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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 21-40 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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From the President

Dear Jaycees and friends,

I would like to start out this month with a heartfelt thank you. Thank you to the members who came out to an event or stepped up to chair an event in the first two months! I would also like to extend a special thank you to the 2006 Board of Directors! I truly have an amazing group of people working with me this year. They have worked very hard to start this year off strong and we are running! The chapter planning process is done and I invite all members to review the document on the website. The plan is a "dynamic document." It is meant to establish a plan for a successful year, but through quarterly review, changes are made to meet the needs of the membership. If there is something that you want to see the chapter involved in, please let us know!

We have several big events coming right now. First quarter means....Easter Egg Hunt! This is one of our largest community events, one which we are well known for providing to the children of the Greater Lansing area. Thank you to WVIC, our media sponsor for this event. Brad and Mary from the Morning Show will be our emcees at the Easter Egg Hunt. It is a lot of fun, over in the blink of an eye and we will try not to have any false starts this year!

I invite all members to step up this quarter. Step up and come out to a General Membership Meeting or to an event you have never attended. Step up to work on a project committee/team or even be a team leader. Step out of your comfort zone and see what you can do to help! The Junior Chamber is a unique organization. We are truly an organization that holds many opportunities for our members. Take advantage of those opportunities. You can increase your skills in many areas. Whether it is coming out for a line dancing lesson, attending or planning a social or working on the Easter Egg Hunt committee you will gain from the experience!

Every project is an opportunity to:

1. Network with other members and the community
2. Increase your leadership skills
3. Make a difference in the community.

Amy E. Miller
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Committee Members Needed!

We are in the process of establishing several standing committees for this year. The Business Networking/Entrepreneurship Committee will be charged with determining programming needs in this area and planning events. The Public Relations Committee will establish a PR plan for the year and examine issues such as marketing our organization and increasing diversity amongst our membership. The Long Term Planning Committee will put a five year plan into place and the By-Law Review Committee will review and suggest changes to our bylaws. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please email me. Your assistance is needed to make the 2006 year the best yet.

Amy E. Miller
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Membership Development

First I would like to say thank you to Marissa and Matt Cannata for hosting the Super Bowl party on February 5 at their house. We had great home made pizza, appetizers and a delicious oreo dessert. Although my team did not win it was a good time to meet up with everyone and watch the halftime show. There also was an intense game of Scattergories being played by those who weren't quite interested in the game.

Now that football season is over, basketball season is underway. This means March Madness!! Stay tuned for socials to be on evenings that basketball is on. It will be a good time to root on your favorite team or teams. Try to guess who is going to take it all. MSU?

March also means St. Patrick's Day. Be ready to socialize with members and spread the luck of the Irish. There will be a social on Friday March 17. Details are still being worked out.

Stay tuned for new and upcoming events in the Membership area. As always, if you have ideas and would like to share them, please email me at lansingjcmvp@yahoo.com or call me at (517) 881-3080.

Kristen McBeath
Membership Development Vice President

March and April Renewals

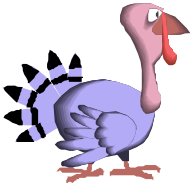
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March Birthdays

Angela Backus - March 2
Teri Sand - March 8
Kurt Judge - March 21



Management Development



It's Turkey Time

The annual Jaycee Bowl-A-Thon is approaching us ever so quickly. Bring your friends and family out for an afternoon of fun and bowling. All proceeds will be going to the Back To School Project later this year. There are multiple ways to participate. First, you can get friends, family and co-workers to sponsor you donating an allotted amount for each pin you knock down. The other is to bring your friends and family to bowl. If you are interested please contact Josh Springer at flip44@svsutekes.com.



Golfing Is Fore Everyone



It's almost that time of year again to dust off your clubs and get them out of the closet. You should start practicing now for the 3rd Annual Jaycee Golf Outing. Get your team together early and register. Hole sponsorships are still available for this year's event. If you or your company are interested in participating in the golf outing or sponsoring a hole, please feel free to contact Josh Springer at flip44@svsutekes.com.



What Are My Options?

Ever wonder what it takes to invest in a stock or purchase a bond? Get together with some of your fellow Jaycees and learn more about stocks and bonds and investing. Generate investment ideas and do your own analysis on stocks. Then understand what your analysis is telling you. The Investment Stock Club Committee is forming and looking for members. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Josh Springer at flip44@svsutekes.com.



Texas Hold'em Tournament

Think you have what it takes to go All-In or are you just bluffing your way through life? The Lansing Jaycees are going to be holding a Texas Hold'em Tournament in the upcoming months. A specific date is not yet been finalized, but there will be cash prizes for at least the top five places. If you are interested in participating or joining the committee, please feel free to contact Josh Springer at flip44@svsutekes.com.



Easter Egg Hunt Wish List

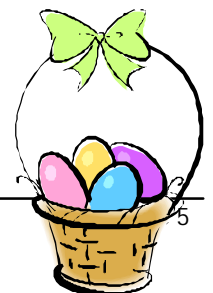
The following are items needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to donate any of the items or know someone who might be willing to donate such items, please let us know! You can bring items to the March or April GMM or any Jaycee project. Just let someone from the Easter Egg Hunt Committee know!

- Prewrapped Candy (must be able to fit in a 2.5 inch Easter Egg and not be chocolate)
- Easter Baskets
- Arts and Crafts supplies (contact Sheryl Soczek if interested in crafts!)
- Gift Cards to Meijer or Target
- Crayons and Markers

Easter Egg Hunt Committee Report



This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 15 on the Capitol Lawn. Activities will begin at 10 a.m. and the hunt will be held at 11 a.m. Our emcees will be Mary and Brad from the Morning Show on WVIC. Thank you to WVIC for being our media sponsor for this event! Planned activities include: games, crafts, balloon animals, Potter Park Zoo, the Bookmobile, a visit from the Lansing Fire Department, temporary tattoos and of course visits with the Easter Bunny! It is not too late to help out with this committee! The committee includes: Amy Miller, John and Tracy Prush, Kim Doughty, Sheryl Soczek, Shanan Vann, Angela Clock, Felicity White and Shawn Green from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission. We need many volunteers to make this event a success! Last year's Hunt had about 800 kids in attendance. We are planning for 1,000 this year and we will be stuffing 9,000 Easter eggs! Thank you to Sohn Linen and past president Sally Sohn for donating use of the boardroom at Sohn Linen for stuffing the eggs. More information on all these events will be available through weekly emails, the next newsletter and at GMMs. To volunteer for this event, please contact Kim Doughty, EEH Volunteer Coordinator at kdoug5@jcpenny.com or the committee chairperson, Tracy Prush at tracy@prush.com.



International Development

Hi Lansing Jaycees! Jimi Carolan and Jamie Wilmoth here, your new International Development Team. We're really excited about the 2006 year! We're eager to expose our chapter to the exciting things that the Jaycees have going on at the Regional, State, National, and International level. And, we know that the Lansing Jaycees is a great chapter full of enthusiastic, energetic members – and we can't wait to show other Jaycees at all levels what Lansing has to offer. If you have any ideas for becoming involved with Jaycees on a broader level (be it a trip to visit another local chapter, a program

bringing several chapters together, or an opportunity to step out of our comfort zone and visit an international Jaycee chapter), please let us know and we'll work with you to make sure it happens! Here's looking forward to a great new year!

Jimi Carolan
International Development VP

Jamie Wilmoth
International Development Director

Are you curious what "International Development" consists of? Well, we are trying to get the word out about projects in different locations, or learn about other cultures. There are several things already in the planning process, but we would love and need your input.

If you were at the February GMM, you heard about Model Legislature. Gary Bulson, Michigan Jaycees Government and Civic Involvement Program Manager, gave us some details about the event. It is March 18 in the Capital Building. We have a few people that have attended in the past, and planning to go this year. It is a great opportunity. Would you like more information? Let us know.

Toronto anyone? We are trying to get in touch with JCI Toronto, and possibly head over there this summer. How about racing a raft down a river while making chili? In June, we are planning a trip to Cheboygan, for the Cheboygan Jaycees Wanigan Festival. Are you interested in improving your



management and planning skills? JCI Achieve will provide the training necessary on March 25.

Looking for a good time? Well, Boyne Mountain, here we come. The Michigan Jaycees May Convention is May 5-7. There is also a fundraiser for Junior Chamber Family AIDS Network on May 5... a golf outing! People Puzzles? The Coldwater Jaycees will be learning about different personality profiles on March 4.

If you have ideas, or would like to participate in any upcoming events, please let us know

Proudly Serving,

Jimi Carolan



Who are the Outstanding Young People in our Community?

The Deadline for the 2006 Class of Outstanding Young Michiganders and Distinguished Service Awards is quickly approaching.

The Lansing Jaycees would like to submit a nomination for one of the following Distinguished Service Award categories:

Outstanding Young Religious Leader – Pastor, Priest, Youth Group Leader, Sunday School Teacher, etc.

Outstanding Young Educator - School or College instructor, etc

Outstanding Young Public Safety Officer - Law Enforcement Officer, EMT/Paramedic or Firefighter

Outstanding Young Governmental Leader - Governmental Leader at any level

Outstanding Young Farmer

We are also seeking a nomination for Outstanding Young Michigander.

Outstanding Young Michigander- Recipients of this recognition should adhere to the principles embodied in the Jaycee Creed.

The deadline is MARCH 15, 2006!

All nominees must be between the ages of 21 and 40. Awards will be presented at the Summer Assembly Saturday Banquet to be held on Saturday, August 5, 2006 in Romulus, MI.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Jimi Carolan or Jamie Wilmoth.

Assist the Philippines through JCI Operation Hope



Dear Fellow JCI Members,

As most other JCI members worldwide, I have been saddened by the news of the catastrophic mudslides in the Philippines. On Friday, February 17, we learned that the village of Guinsaugon had disappeared under the mud, and

most of its 1,857 inhabitants were missing and feared dead.

Reports indicate that only a few jumbles of corrugated steel sheeting show that Guinsaugon ever existed. The search was focusing on an elementary school amid unconfirmed reports that relatives of the 250 children

and teachers had received mobile phone text messages from survivors.

On behalf of JCI members worldwide, I would like to express our sincerest condolences to JCI members in the Philippines over the loss of life in Guinsaugon. We pray that the measures that are being taken save as many lives as possible and prevent further damages on the southern part of Leyte Island and the surrounding areas.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate JCI Philippines in general and the nine JCI local organizations in Cebu in particular for their outstanding efforts to provide assistance. As reported by Sun.Star , at least 320,000 pesos were raised in 10 hours on Sunday, February 19, during a radiothon hosted by a broadcasting company, the Cebu City Government, and JCI Cebu-Mactan Channel.

Additionally, seven JCI local organizations in Cebu manned a drop-off center for donations on Sunday. JCI local organizations in Cebu are giving us all an

outstanding example of how to provide leadership training while serving the community.

As decided during the January Board Meeting, JCI Operation Hope can be used to help local JCI members carry out projects to assist areas affected by natural disasters, such as the mudslides in Guinsaugon. JCI members may donate funds and ask that they be earmarked to assist, through local JCI members, the area affected by the mudslides.

In response to this is dreadful tragedy, JCI members in the Philippines are providing — and no doubt will continue to provide — needed assistance. With encouragement and support from JCI members in other areas of the world, they may become even more

effective. I urge JCI members to become involved.



Lars Hajslund
JCI President

For more information, please visit
<http://www.jci.cc/news/home.php?news=5702>

Individual Development

Hello Lansing Jaycees!! 2006 should be an awesome year to launch those plans of personal enrichment, and/or professional development. That's right, no more procrastinating!

I'd like to know what skills you'd like to obtain, and what improvements you'd like to make in your personal or professional standing. We all need to plan for the future, and the future starts with today! Remember you joined the Lansing Jaycees not just to meet people, but also to become the person that you *WANT TO BE!!!*

Remember when you had just finished high school and you thought you had your entire life planned out? Well, life is a voyage and there are lots of roadblocks, potholes

and curves that keep your feet on the brakes and stopping along the way for repairs in life. We don't want to lose our direction in life. I say "Keep on Trucking" Jaycees!

One last thing, please check out the polls under the members area of the website. There are a lot of ideas out there and the more input I get from each and every one of you will help to meet your goals.

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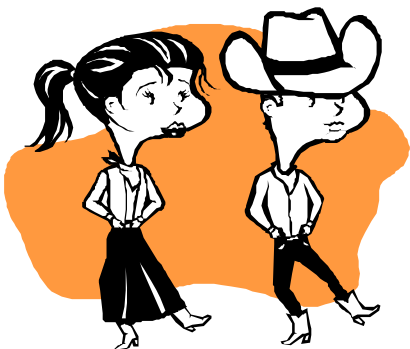
Recent and Upcoming Events

Line Dancing at the Whiskey Barrel

We had a blast at the Whiskey Barrel while learning four country line dances on February 2. In two hours we learned the E-Zee, the Ziggy, Country Walking and my personal favorite, Save A Horse, Ride A Cowboy! The steps were so easy to learn since the instructors literally took it one step at a time. It was so simple and so much fun.

We will return to the Whiskey Barrel on March 23 for round two of line dance lessons. I must warn you, be sure to wear comfortable shoes and a t-shirt because you can work up quite a sweat.

Contact Kim Doughty for more information
kdoug5@jcpenny.com



Camping and Backpacking Trip



Break out that camping gear! I can already smell the roses, for summer is not too far away. We are planning early for the camping trip this year. The dates are July 28, 29 and 30 at Sleepy Bear Campground in Empire, MI. **I need to get block sites reserved so please see the evite for more information and reply as soon as possible (www.evite.com).** If you did not receive the evite, please email me and I will forward it on to you. This is going to be a great trip and I am trying to get 30 people to go sleep under the northern stars. We will be slinging the wine!

We are also tying in a backpacking trip to South Manitou Island for two days just prior to the camping trip on July 26 and 27. This will be a great beginner trip for those that have not been in the back country. For those that have done a lot of back country camping please come along and share your knowledge. Map reading, compass navigation and basic outdoor survival skills will complement the trip. Please see evite for additional information (www.evite.com). The island will be the highlight of the camping trip. Bring your camera. We are hoping to get eight to 10 people for this awesome excursion.

Please email me with questions or RSVP's.

Thanks,

Patrick Brazil
patrickjbrazil@yahoo.com

Lansing Jaycees' Walking Club

When: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month

Time: TBD

Location(s): March - Meridian Mall

Contact: Sarah Taber—(517) 281-4347 or sarah.a.taber@gmail.com

For more information—please see Sarah Taber or Kim Doughty.

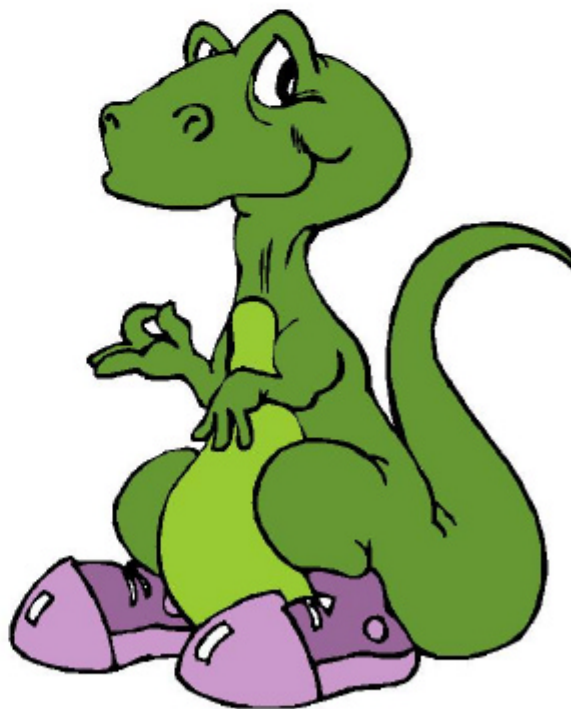
Watch the Jaycee Juice and the Capital Correspondent for information on upcoming walking locations.

Have a suggestion where we can walk? Please let us know.

Track your steps and get in shape at this fun and free event!

Walks will take place the first and third Monday of the month through September.

See you there..





Model Legislature

March 18, 2006

Become a State Representative for a day!

As a Jaycee Representative you will have the opportunity to sit in the big chairs on the house floor and debate bills that you decide to pass into law.

****For every 4 people pre-registered with your chapter your chapters name is entered into a drawing for a \$50 Office Max Gift Card!***

Also look for parade points for attendance!

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- **Caucusing with your Party Members**
- **Guest Speakers**
- **Training by members of the Michigan Legislature**
- **Debating bills on the House Floor**
- **Sharpening Your Skills in Parliamentary Procedure**
- **Lunch at the Radisson Hotel**

You will learn the process of how bills are proposed in the legislature and then passed into law by your elected representatives.

For More Information, contact Gary Bulson

(734) 722-6959 or wjaycees@aol.com

***Limited to the first 120 to register!**

March 1 – April 15, 2006 Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| | | | 1 March | 2 Chairperson's Training Mentor Program | 3 | 4 People Puzzles (Coldwater Jaycees) |
| 5 | 6 Walking Club 6 pm Meridian Mall | 7 General Membership Meeting | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 "Get Your Food On" @ Clara's 6:30 pm | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day Social | 18 Model Legislature (MJJC) |
| 19 | 20 Walking Club 6 pm Lansing Mall | 21 Board of Directors Meeting | 22 | 23 Line Dancing at Whiskey Barrel Saloon 7 pm | 24 | 25 JCI Achieve (Region D) |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 YDC Youth Art Festival | 30 | 31 | 1 April |
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| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Easter Egg Hunt on Capitol Lawn |

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