

September 11, 2009



News from the Grand Rapids Jaycees

Dear Reader,

Congratulations Grand Rapids Jaycees! During the Michigan Jaycees' Second Quarter Convention in Dearborn, you were recognized with the following accolades:

Community Area

1st Place, Base Group D, Children & Youth - Easter Egg Extravaganza

1st Place, Base Group D & Overall, Community Fundraising - Relay for Life

Individual Area

Honorable Mention, Base Group D

1st Place, Base Group D & Overall, Professional Development - Network Connect

2nd Place, Base Group D, International - Around the World in 8 Days

10 out of 10 Secretary Incentives

Emma Baranowski

In addition to recognition at the local level, two members received honors for their contributions at the state level. Bridgette Rillema, MIJC Training Director, and Lisa Kludy, MIJC International Program Manager, each were given a Presidential Medallion. This is the highest honor I can bestow upon a member and both were extremely deserving of the award.

Congratulations again, Grand Rapids Jaycees! I hope to see many of you at our next convention, November 6-8, in Battle Creek to continue celebrating your successes!

Fay Poissant

85th President

Michigan Jaycees

"The Sky's The Limit!"

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Help the chapter raise at least \$2,000 this weekend!

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Vets Home Social

It is this Saturday the 12th at 1:30pm. The home is located at 3000 Monroe NE. We will be holding an ice cream social for the Vets. Come help serve and socialize with everyone after the Patriot parade.

Around the World in 8 Days: Day 5

Heading to the Mediterranean for some kebabs, hummus,

This weekend, the chapter will run a Texas Hold'em tournament at Tip Off Sports Bar & Grille (3850 Alpine Ave NW) and there are still a few shifts that need a second volunteer, including:

- **Friday, Sept. 11 - 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.**
- **Friday, Sept. 11 - 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.**
- **Saturday, Sept. 12 - 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.**
- **Sunday, Sept. 13 - 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.**
- **Sunday, Sept. 13 - 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.**

Volunteers will sell, redeem and collect chips and then record the information in easy-to-use forms. Contact Nick Wasmiller at wasmiller@seyferthpr.com if you're available to work a shift and help the chapter raise funds.

September M-Night: Night under the Stars

On September 25th (after the Final Friday Social) the Grand Rapids Jaycees are going back to the Grand Rapids Astronomical Association's James C. Veen Observatory for an evening of star gazing through their telescopes.

We will meet at 8:00pm at the Cascade Meijer (at 28th Street and I-96) near the gas station and car pool to the Observatory in Lowell. If you wish to drive on your own, there is a map at www.graaa.org (The plan is to meet there at 8:30pm.)

A staff member from the observatory will be there to give us a tour of the facilities and help us pick out objects in the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

- Date: Sept. 25th, 2009 (rain date - October 2nd).
- Time: 8:30pm (meet at Cascade Meijer 8:00pm if you want to carpool).
- Cost: Jaycee's Members - FREE, Children 3-18 = \$1.00, Guests = \$4.00
- Location: James C. Veen Observatory - 3308 Kissing Rock Ave SE, Lowell, MI - (85° 24' 13" / +42° 54' 16")

Things to bring: Dress for cool weather, flashlight, insect repellent

gyros, or kofte:

Zeytin Turkish Restaurant
400 Ada Drive SE, Ada
Sept. 16, 2009
6:30pm

On deck: San Chez Tapas
Bistro -- 3rd Wednesday in
October.

Questions or concerns? Call
Nina 616-723-6530

Murder in Sin City

Saturday October 17, 2009.
Watermark Country Club,
Arrive between 6:30 and
7pm.
Game will start at 7pm.
Cost: \$20 Jaycees/\$25 non-
Jaycees.
Appetizers provided.

To sign up contact Alison Hill
(alhort@aol.com) or Brandi
Grimmer
(idnarb5@yahoo.com)

Mark Your Calendars

September 12
Patriot Day Parade &
Veterans Home Social

September 15
P.O.T.S
Jaycee Office

September 16
Around the World in 8 Days

September 18
Teeter-Totter-A-Thon
Camp O'Malley

September 25
Finally Friday Social
Malarkey's

Please contact Eric Klingensmith at erickling2000@yahoo.com for more information.

Network Connect Luncheon

Network Connect Luncheon, Wednesday, September 30 at 11:45 am -- **NOTE SPECIAL TIME** Please join us for a phenomenal Network Connect Luncheon where you will be able to network with other local professionals, market your services, make contacts, and get excellent leadership and networking advice. Featured speaker: Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell

11:45 am - 1 pm at Grand Rapids Community Foundation (GRCF), 185 Oak Street SW, Grand Rapids MI.
Cost: \$12 (includes lunch and event)
Parking: Metered parking around GRCF

Seating is very limited so be sure to RSVP ASAP!

RSVP required: networkconnect2009@gmail.com. Contact Brian Donnelly (Donnelly.brian@principal.com). We hope to see you there!

September 25
M-Night
Veen Observatory

September 28
Artprize Social

September 30
Network Connect Luncheon
GR Community Foundation

October 17
Murder in Sin City
Watermark Country Club

October 19th
Gilda's Club Meal

Visit us online at
www.grjaycees.org/events for
current and up to date
information.

P.O.T.S. (Potential Officer Training School)

September 15, 2009
6:00pm
Grand Rapids Jaycees Office

It is time to start planning for the 2010 year! Our chapter annual elections will be held during the October GMM. Consider taking the next step in your leadership and serve on the 2010 Board of Directors. Potential Office Training School (POTS) will be held Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00pm at the Jaycees Office. We'll review each position, both elected and appointed, plus go over job descriptions and expectations. Attending POTS doesn't commit you to serving, it is just information. Candidates must complete a Statements of Candidacy and be certified! For more information or questions, contact your 2009 Training Director Sarah Laster at slaster@mijaycees.org or 616-366-8200.

Teeter-Totter-A-Thon

We need the help of general members and foundation members to raise the needed money for Camp O'Malley. The event is from 3 pm Friday, September 18 to 3pm Saturday September 19, 2009.

Background: Camp O'Malley, located on 40 acres just southeast of Grand Rapids, has provided a camp experience for at-risk youth from the West Michigan area for the past 70 years. Due to recent state funding cuts, this ability is in jeopardy. The money raised will go to support Camp O'malley and Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation programs.

If you would like to donate please [click here](#).

If you would like to participate please contact Brandi Grimmer (idnarb5@yahoo.com or 616-366-2978) to sign up and get a pledge form.

Experience Artprize!

Please join us on Monday, September 28 beginning at 5:30pm to experience the first of-its-kind art project in Grand Rapids. We will be meeting, along with several other young persons' organizations, at the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce for a brief introduction to the event. We will then walk around downtown and visit 6-7 separate locations and have a chance to speak with the young artists who have submitted an exhibit. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mindi Johnson at mjohanson@siebersmohney.com or 308-9884. Additional details will be provided to those who are interested.

Gilda's Club Meal

The Jaycees will be preparing a dinner at the Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids on Monday, October 19th. We need volunteers to help prepare the meal and/or donate food or money. Please contact Bronwyn Krohn at blpkrohn@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer. As of right now we have not decided what we are going to make but will let you know as soon as we do.

Gilda's club is a support center for people with and people affected by cancer. Guests can visit here daily to do many things including: engage in support groups, play sports, relax, and/or enjoy a meal together. The Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids provides 1 to 2 meals per day to their guests. Gilda's Club is free to its guests, and is run entirely through donations and cash gifts.

Kudos Corner!

Here are this issues "kudos," "thanks," "props," and "shout outs" to our members:

- Christie Elders got a job at Hope Network working with the Special Needs.

If you have any kudos that you would like to share, please email Emma Baranowski at emmajean48@att.net.

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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