

September 25, 2009



News from the Grand Rapids Jaycees

Dear Reader,

It was great meeting you at your September general membership meeting. The work you're doing in the City of Grand Rapids is a testament to the fabric of our community and I want to thank you for being exemplary citizens. With that in mind, I have a request.

My administration is forging a new initiative called the Creative Class Advisors (CCA). It's a cohort of young people who are keenly interested in the future of our City. As many of you are aware, the City is facing very serious fiscal challenges that require decisive and innovative action. As we shape our community's future, I'd like you to be a part of the process. During salient conversations I will ask for your energy and counsel; your perspective is a critical component of how our City will look and operate after these difficult times. I firmly believe these challenges create great opportunity for us and we will work together as Grand Rapids begins a new chapter.

To get involved send an email to Selma Tucker at stucker@grcity.us with your contact information (email, name and affiliation is helpful). Please include "CCA" in the subject line.

We are also beginning a new social media push to connect with people just like you! Please join me on Facebook. Click the hyperlink [here](#) (if you're already logged in) or simply search "Greg Sundstrom."

Thank you for your time, talent and dedication.

Respectfully,
Greg

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Murder in Sin City

Saturday October 17, 2009.
Watermark Country Club,
Arrive between 6:30 and
7pm.

Game will start at 7pm.
Cost: \$20 Jaycees/\$25 non-
Jaycees.
Appetizers provided.

To sign up contact Alison Hill
(alhort@aol.com) or Brandi
Grimmer
(idnarb5@yahoo.com)

September M-Night: Night under the Stars

Need something FREE to do tonight? Want something to do outdoors in the fresh air this Friday night? Well then, Don't Forget - FREE M-Night Event for Members (and not bad price for guests too) TONIGHT! It should be a perfect fall evening for a night under the stars. After the Final Friday Social, the Grand Rapids Jaycees are going back to the Veen Observatory for an evening of star gazing through their telescopes.

We will meet at 8:00pm at the Cascade Meijer (at 28th Street and I-96) near the gas station and car pool to the Observatory in Lowell . If you wish to drive on your own, meet there at 8:30pm.

A staff member from the observatory will be there to give us a tour of the facilities and help us pick out objects in the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

- Date: Sept. 25th, 2009---TONIGHT!!!
- Time: 8:30pm (meet at Cascade Meijer 8:00pm if you want to carpool).
- Cost: Jaycee's Members - FREE, Children 3-18 = \$1.00, Guests = \$4.00

Things to bring: Dress for cool weather, flashlight, insect repellent

Please contact Eric Klingensmith at erickling2000@yahoo.com for more information.

Network Connect Luncheon

Network Connect Luncheon, Wednesday, September 30 at 11:45 am -- **NOTE SPECIAL TIME** Please join us for a phenomenal Network Connect Luncheon where you will be able to network with other local professionals, market your services, make contacts, and get excellent leadership and networking advice. Featured speaker: Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell

11:45 am - 1 pm at Grand Rapids Community Foundation (GRCF), 185 Oak Street SW, Grand Rapids MI.
Cost: \$12 (includes lunch and event)
Parking: Metered parking around GRCF

Seating is very limited so be sure to RSVP ASAP!

RSVP required: networkconnect2009@gmail.com. Contact Brian Donnelly (Donnelly.brian@principal.com). We hope to see you there!

Mark Your Calendars

September 25
Finally Friday Social
Malarkey's

September 25
M-Night
Veen Observatory

September 28
Artprize Social

September 30
Network Connect Luncheon
GR Community Foundation

October 8
General Membership
Meeting- ELECTIONS

October 10
Adopt-A-Highway
Jaycee Office

October 17
Murder in Sin City
Watermark Country Club

October 19th
Gilda's Club Meal

October 21
Around the World
San Chez

November 6-7
MI Jaycees Convention
Battle Creek, MI

Visit us online at
www.grjaycees.org/events for
current and up to date
information.

Experience Artprize!

Please join us on Monday, September 28 beginning at 5:30pm to experience the first of-its-kind art project in Grand Rapids. We will be meeting, along with several other young persons' organizations, at the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce for a brief introduction to the event. We will then walk around downtown and visit 6-7 separate locations and have a chance to speak with the young artists who have submitted an exhibit. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mindi Johnson at mjohnson@siebersmohney.com or 308-9884. Additional details will be provided to those who are interested.

October GMM

Join us for the 2010 Board of Directors Elections at the October GMM. You must be a member in good standing (ie: dues paid) to participate in the voting. **Also, if you are planning on running for a position please make sure that you turn in your Statement of Candidacy to Nina Perko, fairylitz@hotmail.com as soon as possible.**

At this GMM we will also be voting on two Bylaw changes. Keep an eye on your inbox AND mailbox for the exact wording of these changes.

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

A forgotten cause hasn't been so forgotten after all. Come help keep the "front yard" of our beloved office clean and attractive at the Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup. We are looking for volunteers to help cleanup the debris and litter of 28th Street from Breton to Kalamazoo on October 10, 2009 (October 17, rain day). Safety training will commence at the Grand Rapids Jaycee office at 9:30 a.m., followed by the cleaning. It is a short span of road filled with many businesses so shouldn't take more than a couple of hours. Afterwards, please join us at a volunteer appreciation gathering where we can fill our bellies with good food and beverage.

If interested, please contact Michelle Chumney at 616.446.3469 or b_peanuts@hotmail.com

Gilda's Club Meal

The Jaycees will be preparing a dinner at the Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids on Monday, October 19th. We need volunteers to help prepare the meal and/or donate food or money. Please contact Bronwyn Krohn at blpkrohn@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer. As of right now we have not decided what we are going to make but will let you know as soon as we do.

Gilda's club is a support center for people with and people affected by cancer. Guests can visit here daily to do many things including: engage in support groups, play sports, relax, and/or enjoy a meal together. The Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids provides 1 to 2 meals per day to their guests. Gilda's Club is free to its guests, and is run entirely through donations and cash gifts.

Around the World in 8 Days: Day Six

Around the World in 8 Days....Day SIX! We will be visiting the great country of Spain via San Chez (38 West Fulton, Grand Rapids). Join us for some Tapas, Sangria, or Paella! October 21 at 6:30pm. Feel free to get your own tapas or share with friends. www.sanchezbistro.com

Kudos Corner!

Here are this issues "kudos," "thanks," "props," and "shout outs" to our members:

- The Aww Hell BBQ Team (The Greko's and the Sernau's) placed 2nd with their Pulled Pork at the Silver Lake Sand Dunes BBQ Competition!

If you have any kudos that you would like to share, please email Emma Baranowski at emmajean48@att.net.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our future events. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask!

Sincerely,

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Secretary
Grand Rapids Jaycees

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