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## A Message From The President

Dear Jaycees,

WOW!!! What a great start to the year. We opened the month with an AMAZING Leadership Academy. I wish everyone could have attended. We have provided many updated and new materials and programs that you will find on the website library under "Leadership Academy Forms". Some of the updated or new programs to be aware of are the LEADER board and Passport To Leadership.

LEADER board is a recognition program this year that will recognize the members, chapters, regions/districts and states that bring new members into the organization. It also provides recognition for activation of the new members we are welcoming.

Passport to Leadership is an updated version of the Degrees Program. This updated program follows the same levels and degrees but it allows each member to have a more customized path toward advancement rather than being forced to take certain actions during a particular degree. There is a "Passport" that members can download and use to track their performance and State Presidents will soon have the "Degree" stamps to email Local Presidents that can be put into the electronic passport. This doesn't dissolve any Degree progress a member previously had nor does it stop progress. Each member can just easily convert to this program immediately.

Through the excitement and leadership obtained at Academy, we all were able to pull together and enhance the strong momentum coming out of 2009. Final audits are underway but it's clear that we had the BEST JANUARY for membership in over a decade. Thank you to each of you that helped retain or recruit members into this great organization.

Thank you for all that you do and please let me know how the Executive Team can assist you.

Jeff Lank  
90th President



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## Haiti Relief Efforts

It is time to rally together to make the line in our creed "**That Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life**" come to life. The U.S. Jaycees Foundation your foundation is accepting donation for the victims of the Haiti earthquake.

Your donation, either individual, chapter, state or corporate, is tax deductible and that 100% of your donation will go to assist those in Haiti directly. The U.S. Jaycees Foundation is working with Junior Chamber International to coordinate the distribution of the funds we receive.

**HERE**  
to sign up for this publication and for *Connections*, the USJC monthly publication full of marketing tips for your chapter and events.

Please send your donation to U.S. Jaycees Foundation – Disaster Relief – Haiti; 7447 S. Lewis Ave. Tulsa, OK. 74102-0007 Attn: Financial Department. You may email questions to [DisasterRelief@usjcfoundation.org](mailto:DisasterRelief@usjcfoundation.org) or go to <http://usjayceefoundation.org/>

If you or your chapter would rather donation supplies or items, please contact Florida Jaycee President, Arwen Pritchett, she can be reached at [president2010@fljaycees.org](mailto:president2010@fljaycees.org)

Please make Chief of Staff Travis Ahlquist aware of your chapter's efforts.

### January "Fire-Up" Challenge Results

This past weekend we ran a "Fire-Up Challenge" for those that recruit at least 3 members or Chapters that recruit at least 10 members. Each submitted by Tuesday would go into a drawing for an Apple IPOD. Many used the "Power of Pride" recruitment theory so give it a try if not using it yet. We are happy to recognize the following members that had qualified for this challenge:

#### Recruiters

##### **ARKANSAS**

Jimmy Guiett (Jonesboro) - 4 members

##### **FLORIDA:**

Tony Allen (Pensacola) - 4 members

Tina Porreca (Tampa) - 3 members

Kristen Rabell (Gainesville) - 3 members

Daphne Simmons (SW Orlando) - 3 members

Chantel Taylor (Gainesville) - 7 members (She was also recruited during this challenge. Welcome and Way to go Chantel!!!)

##### **IOWA:**

Julie Bauer (Mason City) - 3 members

Amy Cherne (Dubuque) - 3 members

Jennifer Gracey (State President) - 3 members

Mark Hollingsworth (Urbandale) - 6 members

Josh Masson (Mason City) - 3 members

Chris Puetz (Dubuque) - 3 members

Mickey Roderer (Davenport) - 3 members

##### **Montana:**

Nikki Erhart (Glendive) - 3 members

Jennifer Rindal (Central Montana) - 4 members

#### Chapters

Mason City Iowa - 15 members

Gainesville Florida - 11 members

**And the winner is..... Nikki Ehrart of Glendive, Montana. Congratulations!!!**

### 2009 Awards Deadlines

#### **February 5th:**

**Online Judges Due (2/5/2010):**Your state's judge will need to have high-speed internet access. Please e-mail me ([charity.stegman@gmail.com](mailto:charity.stegman@gmail.com)) their name, phone number, e-mail address, and whether they will be judging CPG's or Annual Reports.

For the purpose of judging Annual Reports submitted by states and chapters, the number of judges required per state will be determined by the total number of entries submitted from their state.

The following scale will be used:

- For 1-4 entries, 1 judge is required
- For 5-9 entries, 2 judges are required
- For 10-16 entries, 3 judges are required
- For 17 or more entries, 4 judges are required.

For the purpose of judging Single Project Entries (SPEs) submitted by chapters and Statewide Project Awards, the number of judges required per state will be determined by the total number of entries submitted from the state.

The following scale will be used:

- For 1-10 entries, 1 judge is required
- For 10-19 entries, 2 judges are required
- For 20-29 entries, 3 judges are required
- For 30 or more entries, 4 judges are required.

**Book Uploads Begin (2/5/2010):** The final date that books will be accepted will be the Feb. 20th.

**Memorial Awards (2/5/2010):** Submit either by mail to the National Service Center or electronically to President John at [john.weber@bis.midco.net](mailto:john.weber@bis.midco.net). All questions concerning the memorial awards go to President John.

**2009 Blue Chip (2/5/2010):** Submissions are to be sent to [usjbluechip@yahoo.com](mailto:usjbluechip@yahoo.com). For questions about Blue Chip please contact President John at [john.weber@bis.midco.net](mailto:john.weber@bis.midco.net).

**February 22nd:** Judging begins

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### Ten Outstanding Young Americans Deadline

The deadline is upon us, **Feb. 15th**. If you know someone that is deserving of this recognition, have them complete and return the TOYA application. It can be found at:

[http://www.usjaycees.org/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=cat\\_view&gid=99&Itemid=166](http://www.usjaycees.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=99&Itemid=166)

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### 90th Annual Convention/72nd Annual TOYA New Orleans, LA June 3-6, 2010

Our first year back to one big meeting a year will be hosted in the Big Easy. Competitions will take place on Wednesday. The convention officially begins with a Welcome to New Orleans party on Wednesday evening. Thursday will have the Opening Ceremony and Year-End Awards. That afternoon we will see the NVP Nominations and Presidential Candidate Introductions for the 2011 officer positions. The Board of Directors Meeting will follow. That evening, we will finish the presentation of awards and say good-bye to the 2009 Officers and President with the Farewell Ceremony. Thursday evening will be the ONTO Chicago 2011 party. Friday will begin with the Annual Meeting of the Corporation and the election of the 2011 officers and President. The remainder of the day is Jaycee training. States may have their own dinners

or enjoy a night on the town on Friday night. Saturday begins with general training in specific tracks, Saturday evening will be the Jaycees' black-tie affair, the Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA) Awards. Registration is online at [www.regonline.com/New Orleans 2010](http://www.regonline.com/New_Orleans_2010). Additional information is available about the hotel, agendas, tours, etc. at: [http://www.usjaycees.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=209:90thannual&catid=17:roknewsrotator](http://www.usjaycees.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=209:90thannual&catid=17:roknewsrotator)

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### **The U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

Effective in February, all members of The United States Junior Chamber will become members of The U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Each member will receive a login code to obtain benefits of membership with the US Chamber. Formal announcements will be provided via email so it is important that each state ensure their members email is entered into the Member Database. Questions can be referred to Program Manager Brian Kavanaugh



We want **every** chapter in the nation to plan a project of their choice with the primary purpose of sharing the Jaycees with more people. Start planning now to make this year a huge success.

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### **The Hall of Leadership**

The United States Jaycee Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2010 Hall of Leadership Award. Do you know of an aged out Jaycee who has contributed not only to the Jaycees, but has taken the leadership skills he or she learned through the Jaycees and applied them to better their communities, society and themselves? If so, then submit them for this great honor to show them that they made a difference!

Applications can be found on the U.S. Jaycee website. [http://www.usjayceefoundation.org/foundation/hall\\_of\\_leadership/](http://www.usjayceefoundation.org/foundation/hall_of_leadership/) Applications need to be received no later than May 10th, 2010. All applications will be reviewed by the committee and the winners will be honored during the 90th annual meeting in New Orleans, LA.

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### **New 2010 Appointees**

Member Benefits: Frank Dowling (DE)

National Outstanding Young Farmers: Stacy Hanna (NC)

Website: Richard Lewis (IL)

Blue Chip: Jennifer Sroczyński (MI)

ACS / RFL: Stacy Urch (OH)

Support Our Troops: Misty Miner (MT)

Governmental Involvement / US Chamber: Brian Kavanaugh (NE)

GALS: Scott Kingsley (NY)

Riley's Toys Foundation: Erica Pavese (KY)  
Passport to Leadership "Degrees": Jennifer Ray (MD)  
Membership Committee Chair: Peter Ansbacher (NC)  
Mentoring Committee Chair: Suzanne Wible (MD)  
Awards Committee Chair: Charity Stegman (ND)



### **JCI Conference of the Americas/World Congress**

The Conference of the Americas is April 21-24th in Rosario, Argentina. The U.S. delegates are encouraged to use the Plaza Real hotel.

World Congress will be celebrated in Osaka, Japan. During the first week of November. For more information please visit the official website: <http://www.jci-wc2010.com/english/index.html>

### **JCI Trainers**

New procedures were approved regarding the role of the Head and Assistant Trainers. These roles are explained at the beginning of each Trainers Guide on all JCI Official Courses. Note that these recommendations are part of the JCI Training Policy Manual and the JCI Training Commission expects that the trainers follow these recommendations to ensure higher quality of training. A new User Guide for Head Trainers with instructions on how to manage JCI Official Courses is available online at <http://www.jci.cc/university/en/downloads/userguides>.

If you have any question contact Roberto Noronha (RobertoN@umac.mo) or the JCI Training administrator (training@jci.cc).

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