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## Nearing the End and the Beginning



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85th President

I cannot believe that I only have two more months as President and am working with Dawn for her preparation as president next year! I have to admit that I am both sad and a little happy. I feel that the 2011 Board has done a great job. I'd like to keep going to see

what else we can get accomplished, but know it's time to pass on our leadership responsibilities to the 2012 board. I am excited to turn the keys over to the next leaders of our chapter. I have already heard about some of next year's ideas and think that they all sound great.

You may be asking 'what were 2011's goal? My goals were to take care of a few internal issues, also known as 'streamlining things for future presidents'. This meant doing many things, behind the scenes, that most members never see. I am very proud of the things that have happened this year and I couldn't have done them without the

help of an amazing board. Everyone handled events like professionals, which allowed me to focus on these "internal issues", such as:

1) Understand our bank accounts: Most people understand that I scrutinize each dollar I spend and each bill I receive. I carried these analytical skills over to our chapter. Treasurer Amy Zajack and I looked at every bill, and asked "why are we paying this and do we need to"? Our past presidents did a great job of reducing costs, yet I felt there were more cost-cutting measures to take. There were numerous things that we didn't need; eliminating them has saved us a few hundred dollars per month. We're also in the process of consolidating accounts, which will make it easier to track funds and change over account signers.

2) Organize Storage and Unload Tunnel Items: I continued to clean up our storage space and evaluated if we needed the large space we currently had. Therefore, we sold the Tunnel inventory and moved into a smaller space.

3) New Website: I believe it's important to have a user-friendly website that's updateable by the board without having programming knowledge. We'll roll out the new site in the near future. It is much easier to update events and documents, and will save a lot of time for future webmasters.

4) Evaluate our Fundraisers: It's important to fundraise and make money to cover operating expenses. It is not beneficial to run several large events and burn our members out, especially if we're not compensated well. We now have the ability to eliminate a couple of these burn-out fundraisers, because we don't need as much to cover our operating costs. Next year, our large manpower events, Stone Arch and Oktoberfest, will unfortunately not be taking place. This was for the best however, so that we can now focus our time on finding a better-fitting fundraiser.

Tying all of my goals together, I hope to make it easier for the next presidents to hit the ground running and really promote the chapter to gain members. They will not have to worry about the things that nagged me when I became President.

### Special Notes:

\* We will not be mailing out printed Connection newsletters starting on Jan. 1, unless you contact me and ask for a printed copy by Dec. 15.

\* If you do not currently receive the 'YAHOO! group email', contact me and I'll make sure that you are added to the list.

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## Legal Counsel - Then and Now

Adosh Unni  
Legal Counsel

Last year, I was first introduced to the Jaycees when I approached a mentor and former Saint Paul Jaycees legal counsel, Matt Gollinger, about using my recently attained Juris Doctor (JD) degree. He suggested that the Jaycees would be a great fit with my desire to serve the community. Little did I know that the rich legal history of the Jaycees would help me fulfill that goal.

In 1937, Warren E. Burger was the 8th president of the chapter. Burger, a Minnesota native, went on to become the 15th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, appointed in 1969. This is quite a shining light in the legal history of the chapter, but it does not stop there.

In the mid-1970's, the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Jaycees went on to change the core of what being a Jaycee means. In 1974, both chapters began admitting women as full members, a direct affront to the U.S. Jaycees bylaw that the organization was for "young men." Well, the U.S. chapter was to have none of this Minnesota bravado and notified the local chapters in 1978 that it would revoke their status. Both chapters filed discrimination charges with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. After challenges by the national chapter, the case made its way to the United States Supreme Court in 1984, with the State of Minnesota representing the two chapters. Throughout that period, our chapter refused to demote female members from full status, even electing women to be president of the chapter in 1983-84. By 1984, the national chapter revoked our status as a Jaycees organization.

However, the Supreme Court found in our favor. Justice William Brennan found that the national organization didn't have a legitimate reason to disallow women under the Minnesota Human Rights Act. The Court found that state chapters could sue to allow women as full members if state law allowed it. Interestingly, Burger was Chief Justice at the time the Court heard the case, but with obvious conflicts of interest, he recused himself from the case along with Justice Harry Blackmun, another Minnesota native. Our chapter truly changed the idea of what it is to be a Jaycee.

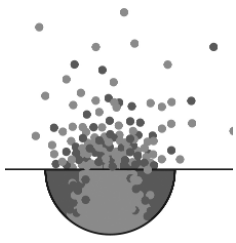
Now, my tasks are not nearly as monumental as what I've just discussed, but they do assist in the longevity of the organization. I provide legal services that ensure that our collective "butt" is covered on all the events we do. Waivers are required for both our fundraising and charitable events. As a non-profit, we have limited resources, and the waiver ensures that those who

participate in our events, understand the risks involved. Legal stuff isn't always pretty, but it makes sure that we run events with low risk.

The legwork on fundraising consumes the majority of my legal counsel duties. The chapter predominantly raises funds by serving alcohol at various events around the Twin Cities. We even raise money through raffles and pull-tabs. Limited day events in Minneapolis where alcohol is served, require the event to be in the name of a charitable organization. That's where we come in. We partner with a for-profit organization that secures an alcohol provider and the alcohol. But they need us to pull an alcohol license with the City and State for the event. I fill out the license application and submit it to Minneapolis City Hall. And, Voila! Thirty days later, we have a permit and we get paid to serve alcohol. At some of these, we conduct raffles or pull-tabs. This involves submitting an application to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board. We've never been denied yet!

I have had one instance procuring an alcohol permit that was particularly troubling. Managing events or large tasks can be full of pitfalls; we had committed to pouring alcohol for a national half-marathon race held in Minneapolis. As always, I submitted the application for alcohol to City Hall. But hold on! It turns out that we were missing a few important things, like a partner business that held a one-year liquor license. Neither the race organization nor I had thought of this. After two intense weeks, we finally found a licensed establishment. All was well, or so I thought. Two days before the race, City Hall still said that our certificate of insurance was deficient. Minneapolis is extremely particular about having all the names and dates of all parties involved, listed on multiple certificates of insurance. After another flurry of calls, I finally managed to procure the appropriate certificate of insurance three hours before City Hall closed on Friday. The day was saved and we had the liquor permit for the race. Phew!

I've learned a lot as legal counsel. Ensuring coverage for liability is extremely important. Also, being absolutely clear on licensure requirements can make or break an event. But most importantly, I learned how to manage my expectations and emotions during stressful situations. I almost lost it during the fiasco above, however, President Justin came to my rescue. He told me that people screw up all the time and one of the things about the Jaycees is learning by doing new and untested things. This helped me get through this ordeal and I came away with a feeling that failure is not the end of the world. I've really enjoyed my time as legal counsel and I think it is a great position for any new attorney who desires personal and professional development through an amazing organization with a rich history.



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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 treasury lies in human personality;

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

## Upcoming Events

Please see our website for complete details at [www.stpauljaycees.org](http://www.stpauljaycees.org)

Fri., Nov. 4 - November Meet & Greet; Town Hall Brewery  
1430 Washington Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN

Sat., Nov. 12 - 2012 Board Elections and  
Membership Appreciation Party;  
Sun Ray Bowling Alley  
2245 Hudson Road, Maplewood

Sat., Nov. 19 - Presidential Road Roadrun for the  
Minnesota Jaycees President, Jason Benton  
111 Jefferson Boulevard, Big Lake

Sat., Dec. 10 - Les Farrington Children's Holiday Celebration

Sat., Dec. 17 - Les Farrington Special Olympics

Sat., Jan. 7 - 2012 Annual Gala; DeGidios

## Special "Thanks" To:

**New Jaycee of the Month (NJCOTM):** Lynn Winkel

Lynn has jumped right in immediately after joining and has volunteered at many events.

**Jaycee of the Month (JCOTM):** Lisa Hiebert

Lisa brought a new partnership with Summit Brewery to the chapter. Through her professional contacts, she promoted the Saint Paul Jaycees. Lisa was also the chair of the event, and did a great job recruiting volunteers and making sure we "wowed" Summit.



## Saint Paul Jaycees 2011 Accomplishments

Total Members: 86

Funds Raised for Charitable Foundation: \$6,074

Funds Raised for Chapter: \$15,488

Community Hours: 530

Fundraising Hours: 1,756

## ★ Chapter Elections & Membership Appreciation Party ★

Sat., Nov. 12, 2011

Sun Ray Bowling Alley in Maplewood

- \* Social: 6:30 p.m.
- \* 2012 Board Elections: 7:00 - 7:20 p.m.
- \* Bowling & Social: 7:30 p.m. (continues)