



# JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



## The Journal

May 2014

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**GENERAL MEETINGS** are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be May 20 at **Tripper's, 350 Frandor Avenue, Lansing**. 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 May 13 at 410 South Cedar Street, on the corner of Cedar and Kalamazoo. Contact Sharon Roberts at least 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

### ZODIAC PARTY AND PLANT EXCHANGE, MAY 17

Rich Rybicki is again hosting the annual plant exchange and zodiac party at 1245 South Michigan, Eaton Rapids, south of the English Inn and Bunker Road. Turn left at the first turnaround past Bunker Road; watch for the sign.



The event begins at 2:00 pm with a float down the Grand River from Eaton Rapids to Bunker Landing. Kayaks should be available to rent in Eaton Rapids. After the 90 minute float, the plant exchange begins. Dig up some perennials, buy or start annuals from seed. You never know what will be available for you to take back to your garden.

Around 6 pm the food should be off the BBQ ready to serve. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the feast. Other activities will include garden tours, card games, mosquito massacres, etc., all followed by fireworks in the night sky. Call Rich at 663-1854 with any questions.

### BICYCLING EVENT AT HAWK MEADOW PARK, MAY 31

We will be bicycling (or walking for those who prefer to

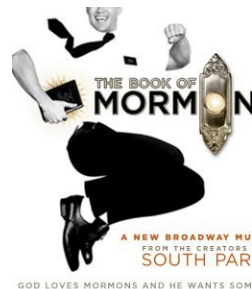
walk) starting at 2:00 pm, 6160 Delta River Drive, half mile east of Ingersol Road. The route includes 4.5 miles of trails, some paved and some crushed limestone.

Afterwards, we will gather at Falsetta's Casa Nova, 138 South Waverly Road, 4:30 p.m. for food and drink. In case it rains, just meet at Falsetta's at 4:30 p.m. For R.S.V.P. or any questions, feel free to call Lisa Martin at 749-3222.



### THE BOOK OF MORMON, JUNE 13

All reserved seats have been sold and the evening has sold out at Wharton, so we cannot get more tickets. We have a waiting list in case someone in our group can't use their ticket. If you are interested in being placed on the waiting list, contact Kurt Mertins at kmertins@hotmail.com or 886-4061 or Barbara Tanaoka at 899-5835 or barbtanaoka@yahoo.com. We are polling those who bought tickets to see if we will have a dinner before or gather after to discuss the show or both. Either way, it will be great fun!



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## President's Column

Greetings Everyone,

I heard through the grapevine that the April meeting was well attended, pizza was enjoyed and many renewed their membership. Let's do this again at the May 20 general meeting when appetizers will be served and renewals will continue. The cost is \$36 for new members and \$30 for renewals if renewed before June 30. Additional details can be found on page 6.

The council is busy looking at future and new activities for the membership. Linda Lillie, who arranges Friday's TGIFs, has taken the initiative and proposed to council that for several months in the summer the club meet on Wednesday as many are gone on weekends. After discussions, the council agreed she should proceed with this idea. This would then open up Fridays to do other activities such as a movie and dinner, a concert or play, or a festival.

Again, Rich Rybicki will be hosting the May 17 Zodiac Party and Plant Exchange at his home. There is always hope for awesome weather and low or no mosquito attendance so people can kayak/canoe the river, mingle outside, walk the woods, and enjoy all that the country offers. Then on Saturday, May 31, Lisa Martin has organized a 2 p.m. bike riding and walking event at the Hawk Meadow Park in Delta Township. This is Lisa's first endeavor in planning something for the Club, so please support her. She has for three years been my co-chair for the Petoskey ski weekend.

The May 13 council meeting will be a combined meeting of the current council and the new council who will assume duties in June. The current council brought a number of new ideas and some were implemented, some not, and some still need to be completed. I wish to thank all those who have served and contributed for the betterment of the club and its membership. You will be missed. I welcome the new council with both Suzanne DePeel and Diane Fawley serving for the first time on council. Orestes and Janice are returning and Helen, Rich, Dave Howe, Dave Panetta and I are continuing to serve for another year.

One of our biggest challenges to bring us to current technology standards will be getting a new club web site developed and on-line. Helen, Rich, and I are on this committee. Identical requests were sent to Connections Graphics LLC, PotterVilla Applied Technology and Infinity Graphics. They were given Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids Ski Club's websites as an example of what we will be looking to do. More information will be provided later and feel free to ask questions and provide feedback to Helen, Rich or me.

*Sharon Roberts, President*

"We are most effective as a team when we compliment each other without embarrassment and disagree without fear." Author Unknown

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## ONGOING EVENTS

**TGIF** — Happy hour for May will be at two different locations on Chandler Road in East Lansing from 5-7 pm. Be advised that Abbott Road turns into Chandler Road at Lake Lansing Road:

- May 2nd and 9th—Jimmy's Pub
- May 16th, 23rd, 30th—Lou and Harry's

They are located just down the block from each other and both offer happy hour specials. Since there are five Fridays in May, a variety of places will make it more interesting. Depending on the weather, we may be outside.

The month of June will be in downtown East Lansing. While there are concerns about paying for parking, it is well worth it to try a wide variety of beers and new venues. June 6 and 13, we will be at the Hop Cat on Grove Street, which features over 100 draft beers on tap. They also have a burger and beer special for \$6 if you order before 6 pm. June 20 and 27, we will be at Harper's on Albert Avenue. The exciting thing about June 20 is that it is the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival that evening so we can also enjoy the music during and after happy hour.

Contact Linda Lillie at [LMLillie@gmail.com](mailto:LMLillie@gmail.com) or 517-290-0189 with your suggestions for future happy hour locations.

**Jug & Mug Book Club** — The Jug & Mug Book Club gets together every six weeks or so to chit-chat, discuss a chosen book, eat snacks, and drink a beverage or two. Our next book is *The Discovery and Conquest of Mexico* by Bernal Díaz del Castillo. This is a historical account, written in the 1500s, by a member of Cortés's crew. Bernal Díaz del Castillo (1495-1584) served under Cortés through the entire Mexican campaign. He saw Cortés sink his own ships (to prevent desertion) as soon as they landed on Mexican soil and watched Montezuma become a prisoner in his own palace. The book is available online at Amazon (new paperback at \$14.53 or less, Kindle download is FREE!).

The date of our next meeting has not been decided yet. If you are interested in joining our club, please contact Helen Ross at [hall\\_family@hotmail.com](mailto:hall_family@hotmail.com) or 332-5595.

**Sing A Long** — The May Sing A Long is cancelled. Please join us in June.

**Singing at Burcham Hills** — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, May 18, 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](mailto:westdance@att.net) or 810-687-7007.

**Social Tennis** — Social Tennis is in full swing outdoors at the Letts Center, a Lansing city park on Kalamazoo just west of MLK. Play begins at 5:15 pm and all skill levels are welcome. The email list is the contact point. If you wish to be on the email list, contact Oren Christmas at [christmaso@comcast.net](mailto:christmaso@comcast.net) or Rich Rybicki at [richrybick@yahoo.com](mailto:richrybick@yahoo.com).

**Walking the River Trail** — We meet every Monday and Wednesday at 6:15 pm at Maguire Park, Jolly and Aurelius Road, Lansing. There is parking off Aurelius, behind the EZ-Mart convenience store on Jolly. Get some beneficial exercise that is important for your well being and physical health. Walking is a weight-bearing, low-impact exercise with numerous health benefits. Spring weather is on the way! 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, Eastwood Towne Center. 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. Contact Joanne at [kayjoe@comcast.net](mailto:kayjoe@comcast.net) to get on the email listing.

# May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Tennis	2 TGIF, Jimmy's	3
4	5 River Walk	6	7 River Walk	8 Tennis	9 TGIF, Jimmy's	10
11 Mother's Day	12 River Walk	13 Council Meeting	14 River Walk	15 Tennis	16 TGIF, Lou & Harry's	17 Zodiac Party
18 Burcham Hills	19 River Walk	20 General Mtg	21 River Walk	22 Tennis	23 TGIF, Lou & Harry's	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28 River Walk	29 Tennis	30 TGIF, Lou & Harry's	31 Bike Trip

# June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 River Trail	3	4 River Trail	5 Tennis	6 TGIF, Hop Cat	7
8 Burcham Hills	9 River Trail	10 General Meeting	11 River Trail	12 Tennis	13 Wharton TGIF, Hop Cat	14
15 Father's Day	16 River Trail	17 Council Meeting	18 River Trail	19 Tennis	20 TGIF, Harper's	21
22 President's Picnic Burcham Hills	23 River Trail	24 Sing A Long	25 River Trail	26 Tennis	27 TGIF, Harper's	28
29	30 River Trail					

# Upcoming Activities, continued

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**PRESIDENT'S PICNIC, JUNE 22** This year's president's picnic will be held at the Portland Community Lake Park. Meat and buns will be provided. Dave Panetta as usual, will be grilling. Bring your own beverage and a dish so share. Portland is the city of two rivers, so you are welcome to bring a canoe or kayak to enjoy the rivers. There is also a beautiful river trail for walking and biking to work off some extra calories if we overeat. Bring a volleyball game or other game as there is plenty of room for play. The park is reserved for the day and we can plan to start around noon. Directions: Take I-96 west. Turn at the first Portland, exit 77. Turn right on Grand River. Go less than a block and turn right on Rowe Street. Go about 2 blocks and turn down the gravel road at the Jug & Mug sign.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ROGER BERRY, JULY 5** Roger Berry is having a significant birthday and you are all invited to help him celebrate the milestone. We aren't telling you what that milestone is but two days before Roger was born was Lou Gehrig Day, when Gehrig made his "luckiest man" speech. The day before Roger's birth, the Yankees retired their first uniform, Lou Gehrig's #4, at the first Old Timers Day. Then the next day, Roger was born! Join us at the pavilion at Grand Woods Park, 4500 West Willow Highway, Lansing, any time after 3:00 p.m. Bring your own beverage. Food will be provided. No gifts, please. Your 'presence' is all that is requested. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Creede at [kayjoe@comcast.net](mailto:kayjoe@comcast.net) or 887-0441.

**JUDY'S 4TH ANNUAL MACKINAC ISLAND TRIP, JULY 18 - 20** LAKE VIEW HOTEL, MACKINAC ISLAND

## Trip Includes:

- *Two night* stay on Mackinac Island at Lake View Hotel.
- *Continental Breakfast* at Hotel Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- *Roundtrip to Island from Mackinaw City* and back with Star Line Ferry Company. Star Line provides *free day and free secured overnight parking*. Bikes are an additional cost. Address: 711 South Huron Avenue, Mackinaw City.

Extra Night Available—Thursday July 17, up to 4 people per room for cost of \$145 plus tax. **Contact Judy for reservations on Thursday evening at Lake View!**

## Group Events Are Scheduled!!!

\*\*\*Cut-off date is June 1 or until full.\*\*\*

No refunds after 6/1/14 unless acceptable replacement found for roommate(s). Cancellations may increase your room cost. Please let Judy know if you need a roommate. Cost per number in room:

- 1/room = \$415 - \$75 at sign up.  
6/10 balance due of \$340.
- 2/room = \$225 each - \$75 at sign up.  
6/10 balance due of \$150 each.
- 3/room = \$165 each - \$75 at sign up.  
6/10 balance due of \$90 each.
- 4/room = \$135 each - \$75 at sign up.  
6/10 balance due of \$60 each.

Make checks payable to: **Judy Stafford**  
**P.O. Box 158, DeWitt, MI 48820.**

Direct any questions to Judy at 420-1183 or [jcsacct@hotmail.com](mailto:jcsacct@hotmail.com).

**TIGER BASEBALL, AUGUST 27** Join us to see the Detroit Tigers battle the New York Yankees. The bus leaves Dunham's parking lot promptly at 4:30 pm. The cost of the bus ride to Comerica Park and back and your ticket is only \$54. Note this is a Wednesday date. For more information or to reserve your seat, contact Kurt Mertins at 886-4061 or [kmertins@hotmail.com](mailto:kmertins@hotmail.com).

## WE WANT YOU TO RENEW!!

Now more than ever, your Jug & Mug Ski Club needs you to renew your membership. Renewing members like you are the core of a successful club.

As you know, your membership expires May 31. You can renew at a discounted price of \$30 if payment is received before June 30. The membership fee is \$36 after June 30 and for new members.

Renewal applications will be taken at the May 20 General Meeting, the June 17 General Meeting, and at the President's Picnic on June 22. Applications can also be mailed to: Jug & Mug Ski Club, ATTN: Treasurer, P.O. Box 13153, Lansing, MI 48901.

To thank you for being a loyal Club member, free appetizers will be served at the May 20 meeting! If you have not yet renewed your membership, socialize with other Club members, enjoy some refreshments, and renew at the meeting!

The membership form has been revised with preprinted information for each member. For ease and simplicity, all you will have to do to re-up is verify your information and make any needed updates. Take a look at the list of activities on the membership form and let us know your interests so club leaders can plan activities that interest you.

Questions? Contact President Sharon Roberts, Vice President Tina Lonski, or any of the Membership Committee folks: Dave Howe, Deb Lynn, Barb Tanaka. Telephone numbers and emails are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.



## May 2014 Singles DanceSports



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 Note: Some venues are experiencing time, cost, and weather-related changes

### Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

**Ann Arbor Dance Pavilion** ~ Saturday, May 3, (7 pm Waltz Lesson) Dance 8-10 \$10 dance or \$20 w/lesson and Saturday, May 10 Spring Showcase, \$35. 1918 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 In the Paint Creek Crossing Shopping Center (734) 369-9700 • [thedancepavilion@gmail.com](mailto:thedancepavilion@gmail.com) or [thedancepavilion.com/](http://thedancepavilion.com/)

The last **Strictly For Fun** Pizza Dance Party until September ~ 1st Saturday, May 3. Beg/Inter Waltz Lesson 6:45-8, dance 8-10 pm. Central United Methodist Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Casual attire. Info: [usadance2037.org](http://usadance2037.org) or (517) 712-6674. Pizza, salad & dessert! Please note: we need a "rsvp" so we have an accurate pizza count! Email us to respond for pizza count, at [strictly.for.fun.ballroom@gmail.com](mailto:strictly.for.fun.ballroom@gmail.com) ~ \$15.

**Eagles Capitol Area Sunday Swing** ~ Sunday, May 4, 11, 18, and 25. Opens 5:45, 6 pm West Coast Swing lessons, dance 7-10 pm. Eagles Club, 4700 North Grand River west of the Airport. Admission \$10 with lesson or \$8. Dances are subject to occasional cancellation. Info: (517) 490-7838 for Mike, or (810) 691-2719 for Joann.

**Tomlian Ballroom Dance** ~ May 10 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday ~ New Location: South Lansing Christian Church, 6300 South Aurelius ~ 7 pm Swing Lesson \$5, 8-11 pm Dance \$12. Info: (517) 655-3611, [tomliandance.com](http://tomliandance.com)

**Last USA Monthly Ballroom & Swing Dance** till September ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, May 17, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Central United Methodist Church. Lesson 7 pm, dance 8-10:30 pm. \$15. (Last dance May 17) Info: [usadance2037.org](http://usadance2037.org).

**Great Lakes Swing Association** ~ Wednesdays, 6 pm. Lesson 6pm, 7-10 pm dance at Rollhaven of Flushing east of Flint, 3464 Ann Drive off Pierson Road - west of I-75 just east of Elms Road. \$30 membership. Info/map: <http://www.glsdc.org/>.

### Freestyle & Ballroom

**Howell Shark Club** ~ Check before going ~ Plenty of Fish Singles Dance, 8-1:30 am. 1140 South Michigan Avenue, south of downtown Howell. Info: (517) 640-0300 [www.sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment](http://www.sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment).

**Singles TGIF Nite Life** ~ Fridays at 7:30pm on May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. dance 8-12 with Hors d'oeuvres at 8:30. Admission \$12. Details: <http://singlestgif.com>.

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

### Country

**Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance** ~ Saturday, May 3. Workshop 6:30 pm, dance 7-10 pm. Admission \$10. [TenPoundFiddle.org](http://TenPoundFiddle.org).

**Looking Glass Music & Arts** ~ Saturday, May 17. Workshop 6:30, Dance 7-10 pm. Central United Methodist Church. Admission \$10. Info: [lgmaa.org/](http://lgmaa.org/).

### Lessons

**Parkwood YMCA** ~ Registration (517) 827-9680.

**Michigan Athletic Center** ~ Enrollment: MAC Concierge 364-8800.

**Lansing Parks & Recreation** ~ Info: 483-4277 or [www.lansingmi.gov/parks/actprog/dance\\_classes.jsp](http://www.lansingmi.gov/parks/actprog/dance_classes.jsp)

### Further Information on dance venues:

Dancing in Lansing ~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140480982080/>.

Dancing In Ann Arbor ~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1391767727753582/>.

More Dancing in Flint ~ American Dance Center ~ Info: <http://www.danceaway.com/>.

**W**anted: more photographers to take photos at the Jug & Mug Ski Club events. These photos are not only used for the slideshow at the general meetings but also serve the purpose of creating historical records for the club. You do not need to be a photographer but photos taken and submitted should be done with discretion. If you take photos, be sure to send them to Rich Rybicki and/or Sharon Roberts. Contact Sharon for additional information and Rich to let him know you are sending photos. Contact information is on page 2.

## Jug & Mug May Birthdays

5/03	Diane Fawley
5/08	John Koenigsknecht
5/09	Sandra McBride
5/12	James Nizer
5/12	Keith Hines
5/13	Suzanne DePeel
5/16	Patty Scheiterlein
5/17	Maggie Galilei
5/21	Dorothy Harney
5/25	Orestes Mavromatis
5/30	Chloe Polzen

Free birthday deals: Check it out!  
<http://dealseekingmom.com/birthday-freebies-clubs-specials/>

*Join us every third Tuesday at Trippers Sports Bar, 350 Frandor Avenue, Lansing. We have a private meeting room, just inside the front door. Social hour starts at 6:30 pm and the general meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Check it out on May 20.*

## Jug & Mug on Facebook

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

## MEET THE COUNCIL

At the April General Meeting, all candidates running for office were elected, including one write in candidate. They are offering their time and talents for your club and will be willing to hear any suggestions or constructive criticism on how to improve our club. Please welcome the new council members.

President	Sharon Roberts
Vice President	Linda Lillie
Treasurer	Rich Rybicki
Secretary	Helen Ross
Women's Council	Susan DePeel
	Diane Fawley
	Janice Pierce
Men's Council	Dave Howe
	Dave Panetta
	Orestes Mavromatis

Thank you to Tina Lonski, Dottie Schmidt, Deb Lynn, Barb Tanaka, Tom McRae, and Keith Hines for their service in the past year.

# Upcoming Events

May 17	Zodiac Party
May 31	Bike Trip
June 13	The Book of Mormon
June 22	President's Picnic
July 5	Birthday Party
July 18-20	Mackinac Island
August 27	Tiger Baseball

## Metropolitan Detroit Ski & Snowboard Club

YOUR JUG & MUG MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO THE BENEFITS OF MDSC AND OTHER SKI/SOCIAL CLUBS. THE WEB SITE ([WWW.MDSCSKI.ORG](http://WWW.MDSCSKI.ORG)) LISTS CURRENT EVENTS, AFFILIATED CLUBS, AND DISCOUNTS. CALL OUR MDSC REPRESENTATIVE, TERI MILLER, AT 517-699-2969 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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