

End-of-Century Reunion Attracts Many

Crew members contributing for publication of *The Log* report that they do not simply want to read about their former-Jaycee friends, they want to spend some time with them. If recent mail to the Keepers of *The Log* predicts attendance at the Crew Reunion, April 23-25 at the Crystal City Hilton, the '99 reunion will be one of the largest. The reunion site in Arlington, Virginia is adjacent to Washington's Reagan National Airport.

There will be a recurring theme in the six program sessions – free, voluntary human interaction as the defining characteristic of advanced civilization. One session will illuminate how free markets achieve complex cooperation without central planning. Another will explore how America's heritage of freedom can be revitalized. Our Sunday morning devotional service will touch the matter of vilification of religion. Still another session will feature a speaker telling of the struggle to advance freedom in a nation menaced by totalitarian forces. The new challenges to national security in the United States will be illustrated and discussed. Finally there will be brief discussion of the fact that providing young adults with open opportunities for experimentation in leadership is the reason-for-being of Jr. Chambers of Commerce. The implication is that Jaycees should be leading champions of freedom of opportunity – inside their organization too.

The registration fee for Reunion '99 is \$99 by April 1 and \$120 later. See the registration form in this issue. A special room rate of \$99 single or double has been negotiated with the Crystal City Hilton. Phone the hotel directly for reservations: 1-800-445-8667.

A good old friend of yours will be looking for you in Crystal City on the weekend of April 23-25.

Betting on Sports Talent

Mate **Dick Robinson** (USA Inc., Box 11205, Lexington, KY 40511), 1975-76 USJCC president and 1973-74 Michigan president, has joined Bluegrass Sports Agency, Inc. in Lexington, Kentucky. Dick writes, "Anyone having any future major leaguer, NFLer or NBAer who needs professional representation" should contact Dick at 606-221-5619. Dick's E-mail address is cdrobin12@aol.com.

Massachusetts Jaycees Back in the Fold

The board of directors of the USJCC, at its meeting in Washington on January 9, 1999, took the Massachusetts state organization off probation and restored its active status. Mate **Jim Calder** (1 Banbury Dr. Westford, MA 01886, phone: 978-692-6986), who was Massachusetts state president in 1965-66, reports that the accomplishment occurred with the help of Crew members and JCI Senators.

New Wife, New Job, New Life

Mate **Ray Battaglini** (400 North Marland, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240. Phone: 505-397-3202), who was a lonesome widower for years, was married to Belinda, a Hobbs, New Mexico business owner in May, 1998. Ray accepted the position of executive vice-president of the Hobbs Chamber of Commerce, and he has become a fixture in his new community.

Ray writes that that Hobbs has an active Jr. Chamber of Commerce, and Jaycees there have the same spirit we Crew members had at their age. "They mean so much to our community and provide such excellent examples of good citizenship," says Ray.

Ray was president of the Nevada Jaycees in 1993-94, original treasurer of the U.S. JCI Senate, designer of the JCI medallion and past president of the New Mexico JCI Senate.

They're Going to Make It

Mates **Harry Stewart** (100 Edenburgh Rd, Ste. 203, Raleigh, NC 27608) and **Billy Harrison**, (109 S. Cobblestone St., High Point, NC) are going to be at the reunion of The Crew. Harry says that Billy offered to get them a driver for the trip. Harry laughed and assured Billy that even at age 80 he does not need a driver. "We desperately wish to see old friends and relive the good old days." He wrote.

OOPS is Still Alive and Well

Mate **Allen Murfin** (Southwest Association, 4629 Mark 4 Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76106) reports that the group of ex-Jaycees known as OOPS will meet again over the Labor Day week-end in Olive Branch, Mississippi. Group participants enjoy fellowship, relive their Jaycee days and play a little golf. The group has been meeting annually for 24 years. Allen was president of the Missouri Jaycees, national vice-president and a USJCC staff officer. He won the Clint Dunegan award as state president.

Your Connection for Russian Real Estate

Mate **Norman Flynn** (5555 Odana Road, Madison, Wisc. 53719) is chairman of the board of the Eastern European Real Property Foundation. He helped found the organization during his presidency of the National Association of Realtors. The purpose of the not-for-profit foundation is to help former communist nations develop private-sector real estate practice. So far more than 65 associations of realtors in 11 nations have been established. The effort is partially supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development. Norman says that he has spent nearly 600 days in the former Soviet bloc.

Another New Member of The Crew

Mate **Barry Kennedy** (Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 95128, Lincoln, NE 68509-5128), executive vice president of the Nebraska State Chamber of Commerce and past USJCC and JCI President, nominates **B.A. "Byrd" Crawford** (69 Briarwood Dr., Wheeling, WV 26003) for Crew membership. Byrd was a leader in state, national and international levels of the Jaycees from the late 1960s through the early 1980s. We hope to see you in Crystal City in a few weeks, Byrd.

A Special Reunion

Mate **Frank Ziebell** (P.O. Box 585675, Dallas, TX 75258) sends a note to announce the Johnson-Ritter-Ziebell State Presidents and Friends reunion, June 21-25, 2000 in St. Louis, MO. The group encompasses leaders from the 1970-76 period. For specific information on the reunion you can reach Frank at E-mail: zragz@aol.com, mate **Tom Ritter** (Alexander Hamilton Insurance Co., 100 N. Greene St. #5168, Greensboro, NC 27401-2507) at phone: 248-848-7810 or Emmet Johnson at phone: 205-987-2733.

Frank Ziebell was national president of the Bureau of Wholesale Sales Representatives, 1995-96.

Frank nominates **Ed Reith** (1404 Flintwood Dr., Richardson, TX 75081) for membership in The Crew. Ed was an officer of Jr. Chambers in Mishawaka and Fort Wayne, Indiana and Richardson, Texas. He is past Texas state chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the sign-up winner in 1983-84. Welcome, Ed. Come meet your fellow members of The Crew in Crystal City, April 23-25.

You can now keep in touch with the Keepers of *The Log* by e-mail. Send your news to Ralph Rohweder at rrohwer@aol.com or Bob Goetz at jci46363@usa.net, or by regular "snail mail" to Box 316, Mount Vernon, VA 22121-0316. Also, we may consider 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.

Barney Writes From The North...

Mate **Barney Viola** (8500 Bardmore Crescent, Richmond, BC V7C 1M7 Canada), writes that his daughter-in-law Marjorie (who is married to his only son Kim), has issued her first CD. The CD is called "ZIOLA - Without a Trace". Marjorie wrote the words to the songs she sings. She then produced the CD with Alex Repetowski and Brad McNeill, local musicians from TOYROOM STUDIO in Abbotsford, BC, Canada. Marjorie can be contacted at her Official Web Site <http://www.mziola.com> to review her CD or by e-mail addresses marjorie@mziola.com or ziola@home.com for any further information.

And, Another New Mate...

Mate **Bob Lindholm** (609 Timber Lane, Falls Church, VA 22046-3830) has nominated **Guy Morris** () to join our happy band. Guy was a founder and past president of the St. Catherine, Jamaica Jaycees, and 1973 national vice president of the Jamaica Junior Chamber. He has attended 25 JCI World Congresses, and has not missed any since 1978. Welcome aboard, Guy!

Our Recent Losses

Mate **Jim Nehrass**, a Clayton Frost winner as president of the Wisconsin Jaycees in 1978-79, national vice president the following year and candidate for national president in 1980, was playing racket ball when his heart gave out. Condolences can be sent to Jim's wife, Carol, at 820 Katherine Dr., Sun Prairie, WI 53590.

Mate **George A. Prader**, 1956-57 president of the Illinois Jr. Chamber of Commerce, passed away in Clearwater, Florida on December 12, 1998. George, a native of East St. Louis, had retired from American Electric Company as sales manager for the St. Louis district. He was 75 years old. This sad news came to us from mate **Sid LeGrand** (136 Woodbourne Ct., O'Fallon, IL 62269), 1992-93 president of the Illinois Jaycees and 1993-94 national vice president.

Mate **Leo McKenna**, a founder of Jr. Chamber International, died on January 21. Leo started on the path to the priesthood but had a last-minute change of heart. However he made excellent use of his education in theology to serve as a philosophical leader. Leo became a teacher of public speaking, an insurance broker and a builder of two Catholic parishes. Leo was born in Coer d'Alene, Idaho. He treasured his dual U.S and Canadian citizenships. He loved his adopted home, Montreal. Leo and his mate, Agatha, have five children. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Joan Miller (Leo's daughter), 5404 Charlebois Street H2V 1E5 Email dmiller@sympatico.ca

Will He Stay Home Now?

Mate **Colonel Park Shaw** (PO Box 1418, Carefree, AZ 85377), co-chairman of the exceptional reunion of The Crew in Phoenix in 1997, has ended two terms as president of the 600-member Phoenix chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. Park revealed recently that his travels have taken him to 111 countries on 7 continents. Have you made it to Anarctica yet, as Win Cook did, Park?

Bubba Alert....

Mate **J. Terryl Bechtol** (339 Panferio Drive, Pensacola Beach, Fla. 32561), 1979-80 USJCC president, is now appearing on the Grand Ole Opry, and at the Governor's Palace near Dollywood, in east Tennessee. "Bubba" writes "I am doing comedy full time and loving it. The show is done by Opryland Productions and we open April 1st, this year and run until December. The Bubba's Of America is my fan club and the phone number to join is 1-800-BE-BUBBA, so put it and my email (BUBBAUB12@AOL.COM) out there for all to write or call."

"Bubba" has also been seen on the Cow Pattie Spooof on Wednesday nights on "Crook and Chase Tonight". He asks that you call The Nashville Network and tell them that you really like "Bubbie the Bartender". He needs some calls to keep the show on as a weekly spooof, and it may become a regular television show, which is what he's hoping for. He tells us they are getting good response to the bit, but want more responses so he can sell it as a weekly show.

Address Changes

Edward B. Parker, 807 Mallory Street, Apt. H, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. Eddie writes that he hopes to attend the reunion. His health has improved greatly in the past several years. He had a stroke in 1996.

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Daniel B. Michie, Jr., PO Box 4058, Rydal, PA 19046

Arthur M. Plitt, Box 6585, Providence, RI 02940

Eric Seidel, 134 Lakeshore Dr. N., Palm Harbor, FL 34684 (email eseidel1@aol.com).

News from the US Jaycees Foundation...

US Jaycees Hall of Leadership

The US Jaycees Foundation inducted two new members into the US Jaycees Hall of Leadership at the 16th Annual Hall of Leadership Luncheon, held January 9, 1999 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC. The new members are mates **Eugene Pheiffer** (1237 Birchwood Dr., Monmouth, IL 61462) and co-Keeper of *The Log* **Ralph Rohweder** (Box 316, Mount Vernon, VA 22121-0316).

Chapter Grants Awarded

Also during the Hall of Leadership Luncheon, the Foundation awarded the first Chapter Grants for 1999 totalling \$7,750. Many new and innovative Jaycee projects have been conducted with help from these grants. Grants were presented to the Fordyce, AR Jaycees for their Peace Park Project; Colby, KS Jaycees for their City Park Swing Set Project; Allegan, MI Jaycees for their Old Regent Theater Fund Appeal; Maple Lake, MN Jaycees for their Swimming Pool Project; Boonville, MO Jaycees for their Chapter-Owned Historic Building Remodeling Project; Cowboy Country, OK Jaycees for their Day of Caring Project; and the Fond du Lac, WI Jaycees for their Russell Park Shelter Project.

New Fellows

Several new Giessenbier Fellows were also recognized at the Hall of Leadership Luncheon, as well. Contributing \$1,000 were mates **Dr. Phil Kirkpatrick** (1922 Cumberland Ave., Petersburg, VA 23805), **Thomas P. Ruffin** (PO Box 571, Shreveport, LA 71162), **Nick Trbovich, Jr.** (c/o Servotronics, PO Box 300, Elmira, NY 14059), **Raymond Lubus** (22 Brush Hill Rd., New Fairfield, CT 06812), **Gary Tompkins** (2814 S. Country Club Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109), **Kelly Wills** (PO Box 523, Springfield, NE 68059), **Eric Seidel** (134 Lakeshore Dr. N., Palm Harbor, FL 34684), and **Charles Madsen** (1906 Cavendale Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29732-8301).

And **Rocky Gannon**, brother of departed mate **Win Cook**, accepted the first "Win Cook Fellow" on behalf of Win's family. This recognition was presented based on continuing contributions from Win's friends and mates of The Crew to recognize Win's long time commitment to the US Jaycees Foundation and The Crew. It's not too late to make your tax-deductible contribution to fund this \$10,000 fellowship. You can make your check payable to **The US Jaycees Foundation**, and mail it to The Keeper of *The Log*, Box 316, Mount Vernon, VA 22121-0316. Please mark "Win Cook Fellow" on your check, and we'll forward the contribution to The US Jaycees Foundation for proper credit.

Archives & Exhibition Hall

The Foundation - with the help of mate **Mike Sawyer** (113 Thorncliffe Dr., State Road, NC 28676), a professional librarian - is researching the needs and requirements for the Archives and Exhibition Hall. If you have any Jaycee memorabilia, you may want to pass it on to the Jaycee Archives. We'll discuss the Archives more during the Crew Reunion in April.

Foundation Membership

A popular Foundation program from the 1980's has been resurrected in another form. In September, the Foundation kicked off it's new Membership Program, intended as an entry to regular giving and eventual contributions and advancement in the Fellowship Program. For a \$50 annual donation members will receive a Foundation Membership Card, the quarterly Foundation publication "Insight", and will be listed in the US Jaycees Foundation Annual Report. And, anyone contributing \$100 or more toward one of the Fellowship levels also receives their Membership for that year. So far, over 100 Jaycees and mates of The Crew have become members. Why not you?

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, 1999 Concluding the Twentieth Century
 Crystal City Hilton, Arlington, Virginia April 23-25, 1999

Name: _____

Spouse (Guest): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
Full Registrations:		
By April 1 \$ 99 each	_____	_____
After April 1 \$120 each	_____	_____

Partial Registrations:		
Friday Reception: \$ 20	_____	_____
Saturday Breakfast: \$ 15	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch: \$ 30	_____	_____
Saturday Dinner: \$ 40	_____	_____
Sunday Brunch: \$ 20	_____	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		_____

Make registration check payable to "Crew Reunion '99"
Mail to Crew Reunion '99, Box 316, Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121
For Inquiries: Telephone: 703-780-8989 E-mail: rarohweder@aol.com

Hotel reservations are separate. Phone 1-800-HILTONS. Identify yourself as a member of The Crew, and your special rate is \$99 single or double.

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April 23-25, 1999

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