



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be June 16 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 June 9 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

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ART AND DINNER, JUNE 13 We will be going to **THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**, checking out the exhibits, but a really popular one we can catch is the Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo Exhibit. Explore the tumultuous and highly productive year that Mexican artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo spent in Detroit, a pivotal turning point in each artist's career. The cost of general admission is \$8.00 per person; seniors are \$6.00. The Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo exhibit is an additional entry fee of \$19.00. After we enjoy the exhibits at the DIA, we will go to Greektown and enjoy dinner at Pegasus Taverna, 558 Monroe Street, Detroit.

Saturday DIA hours are 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. We plan to leave the Lansing area at noon, be at the Institute by 1:30 pm, leave the DIA at closing and be at the restaurant shortly afterward.

Contact Bilky Joda-Miller at bilkyj@yahoo.com or 256-6596 or Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or kayjoe@comcast.net if you plan to attend. They will facilitate carpooling.

SUMMER CIRCLE THEATRE, JUNE 17

Our club will be attending the 8 pm presentation of "The Book of Liz." The playwrights, David and Amy Sedaris, are both very funny so the play should be fun to watch. The area fills up fast and there are no reserved seats so come early. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, dinner or snacks, drinks, and a jacket if the evening may be cool. We will meet at 6 pm to claim our area near the Auditorium. Please check the Summer Circle webpage for directions. <http://theatre.msu.edu/index.php/productions/summer->

[circle-theatre/](#) There is a map that shows the roads that are closed for repairs too. It looks like Farm Lane and Shaw Lane are open and most parking is free after 6 pm, but read the signs carefully. Afterwards we are going to the Pizza House in Hannah Plaza. Contact Linda Lillie at 290-0189 or LMLillie@gmail.com with questions.

PRESIDENT'S PICNIC, JUNE 28 The president's picnic will be held at the Portland Community Lake Park, the same location as last year. The club is requesting you sign up in advance so we have an adequate count for planning; only \$5 for members and children and \$8 for non-members. Meat and buns will be provided. Dave Panetta, as usual, will be grilling, serving around 5:00 pm. **Bring your own beverage and a dish to share.** If you have not renewed your membership, you can do so at the picnic.

Portland is the city of two rivers and you are welcome to bring a canoe or kayak to enjoy the rivers. If you put in at the Howe Road Bridge, it is about a 2½ to 3 hour paddle to the park. There is also a beautiful river trail for walking and biking. Bring your bike to ride the path. There is plenty of room to play a volleyball game or other yard game. Shelter 2 in the park is reserved for the day; we plan to start around 2:00 pm. Directions: Take I-96 west. Turn at the first Portland exit, #77. Turn right on Grand River. Go less than a block and turn right on Rowe Street, between Independent Bank and Burger King. Go about 2 blocks to the Community Lake Park sign and turn down the gravel road to the second shelter. Look for the Jug & Mug sign.

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Council Column

As I sit here thinking of what to say to the membership, two things that are an integral part of the running and survival of any organization, not just the Jug & Mug Ski Club, jump out at me. The first is the membership numbers. It is important that we get our membership numbers up. If we don't, this club might not survive for more than another few years. When I volunteered to help the nomination committee, it became clear that we didn't have enough members to actually get enough candidates to give the membership a choice. Not many people were ready or willing to take on these positions. Most members on the council have already served and some more than just a year or two. We eventually had enough people to fill the slate but still not enough to give the membership a choice. While we have a full council, we did not really have an election.

The first order of business is to put in place a strategy and focus on making this club attractive to other singles in the area. I am sure there are plenty of singles looking for activities and things to do or people to do it with in this area. If we don't do this, we will not successfully woo new members to the club. Our efforts for potential members should be comprehensive and look for members ranging in age from the mid-twenties and up. That's not to say we shouldn't engage twenty-one year olds or 70 year olds but we need new blood in the club to keep it going, especially in running activities and trips. There are a few ideas, suggestions and feedback already from a brainstorming session with the vice-presidents. One of them is a focus group, which sounds like a great idea and a place to start. So if you have any ideas, please reach out to your council.

The second issue the council has to tackle is activities, the life blood of this club. Without an increased number and variety of activities, it will be an uphill battle to attract the kind of numbers we need. We need to have members get more involved in running trips and coming up with ideas for trips and activities they would like to participate in. One of the most important things about running and chairing a trip is to select something you would like to participate in. Every trip I have chaired, suggested, or co-chaired, I did because I wanted to do the activity or trip. Speaking from the experience of someone who has run probably dozens of trips over the last 19 years of being a member, I can tell you that I enjoyed and had a good time being part of and involved in those activities. Now I am not saying I didn't have any challenges or frustrations along the way, but at the end of the day, 100 percent of the time I was thrilled with the trips I participated in, whether as a chair or and someone who signed up for a the trip. It is hard work putting trips and activities together, but I'm willing to bet that at the end of the day, most people who run trips would tell you it was rewarding enough and worth it and they would do it again.

So this year if you have ideas, activities or trips in mind that you'd like to run or see run, feel free to bring it to me or any of your council member and we will make sure the right council person gets it and they will contact and talk with you.

This year, we will divert from the usually column on the President's Column because I believe it is important to also hear from others. Instead we will have the Council's Column. Each council member will take the time to let you know what's going on or what they are planning, what they need from you, and if there is anything the membership can help with or get involved with. The next two months, the vice presidents will take turns to speak directly to you.

In closing, I want you to know that your council is here and ready to facilitate what the membership wants. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have anything to share.

Thank-you; Billy Joda-Miller

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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — Come on out and join us for happy hour from 5 to 7 pm every Friday. We have had a lot of friends showing up each week.

Our June happy hour will start out at Reno's North located at 16460 Old US 27 on June 5 and 12. We will be outside if the weather is warm and sunny.

The rest of the month, June 19 and 26, our happy hour continues at Harper's at 131 Albert Street, East Lansing. The Jazz Festival is held right in front of Harper's on the 19th so come out and enjoy a wide variety of beers and some great music. Don't forget to bring a jacket so you can stay late!

July 3 and 10, the happy hour will be at Sir Pizza, 201 East Grand River, Lansing, in Old Town. No tables have been reserved so people can sit outside by the river or enjoy one of the comfy couches as they drink up. After chatting with friends you can visit one of the restaurants down the street or stay at Sir Pizza for dinner. Hope to see you there!

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

Sing A Long — The June Sing A Long will be hosted on June 23 at the home of Joyce Davenport. Join the singers in the community room at 2790 Sirhal, 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 Joyce at 402-2488 with any questions.

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

Social Tennis — The Jug & Mug members are again 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 or Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com.

Jug & Mug Book Club — The Jug & Mug Book Club is a friendly group who get together every 6 weeks or so to discuss the book we chose at the previous meeting. Our current selection is **Bel Canto** by Ann Patchett. "Bel Canto" is a style of operatic singing characterized by full, even tones and a brilliant display of vocal technique. It is also a whimsical and entertaining novel by Ann Patchett. The book takes place in an unnamed country in South America. A birthday party has been arranged for a prominent Japanese businessman named Mr. Hosokawa. Roxane Coss, a world famous soprano, is there to sing for the assembled guests. Ms. Coss does sing brilliantly and all seems to be going well. The party turns sour when a band of revolutionaries breaks into the house and holds the guests hostage.

We will meet to discuss the book at Joyce Hensley's home, 1232 Farwood, East Lansing, on Sunday, June 14, 7 pm. Bring a snack or beverage to share, if you like. Call Joyce at 337-1289 or 614-4878 with any questions.

If you are interested in joining the book club, please contact Helen Ross at hall_family@hotmail.com or 332-5595.

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.

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 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.

June 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 River Walk	2	3 River Walk	4 Movie Matinee Tennis	5 TGIF, Reno's N	6
7	8 River Walk	9 Council Meeting	10 River Walk	11 Movie Matinee Tennis	12 TGIF, Reno's N	13 Detroit Inst. Arts
14 Book Club	15 River Walk	16 General Meeting	17 River Walk Summer Circle	18 Movie Matinee Tennis	19 TGIF, Harper's	20
21 Father's Day	22 River Walk	23 Sing A Long	24 River Walk	25 Movie Matinee Tennis	26 TGIF, Harper's	27
28 President's Picnic	29 River Walk	30				

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Upcoming Activities

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If you have any questions, contact your brand new vice presidents, Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or kayjoe@comcast.net, or Orestes Mavromatis at omavroma@yahoo.com or 349-4553.

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 (schedule released June 26). Tickets may be purchased in advance 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 256-6596 or bilkyj@yahoo.com. More information on the festival can be found at <http://traversecityfilmfest.org/>.

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 or 886-4061 to sign up or with any questions.

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. Bilky Joda-Miller will be taking sign ups starting at the June general meeting, or contact her with questions at 256-6596 or bilkyj@yahoo.com.

FALL OUTING, OCTOBER 2-4

Cindee Picklo has been working hard at trying to get our Fall Outing back to the YMCA Camp at Lake Pentalouan! She was successful and our Fall Outing this year will be on the west coast of Michigan at Montague, near Lake Michigan. There will be more information in the July newsletter but 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 it 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, under \$85 per person, and a little more for non-members. Everyone is looking forward to a huge turnout and participation! For more information, call the chair, Cindee Picklo, at 517-381-8881.

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. A \$250 deposit will hold your spot, with a cancellation date of the January 2016 general meeting. Contact Bilky Joda-Miller at bilkyj@yahoo.com or 256-6596 or Joanne Creede at kayjoe@comcast.net, 285-4795, or 887-0441 to sign up or with any questions.

Past Activities

ZODIAC PARTY/PLANT EXCHANGE,

MAY 9 The first outdoor zodiac party of the season was a success. A couple of folks floated on the Grand from Eaton Rapids to Bunker Landing. The annual plant exchange had an abundance of plants for the garden. Many perennials along with tomato and basil plants were available to a good home.

It was a Polish theme for the dinner; grilled kielbasa links, kapusta, pierogi and a host of salads were on the dinner table. Unfortunately, all the desserts were gone; Rich did not have a snack for Sunday's clean up.

After dinner a nature walk was in order. While no morels were found, the trails are always a fun way to commune with nature. As dusk was coming on, the fireworks were lit, along with a few folks. Fortunately, even without adult supervision, no injuries were sustained during the fireworks show.

A white women's sweater, size medium, Lands End brand, was left behind. Contact Rich if you know who belongs to it.

Thanks to all who attended, hope to see you next year if you missed this year's party.

Rich Rybicki

DINNER AND A MOVIE, MAY 16 Ten people attended the dinner at La Senorita. We had a nice time at the restaurant; the food was great and the company even better. We split into two groups for the movie. I went with the group that saw *The Avengers: Age of Ultron*, which was great and the other group went to see *Mad Max: Fury Road*. See you at the DIA on June 13. We'll have a great time and we'll eat Greek food.

Bilky Joda-Miller

Welcome Your 2015/2016 Jug & Mug Council



Left to right: Joanne Creede, Bill Lincoln, Linda Lillie, Mary Stephens, Dorothy Harney, Dave Panetta, Helen Ross, Orestes Mavromatis, Bilky Joda-Miller, Dale Trew, Rich Rybicki

Jug & Mug Communications

Your club has multiple of ways to communicate with you. This newsletter is one, of course. The club maintains a web site (<http://jugandmug.org/>) and also a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jug-Mug-Ski-Club/307039310242>). Don't forget the Hot Line (517-342-9955) where a quick rundown of events is recited. For immediate notice, we have a **Yahoo Group List**. If you want to be included on the list, contact Joanne Creede at kayjoe@comcast.net. Your email address will not be sold or otherwise distributed.

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Trip Suggestions

Thinking of running a trip or activity but don't know what? Here are some ideas. If any look like your cup of tea, why not plan it? Any Council Member would be happy to answer your questions or assist you along the way.

- ◆ Wine Tasting
- ◆ Tulip Time Festival (2016)
- ◆ Festival of Sun & Moon, Old Town
- ◆ Road Rally
- ◆ Christmas Party
- ◆ Summer, Fall or Winter Dance
- ◆ Delta Rocks
- ◆ Dewitt Ox Roast
- ◆ Renaissance Festival
- ◆ Golfing
- ◆ Pub Crawl
- ◆ New Year's Eve Party
- ◆ Fourth of July picnic/party

Jug & Mug June Birthdays

6/03	Oren Christmas
6/04	Bobbie Black
6/07	Sharon Roberts
6/07	William Hall
6/10	Bobbie Emerson
6/11	Judy Winslow
6/13	Ralph Smith
6/21	Connie McAleer
6/28	Jean Luttig
6/29	Beth Hubbell
6/29	Gary Studebaker

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All Jug & Mug Ski Club memberships expire on May 31, but council has voted to allow renewals through June. The cost to renew is \$30 for current members and \$36 for new member applications.

If you receive your newsletter via snail mail and have not yet renewed, your application is enclosed. Review and correct or update the preprinted information, sign and date, and mail it in with payment to Jug & Mug Ski Club, P O Box 13153, Lansing MI 48901.

If you receive your newsletter via email, open an application from the JugandMug.org website (Why Join?/Sign up). Complete and mail in the application with your payment. PayPal is also a payment option for a small additional charge. An application can be obtained at the June general meeting at Trippers if preferred.

If you have questions, contact your favorite council member for answers or clarification. A listing is on page 2.

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Upcoming Events

June 13	Detroit Institute of Arts
June 17	Summer Circle Theatre
June 28	President's Picnic
July 28-Aug 2	Traverse City Film Festival
August 22	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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