

Welcome

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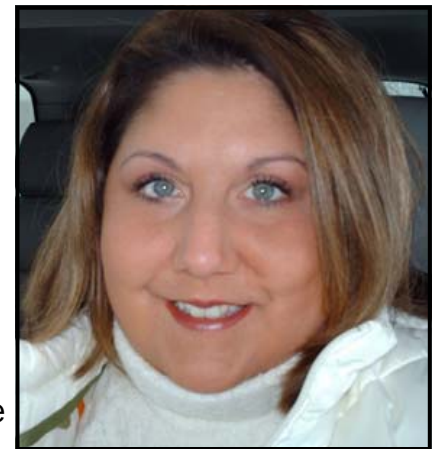
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I would like to welcome Andy Squires to our Board of Directors. Andy has been a member of the Board previously and we are excited to have him back.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have worked passionately on projects this year and are continuing to strive to make our chapter be the best it can be. I know sometimes it is discouraging, particularly when events don't go quite the way we planned.

The one thing I have learned since joining the Jaycees is persistence. We don't let things get the best of us, we keep going and moving forward. To quote one of my favorite 80's movies, "Goonies never say die", and neither do we! We are thrown challenges every day. It is what we do with these challenges that make the difference.

I try to always be a "cheerleader" for this chapter and our events and this month's GMM will be no exception. As many of you know, if the President's gavel is stolen, a ransom is issued and a challenge is given to the President. To get the gavel returned, the President must accept and complete this challenge. At last month's GMM, my gavel was stolen. I have received a ransom note from the "Gavel Thief" who challenged me to come up with a cheer about the Jaycees and must be performed at the August meeting. I invite all of you to come to the meeting so I can get everyone FIRED UP about the Jaycees!!



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The summer is flying and we are excited for the upcoming months in the community area. Thank you to all the chairpersons that submitted their CPG (Chairman Planning Guide) and their SPE (Single Project Entry) to the Jaycees State.

Christmas in July was a huge success once again this year. Thank you to all who donated over 10 bags full of school supplies. This year, Grace Loftis Muskegon Heights School was voted by the attending members at the July Membership Meeting to be the recipient of all the school supply donations.

September 12th – Fire Prevention Week (previously Lakeshore 911 Expo) will take place at the Lakes Mall located by the food court. We ask for only your attendance for this event. We will have prevention and preparedness information for all ages, kids activities, and oh yes, Firetrucks Galore! If you haven't been to this event in the past, you have been missing out. See you there!

September 25th – The Teen Lock In has been changed to this date. We are looking for a chairperson to connect with the YMCA for this event. If you haven't chaired an event before, this would be a great starter event. Contact Molly at 755-3596.

The Greater Muskegon Jaycees prepare for Party in the Park ...



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I would like to say thank you to the board for voting me in as Membership Vice President and would like to wish Andy DeLong well in his future endeavors with the Jaycees.

For those that don't know me, my name is Andy Squires. I am the current "First Man" and am also the General Manager of Red Lobster. When I am not working, I enjoy golfing, playing video games and relaxing with my friends and family.

Justin and I have some fun things planned for the remainder of the year. First being "Crazy Tropical Shirt Night" at the next Membership Meeting, August 25 at the M.A.C. A prize will be given to the person with the craziest shirt.

The Happy Hour on August 27 has been moved to Jack's in Spring Lake. Jack's is located at the Spring Lake Holiday Inn. Come out, relax by the water and listen to the musical stylings of Jeff Grossenbacher. 6:00 pm until whenever!

Don't forget about our New Member Orientation at the Chamber of Commerce. Wednesday, September 2, at 6 p.m.

Looking forward to working with all of you!

Andy Squires

Birthday Hit List August/September

August Babies:

Joe Green

Amber Morrow-Pringle

Amy Potter

Erin Silva

Amy Silvis

Alex Wydick

September Babies:

Keyon Chavis

JC Cisneros

Andy DeLong

Kari Fan

Kelly Horness

Kasey Rose

Anna Yardley

**Be sure to attend our next
Membership Meeting!**

**Tuesday, August 25
6:00 pm**

**The M.A.C.
333 W. Western Ave
Muskegon, MI**

Welcome New Members!

Teresa Dunn * Nick Bessinger * Jennifer Vanderstelt * Marc Vanderstelt

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What a roller coaster summer we have had! We finally held a fundraiser, only to have the weather fight us every step of the way. I want to thank each and every person who volunteered at or came to Party in the Park. The Party ran very smoothly and our chairs Kari Fan and Andrea Pasvistak did an amazing job keeping things rolling despite the weather. Unfortunately, the weather did keep people away, so it was not the big money raiser we hoped it would be.

On the other hand, the rain did not keep garage salers at home. We raised almost \$400 on a very stormy morning! Thank you to all those who helped out at this event as well! We still have so much to sell that we are going to hold another garage sale on Saturday August 22 from 8 to 3. If you are available to help out, let me know. Otherwise, stop by 1136 Woodside and bring your friends and family!

Saturday August 15, we are working at Moosefest – a free concert sponsored 107WMUS and the Child Abuse Council. Come on out to support the Jaycees and the Child Abuse Council!

Wednesday September 9, we will be hosting another Night at Plaza 1 & 2. We don't know the movies or times yet, but will keep you posted!

Although we have taken some large hits this summer in the fund raising arena, we have not given up hope. We plan to continue running fundraisers throughout the year and appreciate all of your support!

On a non-money note, we are bringing back the Soap Box at Membership Meetings! For you new members, Soap Box is a chance for you to get up at a membership meeting and talk about your job and your business for 3 to 5 minutes. This is a great way to get to know your fellow Jaycees, not to mention a great way to get some free advertising for your business! I can't wait to see the Soap Box in action!

Dani LaFleur

In an effort to become more 'green,' Greater Muskegon Jaycees will be sending out our newsletter via e-mail.

Please send an e-mail to newsletter@muskegonjaycees.org so we have your updated e-mail address.

Any questions, please contact Newsletter Editor Heather Ross at newsletter@muskegonjaycees.org or heathermicheleross@gmail.com. Thank you!

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Muskegon Jaycees, once again you blow us away!!! Thank you to everyone who donated items to the "Nothing But Nets" basket which was auctioned at August Convention. Our theme was "Weekend at the Lakeshore" and we are telling you, WE WANTED THIS BASKET! The total value was over \$500 and included everything anyone could ever DREAM of to have the best weekend ever enjoying everything that Muskegon has to offer. And we're not exaggerating!

You supported an incredible initiative and saved lives in Africa-- doesn't it feel good to make a difference?!

Upcoming Projects—we're on a roll!

Michigan Irish Music Festival Pub Hosts is coming up! Darrin Miller has graciously accepted the challenge of chairing this, his first project as a Jaycee. Knowing that the Jaycees like to have fun, the Irish Fest staff looks to us to provide hospitality during the three day festival. As Pub Hosts, for once we're not serving the beer—we are there to greet guests, answer questions, give directions and provide an overall welcoming atmosphere to the festival, just like back on the ol' sod. As a volunteer, you gain free admittance to the festival the day you are working, get a rockin' tshirt and exposure to Irish culture at the only festival of it's kind in the state. You will learn about Irish heritage, music, dancing and have the opportunity to submerge yourself authentic food, drink, and apparel.

Sign up at the MIMF website www.michiganirish.org, and under comments indicate that you will be a Pub Host. And incase you haven't heard, the MIMF treats their volunteers like GOLD—August 18th at 6:30 is the Volunteer Appreciation Party at Mona Lake Boat Club; September 17th is the Kickoff Party at Heritage Landing (word on the street is that the first keg of Guinness will be tapped!) and the Festival runs September 18th-20th. Contact Darrin with questions at dmillerinmich@yahoo.com.

BRAND NEW EVENT—Night at the Symphony! September 26th we have the unbelievable opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Fruenthal, meet with Conductor Scott Speck and enjoy the opening of the season for the West Michigan Symphony. They will be performing Beethoven's Ninth which is always a major event. One of the most groundbreaking works in human history, this is Beethoven's final word in symphonic form. This is an event not to be missed, even if you don't think you are the "symphony type" ...this is an opportunity to broaden your horizons and take in some culture right here in your back yard! Make sure not to miss our next Membership Meeting, we have the distinct honor of having conductor Scott Speck join us to talk more about the event!!!

Stand Up & Shout—more details to follow soon, we are arranging for Chris McDermott from the Michigan Jaycees to lead us in this tried and true event. Afraid of public speaking? Missing out on opportunities in your career because of it? This training will have you saying PSHAW and STANDING UP & SHOUTING at your next public speaking opportunity. Like my hero Tony Little says, "YOU CAN DO IT!"

Thank you all, we're so proud to be Greater Muskegon Jaycees!!!

Your Individual Development team,

Stephanie Cutler, Tara Mack & Kari Fan



Individual Team—Stephanie, Kari and Tara

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“With hard work and success comes reward.”

- Adam D. Pringle

CALENDAR

Monthly Membership Meetings

6 pm, last Tuesday of the month,
(with the exception of Nov. & Dec.)
various locations:
August 25 - The M.A.C.

Board Meetings (Members Welcome)

6 pm, Chamber of Commerce,
second Tuesday

At A Glance ...

Membership

New Member Orientation - Wednesday,
September 2 @ 6 p.m. - Chamber of
Commerce.

As always, check the Website
for directions of locations and
listing of current events at
www.muskegonjaycees.org.

CONGRATS!

**Congratulations to Andy and Amanda
DeLong on their marriage!**

Be sure to check out the following Region C Events ...

Grand Rapids - Aug. 19 - Around the World in 8 days: Thai Basil Cuisine, Alpine

**Wyoming - Aug. 22 - Bristol Night Race Social, 6:30 pm, Creekside Estates on Clyde Park
north of 54th**

Big Rapids - September 5 - Beer Tent and Softball Tournament

Lakeview - September 11-12 - Wheatland Music Festival Concession Stand



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gives meaning and purpose to human life;
That the brotherhood of men transcends
the sovereignty of nations;

That economic justice can best be won by
free men through free enterprise;

That Government should be of laws rather
than of men;

That the earth's great treasure lies in the
human personality; and

That service to humanity is the

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