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## SPRING into ACTION

*By Ilona Castelein*

Share your passion for your community and the Jaycees. It's easy! Just ask, "Why aren't you a Jaycee?" This is normally followed by, "What are the Jaycees?" In which you answer, "We are the best young professional organization that teaches LEADERSHIP through community development."

I am overjoyed to be part of the Lansing Jaycees. A quick look at our calendar and you can see that there is always

something on the calendar for any and every type of interest. Our membership is comprised of so many different points of view and personalities. With this we are fortunate to have many people stepping forward with ideas for events. With every event that is done the chairperson and/or committee are given the tools to run a successful event and learn so many leadership skills that can be applied to pretty much any aspect of their lives. AND this doesn't even touch what is achieved and learned at the actual *event/project*.

*Think back to the first time you talked with a Jaycee ... Do you remember the excitement and motivation that you received from that initial chat? Why not give that to your fellow friends, family, coworkers or even a passerby as you walk down the street. We are sometimes referred to as the best kept secret. Let's let that secret out and share the Jaycees with everyone! It can all be started with an easy question.*



## President—Ilona Castelein

Hello, Lansing Jaycee Leaders!

Bundle of Chaos here, I mean Ilona Castelein. I am so proud and grateful to be serving as your 90th Lansing Jaycee President. I never imagined when I joined the Jaycees in 2009 that I would be in this role. Since joining I have served in the Lansing Jaycee Board of Directors and the Michigan Jaycee Board of Directors in numerous roles, each and every year. So far, my role as the District 3 (Ann Arbor, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Ypsi) Director of the MIJC Board in 2015 was the most rewarding. Though, I have a feeling 2018 will beat that out of the water.



Team 90 has already expressed many ideas and goals for the year. However, we will be focused on well-rounded programming across all of the four original Jaycee areas of opportunity, membership growth, and chapter fellowship. Please keep your eye out for invites and communication regarding the chapter!! We would love to see all of you. However, if you have a great idea, please let us know!!!

Just in case you are wondering a little more about this goat-kisser (story for another day)... I am the wife to Michael Castelein (member since 2004). The world of the Jaycees brought us together. Our little family consists of three children (Caydence 8y, Charlotte 3y, and Edward 3m) and one super furry shepherd-rot mix (Barley 8y). I love anything that has to do with tacos, beer, or just a good time with good company.

I look forward to meeting and/or seeing each of you in the near future. As always, do not hesitate to reach out to me for any and all comments, concerns, ideas, or questions.

Here's to a GREAT 2018 and continuing the Lansing Jaycee Legacy!

## Vice President of Community and Management Development—Sarah Bischoff

Greetings Lansing Jaycees! Happy New Year! This year is looking to be a promising one of new ideas and opportunities. At the year end banquet there was a lot of talk about the difficulties that we are having with engaging our membership. However, I do classify myself as an optimist and as Winston Churchill once said "The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." Difficulties can foster positive change. All that being said, My name is Sarah Bischoff. I am one of your 2018 Vice Presidents. I have been a Jaycee now for 2 years. A little bit about me personally, I am married with two children. Isaac is 6 and Lily is 5. I also work full time at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West as an Accounting Supervisor. I love my job and I have been working at the hotel for 11 years. I enjoy playing the piano and singing (but I am not a performer by any means) I am inspired by helping our community and my favorite projects are the Easter Egg Hunt and the Ronald McDonald House nights. I love to cook and bake. I am looking forward to 2018 and the opportunity to make a positive change within our chapter and within our community. I truly believe that "service to humanity is the best work of life."



## Vice President of Membership and Individual Development—Nicole Perry

Hello!

My name is Nicole Perry and I am your 2018 Vice President for membership and individual development! This is my second year serving on the Lansing Jaycees board and I'm very excited about our plans for the year! I am currently the Manager of Dart Bank in Grand Ledge and have been in the financial services industry for 16 years. I live in Holt with my husband and two dogs. My favorite word is magic and if you ask anyone about me, they would describe me just as that. I'm looking forward to bringing our members, past presidents, prospects and roosters back into the Jaycees activities this year and really relying on our current membership to tell me what they're looking for from our organization so that we can achieve complete satisfaction. Here's to a great 2018 and I look forward to getting to know everyone a little bit better this year!



## Treasurer— Austin Hawkins

Hello, my name is Austin Hawkins and I am your 2018 Treasurer. I am humbled and honored to be sitting on the board of directors this year, and it's my intent to bring transparency and positivity back to the Lansing Jaycees. I know everyone is saying in some way, shape or form, that this year is going to be their year, or it's going to be your year, and that they can "just feel it". I know, I know, doesn't that just sound redundant at this point? However, I am going



to be one of those people. I can feel deep within that this is not only going to be a great year for you and myself, but also for our chapter. We have wonderful members backed by the support and knowledge of an excited and energetic board. We have creativity and the initiative to conquer to world. Among these factors, I have some pretty steep goals that I would like to achieve this year, of which, I am working to create a scholarship program to aid in the unbearable cost of college for teens and adults, alike. In addition, it's my goal to establish the Lansing Jaycees with a 501 (c) 3 tax status. This will allow our organization the opportunity to help more of the communities that we live and work. I look forward to what 2018 has in store for us!

## Secretary—Jessica Anderson

Hi Friends!

I can call you that right? That's part of who we are! As a newlywed looking for something fulfilling and opportunities to gain friendship with like-minded individuals, becoming a Jaycee was a no-brainer.

Once I learned the full value of having the Jaycees on your side, I knew I wanted to learn more. I've quickly gained friendships, I'm sure will last a lifetime. I've gained new skills and dug out some older skills to put back to use. My husband and I own a Southside of Lansing two dogs and two cats. When we're not around; trust me, they're big babies; we



enjoy spending time chasing Michigan based adventures, thrifting to find the best deals, spending time with family, and dreaming up our next big endeavor. If I have learned one thing from the leadership positions I've held, is that you get out of an experience, what you put into it. What I didn't realize, was that there was a huge hole in my life that the Jaycees were going to quickly fill. Shortly after accepting the role and trying to find a new balance in life, I jumped two feet in and applied to Graduate school at the same time. 2018 is shaping up to be quite the feat. I'm excited to see where 2018 sends the Lansing Jaycees! We've got big ideas, and can't wait to share them all! Never hesitate to reach out for help; I too was once shy to open up and share my thoughts! We are here to build each other up, and we want to help make your dreams a reality!

## Chair of the Board—Colleen Burton

A little about me:

I work for the State of Michigan at the Department of Health & Human Services. I live in a house in Lansing that I remodeled 1.5 years ago (with a crazy amount of help from my parents) into the perfect house for me. When thinking about memorable Jaycee moments, for me there are too many for just one, 10.5 years is a long time. One of the best was winning the Key Member Award at the 2013 Year End Banquet. I never did things in the Jaycees for the awards, but it felt like it was validation for all of my hard work over the years. Another highlight is the White Water Rafting trip to West Virginia. And lastly, the disaster of a camping trip I planned one year. They can't all be winners, folks. Ask me about it sometime. Three highlights in my life are walking on fire, a whirlwind 17 day Europe tour with my sister, and a two week transatlantic cruise from Puerto Rico to Barcelona with Angela Fossi. Can you tell I like to travel? I also really like to listen to music. My favorite is 'You Can't Stop the Beat' from the musical Hairspray. It makes me dance immediately, and I've been caught jamming in my seat at work to this song. TWICE!



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## Snowmen Can't Drive Themselves

Angela Clock



During the holiday season, the Lansing Jaycees held our annual Operation Snowman Army fundraiser! What grew out of the idea a few years ago of flamingos on lawns as a fundraiser has grown into a fun holiday project!

Our snowmen travel around the greater Lansing area in groups of 10 (a squad) or 20 (a brigade). People pay money to have them sent to friends, family, and neighbors. Our members help the snowmen travel around, because they don't have arms, and that makes it a bit difficult to drive. This year, the snow came late to Michigan - not until early December! We had 32 orders for snowmen, and raised a net total of \$800 for the chapter. While these numbers were down a bit from the previous year, the project was successful in that the number of orders we had in relation to manpower were manageable. We had approximately 10 of our members make deliveries this season. I want to give a special shout out to Jessica Anderson and her husband Jake for all the deliveries they made during the project!

Thanks also go to Sally Sohn at Sohn Linen for donations of linens to create our snowmen. We made some new friends this year, and look forward to creating more buddies for them in the upcoming year!



## Stuff the Bus 2017

**Lauren Kenczyk & Nicole Perry**

The Lansing community really showed up to help support the residents of Haven House by including a few extra items in their shopping carts on December 2nd. It was a great day for holiday shopping with the sun shining bright and handfuls of enthusiastic Jaycees holding signs, sharing the mission, and sorting gifts on a beautifully decorated CATA bus.

The decision to partner with Haven House this year gave our chapter the ability to spread holiday cheer to more local Lansing families all while reducing the total number of man hours needed for the project. Returning duplicate purchases and the need to individually schedule paired delivery dates were no longer necessary. We delivered boxes upon boxes of household goods, toys, personal care items and clothing in one trip directly to Haven House immediately following the event.

We also had a very successful Painting with a Purpose event at Painting with a Twist organized by Austin Hawkins. By selling out the main room (and adding more seats!) we raised \$1,172, allowing us to purchase Kroger gift cards to provide holiday meals for twenty families who have left Haven House in the past year and are part of their Partner's in Progress follow-up program.

We would like to thank our incredible committee for their time, organization, fresh ideas and support of this re-imagined project. And a big thank you to the many Jaycees, friends, family and spouses of Jaycees and prospects who stood in front of Wal-Mart for hours to make this event a success. We are looking forward to participating in many more Stuff the Bus events in our chapter's future. This was our 13th year and our generous business partnerships have helped make this possible.

Thank you all for another great Stuff the Bus event for Lansing!



## 2017 Year-End Banquet *Colleen Burton*

The 2017 Year End Banquet was held on January 13 at Beggar's Banquet. Because the chapter is not as large as it has been in recent years, we were able to move to a smaller venue again. Unfortunately, when I picked the location for banquet, I didn't realize that the parking lot behind Beggar's Banquet would be closed. Overall, though, the banquet was a nice evening in a nice location and seemed to be enjoyed by all. For anyone who has never attended, banquet is the one night members of our chapter get dressed up and celebrate the accomplishments of the Lansing Jaycees.

Here is a list of the awards and recipients for everyone who could not be there:

Bob Pancost Memorial Business Partnership Awards

Wind Jewel Printing & CATA

### Area Projects of the Year

Community Development

Individual Development

Management Development

Membership Development

Overall Project of the Year

Volunteering at Capital Area Humane Society

Target Practice at Rose Lake

Operation Snowman Army

Onesie Bar Crawl

Stuff the Bus

Sam Street Hughes Memorial Award Springboard of the Year

Jessica Anderson

C. William Brownfield Memorial Award New Jaycee of the Year

Nicole Perry

Paul D. Bagwell Memorial Award Spirit of the Jaycees

Lauren Kenczyk

Robert M. Reames Memorial Award Outstanding Leadership

Angela Clock

President's Award

Charlie Root

John H. Armbruster Memorial Award Key Member

Tracy Prush

### LEADERSHIP

*Below: Lansing Jaycee member Dawn Hetzel served as JCI-world President 2017*



### CITIZENSHIP

*Left: Stuff the bus 2017 supports Haven House of Lansing*



### FRIENDSHIP

*Right: Jaycee Member Picnic*



### MEMBERSHIP

*Above: 2018 Board takes office*



This year's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 31, 2018 on the Capitol Lawn.

We're so excited to continue this tradition and cannot wait to see what is in store for the day. Join us in volunteering or support us in bringing out your friends and family to attend.

To signup to volunteer the day of visit: <http://signup.com/go/WLcmngY>

Watch your inboxes as more details are sent. We couldn't do this without your help and support from local businesses

2018 Chairs: Jenni Riehle & Jessica Anderson

**Saturday, March 31, 2018**

# EASTER EGG HUNT

on the Capitol Lawn



**AGENDA**

- 10:00 - Various activities
- 10:45 - Egg scramble ages 7 and up
- 11:00 - Egg scramble ages 4-6
- 11:15 - Egg scramble ages 3 and under
- 11:20 - Prize raffle

**ACTIVITIES**

- Easter Bunny, Capitol City DJs,
- Big Lug, Potter Park Zoo,
- Lansing Fire Department,
- Crash and Toothpick the Clowns,
- Crafts, Games, Face Painting

**Presented By**



**LEADERSHIP FRIENDSHIP CITIZENSHIP MEMBERSHIP**  
For adults between the ages of 21 and 40, the Lansing Jaycees offer leadership training through community development. By organizing a variety of programs and projects for the benefit of Lansing, our members become leaders in their community.

**Thank you to our Sponsors**



## Reimbursement Policy

*Austin Hawkins*

Each year, as new board members settle into their positions, a cornucopia of information is reviewed and diligently discussed. Among the topics of interest, one especially important matter looms over the treasurer: The Reimbursement Policy. Ensuring that each member of the Lansing Jaycees is accurately reimbursed for their financial contributions is imperative. The board of directors has given much time and thought into designing a comprehensive reimbursement policy for 2018 that will allow for accurate record keeping, project budget management in a simple, user-friendly format.

Effective Thursday, March 1, 2018, the following parameters must be met in order to receive financial reimbursement:

- An Expense Reimbursement Form will need to be submitted within 7 days of purchase, including proof of purchase, in the form of email or in-person delivery. (Please Note: "The Expense Reimbursement Form" can be found in the Members Only area under File Archive).
- Any members that are seeking reimbursement over \$100.00 will need to obtain approval from the Treasurer and Chapter President prior to purchase (If purchasing for a project, you will need to also obtain pre-approval from project chair (s)). Please keep in mind that all forecasted project expenses of which you are seeking reimbursement for must be included in a preliminary project management guide (PMG) prior to seeking approval (Please note, these expenses can be pre-approved with the submission of you preliminary PMG to the board of directors).
- For travel, general expenses, conferences, and any other reimbursement outside of "Typical Project Expenses", the Expense Reimbursement Form must be submitted to the board of directors for review at the monthly Board of Directors Meeting, which is held the first Thursday of each month unless noted otherwise. Please be sure contact the 2018 Secretary two weeks prior to the BOD to confirm your form review to the meeting agenda.
- The Treasurer or Chapter President may purchase the requested items on your behalf, if necessary, provided the requirements mentioned above are met.

For further questions, you may contact the Treasurer via email at: [treasurer@lansingjaycees.org](mailto:treasurer@lansingjaycees.org), please allow 72 hours for a response. For urgent matters regarding reimbursement, contact Austin Hawkins at (517) 574-0921.

## Fundraising

*Sarah Bischoff*

Hello fellow Lansing Jaycees! It is a new year full of new opportunities. We are looking at including more fundraising opportunities for the chapter this year. In order for our chapter to enjoy and conduct our signature events we must fundraise. While fundraising is a time commitment from our members it is for a worthwhile cause. I personally love any fundraising opportunity that includes serving food or beverage. I think I can contribute that satisfaction to the fact that I love time management games involving food on the computer and my phone :) I love being able to help raise funds for the Jaycees and serving hungry customers. I challenge each and every one of you to volunteer for at least one fundraising shift for this year. While we also put on multiple community events that need your support, without fundraising we cannot continue.

The Board of Directors has recently voted on partnering with Lansing Lugnuts to serve beer at their home games. This is a great opportunity to get out into our community and promote the Lansing Jaycees. The first game of the season is at the beginning of April. More details to follow on the exact date and time.

If anyone else has any other ideas for fundraising I am open to suggestions. Please reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

I hope you all had a great first quarter of 2018 and here's to an awesome 2nd quarter!





## JCI Competitions

*Nicole Perry*

How have the Jaycees impacted your life both personally and professionally? If you were given this topic 60 seconds before having to give an impromptu speech lasting 3-5 minutes, do you think you could formulate a thoughtful answer? This is an example of one of the topics I was given to 'speak up' about at the 2017 third trimester competition. This was the first competition I had attended as a Jaycee and I learned quite a bit. Fellow member, Lauren Kenczyk and I, both entered originally to compete in the SPE (Single Project Entry) competition for our 2017 Stuff the Bus Event. We followed a format to create a power point presentation regarding our project and then prepared a speaking presentation between 3-5 minutes in length. We presented our power point presentation to a panel of judges that were Jaycees from across the state.

I also chose to enter into the impromptu speak up competition which entailed being given two topics to choose from 60 seconds before you had to speak on your chosen topic in front of a small panel of judges. Lauren and I both chose to also compete in the impromptu write up competition. For all of the competitions, we were judged on time limit, presentation skills, organization, clarity, impact, assessment, and if the presentation complemented the written part and substantiation. I would highly recommend for every Jaycee to experience a competition at some point in their Jaycee career. The feedback you get is invaluable and you get to improve upon your speaking, presenting and writing skills and have the opportunity to win awards. Lauren and I are incredibly proud to announce that we won the third trimester award for our Stuff the Bus 2017 SPE in the Community category. Lauren was also the winner of the impromptu write up competition and I was the winner of the impromptu speak up competition. #ALLTHEAWARDS #LANSINGJAYCEES



## Lansing Jaycees Scholarship Opportunity

*Austin Hawkins*

Dreaming of a higher education can come with a lot of burdensome questions and even more "Red Tape" once we decide to pursue it. From high school seniors to struggling parents, and everyone in between, college has certainly proven to be a hot topic in today's workforce. Some may choose to forgo a college degree, others' may revisit the topic someday, and some are in the thick of it, with education expenses looming. With the rising cost of a higher education, it's no secret that many people are fighting to do both-work and attend college. While analyzing this dilemma, long ago, I became inspired to establish a Scholarship Program in which all students from varying backgrounds can receive aid to ease the financial strain in the ever-rising cost of attending college. Based on a strong foundation of rapport, diligence and superb networking, in cooperation with our local partnerships, grants and fundraising efforts I believe we can strategically position our organization to achieve this hefty goal.

This project is geared towards long-term financing, and with this in mind, it will be objective of the Scholarship Committee that we, as an organization utilize all resources available to us from JCI Michigan, JCI USA and JCI. We are currently pursuing additional committee members, resources, and ideas. If you have suggestions, or you're interested in joining the committee please contact Austin Hawkins via email at: [ajhawkins93@gmail.com](mailto:ajhawkins93@gmail.com) or by phone at (517) 574-0921.

Please stay tuned for the latest updates as we develop this community Project!



## Éclair Torte

*Sarah Bischoff*

I'm not sure who else loves to cook. But I definitely love to cook and bake. I cook at least 3 times a week for my family and love to bake when I have the time. My kids love when I bake banana bread or chocolate chip cookies. I have been known, on occasion, to bake for special events if asked. Although, don't ask me to decorate anything, I am not an artist in that sense :)

I bake and cook for my very small community of family and friends and love to see them enjoying something I made. I thought that perhaps I would share a recipe with you all that is easy to make, impressive looking if you choose to put it on a serving platter and most important of all it is delicious. I usually take this to a family gathering or a potluck since it is casserole size. The Lansing Jaycees did end up making this dessert once for the Ronald McDonald House since it is so shareable. I hope you enjoy it!

### Eclair Torte

1 Cup Water

½ cup butter (no substitutions)

¼ tsp salt

1 cup All Purpose Flour

4 eggs

1 (8oz) package Cream Cheese, softened

2 packages (3.4 oz each) instant vanilla pudding mix

3 cups cold milk

1 carton (12oz) Cool Whip, thawed



In a saucepan over medium heat, bring water, butter and salt to a boil. Add flour all at once; Stir until a smooth ball forms. Remove from heat; let stand for 5 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well with a wooden spoon until smooth. Spread into a greased 13-in x 9-in baking pan. Bake at 400 for 30-35 minutes until puffed and golden brown. Cool completely on a wire rack. If you want to transfer the puff to a serving tray, this is the time to do so. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, pudding mix and milk until smooth. Spread over puff. Refrigerate for 20 minutes. Spread whipped topping over pudding mixture. Refrigerate once again. Drizzle with chocolate syrup just before serving. Refrigerate any leftovers.

## Castelein Curry Chicken and Veggies

*Ilona Castelein*

### Ingredients:

4 teaspoon olive oil

4 chicken breasts (boneless skinless)

8 teaspoons curry powder

2 lbs. of red skin potatoes

1 lb. of baby carrots

Salt and pepper to taste



### Directions:

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Place chicken breasts evenly in 9" by 11" casserole dish. Coat chicken breast with a teaspoon of curry powder each. Cut potatoes and carrots into approximately 1" pieces. Toss veggies, olive oil, and remaining curry powder together in a mixing bowl. Place veggie mixture over the chicken.

Place casserole dish in oven for 30-40 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked and veggies are tender to liking.

Last but not least... Enjoy! Quick, Easy and Tasty Dinner!!!

# Upcoming Events

March 20, 2018 General Membership Meeting (GMM) Piazzano's 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

March 24, 2018 Easter Egg Hunt - Egg Stuffing Sohn Linen 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

March 24, 2018 Get Your Drink On! Sanctuary Spirits 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

March 27, 2018 Easter Egg Stuffing Part two Nuthouse Sports Grill 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM

March 31, 2018 Easter Egg Hunt Capitol Lawn Capitol 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

April 5, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Coldwell Banker 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

April 7, 2018 Lansing Lugnuts (Game 1) 7:05 PM game time, Volunteers begin at 5:00 PM

April 17, 2018 General Membership Meeting (GMM) Piazzano's 1825 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

April 21, 2018 CAHS FurBall, Volunteer opportunity, 5:00 PM

April 26, 2018 WKAR Tour

May 3, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Coldwell Banker 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

May 4-6, 2018 MIJC Conference; Gaylord MI

May 10, 2018 Get your Food On! Athena's 6:30 PM

May 15, 2018 General Membership Meeting (GMM) Piazzano's 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

June 7, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Coldwell Banker 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

June 19, 2018 General Membership Meeting (GMM) Piazzano's 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



**Left:** Members represented Lansing Jaycees at JCI Michigan's 2017 Year End Conference held February 9th and 10th at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing, MI