



# JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



## The Journal

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**GENERAL MEETINGS** are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be July 21 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 July 14 at 410 South Cedar Street, Lansing. Contact Bilky Joda-Miller 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

**THIRSTY THURSDAY, JULY 23** Join us at Cooley Law School Stadium, 505 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing to see the Lansing Lugnugs battle the Bowling Green Hot Rods. The game starts at 7:05 pm; tickets are only \$12 each. Beer and Pepsi are \$2. Contact Orestes Mavromatis at [omavroma@yahoo.com](mailto:omavroma@yahoo.com) or 349-4553 for tickets, or see him at the July 21 General Meeting.

**TRAVERSE CITY FILM FESTIVAL, JULY 28–AUGUST 2** If you are interested in attending the Traverse City Film Festival, please contact Bilky Joda-Miller. You can pick and choose what movies to see from a recently released schedule. Tickets may be purchased in advance (starting July 12) or you can stand in line to get tickets the day of the movie. There are numerous free events, too, including a big screen movie on the open space overlooking the bay every night. You can determine how much you want to spend on an individual basis. Interest is needed in order to find us all a place to stay. Bilky will plan an itinerary after we see what the interest is like. Contact Bilky at [bilkyj@yahoo.com](mailto:bilkyj@yahoo.com) or 256-6596. More information on the festival can be found at <http://traverscityfilmfest.org/>.

**KAYAK THROUGH LANSING, AUGUST 2** Save the date for a kayak adventure on the Grand River. We will meet at 1 p.m. at the City Market. Following the kayak adventure, an eatery for refreshments and food will be selected. Rent a kayak at the Rivertown Adventures Kayak and Canoe Rental located on the Grand River, at City

Market or take your own. Depending on participants' interest and skill levels, the **Power of the Grand** (1-1.5 hours, \$15) OR the **Zoo to the Market** (2-2.5 hours, \$20) trip will be selected. There may be a small transporting fee for personal crafts if you prefer to paddle your own. Canoes and tandem kayaks are also available for rent. See [www.rivertownadventures.com](http://www.rivertownadventures.com) for more information regarding the routes.

Rivertown Adventures can transport 10 kayaks with 10 people at a time. They will also transport your kayak for a fee. A discount may be available if 10 or more participate. Final costs and transporting needs will depend on the number of participants.

Contact Sharon Roberts at 517-230-5357 or [sharonann48@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonann48@hotmail.com) to sign up. Let her know if you plan to rent or are bringing your own. Bobbie Black, [bbtweeter@yahoo.com](mailto:bbtweeter@yahoo.com) and Rich Rybicki, [richrybick@yahoo.com](mailto:richrybick@yahoo.com) are assisting. Numbers are needed by August 1. Information and updates can be found on the [JugandMug.org](http://JugandMug.org) website.

### TIGER BASEBALL, AUGUST 22

♪ ♪ **Take Me Out to the Ball Game!** ♪ ♪ The Tigers vs Texas Rangers ball game, that is. The cost is only \$58 for a round trip bus ride in a tour bus, your game ticket, and chicken and pudding shots on the bus. Meet at Dunham's parking lot at 4:00 pm. The bus leaves promptly at 4:30 pm. Contact Kurt Mertins at [kmertins@hotmail.com](mailto:kmertins@hotmail.com) or 886-4061 to sign up or with any questions.

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# Council Column

Dear Jug & Mug Members:

For years, I have edited and corrected and fixed the spelling and grammar of about a hundred president's columns. Now it is my turn in the barrel.

July is here already! The ski season is about as far behind us as ahead of us but we will still have plenty of fun. Time together, fun together, helps us build the bonds of friendship.

Your 2015-2016 council includes many experienced members. Bilky served as president twice before. Both Helen Ross, secretary, and Rich Rybicki, treasurer, have served as president as well as their current and other roles. Orestes and I, your vice presidents, have served on council previously a time or two. There are some new council members, too, to help us with a fresh perspective. What we need is you! How do we engage you? How do we encourage YOU, the Jug & Mug member, to contribute?

Are we asking you the right questions? Are we giving you valid opportunities to contribute? When a person invests in an organization, a bond is formed. Churches know this, political parties know this, public radio, charitable organizations, neighborhood groups all know this. My question to you is, how do we engage you? What would interest you? Friendships, fun, activities, all take energy and time from our members. Some of our members provide that again and again. If you have not hosted an event, run an event, donated your time, or contributed in some meaningful way in the past year, stop and ask yourself why not. There may be good reasons. Family obligations, time restraints due to a host of justifications, health issues. For some it is inertia. You don't know what to do to contribute. You worry no one will want to do what you want to do if you run or host an activity. You will expose yourself to disappointment. Too much paperwork or just plain too much work.

Tell a council member or two your concerns. Give us suggestions we can work with to strengthen the club and help you contribute. What questions do we need to ask to engage all the members?

We have good leaders on our council and all good leaders are good listeners. And listeners learn. We need your help to run activities and bring in new members. While we try to find the truly important questions, we promise to listen attentively to the replies.

Joanne Creede, Vice President

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# ONGOING EVENTS

**TGIF —** There are lots of fun things to do in the summer around here so join us for a good time. Happy hour for the months of July and August are at two different locations each month. There are NO reserved seats for the month of July so members will need to pick out a table, inside or out, depending on the weather.

On July 3, 10, and 17 our club will be at Sir Pizza, 201 Grand River, Lansing, in Old Town from 5 to 7 pm. There are tables outside on the river or choose the couches inside. Sir Pizza offers pizza, moderately priced salads and sandwiches and beer and wine. You can eat at Sir Pizza or visit one of the restaurants in Old Town after a libation or two at Sir Pizza.

July 24 and 31 we will be at the Mayfair Bar, 1585 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett. Meet on the roof top bar for drinks and dinner, then attend the concert at Lake Lansing Park South, 1621 Pike Street (off Marsh Road) which is across the street for the Mayfair. Concerts start at 7 pm with the Sea Cruisers on July 24 and Life Support on July 31. Bring your own chair to the concert. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the park. You can park your car for free at the park and walk across the street to the Mayfair. That way you will be close to your car after the concert and not have to worry about your car being towed.

August happy hour will be at the R-Club on August 7 and 14. August 21 and 28 we will be at Smitty's Place in Dimondale.

Linda Lillie is our happy hour coordinator. If you have any suggestions, contact Linda at 290-0189 or LMLillie@gmail.com.

**Jug & Mug Book Club --** The Jug & Mug Book Club is a friendly group who get together every six weeks or so to discuss the book we chose at the previous meeting. Our current selection is East Lansing's One Book One Community book, ***Just Mercy, A Story of Justice and Redemption*** by Bryan Stephenson. In his book, Stevenson weaves the story of his relentless effort for justice and the history of a flawed justice system around the stories of his clients that were wrongly or inhumanely incarcerated. Each compelling story illustrates the ways in which the justice system neglected or abused the law and the rights of the accused. The date of our discussion group has not yet been determined. One Book One Community information can be found at [www.onebookeastlansing.com/](http://www.onebookeastlansing.com/).

If you are interested in joining the book club, please contact Helen Ross at [hall\\_family@hotmail.com](mailto:hall_family@hotmail.com) or 332-5595.

**Social Tennis —** The Jug & Mug members are playing at Lett's Center tennis courts, located on Kalamazoo just west of Martin Luther King Boulevard. Play starts between 5 pm and 5:30 pm on Thursday evenings. After tennis, rehydration takes place at Harry's Bar. If you wish to be on the email list for regular updates, contact Oren Christmas at [christmaso@comcast.net](mailto:christmaso@comcast.net) or Rich Rybicki at [richrybick@yahoo.com](mailto:richrybick@yahoo.com).

**Singing at Burcham Hills —** We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, July 12 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](mailto:westdance@att.net) or 810-687-7007.

**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. Vote for your choice via email and Joanne will send out an email on Wednesday stating the movie choice and the time. We often go out for a meal after the movie. The cost of the movie is \$5; everything else is optional. Contact Joanne at [kayjoe@comcast.net](mailto:kayjoe@comcast.net) to get on the email listing. If you don't have email, 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.

**Walking the River Trail —** Join us every Monday and Wednesday at 410 South Cedar, Lansing, at 6:15 pm for a walk on the River Trail. We walk four miles, to Potter Park Zoo and back. You get beneficial exercise and it may help you shed a few of those excess pounds. We consistently see deer, geese and ducks along the way. Put on your walking shoes and join us, laugh with us, and enjoy the outdoors. Call Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or Bonnie Mernitz at 449-6368 with any questions.

**Sing A Long —** The Sing A Long is on summer hiatus. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer the use of your home for a future Sing A Long, contact Diane West, at [westdance@att.net](mailto:westdance@att.net) or 810-687-7007.

# JULY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 River Walk	2 Movie Matinee Tennis	3 TGIF, <b>Sir Pizza</b>	4 Independence Day
5	6 River Walk	7	8 River Walk	9 Movie Matinee Tennis	10 TGIF, <b>Sir Pizza</b>	11
12	13 River Walk	14 Council Meeting	15 River Walk	16 Movie Matinee Tennis	17 TGIF, <b>Mayfair</b>	18
19	20 River Walk	21 General Meeting	22 River Walk	23 Lugnuts Movie Matinee Tennis	24 TGIF, <b>Mayfair</b>	25
26 Burcham Hills	27 River Walk	28 TCFF	29 River Walk TCFF	30 TCFF Movie Matinee Tennis	31 TCFF TGIF, <b>Mayfair</b>	

## August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 TCFF
2 TCFF Kayaking	3 River Trail	4	5 River Trail	6 Tennis Movie Matinee	7 TGIF, <b>R-Club</b>	8
9	10 River Trail	11 Council Meeting	12 River Trail	13 Tennis Movie Matinee	14 TGIF, <b>R-Club</b>	15
16	17 River Trail	18 General Meeting	19 River Trail	20 Tennis Movie Matinee	21 TGIF, <b>Smitty's</b>	22 Tiger Baseball
23 Burcham Hills	24 River Trail	25	26 River Trail	27 Tennis Movie Matinee	28 TGIF, <b>Smitty's</b>	29 Charter Fishing
30	31 River Trail					

# Upcoming Activities

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## **CHARTERED FISHING TRIP, AUG 28**

August is prime fishing in Michigan. We will be on beautiful Lake Michigan at Grand Haven. Dave Panetta has reserved two boats, six people per boat. We can have 18 lines in the water per boat and one boat is already full. The trip is six hours starting at 6:00 am. Coho, Chinook, steelhead salmon and brown trout are commonly caught fish. A one day all species fishing license can be purchased on the boat for \$10. You may bring food and beverages (no glass) with you on the boat. Remember your camera! If the trip must be cancelled due to severe weather, you will get a full refund. Contact Dave at 230-0413 for more information on signing up and for carpooling coordination.

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

## **MURDER MYSTERY DINNER TRAIN, SEPTEMBER 12**

The Old Road's Murder Mystery Dinner Train is a popular show. Fine dining with a hilarious table-side murder mystery featuring an acting troupe and a five star meal. Be prepared to be part of the show in this intimate setting. Boarding is in Charlotte and tickets are \$70 each, which includes soup or salad, one of three entrée choices, and dessert. Bilkly Joda-Miller will be taking sign ups at the general meeting, or contact her with questions at 256-6596 or [bilklyj@yahoo.com](mailto:bilklyj@yahoo.com).

**FALL OUTING, OCTOBER 2-4** Our Fall Outing will be back at our favorite YMCA Camp at Lake Pandalouan on the west coast of Michigan, at Montague, near Lake Michigan. Mark your calendar and expect a great fun weekend with our favorite DJ, Tom Beckner, playing the tunes both Friday and Saturday nights. Meals will be provided, and there will be many, many things to do, both with the group, and on your own. This is usually a nice (weather-wise) weekend, and if the weather DOES cooperate, we will have lots of outdoor activities such as canoe races, fishing, beach volleyball,

hiking, nighttime campfires, and games. It is priced very reasonably, \$80 per member, \$85 for non-members. If you are interested on Saturday, we have plans to spend the afternoon watching the MSU vs Purdue game at a local big screen tavern. Everyone is looking forward to a huge turnout and participation! For more information, see the flyer or call the chair, Cindee Picklo, at 381-8881.

## **ALASKAN CRUISE, MAY 29-JUNE 5, 2016**

Join us for a seven nights cruise to see some of the most extraordinary stops along Alaska's Inside Passage and coastline. You'll see glaciers flowing into the sea, forests rising up from the shoreline, and bald eagles soaring gracefully overhead. A naturalist will guide you through the exhilarating natural wonders. Onboard, enjoy spa inspired staterooms and custom blended bath products to help you feel restored and renewed. Complimentary access to the relaxing Persian Garden and exclusive access to the Blu restaurant serving breakfast and dinner. The cruise starts in Vancouver, British Columbia (make sure you have a current passport), sails through the Inside Passage, with stops at Icy Strait Point, Juneau, and Ketchikan, including a cruise past the Hubbard Glacier. The double occupancy cost is \$870 for an inside stateroom, \$1,270 for an Oceanview stateroom, or \$1,670 for a Veranda stateroom. There is limited availability on some staterooms so sign up early. Taxes, fees, and port expenses are included. Airline flights, gratuities and optional port excursions are extra. If you must cancel, you will get all your money back minus a \$30 cancellation fee as long as you cancel by January 19, 2016. Contact Bilkly Joda-Miller at [bilklyj@yahoo.com](mailto:bilklyj@yahoo.com) or 256-6596 or Joanne Creede at [kayjoe@comcast.net](mailto:kayjoe@comcast.net), 285-4795, or 887-0441 to sign up or with any questions.



## Past Activities

### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ART AND DINNER, JUNE 13

Ten of us went to the DIA and had a wonderful afternoon filled with fun and culture. We were able to browse several levels of wonderful art from all over the world; every continent was represented. They even had exhibits from Howdy Doody, and if you stopped at their museum gift shop they had several pieces of art and jewelry from different countries you could have brought home with you. Of course, it's art and so pretty expensive. I didn't bring anything home to display. The Diego Rivera & Frieda Kholo Exhibit was something else; the star of the event. When you went through the galleries where their sketching was displayed, it was like a journey through their lives but what was spectacular was the end result. I didn't even realize the fresco was there until it was pointed out to me and then, well, wow!

We went to dinner at Pegasus which was only five minutes from the Museum. A couple of us shared the saganaski (flaming cheese) and had got our ompa! Everyone enjoyed the dinners they selected and we all had a wonderful time. Thank you to all who came and shared this day with us. Let's do it again next year.

*Bilky Joda-Miller*

### SUMMER CIRCLE THEATRE, JUNE 17

There were nine people who showed up for the play, *Book of Liz*, in spite of the constant rain all day. It stopped raining about 7 pm and the play went on as planned. It was a very funny play with many scene changes and costumes which made us laugh out loud. Some wine with friends made it even better. There was no rain until the last 10 minutes, but that was just a sprinkle compared to the rain we've had. Until next year!

*Linda Lillie*

### PRESIDENT'S PICNIC, JUNE 28

Sometimes the cards just line up in your favor. Portland suffered storm damage but none at our park. It rained almost all day on Saturday but the sun shone the entire day of our picnic. Light breezes and the picnic shelter kept us all comfortable. Dave Panetta cooked up burgers, brats and hot dogs and everyone brought delicious food. (So many desserts!) The river was high so no one tried out kayaking but bike rides and walks were enjoyed. Even the playground equipment was used! It was a great welcome to our president, Bilky Joda-Miller, as she embarks on a new year of leadership for our club.

*Joanne Creede and Orestes Mavromatis*

### Jug & Mug July Birthdays

7/04	Roger Miller
7/05	Roger Berry
7/18	JoAnn Kalemkiewicz
7/25	Cheryl Korf
7/25	Joanne Creede
7/27	William Lincoln
7/28	Marvin Cook
7/29	Kit Zimmerman

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



# July 2015 Summer Events in the Lansing Area

The Lansing area offers many opportunities, often free or a donation, to enjoy music, plays, or other events. A sampling is listed below but there are many more available. Tell us your plans on the Jug & Mug Facebook page or the Jug & Mug Yahoo Group list ([jug\\_and\\_mug@yahoo.com](mailto:jug_and_mug@yahoo.com)) and invite others join you.

Date	What	Detail	Time	Where
July 1	St. Johns Concerts in the Park	Open Mic Event	7 pm	Performance Shell Stage
July 2	Thursday Night Live!	Life Support	6 pm	Mason County Courthouse
July 2	Williamston Music in the Park	Meridian Community Band	7 pm	McCormick Park, 300 N Putnam
July 2	Grand Ledge Music in the Park	Toppermost (Beatles Tribute Band)	7 pm	Bridge Street Plaza
July 3	Lake Lansing Music in the Park	Meridian Community Band	7 pm	1621 Pike Street, Haslett
July 4	Concerts in the Park	Lansing Concert Band / Fireworks	8 pm	Adado Riverfront Park
July 4	Movies in the Park	Fireworks / Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Dusk	Eaton Rapids Amphitheater
July 7	Summer Music Series	Rachel & Alex	6 pm	Eastwood Towne Center
July 8	Music in the Village	Blue Water Ramblers	7 pm	Central Park off Marsh Road
July 9	Eaton Rapids Summer Concerts	Life Support	7 pm	Hansen Amphitheater
July 10	Summer Concert Series	Swift Brothers	7 pm	Ann Street Plaza, East Lansing
July 10	Movie in the Park	Never Ending Story	Dusk	Eaton Rapids Amphitheater
July 11	Summer Concert Series	Taylor Taylor	7 pm	Ann Street Plaza, East Lansing
July 14	Summer Music Series	Showdown	6 pm	Eastwood Towne Center
July 15	3rd Wednesday Open Mic	Jen Sygit hosting	7 pm	Ann Street Plaza, East Lansing
July 16	Grand Ledge Music in the Park	Bottle Rocket Cabaret/Shelby & Jake	7 pm	Bridge Street Plaza
July 16	Moonlight Film Series	Jurassic Park (Music at 6 pm)	9:30 pm	Valley Court Park, East Lansing
July 17	Lake Lansing Music in the Park	Raisin Pickers (Blue Grass)	7 pm	1621 Pike Street, Haslett
July 17	Turner Street Outdoor Theater	Iron Giant	9 pm	Cesar Chavez Plaza
July 18	Summer Concert Series	May Erlewine	7 pm	Ann Street Plaza, East Lansing
July 21	Summer Music Series	Funkle Jesse	6 pm	Eastwood Towne Center
July 22	Concerts in the Park	Tejano Sound	7 pm	Schmidt Southside Com. Center
July 23	Concerts at the Shell	Chelsea House Orchestra	7 pm	300 N Putnam, Williamston
July 24	Eaton Rapids Movie in the Park	Penguins of Madagascar	Dusk	Eaton Rapids Amphitheater
July 25	Summer Concert Series	Deacon Earl & The Congregation	7 pm	Ann Street Plaza, East Lansing
July 26	Summer Stage Under the Stars	Story Theatre	7 pm	LCC Amphitheatre
July 28	Summer Music Series	Root Doctor	6 pm	Eastwood Towne Center
July 29	Dance Lansing	New Dance	7 pm	LCC Dart Auditorium
July 30	Grand Ledge Music in the Park	Root Doctor/Rob Klajda	7 pm	Bridge Street Plaza
July 30	Moonlight Film Series	Ernest & Celestine (Music at 6 pm)	9:30 pm	Valley Court Park, East Lansing
July 31	Lake Lansing Music in the Park	Life Support (70's & 80's music)	7 pm	1621 Pike Street, Haslett

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## Upcoming Events

July 23	Lugnuts vs Hot Rods
July 28-Aug 2	Traverse City Film Festival
August 2	Kayak Through Lansing
August 22	Tiger Baseball
August 29	Tiger Baseball
September 12	Murder Mystery Dinner Train
October 2-4	Fall Outing
May 29-June 5	Alaskan Cruise

Join us for the General Meeting at  
**Trippers**  
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