



Well, a couple months into the year and we're starting to get into the swing of things. It was great seeing all of you who made it to the February meeting and the Progressive Dinner. For those of you who couldn't make it, we hope to see you at the March meeting.

On the Management front, I'd like to commend our newsletter editor Jen Hovland. She's doing a great job and making us stick to our deadlines. Deb is also doing a great job of keeping us up to date on the state of the chapter accounts. The board is making decisions on what fundraising projects will be run this year and we'll be needing chair people to make them successful.

For those of you who've yet to make it to a meeting, you're missing out on the best opportunities in the world. Knowing that the Junior Chamber is an international organization, I thought you might be interested to know that membership dues in Japan are over \$2000 per year - and there is a waiting list! I don't know about you, but this tells me two things. 1) The people on that waiting list see the value that active membership brings to their personal and business lives; and 2) Membership in the Elk Point-Jefferson Jaycees is a HUGE bargain.

I want to challenge everyone who hasn't been to a meeting yet to make it to either the March or the April meeting. See what you've been missing (what the Japanese are willing to shell out two grand for), meet some new friends and step forward to help with - or chair - a project. The single purpose that the Jaycees were founded on is to enhance leadership skills through community service. Unless you're currently at the top rung of the corporate ladder, this chapter can provide skills and experience to advance your career.

*Editor's note: Steve adapted the national shield to be on for SD.*

In Jaycees,  
Steve Weidner  
EPJ MDVP 2001

## FUN IN 2001! Roll in the Dough!!!!!! (Program begins March 1)

Chapter will begin a raffle with \$10 and add \$10 monthly.

Minimum amount available will always be \$10.

If all proceeds are not won, the remaining amount will roll over to the next month's meeting.

Must be a member of EPJ Jaycees to win.

### Ways to get tickets:

Come to a meeting – receive one ticket automatically

Go recruiting – receive one ticket for each time since the last meeting

Bring a new or prospective member to a meeting – receive two tickets

Recruit a new member – receive five tickets

Purchase a ticket - \$1.00



You need not to be present at the current meeting to receive tickets for the items in *italics*.

### Amount to win:

¼ of total – Base

½ of total – Go recruiting or bring a prospective member to a function at least once in the previous 90 days

¾ of total – Recruit a new member

The whole shebang – Activate a new member within 90 days of recruitment

# Smith Family Benefit Chili Feed

On Monday, January 20th there was a house fire just north of Elk Point. The Smith family not only lost their home but their newborn as well. Kevin Hurley (CD VP, Firefighter on the scene, & co-worker) and Rhonda Weidner (COB) started to organize this benefit dinner on Tuesday in the afternoon. By Sunday, the 26th, there were 300 cinnamon rolls, crock-pots upon crock-pots of chili, and many people helping to make this a success. The people who helped out (working the event and bringing food) were: the Smith's co-workers, from the community & community business, AAL, and fellow jaycees. Everyone who helped, came to eat, and/or donated items should feel VERY proud of themselves. Not only was there a good sum of money raised for the family, they left with a truck full of household belongings, kids toys, clothing, and kids beds. The kids were already having fun playing with the toys. Enjoy the pictures Rhonda emailed to me. (How many people do you know?)

Sorry if I over looked something. Jen

Email received after the event.

----- Original Message -----

I would just like to take a minute to Thank everyone for the great job on this project. We made around \$2000.00 and AAI will match \$800.00 of that. Again super job. Patty

-----Reply-----

I would like to second that. What an awesome turnout! Thank you all for your help. If you every go recruiting for the Jaycees and get asked about what the Jaycees are all about. A description of this would sum it up pretty well. Thanks again, Kevin



**Above:** Kitchen workers going strong.

**Right Top:** Elk Point Auditorium full of community spirit and wonderful chili.

**Right:** Suzanne Peterman and Suzi Fletcher dishing up the chili and doling out the smiles.



President, Patty Carrell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Members in attendance: Kristi Baker, Suzanne Peterman, Jen Hovland, Greg Hovland, Laura Grashoff, Brandon Grashoff, Suzi Fletcher, Kevin Hurley, Steve Weidner, Jodi Gill, Jay Lindsey, Pat Hoelker (Senator), Randy Carrell (Guest), Vaughn Brewer, and Deb McCreary

Kevin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Greg led the Invocation.

The first item of business was the Treasurer's Report. Deb quoted the following balances: \$63.13 in checking, \$7,500 in Holiday for Kids, \$413 in Junior Leadership fund, and \$225 in Outstanding Young Farmer. Jen motioned to accept the report and Suzanne seconded the motion. The motion passed by all in attendance.

The next item of business was the approval of the minutes from the January 2 General Membership meeting. The minutes were distributed for review. Steve motioned to accept the Secretary's report and Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed by all in attendance.

#### Management Vice-president Update – by Steve W. Weidner

- ☐ Steve provided a description of his position, which includes the management of the public relations for the chapter, fund-raising projects and chapter paperwork.
- ☐ The Shooters' Ed Banquet will be held in the fall to avoid conflicts with the Duck Unlimited and Pheasants Forever banquets. Steve is in need of a chairperson for this project.
- ☐ There will be a fund-raising/street dance meeting on February 22 at 7:00 PM at the Elk Point Fire Hall. Anyone with fund-raising initiatives and interest is welcome to attend.
- ☐ Steve will be taking a day off from work to complete the community survey with area businesses. He stated that on the top of the community survey list from last year was a community center for Elk Point.
- ☐ The general membership provided Steve with the following fund-raising ideas: mud volleyball tournament (charge teams a registration fee and run a concession stand) and the sale of coupon books.
- ☐ Steve explained the chapter's sustaining membership program. It includes area businesses sponsoring the printing costs of the local chapter's and state's newsletters. The state receives \$25.00 of the membership fee and the local chapter keeps the remaining amount (based on the level of membership that was sold).
- ☐ Patty discussed the sub sale fund-raiser. It would be the first fund-raiser for the New Year and Suzanne and Randy are chairing the project. More information would be available in the next week or so. Members will be asked to pre-sell sub sandwiches and then come together one evening to make the orders, with delivery being the next day.

Suzi motioned to accept the report and Jen seconded the motion. The motion passed by all in attendance.

#### Community Vice-president Update – by Kevin Hurley

- ☐ The local HotShot competition was held the Saturday previous to this meeting. Kevin stated that there were no participants in attendance. He is going to table this project until next year.
- ☐ The local Shooter's Ed project is in need of a chairperson. This is a 6-8 hour course on gun safety for young people. This project will be held in March.
- ☐ Kevin offered a thank you to everyone who helped make the Smith Family Dinner a huge success. The event raised \$2,600 for the family who lost their home and infant to a fire. AAL will be matching the funds raised by \$400.
- ☐ Kevin suggested that the chapter look into having an emergency fund that they can tap into for situations like the Smith family.

Greg motioned to accept the report and Deb seconded the motion. The motion passed by all in attendance.

#### Membership Vice-president Update – Suzi Fletcher

- ☐ Suzi stated that there have been three visitation nights since the last general membership meeting. She offered prizes to Jen and Greg Hovland for their first time recruiting and they recruited two new members.
- ☐ The next visitation dates were set for February 15 and March 5.
- ☐ Suzi stated that the new incentive program for recruiting and activating new members would be published in the next newsletter. She also provided a handout to everyone present.
- ☐ Suzi handed out the membership survey to everyone present. Each was asked to complete the survey and return it to Suzi during the meeting.
- ☐ The Membership/Orientation night is scheduled for March 16. Suzi stated that the agenda for the evening would include a one-hour seminar on the basics of Jaycees and then a family social.

Steve motioned to accept the report and Vaughn seconded the motion. The motion passed by all in attendance.

#### Individual Development Vice-president Update – Suzanne Peterman

- ☐ Jen and Suzanne handed out invitations to the Progressive Dinner scheduled for February 17. There will be 4 houses sponsoring each course of the meal.
  - ☐ Pat Hoelker (JC Senator #45893) conducted a seminar on parliamentary procedure. The membership participated in a crossword puzzle to reinforce the terms of parliamentary procedure.
  - ☐ Greater Dakota Valley will be hosting an ID College on how to recruit new members. This event will be held on February 11 at 1:00 PM. Their omelet feed will also be conducted at the Senior Center in North Sioux City that morning.
  - ☐ Jen made a motion to not have to stand while making motions at the general membership meetings. Kevin seconded the motion and it passed by all in attendance.
- Steve motioned to accept the report and Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed by all in attendance.

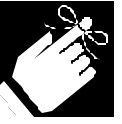
#### Presidential Update – Patty Carrell

- ☐ Patty announced the following year-end awards from the year-end state convention:
  - Suzanne #1 Newtimer Award for the trimester (obtained 400 signatures)
  - Suzanne #1 Newtimer Award overall for the year
  - Jen #1 Springboard competition
  - EPJ Top Growth by Region for 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester
  - EPJ #9 in the state as an overall chapter
  - Steve Top recruiter for trimester and for the region
  - EPJ Chapter receives the Wingman award from Rhonda
- ☐ The next state convention will be held in Aberdeen on May 11, 12, and 13. The registration will be \$45 per person and the hotel cost will be \$52 per night. This is the weekend of graduation in Elk Point.
- ☐ The Handicap camp's clean up days are set for April 21 and 28. The camp is also in need of a new furnace at a cost of \$1,500. EPJ Jaycees are involved in helping to raise \$250 for this cause.
- ☐ The state volleyball event will be held in Sioux Falls and it will be a sand volleyball competition. There is a \$50 registration fee for each team (6-person teams) and that must be paid by June 30.
- ☐ Patty stated that the chapter shirts are in, for those who ordered one. Absolute Screen Art produced the shirts. If anyone is interested in ordering one, they are asked to see Deb or Patty.
- ☐ A regional rally in Worthing has been scheduled for March 24 at 6:45 PM.

Randy motioned to accept the report and Vaughn seconded the motion. The motion passed by all in attendance.

#### Open Floor

- ☐ Randy and Steve will begin the half-and-half raffles at the next general membership meeting.
  - ☐ The next general membership meeting will be held in Elk Point on March 6 at 7:00 PM. Suzi Fletcher is scheduled for snacks that evening.
- Kevin led the creed at the close of business. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.



## Calendar of Events

Any events without dates are to be determined by the Chairperson  
If you would like to chair a project, please bring it up in the meeting or email Patty Carrell

March	5 & 15 Visitations; 7pm EP Court House - contact Suzi Fletcher 6 Meeting - Exec Board 6pm; General Membership 7pm @ Elk Point Fire Hall 6 Preventative Health Presentation at meeting by Kirsten Colt 16 Orientation and M-night Shooters Education; Scholarships
April	2 & 19 Visitations; 7pm EP Court House - contact Suzi Fletcher 3 Meeting - Exec Board 6pm; General Membership 7pm @ Jefferson Fire Hall Night Golf; Diamond Skills; CPR Training
May	1 Meeting - Exec Board 6pm; General Membership 7pm @ Elk Point Fire Hall 7 & 17 Visitations; 7pm EP Court House - contact Suzi Fletcher
June	4 & 21 Visitations; 7pm EP Court House - contact Suzi Fletcher 5 Meeting - Exec Board 6pm; General Membership 7pm @ Jefferson Fire Hall Concession Stand; Family Outing
July	2 & 19 Visitations; 7pm EP Court House - contact Suzi Fletcher 3 Meeting - Exec Board 6pm; General Membership 7pm @ Elk Point Fire Hall MS Talk; M-Night
August	6 & 16 Visitations; 7pm EP Court House - contact Suzi Fletcher 7 Meeting - Exec Board 6pm; General Membership 7pm @ Jefferson Fire Hall Street Dance
September	10 & 20 Visitations; 7pm EP Court House - contact Suzi Fletcher 4 Meeting - Exec Board 6pm; General Membership 7pm @ Elk Point Fire Hall Shooter Ed Banquet; Night Golf; Punt Pass Kick
October	1 & 18 Visitations; 7pm EP Court House - contact Suzi Fletcher 2 Meeting - Exec Board 6pm; General Membership 7pm @ Jefferson Fire Hall M-Night w/ Program; Tailgate Party
November	5 & 15 Visitations; 7pm EP Court House - contact Suzi Fletcher 6 Meeting - Exec Board 6pm; General Membership 7pm @ Elk Point Fire Hall Holiday Gifts for Kids; Year End Social
December	3 & 20 Visitations; 7pm EP Court House - contact Suzi Fletcher 4 Meeting - Exec Board 6pm; General Membership 7pm @ Jefferson Fire Hall Holiday Gifts for Kids

Is there someone in your chapter that needs a pat on the back for a job well done?  
Is there someone in your chapter who believes in the Jaycees so much that they make you believe?  
Is there someone in your chapter that deserves recognition because of their great achievement?  
Is there someone in your chapter that is the true spirit the Jaycees should be about?

If so please nominate this person for the First Lady's award. See that the person who inspires you to **Believe & Achieve** can be recognized and celebrated by the Jaycee organization. See this person get the recognition that they so deserve.

Awards are presented at each boards during the lunch segment. The nomination letters are read and the recipient can then be recognized and celebrated. This is a great morale booster for the general membership to see a person so deserving be awarded.

So please consider nominating that special person in your chapter or in the Jaycee organization. Mail your nominations to Tammy Huntimer 505 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Colton, SD 57018 or email at [huntimert@dtgnet.com](mailto:huntimert@dtgnet.com). If you email please make sure I reply that I received your nomination, if not please sent it again. All must be sent by April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for your consideration.

Tammy Huntimer  
First Lady of the South Dakota Jaycees

### Individual Development

Greetings from Suzanne Peterman. I am so excited about our March 6th meeting! Our speaker will be our own member Kirsten Colt. She will be speaking on Preventive Health for Men & Women. I am looking forward to see everyone there! Have a safe & healthy winter!



### Letter from the Editor:

You probably noticed the month is February/March on the newsletter. This is due to changing over the month to the one just about to start (as I see the other chapters and the state doing).

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Forrest Gump dies and goes to heaven. He is met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter. St. Peter says, "This Place is filling up so fast, we've had to begin giving an entrance exam to get in. The test I have for you is only three questions.

1. What days of the week begin with the letter T?
2. How many seconds are there in a year?
3. What is God's first name? "

St. Peter gives Forrest time to think the questions over. Soon, St. Peter says, "Tell me your answers. First, what days of the week begin with the letter T?

Forrest says, "Well, the first one is easy. That would be Today and Tomorrow."

The Saint said, "Forrest! That's not what I was thinking of! Hummmm, but you do have a point. I'll give you credit for that answer."

"How about the next question? How many seconds in a year?"

Forrest answers, "Twelve."

St. Peter says, "Twelve? How could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?"

Forrest says, "Gotta be twelve: January second, February second, March second.....".

St. Peter says, "I see your point. I'll give you credit for that one, too. Let's go on with the next and final question. Can you tell me God's first name?"

Forrest replied, "Andy".

St Peter says, "I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but how in the heaven's name did you come up with the name "Andy" as the first name of God?"

"That was the easiest one of all", Forrest replied. "I learned it from the song.....

"ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN....."

The lesson: THERE IS ALWAYS ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW; and just because another person doesn't see things the same way or understand the same way that you do, does not mean that their view is wrong.