

jug & mug ski blub



The Journal

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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be November 18 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 November 11 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

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 and there are only **two** tickets still available. We can share the ride to Chelsea 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. Don't wait to reserve your ticket with Kurt; contact him at 517-886-4061.

SKI SWAP AND SALE, NOVEMBER 15

The Okemos Ski Team is hosting a swap and shop at the high school on Saturday, November 15, from 10 am to 3 pm. You can bring in slightly used skis and equipment on Friday evening, November 14, for the sale. There is a 20% consignment fee. Contact Jeff Davis at 810-599-2276.

WARREN MILLER, NOVEMBER 21 Clear

your calendar for the date, sell tickets to your friends, volunteer to help out, buy a ticket for yourself. This is an important fund raiser for the club and the film is always fun to watch. More details are on page 7. Get involved. It is always more fun when everyone participates.

SPORTS CREEK RACING, NOV. 29 Horses and appetators alike goar up for a Night at the

and spectators alike gear up for a Night at the Races. This fun-filled evening of horse racing and betting (\$2 minimum bet) includes a delicious buffet dinner with a huge selection of food and

desserts. We have a table reserved in the luxury clubhouse with a panoramic view of the track. Arrive about 5:30 pm for dinner; the races start at 7:00 pm. Take I-69 toward Flint, Swartz Creek, exit 128 at Morrish Road, about 40 minutes from Lansing. The cost is \$29 for the evening. Cindee Picklo and Dave Panetta are your hosts. Sign up with Cindee at 381-8881 or contact Dave at 230-0413 with any questions. Don't miss your chance to be a winner! This trip is supported by the J&M Council but checks shall be made out to the trip chair.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 6 The

2014 Jug & Mug Christmas Party will be at the Maple Brook Golf Club in Charlotte, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm. There will be a buffet dinner, cash bar, DJ and dancing. You don't need to bring anything; just wear

your Sunday best clothes. The cost is \$20 per member or \$30 for non member, in advance. Please check out the flier on our website for more information. The club is paying for the room and



DJ in order to keep the members' price low for this fun-filled evening. Our DJ is Michael Beck and he has a fun evening of music and activities planned for us. Sign up at the November general meeting or on line using PayPal (\$1 surcharge). The last day to sign up is November 21; no admittance without payment in advance. If you have questions, contact Deb Maynard at dmaynard10@hotmail.com or Linda Lillie at LMLillie@gmail.com or 517-290-0189.

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President's Column

Hello,

It is the month of November and a time to celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family. Let's all take a moment and ponder what we have to be thankful for. For many as well as me it is health, home, family, friendships and nature's beauty . . . the beautiful Michigan fall colors.

The Warren Miller ski movie will be shown Friday, November 21, at Okemos High School. Tickets are on sale, posters and flyers are being distributed and advertising has begun. The Jug & Mug committee as well as the Okemos ski committee are actively working to make this a special night that includes a fantastic movie, discounts and prizes. Please consider assisting to make this a positive, fun, profitable event for the public, the high school's ski club, the businesses that are participating as well as our Club. This is not all about if one skies or not. It is gathering the ski community together for friendship, service to the community and helping individuals/families with money saving vouchers, and promoting their businesses. See the jugandmug.org website to purchase tickets, driving directions and link to the Warren Miller website.

Many signed up at October's general meeting for the Christmas Party, Saturday, December 6. Deadline to signup is November 21. Signups and payments will be taken at the November general meeting or visit the jugandmug.org website to pay with PayPal or mail in the registration form on the flyer which can be found by clicking on Christmas Party on the home page. It's going to be a fun night with dancing, Christmas music, singing, games, prizes and more. Don't wait and lose your chance to attend because it is sold out.

Linda Lille, who schedules the monthly TGIF's, will be gone starting in December for several months. A volunteer is needed to take her place. Please contact Linda or me if you have an interest in helping out for a few months. Several people could do this via taking turns.

Be sure to read the newsletter for new activities that are coming soon. This month we had several new members join and they joined because they like how active and friendly we are. Your involvement, no matter how large or small, is very important to keep moving the Club forward.

Consider inviting and bringing a friend into the Club for any of our activities or the General Meeting.

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 — November's happy hour will be at Frank's Pressbox East, 2314 Woodland Drive, Okemos, located behind Applebee's on an access road off Okemos Road. Remember that happy hour is from 5 pm to 7 pm. On Friday, November 21, we are going to the Warren Miller movie at Okemos High School so come early and have dinner at Frank's. Then plan on car pooling to the Warren Miller film and have drinks at Frank's after the film. NO HAPPY HOUR on November 28.

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! There will not be happy hour on Friday, December 5, since the students are still there . . . probably celebrating the end of the semester. We will start happy hour on December 12 and also have it there on December 19.

If you have a favorite happy hour location, consider booking it for the club. We need someone to coordinate our TGIF spots for the first three or four months of 2015. Contact Sharon Roberts to volunteer.

Jug & Mug Book Club -- A friendly group. we get together every 6 weeks or so to discuss the book we chose at the previous meeting. Our current book is Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison by Piper Kerman, a true story of her year in prison. Ms. Kerman had delivered a suitcase of drug money 10 years before she was convicted and sentenced to fifteen months at the infamous federal correctional facility in Danbury, Connecticut. From her first strip search to her final release. Kerman learns to navigate this strange world with its strictly enforced codes of behavior and arbitrary rules. She meets women from all walks of life who surprise her with small tokens of generosity, words of wisdom, and simple acts of acceptance. It should be an interesting read, widely available in bookstores and libraries.

The next book club meeting will be held on Sunday, November 16, 6:30 pm, at Dottie Schmidt's home, 1854 Ridgewood Drive, East Lansing. If you are interested in joining our book club, please contact Helen Ross at hall_family@hotmail.com or 517-332-5595.

Singing at Burcham Hills — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, November 9, 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 — Sing A Long is on hiatus until after the holidays. Join us in January!

Social Tennis — We will be moving indoors to 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 on Wednesday nights, time to be announced. The email list is the contact point. If you wish to be on the email list, contact Oren Christmas, 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.

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.

Wednesday Morning Golf Thanks to all who came golfing this year. The season has wrapped up and we should have the same tee times next year. However, if anyone has any suggestions for a different day or time please let Jo Moening know at 646-2186 and she will run it by the rest of the players. If you'd like to keep up your golf skills over the winter, consider using the Golf Dome on Jolly in Okemos.

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.

November 2014

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9 Burcham Hills	10 River Walk	11 Council Mtg Veterans' Day	12 Tennis River Walk	13 Movie Matinee	14 TGIF, Frank's	15 Purple Rose
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Upcoming Activities, continued

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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 The

deadline to sign up for a six night western Caribbean cruise has passed. If you signed up, you are looking forward to a great trip. Bilky Joda-Miller will be contacting you soon about side trips and other details.

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

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 517-332-5595 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

XLIX is coming! That's 49, as in Super Bowl XLIX! Watch this spot next month for details on Tina's 5th Annual Super Bowl Party, happening February 1, 2015. The real game's in Arizona, but the party's in East Lansing!

SPARTAN HOCKEY, FEBRUARY 13 Diane

Fawley and Dave Howe will be selling hockey tickets starting at the November general meeting. Only 20 tickets are available at the special price of \$10 each. The Spartans will be playing Penn State at Munn Arena. Join the excitement of college hockey; not a bad seat on the house.

CEDAR BEND, MARCH 6-8 Join us for a funfilled 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

FALL OUTING, OCTOBER 10-12 What a

wonderful weekend! Friday, Rich welcomed us with a great bonfire. We all finally made it in spite of the various GPS directions which did not lead to Mystic Lake. In the evening we moved inside to eat. Jo got a fire started in the fireplace. Tom Beckner got the music started. Janice provided dinner with great Sloppy Joes and veggies.

It was Pure Michigan on Saturday with the bright sun and changing leaves reflected on the lake. Morning fog on the lake provided for great picture taking. Bike rides, hikes, fishing, (and a few fishing stories), as well as a brief break to watch the Spartans at Big Al's Bar & Grill, filled the day. In the evening after the traditional McRae Spoon Dance, cards ruled. Fun for everyone.

Sunday we got a group picture on Bruno's Chair. It took a bit of climbing and straining for some to get on it. Bruno, legend has it, is an escaped giant from the circus. He only roams at night so his chair was



vacant when we needed it.

It was such a good time that the reservations for next year are already in progress. See you there.

Janice Pierce, Tom McRae, Barb Tanaka

HALLOWEEN BARN PARTY, OCT. 18



Over 70 people had a great time at the barn party hosted by Don Theis. Everyone enjoyed the awesome food. great costumes, dancing, socializing, and meeting

new people. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and effort, making this evening a success. It could not have been done without your help. See you next year!

Don Theis and Teri Miller



November 2014 Singles DanceSports



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Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub Lansing Eagles Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ Sunday, November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 ~ Eagles Club, 4700 North Grand River, west of the Airport. Opens 5:45 for 6 pm West Coast Swing 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 Party ~ 1st Saturday, November 1 ~ at Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd. Lesson 5:45 pm, Dance 6:30-9 pm. \$12. Info: strictly.for.fun.ballroom@gmail.com ~ Register: MAC

Concierge 364-8800.

Tomlian Ballroom Dance ~ 2nd Saturday, November 8 ~ New Location: South Lansing Christian Church, 6300 **S. Aurelius** ~ 7 pm Lesson \$5, Dance 8-11 pm. \$12. Info: (517) 655-3611, tomliandance.com.

USA Monthly Ballroom & Swing Dance ~ 3rd Saturday, November 15 ~ at Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd. Lesson 7 pm, dance 8-10:30 pm. \$15. Info: usadance2037.org.

Great Lakes Swing Association ~ Wednesdays at Rollhaven of Flushing E. 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: www.glsdc.org/.

Freestyle & Ballroom

Howell Shark Club ~ Confirm before going ~ '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 7:30pm on November 7, 14, 21, and 28. Dance 8pm-12 with Hors d'oeuvres at 8:30. Admission \$12. Details: www.singlestgif.com

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

Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance ~ Saturdays, November 1 and 25. Workshop 6:30pm. Dance 7-10 pm. Admission \$10. TenPoundFiddle.org.

Looking Glass Music & Arts ~ 3rd Saturday, November 15. Workshop 6:30, Dance 7-10 pm. Central United Methodist Church. Admission \$10. More Info: Igmaa.org/.

Lessons

Parkwood YMCA ~ Fall term Salsa & W Coast Swing ~ Register: (517) 827-9680.

Michigan Athletic Club ~ Register: 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/

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

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

How to Run a Successful Outing!

THE TRIP

The big day has arrived, the day of your activity. Everybody shows up on time, everyone is happy with the arrangements, everyone had a great time

Oh, if it was only that easy. Someone will not show up, someone will be late, plans may not be exactly as mentioned and some people never have a good time.

As trip leader you need to be flexible. A roster of participants with contact information should be distributed by you so folks can arrange car pools. You have a number of adults depending on you. Work with your group and management to rectify any shortcomings. Sometimes you have to make the best of a situation. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.

If someone fails to attend an event it is not your decision to give refunds. There is an appeal process a participant must follow for a refund. The person must petition council, in writing, for a refund. If the Council decides a refund is justified, they make that decision. If someone requests a refund, refer them to the bylaws, Policy 3, Section 3.

All attendees should sign the waiver form. After you and everyone enjoyed the outing, the only duty left is to reconcile income vs. expenses. Using the form, it will be easy to close out the trip and hopefully a small profit was made.

Warren Miller Movie

The Jug & Mug Ski Club is ready to host Warren Miller's 65th feature ski film, "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.

Posters are up, flyers distributed, tickets available for sale. As in the past, the Warren Miller Film Committee needs volunteers. Every club member can sell tickets. They make great early Christmas presents at only \$10.

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

When we receive the material from Warren Miller Entertainment, a meeting will be convened. 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!

The Warren Miller Committee

Jug & Mug November Birthdays

11/06 Jean Brooks11/20 Sharon Howard

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

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Upcoming Events

November 15 Purple Rose

November 21 Warren Miller

November 29 Sports Creek Racing

December 6 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

March 6-8 Cedar Bend

Metropolitan Detroit Ski & Snowboard Club

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Trippers

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