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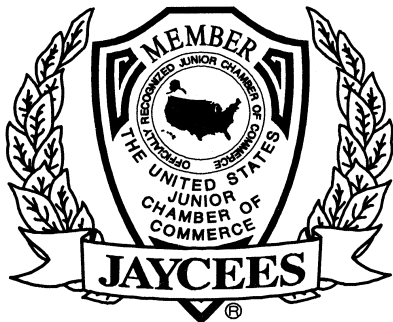
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Population Division 7
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Welcome to our newest members!!

March 2005

Dianne Perukel, Michigan State Police
Jennifer M Trendt, Alive & Well Therapeutic
Massage

The Lansing Jaycees is an organization of people ages 21-39 which promotes leadership training through community service. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm (dinner between 6:00 and 6:30) at Tripper's Restaurant in Frandor. Visit our website, www.lansingjaycees.org for a map to the meeting location or call us at (517) 853-8620.



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From the President...

Walking the Walk...

At the February General Membership Meeting, we put on our creative caps and brainstormed new project ideas for the Community, Membership, Management, and Individual Development Vice Presidents. After a slow start, it got easier to fill up page after page with interesting and creative project ideas. It was a great exercise that produced good results, but what happens then? A few of these project ideas are in the planning stages, but can we do more?? I'm convinced that we can – in fact, I'm convinced that we **must**.

Your Board of Directors has worked very hard to schedule a variety of events so far in 2005 for members and guests to take part in. However, they can't continue to run so many projects themselves for the whole year; they need you to bring ideas and enthusiasm to the table so they don't burn out before the year is over.

What can you or I, as members, do? **I would ask you to think about a place you'd like to go, something you'd like to do, a skill you'd like to learn, an organization you'd like to help, and then take the steps to make it happen!** Personally, I would like to go horseback riding – I did this once when I was a teenager, and I'd like to do it again with the Jaycees because I think it would be a lot of fun. As a result, I have committed to making this idea a reality sometime this summer. See, it's that easy!

I believe that together we can turn our ideas into reality. We've talked the talk, now let's walk the walk!

Laura Vieth
77th President
Lansing Jaycees

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**

April GMM

Tuesday, April 5
Dinner between 6:00-6:30 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM
Tripper's in Frandor



For New Members...

If you are a newer member of our chapter (1st year), but have yet to really get involved, you might be interested in participating in a "Jumpstart Project". A Jumpstart Project is where a group of new members meet, brainstorm ideas for a new community development project, pick one of those ideas and (as a group) run the project. It's a great to get to know other new members, and a great way to learn the Chairperson's Planning Guide process. If you are interested in participating in a Jumpstart Project, contact me at ccvieth@viethconsulting.com.

For Not-So-New Members...

If you've been an active member for a while, you might be a good candidate to become a mentor. Whether on a one-on-one basis with a new member, or participating as a mentor in a group environment (such as a Jumpstart project)... mentoring provides a valuable service to our newer members, increasing the chances of them getting involved. If you would like to be a mentor, please contact me at ccvieth@viethconsulting.com.

Chris Vieth, Membership Development VP
Kim Doughty, Membership Director

Euchre Madness!!

On March 11 we held our first euchre party of the year, and it was a big success! Jaycees **Andy Miller, Jeff Ferris, Chris Vieth, Kim Doughty, Laura Vieth, Lynn Schramm, Jill Schumacher, Jeff Sand, Teri Bruning, Amy Miller**, and guests **Sarah Brenner, Kara Wood, and Felepe Hall** got together and things got pretty competitive as they played for the big prize! Alas, Doctor Euchre (aka Andy Miller) took home first prize, and Kara Wood snuck in to get the quarters. This was an enjoyable event for all who attended, and we'll definitely plan to have another party in May or June!

The following is a list Jaycees who have May or June renewals. Because of changes with renewal processing with the Michigan and US Jaycees, renewals are due one month early. i.e. - May renewals are due in April, June renewals are due in May. Please check the due dates on your invoices.

Matt	Cannata	05/01/04
Tim	Luea	05/01/04
Amy	Radford	05/01/00
Patrick	Brazil	06/01/03
Beth	Burrell	06/01/04
Jimi	Carolann	06/01/03
Theresa	Dodd	06/01/04
Renee	Dolan	06/01/04
Daniel	Harris	06/01/03
Tierany	Myers	06/01/03
Jessica	Rehling	06/01/04
Jill	Schumacher	06/01/04
Necole	Staron	06/01/04
Elizabeth	Wayumba	06/01/04
Jason	Whiting	06/01/02
Sheri	Williams	06/01/03

Upcoming Events

Member Orientation – April 5th, 6:00 PM – preceding the GMM, this is for members and prospective members who would like to learn more about the Jaycee organization and how to get involved.

Happy Hour/B.L.A.A.S.T. – April 8th, 6:00 PM – Friday after-work social. This time, we're meeting at Reno's West, 5001 West Saginaw.

Member Orientation/CPG Training – April 19th, 7:00 PM - an additional opportunity to attend an orientation, followed by a Chairperson's Planning Guide training session at 8:00 PM. This will be at the MI Jaycees Service Center, 534 S. Walnut.

Happy Hour/B.L.A.A.S.T. – April 29th, 6:00 PM – Friday after-work social. This time, we're meeting at the Cactus Juice Saloon, 3323 N East St, Lansing (check website for map)

Individual Development

Individual Development

In March, the **Foodie Club**, chaired by **Jeff Sand** and **Amy Miller**, had another wonderfully successful event making wine at the Wine Rack in Howell. Next month, the group will travel back and bottle, cork and label their creations. The next Foodie Club event will be on **April 13** at **6:30 pm** at **Midori Sushi and Korean BBQ** at **436 Elmwood Road** in **Lansing**. For more information on this event, please contact **Jeff Sand** at sand.j@comcast.net.

ID also got our Exercise Club dubbed, "More Action, Less Bon Bons" started with a "Polar Walk" from Lansing's City Market to the Turner Dodge House and back on the 5th. **Dave Akens, John Pulice** and **Matt Wiitala** braved the near-freezing temps to accomplish this. The Club will be meeting soon to discuss more events in the very near future. For more information please contact Matt Wiitala at mtwiitala@hotmail.com.

On March 19, members had breakfast at the IHOP in East Lansing and then went to the Maple Syrup Festival at Fenner Nature Center. Despite some flurries, we were able to see the equipment used to tap maple trees and the process that turns the sap into syrup. Additionally, we were able to see some local craftsmen at work creating woodcarvings at the Nature Center's main building. Thanks to **Jennifer Trendt, Kristin Batdorf, Laura Vieth, Teri Bruning, and Matt, Sheila and Drew Wiitala** for attending.

In April, **Be a Hit at BMM** has been *re-scheduled* for **Saturday, April 16**. Even though this is the morning after the WKAR Auction, it's scheduled for **11:00 am** so you can get some rest in before coming to hit softballs at BMM's slow-pitch softball cage. Talent is no prerequisite for attending and you don't even have to be on the Softball Team to come and hit a few balls. If it happens to be busy, we can also purchase tokens to use some of the other cages on a first come-first serve basis. If you are attending, please bring \$3-5 towards the rental fee of the cage. BMM is located at 5849 Enterprise Drive in Lansing and is off Aurelius Road, just south of the Aurelius-Jolly intersection. Afterwards, we will go to lunch at Leo's Lodge at 2525 E. Jolly Road, just around the corner from BMM. For more information, contact Matt Wiitala at mtwiitala@hotmail.com or at 896-7423.

Also, in May, at the GMM, Kristy Jones, one of our newest members, will be hosting a financial planning seminar to help us decide what we should be doing with our money now and for retirement. Make sure to attend the May GMM for this very informative event.

Matt Wiitala, Individual Development Vice President
Sheryl Soczek, Individual Development Director

Greetings from your editor:

Please submit your articles to Laura Veith (lavieth@cmsenergy.com) for the May, 2005 newsletter as I will be on a sunny beach without access to a computer at the end of April. If you have "letters to the editor," i.e. articles, questions or comments, please contact me at kristy.jones@53.com or 517-351-5315 or 517-541-1333.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the April GMM.

Kristy Jones

Community Development

It's Finally Spring! After a long, cold, endless winter, the sun is finally showing its face and the weather is warming up again. Pretty soon, we'll see flowers popping up and the trees turning green. I, for one, cannot wait. There is something about spring – the sun coming out, the bright colors, the days getting longer – that energizes me and makes me want to get out of the house and do things. If you are feeling the same way, you're lucky to be a Jaycee. We have lots of fun projects coming up that will get you out of the house and moving again. Come and join us!

Easter Egg Hunt

What do you get when you bring together a bright sunny day, lots of smiling faces, thousands of plastic Easter eggs, and a giant Easter Bunny? Hundreds of happy kids and a perfect combination for another successful Easter Egg Hunt on the Capitol lawn.

On Saturday, March 26th, volunteers **Teri Bruning, Kristy Jones, Amy Miller, Lynn Schramm, Mike Woodstock, Jill Klinger, Bill Snook, Rina Risper, Rob Dowding, Shanell Henry, Trish Batterson, Angela Mills, Joe Petrous, Jeff Ferris, Gionni Risper, Laura Vieth, Chris Vieth, Kathy Brock, Messina Brock, Jeff Sand, Kristin Batdorf, Matt Wiitala, Sheila Wiitala, Sarah Fowler, Darrin Fowler, John Prush, Tracy Prush, Jill Schumacher, and Sheryl Soczek** arrived at 8:00 in the morning to set up the festivities for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. By 9:30 AM, the day was in full swing. Children attending were able to sit in the Lansing Fire Department fire truck; visit the Capital Area Book Mobile; have balloon animals made by Crash the Clown; meet the Easter Bunny; fill out their very own child identification kit; make an origami bunny, Easter necklace, or edible chick; pet the animals from Potter Park Zoo; play games; or receive a temporary Easter tattoo. Jason Addams and Melissa Proffit from Z101.7 emceed the event for their third year in a row and helped keep everything running smoothly. Then, just before 11:00 AM, the fun really began as more than 500 children scrambled to pick up over 4,000 plastic Easter eggs. This actual "hunt" was over within minutes and before the volunteers knew it, all of the children were gone. Another Easter Egg Hunt had come to an end.

Tracy Prush, Community Area VP

Lansing Jaycees 2nd Annual Golf Outing

CALLING ALL GOLFERS! CALLING ALL GOLFERS! The Lansing Jaycees 2nd Annual Golf Outing is quickly approaching. This year, the golf outing will take place on Saturday, June 25th at Highland Hills Golf Course in Dewitt with an 8:30 AM shotgun start. The fees will be \$65 per person or \$240 per team, which means you can save \$5 per person by registering a complete foursome at once. If you're interested in participating in the outing, would like to make a donation, or sponsor a hole, please contact Joshua Springer at (810) 577-8759 or flip44@svsutekes.com.

Relay for Life

Get your feet a walkin' and help us donate to the American Cancer Society. We'll be walking at Chippewa Middle School on May 14th starting at 10 a.m. until May 15th at 10 a.m. Everyone knows or has been touched by a person that has fought this disease. I don't want another person to lose their mom, like I did. Buy "feet" for a dollar at the next GMM. We can also reach our goal through the "Relay Online." The online relay is a new and exciting way to raise awareness and money. Thank you Chris and Jimi for already helping our group to meet its financial goal of \$2400. Contact me at brockatj@hotmail.com if you have further questions.

Kathy Brock

Management Development

Garage Sale Coming - Everything Must Go!!

The Jaycees are planning on holding a Garage Sale this summer, and we need your help!

We need your stuff!!

If you thought about selling, giving away, or otherwise getting rid of anything that could be sold in a garage sale, we have a hassle free way for you to get rid of it. And we do mean "Get Rid of It"; whatever you donate will **not** be coming back to you - if it doesn't sell, it will be donated to charity or go to the landfill.

If you have any stuff you'd like to donate for the sale or would like to help with the planning of this event, please contact Laura Vieth at lavieth@cmsenergy.com.

Happy Birthday!

April

*Tracy Prush
Lynn Schramm
Kristy Jones
Jen Miller
Bill Snook
Katrina Saari
Trish Batterson
Amy Radford*



Jaycees Painting Faces at East Lansing Art Festival

The East Lansing Art Festival is coming up on May 21 and 22nd, and we will once again be painting faces in the Children's area of the festival. This is a great opportunity to help our community and get some good exposure for the Jaycees as well!! This project is a lot of fun, but it needs a lot of manpower to make it a success. If you're interested in helping organize this project, please contact Laura Vieth at lavieth@cmsenergy.com.



Upcoming Lansing Jaycee Fundraisers

BOWL-A-THON for CHILDREN'S SHOPPING SPREE!

We will be having our annual Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for the Back to School Children's Shopping Spree in August. This year we will be Bowling on Saturday April 23rd from 1-3 pm. The location is Holiday Lanes at 310 E. Grand River Ave.

To bowl it will cost \$25.00 per person or for a team of 4/\$80.00. This price will include 3 games and shoe rent. We will also accept donations if you do not want to bowl. Please contact Kim Doughty @ 517-980-0989 or Lynn Schramm @ 810-300-1487 for more information.

Stay Informed About Your Chapter

Check out the file archives in the Member area of the Lansing Jaycees website for information on the management of the chapter. You can view the Board of Directors meeting minutes and financial information. 2005 Budget information will soon be available in the file archives or can be requested by emailing treasurer@lansingjaycees.org.

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Member Orientation & CPG Training

April 19
MI Jaycees Service
Center

Orientation – 7 PM
Learn about the Jaycee organization, its opportunities, and how to get involved.

CPG Training – 8 PM
Learn about the Chairpersons Planning Guide, a project planning tool.

Contact: Chris Vieth
(517) 627-7145

WKAR Auction

While this event does not require a lot of moving around, it is a wonderful opportunity to help out our local public broadcasting station while getting to know some of our fellow Jaycees. This project will take place on Friday, April 15th from 8PM – 12 midnight. Come join us as we take phone pledges on live TV. You can contact Teri Bruning at (517) 887-9946 or teribruning@hotmail.com for more information.

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SOFTBALL Anyone?? It starts April 3.

Yes, snow is still on the ground but softball is just around the corner (well, practice is anyway). The first practice is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 3 at 3:00 pm. The location is still TBD because we would like to use a Delta Township field and we have to wait until April 1 to reserve a field. An e-mail will go out to all interested parties as to where softball practice will be held.

We would like to hold a total of four practices before the 10-game season begins on Wednesday, May 4. The games will be held at Erickson Park, Sharp Park or Delta Mills Park. Schedules will be forthcoming from the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Office once they have all teams and leagues finalized in April.

Player fees are \$12 for Delta Township residents and \$18 for non-Delta Township residents. Also, if we need to order any t-shirts for this year, there will be an extra charge for that (we won't know the exact price until we know how many t-shirts would need to be ordered). The order for the shirts would be placed in early April to ensure they arrive in time for the start of the season. Please contact Matt Wiitala if you will need a t-shirt. In addition, player contracts need to be signed and turned in before the season starts along with your player fee. Matt Wiitala has the contracts and can provide them at the April GMM and any practices we have.

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