

SSP Jaycees in ACTION

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South St. Paul
Jaycees
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Creed:

We believe...

- ❖ That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
- ❖ That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;
- ❖ That economic justice can best be won by free men, through free enterprise;
- ❖ That government should be of laws rather than of men;
- ❖ That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;
- ❖ **And that service to humanity is the best work of life.**

Our Mission:

We are a nonprofit organization committed to the growth and development of our members to become the next generation of leaders within the community. Our members are thoroughly engaged and connected to the community through active involvement and volunteerism.

YOUR VOICE – YOUR VOTE:



Board elections will be taking place in October during our general membership meeting.

Be sure to read some of the up-and-coming candidates who are eager to serve you in the year 2016. Make your voice heard by attending this all-important meeting and voting for who you would like to see in office. Be heard!

MEETINGS:

Board of Directors:

- September 4, 2015
Central Square– 6:30 pm
- October 1, 2015
Location TBA– 6:30 pm

Members Meetings:

- September 17, 2015
Croation Hall – SSP
7:00 PM
- October 8, 2015
Croation Hall – SSP
7:00 PM

SOCIALS:

Chapter Socials:

- Taco Tuesday
9/22/15
- TBD
10/22/15

**see 'Socials' on page 3
For more details*

EVENTS:

Events:

- Fall Convention
Sept. 11 - 13
See pages 4-7
- Socials
- Heritage Month
See pages 10-11
- Elections
- TOYM

Lunch Etiquette & Convention:



The SSP Jaycees recently hosted an 'Everything Convention' ID College at the Clarion Hotel. We learned everything there is to know about going into a convention. Fall All State is September 11-13. You still have time and there is room for our members to register to attend.

Take what you've learned and put it to the test...

Rules of Etiquette for Your Next Business Lunch

Before the Meal

- Shake hands with all present at the table, if necessary, introduce yourself. Concentrate on remembering your host/hostess name
- Remain standing until the hosts sits
- Place your napkin on your lap after everyone is seated and after your host has moved his/her napkin
- Sit up straight and don't tip your chair back
- Don't ask the waiter to explain everything on the menu; you will annoy others and appear indecisive
- Let the host take the lead when ordering; this will give you an idea of what to eat. If they order an appetizer, order one. If the host isn't first in line to order, then ask for his/ her recommendation
- Order food that are easy to eat such as chicken, fish or salads. Avoid sloppy hard to eat foods like spaghetti or ribs
- Don't order the most expensive item on the menu and don't order any unfamiliar food
- Don't drink alcohol; if you choose to drink, limit it to one beer or glass of wine. Ordering ice tea is dignified and won't raise the risk of you babbling about last weekend's part

- **Submitted By: Annie R.**

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MN- Joel Blom

South St. Paul- Noah Gordon

SOCIALS:



Taco Tuesday!

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

6:30 p.m.

T.C. Taco

Join good friends – while dining out. T.C. Taco is a local family owned restaurant. They are using the freshest ingredients and are looking to become a neighborhood favorite.



To Be Announced

Thursday, October 22, 2015 TBD – Location: TBD, MN

We remember . . .



'Sponsor a Jaycee' nominations:



We are seeking nominations for our 'Sponsor a Jaycee' project. nominate a deserving candidate for sponsorship.

Due to the ongoing nature of this project we will continue to make the nomination form available via our newsletter (page 13) and other sources. Contact the project coordinator, Tiffah with any questions you may have at: Tiffah07@yahoo.com

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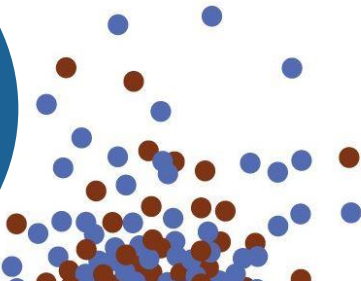
Happy Birthday to our members
celebrating in September:

- Annie R.
- Juliette F.



Welcome New &
Renewing Members:

Kimberly W.
Dual Member - Rachel K.



Leadership Development

Networking, Training and
Member Recognition

Fall Convention



Conventions are a time when Jaycees across the state gather, network, learn, share ideas, and celebrate accomplishments of the year to date. They offer a time to recharge

your battery as a volunteer and gain strength from the energy of those around – people facing the same challenges and exciting opportunities. In addition to individual development competitions, training, and awards, there will be many opportunities for chapters to share ideas about their most effective projects with the biggest impacts.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO
ATTEND FALL CONVENTION!

2015 FALL Convention
September 11-13:
Bigwood Event Center –
Fergus Falls, MN

<http://mnjaycees.org/conventions/>

MINNESOTA JAYCEES FALL ALL STATE CONVENTION

The MN Jaycees run many great events through the year. They try to run social events along with trainings. Conventions cover both of these areas. These conventions are a great time to gather, network, learn, share ideas, and celebrate accomplishments of the year to date. They offer a time to recharge your battery as a volunteer and gain strength from the energy of those around – people facing the same challenges and exciting opportunities. In addition to individual development competitions, training, and awards, there will be many opportunities for chapters to share ideas about their most effective projects with the biggest impacts. Conventions are held three times each year: January, May, and September. I love going to conventions, some of my favorite members of the MN Jaycees go to conventions.

The upcoming MN Jaycees convention is Fall Convention. Fall All State (or FAS) will be September 11-13 at the Bigwood Event Center in Fergus Falls, MN. Registration cost \$75.00 for early registration (registration postmarked before June 30) and can cost up to \$95.00 (after August 31st). If you are thinking of going to convention, register sooner than later. Our chapter pays for our President and our State Delegate to go to convention (they vote at the state Board of Directors meeting). Fall is when the MN Jaycees hold their elections for the upcoming year, if you come, you will vote on our incoming President and Vice Presidents.

What happens at Conventions? Many new members to the MN Jaycees wonder- what happens at Convention? What will be expected of me? President Alicia can speak with you about going to convention and what we do as a chapter, here is a schedule of events from the state.

Friday-

First Timers- First time at convention? Learn who is who, why and everything there is to know.

Awards- Celebrate our chapter and individual growth and achievements.

Network with other MN Jaycees, Business Owners

Showcase- Jaycee members that own small business or home based business will show our members what they have to sell (usually at a very great price). Have fun while socializing with fellow Jaycees.

Saturday-

Board of Directors Meeting- the business end of the MN Jaycees. See what changes we have coming up as an organization.

Competitions- Speak Up, Write Up, Debate, Jeopardy. We have an amazing team of leaders and speakers, our members could win GOLD at each of these competitions. We can bring the best Debate Team. President Alicia just debated with other chapters in the metro area at Spring All State. Can our members beat her team?

Speak Up- our Membership VP, Gwen just did Speak Up at Spring All State. Who else is going to step up to show their public speaking skills? **Write Up-** Sit in a room with other MN Jaycees and write a paper. The topic is given at convention. Can you think on your feet? Can you help us win GOLD in every area?

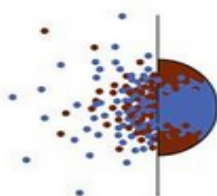
Trainings- the MN Jaycees work hard to bring some of the best trainings to our conventions. Do you have an idea for a training? Can you share your expertise and give a training? They are always looking for fun, new trainings to give.

Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans Formal Dinner (wear your best to impress) The TOYM is the most prestigious award given out by the MN Jaycees. TOYM honorees are moving to make changes in their community. They are amazing volunteers who have set up their own nonprofits. They are working hard and making a stand. TOYM winners are moved up to Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA). That prestigious award is given out by the United States Jaycees. And a dance brought to you by Dean-O-Mite Entertainment. The theme for FAS is Oktoberfest. We dress up as a chapter. Awards are given out for the best dressed.

Sunday-

Wake up and attend Hour of Power. This energetic and motivating hour of the best speakers is a great way to end a Jaycee weekend. This always recharges my Jaycee battery.

Let President Alicia or MN Jaycees Conventions PM, Heather Heim know if you are thinking of going to FAS. You will have a great time getting to know the SSP Jaycees, and the MN Jaycees. We usually drive up together and share a room- so you will save on the cost. It is better to register as soon as you can- to save money. - Submitted by Annie R.



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2015 FALL ALL STATE CONVENTION **September 11-13, 2015** **Bigwood Event Center, Fergus Falls, MN**

Summer may be here, but fall will soon be near and that means it is time to register for Fall All State Convention & Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans.

Registration is now OPEN! There are two easy options to register:

- 1) Eventbrite: <http://tinyurl.com/nj5dsrb>
- 2) Paper Form: <http://tinyurl.com/nsw566q>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- If you register for the EARLY registration, your registration must be paid in full by June 30, 2015 - no exceptions.
- Members who will be voting delegates for the presidential election must be registered with one of the following: full, lunch only or dinner only.
- If you are bringing your child to convention and you want them to enjoy kids activities, you must register and pay for your child in advance. We may not be able to accommodate children who are registered on site.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Bigwood Event Center
925 Western Avenue
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
218-739-2211

Standard Room Rate = \$106.99 + tax

Ask for the MN Jaycees Convention rate. All rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card. Room rate and block expire on August 11, 2015.

Check In = 3pm / Check Out = 12:00pm

HOSPITALITY ROOMS

Chapters, Regions and support organizations are responsible for booking their own hospitality rooms and be sure to ask for our group rate. If you wish to have beds removed, there may be an additional fee assessed by the hotel. You are responsible for requesting tables and chairs for your rooms.

JUNIOR JAYCEE REGISTRATION

Once again we are offering Jaycee Youth (JCY) programming and registration options for convention. Junior Jaycees will participate in their own competitions, attend trainings tailored to their needs, and join the Jaycees for lunch and dinner.

KIDS ACTIVITIES

No babysitter? Bring them along and register them for Kids Convention. A full day of activities on Saturday with lunch and dinner included. Kids Convention PM Kali Trinkner is an experienced child care provider. Cost is \$15 per child.

Questions? Please contact Convention PM Heather Heim @ conventions@mnjaycees.org

LOOKING TO STAND OUT?
JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



What has changed in your life in the last eight years? What about in the community of South Saint Paul? How about in the South Saint Paul Jaycees? On November 1, 2015, the South Saint Paul Jaycees will have been an active chapter for eight years. We are not the same chapter that we were eight years ago. Because of this, we need to start looking at, thinking in, and doing things with fresh perspective. I am not talking about a “complete overhaul” of the chapter, I am talking about building from the foundation and strengthening our chapter while increasing our impact within our community. Being the Vice-President of Membership for the past year, I have learned a lot about all of us. Some of the things that I learned is that our members have a great deal of passion and talent. Our South Saint Paul Jaycees chapter Members are extremely likable and fun. In the next year, we can strengthen these attributes and leverage them to make a difference. I, Gwen Labovitch, am running for president of the South Saint Paul Jaycees for the year of 2016 - because I want to make a difference and I know the South Saint Paul Jaycees can and will make a difference.

In 2016, we can make a difference in our own lives, in the lives of other Jaycees, and in the community as well as areas surrounding the city of South Saint Paul. Although sometimes as Jaycees (because we focus on the impact we make in the community), we forget the impact and the difference the Jaycees makes in our own lives. This summer I attended a funeral. At this funeral, although it had been decades since this person had been a Jaycee, there were touching stories told about how his experience in this organization affected the rest of his life.

This organization can make a difference in our lives. Next year, one of the goals will be,

matter the size of the project) will chair a project. Through chairing a project, each one of us will learn more about who we are including our passions, skills, and so on, and will help us all step out into the leadership role. Another goal is that we all try something new and different within our own lives. We need to try new things that get us out of our comfort zone and do something that we never wanted to do that scares us, which may be doing a competition at a state convention or pouring beer at a festival. Through trying something new, as well as stepping out into a leadership role, we will start to grow and strengthen ourselves – and that will make a significant difference in our own lives.

Also, next year, we can make a difference in the lives of each other. Our friendship in this chapter have become strong in 2015. Largely due to our monthly social, we are no longer strangers and we truly do love the members of our chapter. We have cried, laughed, and yelled at each other, and have become like family. However, next year, I want to take this a step farther and work towards building our teamwork and partnership skills. I want us to add a service aspect to our meetings and socials that might include packing food for Second Harvest or making cards and cookies for people in nursing homes. I, also, want us to do our projects as a team and learn how to work together under the leadership of the chairperson. If elected President, my hope is to have a strong board that will have fierce discussions about goals and projects and work together to create a strong chapter. If elected, I will be meeting with, encouraging, leading, and supporting my board to make a difference in these areas.

Continued....

MAKE A DIFFERENCE – *CONT'D*

Also, when I say we can make a difference in the lives of “each other”, I mean our chapter members but also in the lives of the Minnesota Jaycees. We all live in the state of Minnesota and what happens in Fergus Falls or Austin effects us. We need to lead by example, and start to help and encourage other Jaycees through our own commitment and passion. We have walked in the top ten all year in 2015, but this year, I endeavor to see our chapter walk in the top five. We will do this, not only to because of our commitment in being an excellent chapter, but because, in our example and by becoming a strong chapter where we depend on one another, we will make a difference.

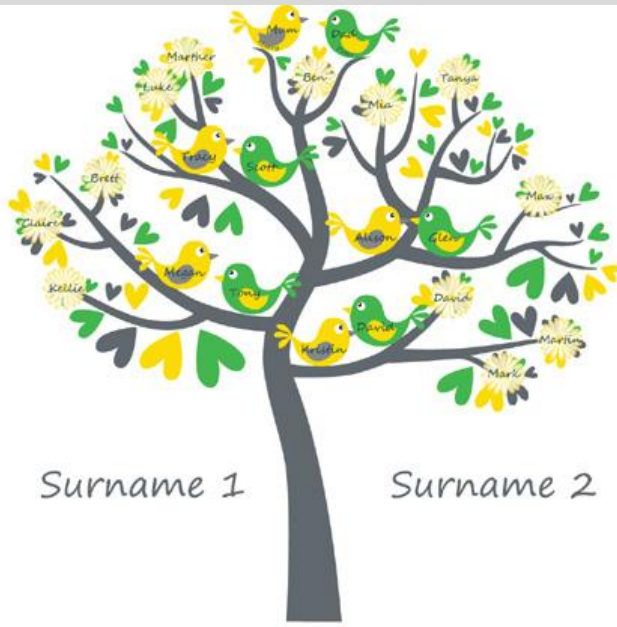
Next year in 2016, we will make a difference in South Saint Paul and surrounding areas. This has been our strongest achievement in 2015 that we have rebuilt bonds in the community and have ran some great community projects. We have been known and have been seen as an excellent organization this year. Next year, I want us to think about what we are accomplishing in the community, and how we can accomplish these purposes in a more effective way. In 2016, I want us to set goals and to reevaluate our projects based on what we want to accomplish. I want us to take our passions to see positive change and run projects to make that change in our community. There are so many things that need to be addressed in our community, and we will look at those needs and focus on projects that help to make a positive impact. By revaluating our projects to fit our overall goals, we will make the projects and the Jaycees more effective. Also, we will be more focused in our projects. If we do a few things very well, we will be more effective then in doing lots of things. We need to stop thinking about how much

expanding our projects and doing less to do better, we will make a difference in our community.

We can make a difference in 2016 that will last for years to come in the South Saint Paul Jaycees. In this first, if elected President, we will focus on long-term planning and how we will make a difference for many years. The first I-phone came out in 2007 (which is the same year that the South Saint Paul Jaycees became a chapter), and this cell phone has gone through a lot of changes from outside colors to complex operating system. There were actually a lot of phones that sold more in 2007, and most of these phones no longer exist while the I-phone is still one of the most popular phones in the world. This is because the I-phone, with every version and every year, changed and improved itself. The same needs to be said about the South Saint Paul Jaycees. With every year, we need to be building on the last year, and keep reworking—adding and subtracting—to keep making a difference. This is why I want to be 2016 South Saint Paul Jaycee President is to make a difference in this year and for many years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration of me for President. – Sincerely Yours, Gwen L.

OCTOBER IS HERITAGE MONTH



Surname 1

Surname 2

*Family is like music,
some high notes, some low notes,
but always a beautiful song.*

The SSP Jaycees will be celebrating our individual history in October. Learn more about who you are, hear some of your family's stories. Join the Jaycees as we learn more about who we are. Fill out the Jaycee Genealogy Information sheet on the next page and email it to lougoossens@gmail.com. The more you can share, the more LouAnn can dig up and find

about you. For example: President Alicia knows she is cousins to Shirley Temple. When she shares this with genealogist LouAnn, Lou can spend more time looking up other fun facts - and not spend the time confirming if this is true, and finding the lines to show it.

Lou has been looking up families for over 20 years, she has run a 'Know you History' program for different organizations, including the local PEO (a ladies only club in South St. Paul). Lou has history in South St. Paul, has helped contribute information for many local history books. She is excited to help the South St. Paul Jaycees learn more about their history. We are excited to see how many different parts of the globe we represent.

**FAMILY IS LIKE *music*, SOME HIGH NOTES, SOME
LOW NOTES, BUT ALWAYS A *beautiful song*.**

The following information should be submitted to LouAnn, at the email stated on page 8.

Genealogy research – the more information available, the more actual facts that may be researched and found.

Your name and parent's names:

Generally the search starts with:

First and middle
names: _____

Last name:

Place your ancestor might have lived:

Approximate birth
year: _____

Additional information is good.

Add a family member's name –

Father:

Mother:

Spouse:

Any other facts like birthdate, marriage date or death date or if they lived in another state.

And your email, in case I need to clarify a fact or person.

Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans: Nominee & Recipient



The Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans (TOYM) program is Minnesota's only statewide recognition program for outstanding young leaders between the ages of 18-40 who have devoted themselves to improving their community. The South Saint Paul Jaycees are proud to have nominated one of the amazing recipients for this year's award.

Cheese Ball Chick

Molly Sandborn, an inspirational speaker, brings joy to the world one cheese ball at a time. She carries her cheese ball pack with her everywhere she goes. She is a great leader and the South St. Paul Jaycees' nomination for a Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotan.

It was the spring of 2008 and Molly was returning to Minneapolis after speaking at a conference in Virginia. While there, she was coaxed into bringing home some cheese balls to her three nephews. As she carried the cheese ball container through the airport, she noticed the growing smiles around her. It was as though everyone she

passed was motivated to smile at her and her container of cheese balls. The flight attendant on her flight home announced 'snacks would be provided by "The Cheese Ball Lady in Isle 9D"'. Molly was willing to share her treat, but no one was willing to reach their hand into the open container. As she made friends her whole trip home she realized, 'these cheese balls were slowly bringing the world together. She thought, why not carry them with her? Why not use them as a way to change people's lives everywhere she went? She realized she was going to bring the world joy one cheese ball at a time.

The first step in bringing joy to people everywhere she went was to create a duct tape harness. Once she had that set up, she could wear it out in public. It made people laugh, people came up to her to start conversations about it. Everyone loved it, but no one wanted to take a cheese ball out of it. So her next step was to design a sanitary dispensing system. For this job she enlisted the help of her brothers, Andy and Jim, and an innocent bystander employed at Home Depot. The four of them had no idea what they were getting into. Now they have a song dedicated to them.

Molly started bringing cheese balls with her everywhere she goes as a way to make people feel valuable. She wants to share her happiness with everyone around her. She has brought cheese balls with her since March of 2008. They really do go everywhere with her, to work as a full-time speaker for youth. Her cheese balls make a great connecting point and are a conversation starter for what she does. She has also worn her cheese pack motorcycling, downhill skiing, rollerblading, roller skating, zip lining, swimming, on her first date (to her now husband) and their wedding, to Target Field, Progressive Field, planes, trains and automobiles, Venice Beach, Niagara Falls, the beaches of Kenai, Alaska, Toronto, Canada, Guatemala. She has been given special privileges while wearing them. They do seem to be doing their job, and keeping people excited and happy. She has been offered free desserts at restaurants, been brought cookies when traveling first class and received discounts when shopping 😊

Molly does not do this for any charity and will not be paid for her cheese ball experience. She wants her friendly gestures and random acts of kindness as a cause for people to reflect upon. She helps people see what their source of joy is. She shares her connection with Jesus. She hopes her interactions with people will give her the opportunity to share about her faith, peace and hope.

"Project Eddie" Nomination

Nominator Information:

Name of Nominator: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominee General Information

Name of Nominee: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zipcode: _____

City: _____ Email Address: _____

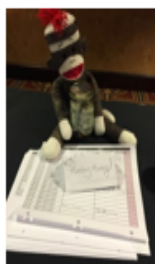
Nomination Questions:

- 1) How do you know the nominee?
- 2) What qualities do you see in this person that would make them a great Jaycee?
- 3) How do you think this person would benefit from being part of the South Saint Paul Jaycee?
- 4) What current or future project would this person like to be involved in?
- 5) What is the reason, in your opinion, should "Eddie" sponsor this person for membership?

Follow-up Questions:

- 1) For the first year of membership, we have found those who attend half the general membership meetings, be a part of one project, finish their first degree of their passport, and attend three Jaycee events within the first year tend to get the most out of being a Jaycee member. Do you believe this person has the time, energy, and passion to do these items for their first year?
- 2) Would this person benefit the most from half or full membership paid for?
- 3) If selected, would you like to contact the person or would you like us to contact them?

Please return email finished application to Membership VP Gwen Labovitch at Labovitg@yahoo.com |



IDVP - QUESTIONS

During our August meeting chapter member Annie Regan asked fellow members to answer some entertaining questions; the end result? Some profoundly interesting answers that can help you learn more about yourself. Here are the questions and the answers to these questions. Compare your answers.

How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

Answer: Open the refrigerator, put the giraffe in and close the door.

This question tests whether you tend to over complicate simple things

How do you put an elephant into the refrigerator?

Answer: Did you say, open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the door? Sorry, wrong answer

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant, close the door. This tests your ability to think through the implications of your previous actions.

The Lion King is hosting an ALL animal conference. it is mandatory for all the animals to attend. Which animal does not attend? Why?

Correct Answer: The elephant. Why?- The elephant is in the refrigerator, where you left him.

This tests your memory.

There is a river you must cross but it is inhabited by hungry crocodiles and you do not have a boat. There is no bridge, no stones or logs to step on so you must enter the water. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You jump into the river and simply swim across. Have you not been listening? All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Conference. This tests whether you learn from your mistakes.

“When MN Jaycee Alumni and trainer Greg Green recently ran this test at our ‘Everything Convention ID College’ I said – “Throw my brother in’” for the last answer. Would be fun to see how other Jaycee members answered.” –Annie R.

THE BEST PROJECT YOU'LL EVER WORK ON IS **YOU**



Your bio, much like your resume is the story of you. Every member should have a Bio saved and ready to pass out on their computer. Your bio tells your skills and qualifications. It can be used as your marketing brochure. It does not have to be all Jaycee related. A bio is great when your chapter wants to write you up for an award, we can send your bio off to the State Staff members to add a blurb about yourself.

A bio is great to have on hand when you start to think back on what you did and when, after a while a few years turns in to five or seven years of fun and they all start to mold together. A bio is great to have when you are thinking you should run for a local officer position, but you are not sure if you are qualified for the job. A bio can help you look through that you would be a great candidate for that position. A bio shows what you can do- it sets you apart from the other SSP or MN Jaycee members.

It is easy. Just download Annie Regan or Josh Regan's bio. Change it to fit your career. Start with some projects or events you have helped the Jaycees with- volunteering at or chairing, add in positions you have held or awards you have won. It will fill up fast. It does not have to be all Jaycee related, add in other activities or hobbies you have. It could help show that you have a certain skill, and the Jaycees could ask you to teach us about what you are good at doing. Add your achievements, your academics, your volunteer activities, your travel and your hobbies. It is also great to add the trainings you have been to (in the or outside of the Jaycees). Your bio will fill up fast.

For some insightful tips to writing your bio read "*4 Stress-Free Tips for Writing Your Own Bio.*" by Adrian J. Hopkins, The Muse

<https://www.themuse.com/advice/4-stressfree-tips-for-writing-your-own-bio>



The National Meeting is a conference of fellowship, friendship, education, and fun!

At this meeting:

- the Jaycees recognize previous year's outstanding members, chapters, leaders and programs
- members reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and benefit from dozens of classes, trainings and general sessions

The 2016 National Meeting will be a Carnival Cruise porting to Cozumel Mexico. The boat sails from Tampa Bay, FL April 7, 2016 and returns Monday April 11, 2016. Check out the [2016 National Meeting flyer](#) for more info.

Registration includes:

- all meals and lodging
- awards
- BOD meeting and training



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Ask about our South Saint Paul Jaycees Apparel!

Stay fashionably up-to-date, and comfortable as you volunteer. We have sweatshirts, scarves, T-shirts and more!

Questions? Comments? Would you like to see something added to the contents of this newsletter? Contact Savannah - Public Relations - VP at: sleyde@tayloredtoyou.org