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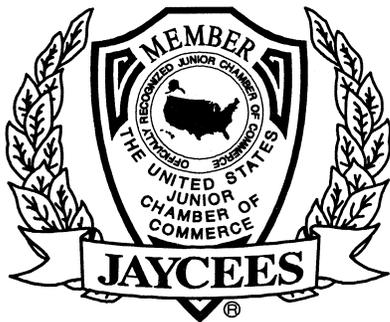
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Jaycee Creed

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 21-39 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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“House” of Dreams

“If you build it, he will come”. Everyone remembers this line from the classic baseball movie “Field of Dreams”, right? The concept is simple: Ray Kinsella is compelled to build a baseball field because of heavenly voices that only he can hear. His family and friends think he’s crazy; they can’t understand his obsession with this task. Once he’s completed his baseball field, however, it becomes a sort of shrine. Men come from all over the country come to the field, some just to play with the greats of the past, others to mend and strengthen their family ties.

It may seem odd to compare the Lansing Jaycee Haunted House to the ‘field of dreams’. But are they really so different? In July, some Jaycees start to feel antsy. They begin to hear a voice inside them - they know it will soon be time to build ‘it’. They begin to visualize and sketch things they want to create – they may even pick up a few materials and start to ‘play’. Other Jaycees may think these folks are crazy, but in August, they start to catch the bug too. Soon many Jaycees will be involved – they’ll work long hours unloading, constructing, and decorating. Jaycees will work hard to promote the Haunted House (unlike the field of dreams, even though we build it, they **won’t** just come!). We scare, scare, scare, and scare some more, and after that’s done, we deconstruct the whole thing, and then pack it all away for another year.

But, just like what happened with the field of dreams, something magical **DOES** happen during Haunted House. Jaycees get involved, united in a common goal. They spend time together, they get to know each other better – casual acquaintances become good friends, and good friendships become even stronger. Jaycees will come out of Haunted House, perhaps a little tired, but as a more tightly-knit group, with a renewed sense of focus and purpose for our chapter. Oh, and you’ll have the best stories to tell!

There will be several Haunted House meetings during the month of August, with construction gearing up in September. I hope you’ll all take the opportunity to get involved. Even if you haven’t been involved in a Haunted House before (or like me, hadn’t been to one since you were 10!), it’s a great opportunity to learn all of the secrets to creating and operating a really scary Haunted House.

Who knows what magic may happen?

Laura Vieth
77th President
Lansing Jaycees

August General Membership Meeting – “Banking” on Fun

Our August General Membership meeting is returning to Tripper’s, but the fun won’t stop there! We will be meeting on Tuesday, August 2nd at 7:00pm (with dinner between 6:00 and 6:30). **At** the meeting you will be able to hear about upcoming events and how to get involved, and **after** the meeting we will be retiring to the restaurant to play some complimentary pool as well as socialize with our fellow Jaycees. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Vieth at lavieth@cmsenergy.com. Hope to see you there!

Membership Development

Haunted House and You...

It's getting that time of year again. Although August may seem early to start working on Haunted House, there is a lot of work to be done in planning and preparation. For the members who are involved in the Haunted House project, it is a great way to meet new people and it is a lot of fun!

Haunted House is our largest and most important project. It produces the bulk of the revenue that the chapter uses throughout the year to fund the various projects we run, and take care of our administrative expenses. Without Haunted House, the chapter wouldn't be able function as it does.

Beyond the money, Haunted House also plays a major role in membership activation. In September and October, this project is where a large number of new members and older members work together, get to know one another, and forge friendships that last a long time. Haunted House is also a source of chapter pride and chapter team-building. It's a demonstration of what we can accomplish when we pull together to accomplish a common goal. It is these intangibles that make the Lansing Jaycees an organization that is greater than the sum of its component members.

That being said, we need as many members as possible to get involved in the project. We need members to come up with scene ideas, unload the truck, build the maze, promote the project, manage the front gate, be monsters in the house, set up scene lighting, work with the press, apply makeup, schedule volunteers for operation, as well as many other roles.

If you would like to participate in Haunted House, please contact me at 930-3611 or cvietth@viethconsulting.com.

Chris Vieth
Membership Vice President

Upcoming Membership Events

Happy Hour/B.L.A.A.S.T. - July 15, check Jaycees website for further location.

Member Orientation - July 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.

Because of changes with renewal processing with the Michigan and US Jaycees, renewals are due one month early. i.e. - September renewals are due in August, etc. **Please check the due dates on your invoices.**

Christine	Battiste	08/01/04
Teri	Bruning	08/01/97
Mike	Flaminio	08/01/03
Ricky	Gonzales	08/01/03
Tim	Recker	08/01/03
Brian	Reuwer	08/01/04
Laura	Vieth	08/01/01
David	Couch	09/01/04
Brenda	Frezell	09/01/04
Deanne	Griffiths	09/01/03
Ginger	Hardies	09/01/04
Blake	Johnson	09/01/04
Brian	Krause	09/01/03
Angela	Mills	09/01/04
Rina	Risper	09/01/04
Bill	Snook	09/01/03

Welcome New Members:

Shannon Farner – State of MI, DCH
Kimberly Herlick – Youth Development Corp.
Brian Reed – Rathbun Agency
Don Sanner – Precorp/PCD Carbide

Individual Development

Help Wanted! Individual Development (ID) is looking for a Few Good Projects! If you have an idea for a project that will help enhance an individual's personal or professional development skills, let Sheryl Soczek or Matt Wiitala know. Sheryl can be reached at ssoczek@mail.grandhotel.net or Matt at mtwiitala@hotmail.com. For instance, the **Exercise Club** needs a Chair at this time, someone who can pull together the great group of individuals we have who really want to get out and get healthier.

We don't want to forget the award-winning **Foodie Club**. For more information on the next fabulous eating experience, please contact Jeff Sand at sand.j@comcast.net or Amy Miller at millerae@gmail.com.

Northern MI Wine Country Tour

September 10 -11, 2005. If you are interested in learning more about Wine, please join us for a weekend long trip to Traverse City! Enjoy good food, wine, friends and fun. If you are interested in joining us, please respond to Kristy Jones at kristy.jones@53.com or 517-351-5315. More details to come at the August GMM.

Matt Wiitala, ID Vice President
Sheryl Soczek, ID Director

Happy Birthday!

August

Ricky Gonzales Sarah Kwiatkowski David Couch
John Prush Rachel Pavlik David Akens
Laura Vieth Dianne Perukel Kathie Dunbar



Location change.....

the Cedar Point trip has been revised to Michigan Adventure. Due to distance, we will be going to Michigan Adventure in Muskegon on Saturday, August 20th. The park was bought by Cedar Point a few years ago and they have added some new rides! The cost is around \$25.00 per person and that includes the park PLUS the Water Park! Contact Kim Doughty for more information at kdoug5@jcpenny.com or 517-980-0989.

Community Development

Summer is coming, and with it comes even more opportunities to volunteer in our community. Please join us for any of our upcoming activities and let us know of any other events that you would like to see the Lansing Jaycees participate in. Earlier this year, many of you expressed an interest in working with Habitat for Humanity. Now is your chance!

On Saturday, August 6th, the Lansing Jaycees will be joining up with Mervyn's and the Lansing Police Department to take 40 underprivileged children shopping during our annual Back-to-School Children's Shopping Spree. More information about this event will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, we do need plenty of volunteers. If you are able to volunteer on this day, please contact Theresa Dodd at <treedodd@yahoo.com> and be sure to invite your friends and family!

Tracy Prush
Community Development Vice President

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes Needs our Help!

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is going to be holding their first Walk to Cure Diabetes in Lansing on August 6th, 2005, and they're asked the Jaycees if we would paint faces at this event. Although this is the same day as Children's Shopping Spree, they only need 4 volunteers for this event, and two Jaycees have already signed up.



JDRF will be furnishing all of the supplies; we just need to be there to paint faces from 10:30am to 12:30pm (which is plenty of time after the Shopping Spree ends). If you can only help out at only one event that day, **PLEASE** volunteer for the Children's Shopping Spree, but if you want to help out at this event as well, we'd appreciate it! If you're interested in participating, please contact Laura Vieth at lavieth@cmsenergy.com

Management Development

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If you have further information you'd like to send, please forward it to me at kristy.jones@53.com or call me at 517-351-5315.

	1 AUG Jumpstart Meeting	2 Orientation 6:30 GMM- 7pm	3	4 Pottery Night	5 MI Jaycee Convention	6 Childrens Shopping Spree MI Jaycee Convention
7 MI Jaycee Convention	8 Haunted House Meeting	9	10	11 Poetry in the Park	12 Happy Hour	13 Queen of Hearts Texas Hold 'em
14	15	16 Info Night Orient Session	17 Board of Directors Meeting	18 Haunted House Meeting	19	20 MI Adventure Trip
21	22	23	24 Mem. Close-out	25	26 Happy Hour	27
28	29 Laser Tag	30	31	1 SEPT	2	3
4	5	6 Orientation 6:30 GMM - 7pm	7	8	9 Haunted House Truck Unloading	10 HH 10-4 North. MI Wine Weekend
11 Northern MI Wine Weekend	12	13 HH Const 6-9	14 Adopt a highway	15 HH Const 6-9	16 HH Const 6-9 HHAH Social	17 American Heart Assoc Heart Walk
18 "You think you know..."	19	20 HH Const 6-9	21	22 HH Const 6-9	23 HH Const 6-9 HHAH Social	24 HH Const 10-2
25	26	27 HH Const 6-9	28	29 HH Const 6-9	30 HH Const 6-9 HHAH Social	31 HH Const 10-2



Haunted House Construction Schedule - Tentative dates are set, stay tuned for updates... To get involved, contact Chris Vieth at ccvieth@viethconsulting.com

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