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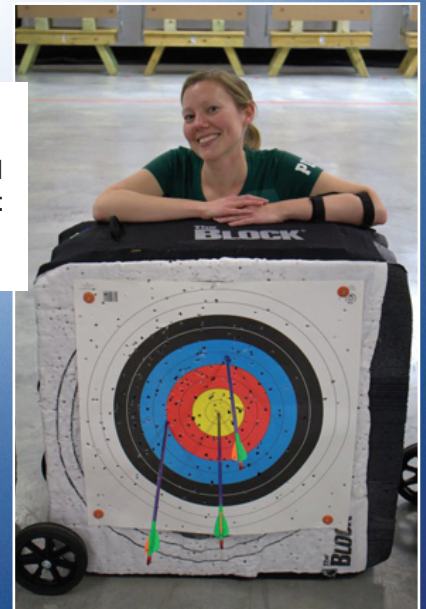
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LANSING JAYCEES



Alex B. (left) and Jill B. (right) both participated in an Archery class at MSU in May. Jill scored one bullseye, and Alex took out many dinosaurs with excellent shooting.



Dave A. makes his triumphant return to the Jaycees Happy Hour scene at Darb's in Mason.



A rare photo of Lauren L. and Abby S. taking a break during their volunteer shift at Frankenmuth's World Expo of Beer.

Lori C. takes the plate at a recent softball game. The team is always looking for cheerleaders, so see the Membership area of the newsletter if you'd like to come out and see a game!



SEEN IN ACTION!

THE 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
Costerisan, 2425 E. Grand River Ave.,
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The Board will meet on July 30 at 6 p.m. at
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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 to 7 p.m.) at Tripper's Bar and Grill in Frandor. (With the exception of our July meeting - see details below in the map) Visit our website, www.lansingjaycees.org for more information.



A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:
Thanks to the contributors of this month's newsletter: **Lauren Leeds, Joe Kelly, Sheryl Soczek, Angela Fossi, Michael P. Leeds, Abby Siegel, Dan Harris, Danielle Wellington, Eric Richmond**

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.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Lansing Jaycees is a wonderful organization that has truly enriched my life for the past year and nine months. Since becoming a member I've met some of the best people I've ever known; learned how to efficiently and effectively plan events; explored different cultures through sampling their cuisine; taken on a leadership role in my community; and pushed myself outside of my comfort zone knowing my fellow Jaycees were there to be my safety net if I needed them.

It is because of this impact on my life that I enjoy sharing the Jaycees with other people I meet – because I am certain membership with this group could benefit them as well.

The Jaycees (which stands for the Junior Chamber) is a nonprofit group of men and women between the ages of 21 and 40, who focus on developing leadership skills through community involvement. By organizing a variety of programs and projects to benefit the greater Lansing community, our members learn leadership and management skills. The Jaycees also provide members with plenty of social opportunities for networking and meeting new people.

To help encourage all members to share the Jaycees with their friends and family, Membership Vice President Danielle Wellington has organized a "Membership Challenge" with some pretty amazing payoffs.

Between now and the August General Membership Meeting (GMM), the Lansing Jaycee to recruit the most members will have their membership dues sponsored for one year.

For each real prospect (an individual who signs up on the Chapter's prospect list) you bring out to a qualifying event, your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card. So, for each prospect you bring out, you improve your odds of winning. The individual who brings out the most prospects will get to throw a pie in the face of Danielle, myself, or any other willing member of the Lansing Jaycees Board of Directors.

These are some great incentives for simply sharing the Lansing Jaycees with people you think could benefit from being a member.

The qualifying Lansing Jaycees events for the Membership Challenge are:

- * Junior Chamber 101 (New Member Orientation): Thursday, July 12 at Olga's in Frandor;
- * Meet & Mingle: Free wine tasting at Cork & Bottle Winery on Thursday, July 26;
- * Monthly Happy Hour: Friday, July 13 at Double Header in Bath;
- * Potluck Social: at Delta Mills' Park on Tuesday, July 10;
- * August GMM: at Tripper's in Frandor on Tuesday, Aug. 7; and
- * Membership Picnic: at Hawk Island on Friday, Aug. 17.

Please check out our calendar at www.lansingjaycees.org for other upcoming events and feel free to contact myself or Membership Vice President Danielle Wellington with any questions on the Membership Challenge.

I'm confident that every single one of us knows someone who could benefit from being a Jaycee, it's up to us to share our organization with them and help make the Lansing Jaycees an even stronger Chapter.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Member Spotlight: Melissa Horste!

Occupation: Constituent Services.

Relationship Status: Single.

Favorite Movie and/or book: Book - Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Movie - not Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

Favorite Type of Music: I like to call it Alternative Indie Folk Rock (aka anything by Michigan's native son Jack White).

Do you have any pets? A turtle named Crush.

Dream Job: Batman... cool car, nifty threads, awesome gadgets, strikes fear into the hearts of bad guys.

Favorite Game or Sport: Aside from Softball? Settlers of Catan, Cities and Knights version.

2012 Goal: Laugh more, worry less.

Random Fact: I have been to Disney World 18 times. No one should go to Disney World that many times. It turns you into a hard, cynical, sarcastic person.

Favorite Jaycee project and reason: Monster Mayhem, see above answer about striking fear.

Favorite Quote: Don't compromise yourself, you are all you've got - Janis Joplin.

Jaycee Join Date: Officially October 2011, though I've been playing on the softball team a few seasons and volunteered with Monster Mayhem two years ago.

MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JUNE 18 & 25, JULY 9 & 16 - Lansing Jaycees Softball Team, June 18, & 25, 6:05 p.m., July 2, 7:05 & 8:05 p.m. **DOUBLE HEADER**, July 9 & 16 Time:

TBA, Nancy Moore Park, Okemos

JULY 10 - General Membership Meeting Potluck-Social, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Delta Mills Park, 7001 Old River Trail, Lansing

JULY 12 - New Member Orientation, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Olga's Kitchen, Frandor

JULY 13 - Double Header Happy Hour, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Jo's Diner, 13631 Main St., Bath, MI

JULY 19-22 - Jaycees Annual Camping Trip, Putman Lake RV Park & Campground 2240 W. Wonderland St., Baldwin, MI 49304

JULY 26 - FREE Wine Tasting Meet & Mingle, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Cork & Bottle Winery, 1161 Clark, Ste. 134, DeWitt, MI

Jaycee Recent Involvement: Softball Team, Empty Plate, MSU Museum Wine Tasting, Easter Egg Stuffing and hunt.



Membership contest

Spread the word about the Lansing Jaycees!

We are a group of 21-40 year olds who give back to our community, fundraise for organizations and non-profits, professionally develop, socialize, have fun, and **BUILD LEADERS!** Invite friends, family, colleagues, and even strangers to some of the upcoming membership events and be a **WINNER!**

Contest Dates: June 5, 2012 until the GMM on August 7, 2012

Prizes:

1. Highest number of recruits (minimum of 3) on and between the dates listed above wins membership dues of \$65.00 paid for one year (excludes board members).
2. Raffle drawing of each prospect brought to New Member Orientations, Meet & Mingles, Happy Hours, and General Membership Meetings on and between the dates listed above wins a \$25 Meijer gift card.
3. Top three who bring in the highest number of new prospects to New Member Orientations, Meet & Mingles, Happy Hours, and General Membership Meetings on and between the dates listed above wins a pie to throw in (approved name of board member) face at the August 17 Membership Picnic at Hawk Island Park.

* **Prospects** are those who are interested in the Jaycees, between the ages of 21 and 40, and are willing to share some basic contact information.

* **Recruits** are those who sign up to be a Lansing Jaycee! This entails a prospect paying \$65 annual membership fee (\$5 discounts at General Membership Meetings, New Member Orientations, and Meet & Mingles.)



COMMUNITY REPORT

First Trimester Community Recap

The Lansing Jaycees have the distinct honor of being awarded "Community Chapter of the Trimester" for the first trimester this year. Congratulations to all! I couldn't be more thrilled and proud! So many of you have volunteered, helped plan, participated, or donated to help make our community a better place. It's really overwhelming what we can accomplish when we work together. Thank you to everyone and especially all the first time project chairs!

Looking back on the first trimester, it's pretty crazy what we've accomplished.

- * Raised over \$2200 for the Special Olympics during their Polar Plunge event.
- * Donated 10 books to the Capital Area Literacy Coalition as part of the Progressive Dinner.
- * Assisted the USDA with food packing for with the Capital Area Community Services.
- * Helped set-up the March Magic Hoopfest for local children.
- * Raised \$400 for the Animal Placement Bureau and took countless adorable pictures with Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny.

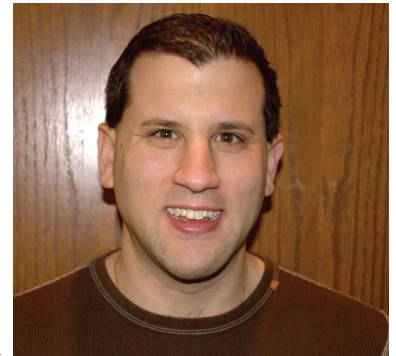
* Volunteered and had a great time at the MSU Museum Wine Tasting Benefit.

* Enjoyed record attendance at the Easter Egg Hunt on the Capitol Lawn and made \$1,000 in raffle proceeds. (Yes, I know this is technically the second trimester, but since all the work happened in the first trimester, I'm listing it anyway.)

Forgive me if I've missed anything, but if I did it's only because we've done so much! Can't wait for the rest of the year, keep it up!

Got a new project idea or a cause you're passionate about? Don't be shy, let me know. Best way is via e-mail, edr@thelastbyte.com. Remember the great things we can do when we come together!

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What to expect when you're Relaying

By Abby Siegel

After four years of participating in Relay for Life, I will tell you that this once-a-year fundraiser has become a way of life for me. There are two parts to my year: Getting ready for Relay and thinking about getting ready for Relay. In any case, there are a few bits of time-tested (after four years, something can be time-tested, right?) knowledge to pass along.

1. **Expect wind.** At the Relay for Life of Lansing's current location, wind is inevitable. Wind prevented our team from putting up too many decorations this year. A good Mardi Gras time was still had by all, of course, because it was our team's theme, but it was done without many visual components.
2. **Expect emotion.** There is so much more to Relay than walking in a circle. There are three ceremonies throughout the 24 hour event. The first is Celebrate, where we celebrate those who have fought cancer and survived. They walk a lap to the cheering of everyone present,

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JUNE 22 - Volunteer at Old Town's Festival of the Moon, 5:30 - 8:15 p.m., corner of Grand River Ave. and Turner St. in Old Town Lansing

JULY 14 - Remembering President Ford, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Gerald R. Ford Museum, 303 Pearl St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

and then take a turn with their caregivers. The next (and most emotional ceremony, I think) is Remember. This ceremony takes place at night, with the only light on the track coming from the luminaria surrounding it. The luminaria are decorated by team members for loved ones who have battled with cancer and lost. For this, everyone present walks a lap in silence. The third ceremony is called Fight Back, this is where we all pledge to do what we can to fight against cancer. Quit smoking, lose weight, join American Cancer Society by being a volunteer in one of their many programs.

3. **Expect FUN!** Another aspect of Relay besides walking is all the activities and fundraisers going on. Each team is encouraged to have both a fundraiser and an activity members from other teams can join. Again this year, the Lansing Jaycees sold s'mores. We also had a Mardi Gras parade around the track to "When the Saints Come Marching In". Other teams had candy and cookies for sale, others were selling floating lanterns, and the Coolley Law School students put people in "jail" for a fee. To keep ourselves awake, we had activities all night long, including line dancing and the ever popular Miss Relay.

I am proud to tell you the Lansing Jaycees team exceeded our goal of \$2,000. However the goal for RFL Lansing is still short. So, please, if you would like to donate, please visit www.relayforlife.org/lansingmi

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

He-Man

I'll focus this article on He-Man language and its critics.

I originally sought to write an article using only masculine pronouns. It started with "Man must understand language to establish thought." And the whole thing was going to point out the problems of exclusionary language. As my PC crashed, I instead submit the following arguments:

1. He-Man language that refers only to men as the generic pronouns is exclusionary and makes women linguistically invisible. Words like mankind suppose to speak for all people, but in reality, it creates a discourse where only men are considered.

2. Language constructs reality. In *Man Made Language* (1980), Dale Spender wrote:

"Language is our means of classifying and ordering the world: our means of manipulating reality. In its structure and in its use we bring our world into realisation, and if it is inherently inaccurate, then we are misled. If the rules which underlie our language system, our symbolic order, are invalid, then we are daily deceived."

3. Reality bites. Gender inequality in language spills over to gender inequality in life. This language makes the male-as-norm, allowing for some forms of patriarchy to be manifested. For example, Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite, wrote in *Theology Today* (1987):

When a corporation head decides to hire "the best man for the job," women have stopped wondering why they are not hired. Economic exclusivity depends on linguistic exclusivity.

4. The solution is for man to stop using gendered language himself. (See how weird He-Man language is?) But what are we to do for historic works that use He-Man language? The options are:

(a) We can throw out the works entirely, such as the Bible or the Declaration of Independence and the Jaycees creed.

(b) We could just continue using the text as is, perpetuating patriarchal sayings like "a man's home is his castle".

(c) Change the words and meaning of historic documents.

(d) Use *Sous Rature* to strike out the word implying that it is inaccurate, but still using it, as it is necessary. Jacques Derrida was a big fan of this type of approach. While this may not solve for the spoken word, it is a start.



INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JUNE 16 - Debate vs. Redford Jaycees, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.,
Capital Area District Library, Downtown, 401 S. Capitol,
Lansing, MI

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

It amazes me that the year is nearly half way over. We have had an exciting year so far and I can tell we will continue to have more exciting events for you to enjoy through out the rest of the year. In order to financially support these events we need to have robust fundraising activities. One popular option the Lansing Jaycees has participated in several years in a row has been participating in Tripper's Texas Hold'em events. This year is no different. We have four different Texas Hold'em sessions in the upcoming months. By participating in these Texas Hold'em sessions we can raise the thousands of dollars required to support chapter activities and expenses.



In the coming months we need members to fill over 300 man-hours of volunteering to cover our Texas Hold'em commitments. Once you learn the process, volunteering at Texas Hold'em is one of the most relaxing and fun fundraising activities out there.

You don't need to know Texas Hold'em rules or how to deal cards. We raise money taking a percentage of the rake. You'll be exchanging chips for cash and vice versa. If you have never volunteered before we will match you up with an experienced volunteer. They will be happy to teach you how it is done. Once you learn the process volunteering at Texas Hold'em is one of the most relaxing and fun fundraising activities out there!

This has been one of my favorite fundraisers and I look forward to seeing new faces try it out!

Please look over your calendar while visiting the following links and consider sign-up for a shift or two.

July: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/102345632477352017>
Aug.: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/722345634465200015>
Sept.: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/922345632325978072>
Nov.: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/512345632481712061>

MANAGEMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JUNE 23 - Behind the Scenes with the Lansing Lugnuts, 5:30 p.m. - 7 or 10 p.m., Cooley Stadium, 505 E. Michigan Ave.

JUNE 25 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Maner Costerisan, 2425 E Grand River Ave, Ste. 1, Lansing, MI (Details - Lauren Leeds)

JULY 23 - 25 - Texas Hold 'Em, 11:30 a.m. - 2:15 a.m. each day, Tripper's in Frandor

JULY 30 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., CHANGE OF LOCATION! **Northwood University Board Room, 2nd floor of Summit Bank, 1600 Abbott Rd., E. Lansing** (Details - Lauren Leeds)

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AUXILIARY OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Happy almost half done with the year to you all! I hate to say it but the summer is flying by and it isn't technically here yet...

I know you are all just waiting for some more helpful hints and tips from my source (All You magazine, November 18, 2011) and I so here you go!

Hard to Handle Things...

Splinter be Gone: Put a piece of tape (masking or Scotch) over the splinter then pull off.

Can't Hold Hand Tools in Place: Rub white chalk on the tip of your screwdriver to help hold it in place.

Excess Paint (how do dispose of): Pour water-based paint in a box or bag filled with kitty litter or sand, after it dries it is safe to put in the trash.

Removal of Oily Outdoor Stains: Pour cola from a can on grease marks from your driveway, let sit overnight then hose away the residue. (My dad used gasoline, not sure how safe or environmentally friendly that was....).

Dead Bugs: Spray nonstick cooking spray onto the grill or bumper of your car, spray and wipe away.

Rust Spots: To remove rust spots on chrome car bumpers (do they still make them?) and outdoor furniture crumple up aluminum foil, dip it in cola, then gently rub the spot. The combination of the acid-

based liquid and the abrasive foil will wear away the rust.

Below are some websites you may find useful for other simple solutions to common problems:

Wackyuses.com – Alternative uses for everyday products.

Kitchen.robbehaf.com – Tips on cooking and cleaning.

Householdtips.org - Tips to make life easier, room by room.

Tipnut.com – Learn how to make your own laundry detergent, how to change a car battery, etc.

Mrsfixit.com – Misc. ideas and money savers.

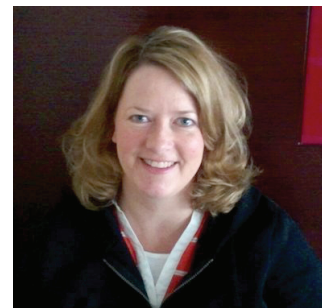
Versatilevinegar.org – Everything you wanted to know about what vinegar can do for you.

Thefrugalshopper.com – Health and beauty tips, ways to make recycling easier, etc.

Housecleaningcentral.com
– Home cleaning tips.

Enjoy your cleaning and web-surfing.

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Size Matters

This is a problem that has been bugging me for years. I'm sure a scientist well versed in optics could give me a satisfying answer but as of now no answer has been forthcoming.

Start with the fact that the world is made of things of varying sizes. Some of these things are big enough to see like apple, chairs and Jaycees chaplains while others are too small to see like bacteria, dust mites and blood cells.

If we consider those things we can see we can discern parts: the stem of the apple, the leg of the chair, the nose of the chaplain. But even of things with not obvious part we can still visual divide the object. A rock does not have stems, or legs, or noses but we can nonetheless think of 'this half' and 'that half' of the rock. If we are seeing a thing we are seeing half of the thing. Even for something very small (yet visible) like a grain of sand we can still mentally divide and see halves of the object.

Since size is a widely varying scale visible things range from the very large, like Ayer's Rock and very small like sand. Likewise the world of non-visible things has a scale. Dust mites are bigger than bacteria and white blood cells are bigger than red blood cells. It stands to reason that there is a threshold

at which an object is just too small to see; if it were any bigger at all we could see it. No doubt the size at which an object moves from non-visible to visible will vary from person to person based on one's visual acuity but nonetheless for each person such a threshold exists.

By this reasoning there possibly exists some object, let's call it X, which is just small enough that I cannot see it. If X were any bigger at all I would be able to see it. Perhaps not see it easily but see it nonetheless. Here's the problem: what happens if X were twice as big (lets call this 2X)? Since I could see X were it any bigger at all I could certainly see it if it was doubled in size. Since I can see it, I can see it as parts or discern halves. But if I can discern halves of 2X I can see something the size of X because X is the size of half of 2X. What was a non-visible size on its own is now a visible size as part of a larger object. How is this possible? Seriously, anyone? I have no idea. If you do please tell me because this is the kind of thing that keeps philosophers like me up at night.



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CHAIR OF THE BOARD REPORT

What are you doing August 10th – 12th? I hope you are saving the date to spend some time helping the Lansing Jaycees host our Great Lakes Regional Beer and Wine tent at the Great Lakes Folk Festival (GLFF) in East Lansing. If you haven't attended the GLFF you won't want to miss out this fantastic blend of music, art, food and other cultural celebrations of the Great Lakes region.

The Lansing Jaycees are looking forward to hosting the 3rd annual beer and wine tent at the festival. We were honored to partner with the MSU Museum to offer this attraction to festival attendees. Our tent is one of the few that have been licensed to do business in downtown East Lansing. And as organizers of the GLFF the MSU Museum is committed to seeing our tent succeed.

We are in the early stages of planning this event. We will be having a committee meeting on June 24th. We have started the process to finalize the license and city approval and have discussed the basic plans with our distributor. However, there is still a lot of work to be done! We will need help finalizing our product list, organizing volunteers, assisting with public relations and purchasing supplies. This is a great committee to assist with! What could be more fun than planning a beer tent!

Last year we served a variety of beers and wines including items from Uncle Johns Ciders and Winery, August Schell, Leinenkugels, Goose Island, North Peak, Frankenmuth and Atwater Block.



We are in a unique position this year. Due to the changes that the festival needs to make because of the construction in downtown East Lansing we will have several events take place in our tent. Our hope is that will in-

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crease foot traffic and sales. If we have as few as 100 more people than last year that will allow us to pull in a nice profit at this event. We are really excited to play a bigger role in the festival but it takes the work of the entire chapter to make sure it is a success.

Start spreading the word to everyone you know about the festival and help promote our tent! We will need volunteers as well as guests! Sign in sheets to volunteer will be distributed in July. Keep this event on your schedule for August 10th-12th as you won't want to miss out! Check out the information at <http://www.greatlakesfolkfest.net/glff2012/> for more information. I look forward to seeing you there!

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