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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 Bar and Grill 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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Presidents Report

Dear Jaycees and Friends,

I hope that everyone had a great Fourth of July holiday. Our July picnic was on a rainy Tuesday night. For those that braved the weather, we had a great time in the pavilion at Delta Mills Park. Hopefully next year, Mother Nature will cooperate! It is hard to believe that it is already August. It seems like it was just January and we were planning this year and it is already more than half over! We have had some great projects that have impacted the community in many ways. I am very excited about what is coming up for the rest of the year.

This year we were faced with the challenge of continuing a long standing project, the Children's Shopping Spree without the support of our long time sponsor, Mervyn's. Through the hard work of Angela Backus I am excited to say that we will continue to provide this great project to children in the Lansing area. Angela has arranged a new sponsor for this project. Please read the details of this in her community report and put August 19 on your calendar!

September is just around the corner and that means that we will take occupancy at Impression Five for yet another haunted house! This is our largest fundraiser of the year and it brings in the bulk of the chapter's yearly operating budget. I would like to give a special thank you to John Prush for stepping up to chair the 2006 Haunted House! He has big shoes to fill, as Chris Vieth did such an awesome job with this project last year. Thankfully, we have a great CPG to work from which will help immensely with this task. The first committee meeting is after the August 1 General Membership Meeting and I hope to see everyone there, ready to hit the ground running with this project.

Have a great August and I look forward to seeing you all this month!

Amy E. Miller
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2006 Golf Outing Cancelled

Unfortunately, the 2006 Golf Outing is going to be postponed at this time. We will be setting the date for the 2007 outing soon and hope that you will be able to get it on your calendar early.

First Haunted House Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the Haunted House Committee will be held immediately following the August General Membership Meeting on August 1 at Tripper's. Come out and find out how YOU can be a part of our biggest fundraiser of the year! If you would like to be involved, but can't attend this meeting, please email John Prush at john@prush.com. We look forward to seeing you there! Bring your most frightening ideas to the table.

Cedar Point Trip Planned

Come to Cedar Point on August 26, 2006! We will be carpooling down early that morning, spending the day at the park and returning on Sunday, August 27. Please email Amy Miller at millerae@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. An online invitation will be going out soon.

Individual Development

Book Club

For the month of July we read "The Mysteries of Pittsburg," which proved to be an Ivy League lesson in English. For the month of August we will be reading "The Greatest White Trash Love Story." We will meet again on August 10 at the home of Angela Backus for discussion.

Buying Your First Home

Presentation by Felicity White and Aaron Clark

Are you ready to purchase your first home? Do you need to get information about the best and easiest way to do this? Please come out to our presentation in August 2006.

Resume Swap

Coming soon this fall!

What is the Resume Swap you ask?

The Resume Swap will consist of non-Jaycees and Jaycees either looking for a new job or are aware of current positions open with their employer. This will also give members a chance to mingle and network at the same time.

Not sure how your resume will compete with others? Well we will have a Resume' Critique available to give you advise and help to increase response to your resume.

Membership

Our social for the month of August will be a bon fire in Bath, MI at Dave Akens neighbor's house. Date and time are to be decided. Bring your camping chairs, camping grill sticks, and mosquito spray (the smoke won't keep them all away). We can make s'mores or any other favorite grilled treat you'd like to make.

Community Development

Back to School Shopping Spree



On Saturday, August 19, the Jaycees will once again be helping local kids get ready for a new school year. This year we'll be shopping at the Lansing Kohl's store, where we'll be able to get a 15 percent discount on new school clothes for 20 children. The kids will be referred to us by the Lansing Police Department and the Ingham County Courts, and they are always very appreciative of the new school clothes and supplies that we help them get. We'll need at least 20 adult chaperones to help out the day of the event, so please plan on spending Saturday morning shopping with us. If you can volunteer for the Shopping Spree, please contact Angela Backus at angela-backus@excite.com or 517-980-3759.

August JAMM (Jaycees Acting More Monthly)

In August the Lansing Jaycees will be collecting items for our Back to School Shopping Spree. Please bring any of the items below to the July GMM. We will use these items to help provide backpacks full of school supplies to each of the children at the Shopping Spree. If you have any questions, please email Sarah Taber at sarah.a.taber@gmail.com.



- Pencils
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Pencil boxes
- Rulers
- Notebooks
- Folders
- Giftcards to stores where we can purchase supplies (Wal-Mart, Target, Staples, Office Max, etc.)

We will also be happy to take cash donations which we will use to buy school supplies. If you bring a donation of either school supplies or cash, you will be entered in a drawing to win some great prizes.

Stuff the Bus Committee Needed!



This new project was a success last year, and we were able to help several local families have a wonderful Christmas. I know that last year's committee members and volunteers have some great ideas to make the project even better, so if you'd like to be a part of planning the event this year, please contact Angela Backus at angela-backus@excite.com or 517-980-3759.

The Walking Club

The Lansing Jaycees Walking Club will meet at Granger Meadows Park in DeWitt Township during the month of August.

Our walk will begin at 5:45 p.m. and we will walk for approximately one hour. Granger Meadows Park is dog-friendly (as long as we remain on the nature trails).

Walks are scheduled for:

Monday, August 7
 Monday, August 14
 Monday, August 21
 Monday, August 28

Granger Meadows Park is located on the corner of Wood Street and State Road in DeWitt Township.

Granger Meadows Park is unlike any other recreational facility in the area. Designed to provide year round use, the park offers winter activities such as cross country skiing and sledding, as well as the traditional summer uses. The park has been designed to reflect the agrarian roots of the township. Rolling berms covered in natural meadow grasses, a small orchard, and the earth tone colors of the buildings all suggest you're still on the farm.

Membership Development

August Birthdays

John Prush	August 16
Mark Sands	August 17
Tierany Myers	August 18
Dianne Perukel	August 19
Kathie Dunbar	August 20
Kim Tanner	August 20
Brian Reed	August 20
Laura Veith	August 27
Chris Zubrick	August 27
Rachel Pavlik	August 28
Dave Akens	August 29

August Renewals

Teri Sand
Ray Siegmann
Laura Veith
Jody Lamb
Sarah Taber
Portia Dyrenforth

Thank you to everyone who donated to St Vincent's Home for Children (April), Hannah's House (May) and The Lansing Food Bank (June). It's through your donations and generosity that Lansing Jaycees are able to make a difference in this community.

Sarah Taber
JAMM Committee

"Heidi" Announcement

Darrin and Sarah Fowler are co-directing the production of "Heidi" at the Riverwalk Theatre, August 10-20. For reservations or more information visit www.riverwalktheatre.com or call 482-5700.

In connection with this staging of "Heidi," the Riverwalk will host two Junior Girl Scout theater badge events on Sunday, August 13 (12 p.m.) and Friday, August 18 (6 p.m.). The events include a series of acting exercises, a backstage tour, a make-up demonstration and the chance to meet and ask questions of a "Heidi" cast member. Individual scouts and troops are welcome. For more details or to sign up, call Mike at 482-5700.

Showcase

The Southside Community Showcase will be held August 26 from noon to 5 p.m. at Benjamin Davis Park in Lansing.

The highlights include:

- A children's alley
- A food court of local restaurants
- Live entertainment
- More than 80 exhibitors/vendors representing southside neighborhoods, schools, churches, businesses, non-profits organizations and government agencies.

Admission, activities and entertainment are FREE.

Musical entertainment includes:

- Powerlight Band (Soul, Motown)
- Jose Mango (Pop, R&B)
- Habibi Dancers
- gospel singers and more.

Children's activities include:

- Paint-a-Car (JD Byrider)
- Live Animals (Potter Park Zoo)
- Skins & Skulls (Woldumar Nature Center)
- Slime Factor (Impression 5 Science Center)
- Kids Konstruction Korner (Lowe's Home Improvement)
- Arts & Crafts (Reach Studio Art Center & Creation Station)
- 56 foot Inflatable Obstacle Course (Lansing Parks & Recreation)

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer



Join the fight against breast cancer at the 2006 Lansing Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event! This is our 8th year! Our 5K noncompetitive walk to raise awareness and funds to defeat breast cancer starts and ends at the State Capitol on October 21. The event happens, rain or shine. Won't you join us?

Last October, 3,100 participants, including 230 breast cancer survivors, raised over \$220,000 to support our breast cancer research, patient services, education and advocacy programs. Help us celebrate the survivors in our lives, remember those we have lost and together save lives this coming October.

For those interested, we are holding a special kickoff and you are cordially invited...you won't want to miss this inspirational morning.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Kickoff Breakfast

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

Registration at 7 a.m.

Program at 7:30 a.m.

Radisson Hotel
111 North Grand Avenue
Lansing, MI

- Learn the latest breast cancer news from leaders in the medical community.
- Be inspired by a breast cancer survivor's personal story.
- Find out how you can help save lives from breast cancer.

For more information, contact Maggie Potvin by email at mpotvin@cancer.org or call 517-664-1405. You can also check out the event webpage at www.cancer.org/stridesonline

If you or someone you know is in need of breast cancer information or support services visit www.cancer.org or call 1-800-ACS-2345. We are here to serve you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

Brand New: In My Opinion

I thought it would be fun to add a new section called In My Opinion, where anyone can submit their top list of different things such as places to vacation, types of food to eat, hobbies to try out or anything else. If you wish to submit an In My Opinion piece, please make sure you have at least a top three list and be sure to include explanations and websites if available. As you'll see, mine is a little long, so as of right now, I'm not overly concerned with length. Just have fun with it.

Top Five Places to Visit/Vacation

by Kim Tanner

Lansing Jaycees Newsletter Editor

5. Traverse City, MI

Traverse City is a great place to visit if you don't feel like traveling very far. The best time to go is during the National Cherry Festival, which is held each July for one week. The festival is great for people of all ages and some of the attractions include concerts, competitive events, a carnival, demonstrations and of course, all the cherries you can eat! However Grand Traverse is a fun city to visit any time during the summer. There are plenty of restaurants and bars to choose from, and if you want to swim, Lake Michigan is only minutes away. The beaches in Traverse City are gorgeous and among the most clean in Michigan. Also, because Traverse City is known for its cherries, there are also wineries to visit. And, if you're feeling extra adventurous, the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes are only about 30 minutes away. I'll admit that playing on the dunes is a difficult workout, but it's very fun at the same time.

For more information about the National Cherry Festival visit www.cherryfestival.org

For more information about the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes visit www.nps.gov/slbe

For more information about Traverse City visit www.mytraversecity.com

4. Porcupine Mountains – Upper Peninsula, MI

The Porcupine Mountains make for a great vacation. Located in the Upper Peninsula near the Wisconsin border, the Porcupine Mountains have lots to offer. You can go camping, fishing, swimming (if you're brave), hiking and of course, mountain climbing. One of the more popular attractions at the Porcupine Mountains is Lake of the Clouds. It's probably one of the most beautiful sights in nature. However if summer travel isn't your thing, the Porcupine Mountains are fun during the winter months as well. However if you visit the U.P. during the winter, expect to see more snow mobiles on the road than cars. And that's one of the attractions of the Porcupine Mountains during the winter; snowmobiling. You can also go downhill and/or cross-country skiing as well.

For more information about the Porcupine Mountains visit www.porcupinemountains.com

3. New York City, NY



I have a feeling this one speaks for itself, but I'll say a few things about New York City anyway. First of all, it's a lot of fun. If you go there and you don't visit Times Square, then you might as well not go. Times Square is, in my opinion, the best part of New York City. However closing in on Times Square is Rockefeller Center. NYC is one of the coolest cities because you can walk the sidewalks and be entertained at the same time no matter where you go. This is because street performers are all over the place. And I'll admit, most of them ask for money, but hey, if they're good, why not drop in a couple of bucks? Unfortunately when I went to NYC it was only for three days, so I didn't get to see much, but from the little I saw I know I want to go back.

If you go you should plan on doing the following things:

1. Visit Times Square
 2. Go to Rockefeller Center
 3. Go to the NBC experience store (this place is really neat)
 4. Go to Grand Central Station
 6. Ride a train
 7. Visit the Statue of Liberty
- and last, but not least
8. Go to the top of the Empire State Building (this is really cool)

For more information about New York City visit www.mustseeneewyork.com

For more information about Grand Central Station visit www.grandcentralterminal.com

2. Santa Monica, CA

What can I say? One visit to Santa Monica and I fell in love. This city is gorgeous, fun and crawling with celebrities. There's so much to see and do there, so if you plan on visiting, plan on at least a one-week vacation, if not more. One of the many attractions to visit is the Santa Monica Pier. The Santa Monica Pier is probably the most famous pier, mainly because it's appeared in several movies, but also because it has a roller coaster that goes OVER the ocean. There are a few other rides there as well, so it's good for the whole family. The beach by the pier is probably one of the nicer beaches there as well, and the best part is, it's free. However good luck finding a parking spot! So plan on walking a lot or taking a cab. If you want to up your chances of seeing a celebrity then you need to visit the Santa Monica Third Street Promenade. You should plan on visiting the promenade anyway though, simply because this is where everything happens. The promenade is several blocks long and you can't drive on it, it's only for walking or riding a bike. While walking the promenade you'll see lots of performances by various people, some neat artwork, cool topiary, pretty fountains, and lots and lots of stores and restaurants. You'll also be asked to sign petitions for every cause under the moon, so beware! If you drive to Santa Monica or rent a car while visiting, don't forget to take a scenic drive up the PCH (also known as the Pacific Coast Highway). This is a beautiful drive that is a must do. If you want to visit Malibu, Hollywood or Six Flags Magic Mountain, you're in luck because Santa Monica isn't far from any of those places. A warning – if you go to Santa Monica, remember, southern California is a desert, which means it's VERY hot during the day, and VERY cold at night. So pack some warm clothes for nighttime activities.

For more information about Santa Monica visit www.santamonica.com

For more information about the Santa Monica pier visit www.santamonicapier.org

For more information about the Santa Monica Third Street Promenade visit www.downtownsm.com

1. Key West, FL (AKA – The Conch Republic)



I'm not even sure where to start with Key West, so I guess I'll start with this; if you've never been there, you HAVE to go – just leave the kids behind (if you have any). Key West is by far the best vacation spot I've experienced so far. There's so much to do and so much to see, but the funny part is, the city is only two miles wide by four miles long. However even being there a week isn't long enough to experience it all. First of all, you have to visit as many bars as possible; however I'm going to guess it's pretty impossible to see them all in one vacation because there are (believe it or not) over 320 bars in this city! Yes, you read that correctly! Key West has the MOST bars, per capita, of any other United States city. And trust me, these bars are nothing like you've experienced before. Actually, I'll go as far as to say Key West is nothing like any other city you've ever been to before.

When (not if) you vacation there, here are a few things I suggest you do:

- Go snorkeling or scuba diving
- Go on the Key West pub crawl (you'll get a free pub crawl t-shirt and a free drink at each bar you visit, plus some interesting history of Key West)
- Visit the aquarium (trust me, this is very cool)
- Go on a ghost tour (even if you don't believe in ghosts, this is a GREAT way to learn a lot about Key West since all the stories the tour guide tells are based on facts)
- Visit the bar Captain Tony's (this is the original Sloppy Joe's and the bar has a REAL skeleton of a pirate hanging behind the bar)
- Go to Fort Zachary Taylor State Park (this is by far the cleanest, warmest and nicest beach Key West has to offer. See photo above and below)



Key West is definitely an adventure (for adults) and it's something you'll never forget. Just one piece of advice for when (not if) you go there; have an open mind. This is a very liberal city, so you're going to see a lot of things (very openly displayed) that you're probably not used to seeing. Remember, it's meant to be fun, not offensive. So take advantage of the opportunity and have a great time!

For more information about Key West visit www.keywest.com

For more information about the pub crawl visit www.keywestwalkingtours.com

For more information about snorkeling/scuba diving visit www.keywestscubadive.com

August 1 – September 16, 2006 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 August General Membership Meeting Haunted House meeting	2	3	4 Convention 2006	5 Convention 2006
6 Convention 2006	7 Walking Club	8	9	10 Book Club meeting	11	12
13	14 Walking Club	15	16	17	18	19 How to make your own beer Children's shopping spree
20	21 Walking Club	22	23	24	25	26 Cedar Point trip Showcase
27	28 Walking Club	29	30	31	1 September	2
3	4	5 General Membership Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Boat Bash	16 Boat Bash

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