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From the President's Desk

Don McDurmon #59099

Hello Senators!

It's hard to believe that fall is upon us and the holidays are right around the corner. I know this because the Christmas decorations are up in the stores. Of course, that could also mean its July. But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves here and forget about one of my favorite times of year, Halloween. What better time to get dressed up, hand out candy and scare little kids! Trick or Treat!

So what's been going on in the Michigan JCI Senate? Plenty. I should start by saying Thank You to Jack Ryan #28446 (the doer) and Doug Hincker #22200 (the thinker) for an excellent job with the Michigan Senate Golf Outing in August. The weather almost held out, but they made up for it with hospitality. Thanks also to Deb Mogdis #62260 for coming across the state to handle hospitality. I would also like to thank US JCI President Jumper Davis #38376 and his wife Hilda, Region V Vice President Bev Olson and her husband JDO, and Region V Presidents Chuck McFarlin # 47910 (Illinois) and Pat Robinson #63889 (Ohio) for coming all the way to Michigan, even though they don't play golf. Now that's dedication!

To all who worked the Michigan Renaissance Festival, I send out a great big THANK YOU! Without your help we would not have been able to pull off our biggest fundraiser in the last few years. My special thanks goes out to Mary Burden #62527 and Dave Dunville #66300, without who's hard work things would not have gone nearly so smoothly.

Many Michigan Senators made the trek to Springfield, Illinois for the US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting. Thanks to all who attended the meeting and helped in any way, shape or form. As Illinois is a Region V state, we actually got put to work a few times. I even got to learn (somewhat) how to be a bartender. And I didn't spill a drop. Well not too many anyway. Actually, the Region V Presidents tended bar Saturday night, with the support of our fearless leader Bev Olson #42473, our Region V Vice President.

It was announced in Springfield that the Michigan JCI Senate has surpassed the \$20,000 plateau, which means that a US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship will be named after the Michigan JCI Senate. Nice job Michigan!

Border Bash is right around the corner in Angola, Indiana. Reese Malott #63926 is handling the festivities for the Indiana JCI Senate. I hear golf has been added on Saturday morning. I haven't been told what the "sporting event" is yet, but I'm sure Reese will come up with something interesting. This is Indiana's first year for hosting the Border Bash, so I'm hoping for a great Michigan turnout to keep them in line. Double secret probation, eh?

Our next convention is coming soon, to be held in November in Grand Rapids. We are going to be at the Hilton Airport Hotel this time, something new. We will have details on the website soon, if not already. I hear Dave Dunville and Dianna Raquepaw #64679 have something up their sleeve for this quarter (like maybe a better way to count ballots?)

Make plans for this year's Post Holiday Party to be held January 12th at the usual place. We hope for a big turnout of Senators, as always. Dennis #38041 and Ellen Kester are making plans for another memorable event.



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Julie Carter #57324 has agreed to be our Scholarship Chairman (chairperson?) this year. Cut off date is December 15th. The form is on our website. We will be awarding one Michigan Scholarship this year, with the top two going on to the US JCI Senate Foundation for judging. Good luck to all applicants!

Winter Board is in Daytona Beach, Florida. If you need to get away, Come On Down!

Four winter days in Florida beat four in Michigan any day!

I also hear that John Voshel #44396 is now a permanent resident of the State (or is it a Commonwealth?) of Kentucky. Good luck John and Karen!

That should just about cover another issue, so to all of our Senators, have a fantastic Halloween, and a very Happy Thanksgiving!

How about that, October and no speech on fire safety. I must be retired. But I will close with one note. Take care of yourself and the people around you. You might get it back in return someday!

Don McDurmon #59099

35th President

Michigan JCI Senate

Communications

Tim Fedewa # 63911

Ahhhh October. Amazing how your perspective of this month changes when you are not spending fifty hours trying to finish construction on a haunted house before opening day! I know a few of you can relate to that sentiment, while many others have never spent a minute inside a haunted house. One of the great aspects of the JCI Senate, is the wide diversity of experiences each of us brings to this organization. Attend any Senate meeting or project and you will meet people who were Jaycee leaders in the 1960s and others still serving the organization. We come from chapters that have 20 members and others that have 20 serving on the board of directors. Collectively, Michigan JCI Senators probably have more then 1,000 years of Jaycee experiences.

That is the reason I included a brief survey in the August Filibuster and offered an incentive to all who completed it before the November Senate meeting at convention. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the November meeting, but the offer to pay for the hospitality and SALT fines for a randomly selected survey is still valid. I want to encourage everyone to take a few minutes and give us your thoughts – especially now that the golf season will soon be a distant memory (at least in Michigan). You can email your responses to tjfedewa@aol.com, mail them to 685 Simpson (Plymouth, 48170) or drop them off at November Senate meeting.

Tim Fedewa

Communications VP

JCI Senator 63911

From the Editor

Dave Dunville

Hello To Everyone

Well It figures, we have our biggest fund raiser go great, and thing at home goes down hill. My computer goes down not once but twice. The second time being the worst. I lost everything Michigan JCI Pictures along with the program I do the newsletter with, and a ton more, so that is why this newsletter is set up different.

I would like to thank everyone who worked at the Michigan Renaissance Festival. We have been invited back for next year already, so please mark your calendars for September 6th and 7th 2008.

Dave

First Timers

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What a great weekend it was at Bay City, August 10th – 12th. We had a decent turn out for the 2nd Qtr First Timers Competition, 12 First Timers were out there getting signatures. It seems like when the mystery guest was discovered by one, they somehow all knew who it was.

Fifteen points separated first and second place (means 1 signature of a chapter president). Congratulations to the top three finalists.

In 1st place with 3,400 points was Ryan Mills from Westland. Ryan will receive a paid convention registration for the next MIJC Convention in November.

In 2nd place with 3,385 points was Justin Simon from Bay City.

In 3rd place with 3,270 points was Robin Laramie from Bay City.

I would like to see more participation by the MIJC first time attendee's, so I have submitted articles to the Michiganander and to the MIJC Hotline to try to increase that participation. Let's see what happens in November.

I'm looking forward for the next quarterly MIJC Assembly and the next First Timers Competition in Region C in Grand Rapids, November 2nd – 4th. Take care and we hope to see you there.

Dianna Raquepaw #64679
First Timer Co-Chair

David Dunville #66300
First Timer Co-Chair

Secretary

Hello fellow Senators, Hope this article finds you healthy and in good spirits. Huge Kudos's got out to all the chairman and their workers for the events we had for the month of August and September. Amazing how everyone had a team effort and came through for each other to benefit the senate. I have been excited about being secretary this year because I can see first hand how things flow and get new perspective of why I love this organization. It gives me giggles how fun it is and how proud I am of the purpose we have to do for others and grow to best we can be. I'm a rookie compared to most but I feel I can trust in what we do and what we stand for. A certain guy of the senate will be missed as he goes to Kentucky to live with his lovely bride. I know he will serve as a fine Kentucky Jaycee as he has and will remain a Michigan JC. Got to love' em. If you haven't been to convention in a while make a point to pick one and get out to it. You'll feel good because you shared moments with your fellow senators. You'll be surprised how great it feels. Many blessings to you and your families for the coming fall.

Patti Reitsma
Secretary
#55847.

POST HOLIDAY PARTY
JANUARY 12, 2008

DOM POLSKI HALL
1518 OAK STREET
WYANDOTTE, MI 48192

DIRECTIONS: GO TO MAPQUEST.COM

\$28.00/PERSON

TIMES

5:00 PM-MEETING 6:00-COCKTAILS 7:00-DINNER 8:00-AUCTION
9:00-PARTY

NAME: _____ SENATE # _____

SPOUSE _____ SENATE# _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ X \$28 = _____

Programming

Sue Little # 56817

Hello Everyone,

Has you all may know, I know work for a different company, so I am sorry I have had to miss so much.

To Mary Burden and Dave Dunville, along with everyone who worked the Michigan Renaissance Festival you did a great job! I hear the numbers are up from last year!

Don't forget to sign up for the Post Holiday Party! Dave tells me the flyer should be in this newsletter.

Hope to see you all soon

Sue

Return the Favor

Calling all Senators,

Hey this year is flying by and we are at that time when we are looking for the next Return the Favor winner. If you know of a senator that has gone above and beyond for a chapter, let me know. I can't wait to see all the hard working senators who are submitted for this honor. We all were members of a local chapter and they decided to give us the distinction of being a Senator, so we need to make sure to help them in anyway we can.

That is the heart and soul of the Return the Favor, so let's keep it beating. All submissions are due on October 19th, you can send them by email or snail mail or to the Michigan Jaycees Service Center. If you have any questions contact me.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming Border Bash. This will be my first one and I plan on having a blast. So until we see each other face to face, have a great time being a part of this great organization.

Amy Fenner
Return the Favor Chair
#67112

Michigan Renaissance Festival

Good Day, my ladies and lords! This year's Michigan Renaissance Festival was quite successful for the Michigan Jaycees Senate. We had many senators and guests volunteering for the weekend. Some Michigan Jaycees also pitched in to help this fundraiser become a success. I am extremely appreciative to Dave Dunville, my co-chair, for all his hard work before, during, and after the event. He took care of the paperwork needed and the contact with the festival organizers. I greatly enjoyed all the workers who contributed their own Renaissance persona during the event. Many expressed their enjoyment of the festival.

Dave and I plan on co-chairing this event next year. In an attempt to avoid some complications that occurred this year, I want everyone to know that I begin asking for volunteers in late July. I try to talk on the phone with each senator who volunteers to establish how many people they think they will be bringing and if they have a preference to a particular booth/pub. This does not guarantee that you will work that particular booth/pub or that your group will be together, but your chances are considerably better the earlier I hear from you. This could be considered a "first call, first dibs" approach rather than "first come the morning of, first serve". I am the type of person who needs to organize details prior to an event, especially when it involves 50+ people each day. The booth/pub assignments will be planned prior to the day. I am hoping to contact each senator by the Thursday before the event, letting him/her know where and when he/she is needed.

The Michigan Renaissance Festival organizers expressed their appreciation for the experienced efforts of the Michigan Jaycees Senate. We will be given this same weekend (the weekend after Labor Day) next year; so please put it on your calendars. We do need you and appreciate all your efforts in supporting the Michigan Jaycees Senate!

Mary Burden #62527

New Senators

Ms. Jennifer Hughes # 67544
Mr. Brian Coker #67543
Mrs. Shari (Hepker) Kline #67647

Our Prayers Go Out To

Jeff Bowmn, 35681, was in a motorcycle accident and suffered severe head injuries.

Sherry Ebert's, #63163, Dad had peripheral angiography surgery on Tuesday. Please pray for Sherry, her Dad and her family for a quick recovery and a successful result.

A New Member Of The Family

Kathy Pope, Senator #66820 from Bay City gave birth to her daughter, Morgan Elizabeth Pope on Saturday, October 20th, 2007 at 5:04AM. Baby Morgan weighed in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 inches long. Mother, daughter and the rest of the family are doing well.

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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*