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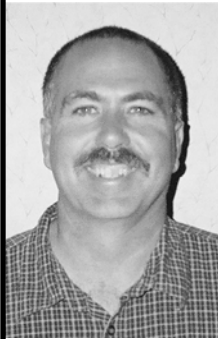
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Thoughts From Our 2006-2007 JCI President Rick Spearow

Greetings Nebraska JCI Senate!

One of the great things about our organization is with every ending, there is a beginning! Here I am writing the last article as President of the NE JCI Senate, or the first as Chairman of the Board, take your pick. I have always been

one to procrastinate when it comes time to writing newsletter articles, mainly due to the fact I want to present the most recent news and or thoughts possible. Sounds good in theory anyhow!

At the beginning of my year as President, I stated my main goal was to stabilize our treasury. With projects such as hospitality at the National Convention in St. Louis, NU/MO football social and the Region VI Spring meeting, we were able to grow our general checking account to the point that we have transferred an additional \$3000.00 into our life funds. I want to thank Pat Shuster #42614, Lee Dunn #51973, Norma Dunn #57920 and the many other Nebraska Senators who donated time, funds and items to help make each of these projects all a huge financial success.

Along with success, there was also disappointment in not being comfortable enough with our position to bid the Fall 2007 BOD meeting in Omaha. As a board we did not feel comfortable in risking our treasury on this event. However, a huge thank you to Bob Mancuso #51100 for his hours of work helping us work out details for the possible bid....it definitely did not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

We did "Plunder the Fun" in Region VI under the direction of our very own Region VI Vice President, Marilyn Mueller #51429, has she in true Nebraska spirit did a superb job leading our Senate family from the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri. Great Job Marilyn!

And to close, congratulations to our 2007/08 President, Ruben Ventris #64569 and his board! I believe the future of the Nebraska JCI Senate is in the hands of a very motivated and capable leader for this coming year, and he will only continue to grow our organization stronger! Best of luck!

"Shook, Rattled and Rolled!"

Rick Spearow #61859

2006/07 NE JCI Senate President

2007/08 NE JCI Senate COB



Ruben Ventris

Our 2007-2008 President

Hello Nebraska JCI Senators,

Please allow me to introduce myself... My name is Ruben Ventris # 64569 and I would like to thank you for allowing me the honor of serving you as the 2007/2008 NEJCI Senate President.

A little background for those of you who don't know me yet... I moved from Oklahoma to Nebraska in 1990. I was a charter member of the Duncan Jaycees in 1991 and was a member until they folded in 1993. I joined the David City Area Jaycees in 1996 and was local president in 1997 and 1998. I then joined the Fort Calhoun Chapter in 2000 after moving to the big city. It was through my involvement in Jaycee youth competitions that I was given the opportunity to become the Nebraska State Coordinator for the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick program. A position I still hold. Jaycees also gave me the opportunity to meet and marry a "Checker Chick". Ask me about that sometime. I'm sure my version will be different than Deb's.

It is because of these and other opportunities that I am a strong believer in the Return The Favor program. We will have many discussions about this in the future.

That being said... Let me introduce you to the rest of this year's board...

Chairman of the Board: Rick Spearow # 61859 Vice-President: Mike Francis # 66144

Treasurer: Lee Dunn # 51973 Secretary: Lloyd Mueller # 57186

Historian: Pat Shuster # 42614 Chaplain: Norma Dunn # 52790

Membership: Marilyn Mueller # 51429 Silent Auction: Paul Huss # 61272

First Timer's: Daryl Steinman # 59574 Hospitality: Deb Ventris # 64035

Freshman Senators: Jennie Rasmussen # 62833

We currently still have openings for the positions of Newsletter Editor and Return The Favor. Call or e-mail me if you are interested in any off these. Come be a part of this year's team as we are "Making Things Happen" Check this newsletter for upcoming events and give me your thoughts on things you would like to see done.

Again it is an honor to serve as your president.

Come join us while we are "Making Things Happen"

Ruben Ventris # 64569

2007/2008 NE JCI President

P.S. - I will be sending out e-news updates the 1st of every month. If you have not received one to date, please send me your email address.

First timers

I am finally old enough to be an aged out Senator and as such I have accepted chairing First Timers for the Senate. I plan on working closely with the Nebraska Jaycees First Timers Program Manager Zach Dean as he has the excitement, ideas, and youth to accomplish a lot of things. Hopefully we can keep bringing more first timers to convention throughout the year. I also plan on revamping the questions given to the participants in their First Timers Book. We can always use those tried and true questions....but do you have any questions you would like to see in the First Timer's Book? If so, then drop me a line at steinman1@windstream.net. All questions are free game, but please provide me with the answer. One thing I do plan on doing this year is passing out an answer sheet at Sunday Morning Excitement Seminar so even the old time Jaycees present will know the answers. I know I've heard more than one comment in the past where someone said "I wonder what the answer to that question was.." So any help you can provide to this new old-timer would be appreciated.

Thanks

Daryl W. Steinman

Senator #59574

Freshman Senators

Hello Nebraska Senate,

I am the temporary Freshman Senators chairperson for 2007/2008. President Ruben is looking to fill this position so if you are interested please give him a call at 402-491-0924. Since I have held this position for the last two years, I have all of the materials that you should need for the packet to give to the new Senators or you are welcome to make up your own. If you have any questions in regards to the position, let me know.

We had very few Senatorships given out last year so I ask everyone to please contact any local chapters that you feel may have a person deserving of a Senatorship. If the chapter gets the paperwork completed in the near future, it can be awarded at 2nd quarter convention in July. If you do not feel comfortable contacting the chapter, please let me know and I would be more than happy to make the call.

Deb Ventris #64035
402-491-0924

Breaking News!!! Jennie Rasmussen # 62833 from Fremont has just been appointed as your Freshman Senator Program Manager.



Jennie Rasmussen

Chaplain's Corner

CHAPLAINS REPORT

Condolences went out to the following:

Senators Lee & Norma Dunn,

on the passing of Lee's father,

Edwin Lee Dunn SR, March 16th.

He passed away at his home from a massive heart attack.

Senator Paul Huss & his wife Christy

on the passing of Christy's father

Tom Pallas on March 22nd.

He passed away at his home from a massive heart attack.

Past USJCI President John Price & his wife Deb,

on the passing of Deb's mother.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to each of them.

Congratulations go to all of the 2007 high school/college graduates as they begin the next step(s) into their life.

If there are any wishes you would like to have reported please let me know

So I can place them in my articles.

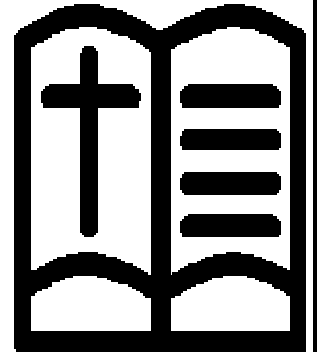
Norma Dunn Senator #57920

NEJCI Chaplain

Thank you to all for the thoughts, prayers and wishes at the time of Lee's dad's passing. It helps greatly to know there are friends there when you need them the most.

Thank you again

Lee and Norma Dunn



Nebraska/Missouri Football Game



Pat Shuster

For those Senators and Guests who have purchased there tickets thru the Nebraska JCI Senate, here is the information for the Hotel that we will be staying at:

Lake of the Woods Super 8 Hotel

5700 Freedom Drive (Exit 131 off of I-70)

Columbia, MO 65202

Phone# 573-474-8307

Rooms blocked under the Missouri-Nebraska JCI Senate, Tell them when booking your room to get the rate for our group.

Room rate is \$77.29 + tax per night for 1-2 people to a room, \$83.59 for 3-4 people.

Rooms will be held in this reserved block until one moth prior to game. The game again is Saturday October6, 2007.

Any further questions please give me a call or email me.

Thanks!

Patrick Shuster Senator#42614

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News On Senate Membership

The U.S. Junior Chamber says any woman that was a member of it's affiliates for 5 years prior to 1985 is now subject to be given a JCI senatorship.

This includes the Jayceette's or any of the fore-runner organizations, i.e.: Jaycee Wives, Jaycee Jane's, Sioux City Soo's, Mrs. Jaycees and others.

Sincerely,

Marlin Sanny # 13967



Marlin Sanny

Senate Hospitality

Nebraska Senate,



Deb Ventris

Just wanted to let you know that I am chairing the hospitality room for 2007/2008. In the past everyone has been so generous with their donations and I ask that you please keep this up. The 2nd quarter Jaycee convention will be here before we know it, July 20th - 22nd in Columbus so please mark that date on your calendars. If you have any suggestions on things we can do to improve the hospitality room please let me know and I will see what we can do.

Deb Ventris #64035
Hospitality Room Chairperson

Silent Auction

Hello fellow Senators,



Paul Huss

I hope you are having a great Spring. I am looking forward to running the Silent Auction this upcoming year for the JCI Senate. I have seen a lot of great items in the past....both practical and creative. I want to thank everyone who has donated something in the past to help us raise funds. If you have something that you just don't need any longer and it is in good shape, donate it to the Senate. Go to the stores and look for bargains and create your own gift idea. Often times you can create a great gift basket or cooler for less than \$10. I have seen these items go for as much as \$25 so be creative and have fun. If you have something to donate, you can send it to my home at:

Paul Huss

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I promise that every item that I receive directly will be on the auction. If you would rather send money and have me create an auction item, I can do that also.

Looking forward to a great year....remember bid high and bid often.

Paul Huss #61272

Farwell from the Editor (For Now.....)



Editor at rest!!!!

I would first off like to thank the following people for allowing me to do the newsletter the past few years, Lee Dunn who has been a pain in my %@&! , but I always had to laugh at the ribbing we gave each other, and Mr. Dunn you have not heard the last of me yet, and to LeaAnn Ford, what can I say where has the time gone, it seems like only yesterday that we worked together on the MYF, and to Rick Spearow, I will never forget shoving a cream pie in your face. The three of you will always have a special place in my memories as I hope I do in yours.

I hope my replacement enjoys the position as much as I did and if I can be of any help just give me a call.

Thank-you

Mike Nixon #62817 Retiring Newsletter Editor

Return The Favor– National Chair LeaAnn Ford**RETURN THE FAVOR**

"Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!"

Don't go chasing white rabbits; they can't help you. The FINAL deadline for Return the Favor is June 1st. I need to have your submissions in my hands (not postmarked) by June 1st. You have the opportunity to go back to June 1st 2006 and submit hours for projects that may have missed the previous deadlines. I've heard about the outstanding support the senators are giving the Jaycees. I am receiving letters of nomination for outstanding individuals which I will forward to the US Jaycees program to recognize the Return the Favor Senator by the US Jaycees at the September meeting in Omaha. These letters are also due to me by June 1st.

Thank you to Marlin Sanny, Rick Southwick, Marilyn Mueller, Lloyd Mueller who have submitted hours so far. And I know that the Tribbie's and Ventris' are submitting as well.

I know not everyone turns in hours because it's like patting yourself on the back. And I know you do it for the RE-wards not the A-wards. But wouldn't it be wonderful to share with the other states and the US Jaycees on how we are helping keep the Jaycees alive and ensuring a future for the US JCI Senate?

Region, state and individual Return the Favor performers will be recognized in Annapolis in June. The over all outstanding state RTF chairman will be recognized as well.

You can

- a.) snail mail hours to me at PO 214 Waverly NE 68462
- b.) email hours to me at lea59833@yahoo.com or
- c.) go on the www.usjcisenate.org website under programs and submit the RTF hours on the online form.

What ever is easier.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Lea Ann Ford #59833

2006-2007 US JCI Senate RTF Chair

NE JCI Senate C.O.B.

Secretary's Report

Nebraska JCI Senate Meeting

April 14, 2007

Grand Island, NE

Meeting called to order by President Rick #61859 at 1:40pm.

Pledge led by Paul Huss #61272.

Invocation led by Norma Dunn #52790.

No changes to the agenda, motion to approve by Paul Huss #61272, 2nd by Deb Ventris #64035 – agenda approved

Treasurer: Lee Dunn #51973 went over all the reports. Motion by Deb Ventris #64035, 2nd by Marlin Sanny #13967 to move \$3000 from checking account to Life Fund. Motion carried. Motion made by Ruben Ventris #64569, 2nd by Paul Huss #61272 to move 30% of silent auction income to Friendship Award Fund. Motion failed. Motion to accept Treasurer Report by Tom Powell #55812, 2nd by Paul Huss #61272. Motion carried.

Membership: Lloyd Mueller #57186 was not present but President Rick report that we are +4 for the year - 225 total members.

First Timers: Charlie Denson #65757 was not present but President Rick reported there are 13 first timers at this convention.

Return the Favor: LeaAnn Ford #64035, National Program Manager, advised that submissions are due to Nationals by June 1st.

Freshman Senators: Deb Ventris #64035 advised there are no new Senators to be presented at this convention. Also mentioned they were very few this year – please promote.

Newsletter: Mike Nixon #62817 was not present but President Rick advised the next deadline is May 15th to Mike at NEJCISenate@yahoo.com. Thank you to Lee Dunn #52790 for printing the last newsletter.

Old Business

USJCI Friendship Award: Marlin Sanny #13967 advised there were no submissions at the last National meeting.

Region IV Spring Region Meeting: Lee Dunn #52790 reported there were 110 people in attendance and the Senate made \$3,366.07. Also thank you to everyone that donated money or items for the hospitality room. Lee Dunn #52790 was also crowned Miss M&M at this meeting.



Teresa Denson



R. Gordon Hope Golf Tournament: Ruben Ventris #64569 report that due to the bad weather forecast , the tournament was cancelled. Instead Putt Putt Golf will be played in the court yard.

New Business

NU/MO Football: Pat Shuster #42614 was not present to report but President Rick advised that it is October 6th in Missouri. Contact Pat if interested.

Jaycee Foundation/Scholarships: Paul Huss #61272 had no report from the Foundation. LeaAnn Ford #59833 advised that Nathan Mertens, the son of Tammy & Dave Moore & Jim Mertens, from Waverly received a \$1000 scholarship from Nationals. Way to go Nathan!!

Vote on By-law Changes: Ruben Ventris#64569 presented the By-laws changes at the meeting. Tom Powell #55812 moved to accept all By-law changes as written, 2nd by Gene Stoddard #64044. Motion carried.

Election Committee and Elections: Election Committee comprised of Marilyn Mueller #51429, Marlin Sanny #13967 & Deb Ventris #64035. Elections were run by Chairman of the Board, LeaAnn Ford #59833. Tom Powell #55812 nominated Ruben Ventris #64569 for President and Paul Huss 2nd the nomination. Ruben Ventris #64569 accepted the nomination and was elected President for the 2007/2008 year. Motion by Paul Huss #61272, 2nd by Gene Stoddard #64044 to elect the rest of the board by acclamation. Motion carried. Mike Francis #66144 – Vice President, Lee Dunn #51973 – Treasurer, Lloyd Mueller #57186 –Secretary, Pat Shuster #42614 – Historian and Rick Spearow #61869 is Chairman of the Board. President Rick #61859 passed the gavel to the incoming President Ruben Ventris #64569.

Incoming Presidential Comments: Incoming President Ruben Ventris #64569 announced several appointments; First Timers – Daryl Steinman #59574, Hospitality – Deb Ventris #64035, Chaplain – Norma Dunn #52790, Membership – Marilyn Mueller #51429 and Advisor - Marlin Sanny #13967. If anyone is interested in an appointed position, please contact incoming President Ruben Ventris #64569.

Comments from the Floor: Marlin Sanny #13967 gave an update on the status of Senatorship qualifications.

Presidential Comments: President Rick #61859 thanked everyone for the help and support during the past year.

Adjourned with the Jaycee Creed at 3:04 pm.

Minutes of the meeting submitted by Mike Francis #66144.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

June 24-28 US JCI Senate Meeting Annapolis, MD
 July 20-22 NE JC Convention Columbus, NE
 Sept. 28-30 Region VI JCI Senate 2007 Fall Boards Fargo, ND
 Oct. 6 NU/MO Football Columbia, MO
 Oct 19-21 NE JC Convention York, NE

Senators Home Addresses

Just a reminder to all Senators, if you have moved or getting ready to move or change your address, please let me know. I will send an address request to the national office so you won't miss any mailings you get from them. We have a list of fellow Senators who we don't have address for, if you know where they live, please let me know so we can get them back on the mailing list.

Thanks

Marilyn Mueller #51429

Keeper of the Senate Roster

DO YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR INFORMATION IN OUR DATABASE?

If you have a change of address, phone number, email address, ect. ect., we are always updating our membership database, but we need your help. Please fill out the bottom part of this page and mail it to Membership Chair Marilyn Mueller #51429– 2103 W. 13th Street– Grand Island, NE 68803– 308-381-1931 or 308-385-5323 or fax 308-384-3367 or gifgp@aol.com Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated, Thank-you.

Name _____ Senator Number _____

Spouse Name (If applicable) _____ Home Phone _____

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"I sure hope Deb knows that she's writing all my speeches."



"We need to get Bigger Type."



"It's not yours yet, now give it back or I'm telling mom!!"



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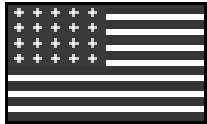
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