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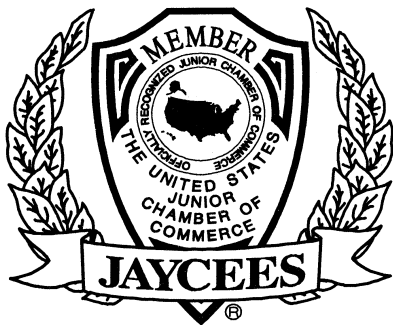
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Jaycee Creed

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***

The Lansing Jaycees is an organization of people ages 21-39 which promotes leadership training through community service. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm (dinner between 6:00 and 6:30) at Tripper's Restaurant in Frandor. Visit our website, www.lansingjaycees.org for a map to the meeting location or call us at (517) 853-8620.



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Shop Till you Drop!!”

It's July, which means that we're getting into the dog days of summer. As the weather gets hotter, everything slows down – our children, our pets, even the Jaycee calendar slows down a little as our members get busy with other summertime activities.

But the calendar doesn't stop completely, because coming up on August 6th is the Children's Shopping Spree. This is one of the Jaycee's biggest community projects - it requires more than 40 volunteers! We've worked hard this year holding fundraisers to pay for school clothes for these children – now we finally get to spend it!! To see the appreciation on a child's face when they see bags of new clothes that are just for them – that when the point comes home that “We are making a difference”.

I've heard a lot of Jaycees say they can't wait to volunteer at the Children's Shopping Spree. This is great, but I would like to ask you all whether or not you can do more. Theresa Dodd has graciously agreed to chair this project, but good projects don't just happen – they require time and work in order to come together, and I think that Theresa wouldn't mind a little help.

Have a great July!!

Laura Vieth
77th President

July General Membership Meeting – “Potluck in the Park”

The July General Membership Meeting is going on the road – to Sharp Park! We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 5 at the covered pavilion at Sharp Park. Sandwiches from Panera bread, plates, silverware, and napkins will be provided; members are asked to bring a side dish to pass and their own beverages (we have a permit that allows you to bring adult beverages if you choose). Dinner will be at 6:30, and the meeting will start at 7:00. Come out to share in the fun and hear about upcoming Jaycee events and how to get involved! Michigan Jaycee President Bob Peacock is scheduled to come to this meeting, so take the opportunity to come out and meet him.

Sharp Park is located behind the Lansing Mall on Elmwood Dr. For more information, please contact Laura Vieth at lavieth@cmsenergy.com.

August General Membership Meeting – “Banking” on Fun

Our August General Membership meeting is returning to Tripper's, but the fun won't stop there! We will be meeting on Tuesday, August 2nd at 7:00pm (with dinner between 6:00 and 6:30). **At** the meeting you will be able to hear about upcoming events and how to get involved, and **after** the meeting we will be retiring to the restaurant to play some complimentary pool as well as socialize with our fellow Jaycees. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Vieth at lavieth@cmsenergy.com. Hope to see you there!

Membership Development

Alexis deTocqueville

Who was Alexis de Tocqueville? Alexis de Tocqueville wrote a book called "Democracy in America" roughly 150 years ago. He was a French aristocrat who toured mid-19th century America.

Politicians, pundits, writers, and others have quoted him over the years because of how well he captured what made America so unique among nations, as well as some of his predictions about the fledgling republic of the time.

The reason I mention Tocqueville is two-fold. #1 – Sometimes, I'm a stuffy, academic type who likes to drop names in a futile attempt to impress people. #2 – he mentioned something about associations/organizations that has stuck with me over the years.

"Americans of all ages, all conditions, and all dispositions constantly form associations. They have not only commercial and manufacturing companies, in which all take part, but associations of a thousand other kinds, religious, moral, serious, futile, general or restricted, enormous or diminutive. The Americans make associations to give entertainments, to found seminaries, to build inns, to construct churches, to diffuse books, to send missionaries to the antipodes; in this manner they found hospitals, prisons, and schools. If it is proposed to inculcate some truth or to foster some feeling by the encouragement of a great example, they form a society."

This is where Tocqueville describes a significant and powerful aspect of American culture- our ability to form organizations and the role these organizations play in shaping our society. It is beneficial to public discourse on various issues; it is healthy for our community, state and nation; and it is important that this part of Americana continues.

Jaycees is but one example of such an organization. We are unique in that being a young persons' organization, for many people, Jaycees is the first experience in being a part of an association. For many, they take the experiences they get in Jaycees and apply them in the future, working on different ventures; commercial, government, and non-profit. The bottom line is this- *Jaycees can play an important role as a training ground for future leaders.*

That being said, as Jaycees, we have an important role to play in continuing and extending our tradition of leadership training and community development. We have a responsibility to recruit new members and get them involved. So... let us work together to do so. Please ask people you know who are of Jaycee age to join and to get involved. It can make a big difference in their lives as well as the life of our community.

Chris Vieth
Membership Vice President

Upcoming Membership Events

Happy Hour/B.L.A.A.S.T. -July 15, check Jaycees website for further location.

Member Orientation - July 5th, 6:00 PM - preceding the GMM, this is for members and prospective members who would like to learn more about the Jaycee organization and how to get involved.

Because of changes with renewal processing with the Michigan and US Jaycees, renewals are due one month early. i.e. - August renewals are due in July, etc. **Please check the due dates on your invoices.**

Sara	Ballard	07/01/01
Kim	Doughty	07/01/03
Jeff	Ferris	07/01/03
Darrin	Fowler	07/01/99
Amber	Lambert	07/01/02
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Mike	Flaminio	08/01/03
Ricky	Gonzales	08/01/03
Tim	Recker	08/01/03
Brian	Reuwer	08/01/04
Laura	Vieth	08/01/01

MetNet - July 29-31, 2005 New Orleans, LA

MetNet is designed specifically for large chapters or those in large cities, and provides an opportunity to network with members in similar chapters, get training on topics relevant to Metro chapters, and take back ideas to help your chapter succeed in 2005.

www.metrojaycees.org/met_net_2005.htm

To register or with questions, contact

Aesha Jordan

Director of Meetings

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Individual Development

Help Wanted! Individual Development (ID) is looking for a Few Good Projects! If you have an idea for a project that will help enhance an individual's personal or professional development skills, let Sheryl Soczek or Matt Wiitala know. Sheryl can be reached at ssoczek@mail.grandhotel.net or Matt at mtwiitala@hotmail.com. For instance, the **Exercise Club** needs a Chair at this time, someone who can pull together the great group of individuals we have who really want to get out and get healthier.

We don't want to forget the award-winning **Foodie Club**. For more information on the next fabulous eating experience, please contact Jeff Sand at sand.j@comcast.net or Amy Miller at millerae@gmail.com.

In June, ID hosted a **Family Night at Caesarland in Okemos** on **June 10, at 6:30 pm**. John Pulice, Alex Pulice and Jacob Pulice along with Matt, Sheila and Drew Wiitala attended.

The **Camping Cooking Class II** was a lot of fun once again. We had Ham, Sweet Potatoes and Apples (courtesy of Laura Vieth); Chicken Fajitas (Tim, Maureen and Lindsay Recker); Grilled Vegetables (Amy Miller); Biscuits on a Stick (Kathleen Hausbeck-Miller); Orange Muffins (Sheila and Drew Wiitala); and Hot Iron Pie Pizzas (Katrina Saari and Carrie May). As for Matt's Chocolate Peanut Butter Wraps, all that can be said is...sniff the Peanut Butter before bringing it from home!

And the **Annual Camping Trip** is coming up faster than you can think. It will be held the weekend of **July 29-30** at **Muskegon State Park**. The cost will be \$24.00 for individuals, \$48.00 for couples or families (please make checks payable to "Lansing Jaycees"). While this price is a little higher than last year, all meals are being provided with the exception of the Saturday Night Potluck. Also, this state park puts us close to Michigan Adventure Theme Park. For more information, contact Sheila Wiitala at shmwiiitala@sbcglobal.net or Matt Wiitala at mtwiitala@hotmail.com.

Northern MI Wine Country Tour

September 10 -11, 2005. If you are interested in learning more about Wine, please join us for a weekend long trip to Traverse City! Enjoy good food, wine, friends and fun. If you are interested in joining us, please respond to Kristy Jones at kristy.jones@53.com or 517-351-5315.

Are You Ready For Some Horses?

On Monday, July 25th, the Lansing Jaycees will be going horseback riding! This will be great fun whether you're a 'city slicker' or a 'seasoned wrangler'. We will be meeting at Sundance Riding Stables, 9250 Nixon Road in Grand Ledge, at 6:15 pm, and then going out for an hour long guided trail ride. The cost is \$20.00 per person, although I've found some coupons online that look like we can get \$2.00 off (or there may be group discounts available). Also, if people are interested, we can go out for dinner afterward! If you'd like to go or have any questions about this event, please contact Laura Vieth at lavieth@cmsenergy.com.

Matt Wiitala, ID Vice President
Sheryl Soczek, ID Director

Happy Birthday!

July

Darrin Fowler Sheila Wiitala Jeff Ferris

Renee Dolan Sheryl Soczek Patrick Brazil Matt Wiitala

Community Development

Summer is coming, and with it comes even more opportunities to volunteer in our community. Please join us for any of our upcoming activities and let us know of any other events that you would like to see the Lansing Jaycees participate in. Earlier this year, many of you expressed an interest in working with Habitat for Humanity. Now is your chance!

In April, seven of our chapters members volunteered to participate in Adopt-A-Highway. Together, they cleaned up a two mile stretch on the southbound lane of I-96. On Monday, July 11th, the Lansing Jaycees will be meeting at at 6:00 PM to clean up the northbound lane. Please come out and join us. The more people we have, the faster it will go! To participate, please contact Tracy Prush at <tracy@prush.com> or by phone at (517) 699-8166.

On Saturday, August 6th, the Lansing Jaycees will be joining up with Mervyn's and the Lansing Police Department to take 50 underprivileged children shopping during our annual Back-to-School Children's Shopping Spree. More information about this event will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, we do need plenty of volunteers. If you are able to volunteer on this day, please contact Dianne Perukel at <perukeld@comcast.net> or Theresa Dodd at <treedodd@yahoo.com> and be sure to invite your friends and family!

Tracy Prush
Community Development Vice President

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes Needs our Help!

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is going to be holding their first Walk to Cure Diabetes in Lansing on August 6th, 2005, and they're asked the Jaycees if we would paint faces at this event. Although this is the same day as Children's Shopping Spree, they only need 4 volunteers for this event, and two Jaycees have already signed up.

JDRF will be furnishing all of the supplies; we just need to be there to paint faces from 10:30am to 12:30pm (which is plenty of time after the Shopping Spree ends). If you can only help out at only one event that day, **PLEASE** volunteer for the Children's Shopping Spree, but if you want to help out at this event as well, we'd appreciate it! If you're interested in participating, please contact Laura Vieth at lavieth@cmsenergy.com

Max's Race

Can you turn tragedy into hope? That is exactly what Natalie and Jim Matthews are trying to do. Their son Max died March 2005. In his honor, they are organizing a 5K run/walk to raise money for the Sparrow Hospital Pediatric Fund. They have asked for our help! Volunteers are need to help with registration, handing out water, face painting, etc. Please email me if you can help! kmhausbeck@comcast.net

Max's Race July 9, 2005 8:30 race starts, volunteers need to arrive at 6:30 am.

Management Development

Lansing Jaycee 2nd Annual Golf
Outing – Smokin' HOT!!!
And very Successful!



Thanks to the great weather we had on Saturday June 25th our 2nd annual golf outing teed off to a great success! We had a total of 56 golfers, which almost doubled from last year along with more than doubling our profits from last year (the totals will be coming soon so stay tuned!). A special thanks goes out to Josh Springer for chairing the event along with the great group of members who helped along the way, they are: Laura and Chris Vieth, Lynn Schramm, Patrick Brazil, Teri Bruning, Jen Miller, Amy Miller, Aron Clark, Tracy and John Prush.. Also a thank you to the hole sponsors who helped reach out goal for the event, they are: Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, The Rehmann Group, Michigan Millers Insurance, Flipside Computing Services, Smith Floral & Greenhouse, Sohn Linen Service, Go Green Glass, and last but truly not least Laura Vieth, 77th President, Lansing Jaycees. Without the help from these sponsors along with all of the goody bag donations and prize donations, this event would not have been as successful as it was! Thanks again, to everyone and hope to see you all at next year's event!

Stay Informed About Your Chapter

Check out the file archives in the Member area of the Lansing Jaycees website for information on the management of the chapter. You can view the Board of Directors meeting minutes and financial information. 2005 Budget information will soon be available in the file archives or can be requested by emailing treasurer@lansingjaycees.org.

New Members for June!

Please welcome the following new members:

Mark Dziak
Shannon Farner
Kimberly Herlick
Kurt Judge
Brian Reed
Don Sanner
Ray Siegmann

HELP WANTED: Newspaper Editor for the Capital Correspondent.

If you are creative, computer literate, and can proofread, please contact myself or Laura Vieth.

If you have further information you'd like to send, please forward it to me at kristy.jones@53.com or call me at 517-351-5315.

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Annual Lansing Jaycees Camping Trip

July 29-31, 2005
Muskegon State Park
Muskegon, MI

Check in Time is 3:00 PM on Friday.

Friday Evening we will be having Hot Iron Pie Pizzas.

All meals except for the Saturday Potluck will be provided.

Please bring a dish to pass for the Saturday Potluck and indicate whether you would prefer hotdogs or hamburgers.

Please send your registration slip with check made out to the "Lansing Jaycees" by Saturday, July 16.

The cost is \$24/person or \$48/couple or families. This includes your campsite and all meals except for the Saturday potluck.

Yes, I will be attending the Camping Trip.

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Number of People_____

I Need a Tent:

Yes

No

I Would Like to Eat:

Hamburger

Hot Dog

Both

Please return this slip to: Matt and Sheila Wiitala
1117 Berten Street, Lansing 48912, By July 16.