

Connecticut JCI Senate Senatopics

1st Quarter 2009



President John's Message

This year has certainly been a challenging year, much more than I ever imagined. The economy continues to take quite a toll on many people, in many ways. As many of you know, I have been out of work since February, 2008. It has not been easy, but somehow I still have a roof over my head, and a song in my heart.

That being said, I regret I was not able to be quite as active a Senate president as I probably could and should have been. For that I am sorry. I've had to spend much time and effort in the job search process, and I have unfortunately put many other things aside. While I may have been physically absent at times, know that the Senate organization was always in my thoughts.

Despite all that, there were many highlights throughout the year. Most recently, in February, I was invited to speak with several eager and motivated new members at the Milford Jaycees membership meeting. This experience gave me real hope that the Jaycees can and will continue to grow and prosper with the right amount of enthusiasm and effort.

Prior to that, at the Jaycees year end convention in January, I was on hand to see past Jaycee President Christer Osterling receive his Senatorship. Any of you who have been a Jaycee state president in the past know well the level of dedication, enthusiasm and commitment that is required of that office. Christer has proven that he is well deserving of the honor bestowed upon him by his chapter.

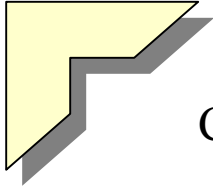
In November (2008), I had the honor of bestowing three Senatorships on three unquestionably deserving Jaycees: Greg York from the Southington Jaycees; Ellen Healey from the Danbury Jaycees; and Amy Anderson from the Greater Hartford Jaycees. Over the years, I have witnessed the effort and dedication of each of these individuals. They have worked very hard not only for their chapters, but for the entire Jaycee organization. They are truly worthy of this honor. Many Connecticut Senators were in attendance for the Senator Banquet, along with US JCI Senate Region One Vice President Charlie Dick, #39434.

Looking forward, The Jaycees Spring Board meeting is coming up May 8-9, at a location to be determined. I've been told that it will be in either Meriden or Bristol (prior convention locations). I will get the word out to you all just as soon as I find out. Please watch your e-mail.

In conjunction with the Jaycees Spring Board meeting, our annual meeting will take place on Friday, May 8th at 7pm, at the convention hotel. ***This will be our elections meeting for 2009-2010.*** If you are interested in being on the board, please let myself or Brenda know. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

John Swingler, Senator #64599
44th CT JCI Senate President 2008-9

As always, thank you for all you do and remember.....We are *Bridging Generations!!*



COB's CORNER

It's that time of year again..... Elections. As chair of the elections committee, I invite you all to consider what you will be doing for the Senate organization in the upcoming year. We have a place for each and every one of you. Please contact me with your interests. We'll be accepting nominations at the election meeting in May, immediately followed by the election process.

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PREVIEW OF EVENTS TO COME.....



April

April Showers....



May

Bring May Flowers
May 8th - 9th CT JCI ELECTIONS AND YEAR END EVENT!
(Details to follow – please check your e-mail!)

4th

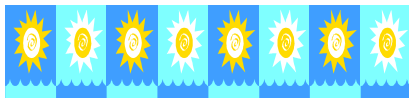
July

Happy 4th of July!
Picnic – Details to follow.



Dollar\$ and Cent\$

Jack is in Sunny Florida but will be here in time for our May meeting with a Treasurer report.



SPREADING SOME SUNSHINE.....

IF YOU ARE AWARE of a fellow Senators / Senators family member who is ill, recently passed, recently married or had a first child, etc we would like to send them our well wishes, condolences, whatever sentiment is appropriate. Please send a note with the Senator's name, mailing address and some detail (illness, death, married and relationship to senator) to francinekass@charter.net so we can send a card along from their fellow senators and the CT JCI Senate organization.

THANK YOU
Francine Kass, Sunshine

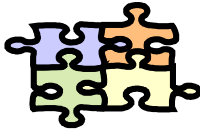


CT JCI Senate Website

I remind you all to visit the CT Senate web site (www.ctjcsenate.org) for upcoming events, the latest newsletter, bylaws (yawn), pictures and more.

Remember to send me any historical or current information / photos and I'll add them to the page where/when appropriate. Just send me an email - tomjablonowski@sbcglobal.net.

Tom Jablonowski #54450
CT Webmaster



This months puzzle page: Do your best to answer the following....

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is half full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest?
2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?
3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?
4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?
5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

ANSWERS:

1. Lion room – lions that have not eaten for 3 years are dead. 2. The woman is a photographer who took her husband's photo, developed it and hung the picture. 3. Charcoal. 4. Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow. 5. The most common letter in the English language, the letter E is not used anywhere in the paragraph.

This is your LAST CHANCE.....



If you have not already done so

PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY.....

The Connecticut JCI Senate Organization is going *SOFFO*
And we need YOU to help us make this transition a success!!

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News and views

Tamara LaFlamme (#62409) and fiancé Joe will be married on 10/31/09.

Additionally, Tamara and Joe became grandparents on 2/26/09 when Joe's daughter gave birth to a bouncing baby boy at 6lbs 1oz.

Dave Perlot (#65857) and wife Eileen and their 3 boys (Davey, Patrick and Daniel) were awarded CT Family of the year and will travel to Florida in March to compete for National Jaycees Family of the Year.

Congratulations CT CJI Senate.....

In **November 2008** we kicked off the Connecticut Jaycees Martini Contest at the Fall Board Weekend and we're proud to say we **WON**

Connecticut Jaycees 2008 Annual Martini Contest



We're proud to present the award for

Most Dessert like Martini

to the *CT JCI Senate*.

Signed on behalf of your extremely thankful judges.

AND we'd like to thank the Connecticut Jaycees who joined in our hospitality room for the martini contest and continued on socializing with us with several games of Left, Right Center. Congrats Christer and Kelly Osterling for each winning a game. We Truly "bridged generations!"



CONGRATULATIONS.....



TO THE FOLLOWING NEW SENATORS.....

Christer Osterling
Greg York

Amy Anderson
Ellen Healey

Please contact Jack Pasquale, Treasurer, to join the Connecticut JCI Senate Organization.



HOUSTON UPDATE.....

On a beautiful day in January, the Potuchek's and Zetoff's left sunny Florida to attend the winter meeting of the USJCI Senate in Houston, TX. Stopping in Biloxi, Mississippi to try their luck at a casino, they ventured on the following day. The meeting had almost 225 registrants. While we missed many of the usual Region ONE representatives, Walter Cahoon and Charlie Dick (Region ONE VP) joined Bill, Sue and Jerry as delegates. We renewed friendships with those we hadn't seen in several months and a group visited NASA Houston "Mission Control". The weekend highlight was an outdoor steak barbeque where we were entertained by a Mariachi band and Wild West horsemen. The business meeting saw Atlanta step forward to host National Convention in June, Pittsburgh who will host the Fall Meeting and the Florida Senates intent to host the 2010 Winter Meeting. While all that is thrilling, *better yet was when our own Sue Zetoff threw her hat in the ring to be our National Vice President for this coming year.* In between the business and socializing, the Connecticut "foursome" went touring and shopping. Following a busy weekend the Connecticut delegation trekked back to Florida to enjoy the rest of the winter.

FIRST "FLORITICUT" MEETING OF THE SENATE.

What's a Floriticut you ask? A Floriticut is a Connecticut JCI Senate member who is transplanted, at least part of the year, in sunny Florida. We have several Floriticuts including: Zetoffs, Potuchecks, Jablonowskis, Pasquales, and more. On the weekend of March 8 and 9, the first meeting of the "Floriticut" Senate was held at the home of Tom and Val Jablonowski. Sue and Jack Pasquale traveled north from Northport, FL and Bill and Elaine Potucheck traveled south from Leesburg. There were cocktails and swimming and just some relaxing conversation - about the "good old days". Val made a great dinner (thanks, Val) and we stayed up like teenagers watching television. In the morning, before adjourning to our respective Florida home towns, we agreed each year to rotate homes. Why don't you plan to join us next year?. With the number of Senators from Connecticut as well as New Hampshire and Massachusetts, spending winters in Florida we may need to rename the Fall Frolic the Winter Frolic and host it in Florida! (editors note: that just wouldn't be the same) We do hope to see more of you at our meeting next year.

Thanks to Bill Potucheck, JCI Senator 35278, for the above stories.



Scholarship Winners

We are pleased to announce the following two scholarship winners for the 2008-09 year:

James Flynn from Naugatuck High School

Nicholas Stanford from Haddam-Killingworth High School.

Both are outstanding young people with much potential. We wish them well in their academic careers.

Massachusetts JCI SENATE 40th Annual Meeting
In conjunction with
Region ONE US JCI SENATE Annual Caucus & Election
Saturday May 2, 2009 - The Holiday Inn & Suites
US Route 495 @ Route 20 - Marlborough, Massachusetts

YOUR WEEKEND PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Room, JCI Senate Hospitality, Saturday Dinner & Sunday Breakfast Buffet

Saturday: 12:00PM Noon Buffet Luncheon \$12.00 person

1:00PM New England JCI Senate Caucus & Election

2:00PM Hospitality Room Opens

3:00PM Massachusetts JCI SENATE 40th Annual Meeting

7:00PM Dinner & Program – Installation of Officers

Hospitality – between meeting / dinner and following dinner.

Sunday: Breakfast Buffet – safe trip home.

MASS JCI SENATE 40th Annual Meeting
Region ONE Annual Caucus and Election

Registration Form:

Name _____ Senate # _____ spouse/guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State: _____.

_____ Double occupancy; Dinner Saturday, Breakfast Sunday
Hospitality & Registration - \$175.00. \$ _____

_____ Single Occupancy: Dinner Saturday, Breakfast Sunday
Hospitality & Registration - \$ 140.00 \$ _____

_____ Commuters: \$20.00 each for Sunday Breakfast \$ _____

_____ Commuters: \$35.00 each for Saturday Dinner \$ _____

_____ Region **ONE** Luncheon \$12.00 per person \$ _____

Please indicate Dinner Meal Choice: **Beef** **Chicken**

TOTAL: Checks payable to MA. JCI SENATE – **by April 15th, 2009** \$ _____

Mail: Form & Check to: Jim Calder 8 Steinbeck Street Tyngsboro, MA. 01879

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HAPPY 2009 !!

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