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Shawshank Trail Tour

"Hope is a good thing; maybe the best of things and no good thing ever dies..." ~Andy Dufresne

Seven of us left for Mansfield, Ohio on July 10th with different hopes and expectations of what the Trail tour would be. Our tour coordinator, Sheryl Soczek had found out about the tour online and planned the event for other fellow fans of the movie, The Shawshank Redemption; staring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Filmed in 1993, it has scenes from numerous locations around Mansfield, including the Ohio State Reformatory Prison. The Trail offers 13 sites that you can drive around and visit and we saw at least 6 of them over the course of the weekend: the Prison, the pawn shop (compass), the boarding house (Brooks & Red), the park (Brooks & pigeons), a warehouse (interior prison shots filmed) and of course the Oak Tree.

In addition, we also made time to seek out some of the other tourist attractions around the area. In Mansfield we rode the downtown carrousel and sampled some yummy homemade chocolates. In nearby Wooster we discovered the largest Rubbermaid store (4 floors), stocked up on a few things and caught the tail end of a Tea Party rally. Next was over to Orrville where we shopped at the Smucker's Store & Café. There was plenty of jam and Crisco for all and later stopped at a nearby winery for a tasting and to make friends with the local goats.



Left: The Oak Tree

Right: The Whole Gang



The prison tour at the Ohio State Reformatory Prison was interesting and for some, eerie – I took a lot of pictures but did not see any "ghosts" in the images. We were lead through the west side of the building and saw from the movie the Warden's office, including the hole where his safe was, Red's parole board hearing room and the interior of the boarding house where the "Brooks was here, so was Red" quote is etched in the woodwork. We were careful not to touch anything due to the massive amounts of peeling lead paint everywhere, which only added to the unique qualities of the place. Also during the tour we saw the east and west side prison cells, the shower room and the solitary confinement cells. Props from the movie Air Force One were also around and the sewer pipe Andy uses to get out of prison and the tunnel he dug from his cell were also on display.

After the prison tour we travelled the windy, hilly roads of Lucas to see the Oak Tree plus visit Malabar Farm State Park and also to take in the great views from Mt Jeez. In all it was more than I had hoped to see and I enjoyed sharing my experience with my fellow Jaycees.

Submitted by: Alexandra Briseno, 2010 Secretary, xandrab@hotmail.com

Lansing Jaycees

August 2010

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

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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 more information.



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Join us for our monthly membership meeting at Trippers! Every first Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM



President's Report

During the last two weeks of July the board of directors was working on getting "Books" ready to submit. What are books? For the Jaycees they are quarterly submissions showing what each chapter has been doing. We review everything that happened during the quarter and organize it. This includes all of the material used to plan, execute and finalize the event. We also use pictures, sign in sheets and any other material needed to make the event a success. Once the book is complete we send it into the state to be judged. They review our books and events and we are evaluated against our chapter plan as well as similar events that were conducted by other chapters.

Once again I was really impressed with all of the hard work our chapter has done during the second quarter. The Community area started the quarter out with our Easter Egg Hunt on the Capitol Lawn. The day was truly picture perfect and it showed. We also helped raise \$1,398 during Bowl for Kids Sake and Relay for Life. We also helped to improve a home during Rebuilding and increase exposure to Old Town during the Taste and Tour event. We were able to help GM plant 600 trees and remove garlic mustard plants. Finally, we visited an East Lansing City Council meeting and had a fantastic discussion with Mayor Loomis, who was able to share his past experiences with the Lansing Jaycees.

We raised \$3,523 for our chapter during the Bob Pancost Memorial Golf Outing and Texas Hold'em. We were also able to successfully conduct a logo search for a new logo for Monster Mayhem. This is our Haunted House, which is coming back this fall after taking a break for a couple of years. This logo will help to give it a whole new look.

Our Membership area was strong with several successful events including our monthly Happy Hours and a Meet and Greet at Reno's West that included beer tasting. Speaking of beer, we had a great time on our 2nd Annual Beer Bus Extravaganza and I heard that plans are already under way for the next one. We also explored the Capital Area District Library for our New Member Orientation and participated in several Lugnuts games.

Finally, we had some great events for Individual Development. If you haven't attended an "ID" event you are really missing out! Some of us learned how to knit. Others were brave enough to try white water rafting for the first time. We also experienced several exciting restaurants.

Overall, we had a lot to offer during the second quarter. I am excited to see what the state has to say as far as our accomplishments. I am even more excited that we were able to clearly document and preserve so many outstanding events so future chairpersons can use the information on upcoming events.

Thanks to everyone that helped make the quarter and year to date a success. Is there a project that you want to see us offer? Contact a board member today and find out how to get

it added to our calendar.

Sincerely, Angela M. Fossi 82nd President

A Message from the Membership VP



Although it is August, there is still plenty of time to get out and enjoy the summer weather! I encourage everyone to spend time outside, whether it be with the Jaycees or on your own. There is so much to do around the area and the state, why not take some time to do something that brings you pleasure? Personally, I like hitting the beach/lake for some fun in the waves and sun as well as spending time with others who like to swim. Some other options for summertime fun would be visiting a zoo, hitting a park to play Frisbee/disc golf/tennis/basketball or play on the swings,

going for a bike ride or roller blading down the River Trail, hitting one of the multitude of summer festivals, making a picnic and going for a hike, star gazing, etc. There are so many things to do that we don't necessarily think of, don't miss out on all the opportunities before the weather starts to get colder again. Have a great remainder of summer!

Colleen Burton, 2010 Membership VP colleen713@yahoo.com

Happy Hour July!

The Lansing Jaycees had a happy hour on Thursday, July 29 at Darb's in Mason. Darb's has a relatively new patio that many of us spent time enjoying. It was a great day and was well attended, especially considering it was out in Mason. Although the person who suggested we go to Darb's didn't show up because it was too far away! Hope to see everyone at the August Happy Hour which will take place at the Tin Can.



Submitted by: Colleen Burton, 2010 Membership VP, colleen713@yahoo.com

Membership Anniversary Dates:

August:

C. Burton, S. Keeney, S. Nees, A. Ribby

September:

D. Akens, A. Amirahmadi, M. Ciranna, A. Kechkaylo, N. Kechkaylo, A. Woodward

Welcome New Members!!!



Lori Castelein Sangeetha Kannan Siddhartha Muthiah

Membership

Annual Camping Trip

The Lansing Jaycees camping trip was held at the popular Silver Lake State park July 15-18. Most of us came up on Thursday and the rest showed up on Friday. I arrived around 5:00p.m. The first day (Thursday) consisted of setting up our tents. Later that night we had dinner that included our favorite pie-iron creations. I made pizza that was sandwiched between two pieces of toast.

I woke up way too early the next morning about 6:30a.m., because of the sun shining through my tent and the lovely birds chirping. Breakfast was provided and I had a bagel. We didn't a start the day till around noon. My friends Dane, Erica, and I decided to go ride the dunes. Everyone else was headed for the beach. We first had to prep his Jeep Wrangler by popping the top and deflating the tires to about 10psi. It is required to have your tires that low when riding the dunes. Also we had to stop by a store that sells dune flags. When entering the dunes the DNR checks for an O.R.V (Off Road Vehicle) sticker and that our flag is high enough to hit the crossbar. As we came upon the dunes there is a big test hill that most attempt to reach the top and some fail. There is no direction except for a few parts on the dunes. One area we were on was so bumpy I about got whiplash. We averaged about 25mph. The dune buggies looked like they were able to go much faster without getting jostled around. We ended up stopping on the other side of the dunes on the shore of Lake Michigan and had some lunch that we packed.

We were on the way back to the exit when we stopped and watched vehicles attempt to climb up the test hill.

Dane didn't want to try it. He was afraid he wouldn't make it. Though I saw a Jeep Cherokee make it up. We spent about 2 hours on the dunes. I was a lot of fun and made me want to buy an ATV.

Afterwards we headed back to the camp. Dane and I decided to take his jet ski out on Silver Lake, which is across the street from our camp site. We took turns riding the jet ski. The water was refreshing and really rough, but made for a good time jumping the jet ski out of the water.

Later that night after more pie iron creations (I made a reuben this time)
PBR made an appearance. It was cold, refreshing, and golden. It's cheap, but it didn't
taste cheap. There was the catch phrase game making appearance, though this time
it didn't attract any park rangers. Because we put duct tape over the speaker.

The next morning the campers were treated to a big breakfast including lots of bacon. After breakfast the people that didn't cook were assigned to cleanup duty. So I was in charge of drying the dishes. Then we planned to go canoeing and kayaking, though that wasn't till about 3p.m. So we had about a couple of hours to kill. A few of us decided to go to the go cart track. First we went on the regular track then went on



the slick track. This is where they put talcum powder on certain parts of the track to make it slick. A few of us had to be helped after running into the wall because the carts don't have reverse. Back at camp everyone changed into their swimsuits except for me as I didn't plan on getting wet. Afterwards we headed down to White River where we would be canoeing. This was about a 30min car ride from our campsite. I had to pick out my kayak at the rental place. From the rental place we were bused to the river launching area. I mistakenly took someone else's kayak and started out down the river before being called back to get the original one I picked out. We took the 2 hour tour. Since I was the only one in a single kayak I took the lead. I thought Angela Fossi needed some cooling off by attemping to splash her. She warned me that I better watch myself. I didn't get her the first couple of tries, so I decided to dig in a little deeper with my paddle and that is when I fell into the river. It was cold at first, but refreshing. Everyone got a good laugh.

Later that night we were entertained by a light show presented by John Prush's laser pointer. I swear the space station could have seen the laser. We all sat around the campfire that night coming up with song lyrics and others trying to name that artist. Then we started interjecting Mel Gibson ranting quotes into the song lyrics. And then in the middle of all our fun we got interrupted by the Park Rangers telling us to keep it down and it was 10 minutes before quiet time, which is 11p.m. During the night while we were tucked in tight it stormed a little. Thankfully this was our last night camping and it didn't rain the whole trip like last year. The worst part of the trip is to get up the next morning, pack up and say goodbye to a fun filled camping trip.

August Birthdays

Dave Akens
Alexandra Briseno
Michael Ciranna
Sara Larsen
John Prush
Jeff Shannon

Happy Birthday!!!

Submitted by: Mike Castelein, mcastelein@att.net

Lansing Jaycees



Bridget and Company trying some wine!



Bridget, Carrie and Alex on the Carousel!



Geoff, Sheryl and Carrie in a small room at the Ohio State Reformatory!



Colleen at Darb's Patio for Happy Hour!

Seen in Action

Several people have asked when we are doing Children's Shopping Spree. For several years we have worked with PAL's and have organized a Back to School Shopping Spree for children that have been designated by the organization.

PAL is a nonprofit organization run by Lansing Police Officers. Lansing Policy Department officers and volunteers work together to provide sporting activities for the City's at-risk youth. PAL programs emphasize teamwork, positive citizenship, and fun. Youth who participate in PAL activities also realize that police officers are more than just law enforcers; they are also good role models.

This year we decided to do something a little different. We had some large expenses coming up this quarter getting the Haunted House up and running and most of our major fundraisers were coming up after mid-August. So we contacted PAL's and asked them what events would still be beneficial to the group while staying within our budget.

It turns out the group attended a Lugnuts game earlier in the season and had a great time. So instead of a shopping spree we decided to take them to one last ballgame before school starts. We are putting together the details but mark August 29th on your calendar for a 2 PM Lugnuts game. We will provide more details later soon. The kids are really excited and it fits their needs perfectly.

We also contacted Ele's Place and other organizations to find out what types of assistance they need. Do you know of a group or organization that could use help? Please contact me and we can work on adding them to our calendar.

Submitted by: Angela Fossi, 2010 President, kitispart@gmail.com

Lansing Area AIDS Network

The Lansing Area AIDS Network (LAAN) is dedicated to the delivery of services and programs designed to meet the needs of those living with HIV/AIDS and to prevent the further spread of the virus. They have been serving the HIV affected community in Lansing since 1985.

They have many volunteer positions available, and you can find them at www.laanonline.org. You must fill out a volunteer application in order to serve in a position, but you can help fundraise, be a support person for someone living with HIV, or just do general office work.

For more information or to volunteer, check out their website, www.laanonline.org!

Village Summit

A previously foreclosed house, Village Summit was transformed into a valuable resource for the neighborhood. Their mission is focused on helping children in the community and building bonds between community members through volunteerism and personal service. Located at 119 Barnes Ave. in Lansing, Village Summit is in need of books, school supplies, computers, ideas and your time. For more information, check out their webpage at www.villagesummit.org!

Individual Development

A Message from the Individual Development VP

Hello to you all:

I hope the summer has treated you all well and you are ready to get back into the swing of things. Summer has always been a time to try new things, relax and rejuvenate.

We have some exciting events coming up on the fall for you. We will have our monthly Get Your Food On events, this month will be at Snyder-Philips dining hall on campus, September is still open for ideas (if you are interested in planning a location let me know)

and in either October or November we will be taking another road trip.

As you all know we are getting in gear for our Haunted House "Monster Mayhem", I am sure some of you may be worried that you don't have the basic skills needed to help construct walls and doorways. Well, we will have a solution for you; Angela Fossi is working with Home Depot to schedule a how to clinic that will cover all of our basic needs. Keep watching the Jaycee Juice and website for more information.



If you have some ideas on Professional Development ideas, please send them my way, or better yet I will work with you to make them happen. So many of you have great ideas and skills, I would love for you to share them with the rest of the membership. Remember, your membership in the Lansing Jaycees will only be as great as the time and effort you put into it.

Have a great rest of your summer,

Sheryl A. Soczek, 2010 Individual Development VP soczek@msu.edu

Message from the Individual Development Director

I hope you are surviving the recent bout of hot and humid weather but finding something great to do!

As I am an advocate of learning every day, I do not know if any member has taken advantage of MIT OpenCourseWare. I have actually utilized this to learn stuff about programming to further develop my skill sets. It is similar to taking a course on your own, but you have to realize that you are not taking this course for any sort of college credit. There are various courses to go through, from architectures to humanities and computer programming to economics. If you are looking to develop yourself further, I would suggest using this very beneficial resource.



Further to that, do you have at your work a place where you can learn a lot of skills to develop position-related skills or skills that will help you get a better position? If you do not know, you should inquire with your human resources specialist if there is a program where you can learn further. As always, if there are any projects that you would like us to put on, please let either Sheryl or I know and we will do our best to see that it be put on for the benefit of our members.

Individual Development

Chaplain's Corner

Carrie May, Lansing Jaycees Chaplain carriemmay@aol.com 248-756-3840

Happiness is...

...curling up on the couch with your favorite blanket

and a good movie. It's important to remember to relax and take comfort in something so simple.

...enjoying your success. Success means something different to everyone. To some, it's striving to meet your maximum potential. For others, it's finding happiness and contentment with where you are in life. Find yours and enjoy.

...a warm, sunny day. Some of my favorite experiences this year have involved being outside and enjoying the beauty that surrounds us here in Michigan.

...good friends. You know...the ones who accept you regardless? The ones who support you when you need it, and who let you return that favor? It's easy to get busy and wrapped up in all that's going on, but remember to make time for those relationships.

...Betty White. Yes, she's the last of the Golden Girls. The twinkle she has in her eyes astonishing and contagious. And that she's still making people laugh is even more amazing.

...US Weekly. Or OK! Magazine. Or People. Or a great book. Pretty much, happiness is taking the time to escape reality for a little while.

...that warm fuzzy feeling you get when someone is excited to see you.

Enjoy the moments and make them memorable.

Get Your Food On: Taste of Thai

Three Lansing Jaycees on July 21st enjoyed a spicy side of food...Thai food!

It was an excellent time had by those who attended and we enjoyed various appetizers and main dishes. Some of them included Thai Keow Krob (Deep fried ground pork wrapped with wonton skin served with special sauce) and Pad Thai (Rice noodles sauteed with your choices of meat with egg, bean sprout, green onion, with peanut topping).

There are plenty of great dishes there to please your pallet and at varying spice levels.

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Works Progress Administration Walk

Two Lansing Jaycees on July 28th enjoyed a walk into the past of Michigan State University. We learned about the history of some of the architecture at Michigan State University that was developed during the time of the Great Depression under the Works Progress Administration created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. We looked at reliefs on many of the buildings along with painting and structures used in that era. We also learned about the history of the campus and how it has shaped the campus as it is today.

At the end, we enjoyed a great part of MSU...MSU Dairy Store ice cream!

If you are interested in taking the tour on your own, please contact me and I can provide you a map so you can take the tour on your own.

Submitted by:
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Individual Development

Handling Stress

Earlier this week I read a thought provoking statement written by David Seibert, a weather reporter in Greenland. He said, "Most people's problems arise because they're struggling to find balance within themselves..." Stress and frustration are the symptoms of an imbalance. There is a gap and loss of momentum between where we you are and where you want to be. It could be as simple as a work project that is taking longer than expected, or something more dramatic such as the unexpected loss of a major business contract. Imbalance happens and is natural part of life: there is no avoiding it. Screaming at the top of your lungs does not work, trust me, I have tried! However, there are strategies you can adopt that when used reduce the effects of imbalance and stress while using the experience to help you prevent future problems.

I strongly encourage open communication within teams. This action plan does not include or suggest when to involve peers, subordinates, or supervisors in the process. Each situation and environment is unique. I recommend erring on the side of over-communication if in doubt. You will find others will be willing to share their experience and point-of-view. The benefits can be significant: an enhanced relationship, reduced stress, and less time spent figuring out how to handle the problem.

1) Understand why there is stress. Example: Delivering project late incurs a penalty of \$1,000 a day. We are likely to be 3 days late.

2) Identify symptom causing stress. Example: Project is not likely to finish on time

3) Probe for initial cause of symptom.

Example: Team member had a personal emergency

- 4) Identify the root cause of the problem. Example: Other team members do not have appropriate knowledge and skills to fill in for missing team member
- 5) Explore potential solutions. Example: a) Call temp office to hire someone with skills needed, b) call contacts who may know someone who could fill in, c) look for people in other departments who could help, d) explore time involved with training team members
- 6) Assess risks and rewards of solutions.

Example: a) est. 50% chance of success and potential time wasted / potential new long term employee, b) est. 30% chance of success and potential time wasted / strengthen relationship / potential new employee, c) est. 70% chance of success and potential political problems, cross-trained co-worker who can help in future on short notice, d) est. 10% chance of success and potential money and too time wasted

- 7) Implement decision with the highest chance of success Example: c) Ask Phyllis if the Percilla could help out for two days.
- 8) Monitor results and adjust resources accordingly Example: Percilla comes to work that afternoon and brings donuts. You also note team members love eating donuts. Who would have known?
- 9) Introduce preventative action plan to mitigate future occurrences Example: After project completes on time you do a post project evaluation. Team members recommend more inter-department cross training.

Note: This simplified action plan does not consider opportunity cost, expenses, or net present value of residual benefits. When included these factors may impact the final decision more than simplified risk assessment shown here. If you would like a more detailed action plan feel free to contact me.

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A Message from the Management VP

Can you believe that summer is almost over and our largest event in terms of manpower and time is right around the corner? What event is that you ask? Why it is our haunted house, "Monster Mayhem"! That's right, in just a little over a month, we will begin the process of construction and spooking the greater Lansing area. Marketing/PR and some construction meetings are currently underway, but don't fret there is plenty for everyone. If you are interested, please feel free to join any of our committee meetings.

I am always looking for fundraising ideas, if you have any...please let me know and we can get the ball rolling. We will have our 3rd Texas Hold'em coming up in early October. If you are interested in helping to co-chair this event, please let me know. I am interested in teaching others how we go about the process of applying for the license, soliciting volunteers and filing the state mandated paperwork.

Please keep the following dates in mind as we gear up for our haunted house season:

Truck Unload: September 17th from 5:30 – 9 PM

Construction: September 18th & 19th from 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM September 20th & 22nd from 5:00 – 9:00 PM

September 20th & 22nd from 5:00 – 9:00 PM September 25th & 26th from 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM September 27th & 29th from 5:00 – 9:00 PM October 2nd & 3rd from 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM October 4th & 6th from 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Monster Mayhem (we are open to the public from 7:00 – 11:00 PM)

October 15th & 16th from 6:00 – 11:30 PM October 22nd & 23rd from 6:00 – 11:30 PM

October 28th, 29th, 30th & 31st from 6:00 PM – 11:30 PM

Please stay tuned for dates for our Media Blitz and deconstruction.

Have a great August and we will see you soon!

Sheryl A. Soczek, 2010 Management Vice President, soczek@msu.edu

Monster Mayhem – Construction and Design

You've likely noticed that we're bringing back the Lansing Jaycees Monster Mayhem Haunted House this year. We're very excited to have a great location (at the Jolly-Cedar Plaza), and committees have started working toward putting together a great project.

The PR / Marketing Committee has been working hard to solicit donations and develop the marketing plan. The Volunteer Committee will soon meet to begin looking for volunteer groups to help us staff our haunted house with monsters. The Operations Committee will start to finalize the plans for specifically how the house will run.

My favorite committee – the Construction and Design Committee – is in full force! To me, the great thing about this committee is that you get be involved in the design and build of the haunted house. You actually get to design our product! This part of the project allows members to help with coming up with the ideas for room designs, including how the maze is developed.

This construction part of the process is equally fun, and a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Jaycees. During the construction process, members have the chance to learn and / or show off their construction skills by working with power tools to build walls and bring the rooms to life, so to speak.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to get involved with the Monster Mayhem Haunted House this year. It's truly a rewarding project with which to be involved. For more information about the Construction and Design Committee, contact Carrie May (carriemmay@aol.com) or Troy Steere (stephanieandtroy@gmail.com).

2010 Region D Meetings

Join us at our last Region D meeting of 2010!!!

Sunday, October 3rd: Time, TBD, Ionia

Trainers: Darlene Dresch, 86th MIJC President, Transition to 2011

For more information or any training recommendations, contact 2010 Region D Director Angela M. Clock at fallingstar924@hotmail.com or 517-410-9527

A note from the Capitol Correspondent Editor:

Thanks to the contributors of the July newsletter: A. Fossi, S. Soczek, A. Clock, A. Briseno, C. May, C. Burton, Andrew Hoard, D. Harris

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Please submit your articles, photos, or ideas for future newsletters to:

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Lansing Jaycees Activities...

<u>August 27th</u> – Outdoor Game Night – Nick & Alyson Kechkaylo's, 1319 Orlando, Haslett (Details = A. Kechkaylo @ 810-955-7236)

<u>August 28th</u> – MIJC Family Outing – Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn; 8:30AM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

<u>August 29th</u> – Lugnuts Game with PALS Kids – Cooley Law School Stadium, 505 E. Michigan Avenue; 2:00PM (Details = I. Hajdar @ 517-667-4236)

<u>August 30th</u> – Monster Mayhem Construction/Design Meeting – TBD; 6:00 PM (Details = C. May @ 248-756-3840)

<u>September 2nd – Construction Workshop</u> – Home Depot, 1749 Newman Rd., Okemos; 6:30PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

<u>September 7th</u> – <u>General Membership Meeting</u> – Tripper's, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing; 6:00PM Social Hour, 7:00 PM meeting (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

<u>September 11th</u> – <u>Bowling League</u> – Royal Scot, 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing; 8:30PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

<u>September 11-12th</u> – Wine Pouring at Renaissance Festival – Holly; 6:00 PM (Details = B. Burnell @ 989-737-9685)

September 13th New Member Orientation – TBD; 6:00-8:00 PM (Details = C. Burton @ 517-281-6049)

<u>September 14th</u> – Haunted House PR/Marketing Meeting – Geno's Pizzeria, 208 S. Washington Sq., Lansing; 5:30PM (Details = S. Soczek @ 517-862-6376)

<u>September 15th</u> Haunted House Pre-Build – 5136 S. Cedar St., Lansing; 5:00 PM (Details = T. Steere @ 248-716-0539)

<u>September 17th</u> Haunted House Truck Unload – 5136 S. Cedar St., Lansing; 5:30-9:00 PM (Details = A. Fossi @ 586-484-7027)

Watch the Juice weekly for other events yet to be planned!

Congrats on your 1st experience at the Nuthouse Arya!

Don't forget the wine!

Sam – ya ready to resurface? Great job on the Great Lakes Folk Fest Beer & Wine Tent!

Karen B. – Thanks for coming to the August GMM and making me NOT the most senior member there! - Amy

Thanks for the picture of the doll head in the jar, Abby! Love you!

Anonymous – next time, there needs to be a yes and no to circle.

Still need to go hat shopping, Arya.

Save your bottle caps. We won't judge!!!

Anyone feel like pouring some

Ilona – the "O" shall not be mentioned – at least in detail.

least in detail. ©

Abby – so what's the dimensions? - Ilona

"Sheryl vs. Sheryl in Celebrity Death Match." As said by Carrie May

Thank you Carrie for rocking my world!

Have something to say?
Email Angela Clock,
Newsletter Editor at
fallingstar924@hotmail.com
to make your contribution!

Carrie – any more Celebrity Death Match references?

Colleen – velvet, lace...
'nuff said. ©

I'm over the moon. Are you?

Great job on the beer tent Sam, Angela and Carrie! -Sheryl

Hope that first timers
Dan and Abby had a
fantastic time at
convention!!!

llona is a klepto.

Blaine – I'm sorry I said you look like MPS.

Seriously, why have I not been to the Tin Can before?

Sheryl S. & Blaine C. – Congratulations on dunking Gina's a\$\$ repeatedly at the Lansing Derby Vixens Meet & Greet! - Karen



Team 1 – We may have been eliminated in the first round of Battle of the Books, but you just wait until next time...

Congrats to the Lansing Jaycees on #3 in 2nd Quarter Parade of Chapters – rock on!

Top 100 New Classics

Below, you'll find the first part of a list that Entertainment Weekly put out last year - the top 100 books printed in the last 25 years. How many have you read? Are any on your to read list? Stay tuned for 51-100 in next month's newsletter!!!

- 1. The Road, Cormac McCarthy (2006)
- 2. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, J.K. Rowling (2000)
- 3. Beloved, Toni Morrison (1987)
- 4. The Liars' Club, Mary Karr (1995)
- 5. American Pastoral, Philip Roth (1997)
- 6. Mystic River, Dennis Lehane (2001)
- 7. Maus, Art Spiegelman (1986/1991)
- 8. Selected Stories, Alice Munro (1996)
- 9. Cold Mountain, Charles Frazier (1997)
- 10. The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle, Haruki Murakami (1997)
- 11. Into Thin Air, Jon Krakauer (1997)
- 12. Blindness, José Saramago (1998)
- 13. Watchmen, Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons (1986-87)
- 14. Black Water, Joyce Carol Oates (1992)
- 15. A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius, Dave Eggers (2000)
- 16. <u>The Handmaid's Tale</u>, Margaret Atwood (1986)
- 17. Love in the Time of Cholera, Gabriel García Márquez (1988)
- 18. Rabbit at Rest, John Updike (1990)
- 19. On Beauty, Zadie Smith (2005)
- 20. Bridget Jones's Diary, Helen Fielding (1998)
- 21. On Writing, Stephen King (2000)
- 22. The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, Junot Díaz (2007)
- 23. The Ghost Road, Pat Barker (1996)
- 24. Lonesome Dove, Larry McMurtry (1985)
- 25. The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan (1989)
- 26. Neuromancer, William Gibson (1984)
- 27. Possession, A.S. Byatt (1990)
- 28. Naked, David Sedaris (1997)
- 29. Bel Canto, Anne Patchett (2001)
- 30. Case Histories, Kate Atkinson (2004) 31. The Things They Carried, Tim O'Brien (1990)
- 32. <u>Parting the Waters</u>, Taylor Branch (1988)
 33. <u>The Year of Magical Thinking</u>, Joan Didion (2005)
- 34. The Lovely Bones, Alice Sebold (2002)
- 35. The Line of Beauty, Alan Hollinghurst (2004)
- 36. Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt (1996)
- 37. Persepolis, Marjane Satrapi (2003)
- 38. Birds of America, Lorrie Moore (1998)
- 39. Interpreter of Maladies, Jhumpa Lahiri (2000)
- 40. His Dark Materials, Philip Pullman (1995-2000)
- 41. The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros (1984)
- 42. LaBrava, Elmore Leonard (1983)
- 43. Borrowed Time, Paul Monette (1988)
- 44. Praying for Sheetrock, Melissa Fay Greene (1991)
- 45. Eva Luna, Isabel Allende (1988)
- 46. <u>Sandman</u>, Neil Gaiman (1988-1996)
- 47. World's Fair, E.L. Doctorow (1985)
- 48. The Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver (1998)
- 49. Clockers, Richard Price (1992)
- 50. The Corrections, Jonathan Franzen (2001)

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