

Greatness is not achieved by doing nothing. It is merely achieved by taking the initiative to act with a purpose. Jaycees are purpose driven and our purpose is encompassed in the 65 words of the creed. Now more than ever in the time that I have been a Jaycee, we are needed in our communities. Needs are NOT being met. People are looking for somewhere to turn. Prospective members are out there and they are looking for somewhere to fit in and they are looking for a purpose. NOW is the time for you to present that purpose to them.

Great things happen to those who want great things to happen. How are you sitting in respect to your chapter goals? You still have plenty of time to accomplish them. As I have previously stated, you have resources available if you want them. If you are uncertain about your options, please contact me and we will go over them. I am not deterred by the slump in our membership. I am committed to reaching my personal goals and I hope that each of you is as well.

I would like to welcome the Lindenwood University Jaycees to our Jaycee family. I have already heard of several projects they are currently planning and I am anxious to see what this group of young individuals will accomplish. I also want to encourage each of you to consider thinking about extending the Jaycee opportunity to other communities across the state. This is a great way to help meet those community needs and also help your own chapters partner with new Jaycees.

Once again this month I will be offering a free registration to the fall state meeting and a free hotel room to any chapter completing an external or internal extension. In addition, the chapter will also receive a state team jacket. Let your state team know how they can help you work on extensions and we are definitely more than happy to help you. I am excited about the possibility of starting even more chapters in Missouri.

ACCESS DAY is Friday, August 21st. Are you and your fellow chapter members planning on attending? I want to encourage you to do so, especially if you have never been before. This will be an event that can change your life...it did mine. I became somebody's best friend a couple of years ago. Maybe it was just his friend for that day but still, I was glad to be able to be that person for him. I know that we are still taking donations to make this project possible and successful. Please contact Joe Jerkins at the State Service Center if you are able to help.

Focus on your chapter goals during the month of August. Do not let anybody tell you that you can't accomplish them. Anything can happen and if we are committed enough, nothing can stop us. Remember to ask for help. Sometimes that is the key to success. It was great getting to the Fourth of July parades and festivals, fairs, whacky bowling, extreme home makeover projects, carnivals, and various other projects in July. I look forward to seeing many of you during my travels in August.

President James

James Danley
88th President



James Danley
88th State President

COB Tonya Benton

Missouri Jaycees Access Day at the State Fair, Friday, August 21st

Access Day at the State Fair is right around the corner! Each year the Missouri Jaycees invite people from group homes all over Missouri to spend a day at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. It is always the last Friday of the Fair. The Missouri Jaycees pay their admission to the fair and provide them a sack lunch, distributed in the air-conditioned armory facility. In order for this project to be a success, Missouri Jaycee chapters must raise around \$10,000 for funding. This money goes mostly toward entry fees, but may also be used to supplement any lunch items we cannot get donated. Jaycees from all over Missouri take off work on Friday, August 21st, to assist with Access Day by helping participants off their busses and into the armory, preparing and handing out sack lunches, and manning water stands. This day means a lot to our guests, as for some it is their only venture outside of their group home all year. Please consider taking off work that Friday to join us in providing this special day for others.



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Vice President Stephen Coffey

Missouri Jaycees it's RED ALERT time! For those of you who are unfamiliar with this term, it's Rapid Expansion Development. This is part of a membership initiative put forth by National President John Weber and his team. Its purpose is to target new extension opportunities and I agree this is a great way to rebuild and restructure our organization. There are numerous cities around our state with massive growth and development going on and the Jaycees need to be on the cutting edge of that development.

It's no secret our membership is in dire straits right now and although there are many factors that come into play, they are all irrelevant. What is relevant is that we see there is a problem and we need to fix it...period. There are many incentives offered for chapters and individuals in the RED ALERT program. These are great to have, but the best incentive is the improved health of our organization. Missouri Jaycees, we can no longer sit back and watch this membership decline. We all must get out there and do something about it!

We are targeting several cities around the state, so if you are interested in being involved with the development of a new chapter, please contact President James to get on an extension team. There

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is so much knowledge and expertise amongst you all out there and we need to pull it together and get our state back on track. A huge shout out to the St. Charles Jaycees! As some of you already know they have taken on our latest new chapter, the Lindenwood Jaycees. Please show your support and encouragement for these young, up and coming leaders as they are our future.

With that said, we have a busy month with many great projects coming up. To name a few: Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo is this weekend. Stop by for some wild fun and say hi to the boys, they will show you a great time and who knows, they might even break out the chicken blood. We also have Access Day at the Fair; this is an amazing opportunity for all who attend. Come on out August 21 to the Missouri State Fair and lend a hand, and for one day be a part of something so special! Also if you have not sent in your Access Day donations please do so ASAP because we really need the help.

Get those bikes ready and stretch out your legs! Here comes the Whisper Ride. Are we really going to ride a bike from Kansas City to St Louis? YOU BET WE ARE! Come on out and give us a hand, ride a bike, be crew support or forge ahead and set up in the next city and be a part of the PR process. This is a very serious Cancer we fight against and for our part, however small, it really is for those who have and still continue to fight. Help us help them to find a cure by raising money and awareness. I hope to see a huge turnout for this. We all HAVE or WILL know someone who will be touched by Ovarian Cancer.

Cara still needs a tremendous amount of support so please call her and see what you can do to help in this endeavor. Our state convention is coming up so let's get those plans wrapped up and head onto Jefferson City for what will surely turn out to be a great time. Don't forget, Missouri Jaycees, you have state elections in September, where you will be finally given a choice. Come out and let your voices be heard. The Jaycees are responsible for the get out the vote campaign, so talk to your fellow Jaycees and come and exercise your right to vote.

Stephen Coffey

Stephen Coffey
State Vice President 2009
2010 Presidential Candidate



Stephen Coffey
State Vice President

Vice President Paul Myers

Missouri Jaycees, it has been a long and rough month for both us personally and for the Jaycees. We ended up down again but this year is far from over. It is time for us to buckle down and do whatever we can to help recuperate any of the members that we are down in our individual chapters.

I wanted to send out special thanks to everyone that has given me and my family their support over the past week. It has truly meant a lot. If there is anything I can do to help you or your chapter, please feel free to contact me.

Paul Myers

Paul Myers, C.N.T.
State Vice President 2009
2010 Candidate State President



Paul Myers
State Vice President

Parade of Chapters

Hello Missouri Jaycees! It's 2nd Trimester POC packet time! Do you have your copies of your meeting agendas? What about those OFFICIAL visitation forms? OH, and don't forget about your donations. Those are just a few items that can be submitted for POC points. At our Spring State Meeting I gave a challenge. For those of you that were not at the Spring State Meeting, this is the challenge I gave; I asked for AT LEAST 12 chapters to submit POC packets for the second trimester, postmarked by the deadline, and I would personally donate \$100.00 to the Whisper Ride. Any chapter that accepts my challenge but DOES NOT submit a POC packet, postmarked by the deadline, that chapter will have to donate \$100.00 to the Whisper Ride. These are the chapters that accepted my challenge at the Spring State Meeting; Hannibal Jaycees, St. Peters Jaycees, St. Charles Jaycees, Boonville Jaycees, Columbia Jaycees, Joplin Jaycees, West St. Louis Jaycees, Macon Jaycees, Webb City Jaycees, Capital City Jaycees, Florissant Valley Jaycees, and Jefferson City Jaycees.

POC packets MUST BE POSTMARKED by August 20th to be accepted for the 2nd trimester challenge. Those chapters that are not in the challenge, you are still encouraged to submit POC packets. All it takes is a little time, some organization and a way to get it to the post office. If you have a secretary on your board, that person should already have all, if not the majority, of those items that can be submitted for points. All that needs to be done is make copies or you can submit the original. You will get your POC packets back at the State Meeting along with a copy of my rendition of a POC packet slip with my verification of what was submitted, total points that were verified and comments (if any).

Also at the spring meeting I had POC packet training. I made a "mock-up" POC packet to be used as an example of what papers are used to be turned in for points. It seemed as though those of you that were at the training and at the Sunday morning meeting, like that idea and wanted a copy. Those of you that would like a copy of my "mock-up" POC packet, I would be happy to send you one. OR if there is enough interest, I could see if I could squeeze in a POC packet training at our Fall State Meeting. So for those of you what would like a "mock-up" POC packet, email me at wolfiedancer@kc.rr.com. For those of you that are interested in attending a POC packet training at

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the Fall State Meeting, email me that you are interested and I will see what I can work out with Joe and James.

My motto says it like it is.....Bring It On.....Missouri Jaycees!

Amy Munoz

Amy Munoz
POC Program Manager



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POC Program Manager

State Service Center News

ACCESS DAY at the STATE FAIR

Access Day at the Fair will be upon us before we realize it! With your help, Missouri Jaycees, we'll be able to provide another fun event for our mentally and physically challenged guests at Access Day at the Fair on Friday, August 21st.

For those of you that have never been to Access Day at the Fair, this is a day we take our mentally and physically challenged guests around the State Fair. We serve them lunch then we assist them around the fair. Some of the guests like to look at all the animals, some like to see the talking car at the Highway Patrol booth, some like to ride the rides and some just like to walk around and look at everything. At the end of the day, we help them get back on their buses to go home.

The State Fair doesn't seem like a big deal to you anymore? Most of our guests live in institutions and this might be the only day all year that they are able to get out and about. They think that a day at the fair is so much fun. They will tell you at the end of the day that they don't want to leave and go home.

In order for us to give our guests this special day, we need your help, Missouri Jaycees. We will need to have at least \$8,000 to provide this special day for our guests. In addition to the money to pay for all the expenses, we need YOU to be there. We'll need help in sacking up the lunches, handing out lunches, registering our guests, registering the Jaycees, handing out milk and soda, helping our guests on and off their buses and going with our guests around the fair.

Missouri Jaycees, can we count on you to help our guests have another great time at the State Fair? Please send your donations in now to the State Service Center, 222 Dunklin Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

If you have any questions or want more information, please email Executive Director Joe Jerkins at jjerkins@mojc.org.

JULY 2009 MEMBERSHIP RESULTS

Here are the stats:

- Total Billed in July 2009 = 231
- Total Renewals = 116 (50%)
- Total New Members = 64
- Total Extensions = 1 ☺ WELCOME LINDENWOOD JAYCEES!!!
- Net (+/-) = (-51) ☹

Congratulations to the following chapters, DDs and RDs on their outstanding membership growth achievements for July:

Top Growth Chapters for July:

- Sikeston Jaycees Daniel Beck, president +3

Additional Growth Chapters for July:

Arnold +1, Cottleville-Weldon Spring +1, Fenton +1, Mexico +1, Olean +1, St. Charles +1, St. Clair +1, St. Peters +1

Top Growth District Directors for July:

- Martha Stodden Region 5, District 3 +17

Top Growth Region Director for July:

- Holly Kosick Region 5 +8

Membership Call-In Deadlines for 2009

By the posted Call-In Deadline, we need to know who is renewing for the following month AND we need information on all new members (name, address and DOB). Chapters should forward that information to their District Director, Region Director, assigned Vice President and Executive Director Joe Jerkins by the following deadlines:

Month	Day	Close Out	Information Needed
August	Thursday	August 27 th	Aug new members & Sep renewals
September	Tuesday	September 29 th	Sep new members & Oct renewals

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October	Thursday	October 29 th	Oct new members & Nov renewals
November	Tuesday	November 24 th	Nov new members & Dec renewals
December	Tuesday	December 29 th	Dec new members & Jan (2010) renewals

EARLY RENEWAL DUES REBATE OFFERED!

Renewal Dues for 2009 are \$65.00, which is the same as dues for new members. HOWEVER...chapters who submit their renewals (with payment or open check on file) by the posted closeout deadlines will receive a rebate credit of \$5 per renewal. If you have any questions, please contact Executive Director Joe Jerkins or any state officer.

Chapter & Officers Directory

Please let me know if there are corrections for the [Chapter and Officer's Directory](#) and I'll update the version that's available for download from the website. Click the link above for the latest version. Check back often to ensure you have the most recent contact information for everyone.

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



Joe Jerkins
Executive Director



Region II Meeting

hosted by

The Macon Jaycees

Sunday, August 9

Longbranch State Park

South Shelter House -

Macon

Training begins at 2:00,
followed by Region Business
Meeting,

and concluding with a meal.

An assortment of games will add
to the fun &
fellowship, including ladder
golf & volleyball.

\$5.00 per person

Children 5 and under free

~~ kid friendly environment ~~

*for additional information, call Kristie @
(660) 651-0584

Missouri Jaycees

Fall Convention

September 11-13, 2009

Truman Hotel & Conference Center

Jefferson City, MO



◆ **Room Rate: \$60.00 + tax**

Identify Yourself as a Missouri Jaycee

Reservations: (573) 635-7171 (direct)
Or (800) 392-0202 (MO only)

Room Block Cut Off Date: August 28, 2009
Reservations made after the release date are subject
to room availability & normal room rates.

⇒ *Friday Night Mixer (\$15)*

⇒ *Friday Night Executive Committee Meeting*

⇒ *Individual Competitions & Training*

⇒ *Saturday Luncheon (\$25)*

⇒ *Annual Election of State Officers*

⇒ *Saturday Awards Banquet (\$35)*

⇒ *Saturday Night Dance Party (\$15)*

⇒ *Sunday President's Prayer Breakfast (\$20)*

⇒ *Sunday General Membership Meeting*

Missouri Jaycees Fall Convention Registration Form

◆ **Early Full Registration - \$75.00 (postmarked by August 15, 2009)**

◆ **Late and/or On-Site Full Registration - \$90.00**

◆ **Partial Prices in (parentheses) listed above**

Conference Registration:

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Checks Payable & Mail To:

**Missouri Jaycees
Fall Convention
222 E. Dunklin St., #100
Jefferson City, MO 65101**