

Reunion '99 - - Serious Stuff

The final reunion of The Crew in the 20th Century was a little like a project planning session in our days as active Jaycees working to make our communities better.

The program began with an exposition led by Mate **Jim Wesberry** (2231 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Va 22202, Phone: 703-920-5750, e-mail: jwesberry@casals.com). Computers, satellite communication and procedures made possible by these technologies have given new powers not only to legitimate business but also to organized crime. International crime syndicates have now gained such huge financial resources that they are able to buy nominal control of national governments. Most alarming is the fact that some major American financial institutions act as partners in organized crime as money laundering service providers. Profit margins are much higher in these illegitimate activities. If you missed the reunion, you can obtain literature on Globalized Cybernarco Corruption from Jim.

Professor Thomas Rustici, of the George Mason University Department of Economics, delivered an upbeat lecture on the civilizing and enriching mechanisms of free-market capitalism. The main point is that when voluntary interactions replace force and fraud, productivity increases and human needs are served better. It has always been recognized that force and fraud are the essence of criminal activity. The founders of the United States and their philosophical forebearers recognized that government is essentially an instrument for force. We, as experienced civic workers, know that the power of government to compel is misused frequently. We also know that political operatives often use deception to advance their interests. So overgrown government tends to distort economic activity with force and fraud.

Ambassador Henry Cooper, Chairman of High Frontier, made the case for defending the United States against ballistic missiles. The political left has opposed a protective umbrella, preferring the deterrence of "mutually assured destruction" from nuclear weapons. Now that numbers of rogue nations are gaining ability to strike from many thousands of miles away, it seems wise to build a defense system.

Mate **Len Newton** (90 Dempsey Ave., Princeton, NJ 08540) conducted an open discussion of the challenge of relations with the Peoples Republic of China. The evident conclusions were 1) China is a rival, but not necessarily an enemy, 2) the United States must protect its interests, 3) the competitive behavior of healthy business concerns is the model for relations with China, and 4) if the United States fails to protect its interests, damage to our nation will produce the resentment that tends to lead to reciprocal evil deeds and, possibly, war.

Mate **Greg Thomes** (Thomes Insurance Agency, 4169 58th St NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358), Chairman of the U.S. Jaycees Foundation explained the function of The Foundation - "Preservation of The Past. Inspiration for The Future." The Foundation provides grants in support of local Jaycee projects. It is the vehicle for ex-Jaycees to express their gratitude for the benefits of the Jaycee experience. (*continued on page 2*)

Affirming Freedom

Mate **John Crutcher** (700 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Apt 517, Washington, DC 20037-2413) has the following statement by Thomas Jefferson on his letterhead. "I swear on the Altar of God, eternal hostility to every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

Just In...

Condolences go out to the family of mate **Chuck Hilborn**, 1975-76 Virginia Jaycee State President, 1975-76, who passed away this month. Donations may be made in Chuck's name to Camo Virginia Jaycee, 2494 Camp Jaycee Road, Blue Ridge, VA 24064.

Reunion 2000 Site Announced!

The Crew's Steerage Committee is pleased to announce that the Y2K (Year 2000) Reunion will be held in late April 2000 in Chicago, IL. Mates **Jim O'Connell** (1009 Western Ave., Joliet, IL 60435) and **Chuck Fries** (1927 Hastings Ct., Schaumburg, IL 60194-2224) promise a great time, assisted by the Illinois JCI Senate.

Reunion '99 (continued)

The Saturday banquet speaker was USJCC President (and Mate) **Chris Reese** (PO Box 7, Tulsa, OK 74121). Chris gave a comprehensive report on the activities and the state of membership and financial health of the national organization. His talk was followed by a discussion, led by Mates **George Fraser** (5550 Highway 101 N, Seaside, OR 97138) and **Bob Goetz** (5804 Chase Commons Ct. #103, Burke, VA 22015). The discussion focused on what policies by former Jaycees would be most beneficial to the active Jaycees of today and what role the members of The Crew can play in helping the Jaycee movement.

The Sunday morning devotional, chaired by mate **Reed Larson** (PO Box 927, Annandale, VA 22003-0927) was devoted, in part, to remembrances of departed members of The Crew. Mate **Phil Knox** (3337 American River Dr., Sacramento, CA 95864) delivered a heartwarming pain reliever.

The host committee for Reunion '99 was comprised of mates **Jeff Davis** (8401 Thompson Rd., Annandale, VA 22003), **Bob Goetz**, **Reed Larson**, **Bob Lindholm** (609 Timber Lane, Falls Church, VA 22046-3830), **Guy Morris** (902 Houston Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912), **Len Newton**, **George Pagonis** (1403 Fairway Green, Mamaroneck, NY 10543), **Sumpter Priddy** (15262 Goshen Rd., Montpelier, VA 23192) and chaired by **Ralph Rohweder** (Box 316, Mount Vernon, VA 22121-0316). All served as session presiding officers or speakers, and all shared in making arrangements for the event.

Family Distractions

Mates **Doug and Annetta Hoge** (2200 Victory Pkwy. #2600, Cincinnati, OH 45206) were kept away from Reunion '99 by two family events - the wedding of one family member and the birth of a granddaughter in another branch of the Hoges. Annetta is still confined to a wheelchair, but Doug reports that she is determined to keep going as long as possible.

And Now There Are Three...

Mate **Lit Maxwell** (607 Gardiner Rd., Richmond, VA 23229, email imaxwell@richmond.edu), Director of the Business Information Center, University of Richmond has become the third volunteer producing your newsletter, *The Log*. Lit has been an officer of local, Virginia State Jaycees and JCI Senate organizations. He has degrees in history, political science, pre-law, library science and a master's degree in business administration. Lit is a faculty advisor for American Marketing Association, Kappa Alpha and ODK student groups.

Regarding the eccentric publishing schedule for *The Log*

Co-editor **Ralph Rohweder** keeps falling into and surviving processions of life-threatening situations. First it was congestive heart failure mistreated by six different cardiology groups. The Director of Cardiology at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions ended the decline and brought a surprising restoration of health. Then a truck spun out of control during a snowstorm on a divided highway and crashed into Ralph's car, totally destroying it. Ralph survived due to his seat belt and air bag. Next it was an infection of the tear drains of the eyes that defied a wide assortment of antibiotics. Again the Johns Hopkins institution solved a problem that had been played with futilely by run-of-the-mill doctors.

Mate **George Pagonis** has a comment about all this. "Ralph has the worst luck of anyone I know - - except on the important things." George has another pertinent comment. "When your life is at stake, the best medical team in the world is none too good." This is why one encounters so many of the celebrities of the world at the Mayo Clinic, Hopkins, Harvard, Duke, Stanford and other great medical centers.

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 Lit Maxwell at imaxwell@richmond.edu, 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.

Greetings from the McKennas

Mate **Hugh McKenna** (PO Box 50307, Phoenix, AZ 85076) and wife Marge sent an affectionate greeting to members of The Crew attending Reunion '99. Unfortunately the hotel did not deliver the message to the host committee until after the meeting.

The greeting said, in part: "We certainly wanted to be there with you. We are obliged to be among those not attending because of the health circumstances experienced by Hugh and the extra work that places on Marge. We will miss being with all of you who have meant and still mean so much to us.

"We are hopeful that all of these AGE complications will pass over in the next few months but do understand that the control is in the hands of God, and we will live knowing that we are in good hands.

"We hope for good health and happiness for friends in The Crew through the coming years."

Taps

Mate **Dick Kemler**, 1950-51 USJCC president, lost his life to a heart attack last Christmastime. Dick headed a law firm in Marshalltown, Iowa and was a gentleman farmer. At the end of his year as Iowa Jaycee president, Dick won the presidential race against four national vice presidents.

Mate **Ira Kaye** passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on June 6. Ira Kaye was an auxiliary member of the host committee for Crew Reunion '99. He was in communication with the committee almost on a daily basis working on arrangements for the program segment on relations with China. His death was not preceded by a period of disabling illness.

Ira was president of the California Jaycees half a century ago. As JCI president he traveled through 65 countries and discovered potentials for international business. He began an import business in California but then moved to that jewel of free enterprise, Hong Kong. Ira's company, the Lark Group, augmented its international trade business with a chain of movie theaters in Asia.

Ira's deep affection for Hong Kong and the Chinese people was expressed as follows: "Hong Kong is the only place on Earth where you can conceive an idea at 9 AM, have it incorporated by noon, and earn your first profits by 6 PM."

Address Changes

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Walter Butler, 1116 Presley St. Atmore, AL 36502.

Moves

Mate **Hughes Brockbank** (1101 First Street #201, Coronado, CA 92118), 1948-49 national vice-president and 1949-50 national treasurer, has moved from Scottsdale, Arizona and opened still another business. Hughes started in the janitorial supply business, moved into petroleum exploration and production and, along the way, invented the "fire log" composed of sawdust bound together with petroleum wax. Hughes was a state senator in Utah and chairman of the Senate finance committee. Hughes is wonderfully healthy, perhaps as the result of Mormon prohibitions of various unwholesome activities.

Ray Millard, professional civic leader

The mechanism that works best for citizen input to public policy is America's array of civic organizations. Political parties respond to initiatives from citizen groups. The Jaycee experience teaches this lesson.

A champion civic organizer and administrator was Mate **Ray Millard**. Ray was president of the Wisconsin Jaycees and a national vice president. He then became a member of the professional staff of Kiwanis International and later the United States Jr. Chamber of Commerce. That was followed by service as chief staff executive of Optimist International. On the side Ray was a prominent leader of the Boy Scouts of America, receiving the highest award for leadership - the Silver Beaver Award.

Ray passed away on March 19, 1999 at age 91 in LaMarque, Galveston County, Texas,

Inspiration for a Second Generation

Patrick O'Brien, son of mate **Timothy O'Brien** (PO Box 624, Portland, TX 78374) attended the John Ben Shepperd Youth Leadership Camp in Odessa, Texas last summer. The camp is the creation of former USJCC president **John Ben Shepperd**. John Ben was elected unopposed when there were no rigged elections. His political talent was represented by his being attorney general and later secretary of state of Texas.

A Tragic Loss

USJCC Executive Vice President (and mate) **John Shiroma** (3725 S 74th West Pl, Tulsa, OK 74107) and wife Maggie lost their daughter Sarah in a tragic accident on August 11, 1999. Many of you remember Maggie from her service on the USJCC staff for many years. 18 year old Sarah had recently graduated from high school, and was scheduled to enter college within a few weeks. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to John and Maggie in this time of sorrow.

Fertile Family

A ninth grandchild is due in October for mate **Larry Sheeler** (510 Alpine Way, Mt. Charleston, NV 89124). Larry was U.S. JCI Senate President in 1987-88. Larry sends best wishes to all his wonderful friends in the Jaycee world.

News from the US Jaycees Foundation...

US Jaycees Hall of Leadership

The US Jaycees Foundation will be inducting the first members of the new millenium into the US Jaycees Hall of Leadership at the 17th Annual Hall of Leadership Luncheon, to be held in January 2000 in Washington, DC. Nominations will be accepted until October 15, 1999.

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 1999 Annual Meeting in Niagara Falls, NY, the Foundation awarded the final Chapter Grants for 1999. Many new and innovative Jaycee projects have been conducted with help from these grants. Grants were presented to Jaycee chapters in Cheshire, CT; El Dorado, KS; Manhattan, KS; Saginaw, MI; Ord, NE; Garner, IA; West Warwick, RI; Alhambra, IL; East County, WA; Lamar, CO; Great Bend, KS; and Premier, NY.

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.

Hal Herman, USJCC Executive Vice President in a Glorious Period

Mate **Hal Herman** (2400 South Finley Road, Apt. 174, Lombard, IL 60148-4869) served on the headquarters staff of the USJCC from 1941 until 1946. He started as the publications secretary and, later, editor of FUTURE magazine. National presidents during Hal's service were **Mark Mathews, Walt Finke, Bill Shepherd, Bruce Palmer, Mearns Gates** and **Henry Kearns**. Hal's staff consisted of friends of older members of The Crew. Remember **Ray Millard, Jack Hufford, Doug Timmerman, Walt Stone, Rex McMorris** and **Charles Boney**.

In 1944 Hal raised the funds for the first meeting of Junior Chamber International in Mexico City. Funds were raised by personal calls on Thomas J. Watson, Sr. CEO of IBM, Samuel Pryor, Vice President of Pan American Airlines, Robert Johnson CEO of Johnson and Johnson and Eddie Rickenbacker, President of Eastern Airlines.

Hal would like to hear from members of The Crew who were active Jaycees in the World War II era.

A Word from USJCC President Chris Reese

Memories of Reunion '99

