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Tyler's Conspiracy Corner: Schlake

by Tyler Schreiber, SCL, University of Louisville, ex-CLS

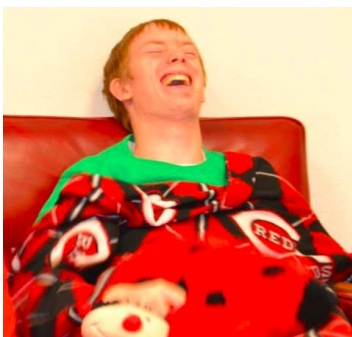
Over my years in the JCL, I have attended four state conferences and two national conferences. In all six of these conventions, I have paid much attention to the election process. I might not be the most knowledgeable of the roles that each board member plays, but I do know what the most important job is.

Think about it. Whenever it's time for elections, things are done in reverse gavel order. This is done because tech coordinator is the most important job. Thus, I figured that there would be much corruption in such a high position and decided to look more into it.

The Kentucky Junior Classical League's tech coordinator is ~~Alex~~ Schlake. I had the pleasure of interviewing him. When asked of possible corruption, Schlake turned as red as his hair and pleaded the fifth. I pushed harder and asked him what he did within his role as tech coordinator. "Well, I update the website here and there," he replied. He was dodging my questions like a politician. I decided to go and take the offense. I stood up from the desk we were sitting at, grabbed it by its side, and flipped it over leaving nothing between us. I could see fear disperse through his body as he flinched backwards, sweat glistening on his forehead. I got up in his face and just said, "TELL ME THE TRUTH."

He knew exactly what I meant. He pulled an old, rolled up piece of paper out of his back pocket and frantically tried to swallow it. I grabbed his wrist, inches from his mouth, and swiftly snatched the paper from his hand. I threw him forward and pressed my knee into his back to hold him down while I read the paper he so desperately tried to get rid of. I unrolled the paper and saw a contract. It was a contract between Schlake and Jason Grout (KJCL president).

After reading through the contract, I figured out that both Schlake and Jason wanted to be KJCL tech coordinator. However, Schlake was afraid of losing and bribed Jason to drop out of the race for a large sum of cash. Jason went on to run for a more menial position with his bribery in hand, not thinking that anyone would find out. However, we have found out. Please spread the word to all you know: **#impeachjason2014** **#impeachschlake2015**



From Doughnuts to Latin

by Mary Parks-Penwell, Louisville Classical Academy 1st VP

On the 20th of November the members of the Louisville Classical Academy JCL had a fundraiser for their chapter. The officers spent the day before coming up with ideas, but, like Sauron's rings, there was only one to rule them all: TURQUOISE THURSDAY. What is this fantastic concoction you ask? It is the Black Friday of LCA. Our school has a snack cart that raises money for our chapter, but we were hungry for more money. How did we do this? Simple: doughnuts. The answer is always doughnuts. We bought eight dozen doughnuts and sold them for a dollar each. But it still wasn't enough. We needed more, more, more; so we sold candy, school supplies, and drinks. We raised a total of \$257 in one day. This speaks to the amount of business lost when underestimating students' desperate need of a sugar high. This money will be put toward future service projects and to help pay our chaperons' way to national convention.



KJCL 2015 SPIRIT THEMES

UH YEAH...IT'S KIND OF A BIG DEAL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30: SCHOOL T-SHIRT DAY
TU NE CEDE MALIS, SED CONTRA AUDENTIOR ITO. VIRGIL. AENEID VI.95.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31: HIGHWAY TO HADES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1: SILENCE IS GOLDEN...AND
PURPLE

THE 2015 KENTUCKY JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE STATE CONVENTION WILL
TAKE PLACE JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1



Letters to Soldiers

by Ruthie Dworin, KJCL 2014-2015 Editor, and an anonymous local delegate

This month, JCL-ers were asked to write letters to soldiers to Veterans' Day (November 11). This is one anonymous sixth grade student's "epistula."

Dear Soldier,

Thank you for your service. I think your actions make America a better place. On November 11 at school our grammar schoolers (3rd-5th grade) made flowers to celebrate Veterans' Day. They handed them out to everyone. Our school really appreciates what you do and we are very thankful. The JCL chapter (Junior Classical League) for our school is writing these letters and we hope you enjoy them! It's my first year in middle school and that let me join JCL. JCL is a school group that does service projects around KY. We are one chapter out of many and all chapters meet up at NJCL (National JCL) to compete in sports, certamen (Latin Quick Recall), and spirit wars. A spirit war is where you shout chants at another chapter. The loudest wins! I hope to participate in another service project soon.

A happy sixth-grade student



Oreo Balls

by Ruthie Dworin, KJCL Editor 2014-2015

There are very few things worth getting up before noon on a Saturday. Even fewer are worth getting up before ten. The fewest are worth getting up before eight. The donuts sold at the Covington Latin School bake sale and the oreo balls beautifully made by Mackenzie Gordon were among those elite few.

The oreo balls made bearable the task of spending the whole day at Covington Latin School with seventy dedicated KJCL- and Ohio JCL-ers. It really was a chore to marvel at the incredible cathedral adjacent to the school and available to us, with its stunning baptismal font and its mother of pearl tear of Mary. It was painful to watch the delegates struggle to enjoy pelting rubber balls at each other (especially when one of them hit me in the head) and practicing their ninja skills. And what a stab in the back it was to see them enraptured by University of Cincinnati lecturers, have their competitive fires inflamed in certamen, with their hands put to good use making paracord bracelets for and writing letters to U.S. soldiers and signing a card for Lauren Hill (a college basketball player with cancer who has garnered national attention for her bravery), and entertained by T.J. Roberts' wonderful twerking at the successful debut of Certudi.

So, um, thanks, CLS JCL for hosting us and making/selling us dangerously sugary treats and to Mackenzie Gordon for making oreo balls. Those were really good oreo balls. You totally saved the catastrophe that was Fall Forum

The only other saving grace of 2014 Fall Forum was the smorgasbord of cheers that were introduced. The most interesting included "Dry your hands, dry your hands, dry your hands, the dryer's broke" (thanks, OJCL) and "E-B-O-L-A: we are gonna die today" (not sure where that came from, but I can guarantee that if that is not heard multiple times at state KJCL convention, there will be one very disappointed officer board).

Thank you so much to our state co-chairs, the indomitable Bari Clements and unstoppable Kelly Kusch, to LaRosa's pizzeria, and to our gracious hosts, Covington Latin School, for an absolutely fabulous time.



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