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MORE YEARS

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Patti Reitsma, President, Senator #55847



Hello fellow Senators,

It's that time again when we start a new year in the Senate. We go from July 2012-June 2013. I am delighted to serve as your representative throughout the coming year. Thankfully we have a group of people that want to get started to make events fun and worthwhile. You'll find a list of your V.P.s and chairmen in this newsletter that can help you with what you need to know about our upcoming projects, or if you just want to chat.

I hail from the great chapter of Wyoming. I've been a Jaycee since 1989 and a Senator since 1994. I've seen lots of things happen throughout our state that we can be proud of.

Let's have a mission, to seek out senators that haven't been a part of our organization for a bit of time. So, whenever you are at a function, event, or on the street, just ask the question. "Are you a current voter of the Michigan Senate?" If not, "Did you pay your dues?" right off the bat. Give them some dialogue and respect and I'm sure they will give you some good feedback.

In the past I have had nicknames of Peppermint or Peach Patti. Now I have come full circle since I am back to P.P. again being President Patti. Please feel free to call me by any, P.P., Patti with an I, or just HEY YOU, and I will gladly respond. Give me a call or send an email if you'd like to discuss anything with me. My goal this year is to communicate and associate with all of you. Ask the question, "How can I participate in the Senate so I can appreciate what it offers?" What's nice is that you have a personal invitation to any of the Region V and our events in the state. Region V (5) is Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky. Please visit our calendar or website for events or for what you want to go to in this newsletter.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Filibuster and supporting your experience in the Michigan Senate.

Respectfully,

Patti Reitsma # 55847

40th President

"On Track for 40 More Years "

Phone (hm) 616-457-7467 (cell) 616-460-3331

Things Are Heating Up!!

Dan Gratz, Programming Vice President, Senator #64238

The weather is heating up almost as much as our MIJCI Senate projects are. The Woodward Dream Cruise is just around the corner in mid-August with Pat Malac #41805 organizing our Senate sales once again. Any and all hands are appreciated with this project. Mary Burden #62527 and Dave Dunville #66300 are hard at work with preparations for the Renaissance Festival in Holly which will be the weekend after Labor Day. This is a big fundraiser for the Senate and a huge event to staff. Please set aside some time to make this a success as it has been in the past. Our 40th Anniversary is approaching quickly as well. We hope to see many of you in Frankenmuth that weekend. The city is such a gem in our great state, and just like death and taxes, one can always be sure that there will never a shortage of chicken, schnitzel, or beer in Frankenmuth. Let's enjoy them all (except for the death and taxes part), and give Diane Raquepaw #64679 and Robin Hutchisson #68205 any assistance they need to make this the event of the year. Many thanks to Kim Hubbell #68729 for her great work this past year. I hope to continue her efforts and look forward to another fantastic year for the MIJCI Senate.

Dan Gratz

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616-218-3814 cell

2012 Michigan JCI Senate Shirts

This year's Senate Shirt will be a Navy Blue Polo shirt with a white stripe on the collar and sleeve featuring Patti's motto "On Track for 40 more years." To order please fill out the form below.

NAME: _____ SENATE # _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

Which number Senate President you are, if you want it on your shirt # _____ President

They come in Men Sizes :

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

XLarge _____

2XL _____

3XL _____

4XL _____

Cost: \$22 for S - XLarge 2XL -\$24 3xl- \$25 4xl-\$26

Make checks payable to the : MIJCI Senate and Send form and check to:

Patti Reitsma
1729 Oakbrook Drive
Jenison, MI. 49428

40th Anniversary Update

Do you have your calendars marked for our 40th Anniversary Celebration October 5-7th? Don't forget to reserve your room; Frankenmuth will also be hosting the "Lobster & Clam Fest" that weekend also, so get your room secured.

There are a lot of things to do in Frankenmuth; one can enjoy a fabulous narrated tour of Frankenmuth on the Cass River aboard a 150-passenger authentic paddle wheel riverboat, the "Bavarian Bell". If that doesn't catch your eye, there is plenty of shopping all around, like the River Place Shops, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and many specialty shops along Main St. One could also try some beer tasting at the Frankenmuth Brewery or wine tasting at St. Julian's Winery. Check out the Lager Museum or Michigan's Military and Space Museum. Check out the Frankenmuth website @ Frankenmuth.org to check out all of what "Michigan's Little Bavaria" has to offer or call 1-800-Fun-Town.

Of course there is golf available at the Fortress Golf. The cost is \$45 for 18 holes with a cart. Tee times have been reserved for 8:50am, 9am, 9:10am and 9:20am. When you book your tee time call the pro shop directly at 989-652-0460, the tee times are reserved under my name, Dianna Raquepaw (**not under the Senate**). The 2 best golf scores will receive 18 holes of golf (can be used anytime) at The Fortress, compliments of The Fortress. The 2 winners will be announced at dinner.

We need your pictures from the past and present. Jim Coulsen will be putting together a video with our history in pictures. Please send your pictures or a JPeg disc to Jim either by snail mail at 32405 Holden, Warren, MI 48092 or by email at jayceejim@wowway.com. If you email he is requesting no more than 5 at a time, you can email as many as you want – 5 at a time. Deadline line is September 1st. He will take a disc at the Renaissance Festival Weekend only.

Sue Foltin is in need of pictures also for 40th Anniversary Celebration Program. Please send pictures to her as well. I believe she will take them up to September 1st also. They can be email to her at suefoltin@gmail.com or snail mail at 1138 Lariat Loop, Apt 201, Ann Arbor, MI 48101.

There is a lot of time for August 1st early registration, after that the registration price goes up. See the registration form and if you are interested in being a sponsor, check out the sponsor form as well.

You can still become a sponsor at this time. We have set up levels of sponsorship; they are as follows and see the sponsor form enclosed within the Filibuster.

MI JCI 40th Grand Sponsor \$1000.00
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

Hope to see you there!

Dianna Raquepaw, #64679

Robin Hutchisson, #68205

**Early Registration for the 40th Ends August 1st
Get yours in today!**



Michigan JCI Senate 40th Anniversary Event Sponsor Form

MI JCI 40th Grand Sponsor

\$1000.00 – Dignitary Sponsor

Full Page Program Ad & Evening Program Ad

2 Full Registrations **or** 4 Dinner Tickets

Logo on Banner

Krekorian Level

\$400.00 – Hospitality Sponsor

Full Page Program Ad

2 Dinners

Logo on Banner

Huldin 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: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

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

_____ MI JCI 40th Grand Sponsor Level (\$1,000)

_____ Krekorian Level (\$400)

_____ Huldin Level (\$100)

_____ Humphrey Level (\$ 50)

_____ Senate Level (\$ 25)

Include a copy of your ad with check and form –

send to:

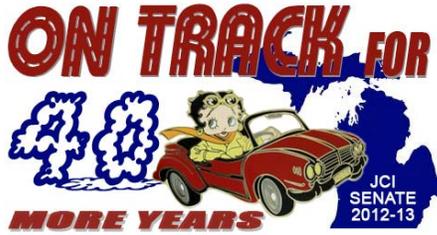
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Michigan JCI Senate 40th Anniversary October 5-7, 2012

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	\$35.00	\$40.00	
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 1-888-775-6343.
 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.
 Birch Run, MI 48415

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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.

Fortress Golf Course

The Fortress is located just 435 yards from the front porch of Zehnder's Restaurant in downtown Frankenmuth and has been recognized as one of Michigan's top golf courses. Info: (989) 652-0460 or 800-863-7999



Deb Mogdis, Chairwoman of the Board Senator #62260

The time has come to turn the reigns over to a new President, Patti Reitsma, #55847. I am looking forward to seeing what Ms. Reitsma and her team have in store for you – 40th Anniversary, Golf Outings, Conventions, trips to other States, etc.

I want to take this time to THANK all of you again for your support through the past 14 months. From my Advisors (you know who you are – the ones I called non-stop) my Board of Directors, the Michigan Senate, the US JCI Senate, the Michigan Jaycees and my home Chapter, Greater Muskegon Jaycees – you have all supported my efforts and made me feel special at the helm.

Thank you so much Wendy Klinge, #60219, for taking over the Treasurer duties. Your expertise in this field has made this past year a blessing. I look forward to working with you in the next year, tracking down Senators, correcting addresses, etc.

Thank you Ray, #67650, and Edonna Russell, #69002, for the best hospitality. As a former hospitality host, I know the hardships this can entail – set-up, tear-down, making sure the room is opened, having the “right” items and beverages, keeping everyone satisfied. You two did it with grace. We are very lucky to have a Hospitality King and Queen that make it look so easy – so welcoming.

Thank you Patti Reitsma, #55847, for being my Chaplain and leading every meeting with a thoughtful invocation and for being my travel companion throughout the year. I would recommend traveling with the Chaplain of your Board as much as possible – it seemed that we escaped many “almosts” with her in the driving seat. From icy roads, car crashes and just long, tiring trips, she made me feel safe and the trip enjoyable. The laughter and experiences will be remembered for a long time.

Thank you Jen Fulton, #67544, and Sue Foltin, #63744, for keeping our communications going. Our Filibuster, Website and E-Blasts have been outstanding this year. These ladies really know how to make communication work. They are experts in the field.

Thank you to my VPs and Directors, Vette Sutton, #69414, Kim Hubbell, #68729, Robin Hutchison, #68205, Dan Gratz, #64238, Gina Greenlee, #63315, Cherie Fuss, #65262, Gary Bulson, #66823 and Cindy Tomaszewski, #65889, for working your areas to the best of your ability. Your First Timers, Return the Favor and Scholarship Programs were the best. **Thank you** for your time at conventions and Senate events. You made your areas shine.

Thank you Pat Malac, #41085, Tom LaBarge, #43200, Dave Dunville, #66300, Mary Burden, #62527, Rich Lindow, #40108, Julie Carter, #51324, and Karen Voshel, #623905 for handling our annual events – Woodward Dream Cruise, Renaissance Festival, Post-Holiday Party and Hal Krekorian Golf Outing. Your continued support of the Michigan JCI Senate and running these essentials projects is a statement of your dedication to our group.

Thank you Deb Fewless, #58565, my Chairwoman of the Board. Although we weren't able to travel together as much this year as in the past, your steady support through e-mails and calls was welcomed at every turn. **Thank you** to the other Past Presidents that held discussions with me to help my transition into this position and throughout the year.

Thank you Michigan JCI Senate for allowing me to be your 39th President. It was a pleasure to serve you at the top of the pyramid.

Congratulations President Patti and your Board. May your year be a success as you celebrate the 40 past years of the Michigan JCI Senate and take it down the track for another 40 years.

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

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Renaissance Festival

MY LORDS AND LADIES, COME ONE, COME ALL TO MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER, 8 & 9 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. 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. 8 and 9, 2012. 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. 8 and from noon – 7 on Sunday, Sept. 9. 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 at the discretion of 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 is working with the hotel (which hasn't been finalized yet), 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 robmary90@gmail.com to volunteer or for any additional questions or information.

Hotel Information: Look for upcoming ENews from Sue Foltin about these details.

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(231) 843-9197

Dave Dunville
MI JCI# 66300
1903 Phoenix Ct
Hartland, 48353
248-889-4311

A Word from your Treasurer



Wow, what a year (oh excuse me 14 months - bylaw change). Well it has been a learning experience and I can say that I enjoyed most of the tasks that go with this position.

Now for the year end totals (5 quarters):

Add's: 23

Drop's: 53

I am going to list the 40 members that dropped (some that were dropped in one quarter were added in another) during this past year. If you know them you could help me by contacting them and getting their \$20.00 to re-new their membership.

John Samyn #64714

Catherine Sanow #55846

Sam Gardner #48417

Francis Kirchoff #46609

Robert Padget #7783

Kim Smith #57268

Bradley Sullivan #64954

Richard Tice #21339

Brian Tyler #49585

Charles Bartram #57066

Saul Chudnow #9210

Jeanne Perry #60288

Tracy Brown #54773

Lisa Dunville #70381

William Loxterman #30693

Dewayne Sumner #66239

Ronald Barnum #38164

Laura Drahozal #56626

Tim Fedewa #63911

Herb Reed #50980

Paul Staley #28862

Donna Chenard #68940

Karen Johnson #51213

Mitch Monahan #64037

Rick Reidt #47800

James St. Louis #14742

Michele Thurlow #61007

Lori Tyler #48103

Amy Barber #60115

William Carlson #37776

Tammey Inman #65923

Paul Sharpe #46227

Darlene Dresch #69161

David Lieber #59139

Teri Marshall #59563

Gary Achenbach #27551

Betty Cusick #42076

Gary Englehart #48000

Greg Fernandes #65510

Jody Shevin #49934

Thanks for all the help that I have received this year and the understanding of my husband for all the time that it took me to do this position.

Any questions please let me know.

Wendy Klinge #60219

MI JCI Senate Treasurer

Filibuster Editor

Jen Fulton, Senator #67544

Hello Fellow Senators,

The prospect of a new Senate year is like having New Year's twice with all of the excitement that comes with new beginnings and resolutions. I am resolved this year to do quite a few things. I plan to finish my Bachelor's degree within the next few months, return to my family, and become more active again in the Senate and with my local chapter.

I have some ideas for the Filibuster that have been growing in my mind since I started this role a few years ago but, realistically, I have not made the time to devote to such an undertaking. I hope in the coming months to start making additional improvements that will make this communication more and more functional for our members. If you have an idea of how the Filibuster could be improved, please let me know. I would love to hear your ideas and insights.

At this point, the Filibuster is moving to a quarterly publication. Realistically, we rarely have information that needs to be communicated more frequently than that and, if we do, our Senate website and facebook are great tools for instant communication.

On a more personal note, I am very excited about the 40th Anniversary and hope to see many of my fellow Senators there. I hope to meet people from all over the state and from different Jaycee generations to reminisce about the good ol' days and share "in my day we did it this way" stories. The location is really perfect whether you have kids or are retired; whether you like to play or put your feet up; enjoy a coffee or enjoy a cocktail. The Bavarian Inn and town of Frankenmuth can meet all of our varied needs while we come together with a common appreciation for two organizations really that have impacted our lives.

In Jaycee Spirit,

Jen Fulton, #67544
Filibuster Editor
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To register for the 40th Anniversary or to become a sponsor please use the inserts from a previous Filibuster or visit us online at www.michiganjcisenate.org

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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.