



# FILIBUSTER

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## From the President's Desk

**Don McDurmon #59099**



Hello Senators

It's hard to figure out where to start this article, so much has been going on. I guess I should start by saying thank you for putting your trust in me and electing me your 35<sup>th</sup> president. I like the way that sounds. And to say thanks to the 34<sup>th</sup> president (aka Gilligan) for putting up with me, one of the natives. He must be a saint.

The elections meeting in Plymouth was a great time, with a few minor exceptions. Maybe a bigger sound system next time to drown THEM out. Oh well. I hope everyone had a good time anyway. I would like to thank you all for coming, and thank Debbie Majeske for putting on and trying to control the party! And I would also like to thank Indiana for coming to Michigan, we enjoyed having you here, and Tracy for swearing in the new board. And I forgive you for the comment about not wanting me as one of your presidents.

The following weekend, we ended up in Indiana again, Indianapolis to be specific, for Region 5 Spring Fling. If you missed it, you missed a great time. Michigan had a big turnout, as usual.

So what's ahead? Our quarterly meeting at the Michigan Jaycee Convention at Boyne Mountain in May, National Convention in Annapolis, Maryland in June, Pig Roast in Ohio in July, and a ton of other fun filled events. And don't forget to mark your calendars for Dream Cruise in August and Renaissance Festival in September.

So what did I forget? Probably a bunch of things, so I will end by saying thank you and good job to the outgoing board, thank you and good luck to the incoming board, and to everyone, have a great summer and see you soon!

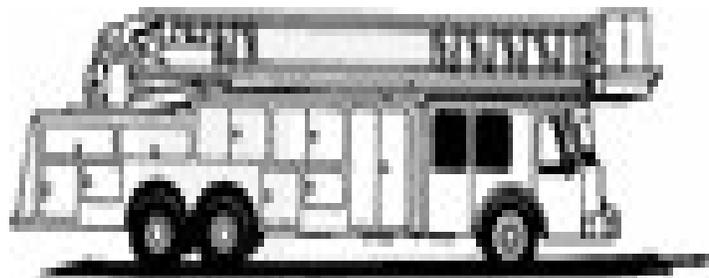
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Don McDurmon

Senator #59099

35<sup>th</sup> President

2007-08 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

Sue Little # 56817

Hello Everyone,

Well it's time to start a new Senate year, and I am looking forward to it. Opportunities to get together with friends, and socialize, and yes sometimes work helps to strengthen friendships, and to build new ones.

Adam, thank you for all you did, as President last year. You have helped to secure the foundation, for this years board. Don, I know this year is going to be great. I look forward to working together.

I hope everyone had a great Easter. Now it's time to enjoy the arrival of spring. With it comes our Meeting at Boyne in May. I don't know about you, but I always enjoy Boyne. The June brings the U.S. JCI Annual Meeting.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who as taken on a chairmanship. You are going to enjoy yourself so much, I know, I did. Well enough of this. Take care until we talk again.

Sue Little

#56817



## East Side Coordinator

Scott Adkins # 62412

Greetings,

For those of you, who may not know me, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Scott Adkins, and I am your recently elected East Side Coordinator.

I have been a member of the Michigan Senate for the past several years, and have also served the Michigan Jaycees in numerous positions, including past IDVP and Membership VP.

I am looking forward to a great year working with many fellow Senators, and also assisting to provide mentoring services to the Michigan Jaycees. My plan is simple, keep you informed of Senate happenings and other important events, and encourage many of you that we have not seen often to come join us for the great year ahead.

I look forward to serving with a dedicated Senate Board and invite you to contact me at any time that I may be of assistance to you. I may be reached by phone at 810-326-1751 or email at [EastSideSenate@comcast.net](mailto:EastSideSenate@comcast.net)

Proudly Serving,

Scott Adkins #62412

East Side Coordinator

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## Chairman of the Board (Cobs Corner)

Adam Pieczynski #57384

From the corn fields of Northern Michigan, I bid you greetings. I know all of us wish President Don and his team a great year and I hope everyone takes the opportunity to get involved this year.

I would like to thank everyone for all they did for the senate last year. I know I had the time of my life and I am looking forward to having more fun this year.

Hope to see you all soon.

Adam Pieczynski #57384

Chairman of the Board



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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](mailto:skf64@comcast.net)

Subject: I want ENEWS.

Thanks.

Sue Foltin

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## From the Editor & Your BBQ/Picnic Chairman

I Would like to thank the over 30 fellow Senators who signed to receive the Filibuster, by email. For this new year, that means just over a \$100.00 savings for the Michigan JCI Senate. I am sure Denny's smile gets bigger with each new person signing up.

### The Picnic!

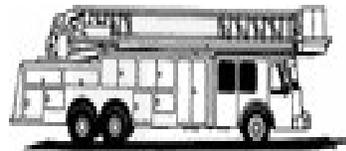
This year the picnic/meeting will be held in Hartland, in my complex's clubhouse, which means A/C. Hey There are no less than 5 golf courses, within 6 miles. I am working on getting green fees at this time.

For those who may wish not to make a long drive home I am also working on a reduce rate at a Best Western, just three miles done the road.

As the clubhouse as a "No Booze Policy", after the food and meeting, you are welcome to knock a few back at our home. (I will tell Lisa about that part maybe just before we head over?)

Dave Dunville

#66300



# TREASURY NOTES

-Denny K

I would like to say "Greetings and Salutations" to everyone. We are winding down to say farewell to yet another year and another great President. It has been a pleasure to serve on President Adam's board. '06/'07 will go down as another year of great times with good communication. We ended the year with a net 13 new Senators. I'd like to say Congrats to President-elect Don for the '07/'08 year. I'm looking forward to serving on his board this year. This year, as with previous years, will prove to be bigger, better, new and improved, etc. Each year that passes, hopefully we learn from our mistakes.

It is exciting to see us turning the corner using technology and the internet and having Senators signing up to receive the Filibuster online. The prospect of less print and more info on the information superhighway thus cutting COSTS just gets the green ink err red blood (sorry) racing thru my veins. The word Red kind of rubs my Treasurer's nature the wrong way.

Denney K. #38041



# USJCI Chaplain John Riggs #24081

Dear MI JCI Senators,

The Senate year is coming to an end in June and a new one will begin at the same time. In year that passed, we celebrated the 60th year of the US Jaycee CREED 1946 to 2006-07 year. We will celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the US JCI Senate and celebrate all the good things that have come to us through Jaycees and the Senate.

I offer below a prayer for all of you to use if you wish:

Father, I ask You to bless my friends, relatives and those that I care deeply for.

Show them a new revelation of Your love and power.

Holy Spirit, I ask You to minister to their spirit at this very moment.

Where there is pain, give them Your peace and mercy.

Where there is Self-doubt, release a renewed confidence through Your grace.

Where there is need, I ask you to fulfill their needs.

Bless their homes, families, finances, their goings and their comings.

In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

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God Bless you,

Sincerely,

Chaplain John Riggs #24081,

## Chaplain Corner

Penelope Passinault  
#47003



### God's Boxes

*I have in my hands two boxes, Which God gave me to hold. He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,! And all your joys in the gold." I heeded His words, and in the two boxes, Both my joys and sorrows I stored,*

*But though the gold became heavier each day, The black was as light as before. With curiosity, I opened the black, I wanted to find out why,*

*And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole, Which my sorrows had fallen out by. I showed the hole to God, and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be!" He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're all here with me.."*

*I asked God, why He gave me the boxes,*

*Why the gold and the black with the hole?*

*"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,*

*The black is for your sorrows to let go."*

Author unknown

*All of our friends are blessings. It's important to let them know, we are thinking of them and they are a joy in our lives. As we start this new year, I wish you all many blessings and joys.*

Chaplain,

Penelope Passinault

**Remember to visit**

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

### Chaplain's Corner

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Michigan JCI Senate as your 2006-07 Chaplain. I would like to thank Adam for the opportunity to be apart of his team once again.

Dianna Raquepaw #64679

2006-07 MJCI Chaplain

Congratulations to Gerry #62277 and Catherine Boik on the birth of their son, Brian Gerald Boik on March 16, 2007.

Congratulations to Michelle MacDonald #67074 on her engagement to Tim McAllister.

### **Let Us Keep in Our Prayers and for Speedy Recoveries:**

Bill Cleland #13759, Bill was in a car accident approximately a month ago. He is home recuperating.

Rich Lindow #40101, Rich had a heart attack in February.

### **Let Us Never Forget:**

Julie #51324 (Fred) Carter's mother in law passed away February 11, 2007.

Connie Gies, mother in law of Richard #23927 (Judy) Rutan passed away February 28, 2007.

Sue Osterdale, wife of Al Osterdale #47554 passed away March 17, 2007

Connie Smith, mother of Wendy Kling #60219 (Brian) passed away March 27, 2007.

Tony Karasiewicz #62686, Passed away April 10, 2007

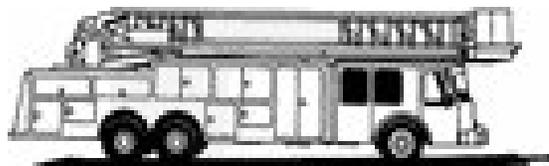
### First Timer's

Hello there. I'm excited to be co-chairing the First Timers Program with Dave Dunville. We both felt it was time to change a few of the bonus questions, nothing major. We also added to the Michigan Junior Chamber / JCI Senate Officers a space for all of the Senate Board (President, COB, Communications V.P., Programming V.P., Secretary, Treasurer, and Chaplain) to sign. We also plan on having a "Mystery Guest" at each quarterly MIJC State Convention.

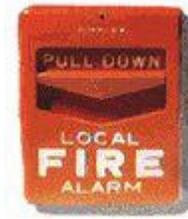
I'd like to thank Sue Folten for updating the First Timers Booklet and doing it in Word. It looks really great.

Hope to see you in Boyne.

Dianna Raquepaw, #64679



Michigan JCI Senate  
Hospitality Room Registration  
For Boyne Assembly  
May 4 - 6 2007



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate #: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_, Michigan

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (if contact needed)

# of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest=s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE BRUNCH AND DINNER ON SATURDAY, MAY 5TH (\$25 @)

\_\_\_\_\_ I WILL **NOT** PARTICIPATE IN THE SATURDAY MEALS, BUT WILL ENJOY THE  
HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DRINKS AND SNACKS. (\$10@)

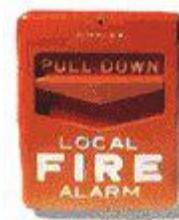
\_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS / REQUESTS AS FOLLOWS:  
(I.E. ALLERGIES, VEGETARIAN, ETC.)

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\_\_\_\_\_ MONEY ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ I WILL PAY THERE  
(Food purchased per RSVP, you do not show/cancel, you will be invoiced)

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I WANT TO STAY IN A CHALET WITH THE SENATE.  
I understand that we will split the cost of the Chalet according to how many people are staying.

**Please complete and return form to Deb Mogdis, 5371 Jensen Road, Fruitport, MI 49415,  
or @ [DMMogdis@yahoo.com](mailto:DMMogdis@yahoo.com) by April 20, 2007. Any questions, call her at: 231-578-6240  
(cell) 231-727-2108 (work)**



## Return the Favor

Greetings to a Hard Working group of Senators,

I would like to introduce myself to those of you that may not know me. My name is Amy Fenner and I hail from Coldwater Michigan. I am married to Alan, and have three children, Nick, Rachyl, and Jacob. I joined the Coldwater Jaycee's in October of 1993 and I am still currently a member of that chapter. I am also currently the MIJC Chaplain for the 2007 year.

I just recently received my senator ship from the Coldwater Jaycees, have been able to attend two meetings for the senate, and now have a committee assignment. Well that's usually how that works. I will be chairing the Return the Favor award for the 2007-2008 year.

I started this article by sending greetings to a Hard Working group of Senators. Well that is what this group is, I always see you helping at conventions, in local chapters and across the US. So what I want you all to do is take a minute to submit some of those Senators for the Return the Favor award. You are doing the work, now it is time to reap the rewards of that hard work.

The due date for the Return the Favor award is the MIJC books due date. You can email them to me at amyfenner@cbpu.com . You can also mail them to me at the following address:

Amy Fenner  
45 Tibbits St  
Coldwater MI 49036

They also can be submitted with a chapters books, but if you do that please put them in an envelope marked Return the Favor or RTF attn: Amy Fenner. The deadlines will be April 20<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

I look forward to all of your submissions,

Enjoy the beautiful weather,

Amy Fenner #67112

Return the Favor Chair

## Up coming Events

May

May 4-6 MI JCConvention Boyne MI  
May 5 MI JCI Senate Meeting Boyne MI

June

June 9 London Golf Outing & Tour  
London ONT, Canada  
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. 10 - 12 MI JC Convention, Bay City MI  
Aug. 11 MI JCI Senate Meeting, Bay City  
Aug. 17 - 18 Woodward Dream Cruise



Return The Favor Nomination Form

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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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