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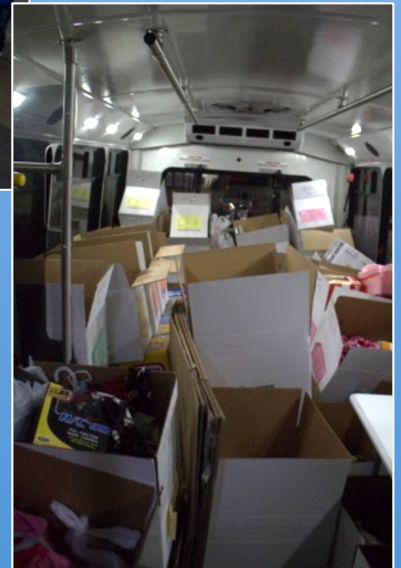
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STUFF THE BUS IS ALMOST HERE! HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Members and volunteers having fun and helping the community at the 2012 Stuff the Bus.

THE JAYCEE CREED

BY C. WILLIAM BROWNFIELD

WE BELIEVE THAT FAITH IN GOD GIVES MEANING AND PURPOSE TO HUMAN LIFE;

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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 Wheeler Dealer, 4312 Creyts Rd., Lansing. All members are welcome.

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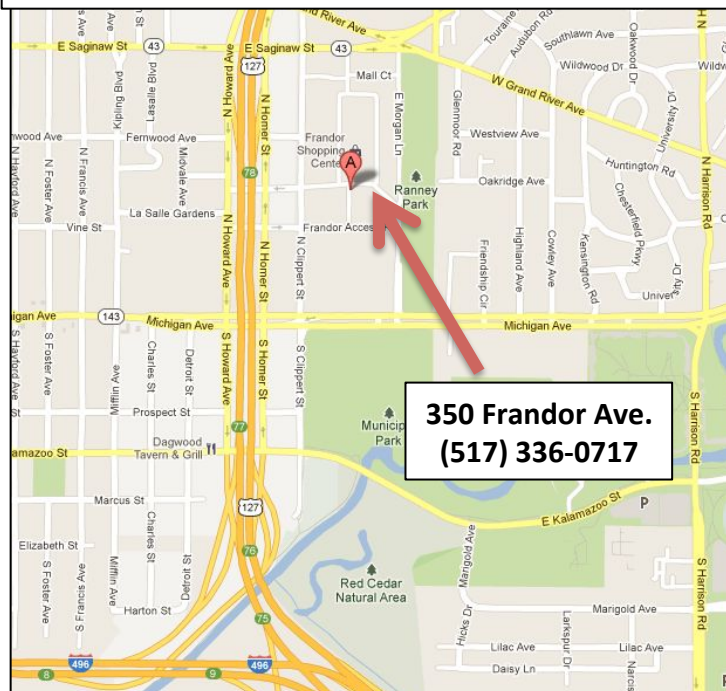
A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:
Thanks to the contributors of this *special edition* newsletter:

Abby Kelly, Eric Richmond, Lauren Leeds, Angela Clock, and Sheryl Soczek

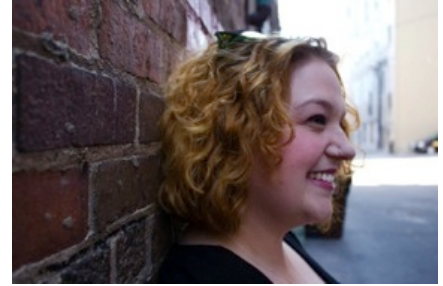
ANYONE CAN BE AN AUTHOR!

Please submit your articles, photos, or ideas for future newsletters to: Eric Richmond edr@thelastbyte.com

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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



2013 President, Abby Kelly
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Holy smokes! 2013 has flown by. Here we are staring into the holiday season!

As much as ever, I am so very proud of our chapter and all the events we have had this year. One of our signature events is coming up - Stuff the Bus. This annual event gives the community at large a chance to help families in need have a wonderful holiday season. Volunteers will be standing outside the Wal-Mart in Eastwood Town Center on Saturday, Dec. 14 and asking shoppers to help us stuff a CATA bus with toys, clothing and goods from wish lists of families we have adopted through Volunteers of America. It may be cold outside, but this project is a heartwarming event for everyone involved!

In the next couple of weeks, you should all be hearing about our Year End Celebration happening in January 2014. We will be getting together and reflecting back on this year. It will be an awesome night of fun and awards!

But, before we get to these bigger events, everyone is invited to the December General Membership Meeting and our White Elephant gift exchange for a lot of fun and laughs. I will be making good on my incentive to dress up in a silly costume because we hit our \$5,000 goal for Relay for Life this summer. I promise it will be a fun night, so come out and relax with us!

November Birthdays



Dana Martinez
Jennifer Thompson

November Membership Anniversaries



Jackson Buddingh
Craig Burck
Renee Burck
Ilona Castelein
Michael Castelein
Angela Clock
Angela Fossi
Abby Lambertson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Management

Newsletter Submissions:

Contact Eric Richmond <edr@thelastbyte.com>
December deadline – Mon, December 9

Pi Day 5K Committee Meeting: Angela Clock
<fallingstar924@hotmail.com> – *Wed, Dec 11, 6:30-8 p.m. – Olga's (Frاندor), 354 Frاندor Ave., Lansing.*

We are putting together a 5K race for Pi Day (3/14). Decisions on course, location will be discussed at this meeting, along with sponsorships and sub-committees!

Texas Hold 'Em: Save-The-Dates – Thursday, January 23, through Sunday, January 26, 2014. Stay tuned for further details.

Membership

General Membership Meeting (GMM) & White Elephant Gift Exchange: Abby Kelly
<queenpetunia@hotmail.com> – *Tues, December 3, 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Trippers, 350 Frاندor Ave, Lansing.*

This will be our regular GMM plus a “white elephant” exchange. Just bring a small gift from around your house and have fun!

2013 Year End Awards Banquet: Save-The-Date – Saturday, January 18, 2014. Stay tuned for further details.

Individual Development

Knitting Circle: Melissa Horste
<melissa.emily.horste@gmail.com> – *Tues, November 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Eden Rock, 205 S. Washington Square, Lansing.*

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

Community Development

Stuff the Bus: Angela Clock
<fallingstar924@hotmail.com> or Ashley Orel
<ashley.orel.mpa@gmail.com> – *Sat, Dec 14, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Wal-Mart, Eastwood Towne Center, Lansing.*

We'll be collecting items for the Adopt a Family program through Volunteers of America. We have adopted 26 children and 12 adults this season! Join us to volunteer, shop and let your friends know!



2014 ELECTIONS RECAP

Elections for the 2014 Lansing Jaycees Board of Directors are complete! Thank you to the 61 percent of our membership who participated, either through absentee or in-person voting. A special thank you goes to Colleen Burton, Melissa Horste, and Beth Michaels on the Elections Committee for all their hard work. All candidates running were elected and the proposed bylaw change passed. Introducing your 2014 Lansing Jaycees Board of Directors!



Elections Chair, Eric Richmond
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Board of Directors

President: Charlie Root

Directors/Vice Presidents:

Angela Clock
Nick Horstman
Joe Kelly
Lauren Leeds
Michael Leeds
Carrie May
Ashley Orel

Stay tuned for more details on what promises to be an exciting 2014!

Secretary: Ilona Castelein

Treasurer: Sheryl Soczek

Assistant Treasurer: Jeff Straus

Proposed Bylaw Change: Approved

STUFF THE BUS!

(article by Angela Clock, co-chair w/Ashley Orel)

Stuff the Bus is our annual event in which we help families in our community have a great holiday season. We are partnering with the Capital Area Transit Authority to park a bus outside Wal-Mart to collect items for families from the Volunteers of America Adopt a Family program.



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Here's the logistics to know: Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Wal-Mart in Eastwood Towne Center
3225 Towne Center Blvd., Lansing, MI

Volunteers needed all day! Duties will include handing out lists of needed items to Wal-Mart patrons and helping to organize the bus once items are donated. Two hour shifts are available.

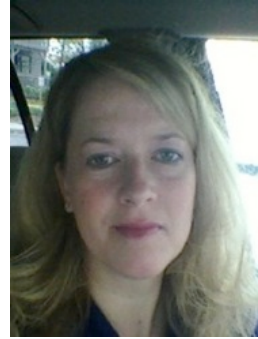
We will also need volunteers after the day of the event to sort, wrap and deliver items to families. More information will be out regarding volunteers soon!

For a personal touch, we thought we would share a couple of the stories from the families that we received. Consider the great impact this project has on our community and come help us out!

"I wish for my family to be adopted because as of this time I am unemployed. I am barely providing for my children. We have recently moved back to Lansing, MI from Detroit, MI because our house was broken into and EVERYTHING was stolen from their clothes, televisions, bikes, water heater, furnace, even the siding off of the house and all the pipes, to all of our furniture. They have no toys or anything to entertain them. We have been homeless for almost seven months and are now waiting on our house to be repaired because as of this time it is unlivable. I feel as if I'm letting my children down because they have struggled all year with me and have not complained once. I just want for one day to be about them and make them feel very special. I am pregnant and waiting on the birth of my fourth child. She will be born on 11/22/2013. I don't want to take from the other three and spoil their Christmas. They deserve much more. I would be really appreciative of the help that Volunteers of America could provide for us. After all Christmas is all about the kids and putting a smile on their faces and that's all that I want for Christmas is to see my kids happy."

"I am a single mother of three sons, two of who will be going to MSU on scholarship ... I work full-time, go to school full-time and take care of my family full-time. I am trying to provide for my family as a two parent household would, but at times it gets hard. Especially around the holidays. Any help I can get would be very much appreciated. Their father and father's side of the family is not involved in their lives so our family is very small. I would appreciate any help you could offer my boys and I this holiday season. Thank you in advance and God Bless you."

TREASURER REPORT



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Paper Clips, one of the most common items you can find in your desk and/or around the house and they have various useful uses. I would love to reference the source of this article...but I don't remember where I got it.

The paper clip was patented on Nov. 9, 1899 by William D. Middlebrook of Waterbury, CT. It was designed with round edges so it would tear paper. The shape hasn't changed since. Nearly 20 million pounds of paper clips are produced each year in the U.S.; many are still manufactured on the same machines that were used in the 1930's.

There are hundreds of potential uses for the common paper clip, here are a few:

Fix a Hem: Use the clip to keep folded-over fabric in place when sewing a simple hem, just slide it along the material as you work. A paper clip can also be used to hold an undone hem in place until there is time to sew it.

Repair Sunglasses: Replace the missing screw in your shades by sticking a small, opened paper clip in its place. Snip any excess metal with scissors or wire cutters.

Dye Easter Eggs: Use a large paper clip to clip eggs into the dye bath for an even color. Open the clip; bend one end into a circle, then push the other end up to make a handle. Place the egg in the circle and dunk.

Make a Banner: Craft a quick garland for a party with paper clips. Create a chain out of colorful paper clips and attach photos every few inches. Hang at eye level and enjoy.

Keep Tabs on Tea Bags: Prevent the tab on your tea bag from slipping into the water by weighing it down with a small paper clip. Dangle it over the side of the mug until you remove the bag.



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