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From the President's Desk

Adam Pieczynski, #57384

My Dear Senators,

At this time I'm getting ready to head to St. Charles, Missouri for National Convention. Results to come.

This is going to be a busy summer. You have many opportunities to get involved with the Senate in the next few months. In Michigan, we have our Senate picnic on July 8th. The Ohio pig roast will be held on the weekend of the 15th, while the Illinois picnic will be the weekend of the 22nd. Check the website for calendar of events and forms. In August, we have our meeting in Romulus followed by the Woodward Dream Cruise in Pontiac. Lastly, we will have our MIJCI Golf outing. Please make every effort to get involved this summer.

My heart goes out to Brenda Coulson, Pat Malac and Biran Meakin and their families on the passing of a mother, a father and a niece, respectively. When one Senator mourns, we all mourn with them.

We wish Scott Greenlee the best as he bids to become World JCI President. I'm sure he will represent us well.

On a personal note, my oldest daughter, Amanda, graduated High School and was the Salutatorian with a 3.98 GPA. She was also awarded Female Athlete of the Year, competing in four sports. I am very proud of her and her accomplishments. This fall, she will be heading to Lake Superior State University where she will be studying in the medical field.

In closing, we saw a lot of new faces at the May convention. I am reminded that the Senate is about friendships and it was great to see old friends. I look forward to seeing more of you as we work to enrich the Senate with your presence.

Make It Happen

Adam Pieczynski

34th President MIJCI



News From National Convention

Michigan JCI is reconized as the Second Largest in the United States!

Region 5 is reconized as the Second Largest Region!

Last and never least.....

THE NUMBER ONE JCI STATE TREASURER IS

DENNY KESTER



A party animal



A pair of Prez's



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What a crazy month, it must be summer. Graduations, vacations, St. Charles next week, Chicago last week. And a newsletter article due. Such pressure. But I can handle it. Summer is my favorite time of year, and the busiest time for the Michigan JCI Senate.

By the time you read this, we will be back from National Convention in St. Charles.

Our annual picnic meeting in July, which Dave Dunville, one our newest Senators, has done a fine job of setting up, is coming fast. I hope you are planning on attending. It would be great to see some Senators we haven't seen in a while. Speaking of Dave, he has also taken on the Filibuster Editors position. You knew I would get to communications sometime, didn't you? And Sue is still doing a fine job with the E-News! Thanks to both of them for making my job this easy. Also quickly approaching is Woodward Dream Cruise and Renaissance Festival. Make plans to come out and help with these major projects. If there is anything you would like to see in your Filibuster, let us know. By the time you see this, I will be in my new work home, Plymouth Township has graciously built a new Township Hall and Fire Station at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty Road. If you're in the area, stop by and say hello!!! Or e-mails work too!!

Hope to see you all soon!

Don McDurmon

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Programming

Susan Foltin, #63744

Hello Spring time and Senators around Michigan!

Wow... this is so different. For the last year or so I have been editing VP articles and on occasion I may have written one or two. Being responsible now for one is a little different.

I'm sure that President Adam and Don have mentioned our upcoming events: Summer Picnic, Woodward Dream Cruise, the Annual Golf Outing, and Renaissance Festival. The picnic and golfing event are strictly social. I don't golf, but I'm a heck of a golf cart driver (in my dreams!). I'm very excited about being able to spend time with friends at these events regardless of the activity. The other two projects are key fundraisers for us. Money will be tight this year (even with the Ren Fest) so **WE NEED** your support. Parking passes are available for those who work either event. Please look for articles with more details in this issue or the web and contact the organizers to let them know you'll be there.

OK... so you think that's it? Not likely! At our last meeting in May we approved our budget and calendar for 2006-2007. We did the best we could, but things may have been a little better if we had had a Policies & Procedure manual for the newer board members. So that's my goal this year. Bylaws can be found on our website, but we have no written P&Ps. I am going to be working with past Senate presidents to try to put in writing (with some organizational thought behind it) as many of the P&Ps with historical precedence as possible. Note: we are NOT creating new policies.

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We are just trying to make sure we document those already in place. Look for more information closer to the end of the year and in the ENEWS.

Speaking of ENEWS, please be sure to send me changes to your email accounts so you will keep getting them.

Here's wishing you a restful and relaxing summer!

Sue Foltin

#63744

Programming Vice President

West Side Coordinitor

Patti Reitsma #55847

Greetings fellow Senators,

Allow me to introduce myself. This year I will be your West side Coordinator, my name is Patti Reitsma from the Wyoming chapter which happens to be on the west side of Michigan. Some call me Patti with an "i." There was a discussion about where the west side is located. Some say anything west of Cadillac and others contend its anything west of 12 mile, You see how I could be a bit confused about my area. Any way I am pleased to be part of your board this year.

There are many events coming up that you should plan on having fun at. On **July 8**The MIJC Senate family picnic in Brighton, Ohio JCI Senate Pig roast on **July 14-15**, MIJC Summer convention in **Romulus Aug 4-6**. During that convention our **Senate meeting is on Aug 5. at 4pm**. Just ask at the main desk of the hotel where the senate room is located and they will tell you where it is. Hope we see you there because you matter to our senate. We always need input and FUN is a must. On **August 18-19** Woodward Dream cruise in Pontiac. It is when all kinds of people bring all kinds of their fancy, souped up, hot rods and classic cars for all to see along a mile stretch.

Aug. 26 Senate Golf Outing. Come out and have some fun in the sun. You don't have to play great, trust me if I can do it you can. **Sept. 9-10** Renaissance festival. It's so great, we get dressed up like medieval characters and serve beer and wine. The costumes are awesome to see. **Sept 28-Oct1** US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting hosted by the Indiana JCI Senate. **Oct 7th MI/OH** Border Bash, OH and **Oct. 13-14** Shorty Open/MIJC Senate Board meeting north of Muskegon. This event is right in our own backyard, so I hope to see you there. Some of the other events are a little far for us west siders, so please give me a call at 616-457-7467 and we can ride together with a bunch of us. Hope this greeting finds you happy and healthy.

Proud to be a Michigan Jaycee Senator.

Patti Reitsma #55847

Newsletter Editor

Dave Dunville, #66300

First, I would like to thank The Michigan Senate for my Senatorship. To received the honor with my wife and many friend there was great. With it come from Adam just made it even better.

To Sue Foltin: Thank you for your help in getting everthing set-up for me to do the newsletter. I just hope, I can come close to great work you have with passed issues.

Dave Dunville #66300



Wake up Vosh!



New Senate Shirts

Fred Eagle, #47946

I need to apologize for confusion regarding the Red, White & Blue Shirts. We need to place an order of at least a dozen. Payment need to be at the time orders are placed.

Sizes: Small to XL - \$27.00
 2XL - \$28.75
 3XL - \$29.60

Name and Senate Number is \$5.00 extra (price includes Senate logo)

Please submit your information to me at fredegl9@aol.com, regarding size and if you would like your name and number, on your shirt(s). Please make your payment out to Royal Stewart Enterprises. Please mail them to me:

Fred Eagle
 14728 Ronnie Lane
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Thank You
 Fred

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain

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Our hearts go out to -



"Our deepest sympathy goes out to Pat (#41085) and Sandy (#46594) Malac and the Malac family. Pat's father, Walter passed away June 20, 2006".

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Brenda (#64826) & Jim Coulson (#62799). Brenda's mother passed away Friday, June 9, 2006.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Brian Meakin (#56871), who lost his 16 year old niece, in a car accident, June 14th

Congratulations

Congratulations to the President of the Michigan Jaycees, Jeffrey P. Smith, Senator #64330 and Abby Hayes, Senator # 64738 on their engagement.

Congratulations to Deb Mogdis, Senator #62260 on the birth of her grand daughter in May. Everyone is doing well.

Congratulations to Deb and her family.

More Chaplain's Corner on page 6...

July's Meeting and Picnic Information

OK... we're close to having the picnic and we need a rough estimate of how many people will be attending. You can signup online again at www.michiganjcisenate.org. The link is on the first (home) page. OR you can just reply to this email and let me know how many people will be attending.

As usual, we plan to bring the hamburgers, dogs, buns, condiments, papergoods, grills with us. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass (appetizer, side dish or dessert) and beverages. Between the cost of the park and the food, we are estimating the it to be \$7-\$10 per person... the more that attend the lower the price!

Again, directions to the park can be found:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?oi=map&q=8765+Hammel+Rd,+Brighton,+MI>

ALSO: we will be holding our monthly meeting for July at the same time.

I will confirm with Adam for times of the picnic and the meeting and distribute online and thru the ENEWS. We'll probably have the meeting first while the food is grilling like we did last year.

Sue Foltin, #63744



You do the hokey-pokey and you turn yourself about...

Calendar of Events

Jul 8,'06 MI JCI Senate Family Picnic / Mtg (Huron Meadows Park, Brighton area)

Jul 14-15,'06 OH JCI Senate Pig Roast, Convoy, OH

July 21-23,'06 IL JCI Senate Picnic, Kewanee, IL

Aug 4-6, '06 Michigan Jaycees Summer Convention, Romulus, MI

Aug 4-6,'06 Kentucky JCI Senate's Bourbon Bash

Aug 5, '06 MI JCI Senate Meeting, Romulus, MI Meeting @ 4PM

Aug 18-19, '06 Woodward Dream Cruise Product Sales, Pontiac, MI (*tentative*)

Aug 26, '06 MI JCI Senate Golf Outing, Livonia, MI

Sep 9, '06 MI JCI Senate Meeting, Holly, MI

Sep 9-10, '06 MI JCI Senate Renaissance Festival

Sep 28 - Oct 1,'06 US JCI Senate's Fall Board Meeting, hosted by IN JCI Senate

Competitions Update:

Thank you again to those Senators who helped out at May convention with competitions. Your help is greatly appreciated by myself, the ID Team, and the Michigan Jaycees. Thanks for making mid-year competitions a success!

August convention is right around the corner and we can definitely use your help again with judging competitions. If you are planning on attending August convention in Romulus, and have Friday night available, please contact me, Michael Cross, Competitions PM, at mikerc971@gmail.com or 269-420-0301. Prior competitions experience is not required, but is helpful. The key to success for this program is planning, so if you can please let me know if you are interested in judging ASAP, we can ensure a smooth competitions program for the quarter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Thank you!

TREASURY NOTES

DENNY KESTER #38041

Welcome to the new year and the summer. Welcome to President Adam and the new board. I hope everyone had a great time in St. Charles. I hope you guys had a beer or two for me. I'm pretty sure someone had a few. Saturday night I was watching TV and, all of a sudden, I started getting buzzed. Thanks, it was fantastic. I'm hoping to see a lot of you at the picnic in July.

June dues renewals were ok, but there are still a handful of folks that need to send theirs in. I know that the dues billing letters kind of naturally sift to the bottom of the stack of bills right below the bill for the newspaper. However, it still needs to be sent in. You will probably get a reminder around the time of this article. I want to thank those that responded from the email notice. Again, for those who don't want to send in dues each year, a life membership would remedy that.

Treasury notes

Denny K, 38041

Chaplain's Corner

This weekend I attended my nephews' high school graduation ceremony. I know by the time to receive this issue of the Filibuster, graduations will be happy memory. As I sat during the commencement it began with the graduates and their families to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no playing of the National Anthem. There was no benediction said. At that time I reflected to my own high school graduation 25 years ago, our class also recited the Pledge, but we did have a minister from one of the area churches give a blessing over us. As I sat through the commencement program nowhere was it mention for God to over see or bless our young graduates. I'm thinking to myself, of this 200 plus graduating class as they sat together for one last time to give a simple little blessing for God to protect them, to guide these young people through their journey.

All because a court ruling prohibiting prayer. How sad, that the rights of the minority over rule the rights of the majority. I'd like to share a true story with you, this happened at the University of Maryland. It's called "The Sneeze".

THE SNEEZE

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown-up as they felt. Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears. This class would not pray during the commencements—not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging Speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families. The speeches were nice, but they were routine.....until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened. All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, "GOD BLESS YOU, each and every one of you!" And he walked off stage... The audience exploded into applause. The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

At this time I feel that I would not offend anyone, because of the first line in our Creed..."We believe that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human live." So, I will say to all of the 2006 graduates and ask *God bless them, and keep them safe through their life's journey.*

God Speed,
Dianna Raquepaw
Senator 64679
Chaplain, Michigan JCI Senate

More photos from St. Charles...



Who's your daddy?



I'm thinking of a number....

Michigan Jaycee Elections

Ah yes, another election year. Not for Governor or Representative or other government office but for the 2007 MIJC board of directors!

Michigan Jaycee elections are coming up this November, and the Elections Committee needs the Senate's help. We are looking for Senators to help register delegates, and, barring any controversies, to help count ballots. And for those who have yet to exhaust out, we could use you on the MIJC Elections Committee, to help with the Meet The Candidates/Region elections in September.

If interested in helping with MIJC Elections for 2007, please contact Dave Gordon, cell 269-598-1326, email: dagordon@umich.edu. The Senate's assistance in previous years was very appreciated.

Also, please encourage Jaycees in your area to run for MIJC office. One of my goals is to have every race be contested, even RD & DD positions!

-Dave Gordon

2006 MIJC Elections Committee Chairperson

JCI Senator #65512



RETURN THE FAVOR

2006-2007

*MI vs. US JCI Senate
Submissions*

Currently we recognize a Senator who remains active with their local chapter or the MI Jaycees using our own form. Forms are now available on the MI JCI Senate web site to will allow you to now submit for US recognition.

www.michiganjcisenator.org

Renaissance Festival – Holly, MI September 9th thru 10th, 2006

Hear ye! Hear ye! Thou art invited to partake in a most fabulous time while serving up beer and wine. It is official, contracts have been signed, and plans are in the works. What are greatly needed are volunteers at least 21 years of age to work one of the eleven booths the Michigan Jaycees Senate is responsible for during the weekend of September 9 and 10. This fundraiser in the past has generated over \$15,000 during one weekend for the Senate's budget. We are hoping for that same success, but need many people to make it happen. Having 50 people each day of that weekend working makes the workload easier for all involved. There will be a signup available online, but personal calling has had the most success in getting volunteers. In the past, on the average, each senator has brought around four family members and friends to help out. Could you please consider working one or both days and bringing helpers with you? Call Mary Burden 231-690-2020 to volunteer and give her names of workers.

The hours of serving are from 10-7 on Saturday, Sept. 9 and from noon-7 on Sunday, Sept. 10. The more people who volunteer, the less hours each person is asked to work. Other volunteers would be able to enjoy the festival when they are not on shift. The hours and repeat of shifts depend on how many volunteers we have.

As volunteers for the Michigan JCI Senate, we will receive parking passes and free admission into the festival for the day during which we are working. Admission tickets are normally around \$25 a person. **Plus, while working a shift or shifts, any tips received can be kept or donated by the worker.** If tip jars are allowed on the counters, the amount in those jars at the end of a shift is equally shared by the workers or donated to a cause to which the workers have chosen.

It is a requirement by the Festival Board that all workers throughout the village be in garb (costume). The Senate has some costumes. When you sign up, let us know if you are in need of some costuming. Also, all workers in the beer and wine booths MUST be at least 21 years old.

A block of hotel rooms at the Amerihost on Holly Rd. are presently available for Friday, Sept. 8 and/or Saturday, Sept. 9 at \$74 per night + tax. This price will be offered until Aug. 8 then the rooms will be more expensive. When you call for reservations (1-800-694-0000), make sure you use the Group Code "MIJC". You need to use your credit card to make your reservations.

If you would like to call Mary Burden with volunteer names, suggestions, or questions, you can reach her at 1-231-690-2020 or email rob-mary@1010internet.com.

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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