



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be March 17 at **Tripper's, 350 Frandor Avenue, Lansing**. Social hour begins at 6:30 pm, with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. You are invited to stay after the meeting for drinks and socializing.

COUNCIL MEETINGS are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. This month, the meeting will be March 10 at 410 South Cedar Street, Lansing. Contact Sharon Roberts at least three 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

CEDAR BEND, MARCH 6-8 About 21 people will trek up to a lovely rustic lodge in Mancelona at Cedar Bend Farms for a fun-filled weekend. Cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing and tubing on the property, and downhill skiing at Schuss/Shanty Creek, Boyne Mountain 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 very fun and relaxing weekend and you don't even have to ski. Bring board games, music, books, or anything relaxing. The cost is \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members.

Registration for Cedar Bend is closed. If you have any questions, contact Helen Ross at 203-997-2275 or hall_family@hotmail.com.

ZODIAC PARTY, MARCH 21 You are invited to the home of Sharon Gaier, 5915 Patriots Way, East Lansing, 48823, anytime after 6:00 pm. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish "Potato Party." Please bring an unbaked potato, your own beverage, and a dish to pass for a fun evening of Irish music, cards and games. Sharon will provide a variety of tasty toppings for your potatoes. Call 316-6525 or 333-2624 with any questions. Remember a dollar for the kitty.

RED WING HOCKEY, MARCH 26 Join us to watch the Detroit Red Wings play the San Jose Sharks on this Thursday. The cost of the bus ride to and from the game and the ticket is only \$69. Contact Kurt Mertins at kmertins@hotmail.com or 886-4061 to reserve your spot, or sign up at the

March 17 General Meeting. Checks should be made out to Jug & Mug and mailed to Kurt at 4641 Gull Road #61, Lansing MI 48917.

DINNER AND A MOVIE, MARCH 28 The Jug & Mug Ski Club invites you to an evening of good food, good company and good entertainment. Let's meet at Houlihan's in the Lansing Mall at 6:30 pm for a good meal while we scan the list of interesting movies. We will vote for a movie at dinner and go to the one with the most votes, or we can split up and see more than one movie. To make sure we have enough seating for everyone at dinner, please contact Bilky Joda-Miller by Thursday the 26th if you would like to attend the dinner.

Below are the dinner locations planned for the next few months. These are not cast in stone, so if something or somewhere more interesting comes up, we can try a different venue. Contact Bilky at bilkyj@yahoo.com or 256-6596.

- April 18 Buddie's
- May 23 La Seniorita
- June 13 Old Dinner Train/Murder Mystery Theater
- July 28-August 2 Traverse City Film Festival
- September Greek Town/Detroit Institute of Art

BOWLING FOR A CAUSE, APRIL 19

Katherine Lincoln is promoting "Strike Out For A Cause" fundraiser at the City Limits East Bowling Center, 2120 East Saginaw, East Lansing. The cost is \$20 per person, bowling from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All proceeds go to emergency financial assistance to low income Meridian Township households in crisis. Call Katherine at 775-5656 for more information or tickets.

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President's Column

Greetings Everyone,

I anticipate that everyone is staying warm but still finding fun activities to do in this cold weather. Conversations have conveyed it is a time to stay indoors, undertake indoor projects, read with a glass of wine in front of a fireplace, cuddle up in bed with a book or consume a favorite "comfort" food or beverage. I think all sound like a good choice.



Helen Ross is chairing the March 6-8 Cedar Bend outing at Mancelona. It's a great, inexpensive weekend in a relaxing, fun atmosphere with plenty of food. This trip exceeds in providing opportunities to get acquainted with others either through meal preparation, eating, skiing, reading, or playing games. Many snow shod and cross country and downhill skied last year.

Sharon Gaier is hosting the St. Paddy's Potato party on March 21 at her home. There is never a lack of delicious food at this party! Sharon provides the toppings for the potatoes. Dress in your favorite St. Paddy attire. Please remember to put a dollar in the jar to assist hosts with expenses.



An evening for a dinner and movie has returned. Bilky Joda-Miller has put a monthly schedule together that includes a variety of restaurants and theaters. On March 28, those attending will meet at Houlihan's for dinner and then choose a movie. Also, those attending the General Meeting who purchase 50-50 raffle tickets have a chance to win a free movie pass for that month. New member Kathy Toman won February's pass and Dave Howe, March's pass.

Don't forget to sign up for the Red Wing Hockey game bus trip on March 26. A few seats are still available. Bring a friend or friends. Contact Kurt to let him know your intent. Everyone has a good time on these bus trips.

Reminder that the Club is needing volunteers to serve on Council. Voting will be at the April General meeting. If you have an interest but not sure, consider attending the March 10 Council Meeting.

Best Wishes,

*Sharon Roberts
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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — March happy hour will be at Tony M's located at 3420 Creyts Road, Lansing. We will meet at our usual time from 5 to 7 on Friday. They have reserved a table in the restaurant for Jug & Mug.

In April, happy hour is divided between two places: April 3 and 10 we will be at Fiesta Charra located at 5900 Park Lake Road, East Lansing, on the corner of Saginaw and Park Lake Road. Fiesta Charra is a new Mexican restaurant that has great food and drink specials. If you are coming from US-127 past Frandor, go east on Saginaw Street; Fiesta Charra will be on your right.

April 17 and 24, we will be at Champps in Eastwood Town Center. 2800 Preyde Boulevard, Lansing. They have half price appetizers and drink specials at happy hour. Some specials end at 6 pm so plan accordingly.

Linda Lillie is our happy hour coordinator. If you have any suggestions, contact Linda at 290-0189 or LMLillie@gmail.com.

Jug & Mug Book Club -- The Jug & Mug Book Club is a friendly group who get together every 6 weeks or so to discuss the book we chose at the previous meeting. Our current book is *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*, by Jacqueline Kelly.

We will discuss the book on Sunday, March 15, 6:30 pm at Helen Ross's house, 1450 Somerset Close, East Lansing. You are encouraged to bring a snack and/or a beverage to share. If you are interested in receiving email updates, please contact Helen Ross at hall_family@hotmail.com or 332-5595.

Social Tennis — Social tennis is on hiatus on Wednesdays because of scheduling conflicts at the MSU Tennis Facility. Until the schedule is resolved, ad-hoc tennis groups may get together for some tennis playing. Make a reservation and make contact via the email list. Stay tuned as we work through this setback. There is also a Meet Up Group that plays tennis on Monday evenings at the MSU courts, the facility on Mt. Hope just west of Harrison. We will be playing tennis **outdoors** in about two months.

If you wish to be on the email list, contact Oren Christmas at christmaso@comcast.net or Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com.

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. Vote for your choice 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. The cost of the movie is \$5; everything else is optional. Contact Joanne at kayjoe@comcast.net to get on the email listing. If you don't have email, you can still attend the movies with us. Call Joanne after 8:00 pm on Wednesday at 285-4795 or 887-0441 to find out the selected movie and viewing time.

Singing at Burcham Hills — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, March 22, 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 810-687-7007.

Sing A Long — Join us on March 24 at the home of Don Johnson, 1306 Chartwell Dual Carriage Drive, for an uplifting song fest. Arrive anytime after 7:00 pm. You are encouraged, but not required, to bring a beverage and a snack to share. Don't forget your singing voice. Plan on a relaxed "good for the soul" evening filled with music. Contact Don at 351-4997 with any questions.

Walking the River Trail — Join us every Monday and Wednesday at 410 South Cedar, Lansing, 6:15 pm, for a walk on the River Trail. We walk four miles, to Potter Park Zoo and back. You get beneficial exercise and it may help you shed a few of those excess pounds. February proved to be wicked cold but March promises spring. Daylight savings time and longer days mean we have sunlight the entire walk. Put on your walking shoes and get out there with us, laugh with us, and enjoy the outdoors. Call Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or Bonnie Mernitz at 449-6368 with any questions.

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 River Walk	3	4 River Walk	5 Movie Matinee	6 TGIF, Tony M's Cedar Bend	7 Cedar Bend
8 Cedar Bend	9 River Walk	10 Council Meeting	11 River Walk	12 Movie Matinee	13 TGIF, Tony M's	14
15 Book Club	16 River Walk	17 General Meeting St. Patrick's Day	18 River Walk	19 Movie Matinee	20 TGIF, Tony M's	21 Zodiac Party
22 Burcham Hills	23 River Walk	24 Sing A Long	25 River Walk	26 Movie Matinee Red Wings Hockey	27 TGIF, Tony M's	28 Dinner & a Movie
29	30 River Walk	31				

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>River Walk</i>	2 <i>Movie Matinee</i>	3 TGIF, Fiesta Charra	4
5 <i>Easter</i>	6 <i>River Walk</i>	7	8 <i>River Walk</i>	9 <i>Movie Matinee</i>	10 TGIF, Fiesta Charra	11
12	13 <i>River Walk</i>	14 <i>Council Meeting</i>	15 <i>River Walk</i>	16 <i>Movie Matinee</i>	17 TGIF, Champps	18 <i>Dinner & Movie</i>
19 <i>Bowling for a Cause</i>	20 <i>River Walk</i>	21 <i>General Meeting</i>	22 <i>River Walk</i>	23 <i>Movie Matinee</i>	24 TGIF, Champps	25
26 <i>Burcham Hills</i>	27 <i>River Walk</i>	28 <i>Sing A Long</i>	29 <i>River Walk</i>	30 <i>Movie Matinee</i>		

Upcoming Activities, continued

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ALASKAN CRUISE 2016 We have enough interest for a Jug & Mug trip to go to Alaska! If you are interested in helping narrow down what trip we take, please contact Bilky Joda-Miller and let her know so she can organize a group trip that best meets the needs of the most individuals. The time frame being considered is between May and July of 2016. Showing interest does not mean a commitment but we are looking for serious interest. Please email Bilky at bilkyj@yahoo.com.

Jug & Mug Communications

Your club has multiple of ways to communicate with you. This newsletter is one, of course. The club maintains a web site and also a Facebook page. For immediate notice, we have a **Yahoo Group List**. You must request access to that list. Contact Joanne Creede at kayjoe@comcast.net. Your email address will not be sold or otherwise distributed.

Jug & Mug March Birthdays

3/04	Carolyn Tody
3/05	Jim Giguere
3/07	Jerry Blanchard
3/08	Ralph VanderVlught
3/20	Don Vanacker
3/27	Lorinda Tait
3/31	Mary Camp
3/31	Mary Jo Powell

Free birthday deals: Check it out!
[http://dealseekingmom.com/
birthday-freebies-clubs-specials/](http://dealseekingmom.com/birthday-freebies-clubs-specials/)

Joys Of Serving On Council

By Sharon Roberts, President

As the mother of two sons who was a stay home mother, I volunteered many years in the school system on boards, committees, millage elections and more. I totally burned out and stopped volunteering.

Volunteering again was not on my radar. Finally, I consented to serve on Council and ventured to learn how to be a trip chair. I soon learned the Club was well known and hotels and restaurants were anxious to host us. Then I consented to do the Presidency during my last year of work with a 2nd term during my first year of retirement. Reflecting, the rewards have been many.

Honestly, it has been a time of growth, networking, meeting people and more. The major highlight of serving is realizing how important this Club is to many. Over and over again I have met people who have lost a loved one, who are now single or new to the area and have shared the Club's importance to them. This is a primary reason I volunteer and keep volunteering. For me it is not just about fun and activities, but about providing a service in the area as some are hurting, healing or looking to start a new life when they come to check us out or join.

Please, consider volunteering and/or serving on Council and not shy away because of what you don't know, have heard or an incident you witnessed. The diversity of the Council changes with each election. Council provides the opportunity that can create character, leadership and decision-making skills and teamwork building. In reality, the positions/duties are not that complicated nor time-consuming. The 2015-16 Council will contain three past presidents to assist with the learning curve.

Finally, please reflect why you joined and what positives have happened because you became a member. Then consider how we/you keep this going for others who will need what this Club and its membership offers.

Past Activities

SUPER BOWL PARTY, FEBRUARY 1 It was a dark and stormy night . . . but 17 folks trudged through the snow to attend the 5th Annual Super Bowl party. We ate, drank and watched a super-good game, especially for New England Patriots fans! And everyone returned home safely!

Tina Lonski and Keith Hines

SPARTAN HOCKEY, FEBRUARY 13 We had 18 members attend the MSU hockey game, which the Spartans won 3-0; one of their best games of the season. Diane Fawley and I were ushering on the opposite side of Munn Arena from the J&M members so we could not share in the fun with our friends, but everyone expressed their enjoyment & excitement of the game. We'll make plans to attend more games in the future.

Dave Howe

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING The 2015 winter season has not been kind to the Jug & Muggers. Most years there isn't enough snow to ski but this year, it has been so cold it has not been safe to outside. The impromptu ski event on February 8 was well attended and enjoyable but the planned events were not successful. Be sure to check Facebook, the Jug & Mug web site for other impromptu events. Also make sure you are signed up for the Yahoo Group



List so you get the messages that are occasionally sent out. See page 5 for more information. There is still time to enjoy the snow if you plan to attend the Cedar Bend Outing in Mancelona. And spring is right around the corner, I promise!

Joanne Freede

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE, FEBRUARY 21

A group of 13 of us were in attendance for the performance of "Steel Magnolias" on Saturday. A few who carpooled went early and browsed the quaint local shops in Chelsea, while others enjoyed a coffee/bakery prior to the play.

Set in the late 1980's in Louisiana in a small Southern beauty salon, the regulars gather as a tight-knit family would, thus making the salon a warm loving laugh and gossip-filled second home. The spot-on detailed props made the old garage turned *Truivy's Beauty Shop* as inviting as its patrons did.



The costumes were the typical jumpsuits and high-waisted pants of the decade and the cast made you feel a part of their lives. Any place where people reflexively love and support each other like that while sharing their lives - well, I'd make an appointment there every week, too. I think everyone would agree!

After the show a few dined at the Common Grill and others at the Smokehouse 52 BBQ. I believe all diners enjoyed their meals, with many of us having leftovers to enjoy later.



Bobbie Black

LCA CRAFT BEER TASTING PARTY, FEBRUARY 21

A craft beer party with hors d'oeuvre was served at the Columbus Hall on Saturday. Nine different beers were available to sample. The beers included hard ciders (taste like cheap wine), and stouts (taste like cough medicine). Of course, that is only my taste buds talking. It was a fun night for the \$20 cost. There are rumors of more beer and wine tastings in the future.

Rich Rybicki

ANNUAL CHILI FESTIVAL AND NASCAR, FEBRUARY 22

The Annual Chili Festival at the Columbus Hall was lightly attended. But those in attendance enjoyed ten different chilies and a great Daytona 500 race. Jug & Mug members filled one whole table, eating chili, drinking beer and watching the race. It was a great way to spend a chilly Sunday afternoon, doing what Jug & Muggers do best, HAVING FUN!

Rich Rybicki

March 2015 Singles DanceSports

Author ~ Carolyn Tody 402-3224 or carley1t@sbcglobal.net

Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

Tomlian Ballroom Dance ~ 2nd Saturday, March 14 ~

New Location: South Lansing Christian Church, 6300 South Aurelius ~ 7 pm Lesson \$5, Dance 8-11 pm. \$12.

Info: (517) 655-3611, tomliandance.com.

USA Monthly Ballroom & Swing Dance ~ 3rd Saturday, March 21, at Central United Methodist Church. Lesson 7, Dance -10 pm. \$15. Info: usadance2037.org.

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

Lansing Eagles Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ Most Sundays at the Eagles Club, 4700 N. Grand River, west of the Airport. Opens 5:45 for 6 pm lessons, dance from 7-10 pm. Admission \$8 or \$10 with lesson. Dances are subject to occasional cancellation. Info: Mike (517) 490-7838, or Joann (810) 691-2719

Freestyle & Ballroom

Singles TGIF Nite Life ~ Fridays at 7:30 pm, March 6, 13 (Big 10 Sports Team garb night), 20, and 27 (Glitzy chick night with sparkles and bling). Dance 8 pm-12. Serving Hors d'oeuvres at 8:30. Admission: \$13. Details: <http://singlestgif.com>.

Greenville Singles Dance ~ Most Fridays from 7 pm-12 at the Greenville American Legion. Casual. Admission: \$7.

Howell Shark Club ~ Confirm first ~ 'Plenty of Fish' Singles Dances, 1140 South Michigan Ave, south of downtown Howell, 8-1:30 am. Info: (517) 640-0300 www.sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment.

Country

Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance ~ Saturday, March 7. Workshop 6:30 pm, Dance 7-10 pm. Admission: \$10. <http://TenPoundFiddle.org>.

Looking Glass Music & Arts ~ 3rd Saturday, March 21. Beginner Workshop 6:30, Dance 7-10 pm. Central United Methodist Church. Admission: \$10. More Info: <http://lgmaa.org/>.

Lessons

Parkwood YMCA ~ Register: (517) 827-9680.

Michigan Athletic Club ~ Register: Concierge 364-8800.

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

Dewitt YMCA - Lessons at 13161 Schavey Road, DeWitt. Registration: (517) 827-9660.

Lansing Eagles Club ~ Lessons precede Sunday dance. Info: Mike (517) 490-7838.

Further Information on dance venues:

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

Dancing In Ann Arbor ~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/139176727753582/>.

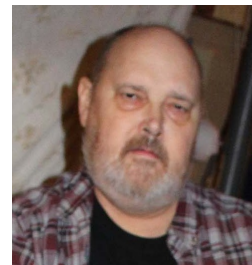
Dancing in Flint ~ American Dance Center ~ Info: <http://www.danceaway.com/>.

MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTIONS

All Jug & Mug memberships expire on May 31. The Council has voted to maintain dues at \$36 a year. Applications for the 2015/2016 membership year will be available at the April General Meeting. Elections will be held then, too, so come on out for the meeting, for the election, and a beverage and food. The rumor is that the council will provide light refreshments.

Rick Potter Memorial

Rick Potter passed away on February 1, 2015, after losing his battle with cancer, specifically, multiple myeloma. A long-time member of the club, he was an avid skier, golfer, basketball, and volleyball player. But perhaps his greatest passion was his music. He was an accomplished guitarist and singer and was active in both the Lansing and Charlevoix music communities.



He retired from the State of Michigan, Department of Information Technology, as a manager. In reading tributes posted on the Winchesterfuneral-home.com website it is clear that Rick was loved and respected by all who knew him. His smile, his easy-going manner, his ever-present friendliness will be greatly missed.

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Upcoming Events

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March 21	Zodiac Party
March 26	Red Wing Hockey
March 28	Dinner and a Movie
April 19	Bowling For a Cause
June 28	President's Picnic
Spring 2016	Alaskan Cruise

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