



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be November 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 November 10 at 410 South Cedar Street, Lansing. Contact Bilky Joda-Miller 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

PURPLE ROSE, NOVEMBER 14 Don't hesitate to sign up for a ticket to **Casting Session**, a play written by Jeff Daniels. The comedy is about Frank and Ron, two middle-aged actors who have been competing for the same roles in New York City and beyond for thirty years.

**Contains adult language.*

The cost of a ticket is \$38.00, checks payable to the Jug & Mug Ski Club. The play begins at 3 p.m. BUT meet Kurt at 2:40 in the theater lobby to collect your ticket. Purchase and refund deadline is **November 7**.



After the play, we will eat at the Smokehouse 52 BBQ Restaurant. The cost of your meal is up to you.

See Kurt Mertins at a TGIF or contact Kurt at kmertins@hotmail.com or 886-4061. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation. Should you wish to share the ride to Chelsea, meet at the Okemos Park & Ride at 1:00 P.M. to carpool (behind the Cracker Barrel restaurant). Let Kurt know if you will **NOT** meet at the Park and Ride. Log onto <http://jugandmug.org> for driving directions and details.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 19

Party with the best at our club's Christmas Party at the Timber Ridge Golf Club, 16339 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. Put on your "Sunday best" clothes and start the party at 6 pm with a cash bar and social hour with dinner served at 7 pm. Our buffet menu will be chicken marsala, pot roast with carrots and onions, homemade smashed redskin

potatoes, green beans almandine, mixed salad, rolls, and cake. We hired a fun DJ who will be playing Christmas carols through dinner then some great tunes to get us up and dancing. The cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for guests. You must sign up by December 11 and there are no refunds after that date. Contact Linda Lillie at LLMLillie@gmail.com or 290-0189 or Janice Pierce at janicepier@netzero.net or 348-2338 or sign up at the November general meeting on November 17.

CAROLING, DECEMBER 20 This caroling event is sponsored jointly by the Hearth & Hill and the Jug & Mug Ski Club. We meet at 1:00 p.m. at the East Lansing Health Care Center, 3815 Northwind Drive, East Lansing. At approximately 2:30 p.m., we will be at the Ingham County Medical Care Facility, 3860 Dobie Road, Okemos. After the caroling, we will stop at the Coral Gables Restaurant, 2838 East Grand River, East Lansing, for refreshments.

You are invited to join us anywhere along the way. Bring family, friends, and children. Song sheets will be provided. Come join us for this heart-warming and fun activity! If you have questions, contact Maddy Trimby at 669-6596 or Diane West at 810-687-7007.

SCHUSS MT RESORTS INTRODUCTIOANAL WEEKEND, JANUARY 22-24

Jug & Mug's first ski weekend is ready to go at Schuss Mt. resorts. The price has increased and hopefully the fun factor has increased also.

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Council Column

Dear Jug & Mug Members:

As winter looms in the not too distant future, the end of daylight savings time causes the stores and streets to start to look like Christmas, with lights coming on earlier, twinkling their cheery glow. As wonderful as this time of year is, it is also one of the most stressful. This message is sent to remind you that in the hustle and bustle, take a little time for yourself because you are important not only to your Jug & Mug friends but to all your friends and especially your family.

As you struggle with shopping lists, invitations, presents and budgets hindered by the snow and bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives worth the time and aggravation and people to whom we are worth the same. Try and take a minute for yourself and keep the stress level down to a low hum because as much as you want to give and please, to the special people in your life your health is more important than the trinket or present under the tree.

As our hearts grow tender with childhood and old memories that warm our hearts and beings, let's remember living in the moment and becoming a child again keeps our hearts warm throughout the holiday and cold season.

Finally, remember the Christmas Party on December 19 at Timber Ridge. Sign-up with Linda Lillie or Janice Pierce and join your friends to celebrate another year well spent and cheer and toast to good health; today, tomorrow, and always.

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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — Please come out Friday night and join us for happy hour from 5 to 7 pm. Fridays have been fun and you don't want to miss out! November happy hour is at two places so put the dates on your calendar.

November 6 & 13: Reno's North, 16460 South US Highway 27, with the Life Support Band starting their music set at 7 pm.

November 20 & 27: Midtown Brewing Company, 402 South Washington, Lansing. November 20 is also **Silver Bells in the City** so we can step outside to watch the parade.

December 4 and 11 will be Applebee's, 2284 Woodlake Drive, Okemos. Please note that HAPPY HOUR on December 4 is AFTER the Warren Miller film being shown at Okemos High School just down the road from Frank's. Join us after the film to discuss it. December 11 is at the usual happy hour time.

No other happy hours are scheduled for December but please join us for the Christmas Party on December 19. Greet your friends and enjoy an evening of great food, drink, music and fun. Don't miss this fun evening!

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

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 afterward and discuss the movie, and other subjects. 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 to find out the selected movie and viewing time.

Singing at Burcham Hills — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, November 8, downstairs in the Whitehouse Room, at 7:00 pm. Join us; we sing familiar songs and music sheets are 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.

Social Tennis — Starting in November, we will move indoors on Wednesday evenings to the MSU Tennis Facility. The email list is the place to be for regular tennis updates. Contact Oren Christmas at christmaso@comcast.net or Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com to be added to the email list or with any questions.

Jug & Mug Book Club — The Jug & Mug Book Club is a friendly group who get together every six weeks or so to discuss the book we have chosen at the previous meeting. We munch on a snack or two, have a glass of our favorite beverage, and chit-chat a bit before discussing the book. The book we are currently reading is ***A Prayer for Owen Meany*** by John Irving.

Owen Meany is a dwarfish boy with a strange voice who accidentally kills his best friend's mom with a baseball and believes--accurately--that he is an instrument of God, to be redeemed by martyrdom. The book is often hilarious, but as *Highlights Magazine* used to put it, it is "fun with a purpose." When Owen plays baby Jesus in the pageants, and glimpses a tombstone with his death date while enacting *A Christmas Carol*, the slapstick doesn't cancel the fact that he was born to be martyred. This book is widely available in paperback, on Kindle, and in your local libraries.

The next meeting will be held at Rich Rybicki's home, 1245 South Michigan, Eaton Rapids, on Sunday, December 6, at 5 pm. If you are interested in being included on the book club notification list, please contact Helen Ross at hall_family@hotmail.com or 332-5595.

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. Yes, it is dark during our walk but we have never had a safety issue on the path and it can be amazing to see the world in low light. Put on your walking shoes and join us, laugh with us, and enjoy the outdoors. Call Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or Bonnie Mernitz at 449-6368 with any questions.

Sing A Long — Sing A Long will be on hiatus until after the holidays, in January 2016. To volunteer your home for a future Sing A Long, or if you have any questions, contact Diane West at westdance@att.net or 810-687-7007.

NOVEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 River Walk	3	4 River Walk Tennis	5 Movie Matinee	6 TGIF, <i>Reno's North</i>	7
8 Burcham Hills	9 River Walk	10 Council Meeting	11 Veteran's Day	12 Movie Matinee	13 TGIF, <i>Reno's North</i>	14 Purple Rose
15	16 River Walk	17 General Meeting	18 River Walk Tennis	19 Movie Matinee	20 TGIF, <i>Midtown Brewing</i>	21
22	23 River Walk	24	25 River Walk Tennis	26 Thanksgiving	27 TGIF, <i>Midtown Brewing</i>	28
29	30 River Walk					

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 River Walk Tennis	3 Movie Matinee	4 Warren Miller Film TGIF, Applebees	5
6 Burcham Hills Book Club	7 River Walk	8 Council Meeting	9 River Walk Tennis	10 Movie Matinee	11 TGIF, Applebees	12
13	14 River Walk	15 General Meeting	16 River Walk Tennis	17 Movie Matinee	18	19 Christmas Party
20 Caroling	21 River Walk	22	23 River Walk Tennis	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28 River Walk	29	30 River Walk Tennis	31 New Year's Eve		

Upcoming Activities

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Included are three days of skiing, two breakfasts, Saturday night banquet with door prizes, and up to 16 hours of ski instructions in downhill, telemark, snowboarding and cross country techniques, along with two nights lodging.

Lodging consists of two choices: Schuss Village or Cedar River. Schuss Village is the typical two queen beds, one bath for \$339 per person, double occupancy. Quad accommodations are \$295 per person.

Cedar River is a small suite, 2 queen beds, one bath, sleeper sofa with a small living room at \$433, double occupancy; only \$333 per person as a quad.

The sign up deadline is December 18, 2015. Contact Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com or 663-1854 for more details.

ALASKAN CRUISE, MAY 29-JUNE 5, 2016

There is still time to sign up for a seven nights cruise to see some of the most extraordinary stops along Alaska's Inside Passage and coastline. You'll see glaciers flowing into the sea, forests rising up from the shoreline, and bald eagles soaring gracefully overhead. A naturalist will guide you through the exhilarating natural wonders. Onboard, enjoy spa inspired staterooms and custom blended bath products to help you feel restored and renewed. We will have complimentary access to the relaxing Persian Garden and exclusive access to the Blu restaurant serving



breakfast and dinner. The cruise starts in Vancouver, British Columbia (make sure you have a current passport), sails through the Inside Passage, with stops at Icy Strait Point, Juneau, and Ketchikan, including a cruise past the Hubbard Glacier. The double occupancy cost is \$870 for an inside stateroom, \$1,270 for an Oceanview stateroom, or \$1,670 for a Veranda stateroom. We were able to add a few of the popular Oceanview and Veranda staterooms but

when those are gone, we won't be able to add any at this price so sign up soon. Taxes, fees, and port expenses are included. Airline flights, gratuities and optional port excursions are extra. Billy is working with the travel agent to secure insurance for those who want it. If someone is interested in spending a couple days exploring Vancouver prior to the cruise, we have reservations at the Days Inn at the Vancouver Airport. The price will be \$80 per person per night double occupancy. If you want to stay four to a room, the cost will be \$40 per night each. Additional details on accommodations for the optional stay in Vancouver and air flights will be communicated to all participants. If you want to go on the cruise but don't know what may happen in your life between now and May 2016, you will get all your money back minus a \$30 cancellation fee as long as you cancel by January 19, 2016. Contact Billy Joda-Miller at 256-6596 or bilkyj@yahoo.com or Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or kayjoe@comcast.net to sign up or with any questions.

New Member

Judy Long
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Okemos High School Ski Swap

November 14

10 am to 4 pm

Okemos High School

2800 Jolly Road, Okemos

Buy or sell ski equipment. If you have questions, contact Rich Rybicki at 517-663-1854 or richrybick@yahoo.com.

Past Activities

FALL OUTING, OCTOBER 2-4 YMCA Camp Pendalouan was as nice as we remembered it from three years earlier! They are now in the middle of building three new cabins too, which will be ready for next year!



Thirty-two fun and fabulous people showed up for this year's fall outing. The beautiful sunset on Friday night (picture included) was

nice around the bonfire. The weather was not as nice as we hoped, so we didn't have the canoe races or beach volleyball. Some folks did try out the high ropes course and rock wall climbing. Several of us went out sightseeing on Saturday, along with many Spartan fans who watched the game on the big screen at Club 111 in downtown Whitehall. The food was fabulous, the DJ and dancing was tons of fun, and joke telling was hilarious! We had some visitors come from another singles group to join us too. Thank you to everybody for your help in the kitchen, both preparing meals and cleaning up! I could not have done this without all the help! The weekend turned out wonderful! Mark your calendar for next year!

Cindee Picklo

DINNER AND A MOVIE, OCTOBER 17 Nine members met at UKAI for a nice feast and entertainment. We had fun and everybody enjoyed the show at the table and their dinner. Two movies were selected, *The Intern* and *The Walk*, which were fun for the people who voted for them. Dinner and a movie will be on vacation during the holiday season and will resume at the beginning of next year. However, if you feel the need to venture out for dinner and a movie or even just dinner, let me know and we'll do a Yahoo blast and meet for some good food and great company.

Bilky Joda-Miller

HALLOWEEN PARTY, OCTOBER 24 A combination of Jug & Mug, neighbors, friends, and those from other clubs brought over 60 people together for this fun event hosted by Don Theis. Everyone enjoyed the food, variety of costumes, meeting new people, and dancing to the tunes by Tom Beckner. Costumes included Johnny Cash, a scarecrow, and an egg with red horns and tail (deviled egg).

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and effort making this evening a success. It could not have been done without your help!



Teri Miller & Don Theis

Membership Contest

The Jug & Mug Ski Club is offering a voucher program to encourage club members to bring new guests to general meetings. For every new guest that might be interested in joining the club, the member who brings that guest will receive a \$5 voucher. The voucher(s) are good for any event that is run through the club and in which money is paid to the club. Vouchers are good for one year from the time the person receives them. When you bring a guest to a meeting, introduce him or her to the person working the welcome desk. After verification that the guest is new, the club member will receive their voucher. If you have questions, feel free to contact Orestes Mavromatis or any council member. Contact information is on page 2.

WARREN MILLER MOVIE (WME) CHASING SHADOWS

We are once again partnering with the Okemos HS Ski team in presenting the 66th Warren Miller Movie, "Chasing Shadows." The movie date is **Friday, December 4, 2015**. The doors open at 6:00 pm and the feature starts at 7:00 pm.

Movie tickets for advance sale are now available. The Jug & Mug Ski Club is the exclusive distributor of the movie in the Lansing area. We have posters and promotional material from Warren Miller entertainment to advertise the movie.

It is a great movie, a wonderful time and a boost for the ski community in Lansing. Contact the committee chair Rich Rybicki at email richrybick@yahoo.com or telephone 517-663-1854 for tickets or any information.

Jug & Mug November Birthdays

11/06	Jean Brooks
11/20	Sharon Howard
11/22	John Sadowski

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

November 2015 Singles Dance Events

Carolyn Tody 402-3224 or carley1t@sbcglobal.net
Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

Tomliandance.com
Tomliandance.com ~ 2nd Saturday, Nov. 14 ~
Lansing Christian Church, 6300 S. Aurelius ~ 7 pm Les-
son \$5, Dance 8-10:30 pm. \$12. Info: (517) 655-3611,
tomliandance.com

**USA Monthly Ballroom & Swing Dance ~ 3rd Satur-
day, November 21**, location TBA (October dance was
at Dewitt Township Center, 16101 Brock Rd, Lansing.)
Lesson 7, Dance 8-10 pm. \$15. Info: usadance2037.org
Wild Spurs/Jammin' at the Jewel ~ Mondays at 6 pm,
5270 Perry Rd, Grand Blanc; lessons & other dance
parties. Info: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-
Jewel-Of-Grand-Blanc/226835440661812](https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Jewel-Of-Grand-Blanc/226835440661812)

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. Les-
son 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. Les-
son 6 pm, dance 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 & Country

**Hawk Hollow Golf Club ~ Dance Friday nights from 8
pm-12. \$13**

**Greenville Casual Singles Dance ~ Saturday Nov. 7
and 21.** 7 pm-12 at Greenville American Legion: \$7

**Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance ~ Satur-
day, November 7.** 6:30pm lesson, Dance 7-10. \$10.
<http://TenPoundFiddle.org>

Looking Glass Music & Arts ~ Saturday Nov. 21. Info:
<http://lgmaa.org/>

Group Lessons (Private Lessons also available)

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

Dewitt YMCA -13161 Schavey Road, DeWitt. Registra-
tion: (517) 827-9660

Michigan Athletic Club ~ Register: Concierge
364-8800.

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

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

General information

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/140480982080/>

Ann Arbor ~

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/139176772753582/>

Howell - www.sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment

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

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Upcoming Events

November 14	Purple Rose
December 4	Warren Miller Film
December 19	Christmas Party
December 20	Caroling
January 22-24	Introductional Weekend
March 4-6	Cedar Bend
May 29-June 5	Alaskan Cruise

Join us for the General Meeting at
Trippers
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