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President's Message

Hey Everyone, Spring has finally sprung! We had a great April with Bowl For Kids Sake, Neighbors Day, Indoor Olympics and our socials! Thanks to everyone that made it possible at these events! This month we cover this portion of the message in the Jaycee Creed:

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

We have many volunteer opportunities this month to be active in the community and in the Jaycees. We are working jointly with the Onalaska Jaycees on Sunday, May 19 for their Pitch Hit Run event. Opportunities abound with the Festival Foods Grand Dad Half Marathon on May 4th to operate water tables or other needed areas. On May 5th some neighborhood cleanup is occurring in the Powell-Hood-Hamilton area. We also have the Big Bikes For Little Tykes



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event on the 18th along with the La Crosse Parks and Rec Pitch Hit Run event on May 22nd. Many other events abound in the La Crosse area so get ready to roll up your sleeves and get your volunteer hands involved! Check out the calendar below for more.

Membership Renewals

For June:
Erin Behlen
Craig Asen


For July:
Jamie Barton
Cindy Kreibich
Katrina Meyer
Kari Reyburn

For August:
None

T-Shirt Competition

T-SHIRT TIME! We might not be partying on the Jersey Shore, but we are looking for new swag in the LAX area. Due to the growing interest in getting a common chapter t-shirt, the chapter is accepting submissions for a t-shirt design that can be printed for members and worn at projects and socials.

Shirt Contest Guidelines:

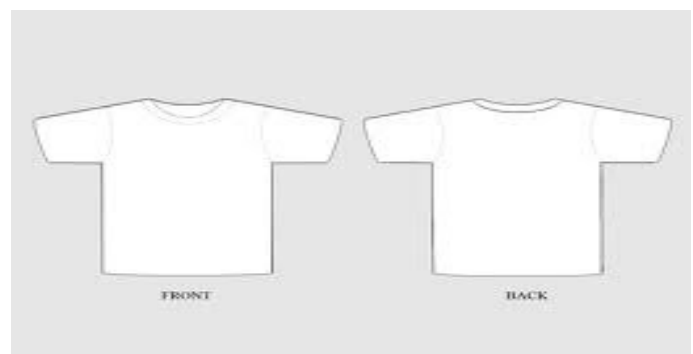
- The La Crosse Jaycees logo must be incorporated and readable 
- No specific dates or projects should be listed
- May use front, back, and sleeve (there has been interest about putting sponsors on back)
- Appropriate words and phrases are allowed

All shirt designs must be submitted in PDF, JPEG, or another common readable format to jrace18@hotmail.com by 11:59 pm on Sunday, May 19. The board will review the submissions and present the top 3 choices to the Chapter.

Please email jrace18@hotmail.com with questions.



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Jaycee Spotlight Pitch Hit & Run!!

In the second installment of Jaycee Spotlight, one of our newest members shares why he has joined the Jaycees and a little bit about himself. Each month a new, current, or former Jaycee member will be interviewed for this article 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.



Name: Wilh Krause

Years in Jaycees & Position:

I have been a member since march 2013 director of new membership, and also filling in as social director.

Employer & Job: I work for Solid Surface Specialist and I lead Fabricator and Installer. We do high end custom counter tops.

Why did you join the Jaycees? I joined the Jaycees to give back to my community and also to meet new and interesting people.

Favorite moment as a Jaycee: I would have to say Indoor Olympics witch was my first state event.

Tell us one random fact: Family and friends are the most important thing in my life, you can't live without either of them.

Rain, Rain, Go Away! The PHR event hosted by the Onalaska Jaycees on Sunday, May 19th at 2 pm is the new date and time of the event at the Community Park in Onalaska. There is still a second opportunity to volunteer on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6 pm for the La Crosse Parks & Rec PHR event. at Erikson Park. Sign up on the clipboard at a meeting or check out the Facebook page for the event! Contact John Race or Kim Lien with any questions.



Big Bikes for Little Tykes

The Big Bike for Little Tykes event is just two weeks away. This event will be held on May 18th in Partnership with 95.7 The Rock. The event this year will be sponsoring 7 year old Araina Roderick of Sparta. She was born with Spina Bifida and also has Arnold Chiari Malformation Type 2 which is a structural defect of cerebellum, that's the part of the brain that controls balance. Since August 18, 2005 Araina has undergone 20 surgeries, which is about 2 surgeries a year. Her wish is to be a princess for a day, so 95.7 The Rock is fundraising to send her and her family to Disney for a well needed vacation.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with beverage and food distribution from 2-6pm on Saturday, May 18th. If you are interested in joining some of your fellow Jaycees at this volunteer event to help little Araina get her wish, please contact me or simply sign up at a general member meeting. We really look forward to hearing from our fellow Jaycees and your help with this great event for a special little girl.
- Wilh Krause & Angel Cabada-Arenal.

ReNEW Project

Want a volunteer experience that connects you to community, gets you a free t-shirt, AND good food with your neighbors? The ReNEW project is going on in the Powell-Hood-Hamilton neighborhood to spruce up homes.

There are volunteer opportunities on the following Saturdays from 9 am—2 pm: May 11, May 18, and June 1. The next big event is Sunday, June 2nd from 8:30 am—4:30 pm starting at the South Side Neighborhood Center.

Volunteer forms can be found at: <http://www.habitatlacrosse.org/reNEW%20Volunteer%20Form.pdf>

*This is not a Jaycee project, but we wanted to promote it to anyone who is interested in volunteering.

April Recap

April was full of fun events for the chapter. Many socials were had: Jamie Barton's Birthday party, Bowl for Kids Sake, Social meeting at Jade Café and Howie's, World's Largest Office Party, the State Indoor Olympics, and the Beer, Wine, and Cheese Fest. For projects, on Friday, April 19, 12 Jaycees participated in the Bowl for Kids Sake event and the following day 16 Jaycees volunteered at Neighbors Day. Way to go everyone who participated in events this month! Both the Neighbors Day and the recently attended Individual Development project National Weather Service are highlighted on this page.

National Weather Service

On May 1st, the Jaycees comprised of Jason Hollerman, Ashley Mikshowsky, Echo Henn and guest Chris, Beth Helgeson and guest Ezra, Jaime Barton and son Josh, Kyle Olson, Alex Lueck, Wilh Krause and Tanya Molitor met with Mr. Todd Shea, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service (NWS) to learn the intricate details of weather forecasting. Mr. Shea discussed the inner workings of the NWS by giving us an overview of the NWS, a tour of the forecast operations area and demonstration of the hardware and software systems utilized by the NWS employees. All of these tools are used to predict a best model of the weather. During the overview, he discussed the different branches of the NWS which include the Storm Prediction Center in Oklahoma, the Hurricane Prediction Center in Florida and the River Stage Prediction Center in Minneapolis. He stressed the issues that they face with the ever changing social media arena. After the overview session, Mr. Shea provided us some insight on how they model the weather with data that is gathered. He proceeded to run mock weather simulations and show us how a Severe Weather Alert is created. The entire tour lasted about 75 minutes and we greatly appreciated Mr. Shea's effort to keep each of us enthralled. Unfortunately, we missed weather spotter training this year but we can plan ahead for next year if there is enough interest.

Neighbors Day



Thanks to everyone who helped out at Neighbors Day on Saturday, April 20! We had a wonderful day for yard work, and we were able to serve about 160 elderly and disabled residents. We had nearly 400 volunteers from

throughout the community who stepped up to help out with washing windows, turning gardens, trimming shrubs and raking lawns. Special thanks to the Jaycee members and friends who helped out in the tool shed -- and especially Jason Hollermann who oversaw the tool shed at the last minute. Thanks again to everyone for your time and talent!

Volunteer groups included: La Crosse Rotary After Hours, AACA, AFSCME Local 2484, Habitat for Humanity, student groups from local schools and colleges, and many more organizations.

Heather Suby, Tanya Molitor and Sara Halberg



Members of La Crosse Rotary After Hours with Mayor Kabat pose for a picture before volunteering during Neighbors Day.

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Some upcoming state events:

- September 20-22
Wausau
More information soon.
- October 11-13—State Volleyball
Oshkosh
More information soon.

Indoor Olympics April 27



Black Eyed Peas were the 4th place-team in the State with La Crosse Jaycee Members Katrina, Kristie and Jamie

This year's Indoor Olympics was hosted by the Manitowoc Chapter.



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JCI Webinars

Upcoming Webinars to develop your Leadership Skills! These are free to members! Take advantage!

Your Jaycee Career This webinar will address the leadership positions you can hold and a career path to the positions you would like reach in your future. Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2013 Time: 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM EDT

Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/897615198>

Healthy Chapter Initiative The steps to make sure your chapter is living "healthy" including Active Citizenship Framework, running effective meetings and so much more. Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013 Time: 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM EDT Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/922317910>

The Law and Your Chapter Is your chapter incorporated? Do you have it up to date with the correct officers? Are you insured in case of accidents? Have you filed the correct paperwork with the correct agency in your state to let them know you are raising funds? Does that all sound like a foreign language to you? If so join this webinar and learn how to keep your chapter legally compliant. Its simpler than you think. Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 Time: 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM EDT Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/825277342>

Do's and Don'ts of Communication

Learn how to more effectively communicate with your other members in your chapter, Chapter, State and National Board members, co-workers and supervisors, and community leaders. Learn email etiquette and other communication tools. Date: Thursday, May 30, 2013 Time: 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM EDT Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/693695734>



2013 Calendar of Events

<p><u>January</u></p> <p>5 Regional Training 6 Year End Banquet 12 Social at Varsity Club 14 TFT Appreciation Party 15 General Membership Mtg 22 Board Meeting</p>	<p><u>May</u></p> <p>1-4 – Nat'l Conference - STL 4 Pitch, Hit, & Run – Onal JCs 4 Wienerfest - Social 7 General Membership Mtg 11or18 Big Bikes for Little Tykes 21 General Membership Mtg 22 Pitch, Hit, & Run – LAX P&R 28 Board Meeting</p>	<p><u>September</u></p> <p>3 General Membership Mtg 7? End of Summer Bash 17 General Membership Mtg 22 Applefest Parade 20-22 Mid Year Convention - Wausau 24 Board Meeting (review POA) 26-30 Oktoberfest Apparel Booth Oktoberfest Socials</p>
<p><u>February</u></p> <p>1-3 Year End Convention (Milwaukee) 5 General Membership Mtg 9 Project Fair Potluck social 16 Brewfest (Manitowoc) 19 General Membership Mtg @ Stein Haus 26 Board Meeting</p>	<p><u>June</u></p> <p>4 General Membership Mtg 5-8 Nat'l Convention - Seattle 15 Freedom Fest 18 General Membership Mtg 25 Board Meeting (review POA) 29-30 Riverfest Set-up 30 OYA/OYW Nominations due TBD Family Picnic</p>	<p><u>October</u></p> <p>1-6 Oktoberfest Apparel Booth 1 General Membership Mtg 15 General Membership Mtg 21-27 Jaycees Week 22 Board Meeting 26 Thrill the World TBD State Volleyball</p>
<p><u>March</u></p> <p>2Polar Plunge 5 General Membership Mtg 9 Southside Pubcrawl 12 Project Fair Results Mtg 16 St Patty's Day Parade/Social/Bags Tourney 19 General Membership Mtg/New Member Orientation @ JavaVino 26 Board Meeting (review POA)</p>	<p><u>July</u></p> <p>2 General Membership Mtg 3-6 Riverfest 15 Mid Year Awards Due 16 General Membership Mtg 23 Board Meeting TBD Thunder Ride</p>	<p><u>November</u></p> <p>2 JCI WI Brew Bash - Appleton 2 TFT Barrel Delivery 5 General Mem. Mtg & Elections 9 Rotary Lights 19 General Membership Mtg 26 Board Meeting TFT Toy Drive – LaX Center</p>
<p><u>April</u></p> <p>2 General Membership Mtg 16 General Membership Mtg 19 Bowl For Kids Sake 20 Neighbor's Day 23 Board Meeting 27 Indoor Olympics (Manitowoc) 27 Beer, Wine, & Cheese Fest 30 Fifth Tuesday Social</p>	<p><u>August</u></p> <p>2 Relay for Life 6 General Membership Mtg 9-11 Irishfest 20 General Membership Mtg 27 Board Meeting Ona Community Days Kornfest TBD Punt, Pass, Kick</p>	<p><u>December</u></p> <p>3 General Membership Mtg 7 TFT Give Away Day 10 Mixed Board Meeting (rv POA) 14 Second Half Awards due 17 General Membership Mtg 17 Christmas Potluck OTS/Holiday Party</p>