

Lansing Jaycees
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Population Division 6
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LANSING JAYCEES TAKE SEVERAL AWARDS AT MIJC SECOND QUARTER CONVENTION!

Congratulations to the Lansing Jaycees! Here is a recap of the awards presented to the Lansing Jaycees for 2nd Quarter.

***2nd Place** – Ilona Hajdar, Vice President Parade*

***5th Place** – Abby Siegel, Auxiliary Officer Parade*

***2nd Place** – M&M Sing Your <3 Out – Julio Montemayor, Membership Recruitment, Growth and New Chapters*

***3rd Place** – Bowl for Kids Sake – Adrienne Woodward, Community Fundraising*

***1st Place** – Super Soaker Fun Day – Michael Castelein, New Project*

***ID Area VP Award of Excellence** – Dan Harris and Ilona Hajdar*

***Easter Egg Hunt** - winner of Easter Event parade, Public Relations Award (501-1000 participants) and the Children and Youth Commission, Abby Siegel and Lauren Leeds*



***1st Place Overall** in Community Development, Abby Siegel and Lauren Leeds*

1st Place in Parade of Chapters

To give you an idea of how rare this is, I have sent an email to our past presidents. And we confirmed it has been at least 15 years since we have won this award. We are researching when we last won, if ever.

This is a great accomplishment for our chapter. It is great to get recognition from the state of Michigan. We compete with 42 other chapters on a quarterly basis. But most importantly we are doing the things that you enjoy doing. Let's keep up the great work and making a positive impact on the Lansing community.

CONVENTION (cont.)

The following members were also recognized for their contributions!

Angela Fossi – Presidential Medallion
Charlie Root - Jaycee of the Quarter
Lauren Leeds – Auxiliary Officer Parade qualifier
Sheryl Soczek – Auxiliary Officer Parade qualifier
Adrienne Woodward - Auxiliary Officer Parade qualifier
Samantha Keeney – Vice President Parade qualifier
Dan Harris - Vice President Parade qualifier
Caydence Caveney - Junior Jaycee award of excellence

Degrees:

Lauren Leeds - fourth degree
Abby Siegel - third degree
Sheryl Soczek - third degree
Charlie Root - first and second degrees
Eric Richmond - first degree
Brittany Gray - first degree
Ilona Hajdar - fifth degree

Join us for the 3rd Quarter Convention which takes place at Shanty Creek on November 4 – 6th.
Let's keep making a difference in the Lansing community!



Submitted by Angela Fossi, 83rd President, kitispart@gmail.com

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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The Board meets on the last Monday each month, 6:00 PM at Spartan Printing 15551 S. US Hwy 27, Lansing

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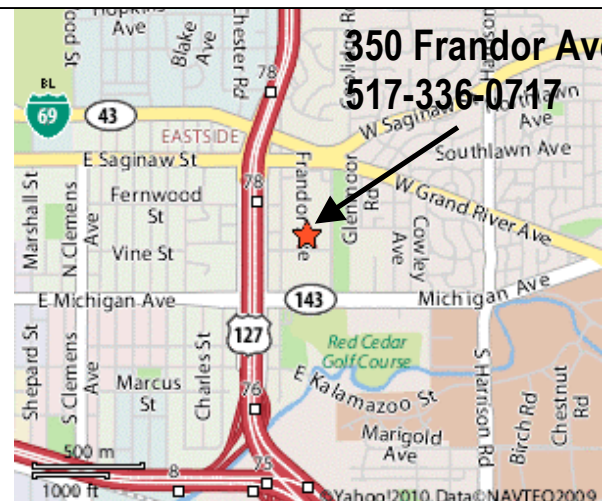
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Join us for our monthly membership meeting at Trippers! Every first Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM



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A MESSAGE FROM THE LANSING JAYCEES 83RD PRESIDENT

As many of you have heard we will not be conducting our Haunted House this year. This decision was not an easy one to make, however, I feel like this was the best option at this time. We just don't have the resources to make it a success. Speaking of planning, this is normally an event that takes the majority of the year to plan. Eric Richmond has agreed to chair this event next year with co-chair assistance from Troy Steere and I know they want to start planning early in 2012. So visit some Haunted Houses this fall and start gathering ideas for next year!

Speaking of 2012 we will be conducting elections for the board of directors in November. We are in the process of naming an election committee who will distribute the necessary proxy and information in accordance with our by-laws. Nominations will begin at our October GMM and the election will take place at our November GMM.

This organization is member driven, so it's what YOU want it to be. We are constantly changing our events, communication and focus depending on the needs and interests of our members. We have a solid platform to work with and it is a great way to take your membership to the next level. What would you like to see us work on next year? I encourage you to take the next step in your Jaycee career and learn more about running for the Board of Directors.

It may be another member you'd like to nominate, or maybe you're interested in serving. Whatever it is, please let the current Board of Directors know your interests, and we'll answer any questions you may have. You are also welcome to attend our September Board of Directors meeting on September 26th at 6pm in order to see how a board meeting works.

Who is eligible for nomination? Any member in Good Standing. A member is considered to be in Good Standing if all dues and other obligations are satisfied.



What positions are eligible for nomination? The President, Vice President(s), Secretary, Legal Counsel, Parliamentarian, Chaplain, Director, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer positions are available for nomination.

So what are you waiting for? Take your membership to the next level in 2012 and serve on the board of directors of the Lansing Jaycees!

Sincerely,
Angela M. Fossi
83rd President – Lansing Jaycees

Submitted by Angela Fossi, 83rd President, kitispart@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Hello Lansing Jaycees!

As many of you know, I've been honored to serve on the 2011 Michigan Jaycees Board of Directors this year as the Community Development Vice President. I have decided to take another step in my Jaycee career and run for 2012 Management Development Vice President of the Michigan Jaycees. I am looking forward to a fun race and moving our local chapters and state organization forward into the future. For more information on how we will be **BUILDING TOMORROW TODAY**, you can see my platform below, check out the campaign on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Clock4Mgmt2012 or on the web at www.buildingtomorrowtodaymijcs.blogspot.com. If you have any question, please feel free to contact me!



Yours in Service,
Angela M. Clock
2011 Chair of the Board

Management is the FOUNDATION – We provide the building blocks for our chapters. Through planning, fundraising and public relations, we can make our chapters stronger for the future. Having embraced the phrase WE BUILD LEADERS, it is our responsibility to direct this growth locally and state-wide. As we mentor our members to be active, to serve on a committee, chair projects, step up to a board position or beyond, it is the job of our state leadership to provide members with the tools they need to be successful. The future of the organization depends on the leaders we train today.

FOCUS on Our Chapters – The Michigan Jaycees will become stronger by focusing on the development of all our local chapters. Each chapter functions differently and has different needs, so we will be prepared to provide trainings and tools for chapters to use in the best way at home.

Green is Good – Continue our submissions process electronically and keep working to make it as user friendly as possible. We need to work to make sure that through these electronic submissions that feedback is timely and meaningful to chapters.

Awards Program – Propose to offer awards to foster teamwork between chapters and regions. Revamp our Key Communicator awards to be more relevant with today's media trends. Recognize social media (Facebook, Twitter, blogs, etc.) efforts within chapters.

Chapter Plan Importance – Help chapters use the chapter plan throughout the year. It is not something to look at twice a year and must be reviewed regularly.

Blue Chip – This includes Red Chip and Green Chip – make these tools available to all chapters in order to build a stronger foundation. Make sure that Blue Chip tracking is available to all chapters. Implement a Google Document that is available for chapters to check at any time.

Public Relations – Remember the importance of PR for all projects our chapters run. Use the most effective tools in order to gain the best exposure in our communities.

I CAN DO ANYTHING

A brand new morning has just begun,
I walk outside and I touch the sun.
I can't wait to start the day today.
There may be blocks on the road ahead,
But I'll just go right 'round instead.
I won't let a thing get in my way.
There's so much to see, yeah.
It's all here for me, yeah.
Get ready, world, 'cause here I come.

I can do anything,
All that I want to, nothing I can't do.
I can do anything,
And no one can tell me no.
I can do anything,
Nothing can stop me, go 'head and watch me.
'Cause I believe, yeah, I believe in me,
And I can do anything.

People tell me I reach too high,
I'll never know if I never try.
It's like I'm already off the ground.
It's my life and it's up to me,
I know that I'm in the driver's seat,
So hold on tight and I'll roll the windows down.
Feel that wind blowin',
Don't know where I'm goin',
But I know I will find my way.

I may fall along the way,
And if the times get tough,
Nothing's gonna keep me down;
I'll get back up.
Life is full of chances and I may not know what's
in store,
But if I'm too afraid to fly, I know I'm gonna
soar.

'Cause I believe, yeah, I believe,
'Cause I believe, yeah, I believe,
'Cause I believe, yeah, I believe in me,
And I can do anything.
-Caleigh Peters



Music is all around us

We all spend our lives around music weather it's in the car on your way to work, during a tedious work out or maybe you work is in an industry that is surrounded around music, there is always music in our lives. Music to help us through the rough times, music to increase the happiness of the good times or just a little music in the background of life.



Our lives get crazy but we can't forget to stop and listen to the music. You never know it might just inspire that next big project or idea!! I challenge all of you to take a moment to listen to some of your favorite music, some new music and some unexpected music. Let it inspire you, help you, comfort you, guide you, motivate you or just let you laugh and smile a bit.

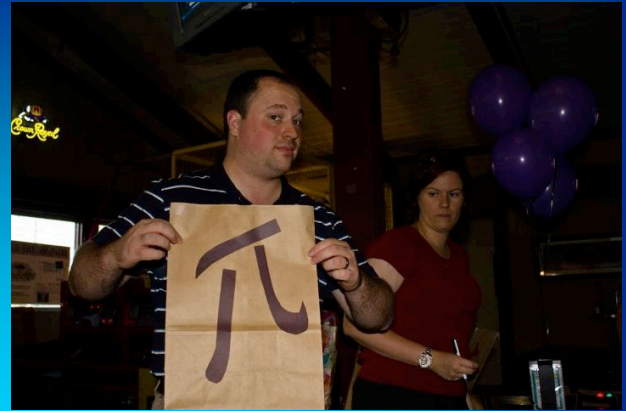
-Ilona Hajdar

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LANSING JAYCEES



The Lansing Jaycees enjoyed fondue at The Melting Pot in Ann Arbor for the event Get Your Food On: Do You Fondue held Saturday, August 20.



Eric Sheppard holds up his auction "win" (with Angela Clock looking on) at the Brown Bag Auction to benefit the Relay for Life.



L to R: Angela Fossi, Delta County Jaycees President Rachael Fountaine, and Dave Worthams check out their tickets to see if their ducks won at the Delta County Duck Races held in Escanaba, Michigan.



Abby Siegel wrestles with her food at The Melting Pot in Ann Arbor for the event Get Your Food On: Do You Fondue?

SEEN IN ACTION

Membership Anniversary Dates:

September:

**Dave Akens, Rocco Huang, Alyson Kechkaylo,
Nick Kechaylo, Lauren Leeds, Garret Mausolf,
Eric Richmond, Amy Richter, Eric Sheppard,
Jamie Sheppard, Cheryl Szczubialka,
Adrienne Woodward**

October:

**Angela Backus, Tamara Ferguson,
Angela Mills**

September Birthdays

**Laela Hampton
Patrick Caveney
Jennifer Zavadil
Michelle Walk
Sangeetha Kannan
Angela Clock
Jill Blust**

Happy Birthday!!!



Welcome New Members!



Kris Dezelski, Melissa Horste

A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:

Thanks to the contributors of the September newsletter: *A. Fossi, A. Clock, I. Hajdar, L. Leeds, A. Siegel, D. Harris, J. Kelly, J. Hermann, S. Keeney, S. Soczek, M. Leeds, A. Woodward*

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

You often miss what's right in front of you ...

As a native of Saginaw County, I'm ashamed to tell you that up until college, I'd only ever been to Frankenmuth once. And as far as enjoying one of the famous chicken dinners goes, I hadn't experienced that until this decade.

It took me being assigned to cover the dedication of Theodore Roethke's childhood home for me to visit it, even though it's less than 10 minutes from where I grew up. The home of Michigan's only Pulitzer Prize winning poet was a stone's throw from where I grew up, and I'd never visited. This is a place that people from around the country and world come to see, and yet I had taken it for granted.

We all do it, think to ourselves: "oh, I'll make it there ..." and then for one reason or another, we never do. I'm sure somewhere in the world, there's a Parisian who's never been to the Eiffel Tower. It happens to all of us. Well, I'm writing this column to help inspire you to visit a place in the greater Lansing area that you've been meaning to, but haven't made it to.

Ever since moving to the Lansing area about eight years ago, I'd heard of this place called "[Fenner Nature Center](#)," but for one reason or another, I had never checked it out. What a great place and resource for our community!

I had the opportunity to visit there with Angela Clock and meet with Fenner's Executive Director Jason Meyer to see if we could use their space for a Jaycees fundraiser. Little did I know what I'd been missing all these years.

Managed by the nonprofit Fenner Conservancy, the center is absolutely free to visitors! Nestled on 134 acres, the environmental education center has four miles of trails for you to explore. Inside Fenner's "visitor center" you can check out the "collection of live native reptiles and amphibians, watch songbirds, deer and wild turkeys" through their large picture windows, or explore hands-on exhibits for children.

I encourage you to visit Fenner Nature Center if you've never been there before, or do something else in the Lansing area you've been meaning to ... don't take our great town and attractions for granted.



Submitted by Laruen Leeds, Community Development Director, laurenloo823@yahoo.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Delta County Duck Races!!

I woke up on Saturday, August 27 in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The air was crisp, cool, and surprisingly lacking in bugs. What a better way to spend this day than watching plastic duckies float into nets set up by the Delta County Jaycees!

The old adage "getting there is half the fun" was very true to this trip. Lauren Leeds, Michael P. Leeds and Houdini Leeds and I rode up through Northern Michigan to Interlochen to pick up their nephew Adam for our weekend adventure. He is a great kid, and kept us entertained the whole weekend. Adam had never been over the Bridge, or camping either, so it was wonderful to introduce him to the U.P.



Angela Fossi and Joe Kelly participate in the Run, Walk & Waddle 5 K at the Delta County Duck Races

The day started a bit earlier for some of our group. Joe Kelly and Angela Fossi participated in the Run, Walk & Waddle 5K. Angela Clock also was on hand to cheer on the runners and walkers (and waddlers) in the morning before the Duck Races began.

I will say the actual Duck Races weren't exactly what I thought they were going to be, but they were fun just the same. I pictured in my mind 10,000 ducks floating down a river all at once. Instead, the Jaycees have set up nets in the bay and the ducks are placed at the opening of the nets. The current in Little Bay de Noc ushers the floating duckies into the narrow part of the net. They ran heats of 300 ducks at a time, with the top 10 advancing to the semi-finals. During the heats there were bounce houses, different games to play around the park and plenty of people watching.

The Lansing Jaycees group, consisting of: myself, Lauren and Michael Leeds, Joe Kelly, Angela Fossi, Angela Clock and Dave Akens, helped put on a free lunch for the Duck Racers. We served hot dogs, brats chips and some of the best corn I've ever eaten. I believe they "Build Eaters" in the U.P., too. I hadn't been to another Jaycees chapter since winter, it is always fun to help out and see how another chapter executes their community projects.

Having spent this weekend visiting another chapter was a fantastic trip all around. The next time I have the opportunity to go on a chapter visit, I will be jumping at the opportunity.



Submitted by Abby Siegel, Community Development Director, queenpetunia@hotmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT VICE PRESIDENT

One of the most exciting things I have done as a Jaycee has been competing at the State and National level. Having the honor of representing the Lansing Jaycees and Michigan Jaycees this past June at the US Jaycee Convention in Lisle, Illinois was a life-long memory to treasure. Experiencing this has motivated me to encourage each of you to consider competing. There are 11 different competitions available to Jaycees. Each competition measures skills in a certain area. With the upcoming Debate Workshops later this month and convention in November I wanted to be sure you were aware of the various individual and team competitions available to Jaycees.

This article is intended to offer an introduction to the various competitions offered by the Michigan Jaycees. Each competition has its own eligibility requirements. Detailed documentation about each competition is available in the Competitions Manual available on the Michigan Jaycees website (www.mijaycees.org).

Below is a list of current competitions:

Individual Competitions

Prepared Write Up – Essays are submitted with chapter books prior to convention. Essays can be as long or as short as needed to get the point across.

Impromptu Write Up – Competitors are given a question to answer, then 30 minutes to write the essay.

Prepared Speak Up – Competitors are given topic at least 2 weeks prior to competition. Competitors are given 5-7 minutes to give oral response.

Impromptu Speak Up – Competitors are given topic immediately before speaking. Competitors are given 3-5 minutes to give oral response.

Brownfield – Open to Jaycees who have been a member for less than 1 year. The competition is similar to a job interview.

Armbruster – Open to Jaycees who have been a member for more than 1 year. The competition is similar to a job interview.

Jaycee Jeopardy – Two-part question-and-answer competition dealing with history of Junior Chamber, officers, goals, and activities.

Group Competitions

Debate – Debate teams consist of 3 members. Members can be from different chapters. Pro and con sides are determined 15 minutes prior to competition. The pro side speaks first.

Mungenast – Open to family with at least 1 Jaycee in good standing. The competition is similar to a job interview.

Competitions hosted at the Shanty Creek 3rd Quarter Convention in November 2011

Prepared Write Up*
Impromptu Write Up
Jaycee Jeopardy
Debate competitions (Group)

Competitions hosted at the Doubletree in Bay City 4th Quarter Convention in February 2012

Prepared Write Up*
Impromptu Write Up
Prepared Speak Up
Impromptu Speak Up
Brownfield**
Armbruster**
Mungenast** (Group)

If you would like more information about Speak Up competition please feel free to contact Angela Clock, 2009 US Jaycee Master Speak Up winner (fallingstar924@hotmail.com) or me in person or by email (dan@dnharris.com).

If you have questions or are interested in debate be sure to check out the Lansing Jaycees Debate Workshop Tuesday, September 27 from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the Delta Township District Library. An evite was sent Friday, September 16th. If you have questions feel free to contact Joe Kelly at joewkelly@gmail.com.

If you have any other questions about competitions I would be happy to assist you. Feel free to ask me in person or by email (dan@dnharris.com). If I don't have an answer handy I will contact the state competitions chair or individual development board member.

I look forward to cheering you on someday soon!

* Prepared Write Up submissions are due with your chapter's quarterly book submission.

** Portfolio portion is due with your chapter's quarterly book submission.



Submitted by Dan Harris, Individual Development VP, dan@dnharris.com

Debate workshop comes to Lansing

There will be a debate workshop held in Lansing on Tuesday September 27, from 6:00 to 7:45 PM. The workshop will be held at the Delta Township District Library (5130 Davenport Drive; just east of the Lansing Mall). Two former coaches of the award winning East Lansing debate team -- Jackson Buddingh and Joe Kelly -- will be on hand to instruct attendees on the proper debating techniques.

Proper structure of advantages and disadvantages will be discussed, as well as common arguments, like "not unique", the "take-out" and the "turn". A surface level introduction to the "counterplan" and the "kritik" will be offered. Armed with this knowledge, public debating at Jaycees convention will be seen as a game rather than an impossible challenge. This game is played at all levels, from middle school to high school to college and beyond. Jaycees will learn how they can be involved in assisting at all levels.

Attendees will be invited to participate in a demonstration debate with pre-constructed arguments from an evidence packet.

The rudimentary debate seminar will be free and open to the public.



Submitted by Joe Kelly, General Member, joewkelly@gmail.com

WELCOME TO THE BOARD!

**On Monday, August 29, the Board of Directors of the Lansing Jaycees
had the pleasure to welcome
Michael P. Leeds aboard as our acting Chaplain!**

Please welcome Michael in his new role!

If you have any interest in participating on the Board of Directors of the Lansing Jaycees, please contact any Board member for information. Elections for the 2012 Board of Directors will be occurring soon, so please consider what role YOU want to play in the Lansing Jaycees next year!

Why yes, I do fondue!

Excitement filled the air on Saturday, Aug. 20 as carloads of Lansing Jaycees and a friend traveled to Ann Arbor for a true dining experience at The Melting Pot, a fondue restaurant. This “Get Your Food On” event was a spectacular event and one that members already want to do again.

From the moment we left Frandor, the conversation in the car was nonstop talk about the delectable treats awaiting us at our dinner destination. The meal did not disappoint.

We arrived at The Melting Pot to find three varieties of hot, bubbling fondue and all the accoutrements you could imagine already on our table. Everyone dove right in, dipping cubes of various breads and vegetables into the fondue and then devouring them.



The four-course meal continued with a lovely house salad and your choice of dressing. Even the salad was delicious!

Next up, we were served a variety of meats, including chicken, filet mignon, steak, salmon and shrimp. As the waiter was preparing the three various liquids for us to cook our proteins in, we learned that we have the Swiss and French to thank for fondue, as well as other interesting facts about the history of this communal style of dining.



Clockwise from L: Abby Siegel, Joe Kelly, Angela Fossi, Sheryl Soczek, Colleen Burton, Angela Clock, Alex Briseno, Michael Leeds, and Holly Nester enjoy fondue as The Melting Pot in Ann Arbor.

By the time we had finished our entrée, there was barely room left for the chocolate dessert fondue. Amazingly, the aroma of chocolate and the platter of goodies that arrived with the dessert fondue seemed to rally the troops. Despite previous claims of being full to the brim, we somehow managed to dispatch of the chocolate fondue with enthusiasm and great haste.

It was nice to have a slow dining experience, as the meal unfolded around conversations between new and old friends, and amazing food – before we realized it, three hours had flown by.

By the time the checks arrived, Jaycees in attendance were already talking about a return trip to The Melting Pot, or perhaps planning an entire day trip to Ann Arbor to explore more of what the city has to offer.

Can anyone say: Zingerman’s?

Life Coaching In Your Inbox: Pat Your Head and Rub Your Belly

It's been over two decades since I started college, but September is still a special month for me. I want to run out and buy myself a new backpack, or at least sharpen a few pencils. Aliana, my second-grade daughter, is pretty excited to go back to school too – I've been sublimating my back-to-school shopping impulses with her. I love the energy that comes with September. I love that Lansing gets crazy again because the students are back.

With all this academic excitement in the air, I thought I'd use this space to think and talk about the learning and teaching cycle, a process I think we could all harness to be happier and more powerful agents of change. First, let me set the stage with some observations:

- Life gets crazy after we leave school and enter the “grown up” world of work.
- Very few work environments encourage us to stay fresh, to continue to seek and learn.
- The lack of training and development in work environments is part of what makes us lose hope and enthusiasm – it's the same old, same old. This in turn leads us to hopscotch through new jobs when we can't stand the boredom anymore.

It does not have to be this way.

My vision is this: that we are all both learning something to keep us humble and teaching something to help us feel masterful – at the same time.

It can be hard to think of yourself as a teacher. What do you, one small peep, have to offer others? Well, anything and everything that you have learned on the way to becoming who you are today. Also, remember that your strongest gifts and talents come so naturally to you, you don't even think of them as important. But they are, and other peeps would greatly benefit from your teaching of them. And the more you recognize what you have to offer, the more you will step out to meet the opportunities and challenges out there waiting for you.

It can also be hard to think of yourself as a learner. Our society rewards mastery, bravado and big egos. The more confident and together you seem, the more approval you get. It takes guts, in my opinion, to stay humble and open to new learning. We are not usually rewarded for showing the soft underbelly of our insecurities and self-doubts. But it's where it's at, my dear peep, because when you come from a place of learning and curiosity then you're not trying to control the outcome. As my favorite Louise Hay affirmation has it: **the point of power is always in the present moment**. And when you are learning, you are in the present.

The trick here is to do both at once –kinda like patting your head and rubbing your belly at the same time. But take it from me, my dear peep: I've been doing it for a while now, and it really works. You feel useful and hopeful. Powerful and infinitesimally small.

Won't you come share your perspective? I just started a blog, and this newsletter article will be one of my posts. I'd love to hear what you think, and what you are currently learning and teaching. Come on over and chat with me: <http://julicahermann.com/blog>.



Submitted by Julica Hermann, Social Change and life Coach, julica.hermann@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT VICE PRESIDENT

FALL EVENTS

We are currently seeking ideas for new events and activities for this coming fall season. At this time it has been decided that the chapter will not be holding a Haunted House for a variety of reasons. This now opens up a number of dates in the fall for alternate activities. We are going to be pursuing a number of different ideas for events. Some of the current ideas include an outdoor movie night, a kids haunted house, or even a community trick or treat event that would be similar to the Easter Egg Hunt.

If you have additional ideas we would love to hear them. Also be on the lookout for information pertaining to next years Haunted House, we'll be planning early!



Submitted by Sam Keeney, Membership VP, samfish8@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING = EVENTS

Fundraising is one of the backbones of the Jaycees Organization. As a nonprofit organization the chapter has to raise funds to be able to put common events that we do. These events include things like the Easter Egg Hunt, and Stuff The Bus, sponsoring Poetry in the City, or paying for members to attend conventions. The chapter relies on a number of fundraisers that occur throughout the year to help raise funds for the chapter and allow us to run events, give sponsorships and have the freedom of a chapter to help out when/as needed for community events.

It is the responsibility of the chapter as a whole to help in fundraising efforts so that the chapter is able to remain financially healthy and responsible. So when you hear of a fundraiser event don't be afraid of rolling up your sleeves and helping us out with fundraising. Sometimes it's by selling poker chips at Texas Hold Em, building walls at Haunted House, eating at a designated restaurant, or selling Enjoy the City books.

Submitted by Sam Keeney, Membership VP, samfish8@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Enough of this budget stuff from me, I am going to move onto a new topic.....CLEANING! However, the following are cleaning tips that are of course inexpensive and provided by the June 17th issue of All You magazine.

Baking Soda – in addition to baking, it can do a whole slew of other things:

- Freshen carpet and rugs: sprinkle on, wait five minutes then vacuum up (may clog bag less vacuums).
- Removed baked on food: Shake a generous amount on pots and pans, add hot water and dish detergent, soak for 15 min, then rinse.
- Shine tarnished silver: Combine three parts baking soda with one part water, rub onto silver with a clean cloth, rinse thoroughly and dry.
- Brighten dull floors: Dissolve ½ cup in a bucket of warm water, mop and rinse.
- Deodorize a drain (only if your pipes are metal): Pour ½ cup down the drain, followed by ½ cup vinegar (your own volcano) after 15 minutes, pour in boiling water to clear residue.
- Scour your shower walls: Mix ¼ cup with 1 tablespoon liquid detergent, add vinegar to give it a thick, creamy texture.

Lemons and Olive Oil - The acid in the lemons has antiseptic properties and a fresh scent. The olive oil is a natural lubricant that makes many household tasks easier.

- Eliminate microwave smells: Fill a microwave safe bowl with water and half a lemon, heat for five minutes.
- Bust dust particles: Mix 10 drops lemon oil, 2 tablespoons lemon juice and a few drops of olive oil in a spray bottle. Spray onto surfaces; wipe with a clean cotton flannel cloth.
- Remove paint (oil-based) from skin: put extra-virgin olive oil onto a soft cotton cloth and rub clean.
- Attack a stain: add ½ cup lemon juice to a load of white laundry, then let them dry in the sun (worked back in the 80's to bleach out your hair too).
- Polish wood: If it's varnished - Add a few drops of lemon oil to ½ cup warm water, spray onto a slightly damp cotton cloth and whip. If it's unvarnished – Mix 2 teaspoons each of olive oil and lemon juice, apply to a soft cloth and distribute to furniture evenly.

Tip – If you are in need of some soft cotton cloths, use your old plain white t-shirts (I am sure we all know some men that could use new ones).

Stay tuned for more tips and money savings ideas next month! It's almost fall, open your windows and air out your house...

Sheryl A. Soczek
Treasurer



Submitted by Sheryl Soczek, Treasurer, soczek@mail.hfs.msu.edu

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I find myself in the ironic position of being the new Chaplain of the Lansing area Jaycees. This is an ironic position because though “Chaplain” is most commonly a religious position I am a devout and confessed atheist. This is a contraction many might find out of line with the principles of the Jaycees. Consider the Jaycee’s pledge:

“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 know of more than a few Lansing Jaycees who disagree with at least one of these tenants and yet each is a valued and respected member of the chapter. Are we all hypocrites? Are we liars? Are we bad people?

No, absolutely not. In a sense we are victims of tradition. The Jaycees was founded in 1920 and its pledge is nearly as old. In the pledge *men* are mentioned but *women* are not because women were not allowed as members until 1984. Despite the change in membership rules the pledge has not changed. At the pledge’s drafting belief in a god or gods was seen by most to be all but a prerequisite for living a good moral life. But again times have change and the oath has not kept pace with this fact.

In the end the pledge is just a collection of words. It has no legal or moral binding force. The pledge is an internal tradition. Few outside the membership roles have any idea what the contents of the pledge are. What those outside the membership know of the Jaycees are our deeds and works. We are an organization of action not of words. I have known many people from many different civic organizations and few have the résumé of good works the Lansing Jaycees can claim.

So what is a Chaplain without a religion? Consider the social roles the clergy play. They motivate, uplift, counsel and console. They are organizers and leaders. A religious leader plays a role which is in many respects secular. If a person who grew to be a great religious leader had instead been born into a world without religion would he be destined to live a life without meaning? Surely not. Religion is not what makes great religious leaders great or lay people morally good. It is the personality, skill and passion of the person which happened to find a home within a religion which makes them great.

The focus of or organization should not be to live up to the dictates of an out of date pledge but rather to do good works with and for those who need it regardless of religious affiliation.

Submitted by Michael Leeds, Chaplain, mp_leeds@yahoo.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Hey, Secretary, what do you do?

It's hard to believe it's September already and that 2011 is winding to a quick close. Life has changed dramatically for me in the last few years, and not just because I moved to Canada. I think it all started when I was invited to participate on the Board of Directors for the Lansing Jaycees around this time last year.

At the time, I was not sure if I was ready for the increased responsibility. I loved the Jaycees organization and all the events I participated in, but I had never chaired an event or participated in any other "leadership-type" role in the Jaycees. However, with a little prodding, I was convinced that I would be able to handle the increased load, and I know I have benefited from the opportunity. Plus, it turned out to be such a fine fit that I am currently serving as the Secretary for JCI Edmonton, as well!

As you probably have heard, elections for the 2012 Board of Directors is fast approaching. If you have not considered running for a Board position, now is the time to take advantage of the opportunity! There are many positions available for anyone, from as high as Vice Presidents, to Directors, to Secretary.

So, what, exactly, does the Secretary do?

The Secretary serves as an organizing factor of the Board and the Jaycees. I am in charge of keeping records of each event that is hosted by the Lansing Jaycees, including keeping track of Preliminary Chairperson's Planning Guides, Final Chairperson's Planning Guides, and which events have been nominated for awards as Single Project Entries. All Board members are responsible for reviewing Chairperson's Planning Guides, but as Secretary, I try to make sure that edits are made on time and in accordance with suggestions.

The Secretary is also in charge in keeping track of the minutes of all General Membership Meetings and Board of Director's Meetings. The minutes are an abbreviated version of the discussions we have had at meetings. They need to be thorough, yet you don't have to copy what is said verbatim. The minutes are used to keep track of motions that are brought to the Board's attention; these must be on file in case there is a question of what occurred in our meetings. All minutes are archived on the Lansing Jaycees website; thus, they must be professional and ordered.

As of right now, the Secretary is also in charge of putting together and distributing the monthly Capital Correspondent, this newsletter. Content for the newsletter is submitted to me early each month, and it is my duty to make sure all articles and several pictures are included. For the newsletter, there should be one article from each board member, as well as several articles highlighting events which are upcoming or which we have attended/hosted. The format used is very simple, but can be changed as a new Secretary (or possibly Newsletter Editor) sees fit.

I encourage you to look at the different possibilities that exist on the Lansing Jaycees Board of Directors! It has been a wonderful experience for me and has helped me to contribute to this great organization!



Lansing Jaycees Activities...

September 19 – 22 – Texas Hold’Em – Trippers – Frandor, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing; 12 PM – 2:15 AM (Details = S. Keeney @ 989-714-5272)

September 24 – MSU Tailgating – On the banks of the Red Cedar behind Bessey Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing; 9:30 – 11:30 AM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

September 24 – Bowling League – Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing; 8:30 – 11:30 PM (Details = S. Muthiah & M. Castelein @ 248-631-6109)

September 25 – Apple Pickin’ Fall Meet & Mingle – The County Mill Orchard, 4648 Otto Road, Charlotte; 1 – 3 PM (Details = I. Hajdar @ 517-667-4236)

September 26 – Board of Directors Meeting – Spartan Printing, 15551 S. US Highway 27, Lansing; 6 – 8 PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 517-484-7027)

September 27 – Debate Workshop – Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing; 6 – 7:45 PM (Details = J. Kelly)

September 30 – October 1 – MIJC 2011 Family Weekend & Meet the Candidates – Frankenmuth; (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

October 4 – General Membership Meeting – Trippers – Frandor, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing; 6 – 8 PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 517-484-7027)

October 4 – Nonperishable/Pet Food & Supply Drive – Trippers – Frandor, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing; 6 – 9 PM (Details = L. Leeds @ 989-482-1232)

October 8 – Bowling League – Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing; 8:30 – 11:30 PM (Details = S. Muthiah & M. Castelein @ 248-631-6109)

October 22 – Bowling League – Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing; 8:30 – 11:30 PM (Details = S. Muthiah & M. Castelein @ 248-631-6109)

October 24 – Board of Directors Meeting – Spartan Printing, 15551 S. US Highway 27, Lansing; 6 – 8 PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 517-484-7027)

October 25 – GRC Business Breakfast – TBA; 7:30 -9 AM (Details = D. Harris @ 517-927-9412)

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

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