

The Crier

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Hello Ann Arbor Jaycees,

As Chairman of the Elections Committee, I would like to welcome you to the 2009 special Elections edition of the Crier.

This is a very important Crier for all Jaycees to read. While you may know the writers of the following articles as friends, the following articles will tell you why they would like to become officers of your Jaycee chapter. It may be as simple as wanting to volunteer or lend a hand. In many cases, they see a need and they have a vision of how to meet that need. These people are willing to take time out of their busy schedules to help run an organization that means a great deal to them, that has given them something of value. Now, they want to give back.

I look back on my fourteen years as a Jaycee, seven of them on this Board, and I see what this organization has done for me. The knowledge, friends and experiences I have collected over the years means more to me than I know how to express in words. The greatest experience of all has been the experience of being a board member. Working with your fellow Jaycees to help bring projects together is very rewarding and fun. I highly recommend it at some point in your Jaycee career. You never know where you might end up in this organization. While I have been a member of the Ann Arbor Jaycees, our chapter has had members go on to be State Presidents, a National Vice President, and a Junior Chamber International Vice President/Treasurer/Legal Council. Chances are, none of these members thought they would ever go where they went when they joined. They joined to gain leadership skills, do community service, or just to meet people, like you did. Look where it led them.

There are great opportunities available to you as a Jaycee. Some of the greatest begin with becoming a member of the Board of Directors. The people in this Elections Crier have taken their first steps. Will you?

Sincerely,

Scott Chisholm
2009 Chairman of the Board
Senator #62415



Ann Arbor Junior Chamber
Leadership Training Through Community Service

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2010 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE



Amy Federle

Ann Arbor Jaycees,

It is an honor and privilege to accept your nomination to serve as 76th President of the Ann Arbor Jaycees. Thank you to those who nominated me and have expressed their support in my decision to run for this prestigious position. Being a leader of this organization is an honor which requires much dedication and determination. I am prepared to rise to this challenge.

When I joined this organization nearly five years ago, I was simply looking to meet new people in the new city to which I just moved. The opportunities and possibilities that the Jaycees offers were beyond my imagination. As I became more involved, by chairing projects and serving on committees, I realized what this great organization is truly about – building leaders and serving the community. Since that time, I have had the opportunity to serve on the board of directors as Community Development Director, and Membership Development Vice President. These experiences, along with gathering ideas and learning from visitations to other chapters, and participation in state and national meetings have provided me with well-rounded leadership experience, and an understanding of the Jaycees organization as a whole.

As a team in 2010, our board of directors and general membership must work together to ensure open communication throughout our organization. In a chapter of our size, two-way communication is imperative to ensuring we are running projects members want to attend, providing resources that are desired and training which is needed.

Each member brings unique perspectives, energy, and ideas to our organization. We must continue to focus on ensuring all members of our chapter are activated and new members are welcomed. New members keep our chapter fresh and carry with them new excitement for the things we accomplish. We must run stimulating programming our membership wants so that individuals are interested and excited about planning and attending high quality projects.

Public relations is an area in which we must continue to focus. In today's society, organizations such as the Jaycees are declining in membership and community support. In order to maintain growth in our chapter, we must utilize the technology that is available to market our chapter, informing the community about our mission. I am committed to exploring new ways of marketing our chapter and getting as much publicity as possible.

As Jaycees, we give our time to this organization because we want to, not because we have to. I dream of 2010 being a year of fun memories, activities we all enjoy, and continued success for the Ann Arbor Jaycees.

I ask all of you to join me on November 5th for our annual elections. Together, we can **Dare to Dream** about what's in store for the Ann Arbor Jaycees.

2010 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE



Stefanie Layher

I am excited and honored to accept your nomination for 76th President of the Ann Arbor Jaycees.

Since joining the Jaycees in June 2002, I have grown tremendously as a person and I attribute most of it to my experience as a Jaycee and the people I have met along the way. Thanks to the belief and encouragement I received from my fellow Jaycees, I took advantage of the opportunities that presented themselves to me early on in my Jaycee career. I co-chaired Ronald McDonald House and served on the committees for Wine Tasting and Year Ender. I was then given the opportunity to serve as your 2003 Membership Development Vice President and your 2004 External Affairs Vice President.

In 2005, my Jaycee career took a different path. I was elected to serve as District H-1 Director, working with eight very diverse chapters. From there, I went on to be Region H Director, overseeing 15 chapters and managing three District Directors. Next, I was offered a spot on the Michigan Jaycees' Executive Committee, holding the position of Administrative Vice President. In this role, I was responsible for leading and developing a team of 10 Region and District Directors throughout the state. At the end of 2007, I was appointed as the Michigan Jaycees' Associate Treasurer, which prepared me to be Treasurer in June 2008. At the end of May 2009, I completed my term as Michigan Jaycees' Treasurer.

Over the past seven years, I have gained valuable leadership experience and developed a well-rounded understanding of this organization. I strongly believe in the Jaycees' mission and have an appreciation for the endless opportunities available. My passion, dedication, and enthusiasm for this chapter and its members are stronger than ever. While I may have held roles that took me away from the chapter on a day-to-day basis, I never truly left the Ann Arbor Jaycees. My commitment to our chapter was always a priority. For all these reasons and more, I feel now is the time for me to give back by serving as your President.

If we are to continue the momentum in 2010, there are few goals that must be met to guarantee the continued growth of this chapter. First, we need to ensure the activation of every member in the chapter so there is a sense of belonging and ownership. You are all great individuals that make us a great organization; without you the Ann Arbor Jaycees would not exist. Next, we will help our members reach their potential through leadership training opportunities, such as serving on committees, chairing projects and participating in Springboard and Degrees. Members' creativity and out-of-the-box thinking will be utilized to provide quality programming in each area.

Communication is key to the success of any organization. In 2010, we will make sure there is an open and honest line of communication in place. Information will be distributed to members and the community in a timely manner, utilizing current tools in addition to new resources. Finally, due to the current economic climate, it is essential that we focus on being fiscally responsible. This will allow us to continue providing valuable benefits to our members and the community, while maximizing the return on our investments, whether they be time or money.

N.O.W is the Time to vote for me on November 5th. With your support, we will make certain there is No Opportunity Wasted in 2010!

ANN ARBOR JAYCEES PAST PRESIDENTS

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| 1936 Franklin C. Forsythe | 1962 Kenneth MacAdam | 1986 Karl C. Thoms |
| 1937 H. Bruce Palmer | 1963 Richard A. Simon | 1987 Ethel M. Thoms |
| 1938 J.C. Cahill | 1964 Kenneth Copp | 1988 Nancy Kueckels-Averill |
| 1939 Wilson H. White | 1965 Edward L. Barnard | 1989 John A. Baker |
| 1940 J.W. Meadows | 1966 Thomas E. Bletcher | 1990 Brian M. O.Neil |
| 1941 Raleigh Saunders | 1967 Lloyd E. Fairbanks | 1991 Kathy Szakatis |
| 1942 F.C. .Bud. Moseley | 1968 Dennis Michalak | 1992 Barry Marshall |
| 1943 Ivan L. Friday | 1969 Thomas Niswonger | 1993 Daniel E. Whisler |
| 1944 Jack Castor | 1970 James Dunbrock | 1994 Julia L. Berndt |
| 1945 Richard W. Sinn | 1971 Gerald Bell | 1995 Ronald F. Lochocki, Jr. |
| 1946 Kenneth Heininger | 1972 Richard Joan | 1996 Teri Marshall |
| 1947 Lawrence Ouimet | 1973 Clifford Sheldon | 1997 Vanessa E. Horning |
| 1948 Wagar A. Glas | 1974 Donald McGee | 1998 Puneet Sahi |
| 1949 John W. Rae | 1975 Richard Weid | 1999 Kenneth J. Lochocki |
| 1950 George Coons | 1976 Jerry Mrozinski | 2000 Kimberley Shanks |
| 1951 Gil Caswell | 1977 Clinton Smith | 2001 Michelle MacDonald |
| 1952 Otis Hardy | 1978 Fern Garcia | 2002 Jenni Teichow |
| 1953 Bruce Maslin | 1979 Gary Brewer | 2003 Fay M. Poissant |
| 1954 Walter Jarvis | 1980 Leon Hieber | 2004 Byron Myer |
| 1955 Jack Grimston | 1981 Roger Jahnke | 2005 Sue L. Faust |
| 1956 Irv Halman | 1982 Jim Jahnke | 2006 Beth Hill |
| 1957 William Frakes | Rick Jarjembowski | 2007 Karen Hillegonds |
| 1958 Bud Roberts | 1983 Dave Hieber | 2008 Scott Chisholm |
| 1960 Walter Derr | 1984 Kent Peterson | 2009 Jessica Pelleran |
| 1961 Doug Nobilette | 1985 Jim Adams | |

Jaycee Creed
 We Believe: That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life.
 That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations.
 That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise.
 That government should be of laws rather than of men.
 That earth's great treasure lies in human personality
 And that service to humanity **IS THE BEST WORK OF LIFE!**

2010 MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE

Mary Jo Knitter

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I accept your nomination for the 2010 Membership Development Vice President.

Since joining the Ann Arbor Jaycees in September 1999, I have stepped out of my comfort zone many times, given back to the community, met great people, made lifelong friendships, and have done things I know I wouldn't have been able to experience without the Jaycees. Over the years, I have chaired many projects, including an 80s Party, two Year Enders, a White Elephant Holiday Party, a camping trip and a Halloween Party. My leadership experience on our chapter's Board of Directors includes: Financial Management Director (2000), Presidential Assistant (2001 and 2008), Secretary (2002), Press Secretary (2004), Crier Editor (2006) and Community Development Director (2009). My commitment to our chapter and its members has allowed me to receive the following recognition: seven Presidential pins, four Presidential Awards of Appreciation, Jaycee of the Month and the People's Choice Award. In addition, I am currently a 9th degree Jaycee.

I want to give back to the organization that has given me so much by serving as your Membership Development Vice President. I want to see both our new and veteran members take advantage of the many opportunities that our organization has to offer.

My plan is simple: Recruit, Orient, Activate and Retain. My team and I will focus on recruitment by continuing to grow our chapter and looking for new ideas and ways to do so. Getting new members oriented and involved early will be key. We will do this by educating and enabling them to realize their potential through what the Jaycees have to offer. Another aspect of membership that the entire Board of Directors can contribute to is activation. My team and I will champion the activation of members by utilizing the Springboard and Degrees program, as well as reinforcing communication between members and the Board. Retention will continue to be strong as we run programming that our members want and, again, by ensuring there is solid communication.

I am excited about the possibilities and am looking forward to serving the chapter next year! I ask that you support me with your vote for Membership Development Vice President at the General Membership Meeting on November 5th.



2010 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Lauren Fortson

I know that I would be a great asset to the Ann Arbor Jaycees as a Director. I possess 3 main qualities that make me more than capable of excelling as a Director: leadership, time management and enthusiasm.

Even though I have only been a Jaycee for 4 months, I have shown a high level of leadership. I was the Co-Chair for the successful Ronald McDonald House Dinner and I am the Co-Chair for the upcoming Decades Party, as well as, the Chair for the upcoming Motawi Tileworks tour. By taking on these Co-Chair and Chair positions, I have proven that I hold leadership skills that would help me to be a successful Director.

I have always prided myself in my ability to manage my time effectively. During college, at Vanderbilt University, I had the task of juggling school and Varsity Track &Field. I was able to be a successful athlete while being on the Academic Honor Roll and Dean's List. Now as a graduate student, I have the task of juggling work and school. I am a full time student who has taken on a thesis project, as well as, working 3 days a week. Through these activities, I have shown that I am able to prioritize my time by being very successful in all the activities in which I participate.

I was very happy to be a part of the organization and I have shown my enthusiasm by participating in many of our activities and taking on the roles as Chair and Co-Chair. I enjoy and feel committed to the goals of the organization. I will be dedicated towards making sure that the Jaycees continue to provide a positive presence in the community and continue its aim of service to the community.

I know that I am ready to take on the responsibility of Director. I have proven that I am capable of excelling in this position through leadership, time management and enthusiasm.

Paige Gill

Fellow Jaycees,

I am asking for your support as I run to be a 2010 Director for the Ann Arbor Jaycees. I moved to Ann Arbor just over a year ago, not knowing a single person. I had heard about a great organization from a friend, called the Jaycees, that might have some opportunities to get involved and meet new people. I can't tell you how glad I am that I decided to come to a meeting to see what this great organization was all about. I went from not knowing anyone, to feeling like I had a family and a great network of people to interact with here in Michigan.

I decided to run for Director because I want to impact and give back to this organization as much as it has given to me. As this year's Press Secretary, I have learned a great deal about the different areas of our organization through publicizing events. I would like to continue to help the chapter as a Director by encouraging more member involvement, involving more community members and organizations, and continuing to build upon the great structure we have in place. Thank you so much for your consideration and I look forward to a great 2010!

2010 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Katie McEvoy

Voting Members of the Ann Arbor Jaycees,

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you more about me and why I would like to be elected as a Director for 2010 Ann Arbor Jaycees Board of Directors.

My name is Katie McEvoy, born in Milwaukee, WI but transplanted to Michigan via my dad's career. Grew up in Howell, MI, but spent a lot of time driving to Ann Arbor to work in a Family Practice as a records clerk; then as a medical assistant while I went to school at Michigan State for a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. After graduating in May of 2006, I was hired by University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) on their Cardio/ Thoracic/ Vascular Post-Surgical Care Unit—for short: 4 B/C.

Since being hired in 2006, I excelled at being a staff nurse and have done many other things. Besides being a staff nurse, I have worked on implementing standardized nursing care plans, collecting independent data, and teaching documentation at central nurse orientation. I am also a team member of a UMHS Nursing Committee, and act as assistant charge and charge nurse. I have also done many other projects in my time there. Nursing is a passion of mine and I really enjoy teaching, coordinating, and planning care—so patients can care for themselves at home.

Besides nursing, I enjoy spending time with family, friends, and all types of activities, be it crafts or outdoor sports. I'll try anything once!

So why did I join the Jaycees?

I wanted to find a group that did community service and in which I could develop leadership skills in an organized manner. I was surfing the web and ran across many things. Around Halloween of 2008, I ran across the Ann Arbor Jaycees and saw some of the upcoming events; needless to say I was intrigued. I joined at the December GMM after listening to the events—community, individual development, management, and membership. It was at that GMM I knew I'd be able to contribute to this group and the Ann Arbor area communities; I took my oath at the end of that GMM!

I have participated in events in all areas, and have chaired multiple events—most noted event was Taste of Ann Arbor 2009. I've had fun at all of the events, whether I participate in planning or attend an event. I've really enjoyed getting to know everyone, thus far. Just a few things I have really enjoyed doing in the Jaycees are: getting to participate in the activities/ events, learning how to make connections through resourcing the community in which I live and work, and lastly learning how to lead a large group of people to make an event a success!

So why elect me as a director?

First, I'm looking to keep things fresh, different, and new; to accomplish this I'd like to introduce new ideas and look to the members to give and or support ideas. Second, I'm interested in learning the ins and outs of the Jaycees—the leadership process in more detail; seeing how things go from an idea, to proposal, to an actual event! Third, the vast knowledge of different topics that 'we' as the Jaycees possess can be utilized to keep this organization hoppin' and attract new members; I want to contribute to that as well. Fourth, I'll do my best to keep a smile on everyone's face no matter what kind of odds or resistance that as a team we might encounter. Lastly, through a lot of effort, I'd love to continue the fine tradition that is the Ann Arbor Jaycees.

I want to keep this brief, but I'm looking forward to participating in the Jaycees for years to come and would love to serve you and the community in the coming year as a Director for the Ann Arbor Jaycees.

2010 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Ed Verhamme

Fellow Jayceers:

Since joining the Ann Arbor Jaycees early this year, I have slowly been “reengaging” myself in community service and leadership through various activities within the chapter. While I am still learning a lot about the chapter, the parts that I have experienced thus far have been fantastic. I hope to push my membership to the next level by running for a Director position within the chapter. Coming from a strong leadership background in college and graduate school (both at Michigan Tech, GO HUSKIES!) I believe I can bring some fresh ideas to the chapter as well as a positive attitude to each and every project that I am involved with. Please allow me to expand my responsibilities and improve my leadership skills within the chapter by voting for me as a Director for 2010!



Jaime Benkelman

Hello A2 Jaycees!

My name is Jaime Benkelman and I am running for a Director position for 2010. I haven't been a member for very long, but the Jaycees organization is the fun and prosocial group I spent a couple years looking for. I tried several other organizations and never found a place to give back to the community and have fun at the same time. Once I joined the Jaycees, I immediately felt at home. Now I want to give back and help this group grow, develop, and accomplish it's goals. So please vote for me at the November GMM. Thanks for reading, and I hope to see you at an event soon!

Canan Yildiz

You the people. I request you to vote me in as Director. This role is floating without me. It needs an anchor. Like me. I will not treat this role as a business. I'll make it personal. Very personal. I will personally ensure that everyone is getting what they need out of the Jaycee experience! I'll have no secrets and I'll ensure that our Jaycees are having a good time. I beg you for your vote. So, please vote for me. Or I'll cry.

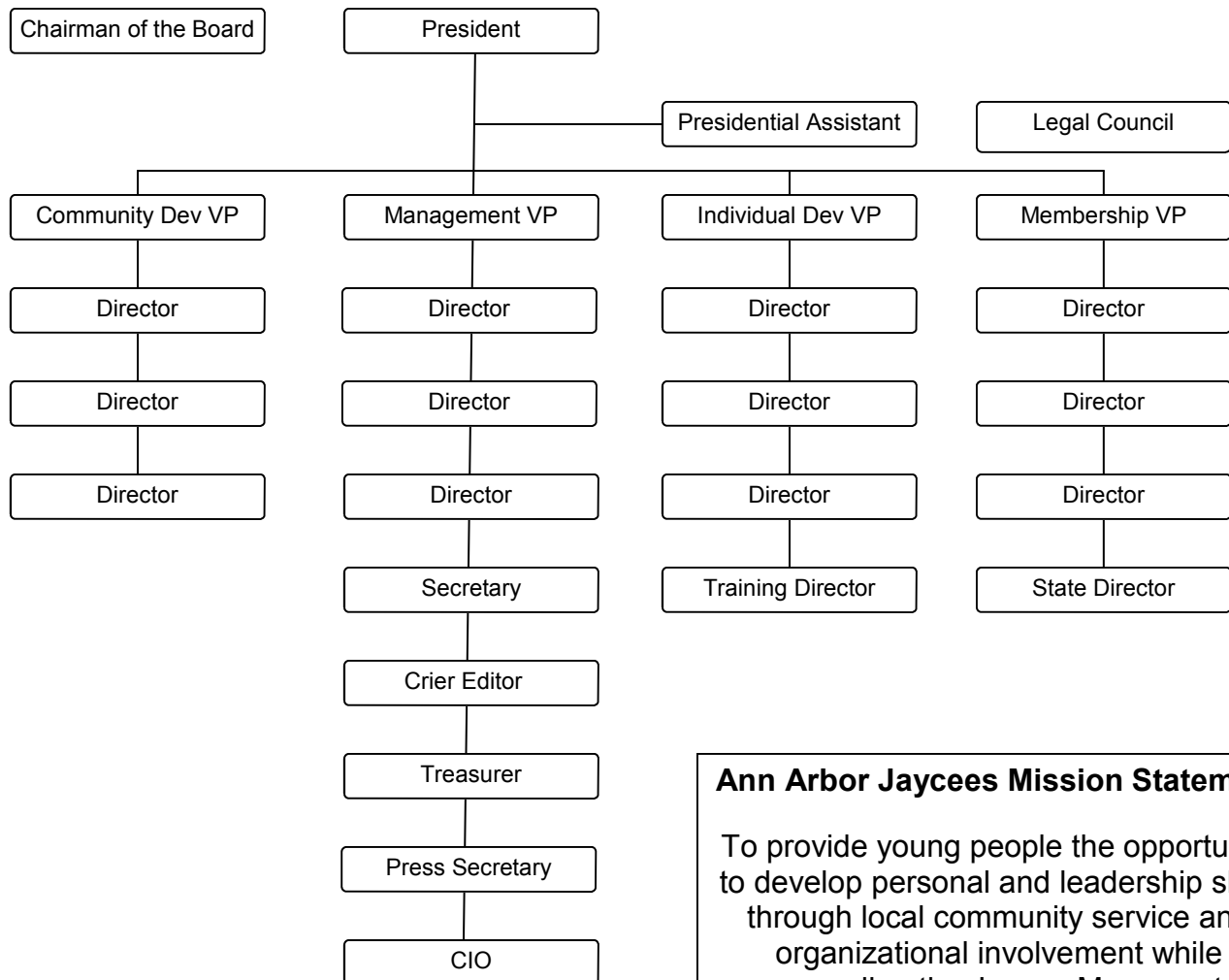
On a serious note I am very humbled that I was nominated as a potential Director on the Board for 2010. I am from Ohio and Turkey (yes the country!) BUT ... I AM A MICHIGAN fan and now living in the area! I have been a Jaycee since March 2009 and have chaired two projects. I like interacting with people and helping show them different activities that can enhance their personal development. I have chaired the White Water rafting trip in West Virginia as my first big project with success! As a Director I am planning on providing many more creative project ideas moving forward. So get out and VOTE for me!

2010 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Amy Mell

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for 2010. I have been a member of the Ann Arbor Jaycees since July 2008. During that time I have had the opportunity to attend various projects and have chaired 3 including the Chili Cook-off, ice sales during the Ann Arbor Art Fair, and the school supply drive for the Perry School. Each experience has been rewarding and has encouraged me to become more involved with this wonderful organization. As Director, I will work with the Board to continue the great tradition of the Ann Arbor Jaycees. I look forward to next year and ask for your support as I run for Director of the Ann Arbor Jaycees.

Ann Arbor Jaycees Board of Directors Organizational Chart



Ann Arbor Jaycees Mission Statement
 To provide young people the opportunity to develop personal and leadership skills through local community service and organizational involvement while expanding the Jaycee Movement.

A WORD FROM PAST BOARD MEMBERS

As you know, November is election month in the Jaycees. Our elections set the stage for the year, and even years, to come. The 2009 Board of Directors would like to continue this momentum as we are thinking about 2010. As we envision the possibilities for the upcoming year, a wonderful excitement grows within our organization.

I remember back to the time, only a few short years ago, that I was asked to join the Board of Directors. I was a bit hesitant about making the commitment but, despite my reservations, I decided to take the leap to become a director. Being a Board member has honestly been one of the best decisions that I have made. The opportunities and the experiences that I have had would not have been possible if I had not taken this venture.

Leadership training is the primary goal of the Jaycee movement. As a Board member, you are given the chance to develop these skills, in a safe, supportive environment. Doing Jaycee 'work' isn't all that bad when doing it together with friends, both existing and new ones that you will make. All it takes is taking a small step out of your comfort zone to realize these opportunities. I am appreciative for all the opportunities I have had in the Jaycees, for the opportunities to travel around Michigan to Jaycee projects and trainings. I am thrilled about all of the new things that I tried with the support of the Jaycees that I would not have done on my own. I am delighted that I had the opportunity to serve on the board of directors of one of the greatest young persons' organization. I have learned and sharpened many skills such as time management, project planning, goal setting, and managing a budget. I have gained a better understanding of the Ann Arbor and surrounding community. Most of all I am grateful that I have gained new friendships and strengthened others through my dedication to the Jaycees. I encourage you to learn more about the organization, step out of your comfort zone, make new friends, and take a more active role next year with the Ann Arbor Jaycees! You won't regret it!

Jessica Pelleran
75th President

Serving on the Board of Directors of the Ann Arbor Jaycees for six terms was wonderful. In addition to growing as a leader and making life long friendships, it was wonderful to have the chance to give back to the chapter that has given me so much. It gave me the necessary skills to move into leadership within the US Jaycees and serve three years on the JCI Board of Directors as International Vice President, Treasurer and this year as General Legal Counsel. Serving on the Board of the Ann Arbor Jaycees affords you great opportunities to continue your Jaycee experience.

Michelle MacDonald McAllister
67th President
JCI General Legal Counsel
Senator #67074

2010 FOUNDATION CANDIDATES

Age: 30
 Years in Jaycees: 1.5 Years
 Position Held: Management Director
 Occupation: Planning and Analysis Program Analyst, Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System
 Education: I received my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Advertising and Public Relations from Grand Valley State University in 2003. I received my Masters of Science Degree in Business Management from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2008
 Affiliations: Ann Arbor Jaycees, volunteer Ann Arbor Hospice

Hello. I'm Margaret Van Alstine. I have enjoyed spending a year on the Board of Directors as a Management Director and now I am running for Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation Trustee.

Now, more than ever, the Ann Arbor community needs our help. They need the Ann Arbor Jaycees. With my ideas for promotion and fund raising I believe I can help the Foundation in providing donations to originations that may not otherwise be able to function without our support. I would appreciate your support in voting for me as an Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation Trustee.

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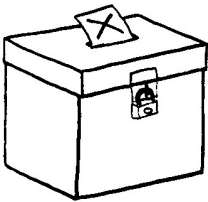
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Ann Arbor Jaycees Vision Statement:

We will be recognized as the organization of choice for young people in Ann Arbor. We will achieve this by:

- Inspiring the very best in our members.
- To provide the highest standards of leadership development for our members.
- Committed to be recognized as an asset in our community.

 **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Absentee ballots will be recognized. Absentee ballots will be provided, upon request to each eligible member at least 10 days prior to the election. Completed ballots must be received on or before the day of the election. Absentee ballots will not be opened prior to the election. Absentee ballots are counted at the election meeting. Absentee votes do not count toward meeting the quorum. Absentee ballots will not count in run-off elections.

To receive an absentee ballot, contact Elections Chair Scott Chisholm at poneycar1@yahoo.com

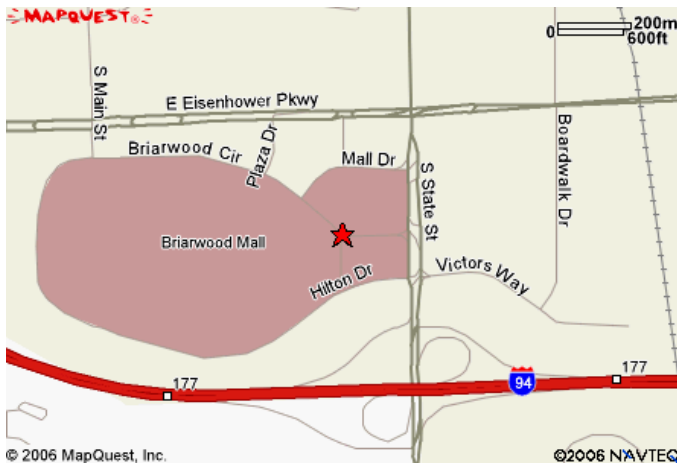
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The Ann Arbor Jaycees General Membership Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 600 Hilton Circle (across from Briarwood Mall).

Guests are always welcome at these monthly General Membership Meetings.

The next membership meeting is November 5, 2009 at 7:30 pm. Join us as early at 7:00 pm to socialize with other members and guests!



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