

MAY 2019

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Greetings fellow Senators!

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of yet another year. Our year of *We The Senate* was quite an exciting one. We started with a May meeting unveiling in the mountains while we had the time of our lives. We then enjoyed a great Summer Outing in my college town of Fredericksburg and a Fall Meeting in Farmville hosted by the vibrant Jaycee chapter there. Donna Yenney offered her beautiful home for our Christmas party and we enjoyed the holiday season with food, drink and fellowship. We held the Winter Meeting in Virginia Beach with the Jaycees where we helped with a food project for needy folks in Nicaragua. We were honored to have National President Pete and First Lady Lynn in attendance among other National guests for that meeting. Now we will meet again, this time with the Life Member Association, to finish our season in Hopewell and celebrate 50 years of the Virginia JCI Senate.

Over the course of the year I was able to proudly represent Virginia at a myriad of meetings and socials with our friends in the Maryland Senate, a meeting in West Virginia, the Winter National Convention in New Orleans, and soon, the year end National Meeting in Portland. We also hosted the Mid Atlantic Institute in Hampton for the rest of our friends in Region III and in Region II. The incomparable

Alan Richardson and his fabulous committee showed everyone how MAI is done and set a standard for many years to come since the last time Virginia hosted. I was so honored to provide everyone's official welcome.

Our end of the year celebration will not only be an opportunity to change our leadership, but share our fellowship with our Life Member Association friends. We will also have a special lunch planned to honor the Senate, its 50 years, and lots of years to come. We hope to see many Senate friends from over the decades and make some great memories.

And now it's time for some thank yous. I truly do not know what I would've done without these individuals. They made me a better person and a better leader and I couldn't have been without these confidants and awesome Board of Directors over the course of this year. To Madam National Secretary Ariel Jones and Region III National Vice President Tom King – thanks for the unwavering friendship, support and the continual push to reach higher all year. And thanks also to Alan Richardson and Anne Johnson for your great advice, wise counsel and incredible friendship.

And now to the members of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors: To Art Esenberg for his running of the Sweepstakes Raffles, to Elizabeth



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Benka for taking care of our treasures and providing some entertaining Foundation raffles, and to our Sergeant at Arms/Parliamentarians Dan Benka and Gerry Sproles for the frick and frack comedy team, and for keeping everyone in line.

To my Committee Chairs: Peggy McHugh for Return the Favor making sure we kept up with all of our extra work with the Jaycees, Kim Williams for running the Scholarship Committee and helping to pick two excellent candidates out of a pool of many, and to Troy Anderson for chairing the Audit Committee to make sure that our books were always in order.

To Lee Wolfe, our Products guru, thanks for all your work to give us wonderful products to wear and share, to Joe Mirabile our Chaplain, thanks for your kind words, your notes of sympathy and support and your beautiful prayers, and to Sherry King, Liaison extraordinaire, for your hard work and perseverance to add 5 new Senators to our membership base this year.

Kay Faries served as our witty historian, regaling us with interesting Senate stories at each of our meetings. Ruth Nefflen was a wonderful Secretary, providing the most detailed minutes many of us have ever seen. As our Assistant Treasurer, Jack Ferry did most of his work behind the scenes, but worked diligently with Jeff on membership all year. Jeff Bobich served as the best Treasurer anyone could ask for, keeping me on track and using his incredible organization skills to keep meticulous records. Thanks to Vanessa Kinsley for finding us great places to eat each time we got together as our Rooms, Reservations and Outings Director. And thanks to my Chairman of the Board Betty Esenberg for her support and help throughout the year.

Jackie Julien served as our Director at Large and worked on so many projects to make things run smoothly between our meetings, and at every meeting. Paul Showalter used his outstanding skills to keep the website up to date, take tons of photos, and used his

electronic abilities to keep everything working this year. Dawana Harris -Bey once again provided us with four outstanding newsletters, working with all of us to give the entire Senate the information they need. Jennifer Reby was the Communications Director guru that we needed to provide information quickly and efficiently on the listserv and website, and the originator of the wildly popular Snippets of the Week! As Bar Director, Kenny Loyall helped us to enjoy top shelf libations at each event, and make sure everyone always had the drink they wanted in their hand. The incredible Hope Ellison led our village as the Hospitality Director, coordinating the food needed for light snacks or more formal receptions. And last but not least, my Vice President Sabitha Venkatesh was our biggest cheerleader all year, lending a hand wherever needed, offering advice and ideas, and preparing for her own successful year to come. Good luck in your 2019-2020 year!

And finally to my wonderful husband Ron and my beautiful son Jeremiah, for their constant support of

whatever crazy thing that I was doing, for coming with me just about everywhere and for just being there, thank you.

And to all the members of the Virginia JCI Senate, this year has been an honor and a privilege. My We The Senate theme was meant to focus on how we interact with each other as Senators, grow as individuals and leaders, and inspire others to do good in our communities. I believe we have accomplished that. For those achievements and everything else throughout the year, thank you from the bottom of my heart!

We the Senate!

Melissa S. Sleeth

#69220

President, 2018-2019
Virginia JCI Senate



VICE-PRESIDENTIAL WORDS

Hello Virginia JCI Senators!

It has been an exciting year!! I want to take this opportunity to thank President Melissa for her leadership this year. I also want to thank all our Directors for ensuring our hospitality suites were filled with delicious treats and beverages, our Dutch treat dinners with the LMA were at restaurants accommodating to everyone's tastes and communication to our Senators were consistent and sent via various mediums.

Social media was key this year

as we connected and engaged with more senators. At our February meeting, we live streamed the Senatorship presentations- a first on our Facebook page and allowing more Senators to view events they could not attend.

In March, Virginia hosted MAI in Hampton. Thank you to our MAI Chairman Alan Richardson and team for a fun weekend as we celebrated fellowship and recognized the accomplishments of Senators in Region 2 and 3.

A special thank you to all of you Virginia Senators. It has been our pleasure to serve you and thank you for attending all our events and making it a success. I look forward to seeing everyone in the next few days as we celebrate 50 years of the Virginia JCI Senate!

Sabitha Venkatesh,

#71858

Vice-President 2018-2019

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REGION III NVP SPEAKS

Hello fellow Virginia Senators!!! It is hard to believe our year together is quickly coming to an end. With the year-end meeting quickly approaching in Portland, OR, I want to say "Thank you" to President Melissa (#69220) for all her support this year. I know the Virginia JCI Senate in the year of "We The Senate" continues to reach out to lost senators and support the VA Jaycees led by President Marissa. It has been fun working with President Melissa this year. As I have said to her on numerous occasions, it is tough being the President of the home state of your NVP. The great thing, in our case, is we have worked with each other in the past during our Jaycee days.

In March, we all gathered in Hampton for the Mid-Atlantic Institute (MAI) meeting led by Chairman Alan Richardson (#50550) and his committee. With a theme this year of "Expect the Unexpected" and a prom for us all to attend, it was without a doubt a wonderful weekend! In addition, the meeting definitely lived up to its slogan in so many ways! Both Region II NVP George Fields (#46096) and I were **very** pleased with the entire weekend. I cannot express how much pride I had in seeing my home state pull off such a wonderful MAI. I know I am bragging just a bit here but it was the best MAI I've attended since we hosted the last one in 2013...must be something about the Virginia air!

One of the highlights of the banquet was awarding the three first time awards recognizing the Outstanding

Board Member (excluding presidents and treasurers) and two awards for the Backbone Senator. It was my honor to present Konrad Melkus with a plaque honoring him and establishing the "Konrad Melkus Backbone Senator Award". Even better, the first ever winner of the "Konrad Melkus Backbone Senator Award" was E.J. Miller (#50983) from Konrad's home state of West Virginia. Paul Showalter (#65156) from our very own home state of Virginia was awarded the first ever "Backbone Senator" award for all he has done for not only Virginia but also his overall support of the region. The K.I.S.S. video would have never happened without him. The highlight of the evening was when Frank Butler, Jr. (#46169) joined us from Florida to address those in attendance with stories about his father as well as words from his mother, Mary Tee, as we announced the establishment of the "Frank Butler, Sr Outstanding Board Member" award. The first ever winner of this prestigious award was Jennifer J. Ray (#68957) from Maryland and she certainly displays all the characteristics that those who knew Frank will agree he would admire. All three winners have done so much for their states not only this year but in years past and there could not have been a finer class of first time recipients! Congratulations to all three!!!

Finally, thank you to everyone in the Virginia JCI Senate for all you do for Virginia, Region III and the USJCI Senate. I could not ask for a better state

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organization to call home. Your support, words of encouragement and of course the friendships are things I will never forget. Other than being the President of our great state, NVP is the best position I have held in the Senate and it is all because of you! It has

been a great year of "Reaching Out"!! Good luck to Region III NVP-Elect John Cotter (#41511) from Maryland, incoming President Sabitha Venkatesh (#71858) and those leading the Virginia JCI Senate beginning July 1st!

Tom King, #59642

Region III NVP (DC, MD, VA, WVA)

The year of the K.I.S.S.!!

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FROM YOUR 2019 MAI CHAIR...

Well, the year plus of planning culminated March 28-31, 2019 as the Virginia JCI Senate hosted the member states of the Mid Atlantic Institute (MAI) in Hampton, VA. The weather could not have been better and the view from the Hospitality Suite overlooking the Hampton Marina was spectacular!

MAI would not have been possible without the support of many of you within the Virginia JCI Senate...as the Chair, I cannot thank you enough! We had 165 folks registered from Maryland, West Virginia, DC, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware and had 45 Virginia Senators who worked some part of the event!

I did not do this alone...I had a great steering committee who began meeting in November of 2017 to put together our bid to be presented at the MAI meeting hosted by the Delaware JCI Senate in

March 2018. Many of your will remember the "hats" that we used for that presentation...they became the basis of our décor for the Hospitality Suite during the weekend. But I digress...I want to thank the four other Senators who joined me on this journey and who, without their love, support, and keeping me in line, helped make this a great MAI meeting. So...a big thanks to my Co-Chair Kay Faires #70346, and the other steering committee members, Troy Anderson #67983 (who also coordinated the bar), Hope Ellison #71378 (who coordinated the goodie bags and worked with the hospitality team), and Chris Heinz #75470 (who worked on the financial side with Jack Ferry #76561) - see photo p.10.

We were joined on this journey by other Virginia Senators who headed up the various committees. A HUGE thanks to Jack Ferry #76561-Treasurer, Anne

Johnson #49625-Mistress of Ceremonies, Jackie Julien #74251-Tours, Kristie Kehoe #76563-Social Media, Kathleen King #68704-Manopower, Tom King #59642-Region III NVP, Sherry King #67690- Prom King and Queen program, Paula See #49621, Steve See #48068, and Brenda Yankey #49720-our Hospitality Team, Paul Showalter #65156-Program Book/Banners/Prom Photo Booth, Sharon Showalter #70987-Registration, and Chris Williamson #57020-Golf Tournament.

We had a lot of fun...from sharing stories, to Paint Night, to the NASA Air and Space Museum tour and giving our fellow Senators time to tour around the area on their own. We celebrated our Prom days during the banquet with a live DJ spinning tunes and made sure the US JCI Senate Foundation had time to raise funds during the auction. We were

joined by many US JCI Senate guests particularly our own

Tom King #59642 who is US JCI Senate Region III National Vice President, as well as Region II NVP George Fields #46096. And our own Ariel Jones #65423, US JCI Senate Secretary was in the house with her Virginia Senate family.

I have heard nothing but compliments on the meeting and that is because of you, my fellow Virginia JCI Senators. Thank you again for placing your trust in me to Chair this meeting. It was an opportunity I will never forget as we did "EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!!"

In the Spirit of the Senate,
Alan Richardson,
#50550
MAI 2019 Chair



COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR SPEAKS

Hello!

Happy spring! This year has been fun and busy, managing our social media, email, and text communications. Hopefully, the History Snippet of the Week made you think, "I didn't know that," or brought back memories and you thought, "I remember that!" This history geek learned a lot. Who knew that reading the New Senator Handbook would be so much fun! The goal was to encourage and increase the Virginia JCI Senate presence on social media. You all "liked" and "shared" the Facebook posts a lot! We had two other goals. One

was to share information and respond to inquiries in a timely manner. We certainly did! The other was to improve upon our listserv. The listserv transition from Yahoo to Google is ongoing but will be completed soon. A big THANK YOU to Christina Brunner #74135 for her technical expertise and to Jeff Bobich #72309 for his review of our database. We will keep you informed about the listserv status. "We the Senate" achieved all our communication goals! Please continue to share

information, pictures, and life experiences with your fellow Senators on Facebook and the listserv. Staying in touch online enables us to maintain our friendships and promote events, despite seeing each other only a few times a year. I have enjoyed strengthening and creating friendships this past year as part of the Board. Let's continue to nurture and grow our Senate family.



Jennifer Reby,

#75071

**Communications Director
2018-2019**

RETURN THE FAVOR

Happy Spring!! It's amazing to think that President Melissa's year is almost over. It's been a ton of fun from the beginning in Fredericksburg (yum to Carl's ice cream!) to fabulous Farmville to Virginia Beach and continuing the Martini Mix-Off. We've learned a lot from Jennifer's Senate Snippets and showed Regions 2 and 3 how a regional meeting should be run.

Thanks to all of you who have been helping the Virginia Jaycees and the various chapters during the year through the Return the Favor program. It was great seeing the Peninsula Jaycees doing a reverse Return the Favor at MAI by helping with the photo booth. If you have not shared your information on the Return the Favor form please send your information to me by May 19 (end of the 50th

Anniversary weekend) so I can submit everything to National in a timely fashion. As always, if you don't want to fill out the form, send me the information on what you have done to help the Jaycees and I will put it together.

And....if you were in Virginia Beach and helped with the Service Project, you should give yourself credit for two hours!!

Thanks again for all of your help. I look forward to seeing a lot of you in Hopewell for our Anniversary Celebration.

Peggy McHugh,

#62466



WEBMASTER WORDS...

Thank you to everyone who submitted information for the 2018-2019 year. If you need anything updated on the website please send the information to Sabitha Venkatesh at sabitha771@gmail.com. See you at the May meeting. And remember to smile when the camera is pointed your way.

Paul Showalter,

#65156

lockport00@comcast.net

HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR SHARES

Fellow Senators and Friends,

I would like to say that I am truly honored to serve alongside our Villagers. Our Village People over the last few years (including those who help to bring the room to life): Anne Johnson, Ariel Jones, Art Esenberg, Konrad Melkus, Donna Yenney, Jackie Julien, Jennifer Rebbly, Kathleen King, Melissa Sleeth, Paul Showalter, Peggy McHugh, Sabitha Venkatesh, Sherry King, Troy Anderson, and Vanessa Kinsley have taken Virginia 'Village' Hospitality to the next level, and are second to none. (If I have left anyone off, my sincerest apology). They have graciously given their time, energy, and finances to bring A+ Class Cuisine to each and every meeting. They helped to sky rocket the offerings every single time and hospitality is phenomenal because of each and every one of them. We also had a little help from our northern sister Marilyn Young (Maryland JCI Senate) who bought us some goodies to our February meeting. I would also like to express my gratitude for our Trio of Ladies who magnificently made a bounty

of goodness and delights for us all at MAI. Paula See, Brenda Yankey, and Sharon Ratsch. Between JMU Women's Basketball and Baking and Decorating, these 3 were unstoppable~~just like JMU Women's Basketball during MAI~~ they were in the zone and victory was theirs. Also a little shout out to their counterparts, Stephen (and his homemade Kahlua) and Charlie for lending a helping hand and to all who served and volunteered for hospitality at MAI I appreciate all of your hard work and dedication.

Thank you all for all you give -
WE ARE THE SENATE
Respectfully,

Hope Ellison,
#71378



PARTING WORDS...

Happy Spring Senators,

Thanks for the opportunity to serve this year as "We the Senate". It has been my pleasure to have worked with President Melissa, VP Sabitha and the rest of the board. I'm looking forward to being a part of the future of our great organization under Sabitha's leadership. I'm excited to see the Commonwealth represented prominently on the national level. I've had so much fun this year and that's thanks to everyone involved. See you at the anniversary celebration in Hopewell.

In the Senate spirit,

Jackie
#74251

Thank you, all, for contributing to and supporting our MAI Chinese & Silent Auctions. Including the proceeds from the live quilt auction as well as the donation from the Mid-Atlantic Mamas Red Hat Group, we raised \$4208!! Thank you, also, for contributing to the Foundation Raffle at each of our State Meetings. Once again in May we will welcome your "treasures" and your monetary contribution for the last Foundation Raffle of the year!

Elizabeth Benka
#47053

Region III Representative

US JCI Senate Foundation

Virginia JCI Senate Celebrates



Please mark your calendars to join us as we celebrate the Virginia JCI Senate's
on Saturday, May 18, 2019 in Hopewell, Virginia!

WHEN: Saturday, May 18, 2019, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

WHERE: The Moose Lodge Pavilion, 4701 Western Street, Hopewell, Virginia 23860

WHAT: A classy & upscale catered picnic to celebrate this milestone anniversary

For most of us, our long Jaycee careers took us to places we never dreamed we would go, pushed us to heights we never thought we could achieve, and forged friendships that have lasted a lifetime. The culmination of this Jaycee journey was receiving a Virginia JCI Senatorship. Remember the pride, the honor and the outright disbelief you felt on that special night when they called your name to come forward?

Please come out and join us as we celebrate some of that magic at the 50th Anniversary of the Virginia JCI Senate. We promise that the program will be short and the mixing and mingling with old friends will be priceless. You absolutely don't want to miss this!

MEMORABILIA TABLE: Please bring your scrapbooks, vests, pins, banners, awards, CPGs, campaign materials, annual reports, etc., to share. We will have a table to show off your treasures.

PICTURES: We would love to display your pictures. Please send hard copy photos – which will be copied and returned to you – to Anne Johnson at 12710 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon, VA 20171. Electronic photos may be sent to Anne at aj49625@yahoo.com.

LAWN CHAIRS: The pavilion has seating for 130 people at wooden picnic tables. Please plan to bring a lawn chair if you require a different type of seating for comfort.

NAME TAGS: Wear some of your old nametags for a trip down memory lane. Don't have them anymore? No problem, we'll have blank nametags available for you.

Whether you plan to attend just the 50th Anniversary celebration on Saturday or stay and enjoy the entire Senate-LMA weekend, you'll spend time catching up with old friends and renewing long-time acquaintances. We guarantee this milestone event will be a fun and memorable event that folks will talk about for years to come. Spread the word! The more Virginia Senators, the merrier!

The Registration Form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Questions, comments or inquires: please contact *Anne Johnson*, #49625, at
aj49625@yahoo.com.

FROM THE LIAISON

Welcome to our Three Newest Senators!

In February at our Winter Meeting in Virginia Beach we welcomed our three newest Senators:

Jodi Dean, Senator # 77722, from the Peninsula Jaycees. Jodi joined the Jaycees in 2003 and served Peninsula as Membership VP, Business VP, and President (twice). She received numerous awards including Tucker Watson Officer of the Year and President of the Year from the VA Jaycees. She was awarded the US Jaycees Local Vice President of the Year. Jodi is a Life Member and is currently serving the VA Jaycees as Management Vice President.

Sean Murphy, Senator # 77721, from the Fairfax Jaycees. Sean joined in 1999 and served the

Fairfax Jaycees as Community Development Director, State Director (twice), Chapter President and Chairman of the Board. He was recognized as Regional Member of the Year and with the Eldridge K. Hayes award. He is currently President of the Life Member Association.

Kyle Jacocks, Senator # 77667, joined the Falls Church Jaycees in 1992 and served a Vice President and President. He is a Prime Graduate and served in several Program Manager positions for the Virginia Jaycees, then as Chief of Staff, Community Development Vice President, Management Development Vice President, and State President. His awards included Sidney D. Peck, State Program Manager of the Quarter, and the Gilbert W. Haith Award.

Please join me in welcoming our newest senators!

Sherry King
#67690



FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Well I don't have much to say. I had a year of some personal challenges. However, that was not the case for the Virginia JCI Senate. It was a great triumphant year for WE THE SENATE. Melissa and her team of Patriots accomplished wonderful deeds. I am sure you will hear about this from Melissa and her Board.

We will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Virginia JCI Senate in May. I hope we get to see many friends in aptly named Hopewell.

After that we will have more end of year celebrating at the Convention in June.

Finally, I want to say Congratulations to the

fantastic team who worked well on MAI where we learned to Expect the Unexpected and enjoyed great fellowship with Senators from Region II and III and all over.

In the spirit of WE THE SENATE,

Betty Esenberg
#72227



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VA JCI SENATE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS MINUTES—FEB 16, 2019

Virginia JCI Senate Meeting Holiday Inn 21st Street Virginia Beach, Virginia February 16, 2019

President Melissa called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The invocation written by Joe Mirabile was given by President Melissa. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Veterans.

Approval of Agenda:

President Melissa stated under New Business the JCI 50th Anniversary report will be given by Anne Johnson and Year End 2021 by Kathleen King. Motion was made by Jim Nefflen to approve agenda; seconded by Sherry King. Motion passed.

Recognition of Guests:

Anne introduced the following: Pete Reinecker, National President, and First Lady Lynn; Lawrence Pittman, National Administrative Vice President, and Karol; Ariel Jones, National Secretary; John Robinson, Chairman of the Board; Tom King, Region III National Vice-President; Kathleen King, Future Directions Committee Chair; Rob Ray, JCI-USA Liaison; Jennifer Ray, Social Media Director, and Maryland Vice-President; Calvin Baerveldt, Past National President, and Diane, Past Region III VP; Ron Sleeth, First Gentleman, and Jeremiah; Maryland: John and Pam, Past Region III VP, Cotter; Tom, Past Region III VP, and Mary Ann Rohr; Sam Young, Past Region III VP and Donnie Alvis Award Winner, and Marilyn; Elizabeth Benka, Region III Foundation Representative; and Lin Martin, Virginia Jaycees Chairman of the Board.

Marissa Nyhill, Virginia Jaycees President Elect, thanked the Virginia Senate for our support to the Jaycees. She gave a brief overview of the status of the Virginia Jaycees. She stated there are 47 Jaycees attending this weekend. She stated she has been visiting the chapters in the state. She would like to see shared information between the Jaycees and Senate.

Officer and Director Reports:

Sabitha Venkatesh, Vice President.

Bar: Kenny Loyall stated the bar would be opened later.

Hospitality: Hope Ellison thanked everyone for bringing food for the weekend. She thanked Paul Showalter for doing the Photo Board.

Rooms and Reservations: Vanessa Kinsley stated she is looking forward going to Hampton in Hopewell for May meeting. Registration forms will be coming later.

Communications: Jennifer Rebbly gave a report on what she is doing as Communications Director.

Newsletter: Dawana Harris-Bey was not present. A newsletter was just sent out.

Website: Paul stated he is trying to keep everything up-to-date. If anyone has anything to let him know past history or past JCI Presidents.

Appointed Executive Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Jeff Bobich stated 2018-2019 Budget, Balance Sheet as of February 13, and March 1 Member Renewals have been passed out. From our balance money has been set aside for upcoming MAI. He stated the Mentor envelope is being passed around.

Secretary: Ruth Neffen stated no report.

Products: Lee Wolfe is in attendance, but not present. If anyone needs any products, let her know.

Liaison: Sherry King stated there would be three Senate presentations at the banquet. She thanked her committee: Melissa, Sabitha, Amy, Anne, and Chris Heinz.

First Timers: President Melissa stated she and Sabitha worked on the First Timers Program. She stated 13 First Timers came to the meeting. Two awards will be given out.

Return the Favor: Peggy McHugh expressed condolences to the family of Tom Newill who passed away recently. She passed out cards to be signed. She passed out forms for the Return the Favor project. If anyone has done anything, please list on form.

Sergeants at Arms: Dan Benka and Gerry Sproles stated no report.

Historian: Kay Faries, working with our theme for the weekend, asked questions about past JCI Presidents during their term and current year.

Committees:

Audit: Troy Anderson stated no report.

Finance: Jeff stated the Finance Committee met this morning. The Committee approved \$1000 for the 50th Annual Picnic in May.

Foundation Scholarships: Kim Williams was not present. President Melissa stated 50 applicants were received for the Scholarship Program. Two individuals were selected and will be submitted.

Good of the Senate: Kay stated the Good of the Senate made up of 15 Past Presidents met Friday night to go over some issues. Three awards will be given out at MAI. One will be the "Frank Butler

outstanding Board Member". Motion was made to approve by Art Esenberg; seconded by Sabitha. Motion passed.

Old Business:

President Melissa stated Virginia and Maryland attended the Board Meeting in New Orleans, and everyone had a good time. Jennifer Ray, MD, was recognized as Best of the Best at the meeting. President Melissa stated she received a plaque from the Foundation. Ariel announced her candidacy for Administrative Vice-President.

New Business:

Pete Reinecker, National President, thanked Virginia for its hospitality. He stated he will not be able to attend our MAI Meeting. President Pete presented President Melissa a gift of two "Reaching Out" glasses. President Melissa presented President Pete a Virginia shirt of cities and historic places.

Lynn, First Lady, thanked everyone for their hospitality. She thanked Ron Sleeth and Kathleen King for their support of their spouses. President Melissa presented Lynn gifts of an embroidered tea towel and Virginia state charm.

President Pete presented to Anne Best of the Best Award. He presented President Melissa, Kathleen, and Gerry Presidential Medallions.

Lawrence Pittman, Administrative Vice-President, and Karol thanked Virginia for its hospitality, and President Melissa, Ron, and Jeremiah for being great hosts. They stated they have had a lot of fun attending Virginia meetings and getting to know everyone better. President Melissa presented a gift to

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Lawrence and Karol.

John Robinson, Chairman of the Board, stated he is glad to be back in Virginia. He thanked Virginia for having a wonderful year. President Melissa presented John with a gift.

Ariel Jones, National Secretary, thanked Virginia and Paul and Sharon Showalter for supporting her. She recognized Jennifer Ray for excelling as Social Media Director. President Melissa presented Ariel with a gift.

Tom King, Region III National Vice-President, stated 48 individuals attended Region II and III Social September 27, 2018, at the Youngs. He discussed the mentorship program in Region III. He

recognized Sabitha, Anne, and Paul. He presented chocolate kisses to First Lady Lynn, Jeremiah, and Ariel. He presented to President Pete a Dallas Cowboy picture. President Melissa presented to Tom a gift.

Jennifer Ray, on behalf of Maryland, stated the Bull and Oyster Roast will be March 2nd. The summer social will be July 13 at the Cotters. Maryland is working on the crab feed.

MAI 2019: Alan Richardson, Chairman, gave an update on MAI in Hampton. Hospitality will be Thursday through Saturday. He stated his committee are: Kay Faries, Troy Anderson, Hope Ellison, and Chris Heinz.

Virginia 50th Anniversary: Anne stated it will be held May 18 in Hopewell.

National Convention Year End 2021: Kathleen stated the National Convention will be at the Founders Inn, Virginia Beach. Anne and Tom are submitting a letter of intent.

Nominations and Elections Committee: Kay stated the following for officers 2019-2020 are: President Sabitha Venkatesh; Vice President Jackie Julian; Directors, Jennifer Rebbly, Lillian Cheng, Kathleen King, and Jacque Camlet.

Foundation Raffle: Elizabeth Benka thanked everyone for supporting the Foundation Raffle. Baskets or items should be brought to MAI for the raffle. The raffle was

held and \$125 was raised.

Presidential Remarks:

President Melissa thanked everyone for attending meeting this weekend and supporting her. She thanked all the National and Maryland guests for attending.

The meeting was adjourned with the Jaycee Creed led by President Pete.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth Nefflen

*Virginia JCI Senate Secretary
2018-2019*



2019 MAI Committee



MAI had an "out of this world" visit @ the Virginia Air & Space Center!

Virginia JCI Senate and LMA DUTCH TREAT DINNERS – MAY 2019



Friday, May 17, 2019 6:30pm - 9:00pm

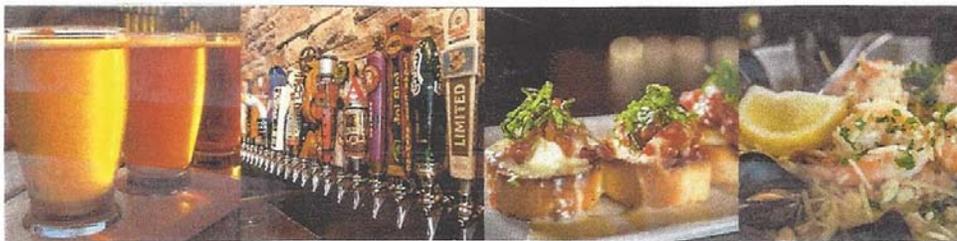
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Enjoy fine Hibachi style cooking and authentic Japanese atmosphere at Kanpai. In addition to a full service bar, Kanpai also provides a diverse menu of sushi, classic Japanese dinners and original creations.

www.kanpaihopewell.com

Saturday, May 18, 2019 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Sedona Taphouse 432 Charles H Dimmock Pkwy,
Colonial Heights, VA 23834



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Please RSVP to vanessa.kinsley@cox.net by May13th for both events.

FROM YOUR ROOMS, RESERVATIONS, & OUTINGS DIRECTOR

Greetings from your RRO Director! This year has been tons of fun and if you haven't been with us, you've missed out on some great experiences. To continue this trend

We will be gathering at the Hampton Inn in Hopewell, Va the weekend of May 17-19th for our Spring get-together with the LMA folks. That weekend we will also be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Virginia JCI Senate on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Registration forms and flyers for the events are included with this newsletter.

It's been my pleasure to serve you this year as the Room, Registrations and Outings director and I hope to see both old and new friends in Hopewell in May.



Vanessa Kinsley
#70985

SPECIAL THANKS

Virginia JCI Senate,

Again, I want to thank you all so very much for your confidence in letting me represent the Great Commonwealth of Virginia and Region III as a candidate for Administrative Vice President for the US JCI Senate.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our phenomenal President, Melissa Sleeth #69220 on the great work that she and her team of 'We the Senate' has done representing the Virginia Senate this year. This Virginia girl is so very proud.

In addition, congratulations to our very own K.I.S.S. Region III National Vice President Tom King #59642. His regional leadership with Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and DC has been extraordinary. He definitely made a positive impact in our region and beyond in reaching out, especially with the introduction of the unique and effective mentorship program.

To my campaign traveling partners; Dan Benka #41176, Elizabeth Benka #47053, Anne Johnson

#49625, Kathleen King #68704, Tom King #59642, Vanessa Kinsley #70985, Jim Nefflen #18012, Ruth Nefflen #70907 and Chris Williamson #57020- WOW - thank you for spending your valuable time with me on the campaign trail. Special appreciation to Chris Williamson #57020 for trips with me to New Ulm, Minnesota and Colorado Springs, Colorado and Tom King #59642 to Riggins, Idaho amongst other destinations. We will all tell you about our adventures at the 50th Anniversary picnic! The travel does not stop, if you are interested in traveling, please touch base with Kay Faries #70346.

Again - it is indeed an honor and a privilege to be given this extraordinary opportunity and I promise that I will not disappoint you to be good, better and best at what I do for YOU as I will not rest until my good is better than my best to represent YOU!

In true Jaycee and Senate spirit with appreciation and heartfelt love,



Ariel

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VIRGINIA JCI SENATE/LMA SPRING MEETING
May 17-19, 2019
The Hampton Inn, Hopewell, VA 23860
www.vajcisenate.org



Early registrations must be postmarked or emailed by Friday, May 3, 2019

Name: _____ US JCI SENATOR # /LMA # _____

Name: _____ US JCI SENATOR # /LMA # _____

Address: _____

Home or Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____

| Type | # of Tickets | Early | Late | Total |
|---|--------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| VA JCI Senate 50th Anniversary Luncheon Saturday, May 18th <i>(Hopewell Moose Lodge Outdoor Pavilion next to the Hotel)</i> <i>(LMA and non-Senators are welcome!)</i> | | \$25 | \$40 | |
| 50th Anniversary Luncheon Saturday, May 18th Children's Ticket (Children are 12 years old and younger) | | \$10 | \$15 | |
| Weekend Registration – Includes Hospitality Suite, and the LMA & Senate meetings (Does not include Anniversary Luncheon) | | \$15 | \$20 | |
| 50th Anniversary Souvenir Photo Book – Photo Book will be printed in July but must be paid for and reserved in advance! | | \$35 | | |
| I want to renew my Senate Dues for the upcoming year | | \$35 | | |
| | | Total... | | |
| <i>Attending Dutch Treat Dinner Friday Night?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | # _____ | | | |
| <i>Attending Dutch Treat Dinner Saturday Night?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | # _____ | | | |

Credit Card #: _____ Exp Date: _____ CVV Code # _____ (3 digits on back of card)

Name on Card: _____ **If paying with a check or credit card, do not email your completed registration form, mail them to Jackie.**

(You can pay for your registration using PayPal. The PayPal option can be selected from the May 2019 50th Anniversary webpage available on our website – www.vajcisenate.org) Check here if you paid using PayPal

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Fill this form out electronically, pay using PayPal, then email to: jackszn91@gmail.com

Make check payable to: Virginia JCI Senate

Mail your registration form and check to: Jackie Julien, #74251
 5312 Hunt Master Dr. Apt. D
 Midlothian, VA 23112

Accommodations
 The Hampton Inn
 5103 Plaza Drive
 Hopewell, VA 23860

Room block ends Tuesday, April 30, 2019
 \$99.00 plus Tax per Night
 Identifying Code: Virginia JCI Senate
 804-452-1000

We are on the web!!

<http://www.vajcisenate.org>

VA JCI SENATE

Dawana L. Harris-Bey, #68527
Editor

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR SPEAK

Hello Senators!

Our Scholarship Committee wrapped up earlier this year. I received about 100 applications and they were whittled down to the top 5 applicants. The Scholarship Committee (myself, Melissa Sleeth & Rod Williams) all ranked them exactly the same. And our top 2 were submitted to the USJCI Scholarship Committee.

Jessica Sanchez-Flores is a student at Broadway High School and plans to attend UVA to pursue a career as a Pediatric Physician Assistant.

Asha Thomas is a student at George Wythe High School in Wytheville. She plans to attend Liberty University to pursue a career as a High School English Teacher.

Both candidates were really strong, but unfortunately neither was selected for a USJCI Scholarship. I am working with both schools to present each with the \$500 scholarship we have available.

I enjoyed being back on the Senate team and supporting Melissa!

Kim Williams, #65904