

# SSP Jaycees in ACTION

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South St. Paul  
**Jaycees**  
Affiliated with JCI®

## 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.

## New Year, New President!

We, as a chapter are excited to introduce and welcome our 2015 President – Alicia R.

Alicia has been a member of the SSP Jaycees for a number of years and has served on the Board of Directors, holding several different positions – sometimes *two or more* at a time! Alicia has impeccable organizational skills; that, coupled with her enthusiasm and zest for helping others has been the driving force behind her



Alicia R. – 2015 Chapter President with her spouse

success as a dedicated volunteer, board member and now serving as our chapter President. It is without a doubt that this year will be a successful and exciting year with Alicia leading the way!

### MEETINGS:

#### Board of Directors:

- January 2, 2015  
Angelo's Pizza – SSP  
6:30 PM
- February 5, 2015  
Angelo's Pizza – SSP  
6:30 PM

#### Members Meetings:

- January 12, 2015  
Croation Hall – SSP  
7:00 PM
- February 12, 2015  
Croation Hall – SSP  
7:00 PM

### SOCIALS:

#### Chapter Socials:

- GAME NIGHT  
Games & socializing  
Angelo's Pizza – SSP  
1/22/15 - 6:30 PM  
Bring a friend & money for food.
- MOVIE NIGHT  
50 Shades  
Showplace ICON  
Theatres – St. Louis  
Park  
\*See 'Socials, on page 4 for more details'

### EVENTS:

#### Events:

- Socials
- St. Paddy's Food Drive – March
- Spring Activity Fair
- Pajama Program - PJ
- NNO – CAMP OUT
- KAPOSIA Days

## Letter from the President:



Happy New Year!  
2015 is all about focusing on YOU! We want to find out why you joined the Jaycees when you did. Was it because you wanted to have fun and meet people? Do you want to gain leadership and professional skills? Is it a resume builder? Do you want to

help plan and attend awesome community events? Do you want to make positive change in your community? If you answered "YES" to any of these we want to know. How can we help you be active in your dreams and goals? We also want to find out why it is hard to be and stay involved? Is it time, family, money, etc? Let's find a way to help you balance your life with friends, family and making a difference every day. Your 2015 Board of Directors is excited to work for all of you this year.

Annie Regan is your Individual Development VP and is focusing on why "YOU MATTER!" She is excited to plan socials on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month, do ID projects to get us thinking and out of our personal shells.

Gwen Labovitch is your Membership VP. She is amazing at talking to people and even better at listening. Gwen sent out a survey to find out more about you and what you want out of the Jaycees. Please take a moment to take the survey and help Gwen, help YOU!

Heather Heim is your Management VP this year. She is focusing on keeping our chapter goals in check and sending in paperwork when it is due to the state. She is a great resource for any questions about the Jaycees in general.

Laura Otis is our Treasurer and will be handling all finances for the chapter including dues paid in and to the state.

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## LEADERSHIP:

### President:

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### Chairman of the Board:

MN- Joel Blom  
South St. Paul- Noah Gordon

## *Letter from the President Cont'd...*

... She will manage all project & event budgets and anything that has to do with chapter finances. Remember that this is YOUR money, if you ever have any questions, please ask her!

Tiffah Wright is your State Delegate for the year. Tiffah is excited to visit other chapters and stay up-to-date on all events going on in other chapters. If you are not doing anything some weekend, ask Tiffah to give you some ideas, there are always fun things going on nearby.

Tiffah is also standing in as our Secretary until we can find someone to fill the position. The secretary is responsible for taking minutes at the meetings and creating the agendas for the next meeting. They will work closely with the BOD and be in the know of what is going on. Please talk to Alicia if this sounds like something you would like to do.

Savannah Leyde is our Public Relations VP- this is a new position in the SSP Jaycees. Savannah will take on our newsletters, website and any PR related to events and happenings in the Jaycees. Savannah is great at graphic design and creates amazing flyers. We are excited to have Savannah create a relationship with the local newspapers and media to help get the word out about the SSP Jaycees.

We currently do not have a Community Development VP and are seeking anyone that is interested. This position is our link between the Jaycees and the community leaders in SSP. We need someone to be our point person so not everyone is contacting the same people. If you would like more information, please talk to Alicia.

I am your 2015 President, Alicia Richter. I am excited to work with each one of you and learn about your life and how you can create positive change in your home, neighborhood, and community. Let's take on things that are bigger than ourselves, but together as a team make it happen. I am open to any suggestions and take everyone's opinion to heart. Please feel free to contact me day or night, I am here for YOU.

2015 is going to be great year! We have already talked with various community leaders on joining up with different local organizations to make our projects bigger and better. We are starting to plan events for the year and have ideas for new projects. It is never too late to have your voice heard and give your opinion on a project, event, social, or whatever you feel like talking about. We are here to listen.

Thank you for giving your time to be a South Saint Paul Jaycee. You are what will change the world, one neighborhood at a time.

**"IF YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OTHERS TO DREAM MORE, LEARN MORE, DO MORE AND BECOME MORE, YOU ARE A LEADER." – JOHN QUINCY ADAMS**

## SOCIALS:



### Game Night: Tag You're It!!!!

Thursday, January 22, 2015 – 6:30 PM • Angelo's Pizza – So. St. Paul, MN  
Winter is boring! Time to get out of the house and have some fun. ANYONE is invited to Game Night. Bring a game to play, your friends, and your competitiveness. No outside food or beverage is allowed. Bring money for food if desired. Come for good people and good fun!

### Movie Night: Calling All Christian Grey Fans!!

Sunday, February 22, 2015 - TTBD • Showplace ICON Theatres – St. Louis Park

Join the SSP Jaycees as we watch '50 Shades'. Men not interested in this movie? NOT a problem- you are invited to watch a movie (at the same time) and socialize afterwards. Bar (21+ event), bacon popcorn, Panini's and tasty treats.

We will buy tickets together- as soon as they are for sale. Contact Annie R.



## YOU MATTER:

YOU  
MATTER.

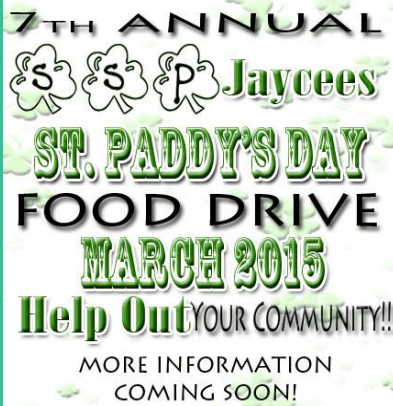
YOU MATTER is a call to Action. Before we can convince anyone else that we matter, we must first convince ourselves of that. Acknowledge and use the gifts that we have been blessed with. Empower yourself and realize the importance of contributing to the world by owning your genius. Mattering is a process, not an event. It is a new way of life. Knowing that we matter is essential to our existence. Remember that YOU MATTER. You are enough. You have enough. Do you know what it takes to make a difference in this world? You have what it takes. You do not have to be rich or famous. You do not need any special skills. You can make a difference in the world. You have influence. You have the tools. Changing the world is overwhelming. You are a South St. Paul Jaycee. You are a member of JCI Minnesota. You are a part of The Junior Chamber. You have everything you need to make a change.

I invite you to help the MN Jaycees and JCI US to make positive change this year. You are going to make an impact while growing stronger, becoming a great leader in your community. You are going to help find sustainable solutions to make South St. Paul a better place to call home.

January is goals and Thank You month. We talked about our goals. We set goals as a chapter to have better communication. We are going to run a JCI SSP 22, a social the 22 of every month. We are going to get our name back out into the community by running impactful events. We are going to partner with other local community organizations. February is National Bird Feeder Month. Invite all of our members to bring a toilet paper roll to the meeting. - Annie R.



# EVENTS:



7TH ANNUAL  
SSP Jaycees  
ST. PADDY'S DAY  
FOOD DRIVE  
MARCH 2015  
Help Out YOUR COMMUNITY!!  
MORE INFORMATION  
COMING SOON!

## 7th annual St. Paddy's Day Food Drive:

The St. Paddy's day Food Drive is in the planning stages, we are looking for someone to be our team leader for this project. Alicia and Annie have met with Deb Griffith, the SSP Community Affairs Liaison to talk about working together with the Youth Task Force. This year should be better than ever. Contact Alicia if you are interested in being the Team Leader.



## Activity Fair:

The annual SSP/IGH Activity Fair is headed our way. let's brainstorm some fabulous ideas to get people to our table.



## PJ Party Fundraiser "Night at the Museum" – Family Fun Night:

Date TBD as we will be working with the Dakota County Historical Society. The Pajama party event will support the 'Pajama Program' enabling participants to donate Pajamas or a book to give to children in shelters. A FUN NIGHT to support a GREAT cause.



## National Night Out Campout-

We will need a team leader for this event. The cub scouts have been contacted and are excited to help where they can.



## Kaposia Days:

Gwen L. will be planning this event; if you would like to help in any way, please contact her.