

Iowa City Coralville Jaycees Newsletter

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Message from the President

Welcome to the first edition of our 2011 Jaycees Newsletter! 2010 was a pretty good year. We earned several awards on a district level including Outstanding Local Chapter – Q2, Outstanding Community Project – Q2 (Kids Carnival), Outstanding Community Project – Q2 (Relay for Life) and Outstanding Management Project – Q4 (Field of Screams). We also earned a couple state awards including 4th Place Membership Parade and 7th Place Overall Parade. I hope to increase these honors this year as we have some great projects and activities planned. With everyone's support and efforts, we can easily be recognized by our Community, District, and State.

My biggest goals this year are to increase our membership, get to know our members, and get everyone involved. I know each of us has one or two friends that are looking for a way to be more involved in the community or looking for a group of friends for networking and fun. What better way than to join us in our social events and community projects. There are also many opportunities available on a district, state, and national level to become better leaders through trainings, speakers, and competitions. I have learned in my 4 years as a Jaycee member that being active and vocal can easily improve whatever skills you want to increase.

That being said, I encourage everyone to read about our upcoming events and socials. Also, if anyone has any ideas to grow or change our chapter, please speak up and come forward. Let's put our minds and efforts together and SHAKE IT UP!
I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Levi Good

2011 Iowa City/Coralville Jaycees President

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Individual Development Events

This year we look forward to continuing our Monday After Work. Our first MAW will be at Bandanas on March 14th at 6:00. April's event will be at Old Chicago at 6:00. 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. Check the calendar on our website for updates.

Night at Rough Riders! We will be going to a Rough Riders game on the 26th of March. Game starts at 7:05 pm. Please feel free to bring friends and family. Contact Levi if you are interested in attending. Tickets are \$16 for mid-rink, \$13 if we are able to get at least 15 people to go. Car pool will leave Kohl's parking lot at 6:00pm

Scared Hitless is back again this year to take on the competition. It's that time of year again to start thinking about warmer weather, outdoor fun and softball! For those that don't know, we have been playing coed softball for several years between Mercer Park and Hawkeye Complex. If you are interested in playing, please send Levi an email at levgoo@yahoo.com. We need at least 5 guys and 5 girls to form a team. Let your friends know too as this is a great way to have fun as a Jaycee. Cost is dependent on how many team members we have but is generally between \$20 and \$30 per person for the summer season. (Active members get first spots) Registration is coming up, so let Levi know before March 30 if you are interested. See you at the ball park!

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. He 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 16th 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. We will also be doing a tournament bracket for March Madness. If you would like to participate, it will be \$5 per bracket with 50% of the proceeds going to March of Dimes, 30% to 1st Place, 15% for 2nd and 5% to 3rd. 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 5:30-10:30. All money raised will be donated to Relay for Life. Relay for Life will be the 24th and 25th at Cretzmeyer Track in Iowa City. We are also going to be having a garage sale in May and 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. 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/johnsoncountya.

MAWs

Scared Hitless Returns

Night at the Rough Riders

Who do you Relay for?

Member Spotlight

Our March member is Ryan Delaney. He was on the 2010 board as our Membership VP where he helped retain our members and organize MAW. Here are a few words from Ryan:

My name is Ryan Delaney. I am the branch manager of Liberty Bank in downtown Iowa City. My wife, Kim, and I got married last June. We live in North Liberty with Rascal, our 15 year old dog. I originally became involved with the Jaycees in 2008 after attending a few events with Kevin Meller. Kevin was the President of the Iowa City Jaycees at that time and he eventually persuaded me to join. Since joining, I've really enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many new people through the Jaycees and their events. My favorite events are the Field of Screams and slow pitch softball. I've also enjoyed casual pick up basketball games with Jaycees members and occasional social events like "Monday After Work."

New Membership Meetings

Starting at March membership meetings, we will be having 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.

This month we will be having either Girls on the Run or someone from March of Dimes. The meeting will be held at the Chamber Building at 7:00pm on the 22nd of March.

We are also looking for speakers as well. 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

No March Birthdays

April 1: Jason Weeks

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April 4: Amanda Kozak

April 4: Scott Kruse

April 28: Laura Reese

Upcoming Events

MAW Bandana's	March 14
Membership Meeting	March 22
Rough Riders	March 26
Softball Deadline	March 30
MAW Old Chicago	April 4
Board Meeting	April 12
March of Dimes Walk	April 16
Membership Meeting	April 26
Relay for Life	June 24-25

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

Name _____ Employer _____

Address _____

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?