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LANSING JAYCEES



Very intense basketball watching by Kris D. Andrew H. and Dan H. during the Progressive Dinner.



Danielle W. and Laela H. bask in the glory that is Joe's Gizzard City at Happy Leap Year.



Sam K., Laura R., Lori C., Michael L., Shawn B., Angela C., Jason L. and Sheryl S. all get ready to take the plunge.



Angela F. guards her beet soup at the progressive dinner. Also in attendance was 88th Michigan Jaycees President, Sarah Nelson and Michael P. Leeds.

SEEN IN ACTION!

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

2012 Board of Directors

The Board meets on the last Monday
each month, 6 p.m. at Maner
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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 for more information.

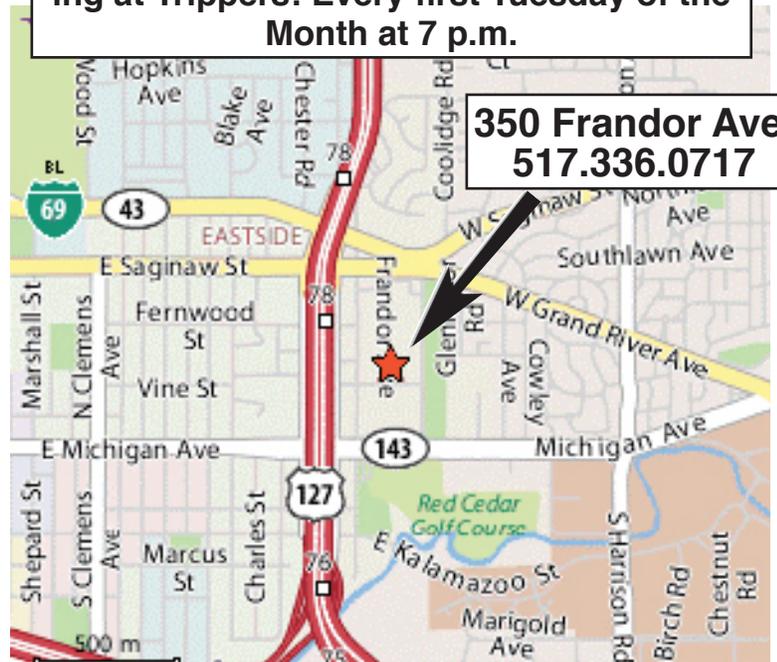


A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:

Thanks to the contributors of the January newsletter: Lauren Leeds, Danielle Wellington, Eric Richmond, Joe Kelly, Dan Harris, Kris Dezelski, Sheryl Soczek, Michael P. Leeds, Abby Siegel, Angela Fossi
ANYONE CAN BE AN AUTHOR!

Please submit your articles, photos, or ideas for future newsletters to: Abby Siegel
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Join us for our monthly membership meeting at Trippers! Every first Tuesday of the Month at 7 p.m.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Around the world with the Lansing Jaycees

On a beautiful Sunday earlier this month, members of the Lansing Jaycees and special guests (including Michigan Jaycees 88th President Sarah Nelson) joined together for a progressive dinner.

Put on by members of the 2012 Lansing Jaycees Board of Directors, the progressive dinner had a total of three stops and featured fare from around the world. Diners tasted delicacies such as borscht (beet soup), Swedish meatballs with lingonberry sauce and gravy, bruschetta, kippenragout (a Danish dish of turkey and meatballs in gravy and served in croissants), homemade hummus and falafel, Eric Richmond's from-scratch matzo ball soup, Brazilian feijoada (beef and pork stew), and a Brazilian turkey vatapa (stew), as well as several decadent desserts!

By the end of the evening everyone had a full belly, had tried a few new dishes and learned about various foods from around the world. Additionally, we all had a fantastic time visiting with each other!

Run as a "strategic planning" project, the purpose of this event was to help members of the board of directors learn how to work together. Therefore, the project featured a component from each of the four areas of opportunity: Management, Individual Development, Community and Membership.

Strategic planning events fall under Management, the event provided an opportunity for members to socialize and learning about the different dishes provided everyone with an opportunity for personal development.

In honor of "March is Reading Month," we held a book drive to do something for our community. Donated books were donated to the Capital Area Literacy Coalition.

If you attended the dinner but forgot to bring a book, or weren't able to make it to the dinner and would still like to donate a new or gently used children's book for the drive, please feel free to contact me or Management Vice President Dan Harris.

I loved planning, preparing for and attending the progressive dinner. I hope to see the Chapter continue this event next year and into the future. Not only was the event a blast, but I learned a bunch about working with my fellow board members.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dear Jaycee family,

You are some of the most dedicated and talented people I have ever been privileged to work with. All your successes and recognition at the Michigan Jaycee 2011 year end convention were much deserved. However, more importantly, you made the Lansing area a better place to live.

At the January banquet I was stunned to receive the great honor of a Senatorship from our chapter. You were really good at hiding your big surprise! You, who have accomplished so very much in these past few years, somehow felt a need to honor me! I am still shocked and very touched. Soon I will be going to my very first JCI Senate meeting in Grand Rapids. I will be carrying thoughts of you along with me as I learn even more about our great organization and new ways to serve you here at home.

You have been and always will be an important part of my life.

In gratitude and service,

Karen S. Brown #73 and JCI Senator #71,354

March Winners!

March Renewal Winners:
Joe Kelly and Michael Leeds!!!

There were so many renewals for March, and members of the board just happened to win the Renewal Drawing for the month of March. Next month, this won't be the case as there are no board members who are eligible to win! (Yay!) Jill Blust, Douglas Mains, Julio Montemayor, Holly Nester, and Troy Steere are all in the running! Best of luck to all of you and make sure to join us at the April GMM to win!

March GMM Attendee Winners:
Charles Strong and Eric Sheppard!!!

Congrats to both of you and a personal thank you for coming out to the GMM in March! Anyone, including members and prospects, who attend any and all GMM's are eligible to win a raffle drawing each month! Prizes include free food, gift certificates and more! The next GMM is on April 3rd. See you there!

MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MARCH 17 - St. Patty's Pub Crawl!, 2 - 8 p.m., starting at Tin Can

MARCH 18 - Mix & Mingle Bloody Mary Breakfast Brunch, 15643 S. US-27, Lansing

APRIL 4 - General Membership Meeting, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Tripper's, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing (Details - Lauren Leeds)

March Birthdays

Siddhartha Muthiah • Monique Field
Rachel Rosenbaum • Anne Ribby

April Birthdays

Tracy Prush
Laura de la Rambelje
Meaghan Kelly
Andrew Hoard
Jamie Sheppard
Nick Crockett

Julio Montemayor • Adam Dobbrastine

**Membership
Anniversary Dates:**

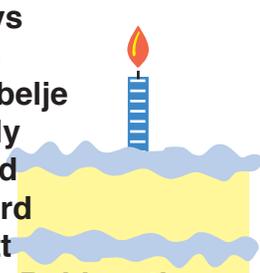
March

Monique Field • Andy Miller
Sheryl Soczek • Joe Kelly
Brittany Gray
Alexandra Briseno
Nick Crockett
Michael Leeds
Sara Skerratt

April

Julio Montemayor
Troy Steere • Douglas Mains
Jill Blust • Holly Nester





March Member Spotlight: Laura de la Rambelje

Congratulations to Ms. Laura de la Rambelje for being March's Member Spotlight!

The Jaycee's would like to recognize Laura in honor of her hard work and involvement with so many recent activities within the Jaycees. Laura has recently co-chaired the Polar Plunge, which raised more than twice as much as planned! She is co-chairing the "Just B a Jaycee" yoga event on Saturday March 24th at the Just B Yoga center here in Lansing. She also will be planning the Urbandale Farm's Spring Work Party event for the weekend of Earth Day. And Laura is involved with the crafts and games for the Easter Egg Hunt and she is helping with the chapter's public relations.

Check out the calendar and the event links and emails for all of these events in particular!



Jaycees profile

Everyone who updates their Jaycees profile by March 31, 2012 will be eligible to win free food and entertainment for Tripper's and additional prizes!!! Prize will be mailed out, so make sure your address is updated too!

Profile:

Who is your family? Where do you work? What about hobbies and interests? What is your past and hopefully future Jaycees involvement?

How can you update your very own Jaycees profile? Easy! It will only take a minute of your time:

1. Log onto www.lansingjaycees.org
2. Type in your user name and password. Forgot your username or password? Click on the "forgot your password" link directly below the login information, provide your email address, and you will shortly be emailed all

the information needed.

3. In the center of the page, under "My Membership Information" you will find the Change Contact/Profile Info link.

4. Please double check the information we have for you and update employer, profile, family, hobbies/interests, and Jaycees past and future involvement interests. If you have any technical issues, please contact Danielle Wellington at DanielleLWellington@gmail.com or 616-405-6993.



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Lansing Jaycees at the 8th Annual Polar Plunge 2012

By Laura de la Rambelje

“This is a very bad idea.”

So said Michael Leeds half-jokingly to a State News reporter as eight members of the Lansing Jaycees’ Polar Plunge team (Lori Castelein, Angela Clock, Laura de la Rambelje, Sam Keeney, Jason Larsen, Michael P. Leeds, Carrie May, Sheryl Soczek and Shawn Brueshaber of the Kalamazoo Jaycees) waited our turn to jump into a perfectly good, freezing lake at Eagle Eye Golf course in support of Special Olympics of Michigan. Members of the team dressed up in various costumes, including a Blues Brother, super heroes, a Greek donning a toga, a Greek soldier and Sheryl sported a Lansing Jaycees T-shirt. Bad idea or no, we summoned our courage and our super powers, and leapt into the icy depths. The Lansing Jaycees finished in sixth place out of 74 teams, raising over \$2,205. According to SOMI Area Director Anne Goudie, Lansing’s Polar Plunge raised close to \$70,000. Huge shout-outs go to multi-year plungers Sheryl and Sam. Inquiring minds want to know: will they do it again next year? Who knows... SuperGrover and Super Jaycee may fly again.

Check out the Lansing Jaycees Facebook page for more snapshots and video proof!

COMMUNITY REPORT

Earth Day Celebration at Urbandale Farm

By Laura de la Rambelje

Have you ever wanted to learn more about urban farming? Is the warmer weather making you want to dig around in the dirt? Do you enjoy supporting local food systems and visiting farmers’ markets? If so, then come join the Lansing Jaycees as we help prepare Lansing’s first urban farm for a new season in celebration of Earth Day!

Groundhog-proofing the farm is their first priority this spring! The farm’s earliest seedlings get transplanted out in April, and they need to protect them from neighborhood groundhogs who ate broccoli, beans, and lettuces last year by the row (and didn’t share any of it). Jaycees will have the opportunity to learn about the origins of Urbandale Farm and about its important mission to before we trudge outside to reinforce the bases of fences around the farm by stapling or zip-tying chicken wire in places where the groundhogs enter.

Bring work gloves and wear boots that can get muddy. Urbandale will have extra gloves and tools on hand, but these items could come in handy if you have them: shovels, pruners, loppers, and any old chicken wire that you don’t need. Join us for a fun afternoon of work at Lansing’s first urban farm! April 21, 1 to 4:30 p.m. (Rain date April 22; details and invite forthcoming).

Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny

By Jill Blust

The Lansing Jaycees love their pets! During the past year I have been a member, I have learned about other members' pets at various meetings and events. So, it is only natural that we host an event to bring joy to other Lansing area pet owners while supporting the Animal Placement Bureau (APB) to help place pets into a loving home.

In order to make this happen, Lauren Leeds and I are co-chairing the 2nd Annual Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny event in partnership with the APB. The event will take place at Pruess Pets in Oldtown on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 from noon to 5 p.m. on both days. We will be collecting donations of \$5 for Lansing area pet lovers to have their pet's photo taken with our very own Easter Bunny. All proceeds will go to the APB and our goal is to raise \$1,000 for this great organization during this two day event!

In case you are not familiar with the APB, they are a vol-

unteer foster care network. They have no sheltering facility and all of the dogs in their care live with the volunteers until they can find a loving home. APB depends on private donations and fundraisers as their sole source of funding and their major expenses result from essential medical care for the dogs. For more information about APB, please visit their website at www.apbpets.com.



Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny won for best event last year and it's definitely the cutest! Don't miss this opportunity to have a special photo of your pet while helping less fortunate pets find a loving home.

Hair relay for life

By Joe Kelly

At the February GMM, I announced that for a dollar a day, I will continue to grow my beard until Relay for Life. I will also match contributions dollar for dollar up to \$250. I'm happy to announce that at the first check point, the March GMM, I have raised \$38 dollars. I will need an additional \$22 dollars by the April GMM. You can see my beard in the attached photo.

Also contingent on this dollar-a-day fundraiser is Lauren Leed's Hairy Challenge. She normally cuts her hair in February, but will continue growing it until Relay, when she will have it cut and then donated for a wig.

Eric R., Eric S. and Kris D. also have tentative agreements for more embarrassing shenanigans, should we raise \$2500 for relay. The next relay meeting will be Wednesday April 4 at Lansing Catholic Central's Library at 7 p.m. Please use the staff lot west of the building.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MARCH 19 - Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny Committee Meeting, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Pruess Pets, 1127 N. Cedar St., Lansing

MARCH 21 - March Magic Hoopfest - Help Set Up, 6:30 - 9 p.m., Jenison Fieldhouse, East Lansing

MARCH 24 & 25 - Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny, Noon - 5 p.m., Pruess Pets, 1127 N. Cedar St., Lansing

MARCH 29 - Stuff the Bus SUMMER Edition - Committee Meeting, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Olga's Kitchen, Frandor

MARCH 30 - MSU Wine Tasting Benefit - Volunteers, 6:30 - 9:45 p.m., Kellogg Center, 55 S. Harrison Rd., East Lansing

MARCH 31 - Easter Egg Stuffing, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Sohn Linen, 2401 Wood St., Lansing

APRIL 7 - Easter Egg Hunt & Raffle, Capitol Lawn (Details - Eric Richmond)

APRIL 21 - Urbandale Farm's Spring Work Party, 1 - 4:30 p.m., Urbandale Farm, 600 block of S. Hayford St., Lansing
Rain date: April 22

APRIL 27 - Bowl for Kids' Sake, 7:45 - 11 p.m., Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Go Dvorak or go home

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FACT: 99.9999 percent of Americans uses the QWERTY keyboard layout. The QWERTY layout is named as such because of the first six characters on the top row. It is also called the Sholes layout because some dude named Sholes and someone else that history has forgotten made the layout in 1867. It was the first commercially successful typewriter.

I'm not here to talk about the QWERTY layout however. I use an entirely different layout called the Dvorak layout, named after some dude named Dvorak and someone else that history has forgotten about. In 1936, he patented a typewriter layout. This layout is better than the Sholes layout for several reasons. By 1936, typewriter technology had improved to the point that key jamming was not a huge concern, allowing keys to be placed anywhere. And, unlike the Sholes layout, the Dvorak layout was based on several principles that make typewriting more efficient.

What are the major differences in the layout? For one thing, the keys that you use the most -- d, h, t n, s and the vowels except for y, which is only a sometimes vowel are all on the home row. Do you remember in typing class having to write stupid words that were not really words, like gad and kad? On the Dvorak layout, you can type "ned this is a netted shoe" and other expressions that are better than ld;a. Seriously, why is the semi-colon on the home row? When was the

last time you used a semi-colon? Another thing about the layout is that common letters that go together are placed in a way to make typing them easy. For example, th are next to each other. Also, the keyboard was meant to have the typist alternate between hands to type faster. And, more commonly used letters are on the right hand side, as most people are right-handed.

The up side is that you move your fingers less distance, allowing you to type quicker. Speed records have been set using the Dvorak layout. You are also able to type with fewer errors, again because you are moving them less.

Also, should you lose the ability to type with one of your hands, there is a left-hand layout and a right-hand layout.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MAR 24 - Just B a Jaycee, 2 - 4 p.m., Just B Yoga, 106 Island Avenue, Lansing, MI

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Learning how to Just B

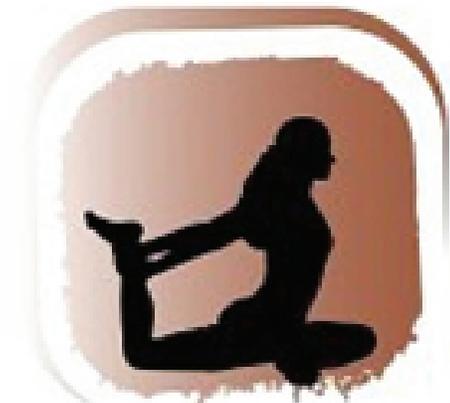
By Laura de la Rambelje

Jaycees are a driven lot, you must admit. High achievers, hard-working, (hard-playing), and called to support the community. This probably means for many of us that we don't always select the healthiest foods, get enough sleep, or take time to smell the roses.

What's that you say? How else are you supposed to fit in all that do-good-ing? Well, guess what? Sometimes, you are best able to give of yourself by taking some time to breathe and reset. Just B Yoga in REO Town is going to help you try to do just that on March 24 at 2 p.m.

Just B is an organization that lives and breathes the same #LoveLansing ethos cherished by our very own Lansing Jaycees. The donation-based studio offers yoga, meditation and Tai Chi for the Lansing community at its 106 Island St. location and other locations throughout greater Lansing. Donations support the studio's ability to offer free Community Yoga classes on Wednesday evenings, to offer classes to those who might otherwise be unable to participate, and to subsidize the cost of hosting events for other nonprofit organizations in the area. Just B often participates in events that support social justice, such as the upcoming Everybody Eats summit on Feb. 11, or hosts events that draw awareness to the importance of a strong community to personal and collective strength, such as the Solstice in the Alley (at REO Art Alley).

Please consider taking the time to Just B a Jaycee on March 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. The class will be led by Belinda Thurston (the B of Just B) and will be beginner friendly! The Chapter is covering the fee for the class, but donations from participating Jaycees are



welcome. Mats are provided. Just bring your Jaycee self and Just B!

Invites are forthcoming; registration will be required due to space constraints.

For more information on Just B Yoga, please see www.iustbvoga.com

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Jaycees Management update

The Lansing Jaycees are off to another great year. Your board of directors, President Lauren, and I updated the chapter plan. The update to the chapter plan was based on our personal goals for our position we hold and results from our annual membership survey. It is also a living document. Throughout the year we continually update our chapter plan to show progress towards goals, change and edit goals as necessary, and communicate progress towards goals as part of the Blue Chip program.

The Blue Chip program is a Junior Chamber International (JCI) initiative for established chapters. It ensures chapters offer balanced programming for its members, resulting in strong membership renewals and growth. Blue Chip checks the status of a chapter holistically, subjectively the chapter's planning and participation in 70+ items. The Lansing Jaycees have been awarded Blue Chip status three years running.

The strength behind having well rounded event programming plays a strong part in having a successful Blue Chip year. Our event programming, whether it is a fundraising opportunity, community service

project, membership activity, or individual development project comes from our membership. I believe we wouldn't be where we are today if we hadn't had active members in the past who contributed ideas, passion, or action. Our members participation is the reason we have been able to achieve Blue Chip three years in a row.

I wanted to acknowledge and salute you, our members, in this achievement. I too want to encourage you to continue helping us make our chapter and community stronger. If you haven't filled out the annual member survey it isn't too late. We are still taking surveys. Your participation will help us continue planning for a great year, and with continued progress, a fourth year in a row as a Blue Chip qualifier.

Feel free to contact a board member any time if you have a project idea (even if it is for feedback) or to fill out the annual survey.

MANAGEMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

NOW - MARCH 31 - Enjoy the City Book Sale, Contact Dan Harris for details

MARCH 22 - Monster Mayhem Core Committee Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Barley's American Grill, 727 E. Miller Rd., Lansing

MARCH 26 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Maner Costerisan, 2425 E Grand River Ave, Ste. 1, Lansing, MI (Details - Lauren Leeds)

APRIL 4 - Website Committee Meeting, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Panera Bread, Frandor

APRIL 23 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m., Maner Costerisan, 2425 E Grand River Ave, Ste. 1, Lansing, MI (Details - Lauren Leeds)

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AUXILIARY OFFICER'S REPORTS

Sheets!

After much anticipation, here it is...all you wanted to know about sheets plus some!

How do I know which sheets to purchase?

- Measure your mattress: You need to make sure your fitted (bottom) sheet is not too baggy or tight. Don't forget to measure the height, then add 2 to 3 inches (this will be your pocket depth).
- The higher the thread count (number of threads, both horizontal and vertical woven into 1 square inch) the smoother the sheet will feel – up to a point. Avoid going below 200 (too scratchy), however you will barely be able to notice the difference between 300 and 600.
- A 200 count sheet made of high-quality cotton (Sea Island, Egyptian, Pima or Supima) is better than a 600 count sheet made of inferior fabric. Make sure to read the label, manufacturers use trickery and still advertise the type of fiber even if only a small percentage is used.
- Cotton-polyester sheets don't feel as good, but they are less expensive and resist wrinkles.
- Cotton doesn't stick to your skin so may be preferred if you sweat while you sleep.

Where should I store my sheets?

- Shelves are best, however do not place directly on wood. Wood can leave impurities and cause discoloration and leave stains.
- Store them where they are easily accessible. Store them in the room where they will be used if you have the room.
- Fold your sheets while still warm from the dryer, this will help minimize wrinkles.
- Keep no more than 4 sheets in a stack. If you have more than one size in one area, make sure to label them.

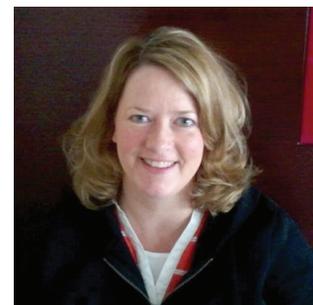
How do I fold that stupid flat sheet?

- Spread the sheet out on the bed or another large flat surface, fitted corners up.
- Fold sheet half horizontally, tucking the fitted top corners into the fitted bottom corners.
- Smooth the edges flat.
- Fold the sheet lengthwise so all four corners are on top of one another.
- Slid the top set of corners into the bottom set.
- Fold the sheet in half again.
- Fold over the smooth end to finish.

How can I increase the life of my sheets?

- Allocate two or three sets of sheets per bed so you don't have to wait to laundry day to change them.
- Buy one new set each year, replacing the oldest set you have.
- If you shower in the A.M. or eat in bed, you should change your sheets every 3 days.
- If you only sleep in your bed, you can go one week before changing them.
- Follow the care instructions, avoiding bleach as it breaks down the fibers over time.
- Wash in warm water and dry on medium heat.
- Wash in water over 140 degrees and you will also kill dust mites, remove pet dander and pollen.

So, there you have it, your linen closet should be clean and organized! Now get outside and enjoy the Spring. Thank you again to "All You Magazine" for your helpful tips.



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The power of ideas - Jaycees make them happen

I wrote an article last year about how I chaired my first project with the Jaycees. It started with sharing information (at a Happy Hour, I believe) about to help those in need of medical attention after the earthquake in Haiti. Basically, it started with an idea.

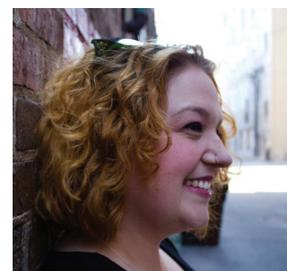
I love ideas! The Board of Directors loves ideas! And we are not as intimidating as the term "Board of Directors" sounds - we are first and foremost members of the Lansing Jaycees, we love leadership and we love being in the community with fellow members learning, leading, helping and growing.

You may have noticed in this edition of the newsletter the amount of articles and letters written by non-Board members. Please feel free to send in anything you like - even if it isn't

about an upcoming project or a wrap up of something we've previously done. Have you been to an awesome new restaurant you think people may be interested in? Did you go on a trip somewhere amazing and want to tell us about it and share photos? Is there a particular root vegetable you feel passionate about? Trivia? Sports? A way to relax? Share it with us!

This is your newsletter. This is your chapter. Make it what you will.

Email me anything you would like published by the Friday after the GMM's - in April, that date is April 6 - and you will see it appear!



Truth exists

If you ever find yourself in an insufferable argument with a person who claims all things are relative and nothing is ever really true, you can use the following logical arguments to declare "shenanigans"!

The Relative Argument Against Relativity

All claims are relative.

The claim "all claims are relative" is a claim.

Therefore "all claims are relative" is itself relative.

Now you have proven to your foil that the claim "all claims are relative" is a logical absurdity because they have to simultaneously admit that nothing is true, even the claim "nothing is true", which is impossible.

The Argument for Logically Possible Truth Values

There are six possibilities as the existence of truth:

Nothing is True

Something is True (but not everything)

Everything is True

Nothing is False

Something is False (but not everything)

Everything is False

We can reduce these possibilities to four because some are redundant:

"Nothing is True" means the same thing as "Everything is False" and "Everything is True" means the same thing as "Nothing is False". So we will only consider the following possibilities:

Nothing is True

Something is True (but not everything)

Everything is True

Something is False (but not everything)

Let's assume for a moment that "Everything is True" is the case. As with the previous argument this claim leads us to a logical absurdity. If "Everything is True" is the case, it follows that the claim "Everything is False" is also true. These two claims are contradictory.

Consider now "Nothing is True". If this is the case we have a claim which is self defeating. If nothing is true than the claim "Nothing is True" is false. If "Nothing is True" is false it cannot be a descriptor of the state of the world.

This leaves us with the following options:

Something is True (but not everything)

Something is False (but not everything)

Our argument to this point has confirmed one of these two claims: "Something is False". When considering the claim "Nothing is True" we were able to demonstrate this claim to be false. Therefore we have proven there is at least one false thing in the world: the claim "Nothing is True". We know now there is something true, that being the claim "Something is False."

Therefore Truth exists.

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Easter Egg Hunt 2012 update

The Easter Egg Hunt Committee recently met and finalized plans for the upcoming hunt and I have to say it should be another great Jaycee event!

The hunt is scheduled for April 7, from 10 a.m. to noon. Activities will start at 10 a.m. and the hunt itself will happen at 11 a.m. promptly. We will need volunteers to show up starting at 8am to help set everything up. Look for the evite soon! If you have any questions please feel to contact Eric Richmond or Kris Dezelski, the event co-chairs. It should be a great time, we hope to see you there. Don't forget to invite family, friends, or co-workers that have children 12 and under.

Before we have the Easter Egg Hunt we need to stuff the eggs, all 10,000 of them! If you have not already signed up to help stuff eggs, please do soon!

We have 3 shifts that you can sign up for. The shifts are: 8:30 to 11 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 1:30pm, and noon to 2:30 p.m. Shifts are to help us facilitate seating and such, so if you can't work a whole

shift or you want to work more that just fine!

We will also have two girl scout troops helping with the stuffing. Mancino's (Frاندor) is donating Pizza, and Coffee and Friends (Okemos) is donating coffee. There will also be a potluck with all kinds of other treats and goodies. The stuffing party is a great time to catch up with Jaycees you have not seen in a while. The party is hosted at Sohn Linen on Wood Street (just south of Lake Lansing). Please see the evite for additional details.



CHAIR OF THE BOARD REPORT

Woohoo! Spring is in the air! March is an exciting time of the year. For people that like winter they are usually savoring the last few days of snow, for those of us that enjoy summer we anticipate the warm days (I fit in this category). Also in the beginning of the month we spring our clocks forward for Daylight Savings time. This provides a good reminder to do some housecleaning and get rid of items that are no longer needed. I wanted to share a few helpful tips for this time of the year.

First, if you are spring-cleaning and find items that you no longer need please consider donating them. There are several charities in the local area that accept donations. Here are some of the organizations that I have enjoyed donating to Capital Area Humane Society, EVE, Goodwill and Greater Lansing Food Bank. Save your receipts for your 2012 taxes!

Second, take a few minutes to test smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, first aid kits and any other items in your home or apartment that should be checked on a regular basis. Using Daylight Savings as a reminder for these tasks could help for months to come.

Finally, take a deep breath and enjoy the fresh air. Whether you enjoy the warm days or the cool days this month should offer something for everyone.



Take a few minutes to relax and reflect on the accomplishments of the winter. You may find that you have picked up some unpleasant feelings during the past few months. There is something

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about the cold months that make it a little easier for us to hold onto grudges. Now is the perfect time to move ahead and let go of any negativity.

I try to remember this saying during conflicts. "An eye for an eye will make the whole world blind." (Mahatma Gandhi, 1869-1948) Sometimes the best solution is to simply agree to disagree and move on. Disagreeing with a person doesn't mean you can't benefit from the relationship or that they are a bad person. They may just have a different perspective and opinion.

This is also a great time to look ahead. Personally, I am looking forward to our Easter Egg Hunt in April. Over the years this has marked the unofficial start of spring for me. The picture of 10,000 eggs on the Capitol Lawn with hundreds of children and their families stays with me for months and brings a smile to my face.

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