

# Capitol Correspondent



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## Monster Mayhem Haunted House

Monster Mayhem was definitely our main focus in October. This single project represented 21 days of our calendar for the month of October! That doesn't include all of the work that was done before and after the event. Great job to everyone that helped make the event a success!

I have been talking to some of our past presidents and exhausted members and they are all very impressed with the dedication of our members during this event. We had some many members and prospects that showed up and helped with everything from room design, truck-unload, construction, spooks and other miscellaneous tasks that came up along the way.

I encourage everyone that was involved with the Haunted House to think about ways we can improve the event in coming years and bring the ideas to the planning meetings that will take place next year. Be sure to record your ideas now while the event is still fresh in your mind.

I had the pleasure of enjoying a few quiet moments at the Haunted House location on the day we had to return the keys. I reminisced about all of the wonderful memories that were formed within the four walls of an ordinary suite in the Jolly/Cedar Plaza. I had encouraged everyone to stand back at some point during October and realize what we accomplished.

The work is complete for 2010 but we are still finalizing numbers and working on documenting all of the necessary tasks so that we can use this information for future Haunted Houses. Keep an eye out for the 2011 committees that will be forming in first or second quarter.



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# Lansing Jaycees

## **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](http://www.lansingjaycees.org) for more information.



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## *2010 Board of Directors*

*The Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month, 6:00 PM at the Jaycees Service Center*

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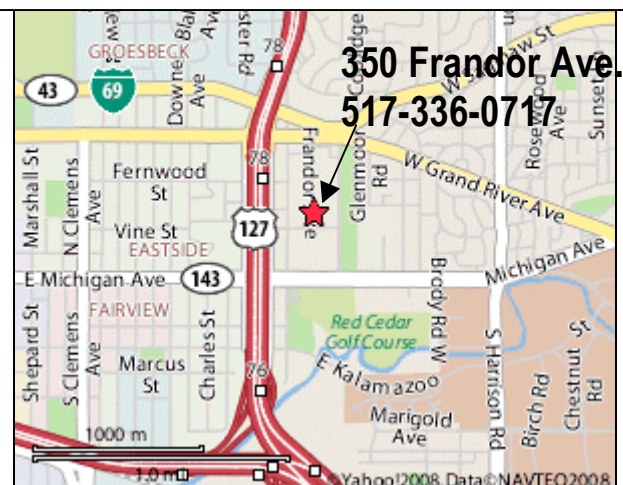
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  - **Director**

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



## ***President's Report***

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We are still going strong in 2010. We have one of our members' favorite events coming up on December 4<sup>th</sup>, Stuff the Bus. This is one of the events that we look forward to conducting each year. During this event we contact Salvation Army and they help us identify local children and their families that are in need this holiday season. This year we are committed to helping 30 children and their families. We coordinate a bus at the Wal-Mart in Eastwood Towne Center and pass out the wish lists to shoppers and if they make any purchases they can donate them when they leave the store.

We also have several other events planned for the rest of the year. Please stop by our December General Membership Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> for our White Elephant gift exchange. Bring a wrapped "gift" to exchange, we will also have several extra gifts if you are unable to bring something. Gifts are typically inexpensive, humorous items, or used items from home. So there shouldn't be a reason to shop for this fun event.

Speaking of General Membership Meetings we conducted our 2011 Board elections in November. Here are the results of the election:

Sheryl Soczek - Treasurer  
Adrienne Woodward - Secretary  
Ilona Hajdar - Vice President  
Lauren Leeds - Vice President  
Jeff Shannon - Vice President  
Samantha Keeney - Vice President  
Daniel Harris - Vice President  
Angela Fossi - President

It's not too late to be a part of the 2011 leadership team of the Lansing Jaycees. Please contact me if you are interested in serving as Director or in another capacity. Congratulations to both the 2010 and 2011 Board of Directors! Your dedication to the organization and community help make the Lansing Jaycees a success year after year. We look forward to working on a seamless transition to the 2011 while providing a strong finish to 2010.

Sincerely,  
Angela Fossi  
82<sup>nd</sup> Lansing Jaycees President  
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## A Message from the Membership VP



As the year winds down and I am coming to the end of my tenure as the Membership Vice President, I wanted to reflect on my experiences both as a VP and as a member of the Jaycees. As many of you know, I very much wanted to be the Membership VP, and had wanted to hold that position for a couple of years. I love meeting and getting to know new people, sharing my enthusiasm about the Jaycees and getting more people involved in our projects. What I was unaware of, however, was the sheer amount of paperwork and time that goes into the Membership VP role. Wow, was that an unwelcome surprise! Don't get me wrong, I still like holding the position, but it was much more involved than I had reckoned it would be.

Although I haven't always done what I feel is my best while in this role, I am happy to report that it looks like we will at least be holding steady in our membership numbers. I hope we can end the overall year at growth. It is the goal of every Membership Vice President to enlarge their chapter, as well as the overall number of Jaycees in the state, country and world. The reason for this is somewhat self-explanatory, but I prefer to think of it as having more people who can impact the world around them through the Jaycees. My personal reason for wanting chapter growth includes that, but is also a bit selfish. I have made so many good friends through the Jaycees that I want to meet even more great people and make them part of the group. And I want others to have that opportunity as well. So I'd like to remind each of you that membership retention and growth is not the sole responsibility of the Membership VP, or the Board of Directors, but of everyone in the Jaycees. Take the time to reflect on why you are a part of the Jaycees and let others know what you've found. And have a great beginning to the Holiday season!

**Colleen Burton, 2010 Membership VP, [colleen713@yahoo.com](mailto:colleen713@yahoo.com)**

### Membership Anniversary Dates:

#### November:

*K. Anselm, M. Castelein, A. Clock, A. Fossi,  
I. Hajdar, C. Root, T. Watters, T. Zale*

#### December

*S. Daniels, R. Dowding, C. May,  
J. Stevens,*

#### November Birthdays

Eric Dobry  
Garret Mausolf

*Happy Birthday!!!*



### Welcome New Members!!!

Looking for prospects!



# Lansing Jaycees



S. Keeney, C. Burton and A. Miller promoting Monster Mayhem



A. Simon and J. Boog help with Mobile Happy Hour



One of many contributions from A. Briseno. Nice work!



A. Siegel, C. May, C. Root and T. Steere enjoy a break during construction

# Seen in Action

## Stuff the Bus

With less than 100 shopping days until Christmas, it's time to start planning for the Lansing Jaycees' "Stuff the Bus" event.

Stuff the Bus is a great opportunity to help spread Christmas joy to local children and their families. Last year the event raised more than \$4,500 for six needy Lansing area families. The community's outpouring of support for Stuff the Bus was so incredible that the chapter also was able to use donations to assist three other nonprofit organizations in Greater Lansing.

As in previous years, Stuff the Bus will feature a CATA bus parked at the Wal-Mart located at Eastwood Towne Centre in East Lansing. Shoppers interested in stuffing the bus will be provided with lists of items to shop for and donate.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, December 4. Check your e-mail and sign up for a time to come help the community!

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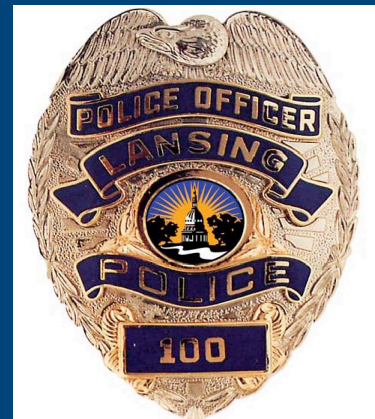
## BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL Ride-Along with the LPD

As you know, the Police Officers of the Lansing Police Department are a prodigious and necessary asset to our community. They are dedicated to and leaders in Community Policing and Problem Solving. They continually strive to work closely with Lansing's Communities and Neighborhoods through their ongoing problem solving initiatives.

The LPD currently serves the Lansing Community of 119,128 residents covering about 33 square miles. In efforts of understanding all they do and to see how to help the community through their eyes, we are pleased to announce the "Blue Light Special".

During the month of November we will be planning for interested individuals to participate in a ride-along with a Lansing Police Officer. You can ask questions, observe traffic stops, and maybe even witness a crime. You will get a better understanding of what it means to protect and serve. After everyone has been on their ride-along we will schedule a "debriefing" to discuss and share our thoughts and interesting stories.

If you are interested or have questions, don't let another minute pass... Contact Ilona Hajdar at [ihajdar@hotmail.com](mailto:ihajdar@hotmail.com) or (517) 667-4236.



### *A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:*

Thanks to the contributors of the November newsletter:  
A. Fossi, S. Soczek, A. Clock, C. May, C. Burton,  
D. Harris, L. Leeds, I. Hajdar, A. Briseno, A. Hoard,  
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## Who is the March of Dimes?

March of Dimes mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. One in eight babies is born prematurely each year. The effects of premature birth can cause birth defects, lifelong disorders and even death. I am sure you have all heard the saying “Penny wise, pound foolish”, meaning cautious with small amounts of money, but careless with larger amounts. Charitable organizations much like the March of Dimes spend a lot of money trying to fix the big problems after they have already occurred. But what if we could fix them at birth? Or even before conception? Can you imagine the day when every baby is born healthy? We can.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency founded in 1938. We fund programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies and in 2003 launched a campaign to address the increasing rate of premature birth. We research to understand problems and discover answers, help moms to have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies, and provide support to families when their baby needs help to survive.

We are proud of our accomplishments and success in helping babies begin healthy lives and making sure moms know that we care about them. These are just a few of the many examples of how we are successful in what we do. We understand that every baby born healthy is a victory for the March of Dimes.

## We need you – Jaycees for Babies!

There are many opportunities to make a difference with the March of Dimes. Here are some ways the March of Dimes would love your support!

**Onesie/Diaper Drive** –November is Prematurity Awareness month. We will be collecting onesies and diapers (premie and newborn sizes) beginning November 1 through November 30 at our office to provide for families in the NICU.

## March for Babies

When you walk in the March for Babies, you give hope to the more than half a million babies born too soon each year. The money you raise supports programs in your community that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. And it funds research to find answers to the problems that threaten our babies. We’ve been walking since 1970 and have raised an incredible \$1.8 billion to benefit all babies. There is no cost to participate in March for Babies. There will be plenty of food, fun and entertainment for all of the family!

Join together as the Lansing Jaycees team to raise funds and March for Babies!

**Lansing site**  
Saturday, April 30, 2011  
Riverfront Park, Lansing, MI

**Jackson site**  
Sunday, May 1, 2011  
Ella Sharp Park, Jackson, MI

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# *Individual Development*

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## **A Message from the Individual Development VP**

Here we are, in mid-November, only one more month in the year! As we go into this holiday season, we should remember to take this opportunity to get to know our fellow members and their holiday rituals and traditions. This is a great time of the year to learn about and accept how different we all are and how that is a great thing. We can learn from others so please take some time to do just that.

We all know of January and the new year as the time to make our new year's resolutions. Why not get a head start on that process now so we are prepared when January comes. The typical resolutions are to lose weight, eat better, work out or work out more, save some money and pay off bills. As we approach the time of gift giving and eating, take a look and what you would like to achieve in January and start now. Maybe instead of eating everything on the party buffet, you eat smaller amounts of everything, or only choose those items that only come out during the holidays. Maybe while the weather is still somewhat nice you get in that routine of going for a walk or easing into that exercise you will head into with full force in a little over a month. Maybe look at making holiday gifts instead of purchasing them. No matter what you choose to do, if you start now, it will make that January transition so much easier and you won't be working double to offset what you did in November and December.

Whatever you decide to fill your time with over the next couple of months, remember that your fellow Jaycees are here and ready to assist you. The great thing about this organization is the diversity our members bring.

Enjoy your holiday season.

**Sheryl A. Soczek, 2010 Individual Development VP, [soczek@msu.edu](mailto:soczek@msu.edu)**



*Happy November and happy (early) Thanksgiving to my fellow Jaycees!*

We are coming up on the end of the year, but the fun does not end now!

Join us for a fun time as we take a road trip to San Chez Bistro in Grand Rapids on November 12<sup>th</sup>. We will enjoy great Spanish cuisine such as tapas (appetizers) and paella (rice casserole with meat and/or seafood). We will go over some of the Spanish culture and food during our dinner. Should be an excellent time to get your taste buds to like something new!

Ready to overcome your fear of speaking in front of people? Join Dan Harris, our fearless presenter (and impromptu Speak-Up winner at the most recent convention, mind you!) and fellow Jaycees as we work together to overcoming a highly known fear. He will go through some exercises and presentations to help you make a better presenter to audiences of various sizes and backgrounds. This will take place on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> and details will come soon.

Up for some intellectual conversation with some great food and drinks on top of it? Need to bring up your level of understanding of social media to find the next best job? Details coming soon on these projects will be coming up soon!

**Enjoy a great month of November!**

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# Individual Development

## The 5.5 Secrets of Successful Delegation Pt. 3

Most of us know successful delegation is more than assigning a task to a person and hoping for the best. As with most things there is part art and part skill behind implementing this process. I have identified 5 and a half secrets behind successful delegation: proper breakdown of task, assigning the correct person, creating an open dialog, monitor progress, review and revise, and building an environment of trust. Part 1, proper breakdown of task, and part 2, assigning the correct person, were covered in prior issues of the Capitol Correspondent. The remaining elements will be shared in this and the next 3 editions of this newsletter. If you would like a copy of prior articles on this topic please contact the author by email: [dan@dnharris.com](mailto:dan@dnharris.com).

### **Creating An Open Dialogue**

Once you have properly broken down a task into manageable pieces and have identified the proper individual(s) who can help you achieve your task or project you are ready to move towards the next step of successful delegation: creating an open dialogue between yourself and those you have assigned tasks to.

One of the key elements of creating and sustaining an open dialogue is to build and maintain trust with the individual you have assigned the task to. Trust will be covered in depth in a future article; however it is a critical element in developing a solid foundation in any type of relationship. Therefore, if we are going to be discussing communication and dialogue we need to have an overview of the core elements in building and maintaining trust.

The three core elements in building and maintaining trust are: perceptions, respect, and attitude. Perception, the first element, is a peculiar thing and often your perception of a certain topic will differ, even slightly, from another person. Understanding the commonalities and differences in perception on the delegated task, discussing them, and either coming to a point of agreement or consensus (if peers) or understanding (subordinate) goes a long way towards creating a unified vision, sense of ownership, and boundaries of the task. The second element, mutual respect, is a catalyst for open dialogue. It is unlikely you would have assigned roles or tasks to the delegate unless you had some level of respect regarding knowledge and/or skills they have or have capacity to learn that are valuable and contribute towards a successful project completion. Sharing this, even if it is commonly known, helps fortify and assure them why they were selected for the task at hand. Further, it is likely they will reciprocate and often this creates opportunity for exploring additional skills, areas of interest, and opportunities where each of you can offer further value to one another in new areas. Attitude is the third core element in developing and maintaining trust. Eliciting a positive attitude, leading by example, and creating an environment where communications and exchanges are encouraged, even if there is a problem, are all behaviors that further enhance a solid foundation of trust.

Once you have developed or reestablished trust three primary activities have to take place during communication for successful delegation: Agree on task delegated, seek agreement in principle, and discuss reservations. When defining the task you must be assured that there is agreement on objectives and results expected from the outcome. What you may have verbally said or written may have been perceived incorrectly by the person who received the message. If there is a difference in perception between you and the other person it is critical to identify those areas and then work together to assure that all parties are in agreement. Establishing objectives, metrics, time tables, and outcomes, even if there is no misunderstanding, are excellent ways of establishing the rules, boundaries, and expectations of the task. Once these elements have been communicated it is an optimal time to seek agreement in principle. Once this has been established you can explore gaps in knowledge or skills that the delegate may be lacking in order to successfully complete the project. This is a prime opportunity to explore whether training is necessary or an adjustment to their contribution is required. Look for ways they can develop that interests them that doesn't compromise the time or budget allowed. In addition resources availability (people, tools, materials, etc.) needs to be confirmed. If there is a conflict it will be worthwhile determining other resources (internal or external) that fill the gap and can fulfill the result within expectations. Once these elements have been explored and fulfilled you must then seek out any last reservations the delegate may have in taking on the project or task. If reservations come up, explore alternatives, offer solutions, yet reassure them of the reasons why they were your choice.

After gaining a conceptual agreement seek a commitment from the delegate. Four events, mutually agreed upon, support commitment: transferring authority, open acknowledgement, determining feedback necessary, and agreement. When transferring authority look for ways to them to have ownership and responsibility with acknowledgement that they have your full support. Prior steps should have explored any concerns in detail and given opportunity to discover resolutions necessary. Further, share their ownership of the assignment by promoting their involvement and responsibilities to those involved with the project, both up and down the lines of communication as necessary. Further, agree on the amount of and frequency of feedback including the method of delivery in both directions. Feedback from you to them will help keep them apprised of any changes to the project and its impact on their task(s). Feedback from them to you will keep you apprised of milestones reached, new insight, unresolved problems, and levels of key metrics agreed upon. Finally, get their commitment in some form of writing (e.g. paper, or email). This allows both of you to finalize any last minute changes, while reminding each other of detail or discussion points often held earlier in the communication process that one person believed was involved and the other had dismissed.

Once you have thoughtfully and tactfully created open dialogue, have agreement, and have transferred ownership of the tasks to appropriate individual who will be responsible for assuring that the job will be you are well on your way to leveraging the fourth secret to successful delegation: monitoring progress. No matter how hard we try problems arise. Monitoring progress and handling these challenges will be covered in the next installment of the Capitol Correspondent.

## Chaplain's Corner

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Dead Deer, Turkey, Celebrations...Oh, My!

I can't believe we are already part way through November! It's been a crazy year, and the last 7 weeks will be busy to be sure.

Do you know many hunters? I work in an automotive assembly plant, and this environment is chock-full of people who spend time at Deer Camp, in their blinds and in the woods in quest of getting a deer. Take a minute to remind them to be safe, and if you're a hunter, please be careful out there. Not sure what constitutes being safe? Check out the Michigan DNR website ([www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)) for tips and classes. A few tips I stumbled across from UM Health Systems (<http://www.med.umich.edu/yourchild/topics/guns.htm>) if you have guns in your home:

- Keep the gun locked
- Keep the gun unloaded
- Store the ammunition locked
- Store the ammunition in a separate place from the gun

Did you know that at least one third of all turkey consumption for a given year happens during the Thanksgiving – Christmas holidays? Did you know that Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a holiday in 1863? Did you know that more than 94% of Thanksgiving dinners will include cranberry sauce? I hope you find time to celebrate with friends and family over the course of the Thanksgiving weekend, and share what you have to be thankful for.

Celebrations?!? This time of year is full of them. Please, please, please...be safe. You have many friends – Jaycees and not – who would rather pick you up than have you drive when you shouldn't. It's also not a bad thing to spring for a cab. If you don't already, please program a few cab companies into your cell phone so that you're always prepared.

- S-Cab - (517) 374-5500
- Green Cab - (517) 643-1905
- Big Daddy Taxi - (517) 367-7474

Whatever the method, please travel safely.

Happy Holidays!

## Get Your Food On – Mumbai

Six of your fellow Jaycees took part in an excellent dinner at Mumbai in East Lansing. Some of dishes enjoyed by our group by included: Lasooni Gobhi (cauliflower florets tossed in a garlic sauce), chicken satay (chicken chunks sautéed in a peanut and coconut sauce), and Punjabi Samosa (turnover filled with green peas and potatoes). Many of the dishes tried included many spices that are thought to help promote overall health and well-being. Dishes at Mumbai included high quality ingredients requiring little or no oil.

Interested in attending on your own time? Visit [www.mumbaicuisine.com](http://www.mumbaicuisine.com) for a full menu and more information about this great restaurant in East Lansing!

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### Congratulations!

The Lansing Jaycees participated in the MI Jaycees 3rd quarter convention. We received the following awards:

Management VP Incentives - Sheryl Soczek  
Impromptu Speak up winner - Dan Harris  
Jaycee of the Quarter - Lauren Leeds  
Parade of Chapters Qualifier  
Monster Mayhem - 5th Place in the Haunted Events Parade  
Presidential Medallion - Angela Fossi

Let's keep building the buzz about the Jaycees and what we offer to develop leaders in the community!

### **A Message from the Management VP**

I am glad to say that we all made it through our Haunted House season with much success. Thank you to all who participated, members and volunteers alike. As we wind things up for 2010, be sure to stay tuned early in 2011 as committees are formed for next year's "Monster Mayhem". I do believe the main goal of the committee, to teach all aspects of planning a haunted house was achieved.

Due to our marketing efforts, 69 of our sponsors came through the house, 307 people redeemed Facebook coupons and we gained 340 Facebook friends. Kudos to our marketing team, family and friends that helped us achieve our goals. In addition to our great marketing efforts, a wonderful job was done with sponsorships. In total, we secured \$925.00 which was split between marketing and construction.

As many of you became aware, for the past several haunted houses, we have had one gentleman that routinely comes through the house several times each year. He loves our house and considers it "one of the best traditional haunted houses" he has been to. This fan of ours is Brad Zvonar. Over the years, many of us have come to know him by face, now we all can identify our number one fan by name. Thank you to Brad for your continued support!

As our year is close to coming to a close, our management area has been focused on raising money for our chapter and all that we do. I am proud to say that over the last 11 months, we have successfully raised \$10,935.79 (not including the net profit from haunted house). Thank you to all that participated and helped out in one way or another. The work does not stop here. We need to continue our fundraising efforts to make sure we are able to support the programming that our chapter has come accustomed to. If you have an idea, please make sure to let me know so we can help make it happen.

Have a great Thanksgiving and see you in December.

*Sheryl A. Soczek, 2010 Management Vice President, [soczek@msu.edu](mailto:soczek@msu.edu)*

### **Monster Mayhem – Sneaky Preview**

The Monster Mayhem "Sneaky Preview" was held to entice members of the media into coming to the haunted house prior to opening night in order to generate earned media for the event. Sponsors and local dignitaries were also invited to the Sneaky Preview.

The Sneaky Preview was held on the Wednesday before the Friday opening night. Volunteers were on hand to man the spook spots for photographers, sponsors, etc. doing walkthroughs. We had swag bags (that included coupons, free popcorn, etc.) for donors and media that attended, as well as dinner and Halloween themed goodies on hand for everyone to enjoy.

Members of the media, donors and local dignitaries received invitations and a media advisory was sent out to the media. The event was a success: WILX attended the event and did a live weather remote; a photographer from LCC's student newspaper did a walkthrough and snapped photos; and a local radio personality came out to walk through the haunted house. Several sponsors were also on hand for the night's festivities.

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## Tradition or Adaptation? – An opinion

At the end of every chapter and board meeting, the Jaycees close out the meeting reciting the Jaycee Creed:

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.

This was created in 1946 by C. William Brownfield for the purpose of uniting the world of Jaycees with a purpose and friendship. My view is this; it was created during a time when the only members of the Jaycees were men and women were not full members until July 3, 1984. Since that decision, our chapter has been progressive with having 15 women as chapter presidents (4 which were elected twice) starting in 1992. Also many of our board and general members have been women as well. I am sure this is common across the Jaycee organization both nationally and internationally.

What I would like to see is perhaps a revamping of some of the language in the Creed to embrace all of our members. Some people in our chapter do choose to use the word "people" instead of "men". I believe that the Jaycees has to continue to move forward and adapt to change and officially embrace all sexes or run the rest of offending potential members with its use of outdated verbiage.

What are your thoughts?

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## Lansing Jaycees Activities...

### [Awards Banquet Committee Meeting](#)

11/23/2010

We have the Lexington Hotel reserved for January 8th but we need to handle the rest of the planning.

### [Bowling League](#)

12/04/2010

Sign up for a Lansing Jaycees bowling team! We have a couple of teams in place but we could always use more subs. We can also sign up another last minute team. Let me know if you are interested in more information.

### [Stuff the Bus](#)

12/04/2010

Help us Stuff the Bus with presents for several families in the Greater Lansing Area. We will have several shifts to fill throughout the day!

### [General Membership Meeting](#)

12/07/2010

Our General Membership meetings occur the first Tuesday of each month (except July) at Trippers in Frandor starting at 7 PM with a social hour starting at 6 PM. The meeting is open to all members and anyone interested in learning about the Lansing Jaycees. I hope to see you there!

### [New Member Orientation](#)

12/09/2010

New Member Orientation is a way to learn more about the Jaycees in general and the Lansing Chapter in particular.

### [Fearless Speaker](#)

12/11/2010

Public speaking class

### [Learn to Curl!](#)

12/12/2010

The Lansing Curling Club is renting ice from the Detroit Curling Club in Ferndale on the following Sundays during 2010 and early 2011 to generate interest so we can begin curling in Lansing in the Fall of 2011.

### [Happy Hour](#)

12/17/2010

Happy Hours are a great way to get to know and visit with fellow Jaycees and prospects in a more relaxed environment.

### [Bowling League](#)

12/18/2010

Sign up for a Lansing Jaycees bowling team! We have a couple of teams in place but we could always use more subs. We can also sign up another last minute team. Let me know if you are interested in more information.

### [Board of Directors Meeting](#)

12/21/2010

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

# Monster Mayhem Memories



## Plymouth Rock

What's the most visited rock in New England? **Plymouth Rock**, of course. It's housed within the smallest state park in Massachusetts, [Pilgrim Memorial State Park](#), which is visited by nearly one million people each year.

According to legend, Plymouth Rock is the boulder upon which the Pilgrims landed when they arrived at the location of their permanent settlement in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. Most first-time visitors to "the rock" are a bit startled by its smallness. How could such a monumental artifact in American history be so, well... puny?

For starters, the well intentioned residents of Plymouth who first set out to preserve the symbolic rock in 1774 had the unpleasant experience of watching the rock split in two when a team of oxen attempted to raise it. Only the upper portion of Plymouth Rock left the waterfront originally for display in the Town Square.

Souvenir seekers who desired to bring home a "piece of the rock" caused further deterioration until Plymouth Rock was moved to safety inside an iron fence at the [Pilgrim Hall Museum](#) in 1834. It had a rough trip to the museum, though, falling off its conveyance and obtaining its distinctive crack.

Remember the bottom part of the rock that was left behind at the waterfront? The Pilgrim Society acquired the other half of Plymouth Rock in 1859, and in 1867, a Plymouth Rock canopy structure was completed at the waterfront to house it. Unfortunately, the canopy was not large enough to hold the whole rock, so a few pieces had to be hacked off and sold as souvenirs.

Finally, in 1880, the upper chunk was united with the lower piece of Plymouth Rock--cement did the trick! And "1620," the date of the Pilgrims' arrival in Plymouth, was permanently carved into the rock.

Plymouth Rock was moved for the last time during the celebration of Plymouth's tercentenary in 1921 to a new canopy designed by famed architects McKim, Mead and White and built by Roy B. Beattie of Fall River, Massachusetts. Would you believe that the rock broke apart once again during this move to its elegant new digs?

Plymouth Rock, though a bit battered by time, remains a powerful tribute to the courage of the 102 Mayflower passengers who founded the land we know as New England.

## Jaycee Business Directory

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