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## Take Advantage of Leadership Opportunities



Joy Goodwin  
84th President

Many of you know that I am pursuing my MBA.

Throughout the first few classes, I have studied the qualities of a strong leader. There is a lot of discussion about "vision" and how a good leader is able to take that

vision and motivate others to execute it.

It has really had me thinking about the Jaycees. The Jaycees focus on developing leaders. The vision is that through active

members involved in civic service, young leaders will emerge. February is an exciting month to see the impact of an individual member's execution of that vision.

In a day where kids are spending nearly eight hours a day playing with iPods, cell phones and video games, Past President Quinn Kolb saw the execution of the Jaycee vision as providing the youth of Saint Paul an opportunity to find a healthy outlet. With our generous foundation and hard working members, the Saint Paul Jaycees gave students, from two middle schools and one high school, the opportunity to learn to ballroom dance. These kids have been practicing for months and will showcase their skills at the Cinema Ballroom on February 21.

Ballroom Magic is the result of how one person executed on a vision. That is awesome. It is great to be part of an organization that offers members opportunities to foster new ideas that have a positive impact on others. What impact do you want to have? How do you see yourself executing on the vision? Who will you recruit to help you execute your ideas?

The chapter provides amazing opportunities to share ideas and vet plans. Take advantage of those opportunities. And for those of you who have taken advantage of those opportunities, share your knowledge with others. Invite others to become members and have a chance to see the impact they can make in the community.

## Ballroom Magic Expands Three-Fold in 2010

Quinn Kolb  
77th Past President

The Saint Paul Jaycees and the Saint Paul Jaycees Charitable Foundation will again be sponsoring and hosting Ballroom Magic on Sunday, Feb. 21, from 1-3:30 p.m. at Cinema Ballroom in Saint Paul at 1560 St. Clair Avenue. Volunteers for the event will need to show up at the location by 11:30 a.m. so they can get oriented with the new space and be ready to assist student competitors, judges and other key participants who will begin arriving at noon. Register to volunteer online in our calendar at [www.stpauljaycees.org](http://www.stpauljaycees.org).

During the past eight months, the program has expanded to three schools. In addition to Harding Senior High School, the flagship school where Ballroom Magic first began, students from Highland Middle School and Linwood Arts Plus Middle School will also be participating this year. As a whole, about 60 students are participating in the 2009-10 season spanning from November through February.

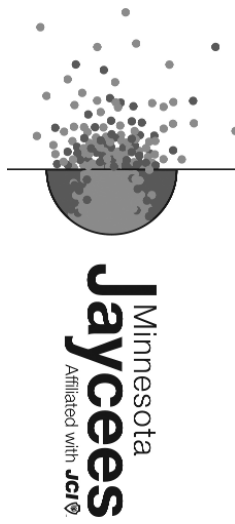
Ballroom Magic's roots go back to 2007 when a science teacher from Harding Senior High School in St. Paul, Jamie Thompson, and a member of the Saint Paul Jaycees, Quinn Kolb, crossed paths while both taking dance lessons at a St. Paul dance studio. In 2009, more volunteers, with an interest in expanding the program to more schools, got involved in the project.

With the addition of new volunteers, several steps were taken in 2009 to expand the project. Although Ballroom Magic still exists as the name of the final competition where students compete and showcase their accomplishments, a new name, Minnesota Youth Ballroom Dance Initiative, was given to both the dance lessons and the competition as a whole to reflect the far-reaching goal of the program eventually expanding beyond St. Paul in coming years. In order to try and secure an optimistic future for Minnesota Youth Ballroom Dance Initiative, the Saint Paul Jaycees Charitable Foundation has secured the services of a grant writer to focus on long-term funding for the program.

Ultimately the goals of giving youth opportunities to learn social and professional dance skills, improve self-esteem, and learn respect for each other are what fuels the work done by the volunteers involved in Minnesota Youth Ballroom Dance Initiative.

For more information on the Minnesota Youth Ballroom Dance Initiative, contact Quinn Kolb at (612) 483-8498.





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### Upcoming Events

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

Friday, Feb. 5 - Meet & Greet Social, American Burger Bar

Saturday, Feb. 13 - Schell's Bock Fest, New Ulm

Thursday, Feb. 18 - Membership Meeting, El Toro

Sunday, Feb. 21- Ballroom Magic, Cinema Ballroom

Thursday, Feb. 25 - Les Farrington Best 100, Art Drop-off

Saturday, Feb. 27 - Les Farrington Best 100, Art Judging

Sunday, Feb 28 - Les Farrington Best 100, Art Pick-up

### Save the Date

Les Farrington Best 100 Juried Art Exhibition,  
Opening Gala  
Thursday, March 4, 2010

### 23rd Annual Schell's Bock Fest:

Mark your calendars for fun, friends, entertainment and beverages on February 13!

Contact Spencer Sokoly for more details at [sjsokoly@hotmail.com](mailto:sjsokoly@hotmail.com) or (612) 207-1191



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### New Jaycee of the Month

**Suzie Hansel**

Suzie's smile and passion for helping the community has shone through in the past couple months! She has actively participated in several events, including the Children's Holiday Celebration and the December Membership Meeting.

### Jaycee of the Month

**Elyssa Weber**

Elyssa's energy and enthusiasm, at events, have influenced everyone in the month of December! She was the key person for making the Special Olympics Holiday Celebration such an overall success.

### Committee of the Month

**Children's Holiday Celebration Committee**

This committee's creativity was impactful for the Children's Holiday event! The committee developed a fun and workable new format that proved to be more conducive to our families in the Saint Paul community.