



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



The Journal

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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be May 19 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 May 12 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

ZODIAC PARTY/PLANT EXCHANGE,

MAY 9 Time to gather on the Grand River at Rich Rybicki's house for the first outdoor zodiac party of the season.

If the weather cooperates, canoeing and kayaking is at 2 pm. You can rent kayaks from Highland River Adventures in Eaton Rapids, behind the Quality Dairy. The cost from ER to Bunker Landing, a 90 minute float, is \$20. Give them a call at 269-339-0771. At 4 pm, the annual plant exchange happens. Bring your overgrown perennials and excess annuals and see what you can take home. Individual packets with instructions on planting are a big help. The food will be coming off the grill and onto the plates at 6 pm. Bring a dish to pass, your own beverage and a dollar or two for the kitty. Afterwards it's games, hikes, campfire, followed by fireworks.

Rich lives at 1245 South Michigan Road, Eaton Rapids. The first turn-around past Bunker Hwy will place you in front of his drive. Signs will be posted. For any questions call 663-1854.

DINNER AND A MOVIE, MAY 16 (Note:

This is a date change) The Jug & Mug Ski Club invites you to an evening of good food, good company and good entertainment. Let's meet at La Senorita, 2706 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing, 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 different movies. To make sure we have enough seating for everyone at dinner, please contact Bilky Joda-Miller at bilkyj@yahoo.com or 256-6596 by Thursday the 14th if you would like to attend the dinner.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ART AND DINNER, JUNE 13

We will be going to **THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**, checking out the exhibits, but a really popular one we can catch is the Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo Exhibit. Explore the tumultuous and highly productive year that Mexican artist Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo spent in Detroit, a pivotal turning point in each artist's career. The cost of general admission is \$8.00 per person; seniors are \$6.00. The Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo exhibit is an additional entry fee of \$19.00. After we enjoy the exhibits at the DIA, we will go to Greektown and enjoy dinner at Pegasus Taverna, 558 Monroe Street, Detroit.

Saturday DIA hours are 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. We plan to leave the Lansing area at noon, be at the Institute by 1:30 pm, leave the DIA at closing and be at the restaurant shortly afterward.

Contact Bilky Joda-Miller at 256-6596 or bilkyj@yahoo.com or Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or kayjoe@comcast.net if you plan to attend. They will facilitate carpooling.

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President's Column

The Two-Year Presidential Journey

Greetings To Everyone,

This is the final column I am writing as President of the Club. I have been pondering what I should or should not include as keep it short and sweet and/or share more of my experiences serving as the Club's President. Truthfully, I will not miss writing this column every month. I would rather be involved with the website, trips, flyer creation and members.

April's general meeting delivered an excellent turnout for voting and membership renewals. It is always fantastic to hear the "hum" in the room of people chatting, laughing and having an enjoyable time. It felt like "spring time" energy with individuals sharing options for future fun. Let's keep this momentum alive! Again, at May's general meeting, membership renewals will be taken. Pick up your pre-filled application and submit payment of \$30. Your current membership ends May 31, 2015.

During my Presidency, I have had the pleasure of serving the Club's membership, making new friends, hearing ideas and concerns from members. Along the way, I learned the Jug & Mug Ski Club is well known and realized the importance of our MDSC membership. Fortunately, I have had councils that provided me support and guidance as I took the leadership challenge, I thank everyone who assisted and served with me. Additionally, I relied on past presidents, Helen Ross and Rich Rybicki for guidance and a special "thank you" to them for always being there for me.

Although there are accomplishments one sets out to do, some are and some are not attained. A number of members asked me if our meetings could be moved from Reno's East to somewhere quieter. Linda Lillie and I approached Tripper's management and we now have a conference room. Many expressed thankfulness. (But we do need to purchase a microphone.) The other item high on my and others agenda was a new, user friendly website. With much work, the Web Committee accomplished this last year. The Website was designed so that membership could log in to obtain a current membership list and newsletters. Google navigation/map was also added for each event to assist the membership with directions. To my surprise, less members than envisioned appear to use these features that would easily provide them instant information. On the other hand, I have learned those who have e-mail addresses may be using computers at the library.

One item that I did not take the challenge to address but was asked to was explore the single vs. married Club membership. I have learned it has been a subject for many years. There are pros and cons to both views. The discussions relate to the facts that the Club is aging, new membership isn't replacing or keeping up with the loss of active, involved members who have departed. Actually, a former President inquired of me if this policy could be brought up and a change implemented so that Club members who married could continue being members and continue to be involved. For example, one couple that hosted parties joined the Thunderbirds so they could go on ski trips as a group with better rates. Judy Stafford, who has done the Mackinaw Trips, is now married and we are missing her as well.

On the other hand, members join the Club because it is single; some have no problem with their married friends continuing as members, but others want it strictly single. Can there be a resolution to this situation for the good of the Club. Somerset, the other singles Club, allows those who are current members to continue to be members after marriage. Thus, their Club is maintaining its membership, knowledge and involvement.

The one thing I believe is important is those that serve on council should attend Club functions such as the Friday TGIF's, Zodiac parties, theater, fall outing, etc. Get to know your membership, listen to them, and act on teachable moments and practice inclusion. I have learned much from the members; their likes, their joys, their frustrations and they prefer just fun and not too many rules.

In response to those inquiring about my travels, yes, I will be traveling. If you see less of me this summer, its because I am visiting family in North Dakota and Wisconsin and a wedding for my oldest son in July in Costa Rica followed by a future visit to London, England where they will be living. Actually, during summer months, I prefer to stay in beautiful Michigan.

It was a pleasure serving YOU!

Sharon Roberts, President

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ONGOING EVENTS

TCIF — Happy hour is every Friday from 5 to 7 pm. We have been having a lot of fun so come and join us in May at three locations in the East Lansing and Haslett area.

May 1 and 8--The Watershed in Haslett located at 5965 Marsh Road. We are just across the street from Lake Lansing so plan on walking over to the lake and checking it out.

May 15 and 22--Hop Cat located at 3000 Grove Street, East Lansing. There is a parking ramp right next to Hop Cat and one across the street. It is very safe to park there and it will still be light when you leave. They have a GREAT burger and beer special for \$6.99 but you MUST order before 6 pm. The seating is limited so come early.

May 29--Buffalo Wild Wings on 360 Albert Street (across from the Marriott Hotel) in East Lansing. There are several parking ramps next to the restaurant or you can walk a couple of blocks and park for free. There is a table for 12 that can NOT be reserved so whoever gets there first, please grab that table. At 5 pm we should be able to get seats but closer to 6 pm it will be packed so you may have to stand. Club members have expressed interest in going here for the food.

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

Social Tennis — Sometimes spring is in the air. Hey, it's Michigan. As soon as the snow melts off the courts and the temperatures are over 50° F (correct Oren?), the Jug & Mug members will commence play at Lett's tennis courts. Play starts between 5 and 5:30 pm on Thursday evenings (right Ralph?). If you wish to be on the email list for regular updates, contact Oren Christmas at christmaso@comcast.net or Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com.

Walking the River Trail — Join us every Monday and Wednesday at 410 South Cedar, Lansing, at 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. The May flowers are up! We consistently see deer, geese and ducks, and our mid-way point is in view of the

bald eagle's nest. Put on your walking shoes and join us before the leaves are out and obscure the view of the nest, 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. Vote for your choice via email and Joanne will send out an email on Wednesday stating the movie choice and the time. We often 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, May 17, 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 — No Sing A Long for May. Enjoy your Memorial Day. See you in June.

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. At our most recent meeting, we discussed *Three Day Road*, by Joseph Boyden, a book about the experiences of two Cree Indian soldiers in World War I.

Our next book is *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. "Bel Canto" is a style of operatic singing characterized by full, even tones and a brilliant display of vocal

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 TGIF, <i>Watershed</i>	2
3	4 River Walk	5	6 River Walk	7 Movie Matinee Tennis	8 TGIF, <i>Watershed</i>	9 Zodiac Party
10 Mother's Day	11 River Walk	12 Council Meeting	13 River Walk	14 Movie Matinee Tennis	15 TGIF, <i>Hop Cat</i>	16 Dinner & a Movie
17 Burcham Hills	18 River Walk	19 General Meeting	20 River Walk	21 Movie Matinee Tennis	22 TGIF, <i>Hop Cat</i>	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27 River Walk	28 Movie Matinee Tennis	29 TGIF, <i>BWW</i>	30
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June 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 River Walk	2	3 River Walk	4 Movie Matinee Tennis	5 TGIF, TBA	6
7	8 River Walk	9 Council Meeting	10 River Walk	11 Movie Matinee Tennis	12 TGIF, TBA	13 Detroit Inst. Arts
14	15 River Walk	16 General Meeting	17 River Walk Summer Circle	18 Movie Matinee Tennis	19 TGIF, TBA	20
21 Father's Day	22 River Walk	23 Sing A Long	24 River Walk	25 Movie Matinee Tennis	26 TGIF, TBA	27
28 President's Picnic	29 River Walk	30				

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SUMMER CIRCLE THEATRE, JUNE 17

Our club will be attending the MSU Summer Circle Theatre play, "Book of Liz" by David and Amy Sedaris at the new 400 seat outdoor theater located on Auditorium Road. If you have ever read anything by the Sedaris brother and sister team, you know they are hilarious. More information will be in the June newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S PICNIC, JUNE 28 The president's picnic will be held at the Portland Community Lake Park, the same location as last year. The club is requesting you sign up in advance so we have an adequate count for planning; only \$5 for members and children and \$8 for non-members. Meat and buns will be provided. Dave Panetta, as usual, will be grilling, serving around 5:00 pm. **Bring your own beverage and a dish to share.** If you have not renewed your membership, you can do so at the picnic.

Portland is the city of two rivers and you are welcome to bring a canoe or kayak to enjoy the rivers. If you put in at the Howe Road Bridge, it is about a 2½ to 3 hour paddle to the park. There is also a beautiful river trail for walking and biking. Bring your bike to ride the path. There is plenty of room to play a volleyball game or other yard game. Shelter 2 in the park is reserved for the day; we plan to start around 2:00 pm. 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, between Independent Bank and Burger King. Go about 2 blocks to the Community Lake Park sign and turn down the gravel road to the second shelter. Look for the Jug & Mug sign. If you have any questions, contact your brand new vice presidents, Joanne Creede at

285-4795 or kayjoe@comcast.net, or Orestes Mavromatis at omavroma@yahoo.com or 349-4553.

TRAVERSE CITY FILM FESTIVAL, JULY 28–AUGUST 2

If you are interested in attending the Traverse City Film Festival, please contact Bilky Joda-Miller. You can pick and choose what movies to see (schedule released June 26). Tickets may be purchased in advance or you can stand in line to get tickets the day of the movie. There are numerous free events, too, including a big screen movie on the open space overlooking the bay every night. You can determine how much you want to spend on an individual basis. Interest is needed in order to find us all a place to stay. Bilky will plan an itinerary after we see what the interest is like. Contact Bilky at 256-6596 or bilkyj@yahoo.com. More information on the festival can be found at <http://traversecityfilmfest.org/>.

OLD ROAD DINNER TRAIN, SEPT. 12

Save the date for a madcap Murder Mystery that unfolds table side while we are served a five course meal! Boarding is in Charlotte. More information will be available closer to the date.

ALASKAN CRUISE 2016 We are planning a Jug & Mug trip to go to Alaska in May or June 2016. At press time, Bilky Joda-Miller is still negotiating with various cruise lines for the best package but she will start taking sign ups at the May 19 general meeting. A \$250 deposit will hold your spot, with a cancellation date of the January 2016 general meeting. We need only 16 people to get a group rate. This is your opportunity to take a cruise to Alaska at an economical price.

Past Activities

DINNER AND A MOVIE, APRIL 18 Three people showed up for dinner at Buddies. We had lots of fun and since it was a small group, we got to know each other better. The food was good and the movie was funny. We choose to see a comedy that was stupid funny but that's what we signed up for; we were not disappointed. Hope to see everyone at La Senorita across from NCG in May.

Bilky Joda-Miller

BOWLING FOR A CAUSE, APRIL 19 A great time was had by all who came. I personally raised \$350. I want to thank all of you. Some members enjoyed the winner's pizza that Tina won.

Katherine Lincoln

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All Jug & Mug Ski Club memberships expire on May 31. The cost to renew is \$30 for current members and \$36 for new member applications.

If you receive your newsletter via snail mail and have not yet renewed, your application is enclosed. Review and correct or update the preprinted information, sign and date, and mail it in with payment.

If you receive your newsletter via email, open an application from the JugandMug.org website (Why Join?/Sign up). Complete and mail in the application with your payment. Alternately, an application can be obtained at the May general meeting at Trippers.

If you have questions, contact your favorite council member for answers or clarification.

May 2015 Singles DanceSports

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Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

Tomlian Ballroom Dance ~ 2nd Saturday, May 9 ~ 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, May 16, 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

TGIF Nite Life ~ (Now open to everyone - singles, couples, & married) Fridays at 7:30 pm, May 1, 8, 15 (Hawaiian garb night), 22, and 29. Dance 8 pm-12. Serving Hors d'oeuvres at 8:30. \$13. Details: <http://tgif.party/>

Greenville Singles Dance ~ Casual, most Fridays from 7 pm-12 at the Greenville American Legion: \$7

Country

Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance ~ Saturday, May 2. Workshop 6:30 pm, Dance 7-10 pm. Admission: \$10. <http://TenPoundFiddle.org>

Looking Glass Music & Arts ~ No Dance (Alton Park Picnic 5 pm-dusk) 3rd Saturday, May 16. Info: <http://lgmaa.org/>

Lessons

Parkwood YMCA ~ Classes start April 15. Register: (517) 827-9680.

Michigan Athletic Club ~ Classes start April 13. Register: Concierge 364-8800.

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

Dewitt YMCA ~ Classes start April 17. 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/1391767727753582/>

Dancing in Howell -

www.sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment

Dancing in Flint ~ American Dance Center ~

<http://www.danceaway.com/>

Thank You Note Received From Rick Potter's Family

Dear Folks at Jug & Mug,

Thank you for your memorial donation to the Charlevoix Hospital in the name of my brother, Rick Potter. He had so many great times with you all, such a wonderful group of friends. You enriched his life, whether it was volleyball, basketball, skiing, or music at the nursing homes. Rick's involvement with Jug & Mug went way back. What a great group – his surrogate family in Lansing.

Best Regards, Anita Valdes

Jug & Mug May Birthdays

5/03	Diane Fawley
5/09	Sandra McBride
5/12	Keith Hines
5/13	Suzanne DePeel
5/16	Patty Scheiterlein
5/21	Dorothy Harney
5/25	Orestes Mavromatis
5/28	Kathy Toman
5/30	Chloe Polzin

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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 (<http://jugandmug.org/>) and also a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jug-Mug-Ski-Club/307039310242>). Don't forget the Hot Line (517-342-9955) where a quick rundown of events is recited. For immediate notice, we have a **Yahoo Group List**. If you want to be included on the list, contact Joanne Creede at kayjoe@comcast.net. Your email address will not be sold or otherwise distributed.

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technique. It is also a whimsical and entertaining novel by Ann Patchett. The book takes place in an unnamed country in South America. A birthday party has been arranged for a prominent Japanese businessman named Mr. Hosokawa. The only reason that Mr. Hosokawa has agreed to come to this party in his honor is that Roxane Coss, a world famous soprano, is there to sing for the assembled guests. Ms. Coss does sing brilliantly and all seems to be going well. Unfortunately, the party quickly turns sour when a band of revolutionaries breaks into the house and holds the guests hostage. This book won several literature awards, and should be an interesting read. It is widely available in paperback, in bookstores, or at the library.

The next book club meeting will be held at Joyce Hensley's home, 1232 Farwood, East Lansing, date to be decided. If you are interested in joining our club, please contact Helen Ross at 332-5595 or hall_family@hotmail.com.

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Spring 2016	Alaskan Cruise

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