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A GREAT SHOWING BY LANSING AT THIRD QUARTER CONVENTION

Wow! Nothing could be better than having a weekend away with the world's most inspiring people, the Michigan Jaycees!

Shanty Creek was our host for the event. The beauty and splendor of Northern Michigan's autumn was all around us.

Friday night had its usual welcoming ceremonies, presided over by the one and only Jim Williams. After the welcome and the first of many Presidential Medallions were handed out, there was a comedy show with stylings from four young men from Chicago. All were really funny.

Saturday morning was the start of the nominations for the Michigan Jaycees Executive Board, followed by voting. There were two contested races and we wouldn't find out who won until after lunch. Until then, we all had breakout sessions to attend.

At lunch, all of the results from the E-Board elections were announced. Our very own Angela Clock won her contested race for Management VP for 2012! Congratulations Angela!

Other awards Lansing Jaycees won:

Michael P. Leeds, Sheryl Soczek, & Adrienne Woodward – Auxiliary Officer Parade Qualifiers

Abby Siegel & Lauren Leeds – 5th, Auxiliary Officer Parade

Samantha Keeney & Dan Harris – Vice President Parade Qualifiers

Iлона Hajdar – 2nd, Vice President Parade

Joe Kelly – Jaycee of the Quarter & Champion, Debate Competition

Capitol Correspondent – 1st, Key Communicator Award

Relay for Life – 2nd, Community Fundraising

9/11 Vigil – 2nd, Government & Civic Service

Individual Development Chapter of the Quarter, 3rd

Community Development Chapter of the Quarter, 1st

Public Relations Award, 1 – 100 Participants – Resume & Interview Skills Workshop

Lauren Leeds – PR Award for Resume & Interview Skills Workshop

Overall Chapter Parade Qualifier



Overall, a fun weekend was had by all! Join us next time for Fourth Quarter Convention in 2012!

Submitted by Abby Siegel, Community Development Director, queenpetunia@hotmail.com

Jaycee Creed

by C. William Brownfield

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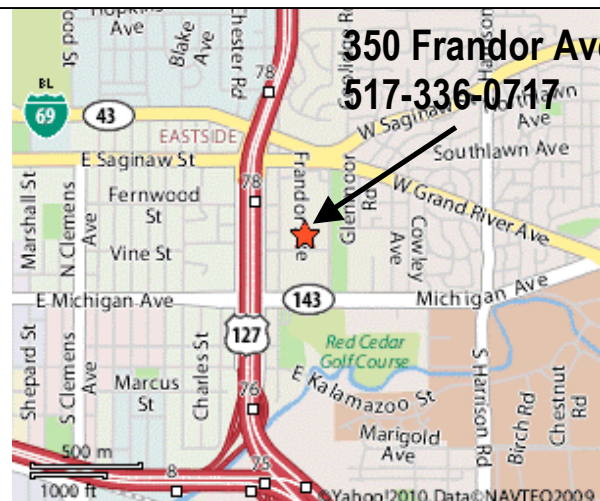
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Join us for our monthly membership meeting at Trippers! Every first Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM



A MESSAGE FROM THE LANSING JAYCEES 83RD PRESIDENT

November is a time when many of us reflect and give thanks. I have caught myself doing a fair amount of reflection this month. We started the month with our General Elections and this brought back memories of our past elections.

Three years ago I was nominated as a Vice President for the Lansing Jaycees, however it seems like it was only yesterday. I distinctly remember how I felt, full of doubt and excitement. I had never attended a board meeting, convention or written a newsletter article. I kept asking myself what I was doing? Was I ready? What if I fail? What if I can't finish out the year? What if I succeed? How will I know? The period of time from the November General Membership Meeting until the January Board meeting was the most stressful period of my Jaycee career. There was so much to learn and I almost gave up.

One of the biggest reasons I stuck it out was because people believed in me. I had a solid support network of Jaycees and non-Jaycees. At times they believed in me more than I believed in myself. I can never thank them enough for all of their support and patience. I only hope I can return the favor at some point.

Another reason I kept doing more is because I am passionate about the work that this organization does in the community. I believe in the work that we do. I have been fortunate to receive the praise directed towards our chapter. What may be surprising is how is offering their thanks. It has been a family that we assisted as a result of Stuff the Bus, a restaurant that we visited for a happy hour or another chapter for helping them with an event. It has also been a member who has gained a new skill, met a new friend or tried something new. The possibilities are endless and this poem reminds me that an event can have an impact regardless of its size.

Like Ripples in a Pond

By Laurie Eytel

We thank you for all
the great things you do.

Large and small,
they all have meaning
to the families you help and to us.

One act
can make all the difference.

Like ripples in a pond
kindness spreads outward,
reaching and touching others
and can change a life forever.

The smiling faces we see say it all...
Thank you...you are our stars!



To the newly elected board, I encourage all of you to keep moving forward. If you are feeling like you need help, people are there to assist you and help you succeed. To our members that are feeling like you are not making an impact, I encourage all of you to set a goal of what types of events you want to attend or conduct and make it a commitment. To our prospects that are not sure about joining, I encourage all of you to give it a try and get involved to the best of your ability. All of us have different strengths and weaknesses and together we can make great things happen! Thanks for all that you do!

Yours in service, Angela M. Fossi, 83rd President

Submitted by Angela Fossi, 83rd President, kitispant@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE LANSING JAYCEES CHAIR OF THE BOARD

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.

~ C.W. Brownfield

Many of you know this as the Jaycee Creed. It all means something different to us. Some people just recite it because they feel they have to; some people change the words "man" or "men" to "people"; some chapters add their chapter name at the end. We all don't agree on the wording – some of us feel like "God" should be taken out, or that it should be changed to include people and not just men.

But what I really wanted to share with you all is the history of the Creed. This account was written in 1994 and tells how the Creed came to be. Agree with it or not, it's a part of the history of the Jaycees.

The Story Behind the Jaycee Creed

The year was 1946; the place, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. About 12,000 shouting, politicking Jaycees from the US, Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe and the Philippine Islands had taken over the Schroeder Hotel and other nearby establishments for the national Junior Chamber convention there.

Up and down the main streets and clear out into the suburbs, at all hours of night and day, the fun went on. Cabbies, waitresses, elevator operators and the Milwaukee natives were all asking the same question, "How much longer can they keep up the energy?"

Past President of the Ohio Junior Chamber and National Vice President of the United States Junior Chamber C. William Brownfield realized at this convention that the organization did not have a Creed. He was inspired by the devotion of Junior Chamber members "to the purpose of serving mankind in a thousand different ways, right down at the grass roots where freedom lives or dies."

Morning and afternoon forum sessions were made lively by the same young men who had been on the loose all night, now eager and determined in the planning of governmental affairs, youth welfare, money-making activities, and all the other interests that make a local Junior Chamber of Commerce a success.

There were guests from many lands; magnificent speeches; and a musical pageant depicting the spread of the Jaycee movement, soul-stirring in its beauty and exciting in its promise. There were the tears of joy of the Oklahoma City Jaycees who won the Marks Award-more tears in the eyes of a presidential candidate and his wonderful wife who were magnificent in defeat.

All this was something Jaycee Brownfield had never seen before. And he loved it.

The actual writing of the Creed took place in July 1946 during a drive from Brownfield's hometown of Columbus, Ohio, to his coal mine in New Lexington, a journey of about 75 minutes. He started that journey with a firm conviction in his mind to work on the Creed. It was during that trip that the following words came to mind and were put on paper: The brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations. Economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise. Government should be of laws, rather than of men. Earth's great treasure lies in human personality. Service to humanity is the best work of life. In 1950 the first line, "we believe that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life." was added.

Since it was written, Junior Chamber members all over the world recite the Creed at local, national and international meetings and functions. During that time there has been much discussion of the interpretation of the Creed.

The author himself said, "Every Member is free to interpret the Creed in the light of his own conscience."

No matter what a member's interpretation of the Creed may be, he or she should always practice what he or she believes. Many unsuccessful attempts have been made to change the Creed, but it has prevailed through the years and continues to be as the covenant that holds the organization together. Many members have made the Creed their guide in life.

MEANING

The following interpretation is based on Brownfield's own views and what is commonly believed and understood to be the meaning of the Creed to the organization.

"We believe..." Everyone must believe in some ideal, principle or philosophy. To believe is to practice what is believed to be true.

"...That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life... " "God" here does not refer to any specific religious God, but to a supreme omnipotence. It does not matter who or what your God is; the line is just saying that you must believe in something. Brownfield interpreted it in this way: "The Junior Chamber membership, drawn from many religious backgrounds, is united by a common bond of faith; that man lives by the will of (his/her) God, that God's will for man is good; and that the life worthwhile is lived in harmony with His eternal plan."

"...That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations..." This line breaks down all the boundaries that have been imagined by mankind. It simply means that all men and women are equal. It respects allegiance to one's country, but, at the same time, reinforces the idea that man is a citizen of the world. Brownfield put it this way: "Man-made boundaries have been drawn and redrawn, separating the human race into many nations. But across these unnatural divisions there has been an intercourse in art, science, commerce and religion; evidence of man's universal brotherhood; proof that man himself, not his territorial divisions, is of basic worth."

"...That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise..." The operative words here are "...can best be won.... " Junior Chamber members believe that man should be free to use his skills and abilities to the limit in improving his economy. Brownfield expressed it this way: "Where economic improvement has been greatest, man has been free to follow his dream of making a personal fortune by doing something never done before, or by doing it better." He also said, "... the system of self-development through private enterprise could be adapted with variations to suit local conditions in many parts of the world. "

"...That government should be of laws rather than of men..." This tenet of the Creed simply means that no one should be above the law, and that the law should be the same for all people, no matter what status they hold in society. The government must be based on constitutional law, accepted and ratified by a majority of the people. The power to change laws and elect governments should remain in the hands of a majority of the people. Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, spoke of a government "of the people, for the people, and by the people." This line of the Creed crystallizes what President Lincoln was talking about so many decades ago. Brownfield expressed the meaning this way: "In a free society, the fundamental law is derived from the people. It is they who hold the final authority."

"...That earth's great treasure lies in human personality..." Every individual has a separate and unique personality. That is the main difference between humans and other creatures of the world. That uniqueness makes the human personality earth's greatest treasure. It cannot be duplicated nor can it be made. Brownfield's views on this line are: "True treasure lies in the hearts of men. There is about us a vast field of opportunity for cultivation of the human personality. It's not the quantity nor the length of life that gives it zest, but the quality of living, the achievement we make in terms of human progress."

"...And that service to humanity is the best work of life..." This final tenet of the Creed is the logical culmination of the preceding lines. A person who believes in the Creed will most definitely find service to humanity to be the best work of life. Note the word humanity. Brownfield's interpretation of this line of the Creed is: "The life lived unselfishly grows richer, deeper and fuller. Joy is more enduring and peace of mind, more certain. The world looks at the contribution such a life has made and marks the one who lived it as a benefactor of the race; yet he knows in truth the greater benefit has been his own."

Brownfield aptly summarized his interpretation of the Creed when he said: "Only in the deed can the world become flesh."

Written by Wes Kam 1994



**Submitted by Angela Clock, Chair of the Board, 2011 MIJC Community Development VP,
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Don't be scared to ask!

Share your passion for your community and the Jaycees. It's easy! Just ask, "Why aren't you a Jaycee?"



This is normally followed by, "What are the Jaycees?"

In which you answer, "We are the best young professional organization that teaches LEADERSHIP through community development."

I am overjoyed to be part of the Lansing Jaycees. 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 many 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 and learn so many leadership skills that can be applied to pretty much any aspect of their lives. AND this doesn't event 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.



Submitted by Ilona Hajdar, Membership VP, ihadjar@hotmail.com

LANSING JAYCEES



Andrew Hoard does "Got Milk," and he knows how to chug it!!



(Clockwise from L): Angela Fossi, Andrew Hoard, Sam Keeney, Carrie May, Lauren Leeds, Michael Leeds, Abby Siegel, Joe Kelly, and Dan Harris enjoy food and brews, two things the LayJays do well!



Eric Richmond makes a food donation to the Lansing Food Bank during the Food Drive at Spartan Stadium while Fossi cheers in the background.



(Clockwise from L): Angela Clock, Karen Root, Meredith Blixt, and Charlie Root take a break from the games to smile for the camera at the Minute To Win It Pub Crawl.

SEEN IN ACTION

Membership Anniversary Dates:

November:

Angela Backus, Tamara Ferguson, Michael Castelein, Angela Clock, Ilona Hajdar,

December:

Robert Dowding, Angela Fossi, Carrie May, Charlie Root, Geoff Streit, Jennifer Zavadil

November Birthdays

Eric Dennis
Geoff Streit

Happy Birthday!!!



Welcome New Members!



***Jessi Wortley-Adler, Meaghan Kelly,
Eric Dennis***

A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:

Thanks to the contributors of the October newsletter: *A. Siegel, L. Leeds, A. Fossi, A. Clock, I. Hajdar, L. Leeds, D. Harris, J. Hermann, S. Keeney, M. Leeds, A. Woodward*

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MESSAGES FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS

Committed to our community

I'm not sure what it is, maybe it's the familiar Christmas carol lyrics about "Peace on Earth, goodwill toward men," but something about the holidays inspires us to do something for people in our community who may be less fortunate.

This holiday season, we offer a fantastic opportunity to strengthen our commitment to our community by conducting our signature "Stuff the Bus" event.

Not to alarm anyone, but there are less than 35 shopping days until Christmas, which means we have even less time to prepare for the Lansing Jaycees annual Stuff the Bus event.

This year's Stuff the Bus is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Wal-Mart in Eastwood Town Center from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. We need to fill five two-hour shifts and need plenty of people for every shift, so if you're able to help, please sign up!

Shifts for the event will be as follows: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 1 to 3 p.m.; 3 to 5 p.m.; 5 to 7 p.m.; and 7 to 9 p.m.

Not only do we need plenty of volunteers to help out at the event, we will also be in need of volunteers to help with sorting and additional shopping, and with delivery to the Salvation Army.

If you have never attended this event before, I encourage you to mark your calendars. Helping out at Stuff the Bus is sure to lift your spirits and put you in the holiday mood!



Submitted by Laruen Leeds, Community Development Director, laurenloo823@yahoo.com

Pajamas and Pancakes!!!

Hey you! Join the Lansing Jaycees at the IHOP in East Lansing (2771 E Grand River Ave, East Lansing 48823) on December 13 from 5-9 p.m. for our Pancakes and Pajamas fundraising event!

Come dressed in your favorite pajamas (or your favorite lounge wear) and enter our Pancake Eating Contest for only \$6. We will be donating our earnings from this event to the Fenner Nature Center. The 1st place winner of the Pancake Eating Contest will get \$50 cash. Second place gets a \$20 gift certificate to the East Lansing IHOP and third place will get their entry fee back.

Come join the (warm, snuggly) fun!



Submitted by Abby Siegel, Community Development Director, queenpetunia@hotmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT VICE PRESIDENT

Individual Development training at the November Convention was a fantastic experience. Mark Garrison, our Michigan Jaycee Individual Development Vice President lead a great training session that revolved around the subject of a **Pink Bat**. You see, Mark gave each of us a signed copy of Michael McMillan's book **Pink Bat: Turning Problems Into Solutions**. Mark shared the story behind **Pink Bat** as well as the principles **Pink Bat** at training. The book illustrates the continuous cycle of problems and challenges that emerge in practically anything in life. McMillan does a great job introducing seven principles on how to deal with challenges in our personal and professional life.



As a team we utilized this new framework and perspective to work on common issues many chapters throughout the state are experiencing. We bonded as a team and helped one another craft solutions to problems utilizing unique perspectives each of us have. Sadly we only had two hours total for training. We simply ran out of time and only brushed the surface when exploring our issues.

However this newsletter is not about the Michigan Jaycees, it is about the Lansing Jaycees. That said I'd love to host the last Individual Development Committee meeting of 2011 in December. It is my hope that those who have an interest in creating **Pink Bat** solutions for Individual Development next year will attend. I will choose a date the week after Thanksgiving and share it via evite. If you want to attend and have an opinion on the date and time reach out to me. I want to have a meeting where as many of those interested have the best chance to attend. I'll likely do a doodle survey to those who have reached out, prior to the announcement/evite. You can contact me at dan@dnharris.com.



Dan Harris
Individual Development Vice President

Submitted by Dan Harris, Individual Development VP, dan@dnharris.com

The **seven principles** of **Pink Bat** thinking according to Mark Garrison

Picture the Possibilities

Our reality is based on our picture of the world. Turning problems into solutions starts by adjusting our perception. By investigating our beliefs and modifying our biases, we begin to correct our perceptual blindness. With practice, we can see beyond the limits of our mental canvas to a world filled with infinite possibilities.

Ignite Your Imagination

“Imagination is more powerful than knowledge.” Einstein, like all **Pink Bat** thinkers capitalized on the power of imagination. Knowledge is important, but it’s limited to what we currently know and believe. Imagination opens the door to endless possibilities.

Never Assume

Assumptions stop us from seeing new possibilities. That’s why it’s important to challenge the status quo... including your own. To minimize your assumptions, converse with diverse people who have different perspectives and explore subjects outside your present scope. Thanks to earlier **Pink Bat** thinkers, we know the world isn’t flat like many experts once assumed.

Keep Labels in Check

Labels can be helpful... but they can also be misleading. When we label something as a problem, it becomes one. Mistaking a label for reality is like confusing a map for the territory. **Pink Bat** thinking is about looking beyond labels and seeing new realities. You’ve heard the expression “One man’s junk is another man’s treasure.” By seeing a “problem” as a solution, we invent conventional thinking and expand our perception of reality.

Blend Perceived Problems

When “problems” are abundant, **Pink Bat** solutions can be found more frequently, too. In math, when we multiply negative numbers, we get a positive solution. This thinking also applies to finding **Pink Bats**. Consider this basic Gestalt principle: “The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.” By combining “problems,” a cognitive process takes place and a new solution appears.

Awaken Your Curiosity

Turning problems into solutions requires an insatiable curiosity. **Pink Bat** thinkers are truth seekers. Nothing or no one (especially yourself) is beyond questioning. And don’t accept “yes” or “no” for an answer. There are always more layers to peel back... and more **Pink Bat** opportunities and solutions to find.

Take Action

Potential solutions remain concepts until they’re proven. What’s more, it’s often during testing that **Pink Bat** solutions appear... unless they’re missed because someone is more focused on finding another result. Many of today’s greatest solutions are results of failed experiments... unexpected consequences. In the end, **Pink Bat** thinking is just the beginning. The number of unseen solutions in the world is infinite.

Life Coaching In Your Inbox: Want to make a difference? Use the Force, Luke.

Here are some important things that I think Really Important Change Makers do, things I want you to do to become an unstoppable, powerful agent of change in the world. Are you ready?

They are: Go for a walk. Take a nap. Doodle. Write in your journal. Dance. Knit.

I can hear you right now: “There is real oppression and discrimination going on every day...and you want me to go for a walk? Take a nap? Do something silly and creative? Are you nuts?!”

And yet, what I’ve seen over and over with change agents, activists and others who are able to profoundly impact the world for the better is that their approach to change is rooted in love and in joy. This depth of joy can only begin with taking care of our own needs first.

A Better Fuel for Change

The idea of taking care of your needs first can seem counter-intuitive to those of us who want to make a difference because we’re painfully aware of all the things in the world that need care and healing *now*. You might even argue that putting ourselves first and “looking out for Number 1” were the attitudes that got us into this mess in the first place. And it sure is a mess, isn’t it?

There’s plenty to be angry about, absolutely. I’m not suggesting you take a Pollyanna approach to life. But while anger burns hot, it also burns fast and **burns you out**. It’s *because* there’s so much to do — so much to provoke our outrage — that we need to be sure we source our energies in something much deeper, something that renews us and our commitment to change: joy.

Use the Force

Here’s the bottom line: when you are joyful, spiritually nourished, loving yourself, you can’t HELP but change everything you touch. Using joy and love to fuel change is like using the Force — instead of just your human strength to rely on, your efforts are buoyed by something much greater. Instead of pulling and pushing, you become a magnet for change.

Joy as a fuel for action is what I call a renewable, sustainable energy source. The more you use it, the stronger and brighter it becomes. It’s a much longer-lasting fuel, and it has the added benefit of being highly pleasant as you burn it.

Plugging into Joy

Tapping into your joy power begins, as everything must, with baby steps. Gandhi said: “What you do will seem insignificant, but it is very important that you do it.” Making sure you eat a good breakfast might seem ridiculously small to you at first, but the more you take excellent care of yourself in seemingly small ways, the more you have to give to the world in every way.

The process begins by cultivating a space of permission, and compassion, and self-nurturing. For example, you might want to write yourself a small note every morning, checking in and establishing what you most want to get out of the day. Or you might spend 10 minutes in quiet contemplation, to give yourself opportunity to listen to your body. Or maybe you want to set up a weekly date with yourself to do something fun and silly and creative for a couple of hours.

The more you let yourself play and do creative things, the more you strengthen the right side of your brain. This will lead to crazy, wild, paradigm-shifting ideas to change the world. And baby, we need them. We need your crazy ideas. We need to shift so many paradigms, it's not even funny.

The world desperately needs your creativity and curiosity and compassion. But in order to grow, these qualities need regular doses of self-care and permission. The more you give yourself permission to **be yourself, fully**, the more you will show up in the world unstoppable and on fire. And the world needs you, dahling, in all your blazing glory.

So how about you take five minutes and close your eyes. Can you feel what your heart is asking for? It can be as tiny as wanting to take deep breaths, or as large as wanting to move across the country. Just listen, notice, and feel free to send me an email with your discoveries: julica@julicahermann.com. And have a great month, peeps!



*Submitted by Julica Hermann, Social Change and life Coach,
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Birth of a Cocktail (according to Tabasco.com)

When a bartender at Harry's New York Bar in Paris, mixed equal parts tomato juice and vodka, he had no idea his concoction would become world famous. According to the bartender, "one of the boys suggested we call the drink 'Bloody Mary' because it reminded him of the Bucket of Blood Club in Chicago, and a girl there named Mary."

In 1934, when the bartender made his way to the Unites States and to the King Cole Bar at the St.Regis in New York, he brought the recipe with him. The hotel tried to change the name to Red Snapper, but it didn't stick. Sophisticated New Yorkers felt the drink was too bland and requested more spice. The recipe then evolved to include black pepper, cayenne pepper, Worcestershire sauce, lemon, and a generous splash of hot sauce for patrons who liked it even more spirited. Thus, an American classic was born.

There are several members that really enjoy this drink. Stay tuned for a great personal development event to learn how to make/mix some of the more popular variations.

Submitted by Angela Fossi, 83rd President, kitispart@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT VICE PRESIDENT

“Hauntings” a Success

The month of October had the Lansing Jaycees running all over the Greater Lansing area. Hauntings took place throughout the city of Lansing, going as far as Okemos, Eaton Rapids, and Webberville. Over the course of the month 30 locations were “Haunted.” Raising more than \$400 for the chapter.

With Large Haunts and Small haunts going on at the same time, some nights there were more than 40 pieces out in peoples lawns on any given night. Pieces ranged from tombstones, bats, spiders, to ghosts on repurposed sanctions.

It turned out to be a great event for spreading some Halloween fun while we review plans and ideas for future haunted houses.



Submitted by Sam Keeney, Management VP, samfish8@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hooray! I Won an Award ... Apparently

At this quarter’s Michigan Jaycee’s convention I was surprised when my name was called as a qualifier for the parade of chapters. Congratulations were given, high fives exchanged and hands were shook. It took about five minutes for me to find out what had actually happened. I had won an award but no idea what it was really for. Even now I’m not wholly clear on how this award process works. I was told something about showing up for different events being worth different numbers of point, but the explanation didn’t stick with me.

If you were to have asked me why I joined the Jaycees, “to win awards” would not have been an answer I would have even thought about giving. “Of course you wouldn’t say that” some might respond. It would take a far more honest person that I to admit out loud they were in this organization for the awards, and I sympathize with your skepticism. Before winning the award, I might even go so far as to say I subconsciously was looking for public recognition for the work I have done. However, post reward my surprise is so great I can honestly say that awards are the last thing on my mind.

I don’t personally know of any Jaycees who are actively seeking out awards, but I know you are out there. But this is not a judgment, we are social animals and, as such, we want recognition from our peers. But once we start to see awards as the reason for doing the work, we have a problem.

Awards are great, but should never be the focus. Not winning an award does not mean you are a loser. If you do a good thing, and no one ever even notices, the fact remains you still did a good thing. You can only control what you do, not how others respond to it. Good work is its own reward.

Submitted by Michael P. Leeds, Chaplain, mp_leeds@yahoo.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

I can't really believe it's already November. While I would like to say that I am getting ready to celebrate Thanksgiving, that would be a lie, especially considering that in Canada, they celebrate Thanksgiving in October. Yes, different, I know.

Speaking of different, there are several differences between our Lansing Jaycees organization and the one up here, JCI Edmonton. For example, they hold a monthly Networking & Training night for their members, but they don't have Happy Hours (WHAT?). Also, while we are busy Stuff*ing* the Bus, they hold a Christmas Hamper Program which adopts 250 families per year!!

Despite the differences, the similarities are what keep me involved. No matter where you are in the world, the Jaycees are an ambitious group of individuals, just hoping to make the world a better place. We strive to give back to the community through our actions, our words, and our work. We look to better ourselves through leadership and commitment to an organization that is bigger than the sum of its people.

No matter where we are in the world, we are all Jaycees! Don't ever forget that!

Miss you guys every day!



Submitted by Adrienne Woodward, Secretary, woodwa46@msu.edu

THANKSGIVING: AMERICAN VERSUS CANADIAN

AMERICAN: Traditionally a holiday to give thanks for the food collected at the end of harvest season.

AMERICAN NAMES: Thanksgiving Day (English), Dia de Accion de Gracias (Spanish)

AMERICAN DATE: Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011

AMERICAN BACKGROUND: Thanksgiving has been a holiday in the US since 1863. There are claims that the first Thanksgiving Day was held in the city of El Paso, Texas in 1598. Another event was held in 1619 in the Virginia Colony. Many people trace the origins of the modern Thanksgiving to the harvest celebration that the Pilgrims held in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621; however, their first true thanksgiving was in 1623, when they gave thanks for rain that ended a drought. George Washington proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day in 1789.

CANADIAN: Traditionally a holiday to give thanks for the blessings in one's life, particularly at the harvest.

CANADIAN NAMES: Thanksgiving Day (English), le Jour d'Action de grace (French)

CANADIAN DATE: Monday, Oct. 10, 2011

CANADIAN BACKGROUND: Many thanksgivings were held following noteworthy events during the 18th century. Refugees fleeing the civil war in the U.S. brought the custom of an annual thanksgiving festival to Canada. From 1879, Thanksgiving Day was held every year but the date varied and there was a special theme each year. From the end of WWI until 1930, both Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day were celebrated on the Monday closest to November 11. In 1931, Armistice Day was renamed Remembrance Day and Thanksgiving Day was moved to a Monday in October.



Lansing Jaycees Activities...

November 23 – **Gobble Gobble Gathering** – Location & time to be determined (Details = M. Castelein @ 248-631-6109)

November 28 – **Board of Directors Meeting** – Spartan Printing, 15551 S. US Highway 27, Lansing; 6 – 8 PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 517-484-7027)

November 29 – **New Member Orientation** – Location & time to be determined (Details = A. Siegel @ 812-890-4670)

November 30 – **Get Your Food On – Thai Princess** – 1754 Central Park Drive, Okemos; 6 – 8 PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

December 3 – **Stuff the Bus** – WalMart at Eastwood Towne Center, 3225 Towne Center Blvd., Lansing; 11 AM – 9 PM (Details = L. Leeds @ 989-482-1232)

December 3 – **Bowling League** – Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing; 8:30 – 11:30 PM (Details = S. Muthiah & M. Castelein @ 248-631-6109)

December 5 – **Stuff the Bus – Sorting** – Sohn Linen Headquarters, 2401 Wood Street, Lansing; 11 AM – 7 PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

December 6 – **General Membership Meeting** – Trippers – Frandor, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing; 6 – 8 PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

December 10 – **Ante Up – Texas Hold'em Social** – Casa de Hajdar, 718 Tumbleweed Ln., Apt 101, Charlotte; 6 – 9 PM (Details = I. Hajdar @ 517-667-4236)

December 13 – **Pancakes and Pajamas!** – IHOP, 2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., 2771 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing; 5 – 9 PM (Details = A. Siegel & L. Leeds @ 812-890-4670)

December 17 – **Bowling League** – Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing; 8:30 – 11:30 PM (Details = S. Muthiah & M. Castelein @ 248-631-6109)

Watch the Juice weekly for other events yet to be planned!

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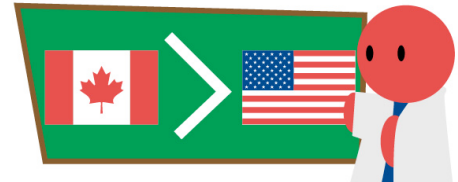
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING, NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE!!!!

15 REASONS CANADIAN THANKSGIVING IS BETTER THAN AMERICAN THANKSGIVING:

15. American Thanksgiving is too close to Christmas. Why not just call it "pre-Christmas meal that's just like it without presents" because that's all it is.
14. Canadian Thanksgiving is sooner which equals better: scientific fact.
13. University and college students have to hand in their big assignments around late November. In early October, it's still drunk care-free time. Party on!
12. You're not freezing cold yet.
11. White Gravy? What the #%%@.
10. After Halloween candy, turkey tastes like ass.
 9. November is a crappy month, and as a result, so are any Holidays within. (more like bore-venber)
 8. You can still play in the leaves!
 7. On American Thanksgiving, your conservative parents disapprove of your un-conventional lifestyle/relationships. On Canadian Thanksgiving, you more centered parents awkwardly try to demonstrate that they accept your un-conventional lifestyle/relationships.
 6. No one is genuinely thankful in late November, more like hate filled.
 5. In early October, you haven't dropped out of your undergrad yet thus leaving disappointment and turkey separated.
 4. How do you even make white gravy?
 3. Biscuits? Screw off!
 2. American Thanksgiving is a day or two after people trample Walmart employees to death – bad karma.
 1. On American Thanksgiving, a minimum of ten virgins (per family) are sacrificed in hopes that the Green Bay Packers will win. In Canada, we've lowered that number to a modest seven.



15 REASONS AMERICAN THANKSGIVING IS BETTER THAN CANADIAN THANKSGIVING:

15. On American Thanksgiving it's practically already Christmas where the real \$\$\$# goes down – Sweet!
14. Your Halloween candy has aged like a fine Merlot.
13. Getting lazy and drunk off turkey and wine is the perfect cure for your University exams/essays, minus consequences.
12. White gravy! I love you Dad!
11. Biscuits, bless this mess Mom!
10. In Canada, your dad gave a homeless man some change he was to spend on cranberry sauce. In America, your dad punched a homeless man and took his change which equals more cranberry sauce for everyone! ... except the poor bleeding hobo of course.
9. November is the worst month since October, and so a holiday at the end of the month makes it that much more bearable.
8. Brown Gravy? Clearly the dirty vagabond of the Gravy world you filthy Canadians!
7. That homeless man was unable to pay for healthcare in the States, and in Canada, he simply refused it out of self righteousness. It's a Thanksgiving tie since both hobo's are dead.
6. On American Thanksgiving, people give thanks for what they have. On Canadian Thanksgiving, people sort of give thanks if they remember or believe in that sort of thing.
5. You failed out of your Ivy League school and ordinarily your parents would disembowel you ... but since it's American Thanksgiving, all is forgiven instantly.
4. You can celebrate Trampling-Walmart-Greeters-to-Death-Day and Thanksgiving in the same weekend! Efficient!
3. On American Thanksgiving, your parents disapproved of your ethnic girl/boyfriend – wicked! On Canadian Thanksgiving, your parents overtly welcomed him/her so you had to find something else to piss them off – lame!
2. How do they even make white gravy? Magic + Miracles.
1. On American Thanksgiving, you puke a minimum three times before you're done eating. On Canadian Thanksgiving, that number is down to a modest one puke and a partial dry heave.

