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the 2009 board of directors

The ballots are in and the votes were tallied at the November meeting. Please welcome and congratulate your 2009 Board of Directors!

President..... **Tim Bill**
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 Treasurer **Troy Kateman**
 Management VP**Shawn Hodina**
 Community VP.....**Alicia Lawhun**
 Membership VP.....**Lynn Sieberns**
 IDVP.....**Joanie Spencer**

Hello everyone,

As 2008 slowly draws to a close, I am getting excited about leading us through 2009. I am looking forward to a successful and, more importantly, a fun year. In November our membership chose its elected leaders. Now, it is time for our board to choose the appointed leaders. I will name and describe each position below. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact one of our new board members.

Social Chair

Part of being a Jaycee is having fun and getting to know your fellow members. We need an outgoing individual to plan and coordinate our social events. This year we had a happy hour the first Friday of the every month and a few larger events.

PR Director

In order for our chapter to become more successful, we need to have the community and other Jaycee chapters recognize what we are

doing. Therefore, we need some to contact the media, write press releases, write event stories for the Jaycee newsletters and help promote Jaycee events.

Web Chair

People visit the Jaycee website on a regular basis to find out about our events and our group. It is important to keep that information up to date. Do you know how to update a website? If you can and you are willing to help us keep the website up to date, please let us know.

These positions are important for a successful 2009. It is a good way to step up and make a difference in our chapter. Once again, if you are interested, please contact any of our new board members or email me at tdbill@yahoo.com.

Tim

congratulations

from the president

lisa beohm, 2008 chapter president



In a perfect world, we hear something once, record it in our brain, and never have to hear it again. Well, I don't know where you're living, but my world is far from perfect. I occasionally have doubts, fears, and disappointments in my life. During those times, I need "shots of inspiration" to reinforce, to encourage, and to motivate. I think one of the great challenges in life is to get inside our own heads, and truly understand what makes us tick. I once heard... people are like sticks of dynamite; the power's on the inside but nothing happens until the fuse gets lit. Zig Ziglar said, "People often tell me that motivation doesn't last, and I tell them bathing doesn't either, that's why I recommend it daily!"

Each day we all make tons of little choices. Being a Jaycee is a choice. One choice—just one—can change your life forever. Think about that. Simply put, your life today is what your choices have made it, but with new choices, you can change directions this very moment. For me, that idea alone is highly motivational because it offers tremendous hope, regardless of circumstances, for a better tomorrow.

Your life-changing choice may be to switch careers, to leave a relation-

ship, to go back to school, to stop drinking, to adopt a child, to start a business, to lose weight, to start a charity or become more involved with one...to name a few. If you have the courage to do so, you could make any one of those choices, or others, today. And you would change your life.

Sometimes it's a different kind of choice. It can be to not quit, to not give up in the face of adversity. We've all been there. Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen received 77 rejections for their idea *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. They had to make a decision each time...should they throw in the towel and say enough is enough, or should they keep trying to pursue their dreams? If you know the rest of the story, then you know that the 78th publisher said "Yes" and they went on to sell over 100 million books.

So, never forget that *you are only one choice away from changing your life.*

Do you have the courage to make it?

For the community,
Lisa

Lisa M. Beohm



the jaycees book club

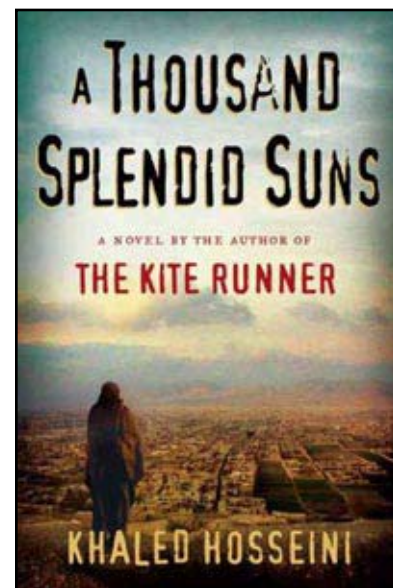


Join us in our next book club selection, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*...

The bestselling author of *The Kite Runner* returns with a beautiful, riveting, and haunting novel about the bond between two women in Afghanistan who are brought together by war, loss, and fate.

About the Author: Khaled Hosseini was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, and moved to the United States in 1980. His first novel, *The Kite Runner*, was an international bestseller, published in forty countries. In 2006 he was named a U.S. envoy to UNHCR, The United Nations Refugee Agency. He lives in northern California.

Discussion night will be held in December, with the date to be announced. Please email Lisa Beohm at lbeohm@webild.com if you plan to read our current selection.



learn to brew

Chad is planning a Sunday afternoon "Learn To Brew" event on **November 23rd**, starting around 10 am. The brew will take a total of around six to seven hours, so if anyone wants to come out anytime after 10 am, please do. During the first couple of hours there isn't a whole lot to see anyway. There will be other brewers present and

demonstrating different brewing styles and equipment for beginners to advanced brewers. Chili, snacks, and a huge assortment of homebrewed beers will be available for sampling! Please contact Chad with any questions: chad@rebbecpontiacbuick.com His address is 502 Pearl Ave.; Towanda, IL 61776.



E-mail your *blast* submissions to bnjcadminvp@gmail.com
The next deadline is Wednesday, **December 10.**

mark your calendars!



- November 22
Grocery Shopping for Thanksgiving Baskets
- November 25
Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries
- December 6
Christmas Parade and Rural Pub Crawl
- December 10
General Membership Meeting
- December 13
Christmas Shopping with Kids
- December 20
Gift Wrapping Event at Washburn Flowers

thanksgiving baskets

by troy kateman, co-chair



It is hard to believe the time of year has already reached us where the leaves are beginning to change and the spirit of the upcoming holiday season is starting to appear in the stores. With this spirit in mind, it is never too early to think about what we can do to help families in our community who might otherwise not be able to enjoy what the Thanksgiving holiday has to offer, especially when it comes to the traditional Thanksgiving feast. We will once again be reaching out to all of the Bloomington-Normal grocery stores to donate food and money to help us prepare Thanksgiving Baskets for families who would not be able afford a Thanksgiving meal on their own. The project chairs for this event last year achieved huge

success with an increase in the number of baskets delivered from 12 to 25. This year we have raised the bar even higher with a goal of providing 30 meals to local families in need.

In order to do this, we definitely need your help! In the days prior to Thanksgiving, we will need volunteers to help shop for the food that will fill the baskets as well as vehicles to deliver the baskets on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. In you are interested and available to help, please email Troy Kateman (troy.kateman.hh97@statefarm.com) or Andrea Dodrill (adodrill@pantagraph.com). Thanks in advance for helping to ensure another successful event!

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november birthdays

- Natalie McKee
- Jason Roush
- Lisa Neuweg

december birthdays

- Brent Lee
- Troy Kateman



clare house food drive continues

by brent lee

Lines at Clare House Food Bank in Bloomington have doubled over this time last year. Twice a week people experiencing tough times stand in line outside (no matter what the weather) for about a half-bag of groceries. Special thanks to each of you who brought non-perishable food items to our November membership meeting.

If you forgot to bring your donation to the November meeting, you can still contribute through **November 26**. Pre-bagged items can be purchased at either Schnuck's location for as little as \$5. Cash donations may be made

at Schnuck's cash registers or service desks, or you may bring your contributions to either Extreme Motors on Morrissey or Extreme

Nissan on Ireland Grove Road anytime they're open.

This is the 14th year for the Clare House Food Drive. Last year they collected more than five semi-truckloads of food and were running out by October. This year the organizers say they need to raise at least seven

semi-truckloads to meet this new, heightened level of need.

If you're fortunate enough to be able to help out, it has never been more important that you do.





coats for kids program begins 23rd year

by andrea raycraft, development director, salvation army

The Salvation Army, Children's Hospital of Illinois, and WEEK-TV are sponsoring the 23rd annual Coats for Kids program to make sure that every child in our community has a winter coat this season. New or gently-used coats, gloves and scarves for children and adult sizes are now being collected until **December 18th**. To date, over 27,400 coats have been collected and given out to area children in need. Applications and coat distribution will be done at The Salvation Army Corps Community Center at 611 W. Washington Street,



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Bloomington. Look for drop boxes at the following locations:

- All Bloomington-Normal Pizza Huts
- Three Starbucks locations along Veterans Parkway
- OSF St. Joseph Medical Center
- Center For Health at Ft. Jesse
- The Salvation Army (611 W. Washington Street)

The Salvation Army must rely heavily on the public to donate winter wear. Coats will be distributed Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-12pm. For more information about this program, please call (309) 829-9476, ext. 10 or visit the website www.sabloomington.org.

happy hour fridays and other social happenings

shawn hodina, social chair

Thanks to everyone who came out to the November Happy Hour. We had approximately 20 people come out to Redfire Grille. As a reminder, next month's happy hour is cancelled because of the **Rural Pub Crawl on December 6th**.

Speaking of which, Jeremy Kelley is working out the details for this event as I write this submission. Like last year, this is the same day as the Christmas Parade. So after you volunteer for that, you can partake in adult beverages at some of the finest establishments Central Illinois has to offer.

As of right now, the pub crawl will start at 8 pm and end at midnight. We currently have a 24-seat party bus reserved, and the cost is \$15 per person.

This will be a first-come, first-serve event, so if you would like to attend and were not at the membership meeting, or know anyone else that would like to go, please contact me or Jeremy as soon as possible. Jeremy's email is: jeremykelley@hotmail.com. My email is: shodina@shire.com.

scenes around town...

B-N Jaycees' Brent Lee distributes trick-or-treat candy to costumed kids in front of the Normal Theater.



19th annual music for the holidays

Celebrate the holiday season at the Center for the Performing Arts with over 300 musicians, including the Illinois State University Symphony Orchestra, Choral Ensembles, narrators, and Illinois State University's new children's choir, the new "Singing Redbirds".

Showtimes are 3pm and 7pm

on Sunday, December 7. Tickets for adults are \$10.00 each, and children four and under are free. You can purchase tickets through Ticketmaster or call the ISU Box Office at (309) 438-2535. This event is extremely popular and sells out quickly!



Come out to hear some beautiful music and get in the holiday spirit! Also, watch out for fellow

Jaycees Lisa Neuweg and Julie Wazeer who will be performing with ISU's Civic Chorale.

meet one of our newer members: *carol o'connell*



Age: 27

Where do you work?

The Pantagraph

Occupation:

Recruitment Sales Specialist

Married? No.

Children: No.

Pets? No.

Where are you from originally?

Quincy, IL

Where did you attend college?

Western Illinois University

What was your major/s

and/or minor/s? Graphic Communications with a Minor in Instructional Technology and Telecommunications

When did you join the Jaycees?

October 2008

Why did you join the Jaycees? To get more involved in the Bloomington/Normal community while meeting new fun people.

What do you like about the Jaycees? The Jaycees helps so many diverse local organizations in countless ways.

Church: Parishioner at Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Hobbies: Shopping, volleyball, reading chic lit books, tennis, and ballet.

Special/unique skills: Event planning. I love to host and entertain theme events.

How do you like to spend your free time? Relaxing at home or out with friends.

Favorite movie: *The Wizard of Oz*

Favorite book: *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and I love anything written by Sophie Kinsella.

Favorite genre of music and/or musician: I enjoy all types of music, but I've seen Dave Matthews in

concert three times, Jimmy Buffet (best concert ever), and in 7th grade I won tickets to see the Gin Blossoms and I even won backstage passes so I got to meet the band after the concert and get pictures taken.

Favorite restaurant: Reality Bites

Favorite sport and/or game: I

enjoy watching and playing all sports. I have been an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan since birth (in case you forgot they won the World Series in 2006!) and Go Bears!

Where do you see yourself in five or ten years? I ask my magic mirror that every day.

What would people be the most surprised to learn about you?

My freshman year of college, five friends and I skipped our Monday classes to drive to Chicago and go to the Jerry Springer show. In case you ever wondered, it's totally fake!

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Az accepting from President Tanya the award for Outstanding Newsletter for the Third Trimester.





Holiday Gifts that Give Back

This holiday season, send a gift that means an automatic donation to Bloomington-Normal Jaycees! When you shop at any of over 700 participating online stores through iGive, a portion of each purchase comes back to us in the form of a donation check.

It's free for you, free for us, and you pay the same (or less!) than you would by going directly to the store. Shopping online means no wasted gas and no more standing in long lines at the mall. And to all you smart shoppers: don't miss iGive's treasure-trove of coupons, sales, and free shipping.

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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 treasure lies in human
personality;
And that service to humanity is the best work
of life.*

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