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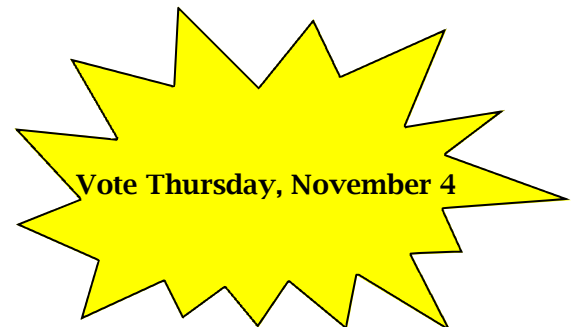
Ann Arbor Jaycees,

Welcome to the 2010 Special Elections Edition of the Crier. This newsletter is a very important one to read to find out why this year's candidates would like to become officers of your Ann Arbor Jaycees chapter. This will give you a better understanding of the candidates' vision and platform. These members are willing to give of themselves 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.

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Personally, my years spent on the board of directors has given me many great things including knowledge and experience on many different subjects including great friendships. These things mean a lot to me! Working with fellow Jaycees to bring projects together is very rewarding and fun. I highly recommend it. You never know where you might end up in this organization. Our chapter, even recently, has had members go on to have positions at the Michigan Jaycees level, the United States Jaycees level, and even the Junior Chamber International level! I'm willing to bet that none of these members thought they would ever do these things when they first joined. They joined to gain leadership skills, do community service, or just to meet people, just 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 candidates in this Newsletter have taken their first steps. What will you do next?

Sincerely,
Jessica Pelleran
2010 Chairman of the Board



Ann Arbor Junior Chamber
Leadership Training Through Community Service

2011 Presidential Candidate



Mary Jo Knitter

I am excited to announce my candidacy for 77th President of the Ann Arbor Jaycees! Thank you for nominating me for this position; it is truly an honor.

I have been a member of the Ann Arbor Jaycees for 11 years. During this time, I have had the opportunity to chair numerous projects, including the Year Ender (twice) and a Halloween Party. I have also served on our chapter's Board of Directors in several different capacities, including Financial Management Director (2000), Secretary (2001), Presidential Assistant (2002 & 2008), Press Secretary (2004), Newsletter Editor (2006), Community Director (2009) and Membership Vice President (2010).

Serving the chapter in the Community area was a great experience! I had the opportunity to oversee the Parade, Relay for Life and Holiday Helpers committees. Serving as your 2010 Membership Vice President has given me the opportunity to step out of my comfort zone on a regular basis. Meeting new people, telling them about the great things the Jaycees do and offering them the opportunity to become a part of it is more rewarding than I ever imagined.

The leadership opportunities presented to me have given me a great understanding and respect for this organization. Each of these experiences has turned me into the Jaycee that I am today; a Jaycee that is ready to give back to the chapter that has impacted me so much. My commitment to the Ann Arbor Jaycees is a direct result of the personal development I've gained over the years. I am a proud example of what the Jaycees can do for an individual.

My focus for next year is simple: meet the needs of our members. Our membership is the heart of our chapter and the needs of our members must come first. We will work hard to ensure you are getting the most out of your membership, which will include quality programming. The projects that we run are for the membership and we want to make sure we run what you want! This is why the beginning year and mid-year surveys are so important.

We have a very talented membership. Tapping into our internal resources will help strengthen our chapter. In addition, we must continue to focus on public relations in order to get our name out and let people know who we are! I am tired of being the best kept secret in Ann Arbor.

Since community service is at the heart of our organization, we need to continue to build strong relationships with other community groups. We will take a look around the Ann Arbor area to see where the needs are and find new organizations to partner with.

Just *Imagine the Possibilities* and what we can do together as the Ann Arbor Jaycees! Imagine the impact we can make in our community and with our members! Imagine the new things you will get to try; the new skills you will learn; the new people you will meet! Just imagine all of the great things that the Ann Arbor Jaycees can accomplish in 2011!

Please cast your vote for me at our annual elections meeting on November 4th.

2011 Community VP Candidate

Ed Verhamme

Over the last year I have been serving as a Director in the Community Development area of our chapter and this coming year I am asking that you elect me to lead this area in 2011 as the Vice President. As a Director I have seen firsthand the impact that our chapter has on the local community and how members that participate in community projects benefit on an individual level. I remember all of the new members we had spreading eggs at the Easter Egg Scramble (including my first time) and all of the Thank you's we received while carrying "The End" banner at the Fourth of July Parade. Even projects as seemingly small as the Forsythe Park cleanup will have a lasting impact on the people who walk through the park and bring a sense of community to our members and the neighborhood surrounding the park. While other areas of our chapter may raise more money and travel to cool places, the community area reminds us all that there are other people out there who need us. If elected to this position I plan to build on the successful projects we ran in 2010 and to work with our members to identify new opportunities. The community aspect of our chapter is one of the primary reasons I joined our chapter and I hope to work with all of you to continue that in 2011.

2011 Ann Arbor Jaycees Elections Committee:

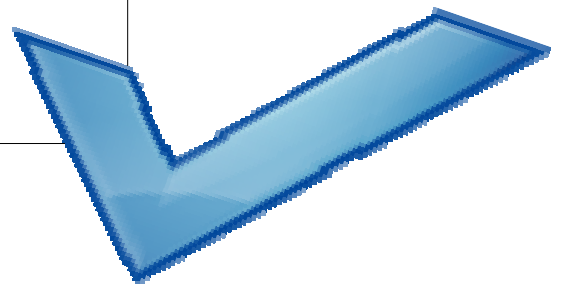
Jerri Atkins

Deena Frye

Jessica Pelleran, Elections Chair

Scott Zechiel

Jennifer Stalmack



2011 Director Candidates

Gretchen Dieterle

My fellow Jaycees,

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors in 2011. When I first joined the Jaycees, I felt unsettled and as if I was drifting, without any real connections to the community or like minded people, even though I grew up in the area. I'd recently completed my bachelors degree at EMU and realized that while I'd been focusing on college and other matters in my life, I'd lost contact with a large portion of my social and support network. I wanted to find an organization where I could work on rebuilding my social network while giving back to the community and having fun. I found that sense of belonging and connection to the community I was seeking in the Ann Arbor Jaycees, where I have been re-involving myself in the community and gaining leadership skills through various activities within the chapter.

Initially, I was hesitant to try chairing projects, but was eventually persuaded to try. Once I did, I found that I rather enjoy it. Since then, I have chaired numerous projects. Each chairing experience has been challenging in one way or another. This made each experience all the more rewarding. Chairing so many different projects has built up confidence in myself and everyone I have had the pleasure to work with and has encouraged me to become more involved with this great organization.

This year I would like to expand my responsibilities and improve my leadership skills by moving up to the next level of membership, by running for a Director position within the chapter. I am committed to the goals of our organization. I hope to continue the great tradition of the Ann Arbor Jaycees and give back to the organization as much as it has given me. As a Director I will help the organization grow, develop, and accomplish it's goals and continue to provide a positive presence in the community through service. I will bring creative new ideas and a positive attitude to every project I am involved with as they grow from ideas, to proposals, to actual events. I look forward to next year and thank you for your support as I run for Director in the Ann Arbor Jaycees.

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.

2011 Director Candidates

Paige Gill

Fellow Jaycees,

It is my honor to accept your nomination to serve as a Director on the 2011 Ann Arbor Jaycees Board. It is difficult to put into a few words exactly what the Jaycees has meant to me since I joined two years ago. To put it simply, it has made me a better person. I've grown both professionally and personally and can't wait for the opportunities to come next year.

As a member of the 2010 Board of Directors, I would like to continue to focus our efforts on growing the great membership within our organization and compile a diverse portfolio of projects and events that will appeal to a broader audience. Trying new things and stepping outside of our comfort zone is a key to growth in life.

Again, I look forward to the opportunity to serve as a Director on the 2011 Board and sincerely appreciate the nomination.

Heather Nilsson

Hello my fellow Jaycees

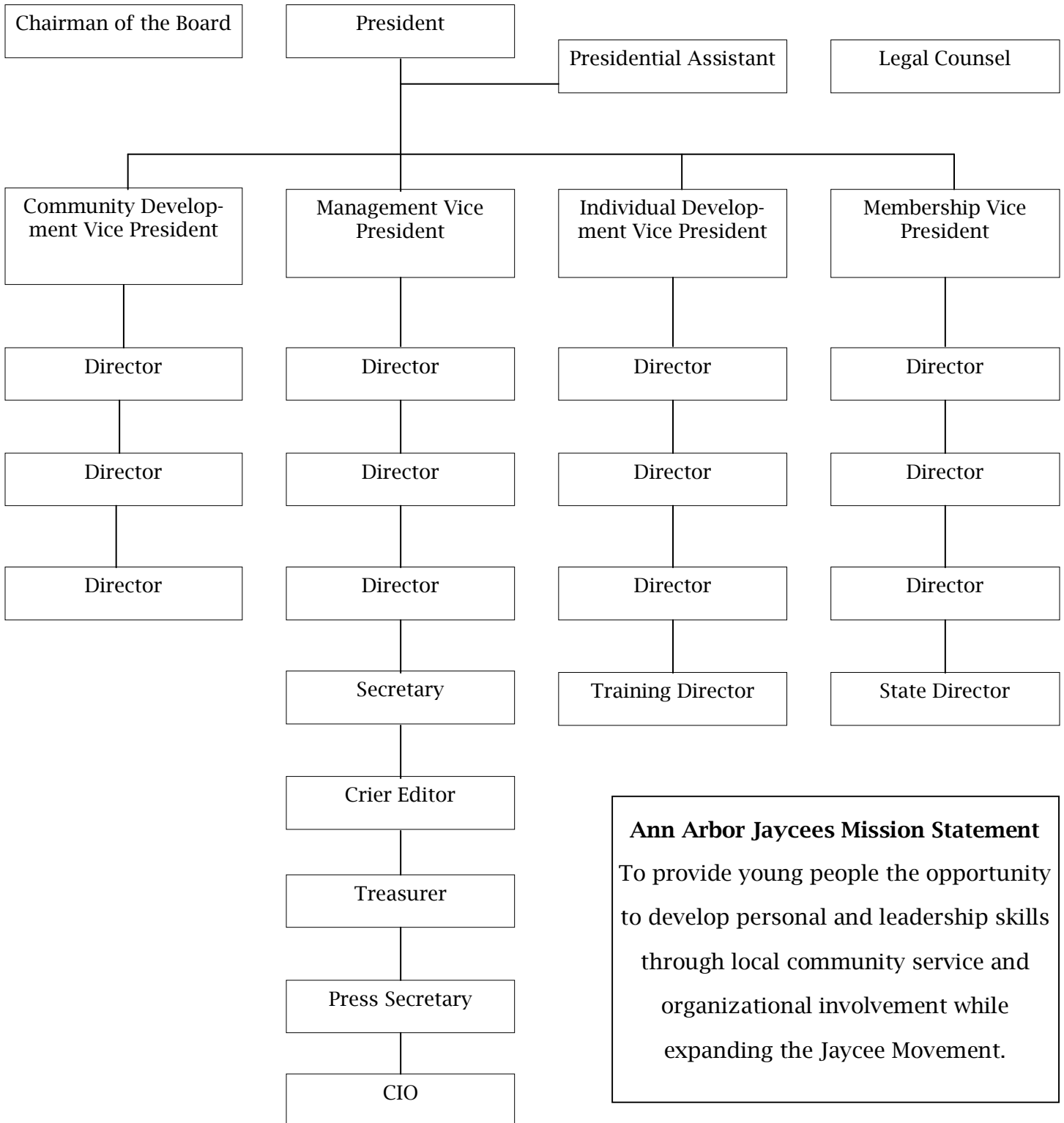
Wow what a honor to be nominate for a director on the 2011 board!!!!

I except the Nomination, and with thanks that you have faith that I can do the Job.

When I started as a Jaycees I said I would only help out on projects. To my amazement I have chaired projects that were a challenge, and also rewarding. I am also thankful that I have built myself confidence and confidence in others who I have the pleasure that have worked with me.

I look forward for your vote in November. Thank you for your time.

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.

Ann Arbor Jaycees Past Presidents

1936 Franklin C. Forsythe
1937 H. Bruce Palmer
1938 J.C. Cahill
1939 Wilson H. White
1940 J.W. Meadows
1941 Raleigh Saunders
1942 F.C "Bud" Moseley
1943 Ivan L. Friday
1944 Jack Caster
1945 Richard W. Sinn
1946 Kenneth Heininger
1947 Lawrence Ouimet
1948 Wagar A. Glas
1949 John W. Rae
1950 George Coons
1951 Gil Caswell
1952 Otis Hardy
1953 Bruce Maslin
1954 Walter Jarvis
1955 Jack Grimston
1956 Irv Halman
1957 William Frakes
1958 Bud Roberts
1959 Herbert Weurth
1960 Walter Derr
1961 Doug Nobilette
1962 Kenneth MacAdam
1963 Richard A. Simon
1964 Kenneth Copp
1965 Edward L. Barnard
1966 Thomas E. Bletcher
1967 Lloyd E. Fairbanks
1968 Dennis Michalak
1969 Thomas Niswonger
1970 James Dunbrock
1971 Gerald Bell
1972 Richard Joan
1973 Clifford Sheldon
1974 Donald McGee
1975 Richard Weid
1976 Jerry Mrozinski
1977 Clinton Smith
1978 Fern Garcia

1979 Gary Brewer
1980 Leon Hieber
1981 Roger Jahnke
1982 Jim Jahnke
Rick Jarjembowski
1983 Dave Hieber
1984 Kent Peterson
1985 Jim Adams
1986 Karl C. Thoms
1987 Ethel M. Thoms
1988 Nancy Kueckels-Averill
1989 John A. Baker
1990 Brian M. O'Neil
1991 Kathy Szakatis
1992 Barry Marshall
1993 Daniel E. Whisler
1994 Julia L. Berndt
1995 Ronald F. Lochocki Jr.
1996 Teri Marshall
1997 Vanessa E. Horning
1998 Puneet Sahi
1999 Kenneth J. Lochocki
2000 Kimberley Shanks
2001 Michelle MacDonald
2002 Jenni Teichow
2003 Fay M. Poissant
2004 Bryon Myer
2005 Sue L. Faust
2006 Beth Hill
2007 Karen Hillegonds
2008 Scott Chisholm
2009 Jessica Pelleran
2010 Stefanie Layher



2011 Foundation Candidates

Name: **Mike Cha**

Age: 41

Years in Jaycees: 12

Positions Held: 2000 Membership Director, 2002 Individual Director, 2005 Membership Director, 2006 Community VP, 2009 Membership Director

Occupation: Automotive Industry for 13 years, currently taking classes for accounting certificate.

Education: University of Michigan, Mechanical Engineering

Affiliations: New Life Church

Statement on why I am running for the Foundation Board of Trustees: I have been on the Board of Directors five separate years, but serving on this Board will give me a new opportunity to further serve the Jaycees

Name: **Michelle McAllister**

Age: 36

Years in Jaycees: 12

Positions Held: Individual Development Director, Individual Development Vice President, Community Development Vice President, President, Membership Liaison (Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation), Grants Administrator (Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation), Michigan Jaycees Training Director, Michigan Jaycees District H- 1 Director, Michigan Jaycees Metro Director, US Jaycees Metro Director, JCI Vice President, JCI Treasurer, JCI General Legal Counsel, JCI Executive Vice President

Occupation: Manager, Client Services at Thomson Reuters

Education: Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Marymount College, Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology, Emory University

Affiliations: Professional, American Healthcare Management, American Health Insurance Plan member

I am excited to be running for the Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation for 2011. I want to get involved with the Foundation because I see the untapped potential.

It is time for the Foundation to make some noise. We need to find a large, signature fundraising project to increase our visibility within the community and raise more funds. We need to expand beyond small projects to meet our long-term goals.

We have to re-connect with the chapter and engage our members in understanding why the Foundation is important. It is time to develop joint projects between the Foundation and the chapter as every member of the chapter is a member of the Foundation. 120 members can make a big impact!

N.O.W. is the Time to explore the unlimited possibilities that the Foundation has. I ask for your vote at the November GMM as we work to Make It Happen!

2011 Foundation Candidates

Name: **Fay Poissant**

Age: 34

Years in Jaycees: 11

Positions Held:

2000 - Newsletter Editor (A2JC)

2001 - Community Development Vice President (A2JC)

2002 - Administrative Vice President (A2JC)

2003 - 69th President (A2JC)

2004 - Chairman of the Board (A2JC), Membership Liaison (A2JC Foundation), Metro Conference Director (MIJC)

2005 - Middle Metro Representative (USJC)

2006 - Blue Chip Program Manager (MIJC), Trustee (GRJC Foundation)

2007 - Membership Development Vice President (MIJC), Trustee (GRJC Foundation)

2008 - Executive Vice President (MIJC)

2009 - 85th President (MIJC)

2010 - Chairman of the Board (MIJC), National Vice President (USJC)

Occupation: Recruiter at PNC Bank

Education: Bachelor of Business Administration in Management, Eastern Michigan University

Affiliations: N/A

Statement of why you are running for the Foundation Board of Trustees: During my 11 years as a Jaycee, my decision to pursue the various roles that I've held has always stemmed from one thing - my desire to give back. I believe it is my responsibility to share my knowledge and experience with others in order to leave the organization better than I found it. In 2006 and 2007, while living in Grand Rapids, I served as a Trustee on the Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation. I had the opportunity to chair the Grants Committee, reviewing several applications, and ultimately presenting a check for \$20,000 to a local non-profit. Now that I am back in Ann Arbor, I'm excited about the possibilities of helping my Foundation reach that level. Focusing on impactful fundraising, stronger community relationships and a renewed partnership with the chapter will allow us to strengthen our organization and provide more benefits to our members and the entire Washtenaw County area.

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!**

2011 Foundation Candidates

Name: **Karen Walter**

Age: 48

Years in Jaycees: Member since March 1995. Currently an Associate Member.

Positions Held: Community Development Director May 1996-April 1997

Community Development Director Feb. 1998-April 1998

Occupation: Customer Service Representative, Ervin Industries, Inc.

Education: B.B.A., Finance, Eastern Michigan University

Affiliations: Member of First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Elder from 2005-2008 at First Pres.

Volunteer for Multiple Sclerosis Society

Volunteer at the Robert Delonis Homeless Shelter

I am a long time member and now a long time associate member of the Ann Arbor Jaycees. I am amazed the Ann Arbor Jaycees remember a long time Associate Member like me.

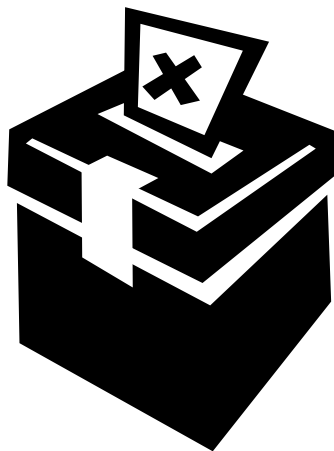
I have not been active as I once was. Church was keeping me busy. I was an Elder from 2005-2008 at First Presbyterian Church. The Jaycees leadership training gave me the confidence to step up and became an Elder at one of Ann Arbor's largest Protestant Churches.

I am running for a trustee position of the Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation. This is a good time for me to learn about Foundations and what a better way to learn about Foundations from a leadership training organization. I would like to be a learning board member as well as a working board member. I would like to give something back to an organization that has meant so much to me. About 2 months ago, I ran into Bill Hawkins, A2 Jaycees first Foundation President. I figure this must be a good omen.

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Don't Forget.....

Cast your vote on Thursday, November 4

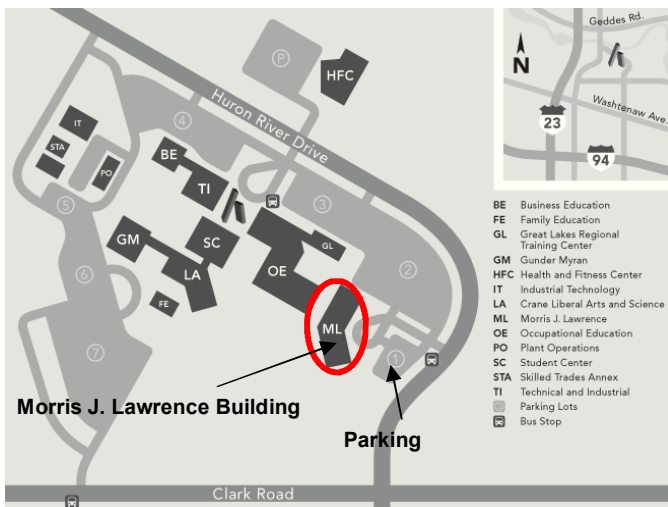
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Guests are always welcome at these monthly General Membership Meetings.

The next membership meeting is Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 7 pm. Join us as early as 6:30 pm to socialize with other members and guests!



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