



# Senate Tales

*Celebrating 50 Years*

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## The President's Corner

Robert King, # 36581



A new VT JCI Senate year is upon us and much lies ahead for us to work on together. I would first and foremost like to thank past president and current COB Jane for leading us over the past two years and being such a devoted supporter of our Senate and the activities we managed over the past two years, the highlight being, of course, our Fall Frolic which was such an outstanding success. In addition, I want to thank our board of the last two years - without your help we would not have achieved the successes we did.

For the coming year, I want to thank and welcome Dude Ellis and Reg Welch as Vice Presidents. Each of them will play a large role in what lies ahead of our senate this year. Steve Rowe will continue as our Treasurer, keeping a steady hand on our resources. Thanks, Steve. In addition, Rosaire Longe (and Irene) have volunteered to shepherd our Senate Scholarship Program. We also have a new Senate newsletter editor and mentor in Steve Farrington. I want to personally thank Dude, Reg, Rosaire and Stephen for stepping up and playing an active role in our Senate. I hope they will serve as a beacon to other senators who have not been active or whom we have not heard from in quite some time. We are in need of a secretary. Norma has done a wonderful job over the last sev-

eral years and continues to be very active in senate activities, but she has decided to rest her writing hand - thank you, Norma. So if any senator would like to assist your senate in the role of secretary, I would be thrilled to hear from you.

I want to share my goals for the organization for the coming year: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: The Vermont JCI Senate will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as an organization in May of 2017. We have much to do in regard to this celebration. Senator Dude Ellis will play a major role in our preparation for this event. Our vision is to see as many VT JCI members as possible; in addition, we want to reach out to former Jaycees and ask that they be part of this event.

Enhanced Scholarship Program: We have a wonderful scholarship program but we have seen the number of applicants drop over the last few years. College isn't getting any cheaper for our students, so therefore I have set a goal of increasing our \$200.00 awards to \$500.00 for each and every year that we can manage to do so. We are an aging group of folks, so with that in mind I would like to be proactive on this matter and distribute our resources today and in the coming years as to benefit our students of today. This can be done without us going broke, but to do so requires a much needed infu-

sion of dollars. If you are as passionate as I am about this cause, I ask you to contact me as I need someone to spearhead this effort. We will be asking each senator to contribute \$50.00 to this effort, keeping in mind that this is a tax free donation. You will be hearing more on this as we gear up for this new year.

Reinvigorating the organization: We have seen participation in our Senate dwindle over the last few years; some of this is to be expected as we are all getting wiser with each passing day. But we do so yearn to see or hear from folks just every once in a while. We are not asking you to lead the parade, but when called upon we certainly would appreciate your participation. If I or the board need to personally contact you to rekindle your friendships or to be a part of one of our social functions, let us know. We want you back! If you have been put off in any way or by anyone, we ask that you let bygones be bygones. We have all made mistakes over the course of our lifetime but putting folks off is not what we choose to do intentionally. So if any senator feels that they have been

slighted in any way, please accept our sincere apology and come back to us. We would love to see you again as part of our Senate family.

As we look forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are going to make every effort to contact each one of you to have you join us. Our 50<sup>th</sup> will be in May of 2017; we have a wonderful location with many amenities; and, our festivities will be conducted over a period of Friday night, Saturday and concluding on Sunday with a traditional Bloody Mary send off. It is hoped that our supreme Bloody Mary maker Senator Gary Lazatera will be assisting with that honor. Later in this newsletter we hope to provide you with our tentative dates for this celebration. We can't confirm the date until our bid has been accepted to host a National event in conjunction with our 50<sup>th</sup>. None the less, we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, save the month for us and we'll get you the precise dates.

Sincerely, President Bob #36581



# VEEP BEEPS



## A Few Words From Durward

It seems like just yesterday but it has been 50 years since the VT JCI Senate was started right here in my home town of St. Johnsbury. At the Catholic Central School on Maple St. (now the Good Shepherd School), Richard Waitt from Brattleboro make the motion that it be formed and it was accomplished.

Now what do we do? First, I and many others will endeavor to locate all the JCI Senators that are still with us. We need to remember all those who have passed on and the many worthwhile accomplishments that all of us have done in our towns, our state and our country.

So in the next few months a sincere effort will be made to locate all the outstanding young men we all are so proud of and hopefully hold them up in honor. Please contact me and/or other JCI Senators with any information you might have.

Yours in JCI Spirit,  
Durward "Dude" Ellis, # 8100



## Reg's Message

Don't forget the Region I Fall Frolic, October 20 - 23, 2016, at the Best Western Merry Motor Inn, South Portland, Me, hosted by the Maine JCI Senate. Contact Dick Darling at [rdarling@fairpoint.net](mailto:rdarling@fairpoint.net) or Ed Thibault at [frogprinceed@aol.com](mailto:frogprinceed@aol.com) for more information.

Our scholarship program is an important function of ours, but our funds and our scholarship amounts have not kept up with the rising costs of college. Until recently we used a raffle to provide funds for that endeavor. Since we are no longer doing the raffle we will be looking to each of you to contribute to the scholarship fund (you can still solicit money from friends and businesses, but now all the funds collected will go to the scholarship fund, with the intention that we increase the amounts given to the qualifying students.) Donations should be to the VT JCI Senate Scholarship Fund, and should be sent to Steve Rowe, treasurer, 44 Sherry Road, So. Burlington, VT 05403-6227.

Remember 2017 will be our 50th anniversary. Plan to attend and share your memories and memorabilia

Reg Welch, # 22182  
Vice President





## **VERMONT JCI SENATE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The Vermont JCI Senate will soon be celebrating a very momentous occasion. On May 20, 2017 our organization will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our state organization. Almost 50 years ago six young men met in Barre, VT., and decided that they wanted to be a part of another organization similar to the Jaycees organization. What evolved from that meeting, became the beginnings of the Vermont JCI Senate as we know it today.

The Vermont JCI Senate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be taking place from May 19 – 21, 2017, at the Fireside Inn & Suites located in West Lebanon, NH, just across the Connecticut River and less than one mile from the Vermont / New Hampshire border.

We are planning on hosting the Region 1 caucus that weekend as well, hoping to attract many out of state Senators to stay and celebrate with us.

All told, it plans to be a very busy weekend. It will all start off with the hospitality room opening at approximately 3 PM on Friday. On Saturday morning the day starts with the Region 1 caucus starting at 9 AM. We expect that meeting to be done by noon or shortly after. That will leave the afternoon for shopping, or socializing. The main event of the weekend starts Saturday night at 5:30 with a cocktail hour preceeding the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We expect our celebration to last about 3 hours after which we can retire to the hospitality room to socialize. The final event of the weekend will be our traditional Bloody mary morning wake up at 7 AM Sunday morning. Our hope is that our bloody mary master – Gary Lazetera is able to join us.

We expect that we will have our National President Jim Mamman in attendance, along with hopefully several other National officers, and other Regional VP's.

We haven't seen some of you for quite a while. Now will be the time to renew old friendships and perhaps make some new ones from around the country and our region. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the date of May 19 – 21, 2017.

*Steve Rowe # 40470, Treasurer*



# Vermont JCI Senate Scholarship Program



Senator Rosaire Longe is Chairing this year's Senate Scholarship Program. In doing so he will be sending out to Vermont high Schools scholarship applications to be given to Seniors considering college after they graduate. Those that are returned to us will be judged, from which we select three outstanding students to award Vermont Senate Scholarships and the top one being nominated for national consideration and possible awarding of a US JCI Senate Scholarship.

As JCI Senators and members of the Vermont Senate we hope you will consider helping us with this effort in a couple of different ways. First of all, if you have young people in your family that live in Vermont who will be graduating from high school next June ask them if they would like to submit a scholarship application to us. If so, contact Rosaire at [rosaireirene@yahoo.com](mailto:rosaireirene@yahoo.com) to send you or your young relative a copy of the application. Don't hesitate to refer other young people you might know as well.

Secondly, we are looking to increase the amount of the scholarship the Vermont Senate can award, from \$200 to \$500, to those we find most worthy from among the applications submitted to us. To do that President Bob King has a special message he is extending to us.

***"I would like to issue a challenge to all Vermont JCI Senators. As President, I won't ask any Senator to do something that I will not, so with that being said, today I'm writing a check for \$50.00 to our scholarship fund. I challenge each and every one of us to match my \$50.00 contribution to kickoff this fund raising effort.***

***This is going to be a priority during my year as I stated in the president's article. You will be hearing more about this as the year progresses."***

***Yours in the Senate, President Bob.***

I'm with you Bob and I encourage other members to consider doing so as well.

Steve Farrington #33064, Senate Tales Editor



# IN MEMORIAM



## Senator Dale Ackerman

Dale Ackerman, VT JCI Senator #14888, died Tuesday July 26, 2016. Cards can be sent to his wife, Sandy Ackerman, 320 Nuissle Rd., Barre, VT 05641-9700



BARRE TOWN – Dale S. Ackerman, 79, of Nuissle Road, died Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at his home in the presence of his loving family. He was born on July 24, 1937 in Hanover, NH and died July 26, 2016 at home in Barre Town after celebrating his 79th birthday with family on Sunday.

His parents were Scott Harley Ackerman and Flora Belle Gray and he was the eldest of 5 sons.

He graduated from Chelsea High School in 1955. In 1958 he married Lois Whipple; they later divorced and from that union they had 2 children: Scott and Shelley.

On February 18, 1977 Dale married Sandra J. Langevin and they made their home in Barre Town for their entire marriage. At that time Dale became stepfather to Lisa and Scott Langevin.

Dale's early employment was as a driver for Washington Creamery in South Barre. Dale then worked as a wholesale driver for Booth Brothers Dairy in Barre for over 25 years. In 1978, Dale began his own property maintenance business which he maintained until 2015.

Dale liked to travel, go hunting with family, and spend time at camp. He was always helping family and friends with their projects and loved to work as much as he loved his family.

Dale entered the U.S. Army in 1956 into the Army Artillery, was deployed to Germany and was honorably discharged in 1958.

Dale was baptized Presbyterian and then in October 2015 converted to Catholicism and was a member of St. Edwards Church in Williamstown.

Dale was a member of the Jaycees and was awarded the distinguished service award, the outstanding Jaycee award and was a lifetime member of Jaycee I Senate, and served several positions in the Jaycees.

He was a lifetime member of the Barre Elks Club and Barre Canadian Club.

Dale was involved with local youth sports organizations including Little League baseball, flag football and was a coach for several years.

In addition, Dale was instrumental in constructing Playground 2000 along with his lifetime friend Donnie Tarbox.

Dale is survived by his wife, Sandra Ackerman of Barre Town, his children: Scott Ackerman and wife Therese of Barre Town, Shelley Matz and husband Joe of Barre Town, Lisa Langevin of Santa Cruz, CA, and Scott Langevin and partner Vicki of Barre City.

Also surviving are grandchildren: Amanda Ackerman Peyerl and spouse Mike Peyerl of Williamstown, Elliott Ackerman of Barre Town, and Margaret Ackerman and partner Jamison Micheli of Farmington, Maine; Tony Matz and partner Alyssa Barnett of Barre City and Ethan Matz of Barre Town; Isabella Romeo of Santa Cruz, CA; Samantha Langevin and partner Nathan Hammer of Bristol, Micaela Langevin and partner Derrick Whitney of Oklahoma City, OK, David Langevin of Barre City; Alyssa Langevin Pratt and spouse Mike Pratt of Barre City; Kendyl Langevin and partner Dylan Mason of Barre City; Jaryd Langevin of Montpelier, Carter, Adam and Kaydee Langevin all at home in Barre City, as well as great-

grandchildren: Aliviana Pratt and Macklin Pratt; Brynn Mason; and Matson Romeo, and survived by his brother Bill Ackerman and his wife Rhoda of Chelsea and several nieces and nephews.

Dale was predeceased by his parents and brothers: Fred Ackerman, Roger Ackerman, and Richard Ackerman and nephews Jeff Ackerman and Rodney Ackerman.

Memorial contributions may be made to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, PO Box 459, South Hero, VT 05486 or the children's charity of your choice.

## Virginia (Ginnie) Sivret, wife of VT JCI Senator Richard (Gus) Sivret, #16333

NORTH PORT, Fla. - Virginia Ginnie Sivret, 78, of North Port, Florida, passed away Sept. 7, 2016.

She was born June 20, 1938, in Randolph, Vermont, daughter of Fred and Gertrude (nee Tabor) Goodrich.

Ginnie was proud to have 35 first cousins of the Tabor family and looked forward to the annual reunions. Ginnie cared for many children in her town while their parents worked.

Ginnie went to work for Merry Maids, working her way up to supervisor. She worked in various departments at Randolph National Bank, working her way up to administrative assistant. Ginnie and Gus bought a motor home and traveled to California to be with their children. While there she went to work for The Associates in various positions, first in California, and transferring to Texas. The first year The Associates started employee of the month program, Ginnie was the first employee to receive the award.

Ginnie and Gus retired in 2000; they were snowbirds for 13 years at Lake Champaign Campground in Randolph Center, Vermont, and moved to North Port, Florida.

She is greatly missed by her husband of 62 years, Richard Gus; daughters Terri (Jack) Webler, of Chesapeake, Virginia, and Cindy Sivret, of North Port; sons Jeffrey Sivret (Joanie Smith), of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Philip Sivret of Livermore, California; brothers Fred (Cinderella) Goodrich, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Jerry (Donna) Goodrich, of Ocala, Florida; grandchildren Alicia, Brett, Kari, Jacque, Jenna Webler, Ashlee, Keifer, Austin and Tabor Sivret; Abigail and Jeffrey Sivret Jr; great-grandchildren Jaxon Reed and Avery Sivret. She was preceded in death by her son, Richard W. III; daughter Lori Sivret, and her sister, Ginger.

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