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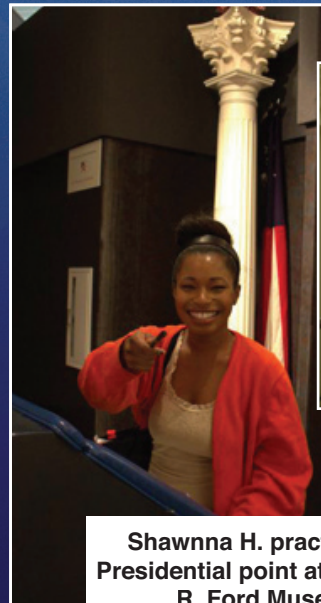


Joe K. takes his second bite of Phở at Get Your Phở On at Asia's Finest Restaurant. At this outing, we learned about the Asian noodle soup and other dishes from the Far East.



Angela C., Houdini L., Michael L. and future Jaycee Noah Lambertson wait for the fate of their ducks at the Delta County Duck Races in Escanaba.

Another great Happy Hour, taking it straight to the edge at Sir Pizza in Old Town.



Shawna H. practices her Presidential point at the Gerald R. Ford Museum.



Ruthi D. and Nick A. tour the Oval Office at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids.

# 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

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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](http://www.lansingjaycees.org) for more information.

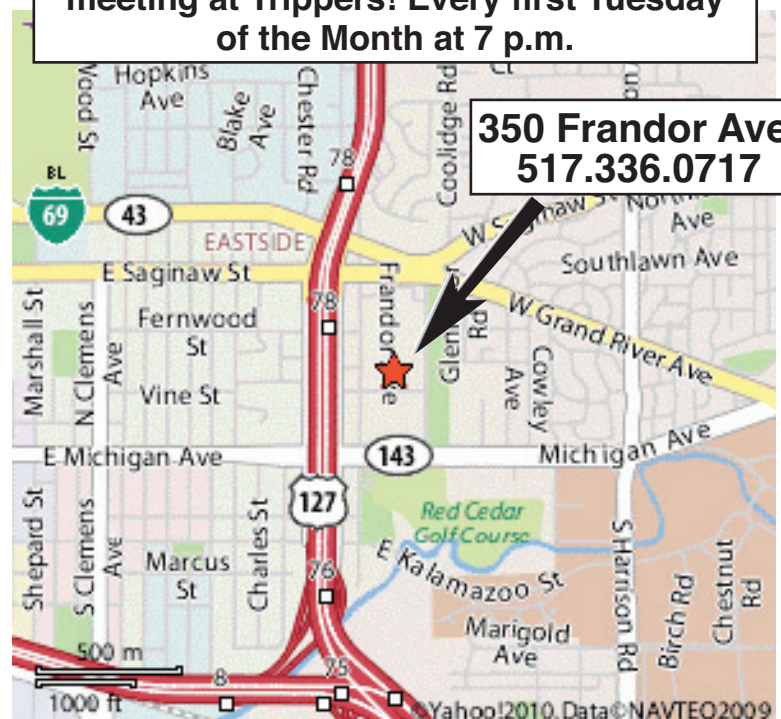


A note from the Capital Correspondent Editor:  
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meeting at Trippers! Every first Tuesday  
of the Month at 7 p.m.



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## *PRESIDENT'S REPORT*

### **Call to Leadership: Looking Ahead to 2013**

When I flipped my calendar to September a few weeks ago, I was in a state of absolute shock. It seems like just yesterday I was taking the oath of office to serve our chapter as its 84th president.

Yet, here it is, less than a month from our October General Membership Meeting (GMM) – when we will take nominations for positions on the 2013 Lansing Jaycees Board of Directors.

Three members, Carrie May, Colleen Burton and Andrew Hoard, have been appointed to the Nominations and Elections Committee. The committee is responsible for ensuring that our elections are fair. They will be distributing a proxy ballot that lists the people nominated for office at our October meeting.

The chapter's elections will take place at our November GMM on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Please plan on attending this meeting or properly filling out a proxy ballot that designates your candidate of choice or what Jaycee has the right to vote for you in your absence.

Please feel free to contact anyone of them if you have questions regarding the chapter's nominations and elections process.

The Lansing Jaycees is a leadership development organization. One of the best ways to make the most out of your membership and grow as a leader is to step into a leadership role in our chapter. Interested in serving on the board, but not entirely sure what it means or entails? Feel free to talk to me or any other members currently serving on the board.

Are you interested in being nominated for an office with the Lansing Jaycees? There are a variety of positions available on the board of our local chapter. We will be looking for individuals to serve as President, various vice presidents, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in serving the chapter in another capacity, I encourage you to consider serving as an area director, or as a director-at-large.

In addition to elections for our local board, the Michigan Jaycees are also holding elections.

The election to decide who will serve on the state organization's board will take place the Friday night of the Michigan Jaycee Fall Assembly on Friday, Sept. 28 in Romulus.

Candidates running for a spot on the board of the Michigan Jaycees are:

President — Angela Clock

John Badeen

Management Vice President — Julie Abshire

Community Vice President — Bridgette Rillema

Individual Development Vice President — Tara Mack

Membership Director — Michelle Scott

I hope you can attend both the October and November GMMs to participate in the important decisions that will shape the future of the Lansing Jaycees.

**Lauren Leeds**  
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## INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### Ace Race!

By Mallory King

Let's get pumped for the 2012 Lansing Ace Race! What exactly is an Ace Race you ask, let me enlighten you. An Ace Race is a form of disc golf (also known as Frisbee golf by known players) where the distances from the tee pads to the baskets are shortened and the entire point is to get as many aces (or wholes in one) as you can.

However, there is a slight twist that makes this event fun and challenging for all players, beginners or masters. Discraft, a Michigan made disc company, provides each player with two brand new, prototype discs that haven't even hit the market. This means it is a level playing field for everyone who enters the race. And if you have never played disc golf, one of the best parts is being able to enjoy the outdoors while getting some exercise and hanging out with your friends (or other super sweet disc players).

Now, that I have convinced you this is most certainly something you want to be a part of let me give you details about the event.

### Trimesterly Update

You may ask yourself, well, how did I get here? But more importantly, you may ask yourself what's next for Individual Development? Well, we have five events planned for the remainder of the last trimester. I will briefly describe them below:

**Star Gazing** – On September 22, Shawn Brueshaber will show the Jaycees how to look at and appreciate the stars.

**Resume Workshop** – On November 17 or 18 (TBD), Jamie Hutchison will present a workshop on landing your dream job, by improving your resume and interview skills. Even if you are happy with your current position, you should attend, because you never know when opportunity will come knocking.

**Tie One On** – November's happy hour will feature one Joe Kelly demonstrating how to tie a tie in several interesting ways.

**Casual CASDL debate judging** – The Capital Area

**Where:** Fitzgerald Park, Grand Ledge, MI.

**Time:** Event opens at 9 a.m. the games run from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Entry Fee:** \$25 this includes: 2 brand new discs (retail at \$15 a piece), an alumina water bottle, a marker disc, bumper sticker and the coolest sunglasses ever!

**Grand Prize:** 8 brand new Discraft disc and a new disc golf bag.

**Second Prize:** Discraft tournament bag.

**Third Prize:** Discraft Towel.

Longest Drive Contest and Closest to the Pin Contest: TBA.

For more information on event details such as official rules and payment options, visit: <http://lansingacereace.wordpress.com/> or contact Daniel Krauss, [lansingacereace@gmail.com](mailto:lansingacereace@gmail.com). See you on the tee pad!

Speech and Debate League hosts several middle school debate tournaments on Saturdays. They need volunteer judges. No experience is required and volunteers have found the work rewarding.

**Twinning** – With twinning, we pair up with a Jaycees chapter from another country (in our case, Canada). By pairing up, we hope to learn some of their secrets to success. We also are starting a competition between the two chapters shortly. Also, twinning is winning.

For time and location information, watch your inbox. To plan your own event, contact me and we'll get the ball rolling.



Joe Kelly  
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## Twining is Winning!

*Or, How the Lansing Jaycees got asked out by JCI Edmonton, a love story*

We in the Lansing Jaycees have embarked on a quest for greater understanding of another chapter. Members of our chapter have met via Skype with members of the JCI chapter in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Lansing Jaycee member Adrienne Woodward is a dual member of both chapters.

This "meeting of the minds" resulted in comparisons of signature projects. Lansing Jaycees shared about our Easter Egg Hunt and our Stuff the Bus projects. Edmonton told us about their JCI Experience membership night, and similar to our Stuff the Bus, they have a fundraiser for underprivileged children around Christmas.

After comparing notes on different events and how they are run, we talked about setting up a challenge between the chapters.

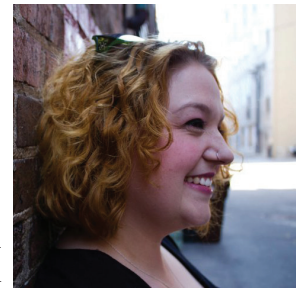
We decided to bring back Penny Wars! Only this time, its Change-Under-One-Dollar Wars! You know those Canadians and their pesky "Loonies" and "Twonies."

The competition will run until Nov. 15. Any change we collect will be positive money for us, any paper bills we accumulate between now and mid-November will be negative towards Edmonton. There is an added dollar-for-dollar bonus for the chapter to round up corporate sponsors for this fundraiser too!

In the end, all money raised will go towards the JCI Campaign "Nothing But Nets."

I am looking forward to what our chapters can accomplish together for this great cause. I am also really interested to see how further discussions and sharing between chapters will help us both grow. This partnership can show both parties new and different ways to approach projects, and also give us new ideas.

First things first! I want to hear some change rattling and some bills falling! Lets go, LayJays!



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**SEPTEMBER 21** - Game Night, 8 - 11 p.m., Danielle Wellington's House, 2409 E. Jolly Rd. #8, Lansing  
**OCTOBER 2** - General Membership Meeting, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Tripper's, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing (Details - Lauren Leeds)

### INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**SEPTEMBER 22** - Star Gazing, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m., Angela Fossi's House, 206 Carom Circle, Mason  
**SEPTEMBER 29** - Disc Golf Ace Race, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fitzgerald Park, Grand Ledge

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**SEPTEMBER 20** - OKTOBERFEST, 5:45 - 10 p.m., Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw, Lansing  
**OCTOBER 6** - River Clean Up! 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Bennett Park, Cochran Ave., Charlotte

### MANAGEMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**SEPTEMBER 24-26** - Texas Hold 'Em, 11:30 a.m. - 2:15 a.m. each day, Tripper's, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing  
**SEPTEMBER 28-30** - Michigan Jaycees Fall Assembly, Sheraton-Detroit Metro, 8000 Merriman Rd., Romulus  
**SEPTEMBER 24 & OCTOBER 29** - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Maner Costerisan, 2425 E Grand River Ave, Ste. 1, Lansing, MI (Details - Lauren Leeds)

**September Birthdays**  
Sangeetha Kannan • Angela Clock  
Jill Blust • Laela Hampton • Mathew C. Wille

**October Birthdays**  
Andy Miller • Bridget Burnell • Michael Spaulding  
Abby Siegel • Meredith Blixt • Eric Sheppard  
Danielle Wellington • Nicole Dezelski

**Membership Anniversary Dates:**

**September**  
Adrienne Woodward • Alyson Kechkaylo  
Nicholas Kechkaylo • Lauren Leeds  
Eric Richmond • Rocco Huang  
Eric Sheppard • Jamie Sheppard  
Amy Richter • Melissa Horste • Michael Spaulding  
Kris Dezelski • Michelle Smith

**October**  
Angela Mills • Careena Eggleston  
Jessi Wortley Adler

## MANAGEMENT REPORT

### The Joy of Volunteering

“Service to humanity is the best work of life” is the last line in the Jaycee Creed. Those nine words carry the essence of the Jaycee experience. Yet what it means to you may be different than what it means to me or any other Jaycee. I believe though, all would agree: Volunteering is addictive.

After reflecting on my experience as a Jaycee, board member of three nonprofits, and general volunteer of several organizations, I have had plenty of experience and plenty of opinions about what volunteering means. Take a moment to read what I have to say. Then consider what you think about each topic.

#### Consider that: Volunteering is Giving

By volunteering you can share your skills and talents with those in need directly or indirectly. You can give directly by utilizing skills that make a direct impact in someone’s life.

This could be as a kitchen soup cook, constructing a house, or teaching someone a new skill. You can give indirectly by playing a supportive role to an organization’s primary mission. This could be answering phones, sending letters out in the mail, or giving a general cash donation. Either way you can feel great, knowing that your skills and talents (or even a smile) has a direct, positive impact on someone’s life.

#### Volunteering is Leadership

You can develop and exercise your leadership skills volunteering. If you have expertise in an area you can share your experience and advice as an adviser on either a project or organization. If you wish to develop stronger leadership skills you can offer to serve as project leader or serve on the board of directors. Developing and exercising your leadership skills on a volunteer basis is a great way to try new ideas and approaches towards your own leadership or the leadership skills of others.

#### Volunteering is Caring

Volunteering offers an outlet to share your skills in an area of your interest regardless of your profession. If you are considering working in a new industry or learning about a new job title looking working in an organization that needs volunteers with that capacity (or similar) is a great way to try out a job or industry before committing to a career change.

#### Volunteering is Diversifying

Actively being part of a volunteer organization means you are likely to work with and be around a wider variety of people than you are normally accustomed to in your career,

education, friends, hobbies, or neighborhood. Engaging with a diverse group of people allows you to experience different viewpoints, ideas, and different forms of creativity. The key to success when working in a diverse culture is to have an open mind ... and open heart. You will be amazed about the number of new things you learn.

#### Volunteering is Listening

Many volunteer organizations help undeserved areas of humanity. Due to this you may be exposed to a variety of ideas, people, cultures, ways of life, and values you wouldn’t otherwise be exposed to. Take time to meet people. Look for opportunities to meet with leaders in the organization as well as those who have volunteered the longest. By observing and listening to those you interact with you can have a richer understanding of our world.

#### Volunteering is Time Well Spent

Time is our most precious resource. We all have 168 hours in a week. We cannot add time, trade or steal it. It is the most elusive resource we all have access to. Those who choose to use some of their 168 hours a week to volunteer are freely sharing part of their most precious resource to others.

#### Exhausted Roosters Volunteer Outside the Jaycees

The Jaycees are a wonderful opportunity for young people to develop and explore the world of volunteering. However we are an age limited organization. Have you considered where you want to direct your volunteer energy once you exhaust? If you aren’t sure look at the events you liked the most so far in your Jaycee career. You may also consider talking to other Jaycees (exhausted and current) about other opportunities.

You have gained a series of valuable skills as a Jaycee. The outside world has a plethora of opportunity where leadership, project management, fundraising, good ol’ hard work are valued immensely. Be sure to never lose sight of that and look for opportunities to grow into as you exhaust.

I look forward to seeing you out there!



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## Monster Mayhem update

It is with a sad yet proud heart that I report that Monster Mayhem will not happen in 2012. I am sad that we are not able to see this project through to completion, but proud of how far we've come. I'm humbled at everyone's enthusiasm and efforts and hope we can turn the momentum into something for a more permanent solution in 2013 and beyond. You have all been ROCK STARS. I am honored to have worked with you all and look forward to many other projects into the future.

Monster Mayhem has been a test of willpower and quick thinking this year. We flirted with a traditional strip mall location in Delta Township for a number of weeks. We even had the maze design completed and lease negotiated, but then the deal fell through due to building and inspection issues beyond our control. That was a big blow, but our chapter rallied in a way I've never seen. Countless phone calls, emails, and tweets went out until we got a bite from another location in Old Town. Unfortunately, our timing was off. The location was already booked for

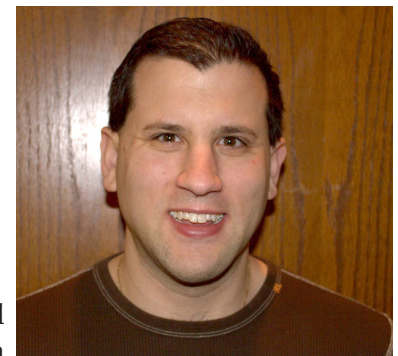
a night during the dates we would need occupancy and the alternative space available could not be cleared and brought into code in time.

We realized there wouldn't be enough time to produce an event we could be proud of and that wouldn't burn our members out. So we walk away with our heads high. We made every effort and gave 10000000 percent, but it wasn't meant to be and no regrets. We did leave the door open with some of the business owners we contacted during our last-minute rally for other possible events this year or into the future. Many ideas have been circulated, so stay tuned for chairpeople to be named and further meetings. In a couple of weeks I may also schedule a "lessons learned" meeting for Monster Mayhem and we'll be sure to document all the most important things we learned for future members.

We realize that our business model of finding a new location for Monster Mayhem every year is fundamentally flawed, but we haven't given up on the haunted house. My number one recommendation for next year will be to convene a group to assess the permanent viability of a Lansing Jaycee haunted event and hopefully find a multi-year partnership in the community. I've seen how amazing our chapter can pull together and I know we can do this!

One last time, I humbly THANK YOU. Go Jaycees!

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## AUXILIARY OFFICER'S REPORTS

### Did you ever wonder who you would be if you were NOT a Jaycee?

I don't think about it because I am one, I know what I am getting out of my membership and being involved in the community. I have to say the benefits I get out of being a member are above and beyond what I alone put in.

I was at a Jaycee Committee Meeting last night and it reminded me of what a great organization we have and how we all work as a team to support each other. The meeting consisted of a roller coaster of emotions but by the time I left the meeting I was energized, ready to get working on our project, excited about the people around me and so ecstatic to be a part of this wonderful organization.

The passion we have for what we do is contagious. Have you been to a committee meeting lately? If you haven't I strongly recommend you join one to see what all my hype is about. To see something go from an idea, to a plan, to execution to completion is AMAZING! It doesn't matter what size or how simple the project is, the impact it can make on others is unmeasurable.

### Getting to First Base

No, not that first base. Get your mind out of the gutter.

There is a good chance you don't understand baseball as well as you think you do. There are a total of eight ways for a batter to make it from the batter's box to first base

**Hit** – Batter hits the ball in fair territory, the ball is not caught and the batter reaches first before he is tagged or thrown out.

**Walk** – Pitcher throws four pitches outside the strike zone.

**Hit by Pitch** – Pitcher throws the ball and hits the batter.

**Fielder's Choice** – Much like a hit, but technically different. As with a hit, the ball is hit in fair territory but instead of the fielder throwing out the batter at first, he chooses instead to throw out a different runner (at second, third or home).

**Reached on Error** – The ball is hit in fair territory but the fielder errs and allows the batter to reach first base. The is awarded if the batter reached first as a result of the error (i.e.- the runner would most likely have been out had the error not been made).

**Dropped Third Strike** – If the catcher does not catch or drops the pitch which resulted in a third strike the batter becomes a

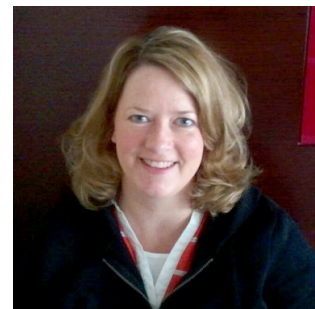
runner. Meaning the batter can run to first base and needs to be either tagged or thrown out.

Remind yourself from time to time why you joined the Jaycees. Was it to meet people? Have you made the effort to go to events and do that? Was it to help in the community? Have you gone to events to do that or helped in the planning of such? Was it to gain leadership skills? Have you participated in event planning or are you thinking of running for office? No matter the reason you decided to join, it is up to you to make the effort. Remember you get out of this organization so much more than you put into it.

Through my years the greatest gift I have received from the Lansing Jaycees is the people. My best friends are here, I can't imagine what my life would be like today without them and it all started at meetings and events.

Hope to see you soon!

Sheryl Soczek  
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**Catcher's Interference** – One of the catcher's obligations is to allow the batter a fair chance to hit the ball. If the catcher interferes with the batter while the batter is legally in the batter's box, the batter is awarded first base.

**Fielder's Obstruction** – If a fielder illegally hinders the runner from reaching first base (e.g.- standing in the baseline without the ball in possession) the runner is awarded first base.

Even lifelong baseball fans are sometimes unaware of these more obscure rules. Never take your knowledge of baseball for granted and remember these rules the next time you want to complain about how complicated cricket is.

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## 2013 Lansing Jaycees Elections

By Carrie May

Elections for the 2013 Lansing Jaycees Board of Directors are coming up soon! Elections will be held at the November General Membership Meeting (also known as the Annual Meeting) on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012. The GMM will be held at Tripper's (350 Frandor Ave., Lansing, MI). Absentee ballots will be available and distributed to the membership. Members wishing to vote by proxy (designating someone else to vote for them) should contact the elections committee directly.

Only current members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to nominate members for a given position as well as vote in the election. All members interested in running for a board position must be in good standing with the chapter.

The Elections Committee members are Colleen Burton, Andrew Hoard and Carrie May.

### Procedures for Nominations

Nominations for elected positions may be made and seconded in writing to the Elections Committee. Written nominations may be made from the time the September newsletter is published until the GMM/ Annual Meeting on Nov. 13. Nominations may also be made and seconded orally at the

October and November GMMs as long as the nominated member is present to consent to being nominated.

### Available Positions

The following are positions and brief descriptions for which members in good standing may run. You may read more detailed descriptions in the chapter's Constitution and Bylaws, located in the file archive at [www.lansingjaycees.org](http://www.lansingjaycees.org) or speak to current or past board members.

**President:** The president serves as the chief executive officer of the organization and has general charge of the business of the organization. The president presides at all meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors.

**Secretary:** The secretary keeps the minutes of meetings of the membership and the board of directors.

**Treasurer:** The treasurer keeps custody of the chapter's funds and provides accurate accounting of receipts and disbursements for the chapter. The treasurer ensures completion of tax returns and financial statements as required.

**Assistant Treasurer:** The assistant director assists and learns the duties of the Treasurer.

**Vice Presidents:** The vice presidents guide and support the following areas of opportunity: Management Development, Membership Development, Community Development and Individual Development. They may also chair standing committees for these areas of opportunity.

**Directors:** The directors may assist a specific area of opportunity or serve as a director-at-large and assist the Board of Directors as requested.

The following positions are appointed by the president or elected by the Board of Directors:

**Legal Counsel:** Assess and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors as required or requested. The Legal Counsel must be an attorney.

**Chaplain:** Provide services to the membership and Board of Directors as required or requested.

**Parliamentarian:** The parliamentarian assists the presiding officers in questions of parliamentary procedure.

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## Monster Mayhem sponsorship or replacement fundraiser(s)

I took on the responsibility of sponsorship lead for Monster Mayhem. With the fate of Monster Mayhem decided, we need people to put their thinking caps on for now.

Monster Mayhem not happening leaves a pretty big hole in the 2012 budget. Some of this can be taken care of by delaying, reducing, or eliminating expenses, but ultimately we need revenue to run all of the great projects that we do as Jaycees.

It is time to start to think more “out of the box” as far as additional revenue raising events that we can do as a chapter. If you have any ideas feel free to share them with any of the board members.



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## CHAIR OF THE BOARD REPORT

Have you ever wondered how the Jaycees keep track of everything? Thankfully we have some helpful tools on our website to help us locate important information. Board members have admin access to our site so they can see a few more sections of the site. However, every member is provided a user name when they join and it can be used to locate some great tools. Contact Lauren Leeds, Danielle Wellington or Angela Fossi for your user name. Use forgot your password if you need a new password.

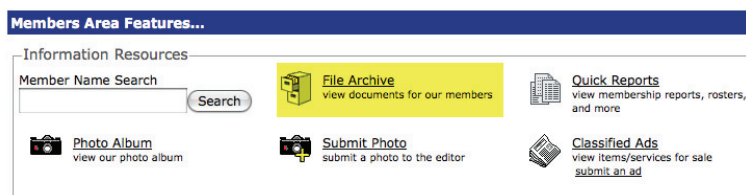
Once you are able to log in you can locate information for other members, look at documents, review upcoming events and respond to invitations. You can also review your membership dues and renew your membership online. Next to your name and address you will see the following section. Simply click on the links to view billing information and/or pay your dues. Please note, this is done via Pay Pal. You can also pay your bill by mailing a check or handing your payment to Sheryl Soczek, Danielle or Lauren.

### Billing Information

[Membership Status/Billing Info](#)

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Another area that is helpful is File Archive. This is our document storage location. Think of it as the Lansing Jaycees electronic filing cabinet. All of our Chairperson Planning Guides (CPGs), bylaws, common forms and supplemental project information is stored here. So if you are thinking of running a project or have been involved in running an event you should know where we store information in case you want to review it.



So what are you waiting for? Go ahead and login and take a tour of the website. We are making some updates to the website’s front end. I will provide an update soon on the front end’s new look and feel.



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