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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 for a map to the meeting location or call us at (517) 853-8620.



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*Indicates a new section!

Presidents Report

Dear Jaycees and Friends,

We have had a great month! Congratulations to Angela Backus for her very successful project... The Children's Back to School Shopping Spree! As many of you know, the chapter was faced with a big obstacle this year with the loss of our sponsor, Mervyn's. Angela went back to the drawing board and recreated this project with a new sponsor, Kohl's! Thank you to Kohl's for their sponsorship of one of our favorite events. I look forward to seeing this event grow again!

I love this time of the year. As the days get shorter and the air becomes crisp, I am excited about MSU football games and getting ready for our haunted house! This is our largest fundraiser of the year and will provide the funds for many community events for the next year. You will be hearing a lot about this project in the coming weeks. I hope that you all will choose a way to be involved this year! You can be involved in construction, design, volunteer to spook, work on the PR team...there is a job for EVERYONE!

Thank you to everyone for your involvement this summer...and I look forward to seeing you all this fall!

Amy E. Miller
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Volunteer with EVE

EVE (End Violent Encounters), Inc. provides shelter and support services for the victims of domestic violence in our community, while seeking to end domestic violence through public awareness and community education. The Lansing Jaycees will be volunteering at their Tenth Annual Forget-Me-Not Silent and Live Auction on Thursday, September 28, 2006 at Eagle Eye Golf Club. Volunteers need to be at the event at 5 p.m. Volunteer trainings will be held on September 12 at 1:30 p.m. and on September 19 at 6 p.m. Please sign up to volunteer at this event that will benefit EVE. To volunteer, please respond to the online invitation, or email Amy Miller at president@lansingjaycees.org and indicate which volunteer training you would like to attend. Further information about the training location will be sent to you once you sign up.

Haunted Happy Hour

Last year we kicked off Haunted House with a PR Blitz/Mobile Happy Hour/Movie Night the Friday prior to the opening of the house. This year we plan to do it again! Please join us on Friday, September 29! You will be placed on a team and given specific PR duties to perform and be lead through many local establishments before ending the evening at the Prush's backyard for a movie on the large screen (aka the side of their garage!) Last year we watched "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." This year, we are open to suggestions! Watch for more information to come and contact Amy Miller at president@lansingjaycees.org or John Prush at john@prush.com with any questions or suggestions!

Old Town Blues Festival

Old Town Business and Arts Development needs our help to make this year's Blues Festival a success! If you would like to volunteer at this year's event on September 15, 2006, please contact Amy Miller at president@lansingjaycees.org. You can volunteer for the early shift (5 p.m. to 9ish) or the later shift (9 p.m. to midnight). This is a great event. You will receive a t shirt, name tag and dinner for volunteering.

Individual Development

Book Club

Our September book will be "Marley and Me" by John Griban You can find this online at Amazon.com or for 20 percent off at any Schuler's Book Store in the Lansing area.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday September 21 at the home of Tracy Prush. Be sure to mark your calendar.

Our August book, the "Greatest White Trash Love Story Ever Told," was the topic to discuss at our last meeting. It was a very interesting read, with a little bit of humor, but just as frustrating trying to figure out the story line.

Foodie Club

Look for the next Foodie Club "Get Your Food On" date and location at the September GMM.

2006 Walking Club

The Walking Club officially ended at the end of this month. It has been a great experience walking with members regularly, or not so regularly. We will run this project again in 2007 and change the name to the "Fitness Club" to expand the types of exercise members are interested in. Thanks to everybody who came out for the 2006 Walking Club!

Haunted House



Kim Doughty and Sheryl Soczek will be our volunteer contacts for this year's haunted house. Please expect to receive a phone call from one or the other after Labor Day to get signed up for construction, room design and/or operation nights. We are asking for all members to commit to a minimum of three nights of operation. If spooking or dressing up is not your thing, then consider three shifts with the construction or room design. We can always use extra hands.



Thanks in advance.

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Monster Mayhem



Hello fellow Jaycees!

It is once again that time of year to begin the construction of our annual haunted house in the basement of the Impression 5 Museum.

For those of you who are new to the Jaycees, or have not been involved with haunted house before, it's the most exciting project we do each year!

Sheryl Soczek and Kim Doughty will be your volunteer contacts. Please expect a call from one of us after the September GMM to get signed up for construction, room design and operation of the haunted house during working dates.

We are asking that every member commit to at minimum of three shifts during the operation of the haunted house. If you're not a haunted house guy or gal, how about helping with construction or room design? We always need extra hands and you don't have to jump out at people or dress up. This is the dirty work, but you'll get to know your members better and have fun at the same time.

The official day on unloading is Saturday September 16. We are waiting for the final time from the Museum at this point. So when you get our call we can confirm what time we need volunteers and for how long of a shift. Pizza and pop will be provided for volunteers working the first day of construction. Please expect to pitch in for additional scheduled construction dates for pizza or other munchies.



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Thank you very much!

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Community Development

Back to School Shopping Spree



On Saturday, August 19, the Jaycees took 20 local children back to school shopping! The Lansing Kohl's store generously provided a 15 percent discount and extra staff for the event. The kids were referred to us by the Lansing Police Department and the Ingham County Courts, and they were each able to pick out \$110 worth of new school clothes. Each child also received a backpack stuffed with school supplies and breakfast from McDonalds. THANK YOU to all of the Jaycees and friends who volunteered as chaperones, thanks to you this event was once a gain a great success.



Best line overheard at the 2006 Lansing Jaycees Back to School Shopping Spree...
Child to Sheryl Soczek: "Did you take your car to 'Pimp My Ride'? It is FINE!"

Stuff the Bus Committee Needed!



This new project was a success last year, and we were able to help several local families have a wonderful Christmas. I know that last year's committee members and volunteers have some great ideas to make the project even better, so if you'd like to be a part of planning the event this year, please contact Angela Backus at angela-backus@excite.com or 517-980-3759.

Membership Development

September Birthdays

- September 9 - Michelle Beckwith
- September 10 - Ray Siegmann
- September 18 - Mark Quimby
- September 18 - Janet Larson
- September 19 - Michelle Walk
- September 20 - Kathleen Hausbeck-Miller
- September 24 - Angela Clock
- September 30 - Felicity White

September Renewals

Angela Mills
Rina Risper
Bill Snook
Eric Lathrop
Shanan Vann
Maria Pardue



Editors

Note

Unfortunately, I'm going to have to hand-off the responsibility of being the editor of this newsletter by November or December. I would like to continue to be the editor of this newsletter, however other obligations have come up and I must put them first. If anyone would like to take over as the editor, please email me at jcnewseditor@yahoo.com and we'll discuss it further. Until then I'm looking forward to continuing to be the editor and I hope we have LOTS of photos of haunted house to run in upcoming issues. (**Construction crew:** Don't forget your cameras! And if you don't have a digital camera, that's ok too. I have a scanner and I promise to return your prints in perfect condition.)

Also, if you haven't noticed yet, a new section was added starting with the August issue called In My Opinion. I hope this section catches on and others begin submitting In My Opinion pieces. I want to thank Carrie May for submitting an In My Opinion piece for this issue. (If anyone has questions about the In My Opinion section, please ask away.) If anyone would like to add a section, or has some tips for improving the newsletter, be sure to let me know. I'm open to all ideas and suggestions.

Kim Tanner
Capitol Correspondent Editor

In My Opinion

by Carrie May

I LOVE to play games. Whether it's Trivial Pursuit, Yahtzee or Euchre, I'm always up for playing. I thought I would share some of my favorite games – hopefully you'll check some of them out!

5. Upwords

If you like Scrabble, you'll love Upwords. It's the ultimate word game. The tiles are stackable, so you can "build up" a word. For example, you can add one tile to change backer to packer, or add several letters to change gravy to funny. It is challenging and fun – you can pick a theme for the game, such as travel or the 80s, or something more risqué. Just make sure you have a dictionary handy!

4. Aggravation

Resurrect an old game from when you were a kid! Any game with a name meant to irritate has to be fun. It's a spin on Parcheesi and Backgammon. The object is to get your pieces "out," only to work them around the board to get them back "in." If I were a pessimist, I would think the concept ridiculous. But the fun you can have when you send someone back to the beginning is well worth it.

3. Catch Phrase

This is a great game if people don't know each other well and it's even better if you've been friends forever. The object is to get your team to guess words and not be left holding the clue machine. It's a complex form of Hot Potato. It's much more fun if you think outside the box. I remember having to describe the word cement. Instead of talking about how cement is used in sidewalks, I went with "It's the type of shoes the mob uses to whack people." Yes, it's twisted, but it's funny all the same. And it's a great game for a big group.

2. Would You Rather...?

If any of you knew what Zobmondo was, you'll love Would You Rather...? This is a game that stretches peoples' minds to make them choose between two equally odd, crazy, intriguing, bizarre or disgusting scenarios. The categories include Pain, Fear and Discomfort, Appearance Embarrassment, Ethics and Intellect, and a random, potpourri-like category. Some sample questions: Would you rather be a boy named Muffin or a girl named Arnold Jasper? Would you rather slide down a 1,000 foot rope with every part of your body covered except for your bare hands or do the same thing wearing only gloves and shorts? The cards are great to take on a road trip to spark interesting conversations.

1. Loaded Questions

By far, in my opinion, the best game EVER. Each person takes turns asking everyone a question. The other players write down their response, one of the responders reads the answers aloud. The person whose turn it is has to guess who said what. The questions range from the tame (How many hours on average do you sleep per night?) to the wild (When you want to feel sexy, what do you wear?) to the inspiring (If you could create a new ice cream, what would the flavor be? My favorite response: Salt.). This is a game where you can learn a ton about people, and truly stretch your imagination. Our favorite variation of the game is to skip the tame questions and only go for the fun ones. Be prepared to laugh to the point that your stomach will still hurt the next morning.

Honorable Mention

Mad Libs. They never get old. You can still find them in most book stores.

Haunted House – Monster Mayhem

by John Prush – Haunted House Committee Chair



The Haunted House Committee needs your help. There are many aspects to making this a successful project.

First things first, we need to get the house built.

Construction will begin Saturday, September 16, with the unloading of the storage trailer.

The more hands we have to unload, the faster it goes. Please watch your email for more information about trailer unloading.

After unloading, construction will take place every evening during the week of September 18 through September 23 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. You don't have to know how to use a drill as construction works best in teams. We'll talk more about this at the next General Membership Meeting, but we need your help to build the haunted house because we have a limited time schedule.

Second, we need to craft the spooky rooms. There are already some great ideas to make some brilliant rooms and awesome scenes. After the house is built, we'll be using the week of September 25 through September 30 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays to get the room designs in place. Please watch your email for more information about haunted house scene teams.

Finally, we need to actually haunt this house with real live Jaycee volunteer ghosts!

The haunted house will be open on the following days and times in October:

Friday, October 6	7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday, October 7	7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Friday, October 13	7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday, October 14	7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Friday, October 20	7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday, October 21	7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Thursday, October 26	7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday, October 27	7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday, October 28	7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday, October 29	7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Monday, October 30	7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Tuesday, October 31	7 p.m. to 11 p.m.



We need your help to make it really scary! We provide dinner and drinks for all volunteers. Please contact Kim Doughty or Sheryl Soczek if you can volunteer at the haunted house.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer



Join the fight against breast cancer at the 2006 Lansing Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event! This is our 8th year! Our 5K noncompetitive walk to raise awareness and funds to defeat breast cancer starts and ends at the State Capitol on October 21. The event happens, rain or shine. Won't you join us?

Last October, 3,100 participants, including 230 breast cancer survivors, raised over \$220,000 to support our breast cancer research, patient services, education and advocacy programs. Help us celebrate the survivors in our lives, remember those we have lost and together save lives this coming October.

For more information, contact Maggie Potvin by email at mpotvin@cancer.org or call 517.664.1405. You can also check out the event webpage at www.cancer.org/stridesonline

If you or someone you know is in need of breast cancer information or support services visit www.cancer.org or call 1-800-ACS-2345. We are here to serve you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

September 1 – October 14, 2006 Calendar of Events

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