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Region D
Population Division 7
Base Membership: 79

Welcome to Our Newest Members!!

Nicole Fortner
Big Ass Fans

Ginger Hardies
Meridian Township

Blake Johnson, Rep. Craig DeRoche

Angela Mills
Huckstep & Associates

Brenda Wellwood
Michigan Dept. of State



The Lansing
Jaycees
Haunted House
- are you
scared yet??
See page 5
for the details!

The Lansing Jaycees is an organization of people ages 21-39 which promotes leadership training through community service.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at Tripper's Restaurant in Frandor, Lansing. Visit our website for a map to the meeting location or call us at (517) 853-8620.



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What are the Jaycees??

I AM The United States Jaycees. My birth certificate is dated May 1915, St. Louis, Missouri. I was conceived to provide leadership, and I am dedicated to the goal of communities of America joining together to ensure the advancement of freedom throughout the world. I am Henry Giessenbier with an idea – an idea of people helping people.

I AM opportunity for all. The blood of the world runs in my veins. I am hundreds of thousands of active young people striving to become more than they think they can, and the voice of millions who have gone on before me to provide the ideals by which I live today and which I still make possible for those who follow me.

I AM a fabulous organization of many things and many people.

I AM the Indians of Oklahoma, the bright orange coats of Florida, the volunteers of Tennessee, a cowboy from Texas, the sunflowers of Kansas, and the Eskimos of Alaska. I am the '49ers of California, a Viking from Minnesota, a rebel from Mississippi, the liberty bells of Pennsylvania, a lighthouse from New Jersey, and a Georgia peach.

I AM volunteerism, Special Olympics, Shooting Education, Haunted Houses, Big Brothers, Boy Scouts, telethons... and Santa Claus to thousands of needy children at Christmas time. I am Speak-Up and Springboard and Degrees of Jaycees. I am truly leadership in action in 10,000 communities in America, and in all countries throughout the free world. I am people joining together to help those who cannot help themselves by first building a better me!

I CAN be found in sleepy, rustic villages and large, roaring cities. From the swamplands of Louisiana to the mountaintops of Colorado, I am a strong group of people wherever I am! I search for America in every project I undertake and I am busy at this very moment building a better tomorrow today!!

I AM meeting tonight in a small church, in a skyscraper in New York, in a tavern in North Carolina, and in my own building built with love and sweat.

I AM a farmer, a clerk, a salesman, a mechanic, a Christian, a Jew, a Hindu, a housewife, and yes – even a convict. I can be found everywhere you look: a college campus, a ghetto, a nature trail, hospitals, orphanages and a prison cell. I am there.

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

I AM a letter to a senator, a ballot in an election, the excitement of a national convention, the tears of joy when I win, the silence of defeat when I don't. I am growing through all that I undertake. I am never a loser.

I AM pins, patches, vests, coats, bumper stickers, newsletters. A gavel at a podium, backrooms, long drives home, late hours, year-end books, awards, certificates, trophies, plaques, TOYA – and winners teaching winners to be winners!

I HAVE always been with the Spirit of America. I was the spirit that would not let Columbus turn back. I was there when George Washington knelt in frozen prayer at Valley Forge. When Paul Revere raised his hand at a committee meeting and said, "I'LL RIDE AND TELL THEM." It was the Jaycee spirit that gave young Nathan Hale the guts to look 'em in the eye and say, "I REGRET THAT I HAVE BUT ONE LIFE TO LOSE FOR MY COUNTRY." It was the group that collected scrap metal and helped FDR spread his message that, "THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO FEAR IS FEAR ITSELF." And I was already doing what John Kennedy asked when he said, "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT RATHER WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR COUNTRY!" I was on the boat when Admiral Farragut said, "DAMN THE TORPEDOES, FULL SPEED AHEAD!" I built this country with faith, courage, and a spirit that can only be called JAYCEES!

I LED the fight for the draft when wartime America needed it and also led the cause for its abolishment when it didn't. I am change! I am for what is right and against wrong and injustice. I am white, black, yellow, red...and I

From The President (cont.)

never judge people by the color of their skin, but rather by the content of their characters.

I HAVE established and introduced many young people into the Red Cross, MDA, the USO, volunteer fire departments, boys' clubs, City Hall, state governments, and even the congress of the United States.

I MOVE. I travel to spread Jayceeism. I have presented Billy Graham in Madison Square Garden, seen the Great Phoenix Rodeo, Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, Independence Hall, the Statue of Liberty, Disney World, the Alamo, and the Golden Gate Bridge. I marched with Martin Luther King to Washington, I have walked for mankind, traveled the badlands of the Dakotas, the bluegrass of Kentucky, and the snow-filled valleys, of Ohio to pass on this feeling of brotherhood and love.

I HAVE made my mark on time with men like Seldon Waldo, Clayton Frost, Keith Upson, Dennis Hamilton, Clint Dunagan, and Don Cavalli – men who made a difference by giving all that they had. I am Bill Brownfield writing the creed, Durward Howes designing the shield, and John Armbruster editing the LOG. I am millions of young people who have graduated from my ranks to become the leaders of this very world today!

I AM THE JAYCEE CREED. I believe in God, brotherhood, free enterprise, law and order, human personality, and service to humanity. I am what is good about America. Within my spirit lies the very basis of the future of my country. I am freedom and will fight to my last breath if necessary to see that it is preserved. May I always possess the integrity, courage, and strength to keep myself unshackled and to remain a beacon of hope to all people everywhere.

Mike Marshall
United States Junior Chamber of Commerce President
1996-1997

MICHIGAN JAYCEES 2004 Elections

If you have any questions about the 2005 Michigan Jaycees Elections, please contact Elections Chairman Tim Sposito at (586) 764-0907 or timspo@comcast.net, or visit the elections website: <http://mijcelections.tbsent.com>



Membership Development

Welcome to **Blake Johnson, Angela Mills, Nicole Fortner, Brenda Wellwood, and Ginger Hardies**, our newest members! The October GMM is just around the corner, and so is the next Be There To Win Drawing! Last month, Jeff Ferris won all the prizes that were in the drawing: four \$20 gift certificates (Tripper's/The Comedy Zone, Grand Traverse Pie Company, Family Video, and Celebration Cinema), breakfasts at the Clarion Hotel, and a super beach ball. Will you be there for the October drawing?

There was a great turnout for New Member Orientation on September 14th. We hope to see you all again soon!

On October 8th, Haunted House Happy Hour/Road Rally...we've turned hanging up posters for the Haunted House into an evening of reckless driving, games, and boo's!

Membership Information Night will be held November 10th at 7:00 PM at Tripper's. Please invite some potential members and come share your experiences with some prospective members.

Dinner and a movie, anyone? We are tentatively planning a night out on the town for dinner and a movie. The tentative date is November 19th. Please let us know if you are interested in chairing this event. There isn't too much planning needed...and you get to pick the movie!

Address, phone number, or email changed? Keep it up to date on the Jaycees website, www.lansingjaycees.org.

Pay dues the easy way...PayPal through the Jaycees website.

Jimi Carolan, Membership Development Director

Kim Doughty, Membership Development VP

Individual Development kicked off September with a speaker from Refugee Services of Lansing and the heart-wrenching tale of a refugee's experiences in Kosovo. It was truly an eye-opening experience.

September then kicked off with a plan to see the Ford Rouge Factory Tour, where the Ford F-150 is built. Being that it was an extremely nice day, however, the gang departed for outdoor activities instead. We hope to re-schedule during the coming winter when being indoors will be preferable to being outside.

Coming up in October is a visit to the Detroit Tigers on Sunday, the 3rd. As of this writing, the Tigers have won 71 games, a 28-game improvement over last year (something that hasn't been done by a major league team since 1936). It will be a fan friendly weekend with a lot of giveaways from the Tigers to show their gratitude to their fans.

For the October GMM, we have Paula Simon coming from the AFL-CIO to discuss local, state and federal issues that will be important to consider in the upcoming election. Make sure to get out and exercise your right to vote on November 2nd.

November is tentatively planned with a visit to Andy T's Farm. We are looking for a chairperson for this event. For more information, please contact Sheryl Soczek at ssoczek@mail.grandhotel.net or Matt Wiitala at mtwiitala@hotmail.com.

And, that's all for now...

Sheryl Soczek, Individual Development Director

Matt Wiitala, Individual Development VP

Good Things Come in Small Packages!

Well, as most Jaycees have probably heard by now, Drew Thurston Wiitala came into the world at 5:37 PM on Saturday, September 4th. He came 8 weeks early and was delivered at 2 lbs 15 ounces. In the words of the nurse coming out of the O.R., he came out "crying and cranky."

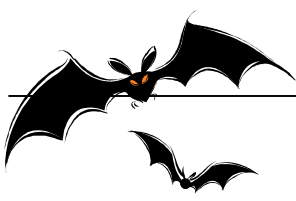


We're excited to share that after two weeks in the RNICU and then a week in the Nursery at Sparrow, Drew came home Sunday the 26th. He is doing very well and his last weigh-in showed he was a healthy 4 lbs 3 ounces.



Mom Sheila is doing well as is Dad Matt. We may be a little scarce at upcoming events but we are grateful for all the cards, calls, gifts and expressions of congratulations. We would especially like to thank Jimi Carolan, Tierany Myers and Sara Ballard for all the work that went into the Baby Shower for Sheila and Drew on September 25th. Although he couldn't be there, Drew appreciates all the stuff very much. If we've missed anyone who helped put the shower together, please accept our apologies and know that it was a wonderful time and very much appreciated and we thank you all. Thank you cards will be going out shortly, as well.

Matt, Sheila, and Drew Wiitala



Haunted House!!

Many are asking about this year's Haunted House. Things are going quite nicely as we have the maze set up (thanks to several very dedicated and skilled members). I would encourage everyone to get involved this year with either the decorating or the spooking. If you're new, this is a very fun endeavor and as a Jaycee you have somewhat of a privilege of being an "insider" (I get several calls a week from people in the community or media who want an inside scoop). From time to time, people ask me as a psychiatrist why people would pay to be scared in haunted house. I tell them that people don't really want to be frightened, but rather want that same exhilarating thrill you get from a roller coaster. This is different than the fear that people have about dental appointments and tax audits. An equally fascinating (but rarely asked) question is why we get so many volunteers from the community for this project. I can tell you as a forensic psychiatrist that there is something in our basic nature that makes us enjoy scaring other people. While our prisons are filled with people who've been convicted of stalking, bomb threats and other fear inducing endeavors, our Jaycee chapters are filled with friendly law abiding citizens who are really into making their haunted houses scary and menacing. What does all this mean? Heck, who knows! Just come and participate and I promise you'll have a great time.

Brian Krause
 Haunted House Chairperson
 vagus10@aol.com

What Can YOU Do???

The Lansing Jaycees Haunted House is only as successful as YOU make it! You have just two things to do... volunteer to make this the best Haunted House yet, and then come enjoy a good scare with your friends!

First things first, volunteers are needed to help finish decorating and setting up the Haunted House. The hours volunteers will be at the house working are as follows:



Monday, Oct 4th – Friday, Oct 8th
 6-9PM

Saturday, Oct 9th – Sunday Oct 10th
 10AM – 4PM

Monday, Oct 11th – Thursday, Oct 14th
 6-9PM

Other ways you can help...

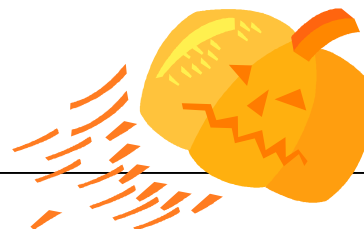
Help hang up posters and distribute coupons on Friday, 10/8 from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM, starting at the Nuthouse on Michigan Ave.

Come to the design committee meeting on Saturday 10/9/04 at 12 Noon. If you're interested in helping plan the scares, join us at the Impression-5 on Saturday (for more information, contact Kim at 980-0989).



So, what can you do after the house is scare-ready? Well, two things - help out some more, and come get scared! **Fourteen** volunteers are needed each night the Haunted House is open (most of those positions are for spookers). Volunteers are also needed to provide dinner for the crew. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 6:30 PM. If you would like to help out any of the nights the House is open (see page 10 for dates and times), fill out the Volunteer Response Form on page 11 and return it to Renee Dolan or Tierany Myers by October 12th.

Remember, the Lansing Jaycees Haunted House is only as successful as YOU make it, so come get involved in this important, fun, and of course, scary event!



Honoring 75 Years of Tradition!

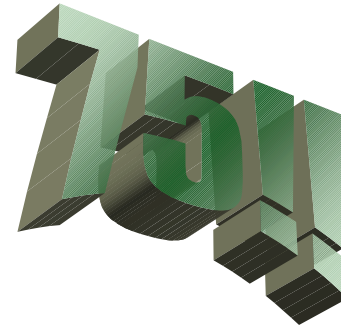
Mark your calendars for our 75th Anniversary Banquet aboard the Michigan Princess. The banquet will be held on Saturday, November 13th, 2004. We will board the Michigan Princess at 6 PM for cocktails and a buffet dinner will be served at 6:30. The boat will leave the dock at 8:00 PM for a cruise on the Grand River. Tickets are \$40 per person for dinner and cruise or \$15 for the cruise only. Watch for more information at upcoming events and in the weekly emails! If you would like any additional information, please contact event co-chairs Amy Miller at aemill@comcast.net or Michelle Walk at mwalk@lescheneaux.net.

Advertise with the Lansing Jaycees!

Advertisement space is available in the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Program for our Banquet on November 13th, 2004. Please help support this event with your advertising! If you know of anyone who may be interested in advertising with us, forward me their name and contact information and I will make sure they get a sponsorship letter! The following levels are available:

- DIAMOND Sponsorship (\$600) includes 8 tickets to the banquet, mention in all press releases and advertisements and a full-page advertisement in our program.
- GOLD Sponsorship (\$300) includes 4 tickets to the banquet, mention in all press releases and advertisements and a half page advertisement in our program.
- SILVER Sponsorship (\$200) includes 2 tickets to the banquet and a half page advertisement in our program.
- Individual advertisements are also available:
 - Full page ad (8.5 x 11 in): \$200
 - Half page ad (8.5 x 5.5 in): \$100
 - Quarter page ad (4.25 x 5.5 in): \$50
 - Business Card ad: \$25

Necole Staron
Program Chairperson
75th Anniversary Banquet
staronn@michigan.gov



We are searching for past members!

The 75th Anniversary Banquet Committee is looking for past members to include on our guest list for this event! If you know of any past Lansing Jaycee or Women's Auxiliary members, please pass their name and current mailing address on to the committee!

Amy E. Miller
2004 Chairman of the Board
75th Anniversary Banquet co-chair
aemill@comcast.net

BY LAW CHANGE

At the September 11th, 2004 Board of Directors meeting, the following By Law change was enacted:

Bylaw 2.1 (A) Individual Member – An individual member shall be a person between the ages of twenty-one (21) and forty (40) years inclusive, who otherwise meets the requirements for membership as established by the United States Junior Chamber bylaws, and who is in good standing with the Michigan Jaycees and his/her Local Organization Member."

Yes, all of you 39 year olds who thought your Jaycee careers had come to end... think again! :)

The Board's decision regarding this matter was heavily impacted by the responses members gave in surveys that indicated 76% of respondents were in favor of this proposed change.

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding this matter please contact Planning Director Dave Chambers (616-395-9889 or planningdirector@ameritech.net).

Seeking 2005 Board Members!

Develop your leadership skills as a member of the board. Improve your public speaking skills.
Get to know your fellow Jaycees.

Think it may be too much to take on alone? Grab a friend and work together as a team.

Any questions? Would you like to run for a position? Please contact any of the current board members. You need not be present the night of elections. However, we must have your acceptance of the nomination in writing prior to the meeting.

What DOES the Board Do?

Wonder what goes on behind the scenes? We've all participated in projects but who pulls it all together? Ensures the dates don't conflict? Ensures the funds are available to accomplish all our activities? Establishes goals and strives to ensure the chapter meets those goals?

Members of the board play a vital role in ensuring the success of the Jaycees organization. Who are these people?

President:

Oversees chapter activities.

Vice Presidents:

Oversee pinnacle area; support area projects; write monthly newsletter article.

Directors:

Support the vice presidents; communicate with project chairpersons to ensure no problems; assist chairs as needed.

Treasurer:

Maintain the budget; reconcile the checkbook and ensure funds are available to cover the daily needs of the Jaycees.

Secretary:

Maintain minutes of the GMMs and board meetings; serve as election committee chair.

Now that you know what the board positions entail, you may be wondering what each of our development areas are...not to worry! There are four development areas: Community, Individual, Membership, and Management. Read on for a description of each of these areas.

Make a Difference! (Community Development)

Do you enjoy helping your community? Helping kids? Promoting community growth? There is so much you can do as a vice president or director of community development. Traditional projects in this area include: Easter Egg Hunt, Children's Shopping Spree, Child and Family Services Christmas Party, and Ele's Place Christmas Party.

What's In It For Me? (Individual Development-ID)

Individual Development involves personal and family programming that teaches our members new skills and allows for personal growth. Some ID programs throughout the past year have included winery trips, scuba diving, a trip to Fenner Nature Center, whitewater rafting, and the annual camping trip. This is a fun area with room for innovative ideas and growth.

Let's Get Together! (Membership Development)

Membership has two key areas: getting new members and retaining current membership. How? By organizing fun social activities and creating networking opportunities. Types of projects include happy hours, softball games, euchre nights and international dinners.

Go For It! - Management Development

Management is how we manage to accomplish everything mentioned above. Public relations. Getting the Jaycee name out to the community. Raising money to hold all the community, individual and membership projects, not to mention covering the day-to-day operating expenses of a chapter. The Management Development area produces the monthly newsletter, oversees web-site maintenance, may prepare press releases for upcoming events, and oversees key fundraising projects including Haunted House.

Challenge to Contribute EXPLORING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

I challenge you to contribute two things in the next month...



First, contribute a resource: please provide your favorite resource associated with entrepreneurship or business, whether it is a web link, a book, or something else. Second, contribute time:

attend a business or entrepreneurship event, whether it be a Chamber Member Mixer, a Chamber Economic Luncheon, the Community Leadership Lounge, or something else.

Why is it important to fulfill these challenges besides for the sake of meeting a challenge? I'll give you just a few of the many reasons.

Contributing a resource will show your savvy business sense and enrich other Jaycees. We are going to compile these resources into a list and provide it to your fellow Jaycees on the webpage. We want all the contributions to give an interesting collaboration of useful information.

Contributing your time to attend an event allows you to learn about business ideas and share success or failure stories, all of which can provide many benefits. Some of these benefits may even be able to help further you in your current job or a future business you may want to own. Or, they may give you the capability to assist a business-minded friend or relative.



Please send your contribution from the first challenge to contribute a resource, and any questions or comments you may have to Sara at saraballard@comcast.net or Jamie at prevojam@msu.edu.

~ Jamie Prevo

Happy Birthday!

Jamie Wilmoth Jessica Rehling
Kim Lundberg Brian Krause
Jeff Sand Amy Miller
Jill Klinger Tim Luea
Andy Miller
Emery Jordan



Membership Anniversaries

Lee Abramson ~ 2003

Angela Backus ~ 2002

Jill Klinger ~ 2002

Sara VanderLind ~ 2003

Stay Informed About Your Chapter!














Check out the file archives in the Member area of the Lansing Jaycees website for information on the management of the chapter. You can view the Chapter Plan, Board of Directors meeting minutes and financial information. Year-to-date financial statements are prepared monthly, and are available no later than the board meeting of the following month. Statements can be requested by emailing treasurer@lansingjaycees.org, and they are also now available in the file archives.

Let Your Voice Be Heard!!

The Jaycees want to hear what YOU have to say! Send your articles for next month's newsletter to Jamie Wilmoth at jamie.wilmoth@ahpplc.com (or fax to 487-9535). Articles are due by the 20th of each month. Let's continue to make the newsletter **your** newsletter!



Lansing Jaycees Calendar ~ October/November 2004

					1 October	2 	<p><u>Haunted House Happy Hour/Road Rally</u> October 8th The Nuthouse Happy Hour at 6 PM Road Rally at 7:30 PM Race through town to get the word out about Haunted House! Contact: Sara Ballard (517) 388-1220</p> <p><u>Make a Difference Day</u> October 23rd This great community event still needs a chair! Step up and decide how the Lansing Jaycees will make a difference this year! Contact: Rachel Pavlik (517) 337-2007</p> <p><u>Haunted House</u> Volunteers are needed!! See pg. 5 for dates and times your efforts are needed. Help make this the scariest Haunted House yet. The House is open for business on days marked with  (see page 10 for times). Contact: Brain Krause (517) 626-7708</p> <p><u>General Membership Meeting</u> November 3rd Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM Make sure to come and cast your vote for 2005 officers! <i>If you can't attend the GMM, complete the proxy to make your vote count!</i> Contact: Sara Ballard (517) 388-1220</p>
3 Detroit Tigers Outing	4	5 GMM 7 PM Tripper's	6	7 Membership Committee Meeting	8 Happy Hour/Road Rally	9 Haunted House Design Committee Meeting	
10	11	12	13	14	15 	16 Sweetest Day 	
17	18 	19 Empty Bowls	20 November Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 	23 Make a Difference Day 	
24	25	26	27 	28 	29 	30 	
31 Halloween 	1 November	2 Get out and Vote!!	3 GMM 7:00 PM Tripper's	4	5	6 Cider Mill Trip	
7	8	9	10 Membership Information Night	11	12	13 75 th Anniversary Banquet	
14	15	16	17	18	19 Dinner & A Movie	20 One Stop Holiday Shop Night	
21	22	23	24 	25 Thanks-giving	26	27	
28	29	30					

HAUNTED HOUSE



October 15 & 16

7 PM - 11 PM

October 22 & 23

7 PM - 11 PM

October 27 & 28

7 PM - 10 PM

October 29, 30, & 31

7 PM - 11 PM

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House in Town!***



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See What Lansing Jaycees Have to Offer: www.lansingjaycees.org



Lansing Jaycees Haunted House Volunteer Response Form

Please submit volunteer response form by October 12, 2004

Save the dates:

October 15-16	7 PM – 11 PM
October 22-23	7 PM – 11 PM
October 27-28	7 PM – 10 PM
October 29-30	7 PM – 11 PM
October 31	7 PM – 10 PM

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

_____ YES! I want to volunteer to spook at this year's Haunted House. I am available on the following dates from 6:30 PM to 10:00 or 11:00 PM. (Please circle as many dates as you want to volunteer) Oct. 15, 16, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

_____ YES! I would like to provide dinner for the ghouls at the Haunted House. I am willing to provide dinner for ___night(s) for 30 Haunted House volunteers. I will anxiously await a phone call from a member of the Jaycees to confirm date(s) for my donation.

_____ YES! I would like to participate in the Haunted House Happy Hour/Road Rally on **October 8th at 7:30 PM at The Nuthouse**. Poster hanging and beer drinking!

Please send the completed form to: **Lansing Jaycees, P.O. Box 16150, Lansing, MI 48901** or email to: **dolanr@msu.edu**. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Renee Dolan at (517) 449-5468 or Tierany Myers at (517) 230-1677.