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A Message from President James

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

One of the best things about our organization is that it has few limits. We do not have people telling us what we can and can't do. Every single day there are lives changed because a group of young men and women said that they could make a difference and they did just that. We, Jaycees, not others, control our own destiny.

I think about all the wonderful projects that our chapters run and I can't help but get excited. I get excited because you are acting in the moment. You stand up and say that you are going to give of your time, energy, money, and whatever else you have to sacrifice to be able to make a positive impact in the life of another. We make this world a better place. Maybe we do it one chapter project at a time, but we still do it. Many people fail to act or get involved in their communities. Not us, not in this moment. Our passion not only moves each one of us but others who see what we do.

For almost 90 years, the Jaycees have been the organization of choice for young people. What happens in the next 90 years is up to each one of us. I encouraged our members to try something new this year. Step out of the box and take a chance. Push your limits because you can't even know what they are until you push yourself. When we push ourselves, we truly see what we can accomplish and trust me, we can accomplish so much more than we think we can. Every great achievement in life was once considered impossible. My mother used to tell me that I should not say the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon. This was sound advice that is worth being shared.

Here we are in the final stretch of 2009. The theme this year is "The Heat Is On". I remember back when I was a local chapter president and when our chapter reached October I started to panic because we still had so much to do and so little time left. My team pushed ourselves to finish strong and to meet as many of our chapter goals as we could. Our inspiration and extra energy came from within each one of us.

The most motivational words that I have received all year just came to me this past weekend. I attended the Dixie Institute training retreat at Camp Discovery in Tennessee. Heidi Jutner, our institute chairperson, wrote six words on the back of my training certificate that mean more to me than almost anything that I have heard all year long. She wrote: "Finish Strong. I believe in you!" The reason why I am telling each one of you this is because I feel the same way about you. Each one of us has our own individual goals, chapter goals, region goals, and state goals. They are not all the same but together make up the goals of the Missouri Jaycees. We have some work to do to finish strong in 2009 and we have a lot of people to reach and add to this idea, belief, organization that we know as the Junior Chamber. So I leave you with the same words that were left with me this past weekend. FINISH STRONG...I BELIEVE IN YOU!

President James

James Danley
88th President



James Danley
88th State President

COB Tonya Benton

Let Your Voice Be Heard! Are you happy with the current state of our organization? Do you have ideas for how to grow our organization in 2010? You have an opportunity to voice your ideas and help the 2010 Missouri Jaycee State Team plan for their year.

The Missouri Jaycees will hold their 2010 Planning Session on Saturday, November 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the State Service Center, 222 E. Dunklin St., Jefferson City, MO. We will be meeting in the basement, so park around back. We will also hold a General Membership Meeting immediately following the Planning Session to vote on our 2010 budget. Please plan to have at least one of your chapter members attend!

Tonya Benton

Tonya Benton
Chairperson of the Board



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Chairperson
of the Board

Vice President Sandy Backes

It is that time of year were we all like to "dress up" with our children to go out door to door asking friends, family and neighbors for candy,  or sit on our porches  to scare little children and be able to legally get away with it. (giggle). And you can't forget those chapter events where they intentionally go out to scare themselves.  Let me know when your "Trick or Treat" events are. I know that we (the state team) can't be everywhere, but I will get out my witch's broom and see how fast I can fly.  I promise to get the calendar updated and out on the website. (Remember ... President James loves bats) 

Just remember to have your membership applications at your projects. You never know when there is a potential member that is there just waiting for you to ask them. Remember these fun events are when people seeing us have fun and will want to be a part of our wonderful organization. Sell them the concept of friends and lots of them.

Plus send me your upcoming events for November and December as well. This is the time of year that Jaycees shine and we need to let everyone us see it. I know there are big hearts in Jaycees and I know that there are events being planned for children, adults and families all over that are in need. Here too is a great time to have membership applications on you. Why, because people love to be able to help others. Again, this is a great membership recruitment time. Because many people don't have extra money themselves, but will give up some of their time to do things to help others.

I hope to see you all soon . . . possibly at Camp???? Work weekends are a great time to meet members from around the state. No one is usually stressed out over items that need to be done to make a project successful, so you actually get to meet other members and talk with them on a more personal level and build new friendships.

Sandy Backes

Sandy Backes
State Vice President 2009



Sandy Backes
State Vice President

Vice President Stephen Coffey

Greetings Missouri Jaycees! Can you believe its October already? This is a really exciting month for me, with all of the haunted hay rides and haunted houses. The air is turning cooler and the leaves are changing. Fall is in the air and winter is on its way. I know you have all had a busy summer

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and must be feeling so tired by now. Well, shake it off and reach deep inside. You only have a few months to go in 2009 and that still gives you plenty of opportunity to successfully complete the plan you started out with.

I know and have believed all along that we can get Missouri to growth. We do have a few obstacles to get over but it's not impossible. First, we really need to get the communication flowing. Chapter presidents, you need to get your closeout information turned in on time so that we can compile the data and track the membership statistics. We are constantly missing data every month. It is the chapter president's responsibility to get the information turned in on time.

A question that came up during the campaign process was how people wanted to hear from their state team for more than just closeout. I agree...the team should be talking to our members more than just to ask for membership numbers. However, this is very difficult to do when all of your contact opportunities are spent chasing people down. I can tell you it really eats up your time and leaves very few opportunities left to talk to people about other things.

I really hope we can step it up in the last few months and reset the trend that has become the norm. Your state team is here and willing to serve your chapters in any way you need us, however that can only be made more possible with your help. Remember, we are a team, from the local member to the state president; we are all responsible for our successes and our failures. I have high hopes for us all and for showing this nation what Missouri is capable of accomplishing.

On another note, in the last couple of weeks, I have had the opportunity to attend some really great training, from the national convention in Florida to Dixie in Tennessee. I wish you all could have been there! These experiences are not limited to a few. They are there for all of you. I encourage you to seek out these training experiences as I know they have a lot to offer each and every one of you. These are just part of the benefits you are privileged to being a Jaycee.

Please take advantage of all your membership benefits because, if you do, I believe that, with a positive and enriching Jaycee experience, you will be more likely to share with other people. And if they can feel your passion, they too will be interested and we can offer this phenomenal opportunity to others. I look forward to seeing you all soon. Be well and best of luck in finishing strong!

Stephen Coffey

Stephen Coffey
State Vice President 2009



Stephen Coffey
State Vice President

Vice President Paul Myers

Missouri Jaycees, It is with great excitement that I am able to let everyone know that the US Jaycees got to growth for the second month in a row. It has been a while since we could say that and it is a huge accomplishment. Now it is time for Missouri to start turning things around. We have three months left of this year and we are in a good position for us to be at growth for each of these months. Start now to work membership for October, November, and December. Chapter Presidents remember this is your year and your legacy. Don't leave anything on the table.

Missouri just sent a delegation of your leadership to Tennessee to the Dixie Retreat. These individuals spent this last Friday, Saturday and Sunday away from their families to attend trainings to help better our organization. If you see these people make sure you let them know that you appreciate their passion and dedication to our organization. This year's delegates were: President James Danley, Stephen Coffey, Lori Flax, Julie Morff, Holly Kosick, Trisha O'Cheltree, Joe Chandler, and myself.

This is also October which means one thing it is time for us to help close down Wonderland camp for the winter. We have two work weekends coming up and it would be great to see as many people as possible down there to close things out for the year. If you haven't already let Barb Pellikaan know if you are attending Corp weekend and Amy Munoz know if you are attending all region weekend so they can plan accordingly for meals.

Paul Myers

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



Paul Myers
State Vice President

Official Meeting Notice

In accordance with Article VI of the Constitution of the Missouri Jaycees and Section 5 of the Bylaws of the Missouri Jaycees, this shall serve as notification that a meeting of the General Assembly will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at the State Service Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. Changes/Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and/or Policy Rules may be proposed and voted on at said meeting. Contact: Joe Jerkins, Executive Director jjerkins@mojc.org

State Service Center News

SEPTEMBER 2009 MEMBERSHIP RESULTS

Here are the stats:

Total Billed in September 2009 =	191
Total Renewals =	104 (54%)
Total New Members =	64
Total Extensions =	0 ☹
Net (+/-) =	(-22) ☹

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

Top Growth Chapters for September:

➤ Springfield Jaycees	Greg Weaver, president	+9
➤ Cape Girardeau Jr. Chamber	Robert Guard, president	+4
➤ Fulton Jaycees	Kathie Price, president	+4
➤ Mission Inn Jaycees	Tony Roe, president	+4

Additional Growth Chapters for September:

Bowling Green +3, Lindenwood +3, Macon +3, Capital City +2, Columbia +2, Northland +2, Warren County +2, Florissant Valley +1, Joplin +1, Mid County +1, Monett +1, Union +1, Wentzville/Lake St. Louis +1

Top Growth District Director for September:

➤ Lorah Greer	Region 6, District 2	+10
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Top Growth Region Director for September:

➤ Tim Cashero	Region 6	+11
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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
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



2009 ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION

*Annual Planning Session
Missouri Jaycees State Service Center
Jefferson City, Missouri*

*9:00 a.m.
Saturday
November 7, 2009*

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	General Session & Orientation	Lower Level
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Planning & Goal Setting Forums	Lower Level
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Future Directions Committee	Media Room
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Personnel Committee	Joe's Office
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Budget & Finance Committee	Joe's Office
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Constitution & Bylaws Committee	Media Room
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Lower Level
1:00 p.m.	Adjournment	



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Annual Planning Session
Missouri Jaycees State Service Center
Jefferson City, Missouri*

*12:00 p.m.
Saturday
November 7, 2009*

AGENDA

I.	Call to Order	James Danley
II.	Roll Call of Chapters & Officers – Certification of a Quorum	Joe Jerkins
III.	Agenda Approval	James Danley
IV.	New Business	Joe Jerkins
	A. Approval of 2010 State Plan of Action	
	B. Approval of 2010 Budget	
	C. Approval of Changes - Constitution & Bylaws	
	D. Approval of Changes - Internal & External Policy Rules (if needed)	
V.	2010 Appointments	Paul Myers
VI.	President-Elect's Comments	Paul Myers
VII.	Announcements	Joe Jerkins
VIII.	President's Comments	James Danley
IX.	Adjourn with the Jaycee Creed	Holly Kosick