Service Projects

Now that Nationals is over and school is here, clubs should be shifting their focus to local service projects! This year, many of the state-sponsored service projects will have a common theme.

For those of you who traveled to Nationals and/or who have at one time or another attended Naperville North, you probably know Julia Wallace. Julia has decided to take a gap year before college in order to volunteer at an orphanage in Honduras. Because of this, she has reached out to many JCLers asking for supplies. In order to fulfill this need, the IJCL is asking local clubs, and individual members, to donate certain items at each IJCL-sponsored event.

Items will range from toiletries to school supplies, and more information will be sent out closer to each event as to what specifically is being collected at it.

In addition to helping Julia out with her project, the IJCL will also be mailing out information to each club in regards to Toga Treating for UNICEF. For this activity, students (non-Latin students are also welcome, the more the merrier!) don sheets made into togas and set out into their neighborhood around Halloween, with an introduction composed of their name, school, and a little about the JCL, and ask for donations to UNICEF.

In general, our goal this year is to increase service participation amongst all clubs. At the IJCL Convention, there is a service project award entitled the Friendly Hand of JCL, which is given to the school club that has done the most service that year. We encourage all clubs to apply!

-Samantha Hoffmann, 2nd VP
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Salvete vomnes! (For you Latin first-years, that means hey y'all! in Latin.) Bad jokes, banana-suited delegates, and memories to last a lifetime are only some of the things we brought back from nationals. This year’s national convention was held at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina from July 26 to July 31. Illinois delegates participated in a multitude of JCL activities. Highlights of this summer’s convention include—

- Former IL president Peter Chung’s election to the national board. Peter will serve as the NJCL 2012-2013 1st-Vice President!
- IL delegates certainly brought home the hardware: 21 individual Olympika awards, 44 academic awards, 10 graphic arts awards, and 14 creative arts awards.
- That’s Entertainment featured Illinois’s very own ‘Nois Boys, who performed an organized choreographed dance.
- IL’s novice certamen team placed 5th, intermediate also placed 5th, and...
- ...the advanced certamen team, comprising of captain David Jaffe, Meaghan Carley, Danny Washelesky, and Jayce Feiger competed in the finals and beat out Virginia and Massachusetts in a dramatic match (including a tiebreaker!) to win Illinois’s first national championship! Congratulations to the 2012 advanced team!

Next year’s national convention will be held at University of Nevada at Las Vegas, so we certainly hope to see more IL representation come nationals 2013!

Help Wanted: 1st VP

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Most non-Latin students regard Festivus as some crazy Seinfeld reference, but certainly not the Latin students in the IJCL! Festivus is a mini state convention held annually—this year, we will convene at Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park on Saturday, November 17th. If you can’t go a year without convention or if you’re new to the IJCL experience, Festivus welcomes you!

Things to expect at Festivus:

I. Lead your team in an Open Certamen round.

II. Attend a colloquium led by one of your favorite board members.

III. Play games like Mafia and Ninja with your fellow JCLers.

IV. Meet some cool cats of the JCL variety and eat lunch with them!

V. Participate in spirit competitions and roll call.

VI. Give back to the community in the IJCL-sponsored service project.

VII. Meet the board—they’re pretty awesome people.

So we’ll see you there, right?
Quid sit futurum cras, fuge quaerere, et quem fors dierum cumque dabit, lucro appone.

"Cease to inquire what the future has in store, and take as a gift whatever the day brings forth."

Horace, Odes I.9

UPCOMING EVENTS:

IJCL-South Convention: November 10th
Fall Festivus-Victor J Andrew High School: November 17
Toga Bowling: TBA
IJCL-North Convention: February 28-March 2

If you'd like to see your chapter's events, photos, or other fun things in upcoming Nuntius issues, email them to me at historianIJCL@gmail.com. Photos and upcoming events will appear on our website: iljcl.org.

Thank you for your support!