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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 15	Mid Year Registration to Houston, TX
November 27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
December 1	Dues Submission
December 15	January Senate Scene Deadline
December 25	Merry Christmas



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You can never really appreciate Mother Nature until you have visited New England in the Fall. The scenery, fall leaves and Atlantic Ocean in Newport, Rhode Island were outstanding and the only thing *that topped it was the friendships and love shown to Skip and me from the Region One Senate. Thanks, Charlie. You are Awesome!*

Upcoming trips include next week-end in Pennsylvania with President Jackie “Tigger” and all the creatures in the woods. Skip and I will be attending the Ten Outstanding Program Persons program. December finds me in Massachusetts at the Yankee Swap with President Ed and First Lady Marilyn. Then it is off to Arizona for the Senate Holiday Party with President Carolyn, my Arizona Senate family and time with Mom. January takes us to England for the British Drumming Out. President Doug and the Texas Senate await us in Houston, Texas for our Winter Meeting. **NOTE: Registration deadline is the 14th of this month. Be sure to meet the deadline!** I will be back in North Carolina with President Tracy, who is “Leading by Example” for the Senate meeting the last week-end of January.

First Gentleman Skip will be turning 60 on Nov. 14th. Now is the time to let him know he is not just getting older but better also.

This is the month of Thanksgiving. Words cannot express to all of you how thankful Skip and I are for the opportunity you have given us this year to represent you. You truly are the very best. As I travel across America, I am always explaining what a Senator is and how many Senators are in the National organization. I really like being your PR person, for the US JCI Senate. Thanks for Dancing with us.

Be sure to tell Senators in your state and regional organizations thanks this month. Let them know that you are there for them and appreciate all they do. Explain to them the opportunities available to them are only as numerous as their imagination has limits. Thanks to Ed and Natasha Hayward for representing the US Senate at Work Congress in New Delhi, India.

Larry Bohn, RFT Chairman, will be conducting RTF training in Pennsylvania. Newton Standridge and Ron Whitmore are working with the Mentors publisher to bring you an outstanding Christmas issue. Let us know what you think of this issue. The holidays are approaching. As you start your gift shopping, remember to support our on-line store. These are perfect items to give to those Senate friends who have everything.

On behalf of Skip, myself and our entire family, we wish you the happiest of holidays throughout the next several months. We truly think of you as our family and hope the time you spend with your families is very memorable and blessed. Here's hoping you DANCE with your loved ones and celebrate the joy of life.

Pat Hoelker # 45893 37th President US JCI Senate

Never forget “GUS DANCE. With God's help, U and I can DANCE!”



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This month begins the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. As we approach this busy time of the year let us all take a moment to reflect on everything we have to be thankful for, our health, our families and our friends and our special Senate family. This Thanksgiving please also remember those young men and women that are in distant lands and far away from their families and keep them in your prayers.

Soon it will be Christmas, the New Year and then we will spend some time together waltzing into Houston and the Mid Year BOD Meeting. Dave and the Mid Year BOD Committee has been hard at work to provide each of you a great time. There is a visit to the Houston Space center being offered on Saturday afternoon followed by a western BBQ that evening. You will not want to miss this meeting. Get your reservations in NOW!

This meeting will also signal the announcement of the individuals seeking to serve the US JCI Senate in an elected office. It also signals the beginning of the Regional meeting season. Check out the calendar in this Scene as well as on the website. For details visit www.usjcisenate.org. Please send me the information on your state's upcoming meetings and events and I will get them on the calendar. In fact every state can post meeting dates on the website calendar themselves to let members that may be traveling the opportunity to visit you at your meetings. If an event doesn't have the word 'Details' to the right of it, **it isn't on our calendar yet, and the event sponsor will need to submit it.** (Log in, click on Upcoming Events, and then on Add an Event under the current month's calendar.)

May your holiday season be filled with good health and spending time with friends and family. Remember always to dance to the tunes of joy and love.

The "Green" VP

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I hope everyone had a great Halloween & got lots of treats (no tricks). This is a busy time of the year for everyone with all the holidays just around the corner and then it's 2009. This year has really gone by way to fast.

My travel for the next couple of months will be close to home. I will be in New York City for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (a first for me). Everyone please watch the parade and look for the West Johnston High School Band from Benson, NC. My adopted niece & nephew are both in the band & I am really proud of them both.

I know that some of the states will be having elections soon (if not all ready). Please make sure when you do that you send me the new updated list of officers.

I am enclosing in this Senate Scene the complete up to date list of directory changes. This includes all the changes I have received so far this year. Please keep me updated on any changes.

I trust all of you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving & an even more wonderful Christmas Holiday season.

Happy Holidays,

Till our next Dance

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As we move into the holiday season don't forget to take the time to give thanks for all of our blessings, especially the family and friends who support our endeavors.

December dues kits have been distributed. Your holiday season will be a lot less stressful if they were completed and out of the way early. Johnny Swank #44479, Membership Information Services Manager, and I would also be very appreciative..

Perusing the calendar on the USJCI Senate website I notice a large number of Senate holiday parties planned. Please do not forget to circulate a Mentors sponsorship form. Every dollar collected helps offset the cost of printing and mailing Mentors.

Holiday parties and meetings are also an excellent opportunity to conduct a "\$5 raffle" for Presidential Raffle tickets. You know the drill, write your Senate number on a five dollar bill and award the number of tickets equivalent to the amount of money collected. Next to dues collections this is our largest fundraiser.

Please remember all checks sent to the USJCI Senate, whether for Mentors, raffle tickets or dues, should be made out to the USJCI Senate. I am still getting checks made payable in a number of different ways.

With all of the holiday partying and celebrating going on don't forget to send your Winter Board Meeting registration in. I don't know about you but I am going to need a break from the Michigan environment and I hear they have a golf course or two in the Houston area.

From my Family to Yours, have a joyous and safe holiday season.

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By the time you read this we will have a new president elect for our country. Sure hope your choice was the winner. I can only say that I am pretty sure that mine lost; if not then I owe you an apology. So much for politics, it's a dirty rotten business.

If my memory hasn't failed me, I do believe this is the month that the Jaycees elect their new leaders – at least in Texas they do, be sure and make contact and let them know that your Senate organization is there to help if they need you.

Also, a reminder to all candidates for national office to submit their paperwork to Secretary Carol 'CJ' Jordan, also please send me a copy. If you are planning to announce for office in Houston you must have your paperwork in prior to the business meeting. You must have a completed application form, a letter of recommendation and filing fee paid. Application forms can be found on the website or look in your president handbook or see a current national officer.

For more details see Article XVII of our bylaws.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and if you are planning to attend World Congress in New Delhi, have a safe journey

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Chairman of the Board

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REGION I VICE PRESIDENT

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CT-MA-ME-NH-RI-VT

- MA will be having their annual holiday social and membership meeting December 5-7 in Marlboro, Massachusetts, along with their famous YANKEE SWAP. Their Vice President Mary Anne Johnston #65901 married Al Jones on Saturday, October 18th on a beautiful fall day in Laconia, New Hampshire, with many senators in attendance.
- RI is hosting the REGION ONE annual meeting the FALL FROLIC in Newport, with President Pat #45893 and Skip Hoekler, Treasurer Mike O'Connell #40225 and Kathy, and Ambassador to CANADA Bruce Geddes #35527 in attendance.

Go to the www.usjcisenate.org website for form info.

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REGION II VICE-PRESIDENT

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DE-NJ-NY-PA

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the mid-way point of this JCI Senate year. Below please find a listing of upcoming Region II Activities:

November 7 - 9: Pennsylvania JCI Senate Meeting with Pennsylvania Jaycees, Harrisburg, PA

November 24: Delaware JCI Senate Meeting, Dover, DE

November 29: 17th Annual Pennsylvania/West Virginia JCI Senate Border Bash, Pittsburgh area

December: Delaware JCI Senate Annual Holiday Party

December 13: New Jersey JCI Senate Holiday Party

January 16 - 18: Pennsylvania JCI Senate Meeting with Pennsylvania Jaycees, Harrisburg, PA

January 23 – 25: New York JCI Senate Meeting

February 1: New Jersey JCI Senate Super bowl Party

May: New York JCI Senate 40th Anniversary celebration

On behalf of Region II, I hope that everyone has a wonderful Turkey Day!

Region II: In the Time Warp

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Region II Vice President

REGION III VICE-PRESIDENT

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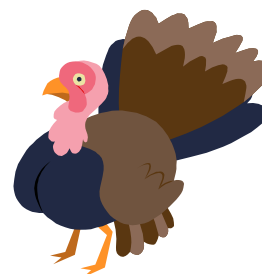
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It's a good thing that Senators can routinely do amazing things. On November 8, I am going to be in WV in the morning and MD in the evening, and then on November 15, I am going to be in MD in the morning and VA in the afternoon! Here are the upcoming Region III events:

- The West Virginia Senate Meeting and elections, November 8 in Parkersburg
- Maryland's Wine Tasting Social in Hagerstown, MD, November 8 at the home of Sam and Marilyn Young
- The Maryland Senate Meeting, November 14-15 in Timonium, MD
- The Virginia Senate Meeting, November 14-16 at the Dulles Hilton in Herndon, VA, with the Dutch Treat dinner on Friday night.
- The West Virginia/Pennsylvania Border Bash, November 29 in Pittsburgh, PA
- Virginia's Holiday Social, December 6, in Richmond, VA at the home of Craig and Beth Lane. Prior to the social, the 25th annual Christmas Parade will be held in Richmond.
- Maryland's Holiday Party in Arnold, MD, December 13 at the home of John and Pam Cotter
- The Region II/III MAI meeting in Morgantown, WV, April 2-5, 2009

Still excited and still "dancing on the inside"



REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT

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AL-FL-GA-NC-SC

Greetings Senators,

Wow! What a month October was for Region IV! First there was the Annual Florida Bash in Sarasota. It was amazing! The food and the beautiful warm weather and the wonderful hospitality provided by the Florida Senate made me want to stay there and not go home. Doyle, Larry, Mark and the whole team did a great job! Then there was the Region IV Fall Bash in Pinehurst, NC. It was awesome! There was more great food, nice weather, wine and games. Thanks to Darryl and Lawrence, I finally learned how to play "Screw your Neighbor". I wanted to stay there, too! Our Senators are staying busy lighting the way with "Return the Favor" projects at Haunted Houses and Fall Festivals and Fairs and are gearing up for the holiday assistance programs in their states.

This month's spotlighted state is South Carolina. The South Carolina Senate which is led by President Ed Jones is working on getting back to the basics this year. They are working to bring back Senators who have drifted or been pulled away from the Senate's activities and assisting their Jaycees in building strong chapters that can reward their members with Senatorships. They have taken on two new projects this year. A large Reverse Raffle and a 5K run/walk to raise funds for Camp Hope. The enthusiasm is high and the South Carolina Senate is a true beacon of leadership. Ed is doing a great job!

Upcoming events for the Region include Senate Meetings in Florida, South Carolina, and Alabama on the weekend of November 14th-16th. That will definitely spread a girl thin! Hey, thin is a good thing, right! Several states will be hosting Holiday get togethers for their Senators as well.

We wish for all of you a blessed Thanksgiving and holiday season. Until next time remember to keep the light burning and be a beacon of leadership for all to see.

Lighting the Way,

Denise Bauer #61276



REGION V VICE PRESIDENT

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IL-IN-KY-MI-OH

Slowing down with fall leaves and Christmas holidays. Less going on in Region V so I visited Region IV at their fall meeting at the golf mecca of Pinehurst, NC. Now the rumor is I may be impeached not being at the OH-MI-IN Border Bash going on the same weekend. Just to clear the air, I was ensuring Region IV didn't get too much "face time" with President Pat. I wanted to remind NVP Denise Bauer and NC President Tracey Culler that they should see what great things Region V is doing to earn the NVP and Outstanding State President awards! Besides a little "politicking", I also learned how to play "train" and lost money again playing "horse"!

I also visited Alabama in mid-November to help Denise fire up the Alabama Senate since most of my Region V states were having their fall meeting with their Jaycees the same weekend. Figured it was too hard to pick which one to visit. So with the colder weather, going south might be a good thing to do! I will see all my states again in Houston in January and after the first of the year when I make my second round of visits. November also saw John, Doc McCarty, and the Michigan boys going down to Atlanta to scope out the golf courses for the Krekorian next summer.

Upcoming events in Region V are:

10 January, Michigan Post Holiday, Wyandotte

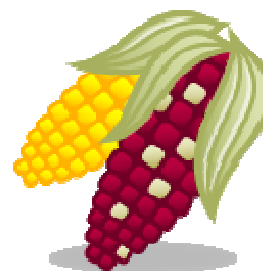
16-18 January, Illinois Senate Winter Meeting, Decatur

30 Jan-1 Feb, Kentucky Senate Meeting, Ft. Mitchell
 27-29 March, Region V "Spring Fling", Ft. Mitchell, KY
 17-19 April, Indiana 40th Anniversary, Days Inn, Indianapolis Airport
 24-25 April, Ohio Year-End, Columbus
 1-3 May, Illinois Senate Election Meeting and TOYA, Decatur

I am still selling Region V raffle tickets (1/\$5 or 3/\$10) and Atlanta raffle tickets (\$15, winner gets room and registration). I will have them at the Region VII meeting in Pigeon Forge, TN (aka Gatlinburg). I am also still taking Region V shirt orders (\$25).

Have a safe and joyful holiday with your real families. And pray for those who are missing the holidays in service to their country (happily, most of the boys from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell will be home this Thanksgiving and Christmas).

Karen Kopp-Voshel, #62305
 "Stepping Out for a Good Time"



REGION VI- VICE PRESIDENT

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A Rockin & Rollin Holiday Season is he wish for the US JCI Senate from Region VI!!! May this Holiday season find each of you traveling safe, in the arms of those you love the most and time to reflect on the beauty of this time of the year and all we celebrate. Happy Holiday's!!!!

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| • Nov 7-9 | Nebraska | Senate Meeting Kearney NE |
| • Nov 8 | South Dakota | Holiday Party Sioux Falls SD |
| • Nov 29 | Missouri | MU-KU Football Kansas City MO |
| • Dec 13 | Missouri | Christmas Party Columbia MO |
| • Dec 23 | Missouri | MU-IL Basketball St Louis MO |
| • Jan 16-18 | Missouri | Senate Meeting Osage Beach MO |
| • Jan 16-18 | North Dakota | Senate Meeting Bismark ND |
| • Jan 16-18 | Minnesota | Senate Meeting Austin MN |
| • Jan 16-18 | Nebraska | Senate Meeting Grand Island NE |
| • Jan 22-25 | Texas | Winter BOD Houston TX |

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REGION VII- VICE PRESIDENT

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AR-LA-MS-TN

No travel plans for the month of November except for TN Senate meeting with the TN Jaycees in Nashville Saturday November 15th. I am still recovering from surgery and will have to take things slowly for awhile. I look forward to getting back on the road!



REGION VIII- VICE PRESIDENT

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CO-KS—NM-OK-TX

Reg. 8 “GOOD OLD ROCK AND ROLL”----HELLO FROM REG .8 ...FALL HAS FINALLY ARRIVED....CONGRATS TO REG. PRES. FOR MENTORS ARTICLES....OKLA. HAS SOCIAL NOV. 15TH IN OK. CITY...LOLA AND I WILL TRAVEL TO VICTORIA ,TX. FOR TX. SENATE BOARD MEETING ON NOV. 8-9TH..WILL PLAN FOR WINTER BOARD IN HOUSTON ALSO...I LOOK FORWARD TO TRIP TO DENVER DEC. 3-5TH FOR COLO. HOLIDAY PARTY...REG. 8 SPRING MEETING IS SET FOR APR. 24-26TH IN OKLA. CITY..MORE DETAILS LATER...AND FOR VETERANS DAY, I WILL BE AT MY GRANDSON’S SCHOOL FOR VET SALUTE...REMEMBER NOV. 15TH DEADLINE FOR WINTER BOARD,HOUSTON....SCOTTY CROOM 37318

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Hello from Region IX:

Just a brief report from Region IX:

The Oregon US JCI Senate big "civil" war game and meeting is November 28th, 29th, 30th, at the Phoenix Inn 3410 Spicer Rd SE, Albany, Oregon. Call 1-888-889-0208 for room reservations ASAP..
Mail \$25.00 to Blane Blood #46105 35188 Cortez PL SE Albany, OR 97322.
GO DUCKS!!

All of Region IX would like to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving.

I Hope to see you all soon.

Ruth Jones #59611



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AZ-CA-HI-NV-UT

Arizona's Holiday Social is being held December 12 - 13. They will be attending "A Christmas Carol" at the Hale Theater in Gilbert on Friday evening with a social Saturday. Registration is \$25.00 which includes a ticket for the theatre.

for more information contact Kris Preston at 602-617-6449 or Krispreston2001@yahoo.com.

California's November board meeting is November 14 - 16 in Woodland Hills. For information please contact Gina Kortz at 408-828-7703 or guenna2003@yahoo.com.

Please don't forget the December 1st dues billing deadline.

Happy Holidays!
Susie Irvine

CHAPLAIN REPORT

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Dear Senators,

Well time marches on as we have been with the Trick or Treaters and now look forward to Thanksgiving. In your prayers at that time please remember the Senators who have gone to their reward. Remember what they gave to the Jaycees and what they gave to Senate. We are thankful for their time with us and have learned so much from them.

Be thankful for your family, friends and you Senate family. Most of the time if you look closely you will see they are one and the same. Special thanks to Pat, Doug, Mike, & CJ for their time for us. It takes a team PLUS to guide the Senate along.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Presidents and Region VP's, I would like to double check with each state to make sure we have the names and numbers of all the Senators who have passed away from June until now. Sometimes people think that the other person told so and so, then they are forgotten about. So please help me to make sure they are recognized.

May you all a blessed Thanksgiving.

Julie Rieckman #60573



FIRST TIMERS

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Just a week ago, I was returning from the Region IV Fall Bash hosted by the North Carolina Senate. What a great job they did, but most of all I could look around the room and see Senators I had not met before. For some of the North Carolina Senators, this was their first time at an event outside of their regular North Carolina functions. What a great experience for them to meet other Senators and National JCI Senate President, Pat Hoelker.

I couldn't help but remember the first event I went to that involved Regional Senators other than a few I had met at our State Board Meetings was the Peach Bash hosted by Georgia. I bonded and made new friends and I wanted to see those friends again. It was that first step that made me realize what a great organization the JCI Senate is and how much I cherish those friendships. Please give those new Senators in your state that same opportunity to create friendships for life. "Variety is the Spice of Life"...set a good foundation for your Senators and keep them involved.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families from GA's Spicy Peach.

Kay Buchanan #58499

PRESIDENTS INFORMATION EXCHANGE- PIE

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Hello Fellow Senators,

The year is flying by, before we know it Thanksgiving will be here and then Christmas. I hope all of you State Officers are enjoying your year and working on many worthwhile projects as we approach this holiday season.

State Presidents, you need to make sure that you keep in touch with your Jaycees. They will probably be in need of helping hands this season, and we Senators are just the ones for the job. I know you all remember what a rewarding experience it is to help those less fortunate than ourselves and helping to bring a smile to a child's face at Christmas time.

Our next US JCI Senate meeting will be January 24th thru January 27th in Houston, TX. This will be our Winter Board Meeting. We will have our P.I.E. Meeting probably on Friday. I hope that there will be many new faces in addition to those of the past in attendance at our meeting. I need for each State President to be collecting questions or ideas that they would like to share with each other. Please send those to me before the meeting so that I can have them prepared to hand out to each of you.

I hope that each of you with your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. May the good Lord bless each of you and keep you safe until we meet again.

Debra James



RETURN THE FAVOR

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A lot of good things are happening around the country in the area of Return the Favor. Hats off to the Connecticut JCI Senate for their participation in the Amerada Conference and the New York and Vermont Senates for hosting it, to the Illinois JCI Senate for assisting their Jaycees in getting \$5,000 for new office equipment and to Senator Liz Eckles #65536 of Tennessee for a super article in the Tennessee Senate newsletter!

By this time all State JCI Senate Presidents, known State RTF Chairs and Regional VPs have received the new submittal forms for Return the Favor. Hopefully the forms will make it easier for you to submit and will enable you to really make your case for the impact your Senate organization is having on your Jaycees. For those States who did not submit in September, January would be a great time to jump in. I know that all of you are doing good things for your Jaycees! If you are still not sure how to get started, please contact me at lab37024@comcast.net. January deadline is January 5, 2009 either received by midnight that day via email or USPS postmarked as of that date.

Happy Holidays

PRESIDENTIAL RAFFLE
CHAIRMAN

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Hello Senators, it is hard to believe that November is here already, the leaves have all fallen from the trees and soon the snow will be piling up.

The ticket sales are going well and have collected \$16,000 already thanks to all of you. If any of you need more tickets I am sure Judy will be more than happy to send you more. Remember to sell them at your meetings. Collecting \$5 from everyone there with their Senate number on it and giving out tickets to the winners is a great and easy way to sell them.

National Vice Presidents please start thinking and planning your booths at the States Party and let Camille Smith know who your chairman is for the booth. American Bandstand is the theme so we should see some really interesting booths and will have lots of FUN.

State Presidents need to be thinking about what your states want to donate for raffle prize. Please keep in mind that many prizes have to be taken back on a plane.

Until next time, keep smiling and keep selling.

Roxanne Astry #57298

Presidential Raffle Chairman



PRODUCTS CHAIRMAN

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Greetings from warm and sunny Florida. Team Products attended the Florida Bash and thank you National Secretary C. J. Jordan #45857 and our own NVP Denise Bauer #61276 for attending. Team Products set up a tent and sold !

As many of you know, the website has been being updated. It is now back on line however even if you were a prior customer, you must reregister as a customer. You are still registered on the main website so will only have to reregister as a customer at the store.

Many of you reading this have special people working with you in your specific areas. The products store is a great place to shop for those midyear and holiday gifts. Please order early so we have enough time to order the product, get the logo on it and ship it to you. If shopping is a problem or those hard to purchase for, we offer gift certificates. These come in \$10.00 increments and there is no limit on the number you can purchase. If you would like a higher amount, just let us know.

Order early and order often. Buy early and buy often.

Doug White #52995

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From the Desk of the E-News Editor

The E-News continues to bring you the latest JCI Senate events from around the country and once in a while, the world. I enjoy doing this newsletter. Sometimes it has been a day or two late in getting out do to other commitments, but I tried to be on time. There were times I had to send this information out while having fun at other Senate functions.

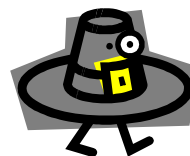
I continue to get quite a few kickbacks. Some of you change your addresses and fail to notify anyone. As a result I receive failures when the E-News is sent out. If I receive 2 or more failures, I remove their name from the list. I also notice that some of you do not read you emails because I get returns saying your mail boxes are full.

I would like to add more Senators to the mailing list that do not now receive the bi-monthly newsletter.

I hope everyone has a GREAT Thanksgiving.

Jim Miller #34554

E-News Editor



MEETING COORDINATORS

2009 MID YEAR BOARD- HOUSTON TX

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Senate Leaders - please inform anyone planning to attend the Winter Board Meeting in Houston (January 22-25, 2009), that it would be a good idea to register before the late registration date (November 15, 2008). That way it's a good chance you will receive the host hotel's \$89.00 room rate (taxes included). Please download a registration form from our website (see below for web address) or view the form in the current or next issue of Mentors. As of 10/31 we have 65 registrations; so many of you have heeded our advice and registered early.

You must register and book your hotel room through us. If you require an ADA room, please note that on the form. Once your registration form is received and processed we will confirm your reservation via email – so print clearly that email address! In fact print clearly everything on your form and check your addition.

Our website is <http://texasjcisenate.org>. This website has all kinds of other helpful information – tours, trips, meals, restaurants, western themed Saturday dinner, and three days of golf - get out of the cold and play.

Do yourself a favor and invite a senator from across town, across the state, or the country. It will be a great time in Houston next January and let's share it with friends!

Dave Gilkeson

AMBASSADORS

TO CANADA

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IT MAY STILL BE POSSIBLE TO REGISTER NOW FOR THE CANADA SENATE CREW/CRUISE IN MAY 09

Senator Andy Lyons has informed me that he may still get you a cabin not that the registration deadline has passed, but do not wait, contact Andy now. This will be a great time, please give it some careful consideration. The registration details have been published and are on the Canada Senate web site. The dates are May 18th to May 25th 2009. If you need more info please contact me at jci35527@msn.com or 419 693 6486.

The Toronto Senate group will hold their annual meeting and elections Dec. 3rd. I plan to attend so contact me if you need information.

My wife Jean and I attended the Durham Senate's 25th anniversary and the Toronto Annual Gourmet Dinner. As always the hospitality was 1st class and we saw many old friends. If you have not made it to a Canada meeting or event give it some thought, I am sure you will have a great time.



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Not much news to report in Area C at this time. Most countries just finished running their National Conventions, generally in conjunction with the Jaycees and some will post summaries of their meetings on the ASAC website. (asacjci.net)

I am still working on getting the current Senate officers list. John Moreno will be sending that to me for publication but he is also heavily involved with his ASAC Secretarial duties and efforts on the website. I do encourage you to check out the website as it is constantly showing a lot of hard work. There is an English version but most clicks will take you to Spanish text so keep your translation book handy.

Have not heard from many U.S. Senators regarding any plans to attend the Area C Conference in Puerto Rico so please put me in your e-mail loop as I am often asked how many Senators the States will be sending and I would like to be able to have a rough guess. As mentioned previously, I do have some suggestions for how to save a few bucks in transportation costs and housing costs if you would like to hear them. I am also assembling a separate file of places to go while in Puerto Rico. Some of those things may be offered through the Conference but I expect to have more thorough information available for you to use in comparing \$\$.

I plan on going to San Juan a few days early and staying later so don't wait too late to contact me.

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