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District 4
Population Division 6
Base Membership: 78

DID YOU KNOW?

FUN LANSING JAYCEE FACTS

(COURTESY OF ALEX BRISENO, ARCHIVIST HOBBYIST)

In 2000, as part of a fundraiser for the stadium where the Lugnuts play in downtown Lansing, the chapter bought a donation brick with the (then) chapter logo and it is located near the corner of Michigan Avenue and North Larch Street near the black information tower.



The Lansing Jaycees Women's Auxiliary group or Jaycettes was formed in May 1960 for the wives of chapter members. In 1973, any woman could join the Auxiliary group. They assisted with the chapter activities as well as ran their own projects and had a board and chapter President. The group was merged into the main chapter in 1984.

During the 1943-1944 chapter year members held a War Bond drive by obtaining a Japanese submarine and towing it to different sections of Lansing. Resulted in selling \$40,000 in war bonds.

In the 1979-1980 chapter year (years ran May to April then) our chapter sold Spiderman and Star Trek coloring books as a chapter fundraiser for \$3 each.

THE 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. (social hour from 6-7 p.m.) at Tripper's Bar and Grill in the Frandor shopping plaza. Visit our website, www.lansingjaycees.org for more information.



Your 2013 Board of Directors

The BOD meets on the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Spartan Printing, 15551 S. US Highway 27, Lansing. All members are welcome.

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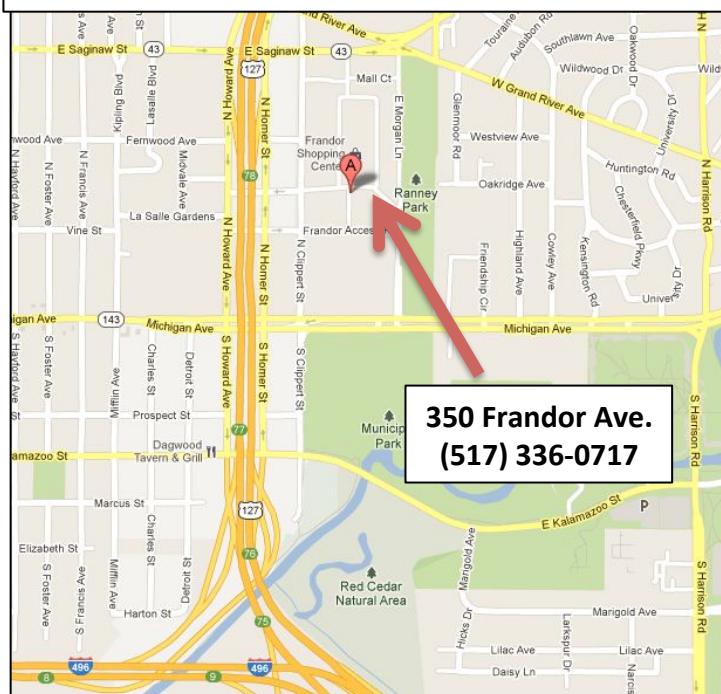
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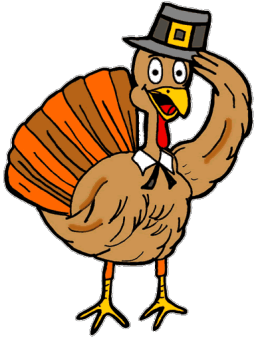
Please submit your articles, photos, or ideas for future newsletters to: Eric Richmond

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Join us for our monthly membership meeting at Trippers! Every first Tuesday of the Month at 7 p.m.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Abby Kelly queenpetunia@hotmail.com

It's Almost Time for Turkey!

Before we know it, leaves will be changing color, days will be getting shorter and the holidays will be upon us.

To celebrate our members, and all of the amazing projects we have accomplished this year, the Board of Directors would like to have you all over for dinner. Turkey dinner! Please join us at a location to be announced shortly. Following dinner, we'll be moving venues to Royal Scot Bowling Center, hopefully to get some more turkeys! We will start bowling at 6 p.m. Shoes and lanes will be paid for by the chapter.

We have also put a call in to Cristo Rey Community Center to see what items they need to help make their Thanksgiving Dinner a success. Look for a list of items needed in upcoming newsletters and the Jaycee Juice. If you can donate, we will be accepting food for the community center at our dinner.

I hope everyone can join us for this event!

August Birthdays

John Prush
Kerri Runions

August Membership Anniversaries

Colleen Burton	Lori Castelein
Jimi DeKett	Kris Dezelski
Nick Halpin	Sam Keeney
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Management

Newsletter Submissions:

Contact Eric Richmond <edr@thelastbyte.com>
September deadline – Mon, September 16
October deadline – Mon, October 14
November deadline – Mon, November 11

Debate Tournament Committee Meeting: Joe Kelly
<joewkelly@gmail.com> – *Thur, Aug 29, 6-8 p.m. – The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan, Lansing.*

Help the chapter provide an educational opportunity to young people while raising money for the chapter.

Board of Directors Meetings: Abby Kelly
<queenpetunia@hotmail.com> – *Mon, September 30, October 28, November 25, 6:00 p.m. – Spartan Printing, 15551 S. US Highway 27, Lansing.*

Lansing Jaycees Debate Tournament: Joe Kelly
<joewkelly@gmail.com> – *Sat, Oct 12, 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. – Location TBD.*

Help volunteer to make a debate tournament happen. We will fundraiser for the chapter, while helping improve student achievement.

Community Development

9/11 Ceremony with Lansing Fire Department: Abby Kelly
<queenpetunia@hotmail.com> – *Wed, Sept 11, 8-11 a.m. – Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.*

Please come out and help us celebrate the 12th Anniversary of the September 11 attacks. We will be handing out American flags and leading the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leisure Olympics at Michigan vs. Michigan State: Ruthi Dake
<ruthilovesyou87@gmail.com> – *Sat, Nov 2, 1-7 p.m. – MSU Campus, location TBD.*

Get your team of two ready for some lawn games to raise money for local parks! Right now the kick-off time is still TBD, so the event times are subject to change. Current event times are based on a night game with tailgate lots opening at 1PM.

Membership

General Membership Meetings (GMM): Abby Kelly
<queenpetunia@hotmail.com> – *Tues, September 3, October 1, November 12, 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Trippers, 350 Frandor Ave, Lansing.*

Beer Bus Committee Meeting: Carrie May
<carriemay@aol.com> – *Wed, Aug 28, 7-8:30 p.m. – Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing.*

Join us for what should likely be our last planning meeting for Beer Bus 2013: Back in the Habit!

August Happy Hour: Charlie Root <croot80@gmail.com> – *Fri, Aug 30, 5-7 p.m. – Tavern on the Square, 206 S. Washington Sq., Lansing.*

Join us at Tavern on the Square for an opportunity to unwind and enjoy some great conversation.

The Lansing Jaycees go to Hell: Michael Leeds
<mp_leeds@yahoo.com> – *Sat, Aug 31, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – meet at Okemos Park 'N Ride, then off to Hell, MI.*

Enjoy a day trip to the unique small town and famous "Screams" ice cream shop in Hell, MI.

Here on the Huron: Ashley Orel <a.rorel.sw@gmail.com> – *Sun, Sept 8, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. – Argo Canoe Livery, 1055 Longshore Dr., Ann Arbor.*

We're going canoeing on the Huron River in Ann Arbor! Hopefully surrounding area Jaycees will join us, too!

Beer Bus 2013: Back in the Habit: Carrie May
<carriemay@aol.com> – *Sat, Sept 28, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. – Okemos Park & Ride, I-96 Exit 110, Okemos.*

Join us for Beer Bus 2013: Back in the Habit! We will take a charter bus to the Grand Rapids area to visit a few breweries!

Individual Development

Knitting Circle: Melissa Horste
<melissa.emily.horste@gmail.com> – *Tues, September 10, 24, October 8, 27, November 12, 26, etc., 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – New Location TBD.*

The knitting circle will meet every second/forth Tuesday evening. Project Committee members will provide instruction, assistance, and materials to new knitters.

Star Gazing: Joe Kelly <joewkelly@gmail.com> – *Fri, Sept 13, 8-11 p.m. – TBD (somewhere between Lansing and Kalamazoo). Rain dates Sept 14 or 15.*

Shawn Breushaber of Kalamazoo has offered to guide us in looking at the stars. He's got an amazing telescope that will allow us to see to infinity and beyond.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT



Community VP Ruthi Dake
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This year has been flying by fast! It is already the third trimester, and we don't have many months left in the year!

We have had lots of great ideas for new projects, and I would love to keep them coming! Keep your eyes open for a sub sale, a 5k, Can Kicks Back, and much more. Let's end this year with a bang!

Leisure Olympics will be changing dates and formats! Please keep your eyes open for the invitations to that! It is still going to be a blast, so make sure you make it out! Supporting parks has never been so fun! All you will need is a team of two and the desire to win. Oh yeah, and a donation to help our parks! Games include: Giant Jenga, Lawn Darts, Twister, Kerplunk, Giant Checkers, Corn Hole, and so much more!



Fundraising for Relay for Life is still underway. We are raising funds until August 31! If you want to see Abby Kelly get a pie in her face, make sure you help us reach our goal. Just \$700 to go!

Lansing Jaycees Will Host a Debate Tournament Oct. 12



Joe Kelly

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Although we are still trying to pick a location to host the next tournament, we have picked a date. October 12 has no conflicts on the Lansing Jaycees calendar and no other Michigan tournaments will be run that weekend.

Last year, 22 students participated in policy debate. This year, we may consider opening up the tournament to students interested in legislative debate or public forum debate. Public forum debate is like policy debate, but with less jargon and no hyper-speed. It is geared toward the general public.

The Jaycees will need help running the tournament. We will need volunteers to track down the email addresses of school officials to invite to our tournament. We will need volunteers to help plan for and distribute all of the food that we will serve at the tournament. We will need volunteers for data entry, running the registration table, setting up, tearing down and of course judging.

The tournament is a fundraiser for the chapter, which allows us to do all the great things we do all year round, like the Easter Egg Hunt on the Capitol Lawn and providing Christmas gifts to the Salvation Army for 40 children in our annual Stuff the Bus event. A debate tournament also serves an important community function. According to the National Association for Urban Debate Leagues, debate increases student literacy scores by 25 percent, and brings school graduation rates to nearly 100 percent, helping prepare students for college and successful careers. Students become role models, who can resolve disagreements constructively. Debate builds leaders who have informed opinions and can express them effectively. What do the Jaycees do? "We build leaders." A debate tournament is just one way that the Lansing Jaycees help build leaders.

Upcoming related events:

- Aug. 30 – Debate Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. at The Avenue.
- Oct. 12 – Debate Tournament, 7:30 a.m – 6 p.m at TBD.



Lansing Jaycees, Redford Jaycees and non-members volunteered to judge the tournament in exchange for delicious lunch.

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE REPORT

Here on the Huron



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We're taking a trip to the east side of the state for a day of canoeing on the beautiful Huron River in Ann Arbor on Sunday, Sep. 8! If you have never been canoeing, this is the trip for you, no experience necessary! Hopefully, surrounding Jaycees will join us, too! You'll get to experience a relaxing day on the water twice as long as the car ride there. Perhaps we'll see a few turtles sunbathing, or a great blue

heron wading in the water waiting for its next meal. We'll head out from the Okemos Park and Ride at 9 a.m. and arrive at the Argo Canoe Livery where we will be transported upriver to Delhi Metropark in time to push off from the shore at 11 a.m. for a four hour (6.5 mile) trip. Argo Canoe Livery has four hour canoe trips for \$34/canoe or two-person kayak, \$30/single person kayak; this includes safety equipment and transportation to the Delhi Metropark.

After our four hour canoe trip, we can head into Ann Arbor and have a late lunch/early dinner. A possible location for this meal is Amer's Mediterranean Deli located in Downtown, Ann Arbor on State Street. Amer's Mediterranean Deli was established in 1987. It's the marriage of a coffee house and a quality delicatessen. Amer's has a yogurt bar, deli, hot dog station, coffee, tea, chocolate, pastries, breads, meats, cheeses and more than 30 freshly made salads to the finest produce, sandwiches', soups, and lots more yummy food! Getting together for a meal after will be a great time to fellowship!

Canoeing is a paddle sport in which you kneel or sit facing forward in an open-decked [canoe](#), and propel yourself with a single-bladed [paddle](#), under your own power. [Kayaking](#) is a similar activity in a [kayak](#) which usually has a closed deck and is propelled with a double bladed paddle. In a kayak, the paddler typically sits with legs extended forward. Canoeing began more than 8,000 years ago as a form of transportation. In 1603, Samuel de Champlain was the first to measure Native American canoes. He wrote that they measured up to 23 feet (7 meter), to a 50 inch (1.27 meter) beam, and carried as much as 1,000 pounds (454 kilograms) of cargo [source: [Malo](#)]. The French used the canoe to establish the fur trade and further explore what we now call Canada and the mainland United States. Canoeing has deep roots in world history and continues to draw enthusiasts from all walks of life.

Come experience Here on the Huron, Sunday, Sept. 8, with your Lansing and surrounding Jaycees! This is a trip you don't want to miss!

MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

THANK YOU!!!



Jessi Wortley Adler
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Words can't express the amount of thanks that goes out to everyone who participated in our chapter's biggest fundraiser this year – Texas Hold 'em! We raised more than \$10,000 over the course of four events – which will go a long way toward funding our chapter activities. Kris and I are especially grateful to those of you who stepped up over the summer and covered extra shifts when we had three back-to-back months and many members on vacation. Texas Hold 'em is always a fun time and I hope everyone was able to learn something new about their fellow Jaycees after spending 4+ hours

working together. Kudos again to the following members who worked this year:

Michael Leeds, Lauren Leeds, Sean Gillis, Kris Dezelski, Sheryl Soczek, Joe Kelly, Abby Kelly, Ilona Hajdar, Anne Ribby, Colleen Burton, Ryan Kiernicki, Angela Fossi, Charlie Root, Karin Root, Shawna Henderson, Dan Harris, Ben Magsig, Jennifer Riehle, Andrew Hoard, Angela Clock, Eric Richmond, Nick Hortsman, Jackson Buddingh, Ashley Orel, Nick Alt, Ruthi Dake, Carrie May, Craig Burck, Matt Wille, Kerri Runions and Samantha Keeney.

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE REPORT



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Picking up a book can be both relaxing and enlightening. Whether it is fact or fiction these novels can stimulate the mind beyond the norm. Reading can be done for educational purposes or simple pleasure. They can take you to a far off place where you can experience your wildest dreams. They can take you back in time to relive the past and can even give you the opportunity to envision the future.

Books can lead to personal development and growth. In fact studies have shown that those who read are not only more confident but also perform better in school and the workplace. Books are also a good

stress release as they instill patience. That being said the number one excuse for not reading is that people do not have the time in this busy world in which we currently live to sit down and open a book. I challenge each of you to try to find that 10-15 minutes a day to sit down and read, whether it be right before bed, during a lunch break at work, while you are riding the exercise bike, while you are driving down the road (PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS!), or even between bowel movements ... the point is there is time. So pick up a magazine, a book, or even the newspaper and just see how much you can learn. Plus there is always the Lansing Jaycees Books and Beverages events!

MANAGEMENT VP REPORT

Previewing Michigan and Michigan State Football



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Strengths - For the maize and blue it all starts with big number #77, Taylor Lewan. He gave up being a first round draft pick this year to return for his senior season. He has All-American potential and will likely be a top 10 pick in the 2014 NFL draft. He will be critical to both the run game and protecting the backside of the quarterback (QB). UM also returns Devin Gardner who was the starting QB down the stretch last year for the Wolverines.

Devin showed flashes of greatness at the QB position after he replaced the injured Denard Robinson. What is more amazing is that he had spent the majority of last season working with the wide receivers instead of the QBs. A full offseason at QB will benefit his development. Wolverines have very strong specials teams. Also returning are key contributors such as tight end (TE) Devon Funchess, right tackle Michael Schofield, wide receiver (WR) Jeremy Gallon, and defensive end Frank Clark.

Weaknesses – In a word, inexperience, the Wolverines are a young team with approximately 60 percent of the of the 85 scholarship players being red shirt sophomores or younger. The Wolverines have to replace all three interior positions on the offensive line. It is likely that all of these players will be either sophomores or redshirt freshmen. Freshmen or sophomores are also expected to see significant time at WR, TE and running back (RB). Also the back-up at QB to Devin Gardner is either a true freshman or walk-on due to the injury of Russell Bellomy. Additionally, Michigan also has several key players who are coming back from serious injury. Blake Countess, Fitzgerald Toussiant and Jake Ryan are all coming back from serious leg injuries. Only Jake Ryan is expected to miss a significant amount of time.

Critical Games - Home vs. Norte Dame, at Penn State, at Michigan State, vs. Nebraska, at Northwestern, and vs. Ohio State.

Outlook – Third year coach Brady Hoke has had seasons of 11-2 and 8-5 during his first two seasons. Given the team's strengths, weaknesses, and schedule it is likely this season will fall somewhere between those two. The key for Michigan is the month of November when they have critical match games vs. MSU, Nebraska, Northwestern, and OSU.



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Strengths – The Spartan defense has ranked in the 10 top nationally the past two years and 2013 could be the third straight year. The defense is the strength of the team. The linebacker and defensive back units are among the best of the Big Ten, if not the nation. Future NFLers Max Bullough, Darqueze Denard, and Isaiah Lewis lead the defensive unit. The defense returns eight of 11 starters from a defense that finished #6 in that nation in total defense. Also returning on defense are key contributors such as linebacker (LB) Taiwan Jones, DE Marcus Rush, LB Denicos Allen. All Big Ten punter Mike Sadler is back. The schedule is also easier this year for MSU. State does not have to play Ohio State, Wisconsin or Boise State during the regular season. MSU also got a scheduling break with a late bye week right before two critical road match ups against Nebraska and Northwestern. WR Aaron Burbridge could be a break out star at WR if he improves upon the success he had a true freshman last year.

Weaknesses -- When a 5th year returning starter is still in competition for the starting spot in fall camp it says a great deal about the state of the offense. QB Andrew Maxwell had an up and down season in 2012 and was benched in favor of Connor Cook on the final drive of MSU's bowl victory. Gone to the NFL are Leveon Bell and Diom Sims, arguably the best two players on offense last year. MSU needs to find contributors at RB and TE, while getting more consistent play out of the offensive line and wide receiver unit. MSU will also be using a new place kicker this year.

Critical Games - at Notre Dame, Home vs. Michigan, at Nebraska, at Northwestern.

Outlook – The Spartans will likely be competitive in every game much like they were last year. If the offense improves over last year it could mean a 10 win or better season for the Spartans. If the offense struggles once again it could be another mixed bagged 6-6 season.

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