

June 13, 2009



News from the Grand Rapids Jaycees

Dear Reader,

Life memberships are a time honored tradition in the Grand Rapids Jaycees. Traditionally, members are eligible if they have 10+ years of being a Jaycee or have been a chapter president/served on the MIJC or USJC board. If members do NOT meet those requirements, they can still be nominated but will need letters of recommendation from three past presidents.

A committee consisting of the immediate Chairperson of the Board, Life Member, and a general member reviews eligible nominees' resumes and presents selected ones to the Board of Directors. The board then reviews the resumes and votes on which members to select.

The Grand Rapids Jaycee Board of Directors selected the following people to receive Life Memberships this year:

Lisa Darrow
Kris Nylaan
Scott Greenlee
John Mousel

Official presentation of this honor will take place during the Year End Gala. Please plan to attend the 2009 Year End Gala in January 2010 to be a part of the presentation.

**Congratulations to our newest
Life Members!!!**

July GMM

Join us for a relaxing, informal General Membership Meeting in July. The board will serve up the main meat and we ask that members bring a dish to pass. The meeting will focus more on getting to know each other and socializing rather than the formal

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Relay for Life

Thank you to all of the walkers and people that donated to Relay For Life this year. The Grand Rapids Jaycees raised \$4,629.44 and the event raised close to \$60,000.00 for the American Cancer Society. We had an excellent turnout at the Relay with approximately 40 JC's walking.

The event went really well and the Relay For Life committee had fun being part of such a special event.

Region C Meeting

meeting. We encourage you to bring your FAMILY and FRIENDS. Games and entertainment will be provided but feel free to bring YOUR favorite yard game. Punch and water will also be provided.

The July Family Picnic is the board's way of saying "thank you" to the members.

**July 9, 2009
MacKay-Jaycee Park
2531 Kalamazoo SE
(Corner of Kalamazoo and 28th Street)
5:30pm**

An Evite will be sent out before the next meeting with more details.

Politics & Pints

The Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce invites all members of the Grand Rapids Jaycees to an informal mix and mingle event with other young professionals on June 15th at The Woods.

This event will be put on by the Chamber's nonpartisan Political Action Committee, the Friends of West Michigan Business PAC, and will provide young professionals with a chance to network with elected officials and learn about how you can get more engaged in the political process in our community and in our State.

Special Guests:

State Representative Justin Amash (invited)
State Representative Brian Calley
State Representative Bob Genetski
State Representative Dave Hildenbrand
Grand Rapids City Commissioner Rosalynn Bliss
Grand Rapids City Commissioner Walt Gutowski
Grand Rapids City Commissioner David LaGrand
Kent County Commissioner Brandon Dillon

When: Monday, June 15 | 5:30 to 7:30pm

Where: Grand Woods Lounge

Cost: \$20 (includes hors d'oeuvres, beer and sangria)

RSVP by calling the Events Hotline at 616.771.0303

Contact: Tara Walkotten | 616.771.0336

Paddle Paddle Paddle

Region C **2nd Quarter Meeting**

June 28

Kentwood Clubhouse
(1640 44th St)

4pm-6pm

Everyone is Welcome!

School Tools

Once again, the Grand Rapids Jaycees are collecting new school supplies for area children. This year the following items are needed:

- pencils
- pens
- 2 pocket folders
- erasers
- notebooks
- tissue
- hand sanitizer

There will be a drop box at the Jaycee Office. Donation deadline is Friday August 28th.

Contact Brandi Grimmer (idnarb5@yahoo.com) or Charles Krohn (cwkrohn99@yahoo.com) for more information or questions.

VA Home Project

There are a few Jaycees that are interested in putting together a project and a supply drive for the VA home

with a covered pavilion with tables and chairs, a fire pit, electricity and flush toilets (showers are in a different building else where on the campground). A continental breakfast will be provided for Saturday and Sunday mornings, as well as a full dinner on Saturday night, must provide your own lunch for on the river on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday morning we will be driven to our entrance point on the river and will then end up back at the campground.

Cost: \$45 Jaycees; \$50 non-Jaycees

Place: White Birch Canoe Trips and Campground
5569 Paradise Rd, Falmouth MI 49632

Deadline for registration and to turn in your money is July 31.

If you have any questions, or would like to register for this trip, please contact Jenny Weber at jujufroots_410@yahoo.com

Network Connect

Network Connect breakfasts provide an opportunity to network with other professionals in the community and receive leadership and professional advice from a distinguished speaker.

June speaker: Jeanne Englehart, President, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

Friday, June 26 8:30 am.

8:30-10am

Grand Rapids Community Foundation
185 Oak Street, SW , Grand Rapids , MI

Cost is \$10 and includes breakfast.

Metered parking is available on the street.
RSVP required: networkconnect2009@gmail.com.

Contact Brian Donnelly (Donnelly.brian@principal.com) for more information.

We hope to see you there!

Writing a Stellar CPG

in Grand Rapids.

If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Amanda Dyer <dyera@fastmail.fm> or 231-288-0433.

Mark Your Calendars

June 15
Politics & Pints
Woods Lounge

June 15
CPG Training
Jaycee Office

June 17
Around the World in 8
Days
Little Africa

June 26
Network Connect
Breakfast

June 26
Finally Friday Social

June 28
Region C Meeting
Kentwood Clubhouse

July 1
Santa Parade
Committee Meeting
Jaycee Office

July 9
July Family Picnic

August 7-9
Camping & Canoe Trip

August 14-16

use to plan, execute and evaluate our projects. Each and every project our chapter has uses a CPG to help run the best project possible. Planning to run your first project or need a refresher on the CPG? Join us at 6pm Monday June 15 at the Grand Rapids Jaycee office and learn how to write a rockin' CPG.

For more information or questions, contact your 2009 Training Director Sarah Laster at slaster@mijaycees.org or 616-366-8200.

Summer Assembly
Dearborn, MI

Around the World in 8 Days: Day Two

Injera. Wat. Alitcha. Gomen. Berbere.

These words sound strange to you?? Come to the Around the World in 8 days dinner on June 17 to learn what these mean plus have a fantastic time trying something new. Ethiopian's traditionally eat with their fingers and share food from a common plate. There is something for everyone from mild to spicy. Little Africa is locally owned and will definitely give you an interesting dining experience. Don't forget to try the spiced tea!

**Around the World in 8 Days
DAY TWO: Ethiopian
Little Africa
956 E. Fulton
June 17, 2009
6:30pm**

Questions or concerns? Call Nina 616-723-6530 and she will alleviate your fears as she is an accomplished eater of Ethiopian cuisine.

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,

Emma Baranowski
Secretary
Grand Rapids Jaycees

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