

Capitol Correspondent

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Region D
Population Division 7
Base Membership: 68

Stuff 9,000+ Eggs? Check.

In the grand tradition of planning for that big event on the day before Easter, the Lansing Jaycees held the annual Easter Egg Stuffing Party on Saturday, March 27. The Jaycees were joined by the MSU Red Cross, MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine's Sigma Sigma Phi Honor Society, and Girl Scout Junior and Brownie Troop 13185 from Davison. With all of that help, the stuffing was completed in record time! We stuffed well over 9,000 eggs in preparation of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.



At left: C. May, T. Steere, S. Steere, T. Prush & J. Hutchison stuff eggs!

At right: R. Calcagno, J. Stevens, S. Keeney, E. Dobry, Andrea Hoard, and I. Hajdar stuff MORE eggs!



Any successful event is in large part due to great preparation. At the General Membership Meetings held during the first months of the year, Jaycees sorted last year's eggs into tops and bottoms (or longs and shorts depending on how you look at it) to help make stuffing the eggs a smooth operation. By using VolunteerMatch.org, we found new groups to help us stuff. And there were several committee meetings during which the Easter Egg Stuffing Party's details were worked out – from the location to the stuffing supplies to the food - no stone was left unturned during the planning process.

Sally Sohn of Sohn Linen was gracious enough to offer us space for our stuffing event. We appreciate Sally's hard work in making sure we had a location with enough space, tables and chairs for our event.

I'm sure everyone in attendance would agree that the highlight of the day was having the Girl Scout Troop sing a few friendship songs for us to thank us for having them participate. It's always great to see the spirit and sense of community involvement present in children so young.

Congratulations to co-chairs Jennifer Stevens, Sam Keeney and Andrea Hoard, along with all of the committee members, who worked hard and smart to make sure this event was successful!

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Lansing Jaycees

April 2010

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 each month at 7 p.m. (dinner from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) at Tripper's Bar and Grill in Frandor. Visit our website, www.lansingjaycees.org for more information.



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Join us for our monthly membership meeting at Trippers! Every first Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM



President's Report

April is an exciting month to be a part of the Lansing Jaycees. I say this often but I am really excited about the blend of traditions and new ideas that are coming together this month. We started the month with one of our favorite annual events, the Easter Egg Hunt on the Capitol Lawn. This year we were fortunate to have fantastic weather and as a result we had a large turnout. We estimate between 850-1000 people participated in the event and judging by the smiles I would say that everyone had a great time.

I would like to announce a change to one of our membership incentives. Some of you may have received Jaycee Bucks in the past that could be used towards membership fees for both new members and renewals. We have been hearing feedback from the group and decided to make some changes. The Bucks program has been discontinued, however you can still use any of your non-expired bucks towards your upcoming membership fee payment.

Starting in April we will be offering a \$5 discount to new members that join the chapter during a General Membership meeting or Meet and Greet (formerly known as Member Mixers). During these events we will also be conducting member drawings for an opportunity win additional discounts on renewal and new member fees. Stay tuned for more information including incentives for bringing a prospect to participating events. We are offering \$10 off anyone that joins during a New Member Orientation. Our normal fee is \$65 for twelve months and the new incentives make it even more affordable to be a Lansing Jaycee.

We will hand out a certificate to any drawing winner that is a little larger and easier to keep track of than the Jaycee Buck. These can be applied towards your membership fee payment. Keep in mind the more events you attend will increase your chances of receiving a discount. We will announce in the Juice and the event invitations, which events will be, involve a member drawing including eligibility information.

We also announced that we are searching for a new logo for our Haunted House, Monster Mayhem. Beginning on April 19th we will launch a contest on www.logotournament.com. This site requires developers to register before they can compete in a contest. There is no cost for registration, however it does take a minimum of a week to be approved. So sign up today. The winning entry can be eligible for a prize of up to \$250. It would be wonderful if the winner were somebody with ties to the Lansing Jaycees. This is a great site for anyone that is interested in graphic art or design.

At the end of the month several of us will be attending the First Quarter Convention at Boyne Mountain between April 30th and May 2nd. There is still time to register if you would like to attend. In addition to meeting other Jaycees you will have an opportunity to receive training on a variety of topics including Stress Management presented by Lansing Jaycee Jaimie Hutchison. There is also an opportunity to participate in competitions such as public speaking, writing, debate and Jaycee Jeopardy.

What would you say to encourage people who are down on their luck? In what ways do you feel the Jaycees have helped you impact the world? These are topics that are being presented during our speaking and writing competitions at convention. Even if you are unable to participate in the formal competition these are great topics to think about during the month.

Sincerely,
Angela Fossi
82nd President



A Message from the Membership VP



Hello to all the membership and prospects! I hope everyone has been enjoying the warm weather and has been getting outside and doing activities. We are starting a membership committee to help myself and Sara Guthrie, my director, keep up with the membership and prospects. If you would like to help with this committee, there is still time. You don't have to have attended the first meeting to be on the committee.

Please contact me if you are interested. We have some fun events coming up on the calendar. We have our April Happy Hour on April 16 at Jimmy's Pub near Chandler Crossings. The bowling teams have their last games on April 24, and I know they would enjoy everyone stopping out to cheer them on. We will have our second Meet and Greet of the year on May 11. If anyone has any ideas for something fun to do that night, please let myself or Sara know. Have a great April everyone!

Colleen Burton, 2010 Membership VP
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1st Quarter Meet & Greet

On March 11 we held our first Meet & Greet of the year. Meet & Greet is the new name for the old Member Mixers. Although only two prospects came to the event, a good time was had by all. Several members attended the Meet & Greet and participated in some early St. Patrick's Day fun. We had decorations and St. Patrick's Day flair. After everyone had a chance to eat dinner we had a rousing trivia game about St. Patrick's Day and Ireland. There were 2 teams and some new facts were learned by all. Don't forget to mark your calendar for our next Meet & Greet, which will be on Tuesday, May 11. If you have any ideas for themes or events to take place at the next Meet & Greet, please forward them to Colleen Burton or anyone on the Membership Committee.

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Membership Anniversary Dates:

April:

*Shannon Culberson, William Nurmi,
Stephanie Steere, Troy Steere*

May:

Jeff Cobb, King Kwapata

Membership has its Benefits!

http://www.usjaycees.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=21&Itemid=60

2nd Annual Beer Bus Extravaganza!

Buy your tickets now – seating is limited!

Miller-May Productions bring back a favorite from last year – the Annual Beer Bus Extravaganza! Last year, we headed west and visited Bell's and Shakespeare's Pub in Kalamazoo and The Livery in Benton Harbor. This year, we are heading east! Jolly Pumpkin and Arbor Brewing in Ann Arbor and Dragonmead (home of Final Absolution) in Warren are anxious to host our group.

Tickets are \$40. This includes transportation in a nicely appointed charter bus from the Park & Ride located at I-96 Exit 110 – Okemos Road to all of the breweries (and back!). It also includes snacks, prizes and entertainment. You can also purchase commemorative t-shirts for only \$10! Friends and family over the age of 21 are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun.

Contact Carrie May (248-756-3840 / carriemay@aol.com) or Amy Miller (517-525-0129 / millerae@gmail.com) to purchase your tickets. Remember - seating is limited!

April Birthdays

*Andrew Hoard
Tracy Prush
Orion Smith
Tony Zale*

Happy Birthday!!!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Joe Kelly

Occupation: Computer Programmer

Relationship Status: Single

Dream Job: Computer Programmer

Favorite Movie and/or book: Secrets of the Temple

Favorite Type of Music: Indie Pop... although I like all types, except for country.

Do you have any pets? No **Random Fact:** The average human head weighs 8 pounds.

Favorite Jaycee Project and reason: Relay for Life... Because it is for a good cause.

Favorite Game or Sport: Hockey

Favorite Food: Olga's Spinach Pie

First car: Crown Victoria

Jaycee Join Date: Feb 2009

Why I joined the Jaycees: To meet new people

Favorite Quote: "What one fool can do another can too" -- proverb found in the opening of "Calculus Made Easy"

Lansing Jaycees



A. Fossi and A. Simon at Michigan Brewing Company for Happy Hour!



A. Siegel, Andrea Hoard, C. May and A. Fossi after pies at Connxtions!



Representative May at Model Legislature



A. Simon, T. Zale and C. Burton at March's Meet and Greet Event!

Seen in Action

A Message from the Community VP

Spring has officially sprung and the Lansing Jaycees have a busy April ahead! Thanks to everyone who came out and volunteered to help make Easter Egg Hunt a great success! As we look further ahead into April, we have many diverse and exciting events coming up that will make us busy in the community once again!



Upcoming Community Events

April 17 th	TBD	GM Tree Planting
April 24 th	9:00-4:00	Christmas in April/Rebuilding Together
May 7 th	6:30-10:00	Bowl for Kids Sake @ Owosso

Calling all Artists, or anyone that likes to paint!!!

The East Lansing Art Festival is scheduled for May 22nd and 23rd. Each year the Lansing Jaycees hold a face painting booth for patrons in attendance at the event. A project chair and anyone interested in volunteering at this event is currently being sought. A great deal of skill is not needed as we provide basic designs for the children to choose from, any many are just happy to have some paint on them. If you are interested in chairing this event, or can volunteer on either of these days, please contact me.

The Lansing Jaycees are always looking for new project ideas. Do you have a community project that you would like to see us do? Please contact Andrea Hoard at andrea.hoard@gmail.com!

2010 Model Legislature

It is said that you can't fully understand another individual until you "walk a mile in their moccasins". On Saturday, March 20th, 91 Jaycee members from 19 Michigan chapters, 16 foreign exchanges students and six guests, gathered at our marvelous State Capitol for the annual Model Legislature, to do just that. This event's purpose is to understand how laws are made and to comprehend the responsibility of state government, particularly the House of Representatives.

As the day begun, everyone took their seats and tried to mentally prepare themselves for the unknown of what the day was going to bring. The bills presented for debate and voting were not only controversial topics (ie. Health insurance coverage, charitable regulations & fees, background checks, abortion, firearm rights), but were actual bills that are currently being worked on by our state elected officials in the House and Senate.

Though all of our fellow Jaycee members came prepared in their finest suits, it was an adventurous and fun filled day. There were deals being made, fun being had and perhaps a few puns made on highly known members. After the long day of debate and policy making, we concluded and headed down to Reno's West for a Happy Hour.



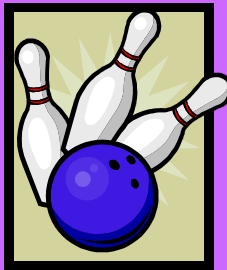
If you were unable to attend this year or in the past, I highly recommend you leave your March Saturdays open in 2011!!!

Submitted by: Ilona Hajdar, ihajdar@hotmail.com

Bowl for Kids' Sake

It's not too early to start thinking about Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake! This event is taking place on May 7 at 6pm in Owosso. A challenge has been posed to the chapters of Region D to see which chapter can raise the most funds. Let's show the other chapters in our region what Lansing can do!

Bowl for Kids' Sake



If you have not signed up, and would like to join the team, please visit

<http://www.bbbs.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=338615&lis=1&kntae338615=A1C7099B24814BF1A6DD359F8AC4C8AE&team=3658911&tteam=0>.



Have you joined the Relay Team?

This year our chapter has formed a team and will be participating in East Lansing's Relay for Life event on June 12th and 13th. Relay for Life is a 24 hour event held at the East Lansing Soccer Complex. Teams are made up of friends, family and co-workers and team members take shifts to walk around

the track in support of the fight against cancer. There are a number of exciting events planned for this year's event and we hope that you will consider joining us. The Lansing Jaycees currently have 10 members registered and have raised \$150 so far. Our goal is to involve 15 Jaycees and to raise \$2000. It's not too late to join us...if you are interested, please sign up at

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10GL?team_id=619739&pg=team&fr_id=21425 If you sign up now and raise \$100 by May 12th, you will receive a Relay for Life t-shirt to wear during the event. In addition to general funds, paper luminaries can be bought for \$10 each in Honor Of or in Memory of someone with cancer. The deadline to register names for this event is May 26th. I have several luminaries, as well as the Relay Feet available, so please contact me if you are interested.

This year's Relay theme is Birthdays, and we are looking to add a committee meeting in the near future. Please watch for more details.

Comedy for a Cause

On January 12, 2010 the Port-au-Prince region of Haiti experienced a magnitude 7.0 earthquake that affected more than three million people and caused millions of dollars in damage that left the country in a state of catastrophe. As the days passed and we brainstormed ideas as a chapter, the idea came forth to raise funds for a hospital striving to meet the dire needs of citizens affected by the quake. Abby Siegel brought forth the suggestion of Hôpital Albert Schweitzer- an organization that she and her family had connections to. In order to raise funds for this cause, the Lansing Jaycees hosted Comedy for a Cause at Connxtions Comedy Club on March 26th with \$10 of every ticket sold going to this organization. Throughout the planning, a challenge was posed to the Ponchatoula, Louisiana Jaycees (a chapter near where the hospital founders were from) to see who could raise the most funds for the hospital. In addition, as a ransom payoff, Region E Jaycees were challenged to bring 10 of their members in order to get their "E" back and to help us raise funds for this cause. As an additional incentive to sell tickets, those two members, regardless of region or chapter who sold the most tickets were given the right to pie the co-chairs at Connxtions before the show. As a chapter, we raised \$720 plus \$1700 raised by the Ponchatoula chapter, for a grand total of \$2420 that will be donated to Hôpital Albert Schweitzer! Abby Siegel commented "following this seed of an idea through showed me how well versed the Jaycees are and how supportive they are of helping their members to develop leadership skills. I was glad to be a part of this event and look forward to leading other events with our chapter."

A special thank you goes to Connxtions Comedy Club, Region E Jaycees, the Ponchatoula Jaycees for accepting the challenge and raising funds with us for this cause...we look forward to a continued relationship with your chapter, and to all who participated and helped to raise \$2420 for the hospital that will continue to work to meet the needs of the Haitian people as they rebuild their lives after the devastation that has faced their country.

Submitted by: Andrea Hoard, 2010 Community Vice President, andrea.hoard@gmail.com

Therapeutic Foster Parents Wanted

An exciting new program to benefit youth and families is developing in Ingham County. We are seeking to recruit and train individuals and couples interested in participating in a non-traditional foster care experience.

The program will serve as a mental health and behavioral intervention for youth and their families currently involved in mental health, juvenile justice, and/ or child welfare systems. We are specifically seeking individuals and couples interested in partnering with a youth's permanent family and treatment team.

Foster families will foster one youth at a time in their home for six months to one year, providing a structured and nurturing environment within the youth's community. Ideal qualities of therapeutic foster parents include: flexibility, openness to a variety of family cultures, the ability to work closely with a team, humor, patience, and enough time and energy to devote to a youth and their family.

The Therapeutic Foster Care Program is a collaborative effort between local mental health, juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Excellent training, support, and licensing assistance will be provided. Daily reimbursement includes \$75.00 + room and board.

Anyone seeking further information is invited to attend an informational meeting offered the third Friday of every month at 1:30 pm. The meeting location is at the Ingham Counseling Center, 5303 S. Cedar, Building #2, Lansing, MI 48911. Please contact Kelly Gluszewski at 517-346-8034 or gluszews@ceicmh.org with any questions.

Calling all Shutterbugs!

Do you like to capture the moment? Are you savvy with a digital camera or camera phone? If so, we are looking for you! The Lansing Jaycees has recently created a Group Room on Snapfish and wants members who have attended events and took pictures to add those to our group room site. You can also sign up and see what events are on there.

To go to the group room, click on <http://lansingjaycees.snapfish.com>



Submitted by: Alexandra Briseno, 2010 Secretary, xandrab@hotmail.com

E Day 40 Lansing



In conjunction with the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, we are launching the E campaign which is being designed to give Earth Day a fresh face, draw new people into the environmental movement and inspire everyone to take positive action for the planet. April 22nd, 2010 marks the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day and the challenges we face appear overwhelming. It seems an opportune time to promote a new symbol of hope and commitment. There will be events taking place in the Lansing area from April 22-24, 2010.

For more information on events in the area, check out www.earthdaylansing.com

Individual Development

A Message from the Individual Development VP

Welcome to 2nd quarter. Again this quarter we will entice our taste buds will food from around to word to include Brazil and Jamaica!

Later this month we will be taking a road trip to the Detroit area to dine at a Brazilian Steakhouse (yes for all you can eat meat!). The bread and drinks are to die for as well.

Learn to Knit classes start this month. Make sure to sign up for this wonderful hobby.

Who didn't love the movie "The Shawshank Redemption"? We will be taking a trip to Mansfield, Ohio in July to take a tour of the Ohio State Reformatory, the filming site of "The Shawshank Redemption". This will be an overnight trip and details will be out soon.

Last month we learned how to shoot a .22 caliber handgun. This spring/summer we will try out paint guns. If you would like to try a new hobby or sport, let myself or Andrew know and we will help you make it happen.

Sheryl A. Soczek, 2010 Individual Development VP
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How Do I Get Through To You? A Lesson in Working Together

Imagine yourself entering a classroom of urban students who could care less about being there. Their skill levels are quite low compared to state standards and they are involved in a lot of nonsense. Jaime Escalante was faced with that same challenge every day. In the beginning, it was difficult as he had a level of understanding much higher than his students. How did he get through to them? It is simple as he used things they knew or loved into his teaching. An example was using a situation about how many girlfriends two guys had in order to help them with algebra. He also used little demonstrations like cutting apples to demonstrate fractions.

Which side of the spectrum do you fall on in this case in the real world, the students or Jaime? During our lives we fall into both positions, starting out taking entry or lower level positions and eventually taking higher level or management roles. How do we work with our colleagues at work? As being in a starting role, do we just absorb and hope we know what is going on? Or, do we make sure to ask questions and do the best with that information? As management, do we use high-level jargon and assume that they understand? Or, do we make an effort to bring it down to their level? Personally, I think each side needs to find common ground in helping each party understand where the other is coming from every time. Use things that people love and help bring them to a better level of understanding. You do not necessarily have to be the person's friend, just be there to give them a helping hand. We are all in it together; let us make an effort to help one another out.

A popular project in the Lansing chapter is making a return! Watch future announcements for details!! Is there a personal or professional development you are interested in seeing us put on for the chapter? Please let Sheryl or I know!

Enjoy the warmer weather and a great month of April!

(Sidenote: Jaime Escalante, passed away on March 30, 2010. The movie "Stand and Deliver" is based on Jaime's story of teaching at Garfield High School in inner city Los Angeles, California.)

Andrew Hoard, 2010 Individual Development Director
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Individual Development

JCI President Visit

On Wednesday, March 31st and Friday, April 2nd, members of the Michigan Jaycees were privileged to participate in visits from Junior Chamber International (JCI) President Roland Kwemain. Between the two visits, 6 members of the Lansing Jaycees were able to meet President Roland.



Andrew Hoard, President Roland, A. Clock and Andrea Hoard give the thumbs up!

President Roland was nominated by JCI Cameroon (Africa), and elected JCI (Junior Chamber International) President at the 64th JCI World Congress held in Hammamet, Tunisia, in November 2009.

He spoke to our members about the importance of impact on our communities. One fascinating thing he spoke about is when he was a JCI Vice President in 2007, how 1,000 new members to JCI were recruited just in the country of Nigeria. He spoke of the impact that all members of JCI have on their local communities and how we must share that with others.

President Roland will be visiting 70 countries this year as part of his position as JCI President. We were very lucky to have him visit Michigan during his time in the United States.

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Chaplain's Corner

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As I am writing this article, well before the deadline (surely a shock to every newsletter editor I have ever worked with), I am feeling inspired by attending Model Legislature and by several conversations I have had recently about the Jaycees.

My membership in the Jaycees has been a growing experience in so many ways. I started out as someone who rarely came to events to getting sucked in to the wonders of Haunted House, which inspired me to join the board of directors. After all, I felt if I could spend as much time with people as I did at Haunted House and still genuinely like them all, then it must be a pretty great group of people. Fast-forward five years, and I've held several board positions (most years at least two), have planned some great (and some not-so-great) projects, and met many amazing people.

I have heard, not only in our chapter, but in so many others, that you get out of the experience what you put into it. I have come to the point where I disagree with this a bit. I feel like I've gotten more out of the experience than I've contributed. I joined the organization, like so many of you, to meet people and be involved in my community. I've done that. But after over five years of membership in this organization, I've taken some time to reflect and look back on my experience. I hope we are all lucky enough to realize that through the Jaycees, we have given ourselves the opportunity to improve ourselves, our community and the Jaycees organization.

We should be deliberate about our choice to be involved. Just as we might plan to buy a car, or a house, or start a family, or change careers, we should also be deliberate about where we choose to spend our time. Time is not a renewable resource. You don't get it back. And you can't create more. Make your time count. Allow yourself to be inspired.

A Message from the Management VP

This month we are taking a break from our fund raising efforts to be ready to start fresh again in May. We will be working with another restaurant to receive a percentage of sales (more information to come). In June we will host another Texas Hold'em night at Trippers from Thursday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 27th.

If you haven't signed up to help the Frankenmuth Jaycees at their World Expo of Beer on May 21st or 22nd, please visit their website to do such. The website is: <http://www.worldexpoofbeer.com>. Remember, the more people we have to help them out, the more money we can make!

Putting books together for quarterly conventions are one of the things that board members get to take part in. If you would like to see what all goes into books or convention awards, or would like to help, feel free to let a board member know.

Speaking of convention, the August State Convention will be held in our very own East Lansing. Make sure to mark your calendars for August 13 -15. If you have never been to a convention and would love to go, without spending the money on a hotel room here is your opportunity.

Enjoy your spring!

Sheryl A. Soczek, 2010 Management Vice President
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Lansing Jaycees Cookbook

A little of this and a little of that is needed to bake a Jaycee's Cookbook.

Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share? Or one that everyone asks you for? If this is the case you should contribute a recipe to the Lansing Jaycee's Cookbook. We are looking for all types: main dishes, dips, cookies, cakes, even drinks. Help us make this cookbook a success by submitting recipes - details will follow in the Jaycee Juice (or contact Regina Calcagno at rbcalcagno@hotmail.com or Carrie May at carriemay@aol.com).

We will be selling these cookbooks starting in August. If you are not the cook in the family, you may want to consider purchasing the cookbook for the cook in the family. Also, there is a rumor that a very famous Chocolate Chip Cookie recipe may grace the pages of this book, but we can not confirm or deny this claim just yet.



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2010 Region D Meetings

Saturday, May 8th: Time: 1-3pm, Log Jam, 110 West Jefferson, Grand Ledge

Trainers: Sarah Laster, Outstanding Young Michigander Awards Chair

Sunday, August 8th: Time: TBD

Trainers: Dave Worthams, 2010 MIJC Management VP, Potential Officers Training

Sunday, October 3rd: Time, TBD, Ionia

Trainers: Darlene Dresch, 86th MIJC President, Transition to 2011

For more information or any training recommendations, contact 2010 Region D Director Angela M. Clock at fallingstar924@hotmail.com or 517-410-9527

A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:

Thanks to the contributors of the March newsletter: A. Fossi, S. Soczek, A. Clock, A. Briseno, C. May, Andrea Hoard, S. Keeney, C. Burton, Andrew Hoard, I. Hajdar, K. Ulrich, E. Dobry

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Bob Pancost Memorial Golf Outing

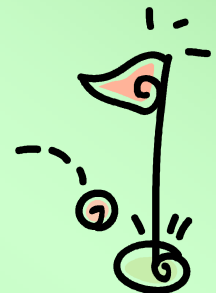
FORE! It's that time of year again, for the Bob Pancost Memorial Golf Outing, hosted by the Lansing Jaycees! For those of you who are unaware, Bob was the 50th President of the Lansing Jaycees and a JCI Senator. He passed away unexpectedly in 2007. We are back at Highland Hills in DeWitt on Saturday, June 5th, 2010, and looking forward to a day of golf without rain this year!

Please pass any information about the golf outing on to your friends, co-workers and family. A day of golf is \$65 per person or \$260 for a foursome. This includes 18 holes of golf, cart and a chicken or steak dinner.

New this year – you can sign up online at www.lansingjaycees.org! This means you can pay online by credit card, or sign up the old fashioned way with a check payable to the Lansing Jaycees. If you are interested in signing up, please email me at golfouting@lansingjaycees.org or call Andrew Hoard at 517-303-6643.

We are also actively looking for sponsors for the golf outing. Levels start at \$100 and go all the way up to \$1,000. We also need items for our goody bags. If you know of any businesses to approach, please let me know.

Watch the Jaycee Juice and the calendar for more golf outing committee meetings!



Submitted by: Eric Dobry, Golf Outing Co-Chair, dobesbsoon@hotmail.com

What are Books and SPE's?

Some of you may have heard other members mention "Books" when it comes to our Chairman's Planning Guides or CPG's. That term along with Single Project Entries or SPE's are discussed more frequently around quarter convention time – i.e. the Michigan Jaycees 1st Quarter Convention is at the end of April at Boyne Mountain. Let me try to enlighten you....

Every project that our chapter put on, whether it is a small event such as a Happy Hour to our larger events, like the Easter Egg Hunt is documented in a business plan called a Chairman's Planning Guide (CPG). These CPG's describe the planning, tasks, participants and outcomes of an event along with suggestions if that project will be run again in future years.

Within the makeup of a chapter contains four areas of opportunity: Individual, Community, Membership and Management – i.e. Happy Hours fall under Membership, the Easter Egg Hunt under Community. These areas are assigned a "Book" (a binder) which contains all the CPG's that occurred under that area for each quarter. Along with each CPG, documentation that occurred with that event (sign-in sheet, photos, flyers, etc) is attached and also placed in the Book. These Books are then turned in prior to the quarterly convention to be judged against other Books submitted by other Michigan Jaycee chapters (by Base Group and Overall) and awards are given to the best Books at the convention.

A Single Project Entry or SPE is an event that has been chosen by the Board that they deem worthy to be judged on its own, as an outstanding project in the chapter for that quarter. These are judged against other SPE's submitted by other Michigan Jaycee chapters (by Base Group and Overall) and awards are given to the best SPE's at the convention.

Here are some past examples of Lansing Jaycee Books and SPE's that won awards last year: (Last year the Lansing Jaycees were in Chapter Base Group C and there were 49 chapters Overall statewide)

2009 – 4th Quarter Awards – Oct-Dec

Books: Membership Development – 1st place – Base Group C & Overall

SPE: Stuff the Bus – 1st place – Base Group C, Community Service

2009 – 3rd Quarter Awards – July-Sept

Books: Individual Development – 3rd Place - Base Group C

SPE: Member Mixers (Now called Meet & Greet) – 1st place – Base Group C, Retention, Growth and New Chapters

2009 – 2nd Quarter Awards – Apr-June

Books: Management Development – 2nd Place - Base Group C

SPE: 1st Annual Beer Bus Extravaganza! – 1st Place - Base Group C & Overall, Chapter Activities

2009 – 1st Quarter Awards – Jan-Mar

Books: Community Development – 3rd Place – Base Group C

SPE: Texas Hold 'Em – 1st Place - Base Group C, Financial Management

So, with great ideas from our members, we can continue to put on such great projects which are recognized statewide as being the best. Keep up the good work!



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Calendar of Events

Lansing Jaycees Activities...

- April 16th– Happy Hour** – Jimmy's Pub, 16804 Chandler Rd., East Lansing; 5:30-7:30 PM (Details = C. Burton @ 517-281-6049)
- April 17th– GM Tree Planting** – GM Delta Township Plant, Acadia Woods, 8175 Millett Hwy., Lansing; 10:00-2:00 PM (Details = B. Burnell @ 989-737-9685)
- April 18th– Learn to Knit** – Threadbear Fiber Arts Studio, 319 S. Waverly, Lansing; 1:00 PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)
- April 20th – Board of Directors Meeting** –All members welcome; 6:00 PM at the Michigan Jaycee Service Center, 534 S. Walnut, Lansing (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)
- April 23rd – Get Your Food On: Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse** – 39550 7 Mile Rd., Northville; Meet at 5:30 PM at the Okemos Park and Ride for carpool (Details = S. Soczek @ 517-862-6376)
- April 24th– Christmas in April/Rebuilding Together** –Lansing; 9:00-4:00 PM (Details = Andrea Hoard @ 517-402-8488)
- April 24th– Bowling League** – Royal Scot, 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing; 9:00 AM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)
- April 25th– Learn to Knit** – Threadbear Fiber Arts Studio, 319 S. Waverly, Lansing; 1:00 PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)
- April 30th – May 2nd – MIJC 1st Quarter Convention** – Boyne Mountain (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)
- May 4th– General Membership Meeting** – Tripper's, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing; 6:00 PM Social Hour, 7:00 PM meeting (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)
- May 6th– Invasive Species – Garlic Mustard Removal** – GM Delta Township Plant Habitat , 8175 Millett Hwy., Lansing; 3:00-7:00 PM (Details = B. Burnell @ 989-737-9685)
- May 7th– Bowl for Kids' Sake** – 219 S. Washington St., Owosso; 6:30 PM (Details = Andrea Hoard @ 517-402-8488)
- May 8th– Region D Meeting** – Log Jam, 110 W. Jefferson, St. , Grand Ledge; 1:00-3:00 PM (Details = A. Clock @ 517-410-9527)
- May 11th– Meet and Greet** – TBD (Details = C. Burton @ 517-281-6049)
- May 13th– Get Your Food On** –Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine, 1312 Michigan Avenue, Lansing; TBD (Details = S. Soczek @ 517-862-6376)
- May 15th– 2nd Annual Beer Bus Extravaganza!** – Meet at Okemos Park and Ride, 10:00 AM; \$40 per ticket (Details = C. May @ 248-756-3840)
- May 18th – Board of Directors Meeting** –All members welcome; 6:00 PM at the Michigan Jaycee Service Center, 534 S. Walnut, Lansing (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)
- May 20th– Happy Hour** – TBD; 5:30-7:30 PM (Details = C. Burton @ 517-281-6049)
- May 21st– 22nd – Frankenmuth World Expo of Beer** – Various shifts; Heritage Park, Frankenmuth (Details = S. Soczek @ 517-862-6376)
- May 22nd – 23rd – East Lansing Art Festival Face Painting** - Various shifts; East Lansing (Details = I. Hajdar @ 517-667-4236)
- May 28th – 31st – 6th Annual White Water Rafting Trip** – Oak Hill, WV (Details = S. Keeney @ 989-714-5272)

Watch the Juice weekly for other events yet to be planned!

Member Shout Outs

Partners in crime!!! Hoohah!

Hey Mike Castelein: You're amazing!

Irish Carbomb for Madam President!

Hey Backus!

Yeah, yeah - can't say "Angela" around here. I'm expecting to see you on the beer bus - it's sufficiently after the end of Tax Season :) - Carrie

Great job as Click-It-the-Cricket Alex!

Yay for Opening Day! Go Tigers. - A Team

Hey Akens - giggitty!

Karen Brown - Is on the lookout for Mormon underwear!

Dave - There's help for your problem - Mike C.

2+2 = 5 for very large sets of 2!



Joe, How did you like sitting on EVERY bench at the hockey game?

"So this is why people drink beer!" Wayne

Hey Lansing Jaycees - get to Boyne!

***Have something to say?
Email Angela Clock,
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to make your contribution!***

"Uh, Orion...why did you notice that?" Felicity

"Is this the cleavage angle?" Orion

Jennifer...still trying to get the math down...nurse and lawyer and 27 yrs. old? Watch out Doogie Howser!

Andrea Hoard for doing interviews with local media at the Easter Egg Hunt!

Hey Miller-May Productions - Thanks for bringing back the bus!

Hey Michael Castelein - I am upset that you are not going white water rafting cause I definitely would have gone. Dearest, Lori

Props to the Jewish Easter Bunny! Nice work Abby - Your Bunny Bouncer

Thanks you for a wonderful year of bowling! Jaycee Team #2

Sam - way to carry on the torch for white water rafting! Good job! - Mike C.

Hey Chappy & Bridget - We'd love some extrapoints for our newsletter, please! Thanks - Cookie Goddess

Mike - We'll miss you on the river in W.V. Keep the banjo music in your head. - Eric

Thanks for the hat, Ilona and Andrea!

Fossi- inquiring minds wants to know - "What if it was you hanging up on that wall?"

Things to do in Lansing

The weather is starting to get nice, and there are plenty of things to see in do in the Greater Lansing area – here are a few suggestions!

- **Potter Park Zoo:** From tigers, to lemurs, to penguins, Potter Park Zoo is where you can take the family. Check them out at www.potterparkzoo.org
- **LCC Shigematsu Memorial Garden:** Located near the corner of Capitol Avenue and Shiawassee Streets on the Lansing Community College campus, the garden provides a peaceful space on campus to stroll, sit, and learn more about Japanese culture.
- **Turner Dodge House:** Located at 100 E. North St., Lansing, the Turner Dodge House is a beautiful historic site that was home to pioneers of the Capitol and Lansing. Check out hours at <http://www.lansingmi.gov/parks/tdodge/>
- **Capital Area District Library:** With branches throughout the Greater Lansing area, the Capital Area District Library has something for everyone. Whether it's author talks, book clubs, or you just want to see a movie, you can find it here. Check out their calendar online at www.cadl.org
- **Cooley Gardens:** At the corner of Capitol and Main (a few blocks south of the Capitol), the Gardens were established in 1938. Find out more at <http://www.cooleygardens.org>
- **Lansing City Market:** Looking for items that are fresh and local? Check out the City Market. Grand Opening for the new building will be April 24th, 2010 from 9-5pm. The market is located at 325 City Market Drive, Downtown Lansing. For a list of vendors, check out <http://www.lansingcitymarket.com>
- **Old Town Lansing:** Check out the local eateries and businesses in Old Town Lansing! There are also many festivals throughout the summer, including Festival of the Sun, Festival of the Moon and Scrapfest. Check out more at www.iloveoldtown.org
- **Fitzgerald Park, Home of the Ledges:** Found in Grand Ledge, 300-million-year-old, 60-foot, majestic sandstone sedimentary rock outcroppings lining the shores of Grand River. It is a 78-acre park with picnicking, fishing, canoeing, recreation game areas, playground, a fish ladder and a disc golf course. There are also nature, hiking and cross-country ski trails and a sledding hill.
- **MSU Dairy Store:** 32 flavors of ice cream? Cheese? YUM! Check it out at the MSU Dairy Store - <http://dairystore.msu.edu>

Jaycee Business Directory

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One of a kind, handmade jewelry! Contact Angela Clock at for information or to see samples, or visit:

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