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Region D
Population Division 7
Base Membership: 79

Welcome to our newest members!!

Mark Quimby, Edward Jones

Lynn Schramm, Michigan Millers Mutual Insurance



Past presidents Tod Macauley, Amy Miller, Dee Griffiths, and Bob Pancost reminisce at the 75th Anniversary Banquet...See page 7 for more!

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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.



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From the President...

This year it has been our mission to reconnect with our community – educating them about what the Jaycees do and how we can partner to make changes in the community we live in. In 2004 the Lansing Jaycees have assisted in over 36 community projects and raised over \$4,000 for community organizations. But sometimes it takes more than just volunteering for one day or donating money one time; sometimes it take years of desire, dedication, and pride to make significant contributions to your community. That is why I would like to recognize the following individuals for their exemplary work in their own community. We are proud to have them as members in the Lansing Jaycees and thankful for the leadership and resources they bring our chapter. Kathy Dunbar, for not only recognizing change in her neighborhood and schools but doing something about it by and building what is known today as the Southside Neighborhood Association, Rina Risper, the Editor-in-Chief and Owner of the New Citizen's Press for creating a forum where poets can express themselves and we can enjoy their poetry; Jamie Prevo for her determination for improving her own neighborhood and spearheading the Business portion of the Saginaw/Oakland Revitalization Project; and Angela Mills for recognizing the need for volunteers at Old Town Festivals and creating and building a list serve to recruit those volunteers from.

I would like to thank the following Lansing community groups for their assistance in attaining our goals this year. The following groups provided substantial assistance in many of our projects and endeavors this year.

Southside Neighborhood Association

Volunteers of America

Creation Station

Impression Five Science Center

The Lansing Lion's Club

The South Lansing Kiwanis Club

Ingham County Parks

Northside Healthy Neighborhood Initiative

Polish Federated Hall

Child and Family Services

The Capitol Area Library

Ingham County Care Facility

Old Town Association

Lansing Public Facilities Authority

Potter Park Zoo

Comcast-Public Access TV

Lansing Police Department

Highfields

City of Lansing-City Council and Mayors Office

Lansing Neighborhood Council

Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce

Lansing Area Hispanic Business Association

Student Consultants of MSU

Volunteer Center of Mid-Michigan

Sara Ballard
76th President
Lansing Jaycees
"Where the human mind and soul come to play"

December GMM

Tuesday, December 7th

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Meeting at 7:00 PM

Tripper's in Frandor (see map below)

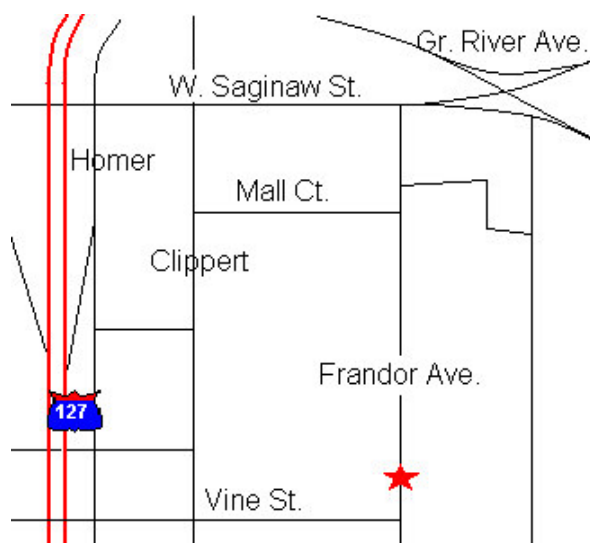
PASS DA TRASH & SANTA'S WORKSHOP & A MEETING – All in one night!

First we will have 'DA MEETING' which will be short and sweet, covering the events that are happening for the rest of December and some of the new events happening in January.

Then its 'PASS DA TRASH', where your worst birthday gifts and wedding presents become someone else's. Yes, every year the Jaycees do a white elephant gift exchange, where you bring a present and by the luck of a lottery you could acquire someone else's trash. Extra gifts will be provided for those who forget, run out of time, or don't have a closet.

After Pass the Trash we'll be turning Tripper's into Santa's Workshop as we wrap presents for the family the Jaycees adopted. I bet ya' there would be a higher retention rate for elves if Santa's Workshop actually was in a sports bar.

P.S. We will be accepting monetary donations for the Adopt-a-Family that night to provide gift certificates to the family for a nice Christmas Dinner.



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**

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

Because of the holiday schedule the board will meet on Sunday, December 12th at 3:00 PM at the Service Center.

Service Center Clean-Up

December 4th

10 AM = 2 PM

Time to Clean Up the Our Service Center! Throughout the year the Lansing Jaycees utilize storage space and meeting space at the MIJC Service Center. Through out the year, this building has had some wear and tear and needs our Tender Loving Care. We also need help organizing and filing chapters paperwork for the year. We need your help. Please help the building we use beautiful by attending the Service Center Clean Up Day on December 4th from 10AM - 2PM.



Membership Development

Hellooo Jaycees! This will be my last article as your 2004 Membership Development VP, but I will be stepping into the 2005 District Director position. So, please let me know if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, etc. It has been a great year, and I'm sure the year coming up will be wonderful also!

Welcome, welcome! Our newest members in November are **Lynn Schramm & Mark Quimby**.

In November, the Lansing Area Young Professionals Mixer was quite successful. There were 19 people in attendance. I think members and prospective members had a great time. Anyone that brought a guest went into a drawing for \$20 off his or her membership dues. Congratulations **Theresa Dodd!**

At the November GMM, another drawing was held for the Be There To Win Prizes. Prizes included passes to NCG Cinema (donated by **The New Citizens Press, Rina Risper**) and pre-paid phone cards (donated by **Jimi Carolan**). **Patrick Talty's** name was drawn, but he was not present. A second drawing was held, since the passes expired in November. **Teri Bruning** won! The phone cards will be in the drawing at our December GMM on the 7th along with...? ☺

Ahh, December...On the 1st, International Beer Night will be taking place at Reno's East. Please contact Patrick Brazil, pjbrazil@ft.newyorklife.com, or Aron Clark, aclark@providencelending.com, for all the information. The cost is \$10 for 8 different beers & appetizers. It was a lot of fun last time, and I'm sure it will be this time!

Please plan to help clean up the Michigan Jaycees Service Center on December 4th. We will be there from 10 AM until 2 PM. Any help you could provide will be greatly appreciated. The Service Center needs our help! Our chapter uses the service center on a regular basis, so please help fix/clean it up.

On the 14th, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce will be having their final mixer of the year at 2 Feather Road House & Patio in Holt. The mixer is from 5 to 7 PM, and costs \$10 & a business card. The cost includes beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Some of us have attended the mixers in the past, and plan to attend this one.

New member orientation is scheduled for December 15th at 7 PM. It will be held at the Michigan Jaycees Service Center, upstairs. If you are a new member, thinking about becoming a member, or never attended new member orientation, please plan to attend. This session will provide information about the Jaycees at the local, regional, state, national, and international level.

Jaycees, thank you for this year! I have learned a lot through the year, and plan to use this knowledge in the future, as your 2005 District Director. Congratulations to **Chris Vieth**, 2005 Membership Development VP, and **Kim Doughty**, 2005 Membership Development Director!

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,
2004 Membership Development VP

Individual Development

Individual Development's schedule has been very light of late but we will be ramping things up as we move into 2005! We are looking at going to the musical "Movin' Out," based on songs by Billy Joel, at the Wharton Center, February 1st-6th. More information on this event will be coming out shortly as tickets do go on sale December 13th.

Very shortly, the Member's Survey will be going out and Individual Development will be soliciting your thoughts and ideas for what you thought we did successfully in 2004, what can be done better, and programming and events you would like to see in 2005.

Some highlights from 2004 include: The Annual Ski Trip; Scuba Diving Splash Party at Haslett High School; Maple Syrup Festival (so, okay, maybe it didn't end up there – you had to be there); Wine Weekend to Traverse City; Pottery Night; Memorial Day Weekend Whitewater Rafting Trip to West Virginia; CPR Certification; Camping Cooking Class; Annual Camping Trip; Who Wants to Be a Millionaire; Dale Carnegie Workshop; Diversity Presentation; and the 2nd Annual Detroit Tigers Trip. The wonderful thing about these events is Individual Development was able to reach so many different members of our Chapter and we look forward to doing it again in 2005.

We would like to emphasize that Individual Development programming is designed to enhance our members' (i.e. YOUR) professional and personal development. If you have any ideas for upcoming programming or events for 2005, make sure to fill out your Member Survey or contact Matt Wiitala at 482-4615 or mtwiitala@hotmail.com or Sheryl Soczek at 664-1650 or ssoczek@mail.grandhotel.net.

2004 was a great year for Individual Development. Let's all do our part to make 2005 even better!

Sheryl Soczek, Individual Development Director

Matt Wiitala, Individual Development Vice President

Old Town Poetry Series

Hi "Nu" Poetry Movement supporters. I would like to invite you out to enjoy poetry with The Old Town Poetry Series group. Since I have been going to their poetry readings I have learned a lot about poetry, listening to and learning from published poets and I really have to credit them for encouraging us. We should support them too!!!! Besides, they are a wonderful group of people.

Here is the information:

The Old Town Poetry Series Creole Gallery
1218 Turner Street
In Lansing's historic Old Town
All events begin at 7:30 PM

Wed. Jan. 12th – Walt Whitman Night
Bring your favorite WW poem or Whitman-like poem.

Sat. Feb. 5th – Spoken Word Workshop at the
Mid-Winter Singing Festival
Time TBA

Wed. Feb. 9th – In Honor of Black History
Month: Poets & Storytellers

Wed. March 9th – In Praise of the Feminine

Wed. April 13th – The Old Town Poetry Auction

Wed. May 11th – Poets of the Future

Z101.7's Desperate and Dateless!

Don't let the name scare you.

Are you looking for a mate? Do you need some help?

Z101.7's Morning team Jason and Melissa are looking for you!

If you're looking for some fun, Jason and Melissa will send you out on a date.

(and pay for it too!)

We need both men and women of all ages to sign up. **Send us an email at
Z1017Mornings@aol.com.**

Just tell us your name, age, occupation and a 2-line description of you and what you're looking for in a date. Also include your phone number so we can contact you.

**If you're selected, you'll be on the Z Morning Show on Z101.7's
Desperate and Dateless. It's a "dating game" style show where
you'll either be one of three bachelor/bachelorettes or the lucky
contestant. Either way it will be tons of FUN!**