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## From the President's Desk

### **Don McDurmon #59099**

Fellow Senators

As we embark on the busiest time of year for the Michigan JCI Senate, I would like to start by wishing that everyone had a safe and happy Memorial Day. As we pay tribute to those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, let us also remember our troops that are currently in the desert. They are there so that we can remain a free country.

The last week of June will be spend in Annapolis, Maryland for the US JCI Senate year National Convention. I hear there are many Michigan Senators making the trip. Good luck Mike O'Connell on your run for US JCI Senate Treasurer, and thank you to Russ Cooper for chairing the Krekorian Golf Outing.

The Fourth of July is another holiday that has come to mean barbeques, parades and fireworks. But it is the celebration of our independence, the forming of our country. Freedom has a cost, it has for hundreds of years, and it still does.

As summer rides along, it is time for some of our most important projects. Woodward Dream Cruise is right around the corner, and the Renaissance Festival is fast on it's heels. Please mark your calendars for these two important events, we need all of your help. The weekend of August 17th and 18th will be a busy one for the Senate. I hear there's a Senate wedding that weekend too.

There are some upcoming Region 5 events that are easy to get to and loads of fun. The Ohio Senate Pig Roast and the Illinois Picnic are in July, Bourbon Bash is in August, and the Michigan Jaycees quarterly convention is in Bay City. If you haven't attended a region event, these are some fun events to get your feet wet.

I would like to thank everyone that attended the quarterly convention at Boyne Mountain, The renaming of the Return the Favor award to the "Tony Karasiewicz Memorial Return the Favor Award" was especially gratifying to me.

To all of the Senate family, have a great summer and please come out to see us at a future event, and "Get Fired Up!"

Have a great summer!

Don McDurmon

35<sup>th</sup> President

Michigan JCI Senate



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**Communications**

Tim Fedewa # 63911

Greetings Senators,

I want to take this opportunity to thank our 35<sup>th</sup> President, Don McDurmon, for asking me to serve in this position. I think Communications is so important that I adopted the theme "Communication is Key" as my theme for my unsuccessful bid for Michigan Jaycee Management Development Vice-president a few years back. I'd like to think that is the reason Don asked me to serve, but having known Don more then 10 years ...

I have a few ideas on what I would like to help Don and the Senate teams next year achieve their goals, but would like to start off by finding what the members of this distinguished organization hope to get from their involvement. I think the best way to do that is to employ the standard tool of Jaycee leaders as they start their year – with a survey.

Since being awarded with my Senatorship a few years ago, I have spent a good portion on the "B list". My primary goal this year is to reduce the number of others who could fit into this same category. I want to strongly encourage everyone to take a few minutes to fill out the survey and give us a few ideas what projects and events we might host to help us achieve this goal.

Tim Fedewa

Senator 63911

**Programming**

Hi Everyone,

Sue Little # 56817

Summer is my favorite time of year, I love the sunshine, every tree, shrub and plant showing off it colors. The long hours of daylight, visiting with friends, swimming, cooking outdoors, and I could go on, This is what makes life good. I hope all is well with you.

Sometimes it isn't so easy fitting in all the senate functions with the rest of our lives, but we do the best we can. I would like to thank Diana Raquepaw and Dave Dunville for doing such a good job with First Timers, Amy Fenner, thank you for Return the Favor. Sue Foltin thanks for updating our website and big thanks to Deb Modgas and Tami Grossenbacher for great hospitality at Boyne.

Well, national convention is now a great memory, I am sure all who attended enjoyed every minute of it, Our next big outing will be our Family picnic on July 14th. Dave Dunville is chairing this and I know it will be as great a time as last year. Then we will be in Bay City for convention, first time here , so I am sure it will be a good time, The weekend of August 17&18 is Woodward Dream Cruise and we will be needing every available person to help sell t-shirts and other items. This is a great way to enjoy alot of classic car viewing and a good time to catch up with friends.

Well, time to go. Take care of yourself, enjoy the weather, your family and friends, We need to take advantage of every moment.

Sue Little #56817

P.S. I would like to say "SUE FOLTIN, I AM GOING TO MISS YOU. GOOD LUCK IN ST. LOUIS,"

## East Side Coordinator

Scott Adkins # 62412

East Side Happenings:

Oh Where have those Senators Gone??? I have begun my search for those missing Senators. If you have any contact information from a Senator that has not been seen in quite some time, please forward that information to me. I have begun the process of locating some of our missing friends (Both A and B listers!). It is my hope to work with President Don and the board to get some of these folks back into the fold. Please feel free to share your information by calling me (810-326-1751) or email me at [EastSideSenate@comcast.net](mailto:EastSideSenate@comcast.net). As you are all aware, in order for us to successfully complete all of our planned projects, we need more help.

Also, if you hear of any East Side Happenings, please forward those to me as well. I hope to be setting up an East Side Senate webpage soon with updates on events and happenings on this side of the world. The page will also contain important links to other sites such as our own Senate page.

I am looking forward to a busy but great summer, and hope to see many of you along the way at events and gatherings. Until then, have a safe and happy summer!

-Scott Adkins,

## West Side Coordinator

Deb Fewless #58565

Hi Everyone,

WOW!!

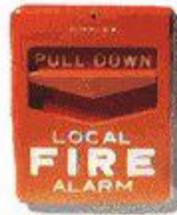
Summer is upon us and plenty to get involved in with your fellow Senators.

The next few months is our fundraising time, the Dream Cruise and Renaissance Festival. Please step up and support the organization that your local Chapter has honored you a membership in. I have personally worked the Renaissance Festival a couple of times and do have to say you have to do it at least once to enjoy the experience of it all. So if dressing up in a costume is not your kind of thing then then do the Dream Cruise. They are both great opportunities for you to get to know your fellow Senators.

Remember, it is not just the Eastside or the Westside, it is the Senate.

We are one.

Deb Fewless



1. For those planning to go to the Ohio Pig Roast in Van Wert July 20-22. There is very little accommodation available but there may be a few rooms available under the Ohio Senate room block at the Holiday Inn. Call right away.

2. We have a good group of Michigan golfers in the Krekorian on June 25th. The Michigan -Illinois challenge will be played on thursday morning at the Eisenhower Golf Course which is only minutes from the convention hotel. I appreciate all the support we have had for the Tournament and especially want to mention Greg Merritt and the Concorde Group who are great supporters of the Senate and the Krekorian

Russ Cooper 4638

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at**

**[www.michiganjcisenate.org](http://www.michiganjcisenate.org)**

## From the Editor & Your BBQ/Picnic Chairman and Renaissance Festival

Dave Dunville #66300

Someone please slow things down! My wife Lisa would have had her surgery. I would have been to Atlanta. I may or may not be on the School Board. But lets look head. July 14th will be the picnic and meeting, and the Renaissance Festival will be September 8th and 9th

In Boyne it was approve to start selling ad space in the Filibuster. Ad space will be very limited, and the cost will be as little as \$10.00 and no more than \$100.00. If you or your company is intrested, please contact me. All Ads are do no later than the Filibuster Article due dates.

We will once again be working the **Michigan Renaissance Festival**. This years dates are September 8th and 9th. Please block those dates out. Those who can work are asked to contact Mary Burden at 1-231-690-2020 or email [rob-mary@1010internet.com](mailto:rob-mary@1010internet.com) .

Dave Dunville #66300  
Editor  
BBQ Nut  
Beer Slinger  
and who know what else

# TREASURY NOTES

-Denny K

This issue will, no doubt be in your hands after the June dues billing. However, keep sending them in if you missed the date. Also, if you got a reminder for a previous billing, it would be great if you sent them in also. Please do your Senate a favor and take care of any past or present obligations, asap. If you've lost your billing letter but you know when your dues were due or that they are due just go ahead and send them in. If you are suffering from a slight bout of "Sometimers", don't worry I'll be sending another reminder soon. I really hate to sound like a broken record but dues money is really very important. Oh, one more thing, if you know of any Senators who are not dues paid in the Mi Senate, talk to them. This quarter, sad to say, we broke even on members.

Always keep in mind, a life membership, a \$200 check, does away with those bothersome dues letters that find you every year. Another alternative is the \$50 payment. Just four of those on the quarters and, again, no yearly check to be mailed. But the choice is yours. I'm just here to help. If you have any questions about anything pertaining to dues call me at 734-284-8852 or email me at [weelz245@aol.com](mailto:weelz245@aol.com) or [weelz245@hotmail.com](mailto:weelz245@hotmail.com)

Denny K. #38041



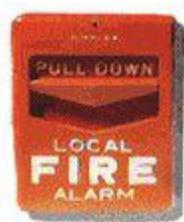
## Woodward Dream Cruise

Well everyone it's summer time and that means cruisin times again. This years fun event the W/W Dream Cruise is Aug. 17th & 18th. This year things are going to different. 1) less booths, Joe H. says the Paster Jones has only 3-4 booths downtown this year. So that may be more for us. 2) someone is getting married that weekend. Voshel/Kopp wedding is Aug. 18th. So that means some of us won't be there this year. But don't worry Tim LaBarge, Bill Heaton, Don Booterbaugh, John Prosser and Jack Ryan will run things very well. We all know Joe Hildebrand will watch over everyone anyway. I will still go to the meetings and will have parking passes at the Aug. meeting or I will send them out to you.

I know this will turn out ok and everyone will have fun. Hope John and Karen will have fun with a few 100 of their friends.....Best wishes

See everyone sometime this summer,

Pat Malac#41085



## Chaplain Corner

Penelope Passinault #47003

*Here, Here, A Toast to all the Senate Fathers and their Fathers. . .*

Here's to the fathers, who always begin, on the outside of children, but looking in. Such curious men snapping cameras like mad, recording the moment, they turn into "Dad." Here's to the fathers, who put in their time, who don't say to mother's 'that's your job, not mine'. Who wipe chins and noses and never say "won't" who do with the diapers, what some fathers don't. Here's to the fathers who manage to stay when so many fathers are turning away. When so many run, leaving families to rot, here, then, a cheer, for those who do not. Here's to the fathers whose big money dreams, die in the comer while their baby screams. And yet without anger, dread or regrets, they comfort the child, hold it close to their chests. And as the child grows, they grow with it too, learning a depth that they never knew.

And soon they are older, their hair slightly gone, chasing two children around the front lawn. Or car-pooling teams to Little League games, buying them hamburgers after it rains.

They mend broken dolls and fix broken wheels, they cringe when their daughters, try their first pair of heels. They reach in their pockets, but never keep count, they pay dear for parenthood awful amounts. They postpone their plans to sail across seas, instead they sing "Barney" and bandage skinned knees. Here's to the fathers who get off the phone, to hear their sons practice their new saxophone, Who leave work to see their daughter's recital

Here's to the heroes, who work without title. For this is a world now full of neglect,

with everyday stories of lives that are wrecked. Of fatherless children who take up with guns to kill other children of fatherless sons. Divorce shattered families, childhood's derailed, mothers still waiting for checks still un-mailed. You wonder what wrongs these souls ever did to make a grown man turn away from his kids. So here's to the fathers who won't compromise who see a light shining in their children's eyes. And feel a rare glow as if from a gem and know that once someone saw this glow in them. For all the good boys they have raised in the world for all the examples they set for their girls For all the loved children whose stories they'll tell Here's to the father's that taught them so well.

(Mitch Albom, 1996, The Detroit News)

Happy Father's Day one and all!

**Remember to visit**

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

# First Timers

## First Timers

What an awesome weekend it was at Boyne, Mt May 4-6<sup>th</sup>. The weather was nice and warm for the golfers and it was a great turn out for the 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr First Timers Competition. We had 16 First Timers out there getting signatures. It seems like when the mystery guest was discovered by one, they some how all knew who it was. I'd like to thank Tamme Inman, Senator 65923 for being our mystery guest during the competition.

In 1<sup>st</sup> place with 4,755 points was Garrett Mullins from Waterford.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 4,190 points was Amy Walker from Redford.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 4,135 points was Justina Deil from Redford.

I'm looking forward for the next quarterly MIJC Assembly and the next First Timers Competition in Region E in Bay City, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.

Take care and I hope to see you there.

Dianna Raquepaw #64679

David Dunville #66300

First Timer Co-Chair

First Timer Co-Chair

# Secretary

Most happy greetings to all senators,

We had a great turn out at Boyne by senators. 28 of you were at the meeting and many items were discussed. It's good to see the interest and care about what we do is so sincere.

It was a bit chilly but we had many golfers doing their best while we scrambled through the course. It was too fun and I wish more can come out so we can carry on the euchre and good times to be had by all. Food was yummy and I am setting my hopes high that this will be the best year ever. Don't forget about the July 14th meeting in Hartland and keep your faith in the senate and what kind of impact we can make by sticking together. Best wishes for the coming months. Talk to you soon.

Respectfully,

Patti Reitsma #55847



Michigan JCI Senate

The Tony Karasiewicz Memorial Return the Favor Award

2007 - 2008

Name of Nominator (Chapter or Senator) \_\_\_\_\_

Senator's Name & Senate # \_\_\_\_\_

Jaycee Age: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project/Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: Local \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ National \_\_\_\_\_ International \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of Senator's assistance or help \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Hours Worked \_\_\_\_\_

Attach letter if recommendation on Chapter or State Senate stationary if appropriate.

Repeat for each activity as many times as is appropriate

Submit Nominations to:

Amy Fenner

45 Tibbits Street

Coldwater, Michigan 49036

Email: [amyfenner@cbpu.com](mailto:amyfenner@cbpu.com)

Deadline for submitting:

April 20, 2007

July 27, 2007

October 19, 2007

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## Return the Favor

Greetings fellow senators!

Hope this article finds everyone will, happy and enjoying the weather. I am writing to inform you of what's going on with the Return the Favor Award (RTF). First off I would like to congratulate Tammeny Inman #65923 from Birch Run/ Taymouth Jaycees for winning the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter RTF. She is working hard to make sure they have the help they need.

Secondly we are re-naming the award in honor of Tony Karasiewicz. As most of you know he was a great asset to not only the Michigan Jaycees but the Michigan JCI Senate as well. So in his honor the RTF award will be: **The Tony Karasiewicz Memorial Return the Favor Award**. This change will be in effect at the August convention.

I encourage all of you to look around and submit those hard working senators out there. We are looking to make the first presentation of The Tony Karasiewicz Memorial Return the Favor Award an unforgettable event. So help us out by sending in some outstanding nominations.

The nomination forms are due July 27th. You can email them to me, snail mail them to me, or submit them to the service center with chapter books. All the information you need to do that is on the form.

Looking forward to your submissions- See you in Bay City,

Amy Fenner #67112

JCI Senate Return the Favor chairperson

## Up coming Events

### June

June 24-29 US JCI National Convention  
Annapolis Maryland  
June 25 Hal Krekorian Memorial  
Golf Tournament

### July

July 14th MI JCI BBQ & Board Meeting  
Hartland

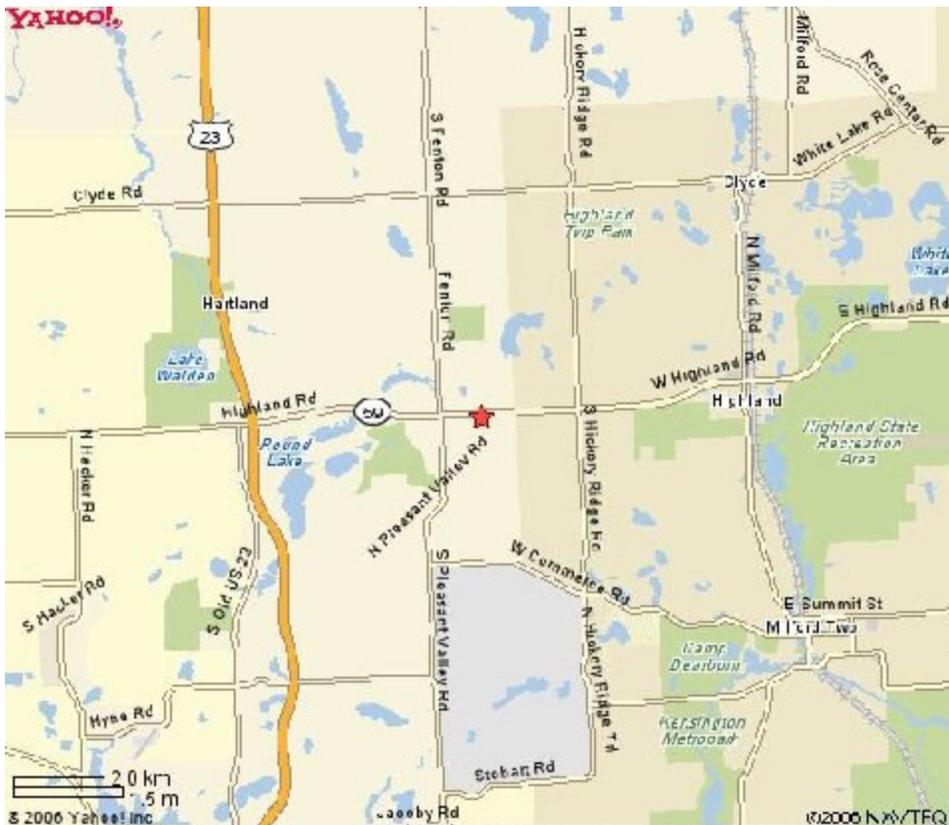
### August

Aug. 1 Filibuster Articles Due  
Aug. 10 - 12 MI JC Convention, Bay City MI  
Aug. 11 MI JCI Senate Meeting, Bay City  
Aug. 17 - 18 Woodward Dream Cruise

### September



**Michigan JCI Senate Picnic  
July 14 2007  
3:30 pm to 6:00 pm  
Location  
Hartland Meadows Clubhouse**



Hartland Meadows is 3 mile east of US 23 Exit #67  
Has the clubhouse as a no alcoholic rule, so we will do that after  
the meeting and food at Dave Dunvilles home

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*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