

Log of the S S Fellowship

Summer 2001

Reunion 2001 – A Crew Odyssey

The program for the Reunion of The Crew, May 4-6, 2001 in Washington, had former Jaycee leaders confronting civic problems again. Everyone was a speaker. Following is a summary of topics.

The keys to wealth and well-being

"Latin American countries are becoming more like the United States, and the United States is becoming more like Latin America." Mate **Jim Wesberry** (4004 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310) reported that our neighbors to the south are learning that deception makes business more difficult and less efficient. Latin leaders are discovering that productivity is the basis for a nation's prosperity. Productivity is discouraged when producers are betrayed. Some speakers pointed out that in the United States, prosperity is taken for granted; so moral keys to prosperity are corroding..

Jim, a certified public accountant, serves The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the U.S. Agency for International Development. His mission is to block diversion of aid funds away from their intended humane purposes.

War or Peace, Policies to Avoid Tragedy

Mate **Len Newton** (90 Dempsey Ave., Princeton, NJ 08540) related his extensive experiences in China, leaving a picture of a culture evolving gradually from centuries of totalitarianism. Len believes that the United States should act in ways to encourage China's advance while recognizing that the leaders of China regard the United States as an enemy. They fear that America's culture of freedom will undermine their power.

Is it realistic to trust any nation that abuses, often fatally, its own honorable citizens? In the twentieth century, governments killed almost four times as many of their own people as were killed in wars with other nations. What blend of empathy, skeptical realism and military strength will prevent another major war?

Jaycees and Senators

Tineke Bezemer of The Netherlands, President of the European JCI Senate, said that the Jaycee movement is growing in Europe, unlike the shrinkage in the United States.

Regarding falling Jaycee membership in the United States: Perhaps an organization, like a biological organism, becomes less vital with age. A usual result of success is complacency. The vision and drive that produced success in the first place fades.

Mate **Tim O'Brien** (10716 Scioto Court, Austin, TX 78747), chairman of the U.S. Jaycees Foundation and mate **Mike Sawyer** (113 Thorne Cliffe Dr., State Road, NC 28676), curator of the Jaycee Archives, reported on programs supporting local Jaycee projects and arrangements to organize the artifacts of Jaycee history in USJCC headquarters.

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Golden Plus Anniversary

Mate **Ken Shirk** and wife Romaine (P.O. Box 1552, Lancaster, PA 17608) have been married for more than 55 years. They are basking in pride in the accomplishments of their children and grandchildren these days.



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Health Care, Handicapped by a Tangle of Regulations

The vast web of government laws and regulations decreases the efficiency and adds to the costs of medical care, as explained by Mate **Wayne Field** (3420 Heritage Dr., Edina, MN 55435). As a health care provider, Wayne chooses to avoid government-funded programs and serves only private patients. In the general discussion it was mentioned that the rules governing Medicare fill more than 49,000 pages. The clerical overhead for medical care in the United States now is greater than the total gross income of all the nation's physicians. Dealing with clerks in government and insurance companies diverts much time and resources away from the problems of sick people

Ulterior Purposes in Public Education

Are government schools dumbing down America? Mate **Ralph Rohweder** (3012 Cunningham Drive, Alexandria, VA 22309) explained that education can have two purposes. One is to brainwash students to be docile in a regimented society. Governments have been doing this for centuries. It was a major strategy of the governments of Stalin's Soviet Union, Hitler's Germany and Mao's China. The term "politically correct" refers to being intimidated to think in harmony with prevailing political objectives.

The other purpose of formal education is to impart knowledge and skills useful for taking responsibility for your own life. The main subjects are reading, writing, mathematics, the sciences, history, literature and some practical knowledge applicable to earning a living. . Political propaganda subjects, such as feminist studies, are left to be attended to elsewhere.

There was spirited argument about a free-market in education. Teachers' unions were accused of having less interest in children or our nation's future than in the financial fortunes of union members. It was mentioned that a large fraction of opponents of free choice for parents send their own children to private schools.

Energy, Power to Propel America

There was lively debate on energy policy. Should uneconomic sources of energy be subsidized with taxpayer money? Should government regulation or market forces steer conservation?

Nuclear power received generally favorable attention, but the hobgoblin of nuclear waste came up. Nuclear

fuel that has lost some radiation intensity is not "waste", but a valuable resource. Natural uranium that had been mined from the earth like iron or coal had been concentrated in order to generate heat high enough for super-heating steam to drive turbines efficiently. When the radiation level declines, the uranium fuel is replaced with fresh, concentrated uranium. In France the depleted fuel is re-concentrated and used again and again. An alternative to re-concentrating the weaker fuel is to use it as a heat source not requiring extremely high temperatures. While radioactive uranium requires careful handling, it is not fundamentally different from the natural radioactive uranium in the earth that we have always lived with.

Reunion 2002

The Saturday program concluded with a discussion of the future of The Crew led by mate **George Pagonis** (1403 Fairway Green, Mamaroneck, NY 10543). It was decided to schedule the next reunion of The Crew in Omaha, Nebraska. Mate **Daryl Watts** (410 S.E. 3rd St., Eagle Grove, IA 50533) agreed to serve as reunion chairman. Plans will be reported in the next issue of THE LOG.

A Feast

One of Washington's most famous steak houses was the scene of Saturday's banquet. The meal was exceptional. It should have been. It cost nearly twice as much as had been budgeted by the reunion committee. However, the feast imposed no extra cost on attending Crew members.

Sunday's Devotional Service

The elegant mate **Bob Lindholm** (609 Timber Lane, Falls Church, VA 22046) presided over testimony of moral growth by members of The Crew. Especially touching was the description by mate **Ed Birdsey** (84 Laurel Brook Rd., Middlefield, CT 06455) of his long journey from skepticism to a satisfying concept of God - God without a man-like body and without a man-like ego but entirely an essence of principle. The core principle is love, Ed declared.

"If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters."

Alan Simpson

Historical Correction

Mate **J. L. McMullen** (726 Suwannee Ave. SW, Live Oak, FL 32060) reminds us that the first national

president from Florida was **Seldon Waldo**, elected in 1946. J.L. was Florida's state president in 1942-43.

World Travelers

Mate **Park Shaw** and wife Nancy (P.O. Box 1418, Carefree, AZ 85377) spent part of the month of March in Hong Kong, Viet Nam, Cambodia and Bangladesh. Park writes, "We think Angkor Wat in Cambodia may top the list of incredible places to see - - fantastic!" In Hong Kong Park and Nancy were guests their friend "Sonny" Sales, past president of Junior Chamber International. The Shaws have now visited 118 nations around the world.

Life moves pretty fast. Sometimes you have to tell yourself. "Stop! Look around! This is good stuff.
Author unknown

Electric Power System Manager

Mate **Hal Scherer** (467 Bay Lane, Centerville, MA 02632) is a member of the board of directors of the organization charged with operating the electric power system of the State of New York. Hal has not revealed what role, if any, his organization played in closing a new nuclear power plant on Long Island even before it started to provide electric power.

A Special Honor

The Sierra Nevada Health Care System has named the new wing of its medical center in Reno, Nevada for our mate **Jack Streeter** (). Mate **Billy Bob Crim** (P.O. Box 1250, Kilgore, TX 75662) sent the news, saying, "Having a building named in your honor while you are still alive is an extraordinary tribute."

New Mate...

Mate **Mack Koonce** (Koonce & Associates, LLC, P.O. Box 6146, Hot Springs, AR 71902) nominated **Avery Lee Williams** (165 South Belmont St., Suite C, South Easton, MA 02375) as a member of The Crew a few months ago [Sorry we misplaced your note, Mack]. Lee was State President of the Massachusetts Jaycees same year Mack was President of the Arkansas Jaycees. He continues to be active as a Senator--Lee built a State headquarters; although a few years the building was sold, they now have a foundation that helps out the local chapters. Lee's son is President of his local chapter this year—He and Mack remained in contact for the last thirty plus years. Welcome, Lee!

"The only way for a rich man to be healthy is - by exercise and abstinence - to live as if he were poor.
Paul Dudley White, M.D.
President Eisenhower's cardiologist

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"It doesn't matter how fast you're going if you're going in the wrong direction."
Henry David Thoreau

We Remember Departed Mates

U.S. Representative **Herbert H. Bateman**, 72, a nine-term congressman, died in his sleep in September 2000. He had battled cancer and heart disease for several years and had planned to retire from Congress at the end of the year. Herb was a past National Vice President and President of the Virginia Jaycees and Senator #4156. He is survived by his wife, the former Laura Yacobi, daughter Laura Margret Bateman, son Herbert H. Bateman Jr., daughter-in-law Mary Bateman and three grandchildren. The Bateman family asked that memorial contributions be made to the American Walk of the Virginia Peninsula, the American Cancer Society's Newport News chapter, the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, or any other charity.

Al Krieg departed almost two years ago, and we have no additional information.

Grahame Smallwood, a leader in the D.C. Jr. Chamber of Commerce years ago died of cancer in his home in Potomac, Maryland. Grahame was regional sales manager for Trans World Airlines before his retirement. Grahame gained distinction as executive secretary, treasurer and trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Leonard Scott, president of the St. Louis Jr. Chamber of Commerce 1954-55 perished after 2 1/2 years of illness. Virginia Scott reports that Leonard was always proud to participate in our organization.

Ron Robinson passed away last September 18. He spent the afternoon with his Grandson Tyler, and started having trouble breathing around 8:00 P.M. His wife Pat called 911, and Ron was taken to the hospital where he passed away that evening. Ron was very active in the US JCI Senate, serving as their President in .

Past USJCC staff officer and Past USJCC EVP **Sam Willits** passed away Saturday, October 21, 2000, of a heart attack. Sam was 54. He has been the president of the Goshen Area Chamber of Commerce for several years. His wife, Kelly also worked at the Chamber.

Pat Balko, wife of our mate **Doyle Balko** writes, "I regret to inform you of the death of Doyle on March 1, 2001. Doyle was elected a vice president of the USJCC in 1964. **Stan Ladley** was elected president that year. "Doyle fought a valiant battle against pancreatic cancer for 15 months. Not once did he ever complain. This will not surprise those who knew him. He exhibited much courage and character throughout his ordeal, and I was able to care for him at home. He died at our home with my arms around him. The friendships we made through his affiliation with the Jaycees have been true and lasting friendships, and our lives were richer for having known these wonderful people."

Lindsay James (Lin) Strout was a long time member of the Santa Rosa (CA) Jaycees and a past president of that chapter. In the 1960s, about the time of his presidency, the Santa Rosa Jaycees Chapter won the Henry Geissenbier Award as best in the nation. Lin was Parks and Recreation Director of the city of Santa Rosa for many years. He is credited with designing several of the areas parks. He was instrumental in bringing recognition to the area as the home of Luther Burbank, the renowned botanist who lived in Santa Rosa and conducted much of his experimental development and research there. After leaving Santa Rosa in the late 1960s, Lin became Director of Parks for the City of Richmond, a position from which he eventually retired. For the past several years Lin and his wife, Betty, had been full-time RVers. They had travelled and crisscrossed the United States many times. They were well know and liked among the full time RV set nationwide. Several years ago, Lin started leaving "rock towers" wherever they visited. These are simply towers built of native stones high as gravity will allow, without the addition of mortar, adhesives, or other binding materials. The idea caught on and these rock towers can now be spotted sprouting up along highways and away from highways nationwide. He was active in California state Jaycee affairs and was instrumental in the campaigns and elections of many national directors and at least one state president, mate **Vern Graham** (10363 Maggy Road, Wilton, CA 95693), who served as California's State President in 1965-66. Lin was an early president of the California JCI Senators organization.

Emails and Responses to our Electronic Issue of THE LOG...

Many thanks for adding me to your new list. I used to run the Crew meetings in Washington, D.C. for many years at the Statler Hilton Hotel at 16th and K. At age 84 Marge and I don't travel too much. She still plays tennis 5 days a week at Fishermen's Village Tennis Club. Her team won first place in the Charlotte County Women's Tennis League 3.0 group this year. Not bad for a past Jaycee President (D.C.1949).

Warmest regards, **J.R. Pat Gorman** (1245 Windward Ct., Punta Gorda, FL 33950, email: JRPG@sunline.net), JCI Senator #65, Past Nat'l VP 1950-51.

Let's publish a Log of the Mates with email addresses. I have several worthy candidates for Mate status in Georgia. Only they did not know what the Crew is. We have a PR opportunity here Mates. Unless we become more visible to the Senators and active Jaycees, we will become an exclusive organization with an aging membership, which will eventually die out.

I suggested to these younger Senators, that they reread "Young Men Can Change the World" to understand the significance of Crew. They said they would. Obviously, why nominate individuals to Crew status if they are not aware of the significance.

Let's discuss a PR program to win the hearts and minds of the US Senators and active Jaycees, which will result in the CREW our recruiting base as recognizing THE CREW as the ultimate Jaycee honor. This is my perception.

Please advise on your ideas concerning this project.

LTC **BOB GOTSCH** AUS (4906 Laurel Spring Dr., Roswell, GA 30075, email: garoaxo@juno.com), Member of the Crew, (Also an Army of One)

I am JCI Senator #37, was pres. of Canada Jaycees '55-'56 when the late **Hugh McKenna** was US JC pres. Presently a director of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society, I would like to hear from any crew members with a strong interest in aviation history. Greetings to all my old friends in the US.

Ross Smyth (8965 Tolhurst Street, Montreal, PQ Canada H2N 1W9, email: rsmyth@videotron.ca)

GREAT IDEA!!! e-mail is much more convenient... especially now that we travel so often in retirement.

Thanks, **Jack Frew** (8 Eaton Place, Boynton Beach, FL 33462, email: Jackfrew@aol.com)

I have been a member of the crew since Win [Cook] nominated me about ten years ago. I have stopped receiving the Log and wondered what happened--figured it went the way of many things Jaycees. Am glad to see the new electronic format. Please be certain to add me to your e-mail list (Kim Newlin sent me mine). Here in Paris I don't get much news about Junior Chamber so it is good to get this.

Thanks, **Peter Bakos** (email: pgbakos@yahoo.com)

A terrific job of producing the first electronic Crew Log. I much prefer to receive it that way. For distribution you may want to consider using Yahoo Groups [<http://groups.yahoo.com/>]. We use this for a number of similar items and it simultaneously can furnish a means whereby any Crew Member can send information to all the others, can update e-mail address and directly subscribe and unsubscribe to the service. For control you can edit it. In effect it would be an on-line virtual Crew Log for use during the intervals between the regular Logs. There are several other such services but this seems to be the biggest and best. Congratulations on an excellent job...

Jim Wesberry, CPA (4004 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310, email: jimwes@casals.com)

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Thanks for sending the log via email. It works great for me. A quick note to let you know I have received a promotion to Global Leader, Internal Audit Services for Ernst & Young. I am in charge of and responsible for the global practice. As part of this assignment, I will be relocating to Ohio for 3-5 years. The best contact address will be my work address:

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News from the US Jaycees Foundation...

Chapter Grants

Congratulations to the following local Jaycee chapters who received grants from the Foundation at the 2001 US Junior Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting in Dayton: Eudora, Kansas; Jonesboro, Arkansas; and Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. The Foundation currently gives over \$20,000 a year to local Jaycee chapters helping them to run meaningful projects in their communities.

Contacts

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 Foundation Director (and mate) **Kelly Wills** (PO Box 523, Springfield, NE 68059 or Fax: 402-253-3192).

Membership

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.

Fellowships

Remember to keep working on your fellowship levels. Contributions to fellowships are restricted to the endowment funds (except for direct costs of administering the fellowships). Your fellowship contributions can accumulate to get you to the next level, or you can make a lump sum contribution – whichever is best for your situation. Levels are as follows:

Brownfield Fellow	\$500.00
Giessenbier Fellow	\$1,000.00
Mungenast Fellow	\$5,000.00
Win Cook Fellow	\$10,000.00

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