

November 2000

2000 Board of Directors

President.....Bridget Lilly

Chair of the Board.....Shelly Adams

Secretary.....Ann Tingay

Treasurer.....Stephanie Steere

Community Development Vice Pres.....Karen Brown

Chapter Annual Meeting & Elections – November 14

The current Board of Directors is nearing the end of its term. Elections for your 2001 Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting during the General Membership Meeting, November 14, 2000. The Board will serve 1/1/01 to 12/31/01. We must have a quorum (1/2 of the current eligible membership plus 1) for the vote to take place. Therefore, if you cannot be present to vote, please fill out the proxy located in this newsletter and return it to Lansing Jaycees, P. O. Box 16150, Lansing, MI 48901. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member in good standing. This means that your dues must be current, and that you do not owe the chapter money for any reason. You can pay any balances due the chapter up to 7:00pm on November 14, 2000.

If you have questions, please contact Bridget Lilly. Please contact Bridget for more information. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the annual meeting prior to elections taking place.

Special Olympics Poly (Floor) Hockey

Ann Tingay

Once again, our chapter is going to help with the skills contest portion of the annual Michigan Special Olympics Poly Hockey Tournament. These special athletes are great and are sure to make you smile. The skills contest takes place on

Saturday, November 18th, from 12:00 – 1:50 p.m. at Aim High Sports, Call Karen Brown, for more information.

Ronald McDonald House Dinners

Sally Sohn, Chairperson

On Tuesday, November 28th at 5:00pm, we will again prepare dinner for the 15-20 people staying at the House who might not have the time or energy to prepare healthy meal. The volunteers (us) will purchase the food out of our own pockets, so the more volunteers we have, the less we all contribute. If you cannot make the event, but would like to donate a dollar or two, please contact me.

It works best to have 4-7 volunteers. We had a terrific time in August! To donate funds, sign up or for more information, contact Sally Sohn.

From our President...

Bravo! Bravo! Bravo! Bravo to our speakers, chairpersons and volunteers in October! First, I would like to thank Laurie Bueche for being our speaker at our October GMM. Laurie joined the Jaycees in August and works for Volunteers of America. Laurie explained all of the benefits that VOA offers to the community. She answered questions from the Jaycee members and gave us a better understanding of VOA. Thanks Laurie!

A big THANKS of appreciation to Darrin Fowler for putting together the debate between Senators Diane Byrum and Mike Rogers. Even though dates were changed a couple of times, we had a great turn out. We had news channels 6 and 47 send a camera crew. Also, our District D2 director, Scott Adkins, had a chance to stop by. BRAVO, DARRIN!

I hope everyone had a chance to check out the Haunted House. Sue, Kathy and Randy did a fantastic job creating a scary house and bringing out the spooks. Teresa helped out with our children's non-scary house. Also a thank you to everyone that assisted in the putting the house together, spooking and just showing your support for such a fun (and exhausting) project.

Teresa Dittmer and I took the first load of donated suitcases and duffel bags to Child and Family Services for the foster children. Child and Family Services were thrilled and thankful for our help. It was a great pleasure to receive a letter from them two days later which stated within 15 minutes of our delivering the suitcases, 6 foster children received a suitcase for their use. Please see the complete letter inside. I feel that this was a great project that was started by Teresa earlier this year and would like to see it continue. Please remember that this is ongoing and you may contact Teresa or myself (Bridget) to donate new or gently used suitcases or duffel bags. We will store them in the Jaycee office until the next delivery date. So remember SUITCASES, SUITCASES, SUITCASES!!! What a great cause!!

Get ready to help at the Special Olympics Poly Hockey (floor hockey skill exercises). This will be Saturday November 18th at Aim High Sports. Give Ann Tingay a call for more information or to volunteer.

Our next General Membership Meeting (GMM) will be Tuesday, November 14th (PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE, DUE TO THE ELECTIONS) at Coscarellis on S. Cedar at 6:00pm. Also remember that we will hold our elections, *so if you are unable to attend I NEED you to complete and mail a proxy form to the Jaycee office at PO Box 16150, Lansing MI 48901 or give to Ann Tingay or Bridget.*

With the current year ending, the Board of Directors is looking for some new chairpeople on our annual projects. These projects include GMMs and editor for the Correspondent. If you are interested, please contact a Board Member or the current chairperson. Thanks for your support.

I would like to welcome back to the Jaycee family Carolyn Maschke and Lonna Zenker. Carolyn and Lonna were both great help at the Haunted House. WELCOME BACK!!!

See you at the GMM!

Bridget Lilly

72nd President, Lansing Jaycees

Jaycees District, Region, & State News

- District Meeting – November 28th at 7:00pm – Social at Tripper's Sports Bar in Frandor.
- Comeback Chapter of the Year Award

The Michigan Jaycees annually present an award, appropriately titled "The Comeback Chapter of the Year." This award is presented to the chapter that has the best 4th quarter comeback in membership based upon their October membership base. This award is in the form of a traveling trophy that is retained by the winning chapter each year until the following October. Scott Adkins, District D-2 Director, is proud to extend an invitation to the Charlotte and Lansing Jaycees to take a coveted run for this award. LET'S GO LANSING JAYCEES AND SIGN 10 NEW MEMBERS BY THE END OF THE YEAR!!!

- From JoAnn Schmidt, Michigan Jaycees, 76th President:

"Remember last month, how we were so excited because the Michigan flag was flying over the National Service Center in Tulsa for being the top growth State in America for the month of July? In August, this team was named the #1 State in America, so our flag will be flying on the other flagpole. Guess what, for the month of September, the Michigan Flag should fly on BOTH poles being name at the Top Growth State in America as well as the #1 State in America for the parade

of States. We don't know if anytime in the history of the Michigan Jaycees this has ever happened!"

Community Development

From Our Vice President...

Thank you everyone for coming out to the 8th Congressional District Debate. We had a standing room only audience for the debate between Senator Diane Byrum and Senator Mike Rogers.

Darrin Fowler did a great job organizing the debate. Due to the heavy schedules of the candidates and the Presidential debate the date was moved three times. Darrin was wonderful at re-organizing all the details each time we had a change.

Attendees at the event included: Teri Bruning, Bridget Lilly, Tim Godfrey, Tammy and Bill Johnson, Gina Umpstead, Rich Marr and Ann Tingay. We also had a large turnout from the community as well as visits from channel 6 and 47 news crews!

October was breast cancer awareness month and we owe a big thanks to Teri Bruning for organizing Tell A Friend Tuesday and Bridget Lilly for getting people together to walk or volunteer at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Both these events call attention to the breast cancer issue and remind women to have annual mammograms and do monthly breast self examinations.

A carload of suitcases was delivered to Family and Child Services last month. Thank you Teresa Dittmer for organizing this project. We will deliver suitcases again next year so make sure to save them for the next drive.

Thanks to Gary Armitage for organizing Adopt A Highway again. This is an important event and brings us a lot of recognition as we earn a sign on the highway for our efforts.

Amy Sands put together this year's Make A Difference Day event. We purchased supplies for the new Ronald McDonald House. Since they are still starting up, everything we do is crucial to ensuring their success.

Lastly, A HUGE thanks to everyone who has helped with the haunted house. Although this is not a community project, the proceeds help us to fund the projects we do for the community such as the Children's Shopping Spree. Without the help of all our builders, decorators, money-takers, ghosts and ghouls, we would not be able to do nearly as much for the many local charities we support. If you think the haunted house is scary, just imagine our community without the projects of the Lansing Jaycees. Yikes!!

Karen S. Brown,

Community Development Vice President

Great American Smokeout

Karen Brown

Are you thinking about quitting smoking or would you like to help someone else who is trying to quit? Congratulations!! Quitting smoking is the single most important thing you can do to improve your health. You can join millions of others who will make a quit attempt by participating in the Great American Smokeout on November 16. I can provide you with a free quit kit from the Michigan Department of Community Health or a referral to a cessation class in your area. Just give me a call and I will hook you up with the tools you need to be healthy and smoke-free!!

Do you have an office full of people who would like to quit? Call me for that too. I can provide referrals for qualified individuals who can provide on-site smoking cessation classes at your office. I can even help your office apply for a grant to pay for the service.

Life Savers

Teri Bruning, Chairperson

Three Jaycees--Bridget Lilly, Kristin Hynes, and Teri Bruning—are truly life savers! They participated in the American Cancer Society's annual "Tell A Friend Tuesday" event and called their women friends and relatives and encouraged them to get annual mammograms. Many non-Jaycees participated in this worthy project also. In total, 54 callers reached 207 women. 18 of the 207 are at least age 40, but had not had a mammogram in the past year! They were, of course, encouraged to schedule one in the next 30 days.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer for American women. The best way to reduce its toll is to detect it early through a mammogram. Unfortunately, only about 1/3 of women ages 40+ get an annual mammogram.

Suitcases for Kids

Teresa Dittmer, Chairperson

Thank you to Shelly Adams, Gary Armitage, Randy Boersen, Teri Bruning, Kathleen Hausbeck, Bridget Lilly, Kathy Patino, Tim Salisbury, and Michelle Walk for donating 26 suitcases and/or duffel bags and to Laurie Bueche for donating luggage tags! On October 9th, Bridget and I delivered the items to Mary Kay Reed at Child and Family Services. They were thrilled and put them to use right away!

The average child in foster care moves three to four times and often carries his/her personal belongings in black garbage bags. If you have new or gently used suitcases or

duffel bags to donate, please bring them to a GMM. This is an on-going project, so we'll always take your donations!

8th Congressional District Debate A Success!

Darrin Fowler, Debate Chairperson

State Senators Dianne Byrum and Mike Rogers squared off in a debate hosted by the Lansing Jaycees on the evening of Sunday, October 15th at Michigan State University's Detroit College of Law (MSU-DCL). The debate was the first in a series of scheduled debates between the two candidates who are competing to fill the 8th Congressional District seat being vacated by Debbie Stabenow as she competes for a seat in the United States Senate.

The format for the debate permitted both candidates to make opening and closing statements of three minutes each. Having won a coin toss minutes before the event, Senator Rogers elected to make the final closing statement, thereby allowing Senator Byrum to make the first opening statement. In between, the candidates answered nineteen questions that were posed by MSU-DCL Professor Greg Mitchell, the moderator for the debate.

The questions asked of the candidates were submitted to the moderator by members of the Jaycees and the large audience that gathered for the show-down. As interested voters entered the MSU-DCL Board Room, they were invited to submit questions by hand-writing them on index cards. Immediately before the event, Professor Mitchell selected the questions to be asked with the help of Jaycee panelists Tammy Johnson and Rich Marr, and future Jaycee Alan Lambert.

The questions asked of the candidates covered a myriad of topics including affirmative action, school vouchers, social security, and the environment. Professor Mitchell also posed a question of his own. Stating that his own research revealed little difference between the two, Mitchell asked the candidates to distinguish themselves on health care reform.

All eighty-three seats provided by MSU-DCL for audience members were filled, and additional spectators positioned themselves along the back and side walls of the Board Room.

Two television crews covered the event, Fox-47 and Channel-10. On the nightly news, the debate was the lead story on Channel 10, and was the second story covered by Fox-47. The Fox story specifically credited the Jaycees with hosting the event.

Both candidates and their staff members expressed appreciation to the Jaycees for hosting the debate which was hailed as a success. Senator Byrum's campaign manager was

particularly impressed with the number of questions asked, indicating that nineteen in an hour is almost unheard of.

Special thanks go out to Jaycees Gina Umpstead, Bridget Lilly, and Karen Brown for their special contributions. The Jaycees are also grateful to Amanda Gray, the Events Coordinator at MSU-DCL who oversaw the setting up of the Board Room.

Upcoming Community Development Projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Special Olympics Floor Hockey..... Tingay	Nov. 18.....	Ann
Dinner for Ronald McDonald House.....	Nov. 28/(each qtr)....	Sally Sohn
Children’s Christmas Party (Child & Family Services) ... Radford	Dec. 19.....	Amy
Suitcases for Kids..... Dittmer	On-going.....	Teresa

Nov. 4

The Volunteers of America are collecting coats at Bollert’s Hardware in Frandor. Call Laurie Bueche at for more information.

Nov. 7

VOTE!! Call your city or township clerk if you are unsure of the location of your polling place.

Nov. 16

Great American Smokeout. Call Karen Brown for quit kits or information

Dec. 19

Children’s Christmas Party 5:30pm at Mid-Michigan Roller Arena (Lake Lansing Road). We won’t be skating!

We will help out in the art room.

Management Development

Whew!

Susan Rundhaug, Co-Chairperson

As you read this, Haunted House 2000, House of Boo's, Y-2-Boo is officially OVER...with the exception of the important job of dismantling and clean-up. We had quite an impressive Haunted House season this year – 70% membership participation, several new members, some former members coming back, and a huge group of non-Jaycees coming out to lend a helping hand. A big thanks to all our members, former members, friends and family whose hard work, long hours and enthusiasm made the Haunted House possible this year. I hope everyone had a chance to come down and check out the Haunted House. We will have the final numbers and room judging results available in the December Newsletter.

Don't forget....we need to take the Haunted House down and re-load the trailer. Dismantling will be during the week of November 6-10th and loading will be Sunday, November 12th. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE mark your calendars and come lend a hand for an hour or two.

A big thanks to all of the following people (and a big apology to anyone that we miss):

Shelly Adams, Valerie Alleman, Gary Armitage, Rick Baker (and friends – Jen and Amy), Randy Boersen, Karen Brown, Teri Bruning, Laurie Bueche, Chris Caswell, Chad Dilts, Teresa Dittmer, Kim Edison, Tim Godfrey, Kathy Hausbeck, Mary Jackson, Tammy Johnson, Al Lambert, Bridget Lilly, Gary Lilly, Taylor Lilly, Kim Lundberg, Caroline Maschke, Stephanie Morton, Cathy Patino, Kate Patino and friend, Amy Radford, Sue Rundhaug, Stephanie Steere, Troy Steere, Kris Sherwood, Ann Tingay, Michelle Walk, Rob Walk, Lonna Zenker, Elizabeth, Nicole, Chad, Patty, Sarah and the MSU students and other friends/family that came out to help spook.

Thanks to these employees of Michigan National who donated candy for the Children's Halloween Caper:

Brooke Chappell, Teresa Dittmer, Mary Ellen Lane, Hannah Moede, Kris Sherwood, Nancy Vance, and Beatriz Weak's.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Dismantling – November 6th-10th
- Trailing Loading – Sunday, November 12th

Membership Development

November GMM

Teri Bruning, GMM Chairperson

Back by request! Several members who heard the organ and tissue donation speaker at a GMM about two years ago had suggested that we ask that gentleman to speak with us again. He has agreed, and he will be with us at the November 14th GMM. Note the change in date, due to Election Day.

Registration begins at 6:00pm, dinner (sub sandwich, chips, pickle, non-alcoholic beverage) will be served at 6:30pm, and the speaker will begin at 7:00pm. All the fun takes place at Coscarelli's restaurant on Cedar Street, south of Mt. Hope.

Happy Hours -- TGIF

- Relax with your Jaycee friends!
- November 17, Tripper's in Frandor.
- Contact is Randy Boersen.

October GMM

Teri Bruning, GMM Chairperson

If you missed the October GMM, we missed you! Laurie Bueche, from Volunteers of America, enlightened us regarding the multitude of services the organization provides in this area. She even provided us with excellent information packets and magnets! Thanks, Laurie. Tom Stotenbur had two other opportunities that night, but he chose to spend his evening with us. We made it worth his time, when he won \$18 in the 50/50 raffle!

November Birthdays

Teresa Dittmer

Gina Umpstead

December Birthdays

Susan Rundhaug

Kelliann Whitney

Membership Anniversaries

November

Valerie Alleman '96

Karen Brown '98

Kim Edison '98

Bridget Lilly '90

Stephanie Morton '94

Pull for the House

Teresa Dittmer

Thank you to Stephanie Steere and Marcia Dittmer for donating pop tabs. The Pop Tab program is the Ronald McDonald House's premier awareness program and a good, ongoing fundraiser. The tabs are eventually sold to a smelter, and the Ronald McDonald House receives the proceeds.

Feel free to bring your donated pop tabs to any GMM. You can help make a difference!

Guess Who

Teresa Dittmer, Newsletter Editor

This is just a fun way to learn a little more about your fellow members! Guess the Lansing Jaycee by his/her answers below. Come to the GMM to find out who the mystery Jaycee is...

Q. Where did you go to high school?

A. Either Kinsbach, Germany or Hesperia, Michigan.

Q. Did you go to college? If yes, where?

A. MSU – twice.

Q. What was your major in college?

A. BA - Public Administration, MBA – Finance.

Q. Do you have any pets? If yes, how many/what kind?

A. Zoie the dog, Jacquelyn the precious "time-sucking" baby girl.

Q. Are you married? If yes for how long?

A. Yes, 6 years.

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Working, working out, playing basketball, teaching Sunday school.

Q. What was the make and model of your first car?

A. 1980s Green Volkswagen Rabbit (four door).

Q. What is your favorite TV show? Favorite movie?

A. Star Trek (2nd series), Braveheart.

Q. Who is favorite music artist or favorite song?

A. Jennifer Knapp, Can't Take the Pain - Third Day.

Q. What is your favorite color?

A. Green.

Q. What is your favorite food?

A. El Azteco.

Q. If you could be any cartoon character, who would you be and why?

A. Bugs Bunny.

Member-to-Member Classifieds

- Chris—Great PR; Thanks—Haunted House
- Randy—Fantastic floor plan—Haunted House
- Kathy—Thanks for the spooks. How's the shackles?!—The Dungeon
- Sue—Nice work! Sure gonna miss Sam—Haunted House

- Stephanie S—Thanks for counting us and keeping the numbers—The Money
- Karen (and helpers)—The cookies were good—The Doctor
- EVERYONE (and there are too many to name) who did something at the Haunted House—Your support is the best! Take a bow and SMILE! The semi is almost loaded and back in my field until next year!—Bridget
- Teresa—What a great idea for the Suitcase project—The Foster Children
- Want to send a message here? Just email Teresa Dittmer

Jaycee Creed

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!