

# JUG & MUG SKI BLUB



## The Journal

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**GENERAL MEETINGS** are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be January 21 at **Tripper's, 350 Frandor Avenue, Lansing,** with **FREE PIZZA**. Social hour begins at 6:30 pm, with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. Feel free to stay after the meeting for drinks and socializing.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS** are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. This month, the meeting will be January 14 at 410 South Cedar Street, on the corner of Cedar and Kalamazoo. Contact Sharon Roberts <u>at least</u> two days before the meeting if you have an agenda item for the council. Members are welcome at any meeting; feel free to see your council at work.

## **Upcoming Activities**

## **WINTER ZODIAC PARTY, JANUARY 18** In

the bleak mid-winter, the January Zodiac Party will cheer you up. Join your Jug & Mug friends at Helen Ross's house, 1401 Somerset Close, East Lansing anytime after 6 pm. for a warm fire, comforting foods to eat, good conversation and games to play with your friends. Bring your favorite game that a group can play (including poker and euchre), a dish to pass, your own beverage, and a \$1 for incidentals. Hope to see you there! Call Helen at 517-332-5595 if you have any questions.

### Directions:

From the corner of Coolidge and Lake Lansing Road:

Go south 0.9 mile and turn left onto Chartwell Dual Carriage Way. Turn right onto Chartwell Carriage Way.

From the intersection of Coolidge and Saginaw:
Go north 1.1 mile and turn right onto Chartwell
Dual Carriage Way. Turn right onto Chartwell
Carriage Way.

You will now be in front of Helen's house (which fronts on Chartwell Carriage Way). You can park there, or take the first right onto Somerset Close, where there is more parking.

## **CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, JANUARY 19**

Yes, it is that time of year again. Jug & Mug will be going cross-country skiing January 19 at 1:00 pm at Burchfield Park, located at 881 Grovenberg Road in Holt. Go west on Holt Road until you see Grovenberg Road. Turn left (south). The park will be on the right side of the road. Rental is \$8.00

for the first hour and \$3.00 after that with an \$11.00 maximum for the day. Please arrive at 12:30 if you need to rent skis. We will be going to Buddies in Holt after skiing, about 3:00 pm, and everyone is invited to join us there, even if you do not go skiing. Go east on Holt Road; Buddies is in the strip mall on Holt and Aurelius Road. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mary Stephens at 517-335-9403 or 517-525-1783. Questions for the park are 676-2233. http://pk.ingham.org/WinterSportsStatus.aspx.

We are also considering an e-mail/phone ski list for downhill and cross-country. If you would like your name on this list, please contact Mary Stephens at Brandy777219@yahoo.com or Joanne Creede at kayjoe@comcast.net.

## INTRODUCTIONAL SKI WEEKEND,

**JANUARY 24 - 26** The skiers are ready to meet at Shanty Creek resorts for a great ski weekend. We start on Friday with a few warm-up runs, followed by the welcome party. Then we head over to the pub for drinks and entertainment. Saturday will begin with a hearty breakfast, followed by ski instructions and a fun day of skiing. Saturday night will be the banquet and hopefully some lucky winners will take home nice prizes.

Sunday will be the same as Saturday except for ending a little early with the contentment of driving home after a great weekend. Wait, maybe we can stay until Monday. A full report of our fun will be in the February newsletter. Contact Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com or Mike Cauzillo at cauzillm@hotmail.com with questions.

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## President's Column

As I sat at my computer trying to decide what to write in this column for the January issue, it lent me to reflect on the past year and perhaps what the year 2014 will bring. The thoughts ranged from the Jug & Mug Ski Club to the many changes taking place in the world we live in. And the ice storm definitely made things challenging for many and of this writing many are still without services.

This past year the Club has continued to do the Friday TGIF's, attend plays as at the Purple Rose Theater and the Grand Ledge Playhouse, ski trips, picnics, movies, book club, tennis, sports events, and parties at members homes; the Super Bowl party. I want to thank those who have given of their time to make possible this enjoyment for members. Please note how Kurt Mertins has been a continually contributing member by demonstrating diligence in organizing theater and sports events, etc. In addition, he has reached out to recruit others to assist him with his events as he realistically knows the knowledge needs to be expanded in the Club. Together we are able to do more for the betterment of the Club.

It was another successful Christmas party December 13. As usual, Joanne and Rich made it happen with Rich being an apprentice to "Chef Gordon" and Joanne the coordinator. Also, I wish to thank those who assisted with setup and clean up; the teamwork was great!!

The showing of the Warren Miller film on December 7 was successful; we did not lose any money. Each year since the club decided to do this project, the committee led by Rich Rybicki work to make this a success with hours of time spent coordinating with Warren Miller Entertainment, renting the auditorium, contacting ski resorts and businesses, selling tickets, and looking for ways to advertise the event. Again, a thank you to all who helped with this project.

Upcoming winter events are cross-country skiing, hopefully January 19, 2014; the Introductional ski weekend January 24-26 at Shanty Creek; skiing, shopping, or casino, February 6-9 while staying at the Stafford Perry Hotel, Petoskey; followed by the activities onsite or at the ski slopes March 7-9 at Cedar Bend, Mancelona. Also, Helen is hosting a January 18 Zodiac party and Tina the February 2 Super Bowl Party. We still need activities for March and April.

Remember starting with the January 21, 2014, general meeting we will be at a new location: Trippers Sports Bar. In celebration, the Council is providing pizza for this meeting. Payment for beverages and other items off the menu will be the responsibility of those who place an order.

Sharon Roberts President

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# **ONGOING EVENTS**

TGIF — Happy hour for the month of January will be at Leo's Spirits and Grub located at the corner of Okemos Road and Grand River in Okemos. We meet every Friday from 5 to 7 pm and they often have music starting around 8 pm. Their Friday specials are Long Islands for \$4 and Fish and Chips for \$8.99. Come and join the fun! Our happy hour for February will be at Harry's Place located at 404 Verlinden Avenue in Lansing. If you have any suggestions for Happy Hour, please call Kurt Mertins at 517-886-4061.

Jug & Mug Book Club — We had a great book club meeting at Jill Campbell's home last month! Being able to talk to the author really gave a lot of insight into the book, and also about how the book was written.

Our current book is *Watch for Me on the Mountain* by Forrest Carter. It's the story of Geronimo and is told from several different persons' points of view. Geronimo was able to help the Apache people ward off slavery and death, against huge odds, for twenty years longer than seemed possible. Moving, sad and inspiring, this book brings about heightened appreciation for Native American spirituality and resiliency.

Our next meeting will be at Helen Ross's house, date TBA. If you are interested in being part of our book club, contact Helen at hall family@hotmail.com.

**Singing at Burcham Hills** — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on two Sundays, January 12 and January 26, downstairs in the Whitehouse Room at 7:00 pm. Join us; we sing familiar songs and music is provided. It is a pleasant hour and the senior residents love our participation. It is a great opportunity to feel good about helping others. For more information, contact our music coordinator, Diane West, at westdance@att.net or 484-3340.

**Sing A Long** — On January 28, the Sing A Long will be at the home of Sharolyn Gonzalez, 5520 Saddlewood Drive, Holt. Arrive anytime after 7:00 pm. Bring your singing voice, a beverage, and a snack to share, if you want. Plan on a relaxed "good for the soul" evening filled with music. Contact Sharolyn at 694-1472 with any questions.

Indoor Tennis — Tennis players are needed for Wednesday nights, 7 pm, at the MSU Tennis Facility. If you are ready for some tennis, contact Rich Rybicki at 517-663-1854 or richrybick@yahoo.com. The cost for two hours of doubles tennis is less than \$15. Get off the couch and on to the courts. Email reminders will go out weekly to those on the tennis list.

Walking the River Trail — Every Monday and Wednesday we meet at 6:15 pm at 410 South Cedar, Lansing. Our usual distance is four miles, to Potter Park Zoo and back. Walking is a weight-bearing, low-impact exercise with numerous health benefits. Yes, it is dark out there, but there is adequate light on the path. Get some beneficial exercise that is important for your well being and physical health. Put on your hat, don your mittens, walk with us, laugh with us, and enjoy the outdoors. Call Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or Bonnie Mernitz at 449-6368 with any questions.

Movie Matinee — Do you enjoy watching the latest movie release? Join an informal group to see all the newest shows on Thursday afternoons at NCG Theatre. Joanne Creede will send out an email on Friday (sometimes later) listing the movies and the time, usually the last showing prior to 6:00 p.m. You vote for your favorite, via email, and Joanne will send out an email on Wednesday stating the movie choice and the time. Sometimes we go out for a meal after the movie. Cost of the movie is \$5; everything else is optional. To get on the email listing, send a request to kayjoe@comcast.net.

# January 2014

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			1 River Walk Tennis	2	3 TGIF, Leo's Lodge	4
5	6 River Walk	7	8 River Walk Tennis	9	10 TGIF, Leo's Lodge	11
12 Burcham Hills	13 River Walk	14 Council Meeting	15 River Walk Tennis	16	17 TGIF, Leo's Lodge	18 Zodiac Party
19 X-Country Skiing	20 River Walk	21 General Meeting	22 River Walk Tennis	23	24 TGIF, Leo's Lodge Introductional	25 Introductional
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# FEBRUARY 2014

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## **Upcoming Activities, continued**

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This event is approved by the J&M Council and all funds shall be made out to Jug & Mug Ski Club.

## TINA'S 4TH ANNUAL SUPER BOWL

**PARTY, FEBRUARY 2** Super Bowl XLVIII (48) will be a first in many ways: 1<sup>st</sup> outdoor cold weather Super Bowl; 1<sup>st</sup> in the region; 1<sup>st</sup> to be hosted by two states (New York and New Jersey); 1<sup>st</sup> to be hosted by two teams (Giants and Jets). More firsts: Tina's 1<sup>st</sup> party at her new location (East Lansing) and the 1<sup>st</sup> hosted by two people (Tina Lonski and Keith Hines).

In keeping with the outdoor, cold weather theme, you'll be cooking outdoors on the campfire! Tina and Keith will provide the hot dogs and buns. You provide a dish to pass, your own beverages and your ski-wear! They have three TVs, including a 65-inch HD, ready for the big game!

See you February 2 at 6084 Harkson Drive, East Lansing. Party time will be an hour before game time! Questions? Call 517-253-7107 or email grandma.tina@yahoo.com.

## A WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA, PETOSKEY,

**FEBRUARY 6-9, 2014** Would you like to downhill and cross country ski, snowboard, or go shopping or to the casino? Then consider going on this trip. Attendees ski at Boyne Resorts with cross country skiing at Petoskey State Park. And Nubs Nob is an option too. Use your 2 for 1 voucher received when you purchased your Warren Miller Film ticket.

We have made it simple to participate in this trip.

- Call Perry Hotel at (231) 347-4000 for your room reservation by January 9, 2014.
- Inform reservation staff you are with the Jug & Mug Ski Club to get the group discount rate.
- Thursday stay is an optional choice.
- All rooms are individual pay.
- Cancellation policy is 48 hours prior to arrival.
- Inform the trip chairs you are going.

Rooms reserved are six Cushman Rooms at \$99 and four Park House Rooms at \$119 per night for 1 or 2. Add \$20 per night for a 3<sup>rd</sup> and also for a 4<sup>th</sup> person in the room. The Cushman Rooms are their smaller rooms. A Bayside Room can be reserved for \$169 but none are being held.

Arrangements for Friday and Saturday evenings will be confirmed later.

Chairpersons are: Lisa Martin at 517-749-3222 or lisa.a.martin@comcast.net or Sharon Roberts at sharonann48@hotmail.com or 517-230-5357. This event is approved by the J&M Council and all funds shall be made out to Jug & Mug Ski Club.

for a fun-filled weekend in a lovely rustic lodge in Mancelona at Cedar Bend Farms. Enjoy cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing and tubing on the property, or at Cedar River by Shanty Creek resort, and downhill skiing at Shanty Creek, Boyne Mountain, Nub's Nob, or Boyne Highlands, all within a 20 minute drive. Casinos are also nearby. The trip will include two nights of lodging, Friday night welcome party, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Sunday breakfast. This is a fun and relaxing weekend and you don't have to ski to enjoy yourself. Bring board games, music, books, or anything relaxing you can think of. The cost is

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT! Sign up and pay by February 1 and you will get a \$10 discount. The last possible date to sign up is at the February 18 General Meeting. You can also mail a check (made out to Jug & Mug) to Helen Ross, 1401 Somerset Close, East Lansing, 48823. Reserve your spot now by contacting Helen at hall\_family@hotmail.com or 517-332-5595.

\$75.00 for members and \$85.00 for non-members.

THE BOOK OF MORMON, JUNE 13 Yes! We have a chance to see a Broadway show right here in East Lansing. If you are interested in seeing what the NYT calls "the best musical of this century," the play Entertainment Weekly considers "the funniest musical of all time," join us at the Wharton Center in June to see The Book of Mormon. There are a limited number of seats available before they go on sale to the public. Interested? Let Kurt Mertins know ASAP so we can reserve seats together for a great evening at the Wharton. The group discounted price is \$86. Mark your calendar for June 13, 7:30 pm, at the Wharton. Contact Kurt at kmertins@hotmail.com or 886-4061.



## Jug & Mug on Facebook

Visit the Jug & Mug Facebook page, "like" the Jug & Mug, post comments, share with friends, stay tuned for activities.



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## Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

Great Lakes Swing Association ~ Wednesdays, 6 pm. Lesson \$6, 7-10 pm dance \$10 at Rollhaven of Flushing east of Flint, 3464 Ann Drive off Pierson Road - west of I-75 and just east of Elms Road. Info/map: greatlakesswingdance.com Lan-swing Rockin' the New Year ~ Saturday, January 4. Lessons 6:45-8, dance 8-10:30 pm. Central United Methodist Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Casual attire. \$10. Info: (810) 691-2719 or (517) 749-1300.

Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ Sunday, January 5, 12, 19, 26. Opens 5:45, West Coast lesson at 6, dance 6:45-10 pm. Eagles Club, 4700 North Grand River west of the Airport. Admission \$8. With lesson, \$10. Dances are subject to occasional cancellation. (517) 321-0933 or http:// www.casdance.com

Tomlian Ballroom Dance ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, January 11. Central United Methodist Church. 7 pm lesson (addl \$5), Dance 8-10:30 pm, \$10. Info: (517) 655-3611, tomliandance.com

USA Monthly Ballroom & Swing Dance ~ 3rd Saturday, January 18. Central United Methodist Church. 7 pm. Special instructors & dance 8-11pm. \$15. Info: westdance@att.net, usadance2037.org

#### Freestyle & Ballroom

Singles TGIF Nite Life ~ Fridays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31. Free lessons before dance January 17 & 24. Dance 8-12 with Hors d'oeuvres at 8:30. Admission \$12. Details: http:// singlestgif.com

Greenville Singles Dance ~ Most Fridays, 7pm-12 Greenville American Legion, Casual dress. Admission \$7

#### Country

Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance ~ January 4 & 25, 7:30. Admission \$10. http://TenPoundFiddle.org Looking Glass Festival ~ January 18. Dancing at Central United Methodist Church. Admission \$10. Info: http:// Igmaa.org/ and http://lgmaa.org/fest13.htm

### Lessons

Parkwood YMCA ~ You CAN Dance Workshop! ~ 1:00pm to 3:30pm on January 12, Singles and Couples, featuring beginning lessons in Cha Cha, West Coast Swing, Foxtrot, and East Coast Swing; Free! Seven Week Lessons, starting January 15: Beginning Cha Cha, W. Coast, Foxtrot. \$70/84. Must pre-register for all activity at Parkwood front desk: (517) 9680.

PrimeTime 55+ ~ January 14 through February 25. Hannah Community Center, beautiful floor for Beginning Cha Cha & W. Coast Swing. \$10/class. Registration (517) 337-

Michigan Athletic Center ~ Beginning January 20, 2014 (M-T-Th). Beginning West Coast Swing, Nightclub 2 Step and American Style Tango. Advanced Beginner WC Swing. Intermediate WC Swing and Waltz classes. It's a good idea to call first, as enrollment closes after 2-3 lessons. 10-week sessions. Enrollment info: MAC Concierge 364-8800

Lansing Parks & Recreation ~ Info: 483-4277 or www.lansingmi.gov/parks/actprog/dance classes.jsp

Further Information and new dance venues Contact: Carolyn Tody ~ carley1t@sbcglobal.net or 402-3224.

## Jug & Mug January Birthdays

1/02	Patricia Michels
1/06	Lynn Eiseler
1/14	Jerry Schrader
1/14	Alex McCrae
1/14	Katherine Lincoln
1/14	Christine Wright
1/21	Matthew Pung
1/21	Tom Sarra
1/24	John Albright
1/24	Janice Pierce
1/24	Dottie Schmidt
1/25	Kandy Miller

Free birthday deals: Check it out! http://dealseekingmom.com/

# Why Would a Non-Skier Join a Ski Club?

By Athena Dalrymple, Excerpted from *Black Diamond Express*, Columbia Ski Club (MD)

Many people believe that you have to be a skier to join and enjoy a ski club. It just ain't so! I am one of the approximately 30% of people in the Columbia Ski Club who do not ski and love belonging to the group.

The Columbia Ski Club has an email list and I participate in many activities through that. Some of the activities I have enjoyed include pre—and post-talk surrounding interesting movies, playing trivia, mini-golf, group breakfasts, chili cook-offs, happy hours at various bars, retirement parties, annual dessert nights and pool parties at members' homes, go-carting with dinners that follow, Thanksgiving dinner, and Cinco de Mayo dinners. I have enjoyed weekend trips and bowling nights. From Sunday through Saturday, from weekly to annual events, there are always activities going on through the ski club.

The best part of belonging to a ski club? Having a second family who have been there in good times and bad. I feel lucky to be part of the group and give thanks to the many

## **PAST ACTIVITIES**

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 13**

Christmas is so much fun with the Jug & Mug Ski Club. Lots of delicious food, including appetizers and desserts provided by attendees. Mrs. Claus and a Christmas elf passed out White Elephant gifts after dinner. Beverages and singing followed, with lots of Christmas cheer. Thanks to all who joined the party to usher in the holiday season.

Joanne Creede and Rich Rybicki

## CAROLING AT THE NURSING HOMES,

really nice group, at least 12. Residents in both places following us through the halls singing with us. We even sang to a group that had just gathered to watch 'White Christmas', so you can guess what our first song was. Almost everyone in the group sang with us. Santa made a special point of going into the room of a lady who just had her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday to congratulate her and wish her a Merry Christmas. Santa and Rudolph were big hits, as usual. Personal room greetings and serenades for some bed ridden residents brought special smiles. Warm wishes, hand shaking and even a few hugs were shared, wishing all a happy holiday season.

Most of us went on to dine at Coral Gables and enjoy some continued camaraderie and conversation.

Hope you have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Maddy Trimby and Diane West

ski club members who, for some time, kept suggesting that I join the ski club. People do other people a service when they get friends to join, and thus, I have also encouraged my friends to join and am happy that several of them have taken me up on the suggestion. If you are reading this and aren't a member yet, join now!

In summation, why am I a member of the ski club? Because it's good for me and I hope that I am also helping to bring a bit of sunshine into the lives of others in the club. I welcome opportunities to help others smile and, if you do too, become a member.

# **Upcoming Events**

January 18 Zodiac Party

January 19 Cross Country

Skiing

January 24-26 Introductional Ski

Weekend

February 2 Super Bowl Party

February 6-9 Petoskey Trip

March 7-9 Cedar Bend

June 13 The Book of

Mormon

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Trippers

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