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SD Junior
Chamber
Welcome
to
2007!!!

A word from your South Dakota 71st SDJC President, Lester Stearns

I helped to “*Get ‘R Done*” in 2006, did you? Now that we’ve turned the page to a new calendar and a new chapter, I am “*Ready to Go*”, how about you?

First, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as the 71st SD Junior Chamber President! I have made a resolution to help provide to each Jaycee member the tools that they need to feel successful. I, of course, can not do this without your assistance. I need to find out what it is that you need in order for me to provide the tools for you to accomplish your goals. State Executive Board members will be calling each SD Junior Chamber member to conduct a survey.

This year you will see us, the state board, make tweaks and tune ups to your organization. Some of those tune ups will include:

1. Set date of each month to call in for closeout (20th of each month)
2. Payment of monthly dues (postmarked before the 25th of each month and sent directly to SDJC Treasurer Becky Soucek—a PO Box # will be sent out soon)
3. Simplified forms, awards, judging
4. Blue Chip Parade, Monthly Challenges, and Monthly Races
5. Simple membership goal (each local member should recruit 1 new member and get that member active with the chapter)

Some of the tweaks that we will be making include:

1. Providing specific training
2. MEMS (our online membership program) will continue to get more user options and updates
3. Giving you options and incentives to be involved
4. Goal oriented and focused
5. A New Brand of Leadership – Build Strong Chapters, and Develop Strong Leaders

There are positions open on the State Executive Board – West Region Director, West District Director, North East District Director, 2nd East Central District Director, and Legal Counsel. There are also State Program Manager position available – please contact myself or one of the state vice presidents if you are interested in finding out more.

There is also a new publication coming to the South Dakota Junior Chamber. Tuesday Tidbits will be sent out via SD Jaycee Announce in January, and then it will be available through its own Yahoo Announce.

I hope to see you in Watertown, if not before!!!

Ready to Go

Lester Stearns, 71st SDJC President

South Dakota Jaycees - Welcome to 2007. Are you "Ready to Go"?

Many of the Jaycees throughout the state have met our 2007 State President, Lester Stearns, but for those who haven't met the rest of the "First Family", I wanted to introduce myself and Lyndsie to you. I am Connie Stearns (2007 SDJC First Lady) and the beautiful little girl in the photo is Lyndsie Maye (who turns 2 in May) your 2007 First Daughter.

I have been an active Jaycee since 2001 and have chaired and co-chaired many, many projects on a local and state level, in addition to having been a local president, a Regional Director and Local President's Trainer. Lyndsie's first Jaycee project was when she was just under 1 month old, and she has gone to many local, state and national Jaycee events since.

As you can tell by the photo, Lyndsie and I intend to have FUN in 2007. We have many, many things planned that you will hear about as the year progresses - several will be rolled out at the upcoming convention in Watertown. For right now, though, we look forward to traveling the state and meeting all of you!



Connie & Lyndsie Stearns, SDJC 2007 First Lady & First Daughter

**** Vice President Tim Boehmer ****

January is here. What does this mean to everyone? Well, it is a new year with new beginnings and new goals. My job this year is the State Individual Development Vice-President. As a Jaycee organization, we are going to do some things that have not been done before in the South Dakota Jaycees for at least the previous ten years that I have been around. My top ten list for 2007 includes: #10 Speak-up, #9 Write-up, #8 Springboard, Brownfield and Armbruster, #7 Jaycee Idol, #6 Master Speak-up, #5 Mungenust, #4 Jaycee Jeopardy. You are probably thinking, "This is the same old stuff." **STOP!** I have Tim's top three left: #3 A Health and Wellness group, #2 A financial planning group. Finally, the #1 reason you want to participate in Individual Development this year is: Jaycee debate teams. 2007 will be the year that every Jaycee will have the opportunity to benefit from Individual Development.

**In Jaycees,
Tim Boehmer
2007 Individual Development Vice-President**

Fun Facts

- An office desk has 400 times more bacteria than a toilet.
- In 1903, there were originally only eight Crayola crayons in a box and they sold for five cents.

Bouncing along with Dawn Rice

SWISH! Hopefully that will be a familiar sound soon. It's that time of the year again; time to plan your local Hot Shot Competitions. The state is planning to promote that local area Hot Shots are planned to be held through out the state in the local papers the first weekend of Feb. February 2nd – 4th.

Now, if you already planned your local Hot Shots for a different weekend, this is OK. The state is just trying to help promote the program and help get people interested. If you know you are holding your event on a different weekend for sure, please let me know. I will update Beth Berkemier as she is handling our PR this year on the state level. You must have your local competition completed by Feb. 10th as you will need to have all of your winner's information to the Madison Jaycees by Feb. 10th. If you run into a complication with the Feb. 10th deadline for your local competition, please contact Madison's president, Hazel, to see if other arrangements can be made.

You will find the needed forms for Hot Shots included in this publication. If you have any questions on the rules or the forms, please let me know. The state competition will be held in Madison on Feb. 24th. Registration will begin at 9am. (Full details will be in the next mailing.)

The registration cost for children at the state competitions will be as follows:

1 child competing	\$10
2 children competing	\$20
3 or more children competing	\$30 total

One last thing, please be sure to let me know when you are holding your local competitions. I can't promise I can make all the competitions, but I will make sure the state board has the information so they can attend if possible and if I can, I will try and be there too.

**Dawn Rice
2007 Youth Sport Program Manager**

P.S. I'm still looking for a co-chair if anyone is interested or knows of someone that may be interested.

***** Vice President Darcy Raethz *****
Greetings South Dakota Jaycees!!!!

My name is Darcy Raethz and I will be your 2007 Community Development Vice President. I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday season. Are you ready to get started for 2007?

I hope there are many chapters starting to work on their Local Hot Shots Competitions. The state will be promoting the Hot Shots for the weekend of February 3rd and 4th. The State Hot Shot's competition will be held in Madison on February 24th. Please let me know if you have any questions. Shooter's Education is also coming up fast. Please think of running this program in your area. It's very beneficial to kids on learning the safety of gun use, especially in this popular hunting state.

Dawn Rice from Sioux Falls is the Youth Sporting Program Manager this year, so you may direct any question to her also on any of the Youth Sporting Program. I would also like to have another person be Co-Program Manager with Dawn this year, if there is anyone interested, please let me know.

For the Government Involvement, Denny Haag from GDV has stepped up to be the Program Manager for this area. Please contact Denny with any questions also. Watch for the information he will be sending out this year.

For the American Cancer Society, I have asked Rebecca Odegaard to be this Program Manager. She is from Lake Preston. We will try to make this a year to remember.

I am still looking for a Program Manager for the Jaycees Against Youth Smoking/Family Talk area. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible. Our goal this year is to reach out to as many kids in our state as possible. Smoking is a big issue and we need to get the information out to kids to help them in the future.

I look forward to serving you this year as a State Vice President of Community Services. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me or send me an email and I will find you the answers you need. My phone numbers are, home: 605-882-2069 cell: 605-881-2592, my email is draethz@iw.net

Hope to see all of you at the Year-End Convention in Watertown on January 26th-28th.

Darcy Raethz
Community VP
South Dakota Jaycees

***** Vice President Lori Rabbitt *****

Happy New Year and Welcome to the start of your 2007-year. Before you can efficiently start anything, you need to plan. Think of what you want to do and how you want to do it. Such is your Jaycee year. We need to start with the Chapter Plan.

What is the chapter plan? The Chapter Plan identifies the strengths and weakness of your chapter. Once you have these identified, then you can better determine the projects and events to help improve your weak areas and emphasis your strengths. In determining your projects for the year, you also want to survey your members, the communities, and review the Chairman Planning Guides (CPG) from the projects run in 2006. This can be very helpful in deciding whether to run a past project again. Was it profitable? Did the membership and the community support it? Did the chairperson recommend running it again? All of these answers should be taken into account when setting up your schedule for the new year. Don't run a project because you have always run it. Sometimes a project needs to be set on a shelf and given some time off. In the same retrospect, if there is a past project that you haven't run in a while but you have a Jaycee excited to run it, give them a chance. Maybe they have an idea that will help that project be a very successful one.

So, you have your year figured out, your board is in place, now it's time to "Work the Plan"! As the Executive Board it is your main task to find the Jaycees to run the projects. Don't do it yourself! This is where the training begins for our members. Work with the Chair people to write the Chairman's Planning Guide and then mentor them throughout the project. Assist don't do. (FYI... Did you know that the Business Plan for Dominos Pizza was a CPG?) As leaders, you need to encourage members to step up to take the lead on these projects. By doing so, you are starting them on the path of bettering their skills to become your chapter's future leaders, in addition to improving themselves for work and their home life.

Ready to GO
Lori Rabbitt
2007 Management VP

State Photographers
Capture the Moment in 2007

State Photographers, Denice Boehmer and David Pond, will be capturing and collecting your Jaycee moments in 2007. We will be taking your pictures at conventions and other events for the South Dakota Jaycee photo album and slide show. As we will not be able to *all* take all the great moments as they happen, we are asking you to send us your great "capture the moments" pictures throughout the year and email them to: dave@gmail.com or daskelly@yahoo.com. We will be seeing you through the lens of a camera in 2007!

Greetings from Angie Collins

Happy New Year from your Region 4 Team!

As the Region Director for what is formerly known as the "southeast", (now called Region 4.). I am looking forward to working with all the fine chapters out there. Not just the chapters in my region, but chapters across the state. I feel it's important that we embrace the brotherhood of our fine organization and work together across the state.

In our region, plans are already under way for the first regional rally in March (exact date is still to be decided). We are also working on some ideas for a fun and friendly competition between all of the other regions. And we are also still taking idea suggestions for our regional mascot, of which we will vote on at our January regional caucus on the 26th.

Members of Region 4 are "Ready to Go Racing for Success" and will be racing around to learn from each other and support our fellow chapters in 2007. Stay tuned for more information to be coming out in our first newsletter in the next couple of weeks.

Angie Collins
Region 4-Region Director

Happy Holidays from

Derek Lochner

Hello and Happy New Year. I am Derek Lochner and I will be the blue chip and parades program manager for this year. I am a member of GDV, have a beautiful wife Sue, 3 kids, 3 dogs, 1 rabbit, and 1 guinea pig. I like to hit my goals and for me to do that I need for you to make your goals so please let me know what I can do to help you.

Hopefully you have your initial action plan and budget in already and are now awaiting information from the state as to what is in the parade, sorry, no information for you yet – that is top secret stuff. We will get this information out to you as soon as possible to give everyone a great chance at having a great year. Remember the blue chip and parade are a guideline to help you put together a business plan for your year, the earlier you plan, the more successful you can be.

You can call me anytime before 9:00 PM (I'm an early riser) or email me at dereksue@att.net.

Sincerely,
Derek Lochner

EXTRA EXTRA!! Get your pics in soon!!

Convention is fast approaching. It's time to get the slide show put together. Show off your chapters, your members, and your projects!! Please forward all 4th quarter pictures to jlrabbitt@iw.net by January 15th.



Thank you,
1st Lady Lori



**Kicking the off the New Year with
Kristie Hackley**

What a way to start the year. New State and local board members, new projects in the works, and new members to be trained. I would like to start by thanking the following chapters for getting their first submission of Blue Chip in: Colton, Mitchell, Colman, Sioux Empire, and Madison. These will come in handy to keep your chapters on track for the rest of the year. Any chapters interested in hosting a East Central Regional Rally please contact me as soon as possible so we can get those planned. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or needs that you or your chapter have. As soon as you have dates for your chapter events also let me know so I can put them on my schedule for possible attendance. I am looking forward to getting the opportunity to meet and talk to many of you in Watertown during our Year End Convention.

Thank you
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*"A Turtle only makes progress when it sticks
it's neck out."*

Introducing Ellen Shaner

Hello again! My name is Ellen Shaner and I will be the Sustaining Membership Program Manager for 2007. I was just going to be Jane Jaycee this year since it is my last full year as a voting member but Lori Rabbitt, our faithful VP, has talked me into doing this for her. Hopefully I can fulfill her plans for this position. I now am in charge of keeping this list of sponsors for all the chapters. Remember the more sustaining members you get, the more things we can accomplish within the chapters. I've been on the state level before as District Director and as CPG Program Manager. I've also been a member for 11 years so my experience speaks for itself. I want to have a great time for my last year in the JCs so let's start off the year on a great course. For some outside JC info on me, I love to read. Also love to sing, am a member of the Siouxland Master Chorale. My big interest is sports, mostly watching them, but also play volleyball, softball, and tennis. The most important sporting interest is anything Iowa Hawkeye. Disappointing that my team came so close to winning the Alamo Bowl against a much more highly ranked Texas team. Hopefully next year will be better. Now I just have to get my basketball team to get better. I will miss the year-end convention since I will be in Orlando with my old bosses. One of them has 3 1/2-year-old twin girls so will be interesting to travel with them and see how I do for a week. Wish me luck!

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Useless, but fun facts

*The King of Hearts is the only king
without a moustache on a standard
playing card.*

It is illegal to drink beer out of a bucket while you are sitting on a curb in St. Louis.

The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

Klinton Finley, loud and proud!

Hello South Dakota Jaycees!

Well first of all I would like to say that I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. There is not much going on in the little town of Sioux Falls L.O.L!!!! For January as we are pretty much just getting started for the new year ahead of us. We are gonna try to set up a social this month but might not happen as things are kinda up in the air right now. Our fist Board and GM meeting will be Thursday Jan 11th Board at 6p and GM at 7pm. I am looking into see about changing the GM meetings to be just once a month as I am finding out from various members that this would work better for them, so we are looking into this and will keep you posted, but as it is set the GMM is twice a month. I am looking forward to my trip to Tulsa in hopes that this Training will bring Brighter Ideas and new Venues for our chapter as well as different aspects to Leadership Training on the local level and Community Involvement. We are still having our year end Celebration and Installation of New Officers on January 13th at the Royal Fork Restaurant at 4pm. This will be a great way to let our Members know how much we appreciate their help through out the year as a discount is in effect for current members and different types of awards will be handed out to members who deserve recognition for their hard work Thank You to Angie for coming up with this idea, When I heard about it I thought it was a great Idea and hope for the years to come we can keep this type of option open to show our chapter how much we appreciate all the hard work they do through out the year. Well that's about it for now so I will close in saying hope to see you all at year end Convention In Watertown and be looking for information soon about Year End National Convention in ST Louis soon.
Thank You

When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.

Crossing the Bridge to Success
Klinton Finley
73rd Sioux Falls Jaycees President 2007

Helping Hands Award Reminder...

South Dakota Jaycees,

"In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us." Flora Edwards

Who has impacted you this year? Who has gone out of their way to help you out? How gave you that shoulder to lean on and that ear to listen? Show them you appreciate what they have done for you! Take the opportunity to say "Thank you" in a special way. Give a fellow Jaycee a Helping Hands Award.

It is simple... anyone can nominate another Jaycee for this award! All you have to do is send me an email as to what this individual has done to help you out (please keep to less than a page). I will take care of the rest! Simple huh?

I know there are a lot of Jaycees out there helping to Get R Done!!! Let them know you value their friendship by presenting them with a Helping Hands Award.

Deadline - 1/15/07

Lori Rabbitt
1st Lady South Dakota Jaycees
jlrabbitt@iw.net

Roadrunner deadline for February 2007 edition will be January 25th.

Please submit articles to Emily Voelker
coolvoelker@hotmail.com

Hello from Madison Jaycees!

Hey Jaycees!! It's Madison Loud and Proud!! We are going to be hosting state Hot Shots on February 24th, 2007. We are going to be taking pictures of the children that their parents can buy. We are also going to be having concessions for everyone to enjoy. If there is anyone who can help out with this very exciting event we need all the help we can get. Make plans to help out and let me know. A couple other things we have going on in our chapter are local Hot Shots on January 13th, 2007 along with a dart tournament on that day. For the dart tournament, registration will start at 11:30am and let the games begin at 12:30pm. It is \$10 per person, draw partners, cash and prizes for the winners. Hope to see you all there!!

**Madison Local President,
Hazel Shuck**



Sparkling Words from Sheila M. Toering

Oooh. Ahh. Hehe. Those are the sounds you usually hear while watching the slide show at convention. This year, I am in charge of making sure those sounds continue. My suggestion is that once you finish a project, write it into your CPG to email your photos to smtoring@hotmail.com right away. I will accept pictures all year round, but will send out reminders over the yahoogroups for an actual deadline. Please feel free to let me know any additional ideas you have for slide shows. You can contact me at the above email address of 366-4402. I look forward to seeing you all at convention!

Sheila M. Toering
Convention Slide Show Program Manager



**Happy New Year South
Dakota Jaycees!!!**

I'm Marti Titze, District Director for Region 4. I will be teaming with the chapters of Harrisburg, Greater Dakota Valley and Vermillion this year and will be "*Empowering the Posse*" throughout the next 12 months. I am very excited to be starting this new journey and am confident my "will mentor" vs. "will dictate" style will bring the posse home in 2007!!! My family is also very excited to be a part of the 2007 Jaycee year – so, along with my husband Alan and children Andrew, Nick, Noah and Mashailah, let's mount up and hit the trail!!!

In Jaycees!!

Marti ~

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Monthly Challenges

(Each month you will have 3 or 4 choices if you choose to take advantage of the monthly challenges. Your chapter may commit and accomplish any 2 choices in a given month. These choices *must be* turned in on the monthly local president's report or they will not be counted.)

January

- 10 pts – Start a New Chapter (must be completed in January 2007)
- 7 pts – Commit to rehab an existing chapter (must be approved by President Lester and rehabbed chapter must complete Red Chip by April 2007—or else points are forfeited)
- 5 pts – Have a chapter social (must provide sign in sheet, have 25% of chapter members present, and have 10% of January base as potential new members – EXAMPLE: chapter of 20 members would need to have 5 members present at the social and would need to have 2 potential new members present)
- 3 pts – Have 2 local members (non 2006 or 2007 state or national officers) present during the Board of Director's meeting in Watertown at the 2006 Year End Convention

February

- 10 pts – Complete and Submit a candidate for TOYSD by February 28
- 7 pts – Start a New Chapter (must be completed in February 2007)
- 5 pts – Commit to rehab an existing chapter (must be approved by President Lester and rehabbed chapter must complete Red Chip by May 2007—or else points are forfeited)
- 3 pts – Have 2 local members (non 2007 state or national officers) present and helping at the State HotShots Competition in Madison on February 24

March

- 10 pts –
- 7 pts –
- 5 pts –
- 3 pts –

JAYCEE JEOPARDY

From the US Junior Chamber 2006 Awards Manual

Here is some information on the Jaycee Jeopardy competition that will be held at two of the conventions during the year. (July & Year-End convention) Remember the winner of this competition gets to compete at the National Competition held twice each year the (Year-End Meeting and Annual Meeting).

Jaycee Jeopardy is a question-and-answer contest dealing mainly with the history of the Junior Chamber organization, its officers, goals, and activities. The National Competition is held twice each year to determine the most outstanding historians in the Junior Chamber for that year. Sources of information may include: The Jaycee Book, Jaycees Magazine, A Legacy of Leadership (the 75th anniversary history book), Annual Meeting, National Programs, and TOYA. Finalists are selected from all contestants and from the finalist round, up to five winners will be selected.

Judging Procedure

The contestants will be judged on the number of correct answers given. For the preliminary round, a questionnaire will be given to all contestants at the beginning of the competition. Each contestant will have 30 minutes to answer the questions. The “finalists” competition is an oral round, “Jeopardy” style. Spectators are not allowed during the written test portion of the competition, but are encouraged to watch the final round.

This is one of the easiest competitions you can compete in. Please try to see what knowledge you know about jaycee jeopardy in your state and nation. What do you have to lose!!! It can be really fun, especially if you win!!!

For more information on participating in the Jaycee Jeopardy, contact Jolene Jungwirth your 2006 Jaycee Jeopardy Program Manger @ 472-3384 or jungwjoe@yahoo.com. Looking forward to all the contestants competing in the year-end Jaycee Jeopardy competition.

**SOUTH DAKOTA JAYCEES
YEAR-END CONVENTION
WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA
JANUARY 26-28, 2007**

	Early Received before January 5, 2007	Late & On-Site January 6, 2007 and after
<u>A. Partial Registration</u>	\$30.00	\$35.00
<u>B. Lunch Only</u>	\$20.00	\$25.00
<u>C. Banquet Only</u>	\$30.00	\$35.00
<u>A. & B.</u>	\$50.00	\$55.00
<u>A. & C.</u>	\$60.00	\$65.00
<u>FULL REGISTRATION</u>	\$55.00	\$60.00
<u>JCI Senator Registration</u>	\$20.00	\$25.00

Please check the box you will be registering for. Please use one registration sheet for each person registering.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Chapter _____

E-Mail Address _____

Chapter Position _____

(Yes/No) First Convention? _____

Registrations must be postmarked by January 5, 2007 in order to receive the early rates. Checks are made payable to the Watertown Jaycees. Registrations are non-refundable, but can be transferred to another individual.

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Room rate \$70.00 plus tax per room per night

South Dakota Jaycees group block

Rooms must be reserved by December 26, 2006

Room cancellations must be done 72 hours before arrival

Check in @ 3p.m. Check out @ Noon

Send registrations to: Watertown Jaycees
P.O. Box 284
Watertown, SD 57201

Any questions e-mail: watertownsdjaycees@yahoo.com