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By BETH BLOM

59th President, Hopkins Area Jaycees

Here we are, nearing the end of another successful year. Our chapter has yet again been one of the top chapters in the state, a feat that is not easy and something we should all be very proud to be a part of!

As I look back at all of our projects and events, it's really amazing what we accomplish each year.

Winter: The start of 2009 began with a bang for me. On Dec. 27, 2008, my parents had a house fire that left them living elsewhere for five months while their house was remodeled from the studs. Just two days later I started a new job for the first time in six years. Both were a challenge, but rewarding at the same time. We won the War on Winter again, and we were introduced to Jessie Jaycee who has traveled along with us on our many journeys during the year.

Spring: We Bowled with the Bunny and provided 50 children with a fun Easter event, we ran a successful Supershots, we sold some beautiful flowers and had a wine tasting with the always-entertaining Dave MacCarville of Mac's Liquor. We walked No. 2 in Parade of Chapters at Spring All-State Convention.

Summer: Oh summer, the fastest three months of the year! Although

two of our main summer events were a little chilly, Mainstreet Days and the Raspberry Festival street dances were very successful. We had our first of three marriages in the chapter in early June when Karee Cypher married Alexandria Jaycee John Kopet! We also road ran to events like St. Paul's City Pages Beer Fest, and many other city festivals — helping out other chapters along the way. We tried something new with a Membership Drive, and we walked for Relay for Life until about 2 a.m. when we got rained out — but we still raised \$900 in the fight against cancer! We also sponsored a candidate for the Raspberry Festival, Miss Kirsten Raines, who is now a Raspberry Princess! The summer season wrapped up with our second marriage in the chapter: Erin Elliott married Tom Bryan in late August!

Fall: We walked No. 2 in Parade of Chapters again at Fall All-State Convention! We ran a successful Punt, Pass and Kick, went to a Twins game and helped out the Hopkins Fire Department during their annual Fire Safety Day. Another big life event for me, and our third marriage in the chapter,

I married State Delegate Joel Blom in October in Las Vegas! We helped celebrate everything spooky with Halloween by helping out the Dungeons of

Darkness and Doom, and had a kid friendly Halloween carnival for more than 50 kids!

And that's only through the end of November!

We have also adopted some soldiers to send packages to each month, and we have our upcoming and much anticipated 12 Bars of Christmas.

Along the way we have played Senior Bingo, had some fun with the resident of the Lake Minnetonka Care Center, cleaned up our Adopt-a-Highway and Valley Park in Hopkins, and enjoyed many birthday socials.

I've grown as a person and a leader and I hope that you all have too! We have many excellent new members that I am so excited to see what they will do next year. I hope you are all proud of what we have done this year, I am very proud of you all.



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State Delegate: Joel Blom

One month to go in 2009. Can you believe it??

It has been a great year for the Hopkins Area Jaycees. New, fun events. Oldies but goodies. And bringing new blood into the chapter.

Even though we like to look forward into the next month we still need to concentrate on finishing 2009 strong.

We have a lot of work yet this year. We have some fun events coming up including the 12 Bars of Christmas making its glorious return. We also have our holiday lights contest and our visit to the Lake Minnetonka Care Center. We need to get our awards and project write-ups done. We need to submit degrees and recruiting information.

And we all know it is possible; we need to recruit those last few new members to get the chapter to growth.

With everyone's help we know that we can finish off the year on a high note knowing that we all made a great impact on not only the chapter, but our

community and ourselves.

It has been a great pleasure serving as your State Delegate this year, and I will be around to help anyone that needs any help next year and in the years to come. It was great to have so many people coming out traveling with me this year and I hope you continue to go out and visit other chapters and their events.

Not only do you make their events run more smoothly by helping out, it also gives you experience in helping with a variety of different events. Keep it up!

Keep up the great work and we can bring that No. 1 position in the Parade of Chapters home to Hopkins where it belongs.

In Jaycee Pride,

Joel Blom

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Treasurer: Brenda Sadowski

What a great year! I am so proud of the things we accomplished financially as a chapter — from trying new fundraisers to paying off two more bills! I hope we keep this momentum going into 2010.

Continue searching out new ways that the chapter can make money to help with events or pay off past bills. Each little step we make helps us get to our

end goal of being debt free.

Thank you to everyone who helped in some way to make it a great year. I would especially like to thank Molly Tighe for her advice and guidance on questions I had during the year. You're the best!

Brenda Sadowski

2009 Treasurer

Membership VP: Erin Bryan

I can't believe that the end of the year is here already. For me, this has been a year of great personal change (as evidenced by my new last name), but a great deal of change has also occurred because of my role as Membership Development VP.

This was a position that I took on with a great deal of hesitation. I felt it was way out of my comfort zone, but I stepped up nonetheless. Now, as we reflect on what we've accomplished this year, I can honestly say that I had a

great time in this position!

I think we've done great things in the membership area — we've hosted new types of events and looked at membership in a whole new perspective. Year-end growth is on the horizon and it's very exciting.

I'd really like to thank Kari Sorensen who served as the M-Night director. Kari came up with wonderful projects that were well attended and I sincerely appreciate her help.

Erin Bryan

Road Running: Events Around the State

December 11

- Santa 18-Wheeler Express, Willmar

December 12

- Jiggle Bells Telethon, Alexandria

December 13

- Neighbors Inc. Holiday Toy Drive, South St. Paul (see details on Page 4)

December 19

- Region 6 Awards (Location is to be determined; watch your e-mail for details.)

More upcoming events can be found on the events calendar at: www.mnjaycees.org or by contacting State Delegate Joel.

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Andrew joined our chapter after the GM on Nov. 12. He is a second-generation Jaycee and lives in Bloomington with his wife, Jessica. We welcome him to Hopkins!

Minnesota Junior Chamber - Annual Convention

January 8 -10, 2010 - Embassy Suites, Bloomington

Hotel Reservations - 952-884-4811



★ Hospitality Meet and Greet – *Yeah! It's Friday night! Get yourself a beverage, relax and meet Jaycees from all over the state!*

★ Awards – *“Celebrate good times! Come on!” Celebrate chapter and individual achievements!*

★ First Timers – *New to convention? Get in the know!*

★ Individual Competitions – *Step outside your comfort zone! Test your speaking, writing, debating and Jaycee Jeopardy skills!*

★ Training – *Take advantage of the variety of trainings that can help you personally and professionally!*

★ Minnesota Junior Chamber – *Board of Directors Meeting – Here's your chance to be a part of official business!*

★ Formal Dinner – *Witness the transition from one State President to another!*

★ Friday and Saturday night Dances – *Dean-o-mite Entertainment! is sure to help us “Dance the night away!”*

Watch JMail for more convention details!

★ Theme for Saturday night - Tropical Luau!

<u>EARLY BIRD FULL REGISTRATION</u>	
❖ Postmarked on or before November 14, 2009	\$ 60.00
<u>REGISTRATION</u> Postmarked after November 25, but before December 17, 2009	
❖ FULL	\$ 70.00
❖ SATURDAY (Luncheon ONLY)	\$ 30.00
❖ SATURDAY (Banquet and Dance ONLY)	\$ 45.00
<u>LATE REGISTRATION</u> Postmarked on or after December 18, 2009	
❖ FULL	\$ 80.00
❖ SATURDAY (Luncheon ONLY).....	\$ 35.00
❖ SATURDAY (Banquet & Dance ONLY).....	\$ 50.00
❖ NAMETAG ONLY (Meetings, Awards, Training)	\$ 10.00
<u>ICI SENATE REGISTRATION</u>	
❖ FULL	\$ 45.00

Any Questions? Please contact Heather Kolstad at 612-239-8289 or hkolstad@wh-link.net



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE MINNESOTA JUNIOR CHAMBER
Mail to: Minnesota Junior Chamber - 2101 W. Hwy 13 - Burnsville, MN 55337

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Chapter: _____ Phone #: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ M.O. _____

Paying by credit card? Register online at: www.mnjaycees.org/conventions.htm

First Timer _____ Alumni _____ Age Category: 18-20 _____ 21+ _____

Food Option: Vegetarian _____ Regular _____ Food Allergies _____

Registration: Early Bird _____ Regular _____ Late _____

Please indicate your level of registration:

- FULL - I want it ALL!
 Saturday Luncheon
 Saturday Night Only
 Nametag Only

Registrations are non-transferable. ALL refunds MUST be submitted in writing and received, not postmarked, by January 3, 2010.

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Call to order: at 7:00pm

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Brenda Sadowski, 2nd by Cathy Kuemper, motion carried

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Joel Blom, 2nd by Brenda Sadowski, motion carried.

Introductions: What is your favorite thing about Thanksgiving? Attendees: Brenda Sadowski, Sarah Vogt, Andrew Gieske, Annette Kuyper, Jari Steinlage, Todd Doshel, Matt Weinacht, Molly Tighe, Cathy Kuemper, Erin Bryan, Joel Blom, Beth Blom

Hopkins Jaycee Focus Topic: Warrior To Citizen Speaker: Annette Kuyper

Approvals:

Charitable Disbursements: See Pete Colarich or Jari Steinlage for detailed report

Treasurer – Brenda Sadowski

- Please see Treasurer or President for account balances

State Delegate- Joel Blom

- 11/16/09 – 7pm Region 6 Meeting, hosted by South Saint Paul Jaycees at the Croatian Hall in S. St. Paul

- 11/22/09 – 3-6pm Volunteer Appreciation Bowling Bash, Saint Paul Jaycees at St. Francis Bowling Alley

- 12/5/09 – MN Jaycees Junior Chamber Leadership Academy (JCLA) – Hastings High School. Trainings for 2010 board members and general members.

- 12/5/09 – 6:30pm MN Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans and Outstanding Young Farmers Banquet Hastings Country Club

Membership Development VP: Erin Bryan

- Oct Renewals: Everyone has renewed in November and December so any new members signed we will be plus for the month

- M-Night – Dinner at Perkins 11/20/09 – 6pm bring any potential members, friends and co-workers to learn more about the Jaycees. Perkins will donate 20% of the bill back to the chapter

- New Member Orientation – 11/18/09 at 7pm at Jaycee Hall

- 12 Bars of Christmas – 12/12/09 2pm at Jaycee hall. \$25 for bus ride, T-shirt and drink specials, hall will be open for sleeping at the end of the night.

Management Development- Open

- CPG/Degree Work Night – 12/7/09 at the Jaycee Hall – This will be a great opportunity to put the finishing touches on or ask questions about completing the CPG process or filling out your Jaycee Degrees

Community Development-Open

- September 2009 Charitable Gambling Tax Return:-motion by Jari Steinlage, 2nd by Matt Weinacht motion carried.

- Dec 2009 Charitable Gambling Estimated Expenses: motion by Jari Steinlage, 2nd by Joel Blom, motion carried.

- Charitable Disbursements: See Molly Tighe for detailed report

- Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Report presented to the chapter by the Jackie Allman, Gambling Manager, Motion to accept report by Molly Tighe, 2nd by Cathy Kuemper, motion carried

- Operation Minnesota Nice – 11/18/09 7pm – Meet at Jaycee Hall at 6:30, we will be making care packages for the troops

- Lake Minnetonka Care Center – 12/9/09, meet at hall at 6:30, Holiday activity of some sort

Public Relations VP – Open

- Newsletter Items due 11/15/08

Individual Development VP – Open

- December GM Speakers confirmed, Mayor Gene Maxwell and City Manager Rick will be here to update us on City activities

- ID Project: Presented by Jari Steinlage. Fill out form regarding your own Jaycee career so that the chapter has record of your accomplishments

- Holiday Cards: Molly Tighe to send out holiday cards to area businesses, organizations and any individuals who have helped to support us throughout the year. Send any ideas to Molly and the cards will go out shortly after Thanksgiving.

Old Business

- Halloween Party Wrap Up: Overwhelmingly successful with 50 kids, lots of games, great job Basia as chairman and to the rest of the committee for a great project

- Presidential Roast – \$256 made, profits will be split with MN Jaycee Charitable Foundation.

New Business

- MN Jaycee Charitable Foundation-Give to the Max Day, Nov 17, 2009 starts at 8am, register prior to that date, any donations given to an organization of your choice will be matched by another organization. MN Jaycee Charitable Foundation would appreciate any donations. 5 parade points will be given for each member that gives a donation.

Announcements:

- Jaycee Jump Night at Lindees Saloon on Hwy 7 following this meeting

- Annual Convention – Jan 8 – 10, at Embassy Suites in Bloomington, Hopkins has Manpower for the event and will raise \$700 for the chapter. Manpower needed for registration, manning doors, etc

Jaycee Creed: Led by Todd Doshel

Adjourn: Motion by Erin Bryan, 2nd by Jari Steinlage, motion carried.

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Change service requested

*“If you want to be
in the loop, join our
Facebook group.”*

— State Delegate Joel Blom



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*The deadline for the January
edition is Dec. 15.*

Jaycee Creed

We believe:

*That faith in God gives meaning and
purpose to human life;*

*That the brotherhood of man transcends
the sovereignty of nations;*

*That economic justice can best be won by
free men through free enterprise;*

*That government should be of laws rather
than of men;*

*That's earth's great treasure lies in
human personality;*

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.