

# 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;

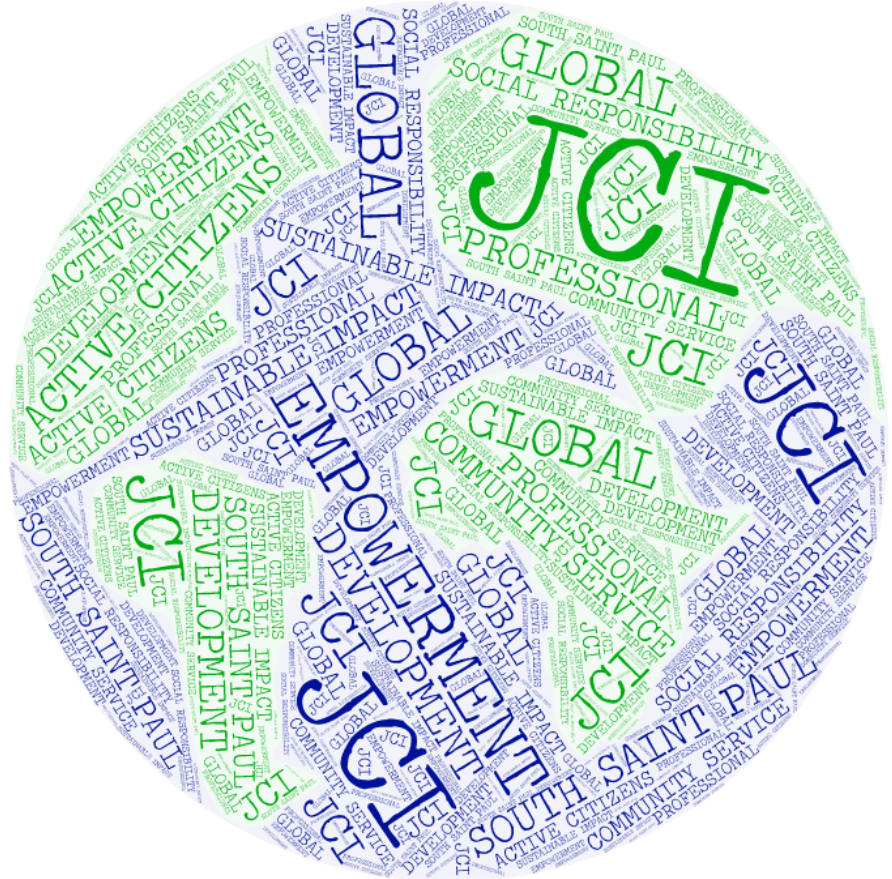
That government should be of laws rather than of men;

That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

## MISSION:

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



## MEETINGS

### Member Meetings:

April 13, 2017 at 7:00

### Board Meetings:

April 13, 2017 at 6:30

**\* Location will be posted on Facebook by April 10**

## SOCIALS

### JCI 22 Social:

April 22, 2017

TBD

May 22, 2017

TBD

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

# Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Jaycees,

As we head into the second quarter, I would like to share the store of the elephant rope to remind us that we can achieve anything.

A gentleman was walking through an elephant camp and noticed the elephants weren't being kept in cages or held by chains. All that was holding them back from escaping the camp was a small piece of rope tied to one of their legs.

As the man gazed upon the elephants, he was completely confused as to why the elephants didn't just use their strength to break the ropes and escape the camp. They easily could have done so, but instead they didn't even try.

Curious and wanting to know the answer, he asked a trainer nearby why the elephants were just standing there and didn't try to escape. The trainer replied:

"When they are vey young and much smaller, we use the same sized rope to tie them up and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free. "

The only reason the elephants weren't breaking free and escaping from the camp was because over time they adopted the belief that it just wasn't possible.

Despite the obstacles we face as Jaycees, we can still achieve positive change in our community. We just need to think outside the box. I encourage us all to keep seeking new ways to make change.

In Jaycee Spirit,  
President Kahra

## LEADERSHIP

**President:**

Kahra Biehl

**Management:**

Cerrisa Howell-Brown

**Community:**

Miranda Kiwelu

**Individual  
Development:** Heather  
Heim

**Membership:**

**OPEN**

**Public Relations:**

**OPEN**

**State Delegate:**

Cat Rongitsch

**Secretary:**

**OPEN**

**Treasurer:**

Josh Regan

**Chairman of the Board:**

Gwen Labovitch

**State President:**

Amie Klouse

**Region Director:**

Annie Regan

**District Director:**

Elyssa Weber

# Upcoming Chapter Events

April	13 BOD/GM Meeting @ TBD 22 Social @ TBD 27 Dining Out for Life @ Angelo's 29 Bash4Guild @ Minneapolis Club
May	11 BOD/GM Meeting @ TBD 20 Street Clean Up @ Concord Lanes 22 Social @ TBD
June	8 BOD/GM Meeting @ TBD 10-11 Citywide Camp-Out @ Lorraine Park 22 Social @ TBD 23 Kaposia Days Parade 24-25 Kaposia Days Bingo

## Wanted Ads

- Membership Vice President
- Public Relations Vice President
- Secretary
- Chair for Pitch Hit & Run
- Chair for Sandbox Days
- Bylaws and Policies Committee Members
- Chapter Birthday Committee Members
- Junior Jaycees Committee Members

*See President Kahra for details!*

## Foundation

Henry Giessenbier founded the Jaycees in 1920 with 3,000 members in St. Louis, Missouri. It was Henry's vision to provide young people with opportunities which they had little or no access to otherwise. He believed that young people could change the world. He was right.

In his era, most young men were out of school and working by the age of 15. Their first jobs were most likely the jobs they held throughout their lives. With luck and hard work, some might reach executive positions by their forties.

Giessenbier felt that young men were not receiving the opportunities necessary to develop their skills at a younger age, thus depriving our nation of an important resource, and so he formed the founding ideals of the U.S. Junior Chamber.

His theory was simple – offer leadership opportunities to young people, giving them hands-on experience through serving the community. That concept has never wavered.

# How the Jaycee Experience Impacted My Life

By LouAnn Goosens

I grew up as a Jaycee kid and always wanted to be THAT adult: hosting parties for friends, putting on stage shows to raise funds, traveling around the state, going to parades. I watched my folks work on the backside of events to make them happen. Their friends were all Jaycees and they made me feel like part of the great society. So when we reached the age of empowerment and the Jaycees in town were re-chartered I pushed my husband to join. I could help on the sidelines and have a good time, but when women were finally allowed to join, I was one of the first in line. And I never looked back. It was the perfect time frame for our chapter, our town.



One of the first events we held was a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our chapter. We invited all of the past members, the notables of town, the movers and shakers who had all been Jaycees in their former lives. People like Governor Harold Stassen, US Senator Dave Durenberger, State Representative Tom Pugh. Bank presidents and business owners and 30 some eager young adults ready to tackle the world and improve their lot. This event gave us contacts and put the town on notice that we were here and ready to work.

Our events ranged from selling chili at the town rodeo to selling Christmas coloring books at the Lions pancake breakfast. We helped the postmen get out the word about neighbor awareness and carried canned goods for Neighbors Inc, a local food shelf, as they moved from their cramped quarters into a larger space. We ran one of the first Haunted Houses in the metro area (a blast!) and took on the world champion booya cooks with a first-place finish! We marched in the parades and lit the city fireworks. We hosted Pictionary tournaments and dances with a live band for the adults with special needs. We had a former Jaycee as editor of the local newspaper and lots of coverage.

To compare benefits, I took SSP Leadership classes. This led to being appointed to the Centennial Commission, taking on Service Unit manager for the SSP Girl Scouts and chairing a city task force for river development. These opportunities led to other projects and events. And through it all, I fell back on what I learned from Jaycees. How to make a budget, how to use a chairman's planning guide, the format of which I still use today, and how to make friends and how to have fun. "Service to society IS the best work of life", a mantra I still use.

But it is more than a few skills picked up along the way. Jaycees give young adults, (those under 40) a platform. It gives you a base that others know and understand. A base that is strong, people who are willing to serve others, an opening to a better place. It was where I found my core, the importance of why I must be involved, why I want to make a difference. And I continue to this day, helping the South St Paul chapter whenever or however I can, but especially the next generation of Jaycees, Joe & Audrey Regan as they grow up wanting to fill the Jaycee shoes.



# WHY SHOULD I JOIN THE JAYCEES?

The South Saint Paul Jaycees is a nonprofit organization committed to providing opportunities for young individuals to develop the leadership skills, social responsibility, entrepreneurship and fellowship necessary to create positive change.

~Membership Meetings are held, on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at wishFULL at 7:00 p.m.~

## BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER:

- ✓ DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- ✓ INCREASE NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES
- ✓ DEVELOPE ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS
- ✓ BUILD SOCIAL NETWORK AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS
- ✓ HAVE POSITIVE IMPACT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT:	INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT:	INDIVIDUAL & CHAPTER RECOGNITION:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓- BOOYA</li> <li>✓- FOOD DRIVE</li> <li>✓- RELAY FOR LIFE</li> <li>✓- SANDBOX DAYS</li> <li>✓- CITY-WIDE CAMPOUT</li> </ul> <p>&amp; MORE!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓- RESUME BUILDING</li> <li>✓- GOAL SETTING</li> <li>✓- PUBLIC SPEAKING</li> <li>✓- LEADERSHIP SKILLS</li> <li>✓- ORGANIZATION</li> </ul> <p>&amp; MORE!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓- MEMBER AWARDS</li> <li>✓- CHAPTER AWARDS</li> <li>✓- REGIONAL AWARDS</li> <li>✓- STATE AWARDS</li> <li>✓- NATIONAL AWARDS</li> </ul>

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Find us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthStPaulJaycees>

# Road Runs April 2017

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- Miss Amazing Pageant in Hopkins

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2227129787512489/?ti=cl>

- ID College, New Member Orientation in Alexandria

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1816926518631405/?ti=cl>

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- Cops & Community Bingo <https://www.facebook.com/events/1894743440741982/?ti=cl>

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- Eatzza Pizza Hopkins <https://www.facebook.com/events/632798500251229/?ti=cl>

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- Vegas National Meeting

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1197040120368451/?ti=cl>

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- Pancakes in Hutchinson <https://www.facebook.com/events/392938931074583/?ti=cl>
- Easter Egg Hunt Shakopee <https://www.facebook.com/events/1106757956100845/?ti=cl>
- Lakes Area Pitch, Hit, Run! <https://www.facebook.com/events/232899437180933/?ti=cl>

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- Food Drive Minneapolis <https://www.facebook.com/events/1586843744677382/?ti=cl>

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- Karaoke Nights Lakes Area <https://www.facebook.com/events/2236955626530590/?ti=cl>

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- Easter Egg Hunt Corcoran <https://www.facebook.com/events/1849849021898668/?ti=cl>
- Easter Egg Hunt St Peter <https://www.facebook.com/events/1879749385643636/?ti=cl>
  - Bunny Bowl Hopkins <https://www.facebook.com/events/434247840300495/?ti=cl>
  - Austin Pitch, Hit, Run! <https://www.facebook.com/events/271056696640922/?ti=cl>

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- Food Drive Minneapolis <https://www.facebook.com/events/1241757192599166/?ti=cl>

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- Wing Fest Benton <https://www.facebook.com/events/251276538631965/?ti=cl>
- Camp Confidence Cleanup <https://www.facebook.com/events/196813957481147/?ti=cl>
- Bonfire Minneapolis <https://www.facebook.com/events/1425418454186820/?ti=cl>

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- Staples Pitch, Hit, Run! <https://www.facebook.com/events/1143749375770968/?ti=cl>

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- Run for Lakes Nisswa <https://www.facebook.com/events/1606679309640351/?ti=cl>

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- State Bowling St Paul <https://www.facebook.com/events/726253080879356/?ti=cl>

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- Alexandria Pitch, Hit, Run! <https://www.facebook.com/events/154720981689713/?ti=cl>

## Coming in May...

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- Polka in the Park! New Munich  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/284097372027337/?ti=cl>

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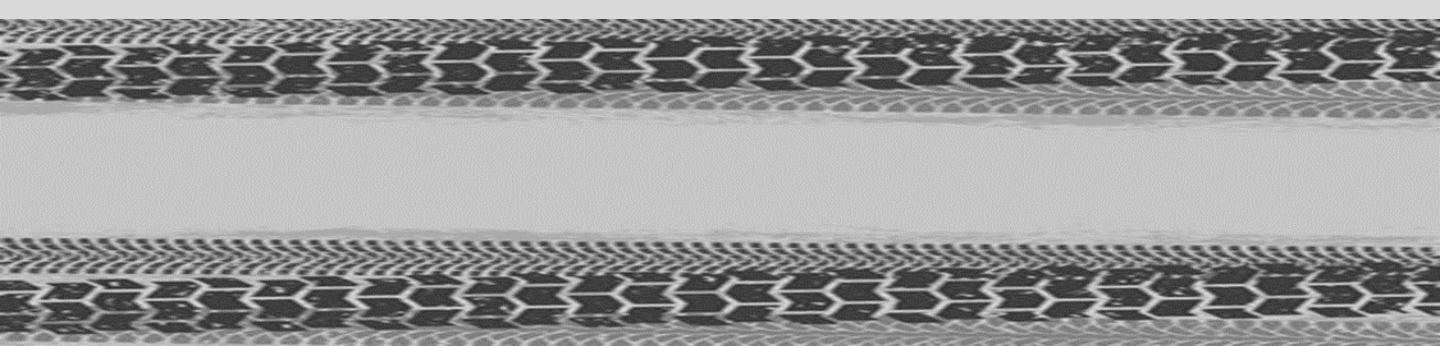
- Alexandria Sandbox Fill <https://www.facebook.com/events/100306080503564/?ti=cl>

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- New Munich Pitch, Hit, Run!  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1234321860016835/?ti=cl>

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- Spring Convention!! <https://www.facebook.com/events/1611366375822993/?ti=cl>





# Welcome to First Trimester JCI MN ROAD RUN BINGO!

- Each time you attend an event, cross off the square with the chapter's name contained in it.
- Any regional/state event attended can count for any square (all but not the middle one).
- The first member who gets five in a row and turns the sheet in to [roadrun@mnjaycees.com](mailto:roadrun@mnjaycees.com) will get a prize. A FABULOUS prize awaits the first person who fills up the whole sheet. An official Road Run must be submitted for each square.
- Keep a watch out on Facebook and JCI Newsletter for chapter events!
- Be safe, meet new people, and HAVE FUN!!!

## Road Run BINGO

B	I	N	G	O
Ely Jaycees	Saint Cloud Jaycees	Hawley Jaycees	Saint Joseph Jaycees	Lake Elmo Jaycees
Minneapolis Jaycees	JCI Shakopee	Alexandria Jaycees	JCI Staples	Detroit Lakes Jaycees
Albany Area Jaycees	Bemidji Jaycees	Selfie with JCI MN President at any event	JCI Saint Paul	New Munich Jaycees
Rochester Jaycees	JCI Hopkins	Brainerd Jaycees	JCI Austin	Wilmar Jaycees
Pelican Rapids Jaycees	Wells Area Jaycees	Westonka Jaycees	Sauk Rapids Jaycees	Hutchinson Jaycees



# EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE

JCI  
South St Paul

MISSION: To provide development opportunities  
that empower young people to create positive change!

VOLUNTEER & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

# JCI SSP Jr. Jaycees

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WE BELIEVE: That work done to benefit others is its own reward; That responsibility is the first step in becoming an adult; That belonging to a community is a privilege, not a right; That earth's great treasure lies in human personality; And that service to humanity is the...

BEST WORK OF LIFE!

Junior  
**JAYCEES**  
The Jaycees of Tomorrow!



# Community Partners



*Our sincere thanks to our  
community partners!*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### City Council Meeting

**April 3, 7:15 PM @ SSP City Hall**

City Council meetings are open to the public and you have the opportunity to speak during the Citizens Comments portion of the agenda.

### Hand Woven Bracelets

**April 17, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ SSP Library**

Use small looms to create your own wearable fiber-art. You will learn basic weaving stitches and beadwork. Registration required. Presented by the Weaver's Guild.

### City Council Meeting

**April 17, 7:15 PM @ SSP City Hall**

City Council meetings are open to the public and you have the opportunity to speak during the Citizens Comments portion of the agenda.

### Shred Event

**April 22, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ WSP City Hall**

Open to all SSP Residents. Pioneer SecureShred staff will collect and secure material into a locking security container and transport it directly to the mobile shredding vehicle.

### Of Bees & Butterflies

**April 22, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ SSP Library**

Work with naturalist Larry Wade to learn about pollinator friendly gardens. Then work with artist Jeanette Dickinson to create a "bee"-utiful garden container for pollinator plants that will be the talk of the beehive! Registration required. Presented by ArtStart.



## APRIL "TO DO" LIST

*buy new doormats*  
**DANCE IN THE RAIN**  
**CELEBRATE EARTH DAY**  
*write letters*  
**PACK AWAY WINTER CLOTHES**  
**GET A HOUSE PLANT**  
*light candles at night*  
**WASH BLINDS AND WINDOW SCREENS**  
**FAMILY TIME**  
**PLANT EARLY-SEASON VEGGIES**

If there is anything you would like to see in our monthly newsletter, please submit it ASAP.

Thanks to those who contributed this month.

Keep an eye on Facebook and Twitter for more updates on JCI South St. Paul.

@sspjaycees  
#JCIMN

## NOTABLE JAYCEE



**Charles Augustus Lindbergh**

February 4, 1902 – August 26, 1974

American aviator, military officer, author, inventor, explorer, and environmental activist.

Lindbergh worked with the Jaycees to develop the U.S. Air Mail Service.

## BIRTHDAYS

**Josh Regan**  
April 13<sup>th</sup>

**Gwen Labovitch**  
April 29<sup>th</sup>

