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District 4
Population Division 6
Base Membership: 77

LANSING JAYCEES



Record Crowd Had Record Fun

Thanks to the amazing weather and amazing volunteers, we had a record crowd for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. The Capitol grounds crew, Ron and Bob, estimated between 2,000 and 2,500 people! Previous year estimates have been in the range of 1,000, but truthfully it's impossible to know for sure. Either way, there was also a record amount of fun! The "Easter magic" clicked into high gear and we made a lot of children happy with face painting, balloon animals, mascots, games, crafts, and of course Easter eggs. Adults were happy, too, due to the amazing support for our raffle!



SEEN IN ACTION!

A big thank you to all our raffle sponsors! Thanks to them we raised a significant amount to help offset the costs of the event.

- Sohn Linen
- Mancino's Pizza
- Coffee and Friends
- Fork In The Road restaurant
- Gloworks Toys
- Lansing Symphony Orchestra
- Leo's Spirits & Grub
- Playmakers
- Sparty's Sundae
- MSU Bike Store
- Hawk Hollow Golf Course
- Play! East Lansing
- Mid Michigan Family Theatre
- American Crepes
- MSU Community Music School
- Edru Skaing Rink
- Jumpin' Jax
- Beekman Therapeutic Riding Center
- Victory Martial Arts
- Ted-Dee's Sandwich Shop
- Celebration Cinema
- NCG cinema
- Everybody Reads book store
- Bake N Cakes
- East Lansing Aquatic Center
- MSU Demmer Shooting Sports Education & Training Center
- Zap Zone
- Chuck E Cheese
- The Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village
- LCC Athletics
- Spagnuolo's Chocolate and Ice Cream Co.
- Velocipede Peddler bike shop
- Bell's Greek Pizza
- Tasty Twist

And a big thank you to all our volunteers! Too many people to list here, but you know who you are. We had volunteers from ages 12 to 41+. We cannot wait for next year!

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

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 to 7 p.m.) at Tripper's Bar and Grill in Frandor. Visit our website, www.lansingjaycees.org for more information.



2012 Board of Directors
The Board meets on the last Monday
each month, 6 p.m. at Maner
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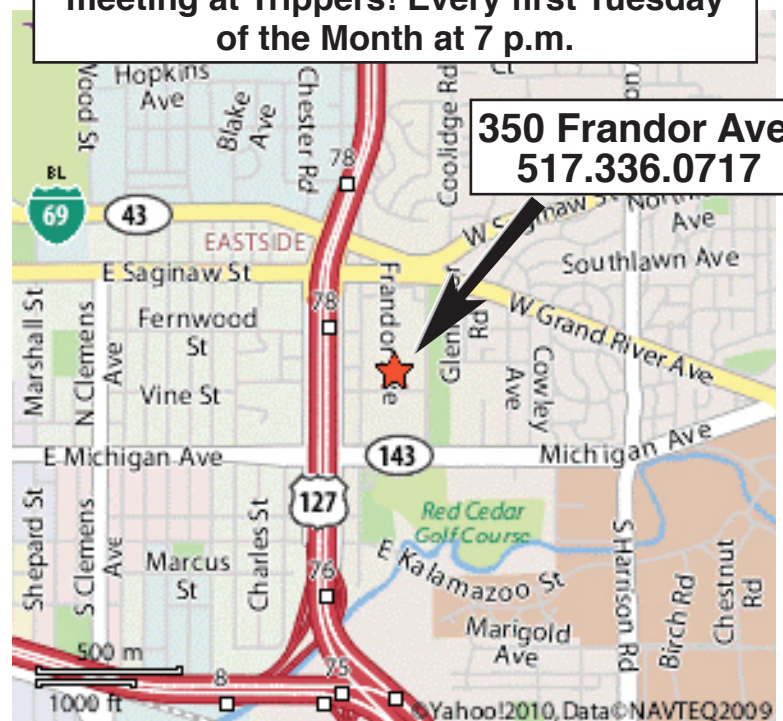
A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:
Thanks to the contributors of the April
newsletter: Lauren Leeds, Danielle Wellington,
Eric Richmond, Joe Kelly, Dan Harris,
Sheryl Soczek, Jill Blust, Abby Siegel, Angela
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ANYONE CAN BE AN AUTHOR!

Please submit your articles, photos, or ideas
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Join us for our monthly membership
meeting at Trippers! Every first Tuesday
of the Month at 7 p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Building skills – growing professionally

What do the Michigan Jaycees do? WE BUILD LEADERS! Not only do we build community leaders, but our organization also focuses on helping our members build their professional skills.

This year the Jaycees are offering a fantastic opportunity for you to grow your professional skills. In partnership with the Michigan Jaycees, the national award-winning consultants at WorldLink communications, LLC have designed rigorous certification courses in three areas: Communication Competency, Leadership Development, and Conflict Resolution.

These certifications translate into real world experience, as they can be utilized in future career opportunities.

According to WorldLink's website, the certification courses are modeled off of its Corporate Training Program, with each course containing two levels of certification: Green Belt and Black Belt. Participants who successfully complete the professional development training courses will be presented with an official certificate indicating their accomplishment.

Each certification has specific requirements necessary for completion of the program, including training, application-based projects, delivery of training, and Jaycee-provided experience. For non-Jaycee participants, the Jaycee Provided Experience element may be met through a combination of additional training hours and/or additional Application Based Projects.

For more information, please check out WorldLink's website at: <http://www.worldlinkcomm.com/training-certificates/mijc-certification>.

I encourage anyone interested to take advantage of these certification programs.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Member Spotlight: Laura de la Rambelje

Occupation: Public Health Consultant

Relationship Status: Married to Ryan, MBA student extraordinaire :)

Favorite Movie and/or book: Favorite Movie: Life is Beautiful. Favorite Book: The 1956 Hungarian Revolution: A History in Documents (supreme history nerd alert) or almost any cook book

Favorite Type of Music: Classical, or anything I can dance to (reggae-ton, lately)

Do you have any pets? Yes, a handsome kitty named Pokey

Dream Job: Non-profit leadership working on human rights, democracy, health and food access

Favorite Game or Sport: To watch: Spartan football or basketball; To play: biking

2012 Goal: To create a Get Your Food On event involving blueberries...

Random Fact: I met Snap, Crackle and Pop at the Kellogg's factory at age 5, and still remember their song.

Favorite Jaycee Project and reason: Stuff the Bus -- it was so fantastic to participate and watch the community come together to make not only a single holiday special, but to provide fun, excitement, and warmth to children in Lansing throughout the winter.

Favorite Quote: "...every difference of opinion, is not a difference of principle." Thomas Jefferson

Jaycee Join Date: May 2011

Laura has been involved with Polar Plunge as a co-chair, plunger and also on the cookie baking team. She also co-chaired for the Easter Egg Hunt crafts and volunteered with Easter Egg stuffing. She is also the Just B a Jaycee chair, Urbandale Farm chair, and is helping with public relations. With all of the hard work Laura has been putting toward the Jaycees, she has been recognized as the Member Spotlight of the month! Congratulations to Laura for all of her involvement and dedication to the Lansing Jaycees!



April Winners!

The following people attended the April GMM and were raffle winners for a \$10 gift card to Bagger Dave's and a couple free appetizers and free pool at Tripper's.

Alexandra Briseno

Jill Blust

Laura De La Rambelje

Congratulations!! And good luck to all of the members who attend May's General Membership Meeting on May 1. We look forward to seeing you there! Also, anyone who has May as a join month, you are likely to win an extra prize if membership dues are paid by April 30!

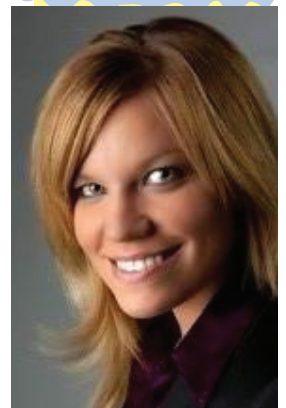
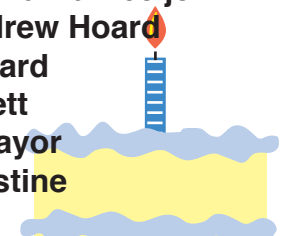
MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS:
APRIL 21 & MAY 5- Bowling League, Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, 4722 Grand River Ave., Lansing (Sid Muthiah & Mike Castelein)
MAY 1 - General Membership Meeting, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Tripper's, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing (Details - Lauren Leeds)

April Birthdays

Tracy Prush • Laura de la Rambelje
Meaghan Kelly • Andrew Hoard
Jamie Sheppard
Nick Crockett
Julio Montemayor
Adam Dobbrastine

May Birthdays

Troy Steere
Chris Crepeau
Wayne Hutchison
Michael Leeds
Angela Mills
Michael Castelein
Adrienne Woodward
Samantha Keeney
Melissa Horste





Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny a big success

By Jill Blust

The Lansing Jaycees and the Animal Placement Bureau hosted the 2nd annual Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny at Preuss Pets on March 24 and 25. Lauren Leeds, President, and I co-chaired this event with much help from Eric Richmond, Community Development VP, Jordan VanAken from the APB, and Megan Shannon from Preuss Pets.

Preuss Pets was a new venue this year. We loved this setting and the staff was excellent to work with as well! We did miss out on some of the walk-in traffic that Frandor had to offer, but we had several exotic animals at Preuss that made for some great photo opportunities. We had adorable cats, dogs, bunnies, birds, a snake, a lizard, and Preuss's own Fred the tortoise!

We collected donations of \$5 for Lansing area pet lovers to have their pet's photo taken with our very own Easter Bunny. We were able to raise \$ 400.09 during this two day event and all of the proceeds will go to the APB.

Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny was so much fun and I would love to see the event return next year! I loved meeting all of the pets and their parents. Talk about cute overload! What an awesome opportunity to have a special photo of your pet or child while helping less fortunate pets find a loving home.

COMMUNITY REPORT

Relay for Life of Lansing: Another Day, Another Dollar

By Joe Kelly

I announced a "payoff" beard challenge at the February GMM. I won't shave my beard until the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Lansing event, which I am matching dollar for dollar, up to \$250. That is, as long as I raise a dollar a day.

As of April 1, I raised \$83, for Relay for Life. You can donate online at www.relayforlife.org/lansingmi



President Lauren Leeds has agreed to grow out her hair and donate it contingent on my success at raising a dollar a day.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

APRIL 21 - Urbandale Farm's Spring Work Party, 1 - 4:30 p.m., Urbandale Farm, 600 block of S. Hayford St., Lansing *Rain date: April 22*

APRIL 27 - Bowl for Kids' Sake, 7:45 - 11 p.m., Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing

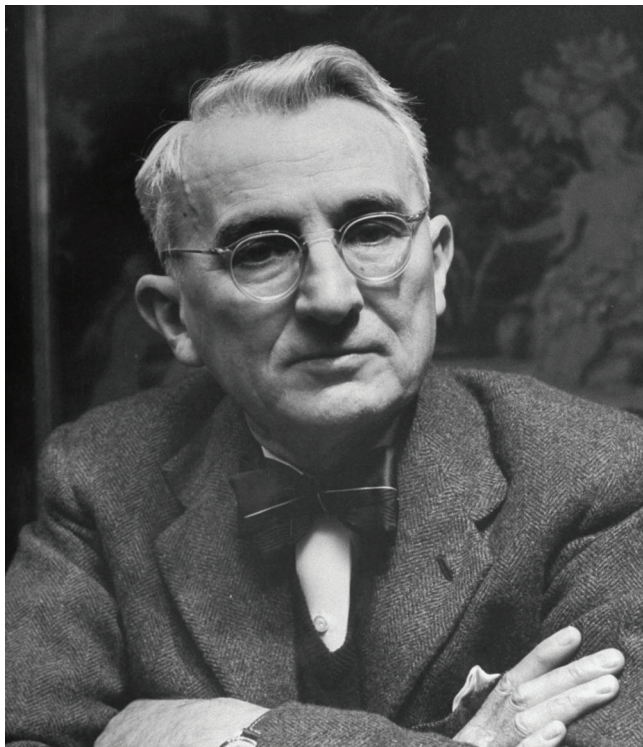
MAY 12 - DeWitt Take a Breath for PH and Get Moving for MS, 7AM - 3PM, DeWitt High School, 13601 Panther Dr., DeWitt

MAY 19 & 20 - East Lansing Art Festival - Face Painting, 9:30AM - 6:30PM Sat., 9:30AM - 5:30PM Sun.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Dale Carnegie visits the Lansing Jaycees

Dale Carnegie wrote the book on human relations. Literally, the man wrote a book. He couldn't find any book or course on how to be a better person. So he wrote a book -- How to Win Friends and Influence People. He came up with 30 principles falling into three categories -- become a friendlier person, win people to your way of thinking and be a leader. Some of the principles are easy, like "5. Smile," while others are much more difficult to implement, like "26. Let the other person save face."



affiliate, the Ralph Nichols Group, was on hand to do a presentation. The presentation took place in the basement auditorium of the downtown branch of the Capital Area District Library.

I took the Dale Carnegie Course in 2010, and it has helped me personally and professionally. Even though the event is passed, I encourage anyone wishing to further their career or improve their interpersonal relationships, which should be everybody, to see what Dale Carnegie training is all about. For more information about

Dale Carnegie founded a network which now has over 3,000 instructors with offices in more than 70 countries teaching these principles. Phil Zeller, the President and Master Trainer of the Lansing

future events visit:
swmi.dalecarnegie.com/events/

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

APRIL 28 - Learn to Frisbee Golf, 1 - 3PM, Lincoln Park, 255 W Michigan Ave, Charlotte

MAY 16 - United Nations Millennium Development Goals committee meeting, 6:30 - 8 PM, Gone Wired Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

Jaycees Management update

Fundraising Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Enjoy the City books program. The program was still in progress at the time of writing.

I am pleased to announce that we have submitted and have been approved to participate in the the Great Lakes Scrip (GLScrip) program. What is Scrip? It is a fundraising program we can run indefinitely. Basically GLScrip gets a gift cards at a discount from 100s of major national and international merchants (like Amazon.com, iTunes, Barnes and Noble, Meijer, Target, Shell, Mobil, Cabela's, Cracker Barrel, Cabela's, and 100s more). It is likely many if not most of your favorite retailers participate in the scripts program. GLScrip passes the savings to non-profits. When we sell the cards at face value we make a profit. Hundreds of schools and other non-profits throughout the country participate in a Scripts program.

This is a handy way to raise money for the chapter just doing what you normally do, ordering from your favorite merchants. The gift cards are the same

ones they sell at face value so are no different and work in store and online (based on the merchant rules of course). This is a fantastic way to raise hundreds, and if we pull together as a team a couple thousand dollars, for our chapter this year with very little effort!

Please check out the website at [glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) as we may place an order after the May General Member Meeting if everything goes well. If you are interested in participating in our first order (pending acceptance) contact me at dan@dnharris.com. You can check out the list here:

Alphabetical:

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By Category:

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General Information:

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MANAGEMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

APRIL 23 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Maner Costerisan, 2425 E Grand River Ave, Ste. 1, Lansing, MI (Details - Lauren Leeds)

MAY 4-6 - 2012 MIJC Spring Assembly - Boyne Mtn, 1 Boyne Mountain Road, Boyne, MI

MAY 18 & 19 - World Expo of Beer, Frankenmuth Jaycees

MAY 21 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Maner Costerisan, 2425 E Grand River Ave, Ste. 1, Lansing, MI (Details - Lauren Leeds)

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Location, location, location!

Space needed for the Lansing Jaycees' own haunted house

By Eric Richmond

The Lansing Jaycees are hard at work planning the return of the "Monster Mayhem Haunted House" in 2012. Equipped with the knowledge, materials and skills, the Jaycees are still searching for the perfect location to host the event.

The chapter is looking to build a relationship with a local property owner that has space available from September through November for use as a haunted house. Securing a location before the end of May will allow time for planning, marketing, and sponsorship opportunities to get fully underway.

Traditionally, the Lansing Jaycees Haunted House has taken 3,000 people on a terror-filled thrill ride and raised thousands of dollars, which is then used to fund community events like the chapter's annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Capitol lawn, or donated to local community charities.

Anyone with information on a possible suitable location is encouraged to contact the Lansing Jaycees at (248) 716-0539 or by email to president@lansingjaycees.org; or to contact Amy Richter-Perkins, Associate/Retail Advisor with CBRE | Martin, at (517) 351-2200 or by email at amy.richter-perkins@cbre.com.

It's also not too late to join one of the five Haunted House subcommittees. Watch for invites or contact Eric Richmond at edr@thelastbyte.com to learn more about these opportunities to be a part of something great! Now is the time!

PR & Sponsorships – tasked with finding business sponsors to help offset costs for materials, rent, utilities, food, props, and general operations. Coordinates media, marketing, advertising, and social media.



Design/Construction – tasked with the design of the maze, room themes/props, monster hiding places, and construction of everything.

Volunteers & Staffing – tasked with coordinating staffing from our members or other area groups for truck unloading, construction, monsters, and tear down.

Operations/Back-of-House – tasked with the utilities, training, maintenance, equipment, meal donations, obtaining liability waivers, opening/closing procedures, etc.

Treasurer/Front-of-House – tasked with cash handling, open/close, and budget. This is the only subcommittee where you must be a Jaycee member.

Lansing Jaycees Website Update

My Membership Information... (Angela Fossi)

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*Angela Fossi
Chair of the Board (and informally known as your humble Tech Liaison)*

Get to know our website! Members have received a user name and password to the Member section of the LansingJaycees.org website. Please take a few minutes and try logging in. From there, you can confirm we have the correct information for mail, phone and address correct.

I wanted to show you some helpful links. If you forgot your password you can request a reset. Instructions will be emailed to you. Please email Angela Fossi at kitispant@gmail.com if you forgot your user name and I can email you a new one.

Did we assign a user name that you don't like? Not a problem, once you log in use the Change Username/Password link to assign something that is easier to remember.

We are going to be making changes to our website soon and new features will be available. One of the first steps is making sure our member information is accurate. Please assist us by review / updating your information.



MEMBER LOGIN

User Name:



Password:

[Forgot your password?](#)

AUXILIARY OFFICER'S REPORTS

Helpful hints

Did you ever wonder how to get those odd spills, stains or misc. items fixed around you? Well you are in luck; here are some answers for you.

How to Pick up Broken Glass – Use a triple-size dry cotton ball to pick up slivers and tiny shards, the fibers will pick up what you can't see.

Sticky Labels (on glass) – Apply peanut butter and let it sit after a bit wipe it clean.

Lusterless Jewelry – Place rings and chains in a pair of old nylons tied tightly to the top rack of the dishwasher and run the dishwasher (this one scares me.....).

Discolored Plastic Containers – Mist containers with nonstick cooking spray before filling them with tomato-based sauces and avoid ring around the container.

Dingy Artificial Flower Bouquets – Sorry, I don't believe in them so tips don't exist in my mind.

Scuffed Shoes – Instead of using a shoe polish rag, use a coffee filter. It's lint-free, easy to hold and disposable (coffee filters are also great for cleaning windows).

Wax-Covered Candlesticks – Place nonmetal candleholders in a cup or pan of water and heat in the microwave. Wipe the melted wax away easily with a paper towel (do not pour it down

the drain as it can clog the drain after it cools and hardens).

Nailing Small Nails – Use a pair of needle nose pliers to hold the nail (instead of your fingers) so you won't hit your fingers by mistake.

Dirty Vase – To clean accumulated sediment from a narrow vase, put grains of rice inside and shake it until it loosens. If you clean a vase with water and want it to dry quicker inside, roll up a paper towel and place it in length wise (it will soak up excess water).

Noisy Door – Use nonstick cooking spray to stop hinges from squeaking (make sure to wipe off the excess).

Staining Projects – Take the mess out of staining wood by pouring stirred stain into a spray bottle instead of dipping it into the container or pouring it out.

Paint-Splattered Hands – Apply nonstick cooking spray; rub in and rinse with soap and water.

I hope you learned some new tips or were able to spark a memory of old ones. Whichever it is I hope you use them when you need them. These tips are courtesy of All You Magazine (November 18, 2011).



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Why I Relay

It is safe to say what got me incredibly involved with the Lansing Jaycees was our Relay for Life team. I was not a member when at my first Relay event with the team, but it was the most powerful event, and what got me to join.

My Reason for Relay isn't as heart-wrenching at most. I do not have a close family member who suffered and then survived, or ultimately died from cancer. I have never been a caretaker of a loved one - driving to appointments and keeping track of medications and treatments.

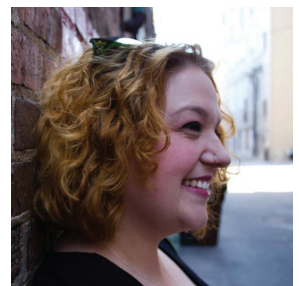
What I do have are friends, family, nieces, nephews and scores of others who I never want to see have cancer. The newest addition to my family is my niece Hannah, 7 months old. The day she was born, I was headed down to Ft. Wayne, Ind. for the Great Lakes Division Relay for Life conference. It was a week-end of inspiration, hearing tales of Relay stories and gathering information on how to make 2012's Relay the best one ever.

It dawned on me then: I Relay for Hannah. Hannah Siegel, then only hours old. May she never fear cancer, because there will be a cure when she grows up.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) and Relay for Life gives a lot of hope to those who are surrounded by this disease. But ACS gave me hope for the future, too. While I may not see the end of this disease in my lifetime, with the help of walkers and supporters everywhere, Relay for Life can help end it.

So, beyond beard and hair-growing challenges, we all need to remember our reason for Relaying. It is the support we give to the ACS to help fund research for the cure and support programs for those who have cancer. Please donate to our team (in general or individuals) at www.relayforlife.org/lansingmi

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CHAIR OF THE BOARD REPORT

Pasta Making

What can I say? I love pasta! In February Samantha Keeney expressed an interest in taking a class to make fresh pasta. After some thought I decided we could skip the class and take a road trip to visit my parent's house and my family can demonstrate how to make pasta. Growing up in an Italian and Polish family we usually joke that we would learn how to make pasta before we could read. While that may be a slight exaggeration it may not be that far from the truth.

So after a productive afternoon of demonstrating the basics of pasta it became clear that we needed to conduct a Jaycee event involving learning how to make pasta. Some people may wonder, why do people make fresh pasta? The answer is simple. It tastes better! Plus it is pretty inexpensive to make and involves ingredients that are easy to find. Toss some flour, eggs, salt and oil together and you are ready to start making pasta.

We focused on making basic pasta. This would allow us to experiment with the different types of pasta that are easy to make. We made three varieties a



thin, short noodle usually found in soup, spaghetti and fettuccine. People had so much fun we will likely be offering additional pasta classes. Some items that we can make now that we know the basics include ravioli, pierogi and ziti.

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I found some helpful charts describing some of the types of pasta that are available. Please review the Pasta Shapes and Sizes article posted by Jane Resnick posted on www.netplaces.com to see more examples.

According to Resnick, there are a few Italian root words that are useful in recognizing variations. Bucati means "with a hole," and so is applied to pastas that are hollow. Bucatini, or "little hole," is a tubed pasta thinner than spaghetti. Lisa is "smooth," as distinguished from rigati, pastas that are "ridged."

Anyway, this was a great event. I hope to offer it again soon!

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