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From the President's Desk

Adam Pieczynski, #57384

Hello Fellow Senators!



My friends at home ask me why I do this Senate thing. Explaining to them the great adventures and the wonderful friendships, it's sometimes hard for them to understand. I encourage all Senators to take the opportunity to attend our functions and see old friends and make some new ones.

This past January we had a wonderful time at the Post Holiday Party. A big Thank You to **Dennis #38041 and Ellen Kester** for again hosting the event. Next we caught a plane to Sunny Arizona for the US JCI Winter Board Meeting - where it wasn't all that sunny or warm, BUT it was 40 degrees warmer than Michigan! I was given the privilege of announcing **Mike O'Connell's #40225** candidacy for Treasurer of the US JCI Senate. Mike, I want to thank you for that honor, it made me feel all warm and fuzzy inside! It was also great to see all the Arizona Senators I have come to know over the years.

February we had our quarterly membership meeting in Big Rapids, The Senate was busy once again with First Timers, assisting with judging and honoring a Senator for Returning the Favor. Most of all, it was great to sit and relax with good friends, chat with the Jaycees and encourage them to reward their outstanding members with Senatorships.

In March we will be meeting for our Senate Elections. I encourage everyone to attend as well as get involved. I am still looking for someone who would be willing to chair the Krekorian Golf Outing in June of 2008. I know **Russ Cooper #4638** will do a great job this year. I hear Russ has a lot of balls . . . to give away!

Our April meeting will be held in Lansing - half way between the East & West. This is our transitional meeting where I will start the meeting and our new President will be ending the meeting. Our quarterly meeting in May will have us once again up in Boyne. In June we will be in Annapolis, MD for the US JCI Senate Annual Convention. As always, I encourage everyone to plan ahead and get involved. These are great opportunities to see old friends, make new ones and have an adventure. Life doesn't have to just happen, it's up to you to "Make it Happen"!

Adam Pieczynski #57384



34th President - Michigan JCI Senate

Please Welcome Michigan's Newest Senator

67021 Michael Abbott

67112 Amy Jo Fenner

67074 Michelle MacDonald

MI JCI Elections

Greetings all.

2007-08 Elections Reminder

Please clear your calendars and plan to attend the Annual Elections Meeting

for the Senate. On the slate for the 2007-08 Board are the following declared candidates:

President: Don McDurmon #59099

Treasurer: Dennis Kester #38041

East-Side Coordinator: Scott Adkins #62412

West-Side Coordinator: Deb Fewless #58565

Other nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting. See you all

there!

Marie Chabotte #60692

Chairwoman of the Board



See you at the PHP!
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Communications

Don McDurmon #59099

Happy Spring Michigan Senators!!!

I guess that's probably wishful thinking on my part, but ya can't blame me for trying. What a year it has been. Starting in Muskegon and ending in Plymouth, you don't get much more distance than that. Unless you add in St Louis, Indianapolis, Border Bash in Ohio, Bourbon Bash in Kentucky (I'm still disappointed I missed that one) Post Holiday Party and the US JCI Meeting in Mesa, Arizona. Not to mention quarterly meetings and side trips. I had to buy a Jeep, I was putting too many miles on my lease car. I even added in a few side trips of my own. Retirement is GOOD!!!

I would like to start off by thanking Dennis and Ellen Kester for a great Post Holiday Party and to our NVP Tracy for letting the birthday cat out of the bag. I was doing such a good job over the years of keeping that a secret. Oh well. It was nice to see our neighbors from the Indiana and Ohio Senate there too. We hope you had a great time!

Our annual Elections Meeting is right around the corner in beautiful downtown Plymouth Township. OK, so there is no downtown Plymouth Township, but it's still a nice area. The City of Plymouth has an excellent downtown shopping area. The quaint old town feel. Sorry, the ice sculptures are gone, but many ice cubes are still available if you look in the right places. Spend the day here, go shopping, have lunch, get lost, have some fun.

We have accomplished many things this year in the Communications area that have been noticed and well received. A special thank you goes out to Sue Foltin for keeping us informed on a daily basis with the ENEWS and for Dave Dunville for putting new life in the Filibuster. You have made my life easy, to say the least. What's in store for next year? Well, we are trying something new starting with this newsletter, we can now e-mail you a copy. You get it faster, we use less paper, and save on postage. Talk about win-win-win. Of course all of last years back issues are posted on the web site as well. Oh yea, I forgot to mention the web site. Even with a little glitch this year, our web site looks better than ever. Thanks again, Sue. Keep up to date with all Michigan JCI Senate happenings using these three tools. Let me know if you are not receiving these and would like to!

So what's on the horizon? A wedding, and in so doing I need a favor. As many of you know, the Michigan JCI Senate sells shirts and stuff at the Woodward Dream Cruise. Our weekend (Friday and Saturday) is August 17th and 18th. Here's the problem. Many of us are planning a road trip August 18th to Nashville, Indiana. Yes, there really is a Nashville, Indiana. What I need are a few members that haven't worked the Dream Cruise before to step up and help out on Saturday. You will see many great old cars, a ton of people and help us with a major fundraiser. Please contact me if you need more information, or can set aside the day to help out.

I would like to commend this years Michigan JCI Senate Board and President Adam for a job well done, and I look forward to another year next year of the same kind of effort and enthusiasm. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Communications Vice President this year!

Have a great spring!

Don McDurmon #59099

Programming

Susan Foltin, #63744

Dear Senators,

So we find ourselves approaching the end of another year. It's been crazy, but definitely a success. We had great attendance at all of our projects. Our more recent one, the Post-Holiday Party, was extremely well attended by members of Michigan, as well as Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. We raised a record amount in the auction (over \$600) and another \$100+ for the MENTOR's program. Thank you to Dennis and Ellen Kester for setting it all up.

We also had great success with our Scholarship program this year. Disseminating packets across Michigan has always been challenging. I'm not quite sure where they all came from, but we had 25 seniors apply. Brent Wilson of Jackson was our 2006-2007 winner and Ben Guettler of Hemlock was our runner-up. Both candidates have been submitted for US JCI Senate Scholarship consideration. It is my understanding that 20 awards will be given out at the National level and I wish them the best of luck. Thank you to Jo Ellen Hincker and Wendy Klinge for assisting me with narrowing down the applications. Of course, it wouldn't be "officially" without the stamp of approval from Doug Hincker, Brian "BK" Klinge and Don McDurmon.

As I write this article, my heart is sad. I had planned not to run for the board next year to take time off to focus on serving as the president of the Ann Arbor Jaycees Foundation. Then the company I work for (Pfizer) decided to close the entire Ann Arbor facility and I find myself looking for a new career. I do not know at this time if this will lead me out of state, but I wanted to thank everyone for their kind emails and phone calls of support during this trying period. I'm truly blessed for my many years of Jaycees that have brought such a close group of friends.

I would like to wish all the candidates "good luck" at our meeting on March 10th where we will elect the 2007-2008 Board of Directors. Please be sure to register ASAP so we can have an accurate head-count for the restaurant. Congratulations to the Return the Favor and Doc Huldin winners from February's convention.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Sue Foltin

#63744



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:

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Subject: I want ENEWS.

Thanks.

Sue Foltin

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Sign up for the Filibuster via email today at
www.michiganjcisenate.org

From the Editor

WOW what a year it has been for me. First becoming a Michigan JCI Senator, and then asked to be the Filibuster Editor. I owe a lot thanks to Sue, for fixing things when I could not. Her help was major this year.

This Filibuster is different in a way, as a good number of Senators, received a color email version of the newsletter. This is something new and will allow members to receive the Filibuster faster, and more up to date.

Yes the Senate will save money on printing and postage, but more important, is the information is more up-to date!! Instead of writing an article 5 weeks ahead, putting it together and then sending it to the printer. Then we have the 4 to 10 days for the US Post Officer to deliver, it to you.

To sign up is easy <http://www.michiganjcisenate.org/>. What is ahead for the Filibuster.....

You will have to wait and see

Dave Dunville

#66300

TREASURY NOTES

-Denny K

I would like to wish everyone, who regretfully did not attend the Post Holiday Party, a very Happy New Year. Ellen and I would like to thank the 80+ partiers who did attend the PHP for making this years party a fantastic success. It was great seeing the senators from out of state, including Tracy Brown. There were also many senators that came back to party after a hiatus. It was great seeing all of you again. There were also a number of newer senators who were attending the Post Holiday Party for the first and hopefully not the last time. It is always great seeing new faces who we hope become regulars.

The new Dues billing must be in the U.S. Treasurer's hands by March 1. If you've gotten your dues invoice please send your check today. If I have a current email address, I will follow up with a reminder. For those of you who have not yet sent in your December dues, please dig out your dues billing invoice and get that check in the mail. PLEASE! If anyone has any dues questions at all, of any type, please give me a call at (734)284-8852 or e-mail me at weelz245@hotmail.com.

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Chaplain's Corner

Wow, I can't believe how fast this year has gone by. As our "Make It Happen" journey together comes to end, another journey begins for the 2007-08 MJCI Senate leaders. A lot has happened this past year. We've had illnesses within our families, lost loved ones and good friends within our Senate family. I ran across "A Rainy Day" written by columnist Ben Holden. As we face difficulties in our lives?.... there is always a ray of hope.

This past fall I had my own crisis, an illness in my own family, my mom had fallen ill and at one point we thought we were going to lose her. I was dealing with my own guilt of placing her in an "extended care facility" (nice wording for a nursing home). A promise had been made that I could not keep. Since December she has done a complete turn around. She has gained her strength back and is recovering well and soon she will be home where she belongs. It was my faith that had brought me through that very difficult time. So, when I read "A Rainy Day" I knew I had to share it with others. I hope it brings a sense of peace, a sense of comfort, and a renewed faith.

"A Rainy Day"

by Ben Holden

Ah, yes, April showers. A rainy day. Fresh. Renewing. Invigorating. In the depths of our souls, we seek all the things that April showers can bring. By our very nature we enjoy freshness...we love the feeling of being renewed...and oh, how we have covet the idea of being invigorated. However, at times, a rainy day can be anything but what I've just described. It all depends on what's happening in our lives at the time. If we're facing some tough financial challenges, a rainy day can bring stress and worry to our hearts and minds. If we've lost a loved one, a rainy day can bring loneliness to our hearts and minds. If we're scared to face the future, a rainy day can bring a sense of futility to our hearts and minds. The list goes on. But there is hope. And the hope lies in your faith. And faith will always strengthen your heart and change your state of mind. Faith that there is an answer to the money problems. Faith that time will heal the hurt of losing a loved one. Faith that the future holds promise. So, if you struggling, find faith. If you do, I promise you, you'll love a rainy day.

Let us never forget...

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Roger Routt #57015. Roger's father Charles passed away January 1, 2007.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Dan Gratz, #64238. Dan's father Edwin passed away January 2, 2007.

God Speed

Dianna Raquepaw

MJCI Chaplin.

Remember to visit

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

OH What a Year



West Side Coordinator

Greetings to you all,

Hope your Valentines Day and St. Patrick's Day (Patti's day) was the best ever for you. I think it's so fun to dress up, play and appreciate the happy days in our lives. Post holiday party was a blast with many senators from all over and some we haven't seen in a while. Huge Kudos go to Denny and Ellen Kester for the delicious food, good music and lots of party favors. The auction was fun and we raised lots of money for the foundation. Doug you've found your calling in life. Well another year is almost over and we have accomplished many things, new and old. I've had a good time being with you at these times and having a part in what you want for the best of your senate. I truly hope to see many of you at the next function (convention, election meeting) and feel free to visit or call your chapter to see how they are doing too. Thank You for letting me be a part of the board this year.

It's been a pleasure. Best regards Patti #55847

April's Meeting Information

Saturday, April 14th at Coscarelli's at 2420 S. Cedar Street, Lansing - phone for directions 517-482-0238 or use map quest.

Meeting at 4pm, dinner from regular menu following around 5:30.

Come one, come all for President Adam's last official meeting!

RSVP needed by April 1st to:

Marie Chabotte #60692 - COB

Email: htyclub@verizon.net

Tel: 231-755-4892

Up Comming Mark the Dates

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

Jun 24-29, '07 US JCI 35th National Convention, Annapolis, Maryland

Aug 3-4, '07 KY JCI Senate Bourbon Bash, Bardstown, KY

Sept 13-16, '07 US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting, Springfield, IL

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 list 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 |
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| 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: jbowman@jci.com



What A Post Holiday It Was!



What Will Happen Next Year?



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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