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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**

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



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## Presidents Report

April 1, 2007

Welcome to the second quarter of our 2007 year!

I would like to start off by welcoming our new members: Jeremy Jestila, Chuck Pentilla, Teresa Reed, Alexandra Brisemo and Michael Spaulding. I am happy to say that these five new members are very active and some have already taken on various leadership roles. Make sure you come out to some events to meet this energetic bunch.

With the nice weather here, I am glad to say we are almost done with our inside planning work for the first half of the year. Our web-site is almost done, membership mixers are in the works and we have a great start on our summer golf outing. Although the planning of these events is already underway, your help and ideas are always needed and welcome.

Earlier in the year many of you expressed an interest in more programming and events. We (the board and I) would love for this to happen. However, without your input it will not happen. If you have ideas of events you would like to put on, attend or help out with. Please let either myself or another board member know. Just as you may get discouraged if events are not being planned that you would like to take a part in, the people planning events get discouraged if an event is planned and there is no interest. A large part of being a Lansing Jaycee is leadership and leadership training, in order to be a great leader, you need to keep an open mind and try new things. Please remember to keep your mind open and try new events that may come up, who knows...you may enjoy yourself or meeting other members.

We have some exciting events coming up over the next few months. The Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7th, a lawn care seminar and Cinderella's Closet on Saturday, April 21st, happy hour and the WKAR auction on Friday, April 27th are just a few. Please check out your weekly Jaycee Juice, [www.lansingjaycees.org](http://www.lansingjaycees.org) and our GMM on Tuesday, April 3rd for more information on these and many more events.

Please remember, I am here to help if anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [soczek@msu.edu](mailto:soczek@msu.edu) or my cell phone 862-6376.

See you all soon,

Sheryl A. Soczek  
79th President

## General Membership Meeting

The April GMM will take place on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Trippers in Frandor. Dinner and social hour start at 6 PM with the meeting to follow at 7 PM.

## Membership Information

### April Birthdays

Orion Smith 04-06  
Randy Weber 04-14  
Maria Pardue 04-16  
Trish Gronda 04-27  
Tracy Prush 04-29

### April Renewals

Stephanie Steere  
Teresa Dittmer  
Troy Steere  
Jim Munson  
Marisa Cannata  
Josh Plotter  
Maggie Plotter

## Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday, April 7th on the capitol lawn. We need your help. Setup begins at 8 AM; the event starts at 10 AM. Please contact Carrie at [carriemay@aol.com](mailto:carriemay@aol.com) with any questions.



## Committee Meetings

Golf Outing: Let's unscramble this golf scramble: Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd after the GMM. Contact Krik Mielke at [kmielke@mcecpa.com](mailto:kmielke@mcecpa.com) with questions.

Public Relations: Leadership...Friendship...Citizenship: Membership in the Lansing Jaycees! Lets get ourselves out there. Come help plan who we want to be our target audience, how we want to contact them and be a part of our largest marketing campaign yet! Please contact Sheryl Soczek at [soczek@msu.edu](mailto:soczek@msu.edu) with questions.

## Upcoming Events

Happy Hour: Time to celebrate the end of the workweek! We will be meeting on Friday, April 27th at the Harrison Roadhouse located at 720 Michigan Ave in East Lansing. We will be meeting from 5:30 – 8:00 for Drinks and Diner. Please contact Felicity White at [fwhite@Tomieraines.com](mailto:fwhite@Tomieraines.com) for more information.

Get Your Food On: Please contact Orion Smith ([smithori@msu.edu](mailto:smithori@msu.edu)) or Wayne Hutchison at ([hutchis2@msu.edu](mailto:hutchis2@msu.edu)) for more information.

Book Club: Please contact Felicity White at [fwhite@tomieraines.com](mailto:fwhite@tomieraines.com) for more information.

Cinderella's Closet: Ladies, mark your calendar. Volunteers are being requested at the 2007 Cinderella's Closet located at Charlar Place in Holt on Saturday, April 21st from 10 AM – 3 PM. "Fairy Godmothers" will be assisting girls in their prom dress selection. Stay tuned for more information. Contact Sheryl Soczek at [soczek@msu.edu](mailto:soczek@msu.edu) with questions.

WKAR Auction: The Lansing Jaycees will once again be helping out at the Annual WKAR Auction on Friday, April 27th. The approximate time for this will be from 8:15 PM – Midnight (training starts at 8:30). We will need to bring 20 volunteers to this fun, exciting and fast paced event. Please contact Jamie Wilmoth at [Jamie.wilmoth@ahpplc.com](mailto:Jamie.wilmoth@ahpplc.com) for more information.

White Water Rafting: It is time for the 4th annual White Water Rafting trip in West Virginia! The Lansing Jaycees will be hosting "Memorial Day Madness" at Rivers Resort located at Fayette Station Road & US-19 in Fayetteville, West Virginia. The trip will take place from Friday, May 25 thru Monday, May 28. The cost of \$109 (\$116.54 with tax) will include the following: steak dinner, 3 nights of camping, 1 day New River, lunch on the river and coffee and muffins each morning. For more information, please contact Jimi Carolan at [jimicarolan@yahoo.com](mailto:jimicarolan@yahoo.com) or Mike Castelein at the [popal@comcast.net](mailto:popal@comcast.net), check out the Lansing Jaycees website or see the attached flyer.

Lansing Jaycees Night at Lugnuts Stadium: Friday, June 8th. Take yourself out to the ballpark with the Lansing Jaycee! We will be hosting an "All American Picnic" at Lugnuts Stadium when the Lansing Lugnuts play the South Bend Silver Hawks. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children (ages 3-12). Price includes a lawn seat and entrance to the Tailgate Terrace, the all-u-can-eat food and non-alcoholic beverage buffet at Olds Park.

T-Shirts with the Lansing Jaycees logo on the front and the Lansing Lugnuts Logo on the back are available for \$8.50 (adult: S/M/L/XL/XXL, child: S/M/L). So far we only have 5 people signed up for T-Shirts, we need 15 more to order them.

Please send your checks payable to the Lansing Jaycees to: P.O. Box 16150, Lansing, MI 48901-6150. For more information contact Sheryl Soczek at [president@lansingjayceesorg.com](mailto:president@lansingjayceesorg.com).

Lansing Jaycees Summer Golf Outing: Save the date: Saturday, June 23rd, 2007. Highland Hills Golf Club, 1050 E. Alward Road, Dewitt, MI 48820. More information to come. If you are interested in planning, participating, or helping to sponsor this event please contact Krik Mielke at [kmielke@mcecpa.com](mailto:kmielke@mcecpa.com).

Camping Trip: Thank you to our new member, Teresa Reed for coming forward to chair the 2007 Lansing Jaycees Camping Trip. Stay tuned for further information. If you have any ideas for Teresa, please contact her at [Teresar36@comcast.net](mailto:Teresar36@comcast.net).

Walk Club: Coming Soon! Those interested in participating in a weekly walk, contact Kim Doughty at [kdoug5@jcpenny.com](mailto:kdoug5@jcpenny.com).

## Help Wanted

Adopt A Highway: We are looking for someone to coordinate our bi-annual Adopt A Highway clean up. If interested, please contact Sheryl at [soczek@msu.edu](mailto:soczek@msu.edu).

Garden Supplies Needed: The Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy is in need of garden supplies. They are collecting tools, gloves and anything that can be used to teach students how to grow a garden. Please bring any items you are able to donate to the April GMM. Rina Risper as donated a movie certificate for us raffle off to those that donate any garden supplies, so lets help get this garden growing!

Lansing Jaycees Softball Team: If you are interested in playing softball this year, please contact Matt Bauer at [pikabeans@aol.com](mailto:pikabeans@aol.com).

Children's Shopping Spree: We are looking for someone to chair our Annual Children's Shopping Spree held in August. If you enjoy shopping and the company of children...this project is for you. Contact Portia Dyrenforth at [dyrenfor@msu.edu](mailto:dyrenfor@msu.edu) for more information.

## East Lansing Art Festival

NO PREVIOUS ART EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! We will once again be painting faces for the kids at the East Lansing Art Festival on May 19th and 20th. Over a thousand kids are expected and we want to help them each leave with a little piece of art all their own. This event has been a big success in the past and offers a fun opportunity to help make the day more colorful for lots of local kids and make our chapter visible in the community. Plus, it is a great time to hang out with Jaycee friends and/or make new ones. We are looking for volunteers to help out on Saturday and Sunday. We can help with painting ideas so don't worry if you haven't painted before. The tables will be open from 11-5 but we will split the shifts so you have time to enjoy the festival as well. Email Portia Dyrenforth at [dyrenfor@msu.edu](mailto:dyrenfor@msu.edu) with questions or to sign up for the event.



## 7 Interview Questions You Need to Know

Great career advice from “hotelscareers.com” (copyright Totaljobs Group Ltd 2005.)

Job interviews can often be a scary prospect for people but they don't have to be. If you plan, think about, and prepare your answers in advance you can take on interviews with confidence. Check out some of the most commonly asked interview questions below along with helpful guidance on how to answer them.

### ✓ Tell me about yourself?

You should keep your answer brief, as this is normally a warm-up question. When talking about yourself you should cover four key topics: your early years, education, work history, and recent career experience. Emphasize your recent career experience the most as this is what the interviewer is really interested in.

### ✓ What do you know about our organization?

The interviewer is asking you this question to see if you have done any research on the company. You should be able to briefly discuss products, services, the brand, reputation, history and philosophy of the company. Most of this information can easily be found on the company's website.

### ✓ Why do you want to work for us?

You should say why you think the company is good, why you would enjoy the job itself, and how you believe your skills and experience would be an ideal fit for the company.

✓ **Why are you leaving your current job?**

Talking about why you are leaving your current job is always a tricky question. Be brief, to the point, and as honest as much as possible without damaging yourself. You should never mention anything negative like you hated your boss, had personality conflicts with colleagues, or a lack of belief in the company. Positive answers you can use are that you are looking for a new challenge or the opportunity to learn and develop new skills.

✓ **Why should we hire you?**

Take advantage of this golden opportunity to sell your self. You should talk about your experience of getting things done, your achievements, and any promotions you received. But remember to mention specific examples to back up everything you say.

✓ **How do you deal with difficult customers or guests?**

In the hospitality industry you deal with difficult guests on a daily basis so this can be a very important question for the interviewer. The best answer to give is always an example of a positive and successful outcome when dealing with an awkward guest. You will firstly need to show the interviewer your ability to empathize, understand, and obtain the guest's trust. Next you will show how you found the facts relevant to the guest's problem, how you worked within existing policies and procedures and lastly how you delivered a positive and satisfactory solution.

✓ **Tell me about a big challenge or difficulty you've faced; how did you deal with it?**

Avoid answering this question with anything really personal or emotional to you. The interviewer wants to know how you cope with challenges in the work place and not in your personal life. Try to prepare an example that's relevant to the role and shows how you used your strengths to reach a positive outcome.

# Calendar of Events

<b>April</b>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> GMM Trippers 6PM Dinner/7PM Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Easter Egg Hunt
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Chamber Mixer 5 - 7	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Board Meeting 6PM Service Center	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> WKAR Auction
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

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### **Patrick Brazil - New York Life**

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