

THE Leader

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Hello Jaycees!

It's hard to believe my year as President is already over! By the time you read this newsletter I'll be your Chairman of the Board.

We have several management projects lined up for this year and also community opportunities. If you are bored after this year, then you missed an exciting year! We would like to also offer more volunteer opportunities this year so we have contacted various agencies to gather their contact information. I have a partial list included. If you have a volunteer idea, please feel free to share! There are many opportunities in the community to give back. We would like to eventually get some groups together to volunteer at different venues. If you have an upcoming volunteer/fundraiser event, we would like to hear about it so we can volunteer or donate! Also, if you have a management idea, we would like to hear from you! We have some great energy this year and many ideas already floating around the Chapter. Lets make 2014 another great year for the La Crosse Community and the Jaycees!

I look forward to meeting with everyone and to enjoying a great 2014 and thank you all for a great year in 2013!

Alex Lueck, Chairman of the Board

Local Volunteer Opportunities

WisCorps

608-782-2494
www.wiscorps.org
staff@wiscorps.org

Wafer

Erin Waldhart
608-782-6003

Meals on Wheels (Mobile Meals)

Melissa Greco
608-784-4623
lacrossemo-
bilemeals@gmail.com

Place of Grace

608-782-6224

Boys and Girls Club

Mike Desmond
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mikedesmond@bgcgl.org
www.bgcgl.org



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Toys for Tots Give Away Day:
Becky Lueck, Alex Lueck, Kaycee Broten, Katrina Rykal, Heather Dutcher, Jamie Barton, Kyle Olson, Rhett Rykal, Wilh Krause, Sara Halberg

Winter Recap

Plenty of exciting things happened this winter.

The 2013 Toys for tots event wrapped up December 14th with Give Away Day, serving about 1200 children.

December 20th brought the Holiday Party at Piggy's where a number of members were recognized locally. Jeff Treder, Laurie Sonsalla and Donella Sarauer were recognized as Lifetime Members. In addition, Rachel Messmer, Alicia Neilsen Jason Hollermann and James Branaum received awards for their efforts as Outstanding New Members.

January brought chillier weather and winter fun. Members participated in the Winter Rec Fest Snowshoe Hike on January 24th and then some sledding entertainment on February 22nd.



Sledding selfie: Kaycee Broten, Sara Halberg and Kyle Olsen

On February 21st members gathered for the annual Project Fair at the home of Kyle and Sara. Fun was had by all while taking care of important business for the upcoming year. It was at this event that John Race announced that he would be leaving us to take a new position with the University of Illinois. We'll miss you, but wish you all the best in your new adventures!



In February members attended the State End of Year Convention and our chapter received lots of recognition for our chapter and individual successes. Awards are listed below.

The Jaycee Spotlight column introduces a new, current, or former Jaycee member each month to help members get to know other members, learn about the history of the Jaycees, and to find out what people do outside of the Jaycees. If you have a recommendation for the spotlight contact heatherdutcher@centurylink.net.

Jaycee Spotlight

Name: **Heather Dutcher**

Years & Position: **Less than one, Newsletter Editor**

Employer & Job: **CPR/AED/FA Instructor and Babysitter Instructor for YMCA and Mayo. WKTY Radio**

Why did you join the Jaycees?
For an opportunity to be more active in the community and meet new people.

Favorite moment as a Jaycee: **My experiences have been limited, but I have enjoyed everything so far...**

One Random Fact: **I served in the Peace Corps, in Moldova**



Heather Dutcher

Upcoming Events

Mar 1 Polar Plunge

Mar 4 Meeting—Jaycee Hall

Mar 8 Rock Out for Hunger

Mar 9 West Central Regional Meeting—1-3pm, Jaycee Hall

Mar 15—Bags Tournament, 1-3pm

Mar 18 Social Meeting/New Member Orientation—Jaycees Hall

Mar 25 Board Meeting—Jaycee Hall

Mar 27 Cater for Kids Sake (Becky Lueck)

Apr 1 Meeting—Jaycee Hall

Apr 4 Bowl for Kids Sake, 5:45 (Suzy Stock)

Apr 12 Indoor Olympics (Kelly Goyette)

Apr 15 Social Meeting—TBA

Apr 22 Board Meeting

Apr 26 Neighbors Day

Apr 26 Beer, Wine and Cheese Festival

Apr 29 Fifth Tuesday Social—TBA

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 6PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. NAME IN PARENTHESIS IS THE COORDINATOR.



Heather Suby accepts Statesman Award from Laurie Sonsalla while Suzy Stock looks on.

Recognitions

State Awards

#1 Parade of Chapters Award & 2nd in Total Miles Traveled —La Crosse Jaycees

Statesman Award—Heather Suby Outstanding Director—Jamie Barton

Most Outstanding President & Sandra Lee Knudson Award—Alex Lueck

Outstanding Local Member—Rachel Messmer

Local Awards

Lifetime Members—Jeff Treder, Laurie Sonsalla and Donella Sarauer

Outstanding New Members—Rachel Messmer, Jason Hollermann, Alicia Neilsen and James Branaum



Jeff Treder, Laurie Sonsalla, Donella Sarauer, Rachel Messmer, Jason Hollerman, Kim Lien

<p><u>January</u> 7 General Membership Mtg 21 Social Membership & Recruitment Meeting 28 Board Meeting 31 Year End Convention (Manitowoc) New Member Orientation</p>	<p><u>May</u> 4 Pitch, Hit, & Run – Onal JCs 6 General Membership Mtg 10 Wienerfest - Social 18 Big Bikes for Little Tykes 20 Social Membership Meeting 22 Pitch, Hit, & Run – LAX P&R 27 Board Meeting</p>	<p><u>September</u> 2 General Membership Mtg 7? End of Summer Bash 16 Social Membership Meeting 18-21 Applefest Parade 20-22 Mid Year Convention - Wausau 23 Board Meeting (review POA) 25-28 Oktoberfest Apparel Booth TBD Oktoberfest Socials 30 Fifth Tuesday Social</p>
<p><u>February</u> 1 Year End Convention (Manitowoc) 4 General Membership Meeting 8 Project Fair Potluck social 15 Brewfest (Manitowoc) 18 Social Membership Meeting 25 Board Meeting</p>	<p><u>June</u> 3 General Membership Mtg 5-8 Nat'l Convention 14 Freedom Fest 17 Social Meeting & Family Picnic (TBD) 24 Board Meeting (review POA) 25-28 USJC Annual Meeting - Baltimore 28/29 Riverfest Set-up 30 OYA/OYW Nominations due</p>	<p><u>October</u> 7 General Membership Mtg 12 State Volleyball 15 Board Mtg 20-26 Jaycees Week 22 Social Membership Meeting 28 Barrel and Tag Party TBD Thrill the World 31 TFT Barrel Delivery</p>
<p><u>March</u> 1 Polar Plunge 4 General Membership Mtg 9 Southside Pubcrawl 11 Project Fair Results Mtg 15 St Patty's Day Parade/Social/Bags Tourney 18 Social Mtg/New Member Orientation @ JavaVino 25 Board Meeting (review POA)</p>	<p><u>July</u> 1/8 General Membership Mtg 3-6 Riverfest 15 Mid Year Awards Due 15 Social Membership Meeting 22 Board Meeting TBD Thunder Ride 29 Fifth Tuesday Social</p>	<p><u>November</u> 2 JCI WI Brew Bash - Appleton 4 General Mem. Mtg & Elections TBD Rotary Lights 18 Social Membership Meeting 21 TFT Toy Drive – LaX Center 25 Board Meeting 27 Thanksgiving</p>
<p><u>April</u> 1 General Membership Mtg 3/4 Bowl For Kids Sake 12 Indoor Olympics (La Crosse) 15 Social Membership Meeting 26 Neighbor's Day 26 Beer, Wine, & Cheese Fest 22 Board Meeting 29 Fifth Tuesday Social</p>	<p><u>August</u> 1 Relay for Life (Logan HS) 5 General Membership Mtg 8-10 Irishfest 15-17 Komfest 19 Social Membership Meeting 22-23 Ona Community Days 26 Board Meeting TBD Funt, Pass, Kick</p>	<p><u>December</u> 2 General Membership Mtg 5 TFT Barrel Delivery 13 TFT Give Away Day 16 Mixed Board Meeting (rv POA) 14 Second Half Awards due TBD Social Membership Meeting TBD Christmas Potluck OTS/Holiday Party Year End Banquet TFT Appreciation Party</p>

All dates and times are tentative. Check the Upcoming Events for updated information.



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Present the 2nd Annual



St. Patty's Day Bags Tournament



Sponsored and hosted by



Stolpa's Stein Haus
(324 Jay Street)

Saturday, March 15
1-6 pm

(following the St. Patty's Day Parade)

Registration begins at 11 am



\$20 per 2 person team
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

JCI Wisconsin and La Crosse Jaycees 7th Annual

IND R OLYMPICS

"80's Classic Movie Take Over"

April 12th

**hosted at local downtown
La Crosse establishments**

must be at least 21 years old to participate

\$90 Jaycee Teams or \$105 Non-Jaycee Team Fee includes: Bar Game Competitions, Saturday Opening & Awards Ceremony/Social for 3 players per team. Cash/Prize Packages based on # of Teams. Additional social tickets can be purchased for \$25 per person at registration the day of the tournament. *\$20 late fee for all teams registering and paying after the March 10, 2014 deadline.

Join us on Facebook @ JCI Wisconsin 7th Annual Indoor Olympics

For more information

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Limited Number of Team Entries Accepted! Jaycee Team pre-registration guaranteed for those teams registered and paid in full prior to February 2, 2014.

After February 2nd, the event is open for public registration with limited teams openings.

3 person Team Pre-registration Entry

Checks made payable to JCI Wisconsin Jaycees must accompany this registration form to be considered pre-registered. We reserve the right to refuse registrations based on meeting and/or exceeding capacity. **Must be at least 21 years old to enter and participate.** Send this completed form and check to:

JCI Wisconsin Jaycees, PO Box 1547, Appleton, WI 54912-1547

___ \$ 90 Jaycee Team consisting of at least 2 Jaycee members (\$110 after 3/10/14 if space is available)

___ \$105 Non-Jaycee Team consisting of less than 2 Jaycee members (\$125 after 3/10/14 if space is available)

****All teams will represent an 80's Classic Movie by Title (Team Name), Costume, etc... ****

Top Three Choices for Team Name: Themed "80's Classic Movie" (No duplication of Olympic Team Name Entries)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Chapter/City Representing: _____ Team Captain: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone # of Team Captain: _____ E-mail of Team Captain: _____

2nd Team Player: _____ 3rd Team Player: _____

JCI Wisconsin and La Crosse Jaycees
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Holiday Inn
200 Pearl Street
Downtown La Crosse
800-HOLIDAY

<http://www.holidayinn.com/lacrossewi>

\$129 Single/Double Occupancy 2 Queen Beds (plus local taxes/parking)

Special Rate for Indoor Olympics Only (mention code JCS when making your reservation)

Room Block Reservation Deadline: March 8, 2014



Responsibility Matters-Always have a Designated Driver

JCI Wisconsin and the La Crosse Jaycees will not tolerate drunk driving.
We thank you for being responsible in using a designated driver so everyone
enjoys the event with a safe return home.



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Aged Out?

Do you still want to be part of the Jaycees? Consider joining the National Jaycee Alumni Association.

To learn more go to www.jayceemember.com and click on 'alumni join' on the right side of the screen.



Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
June 25-28

World Congress, Leipzig Germany
November 24-29



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