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"First Reunion" of the Nevada Jaycees.

May 1st, 2010 at High Noon in the Jaycee Park. Corner of Eastern and St Louis, Las Vegas, Nevada.

For Information call Larry Sheeler 702 682 7803.

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### United States

### JCI Senate & Jaycees

Dear fellow Senator's:

When I last had the opportunity to address you I was the President-Elect and had a big vision. I am pleased to say that since then not only was I honored with Senatorship #68292 but have been sworn into office. We have gotten the mentoring committee underway officially and I know many of you are already working with members of that committee to help us form regional teams to identify the most support and success available in regards to membership development and growth. The United States Junior Chamber has set a yearly goal to welcome 20,000 new members. We will not be able to achieve this goal without your support.

We are following the yearly theme of Listen, Learn and LEAD! This will allow our new members to listen to what ideas our Senator's may have, Learn from the experiences to which have helped us grow in the past and to Lead from what skills we have obtained. It is a great year for us and we are lucky that we not only have 38 extended chapters, a quarter of growth and excitement carrying over from 2009 but that we have the support of the Senatorship. We are using the "Power of Pride" as a recruitment theory which allows each prospect to bring their wants and ideas to the chapter. With your kind promotion and positive attitudes, we know friends and family you are in contact with will take advantage of being a Jaycee.

Please continue to share your feedback so that we can further enhance our relationship and I look forward to the next time we are able to cross paths.

Thank you for your time.

Jeff Lank, #68292  
90<sup>th</sup> President

Dear Senators,

As I write this letter, it is a bit bittersweet. Just as we start to gain momentum in our national organization, it is time to transition the reigns to the 90<sup>th</sup> President Jeff Lank. I certainly wish him the best as he leads our organization in 2010.

As I look back and reflect upon 2009, I remember the opportunity that I had to address our Senate organization. I had asked for your assistance in helping our chapters return to the basics. Not necessarily writing a chapter plan, but helping chapters develop them. The results are that we had success in 2009 particularly in terms of membership. I believe that success is reflective of bringing our chapters back to the Red, Green and Blue Chip programs.

We initiated the RED Alert program which was a four month intense program focused on growing our national organization. The results were that we grew two consecutive months and achieved growth in the third quarter of the year.

We increased the number of extensions over our 2007 and 2008 totals by nearly 20%. The first time this has happened since 1994. We finished the year with a 9.4% decline, however, that is the first time that the national organization has been less than 10% since 2004.

Most importantly, we focused on making our national organization financially stable and we should end the year with a surplus for the first time since 2006.

Our national organization showed progress in 2009. I'm very proud of each of the state president's that served their home states. They were focused and determined to help move our organization forward and each of them stepped up to the plate.

I'm very proud to have served The United States Junior Chamber as its 89<sup>th</sup> National President and I look forward to seeing many of you at an upcoming Senate meeting.

Thanks again for all your efforts this past year. The Senate is a valuable resource for the U. S. Jaycees.

In Jaycees,

John Weber, 89<sup>th</sup> National President  
The United States Junior Chamber

## Senators,

*It is my pleasure to introduce Walt Smith to add to my comments in Kissimmee, expanded here for your better understanding of the Jaycees Mentoring Committee. PLEASE take the time to send your name and information to us to add support to the US Jaycees – we will compile and send to the State Jaycee President.*

I would like to introduce myself; I am Walt Smith #51188, from the Ohio Jaycees. I was blessed to be asked to become a Jaycee on my 18th Birthday in 1986, and paid my dues up until this year as I have finally aged out of the organization. I have held just about every Local and State position in the Jaycees, besides becoming a Senator some of my accomplishments include: 10<sup>th</sup> Degree Jaycee, Blue Chip Chapter President, Blue Chip Region Director and Blue Chip State President. The Jaycees have helped me become the individual I am, and I owe them more than I can ever repay.

I am writing this letter because I have been appointed by US Jaycee President Lank to Chair the Mentoring Committee for the US Jaycees. I am writing this letter to you as the US Jaycees need your help. President Jeff is asking for interested aged out members to join the mentoring committee to assist in keeping the Jaycee movement alive in the US.

The Mentoring Committee is being formed to help current Jaycee members become as successful as we were during our years of service. His hope is that we can offer our vast knowledge and experience to the current member to once again make the Jaycees the #1 leadership training organizations in the US. The Mentoring Committee is being formed to assist our individual States to reach their membership growth goals for the year as well as help the US Jaycees reach their goal of 100 New Chapter Extensions and 20,000 New Member Adds for 2010.

How will the Mentoring Committee help the US Jaycees attain these lofty goals? The best answer is whatever means possible! We all have a great amount of experience recruiting, training, advising and implementing everything that the Jaycees stand for; we need to pass this along to the new generation. Whether it is assisting the local Region Director with their membership plan or how to call local chapters, or giving your State President a contact name from an area where an extension is being formed. Taking the opportunity to host a forum at the State Convention on recruitment or speaking at a Local Chapter Meeting about activating New Members. There are neither limits nor guidelines; the opportunity is what we as a committee make of it!

**Here is all I ask:** Anyone interested in joining or assisting the Committee, just send Newton Standridge 29407 Jaycee Liaison or myself your name, address, email and phone number so I can formulate a spread sheet to pass along to the State Presidents. The number of participants is unlimited, and the more spread across the State the better. There is no time requirement, travel requirement and we are not manpower, just willing Roosters hoping to see the organization thrive so our grandkids can sign up!

Once I have compiled the list of interested parties we can begin to assist the new generation to continue the legacy that we have forged for the US Jaycees.

I look forward to hearing from you all,  
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Mentoring Committee Chairperson  
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As we travel on the *Bridge to the Future we can help the Jaycees Learn, Listen and Lead*

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## Coming Events:

### FEBRUARY

5	Hawaii JCI Senate Old-timers Recognition Banquet		Hi
14	Florida 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	TBA	FL
25-28	Region VII Meeting- Mini National	Pigeon Forge	TN

### MARCH

12-14	Region VI Spring Meeting	Omaha	NB
26-28	Region V Spring Fling	Columbus	OH
19-21	Gathering of the Clan/Region X	Phoenix	AZ
TBA	KCTS Channel 9 PSB Pledge Drive	TBA	WA

### APRIL

08-11	MAI- Region II and III Meeting	Newark	DE
16-18	Region IV-Calabash Bash	Myrtle Beach	SC
17	Jim Ollis Memorial Golf Tournament	Myrtle Beach	NC
16-18	Oregon Meeting	Forest Grover	OR
17	New Jersey 40 <sup>th</sup>	Somerset	NJ
21-24	JCI Conference of the Americas (Old Area C)	Rosario, Argentina	
23-24	Idaho Spring Elections	Riggins	ID
23-24	Region IX Meeting	Riggins	ID
30	Illinois Meeting/TOYP	Decatur	IL
29-May1	Region VIII	Houston TX	

### MAY

1-2	Illinois Senate Election Meeting	Decatur	IL
10	"First Reunion" of the Nevada Jaycees	Las Vegas	NV
14-16	MO State Meeting/Elections	TBA	MO
15	NC Meeting	TBA	NC
20-23	Canadian JCI Senate Crew Meeting	Kingston On	

### JUNE

<b>14-17</b>	<b>US JCI Senate National Convention</b>	<b>Concord</b>	<b>CA</b>
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### International

February 04-07, 2010	4th ASE Board Meeting	Athens, Greece
April 08-11, 2010	5th ASE Board Meeting	Kuusamo, Finland
April 21-24, 2010	JCI Conference of the Americas (Old Area C)	Rosario, Argentina
June 09-13, 2010	6th ASE Board Meeting	Århus, Denmark

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I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, racked with sorrow, but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing.

- Agatha Christie

Feb 03, 1690, the first paper money in America was issued by the Massachusetts colony. The currency was used to pay soldiers who were fighting in the war against Quebec.

The fun begins with the Bud Shootout on Saturday, followed by the Daytona 500 on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Happy Valentines Day.

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*E-News Editor*