

Filibuster

The Official Newsletter of the Michigan JCI Senate
January - March 2014



Happy New Year!!!

Everyone who got where he is, had to begin where he was. - Richard L. Evans

It's a New Year – a time for personal reflection and for setting new goals... something as past Jaycees we are all use to doing. It's also the half-way point for our Senate year, which is a good time to do both.

REFLECTION

We had a rocky start to our year. We:

- lost our main fundraiser. This was good as it was a huge drain on our resources (manpower), but bad in that it was a huge loss in revenue.
- had a “dropped” list that wasn't quite right due to a bad sort a few years ago, making it difficult to reach out to some of our inactive membership.
- have seen many newer Senators attending events and getting involved.

- implemented new fundraising programs with mixed results.
- provided the use of Paypal to make dues payment and event registration easier for members.
- continue to build and strengthen our relationship with the Michigan Jaycees – either through trainings at conventions or just extending a hand and a friendly smile to their individual chapters. Personally, I have traveled to 20 chapters in the state, covering over 147 hours and 3,052 miles.

We also welcomed a NEW Senator: *Tom McAllister* #72474 from Ann Arbor.

SETTING GOALS

We still have a lot to do in the remaining 6 months. We:

- will be holding our 2014 Post-Holiday Party on Jan 18th. *Rich Lindow* # 40108 and *Julie Carter* # 51324 are chairing this event for their 5th year

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2013-2014 Executive Board of Directors

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pattiwni@yahoo.com

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wljaycees@aol.com

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Wendy Klinge #60219
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Edonna Russell #69002
secretary@michiganjcisenate.org

Upcoming Events

January 9-12, 2014	US JCI Mid Year Board Meeting, Cocoa Beach FL
January 18, 2014	Post Holiday Party, Southgate
March 14-16, 2014	Spring Fling, Louisville KY
April 18-20, 2014	IN JCI Senate 45th Anniversary, Indianapolis IN
June 25-28, 2014	US JCI Senate National Meeting, Baltimore MD
End-June 2014	Installation and Recognition Banquet (details pending)

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(and possibly their last). Our goal is to have 100 people in attendance. Please check the newsletter / website for registration.

- will reach out to our inactive members – WE WANT THEM BACK!
- will be participating in the 90th Anniversary of the Michigan Jaycees in Mt Pleasant (Feb) – as well as hosting our US JCI Senate President *Larry Bohn* #37024 and his lovely wife, *Ronnie* #66024. This promises to be a well attended hospitality room, if all the past presidents attend.
- will complete our scholarship program. This year we will not only issue the standard \$1000 scholarship but we hope to provide two additional \$500 grants.
- will hold elections for 2014-2015 Board of Directors. Please let the committee know if you plan to run for office: *Patti Reitsma* #55847, *Sandra Hillard* #68849 and *Don McDurmon* #59099.
- will implement more fundraising ideas – looking at a potential raffle ticket sale with the grand prize of a 22-person suite at Comerica Park for a Tiger's game in July or August. We will also have 2 more poker nites on the Westside.
- plan to host an Installation Banquet in June – details still pending for a weekend of fellowship,

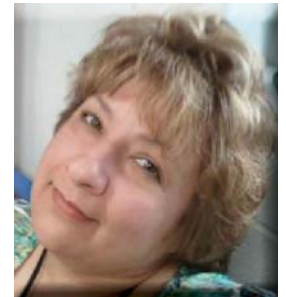
recognition and swearing in of the 2014-2015 board of directors.

Thank you to the following Senators for their efforts this past quarter: *Edonna Russell* #69002, *Patti Reitsma* #55847, *Deb Fewless* #58565, *Renee Cook* #44699, and *Gina Greenlee* #63315 (west-side poker nites); *Sandra Hillard* #68849 (organizing Nov. board meeting); *Ray* #67650 and *Edonna* #69002 *Russell* (hospitality chairs); *Karen Hillegonds* #70913 (*Filibuster*).

The following Senators have all provided training so far this year to the Jaycees: *Doug Hincker* #22200, *Alex Arends* #26599, *Greg Merritt* #27688, *Dr. Steven Monaghan* #38471, *Walt Downes* # 57285, *Fay Poissant* #68824, *Susan Metalski* # 68846, *David Q. Worthams* # 69822, *Mark Garrison* #71477.

Michigan JCI Senators - It's a New Year – and I ask you, are you feeling good?

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,
Sue Foltin #63744
41st President, MI JCI Senate



Treasurer's Report

Another quarter has flown by. I am happy to announce that we renewed all 60 members this quarter and added new Senator, welcome Tom McAllister #72474.

However we have 16 members coming due in March, so if you see your name below – watch for an invoice from me or just send me your dues. The following members are due March 1:

Duane Alverson #27824
Kimberly Hubbell #68729
Sandy Ludwig #62634
Cheri Redding #71350
Jennifer Sroczyński #69894
Krista Tocco #67648

Mark Garrison #71477
Mike Kandah #71245
Michelle McAllister #67074
Tom Sigler #63595
James St. Louis #14742

Terry Hanor #38158
Ken Korte #47109
Tom Randazzo #39628
Kendra Smyth #71244
Lori Starck #61850

Dues are \$20.00 annually or you can pay for a life membership for \$200.00; which can be paid in full or installments (\$50.00 per quarter).

Looking forward to the Post Holiday Party this year and the conference in February. Hope to see you there.

Wendy Klinge #60219

VP Report

Brrrrr! It's cold out there!!!! Yep, those are words a Michigander says quite often during the winter months! But, we all know how much we love this GREAT State that we reside in!!! I hope everyone is staying warm and enjoying time with family and friends.

I can hardly wait to see everyone at our next MIJCI Senate meeting which will be held in February at the Michigan Jaycees next Conference. Speaking of which, where can you have one of the best times over two days than in the Hospitality Room with all of your Senate friends? We hope you will join us in February as the Michigan Jaycees celebrate their 90th Anniversary. **Mr. Ray Russell** will surely have the room stocked with all of our favorite beverages and munchies!!!

Along with the fun in the Senate Room, it would be wonderful to see our First Timers Program packed full of new faces and excitement, so if you know a new Jaycee that hasn't had the amazing experience of being at a conference yet, please invite them out to participate in First Timers!!!!

I am confident that all of you know at least one High School student that is looking for a little monetary assistance..... Please spread the word about our MIJCI Senate 2013-2014 Scholarship Program. There is a link on the MIJCI Senate Home page that the applicant can fill out and submit. The same form will be used for both Michigan and U.S. entries. This year our chair for the Senate Scholarship program is **Abby Smith**, Senator #64738. Deadline for Michigan Scholarships is January 11, 2014. Top 2 candidates will be submitted to U.S. JCI Senate.

Even with all of the snow and cold air that is about us, it is never too early to start thinking Spring and May Conference!!! This year we will be heading North over the bridge to enjoy fun and fellowship on Mackinac Island. We hope that all of our wonderful Senators will make the trip and see how beautiful our amazing state is!!!!

I leave you with this..... "You can go wherever you want. In the end, you'll always come back to those who are really mean for you." ~ **Wilson Kanadi**

Vette Sutton #69414
2013-2014 VP MI JCI-Senate



Return the Favor



photo by Kim Hubbell

With MI JCI Senate President **Sue Foltin** #63744, Chairperson **Cheri Redding** #71350 presented **Freddie Bleythan Jr.** #51715 of Frankenmuth with a well-deserved Return the Favor award at the October General Membership Meeting of the Frankenmuth Jaycees. Many thanks to **Freddie** for continuing to support the Jaycees!

Welcome, New Senator!

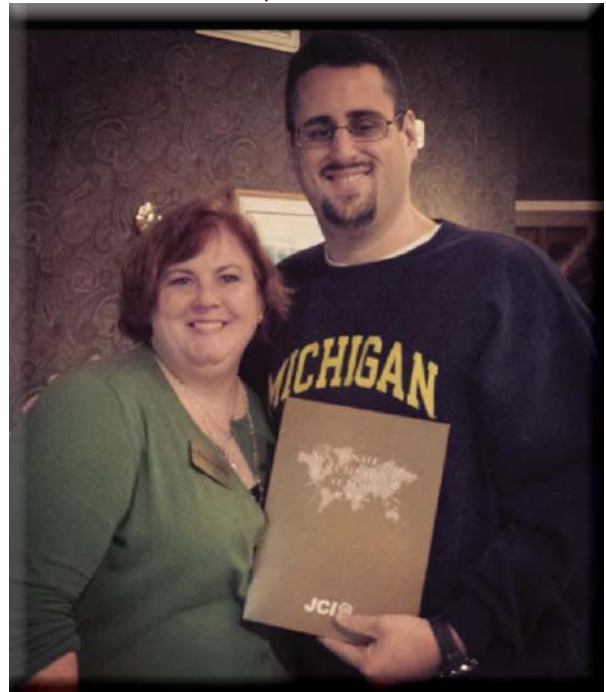


photo courtesy of the Ann Arbor Jaycees

Congratulations to our newest senator, **Tom McAllister** #72474 of Ann Arbor, with **Karen Haberland**, President of the Ann Arbor Jaycees.

VP Report

Good Morning Senators,

Winter is approaching quicker than we all would like which means half of our year is over in the Senate. We have had some challenges this year but our President has faced them head on and is doing a great job. Thank you, *Sue*, for your dedication.

Post Holiday Party is coming up January 18, 2014 and is rumored to be *Rich* and *Julie's* last as chair people. The hope is to send them out with 100 attendees. How is this going to happen? If everyone that attended last year would bring one other Senator and or guest we would crush that. For more info on the event feel free to email to rlindow@yahoo.com or juliesroom2@hotmail.com.

Don't forget if you know a Senator that needs to be recognized for their dedication to their home chapter or the Jaycees in general to submit them for Return the Favor award. This we be handed out at February Conference in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.



Possible NEW Fundraiser event. We discussed this at our November Board meeting about doing a Detroit Tigers Suite raffle. The expenses for this event would be about \$2500.00 (that includes the cost of the 22 person suite)

The basic idea would be for us to sell tickets at the cost of \$10.00 each. My Rotary club recently did this and made over \$15,000 selling tickets over three months. If you have any thoughts or ideas about this

fundraiser or have one in mind please contact someone on the board. We are working hard to try to replace lost income from fundraiser that we will not be doing in 2014.

Elections we are looking at dates in April for this event. It looks like it will be in the Detroit Metro Area. Watch your E-News for more information on this event. If you would like to run for a position for the 2014 Board please contact election chair *Patricia Reitsma* at pattiwni@yahoo.com.

Installation Dinner will be on June 28, 2014. At this dinner we will install the new Senate President and have some fun with the outgoing President and Board. We had one committee meeting on this event but still have not nailed down a location. Anyone with ideas please feel free to contact me at wljaycees@aol.com.

Last but not least I would like to thank *Edonna* and *Patti* for putting in so many hours on the West Side running our last 2 poker nights. While no one really likes to work these it is necessary to raise money for us to plan events. We raised almost \$4000.00 over the four nights. THANKS to everyone that worked a shift.

Happy Holidays,

Gary L. Bulson
Senator #66823 Life #379



Scholarship program - Attention families with College students:

The United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Program is looking for new applicants. Each year \$1,000 grants will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in the United States, who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. The number of grants awarded annually will be at the discretion of the United States JCI Senate Foundation. They must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. Checks awarded will be made out in the name of the recipient and the educational institution of their choice.

The deadline for all applications is January 11, 2014. Please follow the link on the MI Senate page to download and print an application.

2014 Michigan JCI Senate ~Post Holiday Party~



Saturday, January 18, 2014
Cocktails 6 P.M. ~ Dinner served at 7:00 P.M.

At Downriver's Finest Banquet Facility:
Crystal Gardens
16703 Fort Street
Southgate, MI 48195

- *Elegant Buffet Dinner*
With all the trimmings
- *Beer, Wine & Full Premium Open Bar*
 - *Music ~ Fun ~ Fellowship*
- *And the Annual "Brown Bag" Auction**
- ***** Come attend Rich and Julie's final PHP as chairs!!! *****

Still only \$30.00 per person!!

PLEASE RSVP by January 10th, 2014
By mailing your check (Payable to MI JCI Senate) to:
Julie Carter, 3057 Charles, Trenton, MI 48183
Include the names of people attending & contact phone number.

For more information contact:

Rich Lindow at (313)928-3403 or rclindow@yahoo.com
Julie Carter at (734) 692-1117 or juliesroom2@hotmail.com

Or pay on line with Pay Pal: michiganjcisenate.org/PHP2014-small convenience fee applicable.

*Bringing a "Brown Bag" auction item is strictly optional. So that the Auction does not run to long, please, only one auction item per Senator.

Hotel Info: LaQuinta Inn, 12888 Reeck, Southgate, MI 48195.
Call 1-734-374-3000

\$63.00 Night; Code: Michigan JCI Senate

(Also Try: **LQ.com** may be less expensive with AARP or AAA) Same Hotel as last year.

Chaplain's Corner

"I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again."

-Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass.*

Sorrows:

We mourn the loss of:

- Steve Jacobs #55769 of Hastings passed away.
- Rick Miller #34214 passed away on September 28.

We pass our condolences to:

- Tim Sutton's (#34406) mother, Beverly Sutton, passed away.
- Cheri Bennett Redding's (#71350) mother passed away.
- Barb (#49362) and Steve (#49867) Sartorius, Barb's father passed away.
- Rob (#44359) and Cathy Morin's son, Troy Morin, passed away.

Let's keep in our thoughts and prayers the health and well-being of all our Senators and loved ones. "Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."

-Victor Hugo

Dan Gratz #64238

Life Member #419

MIJCI Chaplain 2013-14



Elections

Hello fellow Senators,

It's that time of year again which we have the duty of electing officers for the 2014-2015 MIJCI Senate Board of Directors. There are criteria for these positions as described with the following.

President - Must be a member in good standing (up to date dues paid) of the MIJCI senate and must have served at least one year as an officer prior to seeking office.

Vice President - (There are two) Must be a member in good standing of the Michigan J.C.I. Senate for at least one year.

Treasurer - Must be a member in good standing of the Michigan J.C.I. Senate for at least one year.

Secretary - Must be a member in good standing of the MIJCI Senate for at least one year.

The following Senators are running for each respective office.

President:	Gary Bulson #66823
Vice President:	Vette Sutton #69414
Treasurer:	Wendy Klinge #60219
Secretary:	Edonna Russell #69002

We do need one more Vice President plus

If you are interested in any of the above positions and others that will be appointed by the President, please contact me, Chairman of the Election Committee at pattiwni@yahoo.com or other committee members.

Don McDurmon #59099:

dmcdurmon@att.net

Sandra Hillard #68849:

sandrahillard@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support of the MIJCI Senate!!

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Reitsma #55847

Election Chair



Region V
"Always Believe - Catch the Dream"
1st Prize - Kindle Fire HD or \$200 cash
5 - 2nd Prizes - Basket from Region 5 States
(IL, IN, KY, OH, MI)
Drawing to be held at Region V Spring Fling - Mar 15, 2014
Donation: 1 Ticket - \$5.00
3 Tickets - \$10.00
7 Tickets - \$20.00

Name _____
City _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
Sold By _____

Region V Raffle
Please contact:
Sue Foltin: suefoltin@gmail.com
to purchase your's today!



**Region V JCI Senate Spring Fling
 March 14-16, 2014
 Hosted by the Kentucky JCI Senate
 Holiday Inn Louisville East Hurstbourne
 Louisville, KY
 Registration Form**



Name _____ Senate Number _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____ Senate Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Alternative Phone # _____

E- mail _____

Item	Quantity	Postmarked by 2/14/2014	Postmarked after 2/14/2014	Total
Full Registration *		\$65.00	\$75.00	
Friday Only		\$25.00	\$30.00	
Saturday Only **		\$55.00	\$65.00	
Total				

* Full registration includes Friday-Saturday hospitality, Saturday lunch and dinner. Friday night come dressed in your best Western Wear.

** Saturday only includes hospitality, lunch and dinner.

Golf Friday _____ Saturday _____

Make checks payable to: Kentucky JCI Senate 2014 Spring Fling

Mail registration to Cyndi Thornburg Schnell #61668, 6006 Woodhaven Place Circle, Louisville, KY 40228
 If you have any questions or you have any special accommodations needed you can contact Cyndi at 502-499-8449 or e-mail CThorn5477@aol.com.

Hotel Reservations must be made directly with the hotel.

Holiday Inn Louisville East Phone: 1-502-426-2600 or 1-800-HOLIDAY
 1325 S Hurstbourne Pkway, Louisville, KY 40222

Room Rates \$89.00 plus tax for single, double, triple or quad occupancy.

King Parlor Suites are available at a rate of \$99.00 plus tax.

Cut off date for rooms – March 1, 2014 – Ask for Block Code KTJ when making reservation

Link to register on line -

http://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=hi&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=SDFEA&_PMID=99801505&GPC=KTJ&blpu=true

Area Attractions:

Churchill Downs, Kentucky Derby Museum, Louisville Science Center, Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, Muhammad Ali Center, Frazier International History Museum, Glassworks, Farmington, Locust Grove, Louisville Zoo, Mega Caverns, Speed Art Museum, Bell of Louisville, Cathedral of the Assumption, 9 Metro Parks Golf Courses, Shopping: The Summit, Oxmoor Center, Mall St. Matthews, Jefferson Mall and much more!

First Timers Update

We had a small group of First Timers in attendance at the Michigan Jaycees Leadership Conference at Treetops in October.



photo by Kim Hubbell

Jenny Wysocki, Kelly Bogguss, Sue Foltin #63744,
Kimberly King, Karen Hillegonds #70913.

Taking first place in First Timers competition and winning a paid registration to her next Michigan Jaycees Leadership Conference was *Kimberly King* of the Auburn Jaycees.

In second place, *Kelly Bogguss* of the Auburn Jaycees, with third place honors taken by *Jenny Wysocki* of the Burton Area Jaycees.

Thank you to our senators for making our First Timers feel welcome.

We look forward to seeing you in Mount Pleasant in February as we mark the 90th anniversary of the Michigan Jaycees.

Karen Hillegonds #70913
First Timers Chair 2013-14



Website – michiganjcisenate.org

Please visit our website to find contact information on your board of directors, links to other JCI Senate organizations, copies of registration forms, other documentation and our calendar of events. Anyone with additional ideas for the website should contact our webmaster at suefoltin@gmail.com. If you are interested in taking over as webmaster, please contact her as well. Sue Foltin, #63744, has been webmaster for nearly 9 years and is happy to continue. However, if there are senators interested in updating the site, there is always room for someone to slide in. – *Sue Foltin*



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INDIANA



Indiana JCI Senate 45th Anniversary

APRIL 18-20, 2014

**Radisson Hotel Airport
2500 S. High School Road
Indianapolis IN
317-244-3361**

Full Registration: \$70.00 per person
(Includes Hospitality on Friday & Saturday and Lunch & banquet dinner & celebration on Saturday)
Partial Registrations: \$50.00 per person *(Banquet dinner & 1 day of hospitality)*
\$40.00 per person *(Saturday lunch & 1 day of hospitality)*
\$15.00 per day *(Hospitality only)*

Room Rate of \$92.00 per night

(An additional \$15.00 will be charged if you book outside of the Indiana JCI Senate room block)
(Room block cut off date is March 19, 2014)

REGISTRATION FOR IN JCI SENATE 45TH ANNIVERSARY

Name _____ Senate # _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Full registrations @ \$70.00 each x _____
Dinner only & 1 day of Hospitality @ \$50 each x _____
Lunch only & 1 day of Hospitality @ \$40 each x _____
Hospitality only @ \$15.00 per person per day x _____

Make checks payable to: **Indiana JCI Senate 45th Anniversary**

Mail all registrations to: **Linda Andrews #71434
Treasurer IN JCI Senate
402 Boardwalk
Hebron IN 46341**

Any questions, please contact Tracy Brown @ tabrown54773@gmail.com or 812-459-6811
or Reese Malott @ rmalott69@gmail.com or 260-585-0195

Border Bash



photo courtesy of Sue Foltin



The Michigan JCI Senate was well-represented at October's Border Bash in Auburn IN. It will surprise no one that shenanigans occurred.

WEB Efforts rewarded



photo by Kim Hubbell

District 6 Director and WEB VIP co-chair *Steve Pickelmann* presents 41st MI JCI Senate President *Sue Foltin* #63744 and the Michigan JCI Senate a check for \$750 for services provided at World Expo of Beer in May 2013 at the October meeting of the MI JCI Senate at Treetops in October.

Post Holiday Party 2013



photo by Jim Coulson

40th MI JCI Senate president *Patti Retsma* #55847 with Past Presidents of the MI JCI Senate at the 2013 Post Holiday Party.

There's still time to register for PHP 2014!

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Star Spangled Celebration

US JCI Senate National Convention
 Hosted by – Maryland JCI Senate
Double Tree by Hilton Baltimore – BWI Airport
 890 Elkridge Landing Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090
June 25-28, 2014



Name _____ JCI Senate # _____ State Affiliation _____
 Spouse/Guest _____ JCI Senate or Friendship # _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone – Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
 E-Mail _____

Is this your first JCI Senate National Meeting? ___Yes ___N Spouse/Guest ___Yes ___ No
 Are you sharing a room? ___Yes ___No who with please? _____

Item	Qty	Postmarked By 5/10/ 2014	Postmarked After 5/11/2014	Postmarked after 6/10/14 or On-site	Total
Full Registration		\$120.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	
Child Registration (5-12 years)		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	
Early Hospitality (Tues. 6/24/14)		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
Year End Awards Banquet Only		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	
Daily Hospitality Only		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
Daily Off-site Fee		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Presidential Sweepstakes Tickets		1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25			
Hal Krekorian Golf Tournament		TBA	TBA		
Off-site Tours		TBA	TBA		
Grand Total					

Make Checks payable to “**Baltimore Convention 2014**” – DO NOT SEND CASH
 Method of payment: Check/Money Order# _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Mail Registration form(s) and Payment to:

Jim France #44665
168 Warm Sunday Way
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
717-599-2167 or jimbofr56@verizon.net

Hotel Information: Make your hotel reservations directly with **Double Tree** by calling 410-859-8400
 Request Room Block: **JCI SENATE**
 Room Rate is \$129.00 per night plus tax (*rate is good for 2 days prior and 2 days after*)
Cutoff date for room block is May 25, 2014

Questions: Contact Letha Grimes #63946 - Lethalfish@myactv.net - 301-491-8150

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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