

Connecticut JCI Senate Senatopics

April 2008



President Brenda's Message

Hello Fellow Senators,

Spring is getting off to a slow start this year but before we know it the warm weather will be here and a new Senate year will be in bloom. As I reflect on the past year I particularly remember a highly successful Fall Frolic, a fun picnic, the introduction of 10 new Senators from the CT Jaycees and several dinner socials. I remember Jaycees & Senators coming together in support of one another. I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting.

At the May meeting we will be taking a collection of cash and gift cards to give to Senators Kevin Conlan, Maggie Cumiskey and their two children. Kathy Doherty originally made us aware of the fire loss they suffered through an email last month. You will find a reprint in this newsletter. Thank you Kathy for keeping us updated and leading this charge. If anyone has other items such as furniture, clothing or household items please contact Kathy. We are all very fortunate to be part of such a caring group of individuals.

Our Annual Meeting will be Friday, May 9th at the Courtyard Marriott in Cromwell. The meeting will begin at 7:30 with hospitality to follow in a hotel suite.

Hospitality will most likely be hor d'oeuvres, sandwiches, salads, munchies, beer, wine and soda for \$10 pp. I am looking for volunteers to assist with the hospitality. The best way to make sure the menu has just what you want is to volunteer!

The primary item on the annual meeting agenda is the election of officers. Linda Stonoha is the chairman of the nominating committee, please see her article for more details. It doesn't matter if you've been a Senator for 25 years or less than 1 year, if you would like to get involved in the setting direction for the organization, planning social activities, organizing meetings, promoting the Senatorship program or leading a charge to assist the Jaycees there is a place for you on the board of directors.

Please contact me if you need anything. I'll see you May 9th.

Brenda DiCarlo
President

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C.O.B. REPORT



'Tis that time of year again when a slate of new officers will be sworn in at our May meeting. And sad to say at this point that no one has informed me of the wonderful opportunity that is out there to become part of the Connecticut Senate Board. Speaking from experience, it was one of the most eventful years as president that anyone could have had. It was my choice to conduct the meetings as I did and also to travel to the national events but again that is all up to you. It is not required nor expected. It is your option. You can choose to remain "in house" president and make sure that the Senate is functional and well run. It is a matter of only 4 meetings a year and that is including the picnic as one. We do not do projects nor write CPG's (are they still called that?). We are here basically to visit, socialize and continually honor those who did so much through their Jaycee career.

We continually complain about the Jaycees and how no one wants to come forward and be a part of their state board or even come to their meetings. We are heading in that same direction. Many of you complained that e-mail was not enough of a communication. So we sent many newsletters last year along with the e-mails. We then heard that we spent too much on them. So we went back to only a few paper newsletters and e-mails again. And still very little response. I'm not expecting all of you to attend every meeting. The last few years you have received a calendar of events and scheduled meetings. You can't come to ONE meeting? And enough of this "c_ _ _" of who doesn't like who, who doesn't want to be in the same room with someone and who doesn't like what happened at what meeting **EONS** ago. **GROW UP AND STOP ACTING LIKE 5 YEAR OLDS!!!** We will never like everyone in life nor want to socialize with them at other functions besides the Senate. But I think we all need to act like adults and attend a function of people that were honored for all that they did. Throw that bitterness and anger out the window. **Life is to short.** We've lost some good friends this past year and I don't want to lose any more before I get to you see you one more time **ALIVE!!**

I usually never speak out like this or say all those **hush, hush** things but enough is enough. I miss so many of you more than you'll ever know.

Please think about becoming a part of the most wonderful experience of your life--- being a part of the **CONNECTICUT SENATE BOARD** and having the time of your life. The Senators are the greatest people you can ever know. They **CARE!!!**



WE WANT YOU AND YOU AND YOU!!!
All My Love Always, Linda



Linda Stonoha Senator #47996
Chairman of the Board
Connecticut JCI Senate (And Proud Of It)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

A reminder that the calendar of events is published with each newsletter. Every attempt is made to have firm dates for each event. Please mark you personal calendars with these dates.

Mon, 4/25	Board Meeting	7:00	TBA	Brenda DiCarlo, brendadicalo@sbcglobal.net 860-485-1503
Fri, 5/9	ELECTIONS/Membership Meeting/Social ** (See info below)	7:00	Marriott Courtyard Cromwell, CT	Brenda DiCarlo, brendadicalo@sbcglobal.net 860-485-1503
June	Region 1 caucus	TBA	TBA	John Russ 860-889-3594
Sun 6/15 – Thurs 6/19	US JCI Senate Annual Convention	See Event Schedule	Charleston, WV	John Russ 860-889-3594
Sat, 7/26	Annual July Picnic Meeting & Social	12 noon	Location TBA	Jeff Kass JeffKass2@charter.net (203) 775-0826

**** ELECTIONS MEETING**

Place: Marriott Courtyard, Cromwell
 Date/Time: Friday, May 9. Meeting begins at 7:30pm
 Info: Hospitality to follow.
 (Dinner on your own prior to meeting at either the hotel restaurant)
 (Or Chilli’s located in the hotel parking lot)



CT JCI Senate Website

REMINDER TO VISIT the CT Senate web site (www.ctjcisenate.org)! You can see information about upcoming events, view the latest newsletter, read the bylaws (Yawn), or view pictures from recent Senate events.

There's also a history page, with some of the past presidents of the CT JCI (If you can fill in any blanks, offer any other historical info or photos, send me an email (tomjablonowski@sbcglobal.net)).

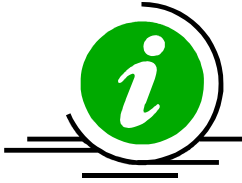
Tom Jablonowski #54450
 CT Webmaster

2008 -09 Board of Directors

The nominating committee puts forth the following names for the 2008-09 CT JCI Senate BOD:

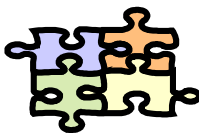
- PRESIDENT: Open
- VICE President: Open
- TREASURER: Jack Pasquale
- SECRETARY: Open
- DIRECTOR: Open
- CHAIR of the BOARD: Brenda DiCarlo

Respectfully Submitted,
The 2008 Nominating Committee
(Linda Stonaha, Ralph Lockman, Sue Zetoff)



IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE:

Please note there is an important meeting on *Friday, April 25* to discuss 2008-09 year and beyond with respect to the Connecticut JCI Senate, the Board of Directors and more. The meeting will be at the home of Linda Stonaha, beginning at 7pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Linda at (203) 231-3121 for directions.



Doublets: Transform one word into another by changing a single letter in each step, so that each link in the chain is a valid word. For example, to change **MORE** into **LESS** with 3 links:

MORE, lore, lose, loss, LESS

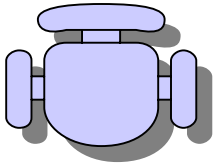
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INK _____ _____ _____ _____ PEN (4 links)

HAND _____ _____ _____ _____ FOOT (4 links)

FOUR _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ FIVE (5 links)

FROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR...



It is hard to believe that another year of the CT Senate is almost over. We had socials, picnics, meetings, scholarship judging and a Fall Frolic. Some of these events required hard work while others were simply for fun. For those of you that attended and participated in the various events, I hope these met your expectations.

As director, I was able attend various Jaycee chapter functions and was able to judge competitions at the region meetings and for year end. I enjoyed doing this and will continue to lend a hand when needed.

I want to thank President Brenda for stepping up this year and running this organization. In my opinion, she has done a fine job.

One thing that does concern me, however, is the low attendance at recent meetings and the lack of potential board members for next years board of directors. As the elections are fast approaching, now is the time to think about what you would like to do next year. How can you give back to this organization? If you have questions about board positions or what they are all about, feel free to contact any member of the current board.

Ralph P. Lockman
CT JCI Director 2007-2008
Senate #: 59605



It is with sadness that we learned that tragedy has touched two of our Jaycee / Senate friends. On Friday, March 21, 2008 Kevin Conlin and Maggie Cumiskey's home burnt to the ground and most everything was lost. Fortunately they were able get out safely with their two children Brian (age 6) and Maura (age 3).

As you may be aware, Kevin served as the 51st President of the Connecticut Jaycees and they were both very active in their chapters and across the State. Both Kevin and Maggie have been awarded Senatorships.

At this time we are asking you to take a look around your home for items that you may not be using and would be willing to donate to help them set up their house once again. They will be needing furniture, including washer and dryer, dining table, chairs, beds, sheets, towels, etc. as well as dishes, silverware, and kitchen appliances.

The kids toys, too, were lost including their favorite, Playstation. Brian lost his bicycle and Maura her tricycle. Maura likes princesses and Barbie's and Brian likes Star Wars and Power Rangers.

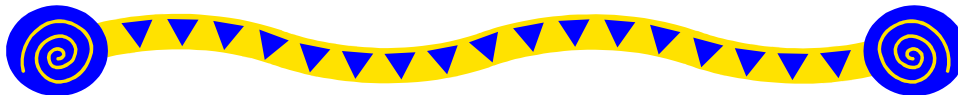
Please contact either Denise Roy at ddjroy777@sbcglobal.net or Kathy Doherty at kdoherly@cheshirect.org to donate. We will contact you once we have locations of where to drop items off or if you need them picked up.

Contributions of gift cards (Target, Kohls, Stop & Shop) would also be greatly appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENT

CANDIDATE FOR REGION ONE US JCI SENATE VICE PRESIDENT

I served the jaycees of 18 years, having joined in 1975 in Greater Vernon and served on their board of directors. My first year as a jaycee I was JAYCEE OF THE YEAR. I held various Connecticut Jaycee offices as On-To- Montreal World Congress Co-chair, District Director, Parade of chapters- point chair. Served on the Greater Hartford Jaycees Board of Directors for two years as director and state director. President of the Connecticut JCI Senate 1993 -1994 and President of the Rhode Island JCI Senate 2000 - 2002. Have attended five JCI World Congresses and several JCI conferences. I have been a active JCI Senator since 1985. Have attended AMERADA, Fall Frolic and many other jaycee /senate events since. After 22 years as JCI senator 39434, my interest is to be your next REGION ONE US JCI SENATE Vice President. Sincerely in the JCI Senate, Charlie Dick



Jaycee Update:

Congratulations to all the year end winners !!!

Brownfield of the Year - Bryan Trudell, Southington
Armbruster of the Year - Debbie Alter, Greater Hartford
Family of the Year - Marianne & Ed Navickas, Greater Hartford
Write Up - Sylvia Lima, Greater Hartford
Debate Team: Erin Aldi, South Windsor/Southington; Kelly Burns, Southington and Allison Forsythe, Meriden

And Congratulations to the National winners:

Debate Team: 1st place
Sylvia Lima, Write up: 2nd Runner up

AWESOME!!

A FINAL NOTE:



Once again, we would like to thank Jack Pasquale for his ongoing support and dedication in ensuring timely and cost effective copy services for our newsletter!

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WELCOME SPRING !!

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