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## Meet the Candidates

On September 19<sup>th</sup> the Michigan Jaycees conducted a Meet the Candidates for the 2011 Board of Directors. The event was held in Lansing and every chapter in the state was invited to participate. We had the opportunity to learn about four candidates that are running for a position on the 2011 MIJC Board.

Our very own Angela Clock conducted the first speech. She is running for 2011 Community Vice President. She believes that the 2011 MIJC Community Team should keep it local and meaningful by complimenting the work that is being performed by the local chapters. We can do more to use the Community Area of Opportunity as a recruitment tool. And we should broaden our scope of community and civic involvement. Find out more by checking out Angela's website <http://overthemoon2011.blogspot.com> or by following her campaign page on Facebook.

The next speaker was Mark Garrison from the Livonia chapter is running for MIJC Individual Development Vice President. He has five ideas that will help strengthen our ID projects. First we should help market our ID projects, he wants to support local ID programming, begin/establish a statewide training databases, reinvent competitions and look for new competitions that can be of value to our state. Check out more information about Mark by following his campaign page on Facebook.



*Left: Gil Mayrand speaks at Meet the Candidates*



*Right: Dave Worthams speaks at Meet the Candidates*

Our next speakers are both running for 2011 MIJC President. The first presidential candidate was David Worthams from the Kalamazoo chapter. Dave has included the following as part of his vision: Membership Growth = New Member + Retention + Relationships, refocus efforts on the millennial generation, increase public relations, use communication to bridge the gap with our members and increase our strategic planning for our Happily Ever After. Check out more information by going to Dave's website <http://worthamsformijcpresident.blogspot.com> or by following his Facebook page.

Gil Mayrand from the Wyandotte Jaycees is also running for President of the MI Jaycees. His platform includes focusing on the benefits of membership, the future of our organization, embrace technology, and develop partnerships. But most importantly we need to get involved! Find out more about Gil at his website [www.vote4gil.com](http://www.vote4gil.com) or follow his campaign on Facebook.

Please take a few minutes to learn more about our incredible leaders and find out more about the positions they are running for by visiting their web pages and Facebook pages. We will be voting during November Convention. Are you interested in being one of the eight delegates that will represent Lansing? Make sure you sign up for convention today!

*Submitted by: Angela Fossi, 2010 President, [kitispart@gmail.com](mailto:kitispart@gmail.com)*

# Lansing Jaycees

## October 2010

### **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**

### **2010 Board of Directors**

*The Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each  
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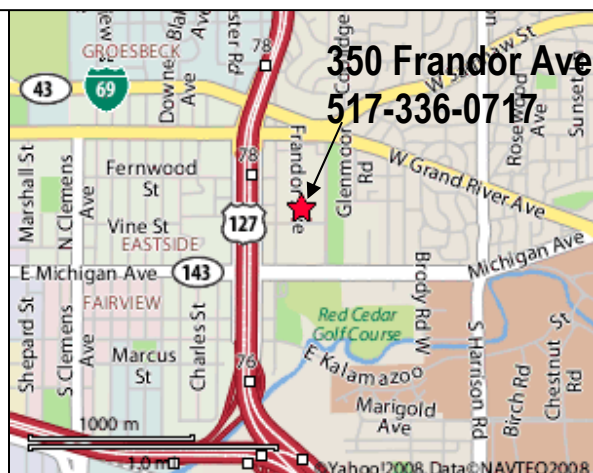
The Lansing Jaycees is an organization of people ages 21-40 which promotes leadership training through community service. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) at Tripper's Bar and Grill in Frandor. Visit our website, [www.lansingjaycees.org](http://www.lansingjaycees.org) for more information.



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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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As the opening of Monster Mayhem draws near I would like to sincerely thank everyone that has helped resurrect the event. As many of you know the Lansing Jaycees have conducted 32 Haunted Houses. During the years the Haunted House has become one of our signature events and something that could attract our community, business partners, exhausted roosters, volunteer groups and existing members.

During my acceptance speech in January I mentioned how excited I was to be involved in my first planning meeting for the Haunted House. This year will be the first time many of us have been involved with Monster Mayhem. Prior to this year the largest event that I had been involved with had been the Easter Egg Hunt. While that is still a pretty large event I am amazed to look back on my calendar and see all of the planning meetings that have been going on since the start of the year to get the Haunted House back up and running.

I was reading over my speech from January and I remember how incredible it was to be able to announce to everyone that we were bringing the Haunted House back. I had been hearing for years how the event impacts everyone that is involved. The biggest benefit cannot be measured in dollars or manpower; the number of relationships that have formed and/or developed during the planning, construction, operating and tear down of the Haunted House measures it.

I brought up a quote from the classic film *It's a Wonderful Life* in which Clarence reminds George "no man is a failure who has friends". Once again that rings true. As we have built the Haunted House I have been amazed by the openness and generosity of our members. It is great to hear members that have never talked before talking about prop placement. Or to see a group of friends plan a hallway. Or to see people on the committees talk about past houses and think of new ways to make improvements. Or see a member offer a tool or service that will help contribute to the success of the event.

Once again I am in constant amazement of the generosity and support that our organization offers our members and the community. I believe that volunteering truly is more rewarding if you can share the experiences with friends and people you know and trust. The bonds on our friendships have been strong and continue to strengthen. Sure we have moments of frustration and anxiety like any other group but it is a very rewarding experience to know you can always reach out to another member for support during these moments.

That being said please make sure to stand back this month and enjoy the moment. Think about how awesome the experience has been and how difficult it would have been to accomplish had you not been a part of the Lansing Jaycees!

Sincerely,  
Angela M. Fossi  
82<sup>nd</sup> President



## A Message from the Membership VP



Greetings all! This month I thought I'd tell you all a little about our billing system from the Michigan Jaycees and the US Jaycees in hopes that you can better understand our dues. Many of you wonder why you get the bill for your dues a month before your actual anniversary date. For instance, I joined the Jaycees in August, but my renewal fees are due in July. This is because the state (Jaycees) consider an on time renewal to be the month prior to your anniversary date. So why should you care if you renew on time? Our dues for the state break down like this: On Time Renewal \$50, Late Renewal \$58, New Member \$60.

Essentially, you save the chapter \$8 by renewing that month early. \$8 may not seem like much, but when you multiply that by 70 members, it comes out to \$560. That is quite a bit that we can use for operating costs. And, if you do the math, when a new member joins, our regular dues fee is only \$65, which means we are only getting \$5 of that. And that isn't even \$5, because we have to buy a nametag for each new member. Plus, our current incentives to join often make our dues for new members \$60 (at GMM's and Meet & Greets) or \$55 (at New Member Orientations). So we're actually losing money! The Lansing Jaycees have kept their dues at the same price for several years now, because we want to make sure people are able to join or renew their membership if they choose. I hope this helps you better understand why you get your renewal bill a month early, and encourages you to renew early.

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

### Membership Anniversary Dates:

October:

*A. Backus, T. Ferguson*

November:

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

### October Birthdays

Bridget Burnell  
Andy Miller  
Eric Sheppard  
Abby Siegel  
Sara Skerratt

*Happy Birthday!!!*



### Welcome New Members!!!

Angela Mills





### Happy Hour September

We had a happy hour on Friday, September 17 after Haunted House truck unload. We have happy hours every month, but we had this one a bit later than usual in order to have all available hands help with unloading. September's happy hour was a relatively short one, as everyone was pretty tired from having done all that physical labor. Some of us are not used to that!



We went to Barley's because they are pretty close in location to our Haunted House site this year. Most of us were dirty and sweaty, not everyone's favorite way to hit a bar on a Friday night. However, it was good to get the crowd at Barley's used to seeing us at less than our finest...we usually look pretty funny when we hit the restaurant/bar after operating the Haunted House too! Between masks and costumes and everyone wearing whatever dark clothes they can find, we look pretty interesting trooping in after Haunted House. 😊 Despite the conditions everyone enjoyed our time at Barley's.

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### New Member Orientation

On September 13, we had our third quarter New Member Orientation. Seven people attended, two of whom were already members. For those of you doing the math, that means five people were prospective members.

New Member Orientations are intended to give people an overview of the Jaycees, including how the group started, what the different areas of the Jaycees cover, the forms we use, etc. as well as giving more specific details about the Lansing chapter. It is a more intimate meeting than the GMM and offers new people the chance to meet some members of the Board of Directors as well as the opportunity to ask questions they may have about the group. Also, the 2010 Board of Directors has instituted a practice of giving a \$10 discount on dues to people who join at New Member Orientation.

At the end of the event in September, the five prospects joined the Jaycees. I welcome those new members and hope anyone who wants to know more about the Jaycees will attend the next New Member Orientation, scheduled for December 9, 2010.

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# Lansing Jaycees



J. Shannon putting a room together.



A. Marlatt with a drill...uh oh.



T. Steere, S. Muthiah and J. Shannon building for the Haunted House!



S. Muthiah in a couch!

# 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.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information about upcoming committee meetings in the near future.

**Submitted by Lauren Leeds, Stuff the Bus Co-chair, [laurenloo823@yahoo.com](mailto:laurenloo823@yahoo.com)**



## 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 October newsletter: A. Fossi, S. Soczek, A. Clock, C. May, C. Burton, D. Harris, L. Leeds, I. Hajdar, A. Briseno, Andrew 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. You can also bring the onesies or receiving blankets to the Jaycees General Membership Meeting on **November 9**.

## **Signature Chefs Auction –**

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Signature Chefs Auction  
Monday, November 8, 2010  
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

5:30 to 6:00 p.m.—Silent Auction Preview, appetizers by  
McAllister's Deli  
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.—Food Tasting and Silent Auction  
7:30 to 9:15 p.m.—Program and Live Auction

## **We are in need of volunteers for the night of the event! Here are some details:**

The Signature Chefs Auction pays tribute to the culinary excellence of approximately 25 chefs in the Lansing Area. The chefs are the highlight of the event, with the food they prepare and the live auction packages they bring to the event. Guests are given the opportunity to visit personally with each of the chefs, taste their cuisine, and learn more about the restaurants they represent. There is also a live and silent auction portion of the evening.

Attendees represent leaders from the political, business, sports and media arenas in the Greater Lansing area. It is an upscale event for people that enjoy fine dining, good wines, and a social evening with friends and family.

We will be hosting a **Volunteer Training on Thursday, October 21, 2010** at the Jackson National Life dining center. This is an opportunity to learn more about the event, volunteer opportunities and the March of Dimes. Refreshments will be available. Please RSVP at the email address below.

For more information on volunteer positions available and how to sign up: contact our office or email [chefsauktionvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:chefsauktionvolunteers@gmail.com)

## **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*

## A Message from the Individual Development VP

October is Haunted House month. If you have ever wanted to know what goes into building one or running one, be sure to check it out! Don't fret if you missed some construction know how, we still need to take it all apart in November. We will also be holding a construction "how to" class at Home Depot in Okemos on October 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are nervous about spooking people at haunted house, be sure to connect with another member to show you the way!

If you like your outdoor activities, October will be the month for you. I will be holding a learn to play paintball event on October 24<sup>th</sup> which will be followed by our annual trip to Joes Gizzard City in Potterville. Even if you don't want to play paintball, come out to observe in their observation area (we will need a photographer to catch all the action).

As usual, we will be holding our monthly Get Your Food On, be sure to watch your Jaycee Juice for times and locations.

Enjoy your October and for many of you, enjoy your first Jaycee experience at spooking!

*Sheryl A. Soczek, 2010 Individual Development VP*  
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Apparently summer will not be going away just yet. Now is a great time to enjoy that last long run or bike ride. Now is the best time to play a good round of golf to have confidence in your golf game for the spring.

Depending on the work environment in which you work, you may be faced with an overwhelming amount of work that needs to be completed by the end of the year. If your superior has not already made a plan so you and all your co-workers can get your work done by the close of the year, here are some tips to help you survive this:

1. Clear your schedule to work as much overtime as possible. There are many employers out there who ask if you can work overtime as part of the interview. If you told your employer that you would work overtime as part of your interview and you end up not being able to do so, employers may hold that against you. This could lead to discipline up to termination in some workplaces, so be careful!
2. Try to minimize your time off. Some employers will not allow any people to take time off during this period. Save holiday shopping for after work, weekends or lunch hours!
3. Make sure to utilize your free time in the best ways possible. This is the best time to recharge your batteries and help you be the most productive at work.

We are heading into the final stretch of the year, but we still have plenty of great events being planned in the last quarter of 2010.

- Get Your Food On: San Chez on Friday, November 12, time TBD
  - This will be an excellent opportunity to take a road trip to Grand Rapids and enjoy some great Spanish tapas. What a great way to unwind after a long week at work! More information is to come, but just know that we will carpool. Check out [www.sanchezbistro.com](http://www.sanchezbistro.com) for an idea of the dishes they serve.
- Fearless Speaker on (tentatively) Saturday, December 11, time TBD
  - Looking to overcome your fear of public speaking? Need to strengthen your public speaking skills? No matter what level you are at, Dan Harris will lead us into being "Fearless Speakers".

There are some other projects in the works and it should be a fun end of the year. Enjoy a great October!

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## The 5.5 Secrets of Successful Delegation Pt. 2

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, was covered in last month's Capitol Correspondent. The remaining elements will be shared in this and the next 4 editions of this newsletter. If you do not have access to last month's newsletter article and would like part one please contact the author by email: [dan@dnharris.com](mailto:dan@dnharris.com).

### *Assigning the Correct Person*

Once you have properly broken down a task into manageable pieces you are ready to move towards the next step of successful delegation: assigning the correct person to each sub-task. While you may have someone in mind initially I recommend taking a step back and evaluate the situation before sending an email, visiting them in person, or calling them. Why? Strategy and growth.

Understanding the big picture of your organization and where your project impacts the big picture matters when delegating a task. For instance, you may know of a worker (employee or volunteer in your organization) who has expert skills in the area the task covers. You could delegate the task to them and have results back ahead of schedule. However, you could assign the task to another person who could learn from the experience. Look for opportunities to help others grow, especially in areas where they have interest. Lastly, be aware of commitments individuals you are considering delegating a task to may have. Naturally, this all takes communication (which is covered in depth in the next installment of the Capitol Correspondent).

Using task planning sheets and delegation logs (shown below) or using a project management program aid you in keeping track and managing assigned tasks. Using project management tools, along with thoughtful planning, and managing proper assignment of individual delegates will keep you organized. That way if (and when) something unexpected happens you are organized and can swiftly deal with challenges appropriately, often by empowering those who 'own' certain tasks to handle them, than assuming ownership of all challenges during a crisis because you are not properly organized.

Here are five questions to answer that build both your skills as well as those you work with:

- Who can do the task now?
- Who can be trained to do the task?
- What is the best match of work and individual contribution for personal growth?
- Who would most benefit from working on the task?
- What match can you make between workloads, skill development, and performance to help people grow and get the task done on time?

Once you have thoughtfully assigned tasks to appropriate individuals that balance the need for successful completion, timeliness, and individual growth you are well on your way to leveraging the third secret to successful delegation: communication and creating an environment of open dialogue. The next installment of the 5.5 Secrets to Successful Delegation in next month's Capitol Correspondent will cover this.

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# Individual Development

## Chaplain's Corner

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It's October, and Halloween is coming up. I thought you might be interested in the following alternatives to burial in a coffin:

### Top 10 Weird Burials from [totallytop10.com](http://totallytop10.com)

1. **Freeze Drying:** The approach is freeze drying the body and crushing the remains in to a fine powder. This powder is then available for scattering or incorporating in a memorial.
2. **In For a Deep End – Underwater!:** The Neptune Memorial Reef project, off Key Biscayne, Miami, is the largest artificial reef in the world. The reef is an underwater resting place for cremated remains and an environmental laboratory for marine biologists.
3. **Diamonds are Forever:** Modern day alchemists can convert cremation ashes in to gemstones of the same color and quality of mined diamonds
4. **Memorial Spaceflights:** Launching your loved one's remains in to space to float among the stars and become part of the infinite cosmos is the specialty of US firm Celestis. The company has already launched several space shots with a payload of cremated remains in to space and plans another soon – from \$995 plus local taxes per deceased.
5. **Firework Funeral:** A firework funeral is both spectacular and spiritual. Attaching the deceased ashes to rockets and launching them in to the night sky for scattering and a colorful display.
6. **Cremation Art:** Families wanting a lasting celebration of their loved one can have an artist paint a portion of their ashes in to an existing work or create a new commission.
7. **Stuck in the Birdhouse:** Once you have scattered your ashes, a US company has come up with solution for an eco-friendly way to mark the spot with a memorial – convert your hand-turned wooden urn in to a birdhouse.
8. **Carbon Copies:** A typical person's cremation ashes can be turned in to about 240 leads for pencils with the deceased's name foil printed on the side.
9. **Cryonics:** About 200 people are in suspended animation waiting reawakening in the future. Some of these are complete bodies; some are only 'brains.'
10. **Human DNA Trees:** If you wish to come closer to nature than decomposing in a coffin somewhere, scientists have come up with a way to transcode the essence of a human being into a tree. By entwining your DNA with the one of a plant, a company called [Biopresence](http://Biopresence) offers what they call "Living Memorials" or "Transgenic Tombstones."

## Get Your Food On – Don Tequila's

Six members of the Lansing Jaycees, including two new members, set their sights for Charlotte, Michigan for a night of sampling Mexican and Latin American food, relaxing, good conversation, and starting the weekend off in a good mood. A variety of entrees were ordered including enchiladas, soft tacos, and other types of food you would find in a Latin American eatery.

However, not everything came out as expected. One Jaycee ordered a chalupa expecting to get something similar to a fast food style chalupa and was surprised when it came out flat, like a tortilla salad. Another Jaycee ordered flan for dessert and noted that the flan was prepared differently than how their Cuban cousin prepares it.

In the end we had a relaxing time and enjoyed sampling dishes even if they came out different than expected. Many times that is part of the fun when venturing out beyond our comfort zone – an opportunity to try new things and explore new ways food is prepared.

*Submitted by: Dan Harris, [dan@dnharris.com](mailto:dan@dnharris.com)*



**E. Sheppard, J. Sheppard and B. Burnell  
enjoy their dinners!**

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

October will be a busy month if you are a Lansing Jaycee! We started off with Texas Hold'em (our last of the year) and swiftly moved into 3 weeks of haunted house operations. Just a friendly reminder that our haunted house is open on the following days:

Friday, October 15 & Saturday, October 16

Friday, October 22 & Saturday, October 23

Thursday, October 28, Friday, October 29, Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31

The hours for our visitors are 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

The hours for our volunteers are 5:45 PM – 11:30 PM

The cost is \$10.00 per person with \$2.00 off if our Monster Mayhem Facebook Page is presented at time of purchase. A group rate of \$7.00 is also available for groups of 10 or more when pre-purchased.

Needless to say, we have a HUGE month for Management. That being said, we can't lose sight that our elections are right around the corner. If you have wondered how you can give back even more to your chapter, consider a position on our Board of Directors. Elections will take place at our November General Membership Meeting. We will also be voting to update our constitution and bylaws. Remember to take a look at the proposed changes so you will be an informed voter!

Have a great October and remember to take some time for yourself if you need it.

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### **Monster Mayhem – Construction and Design**

It's hard to believe it's finally here – the end of construction and design! I hope those of you who didn't feel construction and design was your forte will help out with our operations nights. This is your chance to see the haunted house come alive, so to speak, as we don our costumes and scare our patrons! Haven't scared people before (on purpose)? No worries! We'll show you how – it's not nearly as hard as you think. Before I played the monster, I never thought I would enjoy it. After a couple of nights, I was hooked! Remember – the only way to truly know whether or not you will like something is to try it!

And on a more personal note, please remember that this haunted house is not the project of a few people. This is the Lansing Jaycees Monster Mayhem – if you're a Jaycee, please take the time to help with this great event and show pride in the work of our chapter. Whether you've participated on the construction / design or PR & Marketing committees, or helped with other tasks for this project, or not, we need everyone to help see us through operations. If you have questions about how to get involved, feel free to contact me at [carriemmay@aol.com](mailto:carriemmay@aol.com) or 248-756-3840.

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### **Origins of Halloween Traditions**

Since our chapter has been working so hard these on getting the Monster Mayhem Haunted House ready for its opening day on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, some people may not know why how traditions such as treat or treating, haunted houses and dressing up came into existence. After a little research here is what I came up with:

**Halloween – October 31<sup>st</sup>:** It is a mix of Celtic (Irish), Catholic and Roman religious holidays (Samhain, All Saints' Day and Ferialia respectively) and European folk traditions. Around the Middle Ages, October 31<sup>st</sup> was seen as a day that the dead can return to earth and ancient Celts would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off any ghosts. By the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, it had evolved to a more of a children's holiday. The name originated around the 16<sup>th</sup> century from the Scottish term All-Hallows-Even (evening).

**Jack O' Lantern:** Origins come from an Irish myth about a man called Stingy Jack who double-crossed the Devil and after Stingy Jack died he was not allowed to go to either Heaven or Hell and was forced to roam the earth with only a piece of burning coal. He carved out a turnip to carry the coal and became known as "Jack of the Lantern" or "Jack O' Lantern. People in Ireland and Scotland made their own turnip lanterns with scary faces to scare away Stingy Jack and when settlers came to America, they started to use pumpkins, which are native here.

**Trick or Treating:** Has Irish and English origins (Middle Ages) that stem from the tradition of Souling which occurred on November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints' Day. Children and poor people would go door to door singing and saying prayers for the dead in exchange for a small round cake. The cake represented a soul being freed from Purgatory. Also it combines the Scottish and English tradition of Guising where children would wear costumes or disguises and go door to door for food. In Scotland children are still usually expected to perform a trick (song, joke or poem) before they receive a treat.

**Haunted Houses:** Surprisingly enough, though hard to officially pinpoint when haunted houses came into existence, some research has stated that they originated from Jaycee (Junior Chamber of Commerce) charity tents around the 1920's-1930's. Elements from ghost stories, carnival rides and sideshows combined with the Halloween traditions already established probably influenced their creation.

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### **Point of View: Halloween!**

October is the month of fall colors and Halloween is fun time for kids. That was my idea after relocating from India recently. But only after being a part of our Lansing Jaycees Haunted House construction, I realize its way more fun for us too.

Building a haunted house as big and scary as ours from the scrap required a lot of planning and hard work as a team. Innovation, talent, team work, passion, construction knowledge and much more. Bravo to the entire team. And I'm very glad to be a tiny part of this massive event. It is a good opportunity to develop our construction skills, get to know fellow Jaycees personally and have a great work out with plenty of FUN. The maze is amazing and the rooms are coming out very well, much scarier than what I had imagined. And it's nice to realize that all the fun we are having at our haunted house construction is for a good cause.

My first Halloween has started with "fun" and "fear" at our Monster Mayhem construction and I'm anxiously looking forward for the final look.

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# Calendar of Events

## Lansing Jaycees Activities...

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>– Monster Mayhem** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:45-11:15PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>– Monster Mayhem** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:45-11:15PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>– Bowling League** – Royal Scot, 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing; 8:30PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

**October 24<sup>th</sup>– Learn to Play Paintball** – Chaos Paintball Park; 12:30PM (Details = S. Soczek @ 517-862-6376)

**October 26<sup>th</sup>– Construction Workshop** – Home Depot, 1749 Newman Rd., Okemos; 6:30PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

**October 28<sup>th</sup>– Monster Mayhem** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:45-11:15PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

**October 29<sup>th</sup>– Monster Mayhem** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:45-11:15PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

**October 30<sup>th</sup>– Monster Mayhem** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:45-11:15PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

**October 31<sup>st</sup>– Monster Mayhem** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:45-11:15PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

**November 1<sup>st</sup>– Monster Mayhem Demolition** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:00-9:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>– Website Planning Committee** – Grand Traverse Pie Company, 1403 W. Grand River, East Lansing; 7:00 PM (Details = S. Soczek @ 517-862-6376)

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>– Monster Mayhem Demolition** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:00-9:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

**November 5-7<sup>th</sup> - Michigan Jaycees Annual Meeting/Convention** – Valley Plaza Resort, Midland (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

**November 6<sup>th</sup>– Monster Mayhem Demolition** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 9:30-5:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

**November 6<sup>th</sup>– Bowling League** – Royal Scot, 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing; 8:30PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

**November 7<sup>th</sup>– Monster Mayhem Demolition** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 9:30-5:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

**November 8<sup>th</sup>– Monster Mayhem Demolition** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:00-9:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

**November 9<sup>th</sup>– General Membership Meeting** – Tripper's, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing; 6:00PM Social Hour, 7:00 PM meeting (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

**November 10<sup>th</sup>– Monster Mayhem Demolition** – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:00-9:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

**November 11<sup>th</sup>– Meet & Greet** – TBD; 5:30-7:30 PM (Details = C. Burton @ 517-281-6049)

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

## *Member Shout Outs*

Amy wishes she had 3 more inches...

I didn't know I didn't like mice. - Abby



Something white and tight.

Don't tell Fossi the wall fell 'til she gets here.



Honking is good...stopping would be even better, jacka\$\$!  
- Sam

OMG! Alex rocks at organizing!

*Have something to say?  
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to make your contribution!*

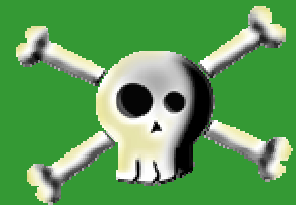
We need a rod of some kind.

The nuts will stick out and make it more enticing!

Carrie wanted to use a hole...

I want to put my meat together. - Fossi

I went to bat for our skull! - Clock



We're thinking eyeball, mummy, pimp, eyeball.  
- Carrie May

Ok, so we have the balls...

Abby's behind is now flame-retardant!



## Halloween Corner

Top 10 Halloween Pop Songs (from [www.about.com](http://www.about.com)):

1. [DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince - "Nightmare On My Street" \(1988\)](#)
2. [Bobby "Boris" Pickett - "The Monster Mash" \(1962\)](#)
3. [Michael Jackson - "Thriller" \(1982\)](#)
4. [Mike Oldfield - "Tubular Bells Pt. 1" \(Theme From 'The Exorcist'\) \(1973\)](#)
5. ['Rocky Horror Picture Show' Soundtrack - "The Time Warp" \(1975\)](#)
6. [Specials - "Ghost Town" \(1981\)](#)
7. [Squirrel Nut Zippers - "Hell" \(1997\)](#)
8. [Talking Heads - "Psycho Killer" \(1977\)](#)
9. [The Who - "Boris the Spider" \(1966\)](#)
10. [White Zombie - "I'm Your Boogieman" \(1996\)](#)



25 Scary Movies to get you in the Holiday Spirit (from [www.chicagotribune.com](http://www.chicagotribune.com)):

1. Psycho (1960)
2. The Omen (1976)
3. The Amityville Horror (1979)
4. The Ring (2002)
5. The Blair Witch Project (1999)
6. The Evil Dead (1981)
7. The Exorcist (1973)
8. Saw (2004)
9. The Fog (1980)
10. An American Werewolf in London (1981)
11. Halloween (1978)
12. The Shining (1980)
13. A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984)
14. Poltergeist (1982)
15. Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> (1980)
16. Rosemary's Baby (1968)
17. The Descent (2005)
18. Children of the Corn (1984)
19. Night of the Living Dead (1968)
20. Carrie (1976)
21. The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (1974)
22. Dawn of the Dead (1978)
23. Hellraiser (1987)
24. The Vanishing (1983)
25. The Hills Have Eyes (1977)



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