

# THE SENATE SPIRIT

**Service to Humanity is the BEST work of life**



Hello Fellow Senators,

My name is Lucy Heroux #71753 and I was recently elected as MA JCI Senate President. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as well as my family and my history with the Jaycees.

I became a Jaycee of the Taunton Chapter back in August, 1996. I was a recent new mom of a 2 lb. 6oz. premature baby boy and had a 2 ½ year old daughter. My son was born with complications; hearing and speech impairment, heart condition, seizure disorder, dyslexia...but this didn't stop him. He has turned out to be a wonderful, caring, loving, young 20 year old college student.

When my son turned 2 ½, I was told that he needed hearing aids. I found out that our health insurance would not pay for hearing aids. I had to quit my job working for the state because of my son's health complications and only my husband worked to support all of us at that time. Without my knowledge, this was presented to the Taunton Jaycees and they came forward to help my husband and me by donating funds to help supply my son with hearing aids. Because of that donation, it made things easier and quicker to get my son fitted for them and within a few weeks, I heard the very first words and sounds coming from my son. That was the best gift anyone could have ever given me and my family.

The Jaycees taught me how to run very small projects to very large ones with some great turn outs and some not so great...but this never stopped them...they kept pushing forward and would do whatever it took to succeed. I learned to speak in front of large crowds with confidence. This is something that I had never done prior to joining the Jaycees, so for this I thank them.

I held many positions in the local chapter, as well as the state chapter; secretary, treasurer, president and these positions were held for more than one term at times.

When the Taunton chapter decided to fold, I was invited to a final good bye dinner. I was very happy to hear that I was not forgotten. During the dinner, I was awarded with the greatest honor --- becoming Senator#71753. This was one of my happiest days I had ever experienced!

I hope as President of the MA JCI Senate I can continue to learn and grow with this wonderful organization. Joining the Jaycees was the best decision that I had ever made. I had never done community service before and what this chapter stood for was beyond my expectations.

I look forward to serving you as your president and hope to make all of you proud.

Sincerely,

Lucy Heroux#71753  
MA JCI President 2016-2017



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**MA JCI Senate Vice President-2016-2017 – David Fisler#73056**

Let me introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. I am David Fisler #73056.

I was honored and surprised to receive my Senatorship. I have been involved with the Foxboro JC's since I was 16 years old and it seems like only yesterday. I started out by wiring their Haunted House for them each year. As I got older, I stayed involved and learned about all the different projects that they do. I joined when I was old enough and have held many different positions; chapter president, all VP positions with the exception of secretary and even state president back when we had a state organization. I am looking forward to being your new Senate VP and look forward to learning more about the Senate organization and what we do.

Thank you,

Dave Fisler#73056



**MA JCI Senate COB – 2016-2017 – Paul Carney#10861**

Great News!!! Our JCI Senate organization has an executive board consisting of young blood, high energy, good looks and new visions excepting the two Pauls-one as treasurer-Paul Lafleur#23987- and the other as C.O.B. The election process went smoothly at our May meeting at Seafood Sam's in Sandwich, on the Cape Cod Canal, chaired by Maria Teixeira#71754. The Scholarship recipients, Katie Curran and Nate Ryan, were articulate as they are bright, and this was chaired by Marilyn FR#53 and Ed #13028 Lariviere.

Over all, this organization is very cohesive. As I agree, we have the traditionalists continually pitching in and volunteering like Martha, Jan, Pat, Debbie, Kathy, Sue, Charlie, Jim, Stu, et.al, I extend due credit to Walter and Cathy Cahoon; they are the glue that now keeps this organization tight since the passing of Jim Calder. This does not necessarily mean we all sit back and relax. We must continue to be supportive and constructive. A good example of this is Kathy Collins who continually feeds us with information about the October Fall Frolic in Portland, ME and then onto Quebec. I hope there is a resurgence of support by some of the less participatory senators to do your thing and show your appreciation of your Jaycee training and organization. Good Luck, President Lucy.

Respectively,

Paul Carney#10861

COB



Scholarship Chairpersons-Ed #13028 & Marilyn FR#53 Lariviere & recipients- Katie Curran & Nate Ryan

2016-2017 MA JCI Senate Board of Directors sworn in by Region 1 NVP-Mary Anne Johnston



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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This has been a busy last couple of months. At the Region I Caucus in May, we elected Bob Mossdrop #36584 from the New Hampshire Senate as our new Region I Vice-President. Bob was sworn in in Greensboro, NC along with the 9 other Region VP's who will be part of the New Executive Committee for 2016-17.

After the Caucus, we took a week off and then went to Seafood Sam's in Sandwich for the MA JCI Senate Annual Meeting and Election where Lucy Heroux #71753 from Taunton was chosen to represent Massachusetts during the coming year. Congratulations Lucy; you will have a good year.

In June, we attended the National Convention in Greensboro, NC where we elected our 45<sup>th</sup> Senate President, Jim Mammen #37122 from IL.

Another notable happening was the awarding of the Jim Calder Memorial Award for the Outstanding Senator who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities throughout a long career of Jaycee and JCI Senate work. This year's recipient was WV Senator Konrad Melkus #13787. Congratulations Konrad!

Lastly, we met up with an old friend of the MA JCI Senate, John Kuczynski #21470 who joined us on Wednesday for a Region I Dinner that evening. We were able to catch up with John and his doings. John now lives in Greensboro, so it was easy for him to drop in and see us. Other notable guests were MA Senators Ted #43335 and Barbara Volante who are now living in Conway, SC and who also spent a couple of days with us. On the whole, Region 1 was represented by at least 21 members if not more. Massachusetts was the recipient of a couple of awards: the most submittals for the MENTORS, and also the winner of a Road Runner Award for the most "interesting" photo of the Road Runner. "Beep! Beep!"

The Fall Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Michigan September 15-18. Flyer will be e-mailed separately. If you don't see it, please let me know.

Plans are also underway for the Fall Frolic in Portland, Maine and also the World Congress in Quebec City, Quebec.

Several other happenings are going on in Region I including Connecticut's Summer Picnic on July 23 and our beautiful Cape Cod Canal Cruise on Saturday, August 27.

Look through the issue and see what other great things are waiting for you in Region 1!



Walter with John Kuczynski & Mike Bearon in Greensboro, NC

Walter Cahoon #27223



Walter Cahoon (previous Jim Calder Award Winner) escorts Jan Calder. Konrad Melkus, this year's winner of the award with his wife JoAnn, & President CJ Jordan

## REGION 1 CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

For those of you who missed the May Caucus, I have been asked once again to assume the position of Chaplain. State Presidents; please let me know who the chaplain is in your state and their information. Thanks in advance.

### Senator Passings

#### Rhode Island:

*Senator Arthur Corvese #7047* passed away on June 11, 2016. Cards and expressions of sympathy can be sent to his wife Olive at: 1650 Douglas Avenue #1305, North Providence, RI 02904.

*Senator John "Jack" Napolitano#41648*, passed away on June 23, 2016. Cards and condolences can be sent to his wife Jeanne Marie at: 34 Malbone Road, Newport, RI 02840.

*Senator Robert L. Belanger#4251* passed away June 21, 2016. He is survived by his wife Virginia. Condolences can be sent to her at 135 Hilltop Dr, East Greenwich, RI 02818-4251.

### Family Members

Richard F. "Dick" Connors, brother of *MA Senator Frank Connors #34682*, passed away on June 1, 2016. Cards and condolences can be sent to Frank at: 780 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA 02154.

Pasquale J. De Rosa, father of *Linda Stonoha-Gorzelany#47996 & father-in-law of Ed Gorzelany#65808* passed away and was buried on July 17, 2016. Cards may be sent to Linda & Ed at 72 Derbyshire, Derby, CT 06418.

### Prayers Needed

Ray Carpenter Jr., Son of the late *MA Senator Ray Carpenter #18505*, is in need of prayers. Ray (known as "Ray Jay" in his younger days), is battling an aggressive form of cancer. He's in for quite a fight. Cards and well wishes can be sent to Ray at: 108 School Street, New Bedford, MA. 02740.

*MA Senator Frank Kobbs #23482* is scheduled to go in for surgery. The implant he had done for his hearing 12 years ago has failed. Surgery is scheduled for July 29, and will take a couple of weeks to heal... and then programming for the new implant can begin. Frank will be without sound for 3 – 4 weeks, which is stressful, but at least it can be fixed. Cards of encouragement can be sent to him at: 14 Church Street, Natick, MA 01760-4737.

### Good News

*ME Senators Ed Thibault#51431 and Gail Sumner#46588* were married on June 18, 2016. Cards and congratulations can be sent to Ed & Gail at: 4 Coles Corner Road, Winterport, ME 04496.

*MA Senator Mellyssa Coutinho#71755* & husband John welcomed another boy on May 26, 2016. Travys Gunner Coutinho weighed in at 8 lbs and was 20" long. He is the little brother of Benjamyn. Well wishes can be sent to them at 58R Tremont St, Taunton, MA 02780.



Walter Cahoon #27223  
Region 1 Chaplain

## Region One Foundation Representative Report- Jeff Kass

We have started a new Senate year, and the US JCI Senate Foundation is once again seeking your support so that it can give out at least the same number of scholarships that it gave out last year (20), or perhaps more. You can support the Foundation by participating in the 300 Club raffle. Each month, six numbers will be drawn. There will be one \$100 prize, three \$50 prizes and two \$25 prizes. That's six winners each month for twelve months or 72 prize winners in all. You will never get better odds in a raffle than this one.

Tickets are \$10 each or six for \$50. If you buy \$50 worth, then \$50 will be added to your Foundation account. The first drawing will be July 20<sup>th</sup>. If you commit to me by this Friday, I will see to it that your tickets are entered in the July 20<sup>th</sup> drawing. I do not need your money by this date. Just let me know how many tickets you want, and they will be placed in the July 20<sup>th</sup> drawing.

Checks should be made payable to the US JCI Senate Foundation and mailed to me at 5 Silvermine Manor, Brookfield, CT 06804.

Thanks for your support,

Jeff Kass#32300

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### CONGRATS TO BERNARD PLANETA

Congratulations to Bernard Planeta for completing four years as the Amvet's District 6 Commander, which comprises of Stoughton, Avon, Randolph and Millis.

He was also recognized by the New England director of the VA Hospitals for giving 1000 hours of volunteer time. He was presented with a certificate and special pin at an achievement dinner.

Bernard is an Air Force 4 year Veteran and also past commander of the Stoughton Amvets Post, a member of the Stoughton American Legion and an associate member of the VFW.

If you would like to help support this newsletter with your ad or business card, please contact Walter Cahoon at [jciwcahoo@msn.com](mailto:jciwcahoo@msn.com) or by phone - (508) 824-0786 for more information regarding rates and longevity.  
Thanking you in advance.

**REGION 1 CAUCUS**



**ME  
NH**



**RI**



**VT**



**CT  
MA**



**MAY ELECTIONS AT SEAFOOD SAM'S, SANDWICH. MA**



**TAUNTON  
DELEGATION:  
  
DEBBIE, DENISE,  
JOHN, LUCY,  
MARIA,  
WALTER, CATHY  
& PAT**



**PLAYING –  
  
WHERE ARE WE  
GOING NOW?**



# JUNE CONVENTION IN GREENSBORO, NC







Region 1 in Greensboro, NC

Back Row: Joy Pottle, Jan Calder, Sharon & Mike Bearon, Walter Cahoon, John Kuczynski, Wayne MacDonald, Cathy Dempsey, Bonnie Blaisdel, Nancy Gianetti, Dan Stolzenberg, Michele Tarantino

Front Row: Cathy Cahoon, Jack Pasquale, Colette Welch, Ed Hayward, Sue Pasquale, Bob Mossdrop, Mary Anne Johnston, Merrill Pottle, Kathy Collins, Charlie Welch

### **World Congress 2016 Quebec City Update**

Kathy Collins has been to quite a few World Congresses and has graciously put together some updated information for those of Region 1 who are going to this upcoming World Congress.

**USJCI Senate Fleece Jacket Option:** You may have seen this jacket on display in Greensboro in Products run by Newton Standridge. It is a medium blue fleece with the US JCI Senate logo on it. **It is going for \$40 so contact Newton if you would like one to see if he has any available.**

**World Congress Pins:** Newton is also carrying these pins for swapping if so desired. They are round with a map of the USA on them. They cost \$5 each or three for \$10.

**Business Cards for World Congress:** Business cards with your picture on them are nice to hand out to people that you meet. You won't need 500 or even 100 but they can be done up from Newton or anywhere that does printing. It's nice to keep in touch with new friends.

## World Congress Information – Continued

**American Flag for Opening Ceremony:** Small American flags are easy enough to pack into your suitcase for the Opening Ceremony. We will wave our flag when the current US Junior Chamber President, Laurence Bolotin, walks across the stage. The presidents of all the nations in JCI will be there with their families and will be featured in the Opening Ceremony. Sometimes I've brought it to the Final Gala too to add to the table.

**What to Do During the Day:** If you decide not to take a Senate Tour, your registration entitles you to access all events that are open to the Jaycees. General Assembly will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of World Congress week. They are like United Nations sessions, complete with headphones and simultaneous translators. They are business meetings of JCI itself. The Trade Show is a lot of fun and it varies by host country. Often booths will offer food or a beverage from their native area. The Official Program will be updated continually until we go. Events at the Convention Center are listed as in "CCQ". Check the website for more information.

**Your Passport:** Make sure you check the expiration date to make sure it is ok. If not or you do not have one or the passport card used to drive into Canada, start the process now so you don't have to worry about it.

**Tuxedo or Suit?:** The final Presidential Gala is a black tie event. Many will wear tuxedos. A good looking dark suit with a long sleeved white shirt and sharp tie should be ok. Ladies can bring a long dress for the gala or a long skirt and sparkly top. The Senate Dinner is a business suit event. We may get more guidance on the website later to the appropriate dress for certain functions.

I am looking forward to being with you in Quebec City. If anyone has any ideas to add, write back to me or to all and we can discuss. If you have attended World Congress before and remember a favorite daytime experience, you could share that.

Kathy Collins#51469

Whew! I don't believe that this newsletter is finally completed. Sorry for the delay and hopefully all of your articles have been included but there has been a lot going on since coming back from Greensboro. Any flyers that were mentioned previously have been sent out separately as we had more articles and information to include. If you did not see the flyer, please let us know and we will send it out to you again.

If you have any articles or pictures to include in the next newsletter, please forward them on to us at [jciwcahoon@msn.com](mailto:jciwcahoon@msn.com).

Walter#27223 & Cathy FR45 Cahoon- Newsletter Co-editors