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The Journal

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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be September 16 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 September 9 at 410 South Cedar Street. 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

END OF SUMMER PARTY, SEPT. 6 Let's

make it an exciting End-of-Summer Party with two singles groups invited: Lansing Catholic Singles and the Jug & Mug Ski Club. Held at the home of Cindee Picklo, 1940 Pawnee Trail, Okemos, arrive any time after 3:00 pm. Bring a dollar for the kitty, a dish to pass, your own beverage, an outdoor chair, and your baseball mitt if you'd like to participate in a fun noncompetitive softball game in the park next to the house. Other fun activities will also be available. As dusk approaches, we can have a bonfire if people are interested. Please RSVP to Cindee at pickcyn@sbcglobal.net so enough of the main course can be planned. See you there!

OLD TOWN BLUESFEST, SEPT. 19-20

Meet up for happy hour at Los Tres Amigos on Saginaw, have something to eat, and then attend the Bluesfest in Old Town. If not attending TGIF, consider meeting at the beer tent and the same for Saturday as great local bands are playing starting at 6 p.m. Post your plans on the Jug & Mug Facebook page or send a message blast to Jug and Mug@yahoogroups.com.

ZODIAC PARTY, SEPTEMBER 27 The 2nd Annual Zodiac Party at Tom McRae's house, 1175 Buckingham Road, Haslett starts at 3:00 pm with games and a cookout taking place later in the afternoon. Hot dogs and burgers provided; just bring a dollar for the kitty, a dish to pass and your own beverage. You know the drill -- come and have fun!

FALL OUTING, 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 a brand new bathhouse in 2011.

Activities include:

- All meals will be prepared by YMCA Staff
- Friday Welcome Party
- Free canoeing, use of fire pit, and fishing (fishing license required)
- Pere Marquette Rail Trail is nearby so bring your bicycle and walking shoes!
- Dance music provided by Tom Beckner

The cost for members is \$99 and \$105 for non-members. The payment deadline is October 1. Log on to www.mysticlakecamp.com for all the camp has to offer.

More details and signups at the September general meeting. Please contact co-chairs Janice Pierce at janicepier@netzero.com or 694-4428 or Tom McRae at tom.mcrae@hc.msu.edu or 899-1768 with any questions.

HALLOWEEN BARN PARTY, OCT. 18 Mark

your calendars for this great 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 provided and admission is \$7 at the door. The location is 10565 West Price Road, Fowler 48835. Volunteers are still

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President's Column

Hello Everyone,

Wow, it's already Labor Day weekend. Students are returning to classes and the fans are chatting about the MSU football season. The Club's calendar is seeing more activities added which can be found at jugandmug.org. The new website is providing more options for posting information and the Club's website administrators are busy learning how to take it to even higher levels to benefit the Club.

In the near future, the PayPal option will be available for selected events. Several of the trip chairs are excited about this feature, as it will allow signing up and paying for an activity on-line. This will also allow those who do not live in the Lansing area or unable to attend a General Meeting an alternative to signup and pay.

This year's Christmas Party will be December 6 at the beautiful Maple Brooks Golf Course in Charlotte. Please save the date! Linda Lillie and Deb Maynard are working diligently to make it a very special night. The Council is covering half of the expenses to keep the cost to its members reasonable. As plans are finalized, information will be published. Even though this event is not in Lansing, please decide to attend as much effort and time is going into this event.

The Fall Outing is happening October 10-12 at Mystic Lake YMCA camp. No one will have to shop for food, prepare meals, do dishes or clean a kitchen. No matter where or what the weather is, this weekend is always fun, fun, and more fun. It will be another fun weekend thanks to Janice Pierce and Tom McRae. On the website, view the flyer for details and the form to submit your registration and payment via mail.

Other upcoming events are the Western Caribbean Cruise, Warren Miller movie night, Halloween Party, Purple Rose Theater and dinner, Zodiac Party at Tom McRae's and End of Summer Party with the Lansing Catholic Singles at Cindee Picklo's home in September. A full list of events and information can be found in the newsletter and on the website.

Consider inviting and bringing a friend or someone interested in the Club to an activity or the General Meeting.

Have a safe, fun weekend.

Sharon Roberts, President

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." Henry Ford

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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — Many people have requested a happy hour on the west side of town so Fridays in September we will be enjoying Mexican food and drink at Los Tres Amigos, 5010 West Saginaw, Lansing. Since we are close to the new Regal Theater at the Lansing Mall, it would be great to check it out. Those who would like to extend the evening can find like-minded members and go to a movie on the 5th and 19th.

Our happy hour location in October will be the Spartan Hall of Fame, 1601 West Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing, located near Eastwood Mall. On weekends when there is a MSU home game, the cheerleaders come to the bar and entertain the patrons. We meet every Friday from 5-7 pm. Come out and join the fun! 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. We could use a few more players. We will be moving indoors to the MSU tennis facility sometime in October, depending on Michigan weather. Get a few more games outdoors before we must play indoors and start playing on Wednesdays. If you wish to be on the email list, contact Rich Rybicki 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. We plan to play through October, weather permitting. 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, September 14 and September 28, 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 will be hosted on September 23 at the home of Don Johnson. Join the singers at 1306 Chartwell Dual Carriage Drive, East Lansing, anytime after 7:00 pm. Bring a snack to share, if you want, a beverage, and your singing voice. A great voice is not required, only enthusiasm and participation. Call Don at 351-4997 with any questions.

Jug & Mug Book Club — The Jug & Mug book club is a friendly group that gets together every 6 weeks or so to discuss the book we chose at the previous meeting. We also eat assorted snacks, and enjoy 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 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 book is a graphic novel (i.e., comic book format). Most of the "One Book, One Community" events will be over by the time you read this but you can learn more by watching the CNN presentation on the Civil Rights struggle in "The Sixties."

We have not picked a date for the next meeting yet. If you are interested in joining our book club, please contact Helen Ross at hall_family@hotmail.com or 517-332-5595.

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, rain or shine. You get beneficial exercise that is important for your well being and physical health. 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 <u>informal</u> 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.

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labor Day		Golf River Trail	Movie Matinee Tennis	TGIF, Los Tres Amigos	End of Summer Party
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	River Trail	Council Meeting	Golf River Trail	Movie Matinee Tennis	TGIF, Los Tres Amigos	
14	15	16	17	18	19 TGIF, Los	20
Burcham Hills	River Trail	General Meeting	Golf River Trail	Movie Matinee Tennis	Tres Amigos Old Town Bluesfest	Old Town Bluesfest
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	River Trail	Sing A Long	Golf River Trail	Movie Matinee Tennis	TGIF, Los Tres Amigos	Zodiac Party
28	29	30				
Burcham Hills	River Trail					

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Golf River Walk	2 Movie Matinee Tennis	3 TGIF, Spartan Hall of Fame	4
5	6 River Walk	7	8 Golf River Walk	9 Movie Matinee Tennis	10 TGIF, SHF Fall Outing	11 Fall Outing
12 Fall Outing Burcham Hills	13 River Walk	14 Council Meeting	15 Golf River Walk	16 Movie Matinee Tennis?	17 TGIF, Spartan Hall of Fame	18 Halloween Party
19	20 River Walk	21 General Meeting	22 Golf River Walk	23 Movie Matinee Tennis?	24 TGIF, Spartan Hall of Fame	25
26 Burcham Hills	27 River Walk	28 Sing A Long	29 Golf River Walk	30 Movie Matinee Tennis?	31 Halloween	

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needed to collect entrance fee, coordinate food, and clean up. Please contact Teri Miller at 517-699-2969 or tmclocks@hotmail to offer your much needed help or with questions.

PURPLE ROSE, NOVEMBER 15 Annapurna

is a bittersweet comedy by one of America's most vibrant and lyrical new playwrights. Tickets for the play are \$37. We can share the rides by meeting at the Okemos park & ride at 1:00 pm to carpool. The play at the Purple Rose Theatre starts at 3:00 pm. Kurt Mertins has made reservations for dinner at the *Common Grill*, Chelsea's famous restaurant. Cost of the meal is up to you. Reserve your ticket with Kurt by contacting him at 517-886-4061 or signing up at the September 16 general meeting.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 6 The

2014 Jug & Mug Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, at Maple Brook Golf Club in Charlotte from 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm. There will be a buffet dinner and a cash bar. You don't need to bring anything; just put on your Sunday best clothes and pay \$20 per member or \$28 for non member. The club is paying for the room and DJ in order to keep the members' price low for this fun-filled evening. Sign up at the September general meeting. If you have questions, contact Linda Lillie at LMLillie@gmail.com or Deb Maynard at dmaynard10@hotmail.com.

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.

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Past Activities

OVER THE LEDGE PLAYHOUSE, AUGUST 10

On Sunday, we met at The Ledges Theater to see the play *Married Alive*. There were 13 club members in attendance for the play and the wonderful picnic that followed. Thanks to Rich for cooking and planning for this fun day. There was a plan to attend another play, but the playhouse cancelled the performance.

Linda Lillie

SALMON FISHING, AUGUST 24 All the stars aligned to give us a perfect day for fishing; overcast skies, little wind, smooth waters, and abundant hits on our lines. Not all hits resulted in a catch, as those fish are wily and know how to twist off the hook. Due to last minute cancellations, there were only 9 anglers but everyone went home with fish; 16 fish made it into the boats and coolers. The early morning hours were the most productive and showed us the virtue of early rising. Everyone had a great time. Join us next year.

Dave Panetta

TIGER BASEBALL, AUGUST 27 The bus was almost full, with 38 Jug & Muggers and friends wearing Tiger orange and blue, carrying coolers and jackets. It was a bit of a rocky start but we made it to the stadium in time to see the Derek Jeter tribute. The first two innings were slow, but the Tigers could not recover from 8 runs in the third inning by the Yankees. Everyone enjoyed the evening, however. Next year!

Kurt Mertins

Jug & Mug September Birthdays

9/01	Carol Bray
9/08	Mary Ann Poma
9/25	Judy Stafford
9/26	Marjie Evarian
9/26	Mary Stenhens

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

Jug & Mug's New Website Is Now "Live"

The new, redesigned Jug & Mug Club's website went "Live" the beginning of August. The web committee is excited about the opportunities this updated site with current technology will provide for the Club. There was a "Show and Tell" at Tuesday's general meeting and the response from membership was positive.

If you have not visited the Club's website recently, log in at jugandmug.org. Start by exploring what options are on the Home page. Click on one of the events listed under "Featured Events." Here you will find additional information, Google location map and perhaps an attached flyer. Also, when this event is open, note the "Featured Events" link on the page. When you click that, it will list all the Club's events. If you click on "view all events" on the Home page, this will take you to the calendar. Recurring events such as TGIF are on the calendar. Events can also be found under the Trip & Activities tab.

Under the Gallery tab, you will find limited pictures. In order to view all photos that are and will be placed in the Gallery, you will need to be a member, have set up an account and logged in to your account.

To activate your account to view photos, current newsletters, and membership list, click on the "Why Join?/Sign up" link on the Home page. You will need to fill in the required information in the "New User Registration" form, enter the information appearing in the window in the text box and click "Register." After the web administrator has activated your account, you will get an email with your password. Your email is your username.

Please remember those involved with the website and maintaining it are learning and most likely always will be because that is technology. We welcome feedback. Report errors to us. See "Contact Us" to send messages to Council and others.

Connections Graphics is hosting the website and providing us continued support; this keeps it local. Working with them has been a positive relationship.

Visit the new website often. Watch for changes, new features, and more as we learn and grow to continually take us to new levels.

Your Web Committee.

Sharon Roberts Helen Ross Rich Rybicki



September 2014 Singles DanceSports



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Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

Strictly For Fun Dance Party – First dance of the season on Saturday, September 6. Lesson at 7 pm, dance 8 to 10 pm. \$15 Central United Methodist Church, 3rd floor. Casual attire. Info: *usadance2037.org or* 517-712-6674. Please note: may need a "rsvp" so they have accurate pizza count! Email us at *strictly.for.fun.ballroom@gmail.com*.

Eagles Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ Sunday, Sept. 7, 14, 21, and 28. Subject to occasional cancellation. Opens 5:45 for 6 pm West Coast Swing lessons and 7-10 pm dance. Eagles Club, 4700 North Grand River west of the Airport. Admission \$10 with lesson or \$8 for dance only. Info: 517-490-7838 for Mike, or 810-691-2719 for Joann.

Tomlian Ballroom Dance ~ 2nd Saturday, September 13 ~ 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.

USA Monthly Ballroom & Swing Dance ~ 3rd Saturday, **September 20** ~ 3rd floor, Central United Methodist Church. Lesson 7 pm, dance 8-10:30 pm. \$15. Info: *usa-dance2037.org*.

Great Lakes Swing Association ~ **Wednesdays,** 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: *glsdc.org/.*

Freestyle & Ballroom

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

Singles TGIF Nite Life ~ Fridays at 7:30pm on September 5, 12, 19, and 26. dance 8-12 with Hors d'oeuvres at 8:30. Admission \$12. Details: 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, October 4. Workshop 6:30 pm, dance 7-10 pm. Admission \$10. *TenPoundFiddle.org.*

Looking Glass Music & Arts ~ Saturday, September 20. Workshop 6:30, Dance 7-10 pm. Central United Methodist Church. Admission \$10. Info: Igmaa.org/.

Lessons

Parkwood YMCA ~ Begin September 10 ~ Salsa, West Coast, & Salsa Registration 517-827-9680.

Michigan Athletic Center ~ Begin September 15 ~ Texas 2-Step, East and West Coast Swing, Waltz, Quick Step Registration: MAC Concierge 364-8800.

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

Further Information on dance venues:

Dancing in Lansing ~ facebook.com/groups/140480982080/.

Dancing in Ann Arbor ~

facebook.com/groups/1391767727753582/.

Dancing in Flint ~ American Dance Center ~ danceaway.com/.

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

Upcoming Activities, continued

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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.

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 517-256-6596 or bilkyj@yahoo.com or see her at the September 16 general meeting.

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

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

How to Run a Successful Outing!

Get the Bus Rolling! Third in a series

Running a trip through the club has many advantages. The club helps with financial liability. The club furnishes all deposits, liability insurance, and there is no outlay of your own funds. All you need to do is sell the trip, collect payment and it will all fall together.

You have finished your homework, you know the event will be popular, you cannot wait for the second Tuesday so you can attend the Council meeting and —

Present to Council: Notify the President at least three days in advance to be placed on the agenda. Bring 10 copies of the Activity Cost Estimate form completely filled out to give to Council. The form, which is on the website, is designed to assist you in making sure all facets of the trip are covered. Many of the Council members have run trips; you may ask them about areas where you need assistance. After a review, Council may have additional questions such as:

Is the budget sufficient to cover all items?

What funds for deposits are needed and when? Who is your co-chair?

Be sure to have include an extra charge for non-members. This rule may be waived as part of your presentation. Include compensation for the trip chairs; you will earn that comp.

A simple majority of the council is all that is needed to approve the event.

Now the real work begins, "SELLING THE TRIP." Advertising is the key here. Design a flyer to be posted on the web site, do an article for the newsletter, post the event on the Jug & Mug Facebook page, send out a "Yahoo blast" on the internet. Previous trip chairs and council members can assist you if you are not sure of the process for the listed functions.

We will focus on selling the trip and signing members up next month.

Upcoming Events

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 15 Purple Rose

November 21 Warren Miller

December 6 Christmas Party

December 14-20 Winter Cruise

Metropolitan Detroit Ski & Snowboard Club

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