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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello Connecticut JCI Senators!

I've had a bad month. Pretty much anything that might go

wrong did, and I have been pretty stressed out. Because of this, I haven't been at my best in productivity or just getting things done. When this happens, my stress level gets higher, and I am caught in a spiral of frustration. A few days ago, I told myself to get over it. I needed to get out of my funk and move on. I decided the best way to do that was to focus on the good. The first good thing that came to mind was my Senate and Jaycee friends.

I started to think about all the fun I have had this year and how many people were there to help me out and to just hang out. I remembered Bill Potuchek doing the hula and Nancy and I stopping at our favorite spot in Maine. reminisced about how much fun I had in Virginia Beach, being able to join the Bourbon Club, dressing up like a clown, and going to the outlets. I thought more about all the fun things we did this year, including hiking, drinking wine. scavenger hunts, virtual meetings, and socials. drinking wine, Halloween costumes competitions, escape rooms and drinking wine!

After that, I realized I had nothing to be frustrated about. Yes, I'm struggling with a few things. But I have such a crew of friends and colleagues to support me I am back! I am so looking forward to our upcoming events, especially the year end meeting and the *JCI*, *Jeans and Jewels Extravaganza*! I am so thankful for the Scholarship Committee in picking some amazing winners, and the Forgotten Senator committee for selecting an amazing new Senator. I so appreciate the Board and all their hard work, and I am so excited for the next couple of months!

Let's Give Them Something to Talk About

This is the time to think about what you want to do in the next Senate year. I know it took me a long time, but becoming President was the right thing to do now and I'm so glad I did. Think about how you can get involved. You can be on the Board – we haven't had a chaplain or vice president in many years – is it your turn to step up? You can run a social or fundraiser; or even just plan on attending a National Event. Who's going to Louisville to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the US JCI Senate?

I'm going to finish this article up and get it to Jack. Without Jack, we would not have had a newsletter and I am so amazed at all he does. I look forward to seeing everyone on May 14th – it will be a great night with so much going on. You know what I'm going to say now... It will really *"Give 'em Something to Talk About"!*

Michele Tarantino, Senator #63380



SECRETARY

Hello Connecticut Senators

Welcome to Spring and Summer with trees turning green and the flowers blooming with their beautiful colors.

I can't believe my year as the Connecticut JCI Senate Secretary has flown by so quickly.

I'm really looking forward to attending the Region One Spring Caucus on May 20-21 in Sturbridge MA, it is always a lot of fun and Fellowship.

Our CT Annual Meeting and Elections will be May 13, 2022 @ 6pm by Zoom.

Hopefully all our Florida members will be back home safely to be able to Attend

on May 14th "JCI, Jeans and Jewels" Year End Celebration. We sure have missed them and were jealous that they didn't have to shovel. I am also looking forward to seeing the members that we only see in the Spring and Summer.

I hope you are attending The US JCI Senate National Convention and the 50th Anniversary Celebration in Louisville, KY. One of the great parts of being a Senator is being able to travel all over the United States and going on tours seeing the Historical sites. Also seeing friends from all over and making new ones. Congratulations National President Mike and First Lady Linda on their great year.

Cathy and Michele have been planning "JCI, Jeans and Jewels" CT JCI Senate Year End Celebration on May 14, 2022 @ Spartan II Restaurant in Plantsville, CT. It should be a lot of fun and seeing Senators, Jaycees and catching up.

I want to congratulate Michele Tarantino for doing a fabulous job for the last two years as the CT President.

Best of Luck to the incoming 2022-2023 Connecticut JCI Senate Board.

In Senate and Friendship,

Bonnie Blaisdell, Senator #69956

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays April Denise Roy April 19th Vin Lentini April 26th May



3rd
7th
8th
9th

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Bob Westendoff	9th
Val Jablonowski	10th
John McAuliffe	14th
Marc Dynder	16th
Karen Thomson	20th
Scott Kapin	21st
Cecile Chapman	25th
Bob Patrick	28th
Diane Glownia	29th

Congratulations to Karen Thomson on turning the *BIG 70* on May 20th. Cards can be sent to 48 Hull Street, Ansonia, CT 06401

FROM THE TREASURER



Thank you to all who are continuing to support the CT JCI Senate by making online purchases using the Smile

Amazon charitable giving program. For the period July 1, 2021 through March 1, 2022 we received \$32.22 from Amazon. Have you *"SMILED LATELY"*?

Thank you to all who have donated to the Connecticut JCI Senate to bolster the Life Fund, General Fund, Scholarship Fund, and Forgotten Senators Fund. As a 501(c)(3) organization your donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Checks can be sent to the CT JCI SENATE, c/o Jack Pasquale. Treasurer, 21 Prospect Avenue, Niantic, CT 06357.

Our membership currently stands at 117 with 112 Life Members and 5 Annual Members. 34 senators are due for renewal June 1. Our lowest senate number is 1857 and our highest senate number is 71827.

A detailed financial report will be available at the annual meeting. Hope to see you there.

Jack Pasquale, Senator #32806

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April/May 2022, Axe Throwing, Date and details to follow.
- April/May. 2022, Hiking with Sandy and Ralph. Date and details to follow.
- May 13, 2022 Annual Meeting and Elections via ZOOM
- May 14, 2022, JCI, Jewels and Jeans Social and Awards Dinner. Spartans II, Plantsville
- May 20-21, 2022, Region ONE Spring Caucus, Sturbridge, MA
- June 26 July 1, 2022, US JCI Senate 50th Anniversary and Annual Meeting Louisville, Kentucky
- July 2022, Connecticut Picnic Social and Budget Meeting

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



It is that time of year, scholarship time!! The purpose of the US JCI Senate Foundation is to give

scholarships to high school seniors.

I want to say again a HUGE THANK YOU to our judges: Marybeth Kaczynski, Senator #67636; Kathy Doherty, Senator #52919; Sandy Samoncik, Senator #61448 and Allyson Forsythe, Senator #61452.

The respective application of winners of the Connecticut JCI Senate \$500 Scholarships, Sierra Doyle and Emily Laput, were submitted onto the national level to compete for the fifty \$1,000 scholarships. We are excited to announce that Sierra Doyle and Emily Laput were each awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship by the US JCI Senate Foundation. Congratulations to Sierra and Emily.

Cathy Dempsey Senator #67625 2020-2021 CT Scholarship Chair

CALL FOR DONATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER MAY 14

Karen Thomson is running a silent auction fundraiser for the scholarship fund at the JCI, Jewels and Jeans Social on May 14. Karen needs donations and your help to make this a successful and fun event.

Please contact Karen at kmthomson@sbcglobal.net or (203) 906-7281 with any questions and your donation.

US JCI SENATE E-NEWS

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Bill-Potuchek #37278 and Elaine Potuchek, FR #32.



US JCI Senate President 2002-03 Sue Pasquale FR 017

ELECTIONS MAY 13, 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

We will be electing officers for 2022-2023 at the Annual Meeting.

Announced candidates at this time are:

President: Allison Forsythe, Senator #61452

Vice-president: open

Secretary: Bonnie Blaisdell, Senator #69956

Treasurer: Jack Pasquale, Senator #32806

Please contact COB Cathy Dempsey, Senator #67625 at <u>cadmpsy752@earthlink.net</u> or (203) 250-8667) with your interest in being a candidate for an elected position, or appointment to one of the administrative positions.

SUSAN G. KOMEN WALK FOR BREAST CANCER.

President Michele is asking for our help and support for the Susan G. Komen walk for breast cancer. Michele is doing the walk in honor of her mother who beat breast cancer twice, as well as many friends and colleagues who battled this horrible disease,

The walk is 20 miles a day for 3 days and she will be walking in the Boston area.

Michele would love our support in 3 ways...

- 1. Walk with her as she trains;
- 2. Send her an occasional note of encouragement
- 3. Donate to her fundraiser walk, <u>https://www.facebook.com/donate/498897028516644/</u>



or by check to Susan G, Komen 3-Day









Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.

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JCI, Jeans, and Jewels CT JCI SENATE Year End Celebration

May 14, 2022, 5:00pm

Name:		
Senate #: FR#:		Chapter:
Address:		
Town:	State:	Zip:
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Guest Name:		
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Tickets	X\$25/ticket	\$
Special Dietary Concerns?:		Checks payable to: "CT JCI Senate"
Your Additional Voluntary		0
Donation to Support the CT JCI Senate and Scholarship		\$
		Total:
Spartan II Restaurant: 930 M	eriden-Waterbury	Turnpike, Plantsville, CT

Join us for a fun evening of pizza and appetizers, cash bar, awards, Foundation

Silent Auction, socializing, and

Keynote Speaker: Chad Betz, Senator #61891, Author

"Of Mice and Jaycees"

Wear your jeans and your favorite sparkle, gems or jewels... Have fun with it

Mail to: Cathy Dempsey. 1124 Waterbury Rd. Cheshire, CT 06410



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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.