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*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 21-40 which promotes leadership training through community service. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) at Tripper's Bar and Grill 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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Presidents Report

Dear Jaycees and Friends,

I am so happy and relieved to say that...haunted house season is coming to a close! It has been a great year, but I am looking forward to being able to spend a little more time with family, cooking dinner once in awhile and maybe even going to bed early for a change! Haunted house is always a great project and this year was no exception. I want to thank John Prush for giving SO much of his time and energy to this project. You are awesome! Thank you to everyone in the chapter who helped out with this project. There are so many of you that I can't list them all, but you know who you are!

November is a big month for us. Not only do we have the opportunity to vote in the upcoming state election on the 7, but we also have the opportunity to elect new leadership for the chapter for 2007 on the 14. There is a proxy ballot attached to this newsletter and we NEED you to sign and return it if you are not going to be able to attend the November General Membership Meeting. This month's meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of the month (November 14) instead of the usual second Tuesday. Please check your schedule now. If there is a chance that you won't be able to attend, we need your proxy ballot now!

It is hard to believe that my year as president is over 75 percent complete. It has been an interesting and sometimes difficult ride, and I am looking forward to completing the year strongly! The holiday season offers us many opportunities to socialize with friends, serve the community and continue to develop our personal and professional skills. I look forward to seeing everyone out at an event over the holidays!

Amy E. Miller
78th President
Lansing Jaycees

November Chapter Elections

The Lansing Jaycees will be holding annual elections for the Board of Directors at the General Membership Meeting on November 14 at 7 p.m. Sheryl Soczek has announced her candidacy for president and is currently running uncontested. Three members from last year's board will continue to serve out their two year elected term: John Prush, Carrie May and Jamie Wilmoth. They will work with the new president to determine what role they would like to play on the 2007 board. So far, several members have announced their candidacy for vice president or director positions including, Felicity White, Portia Dyrenforth, Krik Mielke, Wayne Hutchison and Jaimie Hutchison. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up so far. It is not too late to run for a position. If you would like to be placed on the ballot, please make your request in writing and submit to Amy Miller. Please contact her at millerae@gmail.com if you would like to fax your request. There will also be an opportunity to take nominations from the floor on the night of elections.

Upcoming General Membership Meetings

NOVEMBER: The meeting will be held on the 14 at 7 p.m. (dinner/social hour at 6 p.m.). This is a change from our normal meeting date, which is the first Tuesday of the month. Annual elections for the 2007 Board of Directors will be held on this date. Please complete a proxy ballot per instructions on the ballot if you cannot attend or are unsure if you will make it.

DECEMBER: The December GMM will be held on December 5 at 7 p.m. (dinner/social hour at 6 p.m.). We will hold our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange at this meeting, so please bring a "gift" to pass. I wonder if the gun rack, meet grinder or Bay Watch Screensaver will make it back from previous years? Will there be a special Jaycee Clock? Whose face will be on it this year?

Celebrate the END of Haunted House Season!

We will be celebrating the completion of another successful haunted house season with a party on Friday, November 17. The planning has just begun so detailed information with time and location will be forthcoming. Please watch your mailbox for details!

Individual Development

2006 Book Club

The next and final book club meeting is scheduled for November 1, at 7 p.m. at the home of Marrisanna Cannata.

We are currently reading:

Book: Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close: (A Novel)

Author: Jonathan Safran Foer

This book is available at Schuler's Books and Music in the Meridian Mall and Eastwood locations. Jaycee members will receive 20% off the retail price in the store. (You will need to mention that you're a member.)

Meeting date: Thursday, Nov 16, 2006

Place: Marisa's house (2724 Trudy Lane, #10, Lansing)

Time: 7 p.m.

The book club will most likely continue into 2007, so watch for the first meeting in February. We will ask for more suggestions and requested authors from all who participate.

Giving Thanks to you!

Thank you to all who participated in the Individual Development projects this year!

We learned how to line dance, play laser tag, started a book club, a walking club, meditation class, chairperson's training and just had fun getting to know each other better. (Sorry if I left any other projects out.)

I look forward to continuing a few of these projects in 2007.

If you have any interest or ideas for Individual Development projects, be sure to contact your 2007 ID-VP..... we will know who that is after the November GMM!

Kim Doughty

2006 ID-VP

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Kalamazoo Jaycees Relax Retreat

On November 18, the Kalamazoo Jaycees are hosting an event guaranteed to help open your eyes to a new way of thinking. Offerings that may include yoga, tai chi, meditation or homeopathic medicine round out a day of seminars targeted at helping the individual to develop a deeper connection with themselves. The event opens with registration at 8:30 a.m. and continues through until around 3 p.m. The event cost is only \$35, which includes lunch, and is strictly limited to the first 50 participants. This event will be held at the Pretty Lake Retreat Center just outside of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

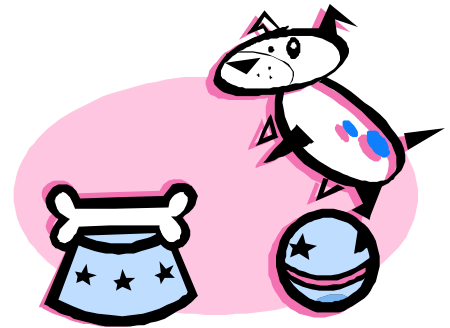
Please take a few moments to talk up this event with people in your region or in your local chapters. This is an initial offering from our chapter aimed at developing an ongoing retreat for spiritual and personal development. To ensure that we are able to provide an authentic retreat experience, this project will truly be limited to 50 participants. Please advise anyone who is interested to register as soon as possible. Spots are only held with payment.

Contact Kim Mlinaz now to reserve your spot at this truly unique event. RelaxRetreat@hotmail.com.

Community Development

Unleash the Laughter

This is an event for all dog and cat lovers or those who just like to laugh. On Sunday, November 5, at 6 p.m., we'll be attending a special Connxtions Comedy show to raise money for Animal Resource Network, Inc., a non-shelter animal welfare organization. ARNI is made up of dedicated animal lovers whose mission is to help animals in need of new homes. ARNI pets are housed in volunteer foster homes until permanent homes can be found. The Silent Auction is at 6 p.m. followed by a Comedy show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and there will be a cash bar. For more information, please contact Angela Backus at angela-backus@excite.com or 517-980-3759.



Stuff the Bus

It is time to start working on this year's Stuff the Bus Committee! Last year was the inaugural year for this event and it was a great success. The chapter adopted over five families with 20 children between them and provided them with Christmas gifts. We solicited donations outside of Wal-Mart in Delta Township and were pleasantly surprised by the generosity of the people who participated. We then wrapped the gifts and delivered them to the families prior to the holiday. If you have ideas on how to expand and improve this event for this coming holiday season, please contact, Angela Backus at angela-backus@excite.com. The first committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6 at 6 p.m. at the Michigan Jaycee Service Center.

Don't Forget to JAMM

Just a reminder - the JAMM (Jaycees Acting More Monthly) committee has set-up to collect new or gently used hats, scarves, mittens, gloves (and even coats if you have extra) at the next GMM (November 14).

Please give these items to Sarah Taber or Angela Backus. If you can't make to the JAMM but would like to donate - please contact Angela at angela-backus@excite.com to schedule a time for pick-up or drop-off.

Membership Development

November Birthdays

Teresa Dittmer - November 1
Julie Pfeifle - November 3
Aron Clark - November 8
Marisa Cannata - November 10
Don Sanner - November 13
Kristin Batdorf - November 20
Julius Edwards - November 22
Shanan Vann - November 24
Laura Murphy - November 30

November Renewals

Michael Castelein
Julius Edwards
Elisabeth Muilenburg
Mark Quimby
Jamie Wilmoth
Jacob Williams
Jennifer Eager
Rachel Toothman
Tierany Myers
Mark Sands
Angela Clock

Editors



Note

This is my final newsletter. I just wanted to share with everyone that it's been fun, and a learning experience. I will miss doing this newsletter; however other things have come up that take priority. I'm not going to announce who's taking over the newsletter at this time, because I'm not entirely sure yet. However there are a couple of people who have offered to take over. When this decision is finalized it will be announced.

Sincerely,
Kim Tanner

Thank You Volunteers!

I would like to send a special thank you out to the many Jaycee's, family members, friends and MSU students who volunteered their time and energy toward the haunted house this year! This includes everyone from unload, construction, design to operations, tear down and load up. Without each and every one of you it just wouldn't have happened. We also had several people donate food to the cause; I would like to thank the following people for providing nourishment so we could continue our good spirits and spooks! Thank you to: Jaimie and Wayne Hutchison, Kathie Dunbar, Amy Miller, Sheryl Soczek, Blaine Cressman, Carrie May, John and Tracy Prush, Chris and Laura Vieth, Kim Doughty and Sally Sohn. If I forgot someone, I do sincerely apologize. Lets all take this well deserved rest from the last month and a half.

Just a reminder 2007 Haunted House is less than a year away, so get your minds going and start planning your rooms!

Sheryl A. Soczek
Volunteer Coordinator

Life after Haunted House

by Carrie May

I'm certain there's life after haunted house. At least, I hope there is. I thought I would share a few thoughts I've had throughout the haunted house season, as I believe they're quite relevant to normal, everyday life...

- I'm really glad I like the people around me. The HH team spent a lot of time together, and I remember commenting that if I didn't like everyone, the project would be miserable. Fortunately, I feel that way about family, friends and co-workers. The lesson: appreciate those around you – it's much easier and more fun than resenting them.
- I'm really glad I like the people around me. Working on the haunted house brought me in contact with the general public. Customers experienced all sorts of emotions at the haunted house: anticipation, fear, camaraderie, and nervousness. The most interesting emotion I noticed from some of our customers was that of gratitude. Several people commented that they come to the Lansing Jaycees haunted house simply because we support the community. The lesson: you often find out about the impact you make when you least expect.
- I'm really glad I like the people around me. Working on the haunted house brought me into contact with different volunteer groups, including some of my own friends who came to help out. It made me realize how fortunate we are that people want to help. It also made me realize how a project can bring people together throughout the community. I was never one to really talk up projects I was working on, but people don't always realize that there is an opportunity available to them to help. The lesson: if you engage the people around you, you may be surprised at how willing they are to lend a hand.

The reason I wanted to share this is that we're heading into the holiday season. It's a time when people are trying to find the perfect gifts for the people in their lives, when we get so swept up in the ridiculous number of holiday parties we "have" to attend that we forget to enjoy them, and when we find ourselves begging for January. I challenge you to figure out what is truly important to you. And I challenge you to remember to treat the people around you with kindness and laughter, to volunteer to help people around the holidays, and to bring some joy to every occasion. I think you'll find it enhances your experience at least as much as it will enhance the experience of those around you.

In My Opinion

by Kim Doughty

It's time to take a road trip. We start in Pennsylvania on the turnpike to Hershey, PA. We are going to take a quick tour through Chocolate World. Wow, we learned all about where cocoa beans come from and, how the chocolate is processed and turned into some of our favorite treats. There are a variety of areas to create your very own personalized candy bar in your favorite Hershey brand. Although we did not stay in town, we happened to purchase some festive t-shirts.

Next we head to Gettysburg, PA. There are tours we can take by bus or with an audio CD in our own vehicle. We will do the audio tour. There are some very interesting historical monuments and locations to view where the famous Civil War took place. After that we visit the museum at the tour center. There are a ton of swords, pistols and other firearms in cases dating back to the 1700's and 1800's. Very cool!

I recommend eating at The Pub and Restaurant downtown Gettysburg in the circle. They have some great food. You must try the Bourbon St. pecan pie, it's the best! Trust me you will have to share it.

About eight miles south of Gettysburg you can find the Boyd's Teddy Bear Factory with three levels of shopping of bears and other animals in more versions than you can imagine! Be sure to visit the cafe' or restaurant in the lower level and pick up a set of the cutest paw print mugs.

Now we go into Virginia. Our destination is the Shenandoah Crossings Resort. On our way we stop in Culpeper, VA and take the main strip (29/15 South) right into historical downtown. I recommend the Lucio restuarant. It has beautiful European decor' and architecture inside. You can even purchase some of the decorations. I enjoyed the best chicken salad croissant sandwich EVER!

As we proceed south to Charlottesville, VA we make our way downtown to The Corner for shopping and dining. It's three to four blocks of brick walkway full of one of a kind shops and more. Let's take a break now and see a movie while we're here.

My last suggestion is to come back through Maryland and West Virginia on 68 West. The hills and trees are gorgeous. It just makes Michigan look so flat and boring after driving in all those curvy, hilly roads. Hope you get to enjoy some of the sites and restaurants is you decide to take a road trip that way.

Haunted House – Monster Mayhem

Sp00ky Photos



PROXY

The undersigned, being an individual member of the Lansing Jaycees in good standing, hereby designate _____ or the elections chairperson to vote in my stead at the Annual Meeting of the Lansing Jaycees to be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, or at any adjournment thereof, of any issue to come before the meeting, and at the election of Directors and the President.

The proxy is given: With instructions
 Without instructions

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

President (vote for one)

Sheryl Soczek _____ _____

Directors (vote for 10 only)

Krik Mielke _____ _____
 Felicity White _____ _____
 Jaimie Hutchison _____ _____
 Wayne Hutchison _____ _____
 Portia Dyrenforth _____ _____

The top ten vote recipients will be elected to two year terms.

Resolutions

Vote in favor of any resolution brought before the meeting
 Vote against any resolution brought before the meeting

Signature of Individual Member _____

Name of Individual Member (Print) _____

Date: _____, 2006, at Time _____

HOW TO USE THIS PROXY

Fill out completely. Complete voting instructions if you wish. Be sure to sign and date it. Last dated and timed proxy replaces any previous proxies. Deliver proxy to Laura Vieth or Amy Miller, or the person that you designated, by Tuesday, November 14, 2006, prior to the Annual Meeting. If you would like to FAX your proxy, please contact either Amy or Laura.

Mail to one of the following people:

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Your Jaycees T-shirt: Where has it been?

Yes, it's yet another new section! A suggestion was sent to me and I thought it would be a great addition. This section is pretty simple to understand; where has your Lansing Jaycees T-shirt been? Simply email me a photo of you, wearing your Jaycees T-shirt, and tell me where and when this photo was taken. It should be fun and interesting to see where members advertise us! Simply email your photo and story to jcnewseditor@yahoo.com if you wish to contribute.

The Jaycees Funnies

Yet another new section has been added! The Jaycees Funnies! This section is for members to share jokes, funny e-mails or stories. Please keep them clean though! We don't want to offend anyone. Have fun!

Submitted by Maria Pardue

Church Bulletins

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight Searching for Jesus."

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth Into Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5 p.m. - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 p.m. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 a.m.. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."

November 1 – December 16, 2006 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Haunted house deconstruction	2 Haunted house deconstruction	3 Haunted house deconstruction Fall Convention 2006	4 Haunted house deconstruction Fall Convention 2006
5 Unleash the Laughter Fall Convention 2006	6 Stuff the Bus committee meeting	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 General Membership Meeting and elections	15	16	17 End of haunted house season party	18
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3	4	5 General Membership Meeting	6	7	8	9
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