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## Committed to Success

*By Ilona Castelein*

*Hy Giessenbier (founder of the Jaycees) felt that in order for young people to improve their prospects for social and career advancements they would first have to join forces socially.*

*This thought has been expressed throughout all aspects of your lives in many different ways.*

*“all for one and one for all,” or “Many hands make for light work.”*

*We must remember that one determined person can make a significant difference, and that a small group of determined people can change the course of history. Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has.*

*The Lansing Jaycees strive to provide its members with every tool possible to become a leader, community activist and so much more. If there is every anything that you believe would help YOU grow or experience something new, don't hesitate to bring that idea forward. Also, remember to “share the wealth.” Tell you family, friends, coworkers, etc., about the Lansing Jaycees and all that they can do and accomplish in this unbelievable organization.*



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# We Challenge You

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## Impact Challenge

*By Austin Hawkins*

Do you recall a time where someone or something had impacted your life? Or, maybe, when you had impacted someone else? Every day we encounter situations that leave little marks on us, that shape our lives, and help define us as individuals. Sometimes for the good, and other times, they leave us feeling lost and misunderstood. Recently I had the opportunity to speak with a group of individuals that were in the middle of cultivating strategies for how they could make a large-scale impact in their community with minimal work. As I sat around as, I couldn't help but think to this task in the wrong way. Each projects that would, in fact, make a in many man hours and a lot of events. This got me thinking we plan events and projects munities that we live and work tions, which at that time, I swer, but I soon found out, I did-swer them genuinely. The first impact the lives of the individu-serve? The second, do I under-ning? And finally, how is my work the various projects and events shockingly, I struggled to



the table and listened to their ide-myself that they were going about of them presented very good pro-large impact, however, it resulted money to plan such extravagant about our organization, and how and how we're impacting the com-in. I asked myself, three ques-thought were very simple to an-n't have a clue as to how to an-being, what am I doing to directly als that live in the community I stand the impact that I am mak-impacting me? I thought back to that I had been a part of, and answer these questions.

I feel that sometimes we get so caught up in trying to outperform others and do better, that we fail to stop and see the bigger picture. It's certainly nice to win awards and be recognized for the good that we do, but I think that next time we are planning projects or an event, that we need to really give thought to these questions; What am I doing to directly impact the lives of the individuals that live in the community I serve? Do I truly understand the impact that I am making? And, how is this impacting me? I think if we stop and take the time to understand the answers to these questions, we will notice a larger impact in our communities and ourselves.

# Trimester One Recap

## T1 Awards—

6 JCI Lansing members represented us at JCI Michigan Trimester 1 Conference in Gaylord in May. Conference is a time for learning more about yourself and your chapter while recognizing the efforts and leadership abilities of members across the state!

Congratulations to the ENTIRE chapter for giving us the opportunity to do such great work and bring home multiple awards!

\*Stuff the Bus 2017 won Best Community Development event at JCI USA in April

\*Best Overall Local Chapter of T1 - JCI Lansing

\*Number 3 in CLC Chapters for T1 - JCI Lansing

\*JCI Jeopardy T1 winner - Angela Clock

\*Best Community Development Event - Easter Egg Hunt of JCI Lansing

\*Leadership Degrees:

1st and 2nd degrees: Jessica Anderson & Austin Hawkins

2nd, 3rd, and 4th degrees: Lauren Kenczyk

3rd and 4th degrees: Nicole Perry

\*Board Member Incentives:

Vice President - Nicole Perry

Secretary - Jessica Anderson



## Easter Egg Hunt

By Jessica Anderson

Another successful Egg Hunt is in the books. With looming weather advisories this year, effort was taken and all hands on deck were utilized to follow through with proving a memorable experience for our community. Thank you to everyone who supported us along the way! The success of this year lead us to bring home an award in the Single Project Entry competition for Community Development Projects. SPE requires a project resume and then present to a panel of judges at conference. Filling out the resume helps to reflect on the strengths and weaknesses of such a large scale project. Below is a glimpse of what was submitted for review.

**Question: Local Community Development** – How did this project address a community need through innovation and collaboration? In what ways does this project have sustainable, long-term impact?

*Answer: An annual Easter Egg Hunt has been sponsored in the community by the Lansing Jaycees for over 60 years. This project addressed a community need to have family friendly traditions that are safe and free for families to bring their children to. In a community struggling with poverty this event provides the chance for families to develop strong ties with each other and teaches the next generation of children about traditions and the impact they have on families. This project has been bringing families out for years. Some of our members recall coming out as a kid with their parents, and are now giving back by helping execute the event. As the only local organization to utilize that State of Michigan Capitol Lawn as the host site of their annual Easter Egg Hunt, this event brings awareness about our community offerings and brings awareness of the Capitol Building itself. The capitol recently opened up to offer tours on Saturdays as well which provides our attendees a chance to view the inside of our State Capitol Building if they choose to. Continued efforts to strengthen our relationships with local businesses provides the opportunity for future sustainability that will allow us the potential for donation tiers, larger sponsorships, donor involvement adding additional activities, and eventually free from utilizing any chapter funds.*



# A Moment in Time...

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## A Moment in Time with Petoskey Jaycee founder, John Blossey

**By: Nicole Perry**

I've had the privilege of working with John Blossey for almost a year now at Dart Bank. We were at an Economic Luncheon for the Lansing Chamber of Commerce and he overheard me speaking with someone regarding the Lansing Jaycees. He was excited to hear that I was on the board for the Jaycees and proceeded to tell me about his personal Jaycee history. It was really cool to hear how it's changed from the time he joined the organization up until now and how many people we both knew, especially since he was involved in the Ann Arbor and Petoskey Jaycee chapters. I thought this would be a perfect opportunity for me to set up an interview to find out about John's experience and what advice he could offer to present and future Jaycees.

### **Tell us how you came to join the Jaycees?**

My wife and I had settled in Ann Arbor and we were looking for a way to meet folks our age so that we would have something to do outside of work. We did a search for social organizations geared towards young people and found the Ann Arbor Jaycees. We went to a GMM and the rest, as they say, is history.

### **How did you go about founding the Petoskey Jaycees?**

After having several conversations with the former state president and current state president, I began speaking with the local chamber president, who was also a former Petoskey Jaycee in the previous disbanded chapter. I told him about my experience in Ann Arbor and how I was looking to develop a relationship with the chamber because I knew it would get buy in from my local community as well as the local business community to retain and develop young professionals in the market. It became what it is today out of that experience.

### **What did you like most about being a Jaycee?**

The ability to impact multiple different parts of my community at any given time.

### **What was your favorite project?**

The 5k race we held that ran along the shore of Little Traverse Bay was my favorite project. It was our first big project and the success of it funded the first 6 months of the chapter.



### **If you could share one piece of advice to a future Jaycee, what would it be?**

Pace yourself. You can do a lot of good, but you need to make sure that you're not spreading yourself too thin on too many projects and that you're honoring all of your work life Jaycee commitments.

# We need you

## Call for Projects



## Summer Fundraising

JCI Lansing is excited to be trying new things this summer to help grow not only our funds but gain exposure in different areas of the community. Please contact Jessica Anderson if you would like to assist in either of the following activities. If you have additional ideas, please speak up and out. We encourage you to help us help you grow!

August 10, 2018—Spartan Speedway Racing

\* This fundraiser involves selling tickets to the community at \$10/piece prior to the event. The chapter will profit 50%. To sell tickets, see Jessica; to purchase tickets, contact any member

August 18, 2018—Michigan's Adventure Amusement Park

\* This fundraiser involves spending a Saturday at the amusement park volunteering your time in exchange for the park paying the organization for their volunteer hours. To donate your time, RSVP to the calendar appointment on [www.jcilansing.org](http://www.jcilansing.org) or contact Jessica Anderson

## Upcoming Events

- June 19, 2018 General Membership Meeting (GMM) - Red Cedar Spirits @ 6:30pm
- June 29—July 1, 2018 JCI MI Family Weekend—Black Lake
- July 10, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting @ 6pm
- July 17, 2018 Lansing Jaycee Picnic & GMM—Jaycee Park Grand Ledge @ 6:30pm
- August 10, 2018 Spartan Speedway Racing Night—JCI Lansing Fundraiser
- August 18, 2018 MI Adventure fundraiser volunteer day
- August 21, 2018 General Membership Meeting (GMM) - Charlie's Bar and Grill @ 6:30pm (HOLT)
- September 7-8, 2018 MIJC Conference, Kalamazoo MI
- January 12, 2019 Lansing Jaycee 90th Celebration

### SUMMERTIME GENERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS



JUNE 19, 2018 @6:30PM ~ RED CEDAR SPIRITS  
(EAST LANSING, MI)

JULY 17, 2018 @6:50PM ~ JAYCEE PARK  
(GRAND LEDGE, MI)

AUGUST 21, 2018 @6:50PM ~ CHARLIE'S BAR & GRILL  
(HOLT, MI)



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