

# Jug & Mug Ski blub

# The Journal



May 2017 www.jugandmug.org Hot Line 517-342-9955

**GENERAL MEETING3** are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be May 16 at **Buddie's Grill, Holt Plaza, 2040 North Aurelius Road, Holt.** 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 usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm, but this month, the meeting will be on May 2 at Jimmy's Pub, 16804 Chandler Road, East Lansing. Contact Bilky Joda-Miller at least three days prior to 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**

MDSC TRAVEL EXPO, MAY 11 Want to run a trip? Have no idea where to start or what to do? The MDSC Travel Expo is a great place to start. Held on Thursday, May 11, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm, resorts, retailers, and tour providers from the United States, Canada, Europe, and other ski destinations have been invited and will be available to answer your questions. The expo is at the Doubletree Hotel Dearborn, 5801 Southfield Service Drive, Detroit. More information and a flyer is available at mdscski.org. If you plan to attend or have any questions, please contact Teri Miller at 699-2969 or tmclocks@hotmail.com.

DINNER AND A MOVIE, MAY 13 Join us at the Cancun Mexican Grill, 8749 West Saginaw Hwy Ste C., Lansing, 6:30 pm. If you like Mexican, this is the place to be, with authentic Mexican food and fabulous drinks. Margaritas, anyone??? As usual, we will vote during dinner for a movie to see and one lucky person will get to watch the move for free. Email Bilky Joda-Miller at <a href="mailto:bilkyi@yahoo.com">bilkyi@yahoo.com</a> before the end of the day on Thursday, May 11, to get on the list. If you have questions, her phone number is 256-6596.

## PLANT EXCHANGE AND OUTDOOR

**PARTY, MAY 20** Time to gather on the Grand River at Rich Rybicki's house for the first outdoor party of the season.

2 PM Weather dependent for canoeing and kayaking. A 90 minute float from Eaton Rapids to Bunker Highway. Be sure to wave as you pass Rich's house.

4 PM the annual plant exchange happens. Bring your overgrown perennials and excess annuals and see what you can take home. Individual packets with

instructions for planting are a big help.

6 PM the food will be coming off the grill and on to the plates. Bring a dish to pass.

Afterwards it's games, hikes, morel hunting, and campfire, followed by fireworks.

Rich lives at 1245 South Michigan Road, Eaton Rapids. The first turn around past Bunker Highway will place you in front of his driveway, on the left. Signs will be posted. Call 663-1854 with questions.

meet at 6:30 pm at Piazzano's, 1826 North Grand River Avenue, Lansing. Let's make this one an adventure. Piazzano's is supposed to be unpretentious but has great food. It is hidden away not too far from Old Town and you might think you missed it. The restaurant serves Italian fare and pizzas but they have so much more: Mexican, burgers and even breakfast foods. Join us at Piazzano's where we will order our food and vote for a movie to see. Email Bilky Joda-Miller to sign-up for dinner at bilkyj@yahoo.com.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SUMMER SOLSTICE, JUNE 24

Dale Trew is hosting a Summer Solstice Party at his home in Bath. Come on out to 5401 Ann Drive, Bath, to celebrate one of the longest days of the year. Dale has a large back yard and will have the horseshoe game set up, with card tables for euchre in the garage. Bring your favorite yard game (bocce ball, croquet, yard darts, whatever), a chair to sit on, a dish to pass, and your own beverage. Don't forget a \$1 or \$2 for the kitty. Dale will have brats and dogs on the grill. Arrive anytime after 3:00 pm. Call Dale at 641-6341 with any questions or to volunteer to help set up.

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# Council Column

### Dear Jug & Mug Members:

As I sit here and gather my thoughts, I realize I've been trying to write this in my head for a while. I took a sabbatical from the club for a while and about two and a half years ago, I came back and hosted a cruise and crazily jumped back in with two feet and volunteered to be president. I had been gone a while and there were lots of new faces. It's been different and an eye-opening experience. I've gotten to know some of the people who joined when I wasn't active and I've made new friends.

When I agreed to run for president again, Sharon had decided not to run for another term and no one else wanted the position. Now it looks like we have a full slate again. Thank you. Without people stepping up to the plate, this club would no longer exist. By the time you read this, the elections will be over and we will know the new council.

When I think of the council and the club as a whole, my life has been enriched and I have found some of my closest forever friends that are like family to me. I always know there is someone to reach out to for a helping hand, to go to a movie, have dinner with, or just hang out. There are also so many activities within the club that if you find yourself with nothing to do, it's probably because you didn't check your newsletter, check the website, or really didn't want to try to find something.

I also want to address something I think of as a failure on my part. As an ethnic minority, I think I should have done more to try and bring more diversity to this club. In the 20 years I have belonged in this club, we have had one or two people of ethnic minorities attend one or more activities but I don't think we really tried to keep them or even ventured out of our way to try and figure out how to invite or attract them into this club. Usually someone brings them in and they like what they see for activities and events. They do some of those activities and after a year, if they have joined the club, they don't renew. We don't do anything to focus or go out of our way to find out why and we don't have any outreach to bring them back or to encourage them to bring their friends to our activities or meetings. We need to start doing something and engaging with other ethnicities around the Greater Lansing Area, which might be a way to grow our numbers and enrich our lives. Perhaps this could be something the new council would want to tackle if they see fit. Just saying.

Bilky Joda-Miller President

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# **ONGOING EVENTS**

**TCIF** — Please join us for happy hour every Friday evening from 5-7 pm. We visit various bars and restaurants located around Lansing. Mark your calendars with the upcoming schedule so you don't miss the fun.

May 5 & 12: Reno's North Sports Bar, 16460 Old US 27, Lansing.

May 19 & 26: Buffalo Wild Wings, 718 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing. It is near Horrocks!

June 2 & 9: El Azteco, 225 Ann St., East Lansing. Meet on the rooftop bar and find a seat.

June 16, 23 & 30: Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing. Table reserved outside.

Join the fun and your friends any or all Fridays. We usually have 20-25 people in attendance.

Linda Lillie is our happy hour coordinator until August, when Kathy Toman will take over the task. If you have any suggestions for happy hour locations, contact Linda at 290-0189 or LMLillie@gmail.com or Kathy at 896-6278 or kathytoman51@gmail.com.

**Singing at Burcham Hills** — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, May 21, downstairs in the Whitehouse Room at 7:00 pm. Come and join us for an uplifting hour of music. Song sheets are provided and the Burcham 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 <a href="mailto:westdance@att.net">westdance@att.net</a> or 810-687-7007.

## Walking the River Trail — Every

Monday and Wednesday, we meet at 6:15 pm for a walk on the River Trail. We are back at 410 South Cedar but it wouldn't hurt to verify the starting location for the four mile walk. Contact Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or Bonnie Mernitz at 449-6368. We get out there twice a week; join us. Walking gives you beneficial exercise, and it may help you shed a few of those excess pounds. The days are getting longer, the temperatures are mild, and numerous people are out on the path, walking, running, and biking. Why not you? Put on your walking shoes and join us, laugh with us, and enjoy the outdoors.

**Social Tennis** — It is May, it is spring, and the weather is good enough for the Jug & Mug members to play OUTDOORS at the Letts Center. The Letts Center is at 1220 West Kalamazoo just west of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. We play on Thursday evenings around 5 pm. Join us at no cost, just great fun and laughs. Contact Rich Rybicki at <a href="mailto:richrybick@yahoo.com">richrybick@yahoo.com</a> to be on the email list for regular updates.

Jug & Mug Book Club — The Jug & Mug Book Club is a friendly group which gets together every six weeks or so to discuss the book we chose at the previous meeting. We also eat assorted snacks and enjoy a beverage or two. Our next meeting will be on May 7, 6:30 pm, at Helen Ross's house, 1401 Somerset Close, Street, East Lansing.

Our current book is *In One Person: A Novel* by John Irving. A tale inspired by the U.S. AIDS epidemic in the 1980s, this bestselling novel of desire, secrecy, and sexual identity is a story of unfulfilled love—tormented, funny, and affecting—and an impassioned embrace of our sexual differences. Billy, the bisexual narrator and main character of *In One Person*, tells the tragicomic story of his life, a poignant tribute to his friends and lovers—a theatrical cast of characters who defy category and convention.

To be included on the Jug & Mug book club notification list, please contact Helen Ross at hall\_family@hotmail.com or 332-5595.

**Movie Matinee** — If you enjoy watching the latest movie release, join an informal group to watch the 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 with the movie choice and the time. We often go out afterwards for a bite to eat and discuss the film, 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 list. 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 learn the selected movie.

# **MAY 2017**

SUN	Mon	TUE	WED	Тни	FRI	SAT
	1 River Walk	2 Council Meeting	3 River Walk	4 Movie Matinee Tennis	5 TGIF, Reno's N	6
7 Book Club	8 River Walk	9	10 River Walk	11 Tennis Movie Matinee MDSC Travel Expo	12 TGIF, Reno's N	13 Dinner & Movie
14 Mother's Day	15 River Walk	16 General Meeting	17 River Walk	18 Movie Matinee Tennis	19 TGIF, BWW	20 House Party
21 Burcham Hills	22 River Walk	23	24 River Walk	25 Movie Matinee Tennis	26 TGIF, BWW	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31 River Walk			

# June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				l Movie Matinee	2 TGIF, El Azteco	3
4	5 River Walk	6	<b>7</b> River Walk	8 Movie Matinee Tennis	<b>9</b> TGIF, El Azteco	10
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18 Father's Day	<b>19</b> River Walk	20 General Meeting	<b>21</b> River Walk	22 Movie Matinee Tennis	23 TGIF, Reno's East	24 Summer Party
25 Burcham Hills	<b>26</b> River Walk	27	28 River Walk	29 Movie Matinee Tennis	30 TGIF, Reno's East	

# Upcoming Activities, continued

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## **PRESIDENT'S PICNIC, JULY 16** What

better way to welcome Rich Rybicki as President of the 2017-2018 council than with a picnic? This vear's President's Picnic will be held at Lake Lansing Park North, 6260 East Lake Drive, Haslett. We will be setting up at the Sandhill Pavilion. The fun begins at 2 pm and the eating will begin at 4 pm. Bring a chair, a dish to pass, and a beverage of your choice. The club will provide burgers and hotdogs served up by our master griller, Dave Panetta. For those who are looking for something to do while the food is grilling, there are trails to hike and a horseshoe pit. Bring a yard game, if you want, or join in the play of games others bring along. Sign up and pay \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members, \$5 for children at the May or June general meeting. If unable to attend a meeting, send payment to Jug & Mug, PO Box 13153, Lansing MI 48901 by July 1. Make payment to Jug & Mug Ski Club. After Friday, July 7, the cost will be \$10 for all attendees. Unless you have a season pass to the Ingham County Parks, there will be an entrance fee per vehicle of \$3 for Ingham County residents and \$5 for non-Ingham County residents. For more information, contact Sharon Roberts at 230-5357 or robertssar9@gmail.com or Dave Panetta at 230-0413 or davidpanetta2@comcast.net.

## MACKINAC ISLAND WEEKEND,

JULY 21-23 Make plans to join us at this classic Michigan getaway, a favorite annual trip. The price includes round trip ferry transportation on Schepler's Ferry from Mackinaw City, a room at Lake View Hotel, and breakfast at the hotel. An optional bike ride around the island on Saturday morning is planned. There will be time to explore the Island's historical elements, fudge shops, and taverns. Single occupancy is \$560, double occupancy is \$290, triple occupancy is \$200, and a quad is \$156 for the entire weekend. Guest prices are a bit higher. It isn't necessary to pay the entire cost in one payment. New sign ups at the May meeting can pay half at each of the May and June meetings. The cancellation date is June 20, with a \$15 nonrefundable cancellation fee. We will help connect you with others if you want one or more roommates. If you have questions, contact Joanne Creede at 517-285-4795 or kayjoe@comcast.net or Tom Sarra at tsarra@rescuemhs.com or 419-376-8744.

### **LUGNUTS GAME, JULY 28** Are you

interested in watching a professional baseball game in person without having to leave the confines of Lansing, pay high prices for tickets, or pay high prices at the concession stands? For only \$12, enjoy watching the Lansing Lugnuts against the Dayton Dragons. The first pitch is at 7:05 PM. If weather permits, there will be a fireworks show after the game. Tickets will be available for purchase starting at the June general meeting. For information, contact Orestes Mavromatis at 775-1867 or at omavroma@yahoo.com.

### **GREAT LAKES SAIL, AUGUST 28-31** Ten

happy Jug & Muggers will live on a 77 foot sailing schooner, hoist the sails, take a turn at the wheel, and learn about our great Lake Michigan for four days in August. The trip is currently sold out but there is a cancellation list. To be on the list in case someone drops out or if you want more information, contact Joanne Creede at <a href="mailto:kayjoe@comcast.net">kayjoe@comcast.net</a> or 285-4795.

# **Membership Renewal**

All Jug & Mug Ski Club memberships expire on May 31 of each year. The Council has voted to maintain dues at \$36 a year, with a \$6 discount if the membership is renewed before or at the General Meeting on June 20. Applications for the 2017/2018 membership year will be available at the May General Meeting for those who have not yet renewed. Enjoy a beverage and food, socialize with your Jug & Mug friends, and renew your membership on May 16, 2017.

## Jug & Mug Ski Club Name Change Amendment to club constitution to read as follows:

Article 1 Name

Section 1: T	The name o	of this org	anization sh	all be ch	nanged to	Four S	Seasons (	Ski and S	ocial C	∶lub,∃	nerein-
after referre	d to as the	club.									

Do you agree to this name change?	Yes	No 🗆	
Member name (print):			Date:

Member signature: \_\_\_\_

Please cut on dotted line and return in sealed envelope with your name and "Name Change" written on the outside of the envelope. Deliver to a Committee Member, turn in at the May 16 General Meeting or mail to Jug & Mug Ski Club, P.O. Box 13153, Lansing, MI 48901. Ballots must be received by the May General Meeting to be counted.

# THE 2017/2018 COUNCIL MEMBERS



Left to right: Keith Hines, Treasurer; Linda Lillie, Women's Council; Orestes Mavromatis, Secretary; Don Vanaker, Men's Council, Sharon Roberts, Vice President; Rich Rybicki, President; Dale Trew, Men's Council, Kevin Bell, Men's Council; Kathy Toman, Women's Council; Dave Panetta, Men's Council. Not pictured is Janice Pierce, Women's Council.

# Past Activities

**CARD PARTY, APRIL 1** Wow! What can I say? It was a great card party. Hope you guys had as much fun as I did. Games of Euchre, Texas Hold 'Em and Sequence were played, and we enjoyed good food and fellowship. Thanks to all who came.

Lathy Toman

## **DINNER AND A MOVIE, APRIL 8**

Although we had a much smaller group this time, we had fun. Four Jug & Muggers arrived at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen. We were told it would be a 20minute wait but it was more like a 5 minute wait. Cheddar's, unfortunately, is one of those places that doesn't take reservations. Anyway, we ordered and enjoyed our wonderful dinners, enjoyed the company of our friends, picked a movie, and a winner. Orestes won but was gracious and gave his winning ticket to Katherine. We showed up at our selected movie and found the movie had already started and decided to see the one starting next. It was in 3D and cost twice as much, so we went to out original movie choice since it wasn't long into it. Glad we did; we saw Going In Style, a really fun movie. Sorry, Orestes. If you missed us this month, we do it every month, so join us again next month. We'd love to have you.

Bilky Joda-Miller

# Jug & Mug May Birthdays

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5/12 Keith Hines

5/13 Suzanne DePeel

5/16 Patty Scheiterlein

5/17 Maggie Galilei

5/21 Dorothy Harney

5/05

5/25 Orestes Mavromatis

5/28 Kathy Toman

5/30 Chloe Polzin

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



## May 2017 Singles Dance Events



Carolyn Tody 402-3224 carley1t@sbcglobal.net

Ballroom, Swing & Nightclub

**Tomlian Ballroom Dance** ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> **Saturday, May 13,** at Center for Social Dance, 2807 Jolly Road, Okemos. 7 pm Lesson, 8-10:30 pm Dance. \$20 includes lesson. **Confirm**: 517-655-3611, tomliandance com

USA Ballroom & Swing and MAC Dance ~ usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 7-10 pm at Memorial Lutheran School, Williamston. \$15. Contact Mary Benjamin at <a href="mary.elaine.benjamin@gmail.com">mary.elaine.benjamin@gmail.com</a>. General Info: <a href="mary.elaine.benjamin@gmail.com">usadance2037.org</a>.

Wild Spurs/Jammin' at the Jewel ~ Mondays 6 pm. 5270 Perry Road in Grand Blanc. Joann 810-691-2719.

Great Lakes Swing Association ~ Wednesdays 6 pm, Rollhaven in 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. Info/map: www.qlsdc.org/.

Center for Social Dance Party ~ Friday night singles dance from 8 to midnight, as well as a few Saturday social dances. On May 20 at 2 pm they host the World Lindy Hop Day Celebration (predecessor to Swing); other dates possible. 2807 Jolly Road, Okemos. 517-242-8494, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pg/centerforsocialdance/events/">www.facebook.com/pg/centerforsocialdance/events/</a> or <a href="mailto:centerforsocialdance/events/">centerforsocialdance.com</a>.

MAC Ballroom Dance Party ~ Saturday, May 6. Lesson 6 pm & 7-9 dance, \$15. Michigan Athletic Club. facebook.com/

Lansing Eagles Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ 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, Joann P. 810-691-2719.

Freestyle, Country, Contra & Square

*TGIF Party ~ Fridays nights,* 8 pm-12 am, Hawk Hollow Golf Club. Complimentary dance lesson 7:15—7:45 pm Doors open at 7:00 pm. \$13 Info: *tgifdance.com*.

Greenville Casual Singles Dance ~ Occasional Saturdays. 7 pm-12 at the Greenville American Legion: \$7.

Tequila Cowboy ~ Wednesday 7 pm, free line dance lessons. Lansing Mall 517-323-7320. tequilacowboy.com/lansing.

Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance ~ Saturday, May 6, 6:30 pm Central United Methodist Church. <u>TenPoundFiddle.org</u>.

Lincoln Country Club/Rivertown Singles – Sundays, 7-11 pm, at 3485 Lake Michigan Drive NW Grand Rapids. 616-453-6348.

Looking Glass Music & Arts ~ Saturday, May 20, 6:30 Lesson, 7-10 pm Dance, Central United Methodist Church, 215 North Capitol. Info: Igmaa.org/.

Salsa, Merengue, Bachata

Salsa Capital – Occasional Saturdays ~ AA Creative Corridor, 1133 South Washington Ave., Lessons 8:15, Dance 9:15-12 for \$5. Info: Bryan G. 517-230-9018, www.facebook.com/

groups/470309133043097. Also watch **Sugar Blues**, 1133 South Washington Avenue & **Waterfront Bar & Grill**, 325 City Market Drive.

Group Lessons (Private Lessons also available)

\*\*Center for Social Dance 2807 Jolly Road, Okemos, Info: 517-242-8494. \*\*Michigan Athletic Club 364-8800

\*\*Parkwood YMCA 517-827-9680 \*\*Dewitt YMCA 517-827-9660

\*\*USA Dance 517-712-6674

www.usadance2037.org/danceeventslessons.html

\*\*Lansing Parks & Recreation 517-483-4277

www.lansingmi.gov/parks/actprog/dance\_classes.jsp

### General Information

Lansing ~ https://www.facebook.com/groups/140480982080/ Ann Arbor ~ https://www.facebook.com/groups/1391767727753582/ Flint ~ http://www.danceaway.com/ Jug & Mug Ski Club P.O. Box 13153 Lansing, Michigan 48901



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# **Upcoming Events**

May 11	MDSC Ski Travel Expo
May13	Dinner and a Movie
May 20Pla	nt Exchange/House Party
June 17	Dinner and a Movie
June 24	Summer Solstice Party
July 16	President's Picnic
July 21-23	Mackinac Island Weekend
July 28	Lugnuts Game
August 28-31.	Great Lakes Sail

# CHICAGO METROPOLITAN SKI COUNCIL (CMSC)

The Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council's (CMSC) primary goal is to promote and support member clubs in their effort to further the interest in skiing, snowboarding and year round social activities. The Jug & Mug Ski Club is a member of the CSMC.



A not-for-profit organization with 70 member clubs throughout the Chicago metropolitan area and neighboring states, the CMSC represents over 10,000 skiers and snowboarders.

Check out their website for more information.

# Metropolitan Detroit Ski & Snowboard Club

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