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From the President's Desk

Adam Pieczynski, #57384

Hello fellow Senators.

With the holidays behind us we have a few events coming up that I hope will interest you.

The Post Holiday Party is in Wyandotte on January 13, 2007. If you have never attended this event, it would be great to see you there. Please take the time to come out and socialize with your fellow Senators.

Have you had enough of our dark and gloomy Michigan weather? Well pack your bags and head out to sunny Arizona for the US JCI Winter Board Meeting being held January 18th -21st. So toss out those shovels and grab your clubs, put on your cowboy boots and hats and let's fly!

We will be meeting in a new location for our February meeting. The Michigan Jaycees convention will be in Big Rapids at the Holiday Inn on February 9-11. Our meeting will be on Saturday afternoon as usual. With this meeting, I look forward to returning to my college alma mater.

March brings us to our election meeting and I encourage all interested parties to run for an office. The friendship and relationships make it all worthwhile. This dinner meeting is always a great time, so please make plans to attend.

I would like to congratulate Scott Greenlee #60646 on his recent election to JCI World President. Dennis Kester #38041, our Treasurer, is recovering nicely from back surgery. We are also very happy that our friend from Ohio, Morgan Jones #24590, is back home and recovering from surgery. Our hearts go out to Fred Eagle #47946 on the recent passing of his mother. In memoriam, Bill Martin #16573, our fifth President of the Michigan JCI Senate in 1977-78, recently passed away. Please keep these Senators and families in your prayers.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who attended our meeting in Midland. It was wonderful to see some new faces. We all look forward to what the coming year has to offer. It will be up to you to get involved and "Make it Happen"!

Until next time,
Adam Pieczynski #57384
Your 34th President



Please Welcome Michigan's Newest Senator

Kathy Pope #66820 from Bay City

Ellen Libkie #66818 from Rochester Area

Gary Bulson #66823 from Westland

MI JCI Elections

Greetings all.

My how the year has flown by! Time seems to do that when we're having fun, eh?

Upcoming in March will be our Annual Elections Meeting, please see all the details elsewhere in this issue. It is my job as Elections Chair to gather the names of those of you interested in running for office of our great organization for the 2007-08 year. Please email me at htyclub@verizon.net or call me at 231.740.8454 as soon as possible to notify me of your intentions, your deadline for declaration is January 9th. Offices open for election are President, Communications Vice President, Programming Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and East and West-Side Coordinators.

It is a great honor and a lot of fun to serve on the board of directors of the Michigan JCI Senate and I hope to see a lot of emails from all y'all!



See you at the PHP!
Marie Chabotte #60692
Chairwoman of the Board

Filibuster Editor

Dave Dunville #66300

Well we are going to try something new with our March/April Filibuster. We will be emailing the Filibuster to those we have an email for.

Two things will happen doing this. First, you will receive your Filibuster faster. Right now it take about 2 to 3 weeks for you to receive it, from when I send it to the printers. The second thing is we save money on both printing and mailing.

Please remember when you take pictures of those receiving a Senatorship, email the photo to me, so we can include it in the Filibuster.

-Dave

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Communications

Don McDurmon #59099

The new year is upon us, and I hope the holidays were great for everyone! Post Holiday Party is right around the corner and I hope we see a ton of new faces this year, as well as all of the refined (you notice I avoided that "O" word) faces we normally see. And around the corner is the Elections Meeting being held at Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth. And I have heard a nice contingent of Michigan Senators will be traveling to Mesa, Arizona for the US JCI Senate Mid-Year Board Meeting. This is a great time of year to head to a warm climate. I guess any time of year is great for that, but January in Michigan can lead to all kinds of trouble. I hope we'll be back in time for the Elections Meeting. All of these exciting events should make my favorite time of year (note, sarcasm) go by all that much quicker. Or I may just have to travel more....

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and please be careful out there. I hear we're in for a rough winter. I say this so that Mother Nature makes me look silly. Not that I need much help at that, eh?

Don McDurmon
#59099
Communications VP



West Side Coordinatior

Patti Reitsma #55847

Greetings fellow Senators,

I do hope your Thanksgiving holiday was joyous and delicious. Along with that comes the shopping season for Christmas. Black Friday was a hoot. I was one of those 5am shoppers. Did I know what I was getting myself into? Yes. Did I think this year would be different from precious years? No. I must say the good part is that I have gotten all my gift buying done. Hope yours is going well too.

Convention was fun and good eatings as usual. Kudos go out to Sue L and Pat for their choice of food. Thanks to Deb M and Tammy for keeping our thirst quenched. President Adam kept us in the know and we were updated on many things as well as future board members. Presidential medallions were given out by MIJC President Jeff to area chapters. WE are happy for all of them.

Denny K is doing great and is waiting for all of us to see him at the Post Holiday party. The festivities will be very fun playing with your fellow senators, plus good eats, music and dancing. Make plans to be there on January 13 at Dom Pulaski Hall in Wyandotte. Oh Yeah , we had fabulous time. Next convention is in Big Rapids, which you should plan to be there. As always if you want to go with some of us, give a call or e-mail me so we can coordinate a plan to get there.

Many congrats to one of our west side senators John Voshel on his engagement to a sweet Kentucky senator Karen Kopp. Best wishes to them both.

Hope you had a Blessed and Happy Christmas.
Merrily yours in the senate.
Patti Reitsma
#55847

Programming

Susan Foltin, #63744

Hello, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year,

As 2006 came to a close I had to stop and reflect back on where it went. What they say about time speeding up as you get older is definitely true. I can't believe that the year is almost over - MI JCI Senate 2006-2007 year included.

I hope everyone had a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. Of course, I look forward to confirming that as we all meet for the Post-Holiday Party on January 13th. This is definitely one of THE premiere events of the year. If you like good fun, good friends and lots of fun, then you **HAVE** to be at this event. If you haven't sent in your money yet, use the form inside the Filibuster and get it to Dennis Kester ASAP!

Following the PHP we will be seeing a lot of each other. We have the MIJC convention in February (first time visit to Big Rapids), as well as our Annual Meeting / Elections and Spring Fling. I want to encourage everyone to come out for the Elections meeting which will be held this year at the Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth. I have it on good authority that the food is very good and it should be an interesting evening. Thank you to Deb Majeski and Mark Blasiola for coordinating this event.

I have been looking over the budget and going over the numbers with our treasurer. At first I thought we weren't going to make it. But Denny has reassured me that we are on track. We have begun looking over the policies and suggestions have been made. While I would like to see us get this handled before the end of the year, it may take into 2007-2008 before we finalize wording, send out notice and hold a membership meeting for a vote. More information to come on that front later.

2007 is shaping up to be a very interesting year. I don't know what the future holds. The only thing I know for sure is that with friends like you have in the Senate, you can be assured that you'll have all the support you need.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,
Sue

New Senate Shirts

Fred Eagle, #47946

We need to place an order of at least a dozen of the Red, White and Blue flag shirts. 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 47946@earthlink.net, 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 male them to me:

14728 Ronnie Lane
Livonia, Mi 48154

Thank You, Fred

US JCI Prayer

John A. Riggs, #24081
US JCI Senate Chaplain

"SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me
the Serenity to
accept the things
I cannot change...
the Courage
to change the
things I can...
and the Wisdom
to know the
difference."



Invalid email addresses:

Hello fellow Senators. Want to get news as it happens? Then you want to receive the ENEWS. All I need is a valid email address. If your name appears below, your current email address has bounced ENEWS back to me. If you are not receiving it and wish to, it's never too late. In either case, please send me your current, valid email address to:

skf64@comcast.net

Subject: I want ENEWS.

Thanks.
Sue Foltin
#63744

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Larry McClain
Pat Norval
Jeannine Pratt
John Prosser
Herb Reed
Rick Reidt
Gregory Roberts
Jody Shevin
Tom Sigler
Bob Turck

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Jan 13, '07	MI JCI Senate Post-Holiday Party / Meeting, Wyandotte, MI
	Meeting @ 5PM
	Social @ 6PM
	Dinner @ 7PM
Jan 18-21, '07	US JCI Senate Meeting, Mesa, AZ
Jan 26-28, '07	IL JCI Senate Meeting, Decatur, IL
Mar 1-4, '07	Region VII Meeting / Mini-National, Gatlinburg, TN
Mar 10, '07	MI JCI Senate Annual Elections Meeting, Plymouth, MI
	Social @ 6PM
	Dinner @ 7PM
	Meeting / Elections to follow
Mar 16-18, '07	Region V Spring Fling, Indianapolis, IN
Apr 14, '07	MI JCI Senate Meeting, Lansing, MI (tentative)
Jun 24-29, '07	US JCI 35th National Convention, Annapolis, Maryland
Sept 13-16, '07	US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting, Springfield, IL

TREASURY NOTES

-Denny K

I am writing this article from my Detroit headquarters here at RIM (Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan). I'd like to thank everybody for their get well wishes and cards. By the time you read this, I will be home at the Downriver headquarters in scenic Southgate (if you look just a little farther than Dom Polski hall, you could almost smell a scenic view of the Detroit River on a warm day). Fortunately, I have access to a computer so with Ellen's courier service, I have been able to take care of all the complex, vital and sensitive Senate business.

If this reaches you before the Post Holiday Party, make sure to refer to the enclosed flyer giving you all the information pertaining to the Post Holiday Party. You can call me for any further info and to give me your reservation if there is not enough time to mail it in. If you received this after the Post Holiday Party, I'm sure we all had a hell of a time.

Back to a brief business note, anyone who received a dues letter and has not mailed in their dues, please do so now. ASAP.

Happy Holiday Wishes to Everyone.
May you get everything you wish for.

DENNY K 38041

Remember to visit

<http://www.michiganjcisenate.org/>

POST HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday JAN. 13 DOM POLSKI HALL



**1519 Oak Street
Wyandotte, Mi**

Good Friends

Good Food

Good Times
Remember

100

TENTATIVE

5 PM—MEETING

**6 PM—SOCIAL
HOUR**

7 PM—DINNER

**8 PM—AUCTION
PARTY TIME**

1519 Oak St.

NAME: _____ Sen # _____

Number of people _____ X \$28 = _____

Make checks payable to: Mi JCI Senate

Send to Dennis Kester, 13760 Westcott Ct, Southgate, Mi., 48195

Chaplain's Corner

Dianna Raquepaw, #64679

Every year we all do it. We fall into the same old rut, *NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS*. Mine is the same from year to year, try to be a better person, try not to be so hard on others and to criticize less and finally always to try to lose weight. I seem to set my self up. My temper and my mouth gets me into trouble. What can I say about the weight thing, I like fast food, just about anything baked or loaded with chocolate. Oh yes, and beer. God knows I'm not perfect, but who really wants to be perfect? Perfect, at least according to Webster is "*faultless*".

I would like to share with you "Resolve To Not Regret" written by columnist Ben Holden, in his syndicated column "Ben Holden Say's". He talks about not regretting about we he did or didn't do, but focuses on the good, what he has to be grateful for.

"Resolve To Not Regret"

I've decided I'm not going to focus on regrets I might have while looking back at 2006.

While I could have been smarter about some things, used better judgement when making certain decisions or maybe even taken advantage of opportunities that would have taken my life in a different direction, I refuse to let those issues have a negative impact on my life.

Instead, I'm going to focus on those things I don't regret.

... like having good friends whose kindness I receive in return for my friendship.

...like having loyal family members who love me for what and who I am.

...like having a way to earn a living, albeit a humble one.

...like having my health, even though I feel myself slowing down a bit every day.

...like having my faith which gets me through tough situations in life which seems at times to be unbearable.

...like being able to enjoy the smell of fresh air, the taste of good food and the sight of stars, leaves in the fall and my grandkids.

...like knowing that I've done the best I could.

No, don't waste your time regretting what happened in 2006. There's a lot of life yet to be lived – with no regrets.

Happy New Year.

Happy 2007!!

Dianna



Karen Kopp, JCI Senator #62305 and John Voshel, JCI Senator #44396 are now engaged! It's about time!

Let us keep in our prayers and a speedy recoveries for:

- Jerry Wendelken, #23161 who had surgery this past August.

- Dennis Kester, #38041 who had spinal cord surgery this past October. Rehab is going well. He went home in mid-December.

- Morgan Jones, #24590 of the Ohio Senate and friend to the Michigan Senate as he recovers from surgery this past November. (Update for Morgan, he is now home in Van Wert.)

- Skip Hoelker, husband of US Secretary Pat Hoelker of Iowa. Skip was diagnosed with colon cancer and had surgery November 13th.

- Dorie Kista, wife of Kevin Kista (past MJCI Senate President) recently found 2 aneurysms.

Let us never forget...

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mary Kamskikas #53847 and the Kamsickas Family. Mary's father, John passed away August 19, 2006.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Senator Dave Little #60109. Dave passed away September 14, 2006.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Senator William Martin #16573, 5th President of the MJCI Senate. William passed away November 4, 2006.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Fred Eagle #47946. Fred's mother passed away November 29th.

November 2006 Convention Highlights



Kathy Pope receives Senatorship (*right, top*).

Patti with an "I" wins 19th hole golf prize, organized by Mike O'Connell and Rich Lindow to raise funds for Scott Greenlee (*right, middle*).

RTF Chair, Teri Marshall and President Adam award Cheryl Satterthwaite with the 3rd quarter Return the Favor (*right, bottom*).

Mark Blasiola hugs Christine Ruiz and Debbie Majeski (*left, top*).

Senate President Adam and MIJC President Jeff pose with Heather Johnson, who placed in the First Timer's program (*left, bottom*).



2007-2008 MI JCI Senate Elections



Saturday, March 10th
Atlantis Restaurant of Plymouth
Plymouth, MI

Atlantis Restaurant of Plymouth
 39500 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170
 Phone: (734) 453-5047
 www.atlantisofplymouth.com
 Ann Arbor Rd just east of I275, on the north side

Doors open at 6 PM with cocktail hour
 Dinner begins at 7 PM
 Election meeting after dinner (~8 PM)
(no separate hospitality - social in banquet room after meeting)

Limited menu – \$20

includes coffee, tea, ice tea, soft drinks, salad and rolls

The dinner selections are

- Chicken Piccata
- Chicken Marsala
- Beef Stir Fry
- Beef Tenderloin Tips
- Shrimp Alfredo

Cash Bar – in the banquet room

RSVP by 3/1/07 *for dinner count only*
 to Debbie Majeski
 dmajeski99@earthlink.net
 home phone (248)661-5848
 or use registration form below



Nearby hotel: Red Roof Inn, also on Ann Arbor Rd (almost next door), (734) 459-3300

Name: _____ Senate #: _____

Spouse: _____ Senate #: _____

Number for dinner*: _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Checks payable: **MI JCI Senate**

*** Dinner options do not have to be determined yet. Just number attending.*

Contact information:

Street Address _____

City State Zip Code _____

Please print and/or email address _____

Mail To:
 Debbie Majeski #55996
 c/o MI JCI Senate Elections Meeting
 29631 Pine Ridge Cr
 Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Return the Favor Entry Nomination Form
Michigan JCI Senate
2006 - 2007

Name of Nominator (Jaycee chapter or Senator): _____

Senator's name: _____ State Organization _____

Senate # _____ Jaycee Age _____ Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Name of Project or Activity _____

Activity: Local _____ State _____ National _____ International _____

Brief description of Senator's assistance or Help _____

Hours worked _____ (round to the nearest hour)

(Attach letter of recommendation on Chapter Stationary if appropriate)
(Attach letter of recommendation on State Senate Stationary if appropriate)
(Repeat for each activity as many times as appropriate)

Submit Nominations to:

Teri Marshall #59563
Return the Favor Chairwoman
2006-2007 Michigan JCI Senate
208 Fairhills Drive
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

email: tmmarshall@yahoo.com
phone: (734) 434-9711



Registration Form

The Indiana JCI Senate Invites you to
Region V U.S. JCI Senate Spring Fling
March 16 – 18, 2007

Name _____ Senate Number _____

Title/Office _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____ Senate Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email _____

If you are sharing a room, please indicate with whom. _____

Item	Quantity	Cost	Total
Early Full Registration (before 2/17/07)		\$65.00	
Late Full Registration (after 2/17/07)		\$75.00	
Saturday Hospitality Only		\$15.00	
Saturday Banquet and Hospitality		\$45.00	
GRAND TOTAL			\$

Full Registration includes: Friday and Saturday Hospitality; Saturday Lunch and Buffet dinner

Make checks payable to: **Indiana JCI Senate** and mail to **Jeff Bowman, P.O. Box 1101, Greenwood, IN 46142.**

HOTEL INFORMATION

Sheraton at Keystone Crossing

8787 Keystone Crossing -- Indianapolis, IN 46240

ROOM RESERVATIONS: You must make room reservations directly with the hotel at **1-888-627-7814** (by 02/07/07). After 02/07/07, rooms will be released and are subject to availability and current rates. Be sure to mention "US JCI Region 5 Spring Fling" to obtain this rate and credit the room block.

Room Rate: \$101.00 plus tax per night for 1 or 2 people (Standard Room). Additional cost for more than 2 persons in room. Suites available at additional cost.

For additional US JCI Region V Spring Fling information call Jeff Bowman cell# 260-437-8327 or via email at: jrbowman@jci.org

**TN JCI SENATE MINI-NATIONAL CONVENTION
US JCI SENATE REGION 7 MEETING
GATLINBURG 2007 — March 1 thru 4**

Come join the fun and help us Celebrate our 26th Birthday - Famous Tennessee Hospitality, Friends Across America! Use your imagination and come dressed in your favorite "50's and '60's Attire" to the "FRIDAY NIGHT CAR-HOP PARTY."

Please Print

Name _____ Senate # _____

Spouse/Guest _____ Senate # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ Phone (W) _____ E-MAIL _____

ARRIVAL (Circle) T F S Sun. DEPART (Circle) T F S Sun.

REGISTRATION • Each Person 18 and over must Register as an Adult
• No Charge for Children under 18, for Hospitality only. Meals are extra.

Each registration includes: All Hospitality and Access for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, Friday Lunch, Saturday Lunch, and Saturday Night Banquet.

REGISTRATION:	\$85 per Adult	_____	x	\$85	=	_____
Additional Tickets						
Friday Lunch		_____	x	\$12.50	=	_____
Saturday Lunch		_____	x	\$12.50	=	_____
Sat. Banquet Tickets		_____	x	\$40	=	_____
Hospitality per day		_____	x	\$20	=	_____

LATE REGISTRATION FEE POST MARKED
AFTER February 10th -- PER ADULT _____ x \$10 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
Check No. _____ Date Recvd. _____

***** "FRIDAY NIGHT "CAR-HOP PARTY" (Mini-States Party)*****
____ Check here if your State will be participating in the Friday Night Mini-States Party
Contact: Glenda Wisdom, II: 931-788-6692 Fax.: 931-484-3201

Indicate if you are interested in the Friday GOLF Outing _____ (cost to be determined).

COMPLETE FORM AND MAIL WITH CHECK payable to Gatlinburg 2007 TO:

Peggy Collier	Phone: 865-376-5914
126 Arsenaault Crossing	Fax: 865-482-8996
Kingston, TN 37763	E-MAIL: ble4ut@comcast.net

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS** by February 10, 2007, DIRECTLY TO:

Park Vista Resort Hotel -GATLINBURG TENNESSEE 705 Cherokee Orchard Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738 1-800-421-7275 or FAX: (865) 430-7533
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King or Double Queen - JCI Group Rate \$79.00 per night plus tax
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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