

# Log of the Fellowship

Spring 2000

## Chicago...My Kind of Town (in 2000)

Co-Chairmen mates **Jim O'Connell** (1009 Western Ave., Joliet, IL 60435) and **Chuck Fries** (1927 Hastings Ct., Schaumburg, IL 60194) and the 2000 Reunion Committee met at the hotel recently to look over our meeting rooms and meals, etc. They've come up with two choices for Saturday's dinner - Chicken Portobello or Filet Mignon. Continental breakfast will be included on both Saturday and Sunday. It looks like this will be among the best reunions we've ever had, as the committee is working hard to line up some interesting speakers.

One of the speakers will be the former Attorney General of Illinois, JCI Senator Roland Burris. Admiral Hunter, Commander of Great Lakes Naval Base, is trying to fit us in over the weekend. Also tentatively scheduled is Motorola CEO Robert Galvin (do you think he'd give us some hot stock tips?). And, Judge Susan Pierson Sonderby will be a guest speaker, as well. Judge Sonderby is the first female appointed to the bankruptcy court in the Seventh Circuit (in 1978), and was elevated to Chief Bankruptcy Judge by the Seventh Circuit Court in Chicago in 1986. Nationally, bankruptcies are at an all-time high; maybe Judge Sonderby can shed some light on this trend.

US Junior Chamber President **John Prozinski** (PO Box 7, Tulsa, OK 74121) has been invited to attend to tell us how today's Jaycees are doing and challenge the Crew to new heights of support. And, past US Junior Chamber President and US Jaycees Foundation Chairman **Greg Thomes** (Thomes Insurance Agency, 4169 58<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358) is scheduled to tell us about the Foundation and its work, including the Archives. The US Jaycees Foundation will be meeting that weekend as well with us, so that should bring in past US Junior Chamber Presidents **Chris Reese** (370 Pippinpost Dr., Conway, AR 72032), **Eric Seidel** (134 Lakeshore Dr. N, Palm Harbor, FL 34684), and **Kelly Wills** (PO Box 523, Springfield, NE 68059), as well. Kelly also serves as an Executive Vice President of Junior Chamber International, so maybe he could also be talked into telling us how the Jaycee movement is doing around the world.

It looks like this shapes up to be an interesting Reunion! The dead line for early bird reservations is March 31<sup>st</sup>, so get yours in Now! All rooms at the Holiday Inn-O'Hare International Airport have been completely renovated at a cost of eighteen million dollars. The all new Eddie Rickenbacker Room will be open every evening. Management says it will be opened in time for our meeting, and will have room for dancing DJ for requests, TV area, and conversation area. Complimentary shuttle service from the hotel to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport will be every 15 minutes throughout the day.

Jim has also secured a 13-inch Toshiba Color Television as a raffle prize to help defray the costs of the Reunion. Although the drawing will be held at the Saturday evening banquet, you do not need present to win. If you can't make it to this year's Reunion but want to help contribute, you can send your contributions (\$5 per ticket) to Jim at his above address.

You can keep in touch with the Keepers of *The Log* by e-mail. Send your news to **Ralph Rohweder** ([ralphrohwerder@juno.com](mailto:ralphrohwerder@juno.com)), **Bob Goetz** ([jci46363@usa.net](mailto:jci46363@usa.net)) or **Lit Maxwell** ([imaxwell@richmond.edu](mailto:imaxwell@richmond.edu)), or by regular "snail mail" to Box 316, Mount Vernon, VA 22121-0316. We are considering sending some copies of *The Log* out via e-mail in the future. Let us know your e-mail address, especially if you would like to receive your *Log* via e-mail.



### The New Directories Are Here!

Enclosed with this issue of *The Log* is your copy of the 2000 Crew Directory. If you know of someone who wants to get one, and they don't currently contribute to *The Log*, have them send a contribution to the Keepers of *The Log* to cover publication of *The Log* and we'll send a Directory.

### **Grover Gouker - Professional Public Speaker**

Mate **Grover Gouker** (Box 4752, Lancaster, PA 17604) sharpened his skills as a communicator serving as President of the Hanover and Pennsylvania Jaycees and vice president of the U.S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce.. Eloquent presentations became the basis for his lifetime career. These days he makes more than 500 speeches per year. He estimates that he has spoken to more than 18,000 audiences.

### **Minnesota Farm Boy Makes Good - - Very Good**

Glen Taylor grew up on a farm in southwestern Minnesota. He got a job in a print shop in Mankato and soon purchased the business. His friends in the Mankato Jaycees urged him to run for the state senate, and he came to serve as senate minority leader. Taylor dropped out of his later run for governor for family reasons. Meanwhile he acquired other printing companies. Now Taylor Corporation has plants in 17 states, 3 Canadian provinces, Mexico, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Sweden and Australia

Glen Taylor owns the Timberwolves, NBA basketball team, and the Lynx, Women's National Basketball Association franchise. He has made the news recently with negotiations to buy the Minnesota Twins baseball team. The Twins have sunk from being World Series winners in 1987 to being poorly supported losers.

### **Johnny Holland Will Be in Chicago**

Consider mate **Johnny Holland** (1033 Carlisle Street, Jackson, MS 39202) a remote member of the Reunion 2000 Host Committee. He is recruiting Crew members from the Hugh McKenna era to refresh their treasured friendships.. Mike Milder has joined the effort, and they are looking for Jim Cashman.

Johnny nominates **Tommy Munro** (Drawer 247, Biloxi, MS 39533) for membership in The Crew. Tommy was the first national chairman of the Teenage Rodeo, and he was only 21 years old at the time. Tommy is just what we need in The Crew - more youthful vigor.

### **Keith Gabriel, 72-73 Idaho President, Retires**

Mate **Keith Gabriel** (7421 Cole Haven, Boise, ID 83704) has ended a 36-year career in the Idaho state government.. He says, "It has been great since then." Government work is stressful despite the relative security. Cause-and-effect relations are aberrant.

### **Bill Harrison Jr. Heads Chase Manhattan Bank**

Our mate **Billy Harrison** (109 Cobblestone Court, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804) is basking in pride these days because his son, Bill, Jr. is the president and CEO of Chase Manhattan Bank, New York. Chase Manhattan is the third largest banking institutions in the United States.

Bill, Jr. won a basketball scholarship at the University of North Carolina in 1962, and he thanks famed coach, Dean Smith, for some of his knowledge about instructing and motivating team members..

It might be significant that North Carolina has produced the greatest success stories in banking in recent years. The largest bank in America grew out of Charlotte. Two other of the nation's premier banking institutions are headquartered in North Carolina.

Money-management organizations can function in either of two ways. One is to be scrupulously honest and responsible caretakers of customers' financial resources. The other is to play opportunistic and exploitive games. At the '99 reunion of The Crew Jim Westerly and his panel reported on money laundering for international organized crime by some New York banks. Both styles of banking can be profitable.

Bankers whose apprenticeship was in the smaller cities of North Carolina, where human relationships are closer and more dependable, might be finding huge open demands for highly moral banking.

### **Massachusetts Jr. Chamber Resuscitated**

Mate **Jim Calder** (1 Banbury Drive, Wesford, MA 01886) reports that the Massachusetts Senate has provided crucial aid for the restoration of a state Jaycee organization in The Bay State. The Senate has hosted quarterly meetings and the annual election meeting. Two new chapters have been chartered.

### **Second Generation Jaycee Leadership**

Andy Streeter, son of mate **Brad Streeter** (2412 Marion Ave., Manhattan, Kansas 66502), was President of the Manhattan, Kansas Jaycees this past year. Brad and wife Karen operate fast-food restaurants, and also recently added a new business - Kansas Kollection, a gift store selling products made in Kansas.

### J. L. McMullen Injured in Bus Accident

Mate **J. L. McMullen** (726 Suwannee Ave. SW., Live Oak, Florida 32060-3135) made a trip to Tallahassee to visit daughter, Jill, and families. He took advantage of facilities for the handicapped provided by Greyhound. But, leaving Tallahassee for the return, there was an accident that broke J.L.'s right leg.. 86-year-old J.L. has been in a Tallahassee hospital and three rehabilitation centers since then. He expects to be home by the time you read this report.

J. L. nominates **Benson Skelton** (c/o The Meadows, Apt. 214, 1978 Village Green Way, Tallahassee, FL 32308) for membership in The Crew. Benson was president of the Tallahassee Jaycees when the club's membership of 400+ was the largest relative to city size in the United States. It is always a pleasure to welcome super-achievers to The Crew.

### Can We Get Him to Chicago?

Mate **Reich Welborn** (Suite 800, 2200 West Main Street, Durham, N.C. 27705-4652) writes that he appreciates being able to keep up with members of The Crew through news in The Log. Reich, who was president of the North Carolina Jaycees, has not been refreshing his old friendships with participation in reunions. In Chicago, April 28-30, Reich (and you too) can have a much stronger heartwarming experience.

### More New Mates!

Mates **Jim Nefflen** (7812 Royston St., Annandale, VA 22003) and **Dave Habershaw** (18 Colonial Rd., Bristol, RI 02809) have nominated a trio of current and former US JCI Senate officers to become members of The Crew.

**Tom Stone** (127 Allison Circle, Carrollton, GA 30117) is a past officer of the Georgia Jaycees and the US JCI Senate Foundation. He currently leads the US JCI Senate as its President for the 1999-2000 year.

**Mary Sawyer** (747 Oak Hall Lane, Manchester, MO 63021) served last year as President of the US JCI Senate. She served as the first female president of the Senate during the 1998-99 year, after a long career with the Missouri Jaycees and Senate and the US JCI Senate.

**John Price** (16 Richmond Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003) served the West Virginia Jaycees and Senate for several years after moving 'out of the country' from Ohio. John continues to serve the US JCI Senate, but also keeps extremely busy as an integral supporter of the West Virginia Jaycees.

### A Book by Mate Elmer Williams

*Au Revoir Parisienne*, a novel by mate **Elmer Williams** (157 Timber Trail, Blanchester, OH 45107), past president of the Ohio Jaycees, is available from booksellers or from the Dorrance Publishing Company, 643 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. The price is \$11. Elmer's novel is semi-autobiographical. After his first wife died he spent time in Paris where he met and fell in love with Renee, his second wife. The Williams family has 8 children.

### News from the US Jaycees Foundation...

#### US Jaycees Hall of Leadership

The US Jaycees Foundation inducted the first members of the new millenium into the US Jaycees Hall of Leadership at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Leadership Luncheon, held in January 2000 in Washington, DC. New members included mates **Sam Chase** (100 Chestnut Dr., Abilene, TX 79604), **Robert Lindholm** (609 Timber Lane, Falls Church, VA 22046), **Hal Salfen** (3841 Whitehall Dr., Dallas, TX 75229), **John Sandmeyer** (4200 Summers Lane, Unit 68, Klamath Falls, OR 97603), and **Howard Vann** (Vann Realty Co., 4601 S. 50<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68117). Congratulations to all of this year's inductees!

It's not too early to think about nominees for next year's class of inductees. If you know of someone who should be honored for continuing the traditions of leadership and service after their Jaycee careers were over, displaying the leadership abilities learned through their Jaycee experience, contact US Jaycees Foundation Director (mate) **Kelly Wills** (PO Box 523, Springfield, NE 68059, phone 402-253-3189, fax 402-253-3192).

#### Chapter Grants Awarded

During the 2000 Celebration Weekend (TOYA) held in Washington, DC in January, the Foundation awarded the first Chapter Grants for the new millenium. Many new and innovative Jaycee projects have been conducted with help from these grants. Grants were presented to Jaycee chapters in Lamar, Colorado, Allegan, Michigan, and Fremont, Nebraska.

**Remember, mail any donations for The US Jaycees Foundation to PO Box 7, Tulsa, OK 74102-0007, and mark your check with the program you want to contribute to.**

# Registration Form

**Reunion of The Crew 2000**  
**Holiday Inn O'Hare International, Chicago, Illinois**  
**April 28-30, 1999**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (Guest): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Full Registrations:</u>		
By March 31            \$99 each	_____	_____
After March 31        \$120 each	_____	_____
 <u>Partial Registrations:</u>		
Friday Reception:     \$20 each	_____	_____
Saturday Breakfast:   \$15 each	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch:        \$30 each	_____	_____
Saturday Dinner:      \$40 each	_____	_____
Sunday Brunch:        \$20 each	_____	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		_____

Make registration check payable to "**Crew Reunion 2000**" and Mail to **Crew Reunion 2000, 1009 Western Avenue, Joliet, IL 60436**

Hotel reservations are separate. Phone the hotel directly at (847) 671-6350. Identify yourself as a member of **The US Junior Chamber of Commerce Crew**, and your special rate is \$99 single or double.

Contact **Jim O'Connell** (H) 815-723-6696 (F) 815-726-2525 (Email) o\_connell@earthlink.net or **Chuck Fries** (H) 847-882-0015 for more information.