



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be January 20 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 January 13 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

NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH, JAN. 1 Join your Jug & Mug friends and welcome **2015** at a New Year's Day Brunch, 10:30 am to 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 hall_family@hotmail.com or 332-5595 with any questions.

DINNER & A MOVIE, JANUARY 10 It's been a while since the club has held a dinner and a movie and what better time than with the new year? Meet at Champps, 2800 Preyde Boulevard, Lansing, at 7:00 pm. Contact Joanne Creede at 887-0441, 285-4795, or kayjoe@comcast.net by noon on January 9 so we have the correct count for dinner reservations. We will decide what movie to watch over our meal. And you could win a free movie ticket!

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, JANUARY 18 Cross your fingers for snow and if your wish comes true, join us to cross country ski at Burchfield Park. Burchfield is located at 881 Grovenburg Road in Holt, Michigan. They have rental skis at the park, but arrive early if you need fitting. This is an excellent place for those who have never cross-country skied as much of property is level. There is a vehicle fee for

entry to the park of \$3.00, or an annual Ingham County Parks sticker, and a rental fee for your skis if you rent. Afterglow will be at Buddies Grill, 2040 Aurelius Road, in Holt, Michigan at 3:00. Please contact Mary Stephens at 525-1783 or Brandy777219@yahoo.com or Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or kayjoe@comcast.net if you have questions.

INSTRUCTIONAL AT SCHUSS MOUNTAIN 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 now officially closed but we could use one male guest to share a room. Contact Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com or call 663-1854 for details or to sign up. We will tell you about all the fun we had next month.

SUPER BOWL PARTY, FEBRUARY 1 Super Bowl XLIX is at 5 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m. at the home of Tina Lonski and Keith Hines, 6084 Harkson Drive, East Lansing. Besides the usual games, new this year: prizes for Best Fan Costume (male), Best Fan Costume (female), Funniest Costume, Weirdest Costume. Get in the spirit of the game and dress in your favorite NFL team's colors and gear – whether or not your team's in the Super Bowl! Bring your own beverage and a dish or munchies to share; Sloppy Joes provided. Contact Tina at 388-1040 or grandma.tina@yahoo.com with any questions.

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President's Column

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to a new year, 2015. The Club was founded in 1960, so this year marks the Club's fifty-fifth (55th) year of being an active Club. Let's keep this in mind as we begin the year by celebrating at a New Year's Day brunch at the home of Helen Ross. Join your J&M friends between 10:30 and 3 p.m. for food, playing games, watching the game on TV or just mingling.

January is a good time to promote the option of becoming a member of the Club to your friend(s) or acquaintances or others to join. Per the By Laws, Membership, Section 1, members approved after February 1 shall pay one-half (1/2). A new member (who was not a previous member) can become a member for \$18 if they have met membership requirements. Memberships expire on May 31. So let's see what can be done to increase our membership and promote the benefit of joining now, which will also give them the option of the reduced renewal membership price in May. It's a win-win for all.

If you have not heard and/or seen, the Capital Area District Library (CADL), downtown Lansing, has a Jug & Mug Ski Club display in its glass case just inside the door. Wow, what an honor the public can see the history of the Club. More information can be found in this newsletter.

There are a number of activities coming up as cross country skiing in the Lansing area, Cedar Bend, Purple Rose Theater and Red Wing Hockey game. In addition to the newsletter, visit jugand-mug.org for more information, download flyers and use Google Maps for locations and driving directions.

After the original Christmas Party was canceled, Tom McRae stepped up and offered to host a party at his home to J&M membership. Thank you, Tom! Also, thank you to Barb and others who assisted in making this happen. I heard it was a great party and lots of fun.

It appears my constant traveling will end this month after being gone on family related trips since the end of October. With my son now moved to London, England, I am being routinely encouraged (don't need much encouragement) to visit and travel and why not with this opportunity to stay with family. My hope is January will provide me time to post photos on the website and update information and posted photos as needed.

*Sharon Roberts,
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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — January's happy hour will be at Buddie's Pub and Grill, 2040 Aurelius, Holt. Lots of seating and an upscale pub menu. Join us in February for happy hour at Art's Bar, 809 East Kalamazoo Street, Lansing.

Janice Pierce and Bobbie Black will be coordinating our happy hours for the next few months. If you have any suggestions, contact Janice at janicepier@netzero.com or 694-4428 and Bobbie at bttweeter@yahoo.com or 282-0111.

Walking the River Trail — Join us every Monday and Wednesday at 410 South Cedar, Lansing, 6:15 pm, for a walk on the River Trail. We walk four miles quickly, to Potter Park Zoo and back. You get beneficial exercise that may help you shed a few of those holiday pounds. Yes, it is dark outside but you won't be alone and there is plenty of light to see the path. 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.

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 Zamerini. In and after high school, Zamerini 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.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 11, 6 pm at the home of Helen Ross, 1401 Somerset Close, East Lansing. Bring a snack to share, or a bit of wine, and suggestions for our next book. Hope to see you all then. Everyone is welcome to join our book club discussion; contact Helen Ross at 332-5595 or hall_family@hotmail.com to be put on the meeting notice list.

Sing A Long — Join us on January 27 at the home of Sharolyn Gonzalez, 5520 Saddlewood Drive, Holt, for an uplifting song fest. Arrive anytime after 7:00 pm. You are encouraged, but not required, to bring a beverage and a snack to share. Don't forget your singing voice. Plan on a relaxed "good for the soul" evening filled with music. Contact Sharolyn at 694-1472 with any questions.

Singing at Burcham Hills — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, January 11 and January 25, 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 — Get off the couch and onto the courts; it's a New Year and you resolved to get more exercise.

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 Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com or Oren Christmas at christmaso@comcast.net.

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

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 after 8:00 pm on Wednesday at 285-4795 or 887-0441 to find out the selected movie and viewing time.

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day- Brunch	2 TGIF, Buddie's	3
4	5 River Walk	6	7 River Walk Tennis	8 Movie Matinee	9 TGIF, Buddie's	10 Dinner & Movie
11 Burcham Hills Book Club	12 River Walk	13 Council Meeting Warren Miller Mtg.	14 River Walk Tennis	15 Movie Matinee	16 TGIF, Buddie's	17
18 Cross Country Skiing	19 River Walk MLK Birthday	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

FEBRUARY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Super Bowl Party	2 River Walk	3	4 River Walk Tennis	5 Movie Matinee	6 TGIF, Art's Bar	7
8 Burcham Hills	9 River Walk	10 Council Meeting	11 River Walk Tennis	12 Movie Matinee	13 Spartan Hockey TGIF, Art's Bar	14 Valentines Day
15 Cross Country Skiing	16 River Walk President's Day	17 General Meeting	18 River Walk Tennis	19 Movie Matinee	20 TGIF, Art's Bar	21 Purple Rose
22 Burcham Hills	23 River Walk	24 Sing A Long	25 River Walk Tennis	26 Movie Matinee	27 TGIF, Art's Bar	28

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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. Due to the high interest, Dave and Diane will make arrangements for the club to see another game or two next season.

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

\$33 for members and \$37 for non-members. 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 January 20.

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.

ZODIAC PARTY, MARCH 21 You are invited to the home of Sharon Gaier, 5915 Patriots Way, East Lansing, 48823, anytime after 6:00 pm. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish "Potato Party." Please bring an unbaked potato, your own beverage, and a dish to pass for a fun evening of Irish music, cards and games. Call 517-316-6525 or 517-333-2624 with any questions. Remember a dollar for the kitty.

RED WING HOCKEY, MARCH 26 Join us to watch the Detroit Red Wings play the San Jose Sharks on this Thursday. The cost of the bus ride to and from the game and the ticket is only \$69. Contact Kurt Mertins at 517-886-4061 or kmertins@hotmail.com to reserve your spot, or sign up at the January 20 General Meeting. Checks should be made out to Jug & Mug and mailed to Kurt at 4641 Gull Road #61, Lansing MI 48917.

Jug & Mug Communications

Your club has multiple of ways to communicate with you. The newsletter, of course. The club maintains a web site and also a Facebook page. For immediate notice, we have a **Yahoo Group List**. You must request access to that list. Contact Joanne Creede at kayjoe@comcast.net. Your email address will not be sold or otherwise distributed.

Past Activities

WARREN MILLER MOVIE On November 21, the Jug & Mug Ski Club, along with the Okemos High School Ski Team, hosted Warren Miller's 65th feature ski film, "No Turning Back".

There were 174 tickets sold along with 33 door prizes for the audience to win. The big winner was our own Chris Wright, who qualified for the National Grand Prize of a four person, one week, heli-ski experience in Alaska. Good luck to our best friend, Chris!

The event was a success for the Jug & Mug, the Okemos ski team, the vendors who supported us, and the Lansing ski community who benefitted.

There will be a Warren Miller movie committee closing meeting following the January Council Meeting on January 13.

Rich Rybicki

NIGHT AT THE RACES, NOVEMBER 29

The evening proved to be exciting and wonderful! For the first time in five years, there was no snow, so we enjoyed great driving conditions to and from the track. The dinner and dessert buffet was awesome as usual! Some folks made several trips so they could taste every entree offered. The horses were beautiful, as always, and some of them crossed the line at Win, Place, or Show, and put \$\$ in our pockets! Sports Creek dedicated Race #8 to Jug & Mug. We all went out and had our picture taken with the winning horse, Jailhouse Troy! This is always a fun outing, bringing 25 members out this year to enjoy the festivities! Please don't miss out next year!

Cindee Picklo & Dave Panetta

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 13

The "backup" Christmas Party went off splendidly as 28 Jug & Muggers enjoyed good company and good food. Although not much elbow room, there was a chair for every "seat" and an overflow of wonderful desserts. Old ski movies and other J&M events captured on DVD's were viewed (thanks Joe Meijia) and a Texas Hold'em poker tournament was won by Carl.

A big thanks to Barbara Tanaka who pulled everything together as Tom was 'forced' out of state to, 'er, golf. Also to Rich Rybicki for helping setup and to many others for tables, chairs, decorations, etc. Same time next year - just kidding!

Tom McRae

CAROLING AT THE NURSING HOMES, DECEMBER 14

We had a good turnout, especially Hearth & Hill. When we began at the Dobie Road facility, this little woman resident took my arm right away and walked and sang with us for quite some time. It was sweet — I felt needed

right from the start. We had one gentleman in a wheelchair that followed us and just clapped for us so enthusiastically! There was a darling little girl in pigtails whose eyes got so big when she saw Santa Claus and Rudolph come over to her!

Coral Gables was great food, service, and lots of laughter and conversation. Join us next year!

Maddy Trimby and Diane West

WINTER CRUISE, DECEMBER 14-20

Our journey started about 8:00 pm Thursday night. Four of us left Lansing for a hotel near the Detroit Metro airport where another person joined us. We went to the airport the next morning, where after a bit of a delay we all got checked in. We soon arrived in Florida where we two days of great weather. Saturday evening our numbers grew to 10 and on Sunday we made our way to the cruise ship, "Independence of the Sea." On the ship, our numbers grew to 12, the total number for our trip.

The ship was huge, the food was plentiful and there were numerous activities, including musical shows, comedians, an ice show, a climbing wall, miniature golf, a wave runner, and trips on shore. First we stopped in George Town, Grand Cayman where some of us went on a tour and visited the town of Hell and came back, some went snorkeling and some of us went on a boat ride to swim with the stingrays and the dolphins.

We sailed off to our next destination, the port of Falmouth, Jamaica. Again our groups split and did different things. Some of us visited the Bob Marley Museum and some took a historic tour. We all enjoyed ourselves even though it rained most of the day. At least it was warm rain.

Next our last and final destination, Labadie, Haiti. This time most of the group was on the coastal tour of the Island, which was beautiful and very relaxing. Some of us sipped coconut milk right from the fresh coconut fruit and some of us had other concoctions that involved rum or a local beer.

On our final night, we all had fun and no one was left behind. We all made it back a little sad that our vacation was over and we had to separate from our new friends and family. We had to adjust back to reality with no one to turn our beds down at night, have a breakfast or lunch buffet ready when we decided to eat or serve us a three course dinner (even when we were stuffed) or pick-up our towels off our teeny, tiny, bathroom floors.

All in all we had a great and wonderful time at sea and we would all do it again. Thanks to everyone who came on the trip and hope you will join us again.

Our picture party is scheduled for January ____.

Bilky Joda-Miller:

January 2015 Singles DanceSports

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Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

Lansing Eagles Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ Most Sundays ~ 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 Dance ~ Generally, 1st Saturday at Central United Methodist Church. 7:15-7:45 – Dessert Buffet & Dance 7:45-10:15 pm. \$13. Info: strictly.for.fun.ballroom@gmail.com or mary.elaine.benjamin@gmail.com.

Tomliam Ballroom Dance ~ 2nd Saturday, January 10 ~ 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 ~ Anticipated schedule: 3rd Saturday, January 17, at Central United Methodist Church. 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 Rd - W of I-75 just E of Elms Road. Lesson 6 pm, Dance 7-10. Nightly rate & membership \$30. Info/map: <http://www.glsdc.org/>

Freestyle & Ballroom

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

Singles TGIF Nite Life ~ Fridays at 7:30 pm on January 2 (Ugly Sweater Event), 9, 16, 23, and 30, Dance 8 pm-12 with Hors d'oeuvres at 8:30. Admission \$13. Details: <http://singlestgif.com>.

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

Country

Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance ~ Saturday, January 3. Workshop 6:30pm, Dance 7-10 pm. Admission \$10. <http://TenPoundFiddle.org>.

Looking Glass Music & Arts ~ 3rd Saturday, January 17. Beginner Workshop 6:30, Dance 7-10pm. Central United Methodist Church. Admission \$10. More Info: <http://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 www.lansingmi.gov/parks/actprog/dance_classes.jsp.

Dewitt YMCA ~ Lessons begin January 9. 13161 Schavey Rd, 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/139176772753582/>

Jug & Mug Display at Downtown Library

The Capital Area District Libraries downtown location, 401 South Capital Avenue, unveiled their "Ski Lansing" display featuring the historic Jug & Mug Ski Club in one of the inside window exhibits. Opened on December 21 and showing for a limited time, please stop by and see a snapshot of the club's history.



Jug & Mug January Birthdays

1/02	Pat Michels
1/14	Alex McCrae
1/14	Jerry Schrader
1/14	Katherine Lincoln
1/14	Christine Wright
1/21	Matthew Pung
1/21	Tom Sarra
1/24	John Albright
1/24	Janice Pierce
1/24	Dottie Schmidt
1/25	Kandy Miller

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

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Upcoming Events

January 1	New Year's Day Brunch
January 11	Dinner & a Movie
January 18	Cross Country Skiing
January 23-25	Instructional at Schuss Mt.
February 1	Super Bowl Party
February 13	Spartan Hockey, Munn Arena
February 21	Purple Rose Theatre
March 6-8	Cedar Bend
March 21	Zodiac Party
March 26	Red Wing Hockey

Join us for the General Meeting at
Trippers
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