

Welcome

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Wow, the first month of the year is in the books and I could not have asked for a better start. Snowfest was a blast and I want to thank everyone who came out to all the events of the past month. Special thanks to all the chair people who ran such great programs. Anyone who spent time downtown could feel the energy. We have lots more great events coming up this month, please check the website for more details.

Also please do not forget about our membership meetings that take place the last Tuesday of every month. We have arranged to hold the meetings in the back room at Alleyways (the old Topo's) for the year. That way everyone knows where the meeting is.

We have lots of great projects on the calendar for this year but remember this is your chapter, if there is something you want to see us do, let us know. Think back to just over a month ago when you set your New Years resolutions. How are you doing with them? It is amazing how things, especially time, can slip by if you do not plan for the future and reflect on your past goals. The good news is you still have time. Do not let the year slip by as quickly as the first month did. I know I am backing up to take care of some unfinished business.

Did you know that if you wanted to try your hand at chairing a project, it is not too late? By stepping out of your comfort zone you improve yourself. By challenging yourself you give yourself the chance to grow. When you joined the Jaycees it was because you wanted to be part of something great. Here is your chance, it is not too EARLY. Do not wait until the end of the year and wish you would have been more involved. Carpe diem (seize the day).

Andy Squires
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Happy February everyone! What a crazy January we had! I thought I would start off this newsletter article by introducing myself to you all. I know a lot of you, but not all of you, yet I think it is important for the membership (you guys) to get to know all of us board members, so here goes! Although I have lived in Michigan for the largest number of years, I am not a native. I was born in Donnelson, Tennessee. Don't ask me where that is, I don't really know. When I was three, my family moved to Newtown, Pennsylvania where we lived for 13 years. Newtown is about forty-five minutes north east of Philadelphia. So, that is why I say "soda" instead of "pop" and why I am addicted to soft pretzels. If you ever get a chance to go to the East Coast, do it (but maybe not this week), it is a great place!

When I was fifteen, my family moved to DeWitt, Michigan. This was my first time living in the Midwest and it was quite a culture shock! Before long, however, I loved it and never wanted to leave. After high school, I went to Ball State University and earned my Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology. I had visions of being a female Indiana Jones. Trust me, Indy makes it look way more glamorous than it actually is. I spent the last year of college sorting tiny bits of glass.

After undergrad, I moved to a foreign country – the south. I went to East Carolina University to earn my Master of Arts degree in Maritime History and Archaeology. For those of you not a wiz in Geography, ECU is in **NORTH** Carolina. After two years of building ship models, scuba diving, and writing a thesis on ships' bells, I graduated and returned to Michigan. By then I had decided that living in a tent wasn't for me and I would rather work in a museum than the field. Eight penniless months later I got a job at the, then, Muskegon County Museum and moved to West Michigan. The rest, as they say, is history (yes, pun intended).

Now you all know a bit more about me. Hopefully it explains my strange accent and weird vocabulary. Now on to more Community related topics! I want to thank everyone who helped us collect teddy bears. Unfortunately, we have many children in Muskegon County in need. I am pleased that we will be able to give them a soft new friend.

I am still looking for help to start the Troop Pen Pals project. We just learned that another local National Guard division may be shipping out. Let's thank our troops by keep them posted on what is happening at home! If you are interested in helping, let me know. Keep your eyes open for more upcoming community projects!

And now for a bit of trivia! The first person to send me the correct answer to this question will win a prize at the next Membership Meeting (February 23).

Who is the Teddy Bear named after?

Send your answers to me at community@muskegonjaycees.org. See you soon!

Thanks!

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Hello Jaycee Friends!

With Snowfest now behind us, I'm excited to turn my attention from our own community to the larger global community. Maybe it's the Winter Olympics, or Chinese New Year, but I am fired up for the International programming we have in store for you this year!!! We learn so much about ourselves while learning about how others view life. I learned this first hand when I first began dating my husband, TzuChiang (you might know him as Eddie), who was born in Taiwan and moved to the United States at the age of fourteen. From Eddie I have learned that four is the unluckiest number and that mandarin oranges are a symbol for good luck, amongst so many other things.

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, begins on February 14th this year and lasts for fifteen days. Our membership meeting on February 24th will be a celebration of Chinese New Year and will be a meeting not to miss! Eddie will be sharing with us the traditions and history of Chinese New Year, and there will be fun giveaways to make sure that you're in the holiday spirit for a happy, wealthy Year of the Tiger!

As a member of our chapter, you're also a member of the Michigan Jaycees, the United States Jaycees and the Junior Chamber International---what a great deal! Junior Chamber International partners with the United Nations Foundation to raise funds to support the Nothing But Nets initiative. Simply put, malaria kills. Nets can save lives.

Here are some harsh realities about malaria:

Fact: Malaria is preventable, but causes nearly 500 million illnesses each year and kills more than 1 million of those who become infected.

Fact: Ninety percent of deaths caused by malaria occur in Africa, where the disease is a leading killer of children. Every 30 seconds a child in Africa dies from malaria.

Fact: Malaria is the #1 killer of refugees in Africa. Two-thirds of the 33 million refugees worldwide live in malaria endemic countries.

So, as engaged global citizens, what can we do to help?

In the poorest parts of the world, window screens are lacking, anti-malarial drugs are expensive, and so far an effective malaria vaccine does not exist. Insecticide-treated bed nets in these areas are arguably the most cost-effective way to prevent malaria transmission.

Bed nets use a simple but effective prevention approach: eliminate contact with mosquitoes, eliminate malaria.

Our chapter has made a commitment to raise funds throughout this year to raise funds to actively participate in this initiative. We will be giving the proceeds of SALT fines and 50/50 raffles from our membership meetings this entire year to Nothing But Nets. So, I invite you to forget your name tag, or be late to the meeting, because your fine goes to an incredible cause!!! Just \$10 pays for the purchase and distribution of one bed net. \$10 is all that it takes to help save a life. Think about it!

Lastly, if watching the Winter Olympics has you totally pumped up for the sport of luge, come out to the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex Tuesday nights and cheer on the Jaycees Luge Team! This incredible sport originated in the health spa town of St. Moritz, Switzerland in 1883. And we are lucky enough to have one of four luge tracks in the US right here in our own backyard---and the only one open to the public!

Keep making a difference out there in the world, Jaycees!



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Wow, what a great start we are off to for 2010! Your board of directors had their first planning session a couple weeks ago and a lot of fun activities have been planned for this year. I want to thank the board for their hard work on completing a fabulous Chapter Plan.

I can not thank everyone enough for an amazing Snowfest. The Snowfest Committee worked very hard since October planning all of the great events, and what a great time it was. We had a great turnout and we were able to raise money for Red Cross. Great job Greater Muskegon Jaycees!!

This month we have one our fundraising nights at Plaza 1 & 2 on February 17th. One dollar of every ticket sold will be donated back to the Jaycees. Please pass on the information to your family and friends because they are showing two great movies, Twilight Saga: New Moon and Disney's The Princess and the Frog. Come out and receive two dollars off the purchase of any combo at the concession stand.

Distinguished Service Awards

We held our Distinguished Service Awards on February 2, 2010 – which started off Snowfest week. Andrea Posvistak was the chairperson and did an amazing job organizing and planning this event.

Nominations were received in the categories of Outstanding Young Man, Woman, Firefighter, Police Officer and Educator. Each winner received a plaque along with a one year membership to the chapter.

The award winners are:

Outstanding Young Man – Dan Rinsema-Sybenga
Outstanding Young Woman – Amber Morrow-Pringle
Outstanding Young Firefighter – Ben Chartier
Outstanding Young Police Officer – Jon Baker
Outstanding Young Educator – Catherine Mott

New this year, we also added sponsors for each of the award categories. A special thank you to the following sponsors:

The Adam D. Pringle Humanitarian Fund – sponsor of Outstanding Young Man award
JCI Senator Deb Mogdis – sponsor of Outstanding Young Woman award
Shoreline Insurance Agency – sponsor of Outstanding Young Firefighter award
Jeff and Tammy Grossenbacher – sponsor of Outstanding Young Educator award
Greater Muskegon Jaycees – sponsor of Outstanding Young Police Officer award

We also awarded members of our chapter for their contributions in 2009. These awards, with the exception of the Top Recruiter award were voted on by the 2009 Board of Directors. Congratulations to the following:

Kari Fan – Winner of the Harold Charter Memorial Award – Board Member of the Year
Chris Annis – Winner of the David R. Anderson Memorial Award – Jaycee of the Year
Darrin Miller – Winner of the Outstanding Chairperson of the Year for chairing the Irish Music Festival Pub Host project
Snowfest 2009 – Winner of the Outstanding Committee of the Year, chaired by Dani LaFleur
Jamie Helsen – Winner of the Kenneth Almond Memorial Award – Rookie of the Year
Kris Collee – Winner of the Kevin Greenwald Memorial Award – Recruiter of the Year

Congratulations to all the award winners and for making 2009 a year to remember!

Dena Squires
75th President

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Phil says 6 more weeks of winter.....the Greater Muskegon Jaycees say GREAT!!! Lets make the most of the winter, there are so many wonderful activities that we can do during this colder times of the year. The chapter just wrapped up Snowfest and WOW was it an amazing week. I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone that attended, volunteered and the committee that put all the long hours into making Snowfest possible!!! THANK YOU!!!!

Please join us **February 26th, for Finally Friday Happy Hour:**

Where: Pints and Quarts

When: 5:00pm-?

Bring your friends and family out to relax after a long week and month. Pints and Quarts offers a great Happy hour until 7:00pm with half off appetizers and drink specials.



Please join us **March 7th, for Sunday Funday :**

Where: Muskegon Winter Sports Complex

When: 1:00pm-5:00pm

Bring your friends and family out to the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex to explore all the possibilities of winter fun! Visit www.msports.org for more information.

Congratulations to **Jamie Helsen** for advancing three degrees this quarter by completing her Spring Board! For more information on advancing degrees or completing Spring Board, please contact Tara Mack at membership@muskegonjaycees.org



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Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind
don't matter and those who matter don't mind.

Dr. Suess

CALENDAR

Monthly Membership Meetings

6 pm, last Tuesday of the month, (with the exception of Nov. & Dec.) various locations:
February 2—The Hilt Building

Board Meetings (Members Welcome)

6 pm, Chamber of Commerce, second Tuesday

At A Glance ...

Membership

See you at the next Membership Meeting!

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

Please note that the Greater Muskegon Jaycees have a new phone number. The new number is (231) 736-9561.

Birthday Hit List January/February

February Babies:

Nick Alt
Jamey Keena
Sarah Strevey

March Babies:

Tracy Bailey
Jennifer Cross
Beryl Gable
Foster Fredrick
Amy Lalick-Tomes
Jonathon Seyferth
Molly Shepherd
Andy Squires
Dena Squires
Anna Thommen

Be sure to attend our next membership meeting!

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- That the brotherhood of men transcends the sovereignty of nations;
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- 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

BEST WORK OF LIFE!

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