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Great Lakes Folk Festival Beer Tent

This August the Lansing Jaycees were given the opportunity to work with the Great Lakes Folk Festival and run a new component of the Festival. The Great Lakes Craft Beer and Wine Tent. When the call came out that the Great Lakes Folk Festival was looking for a nonprofit to work with this on, it was decided that the Lansing Jaycees were the ones who had a real chance at being able to pull off the Craft Beer and Wine Tent.

Pull it off we did! Even with the Craft Beer and Wine Tent taking place during Convention we were able to secure enough volunteers to run the tent. A number of people from the community were interested in who the Jaycees are and what we have to offer. In addition the organizers of the Great Lakes Folk Festival were very impressed with the way the event was run and our ability to pull everything together so quickly.



In addition to performing above expectations, we were able to get our name out to people and groups who may otherwise have continued to only have a vague idea of what we do. Really, what is most important is that this event could turn out to be a Lansing Jaycees signature event something that we do every year, like Haunted House, Stuff the Bus, and Easter Egg Hunt.

So Cheers to you, my fellow Jaycees, on helping to create what is hopefully a new tradition.

Submitted by: *Samantha Keeney*,
Chair, samfish@gmail.com

Lansing Jaycees

September 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**

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



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2010 Board of Directors

The Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month, 6:00 PM at the Jaycees Service Center

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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

September is shaping up to be a very exciting month for the Lansing Jaycees. We are picking up the keys for our Haunted House and getting started with building. It has been a very exhilarating experience to watch the synergy that has been surrounding the various committees that have been hard at work preparing for our Haunted House, Monster Mayhem. Thanks to everyone that has been working hard and now it is time to get the party started!

One of the many advantages of conducting a Haunted House is getting to know your fellow Jaycees and chapter supporters. I strongly encourage each of you to attend as many of the construction dates as possible. Keep in mind you can attend the sessions as your schedule allows so if you need to leave a little early or get there late we will just be happy to see you. The more often you show up the more people you will likely meet. I have heard from several of our members that were actively involved in the past Haunted Houses and some of their fondest memories are of the friendship that were formed during this project. You are encouraged to bring anyone that you know that may be interested in helping with this event.

During this time I feel it is important to stop and reflect on the impact of relationships within our organization. How many people have you met this year as a result of your membership? Think of people in our chapter as well as guests, supporters and other chapters. If the number is smaller than you hoped? If so, we can change that. But you have to meet us half way and get involved. If the number is larger than you expected than I applaud you on taking the necessary steps to make the most of your membership.

I have a fantastic opportunity in the beginning of September that allows me to meet and visit with several past presidents of the Lansing Jaycees. Did you know that our Past Presidents still want to know what is going on with the organization? They are very interested in our projects, members and future leaders. That says a lot our organization when people continue to stay involved 20, 30 even 40 plus years after they were president. I look forward to hearing about their experiences and hearing about the impact Jaycee's on their lives. The experiences will range from leadership, community awareness, personal development and building lifelong friendships. I am sure they will be happy to hear about everything we have accomplished this year.

That being said, we are getting ready to conduct elections for our local board positions. I hope you consider taking full advantage of the Jaycee experience by considering a board position. Keep in mind there are several local, regional and state positions that will be available for 2011. Many of them are voted on in November and several others are appointed. Please contact me if you would like more information about taking your membership to a whole new level.

Sincerely,
Angela M. Fossi
82nd President



A Message from the Membership VP



We are currently looking to nominate members to be on our Board of Directors for 2011. There are Vice Presidents in each of the four areas that are emphasized in the Michigan Jaycees. As Membership Vice President you are responsible for helping to recruit and retain members. I say helping for a very good reason. The entire membership is held accountable for recruiting and retention. The Membership Vice President is in charge of reporting to the State Membership team any changes and renewals for the chapter.

This is done twice monthly. I hope that anyone who is interested in this position will speak with me about the opportunity. It is a great way to get involved at the local level and you are in much closer contact with your State counterparts than with many of the other positions. We will continue to have monthly Happy Hours throughout the year, and I would like to hear from YOU where you'd like to go. Our October Happy Hour will be at the Tin Can. However, we still don't have locations for November or December's Happy Hours. Please let me know if there is somewhere specific you would like us to try.

Colleen Burton, 2010 Membership VP, colleen713@yahoo.com

Membership Anniversary Dates:

September:

*D. Akens, A. Amirahmadi, M. Ciranna,
A. Kechkaylo, N. Kechkaylo, A. Woodward*

October:

A. Backus, T. Ferguson

September Birthdays

Arya Amirahmadi
Caitlin Blehm
Angela Clock
Kathleen Hausbeck-Miller
Andrea Hoard
Sangeetha Kannan
Kim Ulrich
Michelle Walk
Jennifer Zavadil

Happy Birthday!!!



Welcome New Members!!!

Kyle Guy
Rocco Huang
Lauren Leeds
Garret Mauslof
Eric Richmond
Amy Richter
Eric Sheppard
Jamie Sheppard
Cheryl Szczubialka



Membership

2010 Westland All American Pub Crawl

We had a mission: six different bars in one city – all in 8 hours. There was free food, drink specials, but most of all great fun with old and new friends alike. One of the great things about traveling a lot is the opportunity to meet others with similar interests in other cities – and I cannot think of a better way to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones than over a beer (or more)!

There was a lot going on: dancing, rolls of one liners, slap-stick jokes, inside jokes, beer chugging, an Uncle Sam hat, raffle tickets, jell-o shots, music videos on the bus, and a Jack Russell Terrier named Sunshine. Too much fun! While it is hard to say which bar was my favorite, as they all blended into one another after awhile, I don't think that is the important part of the experience. Instead, looking back, I was rewarded with important lessons in being myself, enjoying old friends, and being open to new friendships.



In case you feel left out, fear not, LaVar Harris and I have a plan to do a series of pub crawl events throughout the state next year. With your interest and support we can make that a success.

Submitted by: Dan Harris, dan@dnharris.com

MIJC Greenfield Village Trip

On August 28th the Michigan Jaycees had Family Fun Day at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum. Four members of the Lansing chapter attended this event, which was pretty impressive, considering only about 20 people total participated! We all met at the attraction, after I got lost a couple of times and Angela Fossi saved me. Thanks Fossi!

After taking a group picture in front of the water fountain outside Greenfield Village, we all went in to start the scavenger hunt the State ID Team had planned out. We did quite well on the 1st page of the scavenger hunt, only having to Google one answer...we just could not find it no matter where we looked! As we got to the second page of the hunt, however, we ran across the Eagle Tavern. This Tavern was built in 1831 in Clinton, Michigan. As it was lunch time, you guessed it, our stomachs won out over the scavenger hunt. The Tavern features local produce and the menu reflects the items that would have been available in the 1800's. We had some good food, Angela Clock tried flavored effervescing drinks (pop from those days) and two of us tried mint juleps. Alas, we didn't win the scavenger hunt, but did take 3rd place by our imaginative use of our experience and answering 'mint julep' to every question on the 2nd page! In all, it was a great day with perfect weather and fun. I encourage anyone who hasn't before to visit Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum. I was reminded yet again what a great attraction it is in our state.



C. Burton, A. Fossi and A. Clock

Submitted by: Colleen Burton, 2010 Membership VP, colleen713@hotmail.com

Lansing Jaycees



A. Clock at Greenfield Village



M. Castelein showing off his skills.



A. Fossi and C. Burton at Convention!



A. Clock, I. Hajdar, B. Hajdar and A. Fossi at the Lugnuts game!

Seen in Action

Lugnuts + Kids = Great Summer Ender

In lieu of our annual Children's Shopping Spree, we put together an event to take some children from the PALS program and their parents to a Lansing Lugnuts game on Sunday, August 29th. This event included "Kid's Eat Free" day, plus they were able to run the bases on the field after the game, get their faces painted and visit with the amazing air balloon making clown.

A great addition to the day was that it was Superhero Day!!! Many members of the Cooley Law Stadium, children and team employees wore costumes of their favorite superhero. The scoreboard even projected every Lugnut player as their favorite superhero!

Thank you to all those that were able to come out and enjoy the PALS kids, the Lugnuts and the FABULOUS sunshine!



Submitted by: Ilona Hajdar, 2010 Director, ihajdar@hotmail.com

Monster Mayhem Meet and Greet

We have a little different theme for our next Meet and Greet. This time, check us out at the Monster Mayhem Haunted House location during construction! This will be the perfect opportunity to check out how a haunted house is built, get a tour of what actually goes on in our spooky location, take a tour, and most importantly, mix and mingle with friends old and new! Guests will also have the opportunity to pitch in and help with construction if they wish. Munchies will be provided.

The Monster Mayhem Meet and Greet will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm at the Monster Mayhem location (Jolly-Cedar Plaza, 5136 S. Cedar St., Lansing, MI 48911). Contact Carrie May, Sheryl Soczek or Angela Clock for more information. Join us and see what the Monster Mayhem buzz is all about!

*Submitted by: Carrie May, Chair,
carriemay@aol.com*

2010 Michigan Jaycee Convention in East Lansing

Although I have been a Jaycee off and on for several years I hadn't taken the opportunity to attend a convention. Looking back on my experience, I can tell you I wish I had attended one earlier. Friday night there was a First-Timers event for all individuals who had not been to a convention earlier. It was a fantastic way to meet people from other chapters and learn about the history of the Jaycees. While I didn't win the competition for First-Timers I had a lot of fun. In a way though I do feel I won something: a lot of new friends.

Meeting people from other chapters is an overlooked aspect of state wide and national membership opportunities. I encourage any who travel for business or pleasure to look up a chapter in the area you are traveling to and getting connected to their members. This is a fantastic way to broaden your network and feel more connected. For instance, I met several people at the Westland All American Pub Crawl (an article on this event is also in this edition of the Capitol Correspondent) who I first met at the convention. I am sure I had much more fun at the pub crawl because I had established a connection with these Jaycees already. Just think of the possibilities if you continue to work on building friendships outside your comfort zone.

The Michigan Jaycees will be having another convention in Midland November 5-7th, 2010. I plan on attending (and participating in many ways). I encourage you, especially if you haven't been to a convention, to step up and attend. I look forward to seeing you!

Submitted by: Dan Harris, dan@dnharris.com

Individual Development

A Message from the Individual Development VP

As fall approaches, we will have ample opportunity to try our hand at some new activities. If you haven't used tools for some time or ever for that matter, this month is the month for you.

Starting September 15, we will be working on our annual Haunted House, Monster Mayhem. We will need the help of everyone to build this "wonder of the world" and it will be a great opportunity to learn how to do just that. The more help we can get, the better the house will be so please plan on helping as much as you can to leave your mark on a Lansing tradition.

We will have a Get Your Food Event on September 24th. It will be at Don Tequila's in Charlotte. If you would like to help plan a future GYFO, it is easy to do and a great way to get your feet wet for future event planning! If anyone would like to take that first step, please contact me at Soczek@msu.edu.

I know some of our members are working on some professional development events for our membership. Please contact Andrew Hoard, Individual Development Director if you are interested in hosting or planning an event of this nature. Andrew can be reached at Andrew.hoard@gmail.com.

Have a great September.

Sheryl A. Soczek, 2010 Individual Development VP
soczek@msu.edu



The 5.5 Secrets of Successful Delegation Pt. 1

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. This and the next 5 editions of this newsletter will cover one of these elements.

Proper Breakdown Of Task

The first element of delegation is deciding what parts of a task you do not have expertise in or do not have sufficient time to complete. The former, areas where you do not have expertise, may be easy to identify, however sorting out which tasks you do not have sufficient time to complete often takes more analysis. One suggestion on identifying which tasks you wish to handle yourself and which you wish to delegate roots from two distinct analysis traits: level of expertise and level of passion. Decided on which trait to focus on may be dependent on the resources available and the time deadline, however when possible I strongly recommend sorting tasks by interest and passion rather than expertise, as long as you have sufficient expertise needed to complete the task.

Your passion fosters an exceptional amount of creativity and energy, do not disregard this. You will find that you are most efficient doing tasks that interest you the most. One of the primary benefits of delegation is the value of leveraging your time so it makes most sense to apply your time in the most efficient manner. Once you have broken down a task into a series of sub-tasks and have organized them separating those that interest you and those that don't into two categories: tasks kept and tasks to delegate. Once this has been accomplished you will need to review the list to see if you have the resources (time and talent) to complete these tasks before the due date. If not, you will need to go through the list of tasks that interest you and move some more to the tasks to delegate column.

Once you are satisfied with the breakdown of tasks you are ready to begin the next process of successful delegation: assignments, which will be covered in the next edition of this newsletter.

Submitted by: Dan Harris, dan@dnharris.com

Individual Development

Chaplain's Corner

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So, a serious case of writer's block for me often leads to a few Google "I Feel Lucky" searches. And here's my favorite:

Random: www.random.org

What's this fuss about true randomness?

Perhaps you have wondered how predictable machines like computers can generate randomness. In reality, most random numbers used in computer programs are pseudo-random, which means they are a generated in a predictable fashion using a mathematical formula. This is fine for many purposes, but it may not be random in the way you expect if you're used to dice rolls and lottery drawings.

RANDOM.ORG offers true random numbers to anyone on the Internet. The randomness comes from atmospheric noise, which for many purposes is better than the pseudo-random number algorithms typically used in computer programs. People use RANDOM.ORG for holding drawings, lotteries and sweepstakes, to drive games and gambling sites, for scientific applications and for art and music. The service has existed since 1998 and was built and is being operated by [Mads Haahr](#) of the [School of Computer Science and Statistics](#) at [Trinity College, Dublin](#) in Ireland.

I know a few you will appreciate the idea of a website looking for a better definition of random!

Kickin' off *Nothing but Nets* in Lansing

The Lansing Jaycees held the first of several fundraisers to support the **Nothing But Nets** campaign in August at BW3 in East Lansing. Members and friends met at the restaurant for "Baseball, Wings & Nets" - to watch the Detroit Tigers game, enjoy some wings and raise money to purchase nets that will help stop the spread of Malaria. BW3 donated 20% of all purchases made to the campaign, including purchases made by other members/friends who brought the **Nothing but Nets** flyer in throughout the day.

Nothing but Nets is a campaign supported by JC International. For every \$10 donated to the cause, a net can be purchased and used to protect uninfected people from exposure to malaria in areas of the world where the disease is prevalent. While we don't yet know the total funds raised for the day at Bw3, there was a good turnout to help get us started in our support of this campaign. The Lansing Jaycees will hold additional fundraisers in support of this project later this year - so be on the look out for your opportunity to help save lives.



Submitted by:
Bridget Burnell,
Chair,
bridget.burnell@gm.com

A Message from the Management VP

Welcome to September and the start of a new school year for many of you. September is and always has been a symbol of change in the Lansing area and the Jaycees. Students are back and Monster Mayhem is about to begin! The focus of the Jaycees will soon change and everyone will be talking about designing rooms, spooking people, how bad they spooked people and how much they are enjoying being a Jaycee!

Many of you have seen our Texas Hold'em sign-up sheets floating around the General Membership Meetings. This is by no means the only time you can sign up for a shift! Our last Texas Hold'em dates for the year will be from October 7 thru 10. Approximate times are from 11:30 AM till 2:00 AM. We could use the help of everyone as this is where we earn the majority of our funds to help support the events we have all learned to love. You may not know it but almost every activity we do is somehow supported by the funds we receive working at Texas Hold'em. Many times some of our members work 2 or more shifts, I would really like to see our chapter come together and have only 1 shift per person.

In November, in addition to voting for our next Executive Board, we will vote on proposed changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. If you haven't had a chance to review them, make sure to check them out so you are prepared to be an informed voter (we will need a lot of that this year and not only for the Lansing Jaycees election). Copies will be attached to the Jaycee Juice and are able to be viewed on our website under file archive/constitution and bylaws folder. If you need help finding a copy of them or have any question on the proposed changes, feel free to contact me at Soczek@msu.edu.

Enjoy your September and I will see you at Monster Mayhem Construction!

Sheryl A. Soczek, 2010 Management Vice President, soczek@msu.edu

Monster Mayhem – Construction and Design

The room ideas are under way, and the maze has been mapped. This is just the beginning of the Construction and Design process. Shortly, we will move into our Monster Mayhem location and we will begin building walls and decorating rooms! Watch the Jaycee Juice, or check out the calendar at www.lansingjaycees.org to see when Construction and Design is happening. As always, you can contact Carrie May (carriemay@aol.com) or Troy Steere (stephanieandtroy@gmail.com) for more information. There's always time to get involved, so don't miss your opportunity!



*Submitted by: Carrie May,
2010 Treasurer and Chaplain,
carriemay@aol.com*

2010 Region D Meetings

Join us at our last Region D meeting of 2010!!!

Sunday, October 3rd: 3pm, Ionia Bowl, 420 N.
Dexter St., Ionia

*Trainers: Darlene Dresch, 86th MIJC President,
Transition to 2011*

*Also, candidates for Michigan Jaycees 2011
offices have been invited to this meeting.*

*For more information or any training
recommendations, contact 2010 Region D
Director Angela M. Clock at
fallingstar924@hotmail.com or 517-410-9527*

A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:

Thanks to the contributors of the September newsletter: A. Fossi, S. Soczek, A. Clock, C. May, C. Burton, D. Harris, B. Burnell, I. Hajdar

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ANYONE CAN BE AN AUTHOR!

Please submit your articles, photos, or ideas for future newsletters to:

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2010 Lansing Jaycees
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Attention World Travelers!

Have you or anyone you know acquired too many souvenirs that you don't know where to put them? Do you need to make more space for new or future items? Well, if that is you then there may be a solution – the Community Volunteers for International Programs at Michigan State University holds their annual World Gift Shop fundraiser on Sunday, November 21st. Our chapter has agreed to help out the day of the event with members volunteering their time manning the sales tables, but in the meantime they are looking for donations. The money raised goes towards scholarships for international students to come to MSU and take courses.

They are looking for the following items: Stamps, coins, native costumes, pictures, vases, dolls, carvings, scrolls, toys, statues, pottery, fabrics, jewelry, antiques and reproductions of antiques, Native American artifacts and native crafts. You can also consider a cash donation as well. All items would be a tax-deductible gift, please request a donation form for deduction.

Donations must be received by Tuesday, October 26th. The items you donate can be dropped off at the following locations: The Office for International Students & Scholars, room 105, MSU International Center – 8a-12p / 1p-5p Monday-Friday
Or at the homes:

Dottie Schmidt
2356 Emerald Forest Cir
East Lansing
(517) 332-6972

Mona Brandou
1854 Ridgewood
East Lansing
(517) 351-2812

Lois Sollenberger
4105 Naubinway Rd
Okemos
(517) 349-1862



For more information about the CVIP: <http://cvip.isp.msu.edu/>

Submitted by: Alexandra Briseno, 2010 Secretary, xandrab@hotmail.com

Calendar of Events

Lansing Jaycees Activities...

September 23rd– Golf Lesson & Driving Range Practice – Sycamore Golf Range, 1526 E. Mount Hope, Lansing; 5:45-7:15PM (Details = D. Harris @ 517-927-9412)

September 24th – Get Your Food On – Don Tequila's, 1820 Lansing Rd., Charlotte; 6:00PM (Details = D. Harris @ 517-927-9412)

September 25th – Bowling League – Royal Scot, 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing; 8:30PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

September 25th– Monster Mayhem Construction/Design Meeting – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

September 26th– Monster Mayhem Construction/Design Meeting – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

September 27th– Monster Mayhem Construction/Design Meeting – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:00-9:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

September 27th – Construction Workshop – Home Depot, 1749 Newman Rd., Okemos; 6:30PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

September 28th – Monster Mayhem Volunteer Committee – Old Chicago, 1938 W. Grand River, Okemos; 6:30PM (Details = A. Clock @ 517-410-9527)

September 29th– Monster Mayhem Construction/Design Meeting – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:00-9:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

October 1st– Monster Mayhem Construction/Design Meeting – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:00-9:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

October 2nd– Monster Mayhem Construction/Design Meeting – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

October 3rd– Monster Mayhem Construction/Design Meeting – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

October 4th– Monster Mayhem Construction/Design Meeting – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:00-9:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

October 5th– General Membership Meeting – Tripper's, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing; 6:00PM Social Hour, 7:00 PM meeting (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

October 6th– Monster Mayhem Construction/Design Meeting – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:00-9:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

October 7th-10th – Texas Hold 'Em – Various shifts; Tripper's, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing (Details = S. Soczek @ 517-862-6376)

October 8th– Monster Mayhem Construction/Design Meeting – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 5:00-9:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

October 9th – Bowling League – Royal Scot, 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing; 8:30PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

October 13th– Monster Mayhem Sneaky Preview – 5136 S. Cedar, Lansing; 6:00-9:00 PM (Details = Amy Miller @ 517-525-0129)

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

Member Shout Outs

To: MIJC Newsletter Goddess
From: 2010 MIJC Mgmt. VP
You're excused for 1/2011

I love my
Lansing Jaycee
peeps...thanks
for having me. –
Chappy Dave

Way to rock it out in
September – 9 new
members (so far!!!)

Fossi - Yes No

I don't know much, but I know
this...Carrie May iz the shiz!

Carrie – I need more
cowbell...Clock.

Yo, my backup number was
42 before your backup
number was 42. Just
keeping score. E-Rock to
Clock

To: Lansing #82
From: 2009 MIJC Chappy
Thanks for having me fill in for
the Bishop!

To: Bishop
From: Chappy
Missed you at the
GMM.

E-Rock – Welcome to
Lansing (be strong and
GO BLUE!!!)

When you dance,
keep your hands
on the pole, Clock.

***Have something to say?
Email Angela Clock,
Newsletter Editor at
fallingstar924@hotmail.com
to make your contribution!***

Midland Convention,
November 5-7 – ya
goin'?

Mooooooooo.....

To: Lansing GOAT
From: JCI #69822
I was whistling!!!!

Sam – way to rock the note
taking!

Hey Dan – have you had
anything to drink after the
pub crawl yet? ;-)

Those who enjoy the
numbers pi, e, c, you
are in good company
with Andrew.

Colleen and Fossi – we
should have bought the glass
pickle.

laurenloo823 –
congrats on chairing
your first project with
Stuff the Bus!



To: Lansing #81
From: Kzoo #69
Thanks for the cheese
bread.

Great job so far Monster
Mayhem team!!!

Top 100 New Classics

Below, you'll find the second part of a list that Entertainment Weekly put out last year – the top 100 books printed in the last 25 years. How many have you read? Are any on your to read list?

51. [*The Journalist and the Murderer*](#), Janet Malcom (1990)
52. [*Waiting to Exhale*](#), Terry McMillan (1992)
53. [*The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*](#), Michael Chabon (2000)
54. [*Jimmy Corrigan*](#), Chris Ware (2000)
55. [*The Glass Castle*](#), Jeannette Walls (2006)
56. [*The Night Manager*](#), John le Carré (1993)
57. [*The Bonfire of the Vanities*](#), Tom Wolfe (1987)
58. [*Drop City*](#), TC Boyle (2003)
59. [*Krik? Krak!*](#) Edwidge Danticat (1995)
60. [*Nickel & Dime*](#), Barbara Ehrenreich (2001)
61. [*Money*](#), Martin Amis (1985)
62. [*Last Train To Memphis*](#), Peter Guralnick (1994)
63. [*Pastoralia*](#), George Saunders (2000)
64. [*Underworld*](#), Don DeLillo (1997)
65. [*The Giver*](#), Lois Lowry (1993)
66. [*A Supposedly Fun Thing I'll Never Do Again*](#), David Foster Wallace (1997)
67. [*The Kite Runner*](#), Khaled Hosseini (2003)
68. [*Fun Home*](#), Alison Bechdel (2006)
69. [*Secret History*](#), Donna Tartt (1992)
70. [*Cloud Atlas*](#), David Mitchell (2004)
71. [*The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*](#), Ann Fadiman (1997)
72. [*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*](#), Mark Haddon (2003)
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