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Service Projects

Salvete, omnes!

I am about to inform you of an upcoming event that is so marvelous, so spectacular, and so incredible that I could exhaust my supply of Latin-derived adjectives describing its magnificence—not a facile feat, I assure you. This occasion will be bigger than the Flavian Amphitheatre, hotter than Mt. Vesuvius, sweeter than mulsum, more epic than the Aeneid, and—dare I say it?—greater than Zeus. Without further ado, it is my great pleasure to announce that from February 28 to March 2, 2013, at the Westin-Chicago Northwest, the Illinois Junior Classical League North will be hosting its 50th annual state convention!

A la Cicero, I won't even tell you all the wonderful details of this three-day adventure, like how hundreds of other classy Classicists will be present, how you can finally wear your best toga without being judged, or how the schedule includes games, dances, movies, skits, a talent show, miscellaneous hilarity, and animal noises. But I will tell you this: you will never forget the golden anniversary of the ILJCL. Whether you come for the contests or the camaraderie, whether you are a veteran JCLer or a new Latin lover, I promise that this convention will exceed all expectations.

On behalf of the entire Board, I want to thank you all for your unwavering dedication to the Classics, and I hope that you are as excited as I am about celebrating the ILJCL's (purple and) golden anniversary!

Ex imo pectore,

Danny Washelesky, IJCL President



Spreading the Friendly Hand of JCL

Salvete omnes!

The IJCL is sorry, but due to unforeseen circumstances Julia Wallace is no longer going to Honduras. Therefore, the planned service projects for both Toga Bowling and the 50th IJCL Convention have been changed. Instead of donating supplies and money that would go to Honduras, we are now donating supplies to PAWS Chicago, Chicago's first and largest no-kill animal shelter. PAWS also runs their own low-cost/free spay/neuter clinic, performing this operation for over 17,000 animals in the last year alone. They made history in 2007, opening the Midwest's first cageless animal shelter. Instead of being housed in crates, the cats and dogs are grouped together into different rooms. Some supplies that they are requesting include:

Items for dogs: Kong brand toys, Kong stuffing, Nylon leashes, Collars, Dog bowls (stainless steel), Dog treats, Dry and wet dog or puppy food (any brand), Dog brushes (new), Large/long rope

Items for cats: Cat toys, Dry and wet cat or kitten food (any brand), Litter boxes, 9x13x2 inches (aluminum disposable trays), Cat Bowls (stainless steel), Cat litter, Cat brushes (new)

General Items: 10,30 and 55 gallon trash bags, clean new or used towels, flat sheets, or blankets (micro fiber or fleece), unscented Clorox bleach, mop heads, small paper plates, rubber cleaning gloves, paper towels, Windex

A more comprehensive list can be found on their website PAWSChicago.org. I have donated items to them numerous times in the past, so I can personally guarantee that all donations will be used and generously appreciated. We will be accepting donations for PAWS at each remaining IJCL event, and hope that all of you will participate!

In addition to helping out PAWS Chicago by raising supplies, we will also be donating money to be sent overseas to the Pompeii Dogs. The guides of Pompeii care for them and are kept in seemingly near-perfect health. The dogs of Pompeii are noticed by everyone who visits, including by this Second VP. They are extremely friendly, ready to lap a few sips from water you give them from your water bottle.

Finally, we are planning on having a colloquium at the IJCL Convention focusing on a service project. More details are to come, so keep your eyes peeled. Also, do not forget to nominate your school for the Friendly Hand of JCL Award! It is open to each school, a form can

be found on the IJCL website. I look forward to seeing all of your eager smiling faces soon!

E corde,

Samantha Hoffmann, 2nd VP

New to the IJCL?

Here's how to get started.

Perhaps you are a Latin student in a small school and you don't think you would be able to gather enough people to go to the Illinois Junior Classical League convention. Or, perhaps you have heard of IJCL but you think that you are not interested in attending. Then you, my friend, have made a mistake.

I know for a fact that anyone who will attend convention will love it. There is so much Latin fun to have and so little time! There are many activities to participate in and so many Latin lovers to meet at convention.

The activities at convention are numerous. To put your Latin knowledge to the test, you can join a Certamen team or observe their matches. To learn more classical knowledge or try something new, you can attend an interesting colloquium. To meet new people, you can eat ice cream at the ice cream social. To dress up in a toga with friends, you can attend the Roman banquet. We are doing a new and exciting thing this year to look forward to! Each school can design their own stickers and once you meet someone new at convention, you can put their sticker on your nametag - try to collect as many stickers as you can. There are so many more things to do, but I will leave those up to your discovery once you get to convention.

You may ask yourself, "How can I attend convention?" It is quite simple. You have to register your chapter with the IJCL and the NJCL. And you have to have a sponsor/teacher to come with you. To get more information and get a feel for the IJCL, go to our website: http://www.iljcl.org/ILJCL_website/Home.html

My name is Hannah Gallee and I am the first vice president of the IJCL. I hope you are able to come to convention and enjoy it as much as I do! I would love to answer any questions you may have by email, hgallee731@gmail.com.

Hannah Gallee, 1st VP

LOL: Latina Optima Lingua

The IJCL North had a busy fall: a pumpkin carving award, road-tripping through cornfields, and a Festivus for the rest of us. A delegation of ten IJCLers made an appearance at the annual IJCL South convention, held this year at Monmouth-Roseville High School in Monmouth, Illinois. Our delegates participated in a variety of contests, including pumpkin carving (our interpretation of Ixion won second place) and academic tests. Unfortunately, the IJCL North did not fare as well in the tug-of-war. However, many friends were made among the IJCL South, and we hope the IJCLS will join us at our 50th state convention in February!

At the fifth annual Fall Festivus, Latin students took part in all sorts of JCLicious events, such as roll call, open certamen, and colloquia led by IJCLers. This year, Festivus also included a game session that included childhood games like Duck, Duck, Goose; Mafia led by Andrew's Etinosa Ogbomo; and Ninja.

All Latin students should most definitely make the effort to attend both events next year!

Stephanie Wong, Secretary



Running For Office?

Well JCLers, that time has come again. The time just a few months before convention when the real veterans begin sharpening their pencils, hitting the books, and putting paint to canvas in their art projects. This is the time where all things JCL begin to take shape. But before you start boiling the macaroni for your magnum opus 1:1 replica of Michelangelo's David macaroni sculpture, consider this: do you want to win a small ribbon or do you want to do something really significant for this organization? If you answered the latter, you may want to consider running for office this year. Holding a board member office can be incredibly fulfilling, and will leave you with more than just a ribbon. While it is a big commitment, the experience you get will be one of the best in your young life. If you are at all interested, ask your Latin teacher or email me at tynan.bowyer@gmail.com. So instead of studying for another obscure Latin test on ancient diet and exercise, start writing your stellar GA speech for your campaign. As always, stay classy, classicists, I can't wait to see you all!

Ty Bower, Parliamentarian

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: ijcl.org.

Thank you for your support!

