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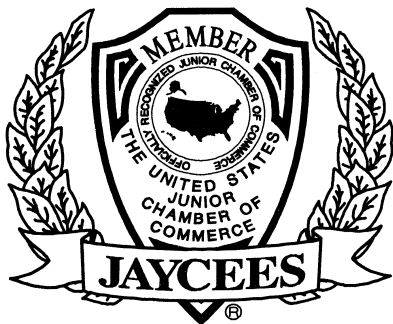
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Population Division 7
Base Membership: 91

June GMM

Tuesday, June 7th
Dinner between 6:00-6:30 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM
Tripper's in Frandor



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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Bridging the Gap...

As you may or may not know, several new Lansing Jaycees met on May 15 to brainstorm ideas for a Jumpstart project – a project that's decided on and run by a group of new members. Although a lot of Jumpstart projects tend to be oriented toward the Community Development area, this group chose to go in a different direction. They decided that they would like to run a Team Building project – one that would bring newer and older members together and allow them to spend some time together and get to know one another better.

As someone who's "an older member" (in more ways than one!), I take for granted my relationships with other Jaycees because I see some of them more than I see members of my own family. But when I think back to the first Jaycee General Membership Meeting that I attended, I can remember all of the fears I had that day. "I don't know anybody here" "Who will I talk to?" "How will I get to know these people?"

Because every Jaycee has been a new member at one time or another, we can all understand the importance and appreciate the goals of this Jumpstart project. This project is a great opportunity for **ALL** Lansing Jaycees to get to know one another better, and I encourage every Lansing Jaycee to use this project as an opportunity to reach out and "Bridge the Gap".

Laura Vieth
77th President, Lansing Jaycees

June General Membership Meeting – "What a Personal Coach Can Do for You"

Have you ever felt like you were on the brink of success, but you just needed a little extra motivation, a 'push', to get there? At the June General Membership Meeting, Jo Anne Froelich will share some background on the coaching profession, and how coaching can work for you.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7th, at 7:00 (dinner between 6:00 – 6:30). If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Prush at tracy@prush.com. See you there!

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***

July General Membership Meeting – "Potluck in the Park"

The July General Membership Meeting is going on the road – to Sharp Park! We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 5 at the covered pavilion at Sharp Park. Sandwiches from Panera bread, plates, silverware, and napkins will be provided; members are asked to bring a side dish to pass and their own beverages (we have a permit that allows you to bring adult beverages if you choose). Dinner will be at 6:30, and the meeting will start at 7:00. Come out to share in the fun and hear about upcoming Jaycee events and how to get involved! Michigan Jaycee President Bob Peacock is scheduled to come to this meeting, so take the opportunity to come out and meet him.

Sharp Park is located behind the Lansing Mall on Elmwood Dr. For more information, please contact Laura Vieth at lavieth@cmsenergy.com.

Membership Development

Scratch where it itches...

What is motivation? That which makes us want to do something. Motivation comes in different forms. Here are a few examples:

Incentive motivation – if someone offers you \$100 to scratch the top of your head, you would probably start scratching. I know I would. Does incentive motivation work? Yes, but only for a while. The motivation goes away when the money runs out.

Fear motivation – if someone was threatening you with a knife and demanding that you scratched the top of your head, you would probably start scratching. Does fear motivation work? Yes, but only for a while. Once the knife-wielding motivator is arrested by the police, the fear and the motivation go away.

Why else would an individual want to scratch their head?

That's right... "an itch".

The lesson applied to Jaycees is this- incentive motivation is costly, fear motivation is impractical (and with a knife, illegal). All we can do in Jaycees is determine what motivates each other, and work to inspire one another to pursue our goals. To find out what makes people itch and to encourage them to scratch.

What makes you itch? What are you interested in? What motivates you? If you have an idea for a project or program, please contact a board member and we will work with you to help you bring your ideas to fruition.

Chris Vieth, Membership Development VP

A Miner for a Heart of Gold

Finding new members is a little like mining for gold. You sometimes have to go through a lot of tailings to find the good ore. What this means is that our chapter needs to do a lot of prospecting to find new members... not everyone you ask will join, but for each person you do ask who won't ... you will get closer to finding someone who will. So, join me and keep on digging!

Letter from your editor, Kristy Jones

As always, thanks for all the assistance in getting the articles in on time and in such great response.

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.

Upcoming Membership Events

Happy Hour/B.L.A.A.S.T. – June 3rd, 6:00 PM – Friday after-work social. This time, we're meeting at Sammy's Lounge & Restaurant, 301 E. Jolly (check website for map)

Member Orientation – June 7th, 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. - July renewals are due in June, etc. **Please check the due dates on your invoices.**

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Kim	Doughty	517-980-0989	07/01/03
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Darrin	Fowler	267-8762	07/01/99
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Carlos	Nickerson	974-6083	07/01/04
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Tracy	Prush	699-8166	07/01/02
Christine	Battiste	517-420-7233	08/01/04
Teri	Bruning	887-9946	08/01/97
Mike	Flaminio	517-980-6453	08/01/03
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Tim	Recker	853-0658	08/01/03
Brian	Reuwer		08/01/04
Laura	Vieth	627-7145	08/01/01

MetNet - July 29-31, 2005 New Orleans, LA

MetNet is designed specifically for large chapters or those in large cities, and provides an opportunity to network with members in similar chapters, get training on topics relevant to Metro chapters, and take back ideas to help your chapter succeed in 2005.

www.metrojaycees.org/met_net_2005.htm

To register or with questions, contact

Aesha Jordan

Director of Meetings

Telephone: (918) 584-2481 x416

meetings@usjaycees.org

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.

The Softball Team wrapped up the month of May on a high note with a 2-2 record, beating Capital Consultants, 7-4, on Wednesday, May 25. We begin the month of June with one of the heavy hitters, LeRoy's Electric on Wednesday, June 1, at 6:15 pm at Delta Mills Park. Delta Mills Park is at 7001 Old River Trail in Lansing.

If you would like to come and cheer the Softball Team on, please do. We appreciate all the support we've received so far.

Pottery Night was this past **Thursday, May 26**, and for more details on how this wonderfully creative event, please see the article by **Jill Schumacher**, who so graciously chaired the event.

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.

In June, ID will be hosting a **Family Night at Caesarland in Okemos on June 10, at 6:30 pm**. For more information on this event, please contact Sheila Wiitala at shmwiiitala@sbcglobal.net or Matt Wiitala at mtwiitala@hotmail.com or call them at 482-4615.

Also in June, there will be a **Camping Cooking Class at Fenner Nature Center on Monday, June 20, at 6:30 pm**. We will be preparing a variety of dishes beyond the normal hot dogs and hamburgers. So be prepared to bring a healthy appetite and a taste for adventure. For more information, contact Matt Wiitala at mtwiitala@hotmail.com.

And the **Annual Camping Trip** is coming up faster than you can think. It will be held the weekend of **July 29-30 at Muskegon State Park**. The cost will be \$24.00 for individuals, \$48.00 for couples or families (please make checks payable to "Lansing Jaycees"). While this price is a little higher than last year, all meals are being provided with the exception of the Saturday Night Potluck. Also, this state park puts us close to Michigan Adventure Theme Park. For more information, contact Sheila Wiitala at shmwiiitala@sbcglobal.net or Matt Wiitala at mtwiitala@hotmail.com.

Finally, we are looking for a Chair and Committee for the Wine **Weekend to Traverse City 2005** in August (tentatively scheduled for August 27-28). This was a fun event last year as we visited 9 wineries in the Traverse area and sampled some 60 wines.

Matt Wiitala, ID Vice President
Sheryl Soczek, ID Director

Happy Birthday!

June

Jennifer Trendt
Kim Doughty

Pat O'Dell
Steve Popp

Ginger Hardies
Sheri Williams

Melanie Gray
Chris Veith

Karen Brown
Mike Flaminio

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.

The past few months, Habitat for Humanity has been building four new houses in the Lansing area. All four of these homes need to be completed by June 26th. The Lansing Jaycees have volunteered to bring in a crew to help complete these homes on Tuesday, June 21st from 6-9 PM. Since we do not know what work will be left to be done, we will not know which of the four house we will be working on or what we will be doing until about a week before the event. We expect to be doing some of the finishing work – landscaping, painting, or other detail work. Regardless of what we do, we know that we will have fun. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Tracy Prush at <tracy@prush.com> or by phone at (517) 699-8166.

In April, seven of our chapters members volunteered to participate in Adopt-A-Highway. Together, they cleaned up a two mile stretch on the southbound lane of I-96. On Monday, July 11th, the Lansing Jaycees will be meeting at at 6:00 PM to clean up the northbound lane. Please come out and join us. The more people we have, the faster it will go! To participate, please contact Tracy Prush at <tracy@prush.com> or by phone at (517) 699-8166.

On Saturday, August 6th, the Lansing Jaycees will be joining up with Mervyn's and the Lansing Police Department to take 50 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 Dianne Perukel at <perukeld@comcast.net> or Theresa Dodd at <treedodd@yahoo.com> and be sure to invite your friends and family!

Tracy Prush
Community Development Vice President

Max's Race

Can you turn tragedy into hope? That is exactly what Natalie and Jim Matthews are trying to do. Their son Max died March 2005. In his honor, they are organizing a 5K run/walk to raise money for the Sparrow Hospital Pediatric Fund. They have asked for our help! Volunteers are need to help with registration, handing out water, face painting, etc. Please email me if you can help!

kmhausbeck@comcast.net

Max's Race July 9, 2005 8:30 race starts, volunteers need to arrive at 6:30 am.

Management Development

Lansing Jaycees 2nd Annual Golf Outing is Coming!!!



Lansing Jaycees 2nd Annual Golf Outing is Just Around the Corner!!

Are you looking to have a GREAT time?? Come join us for the Lansing Jaycees 2nd Annual Golf Outing. This year's, golf scramble will take place on Saturday, June 25th at Highland Hills Golf Course in Dewitt with an 8:30 AM shotgun start. The fees will be \$65 per person or \$240 per team, which means you can save \$5 per person by registering a complete foursome at once. We have GREAT PRIZES, lots of FUN CONTESTS, and a MOUTH-WATERING MEAL to boot! If you or any of your friends, co-workers, family, etc. are interested in participating in the outing, or would like to make a donation, or sponsor a hole, please contact Josh Springer at (810) 577-8759 or email at flip44@svsutekes.com. HURRY and sign up to golf, you don't want to miss out on a GREAT time!!

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Mark your calendars: August 19-21, 2005 for a weekend to remember in Coldwater...

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First 20 reservations will be accepted Registration \$100 per person.

Contact: Jeff & Michelle Pierce –
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jpierce67@yahoo.com/mpierce70@yahoo.com

SPECIAL MICHIGAN JAYCEES METRO CONFERENCE TRAINING

Mark your calendars now for an interesting and informative workshop to be presented by Doak Bloss. Entitled Facilitating Community Dialogue, the workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 from 10am to noon at Urban Options, 405 Grove, E. Lansing

In the workshop, he will share information on the process and techniques he uses to facilitate community dialogue.

Please RSVP to Sara Ballard, MIJC Metro Conference Director at saraballard@comcast.net

Jaycee Garage Sale – Rainy but Successful!

In spite of a wet, rainy morning on May 14th, the Jaycees raised \$276.00 by holding a garage sale and selling several truckloads of items donated by Lansing Jaycees. Thanks to **Kathy Brock, Rachel Pavlik, Josh Springer, Jen Miller, Shannon Farner, Kristen McBeath, Chris and Laura Vieth, Steve Popp and Amy Radford, and Karen Brown** for donating items and helping make this sale a success in spite of the weather!! Not only did a lot of community members pick up some good items at great prices, we donated several boxes of left over items to Goodwill. Thanks to everyone!

Stay Informed About Your Chapter

Check out the file archives in the Member area of the Lansing Jaycees website for information on the management of the chapter. You can view the Board of Directors meeting minutes and financial information. 2005 Budget information will soon be available in the file archives or can be requested by emailing treasurer@lansingjaycees.org.

29	30 Memorial Day!!!	31	1 June Softball	2	3 Happy Hour B.L.A.A.S.T. Sammy's	4 MI metro conference
5	6	7 Member Orientation 6 pm GMM 7pm	8 Softball	9	10 Family Night - Caesarland	11
12	13	14	15 Softball	16 Jaycee Board of Director Meeting	17	18
19	20 Camping Cooking Class	21 Habitat for Humanity	22 Softball	23 Orientation 7pm CPG Trng 8pm	24 Happy Hour B.L.A.A.S.T.	25 Jaycee Golf Scramble
26	27	28	29 Softball	30	1 July Mini Golf Friday Fest	2
3	4 	5 GMM Sharp Park	6 Softball	7	8	9 Max's Race
10	11 Adopt-a-Highway	12	13 Softball	14	15 Happy Hour - B.L.A.A.S.T.	16
17	18	19	20 Board of Director's Meeting	21 Member Orientation /CPG Training	22	23
24	25 Horseback Riding	26	27	28	29 Jaycee Camping Trip Metnet in New Orleans	30 Jaycee Camping Trip Metnet in New Orleans
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Friday June 3rd Happy Hour (B.L.A.A.S.T.) @ Sammy's Lounge on Jolly Rd. just West of Cedar St. Contact kdoug5@jcpenny.com or ccvieth@viethconsulting.com for more information. Come on out and enjoy friendly conversation, or a drink, with Jaycee members. We will be on the patio where we can enjoy the aroma of the night!

Habitat for Humanity

Tuesday, June 21, 6-9 pm

The Jaycees are organizing a volunteer group to help Habitat for Humanity finish a house in the Lansing area!

Contact: Tracy Prush
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On June 16, 17, &18, H & H Jewelry Design is proud to present Gary Bowersox, "The Gem Hunter" he will bring over 60,000 Gems that he has aquired from all over the world for the Lansing area to admire or purchase. At this exciting event, if you visit his web site, you can print out a coupon for a FREE 1ct. Gem!

The following Friday, June 24th, there will be a restyling event for any loose stones you may have that you want to mount into a new ring, pendant or pair of earrings. If you are interested in hearing more please call H & H Jewelry Design or Melanie Gray at 517-627-9900. Hope to see you there!

Annual Lansing Jaycees Camping Trip

July 29-31, 2005
Muskegon State Park
Muskegon, MI

Check in Time is 3:00 PM on Friday.

Friday Evening we will be having Hot Iron Pie Pizzas.

All meals except for the Saturday Potluck will be provided.

Please bring a dish to pass for the Saturday Potluck and indicate whether you would prefer hotdogs or hamburgers.

Please send your registration slip with check made out to the "Lansing Jaycees" by Saturday, July 16.

The cost is \$24/person or \$48/couple or families. This includes your campsite and all meals except for the Saturday potluck.

Yes, I will be attending the Camping Trip.

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Number of People_____

I Need a Tent:

Yes

No

I Would Like to Eat:

Hamburger

Hot Dog

Both

Please return this slip to: Matt and Sheila Wiitala
1117 Berten Street, Lansing 48912, By July 16.