



# Filibuster

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## A Few Words from your President

### *Where Pride is strong in the JCI*

This is the Michigan theme for 2011-2012. Pride in Michigan.

No matter how bad the economy has been - volunteers in Michigan have reigned high; No matter how low employment has been - contributions to causes have continued; Why, because Michiganders have Pride; and Pride is strong in JCI.

Hi from the Westside! I come from the Greater Muskegon Jaycees chapter. I joined the Jaycees late in life at the age of 33 and became a Senator at 43. I am proud to serve as the 39th President of the Michigan JCI Senate.

I come from a large family of 6 brothers and sisters. I have been married for 31 years to my husband, Bob, and have two wonderful children, Katie and Kevin, and one grandson, Trent, who is 5 years old. Trent was born on a beautiful May Day, 5 years ago, making me miss a Boyne Assembly for the first time in many years, and he was worth it.

I have served as your Hospitality Hostess for several years, your Communications VP and now look forward to taking on the reigns for the next few months as your President. I hope we have a lot of fun working on projects, attending some fun events and visiting other States together.

Your 2011-2012 Board of Directors is full of returnees and newbies, so we should have a new perspective on things. There are few spots still available for those who are anxious to join our group - New Member Orientation and the Onto Chair positions. If you want to join this special entity, please let me know. Your value would be greatly appreciated.

We have several events coming up in, so check out the Filibuster and e-mails for information as it comes available:

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| A. London Golf                    | June 3-5                            |
| B. National Convention 2011       | June 12-17; Lisle, Illinois         |
| C. Krekorian Golf                 | June 14; Lisle, Illinois            |
| D. Ohio Pig Roast                 | July 15-17                          |
| E. Illinois Summer Picnic         | July 22-24; Crystal Lake, IL        |
| F. Holes for Hospice/Westside Mtg | September 16-17th; Muskegon         |
| G. Senate Fall Board Meeting      | Sept. 22-25th; Fort Worth, TX       |
| H. Spring Fling 2012              | March 16-18, 2012; Indianapolis, IN |

Watch for details on these and other upcoming events in your Filibuster and E-News or feel free to contact me for information.

I do have to tell you, being part of the JCI Senate Family is great. I spent a fun Friday night with some Westside Senators in early May. Barb Christian (#54385) was in Muskegon visiting from California and gathered up some friends and family for a social hour or two (okay 6) for a walk down memory lane. I collected a Life Membership from Beth Ackley (#59019) while Barb, Tracie Kuhn (#57561), Tammy Grossenbacher (#64930) and I all caught up on the memories of past events with Barb. We enjoyed our visit with Barb and wished we could have found more Muskegon Senators to join us for this impromptu event. Although I hadn't seen Tracie, Beth and Barb for several months, it felt like we had just gotten together a few weeks ago. The friendship that we have through the Jaycees is so strong that we can see each other often or not often enough, and it doesn't matter, we can pick up wherever we left off and continue on. We have a connection that never ends.



## Communications VP—Vette Sutton

Michigan JCI Senators, I am so very proud to be serving as your 2011-2012 Communications Vice President. Over the past eleven years I looked to those in the Senate as Jaycees who have been through it all, who have guided their chapters, communities and other organizations to achieve so many goals and accomplishments. When my home chapter of Ypsilanti (Yep, I am an Ypsi Chick) bestowed to me the honor of being a Senator, I knew I wanted to jump in with both feet and continue to offer guidance to others. As I take a place on the Board of Directors my main goal this year is to reach out to ALL of the Michigan JCI Senators hoping to increase participation in

Senate activities.

Our Newsletter is a great communication tool (thanks to our amazing editor, Jen Fulton) that will provide to you what is happening in Michigan, Region V and Nationally. Our website and constant emails (thanks to our Web Master, Sue Foltin) will keep you full of Senate information!!!! Let us not forget the place to hang out during The Michigan Jaycees Conventions is the Hospitality Room hosted by none other than Jello Ray!!! (Thank you Mr. Ray Russell).

I look forward to working with all of you over the next year (and many years to come)!!! If there is anything I can do for you or any questions you may have, Please do not hesitate to

contact me.

~ Vette Sutton #69414  
2011-2012 Communications  
Vice President

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## President's article con't.

We are family. Continue to support your young members, the Jaycee Chapters. If the Chapter that you received your Senatorship from does not exist anymore - find one near your home or work and extend your hand to them. We're here to help them when needed; visit their meetings or events and find out what we can do as Senators to help their organization, but remember, have fun too. I am attending a Fencing event and the Relay for Life in Muskegon, a Golf Outing in Grand Haven and a Region C Luau in the next few weeks. What are you doing?

*See you at the next Senate event!*

Your 39th President,  
Debbie Mogdis  
JCI #62260

P.S. If you want to get a hold of me...I'm at work during the day, Monday through Friday, (231) 727-2108; cell is always good, if I can't answer, leave a message, (231) 578-6140, e-mail, dmmogdis@yahoo.com and home, well you can try, but I'm hardly ever there...you know, Jaycee stuff and what have you – (231) 788-6565. Unfortunately, I do not text. Sorry, I find time on the phone and computer at work tiring enough, so don't care to do any more of it when I am away from work than necessary.

## Chaplain's Corner—Patti Reitsma

Hello to All of You,

It's amazing we have another year starting in the Michigan JCI Senate. The convention at year end in Boyne was a great time. We accomplished many things in our meeting, had yummy food and fun in the Senate condo too. It's such a nice feeling getting together with my fellow senators and Jaycees of Michigan.

I have served and chaired in many positions on the Board throughout the last ten years. This year, it is my honor to serve as your Chaplain. I'm excited about getting to know my fellow senators better and to keep our communication

open between each other. I hope that you would keep me informed of your happy times as well as the sad times that happen in your lives.

Please contact me at my e-mail address [pattiwni@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwni@yahoo.com). My phone number is 616-457-7467. By giving me a call you can get your words sent out to the Michigan Senate.

We can all celebrate or have a prayer chain or tell each other how we share the same warm feeling about what's happening in our personal lives. It's nice to be part of the group but even nicer to know that you will always have the Michigan JCI Senate sup-

port.

Our faith in God and each other makes anything a comfort in our hearts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Reitsma # 55847  
Michigan JCI Senate Chaplain  
2011-2012

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## National Convention News

National Convention – Lisle, IL  
June 12-17, 2011

Update, Region V will be having a private party on Tuesday, 4:30 – 6:00. Look for further information their or contact our Region V NVP John Voshel. We are hosting lunch and Dinner on Wednesday along with manning the bar all day and evening, Canada has been assigned to work with us also. If you are attending National Convention, please let me know so we can set up a schedule of workers. We have lots to do for the day, cook, serve, clean, tend bar, and what ever else that may be expected of us on Wednesday.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

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## Renaissance Festival News

MY LORDS AND LADIES, COME ONE, COME ALL TO MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER, 10 & 11 in Holly, Michigan. RAIN OR SHINE!

Hear ye! Hear ye! Thou art invited to partake in a most fabulous time while serving beer and wine. The Michigan Renaissance Festival is held seven weekends during the summer into the fall each year on their permanent village grounds located in Holly, Michigan. Each weekend has a different theme – romance, pirates, Celtic, fairies and fantasy, to name a few. There are knights in shining armor jousting, magicians, entertainers, musicians, street performers, dancers, merchants, and fabulous costumes. We will have our normal weekend after Labor Day. The Renaissance board has not yet informed us whether we will be also doing the Wine Tasting or the Beer Tasting. If we have the Wine Tasting weekend, the Renaissance Board is planning on inviting around 18 wine distributors from around the state to each have their own tent at this year's event. Because all alcohol sales fall under our alcohol license, the Senate has to provide at least one wine pouring volunteer at each tent. We will be doing this in two hour shifts. I estimate we will need around 80 workers each day to cover the regular booths and pubs along with all these wine tents. If we are given the Beer Tasting Tent weekend, approximately 5 people are needed during each shift in that area.

To be fair to all, we are giving first pick of taverns/booths to those who spend time helping with the wine or beer tasting. You could also bring a friend to work your time in the wine or beer tasting area. Last year, we offered the tasting tent(s) to Jaycee chapters to which we would make a contribution toward their chapter. That may happen again this year.

What are greatly needed are volunteers at least 18 years of age to work during the weekend of Sept. 10 and 11, 2011. Having 80 people each day of that weekend working makes the workload easier for all involved. You can sign up now, and if necessary, Mary will also be personally calling to get volunteers. The hours of serving are from 10-7 on Saturday, Sept. 10 and from noon – 7 on Sunday, Sept. 11. We found out that we will not be participating in early alcohol sales on Sunday. We ask that all volunteers sign up for the whole day. The more people who volunteer, the less hours each person is asked to work. Other volunteers would be able to enjoy the festival when they are not on shift. The hours and repeat of shifts depend on how many volunteers we have. Depending on the type and location of the booth, three or four workers are usually needed during each shift. As volunteers for the Michigan JCI Senate, we will receive parking passes and free admission into the festival for the day during which we are working. Admission tickets are normally around \$25 a person. While working a shift or shifts, any tips received will be shared among the shift workers and can be kept or donated by each worker.

It is a requirement by the Festival Board that all workers throughout the village be in garb (costume). The Senate has some costumes. When you sign up, let us know if you are in need of some costuming. Also, all workers in the beer/wine booths MUST be at least 18 years old and CANNOT consume alcohol before or during their shift.

Mary Burden will again be the contact for the volunteers to sign up for Saturday, Sunday, or both days, so she can arrange the booth workers. Dave Dunville [thedunvilles@aol.com](mailto:thedunvilles@aol.com) is working with the hotel, Renaissance paperwork, and our bank for the change fund. In the past, on the average, each senator has brought around two to three family members and friends to help out. Could you please consider working one or both days and bringing helpers with you? Call Mary at 231-690-2020 or email at [rob-mary90@gmail.com](mailto:rob-mary90@gmail.com) to volunteer or for any additional questions or information.

Hotel Information: Comfort Inn & Suites, Phone: 810-694-0000, 9040 Holly Road, Grand Blanc 48439.

10 rooms are being held under a group block, All rooms are non-smoking. This will be the same hotel as last year, and we are getting the rooms the same as last year- \$89.00 a night. The room block will only be held until August 10th, so book before then. Those planning on staying at the hotel are responsible for booking their own rooms on their own credit cards.

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## Treasurer—Wendy Klinge

Hello Fellow Senators:

Thank you for electing me your next Treasurer. I have met with Dennis and have been reviewing all the information. I just wanted to put a note in this Filibuster about how your membership dues invoicing works. Dues are paid to National on a quarterly basis; therefore you will be getting an invoice from me; either by e-mail (if we have your e-mail address) or snail mail approximately 2 months prior to your month due. We have to send the check in to National by the first day of each quarter (March, June, September and December). If you would like to know the quarter you are dues are due please contact me at [wklinge@comcast.net](mailto:wklinge@comcast.net). I have sent invoices out to the members that are due June 1 and thank you to those of you that have returned them. Last week I tried to call the people that I had sent invoices to by e-mail and I had not heard from; fearing that the invoice went to their junk. Please check your junk folder to see if you have an invoice from two weeks ago. With many people changing from land lines to just cell phones you can imagine that many of the phone numbers that we have are not in service.

I would like to ask the following people to our website ([www.michiganjcsenate.org](http://www.michiganjcsenate.org)) and click on the newsletters page – go to the link to change your information so that we can update our records:

**BAD PHONE NUMBERS:**

Betty Cusick #42076	Bonnie Hildreth #52535	Charles Ludwig #57098
Corey Reed #69586	Greg Fernandes #65510	Jody Shevin #49934
Rebecca Hull #65558	Ronald Barnum #38164	Steve Jacobs #55769

**BAD E-MAILS:**

John Krupp #30963	Brian Tyler #49858	Lori Tyler #48103
Deborah Cain #67829	Norman Cunningham #49414	Patrick Dohany #28703
Terry Dohany #42695	Paul Eckard #40313	Brian Meakin #56871
Adam Pieczynski #57384	Michael Rockafellow #33540	Gary VanBuren #32845
Dave Douglas #53366		

**BAD E-MAIL AND MAIL:**

Victor Mulero #58461	Mark Schumacher #27395
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**BAD MAIL:**

Ted Easterly #41628	Rick Reidt #47800	Daniel Dehoek #56940
Laura Dockham #61423	James Henderson #26642	Bob Hunt #16436
Ken Miller #44351	Patrick Sullivan #62740	

Thanks for your help in updating our Membership Roster.

Wendy Klinge #60219  
2011-2012 Treasurer

## Chairman of the Board—Deb Fewless

What a wonderful year, I couldn't have done it without the support of my Board and those who stepped up to oversee the programs to complete our year. The year has brought many changes to the MI JCI Senate. Our web site offering the opportunity to change contact information, By Law changes, updating our membership roster and only retaining those who want to remain Senators, new faces stepping up to except Board positions, and most important activating new Senators, all steps in completing my year as your 38<sup>th</sup> President of the MI JCI Senate, the year of "Today is our Future".

Congratulations to our 39<sup>th</sup> President Deb Mogdis and her Board, I am looking forward to assisting as your Chairman of the Board. You have put together a wonderful team, some new faces and some not so new, congratulations to all of you.

My goal for this year is completing what was started last year. This would be to follow through with updated roster information and those who would like to retain as Senators in good standing. One of the By Law changes that failed to pass at our May meeting in Boyne was:

Article II Dues

Section 2: Members whose dues are in arrears for a period of thirty (30) days of their Anniversary Date shall be suspended from membership on the thirty first (31) day. Notice of delinquency will be sent to the member whose dues are in arrears thirty (30) days after the due date. The above By Law will remain, our intention of the proposed change was to allow a grace period of one year due to the lack of information provided from our members of a correct address for dues billing. The discussion of the amendment provided the problems of a grace period would only provide a life long problem to those who fail to pay their dues to remain in good standings, those in attendance agreed.

"Today is our Future"  
Deb Fewless 58565  
Chairman of the Board

## ENEWS/WebMaster—Sue Foltin

Happy Summer in Michigan!

Oh it's so good to be back! There's no place like Michigan.

*Just a few updates with respect to future communications.*

My former account, [suefo64@charter.net](mailto:suefo64@charter.net), is no longer active. After some juggling, I will now be using [suefo64@att.net](mailto:suefo64@att.net) for ENEWS blasts. I have made a few attempts to send out news using this email account and several accounts have been rejected.

**If you have restrictions placed on incoming emails** for only those addresses you recognize, please update my information. Failure to do this may result in information not reaching you in a timely manner.

When updating your personal information, PLEASE use the jotform online. This is the only way to insure that information reaches all interested parties. You can link to this either by going to the website, clicking on NEWSLETTERS and using the link provided. OR you can open a previous ENEWS email. I am providing the link at the end of all emails.

I appreciate your patience while we update the website for the 2011-2012 Board of Directors. I have a few days up on the calendar for Woodward Dream Cruise, Ren Fest and conventions. Hopefully now that I'm back in the state I will be able to provide more information in a faster turn around time.

Cant' wait to hang with ya'll again.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,  
Sue Foltin

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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.

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