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Notice of Meetings Finance, Bylaws, Executive Committee, and Board Of Directors

In Accordance with Section 5.2 Board Meetings of The United States Junior Chamber Bylaws, this shall serve as notification that the Bylaws & Policy Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Executive Committee will meet at the Plantation Inn in Crystal River, Florida, beginning at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2009. The Board of Directors will meet at the Plantation Inn in Crystal River, Florida, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2009.

Contact: Interim Exec VP Brad Gemeinhart, ext. 411,
DirectorCommunications@usjaycees.org

Notice of Special Meeting of the Corporation

In Accordance with Section 17.1 Special Meetings of The United States Junior Chamber Bylaws, this shall serve as notification that a special Meeting of the Corporation will take place at the Plantation Inn in Crystal River, Florida, beginning at 6:00 p.m., on Friday, March 20, 2009. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on a proposed change to The U.S. Junior Chamber Bylaws. Specifically to be discussed is the change in meeting structure. USJC Bylaw 16: Annual Meeting

Contact: Interim Exec VP Brad Gemeinhart, ext. 411,
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Welcome to our
Newest Chapters!

January

Marshall Area, MI

Loup Valley, NE

Monroe Area, NC

Sugarland, TX

February

Grays Harbor, WA

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For January 2009,

a total of 17 states

**Member Benefits Program a Focus
of the 2009 USJC Exec Committee**

Frank Dowling, 2009 Membership Benefits Program Manager, emailed an invitation to take a seven-question survey about our current membership benefits. After he got back the responses, here is what Frank found out:

55 people completed the survey (10 USJC Exec Committee, 31 State Board, 15 Chapter Board, 9 General Members)

The top reason people join organization was tied... Community Involvement and Personal and Professional Growth, followed by Networking, Membership Benefits, & last was International Relations

When asked if people were aware or not aware of benefits.

% Not Aware Of Benefit: 75% Gourmet Food, 51% Orbitz, 27% JC Credit Card, 38% Choice Hotel, 71% Technology Services, 24% Car Rental, 66% Motor Club

When asked how frequently they were used. All benefit were answered not used by 69-87% of respondents. Orbitz & Choice Hotels were most used.

He listed five benefits to explore; Cell Phone Discounts & Health/Weight Loss Discounts had the most interest, but all categories had interest.

Basically, most members don't know about or use our current benefits. After review of our benefits listed on our website four of them didn't work or no longer existed, others need to be updated, so our membership benefits page is being changed. Frank is starting to explore some new benefits and will be e-mailing the ideas in the near future.

For questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to send him an email at [frank-](mailto:frank-invest@comcast.net)

invest@comcast.net

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were at growth.

Congratulations

to the

**TOP GROWTH
STATES**

for January 2009!

Minnesota +24

South Carolina +18

Nebraska +12

Texas +11



2009 NOYF Award Winners Announced at Conference in Eugene, Oregon

USJC Officers & Staff, National Sponsor, OFA Officers, and NACAA Officers arrived a day early for an orientation and dinner with the finalists. A panel of judges gave interviews of the finalists on Thursday morning with breakfast & lunch provided for the finalists and judges. The event officially began with dinner on Thursday evening at the Valley River Inn. The attendees were able to meet the finalists and have some entertainment with the Hanson Family Singers and the comical motivation of Leigh Anne Jasheway.

Friday was tour day and there were three separate tours. Two tours went to Marathon Coach. Two of the tours went to BowTech. Two of the tours went to OR/PAC Feed & Forage. All the tours went to Smith Seed and the Stroda Christmas Tree farm where they had lunch and a demonstration of how Christmas Trees are shaped by hand. The day completed with a banquet themed to a 50s Diner.

Decorations gave a feel that the attendees were entering a diner. The attendees wore fashions of the fifties including poodle skirts, and jeans rolled at the bottom. The entertainers were the Dublinaires, a school chorus who had won acclaim nationally and an Elvis impersonator.

Saturday started out with the NACAA breakfast and OFA forum with a panel discussion in the morning. The John Deere Luncheon and the OFA Annual Meeting were in the afternoon. The evening festivities began with the Awards Banquet, after dinner was served our longtime emcee Orion Samuelson took the stage to once again introduce the national finalist, a video presentation was shown to the audience and the four National Winners were announced. They received a check in the amount of \$1000 along with an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. during Ag Week. Sunday morning, breakfast was served and the OYF Committee meeting was held to discuss up coming events. Approximately 141 were in attendance.

The 2009 National Outstanding Young Farmers are:

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

Brent and **LuAnn Johnson** of Manson, IA
Willie and **Holly Sytsema** of Wantage, NJ
Teresa and **Steven Moore** of Leesburg, OH
Bruce and **Helle Ruddenklau** of Amity, OR

Contact: OYF Program Manager Sheri Lassiter ext. 441,
OYF@usjaycees.org

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**Relay for Life:
Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back!**

The US Jaycees are gearing up for Relay For Life and there are new tools available to help your local chapters track their success. Don't forget to track your teams' fundraising success. Incentives will be awarded at year end 2009. ([See USJC website for all the details](#))

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Most important of all... be sure to encourage your chapters to register on the USJC/ACS team registration site at

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?company_id=77985&pg=national_company

Once your chapters are registered on the site, they can receive a USJC/RFL banner at no charge. State Presidents or officers overseeing RFL programs can request banners until April 30, 2009. (Please have one designee from each state request the banners) Banners can be shipped directly to chapters or to one point of contact.

Please provide the following information for each chapter requesting a banner.

- Chapter Name,
- Relay Event
- Date of Relay
- Team Captain or Point of Contact,
- Shipping Address,

Email address.

Send your banner orders along with any questions, team photos or stories to Relay For Life Program Manager Melanie Smith at

09usjc4acs@gmail.com

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Year-End Celebration Just Days Away!

Join us March 18-22, 2009, in Florida for the Year-End Celebration!

Pack your flip flops or "slaps" as Florida natives call them, your sun screen, and your shorts and come on down to Crystal River, Florida, this March as we celebrate your accomplishments for 2008.

Registrations: Go to the [USJC Website](#) for the list of fully registered individuals. If you have any questions about this list OR if you DO NOT plan on being there for opening ceremonies please e-mail us at Yearend2009@fljaycees.org. We need this information to be sure we have the appropriate number of busses for the trip to Silver Springs Thursday morning.

Rooming List: If we have booked your room for you, you will need your confirmation number to call the hotel and give them your credit card. To get your confirmation number please e-mail us at Yearend2009@fljaycees.org. We also need you to confirm your arrival and departure dates. If any changes need to be made with these dates please e-mail us.

Tampa Airport Shuttle: If you have not made your shuttle reservation please e-mail margaret_renaud@hotmail.com (*note there is an underscore between margaret and renaud*).

We look forward to seeing you in two weeks!

Watch *Jaycees Magazine* for more details or log onto:

www.fljaycees.org/yearend2009

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The Topic for the Durward Howes Memorial Award (Speak-Up) for the Year-End Meeting is:

"Caring about others, running the risk of feeling, and leaving an impact on people, brings happiness."

-- Harold Kushner

NOTE: The Master's Speak-Up topic will be released next Wednesday, 3/11.

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71st Annual Ten Outstanding Young Americans Call for Entries

The Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA) project exists to recognize and honor ten Americans each year who exemplify the best attributes of the nation's young people, aged 18 through 40. The Ten Outstanding Young Men program was officially adopted in 1938 and has been conducted annually since 1940. Winners are selected on their achievement or contribution in at least three of the thirteen areas of judging.

This year's event will take place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Entries for this year's awards must be postmarked by April 15, 2009.

[Click here for the TOYA Nomination Form](#)

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2009 Governmental Affairs Leadership Seminar (GALS) Moved to Sunny Austin, Texas

Make plans now to attend the 2009 Governmental Affairs Leadership Seminar (GALS) will be held in Austin, Texas from June 5-7. Because of financial concerns, the event has been moved from Washington D.C. to the state capital of Texas. The average temperature for June is a high of 90 and a low of 70. The most rain occurs in May, followed by June, so there is a chance of rain during the visit.

Housing/Hotel

You can make reservations directly with the hotel by calling 800.347.0330. *The cancellation deadline for hotel rooms is May 14, 2009 without penalty.*

Doubletree Hotel Austin
6505 Interstate Highway 35 North
Ph: 512.454.3737, Fx: 512.419.0102
www.austin.doubletree.com
Rates: Single/Double Occupancy: \$110

Airport/Driving/Parking

Airport: AUS (Austin Bergstrom International Airport)
No hotel shuttle is available from the airport. However, SuperShuttle is available for \$14. A taxi ride is approximately \$28.

Driving: Directions can be found via Mapquest or Google using the address listed for the hotel above.

Parking: Standard Parking is \$8 per day. Valet parking is \$12 per day.

Agenda (Tentative)

Friday, June 5, 2009

09:00am - 12:00pm General Session Training
01:00pm - 05:00pm Breakout Training

Saturday, June 6, 2009

09:15am - 10:00am Travel to State Capitol
10:30am - 11:00am State Representative Guest Speaker
11:00am - 11:15am Tour of Capitol
11:45am - 12:00pm Photos at Capitol
12:00pm - 12:30pm Return to Hotel
02:00pm - 05:00pm Training
07:00pm - 10:00pm Pittsburgh Promo Party
07:00pm - 10:00pm NVP Team Meetings with President Weber

Sunday, June 7, 2009

09:30am - 11:30am Board of Directors Meeting

For more information, contact Director of Meetings, Melissa Howerton via email Meetings@usjaycees.org

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San Juan 2009: JCI Conference of the Americas

May 6-9, 2009

Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino

www.jcisanjuan2009.com

From now until March 6, register for the price of \$255 USD. Register today before the price goes up! From then to May 5th, \$275, and onsite will be \$295.

The hotel is a 5-star hotel; the price per room per night (not per person) is \$145 plus taxes. It is located in the oceanfront, with all the amenities of a Caribbean style hotel (bar pools, outdoor massage, etc).

There is going to be training in English EVERY DAY, either once or

twice a day. The JCI Official courses in English (Presenter, Trainer, Designer, Admin, Achieve, CSR) will be given before and during the conference. (Please check the program online for updates) The parties will be unforgettable. Puerto Rico is known for the party spirit and add to that having people from all over the continent and elsewhere as well.

Also, learn more about where to stay and what to see at www.gotopuertorico.com and www.meetpuertorico.com.

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Get Your Chapter Noticed in *Jaycees Magazine*

If you would like to have one of your state or chapter projects featured in upcoming issues of *Jaycees Magazine*, send a brief (150 words or less) description of the project. If you have photographs of the project, send them along as well. Please send as attachments and not embedded into the Word document. Send submissions to:

Jaycees Magazine
7447 S. Lewis Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74136

DirectorCommunications@usjaycees.org

**The deadline for the May 2009 Edition is April 3, 2009.
Remember this is a requirement on the 2009 Blue Chip Parade.**

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