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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.*

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 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

Dear Lansing Jaycees and Friends,

Happy Spring! It's hard to believe that one quarter of the year is over and spring is here! It seems like just yesterday we held elections and started on this journey. We did a lot of great things in the first quarter and if this is any indication of what we can do this year, we are unstoppable!

With the change in season comes a new wave of Jaycee projects and opportunities to get involved with the chapter. Several of our long-standing projects are just around the corner. I hope to see everyone out at the Easter Egg Hunt, WKAR Auction and the Bowl-A-Thon. These activities are awesome opportunities to become more active within the chapter and truly make a difference in the Lansing area. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to work on these committees and thank you in advance to everyone who will volunteer at these activities!

At our March General Membership Meeting, we heard from Jamie Coker, Michigan Jaycee Chaplain, about the upcoming Michigan Jaycee Convention. The convention is at Boyne Resort, May 5-7, 2006. This year's board committed to increasing our attendance at conventions and budgeted funds to assist members who wish to attend. If you are considering attending, please talk to me or Jimi Carolan, Individual Development Vice President, about how to request funding. The Boyne Convention is always a lot of fun and the training and networking opportunities are outstanding.

Congratulations to everyone on a successful first quarter...and here's to the next!

Amy E. Miller
78th President
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April General Membership Meeting

The April General Membership Meeting will be at 7 p.m. on April 4, 2006 at Tripper's. Dinner/Social Hour begins at 6 p.m. Please come out to the meeting and bring a friend!

Easter Egg Stuffing Jam!

This year we have over 9,000 Easter eggs to stuff! Please come out to our Annual Easter Egg Stuffing Jam! This year's event will be held at Sohn Linen at 2401 Wood Street on April 7, 2006 at 6 p.m. Pizza and soda will be served. We need at least 15 volunteers to get this job finished in one evening! Please contact Kim Doughty at kdoug5@jcpenny.com with any questions.



Face Painting at East Lansing Art Festival

The East Lansing Art Festival will be May 20-21, 2006. The Lansing Jaycees have participated for several years in the children's area, providing face painting. We need committee members to organize this event. This event is a lot of fun, gives us great PR in the community and raises funds for future community events. Please contact Amy Miller at president@lansingjaycees.org if you are interested in serving on this committee.



Membership Development

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to the following new members for March, 2006!

Dan Harris
Laura Murphy
Jennifer Osborne
Amy Williams

We look forward to getting to know you!

Gearing up for our next NEW MEMBER PROJECT!

At the March New Member Orientation, a new Jump Start Committee was formed and started planning a new event for the chapter! The second quarter Jump Start Project will be...drumroll please...SPEED DATING!

The new members are planning a project that will not only bring out current members, but many prospective members from the community. If you are a new member who has not gotten involved on a committee or a "more seasoned" member who would like to mentor this committee, please let me know! The next committee meeting will be immediately following the General Membership Meeting on April 4 at Tripper's.

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The Membership Committee Needs YOU!

Are you interested in planning monthly socials for the chapter? Are you interested in networking in the community in order to meet prospective members and introduce them to the Lansing Jaycees? Are you interested in helping out with the financial side of membership dues and invoicing? If you answered YES to any of those questions, the Membership Committee needs you! Please contact Amy Miller at president@lansingjaycees.org for more information.

April and May Renewal Time

Laura Ballard
Marisa Cannata
Teresa Dittmer
Sarah Kwiatkowski
Kristen McBeath
Jim Munson
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If you haven't received your renewal notice in the mail, please contact Amy Miller at president@lansingjaycees.org.



Happy Birthday

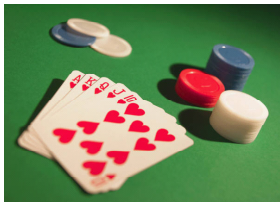
Tracy Prush	April 1
Orion Smith	April 6
Jen Springer	April 11
Bill Snook	April 12
Rachel Toothman	April 14
Randy Weber	April 14
Maria Pardue	April 16
Kristen McBeath	April 24
Trish Batterson	April 27

Management Development



Golfing Is Fore Everyone

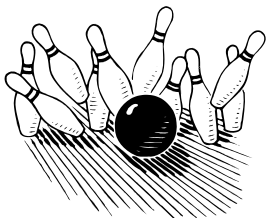
It's almost that time of year again to dust off your clubs and get them out of the closet. You should start practicing now for the 3rd Annual Jaycee Golf Outing. Get your team together early and register. Hole sponsorships are still available for this year's event. If you or your company are interested in participating in the golf outing or sponsoring a hole, please feel free to contact Josh Springer at flip44@svsutekes.com.



Texas Hold'em Tournament

Think you have what it takes to go All-In or are you just bluffing your way through life? The Lansing Jaycees are going to be holding a Texas Hold'em Tournament in the upcoming months. A specific date is not yet been finalized, but there will be cash prizes for at least the top five places. If you are interested in participating or joining the committee, please feel free to contact Josh Springer at flip44@svsutekes.com.

Bowlers, Bowlers Bowlers and Pledges Wanted!



The annual Jaycee Bowl-A-Thon is scheduled for Saturday April 29 at Royal Scot Bowling Alley, 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing. The event will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with registration starting at 12:30 p.m. The price for each individual bowler is \$25 or \$80 per team. Bring your friends and family out for an afternoon of fun, bowling and prizes. All proceeds will be going to the Back to School Project later this year. There are multiple ways to participate. First, you can get friends, family and co-workers to sponsor you donating an allotted amount for each pin you knock down. The other is to bring your friends and family to bowl! Also, if anyone is interested in donating prizes for the event or if you own your own business and want to donate a service, please let us know! If you are interested or would like flyers or pledge sheets please contact Jen Springer at jspringer@rehmann.com. I will be passing out flyers and pledge sheets at the March GMM as well. Hope to see each and every one of you there!

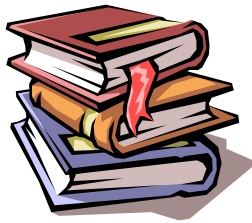


Individual Development



Walking Club 2006

We will be starting our walks outside in April, so get out your sweat pants and tennis shoes. Remember, it will still be chilly outside, so be sure to wear layers. Watch for the next invite for the April 3 walk location! We want your ideas for places to walk, so please feel free to email Sarah Taber at sarah.a.taber@gmail.com or Kim Doughty at kdoug5@jcpenny.com for location ideas!



Book Club

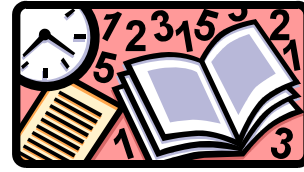
Let's look at starting our 2006 Book Club in June. We can meet at a designated location, possibly a library, and take home the first book. I have a 60 day timeline in mind, this will give you weeknights and weekends to finish the book, then we will meet for discussion and take home the next book. Remember, this will not require buying all the books, but it may be a good time to invest in a new library card! Look for the sign up sheet at the next GMM.

Mentor Program

I want you!

Calling all experienced Jaycees...

I am looking for a few good members who want to become Mentors to their fellow Jaycees. Are you tired of being roped into Chairing projects over and over again every year? Well, now is the time to become a Mentor, so that we can find inexperienced members to chair projects! I'm going to put a team in place to become resources for chairpersons when they take on an event. This will help the board members when they are strapped, so to speak, with a million things at once. If you have run an event before then this is the program for you!! The sign up sheet will be at the next GMM.



Chairpersons Training

The next Chairpersons training will be coming up in June. Mark your calendars for the next session to learn the simple steps of running a successful project. We will supply the information for you, all we need is for you to show up. These trainings last about one hour, and I will be available for questions afterwards.

The Foodie Club continues...

Wayne Hutchison and Orion Smith have taken over the Foodie Club for 2006. Watch for the next invite for "Get your food on" at Pampas Brazilian Restaurant in Birmingham on Friday April 21, 2006.

More from Kim

What kinds of trainings would you like to see come about in the second half of the year? Got a great idea for a project? Be sure to check out the polls on the website. These help me for project planning, and if there is something you definitely want to do, let me know.

Don't forget that golf lessons and a yoga class are coming soon. What other areas do you REALLY want to enhance in your life? Ponder that question for a moment. I would love to see a personal business training seminar happen. Other ideas I have are on the website under the polls area, so check them out.

Kim Doughty
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International Development

We've got a lot of exciting events coming up in International Development this month. There are lots of opportunities for you to learn something new about different cultures of the world!

First, get out your dancing shoes to learn how to dance Flamenco style! Flamenco is considered a genuine Spanish art and dates back to 1774. We're very excited about this opportunity to learn about this aspect of Spanish culture and we hope you'll come out and join us. The lessons, which are sponsored by La Casa, will be held on March 26, April 2, April 9 and April 23 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on MSU's campus. The lessons are meant to be progressive, so each week will build on the last, but you don't have to attend every week to follow along.

Next, we're celebrating the traditions of middle-eastern cultures on April 22, 2006 when we attend the Habibi Dancers concert, "One Moon, Many Dances," featuring Tamalyn Dallal. We'll be having dinner at New Aladdin's Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. and then heading to the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, where doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each if they are purchased by April 7, 2006 and \$20 if purchased after.

Last, but certainly not least, we will be attending an

International Community Service Fair on Saturday, April 22. The event, hosted by Project Green, invites community members to MSU's campus to reach out beyond our borders and help the world. There will be nine stations set up, each one representing a different country and reinforcing the atmosphere of that country through music, facts, food and decorations. In addition, there will be a community service project at each station for the country represented there. The fair is from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Vet-Med Field on MSU's campus.

Don't forget about May convention! Convention is a great opportunity to learn more about the Jaycees, and have a ton of fun with fellow Jaycees around the state. May's convention will be held at Boyne Mountain, May 5–May 7.

If you have ideas you'd like to share or you're interested in any of the upcoming events, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail us.

Jimi Carolan
International Development VP

Jamie Wilmoth
International Development Director

Community Development

Lansing Jaycees Support the 2nd Annual YDC Youth Art Auction

On March 19, 2006, the Lansing Jaycees supported the Youth Development Corporation's Youth Art Auction at the Kellogg Center. The chapter sponsored tickets for two artists and their families at the event. Amy Miller, Sheryl Soczek, Jaimie and Wayne Hutchison and Kimmy Herlick attended the event. There was a silent auction as well as a live auction, emceed by Lauren Thompson from WLNS-Channel 6 News and Zachary Guy from the Youth Development Corporation. The art was beautiful and Jaycees went home with over \$200 in artwork.

Easter Egg Hunt



Spring has sprung which means we'll soon be seeing green grass, flowers in bloom, leaves on the trees and thousands of multi-colored eggs on the capital lawn. Yep! You've guessed it! Once again it is time for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the capital lawn!

This year, the Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 15 (the day before Easter) at 10 a.m. and we are looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. Whether you are interested in scattering eggs, playing games, helping with crafts, dressing up in costume or selling raffle tickets, we have a job for you! We are asking all volunteers to be at the capital by 8:30 a.m. to help set up before children begin arriving. If you are interested in helping with this fun, community event, please contact Kim Doughty at kdoug5@jcpenny.com. We look forward to seeing you on the capital lawn!



From the Michigan Jaycees Community Development VP:

Yellow Ribbon: Do you remember when we used to be involved in a great project called Yellow Ribbon? The purpose of this project was to help prevent teen suicide. The premise is simple, communication. Talk to teens in your community, letting them know there are other options and that they are not alone. This program used to involve chapters bringing in guest speakers to things like high school assemblies and special events. We would talk about statistics, where to go for help and how to recognize the warning signs. We would also provide people with cards that had area hotline numbers on it and ones that simply said, "I want help." If someone ever felt like they were alone or even thought about suicide, they would give these cards to someone they knew, no words needed. This was an easy way for them to reach out for support. Recently I have had a chapter contact me to see about re-starting this program. What I want to know is if your chapter would want to get involved? Is this something you would like information on? Please, let me know. We'd like to try to get this running second quarter if possible!

Thank you everyone for all your hard work everyday to help out your chapter and your communities!

Amy Hose
MIJC CDVP, "Making You Believe" in 2006

WKAR Auction

Do you like talking on the telephone? Do you like helping out a good cause? Come down to the WKAR Auction to help your fellow Jaycees with raising money for Public Television. This event is scheduled April 28, 2006 from 8:15 p.m. to 12 p.m. It will be fun to answer the phones and talk to complete strangers about bidding on certain gifts. Please wear your Lansing Jaycee name tag and/or Jaycee apparel.

Any questions feel free to contact either Teri Sand or Jacob Williams.

Upcoming Events

2006 camping trip and backpacking

Break out that camping gear! I can already smell the roses, for summer is not too far away. We are planning early for the camping trip this year. The dates are July 28, 29 and 30 at Sleepy Bear Campground in Empire, MI. I need to get block sites reserved so please see the evite for more information and reply as soon as possible (www.evite.com). If you did not receive the evite, please email me and I will forward it on to you. This is going to be a great trip and I am trying to get 30 people to go sleep under the northern stars. We will be slinging the wine!

We are also tying in a backpacking trip to South Manitou Island for two days just prior to the camping trip on July 26 and 27. This will be a great beginner trip for those that have not been in the back country. For those that have done a lot of back country camping please come along and share your knowledge. Map reading, compass navigation and basic outdoor survival skills will complement the trip. Please see evite for additional information (www.evite.com). The island will be the highlight of the camping trip. Bring your camera. We are hoping to get eight to 10 people for this awesome excursion.

Please email me with questions or RSVP's.

Thanks,

Patrick Brazil
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2006 Adult Summer Co-Ed Softball

It's time to start thinking about softball again. Our ten-game season starts on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 in Delta Township. Before our season opener, however, we will be scheduling practices throughout April. Due to Delta Township rules, our days and times for most practices are TBD. We are looking at tentatively holding our first practice on Sunday, April 2. Time and location are TBD.

We have a great core of players coming back but we still need more players, especially females. If you know of anyone who is interested in playing (Jaycee or not), please let Matt Wiitala (mtwiitala@hotmail.com, 896-7423) or Steve Popp at popps@michigan.gov know. Prior experience is not required! Just a desire to come out and have a good time for 60-90 minutes one night a week for ten weeks!

Upcoming Events continued...



Bowl-A-Thon For Kids! Presented by The Lansing Jaycees!

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2006 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location: Royal Scot Bowling Alley
4722 W Grand River Ave, Lansing**

Support the Lansing Jaycees as we partner with a local department store to help Lansing area children with our Back to School Shopping Spree! Your support of our annual Bowl-A-Thon for Kids will ensure that we can continue to provide this important service in our community as well as other important community programs.

Bowlers of all skill levels and ages are welcome to join us, as this is not a tournament or competition. We are joining together for fun, bowling, fundraising and community spirit!!

The cost of this event is **\$ 25.00 per individual bowler or a team of four for \$ 80.00**. Your cost includes three games as well as shoes. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the fun begins at 1:00 p.m. **Pledges are highly encouraged and prizes will be awarded!!**

**Please make checks payable to the Lansing Jaycees:
Please see reverse side for Pledge form & Contact information!**

To donate online please go to www.lansingjaycees.org. For more info contact bowl4kids@lansingjaycees.org or (810) 577-8759.

Upcoming Events continued...



Bowl-A-Thon For Kids! Pledge Sheet

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Please make checks payable to the Lansing Jaycees:



BOWLER NAME: _____

TEAM NAME (IF PART OF A TEAM): _____

SPONSOR NAME:

DONATION AMOUNT:

Donation Total:

Upcoming Events continued...



Lansing Jaycee's 2006 Camping Trip

“How much do you really know about our great state of Michigan?”

Learn more about our local history, folk lore, nature hikes, geological formations, Lighthouses, Manitou Passage, Fishing history, trade routes and shipwrecks. There will be great photo opportunities and a Saturday potluck which will feature fresh king salmon.

Sleepy Bear Campground – 18 miles W. of Traverse City

6760 W. Empire Hwy., M-72, Empire, MI 49630 – Phone: (231) 326-5566

or check out their webpage @ www.michcampgrounds.com/sleepybear



July 28, 29 & 30



We recommend coming up on Thursday evening, July 27 so that you'll have all day Friday and Saturday to explore this awesome location

**Cost is \$32/night per site – allowed two tents and four people on each site
two cabins are available (reserve fast), showers and heated pool, all sites are shaded, basketball and volleyball court, street lights and block sites reserved**

The Top Ten Don't Miss List:

- 1. Climb Sleeping Bear Dune.**
- 2. If that's too strenuous, take the Pierce Stocking scenic drive to the top.**
- 3. Stroll Through the shops of Fishtown in Leland.**
- 4. Visit one of the peninsula's outstanding wineries.**
- 5. Take the boat trip to the Manitou islands.**
- 6. Soak in the charm of Suttons Bay.**
- 7. Drive M-22 along the West Arm of Grand Traverse Bay.**
- 8. Visit the Grand Traverse Lighthouse in Northport.**
- 9. Hike out to Pyramid Point.**
- 10. Take a bike trip around Glen Lake, don't miss inspiration point.**

Other Activities to Choose From:

- Digital Photo Contest – Slideshow Saturday after Potluck**
- Golfing, Back country hiking, Shopping, Beach fun, Nightly fire circle**
- Jet ski, speed boat and pontoon rentals available on Glen Lake**
- Kayak/Canoeing and rafting on Crystal River and Glen Lake**
- Salmon Fishing, Sat. morning charter approx. \$100 per person, 6 max**

You will not want to miss this incredible trip! Email Patrick Brazil to RSVP: patrickjbrazil@yahoo.com Call with questions 517-819-5433

Upcoming Events Calendar

April 1 - May 20, 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Flamenco Class Howell Jaycees Concessions	3	4 General Membership Meeting	5	6	7 Easter Egg Stuffing Jam	8
9 Flamenco Class	10	11	12	13	14	15 Easter Egg Hunt on Capitol Lawn
16	17	18 Board of Directors Meeting	19	20	21	22 Habibi Dancers International Community Service Fair
23 Flamenco Class	24	25	26	27	28 WKAR Auction	29 Bowl-A-Thon
30	May 1	2	3	4	5 May Convention JCFAN Golf Outing	6 May Convention
7 May Convention	8	9	10	11	12	13 Wyandotte Jaycees Pub Crawl
14	15	16	17	18	19 East Lansing Art Festival	20 Kid Care ID Day East Lansing Art Festival

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