

August 14, 2009



News from the Grand Rapids Jaycees

Dear Reader,

Greetings Grand Rapids Jaycees!

Its hard to believe August is well underway and the Fall is clearly insight. Your 2009 Board of Directors has been working hard over the last eight months bringing you new projects, and favorite regulars. We still have over four months left until year end and many more projects are yet to be put on and attended.

In an effort to serve you the best we can and for YOU to get the most out of YOUR membership we are asking all members to take once again take a project survey. This survey is the one of the best ways we can bring you the programming you want and deserve.

Please give us 5 minutes of your time by following this [link](#).

As always, we are here to serve you. Let us know if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Yours in Membership,
John Greko
81st President
Grand Rapids Jaycees

Network Connect

Network Connect Breakfast, Friday, August 28 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.

August speaker: Pete Brand, Mindscape at Hanon McKendry (GR Chamber's 2009 Small Business of the Year)

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2nd Quarter Awards

At the General Membership Meeting on August 13, the Second Quarter Chapter Awards were distributed.

New Member of the Quarter
Michelle Chumney

Member of the Quarter
Brian Donnelly

Project of the Quarter
Relay for Life

Chairperson of the Quarter

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.

Fes2Val

Downtown is filled with musical sounds during the summer months. Blues on the Malls, GRAM on the GREEN, numerous weekend festivals throughout the city and street performers on Monroe Center bring a vive to our community that is unmatched.

The Jaycees will help bring some music to the downtown area on Saturday, August 29 from noon to 9 p.m. Called Fes2val, the event features two-person bands playing on the Gillette Bridge above the Grand River (between DeVos Place and the Grand River).

The event will feature two stages so the music will always be playing. Whether you're volunteering for the chapter (see the separate news brief below for information) or simply wanting to hear some tunes, be sure to visit downtown Grand Rapids for Fes2val.

August M-Night: A Day at the Zoo!

On Saturday morning August 29th, join the Grand Rapids Jaycees for a very family friendly outing to John Ball Park Zoo. Come see the animals including the new monkey island and the Lions of Lake Manyara exhibits in the morning when the animals are most active. We will meet in the zoo's parking lot near the swan paddle boats at 10:00am. Admission is \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 for kids under age 13. Please contact Sheryl Backlund @ 581-4564 with any questions

Chairman Planning Guide (CPG) Training

Chairman Planning Guide (CPG) Training
Monday, August 17, 2009
6:30 pm at the Grand Rapids Jaycees Office

The CPG is a unique tool that Jaycees use to plan, execute and

Bridgette Rillema

Congratulations everyone!!!

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.

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.

Around the World in 8 Days: Day 4

Day 4: Thai
Wednesday, August 19,
6:30PM

Thai House
6447 28th Street
Grand Rapids , MI 49512 US

Thai Cuisine is well-known for being hot and spicy and for its balance of five fundamental flavors in each dish or the

evaluate our projects. Each and every project our chapter uses a CPG to help develop the best project possible.

Planning to run your first project or need a refresher on the CPG? Join us at this training 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.

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 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.

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

overall meal - hot (spicy), sour, sweet, salty, and bitter (optional). Any questions, please contact Nina Perko (616-723-6530).

Mark Your Calendars

August 14-16

Summer Assembly
Dearborn, MI

August 17

CPG Training
Jaycee Office

August 19

Around the World in 8 Days
Thai House

August 28

Network Connect
GR Community Foundation

August 29

Fes2val
Pedestrian Bridge
(downtown Grand Rapids)

August 29

August M-Night
John Ball Zoo

September 12

Patriot Day Parade &
Veterans Home Social

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)

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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