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Jocular Jovial Jokes

credits to Latin Shout-outs and Cowtullus

- Never forget the nounular case
- It also pays to remember the ablative of the kitchen sink
- Cowtullus is champ
- Arma vaccarumque cano, et Aperneas qui primus ab litora vaccarum venit

Tyler's Conspiracy Corner: Robby Allen and Everyone Else

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

Robby Allen. That's a name you can trust, right? Think again. This past month, between studying for finals and playing video games, I've been getting my sleuth on concerning this KJCL public figure. And let me tell you, I have learned a lot about this "man of the people."

Let's start with his most obvious feature: his hair. Robby Allen claims to have loved the Romans and Roman culture from the time that he was a small child to being elected 1st Vice President. Here's some food for thought: if he loved the Romans so much, wouldn't his hairstyle be a little more Romanesque? Last time I checked, the Romans weren't all that into purple mohawks.

When I asked my editor, Ruthie Dworin, about this predicament, she was very short-worded with me telling me that not everything is about the classics in everybody's life, but I called BULL. Aren't all of the members of the Junior Classical League--and especially her board members--obsessed with Latin 24/7? Obviously there is some sort of rift in the board and a coup in the making.

Now you might be wondering how this is even going to get published. You might be wondering how Ruthie could ever let this get published. She runs the Torch, doesn't she? Here's the best part: Bari and I are tight.

Bari Clements is a state co-chair for Kentucky JCL. She has served us for over twenty years and I personally witnessed her receiving her award at the last NJCL conference at Emory University. Bari and I grew very close over conference, which is why I am comfortable referring to her as "Bari," as we are on a first name basis. Anyways, having friends in high places is a nice thing to have as a professional sleuth. Bari has power over Ruthie. Bari has power over all. Consequently, my detective work keeps Bari on her heels because if she ever oversteps her territory, I'm always right there to defame her to the people.

Anyways, what have we covered so far, pueros et puellas? From my past issues, you have heard that Kelly Kusch is not to be trusted, and you have also heard that Jason Grout and Alex Schlake are in cahoots. Now Ruthie and Robby are plotting together as well. And who does that leave to keep this mess of a board together? Bari Clements. And who keeps her in line? That would be me. I serve the people of the Junior Classical League not for the hefty salary, or fame, or women that come along with it, but because I love and respect her. Maybe I should lead her instead?

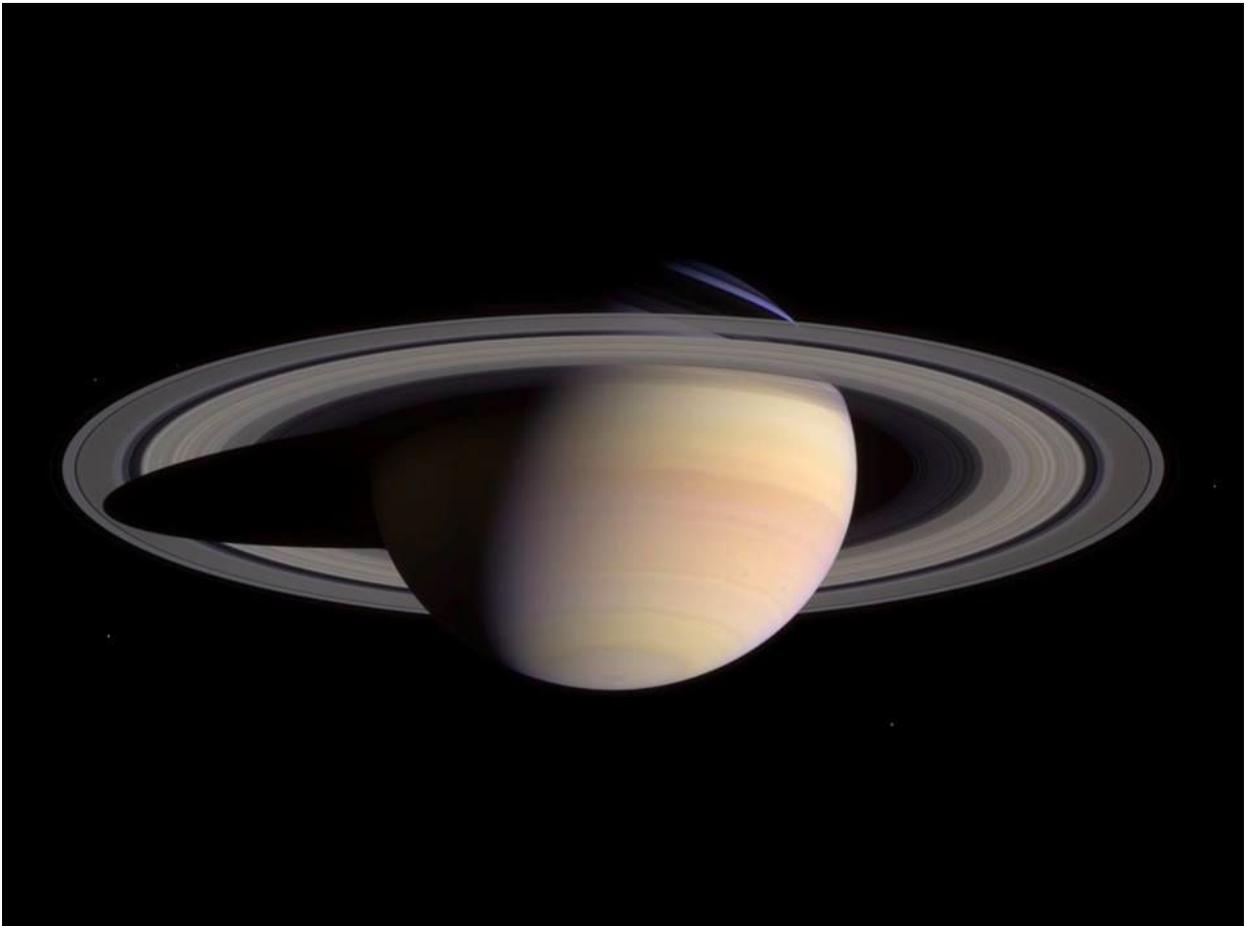


Robby Allen, Jason Grout, Alex Schlake, Bari Clements, and Ruthie Dworin looking suspicious; photo credzzzzzz to Mackenzie Gordon, KJCL Historian 2014-2015

Ho Ho Ho Merry Saturnalia

by Grace Edelen, Louisville Classical Academy JCL President

While many youths may be obsessing over candy canes, studying for midterms, or constantly singing Christmas songs such as “Last Christmas” (which is by far my least favorite), the youngins at Louisville Classical Academy prepped for not one but TWO Secret Santa--or Secret Saturnalia if you’re a true Roman nerd--events. The idea came from our vivacious 2nd VP and there was excitement all around. The first Secret Saturnalia/Santa was for each giddy LCA delegate while the second included buying necessities such as soap, art or school supplies, and blankets for Home of the Innocents. Both went over well with a minimum of jealousy between delegates and a hefty bag of gifts for the families at the Home. As Paula Deen might say, have a Merry Saturnalia from our delegation to yours.



Saturn-alia; photo credzzzzzzzz to Robby Allen

The Gavel Is You. You Are the Gavel.

by Catherine Li, KJCL Parliamentarian 2014-2015

Are you good at banging a gavel? Or do you have a voice that can withstand lots of screaming? Maybe you take really good Instagram pictures. Whatever your talent is, there's a KJCL office for you!

But in all seriousness, I encourage every JCL-er to consider running for state office. Anyone can run, as long as you are a member of a local chapter in good standing, have attended at least one KJCL Convention, and will not graduate high school before the 2016 state convention. And of course, you must attend the 2015 state convention... But everyone should do that anyways!

And with convention in less than two months, the time to pre-file is now! Pre-filing is simply completing the candidate application and submitting it to me before January 23. One advantage of pre-filing is that if more than two people run for an office and only one has pre-filed, the pre-filed nominee automatically becomes one of the two candidates. Also, pre-filed candidates don't need to give a speech at Nom Com (Nominations Committee) unless two other people have pre-filed for the same office.

To pre-file, download the candidate application here: http://www.kjcl.org/Officer_Duties.html. You can fill out the application directly from your computer, print it out, and have your parent/guardian and sponsor sign it. Or, if you'd prefer to print out the application first, send me an email and I'll give you the printable version. Either way, simply scan and email me your completed application by January 5 and you'll be ready to run!

Do keep in mind that being a member of the state board is a big responsibility that requires enthusiasm and commitment. Therefore, please look over the list of officer duties before you pre-file.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at kjclparliamentarian@gmail.com. Bona fortuna!



Madison Light speaking at NJCL 2014; the 2014-2015 KJCL officer board (minus Janice); photo credzzzzzz: Mackenzie Gordon, 2014-2015 KJCL Historian

Io Saturnalia!

by Ellie Baker, duPont Manual JCL President

The duPont Manual JCL is relatively new, but throughout our short three years as a club, we have on popular tradition that could never be forgotten: our Saturnalia party. Saturnalia, a

Roman festival known by many to have influenced Christmas, is kind of what we Latin students are able to cling to while other clubs through their own “holiday” parties. And this year, our Saturnalia party was better than ever before.

Eagerly awaiting the most nerdy activities, thirty Latin scholars squeezed into a small classroom on a nice Friday afternoon. Their eyes were immediately drawn to the piles of food the officers had provided, so I knew there was no use trying to keep them from it. Food is always first on the agenda. As they nibbled on donuts and crunched their potato chips, I began a Saturnalia favorite, the third annual Magistra Shiroma Raffle of Random Nonsense. This is not the official title, but it may as well be, considering the items up for grabs. Everyone gets a ticket, everyone gets a prize, and everyone has a fantastic time (mostly through making fun of the “fabulous prizes”).

After the raffle ended, and everyone was sufficiently disappointed with their winnings, we moved on to the first of many games. From Saturnalia-Pong, to Pass the Present, to a random dice game we all barely understood but greatly appreciated, we did everything. We laughed, we danced, we sang Latin Christmas carols, but most of all, we enjoyed each other’s company. We had fun simply being together and being equally caught up in our love of all things Latin. And isn’t that what the holiday season is all about?

Valete amici et Io Saturnalia!

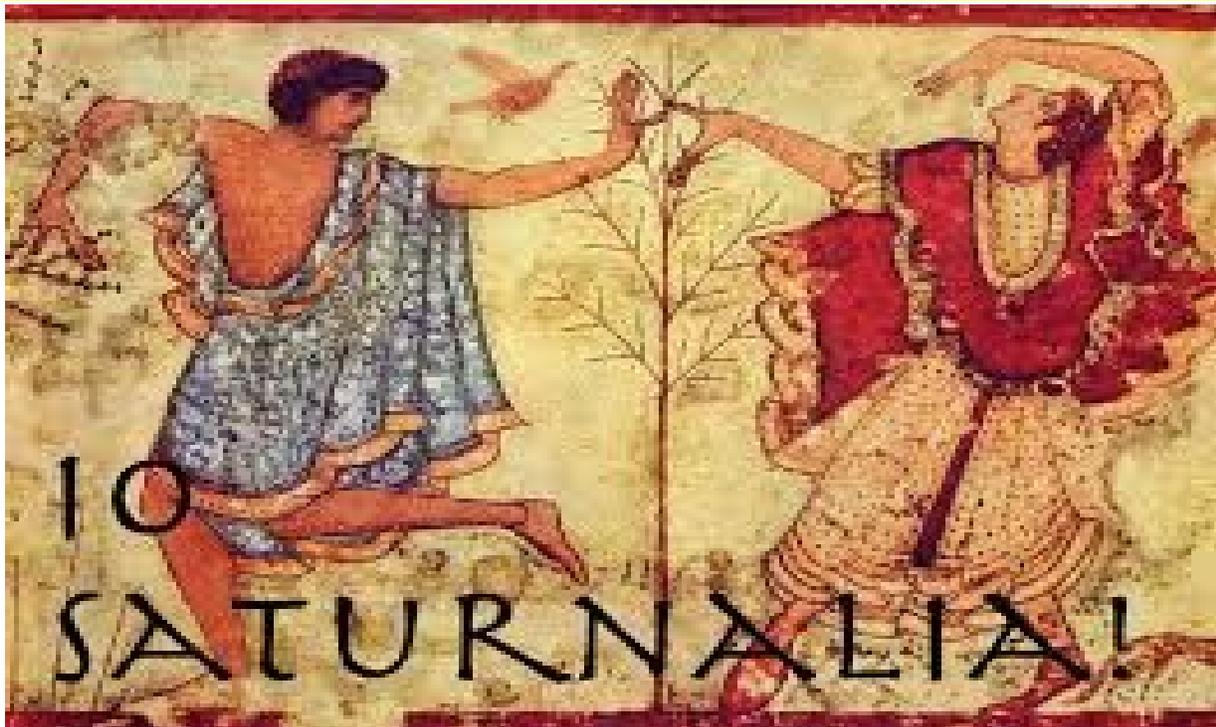


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