

Happy March Montana Jaycees!

We are already 2 full months into 2017. It is going by so fast.

We held Local Officer Training Sessions on Friday 2/17 and I am even more excited now than I was before. The 2017 Executive team is incredible. They are fantastic leaders. And the 2017 Local Leaders are going to make a huge impact this year. HUGE! This organization is

moving forward. We have progressive ideas, well thought-out plans and we are ready to make a positive change.

That change begins with each of us. Every member matters! Their ideas matter. Their input matters. Their help matters. Their presence matters. And it is up to each of us, as our organization's leaders, to make sure they know that. And that we remember that. It is easy to get caught up in the cause or caught up in all of the work we are doing and we forget to share that passion with our fellow Jaycees. As a group we are pretty good about going out there and recruiting new members. We love this organization and we feel that other people will too. We do need to improve on how we make sure the newly recruited members get involved, stay involved and continue to care. Part of that is on them, the other part, is on us. I don't ever want to do a project by myself. I rely on my fellow Jaycees to help me. Many times we pass out a sign up sheet and take those volunteers and that's it. Why don't we reach out and ask new members for help? Once they are in and active, usually they stay. And the best way to do that is to help them get involved. Retention matters.

Growth matters too. Both professionally and as an organization. I spoke with you this morning at the Business Meeting about this board's plan to change up convention. We want to offer trainings to help our member's grow. We are all together anyway, why not grow professionally, as a team. The better we are at activating, impacting, and public speaking, the more of a difference we can make in our communities. The more we will feel better prepared to talk to our Mayors, City council members and local leaders. The more comfortable we will feel asking for donations or sponsorships. The more comfortable we will feel putting together a project proposal or a budget. And these things we learn in the Jaycees can be applied in our daily lives too. We will feel more comfortable talking to our bosses or being the boss because we have some training and real life experience to back us up. That is my goal for election convention this year. Let's get together and make ourselves better. Because we matter. Each of us. And we deserve to grow. We deserve to learn more about ourselves and what we can achieve both personally and as a Jaycee.

Thank you for voting for me. I am incredibly proud to help lead this organization this year. I am proud of my Executive team and I am proud of all of the work your local chapters are going to do this year. Your plans sound amazing and I can't wait to be part of it. I have served on the State Board under 4 great MT Jaycee Presidents and I plan to use their successes as growth for myself. As Justin would say "Make your Own Luck", as Mindy would say "Passion Inspires Leaders", as TJ would say "All Aboard the Crazy Train" and as Chelby would say "Let's Do This!" Let's make a difference. We can create positive change. We, each of us, every member because Members Matter! And together we can do it!

In Jaycees,
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Calendar of Events:

Date Event

March

- 4 Cardboard Classic - Billings Jaycees
- 8 Wrestling Tournament - Dillon Jaycees
- 11 Cook-Off! – Sidney Jaycees
- 20 Newsletter Submission Deadline

April

- 5 Great American Institute (GAI) Meeting - Las Vegas, NV
- 6-9 Las Vegas, NV - US Jaycees National Convention
- 8 Easter Egg Hunt - Dillon Jaycees
- 15 Easter Egg Hunt - Havre Jaycees
- 20 Newsletter Submission Deadline
- 23-25 Leadership Summit – Washington DC
- 23-29 National Volunteer Week
- 30 Second Civic Leadership Certification (CLC) Submission Due

**Please submit local event dates to
President Bridget at bridgetdboehm@gmail.com
by the 20th of each month
to be listed in this calendar on the 1st of the following month.**

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU &
YOUR CHAPTERS GROW:

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usjaycees.org
facebook.com/mtjaycees

Did you know?

If you go to the Library tab of
the usjaycees.org website:
[http://www.jci.cc/local/
info/usa/ourlibrary](http://www.jci.cc/local/info/usa/ourlibrary)
you can access all the
organizational files you could
ever need

The Bylaws For
The Montana Jaycees
Can Be Found By Visiting
www.mtjaycees.org
Under The “Resources” Tab

Welcome to the team!

2017 State Chaplain



Ally Myran
(Laurel Jaycees)

We Believe

*That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
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 best work of life!*

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