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District 4
Population Division 6
Base Membership: 77

LANSING JAYCEES



Boyne, baby!

Seven members of the Lansing Jaycees traveled approximately three hours north to Boyne Mountain for the Michigan Jaycees Spring Assembly in early May.

We're proud to report that the Lansing Jaycees were recognized as the Community Development Chapter of the first trimester. Kudos to Community Development Vice President Eric Richmond on a job well done and making an impact in our community!

Our very own Laura de la Rambelje was honored for her hard work in the first trimester with a Jaycee of the Trimester Award.

The January Happy Hour (Made in Michigan: A Happy Hour) won first place of projects in the Chapter Activities Commission.

Additionally, the Chapter took second place in the Easter Egg Hunt Parade, and placed third for projects: Behind the Scenes with WLNS and Taking the Polar Plunge!

Congratulations team on a job well done in the first trimester! I'm confident we can keep up the momentum throughout the second and third trimesters.

Go Lansing Jaycees! Job well done!

SEEN IN ACTION!

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

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The Board meets on the last Monday
each month, 6 p.m. at Maner
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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 to 7 p.m.) at Tripper's Bar and Grill in Frandor. Visit our website, www.lansingjaycees.org for more information.



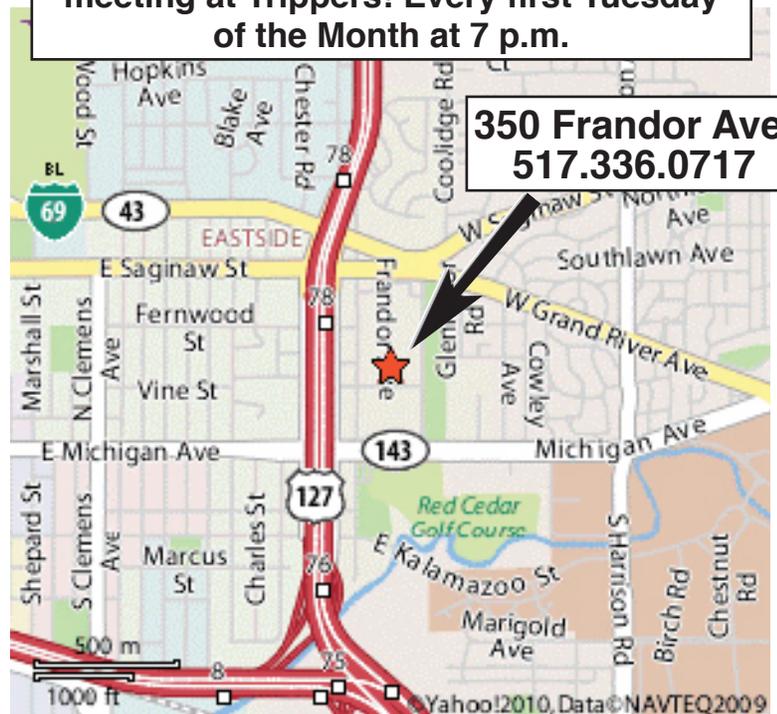
A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:
Thanks to the contributors of this month's newsletter: Lauren Leeds, Eric Richmond, Joe Kelly, Sheryl Soczek, Angela Fossi, and Holly Nester

ANYONE CAN BE AN AUTHOR!

Please submit your articles, photos, or ideas for future newsletters to: Abby Siegel
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Join us for our monthly membership meeting at Trippers! Every first Tuesday of the Month at 7 p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Why I Relay

My father-in-law means the world to me. You see, my own father died nearly 17 years ago – when I was only 19 years old. When I met Michael, not only did I find a good man who loved me, I also gained a father figure.

When my father-in-law was diagnosed with lung cancer five years ago this coming autumn, I was devastated. Immediately I went to Google and searched “lung cancer.” I read up on the disease and learned the grim statistics on survival past five years.

At the five year mark, 50 percent of people diagnosed with my father-in-law’s stage of lung cancer will still be alive and unfortunately, the other 50 percent won’t make it.

Like clockwork, the following summer a friend, former co-worker and longtime Relay enthusiast (Jessi Wortley Adler) asked me about buying a luminaria for a local Relay for Life event.

While I had purchased many in the past, this was the first year I wanted to decorate my bag. You see, for a \$10 donation, you get a white paper bag to decorate however you like and you can make it in honor/memorial of a loved one. Then, at Relay, the bags are filled with candles and lighted at dusk to help illuminate the track for event participants who sign up for the late shifts.

While my luminaria honoring my father-in-law helped push back the darkness and my \$10 donation would go to the American Cancer Society to help find a cure for this horrible disease, I didn’t feel like I was doing enough. Luckily – the Lansing Jaycees came into my life and last year, I participated in my first Relay for Life as a walker/fundraiser.

This year, I’m happy to help raise money for the Lansing Jaycees Relay team again. In solidarity with Joe Kelly’s beard fundraiser, I won’t be cutting my hair as long as he collects \$30 from month-to-month until Relay in June.

After my father-in-law’s diagnosis, at first I felt helpless, but I realized that there are several ways to get involved and fight back.

If cancer has touched your life, or the life of someone you love, then I encourage you to join our team, make a donation, or buy a luminaria bag. You can make a difference. After all, cancer fears the walker.

MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MAY 14 - JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25 - Lansing Jaycees Softball Team, May 14, 7:15 p.m., June 4, 6:15 p.m., June 11, 18, & 25, 6:05 p.m., Nancy Moore Park, Okemos
JUNE 5 - General Membership Meeting, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Tripper’s, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing (Details - Lauren Leeds)

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COMMUNITY REPORT

Painted faces make happy children

The Lansing Jaycees have been participating in the East Lansing Art Festival (ELAF) for many years now. We've particularly become known for our face painting and have a large booth all weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20, in the children's exhibit area.

Come experience the festival and help the Jaycees out in making some children happy! No experience necessary, design ideas and supplies are provided, and the kids are usually quite happy just to have a little paint on. Volunteers are needed both days. Any time you can spare is good, but we do have designated shifts to help plan. Members and non-members are welcome! To sign-up to help on Saturday, please contact Nikki Sarrazin, sarra1na@cmich.edu. The shifts are 9:30am-12:30pm / 12:30pm-3:30pm / 3:30pm-6:30pm. To sign-up to help on Sunday, please contact Alexandra Briseno, xandrab@hotmail.com. The shifts are 9:30am-12:30pm / 12:30pm-3:30pm / 3:30pm-5:30pm.

The first and final shifts each day will involve some set-up and tear-down. All other time is for face painting or general assistance. Seriously, don't be shy, we need your help and the kids aren't picky. This event can actually be a great fundraiser for the Lansing Jaycees, as well, since we collect tips. So thank you!

The children's area will be located in the parking lot of Beggar's Banquet in East Lansing, near the intersection of Albert and Abbot.

After helping the Jaycees, you can also enjoy the ELAF itself. The ELAF is one of the top 100 fine art festivals in the nation! This two-day celebration of arts and culture kicks off the festival season on the downtown city streets of East Lansing, Michigan. For more information on the festival itself, see <http://elartfest.com/>.

Finally, an extra thank you to Sheryl Soczek and Danielle Wellington for repopulating our face painting supplies recently. Sheryl pounced on a great Groupon deal and we should be set for the weekend! But still let us know if you have any spare supplies lying around that you'd be willing to donate. Thanks again!

People's Choice: Beard Update

By Joe Kelly

My beard is growing in thick and needs to be trimmed. It is for you, the reader to decide how to trim my beard.



Starting in May, for a dollar donation a vote, you can decide how I trim the beard before finally shaving it off. It will be on display for all to see the day of the debate with the Redford Jaycees (Tuesday, June 19). The fundrasing is going well -- the team has raised nearly \$1,000. And the beard has brought me half-way to my goal of \$250. I will continue to match funds dollar for dollar until the beard is trimmed on the 19th.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MAY 14 - Relay for Life Mongolian BBQ Fundraiser, 6 - 9PM, 2080 W. Grand River Ave, Okemos

MAY 19 & 20 - East Lansing Art Festival - Face Painting, 9:30AM - 6:30PM Sat., 9:30AM - 5:30PM Sun.

JUNE 8 & 9 - Relay for Life of Lansing, 2PM - 2PM, Lansing Catholic Central's Track



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INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Debate versus Redford Jaycees

The Lansing Jaycees have an opportunity to debate against the Redford Jaycees. The format for Michigan Jaycees debate is modeled after the format used nationally for high school and college debate. Two teams -- Affirmative (Pro) and Negative (Con) with speakers creatively named "first" and "second" give constructive and rebuttal speeches as follows:

First Affirmative Constructive

Cross-examination by the Second Negative

First Negative Constructive

Cross-examination by the First Affirmative

Second Affirmative Constructive

Cross-examination by the First Negative

Second Negative Constructive

Cross-examination by the Second Affirmative

First Negative Rebuttal

First Affirmative Rebuttal

Second Negative Rebuttal

This format has a long historical tradition in the United States. The cross-examination period originated in 1926, called the "Oregon Plan." Cross-examination is a period of question and answer and was introduced as a way to attract attendance to debates. Although the audience may not follow every detail of the speech, the cross-examination period allows a chance for speakers to connect with the audience. In 1932, the format was altered to allow for shorter constructives and more opportunities for cross-examination. In 1952, the format was embraced by the National Forensics League, the governing body of high school debate. In the 60s and 70s the cross-examination period became a part of college debate.

The traditional format of the Jaycees debate lacks this cross-examination element. Michigan is running a pilot program to determine which format prevails nationally.

The debate against Redford will be adjudicated by a neutral third party. The topic, time and location are all yet to be determined. As more details are known, they will be filled in on the calendar. Whether you want to participate or watch -- to ensure that you stay up-to date with the debate, e-mail me at joewkelly@gmail.com

GYFO: Parisian Pancakes

By Holly Nester

On June 11, 1901 New Zealand annexed the Cook Islands. Internationally, no one cared.

So let's celebrate this momentous occasion by eating the food of the people who care the least about anything except food, the French. Crepes were invented by the French in France and are widely acknowledged to cure ailments such as bunions and cataracts. That is not true at all, but they are widely acknowledged for their extra deliciousness.

You should come eat some. They have Nutella. I think that pretty much says it all right there. Who are you to resist it, eh? American Crepes (do not be deceived by the name, crepes are totally French) 7:30 pm, June 11, 986 Trowbridge, E. Lansing, MI 48823.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MAY 16 - Learn Archery at the MSU Demmer Center, 6 - 8PM, 4830 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing

MAY 16 - United Nations Millennium Development Goals committee meeting, 6:30 - 8 PM, Gone Wired Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

JUNE 11 - GYFO: Parisian Pancakes, 7:30 - 8:45PM, American Crepes, 986 Trowbridge, E. Lansing, MI



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MANAGEMENT REPORT

Get to know our website – Part 2

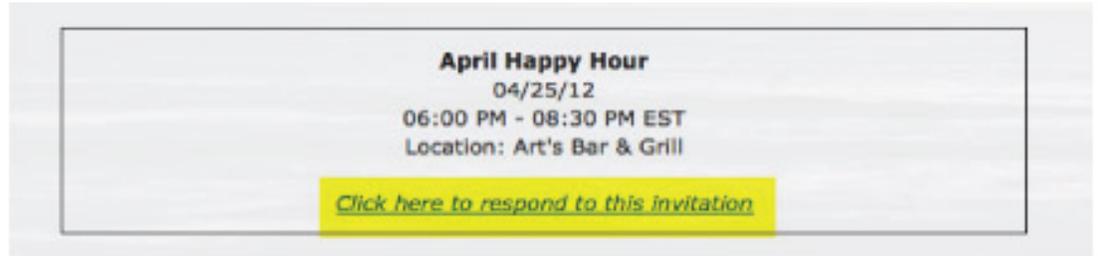
*Angela Fossi
Chair of the Board (and informally known as your humble Tech Liaison)*

Event RSVP

The Lansing Jaycees want to see you more often! We send out event invitations and the Jaycee Juice with our event listings. I will cover adding the events to your calendar and reminders in a future edition but I wanted to start with the RSVP. Many of our events are at a restaurant or business and it is important for us to know a head count in advance so we can have seats for all participants.

Please take a minute to respond to the invitations by clicking on the invitation links. You have 3 options when responding: Yes, No and Other. Other could be the same as Maybe.

Event Invitation example:



Your Response

Will you attend?: Yes
 No
 Other

Comments: Have Fun!

(NOTE: will be visible to other attendees)

Respond

Responding serves many purposes. We won't call you to invite you out if we know that you are unavailable that day. Also, if there are changes to the event we can contact the people that are interested in attending. Plus if we are providing events that are not of interest to our members we can shift our focus.

May Birthdays

Troy Steere • Chris Crepeau

Wayne Hutchison • Michael Leeds

Angela Mills

Michael Castelein

Adrienne Woodward • Samantha Keeney

Melissa Horste

June Birthdays

Eric Richmond

Lori Castelein

Rocco Huang

Andrea Stay

Chris Vieth

Ilona Hajdar

Lauren Kenczyk

MANAGEMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MAY 17 - Create a Video for Website Committee Meeting, 6:30 - 8PM, Gone Wired Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

MAY 18 & 19 - World Expo of Beer, Frankenmuth Jaycees

MAY 21 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Maner Costerisan, 2425 E Grand River Ave, Ste. 1, Lansing, MI (Details - Lauren Leeds)

JUNE 2 - Olga's Kitchen Restaurant Fundraiser, 10:30AM - 10PM, 354 Frandor Ave., Lansing

JUNE 25 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Maner Costerisan, 2425 E Grand River Ave, Ste. 1, Lansing, MI (Details - Lauren Leeds)

AUXILIARY OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Commencement: According to Dictionary.com commencement is an act or instance of commencing: beginning, the ceremony of conferring degrees or granting diplomas at the end of the year.

This word has some very special meanings to me both at work and in my personal life. Many of you know that I have been working toward my Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and Administration over the past 18 months. The time is finally here, it is time for me to commence or begin the next phase of my life (free time....probably not, not for me). What I choose to do with my new degree is up to me, the possibilities are endless, only I can get in my own way.

At work it has different meanings. It means saying good-bye to the students I have gotten to know over the last few years. Good or bad, they all had some sort of impact in my life and the work I do. It is al-

ways a sad time, yet exciting as well.

Working with students has had a great impact on my life. They keep me young, thinking young and always remind me of the great times I had in college. They frustrate me too, many times I (like I am sure the generations before ours) find myself saying "we are screwed!" Okay, they may have chosen different words, but you all know what I mean. Other times I laugh at the conversations they have, the trivial things they talk about that are ruining their life at that moment and the things they did the previous weekend. Most of all, they spark memories (good and bad).

To be 21 again, graduating with your entire life in front of you, no commitments or obligations, what an opportunity that would be. What would you do different? Would you want a do over? If you don't currently work with any college students, I recommend you find a place where you can get to know some. Until then, think often about the great times you had in college or maybe the people you knew. Look through your old photos. Regardless of what you do, take some time to stir up those old memories, smile and envy those thousands of students commencing, beginning the rest of their lives.



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Membership Anniversary Dates:

May

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June

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