

2008 Gateway Region Jaycees Weekly  
e-mail/Electronic Newsletter  
"Gateway Region...Gone Wild!"  
June 18, 2008

**Chapter Presidents/Members: Send my your project dates and info to be included in the weekly e-mail. If I don't have it, I can't send it out.**

**All, since we have very few items for the Calendar of Current Events, I'm going to try something different this week and send out a few items from the RD, Management VP, Web Mistress, and Membership VP with information they have provided. Sort of a short Gateway Newsletter:**

**Let's start with:**

**RD, Sharon Forrest ---**

Gateway Jaycees,

Wow, we've had so much going on in the last few weeks, I am inspired to write and fill you all in.

It started a few weeks ago with Bethalto Country Fair. They had a little rain but all in all were a success and I learned the difference between "river" fish and "fish" fish. Both are delicious. We got to debut our new Relay for Life banner, which looks fabulous. Let me know if you need it for an event.

The next week really went crazy. We had tons of projects and the national President, Denice O'Neil and state president, Tanya Lee were in town. This was huge, which was why we started in Breese. After a rain out in Springfield, the presidents and their entourage were looking for something to do and of course, it is always sunny in the Gateway. After a few quick phone calls, we threw together lunch at Wally's, a drink (or two) at Turf, and a visit to the Breese Jaycees concession stand. There was utter shock by both presidents over the fact we ordered 5 Snoot Shooters, 3 beers, and 2 sodas at Turf and the bill was only \$22.50. We then went to the concession stand for a little meet and great with the Breese Jaycees.

After Breese, we headed to Highland for the Schweitzerfest where the presidents, Scott Rayho and myself got to ride in the parade, truly one of my highlights for the year. I turned all guests over to the local chapter after that because I had beer tickets to sell. Thanks go out to the Highland Jaycees for letting the region man the beer ticket booth as a fundraiser. Thanks Donnie, Linda, Julie, Colin, Annie, Tab, John, Scott, and Vanessa for giving us a hand. Jef and I couldn't have done it without you.

The next day we headed to Good Old Days with the New Baden Jaycees for breakfast. It was delicious, the New Baden crew debuted their awesome new t-shirts, and all had a good time. After that, we were off to the Horseradish Festival to visit the Collinsville Jaycees. Note...to get on national president, Denice O' Neil's good side, bring a puppy. Max, Joe Rick's adorable new chocolate lab puppy, was the hit of the day and it's amazing he didn't go back to Tennessee with President Denice.

Speaking of President Denice, she is truly one of the nicest, most down to earth national presidents I have ever met. If you missed her, hopefully you will get the opportunity to meet her someday. Special thanks to Diane and Pete for letting her stay at their place. Again, with a few dogs, she felt right at home. As we were driving to the airport, she kept commenting what a great time she had and the huge number of Gateway Jaycees she got to meet.

I'm not done yet. We still had one more festival weekend in June. Who could forget the Alhambra Homecoming or the June Jamboree? I started and eventually ended in Alhambra thanks to them letting us run the Big 6 Wheel. That project is as easy as pie, like shooting fish in a barrel and like taking money from Shriners (Thanks to the Highland Girls!). Thanks to Jenn Jakel for organizing the workers and to Kristin, Jennifer, Linda, Diane, Pete, Fritz, Julie and Joel for working the booth. We raised \$939.75 in just two nights!

I can't mention Alhambra though without mentioning the food stand. That thing is run with military precision and the food was delicious. Also, well run was the New Baden food stand. I had the best time frying burgers. I think I was has too much fun though, because they booted me off to take food orders. Fine, but their food was also delicious. How I did not gain 10 pound from all the delicious grub this weekend is beyond me. I probably sweat it off frying those burgers and dancing while frying burgers. Told you I was having too much fun.

I am seriously ready for a break, at least until the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. What the heck is going on with your chapter that weekend? Let me know! I've only heard of a few events so get me up to speed with a phone call at 910-2974.

See you around the region!

Sharon Forrest

## **Next up:**

### **Management VP – Jenn Jakel**

Hello Gateway Jaycees,

It has been a busy start for 2008! As Management V.P. for the Gateway Region, one of my main focuses will be making sure every chapter is getting their paperwork turned in to both the Region and State. I will also be handling the calculation of Parade of Chapter (POC) Points. Throughout the year we normally have a pretty tight race between chapters for POC points and I am not looking for this year to be any different. I will start traveling to all the chapters to speak about the importance of paperwork, mainly the Chairman's Planning Guide (CPG). I will also be holding a CPG Writing Session (date to be determined) for anyone to attend. At this session, we will discuss the CPG in greater detail and write a few up! This will be a great opportunity to get help with writing CPG's and to get input from other chapters on how your CPG's stack up. Most chapters have ran at least one project by now so we all have CPG's to be completed! CPG's can now be submitted to the State electronically by e-mailing [submitcpg@iljaycees.org](mailto:submitcpg@iljaycees.org). Please remember that you have 60 days from the date of your project to submit a CPG. And finally, the Gateway Region will be running the Big Six Wheel at Alhambra Homecoming again this year and will be looking for individuals to work. If you are interested please contact me at [jenn1313@hotmail.com](mailto:jenn1313@hotmail.com). If you have any ideas for region fundraisers I would love to hear them!

Jennifer Jakel  
Gateway Region Management V.P.

**Next, the one and only:**

**Membership VP – Linda “Fee Fee” Feldt –**

Hello Gateway Region,

It is time to get started with a New Year in Membership. How do we get started? Well, let's look at each month by it's self. See which months are good for a membership drive. What is a membership drive? Well, this is where the chapter holds a project where they invite prospects new members to have fun. Take the membership bowling, game night, or a night on the town and ask them to bring a friend. Place an article in the paper letting everyone in town know you are having a membership drive. Remember your chapter is the best chapter in the whole state. Put your best foot forward by reminding the community what you have to offer like a place to network for young people between 21 and 40. In the article in the paper let them know what project you have ran or will be running this year. Get as much in this article that tells the community WHO the chapter is and what you have to offer. Remember that Individual Development is there to help you out here. Invite someone to talk about investment, how to buy a house or where to go on vacation to add some fun to the chapter meeting. What about a Wii or guitar hero tournament?

Do you know what the “Power of 10” is? President Tanya Lee is asking every chapter to grow by 10 by the end of the year. I know you are asking how can we achieve this goal for the year. Take a hard look at your membership. Membership is not a bad word it is where new ideas come from, where the extra worker to get the job done comes from and it is where your next friend comes from. Where do we find new members? Well, look at it like this have you asked a firefighter, policeman, lawyer, teacher, doctor, nurse, co-worker, plumber, sectary, construction worker, or banker. You have to ask a new person to attend a meeting or project. We need to just ask. Don't worry if you get told no. It's not a big deal. NO can't hurt you, it can only make you stronger. Don't give up Go Wild. Ask till it hurts. We can do it.

Now one last thing to talk about getting your membership renewals in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to the state. This will give you the heads up you need. We are ready send in the membership a month early but this reduce the RD call you on close out night. Send out a membership dues letter and then follow up with a phone call asking the member how it is going, what's new and what can the Jaycees do to get them more active.

POC points for the 1<sup>ST</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

Get your Membership due into the state by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month - 150 poc points.

Run a membership drive and invite the RD or Me the Membership VP - 150 poc points.

Grow by one for the month - 150 poc points.

Thanks,

Linda “Fee Fee” Feldt

2008 Membership Vice President for the Gateway Region

**And we must not forget after all she keeps that website up and running:**

**Web Mistress – Diane Rakers --**

Hello Gateway Jaycees,

Have you ever been out the Gateway Web Page? [www.gatewayjaycees.org](http://www.gatewayjaycees.org) I try really hard to keep this updated with the latest and greatest information. You can find email addresses, phone numbers, calendars, pictures, paperwork help, newsletters and the list goes on. I hope all of you will take some time this month to take a look and make some suggestions to me. What do you like or what would you like to see. I'm always looking for pictures, newsletters, CPG, fliers to update the page with.

Also this year we have set up a new group to receive weekly emails from. If you are not receiving these emails from Secretary / Treasurer Sandy Sweet you have not signed up for them. One the web page in the middle of the page there is a place to request to join this group. You type in your email address in and submit it. Sandy or myself will probably have to approve it and then you will be members. We are doing this to fix a lot of problems with the old way of send emails. So why not participate?

Other than that if I can help you in any way this year please feel free to contact me. I'm partial to paperwork and seeing GATEWAY chapters come home with the awards they deserve. I've also been known to work a project or two. So please contact me if I can help you out this year.

Diane Rakers  
Your Web Mistress  
[webmaster@gatewayjaycees.org](mailto:webmaster@gatewayjaycees.org)

### **CALENDAR OF CURRENT EVENTS...Gateway Region:**

Unless otherwise stated...call or e-mail chapter member for details.

#### **June 20<sup>th</sup> – Collinsville Jaycees Happy Hour**

Meet at Friday's South in Downtown Collinsville at 5pm – 8 pm(????)

#### **WEEKLY E-MAIL INPUTS:**

Don't Forget, to ensure your events are included in future e-mail updates, please be sure to forward your chapter events to Gateway Region Secretary Sandy Sweet ([ssweet@collinsvillejaycees.org](mailto:ssweet@collinsvillejaycees.org)) and "cc" RD Sharon ([jc\\_carmella@yahoo.com](mailto:jc_carmella@yahoo.com)).

**Reminder: Individual Awards are due each month by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Send to all of the following: (you can send your cpg's to the following also as soon as completed (all due by August 31st.)**

**Jen Jakel [jenn1313@hotmail.com](mailto:jenn1313@hotmail.com)**

**Tricia Buehne [tricia@papadocs.com](mailto:tricia@papadocs.com)**

**Sharon Forrest [jc\\_carmella@yahoo.com](mailto:jc_carmella@yahoo.com)**

**Sandy Sweet [ssweet@collinsvillejaycees.org](mailto:ssweet@collinsvillejaycees.org)**

## Chapter Meeting Schedule

### 1<sup>st</sup> Week:

#### Monday:

New Baden 7:30 PM; New Baden American Legion

#### Tuesday:

Collinsville 7:30PM; Collinsville Jaycee Hall

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Week:

#### Sunday:

Alhambra 7:00PM; Alhambra Jaycee Hall

#### Monday:

Alton/Godfrey 7:30PM; Alton Sports Tap (Call 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Breese 7:00PM; Breese American Legion

#### Tuesday:

Bethalto 7:30PM; Cottage Hill VFW

#### Wednesday:

Highland 7:30PM; Highland American Legion

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Week

#### Monday:

New Baden 7:30 PM; New Baden American Legion

#### Wednesday:

Collinsville 7:30PM; Collinsville Jaycee Hall

#### Thursday:

Greenville 7:30PM; Greenville VFW (Call 1<sup>st</sup>)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week

#### Sunday:

Alhambra 7:00 PM Alhambra Jaycee Hall  
Albers 5:00PM; Albers Jaycee Hall (Last Sunday of the Month Call 1st)

#### Monday:

Breese 7:00PM; Breese American Legion

### **GATEWAY REGION WEBSITE INFO** – [www.gatewayjaycees.org](http://www.gatewayjaycees.org)

The Web mistress had added quite a few new items to the site. Check out the Paperwork info link. All you wanted to know about where to send your paperwork. Invite your members to join the weekly e-mail list by clicking on the Yahoo group icon on the main page of the site. Newsletters and cpg's are welcome additions, sent these to your web mistress.

## **ILLINOIS JAYCEES WEBSITE**

Gateway Jaycees check out the totally revamped Illinois Jaycees website at [www.iljaycees.org](http://www.iljaycees.org)

## **ILLINOIS JAYCEES STATE PRESIDENT VISITS**

If you want to invite President Tanya to your functions please send a request by email to Personal Presidential Assistant Roxy Baker at [roxy@insightbb.com](mailto:roxy@insightbb.com).

Region and Local Officers – We will be asked you all to advise Krista Snider – State PA – Calendar Girl of your events this year. All State officers will have access to the calendar online and Krista will be updating this daily. This will be the place to go when looking for something to do when we have free time! If you have an event that you are really wanting staff to attend please state this in your email to Krista and if there is someone specific please list this as well. Please send all information to Krista at [snider97@gmail.com](mailto:snider97@gmail.com).

Lynne Stasiak  
Community State Chair 2008

# Relay For Life Banners

Monday, 12 May 2008



At the GA a couple of weeks ago President Tanya revealed our NEW Relay for Life Banners displaying the Jaycees Logo. These banners are available for each chapter to display during their participation of a Relay for Life event. This can be a fundraiser, team meeting, and the event itself.

Each Region Director was given a banner so please contact them to arrange the use of the banner. Region Directors if you are needing additional banners because of multiple events please let me know and we will try to get you taken care of.

State of IL please take advantage of these banners because you want you to be as proud of our sponsorship of Relay for Life as we are.

Have a great week and lets get ready to RELAY.

In Jaycees,  
[Heather Winemiller](#)

2008 National Programs/Government Involvement State Chair