

### **Big, Impressive Reunion of The Crew**

The Canadian Crew and Senate staged the biggest and most elaborate reunion of The Crew in recent times in Ottawa, May 14-17, 1998. Unfortunately, the great event was missed by too many of the United States Crew. U.S. Mates numbered only 25, while Canadian Mates numbered 112.

The Ottawa meeting occurred in the heart of that fresh, clean, civilized city. Approximately 200 restaurants and bars were within easy walking distance of the headquarters hotel. The neighborhood overflowed with Canadian citizens enjoying both the daytime public market for fresh produce, flowers and miscellaneous merchandise and, later, nightlife parties. It is a surprising experience these days to find the heart of a major city almost completely free of decay and crime.

Canadian Mate **Aggie Semenchuk** (2171 Saunders Ave., Ottawa, Ontario Canada K2A 0C9), chair of the organizing committee, proved herself to be an exceptionally competent executive. Support by many Canadian corporations and government agencies was obtained resulting in all of the trappings of a major convention - printed programs for each individual event, a spiral-bound over-all program booklet, and a flood of mementos of Canada and Canadian business. Events operated flawlessly.

Saturday's banquet featured, among other things, brief reviews of Canadian Senate history by former Senate presidents as we celebrated the Canadian Senate's 25th anniversary. At one point a speaker was asked what accounts for the portliness of nearly all past Canadian Senate presidents. The questioner was told that Senate presidents are breast-fed until age 38, and then they are on their own.

The remarkable event in Ottawa recommends more international meetings of The Crew.

<p>The Editors of <i>The Log</i> accept some responsibility for relatively poor attendance by U.S. Mates, as there were too few issues of <i>The Log</i> to promote attendance. Mates deserve an explanation. Co-editor Ralph Rohweder, was severely handicapped by advanced congestive heart failure (recently substantially reversed by innovative treatments at the Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore). Co-editor Bob Goetz had investigative assignments scattered across the country from the U.S. Department of Justice. And printer/mailer Dave Atkin, a Mate who gives us extraordinary bargain rates, was injured in a serious automobile accident. Physical production was delayed drastically. However, we commit to you to improve and get <i>The Log</i> out on a regular quarterly basis in the future. Thanks for your</p>
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### **Changed Planes**

After 32 years with McDonnell Douglas, Mate **Ken Velten** (5745 Avenita Estoril, Long Beach, CA 90814) has moved to Boeing. Ken says that he and his wife are working with the Long Beach Jaycees building houses under the Habitat for Humanity program. Ken reports that the Long Beach Jaycees are a healthy chapter.

## Farewell to an Old, Dear Friend

And Mate **Win Cook**, 5<sup>th</sup> President of the Pennsylvania JCC in 1942-43, passed away August 4 at age 89 at his home on Longboat Key, FL, after a brief illness. Win graduated from Philadelphia's Central High School, where he established a scholarship fund. He graduated from Dickinson College, PA, where he also received an Honorary Doctorate of International Commerce, served on the Board of Trustees, established the Clark Foundation and a scholarship fund for the School of International Studies. In 1973, Win also received an Honorary Doctorate of Humanity at Combs College.

Win served in the Civilian Military Training Corps and Pennsylvania National Guard prior to WWII, where he served as an anti-sabotage expert. He was founder and President of Vita Craft Aluminum from 1939-59. Win moved from Pennsylvania to Longboat Key, where he established the present Holiday Lodge in 1962.

Win was an active member of the Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce for over 30 years, where he established the Winfield C. Cook Endowment Fund in 1998. He was a member and trustee of the Longboat Key Chapel, and served on the Longboat Key Board of Adjustment from 1963-72. He was also a 32d degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner.

Win was an active member of The Crew, JCI Senate, JCI, USJCC and Pennsylvania JCC for over 50 years, regularly attending functions of all groups. JCI Senator 538, he was often the lowest numbered Senator in attendance. In 1996, Win was named Outstanding Senator in the World and "JCI World President for the Day". This past May, he presented the Win Cook Award to the Outstanding First Year Chapter in the Pennsylvania JCC, and then attended the Crew Reunion in Ottawa the following weekend. Mate **George Fraser** (5550 Highway 101 N, Seaside, OR 97138) reminisced "I can still see Win with his Scottish cap on, walking along with a smile on his face and carry-on luggage, as he entered the lobby in Ottawa to register."

It was because of Win's leadership and financial support that the US Jaycees Foundation was organized in the 1960's. Win was part of the group that started the US Jaycees Hall of Leadership, and he served for many years as both Consultant and Trustee for the Foundation. Last month, just before the seriousness of his condition was revealed, the US Jaycees Foundation voted to create a new top level of their Fellowship Program – the Win Cook Fellow - for accumulated contributions of at least \$10,000. A fitting way to honor a man who has meant so much to the Jaycee movement for so many years.

Several Mates have suggested that The Crew honor Win and support the Jaycee movement by contributing to the first Win Cook Fellow, which can then be given to his children, perhaps at the 1999 Hall of Leadership ceremony in January 1999 in Washington, DC. Anyone who would like to contribute should make their check payable to the "US Jaycees Foundation" and send it to The Crew, Box 316, Mount Vernon, VA 22121-0316. The Keepers of The Log will keep track of the contributions and forward them to the Foundation.

### Thanks, Barney!

Mate **Barney Ziola** (8500 Bairdmore Crescent, Richmond, British Columbia Canada V7C 1M7) has been extremely helpful in assisting us in locating some of our lost Mates. Plus, he generously allows us to "copy" some of the news he gets for the Canadian JCI Senate newsletter that pertains to our Mates. Thanks for your help, Barney!

### Custodian of Knowledge

The new director of the Northwestern (North Carolina) Regional Library is mate **Michael Sawyer** (P.O. Box 727,

Elkin, NC 28621). Michael manages 12 libraries in 4 counties.

### Partial Retirement

Mate **Reed Larson** (P.O. Box 927, Annandale, VA 22003) is trying to cut his work week down to about three days per week. Reed and Jean have sold their home in the Washington area and bought a new one adjacent to Williamsburg, Virginia. Reed has the intention of coming to the National Right to Work headquarters only from Tuesdays through Thursdays. But long-time chief executives find it difficult to avoid seven-day weeks. Reed might not be in the impressive Right to Work office building he built as much as before, but then, again, he

might be speaking somewhere around the United States or testifying before legislative bodies. Leaders, as we in The Crew know, tend to run until they drop.

### **We Have Lost Some of our Best Friends.**

Mate **Steve Knight**, USJCC national vice president in 1956-57, was lost to us this past April. Steve, whose active Jaycee years were in Columbia, Georgia, had moved to Arizona in retirement.

Mysteriously, healthy-appearing Alice Birdsey, wife of Mate **Ed Birdsey** (84 Laurel Brook Rd., Middlefield, CT 06455), slipped off to Heaven, where she belongs, shortly before the reunion of The Crew in Ottawa. The Birdseys have been regular participants in meetings of The Crew. We shall miss her.

Mate **Harry Wiles**, former USJCC national vice president, passed this life on June 2. Harry served as city attorney, police judge and Stafford County attorney before serving in high Kansas state offices with the Kansas Corporation and Highway commissions. Harry was also active in state politics, and was the Democratic candidate for governor in 1964, losing the race by less than a one percent margin. Harry also rose through the ranks of the American Legion during these years, and was elected National Commander in 1975.

Mate **H. Bruce Palmer**, USJCC President in 1943-44 and past president of the Michigan Jaycees, passed away June 10<sup>th</sup> in North Carolina. He had been President of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of New Jersey, and also served as Chairman of the US Conference Board of the US Chamber of Commerce. Bruce was the only USJCC President elected by mail, as the 1943 Annual Meeting was cancelled due to wartime travel restrictions.

### **War Stories...**

Mate **Chuck Fries** (1927 Hastings Court, Schaumburg, IL 60194) and friend Maxine Wallisch got a tour of the town by Mate **Jim Dokken** (4927 Rundlevieview Rd. NE, Calgary, Alberta Canada T1Y 1J3) and wife Sandy when they visited Calgary on business in late May. They also met Mate **Pete Kennedy** (2024 Alexander St. SE, Calgary, Alberta Canada T2G 4J5) and wife Dorothy for cocktails and some great Alberta beef. Super hospitality and war stories with friends – what fun!

### **Area Code Changes**

After October 17, 1998, Priscilla Armbruster Hoel's telephone area code will change from 714 to 949. Priscilla's local phone number remains the same: 586-3676.

### **Smiling Jack Hatt...**

Mate **Jack Hatt** (2131 First Avenue, #210, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403) lost both of his legs to the late effects of diabetes several months ago. Jack was a dependable regular at Crew reunions. We expect to see Jack back with prosthetic legs for the reunion in the National Capital Area in April 1999.

### **More About Pete...**

Mate **Pete Kennedy** was presented with the Grant McEwen Lifetime Achievement Award at a Calgary City Hall reception on April 29, 1998. The award, named after a prominent author, alderman, and longtime Calgary citizen, exemplifies the many years that Pete dedicated to volunteer work. He has been involved with the Calgary Stampede, Lord Strathcona House, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and many more. Kudos to Pete for this very prestigious recognition, which has only been given on four occasions!

### **Civic Achievement Honored**

Mate **Doug Hoge** (2200 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45206) has been recognized by the 650-member Rotary Club of Cincinnati as the Rotarian who exemplifies the highest qualities that a Rotarian could achieve. Doug, accompanied by wife Annetta, was presented with the club's Walter Emmerling Award at a banquet on May 14, 1998 in the Omni Netherland Hotel. Most members of The Crew are acquainted with Doug's huge procession of accomplishments as a civic leader both as a leader of the USJCC and Junior Chamber International.

### **Crew Member Now Heads Middle East Initiative.**

Mate **Dr. Gary Thorud** (1300 East 96th Street, Bloomington, MN 55425) has assumed the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Multilateral Middle-East Initiative. The MMEI was formed by former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Jordan's King Hussein to support the Middle East peace process. The initial methods will involve technological initiatives and business development between Israel and Jordan. Then those initiatives will extend to other countries in the Middle East.



## A Love Story

Mate **George Pagonis** (One Top of the Ridge, Mamaroneck, NY 10543) and his new wife Mary - married on June 6, 1998 - spent their honeymoon as guests of one of George's countless friends, Dr. Gregory Kryiakou, a physician practicing in Athens, Greece. Dr. Kryiakou flew the loving couple for visits to the Greek islands in his four-place Piper airplane. Later, George and Mary travelled throughout Lebanon and Turkey, visiting many historical and religious sites.

## Fifty Years Ago USJCC Leaders Flew to Berlin on the Berlin Airlift

On April 26, 1949, the president of the USJCC **Paul Bagwell**, immediate past president **John Ben Sheppard**, and national vice presidents **John Hamrick**, **Hughes Brockbank**, **Hunter Gehlback**, **Joe Saunders** and **Beverly Burbage** flew into Berlin on the airlift that provided food and fuel to the city that was besieged by armies of the Soviet Union. The USJCC officers were joined by Jaycees James Smith, Victor Jenkins, Mark Marlowe and Jim Freestone.

The week that Jaycees flew into Berlin, the airlift toppled a previous record by carrying 58,155 tons of life-saving supplies into the beleaguered city.

## Mogul in the Making

The American Materials and Technology Corporation, a public stock company, trading on the NASDAQ, AMTK and Pacific Stock Exchange is in the composite materials and structures business. The company's customer base includes Boeing, Europe's Airbus, and the General Electric Company. Founder and President of the company is Mate **Paul Pendorf** (5915 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles, CA 90016). Paul writes that his company's headquarters is near Los Angeles International Airport, so mates flying into LAX will find it easy to visit. Paul's home is in Marina del Ray.

## Slowing Down, too...

Mate **Jeff Davis** (8401 Thompson Rd., Annandale, VA 22003), is now doing most of his work from home as he slows down and prepares to move back to his home state of Georgia. Until then, his home office is next to his waterfall and fish pond, where he handles a few clients and does some limited training and consulting.

## Another Notable Associate

Mate **Ramon del Rosario**, active Jaycee leader forty years ago, is now Chairman, Asian Bank, Manila, the Philippines. Ramon is expected to play a major role in ambitious plans by the new president of the Philippines to bring peace, at last, with Muslim revolutionaries and to lift economic performance up toward the level of the advanced Western nations. Ramon is intimately acquainted with the culture of the United States that has been fundamental to American achievements. He spent large amounts of time here associating with fellow Jaycees who occupied leadership positions in business, politics, academia and the professions.

## Advice from the Harvard School of Business

"Decision-making power belongs at the lowest possible point in your organization." This is why an unregimented Jaycee organization during the first sixty years or so of its life performed so well. (Ralph Rohweder)

## Economic Development Leader

Mate **Thomas E. Sellmer** (2436 Lapping Court, Clarksville, IN 47129) is currently serving as President of the Clarksville, Indiana Economic Development Commission. Commercial development in the Clarksville area is the fastest in the Louisville, Kentucky metropolitan area. The Clarksville Development Commission has an annual budget of \$1,700,000.

Clarksville is the oldest town in what was USA's Northwest Territory.

## Another dimension to Our Friend, Bob

Mate **Bob Lindholm** (609 Timber Lane, Falls Church, VA 22046) officiates at events of the Indy Racing League wherever in America they occur. Bob began serving at the famous Indianapolis 500 a quarter of a century ago. Incidentally, Bob, a native of Duluth, Minnesota is an agent for a financial services company headquartered in Duluth, Georgia. Symmetry!

## News from Today's Jaycees...

At the Annual Meeting this past June in Las Vegas, the USJCC voted to change their administrative year from July through June to January through December. Among other things still under study, this means the USJCC Executive Committee will still be elected at the Annual Meeting in June, and will spend the next six months planning and organizing their year before taking office the following January.

Because of the change, the term of current USJCC President **Eric Seidel** (PO Box 7, Tulsa, OK 74121) was extended six months through December 1998, when we will be replaced by newly-elected President-Elect mate **Chris Reese** (370 Pippinpost Dr., Conway, AR 72032-4959) and the new Executive Committee. Congrats, Chris! And (we guess) congrats, President Eric?

## And, from the US Jaycees Foundation...

In July, the US Jaycees Foundation voted to enhance the Fellowship Program by adding the Cook Fellow level (as we discussed on page 2) adding lifetime benefits to each level as follows:

Giessenbier Fellow (\$1,000 cumulative contribution)	one complimentary Hall of Leadership ticket and floor access to the USJCC Annual Meeting
Mungenast Fellow (\$5,000 cumulative contribution)	one complimentary Hall of Leadership ticket and full registration to the USJCC Annual Meeting
Cook Fellow (\$10,000 cumulative contribution)	two complimentary Hall of Leadership tickets and full registrations to the USJCC Annual Meeting

In addition, receptions are planned at the Annual Meetings and TOYA weekend for all Fellows (including \$500 Brownfield Fellows). All Fellows will again receive the quarterly INSIGHT newsletter and will be listed by category in the US Jaycees Foundation Annual Report.

If you haven't yet contributed, or haven't given in a while, now's the time to start. Or, to move up to the next level. If you would like to find out your accumulated contributions, call US Jaycees Foundation Director **Kelly Wills** (PO Box 523, Springfield, NE 68059) at (402)253-3189 or via e-mail at [kjw76@aol.com](mailto:kjw76@aol.com).

### Authors Needed

The Log should be a broad interchange of news, history and ideas from many members of The Crew. The Keepers of The Log cannot possibly report on everything our mates have done without your help. Please send us any information about get-togethers with old Jaycee friends or information about happiness or sorrow dealing with yourself or another mate or immediate family member. While sometimes space limitations preclude us publishing your information in the next issue, the following one will contain it. If funds and news warrants it, we'll also add a page or two when needed.

For instance, The Log has carried controversial remarks about the present state of the Jaycee Movement in the United States. Some say accomplishments are down and prestige has shriveled. Membership has declined. But missing from The Log is specific, detailed, historical information about the causes that could account for the decline of the organization. What do you know that would add to understanding of causes or that might lead to possible rescue of the USJCC?

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