

## 2010 MONTANA JAYCEES INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT VICE PRESIDENT

HELLO MONTANA JAYCEES!!

My name is Jody Christensen and I am honored to be your 2010 Individual Development Vice President. I joined the Sidney Jaycees in April of 2003 to help my community with service projects. Since then, I have held many local offices such as Community Development VP, Individual Development VP, Management VP and President in 2009. I have also been State Program Manager in the areas of Youth Sports Activities and Resume Competitions. I work at The Savage Law Firm during the week as a paralegal for 3 attorneys. I am married to my supportive husband David of 13 years. Together, we have 3 AWESOME kids Casey age 12, Hailey age 8 and Corey age 3. Besides being active in Jaycees, I am also a Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Committee Chairman, Confirmation Leader and a taxi cab driver for my kids to and from their many activities.

I am very excited to be your Individual Development Vice President. I love this area of Jaycees. This is the area of opportunity that helps prepare and develop something very important Y-O-U! When I first joined Jaycees I didn't have a clue what the Jaycees could do for me personally. Then I learned about the competitions that are offered at state conventions. After I won my first wooden plaque I WAS HOOKED! I have been a national competitor in Armbruster Competition and in Jaycee Jeopardy and will never forget that great experience. The Jaycees gives their members Individual Development to offer them an opportunity to grow personally and professionally. THIS IS WHAT MAKES THE JAYCEES SO MUCH DIFFERENT (AND BETTER) FROM THE OTHER SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS!!

There are many ways that you can start to grow in your chapters. First of all, you can begin by scheduling Individual Development Projects in your yearly program. These are projects in which you get to learn a new skill, i.e. How to Change a Tire, How To Jump Rope, and in my chapter How To Make Apple Pie. These skills can be taught by an "expert" member Jaycee or find someone in your community to come and teach your members. Second, run mini competitions at your chapter meetings. Competitions such as Write-Up, Speak-Up and Jaycee Jeopardy can develop your speaking and writing skills and knowledge of the Jaycees and of course resume writing competitions can give you practice for something that EVERYONE will need someday - finding a job. My goal as the 2010 IDVP is to have at least 3 competitors in every competition at each convention. I think that together as a state we can certainly obtain that goal.

If you have any questions about this area of opportunity, please don't hesitate to call or email me. I am willing to coordinate my schedule to come to you and train your chapter on competitions.

Yours In Jaycees,

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