

July 24, 2009



News from the Grand Rapids Jaycees

Dear Reader,

Connecting with community. It is the reason that many of us joined the Jaycees in the first place. We wanted to give back, make the area a better place and have some laughs along the way.

But in order to help our community, we need to raise funds to support our community programs. The chapter is organizing several events to do just that. From beer tents to Texas Hold'em events, we'll have at least nine events during the second half of 2009 where you can support your local chapter's fundraising efforts, and in turn your community, through volunteering a few hours of your time. And you'll be sure to have some laughs along the way.

Contact the chapter's Vice President of Management Nick Wasmiller for more information about upcoming fundraising events or with ideas for others. His e-mail address is wasmiller@seyferthpr.com.

July M-Night: Picnic Pops!

Come and join the Grand Rapids Jaycees and friends on Friday, July 24th at Cannonsburg Ski Area for the Grand Rapids Symphony's Chase Picnic Pops series. Bring your dinner & chair/blanket and meet us on the hill (lawn seats) to enjoy classical music followed by fireworks at the end of the event.

The gates open at 5:30 with the show starting at 8:00 pm. A family fun area is also available to entertain kids when waiting for the concert to begin.

Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster for \$14 or \$16 at the gate.

For more information contact www.grsymphony.org or Sheryl Backlund @ 581-4564.

Hope to see you there!

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Kudos to You!

Something new that we would like to do in the Grapevine is have a "Kudos" section. This is an area where you can give "props," "congrats," and even "kudos" to your fellow Jaycees.

If you would like to give public recognition to a fellow Jaycee, please email Emma Baranowski at emmajean48@att.net.

Network Connect

Network Connect Breakfast, Friday, July 31 at 8:00 am -- **NEW TIME!** Network Connect breakfasts provide an opportunity to network with other professionals in the community and receive leadership and professional advice from a distinguished speaker.

July speaker: Leslie Fiorenzo, BNI (Business Network International)

8:00-9:30 am at Grand Rapids Community Foundation, 185 Oak Street, SW , Grand Rapids , MI .

- Metered parking is available on the street.
- Cost is \$10 and includes breakfast.
- RSVP required: networkconnect2009@gmail.com.

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

We hope to see you there!

Paddle Paddle Paddle

This year's camping & canoe weekend will take place Friday Aug 7 to Sunday Aug 9 at White Birch Canoe Trips and Campground on the Muskegon River. We will have a semi-private camping area 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

Referral Rewards

New for 2009! Referral rewards! Earn \$10 towards your membership renewal for every person you refer the the Jaycees who joins!

Contact Matt Sernau at matthew.a.sernau@ampf.com for more details.

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.

2009 Holiday Shopping Tour

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

6th Annual Patriot Day Parade

The 6th Annual Grand Rapids Jaycees Patriot Day Parade, which seeks to honor community heroes and pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks, kicks off at 9 a.m. in downtown Grand Rapids on September 12, 2009.

The theme for this year's parade is "United We Stand." Committee members are still needed in a variety of area to help make this year's parade a success. Those interested in being on the committee are invited to attend the committee informational meeting at 6 p.m. on July 27 at the Jaycees office, or contact Chairperson Becky Cajka at (616) 780-1220 or patriotdayparade@yahoo.com.

Honor the Vets!

In conjunction with Patriot Day activities, the Jaycees are holding an ice cream social for the vets at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans on Saturday, September 12. We need volunteers to serve ice cream sundaes and to socialize with the vets. The ice cream social will run from 2-3, and servers are asked to arrive at 1:30.

If you can participate in the ice cream social, please contact Ginger Schmidt, gkanders89@hotmail.com, 616-304-3140.

In addition, between now and September 12 we will be collecting items from the veterans' wish list to donate to the Home for Veterans. Those items particularly needed right now are batteries, postage stamps, and men's body wash. If you would like to contribute, please bring your items to the GMM or drop them off at the Jaycee office.

MI Jaycees need your help

The Michigan Jaycees will be holding a silent auction at the August convention in Dearborn to raise money for the JCI "Nothing But Nets Program." This program is raising money to purchase insecticide-treated bed nets to help reduce the transmission of malaria in Sub-Saharan Africa. JCI is able to purchase and distribute these nets for \$10 each and has a goal to

Are you interested in being on the committee for one of the Jaycees signature projects? Want to find out more on how you can help spread the holiday spirit to local children?

Stop by the Jaycees office on July 28th at 6:30 to find out more about the Holiday Shopping Tour.

If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Chris VanBergen at cavanbergen@ftch.com or 616-498-2455

Mark Your Calendars

July 24

July M-Night
Cannonsburg Ski Area

July 27

Patriot Day Parade Meeting
Jaycee Office

July 28

Holiday Shopping Tour
Jaycee Office

July 31

Network Connect
Grand Rapids Community
Foundation

July 31

Finally Friday Social
Graydon's Crossing
(Plainfield)

August 5

Santa Parade Meeting
Jaycee Office

August 7-9

Camping & Canoe Trip

August 13

purchase 50 nets for children.

As a Michigan Jaycee representative, I am asking my home chapter to donate an item to go up for bid at the auction. It was suggested that if each member donates an item toward a common theme, the chapter as a whole could then combine all the individual donations into a sizeable single item donation. The theme I have picked is "relaxation". A few examples of gifts could be a bottle of wine, bath salts, a music CD, a good book... anything that helps you unwind!

Donations can be brought to the August GMM, the Grand Rapids Jaycee office or arranged to be picked up. Please contact Lisa Kludy at lmkludy@hotmail.com with any questions.

General Membership Meeting
Radisson

August 14-16
Summer Assembly
Dearborn, MI

August 29
Fes2val
Pedestrian Bridge
(downtown Grand Rapids)

September 12
Patriot Day Parade &
Veterans Home Social

Become a JCI Presenter

JCI Presenter is an effective presentation course. It is a full day course focusing on the concepts of creating and delivering effective presentations. Participants will learn about using visual aids, strong delivery methods, and understanding the audience. JCI Presenter is interactive and participants will practice presentations during the entire course.

JCI Presenter is for those who want to expand their presentation skills and can be applied to your personal, professional, and Jaycee experiences.

DATE: Saturday, August 29, 2009

TIME: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel Dearborn/Detroit (5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit, MI 48228).

COST: \$45 for Jaycees, \$60 for Non-Jaycees (includes continental breakfast, mid-morning snack, lunch, mid-afternoon snack and class materials)

Register online at the MIJC Website (Use the link on the Home page in the upper right hand corner).

Maximum class size is 20, so register now to guarantee your seat! Registration closes on Monday, August 24, 2009.

Questions? - Contact Bridgette Rillema at kentcity131@yahoo.com or 616-293-8150 (cell)

Looking for a Job?

Kent Health Plan is accepting applications for two positions:

1. Nurse Case Administrator
2. Outreach and Customer Service Representative

If interested, please contact Kristi Ghering at kghering@kenthealthplan.org

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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