

# JCI SOUTH SAINT PAUL in ACTION

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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.



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.

## **REGISTER HERE:**

<http://jcimn.org/programming/state-events/conventions/>

**DON'T FORGET!!  
TO REGISTER FOR:**

**ANNUAL STATE  
CONVENTION**

**JANUARY  
16-18, 2017**

**Best Western Plus  
2100 E Hwy 12  
Bloomington, MN  
56201**

## MEETINGS:

### Members Meetings:

- December 08, 2016  
The Croatian Hall- SSP  
6:30 PM

### Board of Directors:

- December 22, 2016  
– 6:00 PM

## SOCIALS:

### Chapter Socials:

- UGLY SWEATER  
PARTY  
12/22/16  
-PNA

- TBD  
1/22/17

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For more details*

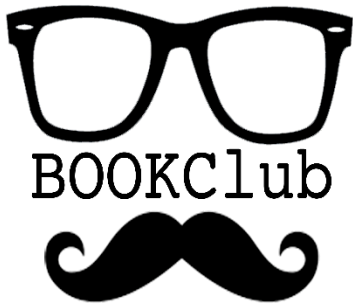
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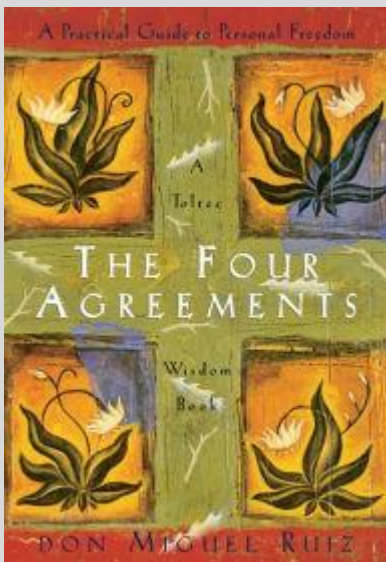
## JCI SSP BOOK CLUB:



The first rule of  
book club, is to  
talk about book  
club!

JANUARY 2017

DATE/TIME/LOCATION – TBD



JCI SSP will be engaging our members in a must-read book that not only embodies what JCI stands for; which is self-improvement, but assists the reader in developing the skills needed to employ change that will result in a positive outcome. If you find yourself intrigued, pick up your copy and begin reading today. A date will be set for a meeting to be held in January.

The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom (A Toltec Wisdom Book)

In The Four Agreements, bestselling author don Miguel Ruiz reveals the source of self-limiting beliefs that rob us of joy and create needless suffering. Based on ancient Toltec wisdom, The Four Agreements offer a powerful code of conduct that can rapidly transform our lives to a new experience of freedom, true happiness, and love.

- A New York Times bestseller for over 8 years
- Over 6 million copies sold in the U.S.
- Translated into 40 languages worldwide

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MN – Josh R.

South St. Paul - Annie R.

*"Where your passions intersect with the needs of the world, therein lies your vocation." - Aristotle*



### '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 18) and other sources. Contact the chapter, with any questions you may have at:

[sspjaycees@Hotmail.com](mailto:sspjaycees@Hotmail.com)

## Winter Bucket List

- ☐ gingerbread house ☐ see a play
- ☐ Make Peppermint Bark
- GO LOOK AT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** ☐
- ☐ volunteer together ☐ make fireplace s'mores
- ☐ make gingerbread men
- ☐ COOKIES FOR SANTA ☐ drink hot cocoa
- ☐ Fill Stockings ☐ make ornaments
- horse drawn carriage ride ☐
- ☐ shuck oysters ☐ ice skating
- ☐ give a "secret" gift to someone
- ☐ hot tub or swim ☐ Make Reindeer Food

## JCI 22 SOCIAL: DECEMBER 2016

### UGLY SWEATER PARTY:

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016 – 6:30 – 9:30 PNA LODGE 1033:**

**622 1st Ave S, South Saint Paul, Minnesota 55075**

Come one and all and socialize with us during the can't miss event of the season! Don your most hideous sweater as you us for our annual ugly sweater celebration!

Try your BEST to OUT-DO the rest!! Prizes will be awarded for the top ugliest sweaters in different categories. Door Prizes, Games, and a White Elephant Gift Exchange are sure to make this a fun and memorable event for all! We are PROUD to support SSP's newest 501c3 organization; Pounce & Fetch, an animal rescue and adoption organization, and ask that everyone bring an item to donate.

## JCI 22 SOCIAL: JANUARY 2017

### TO BE ANNOUNCED:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017- TBD - 'TBD

DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AS PLANS DEVELOP! KEEP AN EYE ON OUR FB PAGE AND OUR JANUARY NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

**we  
are.  
social**



# A letter from our President:

Dear JCI South Paul Members,

As 2016 comes to an end, I would like to take a moment and reflect on this year as your 2016-chapter president. I would like to impart on you some thoughts as I look back through the year.

First, I want to say “thank you.” Thank you for those who served on the board. I know it wasn’t always easy, and thank you for your time and commitment to our chapter. We made a great team this year, and thank you for leading and guiding our chapter with me. Thank you for all those who joined us this year! Thanks for making the “leap” into membership and for taking us up the invitation to join in this adventure. Thank you for all those who led projects, volunteered, renewed their membership this year. Thank you for being part of this year, and investing so much into this chapter. Most of all, I want to say “thank you” to all of you for giving me this opportunity and supporting me as your President. This year has been a gift, and thank you for being a part of it.

We had members go on to do great things this year. We saw Jimmy Francis, a long-term member and now alumni member, elected mayor of South Saint Paul. I am so excited to see the impact he will make in the future of our city. Josh Regan, another long-term member and founding member, served as JCI Minnesota President. He served with respect, love, and passion, and I am proud of him and the way he led our state organization this year. In this, we, as a chapter, gave Josh Regan his “Senator” award which is the highest award given to a Jaycee. Josh Regan is our first Senator to come from our chapter. We saw Savannah Leyde crowned as “Mrs. North America Universal”, and I am in awe of how she keeps living and fighting for her dreams. We had so many more accomplishments from our members this year. We had many who won gold, silver, or bronze at the state level as well as many who were honored with JCI Minnesota Presidential Medallions. I am so proud of all of you, and all the things that you did this year. I am excited to see you lead and move in the area of your passions. If that passion leads you to become a JCI National Vice-President, an active citizen, a member of congress, a founder of a non-profit, a girl scout troop leader, and so on, I believe we as a chapter can empower you to grow and do these great things. I hope you will keep reaching for the stars, and know that I am very proud of all of your accomplishments this year. I am, also, very proud of our accomplishments as a chapter and our impact in our community. We walked in the parade of chapters throughout all the conventions this year because of all the work each of us put into the chapter. The chapter, also, had amazing unique projects such as our Little Book house (which we worked on throughout the year), Political Debate, volunteering at Bash 4 Guild, 1920’s Event with Lincoln PTA, The Lincoln Legacy Tea, and so many more. While we added new events, we, also, completed our yearly events like Sandbox Days and the City Wide Camp Out. After August, because of a number of events (such as chapter drama, members aging out, members moving away, and so on), when we were down eight members and under twenty, I had almost given up hope of reaching our goal and being at growth for the year and reaching 100% CLC. My goal changed, then, just to be above twenty members and just completing our projects. However, we came together and had an amazing comeback and we are almost at growth for the year. We are so close to reaching our goals (only two more members), and I am so proud of all of you. Even getting this close, I believed at that time, it was impossible, but we did it.

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## A letter from our President:

We did the impossible. We can do the impossible. This chapter has a strong fighting spirit that keeps telling us "Never Give Up and Never Surrender."

Like we have seen this year, some things will succeed and others will fail. We, as a chapter, need to keep trying things and pressing forward. Even if things don't go as planned, the growth and lessons will be important for you as members and as a chapter. Keep going and growing together in the future, and it will be great.

One of the hardest and most impactful moments of this year was attending the funeral of our chapter member and friend, Rachel Knock. Rachel Knock suffered from mental illness and tragically died of self-inflicted injuries. Rachel's funeral showed me the impact that one Jaycee can have on the lives of others and her community. Rachel's memorial was filled with Jaycees, and all sorts of Jaycee awards. Rachel was originally from a small town in Iowa, which was four hours away. There were four cars full of Jaycees that drove four hours to attend her funeral, and said good-bye. We laughed, cried, hugged, drank, ate fried food, and bonded together. In the midst of this horrible tragedy, there was this glimmer of hope that showed the Jaycees to be a diverse united group of caring loving individuals. This group cared for and showed great kindness to Rachel in her time of need, and, then, great care and kindness as they helped each other grieve and care for each other. We, as a chapter, also, took great care of each other and there was great kindness shown to each other. JCI South Saint Paul, my continuing hope for this chapter is that we care and are kind to one another. We need to keep valuing each member (and not just for what they bring to the table or do, but for who each one of us is as a person). In practicing this to each other, we will learn how to love and be kind to all others in our communities and the world. There is no project, award, or task more important than being kind and loving to each other. If we, as a chapter, ever hope to be kind and care for the community and become strong leaders, we must start in being kind and taking care of each other and others in general.

It has meant the world to me to be your 2016 Chapter President. I have been honored to lead a group of talented young individuals. Remember, even though you are so talented separately, you are stronger together than apart. We need all of our members, and together we have and will do great things. I, also, have been honored to have the support of my mother, father, and siblings. I was so honored that they received the "Helping Hands" award this year. I am so honored and thankful for my family's support this year. Thank you, again, for a great year and I am so excited for 2017. It will be another great year, and I am so excited to be a member of the greatest young person's organization in the world and to be apart of the greatest young person's organization in South Saint Paul.

Thank you for the difference we have made in 2016 together,  
Gwen Labovitch  
2016 JCI South Saint Paul President

**TOGETHER...**  
*we can make a difference!*



# DECEMBER ROAD RUNS

## DECEMBER

## 2016

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 - SSP: NEW MEMBER NIGHT - HOPKINS: DONATE TO DRINK	2 - ST. PAUL: WELCOME NATIONAL VP	3 - JCLA - ST. PAUL: GREAT MEANDER - TOYM
4 - LAKE ELMO TUBMAN SHOPPING EVENT - JCI MN: FOUNDATION OPEN HOUSE	5	6 - NEW MUNICH SENIOR CHRISTMAS	7	8 - SSP GENERAL MEMBER MEETING	9	10 - NW AREA: SANTA VISIT - ST. PAUL: SPECIAL OLYMPICS PARTY - AUSTIN: HOL. SOCIAL
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 - SSP: BOO MEETING & UGLY SWEATER CELEBRATION	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Hanukkah Begins	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

\*For more details, please contact Kahra Biehl at 320-310-7305 and keep an eye on SSP's Facebook page for updates and additional events!



# WE ARE JCI: NEW MEMBER NIGHT



**WE ARE JCI:**

**New Member Training**

hosted by:



**December 1, 2016 – 6:30pm – 9:00pm**

**Angelo's Italian Restaurant**

**1203 Southview Blvd, South Saint Paul, Minnesota 55075**

We love our members and want each of you to be equipped with the tools and resources you need to successfully achieve your goals as a member of our chapter as well as know some of the rich history of our organization.

Join JCI SSP for a New Member night. Have all your queries addressed by one of our most influential and esteemed members, Heather. Learn the lingo we speak, the programs and projects we offer, and how you can get the most out of your membership!

Not a member but curious about who we are & what we do? And, more importantly, why YOU should be a Jaycee? You're more than welcome to join us too!

We will provide salad, pizza, and pop but if you'd like something else off the menu, that will be at your expense.



Wishing you, your family,  
and your friends;  
a very Happy Holiday Season,  
and a very  
Happy and Prosperous  
New Year!

THANK YOU for supporting:

**JCI South Saint Paul**



**ADOPT-A-FAMILY – NEIGHBORS INC,  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
West Saint Paul Target - 1750 Robert St S, West Saint Paul**

JCI South Saint Paul has adopted a family for the holidays through Neighbors, Inc. We have been assigned a family with two young boys. Join us at Target to buy books, clothes, and toys to spread the true meaning of the holidays; the gift of giving to those in need.



# JINGLE... JINGLE... LET'S MINGLE!

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN  
**UGLY**  
SWEATER CELEBRATION

HOSTED BY: **JCI**   
South St Paul

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016**  
**BEGINNING AT 6:30PM**

**PNA LODGE: 1033**  
**622 1ST AVE S,**  
**SOUTH ST PAUL, MN 55075**

\* **WHITE ELEPHANT**  
**GIFT EXCHANGE**

\* **UGLIEST SWEATER**  
**COMPETITION**

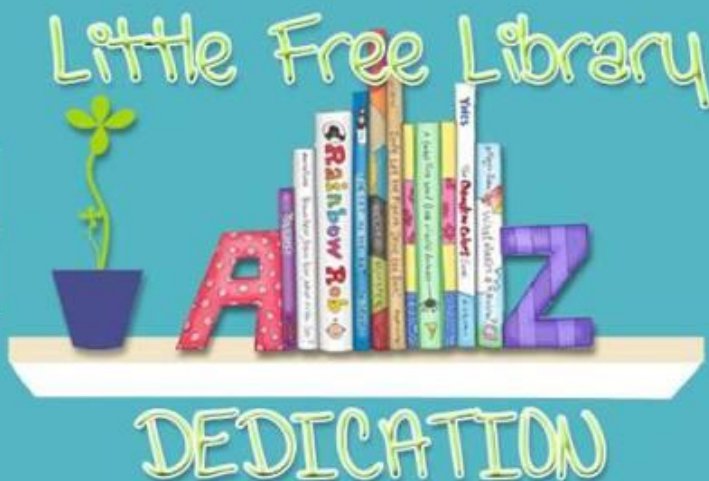
**FOOD \* GAMES \* DOOR PRIZES**



We are proud to support Pounce & Fetch; SSP's newest charity dedicated to providing respite to rescued animals and aiding in finding fur-ever homes for them. Please bring an item to donate to Pounce & Fetch that will support them in the caretaking of these precious animals. A "wish list" will be available on our FB event page.







JCI South Saint Paul gathered along with many members of the community, Kaposia staff, PTA and students for the dedication of the Little Free Library at Kaposia Education Center. This Little Free Library was beautifully restored by project Chairperson, Kahra, and a team of volunteers; to honor the memory of Alexander Sem, a Kaposia student who tragically passed away in a house fire last year. Following restoration, it was filled to the brim with books after a very successful book drive, that was hosted by Kahra & Tiffah. This particular Library sits outside of the elementary school and enables children and families to use these books for their enjoyment. It is also encouraged that students donate books that they are no longer using in return; thus, providing a reusable library at every student's disposal.



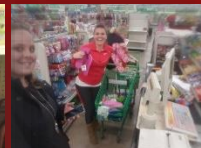




# JCI SOUTH SAINT PAUL 22: Operation Christmas Child

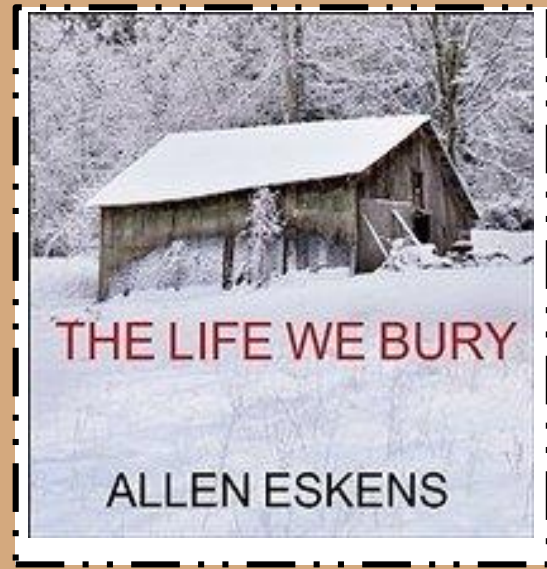
## SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

JCI South Saint Paul greatly enjoyed the opportunity to support such an amazing organization in their efforts to ensure that all children receive a gift for the holidays. Members gathered to shop for items to be placed in these festive shoe boxes and then met again, at a later date; enjoying a meal together and worked to fill the boxes with the selected items to ensure that each child would receive a wonderful surprise upon opening their gift box.





# BOOK CLUB – MEET THE AUTHOR:



“Reading  
a good book  
is like taking,  
a journey....

Emma Gulliford  
15 June 2013 9:53 am





We are excited to learn more about our new and renewing members! Check out our monthly 'Member Spotlight' to get to know your fellow JCI SSP Members; discover exciting things you may have in common and learn interesting and maybe even surprising facts about your friends' that you never knew.

Name: *Ann Marie W.*

Birthday: *11-6-84*

Occupation: *Bartender/Server @ VFW*

Favorite Animal: *Turtles*

Favorite Band/Artist: *Fleetwood Mac/Drake*

Favorite Color: *Purple*

Favorite Food: *French Dips*

Favorite Movie: *Twister*

Favorite TV Show: *Grey's Anatomy*

Favorite Sports Team: *Green Bay Packers*

Favorite Quote: *"She walks amongst us, but she is not one of us" - unknown*

Caribou or Starbucks: *Caribou for hot drinks- Starbucks for cold*

What is 1 interesting fact most people don't know about you? *I love learning about natural disasters and have a deep passion/empathy in hopes to one day be able to help those affected by them.*

Why did you join the Jaycees? *I joined the Jaycees to try and be apart of something positive in our community, I love to help people and want to make a difference.*





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Name: *Pam Bakken*

Birthday: *June 3, 1974*

Occupation: *Owner; PB&J licensed daycare*

Favorite Animal: *Dolphin*

Favorite Band/Artist: *Classic 80's*

Favorite Color: *Pink or Red*

Favorite Food: *Sushi*

Favorite Movie: *Lord of the Rings Trilogy*

Favorite TV Show: *Justified*

Favorite Sports Team: *Vikings*

Favorite Quote: *"Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without."*

Caribou or Starbucks: *Neither. Too much caffeine and I don't like spending \$5 on a coffee.*

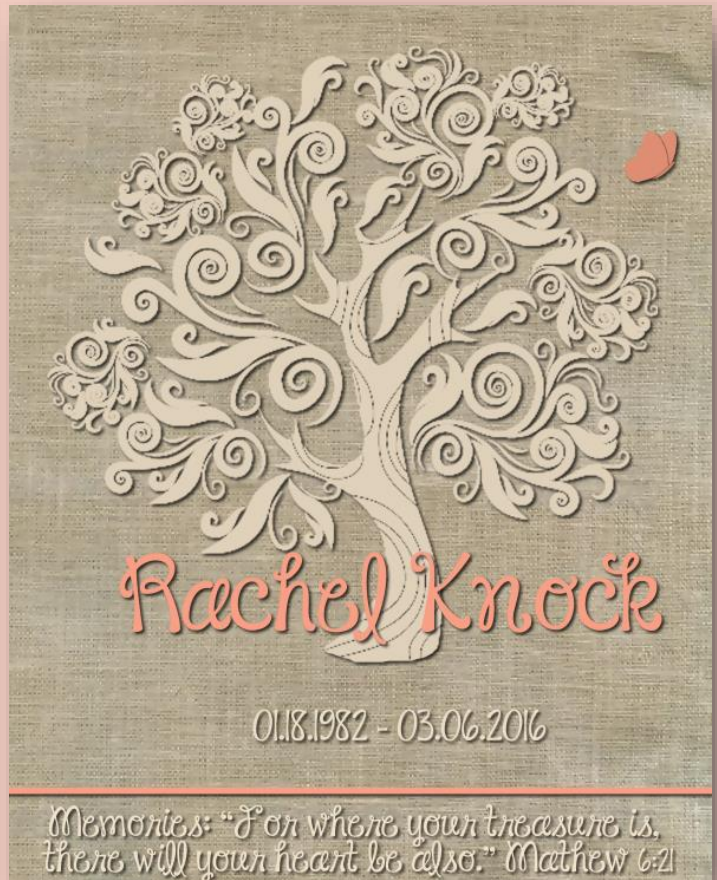
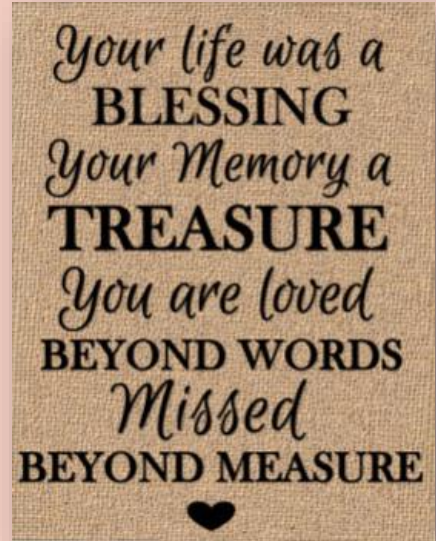
What is 1 interesting fact most people don't know about you? *I competed twice for Mrs. MN America. I was 2nd runner up in my last attempt. The winner was 3 mths married and 14 yrs. younger, no kids. 1st runner up was 5 yrs. married, 7 yrs. younger and no kids. I felt like a winner because I have 20 yrs. of marriage under my belt and have 6 children (with a set of twins).*

Why did you join the Jaycees? Well, I have always been an associate member as I joined when I was 41. I love fundraising and event planning. When all the pieces and volunteers come together to create a real amazing moment that is when all the hard work and heart you put into it pays off...I thought this skill set would be helpful to the Jaycees. I really enjoy serving the greater good along side great people! Cheers!





JCI South Saint Paul dedicates our  
2016 year of service and  
commitment to our dear member  
and beloved friend, Rachel Knock.





BEST OF JCI South Saint Paul 2016:

# WINNER Best Of 2016





# BEST OF 2016 Cont'd:





### "Project Eddie" Nomination

#### ***Nominator Information:***

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ***Nominee General Information***

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

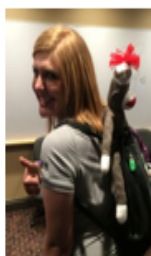
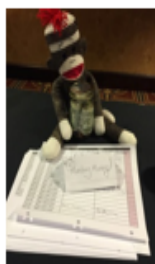
#### ***Nomination Questions:***

- 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](mailto:Labovitg@yahoo.com) |





# JCI Mission

To provide **development opportunities**  
that **empower** young people  
to **create positive change**



Welcome to Las Vegas!

Registration

Hotel Accommodations

Agenda

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 2017 National Meeting will be held in Las Vegas, NV April 6-9.

Registration includes:

- Welcome Party
- All trainings
- Meals (2 lunches)
- General Sessions

To Register, visit:

<https://www.jci.cc/event/nationalmeeting2017>



The challenge of **Leadership** is to  
Be strong, but not rude;  
Be kind, but not weak;  
Be bold, but not bully;  
Be thoughtful, but not lazy;  
Be humble, but not timid;  
Be proud, but not arrogant;  
Have humor, but without folly.

~ Jim Rohn ~

## **THE JAYCEE** *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.



# EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE



*you* are  
NOT GETTING  
OLDER  
YOU ARE  
*increasing*  
IN VALUE

Birthday Wishes to all of  
our members with  
celebrating in the month of  
December:

- Kahra B.



Welcome New &  
Renewing Members:

- Shalee M.
- Ashley G.
- Savannah L.

Leadership  
Development

Networking, Training and  
Member Recognition





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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](mailto:sleyde@tayloredtoyou.org)



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