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## Presidential Message

Fall Greetings to Vermont JCI Senators.

Last Friday my wife and I along with NVP Rosaire and Irene Longe were in Booth Bay Maine for the Maine JCI Senate meeting. It was held at the Costal Maine Botanical Gardens, 300 acres of flowers and trees. The meeting was held at 2pm after a lunch made by Dana and Cyndi Hall .

The meeting was interesting and covered a lot of Senate Business. We really missed Bob and Carol King, hope Bob's back gets better soon.

After the meeting Cyndi and Dana Hall took us to Booth Bay Harbor, then down to Maines hidden treasure, Harpswell , Maine. It has 216 miles of pristine coastline from Pott's Point to Land's End. It was established in 1758 on Casco Bay and borders Brunswick Maine. It's a must see if you are in Maine.

Many Thanks to Cyndi and Dana, super people and great friends. Even took us to a great restaurant at then end of the point so we ate with water surrounding us on three sides.

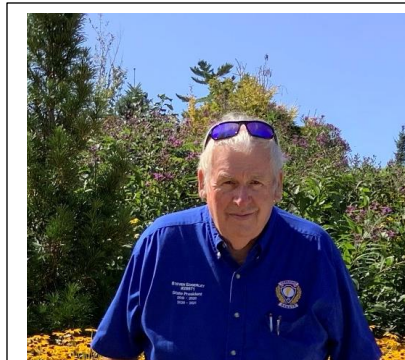
Vermont will not be hosting the Fall Frolic, the committee decided to keep everyone safe this year and we are going to host it next Fall. The committee has done a lot of work on this and we will have a super Frolic next October.

One last thing, our 200 club scholarship program, started out fast but returns have slowed down. Last year we raised \$ 1,215.00. Hope to do the same this year to give Rosaire # 28290 program a boost. For all the Senators that bought tickets last year Thank you and for this year a Big Thank you Also.

If for some reason you don't buy or sell the tickets please send them back to me so we can try and sell them. Would like to get them all back by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you all for your efforts.  
Steven Edgerley 28971  
VT JCI President

PS. Wishing our Regional  
1 NVP Rosaire Longe # 28290  
a fun and safe trip to Oklahoma  
for the September Board Meeting.  
He will represent New England very well.





Good Day, Dear Senators,

Much has occurred since our last newsletter. As you all are aware by now, the Vermont JCI Senate has postponed our Fall Frolic celebration. Our frolic committee has been very busy getting ready for the 40th Anniversary of our frolic. We had a number of Vermont Senators who advised us to consider cancelling due to Covid 19 amid concerns for their health and the health of others. After much consideration, the committee felt it was necessary to postpone our event. Thank you to those Senators who contacted us; it made a very difficult decision somewhat easier.

Thanks to the efforts of our NVP Rosaire Longe #28290, our fellow Region 1 States have graciously given us the opportunity to host the 40th anniversary next year. So, your committee will continue to work in preparation to host our belated celebration. On a positive note, we have secured a hotel in So. Burlington. Your committee has a leg up on preparations as much has already been solidified with the hotel. So, as we continue our preparations, we will keep you abreast of our progress towards Fall Frolic 2021.

As chairperson for the USJCI Senate's Future Directions Committee, the committee has been very busy getting ready to present two reports to the USJCI Senate's Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at the meeting on September 23-27. We are involved in creating a Strategic Plan which will cover the next three to five years for the Senate. In addition, we are looking at the funding mechanism in the long term for the USJCI Senate and how to increase the number of senators who attend national meetings and events.

So, on that note, if you have any ideas on the above topics, I invite you to contact me and give me your thoughts.

Yours in the Senate,

Bob King VP #36581

No report from Norma.

Norma Dailey #50954,  
VT JCI Senate Vice President



From the Chaplain,

Sorry to miss the annual VT JCI Senate picnic and the opportunity to be with my Vermont friends. This COVID issue has interrupted and interfered with all the planning we try to do. I did finally make it to Vermont the middle of August and have managed to see a few Senate friends. To the rest of you, I hope you and your families are healthy and able to avoid this terrible virus. It was very disappointing for those of us on the Fall Frolic Committee to come to the conclusion that in the health interest of ourselves and our fellow Senators Frolic should be cancelled this year. A lot of preparation has been done and we look forward to being able to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Frolic Anniversary in the future. With your help Vermont can once again have a Frolic where we can enjoy time with our many Senate friends from the New England area and beyond.

In these days of isolation, separation, and anxiety it is important to stay connected with friends. We aren't able to physically be together as in the past, but we can still stay in touch via phone, email, or notes with each other in these uncharted times. Reach out and brighten someone's day – you will feel better yourself. Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers –

Kay Jarvis, wife of Ken Jarvis #11216. Kay has recently been discharged from an Assisted Living/Rehabilitation facility and is receiving Physical Therapy assistance for strength and balance. Address - 35 Southwind Dr., Burlington, VT 05401

Robert "Bob" King #36581. Bob is suffering from painful back issues that have curtailed his Senate travels to events in Maine and Oklahoma. Address - 3 Sunset Ave., Montpelier, VT 05602

Wayne Pelkey #4970, Vermont's oldest living Senator and Past President of the Vermont Jaycees 1963-1964 has been having diabetic and sciatica issues recently and was unable to attend the annual picnic. His Jaycee and

## Chaplain Report Continue...

Senate spirit remains strong even though he's facing multiple life changes, and the sudden and unexpected loss of his wife, Irene. Address - 12 Clover Lane, Barre, VT 05641

Safe travels to Rosaire Longe #28290, Region 1 Vice President on his trip to Oklahoma for the US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting.

The Senators and families that have been affected by the protests and rioting, the Western wildfires and more recently the Southern hurricanes.

The world as we knew it has changed. We need to regain our Jaycee Spirit and continue to work together to bring it back to a place we can all be comfortable in.

Jane Chadderdon #71648, Chaplain



### Secretary's Report

JCI Senate Annual Picnic

August 8, 2020

Randolph Rotary Shelter, Randolph, Vt

Present: Cyndi # 48512 and Dana #41552 Hall from Maine, Steve #40470 and JoAnn FR # 73 Rowe and Kathryn , Bob # 36581 and Carol FR # 93 King, Steve # 28971 and Ann Edgerley, Norma Dailey # 50954, Karen Thomson # 52424 CT, Bob Mossdrop # 36584, NH, Mary Ann Johnson # 65901 NH, Rosaire Longe

Meeting started at 1 PM by President Steve # 1  
Presidential raffle was done by NVP Rosaire Longe  
Pledge of Allegiance was done by President Steve # 1  
Introduction of Guests by Rosaire Longe NVP  
Secretary's report by Ann Edgerley Motion and passed.  
Treasurers report by Steve Rowe, Motion and passed.  
Scholarship 200 club almost paid for 3 scholarships of \$ 500 each.

Fall Frolic banner to be past on to each State as they host the Fall Frolic.

Bob King- Futures Direction Committee Chairman gave a report on this committee, and what the 3 major things that they are focusing on. 1. Thoughts of how to get more people to attend National meetings, 2 Presidential sweepstakes, raises about \$ 36,000 for operational purposes. 3. Sub-committee forming a 3-5 year plan on USJCI Senate going forward. Social media not used by many older members.

Region 1 wrap up report by Cyndi Hall. Great year even with COVID 19 happening. Lots of Zoom meetings, virtual socializing Sept. 12 Maine Senate Meeting at Booth Bay Botanical Gardens with lunch. Hope many will attend.

Karen Thomson of CT. Fall Frolic and Causas, they want to bid on it at Fall Frolic in October.

NVP Rosaire Longe report on Region 1. Thanked Bob, Steve and Irene and Cyndi for the encouragement to go for NVP this year. The organization is made of mostly of older members. Not producing members. 4 chapters in Ct. 2 in Mass. 1. Reactivate members who are inactive. 2. Find inactive members that we can get active again and see if we can find JC members who could be Senators. Rosaire's motto this year is " We are friends living the JC Creed"

Newsletter – articles to JoAnn no later than Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Website, 4 pages of updates to the Webmaster sent by Steve Rowe,

Rosaire Longe, Scholarship winners, thanked everyone who bought 200 club tickets and thanked the 2/3 of the people who donated their winnings back.  
Dave Mason - Sara Allen 2006 was a scholarship winner. This year she was awarded teacher of the year for Woodstock High School.

Bob King, VP Report- Fall Frolic meeting Zoom on target for the frolic.

Norma Dailey VP Report No senate meeting.

Good of the Order: 200 club again this year to benefit the scholarship fund, Bob King, motion Steve Rowe second, passed. Tickets will be printed and hope to have them out by Sept. 1 50/50 raffle won by Dana Hall \$ 36.00

President Steve # 1 thanked everyone of his officers for giving him the chance to be President again this year. Moved to adjourn, Karen Jette, second Bob King. Passed.

JC Creed by NVP Rosaire Longe

Ann Edgerley, Secretary



First, the easy stuff. In September we renewed 26 of 28 members due with the 2 non renewed being members who had passed. This is going to be a situation that plays out more and more as we go forward. Many of our members are now in their 80's, some in their 70's, a few in their 60's, and just a couple in their late 50's.

Is there a realistic solution? In a sense, yes. While we can try and find candidates to honor with a Senatorship, most of those will now be in their late 50's or early sixties. We have a committee working on that as we speak. I understand they have several candidates that they are considering. It would be nice to have some new Senate blood to help our core group.

A more realistic solution is to find those non active Senators that we have here in our state and find a way to get them more active in our organization. In the past few years we have been fortunate to find several of those Senators who hadn't been active for many years, get them to a meeting, and we now find them involved in a major way. Two of those I'm talking about, are our current NVP Rosaire Longe # 28290, and our President Steve Edgerley # 28971. Once we got them involved, they both have jumped in with both feet, and have been very involved. Now we need to repeat that with other inactive Senators.

Most of you know by now that our plans to host the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall Frolic, have taken a major hit due to COVID - 19. Our original hotel, who we had done business with many times over the years abruptly pulled the plug on us late in August with no warning. We immediately went to a backup hotel and they were very eager to host us this year. However, when fellow Senators around our Region and the rest of the country heard the news, we received many concerns about going forward based on the ages of those possibly attending. After some soul searching the Frolic Committee decide to err on the side of caution and postpone this year's Fall

Frolic. With the agreement of the Maine JCI Senate ( the next state in line to host ) and the Connecticut JCI Senate ( who were considering hosting a Frolic / National Board Meeting ), they have both agreed to allow us to host Fall Frolic next year. We thank them immensely for their decisions.

While much legwork has already been done, it will give us a jump start when we get back to work on things at the beginning of the New Year. We will still need the efforts of many of you come October next year. Our core group of about 12 people will need more hands to make this an event that attendees will remember for many years. Whether you can give us several hours or several days, we will appreciate all your help.

We are currently working on our 200 Club fundraiser for the scholarship program. Tickets have been sent out. If you received tickets, please sell what you can, and get the stubs and money back to President Steve Edgerley who is in charge of this effort. If you did not get any tickets and feel you could sell a few, please contact President Steve. In any case, get your tickets, sold or not back to President Steve as soon as possible. We would like to begin drawing winners around the beginning of November.

Two third party's not associated with the Vermont JCI Senate, will be doing the drawing of the winning tickets weekly. The Newport City Clerk and the Newport Town Clerk will alternately draw weekly winners. Keep your fingers crossed that you will win something. Remember if you don't play, you can't win. Get your tickets now. A reminder – While we are not able to host an in person Fall Frolic this year, the Annual Region 1 Fall Frolic meeting must go on. A ZOOM version will take place on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Details below:

**Region I Fall Virtual Meeting– October 24, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern in the Zoom Meeting on your PC, Tablet link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81928800179?pwd=QVRFKzJ2bnNlIeFKVTVCUnJhY1hkdz09>

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Steve Rowe # 40470





## Scholarship Report

My Senate Friends;

I sure hope you are staying safe and healthy during this once in a lifetime pandemic. I'm eighty-one, and don't remember anything like this. Let's hope everyone follows the safety rules with mask, rubber gloves, washing hands often, and doing the social distinct practice. It has worked well for Vermont, and in continuing to do so, we'll see this pass, or a least keep our state the safest for all of us to go about our business and live our lives.

Well, it's that time of the year again, to put things together to get the scholarship packages ready to mail to the eighty Vermont high schools. It takes a little time, but worthwhile time, to do our part to help our bright young minds get the education that will make our next generation get ahead in the world that is changing every day. They face new ways to do things, and challenges that we never imagined. Higher education is the only answer to meet their future employment and life. And we can do our small part to help them achieve that preparation so they can face all that is in their future.

It all depends on you as a member of our Senate family to keep the scholarship program alive and continuing this signature program of the Vermont Senate. Sure, a few of us get the package of information and application out to the students, and they spend some time making out the application, followed by three Senators doing the judging, but none of that gets the necessary funds into the students' hands without you as the contributor. So please take a moment and think of an amount you feel comfortable to add to the fund that will benefit three winners with \$500 of help against their huge college tuition.

President Steve Edgerley #28971 and our Secretary Ann Edgerley have again created and sent out raffle tickets to help meet the \$1,500 needed to issue those scholarships. It is a painless way to support the program, and we all like the idea that we can win some green at the same time. Many gave back their winnings last year that helped get closer to our goal, and we give them a big "thank you". So please purchase or sell those tickets and make our work a little easier. If you were not one to receive the limited mailing, please send a check to Treasurer Steve Rowe for the number you want at \$10 each, and he'll have President Edgerley send you your tickets. Then listen for the call that you have won.....

**Vermont JCI Senate Scholarship Fund** donations to:

*Treasurer Steve Rowe #40470,*

*44 Sherry Road, So. Burlington, VT 05403*

Thank you for your support and generosity, and best wishes in Jaycee spirit.

Rosaire Longe #28290, Scholarship Chair

The Vermont Senate is always looking for donations. If you would like to donate, we have several options for you. General Fund, Scholarship Fund, Senatorship Fund, or any others you may wish to designate. Remember we are a 501c3 organization, so all your donations are tax deductible.

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I wish to donate to – General Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Senatorship \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a receipt. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

You may also use this form to update any of your information.

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Booth Bay Maine. President Steve and first lady, Ann



L to R Ann Edgerley, Irene Longe, Cindy and Dana Hall



Irene and Rosarie Longe

# National Vice President Report

## MY VERMONT SENATE FRIENDS

This being the first time I report to my Vermont Senate family as your elected National Vice President, I want to thank each and every one of you for the support and friendship I've receive. It is an honor and great responsibility to represent the Vermont Senate, and the other five New England states, at national meetings and events throughout Region One. And it is a duty I don't take lightly. You can be assured that I will do all that is necessary, and maybe a little more, to meet those responsibilities and keep Vermont's reputation at the high-level others have established previously. You have my word on that!

As you may understand, there has not been much activity of people getting together for meetings and socials with the pandemic still very active. The new way of life is doing those things on virtual arrangements so all are safe. For me, it is not the same being a person to person type or personality. Each state has been able to get their necessary business done through Zoom; a couple even having a social to at least chat it up, and a few 'toast' to whatever came to mind. So far, I've attended 19 virtual meetings, include several with national officers and five of the Region One state elections. Before May, I had never seen a Zoom connection, much less participated in one. (guess at 81, never too old to learn)

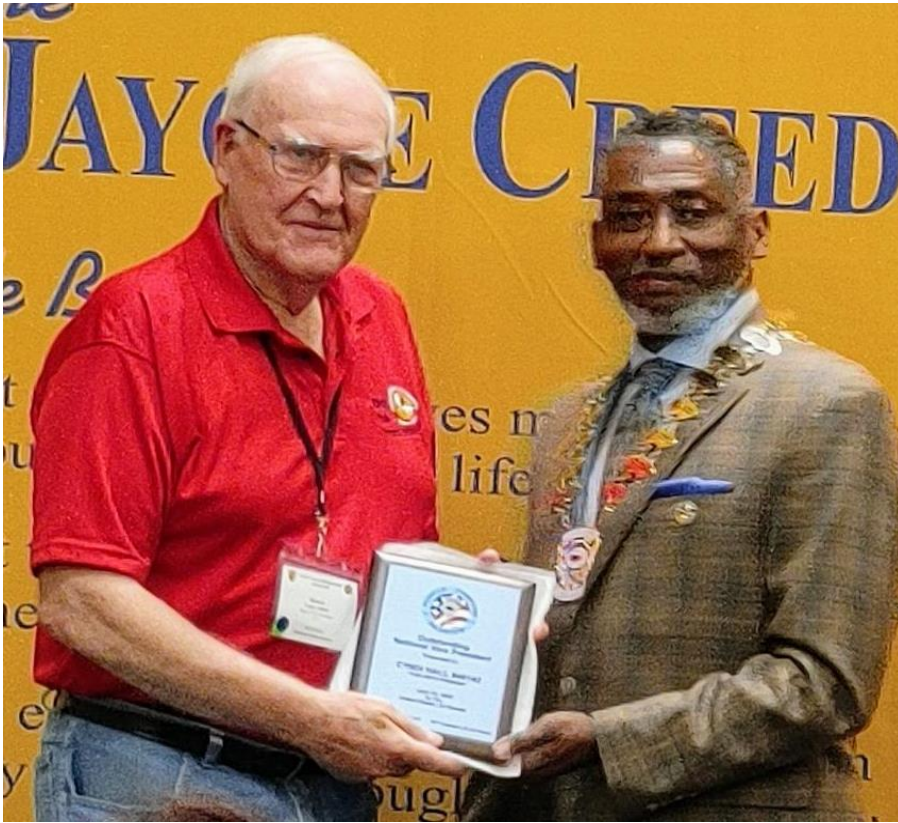
It was a great pleasure to attend a live meeting at Vermont President Steve Edgerley's home in Newport on July 25<sup>th</sup> for an Executive Board Meeting, as well as a meeting of the Fall Frolic Committee. The triple caps I worn was a bit interesting, which was as an official NVP visit; a member of the Executive Board; and a member of the Fall Frolic committee. Thus, I got to wear my official NVP red shirt and badge for the first time. Of course, a few pictures were taken, with one or two in this Newsletter, and will be in the Region One Newsletter. The big surprise was my picture mixed in with others on the front cover of the Mentors publication wearing a fireman's mask Steve gave me. They cut me out of the above meeting picture, which I did not know went to the Mentors. So good, Vermont is being recognized, that is always good. And before I leave that real good meeting in Newport, I must say Ann Edgerley and her daughter put on a wonderful lunch for us, on a beautiful day, with a great view of Lake Memphremagog. That is living!

Now as I write this, it is packing time to fly to Lawton, Oklahoma for the Fall Board Meeting of the U S JCI Senate. It is with some hesitation because of the virus floating around, but I made a commitment and will carry out my responsibilities to represent Region One as a Board and Executive Committee member. Of course, I'll take all the safety precautions, and do all I can to avoid any exposure. Even with that, I'll be quarantined for two weeks upon getting home, which will include Irene. Sure do feel bad for her. She did not get to enjoy being on the trip.

As I said, did not get to travel the region, but have had lots of Zoom and email time getting what needs to be done. Surely hope that at the next writing there is more to report with Region One events that can have attendance. Until then, please be safe and careful. We do not want anyone of our Senate family getting sick.

See you all on the zoom Fall Meeting of Region One on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. And remember that we are all "Friends Living the Creed".





On September 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>, your Vermont National Vice President attended the U S JCI Fall Board Meeting in Lawton, Oklahoma. Sure, there was some concern because of the Covid-19 virus, but the desire to carry out my responsibility and commitment left me no choice. Taking all precautions by wearing a mask and rubber gloves at all time, using the sanitizer stations throughout the hotel often, along with all attendees wearing their mask, made me feel safe and comfortable.

There were 267 registered attendees out of the 300 or so expected. All had a good experience and kept reasonable distant when talking or eating. Socializing at the hospitality room was always done with attention to the rules. All this made the weekend quite different than pass gatherings, while appreciating the chance to see old Senate friends, and making new ones. Result; each night I got to bed way to late for an eighty-one-year-old. But it was fun!

The weekend was done in two parts. Thursday was a day to celebrate the 2019-20 year of President Lawrence Pittman #53932. The rest of the time was to do the business of the 2020-21 year of President Ariel Jones #65423. This was when I participated with the Executive Board, and the full Board of Directors. It was at the BOD meeting that I joined the other nine Vice Presidents in doing a fun and exciting skit to music from the Oklahoma Show. I skipped and danced my way through the audience in cowboy hat, shirt, pants, and bandanna to the music while handing out Bit-Of-Honey candy, so that I was then out of breath trying to give a brief Region One report. Got to be more subdued next time.

The great pride I took, was excepting the awards for our two Region One recipients. They were:

The Nolan Terrell Memorial Award for Outstanding Region Newsletter & Communications was presented by President Lawrence Pittman at the evening formal banquet to Dana Hall #41552 for the 2019-20 year. He also presented the Tom Stone Memorial Award to Dana Hall as the Outstanding State Treasurer.

In the afternoon, Cyndi Hall #48152, was named one of the four Outstanding National Vice Presidents for 2019-20. This was the second straight year that a Region One NVP were named as a finalist in this category.

Walter #27223 and Cathy Cahoon FR#45 joined me as the only three from Region One in Lawton, and we could not have been happier for the Halls than if there had been dozens there.

And now I get to do this all over again in Mesa, Arizona in late January. Thank you, my Vermont Senate friends for this opportunity to serve as a National Vice President. It is a lot of work, but very enjoyable.

Rosaire Longe #28290, NVP for Region One



## THE JAYCEE CREED

WE BELIEVE:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;  
That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;  
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;  
That government should be of laws rather than of men;  
That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;  
And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

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