



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



The Journal

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Hot Line 517-342-9955

GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be December 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 December 9 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

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 6, CANCELLED

In spite of hard work by Linda Lillie and Debra Maynard, due to circumstances beyond their control, the party at Maple Brook Golf Club in Charlotte, has been cancelled. If you signed up and paid your money, you will get a full refund. If you don't have yours yet, contact Linda Lillie at 290-0189 or LMLillie@gmail.com or Deb Maynard at dmaynard10@hotmail.com. See below for an alternate celebration option.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 13

Tom McRae has generously offered to hold a Christmas party at his home on December 13. The club members who signed up for the original party will be given the first chance to sign up for Tom's party. Depending on that response, signups will be open to all, subject to a 25 person limit. If the response exceeds that limit there may be an opportunity for members to drop by later for dessert, drinks, and coffee.

The party is scheduled for 5:30 pm till ??? The cost is \$10 and guests are asked to bring their own beverage and an appetizer or dessert. Tom's address is 1175 Buckingham Road Haslett 48840. Because of the last minute nature of the party, club members are asked to phone Tom at 517-899-1768 if they would like to attend.

Tom is still at the planning stage regarding activities but he assures that it will be an enjoyable and festive evening.

CAROLING AT THE NURSING HOMES, DECEMBER 14

This caroling event is sponsored jointly by the Hearth & Hill and the Jug & Mug Clubs. 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 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. A count is needed for the restaurant, so please contact Maddy Trimby at 669-5123 or Diane West at 810-687-7007 to sign up for that portion. Come join us for this heart-warming and fun activity!

WINTER CRUISE, DECEMBER 14-20 We are all ready to go, packing our skimpy clothes, getting to know each other at planning meetings, and talking about the excitement. We packed swimsuits, Dramamine, sun block, and all the things we need for the sun. When we get back we'll tell you about all the fabulous and fun things we did. If you have not signed up, plan to join us next time.

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President's Column

Greetings,

As I am writing this, I am also thinking of leaving Sunday to travel to North Dakota to spend Thanksgiving with family. This year will be special, as both my sons with their families will also make the trip. Mom is happiest when preparing food for all of us and sometimes I think my sons visit just for the food.

The Warren Miller ski movie was Friday, November 21, at Okemos High School. The movie was great and the attendance was about average. Various ski resorts, Summit, and Moose Jaw donated many prizes. The ski team held a raffle for a pair of donated Elan skis and sold candy as a fundraiser. Students as well as Jug & Mug members assisted attendees so we all had a great time.

After Linda Lillie and Deb Maynard spent lots of time organizing a special Christmas party for the Club, it had to be canceled. The manager who they worked with the arrangements became ill and could no longer do the event. Due to these circumstances, it was decided cancellation was the only option. Tom McRae stepped up and offered his home as an alternative on December 13 for 25 to 30 people; his place will not accommodate more. It has been decided that those who signed up and paid will have first option to attend and a waiting list will be established. Let's start thinking about next year as places book up early.

A new activity this year will be a New Year's Day brunch at Helen Ross's home. As always when Helen hosts an event, the house will be filled with sounds of laughter, holiday sharing, and plenty of food.

There are a number of activities on the calendar and more being planned. See the newsletter for details and also visit the jugand-mug.org website for current and updated information. We always need members to chair or co-chair trips, help at general meetings, and make new members feel welcomed. With Linda Lillie leaving early December to visit family for several months and I out of state with family in December, membership involvement is needed. Please reach out to see how you can assist.

We have seen an increase in membership inviting guests and some have joined. Continue inviting and bringing a friend into the Club for any of our activities or the General Meeting.

Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Sharon Roberts,
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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — December's happy hour will be at the HopCat, 300 Grove Street, East Lansing. Everyone loves the burger and a beer special but you must order it before 6 pm. You can choose from over 20 beers with the special. Don't miss it!

January's happy hour will be at Buddie's Grill, 2040 Aurelius, Holt.

Janice Pierce and Bobbie Black will be coordinating our happy hours for a couple months. If you have any suggestions, contact Janice at janicepier@netzero.com or 694-4428 and Bobbie at 282-0111 or bbtweeter@yahoo.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, rain or shine. You get beneficial exercise that is important for your mental and physical health. Yes, it is dark out but hardly anyone else is on the path and there is enough light to see. 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. If you don't have an email account, you can still attend the movies with us. Call Joanne at 285-4795 or 887-0441 after 8:00 pm on Wednesday to find out the selected movie and viewing time.

Sing A Long — Sing A Long is on hiatus until after the holidays. Join us in January!

Singing at Burcham Hills — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, December 7, 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.

Social Tennis — We play indoors at the MSU tennis facility on Mt. Hope, just west of Harrison. Get your exercise this winter; cost is about \$15 for two hours of play. We play Wednesday nights starting at 5 pm. The email list is the contact point. If you wish to be on the email list, contact Oren Christmas at christmaso@comcast.net or Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com.

There is also a Meet Up group that plays tennis on Monday evenings at the MSU courts.

Jug & Mug Book Club — A friendly group, we get together every six weeks or so to discuss the book we chose at the previous meeting. Our current book, the 80th since the group started, is *Unbroken* by Laura Hillibrand, the true story of Louis Zammerini. In and after high school, Zammerini was a world-class runner, making it to the Berlin Olympics in 1936 and almost running a four-minute mile. In WW II, he was a bombardier on a bomber which crashed into the Pacific Ocean. He and a few crewmates floated across thousands of miles of empty ocean, almost starving to death. They eventually landed on a Japanese-occupied island where he came under the control of sadistic Japanese prison guards. This story tells how he was able to survive and overcome all these hardships. Widely available in paperback, in stores, libraries, and online, the book has recently been made into a movie.

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

December 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 River Walk	2	3 River Walk Tennis	4 Movie Matinee	5 TGIF, HopCat	6
7 Burcham Hills	8 River Walk	9 Council Meeting	10 River Walk Tennis	11 Movie Matinee	12 TGIF, HopCat	13 Christmas Party
14 Caroling Cruise	15 River Walk Cruise	16 General Meeting Cruise	17 Cruise River Walk Tennis	18 Movie Matinee Cruise	19 Cruise TGIF, HopCat	20 Cruise
21	22 River Walk	23	24 River Walk Tennis	25 Christmas	26 TGIF, HopCat	27
28	29 River Walk	30	31 New Year's Eve			

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Brunch	2 TGIF, Buddie's	3
4	5 River Walk	6	7 River Walk Tennis	8 Movie Matinee	9 TGIF, Buddie's	10
11 Burcham Hills	12 River Walk	13 Council Meeting	14 River Walk Tennis	15 Movie Matinee	16 TGIF, Buddie's	17
18	19 River Walk	20 General Meeting	21 River Walk Tennis	22 Movie Matinee	23 TGIF, Buddie's Instructional	24 Instructional
25 Instructional Burcham Hills	26 River Walk	27 Sing A Long	28 River Walk Tennis	29 Movie Matinee	30 TGIF, Buddie's	31

Upcoming Activities, continued

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NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH, JANUARY 1

Join your Jug & Mug friends and welcome 2015 at a New Year's Day Brunch, 10:30 am – 3:00 pm at Helen Ross's house, 1401 Somerset Close, East Lansing. Drop in for a couple of hours and watch a football game or play cards. Helen will provide a breakfast casserole and have coffee and orange juice to drink. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage (champagne if you want to make mimosas). Contact Helen at 332-5595 or hall_family@hotmail.com with any questions.

INSTRUCTIONAL AT SCHUSS MT.

RESORT, JANUARY 23-25 The Jug & Mug Ski Club is hosting the first ski weekend of the year at Schuss Mountain Shanty Creek Resort. This annual trip is a great deal for any skier but a fantastic deal for new or rusty skiers. Up to 8 hours of instructions are available along with lodging, meals and a whole lot of fun. The weekend package is available for the low price of \$299 per member based on double occupancy. Add \$6 to the price for non-members. Contact Rich Rybicki for details and to sign up at 663-1854 or richrybick@yahoo.com. The deadline for payment is December 20, 2014.

SUPER BOWL PARTY, FEBRUARY 1

The game is in sunny Arizona, but the party is in snowy East Lansing, at the home of Tina Lonski and Keith Hines. Come an hour before kick-off. The sloppy joes will be ready. Bring your own beverage and a dish to share. More details next month, after we cheer on the Lions!!

SPARTAN HOCKEY, FEBRUARY 13

Diane Fawley and Dave Howe sold all the hockey tickets to watch the Spartans play Penn State at Munn Arena. Twenty Jug & Muggers will join the excitement of college hockey; not a bad seat in the house. If you missed your opportunity, contact Dave Howe at 316-6488 to be put on a waiting list.

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE, FEB. 21 You may think you know Steel Magnolias, but you have never experienced the story quite like this. Join us for a Purple Rose take on this classic comedy celebrating the unfathomable bond shared by six small-town women who possess a strength that beckons joy and laughter no matter what life throws at them.



Tickets are \$37 each. Ride-share is optional. If you want to car-pool, meet at the Okemos Park & Ride at 1:00 PM. Arrangements will be made at both the "Common Grill" and the "Smokehouse 52" restaurants after the play to further the fun. Reserve your ticket with Bobbie Black at 282-0111 or sign up at the General Meeting on December 16.

CEDAR BEND, MARCH 6-8 Join us for a fun-filled weekend in a lovely rustic lodge in Mancelona at Cedar Bend Farms. Enjoy cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing and tubing on the property, or at Cedar River by Schuss/Shanty Creek resort, 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 & 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 you can think of. The cost is \$65.00 for members and \$75.00 for non-members.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT! Sign up and pay by February 1 and you will get a \$5 discount. Last date to sign up is at the February 17 General Meeting. You can also mail a check (made out to Jug & Mug Ski Club) to Helen Ross, 1401 Somerset Close, East Lansing, 48823. Reserve your spot now by contacting Helen at hall_family@hotmail.com or 203-997-2275.

Past Activities

PURPLE ROSE, NOVEMBER 15 Twenty-five of us carpooled to Chelsea to attend *Annapurna*, an unforgettable play, at The Purple Rose Theatre. For 82 intense and comedic minutes two actors presented us with the “dilemmas and unpredictable eccentricities of love.” Not everyone agreed with the contents of the play. For some it was too close to reality, but most agreed that the acting was amazing. We are fortunate to have such wonderful actors and theater so close.

Dinner followed in our own room at the Common Grill. The food was great as always and because we were by ourselves, it was easy to discuss the play as well as just enjoy each other's company before returning home. Thank you to Kurt for arranging this.

We look forward to seeing Steel Magnolias in February. Join us!

Barb Tanaka

WARREN MILLER, NOVEMBER 21 The Jug & Mug Ski Club, along with the Okemos High School Ski Team, hosted the Warren Miller's 65th feature ski film titled “No Turning Back.”



The enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the movie, the raffles, and door prizes; the evening was a great success. The audio had a technical problem which delayed the start of the film, but the MC did a great job

entertaining the crowd.

All parties involved agreed it was an entertaining way to raise funds for the ski team, the Club, and bring together the ski community in Lansing.

It was a new venue, a new day, a new adventure and we all made new friends!

The Warren Miller Committee



December 2014 Singles DanceSports



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Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

Lansing Eagles Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ Most

Sundays in December ~ Eagles Club, 4700 North 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.

Strictly For Fun “Holiday Lights” Dance ~ 1st Saturday, December 6 ~ at 1st Floor, Central United Methodist Church Turkey Dinner/Christmas Music 7:15-7:45 – Dessert Buffet & Dance 7:45-10:15pm. \$20

Info: strictly.for.fun.ballroom@gmail.com ~

RSVP: mary.elaine.benjamin@gmail.com.

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

December 20 ~ at Central United Methodist Church. Turkey furnished, bring dish to pass. Dance 7-10 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: glsdc.org/.

Freestyle & Ballroom

Howell Shark Club ~ Confirm before going ~ ‘Plenty of Fish’ Singles Dances, 1140 Sputh Michigan Ave, south of downtown Howell, 8-1:30 am. Info: (517) 640-0300 sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment.

Singles TGIF Nite Life ~ Fridays at 7:30pm on December 5, 12 (Dressy Holiday Event), 19, and 26 (Early New Years Eve Bash). Dance 8 pm-12 with Hors d'oeuvres at 8:30. Admission \$12. Details: singlestgif.com.

Greenville Singles Dance ~ Most Fridays, 7 pm-12 Greenville Am. Legion, Casual dress, admission \$7.

Country

New Years Eve Party ~ Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance ~ Wednesday, December 31. Workshop 6:30 pm, Dance 7-10pm. Admission \$10.

TenPoundFiddle.org.

Looking Glass Music & Arts ~ 3rd Saturday, Dec. 20 and 31 (New Years Eve Dance). Beginner Workshop 6:30, Dance 7-10 pm. Central United Methodist Church. Admission \$10. More Info: lgmaa.org/.

Lessons

Parkwood YMCA ~ Winter term begins January 7 ~ Register: (517) 827-9680.

Michigan Athletic Club ~ Lessons begin week of January 19. Register: Concierge 364-8800.

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

Dewitt YMCA – Lessons begin January 9. 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 ~ www.facebook.com/groups/140480982080/

Dancing In Ann Arbor ~ www.facebook.com/groups/139176772753582/

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

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

How to Run a Successful Outing!

SUMMARY:

- An idea for a function
- Present your plan.
 - ◆ Date, Budget, Lodging, Transportation, Food
- Promotion
 - ◆ Newsletter, Flyers, Enthusiasm, Standby List
- Funds
 - ◆ Collecting, Recordkeeping, Deposit with Treasurer
- Trip Day
 - ◆ List of Participants, Last Minute Cancellation, Waiver, Have Fun
- Closeout
 - ◆ Income, Expenses, Refunds, Final reports

Trip Forms available on the web site.

- .DOCX – ACTIVITY COST ESTIMATE FORM July 2014
- .PDF – ACTIVITY COST ESTIMATE FORM July 2014
- .DOCX – J&M Income and Expense Form July 2014
- .PDF – J&M Income and Expense Form July 2014
- .PDF – Sign-Up and Waiver form July 2014
- .XLS – Sign-Up and Waiver form July 2014

Trip Form available from the treasurer

Carbon less receipt form

LIST TO LIVE BY

The Most Destructive Habit Worry
 The Greatest Joy Giving
 The Greatest Loss Self-Respect
 The Most Satisfying Work
 Helping Others
 The Ugliest Personality Trait
 Selfishness
 The Most Endangered Species
 Dedicated Leaders
 Our Greatest Natural Resource
 Our Youth
 The Greatest "Shot in the Arm"
 Encouragement

The Greatest Problem to Overcome ...
 Fear
 The Most Effective Sleeping Pill
 Peace of Mind
 The Most Crippling Failure Disease
 Excuses
 The Most Powerful Force In Life
 Love
 The Most Dangerous Outcast .. Gossip
 The World's Most Incredible Computer
 The Brain
 The Worst Thing To Be Without
 Hope

The Deadliest Weapon ... The Tongue
 The Two Most Power-filled Words
 "I Can"
 The Greatest Asset Faith
 The Most Worthless Emotion
 Self Pity
 The Most Beautiful Attire A Smile
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December Birthdays

12/02	Arlene Thornton
12/03	Jim Zelazny
12/19	Bilky Joda-Miller

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

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Upcoming Events

December 13	Christmas Party
December 14	Caroling at the Nursing Homes
December 14-20	Winter Cruise
January 1	New Year's Day Brunch
January 23-25	Instructional at Schuss Mt.
February 1	Super Bowl Party
February 13	Hockey Game, Munn Arena
February 21	Purple Rose Theatre
March 6-8	Cedar Bend

Join us for the General Meeting at
Trippers
See Page 1 for details

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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.

