



Lansing Jaycees  
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District 4  
Population Division 6  
Base Membership: 77

## Lansing Jaycees clean up at Year End Convention

By Angela Fossi

On February 10th several of us braved the winter weather headed out to Bay City for the Michigan Jaycees Year End Convention. The Jaycees had a great year throughout the state under the leadership of our 87th President, David Q. Worthams. We enjoyed a weekend full of competitions, awards, parties and networking. It was a great way to mark the end of 2011 and make sure we kick off 2012 on a positive note.

As several of you know we were committed to making sure 2011 ended strong. Even though did not conduct the Haunted House we didn't want to relax. When our schedule opened up we were able to conduct a few new events. The end result was amazing. We finished within the top three chapters for each area! We also were named the Overall Chapter of the Fourth Quarter!

This is the convention that recognizes year-end awards. We were able to take a stroll down memory lane and remember some of the fantastic work that the organization has produced. Hearing the impact we have made to our local communities is a fantastic way to recharge and get ready to do it again in 2012. We heard some fantastic stories of passion, dedication and teamwork. We were also reminded of what we do as an organization and that is WE BUILD LEADERS!

I want to thank all of you for your hard work last year. The board of directors worked tirelessly to serve our local community and members. I look forward to working with all of you in 2012 as we continue to build on our past successes.



### Fourth Quarter Awards

**3rd Place Chapter Activities** – Minute to Win It Pub Crawl. Root and Clock  
**Public Relations Award 501-5000 people** – Stuff the Bus  
**Signature Project** – Stuff the Bus, Lauren Leeds and Danielle Wellington  
**3rd Place Overall Individual Development** – Ilona Hajdar and Dan Harris  
**1st Place Overall Community Development** – Abby Siegel and Lauren Leeds  
**3rd Place Overall Management Development** – Samantha Keeney  
**Management Vice President Award of Excellence** – Hauntings.

Samantha Keeney

### **Overall Chapter of the Quarter**

**Jaycee of the Quarter** – Danielle Wellington

**2nd Place Parade of Chapters**

**4th Place Auxiliary Officer** – Lauren Leeds

### Year End Awards

**Thomas Stark nominees** – Dan Harris and Ilona Hajdar

**David Lichwala Award** – Angela Fossi

**Martin P. Luthy Award** – Angela Fossi

**Thomas Start Award** – Ilona Hajdar

**Dennis Hamilton Memorial Award** – Angela Clock

### **Community Chapter of the Year**

**Individual Development** – Professional Development project of the year

– Body Language: Reading People in Work and Life. Dan Harris

**Community Development** – Children and Youth project of the year –

Easter Egg Hunt. Lauren Leeds and Abby Siegel

**Governors Cup** – Best Government Programming

**Bronze Chip** – 3rd Year of Blue Chip

**JAYCEE CREED**

BY C. WILLIAM BROWNFIELD

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  
THE BEST WORK OF LIFE

**2012 Board of Directors**

**The Board meets on the last Monday  
each month, 6 p.m. at Maner  
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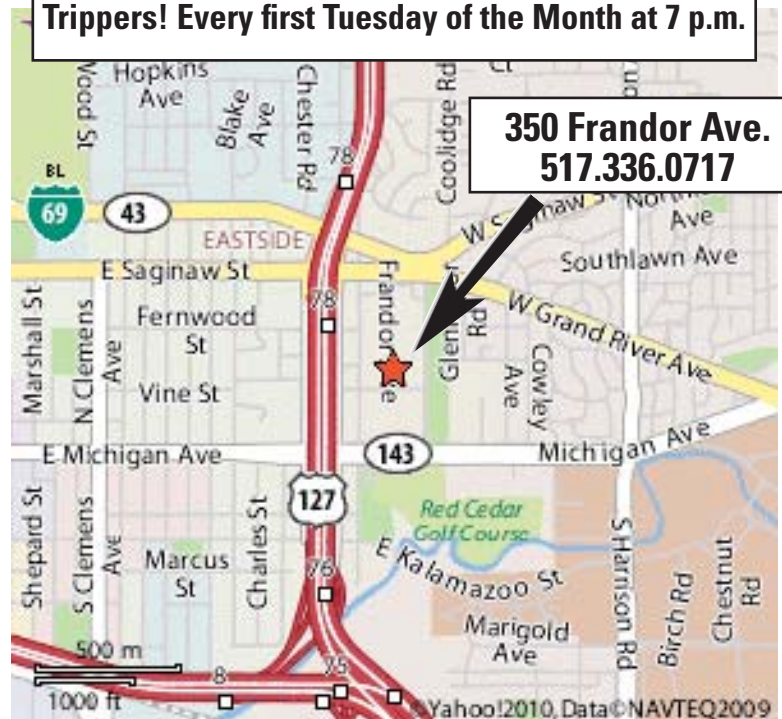
The Lansing Jaycees is an organization of people ages 21-40 which promotes leadership training through community service. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) at Tripper's Bar and Grill in Frandor. Visit our website, [www.lansingjaycees.org](http://www.lansingjaycees.org) for more information.



A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:  
Thanks to the contributors of the January newsletter: Lauren Leeds, Danielle Wellington, Eric Richmond, Joe Kelly, Dan Harris, Kris Dezelski, Sheryl Soczek, Michael P. Leeds, Abby Siegel, Angela Fossi  
***ANYONE CAN BE AN AUTHOR!***

Please submit your articles, photos, or ideas for future newsletters to: Abby Siegel  
queenpetunia@hotmail.com

**Join us for our monthly membership meeting at  
Trippers! Every first Tuesday of the Month at 7 p.m.**





## ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

Can you believe it's February already? Time sure does fly when you're having fun! So far this year we've gathered together for some great Michigan-brewed beers, learned how to judge middle school debate competitions, watched the Super Bowl together and attended the Michigan Jaycees' 2011 Year End Convention.

While we may already be two months into the year, members of the 2012 Lansing Jaycees Board of Directors are still in the thick of planning and welcome your input.

Wondering how you can become more involved or share an idea for an event you'd like to see the Chapter conduct? Area and project committees are in full swing and attending these meetings are a great way to voice your opinions.

Whether you're interested in brushing up your professional skills, planning a pizza party for Big Brothers Big Sister mentors and mentees, running a Chapter fundraiser, learning about photography, spooking in the haunted house, or performing random acts of kindness with the Lansing Ninjas, we can make it happen.

In the words of Howard Thurman, "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

What do you care about? Animals? Children? Networking? Building camaraderie? Learning new things?

Planning meetings for signature projects like our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Capitol lawn and Monster Mayhem Haunted House are ongoing, as well as a committee to help bring back the Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny event for a second year.

If you cannot make it to a committee meeting, but want to be involved in any of these, or other projects, feel free to reach out to me or the appropriate vice president.

I'm looking forward to hearing about what our members want to do in 2012 and working hard to make it happen.



## A Happy Hour Success!

While Michigan's economy is slowly recovering, many people are still looking for ways to ensure their money stays local. That's what led us to holding our inaugural 2012 happy hour at Bagger Dave's (a Michigan-based restaurant chain) in East Lansing.

Twenty-six Lansing Jaycees and friends came out to the happy hour to enjoy gourmet burgers, Belgium-style French fries and delicious Michigan-brewed beers.

The opportunity to catch up with my fellow Jaycees over great food and even better beverages was a great way to start the year.

A key goal for this project was to introduce at least three people to Bagger Dave's for the first time. I am proud to announce that at least 18 of our 26 happy hour-goers had never been to this relatively new restaurant in the greater Lansing area. Since the event (less than a month ago), I've heard that one of the first timers has already made a return visit!

It's amazing to think about impact a simple happy hour event can have on our local economy, not only immediately, but on a long-term basis, as Jaycees discover new a new restaurant and include it in the rotation of places to frequent when dining out.

I look forward to seeing what other great local places we visit throughout 2012. If you have a suggestion for a happy hour location, please let me or Membership Vice President Danielle Wellington know.

### MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**FEB 24** - MIJC Red Wing Trip, 7 - 10 p.m., Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, MI (Details - Angela Fossi)

**FEB 25, MAR 10 & 24, APRIL 7** - Bowling League, 8:30 - 11:30, Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, 4722 West Grand River Avenue, Lansing (Details - Mike Castelien or Sid Muthiah)

**FEB 29** - Happy Leap Year Hour, 5:30 - 8 p.m., Joe's Gizzard City 120 West Main Street, Potterville, MI (Details - Dan Harris)

**MAR 6 & APRIL 4** - General Membership Meeting, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Tripper's, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing (Details - Lauren Leeds)

**Membership  
Anniversary Dates:  
February**

**Sara Guthrie • Laela Hampton  
Daniel Harris • Jaimie Hutchison  
Wayne Hutchison • Amy Simon  
Andrea Stay • Chris Vieth  
Emily White**

**March**

**Monique Field • Andy Miller  
Soczek, Sheryl • Joe Kelly  
Brittany Gray • Alexandra Briseno  
Nick Crockett • Michael Leeds  
Sara Skerratt**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### February Winners!

February Renewal Winners: Amy Simon and Andrew Hoard!!!

February GMM Winners: Samantha Keeney, Ilona Hadjar, and Amy Simon!!!

What did these people win? A gift certificate to Trippers or Bagger Dave's! That's right, free food!

General Membership Meetings now have an additional incentive! What more of an incentive does one need than being around really cool people and talking about upcoming Jaycee's events, you ask!? Well, members should be rewarded, so from here on out, raffle drawings will take place at all of the GMM's in 2012.

There will be raffle prizes drawn for all of those who are present, both prospects and members. Board members are not eligible to win, which only increases the odds for everyone else to win big! There will also be exclusive drawings for all of those who attend the GMM of their JOIN month. The chance to win that prize will especially be high! The small print only requires that renewal payments are paid to Danielle Wellington or Sheryl Soczek the month BEFORE your join month. If you have any questions about what your join month is, about the rewards program, or if you have a great idea for a reward, please contact Danielle Wellington.

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### February Birthdays

**Charles Root,  
Amy Richter,  
Daniel Harris,  
Douglas Mains,  
Sara Guthrie**

### March Birthdays

**Siddhartha Muthiah  
Monique Field  
Rachel Rosenbaum  
Anne Ribby**





## Happy Leap Year!

By Dan Harris

This month we have a special occasion. Yes, 2012 is a leap year! What better way to celebrate an extra day than mingling with your favorite Jaycees, enjoying some tasty, unique food, and socializing.

We will accomplish all this at our February Happy Hour! Meet us for the Happy Leap Year. We will kick off the event at Joe's Gizzard City in Potterville. Joe's Gizzard City, famous for its chicken gizzard fare, completes its menu with more



traditional greasy spoon fare and some exotic deep fried treats as well. Joe's also offers a variety of beverages to choose from. After dinner you will have an opportunity for a game of Jeopardy style leap year trivia, a beverage of your choice, and more socializing. This is a perfect opportunity to meet and mingle with our friends from central and southern Eaton county including: Potterville, Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, and Olivet. Be sure to invite those you know from those communities and suggest they attend!

# LANSING JAYCEES



Angela C. tries her hand frozen chicken bowling in Frankenmuth.



A very successful Happy Hour at Bagger Dave's in East Lansing!



Lori C., Michael L., Abby S. and Joe K. took part in the Capital Area Speech and Debate League's Middle School competition in January.



Past Lansing Jaycees Presidents Sheryl S., Amy M., Karen B. and Angela F. and current President Lauren L. after big winning night at Year End Convention.

# SEEN IN ACTION!

## Ice is Nice

Ever wondered what it'd be like to immerse yourself in freezing cold water? Well now is your chance to find out! There's still time to join the Lansing Jaycees Polar Plunge team. Or if you value your body heat too much, you can still help by donating so they can all be eligible to plunge, then come and cheer them on when it happens!

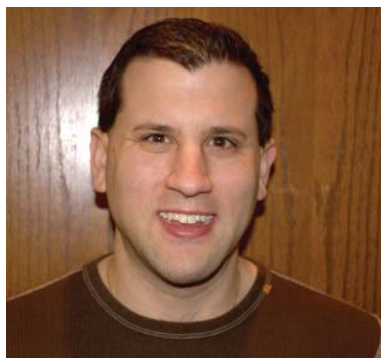
The 2012 Lansing Polar Plunge will take place on Saturday, Feb. 26, at Eagle Eye Golf Course, located at 15500 Chandler Road in Dewitt. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m., and the plunge begins at 1 p.m. As of the time of this writing, the chapter has raised \$700 and is \$5 away from being in third place for the entire Lansing area!

Lori Castelein, Angela Clock, Laura de la Rambelje, Sam Keeney, Jason Larsen, Michael P. Leeds, Carrie May and Sheryl Soczek have all agreed to put their personal comfort aside and jump into icy waters for a worthy cause. There's a rumor that they may take the dip in costume, too. Be there or wait for pictures to find out!

The Polar Plunge is one of the largest fundraisers for the Special Olympics every year. It takes place all over the country throughout the winter. From its website, "The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Athletes are given continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness and athletic skill, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community."

To help our team and this valuable cause, follow the below link and click "Donate." Any amount helps. See a summary of all the team members and donations by clicking on "Team."

<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/lansingjaycees2012/lansingplunge2012>



As a previous plunger myself (Burlington, VT, 2003), I can say it was an exhilarating, fun, and freezing experience. At the time I told myself it would be "once in a lifetime," but if we can fund-raise ourselves up to first place this year, I'll be sure to jump next year!

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## COMMUNITY REPORT

### Relay For Life: Every step you take, every move you make, you'll be saving lives

By Joe Kelly

You should donate to my Relay for Life page. Why? Three reasons:

1. Relaying helps fight cancer. Money donated to Relay goes to help the American Cancer Society, to fund cancer research. Many friends, neighbors and coworkers are impacted by cancer. This is your chance to help fight cancer. The scary thing about cancer is that anyone could fall victim. We are all powerless to totally prevent cancer. Relaying gives us hope. Relaying also helps fund the Hope Lodge. What's that you ask? The American Cancer Society explains, "each Hope Lodge offers cancer patients and their caregivers a free, temporary place to stay when their best hope for effective treatment may be in another city." Relaying also funds programs for coping with cancer and college scholarships to cancer survivors.

2. We are about 120 days away from relay. As long as I raise \$1 a day, so \$30 by each GMM, I will grow a relay beard.

3. OK, the beard thing might not get you excited about relay, but if you are still not convinced, I'll match funding upto \$250.

As of today, I've raised \$11 dollars. Only need \$19 more by the next GMM!

And where would one find such a page?

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY12GL?px=19119631&pg=personal&fr\\_id=38332](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY12GL?px=19119631&pg=personal&fr_id=38332)

Or, you can search for "Relay for Life Lansing" and on that page, search for "Joseph Kelly".

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**FEB 26** - Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Registration - 11:30 a.m. Plunge starts at 1 p.m., Eagle Eye Golf Course Clubhouse, 15500 Chandler Road, DeWitt (Details - Eric Richmond)

**MARCH 31** - Easter Egg Stuffing, Time TBA, Location TBA (Details - Eric Richmond/Kris Dezelski)

**APRIL 7** - Easter Egg Hunt & Raffle, Capitol Lawn (Details - Eric Richmond)



## INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### ID & Membership come together!

Danielle and I are looking for ideas about what to do in our areas.

Individual development covers three main areas: Personal Development, Professional Development and International Development.

Membership encompasses Growth and New Chapters Commission and Chapter Activities Commission. Essentially, this is the programming that YOU want to do, whether to learn new skills or just to socialize. We have just under 40 events planned for the year. If you want to get your idea on the docket, this is the time to speak up. Your input determines what we do, so please look over this list and check it out! Please contact Danielle Wellington (daniellewellington@gmail.com) or Joe Kelly (joewkelly@gmail.com) with your ideas.

We have on the docket the following projects planned:

#### Personal Development

- Casual CASDL Debate Judging
- Bows + Arrows
- Learn to Curl
- Debate Tournament
- Short Game Golf
- Clean the Grand River
- Environmental project TBD

#### Professional Development

- Resume Writing/Interview Skills
- Fearless Presenter
- Business Luncheon
- Grand River Connection (GRC) Business Breakfast
- Art of Persuasion
- Dale Carnegie Visits the Jaycees
- Personal Finance Seminar
- Computer programming programming
- Tie one on (Learn to tie a tie in conjunction with a happy hour)

- Intentional Listening
- The Power of We – learn about social media

#### International Development

- Pasta Making
- Nothing but Nets
- Get Your Food On
- Comedy for a Cause
- Twinning

#### Growth and New Chapters Commission

- Meet & Mingle
- Passport to Leadership - Ongoing
- 30-60-90/90-60-30 Program - Ongoing
- New Member Orientations – March, May, August, November
- Membership Committee – Feb, April, July, November
- Board Calls – Ongoing Monthly
- Jump-start - Ongoing

#### Chapter Activities Commission

- Annual Banquet
- General Membership Meetings
- Movie nights
- Book Club
- Happy Hours
- Annual Camping Trip
- White Water Rafting
- Sporting leagues – Ongoing, (Bowling; Softball or Golf)
- Beer Bus - 3rd quarter
- Game nights
- Sporting Events
- Super Bowl Party
- Chapter Visitations
- Wine or Beer Tasting

### INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**FEB 18** - Get Your Food On: Indian Bonanza, 12:30 - 3 p.m. Sindhu's Restaurant, 4790 S. Hagadorn, East Lansing, MI (Details - Meaghan Kelly/Abby Siegel)

**MAR 11** - Basic Pasta Making, 5:30 - 07:30 p.m., Samantha Keeney's house, 425 N. Hayford, Lansing, MI (Details - Sam Keeney)

**MAR 24** - Just B a Jaycee, 2 - 4 p.m., Just B Yoga, 106 Island Avenue, Lansing, MI (Details - Laura de la Rambilje)

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## GYFO: Time for dosa at Sindhu

Indian food novices and experts alike welcome. Whether you're completely intimidated by Goat Vindaloo or can't wait to finish it so you can get to your Gulab Jamun, come on down to Sindhu restaurant on Feb 18th at 12:30pm and get your food on with the Lansing Jaycees! Co-Chairs, Meaghan Kelly and Abby Siegel, will not only be giving instruction on how to eat a Masala Dosa in true South Indian style, but also providing fascinating information about Indian food and culture.



Not ready for a dosa quite yet? No problem! Sindhu has a whole lunch buffet including a variety of delicious dishes from North and South India!

Abby and Meghan's first Dosa adventure: A few months ago, Abby Siegel and I went to Sindhu's together and decided to try their masala dosa based on many recom-

mendations. In particular my sister, who had just returned from a five-month stay in India raved and raved about masala dosas. Something I overlooked as I continued to push my masala agenda is that at the time, I had never actually seen a dosa, nor did I know how to eat one. As a result, I was pretty surprised when a giant crepe-looking thing stuffed with yellow potatoes came out of the kitchen with some of side sauces, the usage of which I had always eluded me until very recently.

It looked delicious, if perplexing, and there was no confusing the delightful smell emanating from the platter. We had to figure out how this thing could be consumed. We took our best guess and did all right. However, after conducting further delicious research, we have this down, and would love to share our new skill with the Lansing Jaycees!

## Jaycees partake in debate league

Pattengill Middle School hosted a tournament for the Capitol Area Speech and Debate League (CASDL) on Jan. 28, 2012. Four Jaycees attended as judges -- Lori Casteline, Michael P. Leeds, Abby Siegel and myself attended. The judging pool was tight, every last person was needed for judging. The events held were 3-person debate, Original Prose & Poetry, Duo Improvisation, and Oral Interpretation of Literature.

Fun was had by all who attended. Most Jaycees who participated said they would like to judge again. Abby Siegel pointed out that "It is great that kids this age are doing speech and debate. I wish I had the courage to do this when I was young."

Judging proved to be more challenging than one might think. Often times, both teams make good points on either side of the topic, making it not so cut and dry to determine which side won. Generally, though, it was possible to determine a winner by asking "which side causes the greatest good to the greatest number of people, considering the disadvantages of their approach?"

The topic for the first two debates was "Student lockers are

PRIVATE." Each team took sides defending the statement, called the resolution, and opposing it. Arguments in favor of the topic centered on privacy and student rights. Arguments in opposition were that locker searches promote safety from guns and drugs and other undesirable material. For the last two debates, the resolution was "Freedom of speech ends at the schoolhouse door." Academic freedom and free speech was the ground for the team affirming the resolution. Negating the resolution, arguments were made about the consequences of speech and why absolute free speech could be bad.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, CASDL will have another tournament. The location is still to be determined. If you are interested in judging or even just watching, please contact Joe Kelly, joewkelly@gmail.com. There is a background check form that needs to be filled out before the event begins.

The 1st place winners were as follows -  
1st place Debate Team - Glencarin  
1st place Original Prose and Poetry - Glencarin  
1st place Oral Interpretation - MacDonald  
1st place Duo Improvisation - Glencarin



## MANAGEMENT REPORT

### Building Leaders... by Frightening People

Ask around. Many people will list Halloween as one of their favorite holidays. The candy, the costumes, the parties, the scares. It's a unique and fun time of year. Many of us have annual traditions, too. We recycle costumes, bring out the same decorations from the basement, go to similar parties, and still have good times. But the Lansing Jaycees can offer a bigger and more exciting alternative to your October routine in 2012.



Ever enjoy scaring your siblings? Playing pranks on your friends? Or working together for a common cause to do something amazing? Then Monster Mayhem is for you! My enthusiasm for the haunted house has been clear. I do love it. I love haunted houses in general, but more than that I love the feeling of a group of people coming together and doing something great. In that regard, Monster Mayhem is the best opportunity for us as a chapter to show off what we can accomplish. We've done it before. We have the experience and a truckload of supplies. So why can't we do it again?

Of course, Monster Mayhem can't be a one-man show. We'll need volunteers for PR, sponsorships, coordination, operations, construction, acting, etc. But more than that, we need leaders. The Jaycees are fond of saying that "We Build Leaders." I know

that statement can sometimes feel generic, but whether you enjoy frightening people or not, the Monster Mayhem project can offer you a chance to help in areas wherever your best skills are. And you may even make some great friends in the process, too.

The first Monster Mayhem haunted house meeting for 2012 is on Monday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m., at Barley's American Grill, 727 E. Miller Road in Lansing. Looking back at successful haunted houses of the past, they've always started early

in the year. One main goal of this kickoff is to bring together previous leadership and new leadership. To be successful, we need to build a solid leadership foundation for this year, identify interested volunteers, and knowledge transfer with previous leaders and exhausted roosters. This is that opportunity! And even if you can't attend on Feb. 20, feel free to get in touch with me at any time and watch for further news and meetings.

Join me to be a part of something great... if you dare!! <insert maniacal laughter here>

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2012 Community Development VP  
2012 Monster Mayhem Chair

### First Trimester fundraiser alert!

I am pleased to announce that sales of the hot-off-the-press Enjoy the City June 2013 edition has begun! This is the same fundraiser we ran last year - just with a fresh batch of specials and coupons from places like Chili's, Biggby, Grand Traverse Pie Company, Barley's, Brannigan Bros., and dozens more of your favorite locations! We will be selling the books through March 31st. The price remains the same, \$20, of which \$8 of each sales goes to the Lansing Jaycees. Each member who sells five books gets to keep one additional one free! Last year we sold 87 books, netting \$696. As an incentive I challenge you all to sell 125 books. That would bring \$1000 to our chapter! If our chapter sells 125 books the top three sellers will have an op-

portunity to throw a pie in my face at the April GMM! I will have Enjoy the City Fundraising books through the end of March. We have them on consignment and can return what we don't sell (as long as the returned books are in new condition). Just



check-out how many you have sold or anticipate selling then return any unsold books along with the money. I will be attending most Jaycee events through the end of March out a few more books than you know you have orders for! Be sure to contact me at [dan@dnharris.com](mailto:dan@dnharris.com) or 517-927-9412 to schedule your pick-up and drop-offs.



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#### MANAGEMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**FEB 20** - Monster Mayhem - Haunted House Leadership & Kickoff Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Barley's American Grill, 727 E. Miller Road, Lansing, MI (Details - Eric Richmond)

**FEB 27** - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Maner Costerisan, 2425 E Grand River Ave, Ste. 1, Lansing, MI (Details - Lauren Leeds)

**MAR 4** - Progressive Dinner, 4 p.m., Various locations (Details - Angela Fossi/Michael P. Leeds)

**MAR 26** - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Maner Costerisan, 2425 E Grand River Ave, Ste. 1, Lansing, MI (Details - Lauren Leeds)

## AUXILIARY OFFICER'S REPORTS

### Easter Egg Hunt 2012

On Saturday March 31st, the Lansing Jaycees will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Stuffing Party from 8:30ish to 2:30ish. The event is scheduled to take place at Sohn Linen on Wood Street just south of Lake Lansing Rd. There are over 10,000 eggs that will need to be stuffed and this is an exciting time to catch up with fellow Jaycees and work with other community groups as we prepare for this great event. There will be multiple "shifts" that you can volunteer for. The "shifts" typically are 8:30-10:30, 10:30-12:30, and 12:30 to 2:30ish. But feel free to stop by anytime! A wise cookie maker once said "many hands make light work".

This party is in preparation for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Capitol Lawn on Saturday April 7th. The Easter Hunt is schedule for 11am with games and other activities starting at 10am. We ask volunteers to start showing up by 9am. The event is typically wrapped up by noon. More details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

If you have any questions feel free to contact event chairs Eric Richmond and Kris Dezelski. This should be a great event and we look forward to seeing everyone.

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### Care for your towels

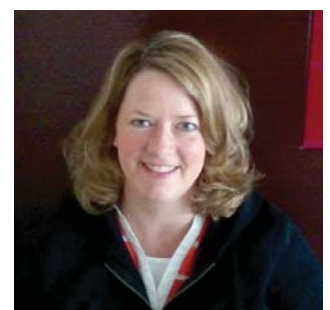
February is here and soon it will be time to do some spring cleaning. In an effort to get ready to do such, take a good hard look in your linen closet and get it updated. Below are some tips on towels (watch for sheets next month) gathered from All You Magazine (Nov. 2011).

**What Towels to Purchase:** Choose white or a light color for everyday use, darker colors typically do not soften up until after several washes. Check the texture of the towel. The loops, which determine absorbency, should be thick and lightly packed. The closer the loops, the more absorbent it will be. Check out your current towels, if you can see the base of the towel, time to get some new ones. Look for 100% combed cotton terry cloth, which is the most absorbent and great for regular use. As we all know, thickness is a matter of personal preference...500 to 700 grams is standard, a good salesperson should be able to tell you. Avoid a less expensive towel (typically a cotton-polyester blend); synthetic fiber polyester is less absorbent. Other blends such as bamboo-cotton and modal-cotton are both soft and absorbent.

**Storing Towels:** Store your towels in a clean, dry place. Shelves are the best, if you must use a drawer line it first. Wood drawers can cause discoloration and leave towels stained. Remove towels promptly from the dryer to reduce wrinkling. To maximize your space, use the same folding method for all towels (quarters, thirds, etc.). Do not stack your towels too high (don't squash um), stack no more than four high.

**Keeping Towels Fresh:** Always spread your damp towel out to dry after use. If the towel is completely dry before your next use, you can use it again (up to a week). If your towel does not dry between uses, bacteria can build up. Make sure your towels are completely dry before putting in your hamper.

Don't fill your washer more than 70% of capacity with towels, they are heavy and need room to move. Wash with like colors (try not to wash with your clothes or you may find lint all over them) with warm water and a cold rinse. Softeners are great to make your towels smell good, however after time usage results in a less absorbent towel. Instead, place a few sachets of your favorite scent in your linen closet. Be sure to promptly remove your towels from the washing machine, bacteria can start breeding on damp towels in an hour or two. Make sure your towels are dry when you remove them, never fold and store them while still damp.



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## CHAIR OF THE BOARD REPORT

During the past few weeks I have had several discussions with people regarding awards. This includes talking the winners of the Grammy's, Emmy's and Oscar's as well as the awards presented by the Jaycees. Several people ask why we care about awards. Or they say they are not interested in awards. That's fine, however, the main point of the award isn't achieving the certificate or trophy. In my opinion the main point starts with setting a goal and taking time to reflect on if that goal was achieved or not.

The 2012 Board of Directors is hard at work putting together a chapter plan. This includes looking at the year and determining what we should focus on. We take time to gain feedback from our members (please respond to our surveys!) and based on your feedback we set our goals for the year. This is not meant to be restrictive as it is a working document that can be adjusted if needed. However, it is meant to be a solid starting point and provides something that can be evaluated.

Often times we become busy and it is easy to get swayed off course. The purpose of our awards process is to make sure at specific points in time our chapter is evaluating our plan and measuring our progress. Maybe we wanted to do a large event to assist the food bank. What if it is September and we look at the calendar and realize we didn't meet that goal? We still have time to assist with a food drive and successfully meet that goal. Without the goal, we may have forgotten about it until the year has passed and missed a great opportunity.

By not receiving an award it doesn't imply that the goal hasn't been reached or that someone is a loser. To the contrary it is a huge accomplishment to compete. The act of competing may imply that by striving for an award you reached outside of your comfort zone and tried something that you may not have thought of. Each award that is presented by the Jaycees has specific criteria and it is intended to help us develop as a chapter and as leaders.

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Think about the Grammy's. Do you think any less of the artists that did not win an award? Do you not like their songs as much? Do you think the nominees were only thinking of the Grammy's while they were recording their songs? Probably not, they were nominated based on the work they accomplished and were likely thankful of the nomination. They trusted the process to determine the winner.

Some awards may come easy to certain people because it is reinforcing some of the work they do on an every day basis. Some awards may be more of a challenge because they are highly competitive or require people to dedicate a lot of their time to accomplish the criteria. The important thing isn't whether you win or lose; it is that you were in the race! This shows you are committed to personal development which will benefit you as a Jaycee, citizen, employee, friend, family member and volunteer. Take the time to set your goals for the year and start working on a plan to accomplish them. Set monthly reminders to evaluate your success.

Sincerely,  
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 2012 Chair of the Board

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