



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be August 19 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 pm. This month, the meeting will be August 12 at 410 South Cedar Street. 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

OVER THE LEDGE PLAYHOUSE, AUGUST 10 Over the Ledge Theater Company, located in Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge, is having an exciting show on Sunday, August 10, at 2 pm. It's called ***Married Alive, the musical comedy*** and sounds like great fun. Last year the club attended two plays at the theater and enjoyed both, so come out and join us. The cost of the play is \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors. After the play, the club will have a picnic at the tables by the theater. Rich will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs so please bring a dish to pass, your drink, and \$5 to cover food and fixings. If you would like to join us, please call Linda Lillie at 517-290-0189. Let her know how many seats you will need and if you will be attending the picnic so Rich will have a count for the food. Linda has reserved 15 seats. You can pay for your ticket at the box office on the 10th. Lastly, parking is free if you tell the attendant at the toll booth that you are going to the play. Hope to see you there!

SALMON FISHING, AUGUST 24 August is prime fishing time on beautiful Lake Michigan. The fish are schooling and getting ready to go up the Grand River at Grand Haven. Dave Panetta has reserved three boats and two are already full, so sign up soon to reserve your spot. The deadline is August 19. The six hour trip starts at 6:00 am and ends at noon. There are many fish species to catch: Chinook salmon, Steelhead, Coho salmon, Brown Trout,

Lake Trout. Each boat will have 12 to 18 lines out and we will take turns catching fish. Bring a cooler for your fish, which will be cleaned and filleted for you by the boat crew. You will need a valid fishing license. An all-species 24-hour license can be bought for \$10 at the dock. You may bring food and beverages, but NO glass containers. The temperature can be 10 to 15 degrees cooler on the lake, so bring a jacket and if rain is predicted, rain gear. Wear soft soled shoes, if possible, and your camera. The cost is \$110 per person. There is always a small chance the trip will be cancelled due to extreme weather but you will get a full refund if that happens. Call Dave Panetta at 517-230-0413 with questions or to reserve your place. We will carpool from Meijer on West Saginaw.

This trip is supported by the J&M Council but checks shall be made out to the trip chair.

TIGER BASEBALL, AUGUST 27 This trip to see the Detroit Tigers battle the New York Yankees is currently sold out. If you are kicking yourself for not signing up sooner, check with Kurt Mertins at 886-4061 to see if someone cannot go and is willing to sell their ticket to you!

END OF SUMMER PARTY, SEPTEMBER 6, An exciting end-of-summer party with two singles groups meeting: Jug & Mug and Lansing Catholic Singles are all invited to this outdoor barbecue, 2:00 p.m. at 1940 Pawnee Trail, Okemos. Bring a dish to pass, your own beverage, outdoor chair, and your baseball mitt, if you'd like to participate in

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President's Column

Hello Everyone,

Can you believe we are already in the month of August!? It seems with the cooler weather and rains that we are still waiting for summer to arrive. I lived that experience when I traveled west to see family -- rain, chilly, cloudy and perhaps a glimpse here and a glimpse there of sunshine and blue skies. Lake Superior chilled Ashland, Wisconsin, to 45 degrees in the middle of the day. The trip was good with no incidents. The best part was that it was on my schedule and not dependent on a work schedule.

The website committee, Helen, Rich and I, have been busier than normal working to get the Club's information current and to the web designer. For a few days, I thought I was back to work with deadlines...LOL. We had a productive committee meeting last week and also met with the designers. The goal is to go Live early August; hopefully, the first week. The website will contain the latest information we have at the time it goes Live. Check out the events, the calendar, the Google map/directions, the links, and more. Membership login and PayPal will not be available when the website goes Live. You must have an e-mail address on file with us in order to log in and create your account. Training will be provided to the committee to learn how to update and maintain the website. A "Show and Tell" is planned for the August General Meeting. We will have laptops at the meeting for "hands on" help.

The upcoming months appear to be quite busy. Cindy Picklo is hosting an "End of Summer" gathering on September 6. Tom McRae is hosting a Zodiac Party on September 27. Janice Pierce is chairing the Fall Outing, October 10-12 at Mystic Lake. Teri Miller and Don Theis are again planning the Halloween Party, October 18. Linda Lillie and Deb Maynard are working on the Christmas Party on December 6.

If you would like to be involved, chat with one of the trip chairs, council member or me. We will be glad to mentor you through the procedures.

Have a great August. Now, let's have some fun and think of ways to enjoy good times with our friends.

Sharon Roberts

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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — Happy hour for August will be at Reno's East on the patio. It is always fun to go there on a warm summer night. Every Friday, Reno's will have live music, so come early and stay late. Our happy hour time is from 5 to 7, but with the Lake Lansing Band Shell just a few miles away you may want to go there afterwards to continue listening to music. NO HAPPY HOUR AUGUST 29.

In September, we will be enjoying happy hour and great food at Los Tres Amigo on West Saginaw Street near the Lansing Mall.

Contact Linda Lillie at LMLillie@gmail.com or 517-290-0189 with your suggestions for future happy hour locations.

Social Tennis — . . . is in full swing outdoors at the Letts Center. This Lansing city park is on Kalamazoo just west of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Play is every Thursday, beginning at 5:30 pm and all skill levels are welcome. If you wish to be on the email list, the contact point for communication, let Rich Rybicki know at richrybick@yahoo.com or Oren Christmas at christmaso@comcast.net. You are welcome to join us at Harry's Bar on Verlinden around 7 pm for rehydration.

Wednesday Morning Golf Open to any Jug & Mug member who wants to golf, come on over to the Bonnieview Golf Course on M-99 each Wednesday mornings at 8:45 am; golf begins at 9 am. The cost for nine holes for seniors (59 years and older) is \$7 walking and \$14 each for a cart. For those 58 years and younger, the cost is \$10 walking and \$17 each for a cart. If you have any questions, call Ray Doyle at 517-449-1155 or Jo Moening at 517-646-2186.

Singing at Burcham Hills — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on two Sundays, August 10 and August 24, 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 — The Sing A Long gathering is on summer hiatus. Hope to see you in September.

Jug & Mug Book Club — The Jug & Mug book club gets together every 6 weeks or so to chit-chat, discuss the chosen book, eat snacks, and drink a beverage or two. Our book for next time is this year's "One Book, One Community" book, **March Book One**, by U S Congressman John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell. This book is a graphic novel and gives a first-hand account of Lewis's lifelong struggle for civil and human rights. Rooted in Lewis's personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement. The date for our discussion will be announced later. Since this is the "One Book, One Community" book, it is widely available in local libraries. If you are interested in joining our club, please contact Helen Ross at 332-5595 or hall_family@hotmail.com.

Walking the River Trail — Join us every Monday and Wednesday at 6:15 pm at 410 South Cedar, Lansing, for a walk on the River Trail. We walk four miles, to Potter Park Zoo and back, all year round and rain or shine. Get some beneficial exercise that is so important for your well being and physical health. Walking is a weight-bearing, low-impact exercise with numerous health benefits. 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.

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 to get on the email listing.

AUGUST 2014

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 TGIF, Reno's East	2
3	4 River Trail	5	6 Golf River Trail	7 Tennis	8 TGIF, Reno's East
10 Burcham Hills Playhouse	11 River Trail	12 Council Meeting	13 Golf River Trail	14 Tennis	15 TGIF, Reno's East
17	18 River Trail	19 General Meeting	20 Golf River Trail	21 Tennis	22 TGIF, Reno's East
24 Burcham Hills Fishing	25 River Trail	26	27 Golf River Trail Tiger Baseball	28 Tennis	29
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September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3 Golf River Trail	4 Tennis	5 TGIF, Los Tres Amigos	6 End of Summer Party
7	8 River Trail	9 Council Meeting	10 Golf River Trail	11 Tennis	12 TGIF, Los Tres Amigos	13
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a shortened-version softball game. As dusk approaches, we can have a bonfire.

Please park on Pawnee Trail, two rows in front of the house, in the driveway, and on the east side of Tacoma Boulevard. Please email Cindee Picklo at pickcyn@sbcglobal.net to RSVP so she can plan enough hotdogs and hamburgers.

ZODIAC PARTY, SEPTEMBER 27 Please save the date, Saturday, September 27 for the 2nd Annual Zodiac Party at Tom McRae's house, 1175 Buckingham Road, Haslett. The party starts at 3:00 pm with games and a cookout taking place later in the afternoon. Hot dogs and burgers provided; just bring a dish to pass and BYOB. More details to come at the August general meeting but you know the drill - come and have fun!

FALL OUTING, OCTOBER 10-12 This year's Fall Outing is set for October 10-12. We are returning to the Mystic Lake YMCA Camp in the little town of Lake, just north and west of Clare. Major improvements since our last visit include modern 10-person yurts and brand new bathhouse (2011). The High Ropes Course, a 40 foot climbing tower (it ain't easy), canoeing, fishing, and fire pit remain favorites. Meals will be prepared by YMCA staff.

The club price has not yet been finalized. Log on to www.mysticlakecamp.com for all the camp has to offer. More details, flyers, and signups at the August general meeting.

HALLOWEEN BARN PARTY, OCT. 18 Mark your calendars for the annual Halloween party hosted by Don Theis in his barn. Costumes are fun and optional but dress for the weather as the barn is unheated. Festivities start at 7:00 pm with dance music by Tom Beckner. Bring your own beverage and a dish to share. Sloppy Joes will be provided, and admission is \$7 at the door. The location is

10565 West Price Road, Fowler 48835. Volunteers are needed to decorate, collect entrance fee, coordinate food, and clean up. Please contact Teri Miller at 517-699-2969 or tmclocks@hotmail.com to offer your much needed help or for questions.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 6

Save the date for the Christmas party! More information next month.

WINTER CRUISE, DECEMBER 14-20

Come sail away! . . . on a six night western Caribbean cruise. Ports of call are George Town, Grand Cayman; Falmouth, Jamaica; and Labadee, Haiti. Departing from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on December 14, our ship, the Independence of the Sea, is a marvel of maritime engineering. The ship had a \$7 million upgrade in 2013. The new features included a cupcake shop and an Italian trattoria called Giovanni's Table. On the technology side, the ship got new digital signage, bow-to-stern Wi-Fi and a poolside movie screen.

We will be in each port of call for one day where you are free to explore. While cruising, you can take advantage of the multiple on-board amenities, such as an outdoor movie screen, ice rink, golf, surfing and a whole lot more.

A deposit of \$250 holds your space, refundable to August 31. An inside state room is \$530, a balcony room is \$750, and an ocean view room is \$900, double occupancy with a \$150 per person onboard credit. All cabin and dining gratuities are included. A valid passport is required.

All deposit checks must be made out to Bilky Joda-Miller, with a memo of "Winter Cruise." You may pay by credit card but please add \$5. To sign up or for questions, contact Bilky Joda-Miller at bilkyj@yahoo.com or 517-256-6596, or see her at the August 19 general meeting.

This trip is supported by the J&M Council but checks shall be made out to the trip chair.

Warren Miller Movie

The Jug & Mug Ski Club is ready to host Warren Miller's 65th feature ski film, titled "**No Turning Back.**" The club is collaborating with the Okemos High School Ski Team to host the movie on **Friday, November 21, at Okemos High School.**

As in the past, the Warren Miller film Committee needs volunteers, especially early in the project to distribute advertising material and tickets.

The evening of the event, we will need volunteers to collect tickets, distribute material and other hosting duties.

The committee will hold a meeting in September after we receive the material from Warren Miller Entertainment. Call Rich Rybicki at 663.1854 or email richrybick@yahoo.com for further information or to volunteer.

New venue, new day, new adventures, new friends;
No Turning Back!

Stay tuned for details.

The Warren Miller Committee

Past Activities

JUDY'S 4TH ANNUAL MACKINAC ISLAND TRIP, JULY 18 - 20

Wow! What an awesome weekend on Mackinac Island!!! It was great to see most everyone at our kick-off get-together on Friday evening at the Gate House. The weekend weather was sunny and perfect; not too hot and not too cold...but, just right! The nightlife was hopping. Some of us ventured to the Grand Hotel for their ballroom dance in the Terrace Room. It was actually a rock-n-roll band and we rocked and rolled to the music. Our

group picnic was lots of laughter and tons of great food and reminiscing. The bike ride on Saturday morning was absolutely stunning and totally enjoyable. To sum up this amazing weekend Great friends, fun times and way too much ice cream and totally way too much fudge.. so I had to kill my weight scales when I returned home. Thank you to all who participated. Until we meet again . . .

Judy Stafford



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Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

Eagles Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ Most Sundays, opens 5:45 for 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 dance only. Dances are subject to occasional cancellation. Info: (517) 490-7838 for Mike (Eagles), or (810) 691-2719 for Joann (classes).

'TGIF Dance til ya Drop Party' ~ 2nd Saturdays opens 6:50, at the Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club in East Lansing. Lesson 7-7:30, Dancing 7:30-10 pm. \$12 admission. Registration: Mac Concierge (517) 364-8800 or just come. Additional info: Mary Benjamin (517) 712-6674

Great Lakes Swing Association ~ Wednesdays, 6 pm. Lesson 6 pm, 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 Ave., south of downtown Howell. Info: (517) 640-0300 www.sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment

Singles TGIF Nite Life ~ Fridays 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

Start watching for Fall 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

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/>

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Jug & Mug August Birthdays

8/02	Diane West
8/04	Tom McRae
8/06	Nita Jones
8/13	Barbara Tanaka
8/21	Deb Lynn
8/22	Bruceen Goodrich
8/31	Rich Rybicki

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

The Jug & Mug Council will be running a series of articles in the newsletter on

How to Run a Successful Outing!

Last month the J&M Council instituted this tutorial on **"How to Run a Successful Outing!"** an outline of the steps was published, including:

An Outing: What, where and when!
Present to Council; Budget and date.
Promote; Newsletter, flyers, enthusiasm.
Funds; Collecting, record keeping, refunds.
The Outing; Checklist, waiver, have fun.
Closeout; Income, expenses, final report.

This month we will discuss the basic steps and questions to help lay the groundwork for a successful trip. You have a destination in mind; you have discussed the concept with other club members. Next you need to analyze details for the best course of action for your trip. Let us step back and discuss variables of trips. Obviously a week trip to a ski destination will be much different than a day trip to Metro Detroit. Regardless of the length or expense of a trip, certain guidelines need to be met.

An Outing: Who, What, Where and When! Who is the trip chair and co-chair? These are the contact points for our members for more information, make payments, and any other questions. You are in charge and the more information you provide, the easier the task will be.

What is the trip? A ski trip, canoe trip, shopping excursion? Our membership have many interests and knowing the trip by location or activity will help you find the

members who will be most interested in going on your activity. This is a great reason for all members to list their activity preferences on the membership form.

Where is the trip destination? Around the world or around the block? Destination will determine your budget. What mode of travel? airfare, \$500; bus \$20; car pool, \$5 for gas per person. Food is a factor: meals and how many? Pot luck, kitchen duty or restaurant meal? An overnight trip includes lodging, (\$100 double occupancy) group reservation or individual reservation? Fortunately, on many extended stay trips, resorts or travel agents will work with you on these details. Even if you work with an agent there are always amenities you may need to include in the budget, such as a welcome party, side trips, etc.

When is the trip? Avoid scheduling conflicts with other club functions. Check with the J&M council to clear a date. Off peak time can result in better prices for any trip. You are in charge; pick the best date available.

You now have all the information on hand to make a written presentation to the J&M Council. It is not an inquisition; the council is on your side and wants all trips to be successful. The presentation will include the cost of the trip for members and non-members and requests for any money needed for deposits or other expenses.

Next month, we will review the process to present the trip to Council.

Upcoming Events

August 10	Over the Ledge Playhouse
August 24	Salmon Fishing
August 27	Tiger Baseball
September 6	End of Summer Party
September 19-20	Old Town Bluesfest
September 27	Zodiac Party
October 10-12	Fall Outing
October 18	Halloween Party
November 21	Warren Miller
December 6	Christmas Party
December 14-20	Winter Cruise

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) LISTS CURRENT EVENTS, AFFILIATED CLUBS, AND DISCOUNTS. CALL OUR MDSC REPRESENTATIVE, TERI MILLER, AT 517-699-2969 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Join us for the General Meeting at
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