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## **A Message from President James**

Welcome to September and the 3rd Trimester, Missouri Jaycees! Where has our year gone? I was told that it would be over with before I knew it and I did not really expect it to go this fast. I know we have a lot to accomplish this year and I guess this trimester will have to be when we do it. I want to pass my congratulations on to each one of you for contributing to the growth of the US Junior Chamber in August. We grew as a national organization for the first time in five years. This is exciting news. We have an awesome opportunity to grow our own state and help do it again in September.

Congratulations to each one of you on your accomplishments during the second trimester. The summer was so busy and the Missouri Jaycees were hard at work. I enjoyed attending your socials, your projects, and getting to know each of you better over the summer. When I reflect back on our second trimester, I realize how huge the impact was that the Missouri Jaycees made on our state. You are a phenomenal group of young people and I am honored to be able to serve next to you in this organization. I know that together we can accomplish so much more before the year is over.

Congratulations to those of you who were recognized for growth in the second trimester and for placing in POC. I still believe in the Parade of Chapters and its purpose to help our chapters maintain a solid structure. For the third trimester, I have decided to help our chapters out with POC. If you get to growth for the trimester (not year to date, but for the trimester) you can place in the top rankings for POC. I want to encourage each of you to visit our state website and print out the POC packing slip and look at all the items you will submit in December. This is an awesome opportunity for each of you to participate in a great program while embracing our Jaycee programming within your chapter.

Access Day was a huge success and it is owed to each one of you. Please keep supporting our state programs because without your support, they would not happen. I had one lady approach me and said she has always avoided coming to the fair with her company. She drew the "short" straw this year and had to come. With tears in her eyes she told me that she finally gets what it is all about and that this program is awesome. If you have not been to Access Day in the past I would like to encourage you to attend in 2010. I would also like to encourage more chapters to run a project to help raise money for this signature project of the Missouri Jaycees. Attendance was up

drastically this year and our fundraising efforts were down. I am more than eager to help your chapter put together a project to support this awesome cause.

As you are aware by now, the Whisper Ride was a huge success. We accomplished our goals of raising funds for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, educating our communities about this silent killer, and most importantly...surviving the bike ride. Thank you to Boonville, Columbia, Jefferson City, Capital City, and St. Charles chapters for making each of us feel welcome as we gathered in your communities to celebrate and promote this cause. Thank you to my fellow riders for sticking it out, even when it hurt, because we had a common cause to ride for and were not going to quit. Missouri Jaycees, thank you for being so supportive of this new project -- its success could not have been possible without you.

Missouri Jaycees, we are in the final stretch. What is left to cover in order for you to meet and exceed your 2009 goals? Can we still meet them? Absolutely! I have told you before that I have never doubted that we will end our year as a growth state. This still holds true despite our numbers being down. How is this possible? Anything is possible with our heart and dedication. The 111 miles of the Whisper Ride that I was able to participate in taught me one thing about determination and perseverance....WE WILL HAVE IT. Missouri Jaycees, do not give up! When the pressure is on us, we perform at our best. This is the same. "Together" we will end 2009 at growth. Not just because it is one of our goals and we need to do it but because now, more than ever, we have something to share with those in our communities and they need to be part of something bigger than even each of us.

Now is the time to work hard at recruiting so we can use our winter months to train our new members. My focus this trimester is going to be on adding members to our organization. There are incentives out there for membership growth through the Red Alert program. Take advantage of those opportunities. My team will be throwing Pizza Parties for chapters completing new chapter extensions this trimester. Your state team wants to help you extend new chapters so please contact me if you are interested in working on an extension. Please let us know whatever needs you have that are not currently being met. We are focused on making our state as strong as possible in order to transition to the 2010 team. Congratulations go out to Mr. Paul Myers on his election as 89th State President for the Missouri Jaycees.

We have a lot to do and I am confident that we are the group of young people that can do it. We can do anything we put our minds to. Now, more than ever.....*The Heat Is On!*

*President James*

James Danley  
88th President



**James Danley**  
**88<sup>th</sup> State President**

# COB Tonya Benton

## Step Up To Make Our Organization Stronger!

As long as I have been a member, there have been open positions on the state level each year. In order for the Missouri Jaycees to operate at its MAXIMUM potential, we need to have all of those positions filled with members who have the drive and determination to move this organization forward! This month the Missouri Jaycees elected our State President and State Vice Presidents for 2010. The regions should also be electing their 2010 leadership in the next few months. I encourage each of you to consider taking on a position at the regional or state level, so that we can reach our full potential in 2010.

On the state level, the elected positions are President and the Vice Presidents. Once the 2010 President is elected, they have until our 2010 state planning session on November 7th to decide who to place in appointed positions. Those appointed positions include State Treasurer, State Legal Counsel, State Chaplain and Chief of Staff. It also includes Program Managers for Wonderland Camp, Access Day, OYM/OYF, Parade of Chapters, Whisper Ride and IMPACT. Please look at our bylaws and internal policy on the Missouri Jaycee website at [www.mojc.org](http://www.mojc.org) to review position eligibility requirements.

On the regional level, the elected positions are Region Director and District Director. Each region differs on other positions that are on the region team.

If you have a desire to serve beyond your local chapter in 2010 or beyond, please contact your Region Advisor. The Region 2 Advisor is Lorie Thompson, the Region 5 Advisor is Kelly Crutchfield and the Region 9 Advisor is Jennifer Boggs. Region 3, 6 and 8 currently do not have a Region Advisor, so feel free to contact President James or myself.

When we all come together and work for the common good of the organization, we will be a stronger Missouri Jaycees. Contact us NOW and make a difference!



**Tonya Benton**  
Chairperson  
of the Board

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# Vice President Stephen Coffey

Are we having fun yet? I can't speak for you but I can sure tell you that I am having a blast. The elections were great and I want to thank each of you for your support no matter who it was for. I

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believe events such as contested elections keep the excitement going in our organization. Good luck to each of you who have chapter and region elections coming up. Next year will prove to be another exciting year in the Missouri Jaycees.

I want to thank each of you for supporting the Whisper Ride. It was a huge success. It is still not too late to turn in your donations to this project so make sure you send them to Joe Jerkins as soon as possible. Thank you to those of you who rallied behind the riders in each city we stopped in. It was always exciting and reassuring to see familiar happy faces welcoming us. I am confident we did our part this year to educate individuals about Ovarian Cancer. Remember that September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness month so keep spreading the word.

We have a lot to accomplish before the end of the year so work your plans and let your state team know where you need help. President James wants us to focus on membership growth this last trimester and I can't think of a better time to start bringing new members into the fold. I am excited to see how well we do. We are close to the holiday season and that is when things get real hectic for each one of us. Just remember to seize each opportunity to tell everybody about our great organization. I look forward to seeing you around as I travel this trimester.

*Stephen Coffey*

Stephen Coffey  
State Vice President 2009



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State Vice President

## Vice President Paul Myers

Missouri Jaycees, we made it thru our busy summer months and a contested election. We have still been losing members at an alarming rate. The good news is the US Jaycees grew for the month of August. Now it is time for the Missouri Jaycees to step up to the plate and start to turn our year around. We still have time and our year is not over.

As we reach these final months you should be finalizing who will be stepping up into the critical roles of your chapter and starting to get an idea of what direction your chapter will be taking. Make some aggressive goals and identify any holes or weak spots that you may need work on. Realize that the time to start is now. The best way to start off your new year successful is with some new energy from some new members. You need to be signing those new members now so that you are rolling when the next year starts. Remember the state team is here to help you achieve your goals and to help you in any way we can either thru training or suggestions on how to make your chapter better.

Make sure as you start to have your own elections that you fill out the vital stats form on the website so that we can keep our records updated and have the proper contact information for you. As I have traveled and talked with many of you I understand your frustration with the poor communication that we have had this year and can promise you that this next year it will be much better. Good communication starts with the proper vital stats on file.

It was an honor to be elected as your 89th President this last weekend. I know we have a lot of work to do next year and it will take all of us to get it done. We will talk more about where we want to head at the planning session. What we need to focus on at this time is finishing this year strong.

*Paul Myers*

Paul Myers, JCI National Graduate  
State Vice President 2009  
2010 State President-Elect



**Paul Myers**  
State Vice President

## **MISSOURI JAYCEES 2<sup>nd</sup> PERIOD 2009 AWARDS**

Top Recruiting Chapters - 2<sup>nd</sup> Period - 1<sup>st</sup> Jefferson City; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sikeston; 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Charles

Top Growth Chapters - 2<sup>nd</sup> Period - 1<sup>st</sup> (tie) Mid County, Sikeston; 3<sup>rd</sup> Warren County; 4<sup>th</sup> Northland; 5<sup>th</sup> St. Charles; 6<sup>th</sup> (tie) Big Prairie, Bowling Green, Bridgeton/Maryland Heights, Springfield; 7<sup>th</sup> (tie) Boonville, Fenton, JCI Metro, Monett, St. Peters

Top Growth District Directors - 2<sup>nd</sup> Period - 3<sup>rd</sup> Lorah Greer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Bradburn; 1<sup>st</sup> Martha Stodden

Top Growth Region Directors - 2<sup>nd</sup> Period - 1<sup>st</sup> Holly Kosick

Chapter Leaderboards - 2<sup>nd</sup> Period - 1<sup>st</sup> St. Charles; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sikeston; 3<sup>rd</sup> Jefferson City; 4<sup>th</sup> Warren County; 5<sup>th</sup> Hannibal; 6<sup>th</sup> MSSU; 7<sup>th</sup> Fenton; 8<sup>th</sup> Kirksville; 9<sup>th</sup> Macon; 10<sup>th</sup> Joplin

District Director Leaderboards - 2<sup>nd</sup> Period - 1<sup>st</sup> Martha Stodden; 3<sup>rd</sup> Autumn Osborne

Region Director Leaderboards - 2<sup>nd</sup> Period - 1<sup>st</sup> Holly Kosick; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Cashero; 3<sup>rd</sup> Julie Morff

Founders Award - St. Charles Jaycees, Trisha O'Cheltree, president, for extending the Lindenwood Jaycees





## **Open Check Policy for Monthly Membership Dues**

Hopefully, your chapter is participating in the open check program for membership closeouts! If not, please contact [Joe Jerkins](#) at (573) 634-2321 for more details. It is really helpful when it comes to membership closeout when we must have a payment in hand before we can turn in your membership to the national organization.

*Joe Jerkins*

Joe Jerkins  
Executive Director



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