

The Monthly Newsletter for the Lansing Junior Chamber of Commerce | June 2015

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Seen In Action!



(Left to Right) Dave Akens, Kris Dezelski, Angela Fossi, and Ashley O'rel enjoy food and cocktails at the May Happy Hour at Tavern and Tap in downtown Lansing.



(Left to Right) Joe Kelly and Eric Richmond play Battleship at an interactive museum exhibit during the Michigan Historical Museum Adventure! event in April.

President's Report



We as a board are working hard to ensure that all members not only get their money's worth for their membership, but also feel inspired to take on future leadership positions.

It has been pointed out to me that we are "an aging chapter." The usual suspects who can be found at event after event are getting ever closer to aging out of the organization. Aging out has been a part of this organization from the very beginning. In over 80 years of the Lansing Jaycees, thousands of people have gone from being members, to being ex-members, due to the tyranny of the clock and our own constitution. If we did nothing, the chapter would fade away in a matter of years. However, all is not lost.

In recent months, many new members have been coming into the fold with many, many, years of service and excitement ahead of them.

As I, and many others, start this transition of aging out, it should be our focus to see that the many new members are ready to carry on the traditions and works of this proud and cherished organization.

I look forward to working with all of you in the second half of the year. I ask that you look at the calendar and ask, not will I participate in these events, but instead, which of these events will I take an active role in making a success. How will you carry on the traditions of the Lansing Jaycees?

-Michael Leeds, President

Friendly Competition

In April, I went to a Redford Jaycees event called Blades of Steel with Angela Fossi. In addition to hanging out with cool people from another chapter, the event was great! It was a hockey game between members/exhausted roosters/friends of the Redford Jaycees and members of the Redford Police & Firefighters. They also had a raffle and a hockey skills competition.

Some people might say the reason I enjoyed the event so much is that I got to be announcer. That was really fun, but the game was enjoyable and gave me ideas for a new Lansing event. We don't have many hockey players in the Lansing Jaycees, so some ideas that have been thrown around are softball, kickball or volleyball.

Another advantage to this type of event is that the Redford Jaycees have members from the local police and firefighters, those groups generally have a lot of employees within the Jaycee age range. I am excited about adding this new type of event to the Lansing Jaycees repertoire. A planning meeting is being held on June 8 at 6:30, at Panera Bread in Frandor. I hope to see you there.

-Colleen Burton, Executive Vice President





Brew and Zoo

The Kalamazoo Jaycees and the Lansing Jaycees are coming together for an amazing Sunday afternoon trip on June 14th. We will meet at Binder Park Zoo (7400 Division Ave, Battle Creek) at 1:00 pm, and then finish out the afternoon at Dark Horse Brewing Co. (511 S. Kalamazoo Ave, Marshall)! There will also be a coordinated carpool from the Lansing area. Look for the carpool details in your evite email.

COST OF ADMINISSIION

- Admission Rates
- Adults: \$13.50
- Seniors: \$12.50
- Children (2-10): \$11.50
- Children (Under 2): FREE

Parking is FREE

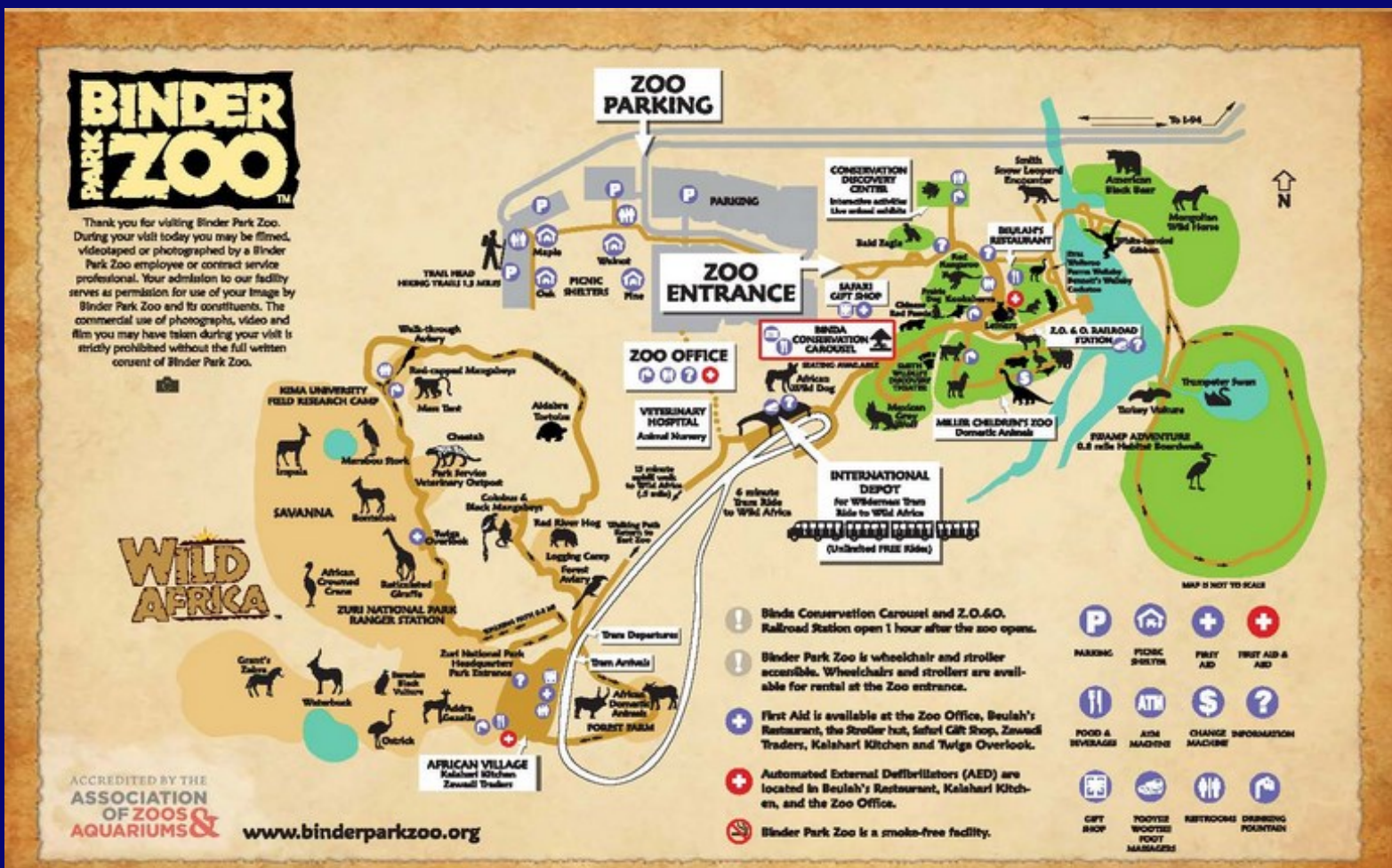
More info on Binder Park Zoo here - www.binderparkzoo.org

If you have any questions or would like to be on the committee to plan this event and help promote it, please let Anna Versalle know - 269-816-0532 or rumzo32@hotmail.com.

—Eric Richmond, Programming Vice President



[Click for the Dark Horse Website](http://www.darkhorsebrewing.com)



Spring is for Parks

This time of the year makes me appreciate how beautiful our state is. It isn't a secret that I am not a big fan of winter in Michigan, but spring through fall convince me that this is the best place to live. Recently, I have been spending as much time as possible exploring parks close to my house, and I started to think about how important parks are to our community.

Did you know that the reason I knew the Jaycee name was because it appears on so many park names? Have you realized that there are several Jaycee parks in the area? Many cities in Michigan have a "Jaycee" park including, but limited to, Holt, Grand Ledge, Troy, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Grand Rapids, and Westland. Go ahead and look it up! Better yet pay a visit to one of the parks. Could you imagine how awesome it would have been to be a Jaycee who was involved with naming and/or

planning a park? Talk about community impact!

Thankfully, Michigan is home to several amazing parks. Over 1000 state parks and nature reserves listed on Michigan.gov including four National Parks. Check out:

www.michigan.org/nature-parks/ for more information. If

you visit a park, read about the history of it. Parks are typically created because of historical, recreational, or research value and are considered protected areas. Starting in the early 1900's it was a big focus of government. Our oldest state park was created in 1895.

So what are you waiting for? Go out and visit a new park today. Just stop and appreciate why the park exists and the important role it serves in our community.

—Angela Fossi, Secretary



Royal Oak Jaycees Park



City of Troy Jaycees Park



City of Wayne Jaycees Park

Member Birthdays

Keri Brown 6/7
Collin Fitzgerald 6/10
Sean Gillis 6/11
Eric Richmond 6/15

Ilona Castelein 6/26
Lauren Kenczyk 6/29
Colleen Burton 7/13
Amy Simon 7/18

Lauren Leeds 7/21
Angela Fossi 7/22
Anna Versalle 7/23
Kris Delzelski 7/27



Celebrating Theatre and the Arts

Having grown up in a family that participated in theatre, I always find it shocking when some people tell me that they have never been to a play (the one you put on in 8th grade doesn't count).

Plays can tell stories in ways which TV and movies cannot. There is something about seeing real people turn into characters right before your eyes, not to mention the costumes and set designs, which all make for a magical experience.

The Lansing area has a rich theatre community. You can pop down to a local show at the Riverwalk Theatre or head out to the Williamston Theatre. Plays here will be in smaller theatres and not necessarily mainstream productions but no less captivating (I personally prefer more intimate shows). If you are looking for a bigger production

we are blessed to have the Warton Center in our back yard, where you can see touring Broadway productions. Starting to get curious about checking something out? Good!

Every June, the MSU Theatre Department puts on their Summer Circle Theatre program which is free for the community. They pick a handful of plays and do multiple outdoor shows on the MSU campus. On June 26, the Jaycees will be going to see a showing of "An Evening with Shell Silverstien" which is for ADULTS ONLY. The show starts at 10pm and is a series of skits which I hear can be a bit hilarious (and at times a bit inappropriate). You won't want to miss it. [Click here for more details.](http://theatre.msu.edu/index.php/productions/summer-circle-theatre/)

If you can't make it to this show, I would still encourage you to check out the other dates, times, and plays happening in the month of June. They have weekend and weeknight times, and also plays for all ages. Look on their

website here: <http://theatre.msu.edu/index.php/productions/summer-circle-theatre/>

If you can't make anything in June, never fear! Old Town puts on the Renegade Theatre Festival which is also a free. This festival lets you pick from a variety of plays happening throughout one weekend at different locations in Old Town. This year's festival takes place from August 13-15. So, you have no excuse, get your culture on and go see a play!



Jaycee Trivia

At the end of World War II, what percentage of Jaycees had served in the military?

By the end of the war, 85% of all Jaycees had served.

25 Things Every Young Professional Should Know by Age 25 (and if not, then by 35)



- 25.** It's spelled 'definitely,' not 'definatly.'
- 24.** Read an apartment lease before you sign. ALL of it.
- 23.** An Excel PivotTable will change your life.
- 22.** A cover letter should add color and personality. It shouldn't summarize your resume.
- 21.** Everyone likes to receive praise, but the smartest young adults actively seek constructive criticism.
- 20.** The days of a college syllabus are long gone. If you're waiting for someone to give you direction, have a seat. You'll be there a while.
- 19.** Multi-tasking is great, but some moments require your undivided attention.
- 18.** Take LinkedIn seriously.
- 17.** Understand the pay-stub that accompanies your paycheck.
- 16.** There's no such thing as an overnight success. However, people who do 'break through' tend to start their day while others are still asleep.
- 15.** Know the difference between a Roth IRA and Traditional IRA.
- 14.** Even though college is over, you should still find extracurriculars. Among the many reasons, clubs and organizations are terrific places to network.
- 13.** You're never too busy to write a thank-you note.
- 12.** Negotiate your salary.
- 11.** The ability to follow-through on assignments can take you from 25-year-old newbie to essential team member.
- 10.** You probably make more money than some of your friends and less than others. The only thing that matters is that you pay your own bills on time.
- 9.** Bring a lunch to work. It's healthier and cheaper than eating out.
- 8.** Don't step into an interview room without research on the company and smart questions for the employer.
- 7.** Dropbox. Learn it and love it.
- 6.** Treat interns with respect. They'll provide you with management training and ease your workload.
- 5.** To impress older business associates, ask about their own career path. You may also learn a thing or two.
- 4.** Under-promise. Over-deliver.
- 3.** The less you write, the tighter the message. The less you talk, the stronger the speech.
- 2.** The only failure in your 20s is inaction. Everything else is trial and error.
- 1.** You're halfway through the most formative decade of your life. You don't need all the answers, but you must keep asking questions. Start with this one: what's something new that I can learn right now?

—Danielle Wellington, Board of Directors, Community

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Contact
Raffle Ticket Sales for a Detroit Tigers SUITE! more info...	05/27/15 06/30/15		Angela Clock or Angela Fossi
General Membership Meeting more info...	06/02/15	06:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST	Michael Leeds
Softball League (Every Wednesday) more info...	06/03/15	06:00 PM - 08:15 PM EST	Alex Nelson
Sporting Event vs. Police/Firefighters Planning Meeting more info...	06/08/15	06:30 PM - 07:45	Colleen Burton
Management Committee Meeting more info...	06/09/15	06:00 PM - 07:30 PM EST	Ryan Kiernicki
Community Events Planning for this Summer and Fall! more info...	06/11/15	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM EST	Danielle Wellington
"LOVE" Fenner: Local Opportunity to Volunteer Event more info...	06/13/15	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST	Danielle Wellington
Zoo and Brew more info...	06/14/15	11:15 AM - 06:00 PM EST	Collin Fitzgerald
Brainstorming & Beer more info...	06/16/15	06:00 PM - 07:30 PM EST	Robert Dowding
Board of Directors Meeting (Every 3rd Thursday) more info...	06/18/15	06:00 PM - 08:30 PM EST	Michael P Leeds
Full Tea with the Jaycees more info...	06/20/15	09:45 AM - 12:30 PM EST	Lauren Leeds
First Timers Project Meeting more info...	06/25/15	07:15 PM - 08:30 PM EST	Colleen Burton
An Adult Evening of Shel Silverstein (& June Happy Hour) more info...	06/26/15	07:30 PM - 11:45 PM EST	Jenni Riehle
General Membership Meeting more info...	07/07/15	06:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST	Michael Leeds
Financial Workshop Committee Meeting more info...	07/08/15	06:00 PM - 08:00 PM EST	Ryan Kiernicki
LOVE Lansing, LOVE Fenner more info...	07/11/15	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST	Danielle Wellington
Get Your Food On (GYFO) Stay tuned for more info!!!	07/15/15		
Poetry in the City more info...	07/16/15	07:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST	Eric Richmond
Greenfield Village and The Henry Ford Trip More details coming soon. more info...	07/19/15	09:30 AM - 05:30 PM EST	Angela Fossi
Lansing Lugnuts Baseball Game more info...	07/23/15	07:00 PM - 11:00 PM EST	Jenni Riehle

Jaycees Business Directory

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Member: Shantana Goerge

I specialize in home, auto, and life insurance. I'm passionate about the fact that insurance is boring and confusing to most people. Let me keep an eye on it for you, so it can keep up with you without the worries. Phone: (517) 347-6772, ext. 56547 Fax: (517) 347-6983 Email: shantana.goerge@libertymutual.com Facebook: Shantana Goerge

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Advertise your business in the Lansing Jaycees bi-monthly newsletter. Send an email of interest to Jenni Riehle at jenniriehle@gmail.com.

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About US

The Lansing Jaycees is an organization of people ages 21–40 that promotes leadership training through community service. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Tripper's Bar and Grill in the Frandor Shopping Center, with networking between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Visit our website, www.lansingjaycees.org for more information.



The 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!

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