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## From the President's Desk

Marie VanWyck, #60692

Greetings, fellow Senators. First off, our Renaissance Festival went really well with many Senators and friends in attendance for their first-time donning glorious medieval garb! I know they all had lots of fun (and learned a lot about how to get more tips) and I hope many of you who haven't been there yet, will join us next year.

The US JCI Fall Board Meeting in Boston (pronounced "Bah-ston") was really wonderful. What great hospitality, what great hosts those New Englanders, and what a great city! After the meeting and hospitality were completed in Braintree, my First Man and I moved to a hotel in the downtown Boston area. We stayed on an extra two days for some sightseeing in the city. Truly a walking city, we used some muscles we didn't know we had. Our first venture out of our hotel was up the backside of Beacon Hill and I do mean UP! My trek was much slower than his, using "Oh, look at all



these cool buildings" as my excuse. Down the other side of Beacon Hill and down a ways on Beacon Street was Cheers, the original Bull & Finch Tavern that inspired the sitcom Cheers. We had a little lunch, tasting the most fabulous clam chowder ever, and then off for a walk through the beautiful Public Gardens where the Swan Boats are docked. Back to Cheers to meet up with some fellow Senators from Illinois, it truly is a place "where everybody knows your name". Some of our favorite

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## Remembering Lara Rutan



Lara Rutan, 25 year-old daughter of Rick (#23927, Grosse Pointe Farms) and Judy Rutan was killed by a drunk driver on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Lara, seen in the photo to the left, was a recent graduate of Wayne State University with a Masters in Science. She worked for Eastside Cardiology as a Physician's Assistant and had just completed her state board certification 2 days before the accident. She did not know that she had

passed. The man responsible for her death is 40 years-old and has never had a driver's license according to reports in the newspapers. However, he does have 4 previous "driving while under the influence" charges and had a "suspended" license until 2011. His blood alcohol level was 0.2 an hour after hitting Lara head-on in an alleged stolen Ford F350 truck and killing her instantly (brain damage). Rick, Judy, older brother Nick, sister-in-law Rachel and fiancée' Michael are dealing as best as they can, while the man charged with second-degree murder (in addition to other charges) goes to trial on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Rick would especially like to ask his fellow Senators and Jaycees to **think before they drink and drive**. He and Judy would also like to thank all the JCI Senators for their love and support at this time. Cards may be sent to: 234 Fisher Rd, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

## The CoB Report

Brian Klinge, #60500

This year I, BK Klinge, have taken on the honor and responsibility to chair a USJCI Senate project that Michigan has originated and still runs today.

As most of you know, it is that time of the year where car loads of JCI Senators, from several states, head to the state where the JCI Senate National convention will be held. This year it is St. Charles, Missouri.

**Some new senators may say why would they head there months before the convention starts?** Well, here in the great state of Michigan we take raising money for the USJCI Senate Foundation seriously.

Through the Hal Krekorian Golf Outing (which is held at the JCI Senate National Convention each year) we have raised \$8 - 12,000 + for the past several years. More details on the golf outing and foundation to follow.

At the November general membership meeting I will share with you our findings and results for the next Hal Krekorian Golf Outing. We plan to reserve a course while in St. Charles for the June outing.

If you would like to sponsor a hole, donate prizes, or just make a donation for this great fundraiser please contact me at (734) 439-7819 or e-mail [BK60500@comcast.net](mailto:BK60500@comcast.net).

I would like to thank you all in advance for your support with making this another successful outing.

**BK**



## Programming

Don McDurmon, #59099

Fall in the Michigan JCI Senate has been the place to be! From great events like Woodward Dream Cruise (to all that have asked, yes, this event is a major CAR SHOW) and Renaissance Festival, we have taken care of business. Now it's time to play.

The holidays are right around the corner, and with it comes a new kind of fall assembly. How about indoor water park for our next assembly, in Sterling Heights. New idea? Sounds good to me. November 4-6<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see everyone there!

How about the Post Holiday Party in Wyandotte? If you haven't signed up yet, send in your reservation now!

We're just coming off of Border Bash in Coldwater. What can be said except all of that Jaycee training came in pretty handy for this event. Hotels that were tough to find to a closed bar where the pool tournament was scheduled to be held. But as the saying goes, you do what you gotta

do on short notice. You take the party back to the hotel! Thanks to the Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan Senates for a great weekend. By the way, the Michigan Senate lead by Adam P. and Jim Jordan took the trophies for best pool players. I swear I'll do better next time!

See you in November in Sterling Heights!

**Don**

## Communications

Adam Pieczynski, #57384

Hello Senate Family,

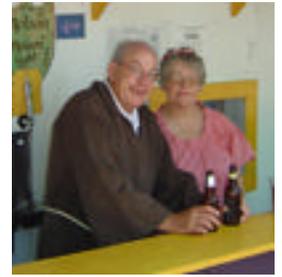
I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather. As we look back since our last newsletter we have completed our largest fundraiser at Renaissance Festival and we had a great time at Border Bash.

Coming up on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> we have the Quarterly Convention in Sterling Hts. at the Best Western. A great opportunity to bring the kids to the indoor water park. We have December off to spend with those we love (or can't get rid of). In January we have our Post Holiday Party (a sure not-to-miss).

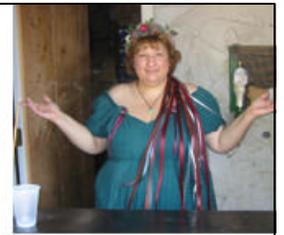
As you can see the Senate is not asking a lot from you or your time. We have but two fundraisers all year and a few socials. We are reaching out to you to be involved and are interested in what you have to say. Please take the time to get a hold of me and let's see if there is some way you can be more involved.

Look forward to seeing you all soon, and keep in touch.

**Adam**



**Average Tips**



**Better than Average Tips**

**Can you figure out the difference?**



... *President's article continued from front page*

Canadian Senators were also there and when I walked in they all yelled my name! What a hoot! If you ever get to Boston, be sure to make a stop at all of the above and also the Chart House on the Long Wharf. Our dinner there was absolutely the best ever.

Next up was our Border Bash in Coldwater. Thank you **Don McDurmon #59099** for hosting the weekend. Our normal bash is between OH and MI, but this weekend we had Senators from Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana too. Our competition this year was pool (you know, billiards), and Michigan did well taking the trophies home on the partners tournament. Your president didn't fare as well with her challenge from **Ohio President Steve Swartz #37690** and Michigan donated \$50 to the Ohio Foundation. Losing wasn't fun, but the donation felt good. A big thank you goes to **Deb Mogdis #62260 and Tammy Grossenbacher #64930** for the great job with hospitality and they had too much fun doing it too! Another great event, be sure not to miss it next year.

Up next is our meeting with the Michigan Jaycees in Sterling Heights. The Best Western we'll be staying at is a full-size water park, so be sure to bring the kids. Borrow some if you have to! After a month off for the December holidays, we are on to the Post Holiday Party in Wyandotte. If you haven't been to this party yet, it really should be on your schedule. **Dennis #38041 and Ellen Kester** always supply us with great food (and lots of it) along with lots of great fun. After the PHP, many of us will be traveling to the US JCI Winter Board Meeting in Daytona Beach. If you want to join us, please make your reservations now. Sure to be more great fun and fellowship and a get away from the cold Michigan weather.

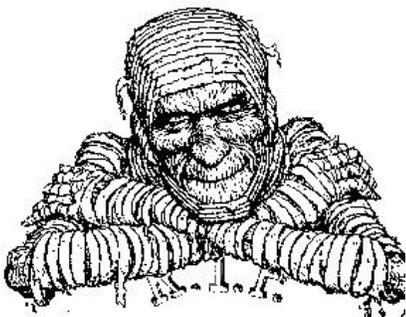
John and I wish you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season... Until we see you next, please join us all in.... **"Sailing Toward Our Future"**.

Yours in JCI Senate Spirit,  
**Marie VanWyck, #60692**  
Your 33<sup>rd</sup> President



# Treasury Notes

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**Make dues checks payable to:**  
Michigan JCI Senate

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Well, here it is again the beginning of the holiday season. I get up for Halloween and stay up through that fantastic Post Holiday Party. It is truly a festive evening. So flip to the flyer, fill it out, write the check, mail it in and then just wait till Jan.14 and party.

There is also a dues billing coming up December 1, so be ready to get the billing letters the beginning of November. Those of you that were due in September and haven't sent your checks in yet, please do so asap. Thanks. Always keep in mind you can send \$200 for a life membership or send \$50 as 1<sup>st</sup> of four installments at any time. The method you choose in taking care of your dues is up to you just please, pick one.

## Chaplain's Corner

The following Senators need to be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

**Rick Rutan**

**#23927**

**Michigan**

Daughter Lara, 25, was killed by a drunk driver on September 16<sup>th</sup>. See article on front page.

**Jack Ryan**

**#28446**

**Michigan**

Lost his mother on October 11<sup>th</sup> after a lengthy illness.

**Abby Hayes**

**#64738**

**Michigan**

Lost her father on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Tim Hayes passed away in his sleep at home. He had suffered from adult diabetes for many years.

**Wayne Kiefer**

**#(no number provided)**

**Illinois**

Recovering from quintuple by-pass surgery in early October. Wayne is doing well and recovering at home.

## Upcoming Events

**MI Jaycees Fall Assembly**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Sterling Heights, MI**

2006 Elections will be held and we are providing manpower Saturday morning. Breakfast provided. Senate meeting on Saturday afternoon.

**Post Holiday Party**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Wyandotte, MI**

Annual event to celebrate another year. See flyer on page 5. Senate meeting will be held in conjunction.

**MI Jaycees Winter Assembly**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Lansing, MI**

Year-ender for the Michigan Jaycees. Senate meeting will be held in conjunction.

## Region V Activities

After spending the summer traveling around Region V, with the exception of the USJCI Senate Board meeting in Boston, most of the last couple of months have been spent at home with the Michigan JCI Senate.

As usual Renaissance Festival was a lot of work, profitable and entertaining; highlighted by several Senators who, having worked the festival for the first time, have promised to come back next year. We can always use all the help we can get.



The aforementioned USJCI Senate Board meeting in Boston was one of the best in recent memory. Region V was well represented, with 40+ Senators in attendance. The Massachusetts JCI Senate and the rest of Region I did an outstanding job with hospitality, tours (several private groups) and yes, golf.

For an American history buff this was an exceptional opportunity to see sites that played key roles in our nation's birth.

Michigan hosted the Border Bash, attended by Senators from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and of course Michigan. While Michigan won the team competition, Steve Swartz #37690, Ohio JCI Senate President, won the Presidential Shoot-Out.

Upcoming meetings include Michigan JCI Senate, November 4-6, Sterling Heights, MI; Illinois JCI Senate, November 11-13, St. Louis, MO; and Ohio JCI Senate, November 11-13, Columbus, OH.

Recently, every member of the USJCI Senate received a mailing of Reverse Raffle tickets. This is the USJCI Senate's primary fundraiser generally enabling the dues to remain at an affordable level. Please give serious consideration to sending a check with the ticket stubs, every little bit helps.

We Believe,  
Mike O'Connell #40225  
Region V Vice President

**MICHIGAN JCI SENATE ENEWS UPDATE:**

In October we ran a check of all emails to see which ones were still active and which ones were bogging up the system. The following list of Senators had inactive email accounts.

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| ABBY HAYES        | ARTHUR ABBOTT     | JIM FAUNCE       |
| LORI STARCK       | BOB BEARD         | JOHN PROSSER     |
| VINCE GOFF        | RICK REIDT        | BONNIE BALLINGER |
| GARRY ASMUS       | GARY BREWER       | JODY SHEVIN      |
| JOHN PRICE        | LARRY MCCLAIN     | KATHY SZAKATIS   |
| BOB TURCK         | PAT NORVAL        | DAVE LAMBERT     |
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| GREGORY ROBERTS   | NORMAN CUNNINGHAM |                  |
| BARBARA CHRISTIAN | DWIGHT KEITH      |                  |

The **ENEWS** is free to all Senators and goes out in a timely manner to keep everyone posted of events, happenings and personal situations. If you are not receiving the ENEWS in your INBOX, please send your email address to:

Sue Foltin, Webmaster at [skf64@comcast.net](mailto:skf64@comcast.net).

# POST HOLIDAY PARTY

JAN. 14, 2006

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- 6:00 pm Cocktail Hour
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm Auction
- 9:00 pm Party Party

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## Border Bash Highlights



## The 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!!!!

— C. William Brownfield