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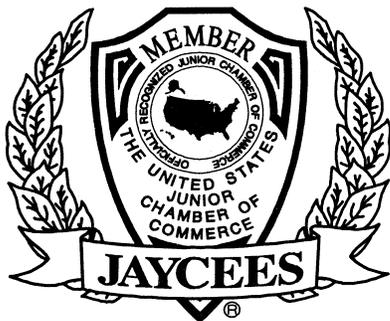
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Population Division 7
Base Membership: 91

Welcome to our newest members!!

April 2005

Kristine Tuma, Dykema Gossett PLLC
Kristen McBeath, State of Michigan
Laura Ballard, Andrews, Hooper, & Pavlik
Sarah Kwiatkowski, Michigan Senate Democratic
Caucus

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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From the President...

Keeping it Simple.....

As I sat at the kitchen table trying to decide what to write about for this month's newsletter, my mind drifted from idea to idea. I thought of the idea of putting a "Spotlight on..." something - a Jaycee event, chairperson, board member, etc. However, I found that I came up with **TOO MANY** great things to recognize, and didn't want to leave anything out! So, I decided that I'd wait a couple of months and write up some "Mid-Year Kudos" for a later newsletter.

For May, I decided to keep things simple; we're all very busy since the weather's finally warmed up, and nobody wants to be bored by my ramblings. So I'd just like to leave you with a few quotes that I believe apply not only to our Jaycee experiences, but also to life itself.

Laura Vieth
77th President, Lansing Jaycees

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship". - Saint Thomas Aquinas

"Flaming enthusiasm, backed up by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that most frequently makes for success." - Dale Carnegie

"Every noble work is at first impossible". - Thomas Carlyle

"We all have big changes in our lives that are more or less a second chance". - Harrison Ford

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them". - Walt Disney

May General Membership Meeting – "Making Sense of Your Dollars"

At the May 3rd General Membership Meeting, Kristy Jones will speak about personal finance issues that specifically affect people in their 20's and 30's (Jaycee age). These issues include the importance of saving while in your 20's and 30's, different investing options that are available, how businesses have changed the way they handle retirement benefits, and how we can save while still trying to pay off college and credit card debt.

If you have any questions about the GMM, please contact Laura Vieth at lavieth@cmsenergy.com.

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**

May GMM

Tuesday, May 3rd
Dinner between 6:00-6:30 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM
Tripper's in Frandor



The Tie That Binds...

What brings us together as members? We come together as members of this chapter for several reasons. Some join to develop leadership skills, some for community service, some for personal growth. We come together to serve our common purposes. A team for Softball. A committee for Haunted House. Groups of members working towards common goals (unpaid, no less!) is an inspiring sight.

But, largely... the thing that keeps us together is friendship. The bonds between members forged through camaraderie, through working together, through mutual respect. The stronger the ties of friendship we have in this chapter, the more effective we can be. Friends can be there for each other, can participate in each others projects, can be there for us when we need them. We can also be there for them when they need us.

The bottom line is this- I would urge everyone not to underestimate the value of strengthening these ties of friendship between us. Say hi to someone you haven't spoken to in a while. Offer to help someone who looks like they need it. If you're an older member, next time you go to a meeting, project, or a social... be sure to talk to the newer members and get to know them. Make sure they feel welcome and do what you can to get to know them better.

Chris Vieth, Membership Development VP

It is my joy in life to find
At every turning of the road
The strong arm of a comrade kind
To help me onward with my load.

And since I have no gold to give
And love alone must make amends,
My only prayer is, while I live--
God make me worthy of my friends.
- **Frank Dempster Sherman**

In the column to the right is a list of Jaycees who have June and July renewals. Because of changes with renewal processing with the Michigan and US Jaycees, renewals are due one month early. i.e. - June renewals are due in May, etc. Please check the due dates on your invoices.

Upcoming Membership Events

Member Orientation - May 3rd, 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.

Happy Hour/B.L.A.A.S.T. - May 13th, 6:00 PM - Friday after-work social. This time, we're meeting at Irish Pub & Grill, 1910 West Saginaw.

Member Orientation/CPG Training - May 17th, 7:00 PM - an additional opportunity to attend an orientation, followed by a Chairperson's Planning Guide training session at 8:00 PM. This will be at the MI Jaycees Service Center, 534 S. Walnut.

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)

Patrick	Brazil	06/01/03
Beth	Burrell	06/01/04
Jimi	Carolan	06/01/03
Theresa	Dodd	06/01/04
Renee	Dolan	06/01/04
Daniel	Harris	06/01/03
Tierany	Myers	06/01/03
Jessica	Rehling	06/01/04
Jill	Schumacher	06/01/04
Necole	Staron	06/01/04
Elizabeth	Wayumba	06/01/04
Jason	Whiting	06/01/02
Sheri	Williams	06/01/03
Sara	Ballard	07/01/01
Kim	Doughty	07/01/03
Jeff	Ferris	07/01/03
Darrin	Fowler	07/01/99
Amber	Lambert	07/01/02
Carlos	Nickerson	07/01/04
Rachel	Pavlik	07/01/03
Tracy	Prush	07/01/02

Individual Development

Individual Development Notes

Individual Development (ID) got into the swing of things with **Be a Hit at BAMM** for the second year in row on Saturday, April 16. An intensive hour in the batting cages allowed participants to sharpen their batting skills and get a decent workout. Many thanks to everyone who went to batting practice and those who joined us for lunch afterwards at Leo's Lodge.

Softball is coming along nicely after three practices and a batting cage session on Sunday, April 24, after snow forced us to have an impromptu indoor session at BAMM. Adding to the cold weather was the fact that the heat failed making it a chilly indoor experience. Our first game is coming up on Wednesday, May 4.

Besides softball, we will be appealing to individual's creative sides by having a **Pottery Night** on **Thursday, May 26 at 6:00 pm**. We will be meeting at Art Unlimited, on Central Park Drive in Okemos. For more details on this event, please contact Jill Schumacher at jill_schumacher@hotmail.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 it's not too early to think about the **Annual Camping Trip**. 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. While this is a little more than last year, all meals are being provided with the exception of the Saturday Night Potluck. Also, the campsite puts us close to Michigan Adventure. For more information, contact Sheila Wiitala at shmwiiitala@sbcglobal.net or Matt Wiitala at mtwiitala@hotmail.com.

Matt Wiitala, ID Vice President
Sheryl Soczek, ID Director



Come Cheer the Jaycee Softball Team to Victory!!!

The Jaycee softball team will be starting their season on Wednesday, May 4th, at 6:15 at Sharp Park, Field 4. They'll be playing every Wednesday throughout May and June.

For information on the times and locations of each week's games, come to the May GMM, check the Jaycee Juice, or contact Matt Wiitala at mtwiitala@hotmail.com.

Come out and cheer for your fellow Jaycees!!

Happy Birthday!

May



Troy Steere
Jason Whiting
Jim Munson
Lacretia Bruner
Wayne Hutchison
Angela Mills
Blake Johnson
Necole Staron
Brenda Frezell
Mike Castelein

Community Development

Community Highlights

"Thank you for calling the WKAR TV Auction, the time is 10:45 p.m., which item would you like to bid on?" was the line many Lansing Jaycees said on the night of Friday, April 15, when they helped answer phones for the public television station's auction fundraiser. Teri Bruning chaired this helping-hand event and operators included **John Prush, Tracy Prush, Chris Sand, Jeff Sand, Mark Sand, Lynn Schramm, Kristine Tuna, Laura Vieth, Matt Wiitala, Mike Woodstock, Kathy Brock, Teri Bruning, Matt Cannatta, Renee Dolan, Rob Dowding, Jaimie Hutchison, Wayne Hutchison, Kristy Jones, Sarah Kwiatkowski, Kim Lundberg, Kristen McBeath, Amy Miller, and Angela Mills.** Together we filled out tons of bid slips for auction items and many of us appeared on live public TV as the cameras panned the operator section.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Adopt-A-Highway program. The Lansing Jaycees helped do their part by sponsoring a two mile stretch on Interstate 69. On Wednesday, April 27, **Laura Veith, Chris Veith, Jill Klinger, John Prush, Tracy Prush, Angela Mills, and Liz Muilenburg** picked up trash and roadside hazards from one side of our adopted two miles. Donning bright orange vests, we picked up enough junk to fill 27 MDOT trash bags! Thanks to everyone who helped! We'll be cleaning up the other side of the highway in July...stay tuned for details.

On a final note, we are still looking for fresh ideas on new projects and are willing to help fund and organize them. We are also in need of a committee to start working on the annual Children's Shopping Spree which takes place in August. If you would like to step up to this task, please contact Tracy Prush at 699-8166 or tracy@prush.com or Jill Klinger at 282-3877 or klingejk@pps.k12.mi.us.

Tracy Prush
Community Development Vice President

Habitat for Humanity =



Fun for Jaycees!!

In our year-end member surveys and at the brainstorming session at the February GMM, Jaycees indicated that they are interested in working on a Habitat for Humanity house. The Jaycees are helping turn that idea into a reality!!

June is a big month for Habitat for Humanity – volunteers work hard to help get all of the houses finished. That means we won't know until a week beforehand where or what we'll be doing – but we're sure it will be fun stuff (landscaping, painting, details). So we will be volunteering on Tuesday, June 21st from 6-9 pm.

If you're interested in getting Jaycee volunteers and coordinating with the Habitat for Humanity folks, please contact Tracy Prush at Tracy@prush.com.

Relay for Life

Get your feet a walkin' and help us donate to the American Cancer Society. We'll be walking at Chippewa Middle School on May 14th starting at 10 a.m. until May 15th at 10 a.m. Everyone knows or has been touched by a person that has fought this disease. I don't want another person to lose their mom, like I did. Buy "feet" for a dollar at the next GMM We can also reach our goal through the "Relay Online." The online relay is a new and exciting way to raise awareness and money. Thank you Chris and Jimi for already helping our group to meet its financial goal of \$2400. Contact me at brockatj@hotmail.com if you have further questions.

Kathy Brock

Management Development

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



CALLING ALL GOLFERS! CALLING ALL GOLFERS! The Lansing Jaycees 2nd Annual Golf Outing is quickly approaching. This year, the golf outing 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.

The committee is working very hard to make this event a success, and you can help! If you're interested in participating in the outing, would like to make a donation, or sponsor a hole, please contact Joshua Springer at (810) 577-8759 or flip44@svsutekes.com.



Bowl-A-Thon for Kids - A Great Success!!!

I personally would like to thank everyone who came together to help organize, donate and/or participate in the 2005 Bowl A Thon at Holiday Lanes in Lansing on Saturday, April 23rd!! I very much enjoyed seeing everyone come together to have a great afternoon of fun for a good cause! Additional Thanks and appreciation should go to Matt Wiitala, Sally Sohn, Wayne & Jamie Hutchinson, Laura Vieth, John Amorino (guest) and Mike Woodstock for raising at least \$100 in pledges !! Our High Score Winner was Diane St. Louis (guest) and our low score winner was Matt Wiitala (Drew Wiitala really bowled that game). Congratulations to all our Lucky Strike Contest Winners and Door Prize Winners as well! A great time was had by all! Thank you!

Lynn Schramm

Jaycees Painting Faces at East Lansing Art Festival

The East Lansing Art Festival is coming up on May 21 and 22nd, and we will once again be painting faces in the Children's area of the festival. This is a great opportunity to help our community and get some good exposure for the Jaycees as well!!

This project is a lot of fun, but it needs a lot of manpower to make it a success. Sarah Kwiatkowski, one of our new members, is coordinating this project. Please help her out by volunteering to work a two hour shift on one of the two days. She can be reached at sarah_kwiatkowski1@yahoo.com.

Garage Sale Coming – Everything Must Go!!

The Jaycees are planning on holding a Garage Sale this summer, and we need your help! ***We need your stuff!!***

If you thought about selling, giving away, or otherwise getting rid of anything that could be sold in a garage sale, we have a hassle free way for you to get rid of it. And we do mean "Get Rid of It"; whatever you donate will **not** be coming back to you – if it doesn't sell, it will be donated to charity or go to the landfill.

If you have any stuff you'd like to donate for the sale or would like to help with the planning of this event, please contact Laura Vieth at lavieth@cmsenergy.com.

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.

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Member Orientation & CPG Training

Tuesday, May 17
MI Jaycees Service Center

Orientation - 7 PM
Learn about the Jaycee organization, its opportunities, and how to get involved.

CPG Training - 8 PM
Learn about the Chairpersons Planning Guide, a project planning tool.

Contact: Chris Vieth
(517) 627-7145

Pottery Night

Thursday, May 26, 6:00 pm
Art Unlimited, Central Park Drive, Okemos

It's a Jaycee Paint-Your-Own-Pottery Party!

Contact: Jill Schumacher
Jill.Schumacher@heart.org

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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