



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



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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 15 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 December 8 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

66TH WARREN MILLER MOVIE, CHASING SHADOWS, DECEMBER 4

Presented by the Jug & Mug Ski Club in partnership with the Okemos High School Ski Team, don't miss this exciting event. If you don't have your ticket yet, contact Rich Rybicki at 663-1854, or just about any Jug & Mug member. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$11 on the Jug & Mug website, or \$15 at the door. Besides an exciting movie featuring extreme skiing, you get two for one ski lift vouchers for Boyne Resorts, coupons and swag from Warren Miller, and door prizes from Summit Sports, Boyne Resorts, and others, and more. Doors open at 6:00 pm; movie starts at 7:00 pm. Okemos High School, 2800 Jolly Road, Okemos.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 19

Party with the best at our club's Christmas Party at the Timber Ridge Golf Club, 16339 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. Put on your "Sunday best" clothes and start the party at 5:30 pm with a cash bar and social hour. We hired a fun DJ who will host a trivia game during our social hour. Music starts at 5:30 pm and trivia starts at 6:00 pm. Winners can choose from the prize table so get to the party early and join the fun. Our DJ will play Christmas carols through dinner then some great tunes to get us up and dancing. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Our buffet menu will be chicken marsala, pot roast with carrots and onions, homemade smashed redskin potatoes, green beans almandine, mixed salad, rolls, and cake. The cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for guests. There are three ways to pay: Use PayPal

at www.jugandmug.org, mail a check made out to Jug & Mug to Jug & Mug Ski Club, P O Box 13153, Lansing MI 48911, or contact Linda Lillie at LMLillie@gmail.com or 290-0189 or Janice Pierce at janicepier@netzero.net or 348-2338. You must sign up by December 11 and there are no refunds after that date.

CAROLING, DECEMBER 20 This caroling event is sponsored jointly by the Hearth & Hill and the Jug & Mug Ski Club. We meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Northwind Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, 2815 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 the 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. Come join us for this heart-warming and fun activity! If you have questions, contact Maddy Trimby at 669-6596 or Diane West at 810-687-7007.

DINNER & A MOVIE, JANUARY 9 Meet at Capital Prime, 2324 Showtime Drive, Lansing (behind Eastwood Towne Center) at 7:00 pm for a sumptuous meal. Over our meal, we can decide which movie to watch at NCG Cinema. Contact Joanne Creede at kayjoe@comcast.net or 285-4795 before 8:00 pm on January 7 so we assure there are enough seats at the restaurant.

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Council Column

Happy Holidays!

This is the time of year when people begin wishing each other, "Happy holidays!" When you read this, we will have had our "Happy Thanksgiving" turkey dinners. I have been away visiting my Minnesota granddaughters, and babysitting while parents were away. Tucking the youngest, Pearl, into bed included listening to her prayers. She always started with "Dear God, I am thankful for . . ." and she'd list family and friends, pets, and the activities she loved doing. Then she would recite the comforting prayer she said each night before we turned off the lights.

I'm writing this as I think ahead to Thanksgiving and the winter holidays. Like my little Pearl, I am thankful for family and friends, pets, and the activities I love doing. Besides the families we're related to, we have friends who have become the families we've chosen. Many of these, for me, are friends I have met through the Jug & Mug Ski Club over the years. I've gotten to know this "family" by first spending time with them at the many club activities I've loved doing.

I am thankful for our Jug & Mug family. I'm thankful for the members who open their hearts and homes, so we can enjoy shared food, games, conversation, laughter and warmth at their house parties. I'm thankful for the summer activities and the Fall Outing, one of my favorite activities of all. I'm grateful for Don, who has generously hosted our Halloween Barn Parties for so many years. Thanks for those who organized the live theater trips to the Purple Rose, and the Riverwalk Theater, and the regular group trips to the movies. Now we can be thankful for the Holiday Party with dinner and dancing scheduled for December 19. Members are doing a lot of work so that we can all come and celebrate together. Be sure you're signed up!

Soon, the ski season starts! I know ... some of us don't ski, and some who used to ski, don't anymore. Well, then, let's back up to Friday, December 4 at 7 pm. You can get the feeling like you're skiing with the skiers at the "Chasing Shadows" Warren Miller Film at Okemos High School. It can take your breath away simply by watching. And, there are door prizes and surprises for those attending. Hurry and get your ticket(s) now! Then join the trips! Our ski trips always have fun activities for non-skiers too!

Then, Happy New Year! Maybe there will be a house party to watch a bowl game on New Year's Day; maybe at your house? Maybe you'll plan a party or activity for Valentine's Day, President's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th? YOU pick a date and an idea! Let's plan to celebrate these holidays with our Jug & Mug family, too. And one more thing... do invite ALL your single friends to come to the meetings and join our Jug & Mug family. They'll be thankful, too.

Happy Holidays,
Dorothy Harney, Women's Council

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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — Fridays have been fun and you don't want to miss out! Note that the TGIF meeting on December 4 is following the Warren Miller movie at Okemos High School. December 11 will be at our usual time of 5 to 7 pm.

December 4 and 11 will be Applebee's, 2284 Woodlake Drive, Okemos. There are \$3 appetizers from 3 to 6 pm and after 9 pm.

No other happy hours are scheduled for December but please join us for the Christmas Party on December 19. Greet your friends and enjoy an evening of great food, drink, music and fun. Don't miss this fun evening!

Happy hour on January 8 and 15 will be at Jimmy's Pub, 16804 Chandler Road, East Lansing. January 22 and 29, we will meet at the Beer Grotto, 500 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing.

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

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 have chosen at the previous meeting. We munch on a snack or two, have a glass of our favorite beverage, and chit-chat a bit before discussing the book. The book we are currently reading is ***A Prayer for Owen Meany*** by John Irving.

Owen Meany is a dwarfish boy with a strange voice who accidentally kills his best friend's mom with a baseball and believes--accurately--that he is an instrument of God, to be redeemed by martyrdom. The book is often hilarious, but as *Highlights* Magazine used to put it, it is "fun with a purpose." When Owen plays baby Jesus in the pageants, and glimpses a tombstone with his death date while enacting *A Christmas Carol*, the slapstick doesn't cancel the fact that he was born to be martyred. This book is widely available in paperback, on Kindle, and in your local libraries.

The next meeting will be held at Rich Rybicki's home, 1245 South Michigan, Eaton Rapids, on Sunday, December 6, at 5 pm. If you are interested in being included on the book club notification list, please contact Helen Ross at hall_family@hotmail.com or 332-5595.

Social Tennis — We are playing indoors on Wednesday evenings at the MSU Tennis Facility. If you wish to play at other times or days, please contact one of the chairs, Oren Christmas at christmaso@comcast.net

or Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com. You can be added to the email list or have your questions answered. The email list is the place to be for regular tennis updates.

Singing at Burcham Hills — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, December 6, downstairs in the Whitehouse Room, at 7:00 pm. Join us; we sing familiar songs and music sheets are 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 will be on hiatus until after the holidays, in January 2016. To volunteer your home for a future Sing A Long, or if you have any questions, contact Diane West at 810-687-7007 or westdance@att.net.

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 bite to eat afterward and discuss the movie, and other subjects. 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 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. Yes, it is dark during our walk but we have never had a safety issue on the path and it can be amazing to see the world in low light. Put on your walking shoes, hat, and mittens 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.

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 River Walk Tennis	3 Movie Matinee	4 Warren Miller Film TGIF, Applebees	5
6 Burcham Hills Book Club	7 River Walk	8 Council Meeting	9 River Walk Tennis	10 Movie Matinee	11 TGIF, Applebees	12
13	14 River Walk	15 General Meeting	16 River Walk Tennis	17 Movie Matinee	18	19 Christmas Party
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27	28 River Walk	29	30 River Walk Tennis	31 New Year's Eve		

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Upcoming Activities

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SCHUSS MT RESORTS INTRODUCTORY WEEKEND, JANUARY 22-24

Jug & Mug's first ski weekend is ready to go at Schuss Mt. resorts. The deadline to sign up is December 18, 2015.

The package contains the usual three days of skiing, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, Saturday night banquet with door prizes, and up to 16 hours of ski instructions in downhill, telemark, snowboarding and cross country techniques. It is also a great time to meet skiers from other ski clubs located in the Midwest.

Lodging consists of two choices: Schuss Village or Cedar River. Schuss Village is the typical two queen beds, one bath for \$339 per person, double occupancy. Quad accommodations are \$295 per person. Cedar River is a small suite, 2 queen beds, one bath, sleeper sofa with a small living room at \$433, double occupancy; only \$333 per person as a quad.

Contact Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com or 517-663-1854 to sign up or with any questions.

CEDAR BEND, MARCH 4-6, 2016 Put this on your calendar! We are planning 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. Signups and more information for Cedar Bend will be available at the December General Meeting.

ALASKAN CRUISE, MAY 29-JUNE 5, 2016 There is still time to sign up for a seven night 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. We will have 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.

Taxes, fees, and port expenses are included.

Airline flights, gratuities and optional port excursions are extra. If you are interested in spending a couple days

exploring Vancouver prior to the cruise, we have reservations at the Days Inn at the Vancouver Airport. The price is \$80 per person per night double occupancy, or \$40 a night four to a room. Contact Bilkly Joda-Miller at or bilklyj@yahoo.com or 256-6596 or Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or kayjoe@comcast.net to sign up or with any questions.



Ski List

Are you interested in being on a ski list to receive information relating to cross-country and/or downhill ski trips that the Club is sponsoring, promoting or participating in?

If so, contact Sharon Roberts via e-mail at sharonann48@hotmail.com. Let her know your interest as downhill only or cross-country or both.

Past Activities

PURPLE ROSE, NOVEMBER 14 Another hit for the Purple Rose Theatre and for the Jug & Mug members! The play was funny, the actors awesome, the food delicious, and the company entertaining. Two middle-aged actors have been competing for the same roles for many years, neither becoming particularly successful. How far will they go to get the next part? After laughing through the performance, we went to Smokehouse 52 for some excellent barbeque meals, to discuss the play, and to catch up with friends (or make new ones) before the busy holiday season. Thanks to all who joined us, and especially the drivers for bringing us all home safely.



Kurt Mertins

Membership Contest

The Jug & Mug Ski Club is offering a voucher program to encourage club members to bring new guests to general meetings. For every new guest that might be interested in joining the club, the member who brings that guest will receive a \$5 voucher. The vouchers are good for any event that is run through the club and in which money is paid to the club. Vouchers are good for one year from the time the person receives them. When you bring a guest to a meeting, introduce him or her to the person working the welcome desk. After verification that the guest is new, the club member will receive their voucher. Congratulations to Mary Ann Illman, who received the first certificate for sponsoring Judy Long. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Orestes Mavromatis or any council member. Contact information is on page 2.



RETURNING MEMBER

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"My Account" Login

<http://jugandmug.org>

On the Home Page:

Select **Why Join?**

Select and click on **SignUp** from the drop down list.

Scroll to the bottom of the page.

Click on **Create Your Online Account**.

Complete the New User Registration Form. Required fields are indicated as * in red.

A reCAPTCHA widget is at the bottom of the registration form. Note the text displayed in the window area. Enter this text in the box where it states **Type The Text**. (To the left are 3 tiny icons. Click on the "?" icon for assistance.)

Click **Register**. You will get a message that states, "Your registration was successful. You will be notified of your approval status soon. Thank you." Or a message will display that states why the registration failed.

Notification of your registration is sent to Sharon. Before activating your account, your membership will be verified. Once verified, your **My Account** will be activated and an auto notification will be emailed to you.

Your account is setup using the email you used in your registration form and a password will be auto generated and emailed to you. You can reset your password.

Registration to activate your **My Account** gives you access to the most current membership list that you can download and save or print.

Questions regarding your **My Account** should be directed to Sharon. See page 2 for contact information

Web Committee

Sharon Roberts, Helen Ross & Rich Rybicki



We are once again partnering with the Okemos HS Ski team in presenting the 66th Warren Miller Movie, "Chasing Shadows." The movie date is **Friday, December 4, 2015**. The doors open at 6:00 pm and the feature starts at 7:00 pm. It is a great movie, a wonderful time, and a boost for the ski community in Lansing. The Jug & Mug Ski Club is the exclusive distributors of the movie in the Lansing area.

To be part of this exciting event, get your movie tickets for only \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. We have door prizes from major ski resorts. Think of it as a raffle with a free movie. Hope to see a lot of members at the movie.

We still need volunteers to assist the night of the movie. Contact the committee chair, Rich Rybicki, at email richrybick@yahoo.com or telephone 517-663-1854 for additional information.

Jug & Mug 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/>

December 2015 Singles Dance Events

Carolyn Tody 402-3224 or carley1t@sbcglobal.net
Ballroom, Swing & Nightclub

USA Annual Potluck/Dinner Ballroom & Swing Dance ~ 1st Saturday, December 5 ~ at: Dewitt Township Center, 16101 Brock Rd, Lansing. Dance 7-10 pm - **Dress to Impress**. \$15. Info: usa-dance2037.org

Tomliam Ballroom Dance ~ 2nd Saturday, December 12 ~ Lansing Christian Church, 6300 S. Aurelius ~ 7 pm Lesson \$5, Dance 8-10:30 pm. \$12. Info: (517) 655-3611, tomliandance.com

Wild Spurs/Jammin' at the Jewel ~ Mondays at 6pm, 5270 Perry Road, Grand Blanc; lessons & other dance parties. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Jewel-Of-Grand-Blanc/226835440661812>

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: <http://www.glsdc.org/>

Lansing Eagles Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ Most Sundays at the Eagles Club, 4700 N. Grand River. 6 pm lessons, 7-10 pm dance. Admission \$8 or \$10 with lesson. Dances are subject to occasional cancellation. Info: Mike (517) 490-7838, or Joann P. (810) 691-2719

Jingle Swing Mingle ~ Saturday, December 12, 7 pm West Coast Swing Lessons, 8-12 dance/light meal, Steve Reynolds Studio, Clio, MI \$12-15. Info: (810) 691-2719

Freestyle, Salsa, Country, Contra & Square TGIF Party ~ Friday, December 4, 11, & 18 and most Friday nights at Hawk Hollow Golf Club from 8-12. \$13

Greenville Casual Singles Dance ~ Saturday December 5 and 19 (Christmas dance) January 2 (New Years Eve dance) 7 pm-12 at the Greenville American Legion: \$7

Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance ~ Saturday, December 5 & 31 (New Years Eve Contra & Square dance); 6:30 pm lesson, Dance 7-10. \$10. <http://TenPoundFiddle.org>

Lincoln Country Club/Rivertown Singles - Sundays, 7-11 at 3485 Lake Michigan Drive NW Grand Rapids. Phone 616.453.6348

Salsa Capital - 2nd & 4th Friday, December 11 & 25, AA Creative Corridor, 1133 South Washington Avenue, Lansing, MI United States, 8:15 intermediate Salsa, 8:45 Beginner Salsa, dance 9:15-12. \$5. Info: Bryan G. at 517-230-9018, www.facebook.com/groups/470309133043097

Whiskey Barrel Saloon - Wednesday nights 7:30-9:30 pm Beginner Line Dance Lessons. Info: (517) 351-5690 www.whiskeybarrelsaloon.net

Looking Glass Music & Arts ~ Looking Glass Festival: December 19 & 31 (New Years Eve Potluck dance). Info: <http://lgmaa.org/>

Group Lessons (Private Lessons also available)
Parkwood YMCA ~ Register: (517) 827-9680.
Dewitt YMCA -13161 Schavey Road, DeWitt. Registration: (517) 827-9660

Michigan Athletic Club ~ Register: Concierge 364-8800.
Lansing Parks & Recreation ~ Info: 483-4277 or www.lansingmi.gov/parks/actprog/dance_classes.jsp

Lansing Eagles Club ~ Lessons precede dance. Info: Mike (517) 490-7838

General information

Lansing ~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140480982080/>
 Ann Arbor ~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/139176772753582/>

Howell - www.sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment
 Flint ~ <http://www.danceaway.com/>

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Okemos High School

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December 19	Christmas Party
December 20	Caroling
January 9	Dinner & a Movie
January 22-24	Introductional Weekend
March 4-6	Cedar Bend
May 29-June 5	Alaskan Cruise

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Trippers
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