



No Opportunity Wasted

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President Stefanie trying to lure Gabby Coker away from the Dark Side!



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# PRESIDENT



**Stefanie Layher, 76th President**

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It is hard to believe that this is the last article that I am writing as President of the Ann Arbor Jaycees. It seems like just yesterday when I was sworn in as the 76<sup>th</sup> President of this great chapter. I have been a member for eight years and have served in many roles but nothing will top the experience I've had as your President. This was once in a lifetime opportunity that was not wasted and will be forever cherished!

At the beginning of the year, I shared with you my vision for 2010 and explained my logo and theme of N.O.W is the Time, N.O.W standing for No Opportunity Wasted and time being associated with an old-fashion traditional clock with digital numbers. In 2010, we built upon the great legacy and embraced the changing times to help strengthen our chapter for future generations.

With your determination and dedication we had a very successful year. We were able to impact many throughout the community, each of us was given the opportunity to learn from one another and grow as individuals, raised a surplus of funds for our chapter, expanded our social media presences and offered the Jaycees experience to many new members. Thank you for all the remarkable things you do everyday to make an impact on your community.

I was honored to work along side of each of you in 2010 and look forward to being your Chairwomen of the Board next year.

Even though this year is coming to an end, N.O.W is the Time to finish the year strong so the we can Imagine the Possibilities in 2011.

Proudly served with you,  
Stefanie

A special thank you to #69: Words will never be able to express my heart felt gratitude to you for everything you have done for me over the last eight years. Thank you for always believing in me every step in my Jaycee career. I would not be #76 without your faith in my leadership!



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# Community Development



## Deena Frye, Community Development Vice President

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I can't believe the year is almost over. It seems that just a short while ago I was sworn in as Community Development Vice President. In just a short while, I will watch my Director, Ed Verhamme, do the same thing. It has been a pleasure working with Ed in the community area this year. He has fresh ideas and perspective on running events in the Jaycees. I can't wait to see him in the VP position in 2011!

December is always a busy month. Even if you don't celebrate Christmas, there are holiday parties by friends, family, and at work. And the Jaycees aren't slowing down, either! Just remember that between the parties and gift buying, there are opportunities for you to give back, as well. The Community Team has several events happening this month and we would like to see lots of people show up for them! So, do a "feel good" this season by helping raise money for the Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation, serve dinner at a soup kitchen or supervise kids shopping for their families. You won't be sorry you did!

God Bless us, everyone!

Peace out...Deena Frye, CDVP



### Holiday Helpers

Date: Saturday, December 4, 2010

Time: 1-5pm

Location: Meijer on Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor

Contact: Deena Frye, [dfryemi@gmail.com](mailto:dfryemi@gmail.com)

Holiday Helpers is a project that will help underprivileged children buy gifts for their family members during this holiday season. This year, we are pairing with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. We will need many volunteers to make this project successful, so sign up for a shift today by either emailing Deena or signing up at the GMM!

Ed Verhamme, Community Development Director



## Healing Hunger

Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Time: 5—7:15 pm

Location: Delonis Center, 312 W. Huron, Ann Arbor

Contact: Jill Banish, [j\\_banish@hotmail.com](mailto:j_banish@hotmail.com)

Spend time giving back to the community as we work a shift serving meals at the local soup kitchen - the Robert J. Delonis Center. Come give a little of your heart and provide a warm meal to the many people who pass through the Center!



Learning to brew beer. Yum!

### 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!**

## Gift Wrapping

Dates: Friday, December 17,  
Wednesday, December 22 and  
Thursday, December 23, 2010

Times: See below

Location: Borders in Ann Arbor

Contact: Gretchen Hofing, [ghofing@hotmail.com](mailto:ghofing@hotmail.com)



Get into the holiday spirit and help raise money for the Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation by wrapping gifts at a Borders store! We will have three shifts this holiday season at two different Borders stores. Sign up for one or more shifts at the December GMM or contact Gretchen. You can also sign up online at:

<http://bit.ly/giftwrapsignup>

December 17 at Borders downtown from 4 pm-9 pm

December 22 at Borders on Lohr Road from 12 pm-9 pm

December 23 at Borders downtown from 12 pm-5 pm

## Wine & Cheese Fest/ White Elephant Party

Date: Friday, December 10, 2010

Time: 8 pm

Location: Village Green Clubhouse, 459 Village Green Blvd, Ann Arbor

Contact: Kristin Rogers, [krmwrogers@gmail.com](mailto:krmwrogers@gmail.com)



Come join us for a holiday celebration! You are asked to bring your favorite bottle of wine and/or cheese. We will sample wine and cheese (and other goodies) while doing a white elephant gift exchange. A white elephant gift exchange is a chance for you to take something from your house that you do not want or do not use and "re-gift" it legally. We will be exchanging white elephant gifts in a raffle-type system where steals are allowed, laughing is the norm, and the big surprise is what you go home with.

# Individual Development



**Jennifer Stalmack, Individual Development Vice President**  
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What a year! I cannot believe that this is the December article. This article will not be as long as the rest of the months. I hope that you enjoy the reading materials. I would like to say congrats to Jonathan Pollock, who will be your new **2011 IDVP**. I know that he will do a great job. I would like to take a moment and say thank you to the ID Director, Paige Gill. It was great working with you this year.

To all of the chair people that helped out the ID Team, "A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU."

JJJ- Sara Maddock, John and Nikki Blossey, Jackie Kimmel, and Jaime Plamby

Chocolate Making-Anita Lindsay

Night Polish- Amanda Dunne

Improv Training 1 & 2 - Tony Huver

Scuba Lessons-Jeff Greaves

DIA Trip- Jeff Poissant

Rock Climbing- Matt Miller

Work/Life/Jaycee Balance-Josephine Sirineo & Fay Poissant

Baking 101-Karen Haberland

Bartending 201- Amanda Dunne

Speed Competitions-Jerri Atkins

White Water Rafting- Russ Trapp

Zumba International Dance—Jerri Atkins

Beer Crafting—Paige Gill

Pottery Making- Heather Nilsson



Does learning to carve a turkey count as in ID project?

We could not have done these projects without all of you. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!



Paige Gill, Individual Development Director



**Coming Soon!** The Ann Arbor Jaycees are going to the *Red Wings game* on **Friday, February 4!** Mark your calendar today! Stay tuned for more information on how to reserve your tickets!



### 2011 Board of Directors

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### Michigan Jaycees Year End 2010 Convention

Dates: February 11-13, 2011

Location: Dearborn, MI

Contact: Scott Zechiel,

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The Michigan Jaycees Year-End Convention is a week-end full of training, networking, recognition and fun! Please join us as we celebrate the successes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, as well as the entire year! All Ann Arbor Jaycees are highly encouraged to attend! This convention will be held in Dearborn, just 30 minutes from Ann Arbor! Further details will be available shortly. All first timers get up to \$30 off their registration! If you plan to attend or have questions, please contact Scott.

You won't want to miss this convention!

### Pottery Making

Date: Sunday, December 5, 2010

Time: 2—4 pm

Location: Ceramic Studio: 4132 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843

Contact: Heather Nilsson at [mrshmnilsson@aol.com](mailto:mrshmnilsson@aol.com)



**The Ceramic Studio Etc...** is a contemporary ceramic studio where you can relax by yourself or have fun with friends and family while you get creative with glass, pottery or mosaics - even if you are artistically challenged! Bring your imagination and let us show you what you can create in your local studio.

Karen: Thank you for doing such a great job with the Crier. I know you were very hesitate to accept the position but I am very proud of what you accomplished. I appreciate you putting up with me each month! Also great job on the Baking 101 class. I'm looking forward to serving with you again next year. Stefanie

# Membership



**Mary Jo Knitter, Membership Vice President**

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Happy Holidays!!

It's hard for me to believe that the year is winding down. It has been an honor to serve as your 2010 Membership VP! I have truly enjoyed this experience!

I have taken to heart President Stefanie's theme of N.O.W is the Time (No Opportunity Wasted). I have tried many new things this year that I wouldn't have otherwise and I wouldn't give up any of those experiences. I have learned that I don't like rock climbing and, while I was scared to death of going on the white water rafting trip, I had so much fun that I want to do it again! I hope that through the Ann Arbor Jaycees you have been able to try something new, learn a new skill or give back to the Ann Arbor community. But, we have one month left and an opportunity to make a big impact on our members and our community.

I want to thank all of the members that took the opportunity to chair a membership project. A round of applause for **Heather Nilsson, Leslie Elliott, Jill Banish, Melissa Knitter, Tracey Lape, Michelle McAllister, Matt Miller, Don Alexander, Heather McLeod, Colleen Hillemonds, Megan Hinterman, Mandy Ferrell, Aaron Beebe and Kristin Rogers.**

Bringing new members in to our organizations helps to ensure we are around for decades to come. New members bring in a great energy and many new ideas. Without them, our chapter would become stale and fizzle out. Thank you **John Blossey, Tom McAllister, Tracey Lape, Matt Miller, Melissa Knitter, Jennifer Stalmack, Michelle McAllister** and **Fay Poissant** for your help in sharing Ann Arbor Jaycees with others!

And, thank you to **Scott Zechiel** for being a part of the Membership Team! Thank you for working hard this year to make sure we were all set with conventions, Region H activities and other state events; organizing all of our visitations to other chapters; for helping at our New Member Orientations and some Information Nights; and helping with our Membership projects! I have been very lucky to have you as a Director (er, Senior Director).

I look forward to passing the torch over to Mandy Ferrell in 2011! I know she and her team will serve our chapter well!

N.O.W. is the time to Imagine The Possibilities!!!!



Scott Zechiel,  
Membership Director



### Information Nights

Dates: Monday, December 6; Monday December 13, Wednesday, December 22, Monday, December 27

Time: 7 pm

Location: Panera, 903 Eisenhower, Ann Arbor

Contact: Mary Jo Knitter at 734-330-7955 or [mjk93@hotmail.com](mailto:mjk93@hotmail.com)

If you have a friend interested in learning more about the Ann Arbor Jaycees, send them to an Info Night! It's a casual, informal event to learn everything you need to know about the Ann Arbor Jaycees! We always look forward to meeting new people!

### Membership Mingle at The Original Cottage Inn

Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Time: 7 pm

Location: Cottage Inn, 512 E. William, Ann Arbor

Contact: Mary Jo Knitter at [mjk93@hotmail.com](mailto:mjk93@hotmail.com)

Join us for a pre-holiday mingle! Catch up with fellow Jaycees and meet some new people. Bring along a friend! We look forward to mingling with you.

### Membership Mingle at Café Habana

Date: Tuesday, December 28, 2010

Time: 7 pm

Location: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor

Contact: Mary Jo Knitter at [mjk93@hotmail.com](mailto:mjk93@hotmail.com)

A post-holiday mingle! Come join us for Cuban and Latin inspired food and drinks! This will be our last gathering of 2010! Hope to see you there.

### Springboard and Degrees/Passport to Leadership

Date: Every General Membership Meeting

Contact: Scott Zechiel, 734-718-9153 or [scott.zechiel@gm.com](mailto:scott.zechiel@gm.com)



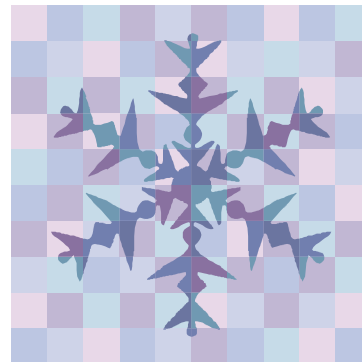
Are you getting everything you can out of your membership with the Ann Arbor Jaycees? The Springboard and Degrees/Passport to Leadership program is a way for you to track the activities you're participating in, and ensure you're taking advantage of all the opportunities the Jaycees offer. If you're interested in participating, contact Scott Zechiel, or track him down at the next GMM.

### Save the Date - Beat the Winter Blues Party

Date: Saturday, January 29, 2011

Location: TBD

Time: TBD



Get rid of those mid-winter blues! This party is sure to make you forget about winter and the cold!

### Treasurer's Report as of Monday, November 15, 2010

Checking account balance: \$22,976.50

Savings account balance: \$16,533.83



# Management



**Amy Federle, Management Vice President**

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Each year we go through transition, the passing of the torch, from the current Board of Directors to our successors who are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to lead our chapter. As the 2010 year comes to an end, I would like to take a minute to remind you of what we accomplished this year, as well as thank some influential individuals.

We provided our members with many opportunities this year, including various business tours, introduced a new fundraiser by having a wine and cheese tasting event, continued to run some of our newer fundraisers, such as USA Hockey Helpers, Mom 2 Mom Sale, and Art Fair Ice Sales, and ran our traditional projects, such as Taste of Ann Arbor, Rolling Sculpture Car Show, and Summer Carnival.

All of these projects were made possible by the members who stepped up to chair them, so here's a BIG THANKS to everyone who served as a chairperson for a Management project this year. Participation by each and every member who attended these projects is also key in their success. I hope you enjoyed these projects, and continue to enjoy the projects that are planned for next year.

Finally, the Management Directors, Amy Mell and Russ Trapp, have worked hard to ensure these are well-planned and executed projects. We couldn't have had such a successful year without their hard work and dedication.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and look forward to what's to come in 2011!!

## **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.

**Amy Mell & Russ Trapp,  
Management Directors**



## Christmas Tree Sales

Date: Now - December 16, 2010

Time: 24/7

Location: The World Wide Web

<http://www.dutchmantreefarms.com/organization/AAJMI>

Contact: Russ Trapp, [rtrapp@umich.edu](mailto:rtrapp@umich.edu) or 734-730-5820

It's not what you think it is! This is the *Back to the Future* version of the Ann Arbor Jaycees Christmas Tree Sales. Imagine, if you will, a vision of the future: you're enjoying the warmth of your Mr. Fusion, wrapping up that Hoverboard Christmas present for your nephew, sitting in front of your warm, cozy laptop screen, dressed in Calvin Klein underwear, clicking your way to a wonderful Christmas Season!

We are partnering with DutchmanTreeFarms.com and will be selling Christmas Trees and Wreaths online. We will earn a profit on each tree (\$10) and wreath (\$5) sold via their website. Welcome to the 21st Century of Tree Sales!

Trees can be ordered from anywhere in the world, and delivered to anywhere in the contiguous 48 states of the USA! Tell all your friends, tell all your family. Tweet it, Facebook it, tell your co-workers - this is a great deal and is for a good cause!

Pricing is as follows and includes FREE SHIPPING! (no need to fire up the DeLorean!)

6'-7' Fraser: \$64.95

3'-4' Table Top Fraser with bowl and stand: \$39.95

Wreath \$34.95

3'-4' Grow Live Spruce or Pine (4 varieties): \$64.95 (enjoy for years)

So, make like a tree, and get the heck online and have that order completed ASAP. But, no worries - it's ok to sleep in on Saturdays, the website is available 24 hours until the last ship date of December 16th. Don't be a slacker!

**Make sure you use the link with the AAJMI promotional code, or type in AAJMI in the "Green 2 Green" Fundraiser section of the website, to ensure the Ann Arbor Jaycees are credited with your purchase.**



**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD BENEFIT BY JOINING THE ANN ARBOR JAYCEES?** Chapter growth means bringing the benefits of membership to everyone! Please see Mary Jo Knitter or anyone on the Board of Directors to refer a new member. You can also email us at [membership@a2jaycees.org](mailto:membership@a2jaycees.org).

## Beth Hill, 16th President

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Hanukkah is observed for eight nights, we sing about the twelve days of Christmas, and Kwanzaa is celebrated for seven days. So here are my sixteen ways to help the Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation.

1. Shop online through iGive.com. Once you register and designate the A2JCF as your cause, a percentage of your purchases are credited to the Foundation.
2. Sign up for the A2JCF's Facebook group - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=88345926819&ref=ts> - and then invite your friends to join.
3. Find a Foundation Trustee at a GMM or chapter project and ask them about the things the A2JCF does.
4. Apply for a A2JCF grant for your next chapter project.
5. Tell other non-profit organizations in Washtenaw County whose missions are similar to the Jaycees about the opportunities for A2JCF grants.
6. If you shop at Kroger, register your Kroger Rewards Card at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). You will be asked for the A2JCF's "NPO" (non-profit organization) number which is 82465. When you swipe your Kroger Rewards Card, the store will credit your purchase to the Foundation.
7. Wrap gifts at Borders this month during the chapter's designated times. The proceeds will benefit the Foundation.
8. Consider running for a A2JCF Trustee position in the future.
9. Use iSearchiGive.com as your search engine of choice and raise a penny per search. Just visit <http://www.iSearchiGive.com> and type "Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation" in the "Select Your Cause" area.
10. If you need to raise money for your chapter project, use the A2JCF as your fiscal agent and donations will be tax deductible.
11. Make a donation to the A2JCF yourself and get a tax deduction. You may send your donation to the Foundation in care of our post office box, P.O. Box 1866, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.
12. Does your employer have a matching gift program? Make sure to send in their form with your donation.
13. Attend projects sponsored by, funded by or run through the Foundation.
14. Designate all or part of your United Way contribution to the A2JCF. See the November *Crier* for instructions.
15. Work a shift at one of the Foundation's Texas Hold'em Fundraisers in 2011.
16. Thank this year's A2JCF Trustees: Hilda McDonald, Gretchen Hofing, Chris Wagner, Eric Tindall, Diane Gledhill, Jodi Flavell, Jessica Pelleran, Margaret Van Alstine, and Marika McCann for all their hard work.

For more  
information  
visit us at  
[a2jcf.org](http://a2jcf.org)



### Five Things about Beth Hill

1. I am the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the A2JCF; this is the second year of my three-year term.
2. I joined the Ann Arbor Jaycees in 2000 and served on the Board of Directors from 2001 to 2007, in a variety of roles including 72<sup>nd</sup> President in 2006.
3. My favorite TV show of the moment is *Glee*. I'm also a fan of *True Blood*, *House*, and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*.
4. I own a turn table and have a collection of 80s LPs.
5. I earned two degrees at the University of Michigan, work at U-M and fanatically follow U-M sports.

## 2010 Year Ender

Date: Saturday, January 22, 2011

Time: Cocktails: 5—6 pm, Dinner: 6—7 pm, Awards Ceremony: 7:15—9 pm, Party: 9 pm—2 am

Location: Celtic Room at Conor O'Neill's, 318 Main St, Ann Arbor

Cost: \$25 for dinner, awards ceremony & party or \$10 for awards ceremony & party, \$15 at the door for awards ceremony & party. Payments can be made by Pay Pal ([www.a2jaycees.org/member\\_area/general/project\\_payments](http://www.a2jaycees.org/member_area/general/project_payments)) or at the GMM (via cash or checks made out to the Ann Arbor Jaycees)

Contact: Melissa Knitter at [knittermelissa@yahoo.com](mailto:knittermelissa@yahoo.com) or 734-709-7867



The Year Ender Celebration is our time to celebrate our 2010 accomplishments and successes, get dressed up, dance and have a great time! The evening will include our chapter's awards banquet, President Stefanie's farewell address, the annual slide show, the President-elect Mary Jo's inaugural address, the swearing in of the 2011 Board of Directors and we'll end the night with our chapter's biggest party of the year!



Ann Arbor Jaycees hittin' the lanes.

# SUPPORTING OUR OWN

Many of our Ann Arbor Jaycees joined the organization as a way to network. You are invited to submit business-card sized ads in the *Crier* - free for Ann Arbor Jaycees. Please send your 'ad' information to Karen Haberland ([crier.editor@a2jaycees.org](mailto:crier.editor@a2jaycees.org)) by the 1st Friday of each month for publication in the following month's *Crier*.

**Karen E. Haberland, A.J.P.**

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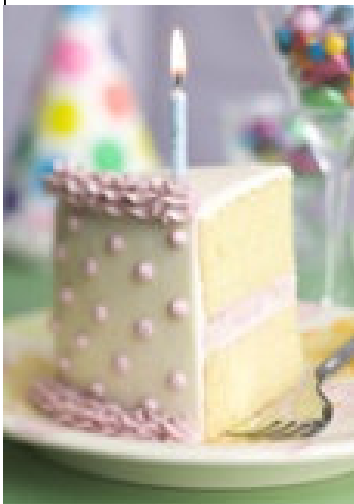


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# Happy Birthday



Heather Nilsson 12/9  
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 Linda Kemnitz 1/20  
 Beth Hill 1/24  
 Jeff Greaves 1/25  
 Laurie Maisano-Peitsch 1/28  
 Jackie Santoro 1/31

Santa—can we add more biscuits to our Christmas lists please?



# Happy Anniversary

## December 2010 (Due November 30, 2010)

Ryan Fried  
 Aron Gannon  
 Jeri Gaynes  
 Harrison Kennard  
 Tracey Lape  
 Jonathan Pollock  
 David Shenkenberg  
 Scott Zechiel

## January 2011 (Due December 31, 2010)

Jennifer Compton  
 Jennifer Jarvis  
 Melissa Knitter  
 Jaime Palmby  
 Kelly Vaughn  
 Julie Vaughn  
 Jennifer Stalmack  
 Darci Watson

Renew your membership online!

We are happy to remind you that the chapter has a PayPal account, so members and prospective members can use a credit card to pay for their membership dues. To use this service, go to [www.a2jaycees.org](http://www.a2jaycees.org) and click on Membership Payment Center. Form there, just follow the easy directions.

If you have questions or encounter problems with this service, please contact President Stefanie Layher.

# MEMBER TO MEMBER MESSAGES

Scott Zechiel: Randall, thanks for being such an easy water gun target and a genuinely fun person to be around! :) Mandy

Tracey & Karen: I had a wonderful time rooming with you at convention. Jen

Stefanie: Congratulations on getting elected C.O.B. I'm sure you'll do a bang-up job! N.O.W. is the Time to Imagine The Possibilities by Making It Happen and Igniting The Spark because the Sky Is The Limit! Tom

Sophia McAllister: Hi Sophia! I know you can't read this yet, but I wanted to tell you that you have been an awesome Junior Jaycee thus far! We need to work on you being a little more alert at the events, though! Daddy loves you!

#66, 67, 68, 69, 74 & 76: Thank you for all of your help and encouragement over the last few months. Getting to where I am today would not have been possible without each & every one of you! Mary Jo

Ed V: So glad you stepped up to be a VP in 2011. I'm excited to work with you next year. Mary Jo

Matt & Teri: Thanks for helping me become a homeowner in 2010! Mary Jo

MJ: Thanks for putting up with me this year! It was a lot of fun! Your Senior Director

Tracey: Website works perfect! Great Job :) Scott

Heather McWilliams: thanks for your hard work in coordinating with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and getting the stuff for goody-bags! Deena

Dan: It was good to see you at Scottie's! I hope work gets a little less time-consuming for you so that we can see you more often. Hang in there, dude! Tom

Mandy: Thank you for chairing the Thanksgiving Dinner! Mary Jo

Stefanie: Thank you for everything! I am so glad I had the opportunity to be on your team. I learned a lot from you and am so happy to have you as my COB! Mary Jo

Jonathan Pollock: Thanks for being my voice of reason :) Mandy

Russ: Thank you for stepping up and fulfilling an open Management Director position midway thru the year. You have definitely been an asset to the team and I truly appreciate all that you've done. Also, thanks for chairing White Water Rafting. I had so much fun! I am looking forward to working with you again next year. Stefanie

Scott Z: Thanks for being a great Senior Director! Your support and friendship has meant a lot to me. I am glad you decided to take on the Management VP role! Mary Jo

2011 Board: So excited to have you as part of the team! Mary Jo

Mandy: I am so excited that you accepted the Membership VP position! I know you'll be great! Mary Jo

Darci: Congratulations on your wedding! Mary Jo

Stefanie: Thanks for letting me be part of your Board this year! I had a lot of fun! Your Senior Director

Paige: It was great working with you this year. Have a wonderful 2011 year. Jen

John Blossy: Thank you for all your help this year! I'm looking forward to visiting you in Petoskey next summer! Tom

Fellow Jaycees: Please congratulate with me the following members of the 2011 Board of Directors: Mary Jo Knitter, Stefanie Layher, Ed Verhamme, Jonathan Pollock, Mandy Ferrell, Scott R. Zechiel, Paige Gill, Gretchen Dieterle, Heather Nilsson, Jeff Poissant, and Jennifer Stalmack. Way to step up to the next level! We know you'll do a great job! Tom

Tom: It's been fun working with you this year. I'm thrilled to have you as my PA next year. Mary Jo

Jonathan: Looking forward to working with you next year! Thank you for taking on the IDVP role. Mary Jo

Tracey: Thank you for giving the chapter a super cool website and for all of your help this year. And, for all of the little things you do, like creating logos. I look forward to seeing what else you do in 2011! Mary Jo

Jim & Jen: Congratulations on your new baby, Olivia! We're looking forward to meeting her, and Sophia can't wait for their first play date! Take care, and sleep when you can! Tom & Michelle  
Mary Jo: Congratulations on being elected President! Scott

Jackie: Thank you for all that you did for the chapter and me this year. From birthday cards, to awards, to running day care at the GMMs, to helping secure a new location for the GMMs, to running JJJ, to planning fantastic board bashes and most important keeping me on track which was not small task. I can't wait to see the slide show at the Year Ender. It is going to be amazing! Stefanie

Aaron: Thanks for organizing the U of M/Ohio St. Viewing Party! Mary Jo

Jerri: Thank you for all your hard work as Secretary this year. Agendas, minutes and rosters were in tip top shape. Also thank you for chairing Grad Staffing, Jaycee Jeopardy and Zumba. Good luck next year as Management Director! Stefanie

John B: Thank you for bringing the Corporate Relations Director position to life. You did an amazing job getting this position started. I appreciate the listening ear you provided me this year. It helped on more occasions than you know. I wish you and your family the best of luck in Petoskey and always remember you have a big family in Ann Arbor! Stefanie

Jamie Coker: Thanks for all your hard work as Training Director this year. You provided us with some awesome trainings at our GMMs and board meetings. I appreciate all the support and guidance you have given me over the years. You have been an amazing mentor and a true friend! Stefanie

Amy F: Thank you for stepping up to fill the position of Management VP. It was a joy having you on the board. Stefanie

Deena: You did an amazing job as Community VP. I truly appreciate your dedication to the chapter and am proud of all that you accomplished this year! Stefanie

Paige: Thank you for all that you gave to the ID area this year. I really enjoyed working with you and can't wait to see what you do next year in the membership area. I appreciate your support during White Water Rafting. It was much needed!! Stefanie

Mary Jo: Thank you for your commitment and dedication to this chapter. You did an amazing job as Membership VP and it has been very exciting watching you grow this year. I can't wait to see what you will do as our 77<sup>th</sup> President as we Imagine the Possibilities in 2011. Stefanie

Tracey: I appreciate everything you did this year as CIO. You put in a lot of time and effort into your role. The new website speaks volumes plus the new social media presence you helped us gain this year. I am very proud of your accomplishments. Also, thank you for helping chair the Tigers' Game. Go Tigers!! Stefanie

Ed V: Thank you for everything you did for the Community area this year. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and listening to your great ideas for the chapter. I can't wait to see what you will do next year as the Community VP!! Stefanie

Mary Jo: Congratulations! I'm looking forward to working with you next year! Tom

Holiday Helpers Committee: This project is going to Rock! What a way to make a huge impact in our community. Stefanie

Aaron: Thanks for chairing the U of M / Ohio State viewing party. Even though Michigan lost, a great time was had by all and even some members were winners! Stefanie

Jill: Thank you for chairing the Fox Theater Tour and for bringing back Healing Hunger. I have enjoyed working with you at this project. Stefanie

Mike Cha: Thanks for chairing USA Hockey Helpers. I wish you the best on the Foundation next year! Stefanie

Scottie: Thank you for all your support and commitment you have given this chapter and continue to give. We appreciate the use of your house as the Jaycees Clubhouse West! Stefanie

Jennifer J: Thank you for chairing Warm Fuzzies for Children. This project is one of my favorites and very close to my heart. You did an awesome job! Stefanie

Dan: Thank you for helping out so much this year. I appreciate the great things you have done for this chapter! Hope we see you out at some projects next year!! Stefanie

Josephine: Great job on the Work, Life and Balance project this year. It was great seeing you out at a couple projects lately. Hope we will see more of you next year! Stefanie

Margaret: Thank you for chairing the VA Hospital Drive. It was awesome to see all the supplies we collected. Stefanie

Kelly: Thank you for giving us a tour of the U of M Football Facilities. It was a blast! Go Blue!! Stefanie

Darci: Thank you for chairing Mom 2 Mom and Food Gathers. Both were a huge success! Stefanie

Anna: Thanks for chairing the Superbowl Party to raise money for SOS. Hope we see you out at some projects soon! Stefanie

Amy M: Thank you for everything that you have done in the management area. I really appreciate all of the hard work and dedication that you have given. I enjoyed getting to know and work with you this year and look forward to seeing what you will do as a Community Director next year. Stefanie

Sara: Thank you for continuing the Junior Jaycees Jamboree project this year! Stefanie

Karey: Thank you for serving as our Legal Counsel. I appreciate your knowledge and guidance throughout the year. I also enjoyed spending time with your family at the JJJ projects. Stefanie

Jessica: Thanks for your support and encouragement throughout the year! Stefanie

#70: Thank you for all your help with Taste of Ann Arbor!! It has been great seeing you and your family out to projects this year. Stefanie

Gretchen: Congrats on being elected Director! I look forward to working with you next year. Stefanie

Leslie: Thank you for all that you did for the chapter this year. You did an awesome job on the Year Ender, Pennies for Puppies and Rolling Sculpture Car Show. Hope to see you doing lots of things in the chapter next year! Stefanie

Heidi & Matt: Thanks for a great weekend in TC. Anytime you want to take a meal trip to Tony's, count me in! Stefanie

John G: Thank for all your hard work on Relay for Life! Stefanie

Colleen: Thank you for chairing A2 Blooms and the Summer Picnic. Hope to see you out at some projects or chairing some projects next year! Stefanie

Megan: Great job on the Halloween Party. Everyone had a spooky of a time! Stefanie

Tony the Tiger: Thank for introducing the chapter to Improv. I had a blast at both projects! Slayher

David: Thank you for chairing Relay for Life and helping with the Bike Decorating Contest for Parade. Hope we see you out at a project soon! Stefanie

Prasad: Thanks for all your hard work on the Forsythe Park Clean Up. The park looked amazing after a day of cleaning. Stefanie

Amanda: Thank you for chairing Night Polish and Bartending 201. It was great to see you involved in these projects. Stefanie

Heidi: Thank you for chairing Oktoberfest. I was glad that I could participate in the skit at the GMM to help promote the project. Great job! Stefanie

Jeff Greaves: Thanks for chairing Scuba Lessons. Everyone who attended had a great time. Stefanie

Mark: Thank you for being the assistant to the Presidential Assistant. You did a fantastic job filling in when needed!! Stefanie

Tom: Thank you for doing a great job overseeing our finances. You made sure we were spending wisely and that we are financially sound moving forward. Stefanie

#66: Thanks for the support this year. It means more than you will ever know! I have enjoyed our lunches and can't wait for many more. Stefanie

Jennifer: Thank you for everything you've done this year for the ID area. I know times were tough and I truly appreciate all that you gave to this chapter. I enjoyed working with you and getting to know you better. Stefanie

Melissa: Thank you for all that you did this year. From chairing multiple projects, helping out on Parade, trying to run a new project idea and bringing back the buddy program. I'm looking forward to seeing what you will do as Press Secretary next year. I can't wait to see what you have in store for the Year Ender. Stefanie

Nikki: Thank you for helping out with the Junior Jaycees Jamboree project. It was great spending time with your family at these projects. Stefanie

Laurie: Thank you for all your design expertise with Parade, Carnival and new chapter T-Shirts. You did an amazing job! Stefanie

Heather McLeod: Great job with the Lawn-In Movie Night. Everyone had a great time! Stefanie

Heather Nilsson: Thank you for all that you have done this year for the chapter. I look forward to you serving as a director next year! Stefanie

Jaime Palmbly: Thank you for chairing Mom 2 Mom and all your dedication to the Junior Jaycees Jamboree project. Both projects were a huge success! Stefanie

Jeff Poissant: Thank you for chairing the visit to the Detroit Institute of Art. It was great seeing you chair a project this year. I'm looking forward to working with you again on the board. I am glad you will be serving as Secretary next year. Stefanie

Mandy: Thank you for putting together a fabulous Thanksgiving Dinner project. Everyone enjoyed the food and time spent together. I can't wait to see what you will do next year as Membership VP. I have no doubt that you will do an amazing job! Stefanie

#67: Thank you for all your encouragement and support all year long! It was truly appreciated. Stefanie

Matt: Thank you for being so involved in the chapter this year; from chairing projects, to suggesting new ideas and to recruiting new members into the chapter!! Stefanie



Jonathan: Thank you for working as Press Secretary this year. You did a great job PRing our chapter and projects. Thanks for taking so many pictures too! I'm looking forward to seeing what you will do next year as IDVP! Stefanie

Scott Z: Thank you for being a great Membership Director. I really appreciate your hard work and dedication that you have given to this chapter. I can't wait to see the great things you will accomplish next year as Management VP. Stefanie

Katie: Thank you for giving what you could to the Community area this year. You did an awesome job with EES, Relay for Life and Parade. I hope we will see more of you next year! Stefanie

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Hanukkah Begins</i> 	2 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	3 CRIER ARTICLES DUE	4 HOLIDAY HELPERS
5 POTTERY MAKING	6 INFO NIGHT	7 HEALING HUNGER	8 FOUNDATION MEETING  NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	9 <i>Hanukkah Ends</i>	10 WINE AND CHEESE WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY	11
12	13 INFO NIGHT	14	15 MEMBERSHIP MINGLE	16 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	17 GIFT WRAPPING	18
19 JUNIOR JAYCEE JAMBOREE	20 INTERNATIONAL NIGHT	21	22 GIFT WRAPPING  INFO NIGHT	23 GIFT WRAPPING	24	25 
26 <i>Kwanzaa Begins</i>	27 INFO NIGHT	28 MEMBERSHIP MINGLE	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	

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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.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
1	3	4	5	6 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	7	8 MIJC LOCAL OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL
9	10	11 MEMBERSHIP MINGLE	12	13	14	15 USA HOCKEY HELPERS
16 JUNIOR JAYCEE JAMBOREE	17	18 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	19 FOREIGN FILM NIGHT	20 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	21	22 2010 YEAR ENDER
23	24	25 BUSINESS TOUR	26	27	28	29 BEAT THE WINTER BLUES
30	31					

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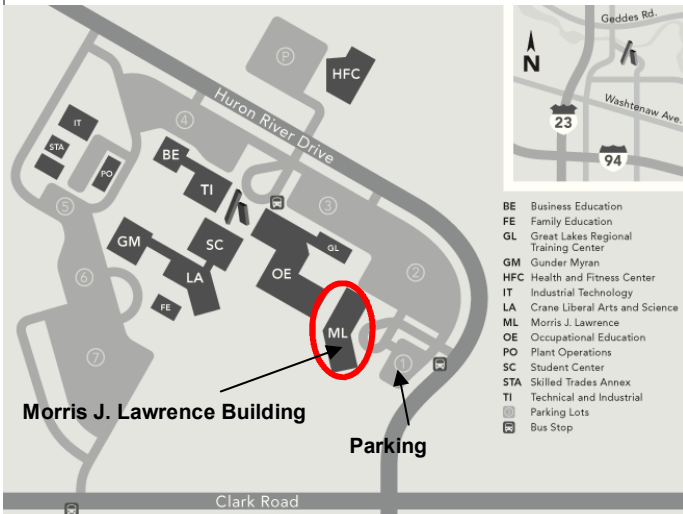
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Guests are always welcome at these monthly General Membership Meetings.

The next membership meeting is Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 7 pm. Join us as early as 6:30 pm to socialize with other members and guests!



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