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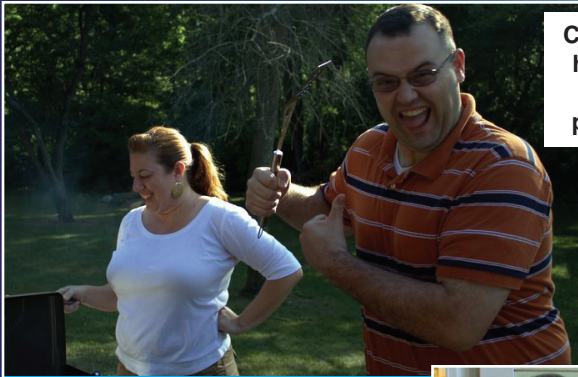
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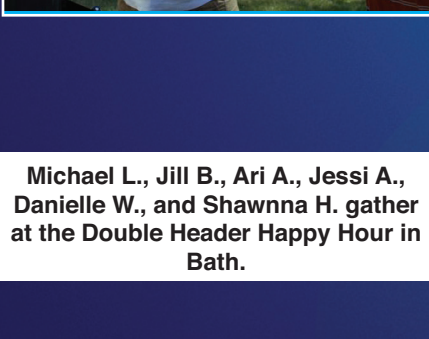
LANSING JAYCEES



Colleen B. cooks burgers and hot dogs for this year's July picnic while Kris D. ... um... poses? He was also grilling.



Mike C., Ruthi D., Nick A., and one of our Junior Jaycees, Caydence C. all enjoy our picnic celebration at Delta Mills Park.



Michael L., Jill B., Ari A., Jessi A., Danielle W., and Shawna H. gather at the Double Header Happy Hour in Bath.



Colleen B., Ilona H., and Angela F. enjoy the Happy Hour, and celebrate Colleen's birthday!

Melissa H. takes the plate in the Jaycees team's softball double header. The team is now in the semi-final competition in the league!



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.,
Lansing, MI 48912 .

The Board will meet on July 30 at 6 p.m. at
Northwood University Board Room, 2nd floor
of Summit Bank, 1600 Abbot Rd., E. Lansing

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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. Visit our website, www.lansingjaycees.org for more information.

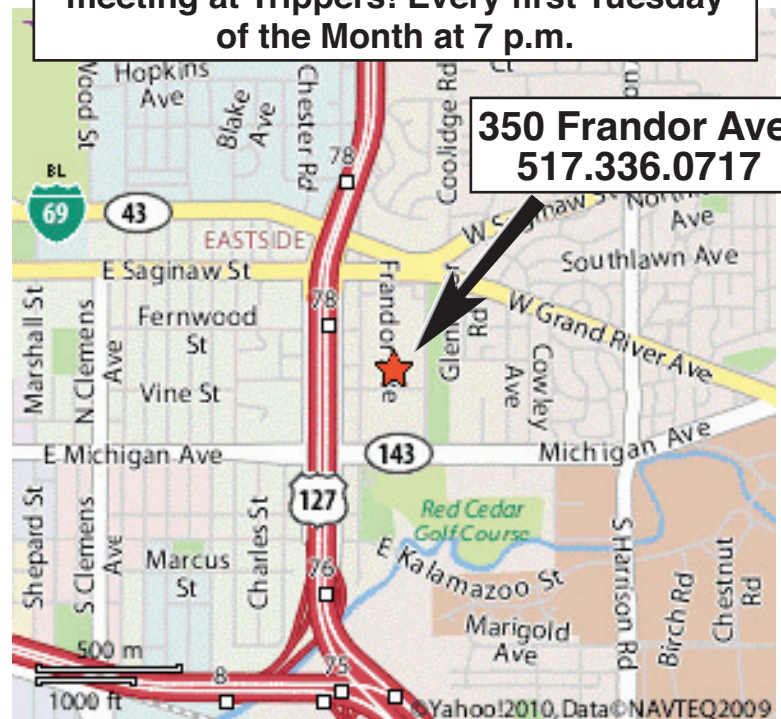


A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:
Thanks to the contributors of this month's
newsletter: **Lauren Leeds, Joe Kelly,
Abby Siegel, Kris Dezelski, Sheryl Soczek,
Angela Fossi, Michael P. Leeds,
Dan Harris, Danielle Wellington, Eric Richmond**

ANYONE CAN BE AN AUTHOR!

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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

You're in good company

Being a group of young professionals who believe in giving back to their community, it's no surprise to see a list of accomplished people who you can count as a fellow Jaycee.

Perhaps one of the most famous Jaycees from the state of Michigan is President Gerald R. Ford – the only president from the state of Michigan. Ford, the 38th president of the United States, was a member of the Grand Rapids chapter.

Also from Michigan, Miss Michigan and 1988 Miss America, Kaye Lani Rae Rafko-Wilson.

Other notable Jaycees include media mogul and philanthropist Ted Turner; Tom Monaghan, founder of Domino's pizza; NBA great Larry Bird; Bill Gates; Charles Lindbergh; Colin Powell, Ronald Reagan; Prince Albert of Monaco; former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger; President Bill Clinton; Jacques Chirac the former president of France; Vice President Al Gore; Heavyweight Boxing Champ Larry Holmes; and Hubert H. Humphrey, 38th vice president; Walter Mondale, 39th vice president.

Elvis Presley, otherwise known as "The King," was recognized by the Jaycees as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA) in 1971. This award is one of the organization's top awards. This is one of the few public appearances Elvis ever made to receive an award in-person. In fact, if you want to watch Elvis accept his TOYA, you can do so here.

Other well-known individuals associated with the Jaycees across the country are: President Richard M. Nixon; Howard Hughes; President John Kennedy; former U.S. Senator and U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy; President Lyndon B. Johnson; and President George H.W. Bush.

While I feel lucky to count myself as a Jaycee along with the extremely accomplished people, I consider it an even higher honor to be a Jaycee alongside the bright young men and women of the Lansing Jaycees.

Our chapter does absolutely amazing things in our community and for our members. Whether it's helping provide Christmas to 40 local children and their families or helping collect food donations for the Greater Lansing Food Bank during the holidays, giving people an opportunity to socialize at a monthly happy hour or learn how to make fresh pasta, or get a peek behind the scenes of a fantastic local business – the Lansing Jaycees is a group of determined and dedicated people.

I hope you're proud to be a Lansing Jaycee, I know I am!



MEMEBERSHIP REPORT

July General Membership Games

Jaycee Jeopardy was a hit! Congratulations to "Team B" who won! Team B included Laura and Ryan De La Rambelje, Colleen Burton, Ryan Kiernicki, Michael Leeds, and Mike Castelein. The entire team put in full effort to win, however there was a further raffle for four people to win the prizes. Colleen won the \$20 gift card to Tasty Twist, Laura won the mp3 player, and Mike Castelein and Ryan Kiernicki won the gift certificates to Tripper's for a free appetizer and two free hours of pool. Congratulations to all of the teams that contributed to the game, especially those who answered questions!

Who knew Bill Gates was a Jaycee? Or Colin Powell? Some of the most prevalent Presidents and Vice Presidents of the United States were also Jaycees, including Bill Clinton, Gerald R. Ford, Al Gore, John Kennedy, and George H. W. Bush. I think it is safe to say that if anyone in our chapter decides to run for president someday, they can look at the Jaycees for helping them take the first step! A past Jaycee member was taped to the back of most people who attended, and through a game of 20 questions, each person was to guess the person on their back. The game was a success and we all learned quite a bit about the Jaycees!



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Contest reminder

NOW is your chance to invite friends, family, colleagues, and others to come out and get to know our group! We are a group of 21-40 year olds who give back to our community, fundraise for organizations and nonprofits, professionally develop, socialize, have fun, and BUILD LEADERS! Soon is the season of Monster Mayhem, and people that you know just might be interested in the fun! There is something in the group for everyone, so feel free to let people know and we would love to see them at one of our upcoming events!

Only three events left for the contest: Thursday, July 26 – 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE Wine Tasting at Cork&Bottle Winery [1161 Clark Road, Suite 134 Dewitt, MI]; General Membership Meeting Tuesday, Aug. 7, 6 p.m. social hour, meeting at 7 p.m. at Tripper's [350 Frandor Ave. Lansing, MI]; Friday, Aug. 17, 5-8p.m.; Membership Picnic at Hawk Island Park [1601 E. Cavanaugh, Lansing, MI] - bring your own picnic, children, seat(s)/blanket, and beverage of choice (alcohol permitted). Yard games and fun to be expected! Vehicle fee: \$3 resident/\$5 non-resident or free for walking/biking to park.

Prizes:

- Highest number of recruits (minimum of three) on and between the dates listed above wins membership dues of \$65 sponsored for one year (excludes board members).
- 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.
- 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 Aug. 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.)

MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

AUGUST 7 - General Membership Meeting, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Tripper's, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing (Details - Lauren Leeds)

AUGUST 17 - Mambership Picnic, 5 - 8 PM, Hawk Island Park, 1601 E. Cavanaugh, Lansing

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INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Resume Workshop

A resume and interview workshop will be held next month. Those interested in finding new work should definitely attend. Even if you are currently employed and not looking, you still may consider attending so that if the opportunity for a new job arises, you will be prepared. You never know what life will have to offer.

The event is tentatively scheduled Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012 and tentatively planned to be held at the Capital Area District Library (401 S. Capitol Ave). Our own Jamie Hutchinson will be doing the training. She is a Career Consultant at Michigan State University. Bring questions ready. And please bring a copy of your resume to be critiqued.

Last year's resume workshop was a resounding success. More than 20 people showed up. They all walked away with a greater understanding of what they should and shouldn't put on a resume and increased their chances of getting hired for their dream job.



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INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- JULY 24** - Grand River Connection 4th Tuesday Networking Event, 6 - 8 PM, Dublin Square, East Lansing
- AUGUST 18 (TBA)** - Resume Workshop, Capitol Area District Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing
- AUGUST 30** - Get Your Pho On: Asia's Finest Food, 6 - 8 PM, Asia's Finest restaurant, 6443 S. Cedar St., Lansing

July Birthdays
Colleen Burton • Nikki Sarrazin
Amy Simon • Sheryl Soczek
Alyson Kechkaylo • Lauren Leeds
Angela Fossi • Kris Dezelski

August Birthdays
Alexandra Briseno • Emily White • John Prush
Charles Strong • Kyle Smith • David Akens
Zachary Taylor

Membership Anniversary Dates:

July
David Leavell • Tracy Prush
Kyle Smith • Danielle Wellington

August
Colleen Burton • Anne Ribby • Sam Keeney
Lori Castelein • Sangs Kannan • Sidd Muthiah
Kris Dezelski

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Put on your fundraising britches!

It is fundraising season at the Lansing Jaycees! In the coming months we expect to raise more than \$13,000 to support our chapter's expenses.

What expenses? All Jaycees projects receive support from the fundraising activities. Our fundraising money pays for the majority of the softball team's expenses; provides meals at our picnic and camping excursions; sponsors other nonprofit and volunteer organizations in the area; buys candy, Easter eggs; sponsors the awards and covers about half of the annual banquet expense; reimburses members' Jaycee convention expenses; provides seed money and tools (construction paper, scotch tape, bottled water, etc.) to support community activities you may not consider to have benefited from fundraising; pays for all associated administrative, behind the scene expenses like checks, accounting software, storage rental, website, email, and domain expenses, and we're just getting started. If it is a Jaycee activity chances are fundraising dollars at helped you make an impact in the community.

The time has come to replenish our bank account so we can continue to do good work in our community throughout the rest of 2012 and into 2013 and beyond.

Please consider what the Jaycees has done for you and the community groups you support and help support the Lansing Jaycees by sharing your time in this year's fundraising activities. Our three primary fundraising activities are: Texas Hold'em, Great Lakes Folk Fest, and Haunted House.

Texas Hold'em will occur July 23-25, August 27-29 (eve. only), Sept. 24-26, and Nov. 26-28. There are 66 shift positions available during this time that need covering. You can help by covering one or more shifts. It is easy work. You do not need to know how to deal cards or Texas Hold'em. You need to be able to handle chips, money, and count. You can people watch, read a book, or do homework during your shift. Trippers also offers free non-alcoholic drinks and 10 percent off food during your shift. The chapter has received, on average, more than \$27 per man-hour volunteered from rake earnings in prior years. Last year we raised \$8,382 of profit from three Texas Hold'em sessions. It is my hope we can raise over \$11,000 for the chapter participating in four events this year!

Do your part to help the chapter that helps you help others help themselves and sign-up for a shift today! See below for links to the volunteerspot scheduling calendars. Feel free to contact Management Vice President Dan Harris (dan@dnharris.com) if you would like to chair one of these projects or more information.

To sign up for shifts, click on the link below.

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>

Great Lakes Folk Fest takes place August 10-12th this year. This will be our third year running it. We ran the pilot beer tent for Great Lakes Folk Fest two years ago and due to its popularity were asked to run it again last year. We have analyzed the last two year's operations and expect to run a profit during our third year. We need several volunteers to check ID, handle cash, give out tickets, and pour beer and wine. We also need a few volunteers that can help with set-up Friday night and tear down on Sunday. Be sure to check out the evite and help out! Contact project chairs Angela Fossi (kitispart@gmail.com) or Charlie Root (charlie@spartanprintinginc.com) for more information.

I am also pleased to announce that it looks like (at the time of writing) that we have a location for Haunted House in Delta Twp! This project has contributed over \$2,500 of profit in 2010, our last year running a haunted house. I know Eric and the rest of the team has already put a lot of effort in to making this year's haunted house more successful (and more profitable) than before! Subcommittees are being formed now in all areas (sponsorships, design, construction, spook scheduling, public relations, and outside recruiting). Check out the calendar or contact Haunted House's general project manager Eric Richmond (edr@thelastbyte.com) for more information.

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Monster Mayhem ... the Scare is Near!

Can you feel it? Lurking around the corner? It's getting closer ... Things are looking positive for the Monster Mayhem haunted house this year! We're in negotiations for a lease at the Delta Center near the Lansing Mall, the sub-committees are getting kicked off, and we are hearing a lot of excitement throughout the chapter. Watch for meeting invites and news and get involved! There's surely something for everyone with design, construction, PR, marketing, sponsorships, operations, volunteer coordination, treasury, and more. And then when we actually open, you get to scare people! Or if that's not your thing, there's always ticket sales, makeup, costumes, and volunteer assistance. Can't wait to see you!

Remember, Monster Mayhem is our largest fundraiser of the year, allowing us to do all the other great community, individual development, and membership activities you love about the Jaycees. The haunted house is also requires the most man-hours, but that's also what makes it the most fun and rewarding. My community development mantra for the year has been "Great things happen when we come together!" That couldn't be more true for Monster Mayhem. So don't miss out, and bring your friends, too!

Website update

By Angela Fossi

Great news! We are in the process of updating our webpage, www.lansingjaycees.org. The requirements have been sent to Vieth Consulting and we are looking forward to seeing the mock-ups. Stay tuned for more information. Our goal is to have the updates complete in time for Monster Mayhem.

In the meantime, I wanted to share with you an update to our member area. If you are a current member of the chapter you can log in using your username and password and see more information.

MANAGEMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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)

AUGUST 10, 11, & 12 - Great Lakes Folk Fest Beer & Wine Tent, East Lansing

AUGUST 13 - Monster Mayhem Core Committee Meeting, 6 - 8 PM, location TBA

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

AUGUST 27, 28 & 29 - Texas Hold 'Em, 5:30 p.m. - 2:15 a.m. each day, Tripper's in Frandor

Monster Mayhem dates to remember:

(subject to change as lease negotiations continue)

Core committee meetings –

August 13, September 10, & October 8

Subcommittee meetings – being scheduled now, stay tuned

Truck unload & construction begins – September 9

Media "Sneaky Preview" night – October 11

Open nights –

October 12-13, 18-20, 25-27

Tear down –

October 28 – November 2

Truck loading – November 3-4



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One of the most recent changes is being able to view and respond to all of your upcoming Lansing Jaycees invitations all in one spot. No need to worry if you lost the email! By clicking on this link it will display all of the upcoming initiatives. You will have the option to view / respond to each event. Trust me, responding to the invitations is very helpful. We want your feedback, so even if you cannot attend it is nice to know why. Is it because you are just too busy, aren't interested in the event or some other reason. If you are a maybe or a yes the chairperson organizing the event will need that information for an accurate head count.

So what are you waiting for? Go ahead and update your RSVPs today! If you lost your user name please contact me, Lauren Leeds or Danielle Wellington and we can send it to you. If you forgot your password you can simply click on forgot your password. All of this and more is located at www.lansingjaycees.org! Check it out today!

AUXILIARY OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

I know you all love the tips I find, so lets continue on with my theme of helpful household solutions! I don't know how people come up with these "tips" but they certainly are interesting.

How to clean your reusable metal water bottles: Drip in four fizzy gas-relief tablets, let soak for one hour and your container will sparkle. You could also use vinegar...

How to clean your tarnished copper or brass pots and pans: Rub them with a rag dipped in ketchup.

How to find your dropped contact lens (this is an oldie but goodie): Place a nylon stocking over the nozzle of a vacuum cleaner and start searching.

How to remove water rings left by drinking glasses on wood furniture (first of all you should be using a coaster): Rub the area with mayonnaise, it will work even better if you add ashes for abrasion. If you don't have mayonnaise or ashes try using non-gel toothpaste and baking soda.

How to kill the fleas in your carpet (gross): Put a flea collar in your vacuum bag (to help kill the bugs) and vacuum away.

How to eliminate static on your TV or computer: Wipe it gently with a dryer sheet.

How to eliminate musty luggage: Place scented dryer sheets to keep it smelling fresh (baking soda also works).

How to remove carpet satins (not sure which ones though): Rub a baby wipe over the mark until it disappears (spot test first).

Someone must try this, it sure sounds cheaper than carpet cleaning products...

How to remove ink spots: Blot away ink or ballpoint-pen with a paper towel or white cloth soaked in rubbing alcohol. This method can also be used to remove marks that receipts and labels leave on counters and appliances.

How to un-stick your photos: If your photos have become stuck together, set your hair dryer to low and blow gently to loosen the photos without damaging them.

How to remove crayon marks from your wall: Dip a damp rag in baking soda and scrub the marks away. This will also work to remove acid stains caused by fruit juice (assuming you throw fruit against your wall).

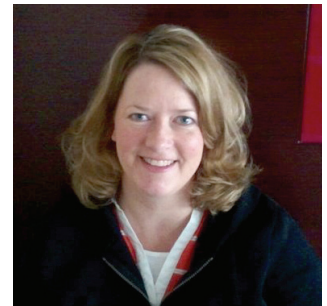
How to remove crayon marks from your wood furniture: Rub a cloth dipped in mayonnaise over the marks.

How to brighten yellowed piano keys: Rub a cloth dipped in mayonnaise over the keys.

Reading some of these tips from the November 18, 2011 issue of All You magazine really makes me wonder how bad mayonnaise actually is if it cleans so much.....

Enjoy the heat of July!

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Monster Mayhem: The second most wonderful time of the year

By Abby Siegel

Every time Eric Richmond writes an article about Monster Mayhem, I get just a little more excited about fall and our most-excellent haunted house.

In 2010, I was on the design committee. Brainstorming has never been as much fun to me as sitting in a room talking about scary (and other times VERY funny) room ideas. We started with the question: What scares you most? Then, we talked about what we had seen in other houses that terrified us. Sometimes it isn't just about the startle of someone jumping out and saying, "BOO!" There were discussions about temperatures and lighting, too. All parts of the rooms were discussed, whether people would be walking through the setting, or simply past it, and how to get the biggest reaction.

There have been very few times I have been as proud to be a Jaycee as seeing us all come together to get the haunted house up

and running. I learned a lot about construction and design helping with Monster Mayhem in 2010. And I know how to make real looking intestines out of pantyhose, fake blood and cotton balls! These are all valuable skills (especially the last one!)

There are many areas where different talent is needed for haunted house. We need to create the haunted house, but we also need to fill it with costumed characters, and everyone can help with that. Scaring people is the reason we make a haunted house in the first place, right? Right. And it is amazingly fun, not to mention easy. People have asked, "Don't you feel bad scaring someone?" To which I reply, "They're paying for it!" Its a lot of fun to see someone nervously giggling with their friends right before you jump out, or creepily walk behind them. It has made my night before, and I am sure once you try it, you'll find it just as enjoyable.

I urge everyone to come out, bring your friends and family and be a part of this year's Monster Mayhem!

Science vs. superstition

Why is it that astronomy is a science while astrology is not? If we could define 'science' to everyone's satisfaction this question would be easily resolved. Unfortunately such a definition has not been forthcoming in the last 200 years and the prospects for agreement in the future are bleak. Yet despite this lack people by and large agree astronomy is a science while astrology is a superstition or pseudo science?

Though a hard and fast definition of science we do not have there are five generally accepted criteria (generally accepted within the scientific and philosophical communities) that gauge how good a discipline is as a science. These are:

Simplicity: Do not assume or postulate more entities than necessary.

Tentative: Good science is not set in stone. We call ideas in science 'theories' not because we think of them as guesses but rather because we are open to the idea that someday a better explanation may come about. Ptolemy's view of the heavens gave way to Copernicus. Ancient teleology was replaced by Newton, which was replaced by Einstein. If the evidence warrants, science changes its view. Astrology does not allow such adjustment

despite centuries of miscalculations and counter examples.

Progressiveness: A scientific theory should explain everything the old theory did and more. Science moves forward. Astrology stands still.

Consistency: A good theory should be consistent with observable data as well as non-contradictory. Astronomy gives use the same results time and a again. Astrology tells us people are free yet our lives are determined by the stars.

Falsifiable: A good scientific theory is one that can, in principle be proven false. All good theories of science set forth condition under which the theory would be demonstrated to be untrue.

Though this is then briefest of sketches of what makes good science, I hope it is a enough to get you started in evaluating the claims of one discipline versus another.

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Money saving tips

I love saving money! It hasn't always been that way. I used to spend every dollar I made, and then some (UGH!). What changed? Probably the biggest influence on me was my realization that the best way to avoid future debt is to save money. My big realization came almost three years ago. My wife and I are currently saving by building our emergency fund and also are saving for vacations, home related expenses, and for our auto expenses.

Now that I am a saver I want to share some great ways to save more money.

Budget: One of the best ways to start saving is to budget for it. A budget should be one of the first steps of any personal finance plan. Include the amount you want to save as an expense in your budget. Pay yourself first! Start small and build over time.

Make it automatic: Once you have budgeted the amount you want to save, automate it. If you are working for an employer, they probably offer direct deposit, use this feature to save with every pay check. If your entrepreneur or your work doesn't direct deposit set up automatic transfers via your bank.

Making savings automatic makes it a habit, before long you won't even miss the money you are saving.

Segregate it: I am a big believer in segregating savings into the virtual buckets that have their own purpose. I have a checking accounting for paying bills and I have a savings account for each

of my goals. I currently use ING Direct because they make it simple to open multiple accounts under one master account.

Increase over time: Over time increase the amount of money you save with every month. Here are a few suggestions to increase your savings:

* Raises – Whenever you get a raise, save it. Be it some or all. Every dollar helps!

* Sell your stuff – If you don't use it any more, sell it! Make it work for you via compounding interest instead of collecting dust!

* Reduce expenses – Every dollar of expenses you cut is another dollar you can save

* Unexpected – Any time you get money that is not expected in your budget, save it!

* Earn more income – take on a second job, pursue an entrepreneurial outlet

Eliminate excuses: Many non-savers will say that saving money is hard. If you take that defeatist position you will never be successful at saving. Don't let excuses stand in your way, fight through your challenges. Have a winning attitude and you will succeed!



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CHAIR OF THE BOARD REPORT

I am a foster mom. In my case I foster kittens for the Capital Area Humane Society (CAHS). A few of you have asked about being a foster to animals and I wanted to share my experiences with you. I decided to become a foster several years ago after I had lost one of my long time pets. I had some room to spare and I knew that the CAHS needed help. So I decided to give it a shot.

There are several reasons why an animal may need a foster home. It could be because they are too young to be adopted or they need a break from the shelter. It could also mean that they have a minor health condition and they can heal quicker away from the shelter. The CAHS spends time working with potential fosters to see what will be a good fit and contacts you when an animal needs help. They normally provide everything you will need except for food, water and litter.

I was on the foster list for over a year before I had my first batch of kittens and I can honestly tell you that I was instantly hooked. It was a great feeling to know that I had provided the kittens an opportunity to find a forever home. In most cases if the shelter is at capacity they can deny accepting kittens and in some cases that may mean release them into the outdoors. Plus, in the case of kittens it is watch them learn new things each day. The amount of entertainment they provide is priceless.

Ideally, we can help control the pet population by making sure animals are spayed or neutered. Unfortunately, there will always be an overpopulation of pets and shelters reach capacity pretty quickly. So using foster homes is a way for the shelters to increase the number of pets that they take in.

If you are a pet lover and have a little room to spare you may want to give it a try. I have included contact information at several local shelters. Just be warned it is easy to become a foster failure. This is the affectionate term used when a foster parent can't part ways with one of their foster pets and ends up adopting them.



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