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Region D
Population Division 7
Base Membership: 51

3rd QUARTER HIGHLIGHT: CHILDREN'S SHOPPING SPREE



Colleen Burton

On Saturday, August 9th we provided a Back to School Shopping Spree for 25 area children in need. The children were selected with the help of Detective Michelle Bryant of the Lansing Police Department Athletic League. Each child had \$150.00 to spend at Kohl's for new clothes and shoes and was also given a backpack full of school supplies to start off the new year. Since many of our members do not have children or children of school age, it is always a good time (at times a challenge) helping to steer them in the right direction of appropriate school clothing.

Some children were so excited for this event they woke up at the crack of dawn and were waiting outside for us to pick them up. This event is always a favorite of the membership and one that will be held year after year. For more information on this event or to help plan for next year, give me a call.



Felicity White



Carrie May

For those that were able to help out at this event a huge THANK YOU for all of your time and that of the friends you brought with you. Without everyone, this would not have been the success it was.

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Children's Shopping Spree Chairperson

Lansing Jaycees

September

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**

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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2008 Board of Directors

The Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month, 5:30 PM at the Jaycees Service Center

President

- Sheryl Soczek 517-862-6376

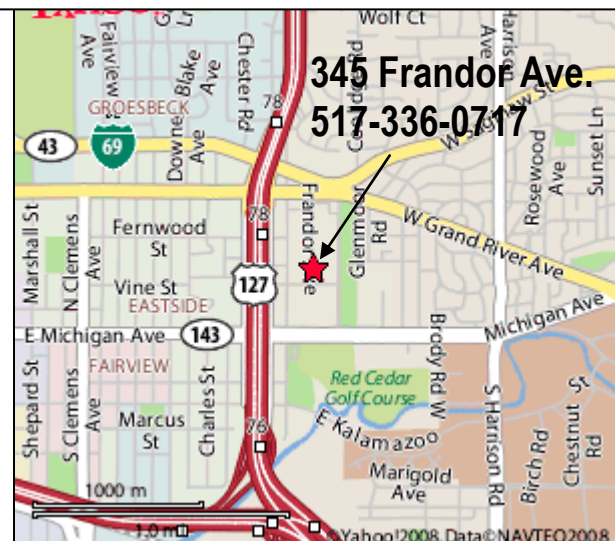
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- Angela Clock 517-410-9527
 - *Membership VP*
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 - *Secretary*
- Carrie May 248-756-3840
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- Michael Castelein 517-242-1050
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- Michael Spaulding 517-490-8628
 - *Individual Development VP*

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



Presidents Report

September 8, 2008

Dear Members:

I can't believe there are only 3 ½ more months left in 2008. Wow how the time has gone by! One of the most important things we need to do in the next few months is to nominate and vote on our Board of Directors for 2009. I am sure we all have people in mind that will be great leaders for the Jaycees, now all we need to do is let it be known who those people will be. If you or someone you know is interested in a 2009 Board position, please let me know. Now is a great time for those people to get an idea of what it entails to be a Board Member and the time commitment involved. I invite those people interested in being on the Board to attend our October 9th Board Meeting. They are held at 5:30 at the Michigan Jaycees Service Center located at 534 South Walnut Street in Lansing. Remember there is no better way to help the Jaycees than to be a Board Member and help to define our future! We will have nominations on both the October GMM (October 7th) and our November GMM (November 11th).

As many of you know by now, we will not be building our annual Haunted House. Instead, we will be using the end of September and October to hold various community and social events. We are always open to new events and I challenge each and every one of you to come up with an event to hold during the next few months.

Keep your eye out for our proposed Constitution and By Laws revisions. The committee worked countless hours to get these documents updated. We will vote on the entire revision at our elections on Tuesday, November 11th. Speaking of elections, due to the upcoming elections on Tuesday, November 4th we will be moving our General Membership Meeting to the 11th. I encourage all of you to get out there and vote and help at the polls. Whoever your candidate, no matter your position, your vote counts and should be heard.

Enjoy your fall!

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Membership

A Message from the Membership VP

My Jaycee Journey...thus far

Living in Muskegon in 2004, my then-supervisor Kris had me go with her to an information luncheon put on by the Greater Muskegon Jaycees. I was 24 years old, living in my hometown, and everything seemed to be run by people my parents' age.

To find out there were people my age in the area – wow! These people were in many different professions, all looking to get involved in their community. It took me a few months to become a member, and to this day, Kris still acknowledges that I was her “first recruit”! When I moved to Lansing in the fall of 2005, I immediately joined the Lansing Jaycees.

To be completely honest, that doesn't mean I was active. For the first year I was here, work consumed me, and **rarely** did I go to anything. And, even though I joined in order to meet people, I was finding it hard to make myself go somewhere that I didn't really know anyone!

Finally, once work calmed down, I reminded myself why I joined. Of course, one reason was to meet young people in the Lansing area. But, the main reason is to give back to my community. This isn't only done by doing community service – it's done by learning about your community, its needs, its people, and supporting your local economy. The Jaycees help individuals do these things. In our chapter, we do our community service projects such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Children's Shopping Spree, while supporting local businesses through Get Your Food On (at such places as Amici's, Altu's, DeLuca's).

However, we all have our reasons for joining. What I'm curious about is, “why did you join?” Was there a certain event you were interested in? A friend that told you about the group? A passion for community service? I want to hear from you – anything from a project idea, a person you know that might be interested, or a “hey, what's up?” What types of events make you want to participate?



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Is your Member Profile Up to Date?

Help keep our membership information up to date by completing your member profile on line, and remember to update it periodically!

To view and update your profile, log on to the Lansing Jaycees Website

<http://www.lansingjaycees.org>

and select “Change Contact/Profile Info” under My Membership Information

Membership

Lansing Jaycees



A. Clock at GYFO Gizzards



R. Lippmann & M. Spaulding give a softball High Five



M. Castelein & A. Miller at Dinner & a Movie



A. Fossi, C. May, A. Clock at Tigers Game



O. Smith shopping



A. Miller shows off RR Prize



C. May, M. Castelein, and Guest Robin Camping

Seen in Action

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Matt Grossman

Occupation: Professor
Relationship Status: Married
Dream Job: Tenured Professor
Favorite Movie: Scent of a Woman
The one television character that you simply adore: Senator Clay Davis
Favorite Board Game: Monopoly
What I'd like to know about the future: Drug use Patterns
If given a choice, the animal I would want to be is:
Sumatran Orangutan – to swing on trees
Why I joined the Jaycees: To meet people in a new area

Welcome New Members!



Patti Marshall
Arya Amirahmadi
Michael Ciranna



Most Active Member 3rd Quarter



Angela Fossi
For 2 Consecutive Quarters!

Board Members not Included

3rd Quarter Member Awards Presented to:

Chairperson Awards:

Mike Spaulding (Softball Team), Amy Miller (Golf Outing), Carrie May (Camping)

Member Awards:

Mike Castelein, Angela Backus, Bridget Burnell

Who should be featured in the next Lansing Jaycees Member Spotlight?
Submit your recommendations to Angela Clock at fallingstar924@hotmail.com

C o m m u n i t y

A Message from the Community VP

We've got some great things planned for this fall in the community area. As you've all heard by now, we had to suspend Haunted House this year, which is really sad. However, the good news is that we now have time for more projects that benefit people or places in the greater Lansing area!

One opportunity we've learned of is helping out with the community garden project. They have a few different ways we could help. The first is gleaning, which involves picking excess fruits and vegetables from the garden, which is in turn donated to the Lansing Food Bank. Gleaning is more an individual project, but they do ask that anyone interested register at <http://lansingfoodbank.org/wp-content/2008GleanerRegistrationform.pdf> and then you would receive email updates. Gleaning usually takes place Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday in the a.m. A group project would be checking the community gardens in October to be sure they're ready for plowing in the spring (usually involves removing stakes, string, tomato cages, and other items like any plastic that could damage the tiller or become shredded into the soil.) Thanks to Sarah Reckhow for making us aware of these projects.

Another way to volunteer is helping out with the Capital City Kid's Mile and Capital City Kid's Sprint. This is part of the Capital City River Run and promotes healthy choices for children. This will take place September 27. More information on this is available on the website, and the invitation to help has been sent out already.

We are also planning some other things that we are still in the beginning stages of. We are hoping to do a food drive, also to benefit the Lansing Food Bank. Mike Castelein is looking into the specifics of raking leaves for the elderly or those who cannot do it themselves (I keep telling everyone they're free to come rake *my* yard, but they just won't take the bait!). And, our biggest event will be the Fall Fun Fest. It will involve several different activities for children, including a trick-or-treat trail, pumpkin decorating, bag decorating, and other fun stuff we're working on. We expect this to be much like the annual Easter Egg Hunt, so we'll need all hands on deck to help out!! The event is being planned for the evening of October 30.

As always, please keep me updated with any ideas or opportunities you know of in the community area, even if you only need a couple of people. Have a great fall, and I hope to see you all at a project or two!

*Share your Community Service Project Idea
with Colleen Burton – Community VP!*



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Meridian High School Mother's Day Recognition Event

by Jaimie Hutchison, Chairperson jaimjohutch@hotmail.com

Over twenty mothers were honored at the April 25th event to acknowledge these young women. The Lansing Jaycees along with the Junior League of Lansing came through for this often overlooked population with 5-7 new outfits for each child, a fabulous Boston Market catered lunch and Mother's Day gift bags.

Two organizations of caring and giving community members made this memorable event possible. As I arrived at the school I was saddened to learn that one week prior to the event, the principle and staff of MHS learned the daycare was being closed, the transportation assistance to and from school was being cut and the future of the program was dim after twenty years of providing such valuable services to these women and their children.

The event became a final celebration for the program as it exists today. Along with a great deal of appreciation and gratitude, there were some tears. Tears from Mrs. Doneson, the lead teacher for these women for many years, tears from two graduates who told me they would not be graduating nor as prepared for college as they are if it weren't for the MHS program. Although bittersweet in its end, the very appreciative women were thrilled. As noted in a follow up email this week from Mrs. Doneson, "the girls are still in shock!"



F. White, S. Soczek, A. Clock, C. May & C. Burton Shopping!



R. Rosenbaum showing off an outfit



Chairperson J. Hutchison Making Purchases for Teen Moms

Shopping for these children was a lot of fun, and some work. Thank you to Carrie May, Felicity White (and your fabulous niece), Angela Clock, Coleen Burton, Sheryl Soczek, Wayne Hutchison (Haiden too) and Rachel Rosenbaum for shopping for these kiddos.

Thank you to Lansing Jaycee members Carrie May, Celestina Luna and Angela Clock for attending the luncheon along with Junior League of Lansing members Jodie Burditt, Beth Ann Whitaker and Lynn Garrett. Also, the fabulous desserts were a special touch at the end of the meal!

I would also like to thank all of the new members, actives and sustainers from the Junior League of Lansing who contributed in donating two new outfits for each of these fabulous children. Thank you: Melissa Shanker, Jodie Burditt, Amy Sue Melville, Kris Kildea, Kimberly Garrison, Betsy Svanda, Christie Lemon, Jill Story, Lisa Gnass, Kim Brown, Gennie Gibson, Amy Suhrheinrich, Julie Morgan, Courtney Schnelker, Jennifer Schick, Patty Black, Angela Emler-Dardas, Torye Santucci, Becky Myers, Lynn Garrett, Rachel Rosebaum, Amy Lothamer and Maggie Terry.

Thank you to my husband, Wayne, for his help in labor and support of this event as it took time, effort and our guest room for over a month ☺. I would also like to thank my mother, Linda Danders, for donating four new outfits.

Together, we did make a difference. I was asked, "is this your job?" The young women were very interested in the Lansing Jaycees and the Junior League of Lansing and why we volunteered. Volunteerism was highlighted along with an awareness that we are one community and we are interested in doing our part to show our support for our community in its entirety. We may never fully understand the impact of this event, but I am proud that I was able to experience the synergistic energy that was created.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE EVERYWHERE!

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



September Volunteer Opportunity Highlight Capitol Area Humane Society (CAHS)



The Lansing Jaycees have been actively supporting the CAHS in 2008. A painting and cleaning volunteer day was held earlier this year, and \$100 in donations was provided to CAHS through the *Shakedown* Road Rally in August. Additionally, several members have already signed up for regular volunteering with the Humane Society. The most common activity is a **TLC** (*yep... Tender Loving Care*) Volunteer. These volunteers pet, play with, brush, socialize, comfort and help clean up after the pets at the shelter. Sounds like great therapy for us too!

Spending time with animals isn't your thing? How about becoming a volunteer Baker – make or purchase and donate baked goods for shelter events!

Want to step it up a bit? The CAHS also needs volunteers willing to foster pets, help facilitate adoptions, help care for animals at PetSmart (Okemos), Assist the spay/neuter clinic, transport pets to and from off-site events, and help at special fundraising events such as the Fur Ball, Run & Walk for Animals, and off site adoption days. You can also share your special skills with the Humane Society if you are a licensed electrician or plumber or have experience with writing, grant development, photography, building, graphic design, sewing, knitting, etc!

To start your volunteerism with CAHS, attend a Volunteer Orientation held the 3rd Saturday each month at 10:30 AM (or for Family Volunteerism 1:30 PM).

For more information visit <http://cahs-lansing.org/>

October 25th is Make A Difference Day
Get Involved!

<http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/>

Share your "Make A Difference Day" Idea with the Lansing Jaycees and we can ALL help make a difference!

HELP WANTED!

Volunteers are needed to start preparations for Stuff the Bus! Contact Colleen Burton to sign up!



2008 Jaycees Softball Summer League

Best Male Teammate Award – Matt Bauer

Best Female Teammate Award – Jill Snook

Most Improved Player – Stephanie Nees

Silver Slugger Award – Mike Castelein

Gold Glove Defensive Player Award – Sarah Mulvaney

Most Valuable Player – Bill Snook

Final Record – 6/4



Come Cheer for the Fall Jaycees Softball Team – Sunday Evenings – Call Mike Spaulding for Game Times

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

National Priority Project - Care Packages Project

www.supportourtroops.org

The Lansing Jaycees encourages its membership to participate in the Care Packages Project through the SUPPORT OUR TROOPS Campaign.

What do the troops want?

Top requests include:

- ❖ Phone Cards
- ❖ VISA / MC Gift Cards
- ❖ 1 GB & 2 GB Memory Sticks
- ❖ Wet wipes, individually wrapped in foil (not gel bottles)
- ❖ Disposable razors
- ❖ Movie DVDs & Music CDs (clean content)
- ❖ IPODs (empty)
- ❖ Small earphones
- ❖ Breath mints

Everything should be brand new, unopened, safety-sealed goods, with copies of purchase receipts included (if possible).

If you would like to donate some items, please bring them to the next GMM and we will begin assembling a care package together!

No Haunted House... What will we do?

A committee is already planning alternative activities this Fall in place of the traditional haunted house. Some activities already in the works include:

- Empty Bowls Event,
- Leaf Raking,
- Food Drive,
- Trip to John's Cider Mill,
- Halloween Pub Crawl, and
- Fall Fun Festival!



Watch the Juice for details on these and other upcoming Fall Events

Something fun, challenging, and supports the community!

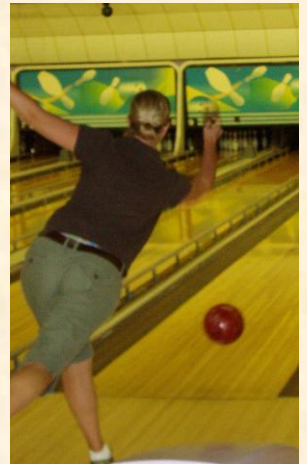
The Lansing Jaycees SHAKEDOWN Road Rally!

Feedback on the 2008 *Shakedown* Road Rally sponsored by the Lansing Jaycees has been great! It seems everyone had a good time, despite the frustration with walnuts and roses!

Ten teams of 4 worked together to identify and interpret clues throughout the Lansing area on August 23rd. The clues, created by Chairpersons Anne Ribby and Bridget Burnell, ranged from simple puzzles to random objects, and sometimes required team members to complete an activity BEFORE they could get the clue.

Fourteen locations were visited by the *Shakedown* teams... well, most of the teams anyway. Eventually everyone made it to Coral Gables for pizza and much needed chill time after a long 90 degree day in a car.

What did they have to do to get there? Some dug holes, some got wet, and some played games! Also along the way, donations were made to the Capitol Area Humane Society, and the teams supported a food drive sponsored at Marvel Lanes.



S. Nees bowls for her team



Winning Team: Never Nudes Anonymous

After accounting for arrival time and penalties (due to missing clues &/or help along the way), the winning team was **Never Nudes Anonymous**, which included Lansing Jaycees Sheryl Soczek, Mike Spaulding, and Angela Clock, and frequent Jaycee Event Participant – Eric Dobry

Great Job to everyone who participated – and Good News!! The winning team has already agreed to plan a 2009 Rally – something we can all look forward to!!



Road Rally Kick-Off – The Bat Spin Challenge



M. Castelein's last minute team entry – including J. Niekamp

Thank you to the individuals, organizations and businesses that helped with this event: Delta Township Parks & Rec., Capital Area Humane Society, Marvelanes, Bottoms Up, Travelers Club, Stobers, Jeff, Mary & John Ribby, Celastina Luna, & Scott Burnell

Chairpersons:

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Bridget Burnell bridget.burnell@gm.com

A Message from the Individual Development VP

Sorry – No Message This Quarter.



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*Have a new activity you want to try
- or something you want to learn
more about? Maybe some of our
other Jaycees members do too!!
Contact Mike Spaulding - ID VP
with your idea and lets all get
involved!*

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE JAYCEES DEGREE PROGRAM?

What are Jaycees Degrees?

Degrees is a step-by-step program to guide you through your Jaycee involvement. Each successive degree includes different tasks that provide different learning experiences. By completing the various requirements for each degree (there are 10 degrees), members learn valuable skills and promote chapter objectives.

Why advance in Degrees?

The primary concept in Jaycees is "Leadership Training through Community Service", where members gain skills by participating in various projects. By pursuing your advancement in the Degrees program, you will get a wide variety of experiences that can provide you with valuable business, professional, and personal skills such as Project Planning, Public Speaking, Leadership, Salesmanship, & Project Management.

In addition, members participating in Degrees of Jaycees assist their chapter in the pursuit of chapter goals through increased participation. The chapter also gains increased visibility and influence within the community.

How do I participate?

To advance in degrees, follow the requirements list for the degree you are pursuing, which can be found at <http://lansingjaycees.org/degrees/requirements.php>

As you advance, record your progress in the Springboard and Degrees binder. The binder contains easy forms to complete as you accomplish each requirement. Our Membership VP, Angela Clock, can help you begin. Once your form is completed, the Membership Committee will review the form and submit it to the state organization for approval, at which time you will be recognized for your tremendous personal accomplishments and contributions!

**The Lansing Jaycees currently only has one 10th Degree Member (Michelle Walk)
You could be the next!!**



**For more information contact the Membership VP, Angela Clock, or visit
<http://lansingjaycees.org/degrees/>**

A Message from the Management VP

What Texas Hold'em Does for the Lansing Jaycees

Four times a year, we ask for volunteers to work shifts during the Thursday – Sunday schedule during the Texas Hold'em Tournaments that are held at Trippers in Frandor. It is a simple task: collect money from players, hand out chips and pay out winnings to players. With the funds we receive for volunteering our time over the last two years, we have been able to:

- Purchase additional Haunted House / Fall Event items
- Increase the money spent at Kohl's per child on the Shopping Spree from \$100 to \$150 each
- Implement the Jaycees Bucks program
- Sponsor all fees for the Summer Softball Team
- Sponsor a large portion of the Uniform fee for the Softball Team
- Provide the banquet at a discounted price for attendees
- Increase the budget at all events
- Allow for a fund to help pay for food/rental fee for the chairperson putting on an event.

We have set up our next four volunteer dates for 2009, with your support in volunteering for this event, it will allow the chapter to continue to sponsor more events and increase our assistance to the Lansing community.

General Elections will be held at the November 11th General Membership Meeting! We will also be voting on changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. If you can't be in attendance at the November GMM, be sure to get your proxy submitted! Watch the Juice for details how...

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STATE RECOGNITION!
The Lansing Jaycees received the WEBSITE OF THE QUARTER Award at the 2nd Quarter State Convention in Novi, MI

Lansing Jaycees Sponsored GRC's Fourth Tuesday Networking Event

In August the Lansing Jaycees were the sponsors for the Grand River Connection's monthly Fourth Tuesday Networking Event. It was held at the Spartan Stadium on August 26th, from 6-8pm.

These networking events give the Lansing area's young professionals a chance to meet with others and develop fun, social, and professional connections that encourage economic growth and community involvement where we live, work, and play. In addition to the opportunity to meet new people, tours were being offered to view several private club suites.

Around ten Jaycees turned out for the event and over 160 people attended overall.



A. Briseno, M. Castelein, S. Nees, C. Burton, A. Fossi

2009 Board of Directors – Open Positions!

Are you interested in participating on the BOD (Board of Directors) for the Lansing Jaycees? Elections for the 2009 BOD will be held at the GMM on November 11th.

Participating on the BOD is a great way to utilize and enhance your leadership and organization skills, as well drive your project ideas more directly! This is your chance to help determine the direction of the 2009 fiscal year of the Lansing Jaycees! Members of the Board also tend to build stronger bonds in friendship through their activities – and have fun in the process!

Positions up for election include President and Vice Presidents. To learn more about these positions and their responsibilities, please come to the BOD meeting on October 9th, 5:30 PM at the Jaycees Service Center, 534 S. Walnut, Lansing. If you can't make it to the meeting but would like more information, contact any of the current Board Members listed on Page 2 of this Newsletter!

A brief description of each position is also included on the next page...

M a n a g e m e n t

Lansing Jaycees Elections are coming up in November – here’s a description of the officer positions open that YOU can run for!

President:

- * Leads the BOD through establishment of a chapter management program and regular review of the chapter activities to ensure purpose and goals are consistent with the program.
- * Controls and supervises the activities of the chapter and ensures activities comply with the National and State Organizations.
- * Exercises firm, but friendly control over major chapter projects.
- * Organizes & conducts Local Leadership Training for chapter officers at the beginning of the year.
- * Motivates the BOD and General Membership and assists officers in carrying out their assignments.
- * Establishes a good working atmosphere for the officers.
- * Chairs the BOD and General Membership Meetings.
- * Works to stimulate chapter growth and, where necessary, completes unfinished assignments from previous years.
- * Prepares and forwards a plan for the next President and a report to the general membership at the end of the term.
- * Ensures all members are registered at the national and international level and that their dues are paid.

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Vice President(s):

(There are 4 primary vice-president positions. Upon election of the VP’s, the President will appoint each VP to the leadership role he/she feels is best suited for each VP)

Management VP: Includes public relations, marketing, strategic planning, financial management (fundraisers), & business opportunities.

Community VP: Includes community service projects, community fundraising, government & civic involvement, and children & youth programs.

Individual Development VP: Includes personal & professional development and promoting international communications and understanding.

Membership VP: Includes membership retention & growth, assisting other chapters in membership, promoting springboard & degrees, and membership social activities.

Upcoming Events

Come cheer on the Jaycees Bowling Teams & Softball Team!

Bowling – every other Saturday at Royal Scot, 8:30 PM (10/4 is the next night)

Softball is every Sunday evening through October

Also, Mark your calendar for...

Sept 23rd – **Laser Tag** at Zap Zone, 936 East Mall Drive – Come for fun and entertainment! (6:00 PM - contact Sheryl Soczek at 517-862-6376 for details)

Sept 25th – **Food Drive Committee Meeting** at Gone Wired Café, 2021 Michigan Ave – Help us plan our first Fall Food Drive! (6:00 PM - contact Angela Clock at 517-410-9527 for more information)

Sept 25th – **Flip Orley, Comic Hypnotist** at Connxtions Comedy Club, 2900 N. East St. – Very funny and always entertaining! (8:00 PM - contact Amy Miller at 517-525-0129)

Sept 26th – **Happy Hour** at Rendezvous on the Grand, 226 E. Grand River – Join us for Happy Hour (5:30 PM - contact Angela Clock at 517-410-9527 for more information)

Sept 27th – **Capital City River Run** in Downtown Lansing – Help kids learn about health & fitness! (10:00 AM - contact Colleen Burton at 517-281-6049 for more information)

Oct 7th – Don't forget the Monthly **GMM**: 7:00 at Trippers in Frandor (social hour from 6pm – 7pm) We will begin taking nominations for the 2009 BOD!

Oct 11th – **Uncle John's Cider Mill Trip** – Meet at NCG parking lot in Eastwood Towne Center to carpool to the mill at 12:00 Noon; Stock up on your apple cider, pumpkins, and fruit wine! (contact Alexandra Briseno at 517-974-0965 for more information)

Oct 14th – **Empty Bowls** at Boarshead Theater – Help the Mid-Michigan Food Bank feed hungry families through this exciting fundraiser (contact Bridget Burnell at 989-737-9685 for more information)

Oct 23rd – **Happy Hour** Location TBA – (5:30 PM - contact Angela Clock at 517-410-9527 for more information)

Oct 30th – **Fall Fun Festival** Location & Time TBA – (contact Carrie May at 248-756-3840 for more information)

Nov 1st – **Halloween Pub Crawl** Starting Location TBA – (contact Bridget Burnell at 989-737-9685 for more information)

Nov 7th-8th – **3rd Quarter Convention** in Midland. State elections will be held at this time. (contact Angela Clock at 517-410-9527 for more information).

Nov 11th – Don't forget the Monthly **GMM**: 7:00 at Trippers in Frandor (social hour from 6pm – 7pm) We will begin taking nominations for the 2009 BOD and holding elections!

Nov 12th – **Member Mixer** Location TBA – (contact Angela Clock at 517-410-9527 for more information)

Nov 13th – 16th – **Texas Hold'em Fundraiser** at Trippers! This is how we are able to do so much throughout the year! Watch for your chance to sign up for a shift and help out, or contact Alexandra Briseno at 517-974-0965 for more information.

Nov 21st – **Happy Hour** Location TBA – (5:30 PM - contact Angela Clock at 517-410-9527 for more information)

Dec 2nd – **GMM** at Trippers in Frandor – 6pm – 7 pm social hour; meeting at 7:00!

Dec 12th – One more **Happy Hour** to close out the Year! Don't miss it! (Details = A. Clock – 517-410-9527)

And watch the Juice Weekly for other Events yet to be planned!

Fall Convention - Michigan Jaycees Annual Elections – November 7-9, Midland, MI
It's not too late to sign up – Contact Angela Clock fallingstar924@hotmail.com for details

Searching for a Way to Help The USJC Foundation?



Support the Foundation by using
www.GoodSearch.com

Every time a person searches using GoodSearch with The U.S. Jaycees designated as the charity, a portion of the advertising revenue will be donated to the foundation.

To use GoodSearch, go to their website: www.goodsearch.com AND BEFORE YOU CLICK ON SEARCH, type The U.S. Jaycees as the charity in the second box.

The next time you go to the GoodSearch website, it will remember you and your charity of choice.

There is no cost to use GoodSearch, and everyone searches the Internet...so let's continue to search the Internet and benefit The U.S. Jaycees Foundation at the same time.

Election Season is Upon Us!

No matter what side of the aisle you're on (or even if you're in the middle!), the 2008 elections are among the most important in history. YOU can be apart of all the excitement! This is meant to be a guide to help you find opportunities to participate!

Presidential Campaigns:

John McCain/Sarah Palin (R) – www.johnmccain.com

Barack Obama/Joe Biden (D) – www.obamaforamerica.com

Other Candidates:

www.votesmart.org/election_president.php

Voter Registration:

Rock the Vote: www.rockthevote.com

Mich. Secretary of State: www.michigan.gov/sos

Voter Education:

League of Women Voters – Lansing :

<http://lansing.mi.lwvnet.org>

Project VoteSmart – www.votesmart.org



Can't Remember Where to Vote?

Visit the Voter Registration Center: www.michigan.gov/vote

Disclaimer: The Lansing Jaycees are a non-partisan organization. We do not endorse any candidate for office. This is for informational purposes to our members only.



Explore Michigan!

Upcoming Events in & around Lansing

Norman Rockwell & the Art of Illustration Exhibit - thru 12/14 (K-zoo)

ColorFall @ Frederik Meijer Gardens – thru 10/31 (Grand Rapids)

Crossroads Ghosts & Goodies – 10/4-10/31 (Flint)

Sleepy Hollow State Park Harvest Festival – 10/3-10/4 (Laingsburg)

Albion's A-Maizing Corn Harvest – 10/4 (Albion)

Apple Daze – 10/4 (Dexter)

Art on Tap - Beer Festival – 10/4 (Flint)

Oktoberfest – 10/4 (Lansing)

Scrap Booking & Women's Expo 2008 – 10/3-10/5 (Birch Run)

Harvest Festival – 10/3-10/19 (Howell)

Michigan Story Festival 10/24-10/25 (Mt. Pleasant)

For more info on upcoming events visit <http://www.michigan.org/>

Comparison Shopping Politics

I know the concept sounds a little funny. But think about it – how many pairs of jeans do you try on before buying some? Do you test drive a car before you buy it? Did you buy the first home or rent the first apartment that you walked through? Most people would tell you they do research before making major decisions. Do you think this rationale applies for whom you decide to vote in the upcoming local, state and federal elections?

I was a senior in high school during the 1992 elections, and had my required government class during the fall semester. My teacher held mock elections every Friday after a discussion about the week's happenings in the presidential race. I abstained for four weeks, until he finally handed me a League of Women Voters guide to the election, and told me that for extra credit, I could go through and look at each candidate's responses and pick someone for whom I would actually vote. I completed the assignment and picked a candidate. And I use their guide before each major election so that I understand the choices I am making.

The League of Women Voters (www.lwvmi.org) is not just for women – it is a non-partisan group that does not endorse any candidates. They submit questionnaires about candidate's platforms to the candidates and compile the responses (and denote if a candidate chooses not to respond) in a comprehensive election guide. Think *Consumer Reports* for elections.

Now, the League of Women Voters is not the only game in town – it's just the one with which I'm most familiar. If you have time to find friends on facebook or spend time on YouTube, certainly you have a few minutes to google "nonpartisan voter information," and start exploring the 1,950,000+ matches that will show up in about 0.35 seconds, depending on your connection. This fall, I challenge you not only to vote, but to be an informed voter – the power is in your hands, and it's your responsibility to make your voice heard.

**- Carrie May,
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Membership has its Benefits!

Choice Hotels International gives the Jaycees a 20% discount and has over 4,000 hotels around the world. If you frequent a Comfort, Quality, Sleep, Clarion, Econo Lodge, Rodeway Inn, or MainStay Suites you need to be taking advantage of your member discount by using your Choice Hotels International ID 00800241. Advance reservations are required to take advantage of this discount, and the number to call is 800.258.2847.

To find out how to take advantage of other Jaycees perks visit

http://www.mijaycees.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=36&Itemid=123

September is:

Home and Sports Eye Safety Month

www.preventblindness.org/news/observe.html

National Preparedness Month

www.ready.gov

Latino Heritage Month

www.kqed.org/community/heritage/

Head Lice Prevention Month

www.headlice.org/

National Sewing Month

www.nationalsewingmonth.org/

Also: International Square Dancing Month, Classic Music Month, Fall Hat Month, National Blueberry Popsicle Month, National Courtesy Month, Baby Safety Month, Little League Month, Honey Month, Self Improvement Month, Better Breakfast Month, National Rice Month, National Mushroom Month, All American Breakfast Month, Emergency Eye Care Month, National Sight Saving Month, National Piano Month, Women of Achievement Month, Hug a Texas Chef Month, Mom & Apple Pie Month, National Biscuit Month, National Cholesterol Awareness Month, National Organic Harvest Month, Childhood Cancer Month, National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month, National Yoga Month, Whole Grains Month, National Potato Month, National Chicken Month... *and more!!!*

Fall Home Maintenance

When you set your clocks back this year, remember to do some other routine checks as well, including changing your smoke alarm batteries and testing each alarm. It is recommended that you clean (dust) and test your smoke detectors monthly! Also – get that furnace checked out for an annual inspection & cleaning!

Jaycee Business Directory

Pure Romance by Kim

There is something to be said about Pure Romance..... it's for everyone! We put the "O" back in Romance!

Bring the girls together for a birthday, bachelorette, suddenly single party or any special occasion. With Pure Romance you're always going to have fun, and you don't have to "fake" it to enjoy the party. Ladies, how would you like to rekindle that love affair or embrace yourself and your desires with that special someone in your life? Then call me now to get a free catalog or to book a party.

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JUNIOR CHAMBER WEEK October 12th – 18th

Mark your Calendar and be sure to get involved in the Fall Activities planned during JC WEEK!

A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:

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