

VIRGINIA JCI SENATE NEWSLETTER 2018 - 2019

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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WE THE SENATE OF JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL, IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VIRGINIA JAYCEES, ESTABLISH UNITY, INSURE GREAT MENTORING, PROVIDE FOR OUTSTANDING HOSPITALITY THROUGH FOOD AND DRINK, PROMOTE AND FACILITATE OUR MEETINGS EFFICIENTLY AND IN A FUN AND ENTERTAINING MANNER, AND SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF OUR FELLOWSHIP AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER, DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THE THEME OF THIS 2018-2019 YEAR THAT OF WE THE SENATE.

I am so honored and proud to be the 2018-2019 President of the Virginia JCI Senate. The theme I chose this year is closely related to my lifelong love of history, the culture around us, and my passion for the Jaycees and the Senate. I was inspired by the preamble to our United States Constitution and thought it would be fun to change it up and relate it to our Senate. The We The Senate theme this year will focus on us as Senators and how we interact with one another, grow as individuals and leaders and inspire others to do good in our communities. I am excited to work with a diverse and incredibly talented Board, as well as our own Tom King who is serving as our Region III NVP this year and also National Secretary Ariel Jones.

The Board is full of experienced and eager members and I'd like to introduce them to you. Sabitha Venkatesh will serve as our Vice President, and I look forward to working closely with her as we mold the direction of the Senate this year, and then as she has the opportunity to take over from me next July 1. Our Directors have such a variety of experience and collectively offer a myriad of talent. Hospitality Director Hope Ellison, Bar Director Kenny

Loyall, Communications Director Jennifer Rebbly (our Town Crier), Director at Large Jackie Julien, and Rooms, Reservations and Outings Director Vanessa Kinsley will all provide vital roles throughout the year.

Next, Jeff Bobich has very graciously agreed to lend his incredible talents to the role of Treasurer again, but this year with a great twist. Jack Ferry will serve in an Assistant Treasurer position so that Jeff can mentor him for the future. Ruth Nefflen will take up her pen again to provide very fine and detailed minutes of our proceedings at each business meeting. And Betty Esenberg will assume the role of Chairman of the Board as she takes a breather after a busy year.

The rest of the positions in an appointed capacity are Senators full of excitement, experience and willingness to learn. They are: Dawana Harris-Bey who will once again edit our fabulous newsletter, Paul Showalter who will continue as photographer and website guru, Kay Faries who will teach us as our We The Senate Historian, Sherry King will work with Jaycee chapters to find new Senators as our Liaison, my long time friend Joe Mirabile will return and pray with and for us as our Chaplain, and Lee Wolfe will continue to lend her talents as our Products guru. Dan Benka and Gerry Sproles will team up to keep us on our toes as our Sergeant at Arms/Parliamentarians.

Our Committees are chaired by the great talents of Troy Anderson on the Audit Committee, Kim Williams on the Scholarship Committee, and Peggy McHugh on the Return the Favor program. Our COB Betty will chair the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. And finally, Elizabeth Benka will continue to run our entertaining Foundation Raffles, and Art Esenberg will coordinate the Sweepstakes Raffles. At this writing, we do not have a First Timers Chair that is needed for the November and February meetings. If you have any ideas or if you are interested, let me know.

I am looking forward to our first meeting in August in Fredericksburg. My college town has



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so much to offer, and I hope you will be able to experience one of my favorite towns in a new way this time. Our Senate meetings after that are proposed at this time to be in Farmville in November, in Virginia Beach in February, and in Hopewell in May. And of course, Virginia is hosting the Mid Atlantic Institute (MAI) this year in Hampton at the end of March, and it will be a blast. The committee is led by the fabulous Alan Richardson, and they are preparing for all of us to see Hampton like never before! I

also plan to visit with the Maryland and West Virginia Senates this year, and go to some other National events. We will tell you about the National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA that just wrapped up when we all get together in August.

So, if you'd made it this far in the article, congratulations! I've provided you with a plethora (or cornucopia – whichever you choose!) of information, as I wanted you all to know the team who is leading you, and what we are doing to make this year a

very special one. I look forward to working with all of you, learning from and with you, growing as a leader, and I am excited to help guide the Board as we all explore this year of We The Senate together!

For the Senate,

Melissa S. Sleeth,

#69220

President, Virginia JCI Senate, 2018-2019



VICE-PRESIDENTIAL WORDS

Hello Virginia JCI Senators,

I'm excited to serve as your Vice-President for the 2018-19 year. I look forward to working with President Melissa and all the directors as we plan for a fun and exciting "We The Senate" year.

I hope to see a lot of you at our Summer Outing in a few days in Fredericksburg!

Sabitha Venkatesh, #71858

#WeTheSenate

President Melissa and her family



COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR SPEAK



Hear ye! Hear ye!

I am happy to serve as this year's Town Crier. If you have any news, information or photos to share with your fellow senators, please notify me at jenrebbj@gmail.com. I will ensure that *We the Senate* stay informed via the Virginia JCI Senate Facebook page and the Yahoo ListServe.

Something new for you!! Please start looking for the "We the Senate History Snippet of the Week!" on our Facebook page. Every Wednesday, I will post a fun and interesting historical fact about the Virginia JCI Senate. Hopefully, we will all have fun learning about our great organization!

Fare thee well as I fare.

Jennifer Rebbj,

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Communications Director 2018-2019

#WeTheSenate

FROM YOUR 2019 MAI CHAIR...

Hello Fellow Senators!

Even though it is Summer and the Senate is gearing up for the Summer Outing and the other events that follow, we have a big event coming up in March of 2019...the Mid Atlantic Institute...MAI Meeting!! The committee has been in regular contact, even though there is not a lot to do right now, but we are making sure that we are staying on top of things

and developing the timelines. We have recruited almost all of our Committee Chairs, just one or two more to go. MAI 2019 will be held in Hampton, VA at the Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina and will be March 28-31, 2019. We will have sign-up sheets at the November meeting and we will be needing a lot of you to volunteer to work different events/shifts during those four days.

Our tour leader Jackie Julien #74251 is already looking at different tours (and yes...one of them is a brewery tour!) Chris Williamson #57020 is planning a golf outing at a course nearby the host hotel. Steering Committee member Hope Ellison #71378 and her team have already begun asking for goodie bag items. And this is just a quick update! So mark your calendars for March 28-31, 2019

and join us in Hampton as we "Expect the Unexpected!"

Alan Richardson,
#50550 MAI 2019 Chair



DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE SPEAKS

Greetings Senators,

You may remember me as Director-at-Large for COB Betty. This year I will serve as Director-at-Large for President Melissa. Please let me know if there is anything I can help with during the year. See you in Fredericksburg for our first "We the Senate" gathering.

Jackie Julien, #74251

RETURN THE FAVOR

I hope everyone is having a fabulous summer!! I am very excited to be working on President Melissa's team this year. She has put together a wonderful group and I know we will have a lot of fun.

One of our Senate missions (besides having fun!) is to give back to the Jaycees in whatever ways they may need or want. I've reached out to Virginia Jaycees President Lin to get contact information for all our current Jaycee chapters. I'll then contact

those folks to make sure they are aware of the Senate and the Return the Favor program and encourage them to either contact Senators in their area (I can supply names and contact information if they want) or contact me and I can get some of you in touch with them. Hopefully we can be a bit more assertive with our chapters this year and assist them in their efforts. While we don't want to do the work FOR them, we do want to work WITH them to help them

succeed.

Rumor has it that there may be some extensions in the wind....stay tuned for opportunities to assist the Virginia Jaycees in providing opportunities for new Jaycees!

Attached to this newsletter, as an Excel Spreadsheet, is the Return the Favor submission form. If you are/have helped out/will help out a Jaycee chapter or the Virginia Jaycees in any way from June 1-August 31, would you

please complete this form and either snail mail or email it to me by August 31? I will then turn it in to National.

Thanks in advance for your participation and your help! I hope all is well and that many of you will come to Fredericksburg in August for a terrific Summer Outing.

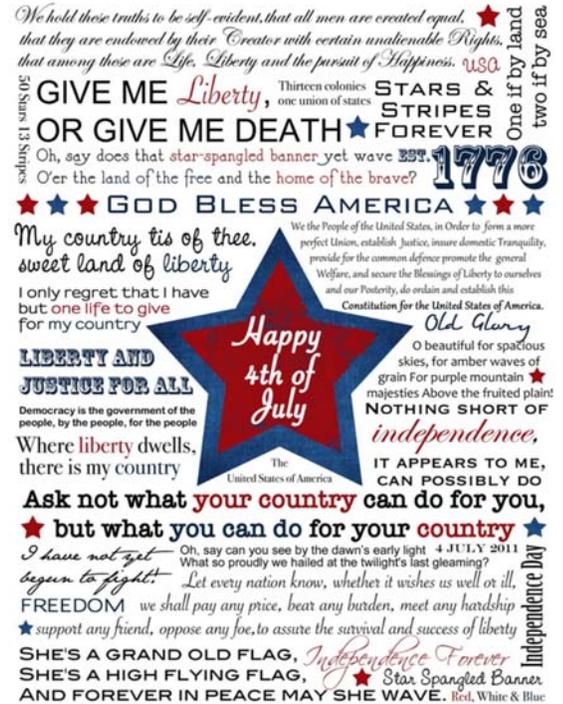
Peggy McHugh,
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HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR SHARES

Hello Senate Family,
 I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Fourth of July celebration. I am looking forward to serving once again as your hospitality director. Thank you all for helping me, especially since I've had to be away so often. You all have stepped up and I couldn't be more honored than to be a part of the Village of the VA JCI Senate Hospitality. The Hospitality Village is vital to showcasing our sweet southern charm. Your contributions and manpower have been greatly appreciated over the years.
 We the Senate of the VA JCI we will be hosting MAI in March 2019 (just a mere 8 months away). The co-directors of hospitality are PAULA and STEPHEN SEE (pdsee@comcast.net) and BRENDA YANKEY (wayneorebaugh@comcast.net). Manpower and edible eats will be needed for our hospitality suite. If you can provide either, please contact

Paula, Stephen or Brenda. You can also contact Kathleen King, the MAI manpower director.
 Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Summer meeting in Fredericksburg, until then...stay cool ----

Hope Ellison,
#71378



WEBMASTER WORDS...

Hello fellow Senators!
 Summer is in full swing and the website needs your information. Please send me your photos and any information you have that you would like displayed on our site. Board members should review their pages and provide updates as necessary. It was great seeing everyone

at the Spring Meeting.
 Remember to smile when I point the camera in your direction.
 I hope you join us for a fun filled weekend soon. Be on the lookout for me as I visit various events around the state. If I am not there, please take

pictures and send them to me.
 Here's hoping you start the year off great!

Paul Showalter,
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FROM YOUR ROOMS, RESERVATIONS, & OUTINGS DIRECTOR

Welcome to a new year! I have turned over the reign of Chaplain to Joe Mirabile this year and wish him good luck and God speed.

So far I'm off to a great start, as the registration form for our Summer outing was available at the May meeting. I believe I have Melissa to thank for

that and it sets the bar high to continue in the future.

Right now we're looking at Farmville in November (for those who have been around for awhile, will fondly remember LOTS at Longwood College in Farmville), Virginia Beach in February and Hopewell

in May. This is in conjunction with the Jaycees, so please plan on attending to support their efforts.

We'll be doing GREAT things this year – will you be involved?

Until next we meet,

Vanessa Kinsley,

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FROM THE MAI BAR CHAIRMAN

Hello everyone,

I am looking forward to serving as the Chairman of the Audit Committee. The main goal of the committee is to review the finances to close out the financial year and make sure that everything monetarily is accounted for so that the incoming leadership has clean

finances. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the committee.

I am also serving as the Bar Chairman for MAI 2018. I am looking for donations of alcohol, sodas and bottled water to offset the cost of running the event (see page 9). I'm also looking for help to man the bar during the

event. The planning committee has been working hard to make this a successful event but we will need your help. Thank you and I wish President Melissa a successful year as President of the Virginia JCI Senate.

Troy Anderson,

#67983

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

- John Quincy

Adams

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR SPEAK

Hello Senators!

I am happy to join Melissa's team as your Scholarship Chair this year. Melissa and I go way back to being Local Presidents and Regional Directors together so when she asked I had to say 'yes'!

I live near Winchester with Rod (#66008) & our daughter Allison. She keeps us very busy with travel softball and middle school activities.

Unfortunately you won't see much of us, but I'm happy to serve the Senate in a role that lets me work from home.

Thanks Melissa for letting me be a part of your team!

Kim Williams,

#65904



President Melissa and Chairman of the Board Betty

A LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN

“We believe that faith In God gives meaning and purpose to human life.”

I kept reading this over and over when I made a commitment to join and serve the Richmond Jaycees in 1999. This one sentence and the remaining words of the Jaycee Creed have changed my life. I would be remiss, with Independence Day right around the corner, if I did not share this small excerpt from history:

The notion of the JCI Creed was born in Milwaukee by William Brownfield, the National Vice President of the United States Junior Chamber in 1946 during convention. Inspired by the devotion of its members "to the purpose of serving mankind in a thousand different ways, right down at the grassroots where freedom lives or dies." He set out to author one. The Chamber had "the potential for a new force in

the world, one capable of changing the balance between victory or defeat for our chosen way of life in a time of crisis," as Brownfield saw it.

As your Chaplain am here to serve you, a few things to know

I am here for you, always have an open ear, and would enjoy hearing from you. I will pray for you; I will pray with you. I will not condemn anyone for any reason. I do have a sense of humor. I give pretty good hugs. I love you and will always do my best to comfort you.

What do I ask?

Pray for me.

Communicate with me – call, write, email, or better yet talk to me in person when we are together. I want to get to know you, so let’s get acquainted. Email: Joejaycee@aol.com Cell phone: (804)651-4108



We are not in this alone - we are all God’s children.

Stay in the Light,

Joe Mirabile,

#73610



Virginia JCI Senate Past Presidents

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Welcome to Melissa's year of WE THE SENATE. I am looking forward to a wonderful year of fun and JCI mentoring while learning the history of The Commonwealth of Virginia through the eyes of those who really know it. Melissa is one of these people and we are fortunate that she is our President.

Before I talk about the coming year (2018-2019) I would like to finish up a few items from my year – the year to LIVE LONG AND PROSPER.

First, the Enterprise is now docked at our new colony. We built a great new Virginia JCI Senate Colony where “the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations.” I hope everyone had as much fun as I did. Thank You! I'm sure our ship will continue in the future on many great adventures.

We enjoyed the May 18-20 end of year and elections meeting in the historic Mountain Lake Lodge where they filmed the movie Dirty Dancing. This meeting was sponsored by the Virginia Life Member Association. They kept the prices very reasonable and there was great cooking headed by Lin Martin (President of the Virginia Jaycees) and aided by Lee Wolfe and many members of the Life Member Association. The ambiance was great and we had a great time at the Beer and Wine tours as well as the communal

meals. The facilities for the meetings were great. Thanks to the Pulaski Jaycees for trucking us around in the Golf Carts. They were really go-getters. I enjoyed the pictures on Facebook. There were pictures of places I had not been. Please take a look if you haven't seen them. All in all, this was a great end to our Virginia JCI Senate Year.

At the end of this year, I believe that we met our objectives of supporting the Virginia Jaycees, working well to support the US JCI Senate, helping support other states in our Region III, supporting our charities and having FUN. I say thanks to the Our Board and several other distinguished Senators for all their hard work so we could accomplish our objectives while having FUN adventures all year.

Special thanks to the following Senators: Melissa Sleeth, our inspiring VP; Jeff Bobich, our talented Treasurer; Jennifer Rebbly, our accomplished Secretary; Hope Ellison our very creative Hospitality Director; Chris Taylor our very helpful and knowledgeable Bar Director; Jackie Julian our number and chart wiz Director-at -Large; Chris Heinz our energetic RR&O Director, (both Chris's are new Senators doing an outstanding job.) We had a very conscientious Chaplain in Vanessa Kinsley and entertaining

Historian in Gerry Sproles.

We had several hardworking and productive Chairmen. Special thanks to: Troy Anderson for Return the Favor; Sherry King for First Timers; Christina Brunner for Foundation Scholarships; Amy Tenhouse as Virginia Jaycee Liaison; Lee Wolfe for Products; Paul Showalter as our Webmaster and Master Photographer; Dawana L. Harris-Bey for our Newsletter; Kathleen King as Audit Chairman.

I would like to state the accomplishments of our Chairmen this year. Kathleen King conducted a very successful audit and we are doing fine financially. Lee Wolfe supplied products and donated three Senate hats that we auctioned off to earn money for the Virginia Senate. Sherry King worked very closely with the Jaycees to promote a very successful First Timers program. Troy had a National Return the Favor winner in Art Esenberg. Christina Brunner had a National Scholarship winner in Michael Lenzi, Jr. who was on the top of the list in Mentors. Our Communications duo did a great job as usual. I will not soon forget Paul running along with competitors in our Virginia/Maryland Olympic Games to get the best photos. Finally Amy Tenhouse coordinated the induction of three new Senators into the Virginia JCI Senate. These were William Incastasciato (Dr

Bill), Kristie Kehoe, and Jack Ferry.

I would like to say a special thanks to COB Kay Faries who talked me into this and was my mentor and guiding star all year. Gerry Sproles amused us all with his knowledge of our Senate History. Kathleen King served as another mentor for me. Anne Johnson helped me through the political maze, introduced all of our guests all year, and helped coordinate getting the dues in at the end of the year. Finally, my husband Art Esenberg made some time out of his busy life to get me to all meetings, pick up numerous Senators and guests at the airport, rearrange the furniture in the Hospitality Suite, and serve in any capacity necessary when I needed some help including Sergeant at Arms. **Many thanks to all above!**

My Sincere thanks to the Presidents of the other states in our Region III, Paul Ray from Maryland, Bruce Hufford of West Virginia, and Charlie Eberhardt of DC. We had fun working together this year. And finally thanks to our NVP of Region III, Rick Rutter who steered the ship all year.

The US JCI Senate National Convention took place June 17-22 in Pittsburgh, Mr. Rogers Neighborhood. We had a good turnout from Virginia and the US. The Virginia Senate helped in several ways including

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sponsoring one of the meals at the convention.

We really had good weather and a wonderful time. Many of us took the Just Ducky Tour which is an amphibious vehicle tour of Pittsburgh by land and river. We also experienced the incline ride again. The scenery was great as were the Museums. Some were fortunate enough to come early and go to the Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball game. I met many new friends from the Pennsylvania Senate. They were there the whole time serving all the meals and manning the tours and the hospitality room.

At this Convention we have the Region Booth Competition. This is a lot of work but also FUN. This year NVP Rick appointed Vanessa Kinsley as Chairman. The main theme was Mr. Rogers Neighborhood so Rick played our Mr. Rogers. Our line of the Creed was "the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations" as it has been all year. Vanessa organized the booth, the decorations, the food, and had us all dress up in the costumes of our ancestors from many nations- mine was Dutch. This was a big responsibility and she did a great job!

This year the Virginia JCI Senate had two National Officers at the Convention. Tom King was elected National Vice President of

Region III at the MAI meeting. Ariel Jones was elected US JCI Senate Secretary at the Convention. Congratulations to both!! I hope you both have a terrific year!

At National Convention the US JCI Senate gives the end of the year awards. Virginia Sponsors the Donnie Alvis Memorial Award for Outstanding National Vice President. Last year Sam Young of Maryland won this award. Sam and his wife Marilyn are also members of the Virginia JCI Senate and attend many of our events. This year Tom Hendrix of Region VI won the Alvis award wearing his white cowboy hat.

Members of the Virginia Senate have won awards throughout the year but there are special named awards at the National Convention such as the Alvis that are limited to certain positions on the Board. I was happy to be able to nominate people in all such appropriate Board positions. In particular, I nominated Jeff Bobich for Outstanding Treasurer - He won last year when Kay nominated him. I nominated Dawana L Harris-Bey for the Senate Newsletter. She has been doing a great job for several years. I nominated Paul Showalter for our great Web Site. Thanks to Paul you can find any form that you need on the Web Site. Finally I nominated Vanessa Kinsley for

Outstanding Chaplain. You all know what a great job she did this past year as well as last year. **Vanessa won the US JCI Senate Award for Outstanding State Chaplain.** Congratulations Vanessa!

Now it is time to look forward to next year. Melissa is already working on her new year. She sent out an explanation of her theme WE THE SENATE. She also sent out her Plan of the Year to her Board. She coordinated the setting up of the Summer Outing in Fredericksburg where she graduated from the University of Mary Washington - a great historic University. We plan to tour the James Monroe Museum there and soak in the ambiance of a classic college town. Our first meeting in the year of WE THE SENATE will take place at the Wingate Hotel in Fredericksburg on August 3-5. I hope to see everyone there!

As for myself, I am already working on my new duties. As immediate Past President, I have suggested some cleaning up changes to the Senate Constitution and By-Laws. I will also be proposing a minor policy change to the Finance Committee concerning our dues collection process. This will have NO effect on our dues.

A hardy group of Senators, including some of our Board members from last year, with the full support of Melissa and her new Board, lead by Chairman Alan

Richardson are already working on a new fun Adventure - The Mid Atlantic Institute (MAI) Meeting next Spring in Hampton, VA. The Committee put on a funny program presenting this to the US JCI Senate. This was very well received. We can be very proud of the MAI Meetings WE THE SENATE of Virginia have sponsored in the past including "A Capital Affair" chaired by Anne Johnson. The past meetings were hard work but great FUN. The future is up to you. The Committee will need support from all of us!

Best Wishes to Melissa Sleeth and her new Board!

In the spirit of WE THE SENATE,

Betty Esenberg
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Chairman of the Board

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