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## Don't be afraid to ask!

*By Ilona Castelein*

**Share your passion for your community and JCI Lansing.** *It's easy! Just ask, "Why aren't you a Jaycee?" This is normally followed by, "What is JCI Lansing? What are Jaycees?"*

*In which you answer, "**We are the best young professional organization that teaches LEADERSHIP through community development.**" I am overjoyed to be a part of JCI Lansing. A quick look at our calendar and you can see that there is always something on the calendar for any and every type of interest. Our membership is comprised of so many different points of view and personalities. With this we are fortunate to have people stepping forward with ideas for events. With every event that is done the chairperson and/or committee are **given the tools** to run a successful event so many leadership skills that can be applied to pretty much any aspect of their lives. AND This doesn't even touch what is achieved and learned at the actual event/project. Think back to the first time you talked with a Jaycee... **Do you remember the excitement and motivation that you received from that initial chat?** Why not give that to your fellow friends, family, coworkers, or even a passerby as you walk down the street. We are sometimes referred to as the best kept secret. **Let's let that secret out and share the Jaycees** with everyone! It can all be started with an easy question!*



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# Top 10 Reasons to Join the Jaycees

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We all have our reasons for joining the Jaycees. Some do it for friends, others to help the community, while yet others are looking to find a purpose. Below is a compiled list of the top 10 reasons to join your local chapter. When you are out talking to others about how the Jaycees have helped you grow, use this list to help show prospective members what they can expect when they join our GREAT organization!

- 1) **Make deep & meaningful connections.** Being a Jaycee means you're part of a worldwide family, and who knows, you may likely meet your significant other if you haven't already.
- 2) **Build your leadership skills.** Start at your own pace and develop as a leader with like-minded people. We have leadership teams from the local chapter, state, national and international levels just waiting for YOU to join them.
- 3) **Enjoy travel and new experiences.** We have state, national and international conventions and events.
- 4) **Receive world-class training.** We offer 100s of different trainings tailored to your needs. Evolve into a trainer yourself!
- 5) **Membership discounts.** From car rental to insurance to hotels, we have loads of member-only discounts.
- 6) **Skills development.** These skills include running an effective meeting, advocacy, mentorship, project management, time-management, team management, budgeting, partnership development, marketing/promotions, multitasking, public speaking, writing, etc.
- 7) **Advocacy.** The organizational platform helps open doors to meet community and civic leaders.
- 8) **Empowerment.** Learn how to run a community project with support of a team to help you succeed all while learning from our mistakes.
- 9) **Impact.** Help create lasting positive change in your community with impactful and sustainable projects.
- 10) **Network.** Utilize the international network you will have access to and learn from other experiences, successes and mistakes. Collaborate with others around the world to leave your mark on this planet.

# Trimester Two Recap

## T2 Awards—

2 JCI Lansing members represented us at JCI Michigan Trimester 2 Conference in Detroit in September. Conference is a time for learning more about yourself and your chapter while recognizing the efforts and leadership abilities of members across the state! The September conference provided opportunities to engage in trainings about membership with our National Membership Director Neil Fitzgerald, hear from our National Vice President Emily Nock about the perks of having the Jaycees as your support people, and sooo much more!

Congratulations to the ENTIRE chapter for giving us the opportunity to do such great work and bring home multiple awards!

- Number 3 in Civic Leadership Certification (CLC) Chapters for T2 - JCI Lansing
- Best Financial and Economic Growth Event (SPE Competitions) - Spartan Speedway Family FUNraiser
- Leadership Degrees:
  - 3rd, 4th, and 5th - Jessica Anderson
- Board Member Incentives:
  - Secretary - Jessica Anderson



3rd place CLC



SPE Competition winner



Welcome ceremony



Local Officer Incentive achievers



Passport to Leadership Degree achievers

# #WhyIJaycee

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## Where's Waldo?

By: Nicole Perry

Hey.... Hey you! Where are you? I feel like I've been asking this question to myself this year. Where is everyone? I LOVE this organization because of the projects we put on, the things we do for our communities and because of the PEOPLE. I love this organization so much, I've accepted the nomination for 2019 President because I want to try and figure out who we are and what we want to be. Regardless of what happens with elections in November and who becomes President for 2019, we need to start this change NOW. We don't need to wait until 2019 for change when we can start now and roll forward with momentum. One of the most important aspects of our chapter, is our membership. If it wasn't for our members, we wouldn't exist. This is a great fear of mine for the future of the longest running chapter in Michigan. You will ALL be receiving a call/text/email from me soon so we can talk about what YOU want. 2019 will be the year of rebranding, rebuilding and discovery. WE get to make this organization what WE want it to be. US. Most of you know I'm a HUGE Michigan State fan, so it probably won't surprise you that I'm using this quote. Miles Bridges once said "It's not about me. It's about us." This is so true for us now and moving forward. PLEASE reconsider what you are looking for with our group and what you want for the future. Think of all the memories you have made over the years and the many more you will make as we build together. I look forward to seeing you all at our November elections and for Stuff the Bus.



Reflect on where you have been and what you have done. Remember your WHY and share that with the world. Why do you remain a member, year after year and continue your opportunity for more Jaycees experiences? How can we help you keep moving forward?

- 2018 Board



# Membership Discounts

US Jaycee members **SAVE UP TO 20%** on the most exclusive rates at all Wyndham Hotels worldwide, including *Rainier, Royale, Newborn Suites, Days Inn* and many more.

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# Welcome New Members

## Amelia Pease

### Where do you work?

Tri-County Title Agency in Operations and Accounting

### What is your favorite hobby or activity?

Going to concerts or trying all the new restaurants and breweries

### Tell us about your family and pets.

I have been dating the most wonderful guy, Ian, for almost two years. We live together in Williamston and have two fur babies, Milo the cat and Koda the dog. Some may say they are spoiled, but I just think they are well loved! I am also very close with both of my parents and younger brother and wouldn't be where I am today without their unconditional love and everlasting support.

### What are the top three highlights of your life?

Meeting my boyfriend, acquiring my job and meeting every one of my closest friends.

### What is your favorite board or card game?

Cards against Humanity is always a great time, but I love a good game of Monopoly too.

### What are you looking forward to in the next year?

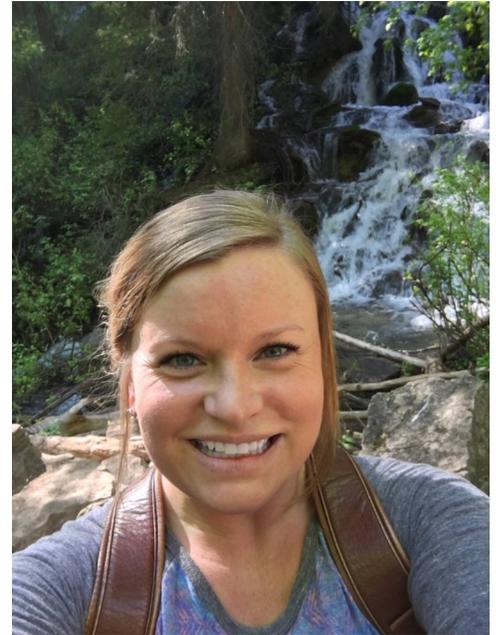
Becoming more involved with my community!

### What song always puts you in a good mood?

Anything by the Avett Brothers or the Dave Matthews Band

### What is your favorite place or vacation spot?

Anywhere out West but mostly Colorado.



## Laine Putans

### Where do you work?

I work for Wayne State University's Center for Behavioral Health and Justice as a Project Coordinator

### What is your favorite hobby or activity?

I enjoy playing with my dog, volunteering, checking out new breweries/restaurants/etc., and bird/squirrel watching in the backyard

### Tell us about your family and pets.

I live with my partner, Dan, who is an attorney with the state. We have a dog, Spider Pig, and a cat, Rusty Pumpkins. My siblings, niece & nephew, and parents all live in Michigan as well, and I'm very close to all of them.

### What are the top three highlights of your life?

This question is too hard, so instead I'll give you the top three highlights of the past few months. 1) Getting a new mattress. 2) Discovering Horrocks. 3) Joining the mug club at Dimes.

### What is your favorite board or card game?

I love Codenames, cribbage, and Catan. And also board games that don't start with C.

### What are you looking forward to in the next year?

I am looking forward to exploring all things Lansing!

### What song always puts you in a good mood?

If it Makes You Happy by Sheryl Crow

### What is your favorite place or vacation spot?



# WORDS OF WISDOM

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SOMETIMES IN LIFE WE ALL JUST NEED A FEW WORDS OF WISDOM...

*Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.*

*-Marie Curie*

One has to find a balance between what people need from you and what you need for yourself.

-Jessye Norman

**The grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.**

**-Joseph Addison**

One of the things I learned the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get discouraged. Keeping busy and making optimism a way of life can restore your faith in yourself.

-Lucille Ball

*What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it.

-Lena Horne

**In three words, I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on.**

**-Robert Frost**

*Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else.*

*-Judy Garland*

## Upcoming Events

- Oct 25—Guest Chef @ Haven House
- Oct 26—Trunk or Treat @ 11733 Old U.S. 27
- Oct 28—Pick a Peck for People—Country Mill
- Nov 1—Board Meeting in Holt
- November 8—Snowman Army Committee Meeting
- November 10—Local Organization Training School—Lansing
- November 10—JCI Michigan & JCI Lansing Social
- November 11—Snowman Army refresh and rebuild
- Nov 13—General Meeting—Elections—@ Reno’s West
- Nov 15—No-Sew 4 a cause
- Nov 17—Bull’s Eye Axe throwing
- Dec 6—Board meeting in Holt
- Dec 8—Stuff the Bus
- Dec 18—General Meeting @ Reno’s West

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