

Filibuster

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Debbie Mogdis, President, Senator #62260



WOW...I cannot believe the year is almost over. I am happy to say we updated the Bylaws and now Michigan JCI Senate will follow the National calendar, beginning on July 1 each year. We will continue to hold our annual meeting in March, to avoid conflict with the MIJC meetings and to allow the incoming Region VP to see whom he can elect to his/her Board in June. Hopefully, the previous Board of Directors will work with the incoming Board for a smooth transition, so the Board is up and ready to move in July each year.

We are also trying to clean up our Dues Billing and Membership Lists. If you know of any Senator that is not receiving information from the Michigan JCI Senate, please let myself, Wendy Klinge or Susan Foltin know. It could be we have incorrect mailing information for them or that they are not a current Michigan JCI Senator (dues not paid). If they are not sure, a Jotform is available at our website to complete. If they do not have e-mail available, a written request with their pertinent information will get it done.

Also, thank you to everyone that has signed up to receive our E-Blasts and newsletters by electronic mail. The use of the internet has saved us a lot of printing and postage costs. If you receive the Filibuster by mail, but have access to e-mail, please let us know we can send it by e-mail. This will help your Chapter out immensely.

As most of you know, we held elections on March 3rd in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our new elected Board of Directors for 2012-2013 (also known as the 40th Anniversary Board) is:

President: Patti Reitsma #55847
Communication Vice President: Gary Bulson #66823
Treasurer: Wendy Klinge #60219
West-side Coordinator(s): Cherie Fuss #65262

Programming Vice President: Dan Gratz #64238
Secretary: Edonna Russell #69002
East-side Coordinator: Vette Sutton #69414
Life Member Trustee: Brian Klinge,

I am looking forward to working with the new Board in their upcoming year.

Patti Reitsma and I met with the MIJC President, Sarah Nelson, to discuss how the Senators and the MIJCs can keep communications opened. It was a very enlightening night. We would like to make sure we keep a list of Senators and their Chapter, so, if you are needed with extensions, trainings, etc. the Chapters will know who to call. This is one of the things I will be helping Patti with during her Presidential year.

By the time you receive this newsletter, some of us will be returning from our Region V Spring Fling, which was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Although, as I write this article, I have not attended the event yet, I am sure it will be a blast. I enjoy getting together with other Chapters from around the United States and Canada. Thank you to everyone that donated items for the President's baskets for this Fling.

The next event in May is our Meeting at the MIJC Convention, May 4-6, 2012 in Boyne. Some of us will also be going over to London, Canada for their Crew Meeting, May 18-20, 2012. If you are interested in attending this event, please check out the flyer on our website.

June 20-23, 2012, is the United States JCI Senate National Meeting in Altamonte Springs, Florida. This is a great time to meet with Senators from everywhere – trainings, hospitality, tours, and more. It is a fun filled few days.

As always, proud to be a MIJC I Senator "Where Pride is strong in JCI".

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COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Vette Sutton, Communications Vice President, Senator #69414



Change, some resist it, others embrace it, either way, our World is a better place for it.

When you ask a “Michigander” what they love the most about living in our State, they more often than not say the “Change of Season”. We will soon enjoy another change, longer days, warmer temperatures and wonderful Spring and Summertime fun!!!

Recently we voted for the next “Change” in the Michigan JCI Senate. With this change we must wrap up our current year and look ahead to what is yet to come.

It has been wonderful serving this great organization as your 2011-2012 Communications Vice President. I had hoped to reach out to more and more Senators in our fabulous state during my term and I feel in some ways I succeeded with that. Each Convention we seemed to have some new faces join us both at our meeting and in the Senate Suite. I will continue with my focus of bringing those new faces to the folds of the MI JCI Senate as my term finishes up and I will keep right on going into the next term as your Eastside Coordinator. I plan to focus on our Membership and increase the number of Senators that take part in our Meetings and Events. I hope to make an Impact with our Local Jaycee Chapters in getting them to understand what the Senate can do for them!!!

Boyer Convention will be the next time we meet, come out and enjoy what the “Senate” is all about. Good Friends, Good Times and always an Adventure to say the least.

If there is anything I or anyone on the Board can do for any of you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,

Vette Sutton #69414

2011-2012 MI JCI Communications Vice President

Incoming Communications Vice President

Gary Bulson, Senator #66823

Let me start off by first thanking all of those that were at the elections meeting in Grand Rapids last week and elected me to be your Communications Vice President. For those that don't know much about me you will after this article. I was born in upstate New York and moved to Michigan in 1985 when my dad was transferred here for his job at Ford Motor Company. Since then I have been busy not only with different community groups but also with my business Men on the Move (established in 1991).

I am divorced with a 19 year old daughter, a 24 year old stepson and live in Canton, Michigan. I've been a proud Westland Jaycee since 1997 and continue to be active with the chapter. I look forward to this year and becoming more active with our senate and getting to know each of you better. I think the most important thing for me this year moving forward as your Communications Vice President is to stay out of Sue and Jen's way for they have been doing a great job for several years. I look forward to learning from them and you. My main focus this year will be to try to activate those members that have received their senatorships in the last few years but are not currently active or involved with us. I am very opened minded when it comes to outside the box ideas on activation so if anyone has any ideas please run them by me or one of the other board members and we will see what we can do here in 2012.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Bulson #66823

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Please note that there is NO August convention our next convention after Boyne will be held on September 28-30th location TBD.

Bad human communication leaves us less room to grow.

Rowan D. Williams

2012 Board of Directors

Please remember to bring your Board Badge to the MAY CONVENTION to be handed over to the 2012-2013 Board.

Also, all receipts for reimbursement MUST be in by May 15th, so the year end books may be completed. This will enable the upcoming Board to determine their budget pursuant to our costs. After May 15th, you will need pre-approval from the President, to turn in any reimbursement requests.

40th Anniversary Update

Mark your calendars and save the date of October 5-7th, 2012. Come celebrate with your fellow senators on the Michigan JCI Senate's 40th Anniversary in Frankenmuth, MI. We have secured the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge and we have a Fall Color Riverboat Tour set up. If that is not your "mug of beer" there is shopping at the River Place Shops or Bronner's and much, much more. And yes there will be golf for you golfers at the Fortress, for 18 holes with a cart will be \$45 per person. SEE THE ENCLOSED FLIER AND REGISTRATION FORM in this issue of the filibuster.

At this time we are looking for financial help to off set some of the expenses. We have set up levels of sponsorship; they are as follows and see the sponsor form enclosed within the Filibuster.

Krekorian Level (Hospitality Sponsor) for \$400.

Huldin Level (Commemorative Sponsor) for \$100

Humphrey Level (Program Sponsor) for \$50

Senate Level (Goodie Bag Sponsor) for \$25

Come and celebrate our anniversary with your fellow senators and to reflect on the past, present and future of our great organization.

Dianna Raquepaw #64679

Robin Hutchisson # 68205

Chairpeople

Lost Senators

Sadly, these Senators have been dropped from our scrolls because we have not received their dues. If you know any of these individuals please consider reaching out to them and asking them to renew their membership. Life Memberships are available for \$200.00 and an annual renewal is only \$20.00.

TRACY BROWN
DARLENE DRESCH
LISA DUNVILLE
DAVID LIEBER

WILLIAM LOXTERMAN
TERI MARSHALL
NORMAN SMITH
DWAYNE SUMNER

WHERE PRIDE
IS STRONG
IN



Michigan JCI Senate 40th Anniversary October 5-7, 2012

Name: _____	Senate #: _____
Spouse/Guest Name: _____	Senate/Friendship#: _____
Address: _____	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: Home _____	Work: _____ Cell: _____
E-Mail: _____	
Arriving when: _____	How? _____ Airline? _____
Recommended airport: Flint Bishop. Arrival date _____ Arrival time _____	
Departure date _____ Departure time _____	

ITEM	QTY	Postmarked By 8/1/12	Postmarked After 8/1/12	On-Site	Total
Full Registration*		\$65.00	\$75.00	\$85.00	
Dinner Only		\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Bavarian Belle Riverboat Tour		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	
Airport Shuttle Service		\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	

*Full Registration includes: Hospitality (Friday & Saturday) and Dinner on Saturday

Hotel Information:

All hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 1-888-775-6364.
 Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge, 1 Covered Bridge Ln., Frankenmuth, MI 48734
 Room Rate: \$126 per night. Block code: **11H7DN** for **MI JCI Senate**
Room block available for nights of Oct. 4-6, 2012
 Cut-off date for room block is **9/1/12**

Make checks payable to:

Michigan JCI Senate

And mail check and registration form to

Dianna Raquepaw #64679
 6587 E. Birch Run Rd.
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Robin Hutchisson, #68205
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Bavarian Belle Riverboat

Enjoy a fabulous narrated tour of Frankenmuth on the Cass River aboard 150-passenger authentic paddle wheel riverboat, the "Bavarian Belle". Ramped, handicap accessible dock.

If we register 100 tours, we can charter the riverboat for our group.



Michigan JCI Senate 40th Anniversary Sponsor Form

Krekorian Level

\$400.00 – Hospitality Sponsor
Full Page Program Ad

Huldon Level

\$100.00 – Commemorative Sponsor
Half Page Program Ad

Humphrey Level

\$50.00 – Program Sponsor
¼ Page Program Ad

Senate Level

\$25.00 Goodie Bag Sponsor
Business Card Program Ad

Name: _____ Senate # _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Check level: **Make checks payable to Michigan JCI Senate**

_____ Krekorian Level (\$400)

_____ Huldon Level (\$100)

_____ Humphrey Level (50)

_____ Senate Level (\$25)

Submit a copy of your ad and send to:

Dianna Raquepaw #64679
6587 E. Birch Run Rd
Birch Run, MI 48415
989-928-2822

Oh, Canada...

Canada JCI Senate Ambassador to the U.S. JCI Senate - Vik Farrugia 59813

It has been a very busy past month for this Ambassador to the U.S. It all started on February 22nd when my son and I headed to Pigeon Forge Tennessee for the Region 7 meeting. We combined some golf and visiting time and spent 4 days at the amazing place called Pigeon Forge. It is a combination Disney World and Amusement Park rolled into one. You could easily spend a month in this area of the state. We had a fantastic time with the U.S. Senators and we were joined by Senators Linda Blanchard, Ed MacDonald and President LLOYD from Canada. We were able to convince a few Americans to sign up for the Crew Meeting in May in London.

The other U.S. stop was the Region 5 Spring Fling Meeting in Indianapolis Illinois from March 16 - 17th. Yes it was the start of March Madness but the madness was not confined to the basketball court. We were very well treated as guests from Canada and we were able to hoist our Canadian flag as part of their meeting program. We were thrilled and treated as family. Region 5 has always supported the London Senate and they continue to do so by registering in good numbers for the Crew Meeting. The U.S. Ontario Senator - Russ Cooper - did a wonderful job pumping up our Crew Meeting in May. Of our 114 registrants 24 are from Region 5 alone and there are more to come I am sure.

In between my U.S. stops I had time on March 7th to attend the Toronto Junior Chamber Senate Luncheon. We shared time with incoming U.S. President Bruce Geddes and Toronto Senators that I had not met before. It was a great day !

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SAVE THE DATE

Michigan JCI Senate 40th Anniversary

October 5-7, 2012

Frankenmuth; Bavarian Inn Lodge

More info: Dianna Raquepaw @ 989-928-2822; diraq@charter.net

- or -

Robin Hutchisson @ 989-780-0550; robinhutchisson@yahoo.com

A Word from your Treasurer

Wendy Klinge, Senator #60219



I am hoping that the following people just forgot to send in their checks for their annual dues. Please check the list as the following senators were dropped from the Roster as of March 1, 2012; but can be added by sending me a check.

Tracy Brown #54773

Lisa Dunville #70381

William Loxterman #30693

Dewayne Sumner #66239

Darlene Dresch #69161

David Lieber #59139

Teri Marshall #59563

If you receive the e-news and filibuster by e-mail you will receive your dues billing by e-mail. Please be sure that wklinge@comcast.net is accepted by your inbox and not pushed to Junk mail.

The dues process is very simple –

I receive the “Dues Kit” from USJCI Senate 45 days prior to the Due Date (billings are quarterly, March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1).

I will send Michigan Senators an invoice either by e-mail or snail mail, I have also sent out a second reminder that I had not received the dues yet.

Senators will send me a check for either annual dues of \$20.00 OR if they choose to become a life member (and never have to worry about dues) they can choose a payment plan that is outlined on the invoice.

Upon receipt of their payment I will not have to drop them from National.

If a member is dropped for non-payment, when I receive their payment they can be added on the next quarterly dues kit.

The past year has been a great learning experience and I thank everyone for their help as I learn the position and get the Quickbooks updated. Next year should be a little easier.

Wendy Klinge #60219.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Patti Reitsma, Chaplain, Senator #55847



Hello Fellow Senators,

It's amazing to me how winter has flown by faster than the speed of sound. Many of you are already planning for Easter gatherings and of course spring break. At this point we have many senators that have had and some who are still dealing with illnesses. We wish them better feelings for a healthy recovery. I do

hope that all of you are saying a prayer for them all.

We wish for God to remember to keep safe Dwight Keith after his Colon surgery in March and that he may get stronger soon. After a 2 month stay in the hospital and now home, keep Deb Fewless' dad, Rich Karasiewicz laid up with bad lungs and breathing, let him recover and feel better each day.

I am filled with joy when I hear of someone feeling good, being healthy and liking who they are. We have a choice to deal with our lives in whatever manner that we think is valid. Be ever present that you have a great life and the best way to live our lives is to share it with others. Thankfulness keeps us close to God and other people.

I'll be back from Spring Fling by the time you get this. All 5 states in our region (MI, KY, ILL, IN, OH) get together to celebrate our year as senators in the Region. I know it will be a Great time, Fun and enjoying friendships from those states. I hope all of you have had a Fine last two months with more to come. Take Care

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Reitsma #55847
Chaplain

**Convention is just around the corner. Get your
room now!**

Boyne Mountain, May 4-6th

Join us in the Hospitality Suite Friday and Saturday

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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.