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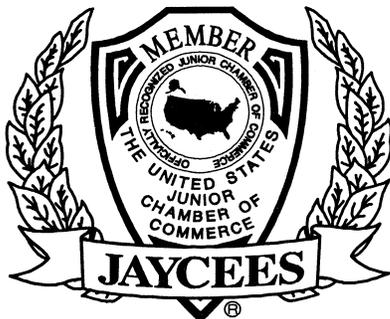
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Jaycee Creed

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 p.m. (dinner between 6 p.m. and 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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New Year and New President

Welcome to 2006!

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. It is a privilege to address the chapter once again as president. I am looking forward to working with all of you to ensure that 2006 is a successful year! You should have received your membership survey by email already. If you have not already done so, PLEASE take five minutes to complete the quick online survey. This is the way the 2006 board will learn what projects you want to participate in and plan accordingly! Of course, there will always be room for new project opportunities which pop up throughout the year. Please feel free to contact me or any board member with ideas you may have!

As we embark on a new year, the Board of Directors is busy evaluating what we did in years past, evaluating what the current membership needs are and planning for the new year. My goals for this year include improving financial independence of the chapter with new and expanded fundraising projects, increasing communication and camaraderie and increasing training opportunities for all members to ensure the long term leadership of the chapter.

I welcome input from the membership throughout the year. Please call or email with any questions or concerns. I will respond in a timely manner and ensure that your questions are answered!

Amy E. Miller
2006 President Elect

January General Membership Meeting

Rather than our usual first Tuesday meeting, we will be meeting on the second Tuesday, January 10. Dinner reservations are set at Jimmy's Pub and lanes are reserved for bowling afterwards at Holiday Lanes. **RSVP for this meeting**, since reservations have to be made! RSVP on the email invitation or to Amy Miller at millerae@gmail.com. We have a room reserved for 40 people, with overflow seating available in the bar. Bowling is \$3 per game and we have six lanes reserved at 7:30 p.m.

2005 Year End Banquet

The 2005 Year End Banquet will be held on January 21, 2006 at Fairbanks Grill. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., dinner served at 7 p.m. and the awards banquet and roast at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and include dinner of appetizers, "grill your own" ribeye and/or chicken breast, baked potato, salad bar and dessert. There will also be a cash bar. Watch for your invitation in the mail. **RSVP by January 13**. The program will be emceed by former Lansing Jaycee President J. Tod Macauley and will include recognition of the 2005 board, programming awards for 2005 projects, swearing in of the 2006 Board of Directors and the roast for exhausting members Karen Brown and Kimberly Lundberg!
Please come out for this fun event!

Community Survey

Do you have coworkers, professional acquaintances or friends who would be willing to complete our community survey? The Board of Directors has written a survey and it is online in the same format as the membership survey on surveymonkey.com. I am in the process of compiling email lists of people in the greater Lansing area for email distribution. If you know of anybody who would be receptive to completing this five minute survey, please forward their name and email address to Amy Miller at millerae@gmail.com.

Membership Survey

PLEASE take five minutes to complete the membership survey. You should have received your link by email or in the Jaycee Juice. This is your way to let the new Board of Directors what you would like to see happen in 2006! If you need another copy of the email, please email Amy Miller at millerae@gmail.com.

Lansing Jaycees Stuff the Bus in 2005



The chapter started a new community project for the 2005 holiday season. Six Eaton County families were adopted for the holidays. Chapter members braved the frigid temperatures outside the Wal-Mart store in Delta Township for 12 hours on Saturday, December 3. The community was very generous with their donations of gifts and cash for the families. On December 12, chapter members got together at Sarah Taber's house and wrapped the gifts, then over the next week, members delivered the gifts to the families. For a first year project it was a great success with a lot of potential for future years!

Foodie Club

Foodie Club was a well attended event in 2005. We planned monthly(ish) dinners out to local restaurants or other food related projects. We are currently looking for someone to chair this event for 2006! Maybe one of the 2005 die-hards who always emailed me with restaurant requests? (You know who you are!) In the meantime, I scheduled an event on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. We will be meeting for dinner at Pablo's Panaderia in Old Town. Pablo's is a great Mexican Restaurant, featuring great sandwiches (la torta) made on a hand made salted Mexican bread. Please watch for your email invitation or RSVP now to Amy Miller at millerae@gmail.com.

Membership Development

Hi, my name is Kristen McBeath.

I joined the Lansing Jaycees last April where I began participating in activities and functions. My first experience was taking phone calls for the WKAR phone auction as well as participating in the Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for the Children's Shopping Spree in September. I then played summer softball and went to the socials that were held on Friday nights.

In July I volunteered to chair the Jumpstart committee project "You Think You Know But Have Know Idea." Then there was the Haunted House project. It was a great time talking and working with other Jaycees, as well as volunteers. The common thread of all my experiences with the Jaycees is the excitement of wanting others to know about what we did and the fun that could be had. Whether it was socializing with one another or helping raise money for projects that would help families that needed it. This is how I became the 2006 Membership Vice President.

I am looking forward to creating fun and new ways of keeping membership consistent, as well as recruiting new people. This will allow the chapter to grow and provide fresh ideas. Many of my goals include generating social opportunities for people to get to know one another better, as well as business networking.

Please feel free to contact me at lansingjcmvp@yahoo.com or (517) 881-3080 if you are interested in being on the membership committee to help make this a successful year.

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.**



Amy Coletta
Melanie Gray
Kathy Hausbeck
John Prush
Josh Springer
Jen Springer
Michelle Walk



January Birthdays

Anthony Kappler – January 7
Jill Schumacher – January 12
John Pulice – January 15
Stephanie Steere – January 21



Individual Development

Hello, it's Kim Doughty, your 2006 Individual Development Vice President.

There are so many events that we have done and seem to be of interest for members year after year. Some events include, softball, white water rafting, camping cooking class, camping trip, ski trip, wine tours and many more.

I have some ideas that I want to throw out there such as salsa dance class, line dance class, theme cooking dinners, walking club, volleyball and many more. I'm looking for ideas from you ladies and gentlemen so that we can plan events in which you would like to participate.

Please check out the polls on the Jaycee website under the member's area. I have added a few things that might be of interest. Please email me at kdoug5@jcpenny.com for any other ideas or events that you would like to see happen in 2006.

Happy New Year!

Carrie's Corner of Silliness

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Carrie May. I'll be serving the Lansing Jaycees as secretary and treasurer for 2006. As one of my many goals this year, I hope to help you learn a little bit more (okay, a lot more) about how the chapter functions financially. I'll answer questions such as:

Where does our money come from?

Where the heck does it go?

How does it benefit you?

How does it benefit our community?

Maybe we'll be able to tie this into why you constantly get phone calls begging you to help out with projects the chapter is working on (which goes back to our first question - where does our money come from?!).

My other goals include timely reporting of financial information, assisting in developing and maintaining a budget, and paying our bills.

Some of you may think "accounting" when you heard the word "treasurer," which generally leads (rather quickly) to the word "boring." I hope to change this scathing word association by infusing this position with fun, excitement, enthusiasm, some off-the-wall remarks and lots of laughter. I hope you'll join me in this crazy adventure we call the Office of the Treasurer!

Happy January!

Community Vice President

Happy New Year everyone!

My name is Angela Backus and I'm very excited to be serving as the Community Vice President for 2006. My goal for this year is to have community projects that truly represent the interests and passions of the Jaycees members. Your responses to the member survey will help determine the causes that people are interested, but please feel free to talk to me any time about what causes are important to you personally. If you want to do something to help a certain cause or group, but aren't sure of a specific project or way to do it, I'd be happy to work with you to develop a project for the chapter. If you're not sure what types of groups you'd like to help out, that's okay. Starting next month we will be profiling a different community organization in each newsletter – the idea is to raise awareness of what is out there, and possibly spark some ideas for Jaycees projects.

I know that we all have busy lives, and sometimes it's easy to get overwhelmed and feel like you don't have the time or resources to make a difference, especially in times like the past year when there has been so much devastation from natural disasters. But if you concentrate on what you **can** do, we can come up with a variety of projects throughout so that whether you can give a lot of time or just an hour, you can do something to help improve your community. For 2006 we'll be continuing major events like the Easter Egg Hunt and a modified version of the Children's Shopping Spree as well as other past projects such as serving dinner at Ronald McDonald House on February 16. Jaimie and Wayne Hutchison will be introducing a new project where the Jaycees get wish-lists from various community organizations and collect items for donation at each General Membership Meeting. This project is an easy way for Jaycees to make a difference in the community each month.

Please let me or any board member know what types of community projects you want to participate in this year. If you'd like to help in a more official capacity, the position of Community Director is still available!

"What you will do matters. All you need is to do it." – Judy Grahn

Don't spend your precious time asking, 'Why isn't the world a better place?' It will only be time wasted. The question to ask is, 'How can I make it better?' To that there is an answer." – Leo Buscaglia

Angela Backus, Community Development VP
angela-backus@excite.com

Management Vice President

Hello. Hola. Bonjour. Hallo.

I would like to introduce myself. I am Joshua Springer, your newly elected Management Vice President. The board and I have a few changes in mind for the management portion of our chapter, but we need some feedback from our fellow members. We have decided to create some more networking opportunities for those of us trying to advance our business(es). How would you like to network with other members? A luncheon? Dinner? Events? Any ideas would be greatly appreciated and any feedback, both good and bad, is a plus. Also, on a **brighter** note, we will be setting out some very realistic and attainable fundraising goals for our chapter. If you have any fundraising ideas, please feel free to contact me. Please make sure to complete the membership survey as well, it will help us in planning for the years to come. You can get me best via email at josh.springer@flipsidecomputing.com.

Joshua A. Springer

2005 Wreath Fundraiser



The recent Christmas Wreath Fundraiser was very successful! A total of \$244.40 was raised as a result of this fundraiser! Good job!

Upcoming Events

JCI Achieve- Saturday January 28 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Capital Area Library in downtown Lansing

The JCI Achieve is a Chapter Management and Development Program that deals with understanding our place within the non-profit industry, our challenges, the competitive factors and how to deal with them, recruitment and retention in relation to the existing demographic groups and how the brand promise is being delivered worldwide by our organization. JCI Achieve should be taken by all current and future chapter officers and those who want to improve their management and planning skills.

For more information or to RSVP contact Region D Director, Sara Ballard at saraballard@comcast.net

January 15-21, 2006

In 1929, The USJC established Jaycee Week to celebrate its founding with seven days of public relations opportunities for its member chapters. Jaycee Week always begins the third Sunday in January, so for 2006, it will be January 15-21. Jaycee chapters should carefully choose projects that will generate positive media exposure. Most often, a well-planned week of high-profile activities serves to boost chapter pride and enhance recruitment efforts.

Project Ideas:

Sunday - "Faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life."

Monday - "The brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations."

Tuesday - "Economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise."

Wednesday - "Government should be of laws rather than of men."

Thursday - "Earth's great treasure lies in human personality."

Friday - "Service to humanity is the best work of life."

For more information visit www.usjaycees.org/projects_jcweek.htm

Get ready for an adventure of a lifetime May 26-29

We'll be traveling from Lansing, MI to Lansing, WV again this year for the 3rd Annual Region D Memorial Day Madness. Celebrate the un-official opening of summer with a Wet N' Wild Whitewater Rafting Vacation Getaway! The full weekend includes three nights base camp camping, three mornings of coffee and doughnuts, a full day whitewater rafting trip, lunch on the river, complimentary averages and a one night dinner.

Saturday - \$99.00 with BBQ.

Sunday - \$109.00 with steak.

ADD ON a 1/2 day adventure for ONLY \$49.00!

On Monday choose horseback riding, express lower new whitewater rafting or 1/2 day rock climbing.

That's right! It's only \$109.00 for a full weekend of fun! Check out the fun at www.riversresort.com. The first year we had 11 people last year we had 22 and this year we are expecting 44. Email Sara Ballard at saraballard@comcast.net for more information.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 January	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 General Membership Meeting (dinner and bowling)	11	12	13 Happy Hour at the Whiskey Barrel Saloon @ 6:30 p.m.	14 Local Officer Training
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Year End Banquet
22	23	24 Board of Directors Meeting	25 Foodie Club @ 6:30 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 February	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Ronald McDonald House	17	18 80s Party
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Jumpstart

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