

Log of the Fellowship

Summer 2000

Small but Motivated Group Fetes 2000 Reunion

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 worked very hard to put together an interesting and quality program; however, lower attendance than expected met them in April. The fine Reunion was marked by top notch speakers; those of you who didn't make it missed some of the best speakers we've heard in the past several years.

We were honored to have a past Jaycee, former Attorney General of Illinois, JCI Senator Roland Burris, reminisce with us on his Jaycee years and how they made it possible to rise to one of the highest elected positions in the state of Illinois. Judge Susan Pierson Sonderby, the first female appointed to the bankruptcy court in the Seventh Circuit (in 1978) and elevated to Chief Bankruptcy Judge by the Seventh Circuit Court in Chicago in 1986, also told us how she rose to her current position, plus helped us understand why bankruptcies nationally are at an all-time high. US Junior Chamber President **John Prozinski** (PO Box 7, Tulsa, OK 74121) took a "red-eye" flight from California to tell us Sunday morning 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 58th St. NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358) told us about the Foundation and its work, including the Foundation's reinvigorated work on the Archives.

The US Jaycees Foundation also met that weekend as well with us, so that attracted several Mates, including past US Junior Chamber of Commerce President **Kelly Wills** (PO Box 523, Springfield, NE 68059). Kelly also serves this year as an Executive Vice President of Junior Chamber International, and he told us how the Jaycee movement is doing around the world.

But, the lower attendance gave the 2000 Reunion Committee a deficit budget. Jim secured a 13-inch Toshiba Color Television that will be raffled to help defray the costs of the Reunion. Although the drawing will be held at the Congress of Ten Outstanding Young Americans in January 2001, you do not need present to win. If you can't make it, but want to help contribute, you can send your contributions (\$5 per ticket) to Jim at his address above. Or, if you'd like to help out but don't need another television, just drop a check to Jim. I know he'd appreciate any help you can give their committee.

2001...A Crew Odyssey?!

The next Millenium (at least some say it's January 1, 2001, instead of 2000) will be here before you know it. And plans have already begun to hold the 2001 Reunion in Washington, DC. Mates (and former Reunion Chairmen) **George Pagonis** (1403 Fairway Green, Mamaroneck, NY 10543) and **Bob Goetz** (5103 Dahlgreen Place, Burke, VA 22015) are teaming up to host the next Reunion. Plans have not yet been confirmed, but look for the Reunion to tentatively happen May 4-6, 2001. The final arrangements will be in the next issue of *The Log*, due out in November. Or, if you'd like to be sure to be contacted as soon as the plans are firmed up, let George or Bob know so they can let you know.

You can keep in touch with the Keepers of *The Log* by e-mail. Send your news to **Ralph Rohweder** (ralphrohrweder@juno.com), **Bob Goetz** (jci46363@usa.net) or **Lit Maxwell** (lm Maxwell@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.



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Ascension to The Throne

Mate **Jack Swartz**, President of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, has retired after 32 years with the Chamber. His successor is another Mate and past President of the U.S. Jaycees and Junior Chamber International, **Barry Kennedy**. The address of the Nebraska State Chamber is P.O. Box 95128, Lincoln,

Word from 'Bama

Mate **Roger Williams** (2628 Eighth Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35403-2690) writes that he looks forward to reconnection with his very favorite group of people. "I cherish the Jaycee days as the most beneficial and enjoyable period of my life, and I stay in touch with a good number of the close friends I made through the organization. I recently spent some time with **Phil Marti** (6786 Poppy Court, Arvada, CO 80007-7066) in Denver where we did some very productive reminiscing about the good ole days.

"I continue to practice law and work as an arbitrator and mediator throughout the country. I have two granddaughters, and am constantly telling people how pleased I am to be a grandfather at such a young age."

Roger was president of the Alabama Jaycees in 1978-79 and associate legal counsel of the U.S. Jaycees in 1979-80.

Can you top this?

Mate **Harry Stewart** (100 Edinburgh Road, Raleigh, NC 27808) claims that "the unholy five" - **Hulett Smith** (2105 Harper Rd., Beckley, WV 25601), **Roy Holland** (1604-3 Magnolia, La Marque, TX 77568), **Bill Hopp** (10522 W. Yukon Drive, Peoria, AZ 85382), **Jim Cashman** (P.O. Box 2080, Las Vegas, NV 89101), and himself brought more fun to management of the USJCC than any other group. Harry writes, "How does **Mike Milder** (PO Box 3707, Omaha, NE 68103) get off including Cashman in his elite group? Milder is best known as the host with the best shrimp."

A Golden Event

The Canadian Crew is hosting an event - the 50th wedding anniversary of **Gordon and Blanche Lowry** (3039 Neepawa Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K2A-3L7, Canada). The party, in Ottawa, will occur on Saturday, August 19. The gift to the golden couple is a trip to Ireland. "That is the only trip Gordon couldn't make in his Lincoln Town Car," says mate Barney Ziola (8500 Bairdmore Crescent, Richmond, British Columbia V7C 1M7 Canada), publisher of the newsletter of the Canadian JCI Senate and Crew. Your greetings for Gordon and Blanche should be sent to their home.

Taps...

Mate **Robert Gotsch** (4906 Laurel Spring Dr., Roswell, GA 30075-4068) tells us that Mate **Morgan Allen** of Evans, GA passed on in March 2000 after a bout with cancer.

An Update and a Few Words...

Colonel Gotsch and wife Pat also gave us this update. Their e-mail address is garoaxo@juno.com, and home and fax number is (770)587-2051.

Bob also writes "As a suggestion, it may be thoughtful to remember our deceased Mates with a page at the end of the Directory. Membership in the Crew of the SS Fellowship is forever, and as long as our Mates who are deceased names are published, they will always be remembered by their shipmates. So often before, Mates were away from time to time during our meetings and gatherings. I'll try to think of them as on a business assignment or participating in family obligations, or maybe on another Jaycee project, and they will tell us all about it when we meet again."

I've got the big C

Mate **Wayne Field** (3420 Heritage Dr., Edina, MN 55435) writes:

"Today Mayo informed me - I've got the big C. The Grim Reaper is now tolling for me. That dreadful word - announcing the coming fate is but a prelude to the agony of the disconsolate.

To you, my friends, hear me well.
Life for me has been a joy for quite a spell.
Nothing lasts forever in human relations,
as now tribulations are causing trepidation's.

My Psyche says: I'm not afraid to die.
It's just that there are so many things yet to try.
The reading, the writing, the travels are rife.
The unfulfilled challenges despite a hectic life.

I've often speculated how I'd feel with tension -
The result of the knowledge, my life in suspension.
Deeds well done reflect the balance of thee and me.
They record images of our acts for the world to see.

When the final curtain falls on my own "main event."
May my reputation be of one who has paid his rent.
Evaluating my transgressions, and finding a dearth
For the space I have occupied while on this Earth."

A Mate Found Again

Mate **Phil Knox** (Suite 700, One Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California 95814-3229) has been exchanging E-mail messages with mate **Dick Fitzgerald** (Unit 701, 615 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, California 90277-4139). He discovered that Dick was not in the mailing list of The Crew. Phil says that Dick was the best president of the California Jaycees in the decade of Phil's experience. Dick succeeded Phil, as Phil had succeed Ira Kaye.

Knight of Roswell, NM would like to hear from you. Her telephone number is (505)625-0905.

Delayed Action

In the 70's members of The Crew and a few invited guests met on Wednesday mornings in the conference room of **Phil Knox**, Vice President of Sears. The events were prayer breakfasts with a difference. Ethics problems of all sorts were discussed, and sometimes there were special guests of various faiths or no faith at all.

On one occasion the issue was: Is it necessary, and, therefore proper, to stoop to the moral standards of foreign nations when doing business in those countries? It was a hot argument. Phil reported that when Sears planned a store in Mexico City, the company faced the usual solicitations of bribes. The Sears response was, essentially, "We do business our way or we don't operate in Mexico at all."

Other participants said that a company with the power of Sears can afford to stand up against traditions of corruption, but few companies have that much strength.

Now, at last, there will be power to overwhelm local crooks in societies where cheating is traditional. On July 26 the U.S. House of Representatives passed, by voice vote, HR 4697 linking American aid to suppression of corruption. A week later the U.S. Senate retified the Interamerican Convention Against Corruption, Now every American businessman engaged in foreign trade is about to gain power to emulate the moral policy of Sears. Thank your members of Congress, and ask President Clinton to sign and conscientiously enforce the new laws.

A young woman might be looking for you.

She doesn't know your name, but she knows some things about you. You are tall - about 6'4". You are a veterinarian. You are a pilot. You are about 55 years of age. You were a Jaycee officer in 1964-65 and were presented by the Missouri Jaycees' highest award. Kim

Two Blessed Events

Stephanie Newlin, daughter of Mate **Kim Newlin**, (755 Allendale Road, Key Biscayne, Florida, 33149) was married on June 24. And son Kim Jr's wife, Mariela, is going to have a baby.

Kim, himself, is consulting with the International Seafood Trade. Kim has produced a database of almost 35,000 seafood dealers. His guides have been published and also reproduced on the Internet.

Kim is also assisting the Keepers of *The Log* with verifying our mailing list to make sure everyone who should be is on our roster with correct addresses. He is also helping the U.S. Jaycees Foundation as they rebuild a list of past Jaycee leaders.

Creed Conversations

First it was Mate **Harry Weldon** (1111 Alameda Circle, Ottawa, Ontario K2B-8H2, Canada), who began advocating deeper consideration of the significance of The Jaycee Creed. Soon Senator **Bill Murphy** of Cork, Ireland began advocating that JCI put The Creed on all membership cards. Next **Tony Park** of Tasmania joined in, advocating publication on the Internet of essays and stories to expand understanding of the aphorisms of The Creed. Now dozens of JCI Senators, worldwide, are engaged in revitalizing The Creed. Harry says "The groundswell is fantastic and now covers all continents except South America."

One purpose of the Creed Conversations movement is to revitalize the Jaycee organization with practical idealism. The other is to propagate the profound message of The Creed beyond the Jaycee organization to the world at large. Volunteer participants in the growing movement will buy the whole remaining supply of Bill Brownfield's book and offer it for sale for \$10 plus shipping.

Do you want to sign on? Do you want to receive Creed Conversations via Internet? Contact Harry Weldon at weldonh@cyberus.ca or by "snail mail" at the above address.

Loss of a Southern Gentleman

Mate **Harry W. Clark**, president of the Mississippi Jaycees in 1949-50 has passed on. The notice gave no details.

War Hero Makes Documentary

Mate **Hal Salfen** (3841 Whitehall Drive, Dallas, Texas 75229), Air Corps Colonel Salfen, is the narrator of a motion picture produced by the Irving, Texas, Community Television Network. The production grew out of Hal's tales of the air war in Europe during World War II. Hal had fascinated audiences of school children with vivid tales of the struggle against the Luftwaffe. That led to a suggestion that some of those stories be turned into a made-for-television movie. Perhaps you can borrow a videotape.

Mate Jim Wesberry Decorated.

On June 22 the Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru presented Mate **Jim Wesberry** (4004 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310-2136) with that nation's Order of Merit for Control and the degree "Grand Auditor" for his services over many years in support of competent professional auditing in Latin America. Jim was previously honored by the Peruvian government in

1972. Last year, the government of Venezuela recognized his important work.

Both the Peruvian Comptroller General and his deputy were Jim's students in auditing classes 30 years ago. Jim is an honorary lifetime member of the Lima, Peru Junior Chamber of Commerce and a JCI Senator.

News from the US Jaycees Foundation...

The next function for the US Junior Chamber of Commerce will be January 25-28, 2001 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC. The weekend incorporates the Annual Congress of Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA) with the Celebration and Inauguration of the President of the USJCC.

Congratulations to the following local Jaycee chapters who received grants from the Foundation at the US Junior Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting in Chattanooga: Greater Scranton Area, PA; Greater Grand Forks, ND; and Raleigh, NC. The Foundation currently gives over \$20,000 a year to local Jaycee chapters helping them to run meaningful projects in their communities. The next round of chapter grants will be given at the TOYA/Celebration Weekend.

It's time again for the Foundation to begin planning for the 2001 Hall of Leadership Luncheon, which will be held January 27, 2001 in Washington, DC in conjunction with the TOYA/Celebration Weekend. We are again asking for your help in the Hall of Leadership nomination process. The prestigious Hall of Leadership award recognizes former Jaycees over 40 years of age who displayed leadership abilities during their Jaycee years and continue the tradition of leadership and service. If you know of a past Jaycee whom you feel meets the qualifications for this award, please call (402) 253-3189 and request a nomination form. Although the deadline for nominations (August 31, 2000) may pass before you receive this, call to see if the nomination can still be submitted. We don't want to let a deserving candidate go without recognition simply because no one took the opportunity to nominate them, so we are asking for your help!

We mates know that one of the great things about the Jaycee organization is the friends you make along the way. The Foundation is in the process of asking for your help with this effort, too. Many of you keep in touch with past Jaycees and individuals you have met over the years through Christmas cards, birthday greetings, and an occasional phone call (and nowadays, an e-mail). Please send us your list with names, mailing addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of past Jaycees (other than Mates) with whom you stay in contact. We intend to utilize this list to help update our archives, and also look to these people as a potential base of Hall of Leadership honorees and donors. Please send your list to mate **Kelly Wills** (PO Box 523, Springfield, NE 68059 or Fax: 402-253-3192).

Last, but not least, if you have not signed up as a Foundation member, we still need you! For an annual \$50 membership fee, you can help support the Foundation increase the number of local chapter grants and preserve our Jaycee heritage through our archives. Call (402) 253-3189 for a membership form and become part of tomorrow's future while we preserve the past by joining the Foundation TODAY!