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Region D
Population Division 7
Base Membership: 52

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Michigan Jaycee Convention

During the weekend of November 6-8, six Jaycees from the Lansing Chapter spent the weekend at the McCalmy Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek for the 3rd Quarter Convention of the Michigan Jaycees. An exciting time was had by all! If you have not yet been to a convention, this is a great opportunity to see the bigger picture of the Jaycees by recognizing all the hard work that chapters are doing and to connect with members from other chapters across the state. The next convention is February 19-21 at Grand Traverse and we hope to see some more of you there!



MIJC Membership VP Adam Bonarek, Chappy Dave Worthams & Lansing JC President Angela Clock at Convention



C. May, A. Fossi & S. Keeney at Convention

Special recognition and awards from convention were awarded for: 1st Place in Base Group C- Member Mixer, 1st Place in Base Group C- 15 of 15 Quarterly Incentives to Angela Fossi, 1st Place in Base Group C- Key Communicator: Capitol Correspondent Newsletter, Impromptu Speak Up participants: Andrea Hoard, Andrew Hoard and Samantha Keeney, 2009 Master Speak Up Winner: Angela Clock, 2nd place in First Timers Event-Samantha Keeney and a first Presidential Medallion presented to Angela Clock.

Congratulations again to all of you on all of your hard work 3rd quarter, and we look forward to seeing you at Grand Traverse in February!

Submitted by Andrea Hoard Membership Director

Lansing Jaycees

December 2009

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

2009 Board of Directors

The Board meets on the 3rd Thursday each month, 6:00 PM at the Jaycees Service Center

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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



"The future depends on what we do in the present." - Mahatma Gandhi

As I was thinking about writing my last newsletter article as President of the Lansing Jaycees, I knew that I wanted to write about finishing the year strong. While the end of the year is always busy with the holidays, family, and transitions to the new year, we also have to remember that it's not the time to just sit back and be complacent. As I thought about how important it is that we finish 2009 strong, I ran across the above quote from Gandhi.

What we do today impacts tomorrow. The things we did in 2009 become the foundation for the things that we will do in 2010. And the things that we will do in 2010 will set up the launching pad for a better 2011. We don't expect to be successful on the first try. But what we do **NOW** impacts the future of this organization.

We've elected our new leaders for 2010, and I hand over the Lansing Jaycees to a very capable young leader who will continue on what we did this year. Under Angela Fossi's leadership, I know the future is bright for this organization. I cannot think of a better gift to give her this holiday season than to have a fantastic December. Let's give her a December where we finished the projects we have to run, we still have a community we have to impact and we still have people we have to introduce to the Lansing Jaycees.

We added 5 new members in November and 2 more in December as of this writing, stood outside in the cold on December 5th for our Annual Stuff the Bus to give families a great holiday, and decorated cookies at our member mixer. We still have a New Member Orientation and Happy Hour coming up. Get involved and make this chapter even stronger.

So join me and the members we've retained this year, and the members we've added – in leaving one of the greatest presents that we have to give - the gift of a stronger Lansing Jaycee chapter.

Yours in Service.

Angela M. Clock, 81st President Fallingstar924@hotmail.com 517-410-9527



A Message from the Membership VP

As the year comes to an end I am spending time reminiscing about all of the fun I have had with the Jaycees. This has been a very exciting year for our chapter and I have thoroughly enjoyed acting as Membership VP. I hope all of you have been able to experience new opportunities and make new friends while developing leadership skills. It has been very rewarding to work with our new and existing members to introduce them to the Jaycees and help them get more involved. I want to thank all of you for the great year and I am looking forward to what lies ahead in 2010.

Can you recite the Jaycee Creed? Have you attended 50% of our General Monthly Meetings for the year? Have you been a part of a project committee? Did you bring a prospect to a Jaycee event? If you answered yes to these questions you are half way to completing your 1st Level Degree. In order to be recognized you need to submit a completed Certification form to Angela Clock prior to December 31st. Make sure you don't lose any of the progress you have made in 2009 and submit your forms. Contact me at kitispart@gmail.com if you would like to see the requirements for each degree.

We have some exciting events coming up in December. We have our final New Member Orientation of 2009 on December 16th and our December Happy Hour will take place on the 18th at the Green Door.

Feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Angela Fossi, 2009 Membership VP, kitispart@gmail.com; 586-484-7027



Quote: Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.

Unknown

(often attributed to Albert Camus)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Stephanie Steere

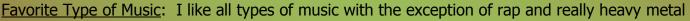
Occupation: Medical Biller and Billing Dept Manager

Relationship Status: Married to Lansing Jaycee Troy Steere

Dream Job: Speaking at Medical Coding Conferences

<u>Favorite Movie and/or book</u>: Movie: The Cutting Edge

Book: The Shack by William P Young



(Troy's favorite music)

Do you have any pets? Yes, two kitty cats. Mystik and Tigger

<u>Favorite Food</u>: Juicy Tender Steak <u>Favorite Game or Sport</u>: Game: Euchre Sport: NASCAR

2010 Goal: Get more involved with the Jaycees First car: Mazda B2000 pickup truck

Why I joined the Jaycees: To meet people and get involved in the community

Random Fact: I grew up in Midland, MI



S. & JV Anderton, A. Clock & S. Nees

Get Your Game On – Q4 Euchre Plus!

We had another fun game night this month with a great turn out!

There was cards, apples to apples, and even some entertainment as Tony and Kevin danced for us all!

Good Times! Don't miss it in 2010!

Chairperson: Bridget Burnell bridget.burnell@gm.com; 989-737-9685

Fun in Frankenmuth!

Members of the Lansing Jaycees traveled to Frankenmuth on Friday, November 27th in order to partake in the Holiday Celebration & Candlewalk. The Frankenmuth Jaycees invited us out, and we had a great time, after finally finding them (reminder to all, there's Mac's Fudge, Zac's Fudge and Zak's Candy House...)



Abbey Siegel, Eric Dobry, Sam Keeney & Stephanie Nees

Carrie May and Angela Clock



We started out in RiverPlace by listening to carols and getting candles for the candlewalk. From there, we walked down to the Chamber of Commerce with our lit candles, enjoying the views of the city with all the lights. After the lighting of the tree, we enjoyed dinner at the Bavarian Inn. Many of us enjoyed the chicken dinner, while others tried various German fare. We also enjoyed some beer!

It was a great trip, and lots of fun. Thanks to the Frankenmuth Jaycees for inviting us out!

Chairperson:
Angela M. Clock,
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Trevor Watters
Tony Zale
Stacy Daniels
Jennifer Zavadil



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY DATES

December: Rob Dowding, Carrie May, Al Puzzuoli, Julie Monroy, Angela Fossi

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

<u>Membership</u>

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that Amy?

Seen in Action

Lansing 2009 Year End Awards Banquet

Invitations for our year-end banquet will be on January 9th will be arriving soon in the mail. I wanted to share some of the major highlights of the Lansing Jaycees Awards banquet.

The dress code of the banquet is business casual. We start the night with a hors d'oeurves followed by a plated dinner and dessert. There will also be a cash bar available.

This is our opportunity to recognize several of our members that have exhibited outstanding service during the past year. Many of the award recipients are determined by the 2009 Board of Directors unless otherwise indicated.



Sam Street Hughes Memorial Award "Springboard of the Year" – this award is given to a member with less than one year of experience in recognition of outstanding contribution.

The C. William Brownfield Memorial Award "New Jaycee of the Year" – presented to a member that has completed their first year as a Jaycee.

The Paul D. Bagwell Memorial Award "Spirit of the Jaycees" – awarded to the member who best exemplified the Jaycees Spirit.

The Robert M. Reames Memorial Award "Outstanding Leadership" – this award is presented to the member who is recognized as an outstanding leader within the Lansing Jaycees.

President's Award is given to the member(s) who the President determines had the biggest impact on the chapter during the past year.

The John H. Armbruster Memorial Award "Key Member" is the highest award presented by the Lansing Jaycees each year. It is voted on by past key members.

In addition to the awards presentation we also recognize any new Senators, Exhausted Roosters and Lifetime Members. Our 2009 Board of Directors will be recognized and our 2010 Board of Directors will be sworn into service.

This is a great way to learn more about the history of the Jaycees as well as meet some past presidents and other key members. I strongly encourage all of our members to attend the awards banquet.

We do require an RSVP and payment in advance for this event so we can have an accurate head count for dinner. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at kitispart@gmail.com or (586) 484-7027.

Sincerely, Angela Fossi 2009 Membership Vice President

A Message from the Community VP

Community Volunteer Events - On the Horizon

Look forward to future newsletters in 2010 for more community volunteer events.

Happy Holidays!

Winter Activities

The snow is falling and the air is crisp. While it is nice to hibernate with a cozy blanket indoors, there are plenty of winter activities to keep you busy. Here are some links related to those events:

Ice Skating: Suburban Ice - www.suburbanice.com/suburban-lansing/

Munn Ice Arena - www.munnicearena.com/schedules.html

Capital Centre - http://beta.capitalcentre.com/ice_skating/public_skating/

Westside YMCA - www.ymcaoflansing.org

Washington Park - www.lansingmi.gov/parks/washington_park_ice_complex.jsp - Outdoors

Skiing: www.skimichigan.com

Sledding: Fitzgerald Park, Hawk Island County Park, Granger Meadows, Frandor Hill, Briarwood

Elementary Hill, Rainey Park, Burchfield Park, Grand Woods, Gier Park, MacDonald Middle

School Hill

Snowshoeing: Harris Nature Center – Okemos – Classes available in January

www.active.com/community-services-class/okemos-mi/snowshoeing-101-2010

Snowmobiling: www.fishweb.com/recreation/snowmobile/trails/index.html

Community News and Events

Wonderland of Lights @ Potter Park Zoo – Nov 27-Dec 27 - http://ingham.org/ppz/events-wol.htm

Michigan Festivals

Michigan has festivals all year around, search at www.mfea.org/findevents.cfm for events.

Some highlights this month:

New Year's on the Grand – Grand Rapids - Dec 31-Jan 1st - www.newyearsonthegrand.com

New Year's Fest – Kalamazoo – Dec 31-Jan 1st - <u>www.newyearsfest.com</u>

Hunter Ice Festival – Niles – Jan 15-17th - www.huntericefestival.org

Caro 150 Winter Fest & Snowmobile Races - Caro - Jan 22-24th

Zehnders Snow Fest – Frankenmuth – Jan 27th – Feb 1st - www.zehnders.com/snowfest/index.htm

Other Local Volunteer Information

Animal Placement Bureau - www.apbpets.com

Beekman Therapeutic Riding Center - http://btrc.samsbiz.com/

Capital Area Humane Society - Volunteer Orientation - http://cahs-lansing.org/support/index.html

Habitat for Humanity – Lansing - www.habitatlansing.org

Southside Community Kitchen - http://southsidecommunitykitchen.org/

VolunteerMatch - www.volunteermatch.org

Words from the 2009 Community VP

Well, as 2009 wraps up, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the fourteen different community events we planned over the year. Some examples of the events we did were the Ronald McDonald House Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, Beekman Fence Building, Children's Shopping Spree, Fall Fun Fest and Stuff the Bus. I had a great time in helping with these projects and I hope you did too. I am sure that the 2010 Community VP, Andrea Hoard, will be reaching out to the members for your ideas and assistance in the coming year with community events. Happy Holidays to everyone and Happy New Year! Alexandra



Alexandra Briseno 2009 Community VP xandrab@hotmail.com 517-974-0965

STUFF THE BUS - 2009

Despite the cold temperatures and one of the first snows of this winter in our area, the Lansing Jaycees held their Fifth Annual Stuff the Bus event on December 5th from 8am to 8pm at the Wal-Mart at Eastwood Towne Center. This year, we increased our adoption to include 25 children and their families from the Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family program.



A. Fossi, E. Dobry & I. Hajdar at STB

Less than halfway through the day, we had handed out over 800 wish lists to shoppers and by the end of the day; nearly \$5000 was raised and we definitely had a stuffed bus! Each family received all of the items that they indicated as most needed as well as those special items that they were hoping to receive this holiday season. In addition to their wish lists, each family received a gift card towards their purchase of a holiday meal from Kroger to include turkey, stuffing, rolls and much more. To see so much generosity from our community through their giving was incredible, and even more exciting was to be able to present these items to the families and see and hear how happy and grateful they were not just for what they received, but for each of them to be able to celebrate and enjoy the holidays this year without so many worries.

In addition to assisting these six local families, we also partnered with EVE (End Violent Encounters), Ele's Place, and the Capital Area Humane Society to help them obtain items that they were in dire need of not just this holiday season, but throughout the entire year.



A. Clock sure looks good in GREEN & WHITE!

Special thanks to Eastwood Towne Center Wal-Mart, Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA), Sohn Linen, Mason High School National Honor Society, Haslett High School National Honor Society, MSU College of Medicine, and participating Jaycees, Junior Jaycees and Jayteens from all participating chapters for your help in spreading the joy and cheer this holiday season!

Chairperson: Andrea Hoard 517-402-8488; andrea.hoard@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNTIES ARE EVERYWHERE!

Look for Volunteer Opportunity Highlights in each issue of the Capitol Correspondent There's something out there for everyone!

December Volunteer Opportunity Highlight

Volunteers of America

You can help the homeless, veterans, elderly and low income families everyday through programs like Operation Backpack, Adopt a Family and more!

http://www.voami.org



Donate Food to Animal Shelters Daily: Free For You – A Click Away:

http://www.freekibble.com/
http://www.freekibblekat.com

MSU Football Food Bank Drive

Chairperson: Alexandra Briesno xandrab@hotmail.com 517-974-0965





On Saturday, November 21st, five of us participated in the MSU Football Lansing Food Bank / MSU Student Food Bank annual food drive that takes place before the last home game of the season. The weather was unseasonably warm, but it made it a nice day to walk around the tailgaters to collect canned goods and donations. There were also several drop-off stations around the stadium and in Munn Field. We had a good time chatting with the fans while helping out the community. A total of 2000 lbs of food and over \$500 in cash donations was collected during the event.

What community project do you want to see the Lansing Jaycees do? Share your ideas with the 2010 Community VP Andrea Hoard at andrea.hoard@gmail.com

A Message from the Individual Development VP

Thanks for a great year everyone! I've enjoyed working with you as your 2009 ID VP and look forward to returning to the general membership in 2010! Merry Christmas!



Arya Amirahmadi, 2009 Individual Development VP arya amirahmadi@hotmail.com 773-793-1467



Chaplain's Corner

Wishful Thinking

Carrie May, Lansing Jaycees Chaplain carriemmay@aol.com 248-756-3840



Well, it's hard to believe we are in the throes of the holiday season. I just want to pass along a few wishes I have for you:

- May you manage the stress of the season well by making sound choices and remembering that sometimes it is okay to say "No!"
- May you take a little time for yourself to enjoy the lights and decorations and sounds that surround you.
- May you experience laughter throughout the season (and the year, for that matter!).
- May you truly enjoy time with your family and friends.
- May you remember that a designated driver is a good thing to have and to be, and may you remember that common sense is a good thing when in doubt, call a cab. Please remember that your life is valuable, and the lives of those around you are, too!
- May you let yourself be impacted by the wonders of the season.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season!

A Message from the Management VP

Another year has come and gone. I've been honored to serve the Lansing Jaycees Michigan again this year on the Board of Directors. I can't believe how fast the year has gone by! But looking back, we have accomplished a lot! The Texas Holdem' Tournaments continue to be a great fundraiser for our chapter and we've had more people volunteering for this very important event than we ever had before. I know your newly elected Management VP will do an excellent job leading us even further – so thanks for your support this year, and here's to an even better 2010!



Mike Spaulding 2009 Management VP Navy 1_01@yahoo.com 517-490-8628

EXPANDING HORIZONS

Did you hear that Region D has "invited"
Region E out for Happy Hour at the
Green Door this month? That's right –
Region E needs to **represent** in order to
get their sign back. Some sneaky Region
D members (we won't name any names)
are holding it hostage and will return it
only if there is a good enough turn out –
so let's make sure we have our Lansing
Jaycees Representing Too! Check the
calendar below for more info!

A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:

Thanks to the contributors of the December newsletter: A. Clock, A. Briseno, A. Fossi, C. May, A. Hoard

ANYONE CAN BE AN AUTHOR!

Please submit your articles, photos, or ideas for future newsletters to:

Angela Clock, 2010 Lansing Jaycees Newsletter Editor Fallingstar924@hotmail.com



Contact Michael Ciranna, Lansing Jaycee Chamber Liason at mciranna@worksquared.com, 248-515-3141 for information about upcoming Chamber events.

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Economic Club – January 26th, 12PM–1:30PM at Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, 55 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing \$40 **Annual Dinner** – Wednesday, February 10th, 2010, 5:00 – 8:30 PM at Wharton Center for Performing Arts



THE LANSING
JAYCEES ARE ON
FACEBOOK! —
Become a Friend!

Calendar of Events

Lansing Jaycees Activities...

<u>December 1st</u> - General Membership Meeting & Christmas Party—Come see what the Lansing Jaycees are all about – and Don't forget the White Elephant gift exchange; 6PM at Trippers; 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing (Details = A. Clock @ 517-410-9527)

<u>December 4th</u> – GYGO – The last quarter's GYGO will be at Bridget Burnell's house, 7517 Glen Terra, Lansing at 7:00 PM (Details = B. Burnell @ 989-737-9685)



<u>December 5th</u> – <u>Stuff the Bus</u> – Help Collect at Walmart, sign up now for your shift! (Details = A. Hoard @ 517-402-8488)

<u>December 5th</u> – Bowling League – 8:30 PM at Royal Scot(Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027) <u>December 10th</u> – Member Mixer – 6-8PM at Dispatch, 3004 W. Main St. Lansing(Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

<u>December 12th</u> – <u>Book Club</u> – 6-7 PM at Biggby, 1701 S. Waverly, Lansing (Details = S. Kottke @ 517-980-0965)

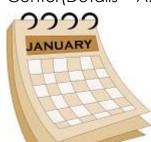
<u>December 14th – GYFO Pizza House</u> – 6:00 PM, 4790 S. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing (Details = A. Hoard @ 517-402-8488)

<u>December 16th - New Member Orientation & Degree Workshop</u> - 6-8PM at Trippers 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing(Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

<u>December 17th</u> – Board of Directors Meeting –All members welcome; 6:00 PM at A. Fossi's house (Details = A. Clock @ 517-410-9527)

<u>December 18th</u> – Happy Hour –5:30 PM at Green Door 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

<u>December 19th</u> – Bowling League –8:30 PM at Royal Scot(Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027) <u>December 20th</u> – Holiday Gift Wrapping –6-9 PM at Schuler Book in Eastwood Town Center(Details = A. Hoard @ 517-303-6643)



<u>January 2nd</u> – **Bowling League** –8:30 PM at Royal Scot(Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

<u>January 5th</u> – General Membership Meeting –Come see what the Lansing Jaycees are all about - 6PM at Trippers; 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

<u>January 9th</u> – **2009 Year End Awards Banquet** –5:30 PM – 10 PM (est) at the Lexington Hotel, 925 South Creyts, Lansing (Details = A. Clock @ 517-410-9527)

<u>January 16th</u> – <u>Bowling League</u> –8:30 PM at Royal Scot(Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027) <u>January 19th</u> – <u>Board of Directors Meeting</u> –All members welcome; 6:00 PM at MIJC Service Center, 534 S. Walnut, Lansing(Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

<u>January 22nd & 29th</u> – Learn to Curl –6-9PM at the Detroit Curling Club, 1615 E. Lewiston, Ferndale; \$65 includes equipment rental, 2 classes & optional game night(Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

And watch the weekly Juice for more upcoming events!

TOP 10

Christmas Carols of All Time!

C'mon — ya know ya wanna sing them...

- 1) Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas by Judy Garland
- 2) Happy Holidays by Perry Como
- 3) White Christmas by Bing Crosby
- 4) The Christmas Song by Nat King Cole
- 5) The Hanukah Song by Adam Sandler
- 6) Santa Baby by Eartha Kitt
- 7) My Christmas Wish by Barbara Streisand
- 8) Blue Christmas by Elvis Presley
- 9) Happy Christmas by John Lennon & Yoko Ono
- 10) Rocking Around the Christmas Treeby Brenda Lee

And yes, I realize #5 is not a Christmas Carol – but it still ROCKS!

December is: The month we celebrate the birth of...

WALT DISNEY!
December 5th, 1901.
Happy Birthday Walt

Jaycee Business Directory

ClockRocks

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

http://www.etsy.com/shop.php?user_id=5 189064 H: 517-410-9527

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