

# Iowa City Coralville Jaycees Newsletter

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*Our biggest goal this  
year is to increase our  
membership.*

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## Message from the President

We are a quarter of the way through 2011 and off to a good start. We have had some great input by our members, social activities to bring everyone together, and starting to hear a buzz about us again in the community.

Our first MAW (Monday After Work) event, held at Bandana's BBQ, was a great time for all that attended. The entertainment was followed by an exciting Cedar Rapids Rough Riders hockey game. Our April MAW event, held at Old Chicago, showed a couple new faces, good food, good beer, and good fun. I would like to continue seeing good turnouts and more members attending.

I like that we are getting a few non-Jaycees out to take part and learn a little bit about us. This is how we grow and maintain as a successful chapter in the state. As you know, my goal is to increase our membership and get every member involved as a group and a community. The more members we have involved allows us to provide service to the community we live in and have a great time doing it.

Now that everyone's bracket has been busted, it's time to think about the warmer weather and outdoor activities. We have the March of Dimes' March for Babies along with some other social events. If you have any upcoming events you'd like to share, please let me know and I'll get the word out. As always, I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

I also want to congratulate Jessica Mimick as she has accepted her new position with the Jaycees as the State Treasurer. Jessica served as the 2010 President for our Chapter.

Levi Good

2011 Iowa City/Coralville Jaycees President

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*Knowing is not enough; We must apply.  
Willing is not enough; We must do. –  
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

## Individual Development Events

This year we look forward to continuing our Monday After Work. Our last MAW was at Old Chicago on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. May's event will be at Bo James at 6:00pm on May 2nd. If you have a recommendation on where you would like us to go, please contact Levi. We will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month.

Unfortunately, the Jaycee softball team, Scared Hitless, is not going to be seen this year due lack of participation. I would like to see a return in the future so think about friends to recruit for next year.

In place of the softball league we are looking at other opportunities to be active this summer. Ideas we have had include bowling nights and kickball games against other chapters/teams. I would also like to see if any member is interested in bettering themselves through various trainings that the Jaycees have to offer. Stay tuned to emails and updates to our website's calendar for all upcoming events and trainings. [www.icjaycees.org](http://www.icjaycees.org).

Please contact Levi with interests or ideas.

## March of Dimes

This year the Iowa City Coralville Jaycees will be supporting Calvin's Team for March of Dimes' Walk for Babies. As some of you know two of our long time members, Maria and Kevin Meller had a baby this July that was born 7 ½ weeks premature. Calvin spent 27 days in the NICU.

To help support Calvin's team we are looking for walkers that will come out to the March for Babies on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 am to walk with the team. Other ways that you can get involved is to have a Blue Jean for Babies day at your office, put donation canisters at your office or put a sign in your yard saying you are supporting Calvin's team. Please contact Maria if you would like more information. To join Calvin's Team visit the March of Dimes website at <http://www.marchofdimes.com/iowa>.

## Relay for Life

We will be participating in Relay for Life for the third year! We are sponsoring the concession stand from 5:30-10:30pm. All money raised will be donated to Relay for Life. Relay for Life will be the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of June at Cretzmeyer Track in Iowa City. We are also going to be having a garage sale on May 7<sup>th</sup> and another in June to raise money for Relay. If you have any items you would like to donate to our Garage Sale or if you would like to make some baked goods to sell please contact [Maria.Meller@bankofhewest.com](mailto:Maria.Meller@bankofhewest.com). If you are interested in joining our team or would like to make a donation to our team please go to the website and choose the Iowa City Coralville Jaycees [www.relayforlife.org/johnsoncountyia](http://www.relayforlife.org/johnsoncountyia).

*Who do you Relay for?*

## Member Spotlight

Our April member is Jeff Kellbach. He was a past board member and served as Membership VP where he recruited Levi Good along with many others resulting in the largest membership drive in recent years. Here are a few words from Jeff:

My name is Jeff Kellbach. I am the Executive Director at Pathways Adult Day Health Center in Iowa City. I have been married to my wife Robin for 5 years. We live in Coralville with our two daughters (Isabella, 3 & Evelyn, 1). I originally became involved with the Jaycees in 2005 after being pestered for sometime to join by Kevin Meller. Since joining, I've really enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many new people through the Jaycees and their events. My favorite event is the Field of Screams, it is fun to interact (scare) with the people. The Jaycees have helped support my place of employment with a couple of wonderful gifts over the years. The latest being a \$10,000 gift toward our capital campaign last year for the expansion and renovation of our program. I am proud to be a Jaycee that helps to make our community a better place.

*We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit – Aristotle*

## Membership Meetings

Starting in March, membership meetings will have speakers come and talk for 15-20 minutes followed by a short membership meeting. We will be also providing supper for members as well. Please feel free to bring your family.

Last month, we had Kelly, from Girls on the Run, come to speak. This is a great organization that gets young girls interested in running and fitness. At the end of the year, they all run in a 5k event. This is a great organization for our members to get directly involved with our local youth.

This month we will be having a member from the Johnson county conservation to talk about various exhibits and nature. The meeting will be held at the Chamber Building at 7:00pm on the 26th of April. We will follow the meeting with bowling and pizza at Colonial Lanes in Iowa City.

We are looking for new speakers for each meeting. If you have any one that is interested in speaking to the group please contact Maria Meller at 319-530-1723 or by email at Maria.Meller@bankofthewest.com

### Birthdays

April 1: Jason Weeks  
 April 1: Jessica Church  
 April 4: Amanda Kozak  
 April 4: Scott Kruse  
 April 28: Laura Reese

May 1: Deborah Casebolt  
 May 26: Tim Kelly

### Upcoming Events

<b>Walk for Babies</b>	April 16
<b>Membership Meeting</b>	April 26
<b>Bowling – Colonial Lanes</b>	April 26
<b>MAW Bo James</b>	May 2
<b>Board Meeting</b>	May 11
<b>Membership Meeting</b>	May 24
<b>Relay for Life</b>	June 24-25
<b>Group picnic</b>	July 22

In an effort to keep our membership roster and contact info up to date, please fill out this membership form and email it back to me. [president@icjaycees.org](mailto:president@icjaycees.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Form of Contact: Phone  Text  Email

#### What Activities Interest You

Fundraisers  Community Events  Social Events  Individual Development   
 Networking  Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### What Do You Want to Get Out of Your Membership?