If everyone in their own Jaycee chapter does their part then you have a good team that works together. If one or more member of your team doesn't do their job or part you have anarchy. Some problems are easily fixed while other problems take time to heal so you can move forward.

Everyone needs to learn to work as a team and get along with others. There are all types of personalities out there and not one person is like any other. Some of us have the gift of diplomacy, being an effective leader, managing others, teaching, working well with others, etc. With each Jaycee project that your chapter runs everyone can learn all aspects of a project. By being a chairperson, you can learn how to be leader and managing others, and by being on a committee you can learn how to be a follower. Most everyone wants to be in charge at one time or another but it actually takes talent to be a follower, also.

When you sign on to be an officer or leader in some capacity, one aspect to learn is follow-through. I'm not saying the leader should do everything, but you need to check on your team of workers to make sure things are getting done. Learn how to delegate, but always be on top of every aspect of your project. And if you can't or won't be able to finish a project let someone know as soon as possible. Failure to communicate is not an option! Your reputation as leader will be diminished as well as the project. If the project fails, that is fine. Not every project will work. We need to learn from our failures and mistakes and realize what we can do differently to make it better next time.

No what matter what your expertise, strength or weakness. There will always be room to learn and grow with the Jaycees.

By Laurel Cagle, Region 6 District Director 2

Region 9, District 1

Well, it is time to say goodbye as Region 9's District 1 Director. I have enjoyed meeting everyone in my district and region. Seeing other chapter's meetings and functions has broadened my Jaycee experiences. I would like to thank my chapters for a wonderful year. You are the best chapters to have. WAY TO GO . . . JEFFERSON CITY, HERMANN, LAKE OZARK, OLEAN, ROLLA & ELDON! And to my adopted chapter that officially will be in Region 9 in 2008 is COLE CAMP! At this time I would also like to thank Joyce Huber for being such a wonderful Region Director to work under.

In case you haven't heard by now . . . CONGRATULATIONS go out to her on her engagement to Joe. I would like to thank Allison, Amanda, Nicole along with Joyce and VP Tonya for

being my travel companions. It is so much more fun when you road trip to events and chapters when there is someone in the car with you. I would also like to thank James (Region 9 assigned VP) and President Jennifer. They were always available to answer my questions and assist me when I needed it. Oh, and I can't forget to thank Joe J. There was a many of times I had to call him to get a quick answer to a question. Your sources are limited when you don't have internet access at work. So thanks Joe!

Well in case you have not heard, my goodbye, is not really a goodbye, but just a transition to Vice President! Yeah, I will be back in 2008. See you all soon!

Sandy Backes
Region 9 District 1 Director

The Zoo, Ladder Golf & Awards



What is the best way to work together?

Hello Missouri Jaycees, my name is Lorie Thompson, and I am one of your 2008 State Vice Presidents. For those of you that don't know me, I have been around Jaycees since I joined in 1999. Ten months after joining, I volunteered to be a district director and thus found a whole new world of Jaycees outside of my local chapter. Since that time, I have moved to a different area of the state, been a member of another chapter, and held many different offices at the local, regional and state level including the great opportunity I had to be the 2007 Wonderland Camp Program Manager.

Now I am diving into another area which I have not previously seen-state VP. With this new experience, I look forward to expanding my horizons in Jaycees once again. I know that in this year, I will meet some new people, visit some new areas, hear

some new ideas, and gain some new skills. I also know that I will continue to devote my time, effort and enthusiasm for doing things to the best of my ability as I have done with every other position I have held in Jaycees.

I want to invite every Missouri Jaycee to join me in my journey this year. You have the opportunity to do all of the things I have just mentioned. We can work together to meet new people, visit new areas, hear new ideas, and gain new skills. I hope that you will find it as important as I do to give this organization the best you have to offer so you can learn how great it is to work together.

Yours in Jaycees,
Lorie Thompson
2008 State Vice President

See you in my travels!

Hello Missouri Jaycees! Welcome to 2008! This is going to be a great year. I will be working with the POC (Parade of Chapters) and the OYM (Outstanding Young Missourians) /OYF (Outstanding Young Farmers) Program Managers. Please notice the points in the POC packets. There were some changes.

I will also be in charge of the Missouri Jaycee calendar. So please let me know when your meetings and events are. Send them to me at jayceesandy@hotmail.com.

I will get them out to the state team. My plan is to get it to Joe regularly to have it updated on the website as well. Send me the flyers too. My calendar is only as good as the information that you send me. I hope to help make this an exciting year. Watch out Regions 5 & 9, I am challenging the other Regions to take home the excitement trophies in 2008.

We also have some great training programs in the works for our state meetings. But we always like to hear new ideas

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At this time, I would like to also say thank you to everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve you as a vice president. Plus, special thanks to my husband Jeff and my daughter Gracie, for allowing me to continue to strive for my Jaycee goals.

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2008 MO Jaycee VP

PRIME at Wonderland Camp by VP Tonya Benton

We had a great turnout for the JCI PRIME training at Wonderland Camp in October. I wanted to thank and congratulate the newest JCI PRIME graduates of Missouri: Jamey Biegner, Jennifer Boggs, Stephen Coffey, Allen Coil, James Danley, Amanda Goon, Lesley Immekus, Billy Kellogg, Holly Kosick, Lee McDaniel, Maria Moore, Amy Rogers, Erin Schaffer, Kristi Webb and Manda Wilmsmeyer. The training was exhausting, but I'm sure each of them will tell you it was worth it. I encourage you to talk to these participants and ask them to share their experience.

I also want to thank Suzette Plaisted, our Head Trainer, who flew in from North Carolina to lead the training and Paul Myers, of St. Charles, that assisted. A big kudos goes

to the Missouri JCI Senate. They worked hard to provide meals for us that weekend!



Operation Christmas Child

The Duenweg Jaycees will be partnering with St. John's Regional Medical Center and the Hunte Corp of Goodman Missouri on a Christmas mission to help children around the world.

The project is called, "Operation Christmas Child". Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus. Hunte Corp. Employees bring in shoeboxes to be wrapped and in them are placed items that children would like, such as pen, pencils, crayon and markers, small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals,

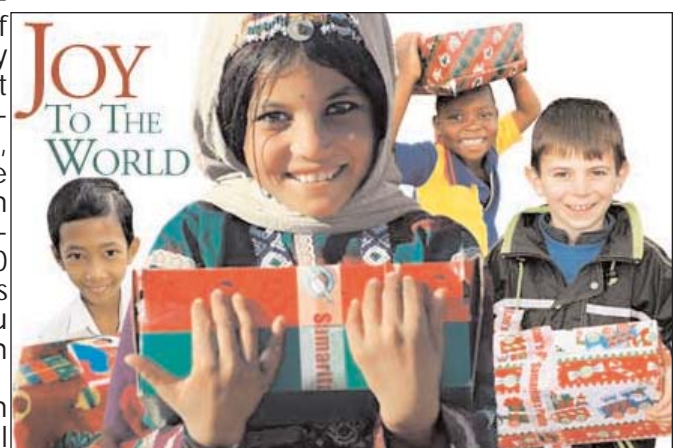
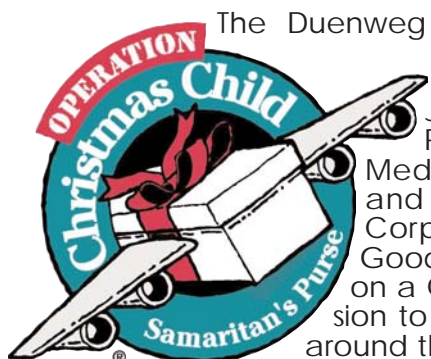
toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar of soap, combs and brushes, mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, jewelry, flashlights and many more items. Hunte Corp Employees bring in items that they have purchased or have also gotten from corporate sponsors, such as St. John's Regional Medical Center, Freeman Hospital, Cato fashions, Holiday Inn, Residence Inn, local dentists, Duenweg Jaycees, and some Neosho businesses.

Mr. & Mrs. Hunte personally donated so much to this project and all the staff at the Goodman Hunte office, but they have a goal of sending out 200+ gift wrapped shoeboxes to children in countries such as Africa, Europe, Middle East, Asia, Latin America, Australia, and the Pacific islands. As a whole, "Operation Christmas Child" sends out to approximately 7.2 million children in over 100 countries so the Goodman Missouri effort is a small part of the big picture but as you know, if it helps just one child it is well worth the effort.

It's not too late to participate in Operation Christmas Child! National

Collection Week is over, but you can still touch a child's life with a gift-filled shoe box. Shoe boxes can be mailed year-round to Samaritan's Purse headquarters.

Operation Christmas Child
Samaritan's Purse
801 Bamboo Road
P.O. Box 3000
Boone, NC 28607
Phone: 828-262-1980
Collects shoe box gifts year-round.



Transitions by Laurel Cagle

As a new year begins, we move forward towards a new year of learning how to do our new positions in the Jaycees. Did you recently become a member of the Jaycees or were you elected to be an officer on your chapter board? Going through the transition of being a member one year and an officer the next can be quite challenging and a learning process.

With the process of going through the transition of another year, there are often times when you just need a quick break. Just take a deep breath, hold it, and let it out slowly. This is a great stress reliever and

there are times in our busy schedules when we just need to breathe. After intense trainings, heated discussions, and/or just talking about Jaycees issues in general, we need to just take a breather. Take that breath before starting another project or training.

Members, who are heavily involved in the Jaycees, generally move from position to position within the chapter, region or state. We gain different perspectives on different issues and problems; and learn how to solve them. But we all have our limits, and some of us do get burned out. As we get

started on a new year, learn how to take a 5 minute break. So we have a clear head to solve whatever problems may arise. A different perspective on any issue could help come up with a solution. Before stressing out over something new, take a breath before you dig into that next project.

Right now, I am going through the transition from being Region 6 District Director in 2007, to being your State Chaplain for 2008. I am looking for new opportunities and challenges. I have definitely gained many different perspectives on many things through out my

Jaycee involvement. As I move into my final year of being a Jaycee, I have started pondering what life would be like without the Jaycees. What I would do in my spare time? Life would be so different. Although I would probably help out when I could at events, I have often wondered where my time will be spent. There are all kinds of transitions to go through. Just remember to breathe in, and then breathe out and take one step forward into your new transition.

By Laurel Cagle, 2008 Chaplain



Columbia Jaycees Halloween Party - Columbia Jaycees as the Beverly Hillbillies and the MU Jaycees as the Smurfs.

What the Holidays Mean to Me by VP James Danley

As we approach this holiday season I would like you to consider exactly what the season means to you. I believe in living each moment to the fullest and in order to do so sometimes we need to have a better understanding of those moments. What are our expectations and what really defines the holidays for us? A better understanding of those two things will actually help us live those moments to the fullest.

For me the holidays are a bit different. My mother passed away five years ago and it was the week before Christmas. So naturally I associate the holiday season with her. However, my expectations are not extremely high. I understand that the holiday seasons are about giving, receiving, and being thankful. I am a Christian and I celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas both. So my expectations of the holidays are more religious than anything.

Thanksgiving is just about spending time with those I care about. Sometimes all the people I care about can't spend the holiday with me so it is important that I let them know that I am thankful for them and I am thinking of them. My expectation is that I am able to spend time with at least one person I care about. By hav-

ing a low expectation it is hard to be disappointed. However, even if I were alone for Thanksgiving I would still be thankful for all the blessings in my life.

Christmas is defined as the holiday where I recognize the birth of Jesus Christ. I mentioned before that my mother passed away at Christmas time and I find comfort in knowing that she is now in Heaven and it actually makes me happier to celebrate the birth of Christ who made that possible. I also define Christmas as the season where I share God's love and my own love for other people. This is traditionally done by gift giving. I do not go overboard or in debt for the holiday but instead make it a point for others to know that I care about them and am thankful they are in my life.

So for whatever reason you may have for celebrating this holiday season just make sure that you understand your expectations based on your own definitions. Whether you celebrate for the same reason as I do or not, or even if you do not celebrate at all, on thing holds true; I am thinking of you during this season and am praying for your safety and happiness. Happy Holidays!

My Experiences With Jaycee Idol by Laurel Cagle

Sometimes keeping your talents hidden from people is a good thing. Once people know what your hidden talents are people will start asking you to do something with it. Every year for Christmas my husband and I create a new message for our answering machine. We sing a little ditty in the tune of a Christmas song for our machine. We know we can't go over 30 seconds, so it does become a challenge to come up with something new every year. Three years ago, a fellow Jaycee heard our machine during the holidays. During the next Jaycee meeting he says to everyone in the group, "we have our next idol competitor." I didn't know exactly what he meant until he explained the competition of Jaycee Idol which happens every year at the Spring State Meeting.

I was forewarned around Christmas that I needed to compete at the next Spring State Meeting in May. That would give me plenty of time to prepare a song and practice.

Well, I put that out of my mind at that time because I had other obligations. About 2 months before the meeting, I was reminded I needed to sing at the State Meeting in the Jaycee Idol competition. I thought to myself - no I don't want to do that, but some people in my chapter were really stubborn and wouldn't take no for an answer. So I asked about the rules and figured out what I wanted to sing. I had sung solos before in high school and church, so I figured it wouldn't be too much different.

It's hard to say what the average Jaycee likes in music and everyone has different tastes. So whatever song I chose, I knew some would like it and others wouldn't. So I chose a song I had sung before and was familiar with. The first year I competed in 2005, I was nervous. For me that is a good thing, if I'm not at least a little nervous I tend to do ok. If I'm not nervous this means I'm over confident and I'll screw up the words.

When the time at the

state meeting came to compete, I was drinking lots of water. It helps me to sing better if I keep my lips and mouth moist. I listened to everyone before me and I thought some competitors were excellent, good and poor. But I also know it takes a lot of guts to get up there and compete at all. So I was happy that people were competing.

The judges pick the top 3 finalists and send their videos (they videotape everyone) in to the National Jaycee Office in Tulsa, OK for judging. They pick the top 10 competitors in the United States to compete at the Jaycee National Meeting in September.

In the years 2005, 2006 and 2007, I was one of the top 3 finalists and all my videotapes were sent to the National Jaycee Office. This year I was fortunate to be in the top 10. I competed at the National Meeting in Omaha in September. Even though I didn't place in the top 3 at the National Meeting, I felt every-

one who participated sang well. It was an experience I will always remember.

Competing in Jaycee Idol has made me learn a few things. Singing in front of audience helps you to gain confidence in yourself. It also made me more confident in my other abilities. I have learned to be humble about my skills and abilities, but I am realizing there are times when I need to "blow my own horn" and showcase my talents. I also know if you don't try something new and go out of your box you don't gain anything.

The point in competing in anything is to learn and grow as an individual. It will also help you in other aspects in your life. I would like to encourage everyone to compete at the state meetings, whether that would be Jaycee Idol, speak up or write up. You can learn from any experience if you put your best foot forward and try. We learn just as much from defeat as well as from winning.

Successful Trivia Night for Warrenton

On November 3rd the Warrenton Jaycees hosted the 2nd annual Trivia Night. Over 130 people attended the event. The event was hosted at the local American Legion Hall and the night began with The Pledge of Allegiance, playing of the Star Spangled Banner, and a short word from Jaycee President, Dan Dieckmann.

Over \$2,000 was donated to G4U, which is a local non for profit organization that sends care packages to soldiers who



are overseas. G4U has sent over 7,000 care packages and their largest expense is shipping. The night was a huge success and a wonderful evening for all that attended.

Congratulations to the Warrenton Jaycees!

Kicking A** & Taking Initials

I was looking forward to taking this year off, but when 08 President Tonya asked me to be the Region Director for 9, I could not say no. I looked at the list of people I would get to work with, I was very impressed. What is even more impressive is the list of people coming up through the ranks and will be leading this organization in the future. As I went through my contact list, I kept nodding my head at the caliber of leadership that will be seeing this.

Christmas is right around the corner, but that doesn't mean to stop your efforts and coast. Many chapters have holiday projects and can use your help, guidance and leadership. The energy and exuberance you display when others tend to slack can make the difference in a project and leave a lasting positive impression on new

members. Not to mention motivating us "OLD" members.

I will send out info in the near future about Region 9. I really want 08 to be just as much fun as it is productive, all work and no play really bites. I have some things in my head we can do that will be a blast, motivate people and bring the excitement back to doing great things for our communities.

I am asked why I do so much in the Jaycees by people who are not members, I don't have an actual answer to pinpoint it. It would take me hours to explain what my family has gotten from it, what changes it has made in me as a husband, father and citizen, not to mention the career change and quality of life from leadership development and contacts. When you go to your class reunion and see old high school

friends you haven't seen for many years (don't ask me how long) and they comment on how much you have changed for the better, it brings it into perspective. There is absolutely no way you can explain the feeling of community service, especially seeing kids smile because of what you have done. How can you put that into words and do it justice?

As I'm sure you can tell by now, I'm very excited about 08. I even have an idea for the State meeting in January for making more noise than ever before. It will out do the air horn in Macon in May by far!!! It will blow Region 5 out of the water since Todd Sauter, Region 5 Director 07, challenged me and Region 9 to try to step up our 08 game this past September in front of the Sunday morning meeting. I say we STEP UP our

game!!! Not only for the sake of making Mr Sauter pay dearly for questioning our abilities, but to be better than any Region in the State.

What do we get for our efforts? Our old members get motivated, our new members get involved with their chapter and learn leadership while meeting new people, and most of all..... OUR COMMUNITIES GET THE SERVICES OF THE GREATEST ORGANIZATION THIS COUNTRY COULD ASK FOR!!! You get the satisfaction of making the lives of so many people better while having fun because you will lead them.

Kickin' a** and taking initials in 08... we will be too busy rockin' to waste time on names!!!

Tim Boggs

Missouri Jaycee in Iraq

Missouri Jaycees, many of you know that the Duenweg Jaycee President, Shawn Thurman has been deployed to Iraq this last month. He has advised that there are many items for thier personal needs that are not being supplied our troops. Shawn has requested that the Jaycees please feel free to send him care packages that he can share with his fellow troops.

Shawn's personal request are as follows: Paper, ink pens, pencils, envelopes, Tons of White Cotton crew socks, disposable razors, flea collars, baby wipes, wet wipes, off bug repellent, phone cards with international units, Bandanna Coolies, disposable cameras, zip lock baggies, and snacks. Shawn's mailing address is as follows, so please mail him or send care packages:

LCpl. Thurman, Shawn
35 Kilo Co.
UIC 40390
FPO APO 96426-0390

Below is a link to other items requested by Marine troops

that Shawn could share and distribute to Marines in Iraq. Link to this information is:

<http://www.carepackageproject.com/carepkg-project-needs-list.asp>

Missouri Jaycees,

Hey guys. Greetings from Fallujah, Iraq. Just thought that I would drop a little line to see how everyone is. I'm doing pretty good out here, its not so bad. Pretty quiet, not much going on. Basically just back up the Iraqi Police if they need us. I see that you guys are getting care packages together to send to the troops out here, thats awesome. We all really appreciate the care and thought. Well, I better cut it off here, keep it short and sweet. Feel free to email me, I check it as often as I can and will answer just as often, or you can ask John (Thurman, Senator #67002) and he'll get you my address if you want to write. Keep in touch.

Lcpl Shawn Thurman, 2007 Pres. Duenweg Jaycees

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Would you like to see your chapter in the IMPACT? It is simple just send article and photos to Bridgette Epple at bepple@downtownwashmo.org. Deadlines for the upcoming edition is as follows: February 2008 issue articles are due by Jan. 15, 2008.

Joplin Jaycees Christmas Parade

The distribution of pretzels was a new twist this year as marching bands and glittering floats entertained the community members lined along Main Street during the hourlong annual Joplin Jaycees Christmas parade.

This year's theme, "Have a Hearty Christmas and a Healthy New Year," was chosen because St. John's Regional Medical Center was the sponsor. Some of the entries tossed healthy snacks, pretzels and fruit wraps.

Children didn't go away with sad faces though, because many of the parade participants threw the traditional candy as floats, twirling groups and marching bands passed by along the parade route from 20th Street to First Street.

Grand Marshal Debbie Linnes, president of St. John's Regional Medical Center, rode in the parade.

Christine Smith, of Joplin, brought her two daughters, Lakeshia, 18, and Faith, 11, to watch the parade. They have been watching the parade each year for about 10 years,

she said. For Faith, candy was the favorite. Her sister said she enjoyed everything, including the bands and floats. The three arrived about an hour before the parade made its way to the downtown area and placed blankets on the curb.

Others along the parade route sat in folding chairs. A blustery wind had many wearing knit hats and gloves. Riley Hirshey, 11, of Carthage, watched the parade with his mother, Misty Hirshey. Candy was also Riley's favorite part, he said. For his mother, floats always were a favorite, she said, even though they aren't as elaborate as in years past. "Floats aren't like they used to be when you stuffed chicken wire with newspapers and spray-painted them," she said.

Some of the more unique floats included a float sponsored by Joplin Supply Co. The float, the "Claus Coaster," had a large, lighted wheel and stuffed bears sitting in toilets.

The Calvary Church of the Nazarene float featured a large, framed house decorated in twinkling blue lights and a

band performing holiday songs.

Other parade entries included a horse-drawn carriage, a float sponsored by The Flip Shop that featured someone jumping and doing flips on a trampoline, and a float sponsored by Franklin Early Childhood that had a lighted wand and a rabbit coming out of a box. The float was titled, "The Magic of Christmas."

Marching bands that participated were Missouri Southern State University, Joplin High School, Memorial Middle School, North Middle School and South Middle School.

The parade finale was Santa Claus on top a fire truck wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas."

Parade winners Church category: First place, Calvary Church of the Nazarene; second place, God's Christian Harvest.

Community float: First place, The Flip Shop; second place, New Dimensions School of Hair Design.

Corporate float: First place, Joplin Supply Co.; second place, Southwest Missouri Bank.

Scout category: First place, Frontier Girls.

Junior band with less than 70 members: First place, North Middle School; second place, Memorial Middle School; third place, South Middle School.

Military category: First place, Joplin Firefighters Honor Guard; second place, Redings Mill Fire Department.

Novelty II category: First place, Joplin Youth Football Association; second place, Kiwanis Helping with Apples.

Novelty I category: First place, Southern Bells; second place, Power Sports of Joplin.

Senior band with more than 70 members: First place, Joplin High School.

Exhibition band: First place, Missouri Southern State University.

Twirler category: First place, Angela's Twirling Angels; second place, Ovation Studios; third place, Show-Me Stars.

By Debbie Robinson
news@joplinglobe.com,
The Joplin Globe, 12-3-07

Missouri Jaycee Region and District Directors

Region 2 Jaycees
Running for RD is Cara Harms
Bowling Green, Hannibal, Macon,
Mexico, Moberly, Palmyra and Unique
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Region 3 Jaycees
Vacant
Blue Springs, Cameron, Kansas City,
Holden, Northland and Waverly
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Region 5 Jaycees
Danielle Epple (Washington), Director

Region 5 District Director, District 1
Dani Strong (St. Louis)
Arnold, St. Louis, Mission Inn, and
Florissant Valley

Region 5 District Director, District 2
Bryan Bogue (Washington)
Pacific, St. Clair, Union, Warrenton and

Washington
Region 5 District Director, District 3
Holly Kosick (Flo. Valley)
St. Charles, Cottleville-Weldon Spring,
O'Fallon, St. Peters, Wentzville/Lake St.
Louis

Region 5 District Director, District 4
Stephen Swanson (Mission Inn)
Bridgeton/Maryland Heights, Eureka,
JCI Metro, Mid County and West
County
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Region 6 Jaycees
Lee McDaniel (Joplin), Director

Region 6 District Director, District 1
Jacob Krizan (Springfield)
Joplin, Webb City, MSSU, Crowder, and
Jasper-Newton County

Region 6 District Director, District 2
Billy Kellogg (Joplin)
Branson, Springfield, Monett, Duenweg,
and McDonald County
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Region 8 Jaycees
Patrick Douglas (Sikeston), Director
Big Prairie, Cape Girardeau, East Perry
County, Jackson, Kennett, Malden,
Oran, Sikeston, Ste. Genevieve,
Weingarten and Zell Area
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Region 9 Jaycees
Tim Boggs (Boonville), Director
Alex Heldt (Hermann)
Julie Morff (Jefferson City)
Nicole Buckley (Jefferson City)
Boonville, Capital City, Cole Camp,
Columbia, Eldon, Fulton, Hermann,
Jefferson City, Lake of the Ozarks,
M.U., Olean, Rolla, and Southern Boone

Region 5 Jaycees Fall Meeting - Hosted by Flo. Valley



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The Eureka Jaycees cordially invite you to attend...

The Region 5 Winter Meeting & Awards and Installation Banquet

January 12, 2007 at 3pm

The new conference center at Santa's Magical Kingdom

Eureka, Missouri

The afternoon will begin at 3pm and will include:

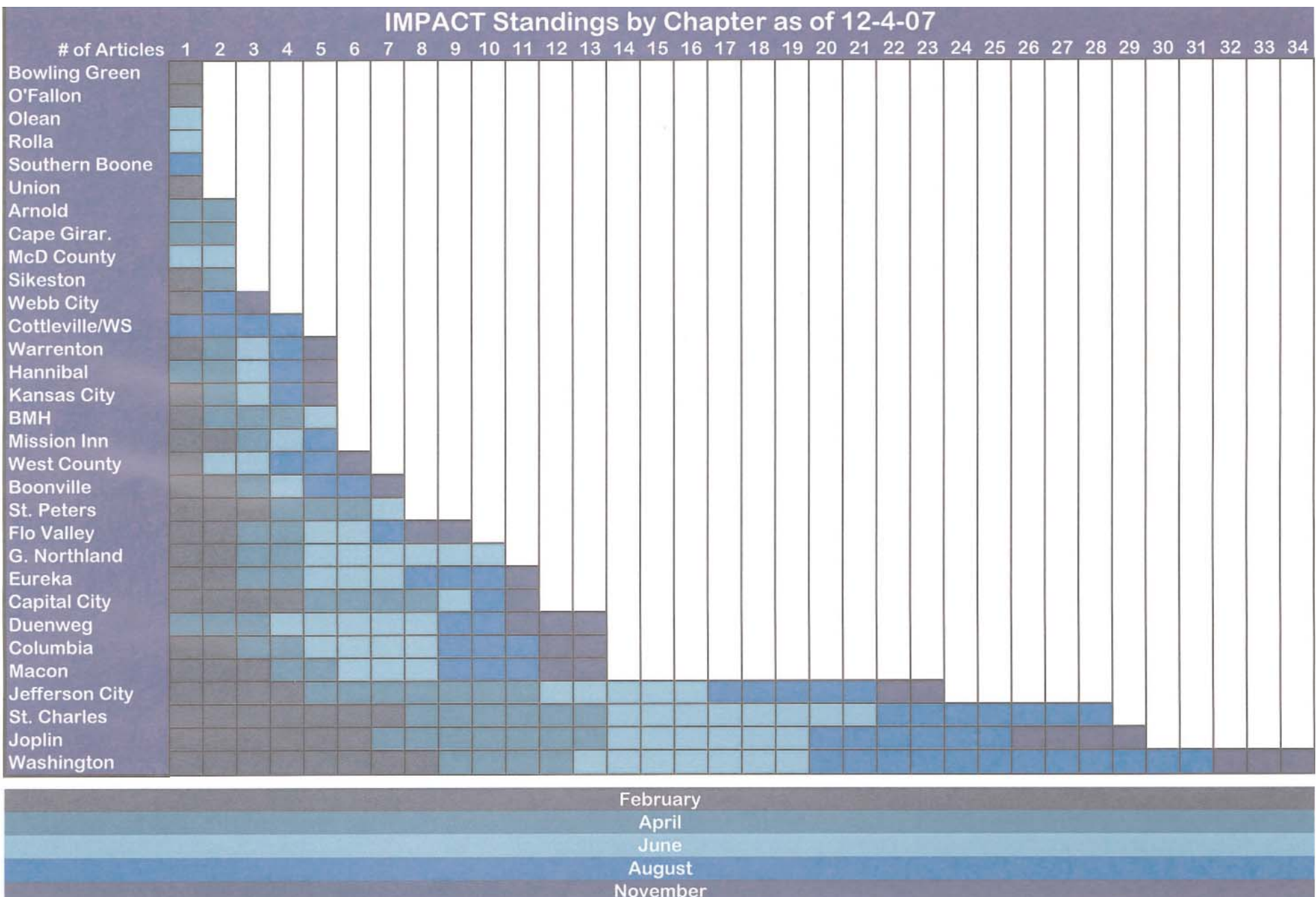
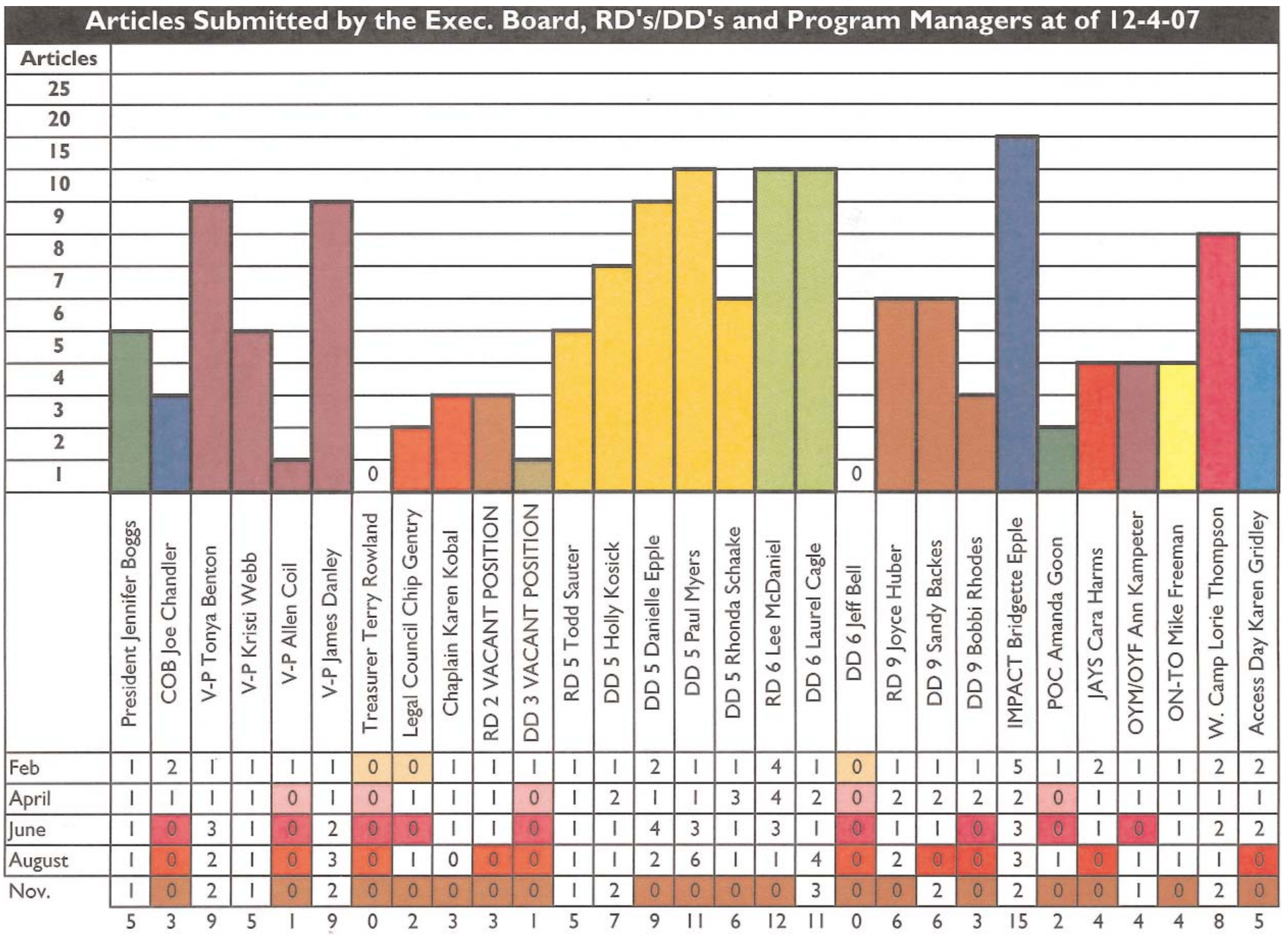
- * *region competitions*
- * *installation of officers*
- * *draft beer and set-ups*
- * *training*
- * *year-end awards*
- * *Winter Wonderland Dance.*
- * *business meeting*
- * *buffet dinner*
- * *3rd trimester awards*

Please RSVP to April Santer at aprilsanter@yahoo.com by January 10

Cost is \$20 per person — Dress to Impress

The chapter with the most people in attendance (10 person minimum) will receive "Santa's Ultimate Party Package," which includes 3 hours of music and entertainment sponsored by Outlaw DJ's, and a "sled of cocktails," sponsored by the Eureka Jaycees.

Missouri Jaycees IMPACT Submission Charts





Winterland Extravaganza



January 18-20, 2008

Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri

Early Registration: \$82 (Must be postmarked by December 19)

Late Registration: \$92

Room Rate per Night: \$81

Call Tan-Tar-A Resort at 800-826-8272 for your reservation and identify yourself as a MO Jaycee or make your reservation online at www.tan-tar-a.com. Use #JAYC.

For more info call Sarah Bernskoetter at 573-645-0779 or sarahbeth74@embarqmail.com

Mail Registration to: Winterland Extravaganza

C/O Sarah Bernskoetter

2211 Brandy Lane, Jefferson City, MO 65109

Make checks payable to "Jefferson City Jaycees"

Please complete for each individual registered or attach list:

Chapter: _____

Name(s): _____

Full Address: _____

Phone: _____

All paid, full registrations postmarked by Dec. 19 will be entered in a prize drawing to be held during the convention. Postmark your registration by Nov. 19 for an extra chance to win!



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