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Welcome to our newest members!!

Carlos Nickerson, Challenge Mortgage
Jessica Rehling, MSU Residence Life



Jaycees practice their golf stances...see pg. 6 for the skinny on the 75th Anniversary Golf Scramble!

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The Lansing Jaycees is an organization of people ages 21-39 which promotes leadership training through community service.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at Tripper's Restaurant in Frandor, Lansing. Visit our website for a map to the meeting location or call us at (517) 853-8620.



Mid-Year Review

As of June 30th the 85 members of the Lansing Jaycees have come together to produce or participate in:

14 Individual Development Projects
13 International Projects (Includes State and National Involvement)
11 Community Development Projects
10 Business Development Projects
16 Membership Development Projects
For a total of 63 projects, 5,053 dollars raised, and 2,213.5 man-hours put in.

Special thanks to those individuals who "stepped it up" in the last month to take on a leadership role in the second half of our journey!!

- Dan Harris - Vegas Night/Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Chair
- Brian Krause - Haunted House Chair
- Necole Straton - Membership Committee
 - Jamie Prevo - Business Leadership Commission Chair
 - Kim Doughty - Membership Director

I would like to take a few moments to express to each of you my deep appreciation for your commitment and hard work in the last six months. Your time is valuable and I commend you for spending it on community projects and learning opportunities that will impact individuals for a lifetime. I also have faith that with your continued support and leadership, the Lansing Jaycees strive to set and achieve new heights, draw in new members, and impact our communities even more in the second half of 2004.

Sara A. Ballard
76th President
Lansing Jaycees

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***

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Annual Lansing Lugnuts Outing and August GMM. The tickets are GONE – however, if you would still like to join us please feel free to call the Lansing Lugnuts Ticket Office at (517) 485-4500 ext. 251.

If you have already RSVP'd for tickets...we will be hanging out at the Nuthouse located across from Oldsmobile Park on the corner of Cedar and Michigan Ave from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at which time you can obtain your tickets for the game. See you there!



Membership Development

Teresa Dittmer's name was drawn for the Be-There-To-Win Drawing at the July GMM. Unfortunately for Teresa, she was not present, so everything is still up for grabs. The items in the drawing are \$20 gift certificates for Tripper's/The Comedy Zone, Grand Traverse Pie Company, Family Video, and Celebration Cinema. What will be next???

We had a great time playing softball this summer. Please see the article and pictures on page 7. Thank you to all of our players (**Caitlin Kolodzy, Michelle O'Meara, Sally Sohn, Matt Wiitala, Mike Woodstock, Steve Popp, Liz Muilenburg, Andy Miller, Robyn Bennett, Jill Klinger, Wade Raynes, Bill Snook, Tierany Myers, Jim Munson, Pat O'Dell, and Jimi Carolan**) and fans (**Sheila Wiitala, Kathy Hausbeck-Miller, Amy Miller, Sara Ballard, Kim Doughty, Caitlin's family, Tierany's family, Mike Flaminio, Woodstock's sister, Amy Radford, Amber Lambert & her boyfriend, Dana (Pat's girlfriend)**)! Sorry if I missed someone. All your support was truly appreciated!

Funtyme East became Dodgeball in July! **Jeff Ferris, Jimi Carolan, Mike Flaminio, Jessica Rehling, Pat O'Dell, Kim Doughty, Jamie Prevo, and Sara Ballard** all met at Funtyme and found they had closed due to the wet weather. We made our way to Celebration Cinema to see Dodgeball, but along the way we lost Jeff Ferris and gained **Tim Luea**.

Look out Oldsmobile Park, August 9th is the annual Lugnuts game. Please make sure to contact Sara Ballard if you are interested. On the 13th we will be headed to Sammy's at 6:00 p.m. for Happy Hour. Ideas are flowing for some fun activities while we are there.

Get excited about August 27th...The night out on the Michigan Princess is going to be a great night! Please see the article on page 5, our website, and the e-vite for more information.

Something new in August...**Pat O'Dell** has resigned from his position as Membership Development Director due to a move to the Detroit area. **Kim Doughty** will be filling his position for the rest of the year. We will be sorry to lose Pat, but glad to gain Kim!

We are looking for someone to chair or be on the committee to plan a tailgate at an MSU game in September. Please let us know if you are interested!

New member orientation is scheduled for September 14th. If you are a new member, this is a great way to get additional background information about the Jaycees, and the proper procedures for planning activities.

Anyone for euchre? We'd like to plan an evening of euchre on September 24th. Would you like to host the event? Please let Jimi or Kim know.

Address, phone number, or email changed? Keep it up to date on the Jaycees website, www.lansingjaycees.org.

Pay dues the easy way...PayPal through the Jaycees website.

Jimi Carolan, Membership Development VP
Kim Doughty, Membership Development Director

Love is in the Air...

Congratulations to Marisa Burian-Fitzgerald and Matt Cannata on their recent engagement!



THE ONE, THE ONLY, THE INFAMOUS, P...O...D is leaving us!

I know it is sad but true, Pat O'Dell is moving over to the east side of the state and leaving us without a softball coach or a clubhouse for the rest of the year. Pat has given a lot to the Lansing Jaycees, a two-year term on the Membership Team of the Board of Directors, a Softball League Championship, and a big screen TV to watch sports finals and series on. His presence, his house, and his TV will truly be missed!

After being rained out on June 21st, the **Camping Cooking Class** was re-scheduled for July 12th at Fenner Nature Center. It proved to be a great success with a number of delicious items prepared and consumed (please see related article below).

Our next event was the **Annual Camping Trip at Orchard Beach State Park**, July 23rd-25th. This has been a wonderful part of the Lansing Jaycees history. Thanks go out to **Andy Miller** and **Kathleen Hausbeck-Miller** for chairing this year.

In August, Individual Development is looking at touring the **Ella Sharp Museum** in Jackson on Sunday, August 15th. **We are still looking for a chair for this event.** If interested, please contact Matt Wiitala at mtwiitala@hotmail.com or 482-4615, or Sheryl Soczek at ssoczek@mail.grandhotel.net.

September brings a look at the Ford family, one of the most famous in Michigan's long and storied history. We are looking at either touring **Eleanor and Edsel Ford's home** or going to the **Ford Rouge Plant** in Dearborn, which is open to tours once again for the first time in over 20 years and is where the legendary Ford F-150 is produced. For more information, contact Matt Wiitala at mtwiitala@hotmail.com or 482-4615.

The Detroit Tigers just won their 44th game of the season meaning they won't be matching last year's "team record" of 43-119. So, come join your fellow Jaycees as we trek to Comerica Park in Detroit on Sunday, October 3rd, to see a much-improved Tigers team. It will be fan appreciation weekend, meaning there will be a lot of prizes up for grabs, as well. For more information, please contact Jimi Carolan at 622-0524, jimicarolan@yahoo.com.

Sheryl Soczek, Individual Development Director
Matt Wiitala, Individual Development VP

HERE WE COME COMERICA PARK!

Join the Lansing Jaycees as we head to Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. The game is Sunday, October 3rd at 1:05 p.m. A final head count and money needs to be submitted by Monday, August 30th. We will be meeting at the Okemos Park & Ride (I-96 exit 110, behind Cracker Barrel) at 10:00 a.m. on October 3rd to carpool to Comerica Park. Promotions look good this year also: Kids Day, Kids Run the Bases, Shirt Off Our Back and Fan Appreciation Weekend. Please send checks made payable to the Lansing Jaycees to: Lansing Jaycees, c/o Jimi Carolan, 105 Sandstone Creek Drive #11, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Tickets are \$7.50 each. We will be in the Mezzanine section 218. Please contact Jimi Carolan at (517) 775-2744 or jimicarolan@yahoo.com for more information.

****We hope to hear from everyone by
AUGUST 30th! :o)****

Camping Cooking Class Monday, July 12th, Fenner Nature Center

Inclement weather could not stop us for having an awesome time at the Camping Cooking Class! Using the big fire pit at Fenner Nature Center, participants were able to cook up a wide array of dishes: hot iron pie pizzas; eggs in a bag; corn on the cob; cubed potatoes with onions and butter; banana boats; and that timeless classic, s'mores. It proved to be a very fun and interactive time as participants were able to make some of these dishes for the very first time. We even proved to a fabulous cook (Amy Miller) that, yes, eggs can be cooked in a bag (eggs with some water squished together in a freezer bag before being placed in boiling water, to be exact).

A huge thanks goes to everyone who brought food: Mike Flaminio and Jimi Carolan (s'mores); Kim Doughty (potatoes); Russ Venaska (corn on the cob); Stephanie Steere (hot iron pizza pie ingredients); Amy Miller (eggs, ham and cheese). Also, to those who were able to attend and make their own meals: Andy and Kathy Miller and their nephews, Scott and Adam Lyman, and Tim Recker, his wife, Maureen, and their daughter, Lindsay. Thanks also to Mike Flaminio for demonstrating his bocce skills to us. Also, a tremendous amount of gratitude to my wife, Sheila Wiitala, for bringing her camping tripod, her pot for boiling water and her tremendous amount of patience, understanding and advice to us less experienced camping cooks.

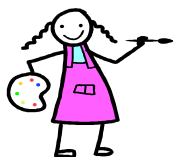
~Matt Wiitala

CHILDREN'S SHOPPING SPREE...

IT'S COMING AUGUST 7th! Remember all that money we raised at the Bowl-A-Thon? Get ready to help spend it! We'll be taking 40 underprivileged children shopping for new school clothes and supplies, and to do that we need LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS!! If you'd like to get involved, please contact Angela Backus at 980-2759 or angela.backus@ahpplc.com.



Wanted:



Slime Makers
Craft Makers
Face Painters



For the Southside Showcase on August 28th, where everybody who is anybody is present for this neighborhood fair. The Lansing Jaycees are sponsoring the children's tent and we need four to six volunteers to help out. If interested please send an e-mail to lansingjaycees@hotmail.com

GET OUT! GET OUT! GET OUT!

That's right, GET OUT in to your community! Need something to get your mind off of work, or is reality TV just not doing it for you anymore? Get involved in your neighborhood association, volunteer for your city council, or get involved in a political campaign.

NEW INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SUMMERFEST

Riverfront Park

AUGUST 21st 11:00 AM-10:00 PM

FOOD: Chinese, Indian, Hawaiian, Cajun, Greek, Polish, and Mexican Food Vendors and Merchants

AND FUN: Latino dancing, gospel singers, Irish jigs, a Jamaican band, and more. A kids' area with moonwalk, multicultural games, crafts, and clowns.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers to receive free T-shirts and meal tickets. Sign up to work set up from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM or a four-hour shift between 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM. For more information e-mail Sara Ballard at saraballard@comcast.net

Ready to Re-Live the 70's and 80's?

Ready to "Get down on it?" It's time to reserve your spot on the Michigan Princess for the Disco/Retro cruise on Friday August 27th! We will be meeting at the "Dispatch" from 6-7:30 p.m. for drinks and eats! Then we will proceed across the street to board the Michigan Princess for the cruise from 8-11 p.m. There will be reserved seating for the Jaycees who sign up, but tickets should still be available until 8:00 p.m.



We will be holding a contest for the Best 70's and 80's dressed male and female which will also be open to the public on the boat. So come dressed to win! Please bring a photo of yourself from the 70's or 80's to the GMM at the Lugnut's game. If you will not be attending the GMM you may also arrange to get the photos to Kim Doughty @ 980-0989. Try to remember the hairdo's we hate to remember, and don't forget about the accessories!! It will be a blast from the past to see what everyone is wearing and how we used to dance. For more information please contact Kim Doughty or Jill Schumaker @ 882-0875.

75th ANNIVERSARY GOLF SCRAMBLE

The weather was beautiful for the first golf fundraiser the chapter has held in recent years. On July 11th, 34 golfers played 18 holes at Highland Hills Golf Club in DeWitt, Michigan. Closest to the Pin winner was Past President, Rick Zapoli. Past President Duane Humphrey won longest drive for a male and past member Anne Pratt had the longest drive for a female. Past President, Bob Pancost won the Putting Contest. The winning team consisted of Jon Jorgensen, past member Mark Zarkovich, Tom Groom and Lee Rademacher with a score of 63. Close on their heels was a team with a score of 67 consisting of Past Presidents Rick Zapoli, Duane Humphrey and Tod Macauley, with Mike Crimmins. Thank you to all the Jaycees who golfed: Dave Worthams, Laura Vieth, Chris Vieth, Sheri Williams, Tim Recker, Dianne Perukel, Pat O'Dell, Jim Munson, Mike Flaminio and Mike Keeney. A big thank you is due to the volunteers who worked the day of the event. It could not have been done without you! Thank you to Steve Popp, Kathleen Hausbeck-Miller, Andy Miller, Necole Staron and Jimi Carolan! Our sponsors included: Sohn Linen, Go Green Glass, Compliments Salon, Highland Hills Golf Club, Eagle View Golf Club, Huckleberry Creek Golf Course, Reno's West, Frank's Press Box, Lowe's, Chi Chi's, Lansing Mall 6 Theatres and NCG Theatres. Overall, it was a great event and I can't wait to golf next year!

~Amy Miller



Lansing Jaycees Foundation Meeting August 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Service Center

Wish you could write off more on your taxes?

501(c)(3) is the answer!

No, it's not style of Levi jeans. It's a section in the IRS tax code that allows eligible charitable organizations to receive tax-deductible contributions. The Lansing Jaycees chapter is a 501(c)(6) organization.

What does this mean to you? Your donations and the donations that you request on behalf of the Lansing Jaycees from people and businesses are not tax deductible.

To help our supporters get a tax advantage, we are working to establish a 501(c)(3) Lansing Jaycees Foundation. Okay, so it involves some boring research and tax stuff (sorry all you CPAs!), but the future rewards will be great! Last month, we were joined by Kim Shanks, a past president of the Ann Arbor Jaycees and the current Chairperson of the Board of the Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation. Her insight and support is helping us prepare the groundwork for a successful and long-standing Lansing Jaycees Foundation.

Join us on Monday, August 16th, at 6:00pm at the Service Center to continue planning the development of the Lansing Jaycees Foundation. Questions/comments: Sara Ballard at saraballard@comcast.net.



Jaycee softball teams ends with a 6-4 record!

The Jaycee softball team ended their season last week with an upset for this year's championship team, Lee's Cabintree. Lee's was undefeated until they played the Jaycees who beat them in a score of 7-6. The game was called at the end of the 6th inning with buckets of rain pouring onto the field.

This year's team had to deal with numerous injuries to its players. Despite all of the setbacks, we had a great year with many new players and next year looks better than ever. As a coach, I would like to thank all the players for their time, sportsmanship, and dedication to playing on the team. I would also like to thank all the fans that came out rain and shine to watch and cheer us on. It always feels good to have a crowd.



Next year I will not be coaching, as I will be moving down to the Detroit area. I will miss playing and coaching softball very much. It is a lot of fun taking a group of people at the beginning of the year (some rusty and inexperienced) and making them a tough team to contend with.

I would like to thank the all the players on the team in 2004: Mike Woodstock, Sally Sohn, Andy Miller, Jimi Carolyn, Jim Munson, Tierany Meyers, Michelle Omera, Marisa Burian-Fitzgerald, Steve Popp, Robyn Bennett, Liz Muilenburg, Katlin Kotozgy, Matt Wiitala, Bill Snook, Jill Klinger, and Wade Rayner.

Good Luck next year and GO JAYCEES!! - Pat O'Dell



Happy Birthday!

Diane Perukel
 Ricky Gonzales
 Elizabeth Wayumba
 Laura Vieth

Melissa Lech
 Tierany Myers
 Matt Murphy
 David Akens

Amy Pung
 Julie Stoner
 Kathie Dunbar
 Rachel Pavlik

Membership Anniversaries

Teri Bruining~1997
 Ricky Gonzales~2003
 Amy Pung~2001
 Ann Tingay~1997

Mike Flaminio~2003
 Diane Perukel~2001
 Tim Recker~2003
 Laura Vieth~2001

The Howell Jaycees Need Our Help!

The Howell Jaycees are looking for Volunteers to come help during the 45th Howell Jaycees Melon Festival. There are over twenty fun events that will be running during the weekend of August 19, 20, 21, 22 of 2004, and we need your help...




Each Volunteer will receive a Melon Festival Volunteer T- shirt and a gift bag. This event helps raise money for a number of different Jaycees community projects throughout the year. Please contact Jennifer Backer at 517-546-7477 if you're interested in volunteering during Melon Festival weekend. Or visit our website and click on applications for the volunteer form.

Let Your Voice Be Heard!!

The Jaycees want to hear what YOU have to say! Send your articles for next month's newsletter to Jamie Wilmoth at jamie.wilmoth@ahpplc.com. Articles are due by the 20th of each month. Let's continue to make the newsletter **your** newsletter!



Lansing Jaycees Calendar ~ August/September 2004

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| 1  August | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Haunted House Meeting | 6 Summer Assembly | 7 Children's Shopping Spree | <u>General Membership Meeting (Lugnuts Game)</u> August 3 rd Oldsmobile Park Nuthouse at 5:30 PM Game at 7:00 PM Join us for a night of baseball! Contact: Sara Ballard (517) 388-1220 |
| 8 Summer Assembly | 9 GMM/ Lugnuts Game | 10 Lansing Regional Chamber Mixer | 11 | 12 Financial Procedures Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Service Center | 13 Survivor Challenge at Sammy's 6 PM | 14 | |
| 15 Ella Sharp Museum | 16 Foundation Meeting | 17 Board Meeting | 18 | 19 Howell Jaycees Melon Festival | 20 September Newsletter Articles Due | 21 -Multicultural Festival -MIS Fundraiser | <u>Haunted House Meeting</u> August 5 th PF Chang's Come help plan the Jaycees biggest (and scariest) fundraiser! Contact: Brian Krause (517) 626-7708 |
| 22 -MIS Fundraiser -Howell Jaycees Melon Festival | 23  | 24 | 25 | 26 Community Leadership Lounge - McRee Guest House | 27 Retro/Disco Cruise on the Michigan Princess | 28 Southside Showcase | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1  September | 2 | 3 | 4 | <u>Children's Shopping Spree</u> August 7 th We still need volunteers to help bring smiles to 40 underprivileged children's faces when we take them shopping for back-to-school clothes and supplies. Contact: Angela Backus (517) 980-2759 |
| 5 | 6 Labor Day | 7 GMM 6:30 PM Trippers | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
| 12 Edsel & Eleanor Ford House | 13 | 14 New Member Orientation | 15 | 16 | 17 Night Out on the Town | 18 | <u>Foundation Meeting</u> August 16 th 6:00 PM Service Center Come help plan the development of the Lansing Jaycees 503(c)(3) Foundation! Contact: Sara Ballard (517) 388-1220 |
| 19 | 20 October Newsletter Articles Due | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Euchre Night (TBA) | 25 | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | <u>MIS Fundraiser</u> August 21 st - 22 nd This exciting event is one the Lansing Jaycee's biggest fundraisers! Volunteers needed! Contact: John Pulice (517) 351-4315 |
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