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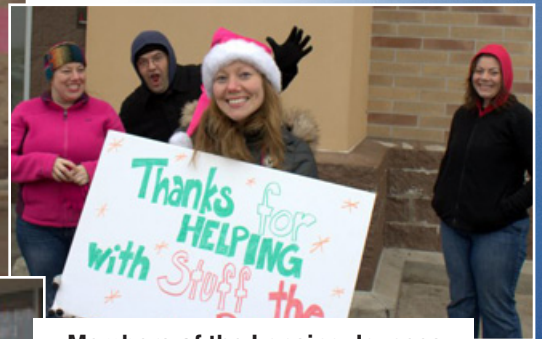
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LANSING JAYCEES



Members of the Lansing Jaycees and other volunteers spent nine hours outside of Walmart at the beginning of December for our annual Stuff the Bus event! A busload of items were gathered by shoppers for children adopted by our chapter from the Salvation Army.



Newer and more seasoned members both came out to the Resume Workshop led by member Jamie H. Pictured here are Eric R., Abby S., Alexandra B., Wayne H., Jamie H., Lauren L., and Ashley O.



A relaxing night painting pottery at Playing Picasso with Sarah M., Danielle W., Ruthi D., Ashley O. and Jill B.!

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

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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 the month at 7 p.m. (dinner
from 6 to 7 p.m.) at Tripper's Bar and Grill in
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A note from the Capital Correspondent Editor:

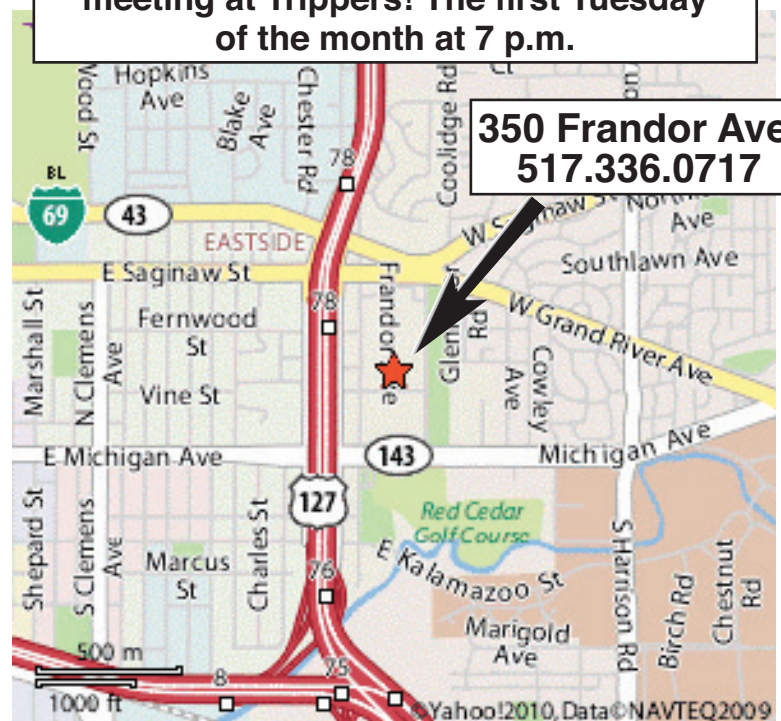
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Reflections and resolutions ...

Hard as it may be to believe, my calendar says it's December. More than a year ago now, when I was elected to serve the Lansing Jaycees as the 84th President, I was nervously anticipating what 2012 would bring – just as I'm sure Abby Siegel and the rest of our fellow members elected to serve on the 2013 Board of Directors.

While dates on a calendar and our definition of time is arbitrary, something about facing the end of the year and the beginning of a new one gives you reason to pause and reflect, as well as think ahead to what you can do better.

It's only natural, just look at the opening lyrics to John Lennon's famous holiday song:
"So this is Christmas And what have you done Another year over And a new one just begun ..."

Some may argue that "Happy Christmas (War is Over)" is an over-played Christmas tune, but it always helps frame for me the passage of time from one year to the next. As I sit here writing my last "Capitol Correspondent" newsletter article as president, it's impossible for me to not think of the great things we accomplished this year as a Chapter. The list is lengthy:

- Record crowd at Easter Egg Hunt on the Capitol lawn; introduced face painting to the event for the first time – smashing success with attendees;
- Being at growth for the months of July and November;
- Raising a whopping \$2,205 for Special Olympics of Michigan through the Polar Plunge;
- Learning how to make fresh pasta;
- Indulging in Indian food and crepes;
- Successfully raising \$8,730 for the Chapter through Texas Hold'em;
- Being the top fundraising team for Big Brothers Big Sisters' "Bowling for Kids Sake" event;
- More than 12 fantastically fun happy hours;
- Our new members leading a Jump Start Project;
- 11 first-time project chairs;
- A record fundraising year for our Relay for Life team – which resulted in several of our members losing hair;
- Getting a behind the scenes peek at WNLS, Cravings Popcorn and the Lansing Lugnuts;
- Trying our hands at yoga and archery;
- Helping stage the Silver Bells Light Parade with the Lions Club; and
- Rallying to raise an extra \$1,000 for the Lansing Jaycees Stuff the Bus project.

The list goes on and on – we've truly made an impact on our community this year. While the year may be coming to close and we can close the book on another successful year in our storied history, we are far from done. Next year marks the Chapter's historic 85th year. What do you want to see the Lansing Jaycees accomplish? What change would you like us to spark? What do you want to see us do for our community? As I've said all year long, this is your Chapter – what do you want it to be? What will you resolve to do as a member next year?:

- Chair a project?
- Recruit a member?
- RSVP to evites?
- Attend GMMs or other membership meetings?

2013 is our year – we can make of it what we want. I am proud to count myself a Lansing Jaycee. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. I look forward to seeing what we accomplish in the future!

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INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

2012 Wrap up

We held four sporting events -- Archery, Softball, and two disc golf events. We held three professional development workshops -- Dale Carnegie, Inter Chapter Debate, Resume Workshop.

We held a business networking opportunity attending Grand River Connection's meeting. We had a committee meeting about UN Millenium goals. There were several personal development workshops this year, including yoga, pasta making, financial planning, learning to tie a tie, computer programming in and debate judging. And as a chapter we raised \$239.28 for Nothing but Nets to combat Malaria through our Twinning project in cooperation with the Edmonton chapter.

The sky is the limit next year, and indeed we plan on doing star gazing. 2013 will bring with it additional individual development opportunities. The Resume Workshop was so successful it may lead to additional workshops on networking and interviewing. If you have ideas for Individual Development for 2013, please pass them along to your new Individual Development Vice President, Ilona Hadjar, ihadjar@gmail.com



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Cooking corner

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Rolo Cookies (makes 48)

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 48 Rolo candies

Lightly spoon flour into measuring cup; level off with the back of a knife. In a medium bowl, combine flour, cocoa and baking soda; mix well. In a large bowl, combine

sugar, brown sugar and butter; beat until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and eggs; beat well. Add flour mixture slowly; blend well. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate dough for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. For each cookie, shape about 1 tbsp. of dough around each Rolo, rolling in your hand to make a ball and covering the Rolo completely. If the dough gets sticky, place it back in the refrigerator to chill. Place cookies on ungreased cookie sheet 2 inches apart. Bake 7-10 minutes or until set and slightly cracked

Submitted by Angela Clock

DATES TO REMEMBER

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JANUARY 18 - Book Club Meeting, Location and time, TBD

MANAGEMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JANUARY 19- Debate Tournament, 8:30AM - 5:30PM, Everett High School, 3900 Stabler St., Lansing

JANUARY 28 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Maner Costerisan, 2425 E Grand River Ave, Ste. 1, Lansing, MI (Details - Lauren Leeds)

MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

DECEMBER 18 - New Member Orientation, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Olga's Kitchen, Frandor

DECEMBER 21 - Happy Hour at the End of the World, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Lou & Harry's Sports Bar, 16800 Chandler Rd., E. Lansing

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

JANUARY 26 - 2012 Year End Banquet, Location and time, TBD

December Birthdays

Robert Dowding

Brittany Gray

Jaimie Hutchison

Joe Kelly

Jason Larsen

Carrie May

Holly Nester

Jessi Wortley Adler

January Birthdays

Karin Root

Jeffrey Straus

Mallory King

Membership Anniversary Dates:

December

Carrie May

Robert Dowding

Charles Root

January

John Prush

Andrew Hoard

David

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Our Jaycee Year

It has been my honor to serve as your Lansing Jaycee Community Development Vice President this year. From the Polar Plunge craziness, to our recent rally to complete Stuff The Bus, our membership continues to amaze and inspire me. And I'm confident that the incoming 2013 board of directors isn't going to miss beat.

I started the year with a theme of "Coming Together" as a chapter and as a community. As I constructed the following list, I can't help but think we did just that and more. I dare you not to smile, cry, or both when you think of the following:

- Jumping into freezing water dressed as superheroes, raising more than \$2,200 for the Special Olympics
- Packing emergency USDA food orders for Capitol Area Community Services
- Setting up the March Magic Hoopfest at MSU – This event was for kids, but looked like so much fun, we all wanted to play!
- Ridiculously adorable Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny
- Pouring wine at the MSU Museum Wine Tasting Benefit
- Stuffing 10,000+ Easter eggs with 32 volunteers from the Jaycees and around the whole state
- Putting on a record-breaking Easter Egg Hunt with approximately 2,000 attendees, more than 30 volunteers, nearly \$3,000 in raffle donations, and \$1,000 in raffle proceeds
- Learning about urban farming and how to keep out ground-hogs
- Being the top fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Bowl For Kids' Sake
- Volunteering at the Lansing Food Bank's "Empty Plate" dinner
- Surviving the heat and making children happy with face painting at the East Lansing Art Festival
- Relay For Life!! Mmmmm, remember Michael Leeds' home-made marshmallows? Also the extraordinary fundraising for

Stuff the Bus wrap up

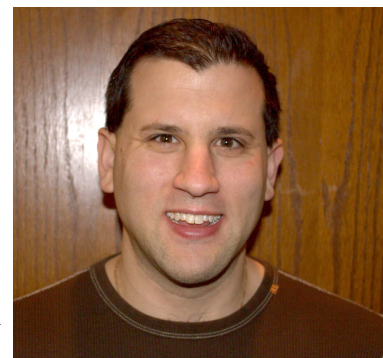
The Lansing Jaycee's annual Stuff the Bus event continues to be quite the success with the generosity of the community and the Chapter. We initially adopted 40 children for Christmas from the Salvation Army, but at the last minute we had a call from a Waverly High School guidance counselor about four more children in need of Christmas. The community really came together as they always do to support our Stuff the Bus event. Forty-four is the most children that we have collected Christmas wish lists for as a Chapter, so it is incredible how everyone is coming together to raise more funds to provide more for these children. With the donations, we plan to give each child cold-weather outerwear (winter coat, hat, gloves and boots), two outfits, underwear and socks, pajamas, and three toys. In order to make this happen, the Chapter has worked very hard

the American Cancer Society

- Volunteering and Old Town's Festival of the Moon
- Sponsoring the 7th annual Poetry in the City
- Assisting with the Make-A-Wish Bicycle Tour
- Watching the state Legislature in action
- Visiting the President Ford presidential library
- The inspiring support, effort, anxiety, and tears in our attempt to make Monster Mayhem happen this year! Although the end result was disheartening, we now have a lot of build from going forward. The scare will return!
- Participating in the 10th annual 5K Canine Cruise Walk/Run & Costume Contest
- Amazing Halloween face painting at Trick Or Treat on the Square
- Learning about our government's parliamentary process with Model Legislature
- Staging and helping run the Lion's Club Silver Bells parade
- Collecting food for the Greater Lansing Food Bank
- Bringing the holiday spirit to 44 underprivileged children in the area and stuffing the bus!

I'd like to express a massive "THANK YOU!" to every project chair, committee member, volunteer, fundraiser, donor, sponsor, advertiser, and general member. These community events and many others could not have happened without you. They have enriched us all in ways we never expected. I am proud to call every Lansing Jaycee my friend and look forward to serving as your chapter Secretary next year.

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to raise an additional \$1,000 in addition to the donations that the community had purchased on the day of the event.

Donations continue to be organized and will be brought to the Salvation Army by Dec. 20. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event and for creating a memorable Christmas to each child.

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AUXILIARY OFFICER'S REPORTS

Moving into 2013

I will express the same sentiment as many others have in this, the last edition of 2012's *Capitol Correspondent*. I cannot believe this year has gone by so quickly!

Looking back on it, we have raised significant money for the chapter and for other volunteer and nonprofit organizations this year. We learned a great deal about debate, and how to tie ties, and resumes and pasta! There were game nights, and Jaycees Jeopardy and trips to local breweries and wineries. We saw popcorn being made, got a private tour of Luginuts stadium and took in a game there, too!

It has been a fabulous year to be a Jaycee in Lansing! Nothing has made me prouder this year than being your secretary. This was my second year on the board and in this position, I have learned more about being in a leadership role and about the importance of record-keeping and historical records. I have also really enjoyed putting together the newsletter for the chapter.

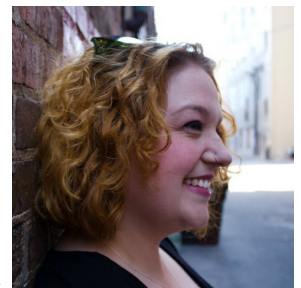
When I was on the Board in 2011, I had the opportunity to look deeply at our chapter's activities, focused mainly in the Community area, but only every three months. This year, I got to look at every area, every single month! I also had a personal goal of chairing a project in each of the four areas and I am happy to report success! At least, as soon as the Happy Hour at the End of the World takes place!

Next year, I will take the position of 85th President of the Lansing Jaycees. I am looking forward to being a leader, and learning even more about our chapter's workings and especially about our chapters membership.

A number of members have stepped forward to be in leadership roles in 2013, too. Charlie Root will head up the Membership area, Ilona Hajdar will be over Individual Development, Ruthi Dake will lead our Community Development and Kris Dezelski and Jessi Wortley-Adler will be leading up the Management area. Eric Richmond will be taking over as secretary, Sheryl Soczek will once again be handling our money as treasurer and Lauren Leeds will be our Chairperson of the Board.

2013 is our 85th year, I know we will continue to make a difference in the community and in each other lives as a whole. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any suggestions or project ideas you may have. *This is your chapter! This is your 85th year!*

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Winterization

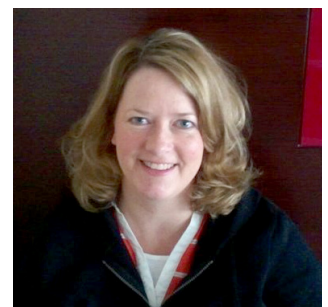
It is that time of year, the weather has changed (it should be colder) resulting in our skin drying out. Here are some tips on how to “Winterize” your body.

- Condition, condition, condition your hair and use a lightweight hairspray to alleviate dry, frizzy strands.
- Use lip balm to get rid of flaky lips, choose a balm that is thick and creamy (not waxy) one that contains cocoa butter.
- Use products on your skin that contain ceramides and petrolatum.
- If you don't like to use hand lotion during the day, apply it at night to counteract daytime dehydration.
- Trade in your warmer weather face cream with one loaded with antioxidants (vitamin E), don't forget the SPF 30 as snow reflects 80 percent ultraviolet rays.
- Use a creamy facial cleanser that doesn't require rinsing or use towelettes to remove makeup and the day's grime. Too much washing can dry out your skin.
- Indoor heat dries out the air, use a humidifier at night set to 50 percent humidity.
- Instead of using an exfoliant on your face in the winter, use a nighttime serum or cream that contains glycolic acid to remove dead skin cells.
- Take shorter warm showers. Limit your showers to 10 min. using the hot temperature to clean the necessary areas, then turn down the heat.
- Before you dry off completely apply your body

lotion containing humectants like glycerin, this will help to seal in moisture.

- If you wear gloves while cleaning, apply a hand cream that contains shea butter before putting on your gloves.
- If you can, only wash your hair every other day. When you do, choose creamy shampoos that are sulfate-free.
- If your nails get brittle, rub a drop of olive oil into the nail each night. When removing color, use a nondrying, acetone-free remover.
- Instead of using a facial mask, apply a thick layer of night cream, soak a clean washcloth in warm water, wring it out and apply it on your face for five minutes.
- If you love baths, skip the bubbles and use a couple of drops of bath oil instead (careful as the tub will be slick for a bit).
- Smooth your rough heels using a cream with lactic acid, but on at bedtime with a pair of socks and the moisture will soak in overnight.

Enjoy your winter and may your skin say smooth.



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As of this moment this is my Gamerscore on Xbox live. This is number that tracks various achievements and accomplishments while playing video games.

Is it silly? Sure. Does it mean anything in the grand scheme of things? Not really. But for nerds like me this number is a milestone. My goal for the past year was to raise my score from 49,000+ in January to 100,000 by year's end. Done.

We all have goals; some meaningful, some not so much. For me this number was a needed break from working toward my other goals like finishing a dissertation and paying off debt. We all have goals both serious and silly. But as important as the serious goals can be, the silly ones are just as important.

The keep us grounded and they keep us sane. Rather

Beer 101

The Jaycees recently had a happy hour at EagleMonk Pub and Brewery, Lansing's newest micro/craft brewery. During the happy hour, Jaycee's were able to try a wide variety of different beers. We also got a chance to see the tools used in the beer making process.

Beer has four main ingredients: water, a starch, brewer's yeast, and a flavoring. Beer is composed mostly of water. The mineral content of water in different regions helped to make various types of beer more popular in those regions. For example, the hard water of Dublin is suited well for Stout beers. The waters of England have higher gypsum content which is perfect for pale ales.

The most common starch in beer is barley malt, but less common starches include millet, sorghum, and cassava root in Africa. Potato has been used in Brazil and agave in Mexico. Other grains such as rice, wheat, and rye are used to make various types of beer as each starch provides a distinct flavor. The amount of each starch in a beer recipe is known as the "grain bill." Yeast is a microorganism, which is responsible for converting the sugars in the starch

than the Gamerscore target I could have set a goal to watch all the movies that won the Oscar for best picture or I could have learned origami. Some might say these other activities were somehow more meaningful than my chosen distraction but it's a personal choice and I stand by it.

The trick is to not let accomplishing your trivial goals feel too much like success. Though accomplishments they may be they are not the sort of thing to define a life. I like my video games but I do not include them in a list of things I "accomplished" on any given day. Be careful not to confuse your trivial goals for real work.

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into alcohol. Hooooray Yeast! Various types of yeast also influences the character and flavor of the beer. The most popular flavoring agent in beer is hops. Hops are the female flower clusters or seed cones of the hop vine *Humulus lupulus*. Hops are an agent in nearly every beer made today. Hops adds bitterness to beer to even out the sweetness from the starch. Hops also provide floral, citrus, and herbal aromas.

Another possible ingredient that can be used is a clarifying agent. Clarifying agents are added to help brighten and clean beers. This reduces the cloudy appearance that you may notice in varieties such as wheat beers.

Look out for a future article on the brewing process and a possible micro brewing class in the future. Please send an email to dezelskik@gmail.com if you are interested in a Micro Brewing event.

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2012 Tax Changes – aka Michigan Hates Old People

It's everyone's favorite time of the year – TAX TIME! Wahoo! Before you drag out your abacuses and starting adding on your fingers, there are some changes that you might want to pay attention to. The Michigan Legislature made some extreme changes to the Michigan Individual Income Tax that became effective during the 2012 tax year.

There are three basic changes that affect almost every taxpayer in 2012:

(1) The personal exemption was increased from \$3,700.00 to \$3,763.00 but the special exemptions for seniors, children under 18, and unemployment compensation are no longer allowed. The personal exemption will be raised again in 2013 to \$3,900.00.

(2) The income tax rate was reduced slightly to 4.33% in 2012 and will be further reduced to 4.25% in 2013.

(3) The refundable and non-refundable credits have been slashed. Credits for city income taxes, adoptions, still birth, contributions to homeless shelters, food banks, community foundations, and medical savings accounts have all been removed. Also removed was the credit for college tuition and fees.

The biggest change was to the Homestead Property Tax Credit (HPTC). The HPTC has been dramatically restricted. To qualify, the property must have a taxable value of less than \$135,000.00, the total household income must be less than \$50,000.00, and seniors are no longer afforded any advantage. If you do manage to qualify – please remember to fill out all three pages, you may be denied the credit if the pages are not completed in full.

The other big kicker starting in 2012 was that pensions are going to be taxed. Now while this doesn't affect the current roster of Jaycees, it will affect your parents, uncles, friends, and all those other 'old people' in Michigan. 'Old People' or 'Retirees' will be put into one of three categories (1) those born before 1946; (2) those born between 1946 – 1952; and (3) those born 1953 or later. Category (1) pretty much stays the same – public pensions are still tax exempt and private pensions are exempt up to \$47,309.00 for single filers

or \$94,618.00 for married filing jointly. In categories (2) and (3) public and private pensions are treated the same. For category (2) the first \$20,000.00 for single filers or \$40,000.00 for married filing jointly will be tax exempt, the rest will be taxed at the current income tax rate. Category (3) gets the real wakeup call – their entire pensions will be taxed at the current income tax rate. Treasury has created a very confusing form (#4884) to assist retirees in determining what must be taxed. Piece of advice – when your parents ask for help on this one, run the other way...fast.

The Department of Treasury has a good website to peruse at your leisure containing all sorts of hidden gems (what – you don't read tax stuff for fun??) Go to www.michigan.gov/taxes. There is more information on all the changes to the Michigan Individual Income Tax, the Michigan Business Tax, and the brand spanking new Corporate Income Tax. Plus there are offers from the website for free e-filing for H&R Block, TurboTax and other software companies if you qualify. There are frequently asked questions, contact information for software companies that have Michigan state forms, and copies of the 2012 Forms. Especially helpful is the 'Check my Income Tax Info' area that allows you to check the status of your estimated payments or filed returns, submit questions for help over the internet, and change your address.

I'm fully aware that filling out tax forms is not fun, which is why I hire an accountant to do ours. Depending on the complexity of your situation (marriage, house, kids, employment, etc.) make sure you choose the option that is right for you. If you do choose to self-file with the help of one of the multitude of software companies out there – BE SMART. Make sure it supports MICHIGAN state forms as well as federal, READ the returns before you submit them, PRINT a copy for your records, and FOLLOW UP if you don't receive your refund or your payment isn't cashed in a timely manner. Things go wrong with these software programs all the time and claiming that the 'software told me it was right' is not a way to avoid penalties or interest.

Submitted by Jamie Sheppard.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD REPORT

Invasion update!

The Greater Lansing area is under attack! A snowman army has been spotted traveling around the area bringing with it excitement and joy! Nobody is safe! The Lansing Jaycees are still taking orders for the Snowman Army. As of December 10th we have sold more than 40 orders and have raised \$700 and new orders keep coming in on a daily basis.



What is the Snowman Army? We have assembled a fleet of snowmen that can be delivered to unsuspecting houses in the Greater Lansing area. We began our invasions shortly after Thanksgiving and will continue until our mission is complete. The recipient will not know that the army is coming and we hope they will enjoy having the snowmen on their lawn for 24-48 hours. After a day or so we will return to pick them up and take them and re-assign them to a new location. This could be a great holiday surprise for a friend, co-worker or neighbor. We will notify the sender that the army has been assembled.

An order form is located at the end of the newsletter and it can be filled out and emailed to Angela Fossikitispert@gmail.com or Charlie Root at croot80@gmail.com. Feel free to contact Angela with questions at 586-484-7027. Please note that orders will not be fulfilled until payment has been received. We can always use help with deliveries so contact us if you would like to help out. A small squad is \$10, which includes 10-12 snowmen, and a brigade is \$20, which includes 20-22 snowmen. We can also take special requests otherwise the army will be delivered at

random. The response to this project has been fantastic! I have talked to so many people in the community that have been delighted to receive an order. I have also heard numerous stories about it being a conversation starter for neighbors that normally do not talk. Overall it has been a success and I can't wait to see how it ends.

This is yet another example of the interesting things that I have participated in as a Jaycee. I can honestly say I

would never have thought of doing this on my own but I am enjoying every minute of it.

I have enjoyed my time serving all of you as Chair of the Board. The past four years of serving on the Lansing Jaycees Board of Directors has been incredibly fulfilling and I have enjoyed the opportunity. I am looking forward to supporting the 2013 Board of Directors. To all of you I offer one of my favorite Dr. Seuss quotes from *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* "Out there things can happen, and frequently do, To people as brainy and footsy as you. And when things start to happen, don't worry, don't stew. Just go right along, you'll start happening too!"

Happy Holidays!

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