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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.

Welcome incoming President Gwen!



The South Saint Paul Jaycees are excited to welcome our 2016 President Gwen as the head of our Board of Directors. Gwen's passion and commitment to the Jaycees organization and her volunteerism has lead her to become a valuable Member and friend to many within our chapter. We are excited to see her blossom in her leadership role and eagerly anticipate the positive changes she will bring. With her zest and unequivocally encouraging and supportive attitude we have no doubt this coming year will be a very successful year indeed! Gwen has an uplifting message for our chapter, please see page 2.

MEETINGS:

Board of Directors:

- January 3, 2016
Dak. Co. Library
WSP - 199 Wentworth
Ave. E.
10:00 AM

Members Meetings:

- January 14, 2016
The Croation Hall- SSP
7:00 PM

SOCIALS:

Chapter Socials:

- Year End Awards
1/22/16
- TBD
2/22/16

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

EVENTS:

Events:

- Year In Planning
- BOD MEETING
- Year End Awards
- Annual Convention
- **2016 JCI USA Spring
National Meeting –
Cruise & More**

A letter from our President:

Dear South Saint Paul Jaycees and Friends,

At this year's Junior Chamber Leadership Academy, 2015 JCI National Vice-President Keri Fisher shared with us, a fable. The fable was about a girl who walked along the beach picking up starfish and throwing them into the ocean. There were hundreds of starfish that covered the beach so she always had a job. An old man saw the girl and went up to her and said, "Girl, there are so many starfish that need to go back into the ocean. Even if you spent your whole life saving starfish, there would still be thousands more to save on this beach alone—not to mention other beaches. You must stop your foolish work. You cannot make a difference." The girl thought about the words of the old man for a moment- a little crushed and a little wondering if he was right. She, then, stooped down and picked up a starfish and threw it into the ocean. She said to the man, "It made a difference to that Starfish." I believe that the South Saint Paul Jaycees can make a difference in 2016. As seen in the fable, every simple and small act matters even and makes a difference in the lives of others. I believe, if we pool our resources and focus on the difference we are making in our own lives, in the lives of other young leaders, and in our community, we will become an unstoppable force.

I, also, can't wait to see how this organization and being part of it creates change in our own lives. There are thousands of stories over the 100 hundreds the Jaycees have been existed about how this organization has made an impact on it's members and communities. The organization has began to change, and I believe we, as the South Saint Paul Jaycees, will also have to change to meet better meet the needs of our community and our members. These changes will make us better and maximum our impact for 2016 and years to come. I am so excited that we get to carry on this tradition of the Jaycees.

I cannot wait to see in 2016 the difference we have make this year in our chapter, our community, and in our own lives as we serve others. I am so excited to have such passionate strong members on my board and in my chapter. I am so glad and honored to be elected the 9th President of the South Saint Paul Jaycees, and your 2016 JCI South Saint Paul President.

Thank you for this opportunity,
Gwen Labovitch
2016 JCI South Saint Paul President

Ice Fishing Contest:



A group of So. St. Paul Jaycee Members are attending the Brainerd Ice Fishing Extravaganza being held on Jan 21-23, 2016.

If interested in attending, please contact President Gwen or State Delegate Kahra Biehl.

The Brainerd Jaycees \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza is the world's largest ice fishing contest. It has been held annually for 23 years in Brainerd, MN.

All of the proceeds are donated to area non-profit organizations with Confidence Learning Center—an outdoor center for persons with developmental disabilities; with Camp Confidence being the primary beneficiary.

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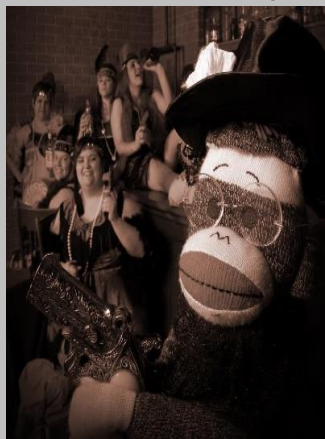
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Chairman of the Board:

MN – Josh Regan
South St. Paul - Alicia R.

'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 10) and other sources. Contact the project coordinator, Tiffah with any questions you may have at:

Tiffah07@yahoo.com

JANUARY



WINTER CHECKLIST

- ☐ MAKE SNOWCREAM ☐ Give to Charity
- ☐ Snuggle ☐ Build a Snowman
- ☐ Go Sledding ☐ Decorate
- ☐ Make Hot Chocolate ☐ Bake Cookies
- ☐ Shop ☐ HOLIDAY TUNES
- ☐ Go Ice Skating ☐ OPEN PRESENTS
- ☐ Family Time
- ☐ Trim The Tree
- ☐ Look at the Lights

JCI 22 SOCIAL:

Year End Awards!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of socializing as we reflect on our year and recognize our chapter members and friends strengths during the year end awards. Time and Location to be announced.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT STATE:

Minnesota Jaycees Calendar

Check out MNJaycees.org/Calendar for all the happenings going on statewide. Road run opportunities are everywhere!

WHAT'S GOING ON AT STATE CONT'D:

New year new deadlines, old ways to communicate disappearing

JCI Minnesota would like to make the lives easier of all chapter and members with the following changes to the way the state communicates with chapters, and the way chapters communicate with one another.

A more extensive monthly electronic newsletter, and convention newsletter will be sent to all members as well as a supplemental monthly electronic communication to chapter board members. The monthly newsletter will go out on the second Thursday of each month. Submissions will be due the first Thursday of each month.

The monthly supplement communication to chapter board members will go out the fourth Thursday of each month. Submissions will be due the third Thursday of each month. This will include any detailed and/or time sensitive information.

In addition, a convention newsletter will be sent out to all members about one week prior to convention with all the information you need for convention: weekend schedule, Board of Directors agenda and minutes, training descriptions, competition topics, last call, etc.

Newsletter article submissions should be sent to gopher@mnjaycees.org no later than one week prior to the second and fourth Thursday publications. This includes state organization and local chapter information (road run info, events, manpower needs, etc).

With the supplement communication, it is very important to send the 2016 chapter board information to ensure that the information is received. Please update it [here](#) if it hasn't been done already.

Notice: Due to low participation, we will no longer utilize the J-Mail and MNJC yahoo groups as communication as of Jan. 31. Fewer than 5 percent of membership subscribes to these communications.

The electronic newsletters will be available to alumni and the public via subscription and on the website. These will include all of the information that used to go out in yahoo groups and Gopher newsletter.

If you have any communication questions, concerns, ideas, etc., please contact me at gopher@mnjaycees.org or via phone/text 218-330-2604 or Public Relations Vice President Tad Johnson at prvp@mnjaycees.org or via phone/text at 218-831-3784.

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Here are some upcoming State and National Conventions and Meetings that each member may want to consider attending. One of which is a highly coveted Cruise; several of our SSP Chapter members are attending.

JCI USA Annual meeting to be held in Detroit; everyone is invited. Josh, the MN state chapter President will be there – lets show our support!!

The CLOSEST A JCI WORLD CONGRESS WILL EVER BE is in Quebec. This usually takes place in Japan!

****See Below for MORE information****

2016 JCI USA Annual Meeting



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

At this meeting:

- the association honors Ten Outstanding Young Americans, which is the Jaycees' signature event and highlight of the conference
- 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

[Register now](#) for the 2016 National Meeting in Detroit, Michigan from September 22-25. Early Registration ends December 31, 2015.

JCI USA ONTO World Congress Quebec



Register now for the 2016 JCI World Congress in Quebec Canada through the JCI USA ONTO Package. The ONTO Package is provided as a convenience to assist with hotel and conference registrations. The ONTO Package deadline is January 31, 2016.

[Download the ONTO JCI World Congress Quebec City JCI USA Package.](#)

Annual Convention :

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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 CONVENTION!

2016 Convention
JANUARY 15-17:
DoubleTree Minneapolis –
Brooklyn Center

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

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JCI USA

JCI
National Meeting
2016
Cruise
April 7-11

US Junior Chamber National Meeting
April 7-11, 2016

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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

JCI National Meeting 2016 Caribbean Cruises on Carnival Paradise

The 2016 National Convention will be held on a Carnival Paradise Cruise. Join the MN Jaycees for a conference, friendship, education and fun! We will recognize last year's outstanding members, outstanding chapters, and programs. You can meet new friends and hang out with old friends, benefit from the dozen of trainings offered just to JCI members.

The Carnival Cruise is porting to Cozumel, Mexico. The boat sails from Tampa Bay, FL April 7, 2016 and returns Monday, April 11, 2016. Registration includes: all meals and lodging, awards, BOD meetings and trainings.

Registration. Any Jaycee member is invited to join in on the fun. Beginning February through December 14, members can reserve beds at a deposit price of \$175.00 a bed, \$150.00 of which will be applied to their ticket price. JCI will continue to offer beds at \$175.00/bed until December 14 or until they run out of beds. On December 15, 2015 they will release all unclaimed beds in their room block. Rooms are all Double Occupancy, check the JCI website or ask a state staff member for more information. A passport is not required to visit Cozumel, but is recommended. Hotel accommodations are available for the night before the cruise, April 6, 2016. To secure lodging, rooms must be reserved before March 11, 2016. Reservations are part of a JCI room block at Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore-Airport Area.

The schedule is full of amazing events and socials and includes: awards, lunch awards, dinner, Cozumel (NO Jaycee programs), How to build a PMG, a cocktail party. Join the US Jaycees for a Year End Cruise Celebration. It is an amazing opportunity. Log on to www.jci.cc/event/nationalmeeting2016 to register today. Space is limited!!!

"Project Eddie" Nomination

Nominator Information:

Name of Nominator: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominee General Information

Name of Nominee: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zipcode: _____

City: _____ Email Address: _____

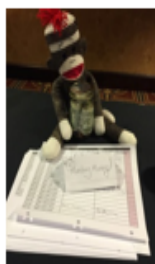
Nomination Questions:

- 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?

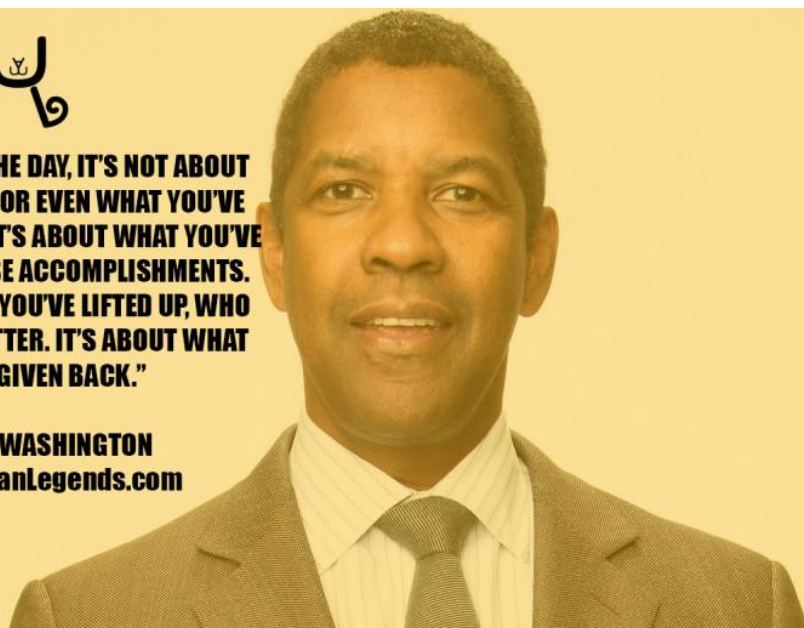
Please return email finished application to Membership VP Gwen Labovitch at Labovitg@yahoo.com |





"AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE OR EVEN WHAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED. IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IT'S ABOUT WHO YOU'VE LIFTED UP, WHO YOU'VE MADE BETTER. IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE GIVEN BACK."

-DENZEL WASHINGTON
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Fall Convention

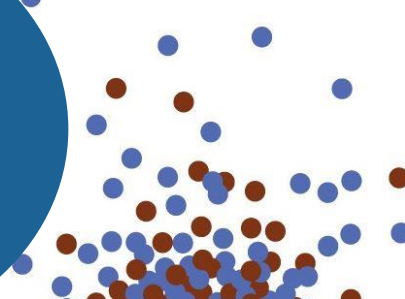
Happy Birthday to our
DEC/JAN Birthdays :

- Kahra B.
- Daniel G.



Welcome New &
Renewing Members:

Sean O.
Valarut P.



Leadership Development

Networking, Training and
Member Recognition

South Saint Paul 2015:

WINNER Best Of 2015



Best of 2015 Cont'd.





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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



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If you already do:

