





DEAR ASE,  
A TUEB JAYEE GAYS,  
AFTER 40 THE REQA JAYEE  
LIFE SIPPIC?  
CONGRATULATION?  
Bjorklund  
FBA JCI SENATE WP

Friends, Senators

They say life begins at 40! So let's start living!

Every good wish on the occasion of the Association of JCI Senators in Europe's 40th Anniversary

Best regards

Kevin Cullinane

JCI Senator #55772

JCI World President 2005

Happy 40<sup>th</sup> B:thday ASE  
Chris Read on behalf of  
British Senate  
Senater 50259 - Chairman

Being the center of friendship for the last 40 years, ASE has not only contributed to the lives of Senators, but has also been a great supporter of JCI and its membership. I really admire the work that has been done over the past years and I am proud to be a Senator in ASE.

Best regards,

Lars Højslund

2006 JCI President, 2007

JCI World Senate Chairman

La Bricks plan!

Happy Birthday ASE!

Have to be out 40 years!

from the JCI World Senate

Officers Group 2007 Chairman



40 years, too early for the mid life crisis  
Young enough to have dreams and time to realise them

Wise enough to dismount the best wave while still in deep water

All what the best coach will need to perform.

I wish each Senator to remain the best coach to our junior members

Happy birthday

Jean-Paul Bissen

President JCI Senate Belgium

A JCI Senator is a life member of our beloved organization. In consequence of this quality is it not great to remain 40 years old for ever even if you turned 72 as I did? What is essential is that to realize that our European Association of JCI Senators is still going ahead after 40 years. It is still dynamic and allows its members to share friendship and international fellowship.

Let us not forget that the honour of senatorship is only proportionate to the strength of JCI. If the Jaycee organization to which we belong is strong, to be a JCI Senator may be extremely valuable; if it is weak or even disappears, the senatorship becomes meaningless.

May we take advantage of this celebration to strongly inspire again JCI with its underlying principles to secure a new growth of its membership to restore its position in our communities?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Jean-Claude Fivard*

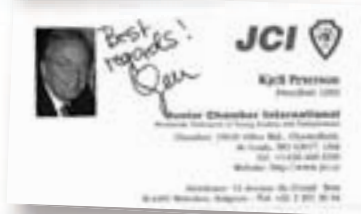
Jean-Claude Fivard  
1978 JCI Senate Chairman

Massive congratulations from Denmark  
We are proud to be part of the European Senate. Last year we had the pleasure to also celebrate our 40 year Senator Anniversary - nice to look back at "good old days" see the traditions and follow them over time. A big thank you for ensuring that Denmark feel well treated in the European Senate and thanks to the Senate that makes it possible to create new Senator friendship across the countries.

Congratulation "Tillykke" and see you in Aarhus in 2010  
Frank Frost #59.603  
President Danish Senate 2009



CONGRATULATIONS ASE  
your forty years of leadership  
are appreciated worldwide  
Mary & Earl Sawyer  
Senators #43930 & #28243



Congratulations and best wishes on the 40th Anniversary of the European Senate. In true JCI spirit Dr. Hellmuth Dettinger fought for many years for European co-operation with the aim to preserve valuable contacts and experiences as well as to maintain friendship and fellowship of Senators. We will bear this and his memory always in our mind.

Cordial greetings from Germany  
Elsbeth Rommel #37728  
Chairman of the German Senate Association



Best wishes at the ASE 40th Birthday

We hope that ASE can continue to support Senators in Europe so we can meet at good conferences and help us to keep in touch with other Senators in Europe even in the future.

JCI Senate in Sweden  
Leif Wernberg  
JCI Senator #36121  
Chairman

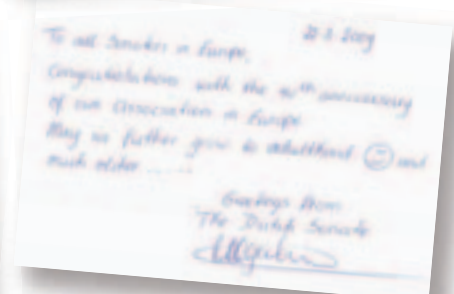


"D'âge en âge on ne fait  
que changer de folie"  
Aux trente-dix ans de l'ASE!  
Thierry JCO Luxembourg



"Congratulations for the 40th Anniversary  
We wish you will always develop for the future"

I wish to offer you our sincerest congratulations on the occasion of your Fortieth Anniversary - a very proud achievement. The bonds that unite our organizations have been forged over the years through the exchange of Senators in the pursuit of friendship and fellowship. The number of Senators who continue to visit each other's meetings is a testament to the recognition of the good times we continue to share. We lift a glass in tribute to you on this milestone and toast the Future!! Have a marvelous party in Budapest!!  
Pat Hoelker #45893  
37th President, US JCI Senate  
2008-2009





## Introduction



**Peter Browning**

When I first suggested back in 2008 that we should have a supplement for the Newsletter commemorating the 40th Anniversary I knew that I was letting myself in for a job and that it would not be easy – I just did not know how much of a job it would be and where the difficulties would lie!

I thought that getting 'Old Timers', Past Presidents and ASE Board members through the ages to put down a few of their memories would be easy. After all they are always very happy to tell you in the Senate Bar over a drink or two about the good times they have had and what fun they got up to at the various interesting places they have been to with the Senate. Well some have and their memories would have filled this booklet two or three times over but then you did not want to read about the memories of only a handful of people and nothing from the majority of the numerous Senators who have given so much to the organisation over the last 40 or more years.

Another challenge has been time. When I volunteered there was plenty of time to do the research, ask people for photographs and information but of course I did not get the go-ahead and the budget as early as I had expected. But I thought as I was quiet on the remunerated front at the time that there was still enough time for the team I had pulled together to do it. I should have known better – I sent out over 200 requests for material and no sooner had the deadline date of the 1st of April I had set for receiving material back arrive (why did I pick that date?) than I started a very intense project in London! As the 'real bard' – Rabbie Burns - said in 'To a Mouse'.

*"But Mousie, thou are no thy-lane,  
In proving foresight may be vain:  
The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men,  
Gang aft agley,  
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,  
For promis'd joy!"*

Asking for copies of old newsletter has also had an unforeseen outcome - I appear to have let myself in for another unexpected job – unofficial custodian of the Newsletter and ASE archive!

Anyway in the end my team, which has expanded from the original one, and I have managed to put together this booklet for you. In the process David Butcher and I have waded through 35 years of old newsletters – a fascinating but time consuming task – helped by Morag and Pauline Ashley when we were stuck in a motorway service area for 3 hours on

the way back from the Spring Board meeting in Bath – so fascinating we actually kept on reading old newsletters even once the motorway jam had cleared! This is a suitable opportunity to thank everyone in the Senate and at Ruddocks who has helped me (you know who you are) to get this booklet out in time for Budapest – Thank you.

*"Still, thou art blest, compar'd wi' me!  
The present only toucheth thee:  
But Och! I backward cast my e'e,  
On prospects drear!"  
An' forward, tho' I canna see,  
I guess an' fear!*

Rabbie's last verse is also apt in that we cannot see what is in store for us and the Senate but there is a tremendous amount when we 'backward cast our eye' and I have only been able to fit a fraction of what is available into this booklet.

What I have found out is that in the early days the Senate had tremendous fun and 'bottle walking' appears to have been a favourite pastime! There were also some accusations in the early days that we focused too much on fun and were not doing some of the serious things that we could. The early ASE Board meetings were an excuse to meet between conferences and enjoy Senate fellowship but over time they have become 'real' board meetings and much more frequent! We are also assisting JCI more and more when they ask us so we may well have addressed the issue of not being serious enough. However when looking through all the old newsletters I ask myself 'have we become too serious or is it just that we have passed 40 and are now middle aged. The organisation may be middle aged but are we at heart?'

Well Rabbie was only partly right – we are all blest and although there has been pain, late nights and sunny weekends spent glued to the computer I have enjoyed putting this booklet together for you, my fellow Senators, and I hope that it brings you some 'promised joy'!

**Peter Browning, JCI Senator #49104,  
Newsletter Editor 2007 - ??**

Translations available on request



**David Butcher**



**Henry Ruddock**

## Dear Fellow European Senators, Dear Senators and Friends

I want to firstly congratulate the Association of European Senators on reaching its 40th Anniversary. A Ruby Anniversary is a significant achievement especially for a Senate association. We should all take great pride in the contribution we have made as members to the JCI movement and now continue to make through the JCI Senate.

Many of us were greatly influenced as young members by the many Senators we encountered in our JCI career. Perhaps all too often we quickly forget the impact and impression they made on us and I have no doubt that many of my own achievements can in part be attributed to the guidance advice and direction that I received often unknowingly from Senators.

It is with that in mind that I wish to remind us all that we are now in that role, counselling and mentoring many new recruits to the Chamber movement, so it is important that we stop to consider the real and dynamic impact we have on the future of JCI and its members.

I want to encourage all of us to continue this labour of love. Lately we have seen a more enhanced role for Senators at the JCI Conferences and the overwhelming positive response from new members is a measure of the respect and value that you are all held in within JCI. Naturally I wish to thank and congratulate all the national Senate organizations, their Presidents, Chairmen and officers. Well done on promoting the Senate nationally and across Europe.

Finally I wish to congratulate my good friend Clare Ashton and her ASE Board on this unique occasion. Quite honestly I cannot think of a finer example of a JCI Senator than Clare. She embodies the spirit and ethos of JCI and it is a great privilege for all of us to have her as our Association Senate President.

I look forward to seeing you all in Budapest where I hope we can share a glass of Baileys.

**Graham Hanlon JCI Senator #57120,  
2009 JCI Senate Chairman**

Our Association has reached a significant milestone in its history – our 40th Anniversary – and we can be justly proud of this achievement.

Since our beginnings in 1969, the ASE has been based on the concept of friendship and fellowship between JCI Senators in Europe. These values (reflected in our Articles) have not materially changed over the years. Through the Senate this bond of friendship across Europe and the World is unique.

As Senators we have had and share similar experiences from the past which are embodied in the JCI Creed. Many of us today continue to be influenced by our JCI experience and play an important role in our local or national communities and, as 'Active Citizens', continue to support and nurture Junior Chamber members.

Our relationship with JCI has grown in stature over the years. Most recently our involvement with JCI in developing projects for Conferences and Congresses – the First Timer programmes and the Essay Competition which focuses on global themes.

Our participation in the Joint Senate Boards meetings has helped to formalise Senators' Expectations when attending JCI meetings. Over time this will be of meaningful benefit to JCI members and Senators throughout the world.

Communication between Senators has been enhanced through our Newsletter, eBulletin and Website. This has encouraged greater participation of Senators at events across Europe and promoted our core values of Fellowship and Friendship. These contacts are important as they help our understanding of issues and are useful when 'building bridges' between people and communities.

As we celebrate our 40th Anniversary in Budapest, Hungary, we thank all who have served the Association. In particular I recognise the efforts of our Past Presidents, their Board members and those who have held National office. Their contribution has enabled the Association to flourish and give a firm foundation for the future.

**Clare Ashton JCI Senator #31337,  
ASE President 2008-2009**



*Graham Hanlon*



*Clare Ashton*

## Timeline

Sept 1952 Senate formed in Melbourne, Australia

Sept 1952 Don Aylett #44 is the first European Senator – *page 35*



1959 British Senate organisation formed

1962 Finnish Senate organisation formed



14 June 1969 ASE founded in Goteborg by Dr. Hellmuth Dettinger supported by Paul Jensen & Rune Hagbarth after several years gestation – *page 10*

1968 Danish Senate organisation formed

21 Oct 1967 Norwegian Senate organisation formed

1968 Swedish Senate organisation formed

1966 Belgian Senate organisation formed

1970 Rolf Welti produced a European Senators' directory - it was a wonderful communication tool

1972 French Senate organisation formed

18 June 1972 Papa India crashes at Staines. Nine JCI Belgium members die on their way back from the Edinburgh Conference.

20 June 1972 United States JCI Senate was formed in Atlanta, Georgia

September 1975 First bound Newsletter - It has an international flavour from the start – *page 22*

June 1976 The Association agrees its first constitution in Coventry

June 1976 A day programme especially for Senators was a feature of the Birmingham Conference. This set a trend that continues today

June 1975 First international board appointed by Gudrun Westin-Goransson including the first Ambassador – *page 12*

1974 The Netherlands Senate organisation formed

January 1974 British Senate produce first Newsletter with Malcolm Fellows as Editor – *page 22*



1977 German Senate organisation formed

June 1976 ASE Treasurer reports that the funds are in 6 currencies – all mixed together – the conclusion was that we are in credit!

June 1977 Title changed from European Chairman to European President

June 1977 For the first time three Ambassadors are appointed by Malcolm Fellows

20 May 1978 Swiss Senate organisation formed



June 1978 Revised Constitution drafted by 1976 World Senate Chairman Jean-Claude Feraud adopted in Antwerp

Dec 1978 British Senate Newsletter formally becomes the European Senate Newsletter

June 1979 First contested election for European Senate President where count is not public

Nov 1979 10th Anniversary is celebrated at the World Congress in Gothenburg

1980 Seeds of the Bumble Bee Club are sown – *page 20*

1981 First Directory of Senators in Europe since 1970 produced by John Neill



June 1981 Youngest President, Rudolf Gloe von Bachele, in the ASE's history takes office in Rosslare.

August 1982 25th Anniversary of the Crayfish Party in Halmstad

August 1982 The Bumble Bee club has their first swim – *page 20*

4 Nov 1982 Two Board members get married



10 Nov 1982 Concern is raised about the lack of a Senate programme at JCI Conferences

16 Feb 1985 First midterm 'Board' meeting held in Paris and arranged by Rene Moebel for Ian Codrington

June 1985 Agreed that JCI Manual will include requirement that the ASE President is to be recognised at the EC opening ceremony

1 Apr 1989 Past Presidents are invited to attend the Spring Board meeting in Grasse, Provence

1989 – 1990 Monaco JCI Senate organisation founded



June 1994 25th Anniversary celebrated in Den Haag

June 1994 Peter Quirin presents the Association with a 'Chain of Office' incorporating the earlier President's Medallion

1995 Estonian Senate organisation formed

June 1995 Longest serving member of the board, Ian Codrington, steps down



June 1998 1st Web site launched - Peter Enckell (Sweden) was the first Webmaster. He was appointed in the Ashton Board and Mike called him "Official Papparazzi" – page 32



Sept 1998 JCI Senate Presidential flag presented to ASE by Finnish Senate in Helsinki

June 1999 30th Anniversary celebrated in Berlin

June 2001 Revised constitution adopted by AGM in Tampere which introduces elected Ambassadors

Feb 2001 First Senate intercontinental tour - organised by Eddie Ashley to Nepal for European Senators thus widening the North-South awareness in our membership. The start of the A Team – page 24

Nov 2001 Informal meeting in Barcelona between ASE, US Senate and Senators from the Americas

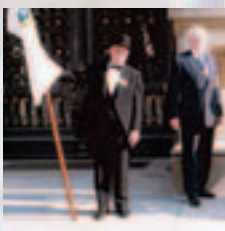


June 1998 First "President's Assistant", Werner Uhlmann appointed to support the ASE board as butler to the President

June 1997 Senate Expectations of European Conferences agreed by the ASE AGM in Reykjavik

1996 Ladies join the Bumble Bee club for the first time – page 20

Aug 1995 Jørgen Kurt Elbæk organises first bi-annual Past Presidents' reunion in Horsens, Denmark with support of Ib Steen Rasmussen – page 34



28 Jan 2001 Inaugural meeting in Manila of ASEAN Senate Association (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand)

September 2000 National Senate Presidents are invited to attend Board meetings

June 2000 First Senate pre-tour organised for Oostende European Conference by Bart van Tets

October 2002 Two Senator tours through the Sumatra island organized by Bart van Tets

May 2002 ASAC Officially formed during the Area Conference in Santo Domingo. The first official President was Johnny Pena but also there was a recognition for Manuel Concepcion, who passed away three months before the Conference, as the Founder President for all of his efforts to create ASAC



June 2002 First six elected Ambassadors and oldest President, Henri Agnelly, in the ASE's history take office in Istanbul.

Nov 2003 First meeting between JCI and Senate to discuss Senators' Expectations at World Congress

June 2004 The ASE President's Award for 'Senate assistance to Junior Chamber' first presented at Lausanne

2007 Networking group for Senators established on JCI eWorld  
[www.jcieworld.cc](http://www.jcieworld.cc)

June 2007 Revised constitution agreed at AGM introduces position of Deputy President

August 2007 50th Anniversary of the Crayfish Party in Halmstad

June 2008 First Deputy President, Arja Vilanko from Finland, is elected in Turku

Aug 2008 First ASE Board Workshop takes place in Mont Garni

Nov 2008 First Joint Senate Boards meeting in Delhi with all 4 areas represented - *page 39*

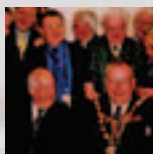
Nov 2008 European JCI Senate networking group established on Plaxo  
[www.plaxo.com](http://www.plaxo.com)



Nov 2005 First Joint Boards Secretary, Peter Bakos, is elected in Vienna for a 3 year term

Nov 2004 JCI Senators' Expectations at World Congress agreed with JCI in Fukuoka

17 Oct 2004 ASE President Eddie Ashley dies 'in post' aged 67 and IPP Harald Pfab stands in to the end of Eddie's year



Apr 2008 First e-Bulletin published with Francis Defauw as Editor – *page 42*

March 2008 'Tsunami Boat' project sponsored by ASE completed with 'ASE Hope' being used by fishermen in Sri Lanka

Nov 2007 Joint JCI Projects with Senate - First Timers Programme and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme - started in Antalya – *page 36*

Feb 2009 First colour European Senate Newsletter published



## How it began - The Early Years of the Association of JCI Senators in Europe

The initiator of the very beginning of a circle which became the Association of JCI Senators in Europe in 1969 was Rolf E Welti of Zurich, Switzerland. Rolf held a university degree gained in the USA studying legal and economic affairs. He was an industrious person who was very much liked. Being brought up in Switzerland and living in his home town area combined with his personality were natural ingredients for successfully operating a trustee office, consultancy in economics and a private banking operation. The owners in the background of these enterprises were some gnomes of the 'little big city' of Zürich.

Rolf E Welti was fascinated by the concept of Junior Chamber as he had personally experienced it in the USA. He brought this into practice with young friends in the city by developing 'learning by doing' projects and thus created a viable JC club organization which would also be a chapter with longevity. Making use of his strengths he also formed, mainly in the German speaking parts of the country, a network of business relations. He also enjoyed representing JC Zürich and his country at the regional Junior Chamber Conferences in Western Europe and visited with much pleasure the conferences in Amsterdam, Monte Carlo, Gothenburg and Barcelona which was notably experienced by the writer. Through this he was ever developing his European network.

After Phillippe Abravanel he was awarded the second Senatorship (# 6353) in Switzerland. The writer had the honour to present to him the first Senator medallion with his number on it in 1972. This was developed by, and purchased from, the San José Junior Chamber in California, USA. This was an exclusive affair in the presence of his Zürich chapter members when they were in action preparing the first international conference for JCI Senators and their spouses/guests in the Hotel Atlantis, Zürich. That European international meeting of Senators numbered at least fifty Senators and more than twenty spouses and guests from France (17), Austria (9), Sweden, Italy, Monaco, the Benelux, Germany, Spain plus a large number of Swiss was organised by Rolf in that year. JCI Vice President Vito Tamplenizza from JC Italy was a very important guest so, very politically, he arranged a top suite in the hotel for him.

In those years the Junior Chamber International IPP was reportedly referred to as 'an exhausted man trying to get on his feet again'

and having hardly any interest in spending time on the International Senate to say it mildly. It was also hardly, or not at all, accepted that Senators should start forming National Senate circles as had already happened in Britain. It was considered much against the rules outlined by Junior Chamber International.

At the JCI European Conference in Gothenburg in 1969 German Senator Hellmuth Dettinger had

an idea which he wrote a paper about. This introduced the thought among Senators of not just enjoying attending a conference once in a while again but to also to arrange with fellow Senators exchange visits of their growing children to each other's homes and spending holidays with each other's families. Hellmuth Dettinger agreed at the request of Rolf E Welti to become co-ordinator of an annual meeting of Senators and to welcome them to that meeting at the next JCI European Conference. This preparation started in 1969 – 1970. Rolf E Welti did the next year 1970 – 1971 and he invited Bart van Tets of Dordrecht, The Netherlands later on to do the period 1971 – 1972. He in turn, with the agreement of Rolf E Welti, handed the function over to Frederik Graf of Halmstad, Sweden for the next period. Frederik Graf was also the initiator of the annual Crayfish party concept in his home town.

The mission given by Rolf E Welti and accepted by Bart van Tets was to constitute a loose and friendly circle of JCI Senators with the express intention not to be a copy of Junior Chamber and its activities but to serve the purpose of Senators maintaining contact one way or another and not interfering with Junior Chamber in any way. It was at this time that national circles of Senators also



*Bart explaining the concept of a loose and friendly association of Senators in Europe at a lunch during the conference programme in Sabadel, Barcelona. Paul Vessaud and Albert Diercxens are on his right.*



*Jacques Cote, Paul Vessaud, Bart van Tets, Jean Martin & Mrs. Vessaud (turning to the camera) at the French National Congress in Grenoble.*

came to slowly develop. These were usually started by one or more co-ordinating Senators and much later on by a more regular Board structure.

By a local coincidence Junior Chamber members usually regarded themselves members of a club of their town and had no inclination to go any further either within their country or abroad. Some even received a Senatorship because of merit to their local club as

a nice gesture when they were about to leave because of age or relocating to another place. Those Juniors elected to be a Senator were very few and those that had any international experience were the exceptions. Even fewer had an inclination to keep in touch with the more apparent 'birds of the same feather'! Developing beyond just being happy with the honour to belong into ongoing Senate contact and fellowship has been a real effort.



*Rolf Welti, Henny Snoeker, Winny van Tets and Ruud Snoeker (Dutch NOM President) at the "Atlantis"*

A model for national JC membership lists had been developed in the Benelux in 1967 and subsequently approved at the JCI conference in Monte Carlo, Monaco in 1968. Subsequently after some years a number of international Senate membership lists showing 30 – 50 names in all also came to light. These lists were composed of data drawn from business

cards privately circulated at the JCI Conferences and at events like international twinning of Junior Chambers.

A very useful impetus to developments in 1971 was a visit by the writer to a lively meeting of a "Club des Quarantes" in Grenoble, France who were one time members of Jeune Chambre Economique in the South East region of France. They had organized an excellent dinner at the historic monastery of the Grand Chartreuse. It was a great opportunity to talk about Senate group formation to a company of experienced Senators. Soon after the French Senate would be initiated by Senators Paul Vessaud and Jacques Cote. They did not however follow the idea of having only a co-ordinator or chairman because in their view the head man should be a President. My comment was that each Senate circle should have its own ways and be recognisable by local custom so that the membership would be happy.

Key principles for European Senate co-ordination furthered by the early leadership were:-

- Open to all Senators resident in Europe without limit
- Friendship
- Loose with no ties to any JCI organization
- No business sponsorships
- Internal use among Senators of the JCI logo only
- No copying of, or competition to, Junior Chambers
- Not to constitute a service club in the community
- When asked for assistance to the logistics of a JCI event to be co-operative towards the organisers e.g. for home hospitality
- To be inventive in organizing European Senate events.
- This mission was meant to be a message for the future.

*Bart van Tets, JCI Senator # 8792  
Monaco 6th April 2003*





## A Past Chairman Reminiscing



When I was elected Swedish Senate Chairman in 1972 and European in 1975 – in both cases as the first woman and with considerable competition - these organizations worked very differently from those of to-day. They could hardly be called organizations.

The number of Senators had been very low during the sixties, and nobody was prepared for the Senator-boom in the seventies. Least of all JCI that had not before seen the consequence of giving life membership to young people of 40. Now the accumulating numbers of long-lived life members became appalling and could

mean both political and practical implications. Different imaginative solutions on how to diminish the numbers were discussed. But fewer Senators meant less money for JCI... So we were allowed to grow, but not to have very formal organizations.

That was the background in 1969. When the European Senators' Association was formed the internationally active Senators were very few and all knew each other. Rolf Welte – this fantastic man – produced a European Senators' directory and it was a wonderful communication tool.

As a fresh national Senate Chairman in 1972 I began writing newsletters as my communication tool, to give the scattered Swedish Senators a sense of belonging. In my first letter I formulated my vision: "Until now the Senatorship has meant a proud moment, a new pin (soon exchanged for a rotary pin) and a card in the drawer. I want it to become a membership in an international club, where you meet friends and where you are prepared to act as an ambassador for JCI" This vision I repeated in many forms, the last time in the Guidelines for Senate Organizations that I wrote in 1977 at JCI's request. In between much had happened.

When I became European Chairman in 1975 Europe had (as far as I remember) 2000 Senators. But the organization had practically stopped working. Rolf's directory was outdated, JCI had lost track and the interest among the Senators was very low. The Association was not even legal according to JCI's by-laws, which forbid regional Senate groups - The task did not seem easy.

But I had a good board. Traditionally the Chairman appointed the board

and it was elected as a group. For the first time in several years we had an international board. The Secretary was Michel A Graber, Swiss PNP and a modern man who could accept being the secretary for a female Chairman. We worked very well together and he had good ideas. His wife Françoise translated my English newsletter (of course I wrote newsletters again) into French.

We used to meet in their home. My husband Sven and I came from Sweden by car. Françoise offered a splendid dinner. And while Michel and I discussed, she and Sven sat there and shook their heads over our enormous involvement in this impossible Senate organization.

The other board members were the treasurer Stephen Tendlow and Bernard Florsham as organiser of the Senators' programme for next year's European Conference. Jacques Cote wanted to be my ambassador for the French-speaking countries – the very first Ambassador. When he became Chairman next year I was his Ambassador for Scandinavia. It was a practical arrangement and not very formal.

During that year the concept was changed. The contact between the board and the individual members should go via the national Senate Chairmen and national Senate groups were encouraged. In countries who did not have such groups – and they were a majority – we asked the NP to nominate a contact person for the Senators. These poor people, compiled in a list, got from me a stream of newsletters that they published in their national JCI magazine or spread in other ways. They can be found in the British Senate Newsletter of the time and that later became the European Newsletter.

Still the individual Senators are the members and have the voting rights. National Senate Presidents and Ambassadors do not form any hierarchical structure but are there to facilitate the contacts. The fees that individuals or countries paid were always voluntary, again to ensure that we did not get too formal.

My year was full of travels: to Switzerland, to national congresses, to the Senates in USA and Canada. In 1976 I went to the European Presidents Meeting in Klagenfurt (where we were snowed in) where, as both National Presidents and JCI officers would soon have passed the age limit and would then be happy to have a Senators' club, we got support for our still illegal European Association with the agreement that we do not interfere with JCI.

All changes were passed at the AGM in Coventry. The meeting was lively and very hot and the assembly moved constantly to the bar at one end

of the room. I made them vote by raising their hands to make sure that it was correct. The Association got its first statutes and a new name; JCI Senate in Europe - An indication that we were the European part of a world-wide Senate.

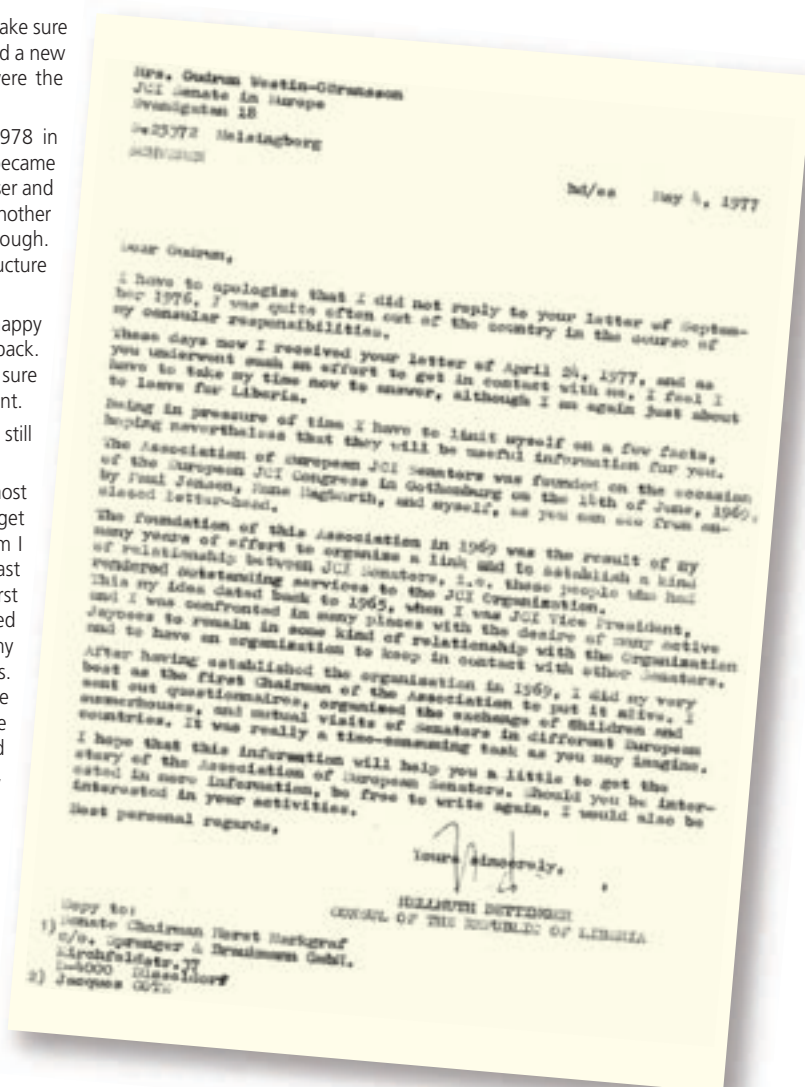
The articles were changed only three years later in 1978 in Antwerp. When Jean-Claude Féraud, WP from France, became Senate Chairman, he wanted to make the Association looser and adjust the articles to suit the French language. So we got another name again - the present one was considered vague enough. Chairmen became Presidents and so on. But the main structure was not changed.

The European Senate Chairman of the day was not very happy with this involvement. But by then I had decided to step back. You cannot remain dominant forever. And at least I felt sure that a Senatorship would be more than one proud moment.

When I see what has become of the Senate organisations I still have proud moments.

In order not to be presumptuous I then think of my life's most disappointing moment. Such moments you can also get through JCI! At the 1975 World Congress in Amsterdam I received an individual award as "most outstanding past member" (The Trinidad and Tobago award). I was the first woman ever to get an individual award. This unexpected event had an even more unexpected scenario: I heard my name and started walking down the aisle on little clouds. Suddenly I see the Swedish national President run up on the podium, get the trophy and run back. The applause subsides, my friends think they heard the wrong name and the ceremony goes on. I return to my seat in the dark, absolutely taken aback. At the party afterwards nobody is congratulating me and I get so melancholy that I command myself to return to my hotel and go to bed. But there I think: "You have just missed the proudest moment in your life. But you never need to ask yourself which moment was the most disappointing. You just experienced that. It is not bad to know that it is behind you."

*Gudrun Westin-Göransson, JCI Senator #11915*





| Conference Year | Conference Location     | Year of Office | ASE President                                |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| 1969            | Gothenburg, Sweden      | 1969-1970 †    | Hellmuth Dettinger #3148, Germany            |
| 1970            | Brussels, Belgium       | 1970-1971 †    | Rolf Welti #6353, Switzerland                |
| 1971            | Barcelona, Spain        | 1971-1972      | Bart van Tets #8792, Netherlands             |
| 1972            | Edinburgh, Scotland     | 1972-1974 †    | Fredrick Graf #5496, Sweden                  |
| 1973            | Naples, Italy           |                |  |
| 1974            | Turku, Finland          | 1974-1975      | Olavi A. Rautio #3742, Finland               |
| 1975            | Killarney, Ireland      | 1975-1976      | Gudrun Westin-Göransson #11915, Sweden       |
| 1976            | Birmingham, England     | 1976-1977 †    | Jacques Cote #2063, France                   |
| 1977            | Lyon, France            | 1977-1978 †    | Malcolm Fellows #12506, UK                   |
| 1978            | Antwerp, Belgium        | 1978-1979 †    | Nathan Solberg #6318, Israel                 |
| 1979            | Lausanne, Switzerland   | 1979-1980      | Kirre Polama #23063, Finland                 |
| 1980            | Tampere, Finland        | 1980-1981      | John Neill #5692, UK                         |
| 1981            | Wexford, Ireland        | 1981-1982      | Rudolf Gloe von Bachellé #15672, Switzerland |
| 1982            | Rotterdam, Netherlands  | 1982-1983      | Peter Westman #15592, Sweden                 |
| 1983            | Aberdeen, Scotland      | 1983-1984      | Jean-Pierre Bliha #20226, France             |
| 1984            | Bordeaux, France        | 1984-1985      | Ian Codrington #14786, UK                    |
| 1985            | Sheffield, England      | 1985-1986      | Ib Steen Rasmussen #17311, Danmark           |
| 1986            | Savonlinna, Finland     | 1986-1987      | René Moebel #23225, France                   |
| 1987            | Liège, Belgium          | 1987-1988      | Hans Zeppenfeldt #26366, Germany             |
| 1988            | Nantes, France          | 1988-1989      | Ernest Buttikofer #29311, Switzerland        |
| 1989            | Cologne, Germany        | 1989-1990      | Jørgen Kurt Elbæk #24638, Danmark            |
| 1990            | Inverness, Scotland     | 1990-1991      | Gavin Macpherson #16985, UK                  |
| 1991            | Vejle, Denmark          | 1991-1992      | Björn Johnson #27769, Sweden                 |
| 1992            | Genève, Switzerland     | 1992-1993      | Joël Meudec #35384, France                   |
| 1993            | Bergen, Norway          | 1993-1994      | Peter Quirin #43182, Germany                 |
| 1994            | Den Haag, Netherlands   | 1994-1995      | Bjørn Conradi #26536, Norway                 |
| 1995            | Strasbourg, France      | 1995-1996 †    | Robert Granger #36351, Scotland              |
| 1996            | Thessaloniki, Greece    | 1996-1997      | Paul Kaiser #26719, Belgium                  |
| 1997            | Reykjavik, Iceland      | 1997-1998      | Jan Jerre #13514, Sweden                     |
| 1998            | Monte Carlo, Monaco     | 1998-1999      | Mike Ashton #11913, UK                       |
| 1999            | Berlin, Germany         | 1999-2000      | Gérard Chabert #50663, France                |
| 2000            | Oostende, Belgium       | 2000-2001      | Tineke Bezemer #47162, Netherlands           |
| 2001            | Tampere, Finland        | 2001-2002      | Werner Uhlmann #20485, Sweden                |
| 2002            | Istanbul, Turkey        | 2002-2003      | Henri Agnelly #8440, Monaco                  |
| 2003            | Birmingham, England     | 2003-2004      | Harald Pfab #50989, Germany                  |
| 2004            | Lausanne, Switzerland   | 2004-2005 †    | Eddie Ashley #28464, UK                      |
| 2005            | Poitier, France         | 2005-2006      | Ali Akal #55258, Turkey                      |
| 2006            | Tallinn, Estonia        | 2006-2007      | Paal Aschjem #22040, Norway                  |
| 2007            | Maastricht, Netherlands | 2007-2008      | Peter den Bremer #53915, Netherlands         |
| 2008            | Turku, Finland          | 2008-2009      | Clare Ashton #31337, UK                      |
| 2009            | Budapest, Hungary       |                |  |



## Past Chairmen and Presidents' Memories

### Gothenburg 1969

*Hellmuth Dettinger †, JCI Senator # 3148, Chairman 1969/1970*

It was important to Hellmuth that there was a network of Senators so that contacts and knowledge of the organisation should not be lost. He worked hard to create an Association of Senators in Europe and in 1969 his dream became a reality and he was a founding member. He would be pleased to see the success of the organisation today.

I recall attending the spring meeting in Budapest some 10 years ago after the iron curtain came down – the feeling of freedom was incredible.

*Hannelore Böhnisch-Dettinger*



### Brussels 1970

*Rolf Welti †, JCI Senator # 6353, Chairman 1970/1971*

Rolf was the initiator of a circle which evolved into the Association in 1969. He asked Hellmuth Dettinger to become co-ordinator of an annual meeting of Senators.

He followed Hellmuth as the 2<sup>nd</sup> co-coordinator and invited Bart van Tets to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> co-ordinator.

Rolf's mission was to constitute a loose and friendly circle of JCI Senators with the express intention not to copy JCI's activities but to maintain contact between Senators while not interfering with Junior Chamber in any way. To achieve that he organised a meeting in Zürich and a European Senators Directory

*This has been based on various sources.*



### Barcelona 1971

*Bart van Tets, JCI Senator #8792, President 1971/1972*

At the time I chaired the meeting of Senators in Barcelona there was no Board, only a half a dozen or so Senators in the room when Frederick Graf agreed to chair the next meeting.

It was not easy convincing Senators that there should be a network for the over 40s. Some felt they should just enjoy the congress. I approached many Senators to suggest a loose lifelong Senate organisation for friendship, ignoring the opinions that this was contrary to JCI's rules. It is interesting to know that in March 1973 about 300 Senators had paid some money or had promised by questionnaire their support.



### Edinburgh 1972

#### Naples 1973

*Frederick Graf †, JCI Senator # 5496, Chairman 1972/1974*

It's not easy to remember something that happened more than 35 years ago! I am not even sure where the conferences were!

I think it was Barcelona and Edinburgh. It was a very small board; only four people.

Fredrick was President for two years. I just remember that a Senator from Rhodesia suggested his re-election. At that time Franco was dictator of Spain.

The board was not as organised as today, and I was not involved at all.

*Gunilla Graf JCI Senator#10573*



### Turku 1974

*Olavi A Rautio, JCI Senator # 3742, Chairman 1974/1975*

There is not much to mention when talking about results but it was very meaningful for the future of JCI. Active actions of the Senate were not supported much as the Senate's activity was more to be an elder brother for national JCI organizations.

You can imagine there were not so many of us in this choir in those days. Women were not seen in the Senate much either so you can imagine how good it felt when my good friend, and very much appreciated candidate, Gudrun Göransson was elected to the board of Senate. This changed the JCI world in the right direction.



### Killarney 1975

*Gudrun Westin-Göransson, JCI Senator # 11915, Chairman 1975/1976*

Hospitality is important among Senators. So when I attended the Manila WC and wanted to visit several islands a telegram was sent to Senators on every island: - "Ms Gudrun Göransson, Past President of the European Senators, will arrive so and so. Please meet at airport and exert the usual Philippino hospitality," Every recipient read Mr instead of Ms – women simply were not Senate Presidents – but they quickly overcame their astonishment when they saw me and took care of me in a wonderful way that I will never forget. Nor will I forget the mayor of Zamboanga, a legendary man who came to meet me at the airport. After a while he realised that I was the Past President. But then he drove me to every Senator, saying: "Look! It is a lady. We'll change the programme!" Then we all had a marvellous time. But they refused to tell me the male version of the usual Philippino hospitality!



### Birmingham 1976

*Jacques Cote †, JCI Senator # 2063, Chairman 1976/1977*

The memory of Lyon will endure as not only the perfect organisation; not only the river of Beaujolais but also little cameos such as Tom O'Rourke presenting pink roses to the gendarmes, guarding the general Post Office at 3 a.m. on Sunday morning.

By this time Jacques Cote had lost his voice but not his imperturbable charm and that to the Senators will be the most lasting memory of Lyon.

*This piece is an edited extract from a newsletter article written by Bernard Florsham JCI Senator #3986 about Jacques' year.*



### Lyon 1977

*Malcolm Fellows †, JCI Senator # 12506, President 1977/78*

Kitty and I have been subjected to hospitality and friendship which has had no limits. An experience we shall treasure dearly for years to come. The last 12 months have been enjoyable although very demanding but I genuinely believe that the opportunity you gave me to be your President will be of benefit for the rest of my life.

Kitty and I are very grateful for the hospitality offered to us during the year and I am delighted my collection of coins from so many countries has grown so much. On those long evenings to come I will examine them carefully and be able to appreciate them more.

To my successor who ever he or she may be I wish every success and to you my friends long life and happiness".

*Malcolm's précised words from the newsletter he edited at the time.*



**Antwerp (Anvers) 1978**

*Nathan Solberg †, JCI Senator #6318, President 1978/1979*

All those years when Nathan enthusiastically dedicated his time to the JCI and the ASE, and especially during his year of the European Presidency, were very meaningful and rewarding to us both.

Nathan and I felt proud and honoured to host in our home wonderful friends, and to participate in local, European and World conferences and congresses.

I'll quote Nathan's words from his speech in Lausanne when he finished his year. "For no man can live just for himself anymore, as we become more and more dependent on each other in so many ways and deeds."

*May God Bless you all. Rachel Solberg*

**Lausanne 1979**

*Kirre Polama, JCI Senator #23063, President 1979/1980*

With Finland already well respected in Europe following a successful JCI Conference at Turku in 1974 and aware that they would be meeting in Tampere in 12 months time, the annual assembly nominated Kirre for President in Lausanne.

*Ian Codrington*

**Tampere 1980**

*John Neill, JCI Senator #5692, President 1980/1981*

As far as 'Moments' are concerned I have chatted to Maureen and we cannot find any specific ones. I was lucky not to have a Board in my day so we all did our own thing and I enjoyed doing mine - with no guidance or - as I would put it - Interference.

The main memory looking back - and what a long distance that now is - is one of being welcomed wherever we went and the friendliness shown to us on every occasion in both Europe and America.

The other memory is coming home on a BA European flight - they were terrible! We set off twenty minutes late from Frankfurt and went so fast that we could feel the wings flapping so we sent a message to the pilot to say 'She will wait for you'! We got no reply but landed on time in Manchester.

**Wexford 1981**

*Rudolf Gloe von Bachellé, JCI Senator #15672, President 1981/1982*

As one of the Youngest Presidents it has always been my personal objective to promote friendship amongst our members with decent guidance and respectful leadership. At the World Congress in Berlin a South East Asian group tried to misuse the Senate organization to achieve individual personal glamour. On behalf of the European Senate I strongly and successfully opposed this move and recommended the spirit of the European Senate as a guide for other regional Senate Associations.

I am very happy to see that my successors have encouraged the development of the Senate in this sense. Today we can acknowledge with pride and satisfaction that the European Senate is still the strongest group because we see our priorities being focused on the mutual friendship that we all enjoy so much.





### Rotterdam 1982

*Peter Westman, JCI Senator #15592, President 1982/1983*

My years – 1982 and 1983 – gave me a continued JC training and maintained new friendships from Sweden through Europe all the way to Taipei and Seoul. I especially enjoyed the easy going AGM in Aberdeen. Memories are vague and many – I think I will let them all float in the same river.



### Aberdeen 1983

*Jean Pierre Bliha, JCI Senator #20226, President 1983/1984*

I do not recall too much about my election other than my delight that I would be hosting the European Senators in Bordeaux. There, with the help of my good colleague, Louis Brun of Chateau Brun fame, I expected our renowned French hospitality to be memorable. Fortunately, Louis's father was the leading 'Jurade of St Emilion' and this gave us the opportunity to enjoy great fellowship in a wonderful setting.



### Bordeaux 1984

*Ian Codrington, JCI Senator #14786, President 1984/1985*

Apart from the friendly welcome from all national Senate groups and the opportunity to create new and lasting friendships my most memorable moment must be at the fantastic conference in Bordeaux when I was both elected as ASE President and 'intronised' into the Jurade of St Emilion followed by a glorious lunch washed down by copious St Emilion wine. I still have my 'epitape' of red silk and fur and receive annual invitations to attend functions there."



### Sheffield 1985

*Ib Steen Rasmussen JCI Senator #17311 President 1985/1986*

At the start of his year Ib gave the assurance that he would continue the European Senate tradition that Senators mainly get together to enjoy themselves and also to give assistance to active Jaycees when they called on us.

During his year he talked about raising our influence with JCI regarding Senators' expectations of European conference and World Congress and at the end he thanked everyone for their great kindness and hospitality during working sessions and social events.

*Compiled from old newsletter reports*



### Savonlinna 1986

*René Moebel, JCI Senator #23225, President 1986/1987*

A wonderful time! During my time as Ambassador and President from ASE, I met a lot of friends in Europe - Germany, England, Switzerland, Belgium, Finland, Sweden, Holland, Spain, Italy, Tunisia, Morocco, and other Countries, thanks both to my job in international transportation and to my wife Marlies, who sadly died in 1989.

The family and the Jaycee Friends helped me to recover in a new life with Annie and to have again the contact with all of you and this unique friendship all over the World. So I continue my music in a Senator way!



**Liege 1987**

*Hans Zeppenfeldt JCI  
Senator #26366, President  
1987/1988*

Since I was elected as President I have visited so many events and have made friends in many European countries. The result is lasting friendships which still continue to be cultivated by constant contact. I take pride in those contacts and would not like to renounce of them. Therefore the time as a Senator was and still is an enormous enrichment of my life.

**Nantes 1988**

*Ernest Büttikofer JCI Senator  
#29311, President  
1988/1989*

My election as President took place in the wonderful Duc of Brittany's castle. We attended a play 'Puy du Fou' in the open air! It was about the history of the Vendee region.

My language skills were often called upon to help the understanding of Senators at our business and social gatherings – a contribution that I know was valued by the ripples of laughter as the messages were understood by all present! I suppose I was the 'unofficial' translator of my time but I did get paid with the occasional glass of wine.

All too soon it was time to hand over to my successor from Denmark – another great Senator!

**Cologne 1989**

*Jørgen Kurt Elbæk, JCI  
Senator #24638, President  
1989/1990*

The most memorable occasion during my time as President, amongst a long row of wonderful encounters, meetings and, not least, social events, was the main obligation of chairing the AGM in June 1990, in Aviemore/Inverness, and handing over to my successor.

For some reason that AGM was a very jolly occasion with a lot of laughter. The allotted space will not permit any reasoning as to why this was the case!

I could also contribute various anecdotes about the much less formal board procedures in those days!

**Inverness 1990**

*Gavin K Macpherson,  
JCI Senator #16985,  
President 1990/1991*

Not for one day have I regretted allowing my name to go forward as European JCI Senate Ambassador to

Northern Europe at the memorable JCI European Conference in Bordeaux in June 1984.

For Jeane and I, it was the start of an association with JCI Senators and their families all over the world and the formation of firm and lasting friendships which remain in place to-day 25 years later.

My election as President of the Association in 1990 is a moment I will never forget – or regret!





## How the Bumble Bee Club Started

For many years I had a client in Borås whose MD was a smoker but never bought any cigarettes and when I was working there he always asked me for a fag! In 1980 he was closing a management course and as a gift he manufactured some costumes and presented them. Anyway, after their celebration, he gave me four costumes. I saved one for myself and gave the others away to friends in connection with a party or birthday. The first to a close friend, Bengt Conradson #15076, and another to Jan Jerre #13514.

After a while I asked the MD if they had some more material. He had so I bought their stock in various colours and the pattern and they manufactured some 40 - 50 costumes. So now I had a lot of gifts to give to nice people when I went to parties. Not all were Senators but since at that time I attended a lot of Jaycee activities I think most of them were and all were Swedish.

In 1982 I organized and invited members (we had no name at that time) to the beach in Tylösand after the lunch. So the active club started at the 25th anniversary of the Crayfish Party.

It is very difficult to get the right type of material so for several years I could not get any except from big companies who had minimum order quantities of 5000 m. However at the end of 1985 I got some and at the Savonlinna EC in 1986 I went international and started to find new members from different countries

I went to my first DO in York in 1988 and we got a name. I received a photo of seven of us from Mary Rassmussen - wife of #17311 - and she called us the Bumble Bee Brigade which I changed to the Bumble Bee Club as we by then were regarded as a club. In 1994 at Den Haag I organized the first swim in

connection with a European Congress and almost every EC since then has had a swim organised by me or BBC members and is now part of the regular programme. It has also been part of the World Conference programme when in Europe with a swim being held in Copenhagen, Vienna and Antalya. In 1994 I also started to register the members.

After receiving numerous postcards from lady Senators I could not deny them any more so in 1996 I helped them to buy material and get them manufactured but left the responsibility to Clare Ashton #31337 and Åsa Johansson #33805.

My joy is to see grown up people, often with high positions in the community relaxing for a moment, forgetting their troubles and being a little bit childish.

*Roger Alm, JCI  
Senator #22866*



## One Size Fits Nobody

The BBC is a club, like the Senate, that you cannot apply to join. You become a member when the founder Roger Alm #22866, or his representative at a Senate event sidles up to you with a suspicious looking parcel. Usually the unsuspecting Senator thanks Roger for the unexpected gift and wonders

what they have done to deserve a present from such a distinguished Senator. It's only when they open it that their face drops at the prospect of having to wear the famous BBC uniform!

What is really good about the Bumble Bee Club is that there are no formalities. There is no committee with meetings and minutes and agendas. There is no hierarchy or elections for office because there can only ever be one chairman of the BBC, Roger its founder. Meetings are held at Senate events whenever the chairman decides to hold them and members gather in their elegant costumes, either on the beach or round a pool. They

lark about in the water like children at play and have been known to attract dubious glances from members of the public. Mothers have been seen to scoop their children from the pool or to move further up the beach as the Bumble Bee members appear.

Particularly when the music begins. It's not often you see a bunch of mature men and women cavorting about in silly costumes or playing trumpets in the swimming pool.

Roger selects member according to strict criteria. Well strict criterion anyway. In his own words 'I select new members if I find them nice!' He goes on to say that it can take five minutes or many years and he chooses Senators who have worked hard for the Senate. That is why you find many past Senate chairmen and members of the ASE in the Bumble Bee club. He also recognises those who have worked hard at Senate events by offering home hospitality for instance.

That is what is really special about the Bumble Bee club. You see folks who are really 'important' within their own community, the world of business or the Senate itself behaving like children and enjoying letting the world laugh at them. It certainly brings you down to earth wandering about the beach dressed in a Bumble Bee costume. And it makes for interesting conversations when a member of the public plucks up the courage to ask what it's all about. The simple answer is it's all about having fun! And long may it continue.

*Ian Nelson, JCI Senator #45643*





## How the Newsletter Started



The first bound issue was circulated September, 1975 but prior to this they were A4 printed sheets. Tragically I never kept any of these for in my opinion they were the best.

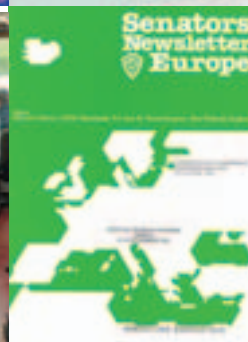
About 1973/74 I was a member of the Senate Committee which under the guidance of Ken Hornsby National President 1958 met bimonthly at the Cafe Royal in London. Ken was a truly remarkable person for whom I had a great affection.

He believed that the Senate was a vehicle which could help to keep together the friendships of B.J.C.C. His goal was to have a regular newsletter, but his job never gave him the time or the facility to do such a task. He organised a Senate Dinner at Borehamwood, Autumn 1973 at which it was quite obvious he was a very sick man, he died with cancer a few months later. At his funeral a large contingent of Senators paid their last respects to a dear departed friend, and resolved we should all keep in touch.

I took it on myself as a mark of respect to Ken to write a quarterly Newsletter, the first issue of which was an epitaph to Ken Hornsby. Ken and his wife Joan were big friends of Cyril and Betty Meadows who provided me with a considerable amount of encouragement in the early days.

You can see from old copies how those friendships were cemented, but tragically time has taken its toll and many of those early subscribers are no longer with us, but perhaps organising social functions either down below or more hopefully collecting dues at those Pearly Gates.

*Malcolm Fellows*





### 1994 Editor's Comment

Malcolm was the instigator of the newsletter and subsidised it throughout his editorship - he was the life and soul of any function and contributed immeasurably to the health of the Senate worldwide.

This is an edited version of the article that appeared in the September 1994 newsletter celebration the 25th Anniversary

### A few facts

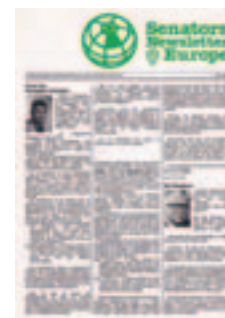
The newsletter started with 4 issues a year and after a while due to a combination of time pressure on the editors and lack of material the number of issues reduced. In 2006 a plan was put in place to increase back to 4 issues per year and since 2007 there have been quarterly issues again with the largest ever regular pagination. The newsletter was A5 from September 1975 to Spring 1983 when it changed to A4.

### The Editors have been:-

|                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Malcolm Fellows      | 1974 – Winter 1981           |
| Peter Bennett Keenan | Spring 1982 – January 1986   |
| Ian Codrington       | May 1986 – September 1994    |
| Terry Forest         | October 1994 – December 1996 |
| Ian Nelson           | April 1997 – December 1998   |
| Terry Forrest        | April 1999 – April 2000      |
| Ian Nelson           | August 2000 – April 2007     |
| Peter Browning       | July 2007 – present          |

### The Production Editors have been:-

|               |                              |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| John Neill    | Summer 1983 – January 1986   |
| David Proctor | October 1994 – December 2004 |
| Henry Ruddock | April 2005 – present         |



## The 'A' Team



"Maybe we should establish a Senator Bar in Nepal?" British Senator Eddie Ashley said while some Senators were walking from the Convention Centre to the hotel during the WC in Manila in 1998. "Why Nepal?" somebody asked and Eddie said: "Pauline and I have a daughter who is married in Kathmandu. We have been there several times, and it is a wonderful country!" The response was spontaneously positive so Eddie went to work.

In February 2001 two Senator groups left for Nepal. The first group consisted of 11 sporty Senators from five nations (plus me!) who first walked in the Chitwan jungle (looking for Bengal tigers, hoping that we wouldn't meet one) before we flew up to the Annapurna region and went mountain hiking assisted by ghurkas and sherpas. When we marched into a mountain lodge one week later, group number two had arrived, and together we enjoyed our Nepali Senator Bar with good food, drinks, songs and speeches.

The second group never met again. I guess the reason is that it was too big, so there several sub-groups formed, depending on what they were complaining about. In the first group, however, nobody complained, even if many could have complained about a lot of things, from blisters to lack of sleep, comfort - and breath! It was a very caring group that anybody's problem became everybody's concern. And when you walk up to high altitudes, the air pressure inside you gets higher than that outside, so air had to be let out, so after a while we didn't care, but staggered up while farting in five languages. The consequence was that we became very close and intimate, and the chemistry was so good that we named ourselves "The A Team" and decided to meet for another adventure.

The next year we had an exciting week walking and rafting in The Grand Canyon. In the following years we toured Southern Africa (kayaking and rafting on

Zambezi – a once in a lifetime experience, if I can help it!), Vietnam ("mountain crawling"), Costa Rica (rainforests and active volcanoes), Northern Norway (midnight sun), Peru (Machu Picchu and Titicaca) and Cambodia. Good guides greatly enhance the value of our expeditions. On a walk in the Namib desert, for example, we came across a soldier's grave and asked our guide: "Why was he buried here?" And the guide answered: "Because he died."

Thanks to the initiative taken by Eddie and Pauline Ashley, we became a group that is probably unique in the Senate world. The rest of us are very grateful to them, and would strongly recommend Senators to form travel groups, live close and enjoy Senate friendship and togetherness. And after many years with "The A Team" my opinion is that there is no better way to do it than living, suffering and celebrating small victories together under primitive and demanding conditions without fancy dresses and formal brouhaha.

*Ole Jacob Raad, JCI Senator #8552*







## From the life of "The A Team"

Breaking camp by Colorado River. But we are not in a hurry, because the guide is still on the loo in the background. In the Vietnam rainforest we camped on a slope. During the night we slid downwards and woke up now and then at the bottom of the tents. Breakfast in the open at 3000 meters with Annapurna in the background. "The restaurant" tent" has just been taken down because of the nice weather. Primitive, but David Fairhurst prefers this to a swim in the Zambezi River among crocs and hippos.





## Past Chairmen and Presidents' Memories

### Vejle 1991

*Björn Johnson, JCI Senator #27789, President 1991/1992*

It is hard to believe it is over eighteen years ago when I had the privilege for the first time to elect an Ambassador to the USA. We wanted close contacts with the USA as the next World Congress was in Miami. There had been a misunderstanding in Helsinki over the US Party and the US President was very low when we met. In the Senate bar we made a bet regarding the number of Senators coming from Europe compared with how many from the USA with a case of champagne to the winner. That very generous Frenchman, Pierre-Arnold de Romanet had relations in the Moët champagne company and arranged to sponsor a 12 litre bottle which, with the help of the Dutch Embassy in Washington, reached Miami at NO cost. There was enough for all Senators at the lunch. Our dear friend Peter Frankel gave an "impromptu speech" behind closed doors on overage members with the listeners giving him a standing ovation.



### Genève 1992

*Joël Meudec, JCI Senator #35384, President 1992/1993*

During my year I was pleased that there was increased involvement of the French Senators on the ASE Board and in European Senate activities especially remembering my good friend Louis Brun who sadly is no longer with us.

One of the important roles for a President is to hand over to a team that will build on past achievements and at Bergen in Norway I like to think that was achieved



### Bergen 1993

*Peter Quirin, JCI Senator #43182, President 1993/1994*

My year was one of preparation for the 25th anniversary of the ASE which I wanted to become an unforgettable event for our members and the leading persons of the previous years and their partners.

Furthermore I wanted to open the ASE towards the overseas associations, and with Lilo I joined the respective gatherings of the areas Africa, Far East and North America in 1994.

Looking back, I think we started to build the basis for today's joint board meetings, which I hope and wish will turn into a greater mutual co-operation and the full acceptance of all Senators worldwide towards JCI. It was always a great pleasure to serve the ASE and I wish her many happy returns!



### Den Haag 1994

*Björn Conradi, JCI Senator #26536, President 1994/1995*

Being President from a country whose language is not acknowledged by JCI can be a challenge - I could handle English and German and with Norwegian I could communicate with the Swedes and Danes. That left me with the French speakers. I had great help from Ernest Büttikofer in translating. My speeches remained the same length but the translations grew longer and longer. Strasbourg was the peak. I was asked to say a few brief words at a Reception and was very short. The translation took more than three times longer! I closed by denying responsibility for Ernest's translation! Memories too of leading people and experiencing other cultures. Back then we still sent letters to each other and made phone calls!



**Strasbourg 1995**

*Bob Granger †, JCI Senator  
#36351, President 1995/1996*

On a return trip from the 1992 Geneva Conference Centre in the early hours Bob Granger tried enthusiastically to persuade the taxi driver to find an establishment that sold "Toblerone et pommes frites" and a fellow Board member summed the conversation up as "why the EEC might not work". As Secretary to the Board in 1994, on discussing celebrations for the Millennium when a Highland Games was mooted, he advised that 'watching Highland Games was only marginally more interesting than viewing coastal erosion'! (And he was a Scot!) Well known for his acerbic wit he was long remembered for: "Mr Chairman, after that speech the winter will seem short by comparison".

*Margaret Granger*

**Thessaloniki 1996**

*Paul Kaiser JCI Senator  
#26719, President  
1996/1997*

I was elected President in the heat of Greece in June 1996 and was removed from the position in freezing Iceland one year later.

From that year, I have a lot of great memories of meetings with friends throughout Europe. One highlight among many others was the Board meeting in my hometown with Assigned Officer Harry Kolodner from the States.

**Reykjavik 1997**

*Jan Jerre, JCI  
Senator #13514,  
President 1997/98*

When Congress was held in Monaco in 1998, I had the great honour to be the President of our association.

Elna and I were, together with some of my board members, invited to the Royal Palace by Prince Rainier. Sadly he had fallen ill, so our host was Prince Albert. Later at the opening ceremony I had the pleasure, together with the World President Petri Niskanen, to appoint Prince Albert as a Senator.

**Monte Carlo 1998**

*Michael Ashton, JCI Senator #11913,  
President 1998/1999*

Inspiration in Monaco gave us the services of a Butler & Valet! Cabaret in Sweden at the Halmstad Crayfish Conference; speech in Finland at the Senate AGM where I stood in for the Minister of Defence - No problem! At Manila WC an ASE Board dinner with Sonny Belmonte Jr, JCI President (1976) and the Leader of the Opposition in the Philippines; Spring Board held at Nottingham & Portmeirion, UK was very special for me as we enjoyed with good friends the ambience of our home village with its ancient church and, in full sunshine, the glory of North Wales scenery.

The Board continued the initiative, begun in 1976, for Senator Expectations at JCI Conferences. With the support of the USA and Canadian Senates, the agreed document was adopted by ASE at the AGM in Berlin 1999.



### Berlin 1999

*Gérard Chabert, JCI Senator #50663, President 1999/2000*



My ASE career began under the leadership of Bob Granger. Our mutual interest in Rugby cemented our friendship and it came as a profound shock when Bob died, at only 52, just days after my installation as President. We all miss his humour and dry wit!

As Hon Secretary I had the opportunity to widen my Senate friendships across Europe and the millennium year was a wonderful celebration wherever I travelled. At Cannes WC we began discussions with JCI on the Senators' Expectations document approved in Berlin. My finale was at Oostende where my colleagues ensured everyone knew of my French persona. A very rewarding year in my life was over!

### Oostende 2000

*Tineke Bezemer, JCI Senator #47162, President 2000/2001*



As a Board we broke with tradition regarding the ASE Board meetings. We wanted more communication with National Senate Presidents so we invited them to our board meetings. The first was held in my hometown, Alphen aan den Rijn during the local Old Timer day in September. We were treated like royalty being driven in classic cars like Rolls Royces and Bentleys.

After our Spring meeting in Vienna with National Senate Presidents I realised the year had gone so fast and I had to prepare for the Pre tour and European Conference where we adopted a revised constitution. It was my second time in Tampere - in 1980 as a Jaycee and in 2001 as a Senator - for me it is a year not to forget.

### Tampere 2001

*Werner Uhlmann, JCI Senator #20485,, President 2001/2002*



The most memorable and shocking moments of my year as President were the terrorist attacks of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001 and few American Senators chose to fly to attend the Barcelona WC. At the Congress the American and European Senators became very close and for the first time we mixed tables between the European Senate Board and the Americans at the Gala Dinner. In the absence of a Senate Lounge, we joined forces and created a joint lounge, run each evening by one or more countries.

### Istanbul 2002

*Henri Agnelly, JCI Senator #8440, President 2002/2003*



Mes plus beaux souvenirs : Istanbul et le lancement de mon programme lors de mon discours de candidature :

- création des joints-boards-meetings afin de pouvoir apporter aux NOMs l'expérience des seniors dans la collaboration Nord-Sud;

- et surtout la merveilleuse aventure de l'amitié avec les membres de mon dream-board (dont 4 allaient devenir présidents à leur tour ! )

*My most beautiful memories: Istanbul and my candidature speech launching my programme: - to create the joint boards meetings to bring to the NOMs the experience of Senators in North-South collaboration - and especially the marvellous adventure of friendship with the members of my dream-board (of which 4 were going to become presidents in their turn!)*

### Birmingham 2003

*Harald Pfab, JCI Senator #50989, President 2003/2004*



A big moment for me was during the JCI World Congress in Fukuoka 2004. After a long time of preparation starting with Henri Agnelly and Jack Pasquale the final version of the "Senators expectations" was signed by JCI SG Edson Kodama and me (later the other Senate area Presidents). With kind help of Earl Sawyer, it was the first time ever, that JCI recognised a Senate area organization. Since then, many improvements were made for better conditions of Senators during World Congresses.

A very sad moment was the death of my successor as President Eddie Ashley. This really good friend died in October 2004. The funeral with many Senate friends coming from all over the world I will never forget.

**Lausanne 2004**

*Eddie Ashley †, JCI Senator #28464, President 2004/2005*

There are so many wonderful memories of Eddie's time on the ASE Board. We made many new friends and visited some amazing places.

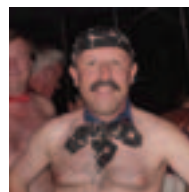
I think one of Eddie's best memories was our trip to Germany for Harold Pfab's Spring Board meeting where we were very privileged to have a flight on a Zeppelin air ship.

*Pauline Ashley*

**Poitiers 2005**

*Ali Akal, JCI Senator #55258, President 2005/06*

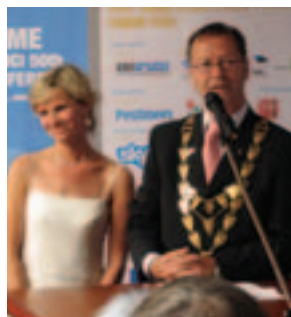
The Chain Changing Ceremony in Poitiers was the most memorable moment for me when I realized in the pictures that the Chain was placed backwards!

**Tallinn 2006**

*Paal Aschjem, JCI Senator #22040, President 2006 - 2007*

My year "From Ideas to Reality" meant better co-operation with JCI and JCI Senate Chairman, new ASE Deputy President's position, raised profile of the Joint Senate Boards and a lot of fun! What an unforgettable year

meeting US JCI Senate "SET SAIL" friends in Indianapolis, celebrating JCI Norway's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, JCI WC in Seoul, British Drumming Out in Labadabadu, Wales (locals call it Llandudno), my Spring Meeting in wonderful Copenhagen, EC in Maastricht with my drumming out in a helicopter landing! Thanks to all who made this year a success for all Senators, my wife Ene and me. To you all: run for this position!

**Maastricht 2007**

*Peter den Bremer, JCI Senator #53915, President 2007/2008*

A memorable moment was when President Paal and myself, the incoming newly elected President, arrived by helicopter at the Senate Lunch in Sittard.

I recall too the moment when the appreciation of JCI was expressed towards our organisation during the JCI World Conference in Antalya.

Scott Greenlee as JCI President congratulated me on this occasion (Foundation Reception) on the results of the First Timer programme and the CSR project.

These were major achievements of the 2007-2008 ASE board as were the renewal of the ASE Website and the launch of the E-Bulletin.





## Editorial Extracts

### March 78

The distribution of the first issue of this Newsletter was sponsored by Peter Bennett-Keenan (7409) back in September 1975: since when circulation has increased from 750 to over 4,000 copies sent to 27 different countries. To print and distribute it costs £500 sterling per issue of which £200 is sought from sponsors. The remainder hopefully comes from your subscriptions. Financially speaking the Newsletter is best described as a millstone round our (the British Senate) neck so we feel we can ask a favour of you.

You are on the mailing list and long may you continue to be so! But if you feel that it is a waste or do not find it of interest please let the Hon. Secretary know.

### Winter 1981

For over eight years now I have persuaded, bullied and even pleaded on occasions to get news to complete each quarterly issue of this Newsletter. Like all success stories the job has got bigger with each issue and more demanding and the time has come, in order to preserve my sanity, to enlist the help of someone else. My mentor for years has been Peter Bennett-Keenan, the man everyone loves to hate, but who I happen to love. Peter will be our Editor for future issues and his vast experience in Marketing and Public Relations will play an important part in the future development of the Newsletter. Give him the support you have given me and enjoy every future issue.

### PBK's Closing Remarks

If ever I needed reminding that none of us are getting any younger it was brought home to me today when I was privileged to attend an afternoon coffee and cake party to celebrate Tante Gustel's 96th birthday.

Somehow in the Senate we all seem to freeze at whatever age we got our award: and if not quite so young as all that, at least we are retarded in our realization of how time flies by the companionship of our contemporaries. How can I be getting old when none of them look a day older than the last time saw them? But we are all battling along at the same speed. Once upon a time perhaps there were no Senators older than fifty. Now there must be quite a few over seventy. Most of us are somewhere in between but the time to start sparing a thought for the elderly is now. They did not ask to be lonely or infirm. They can't help it if they can't cope with cars or computers, if they sleep in the day and can't

sleep at night, if they don't recognise their best friends or if they have none left to recognise.

It is the human condition for practice to lag behind preaching: for us to regret today what we should have done a long time ago. Old age is neither a blessing nor a curse, it is a condition that can be turned into either by the action or inaction of others especially we who, by our leadership training, should know the value to the - community of setting a good example.

As the wife of a very dear friend of mine used to say, please don't criticise the coffee, you too may be old and weak one day!

August 1984

### Codders Takes Over

Some of you may have noticed a change in the presentation of the Newsletter and if you have read this far you might just have noticed that the picture of the Editor has changed. After several years of work, Peter Bennett Keenan together with John Neill have felt that the time had come to retire and for some reason "Chairman Pat" invited me to take over the task. I am neither editor nor journalist but do have a sincere interest in maintaining the production of the Newsletter and in attempting to make it a genuine European production. With this in mind it is essential that both articles and photographs are received, be they large or small, as I genuinely think and believe that Senators throughout Europe (and the World) are interested in learning both of what has been happening with their friends and also what is going to happen. The Senate provides a meeting place for people and Senators, for their part by keeping in touch, are more likely to be able to offer assistance, when needed, to their local chambers.

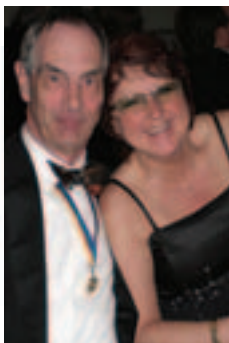
I look forward to Editing the Newsletter and even more I look



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forward to hearing from all our friends throughout the world. In closing, might I thank both Peter and John for all they have done in keeping the Newsletter alive.

#### **Terry makes his mind up!**

When I reluctantly gave up the editorship of the European Senate Newsletter I looked forward to returning at some time. I handed over to someone whom I sincerely believed would make such a hash of the job that you would all be shouting to me "Come back all is forgiven". What's his name did such a good job as my successor that my one year out to take the chair of the British Senate looked like continuing for some time. I also failed to realise just what a high profile job the Editorship of this illustrious publication is. Almost before you could say E.S.N. Editor, Ian Nelson was running for Deputy Chairman as well. It takes a very accomplished person to hold down both jobs.

Well, come the elections and Ian was successful, despite fierce opposition. Now he is Chairman and like his editor predecessor has given up the higher profile role to concentrate on the lesser task.

(But unlike the first Editor who did 3 jobs at the same time!) I was so desperate to get the job back that I offered to do it for the same remuneration as last time. You will be pleased to hear that my remuneration as editor will be exactly double what I got in 1996. I should like to take this opportunity to thank Ian for the excellent job that he has done as caretaker editor and also to wish him all the very best for his year as Chairman. However, David Proctor has told me that we don't have the space for the tribute in this edition so it will have to wait!

April 1999

Sitting here writing this I feel a bit like the late Frank Sinatra, since this is my second retirement as Editor of this highly acclaimed publication. This time it is final. Thank God I hear some of you utter. My reason this time is quite different from the last. Last time I gave up the position, temporarily, in order to concentrate on being Chairman of the British Senate. I handed over to a willing volunteer who did such a good job, that the only way I could get it back was to persuade HIM to become British Senate Chairman. This time I am responding to comments I have heard in a number of quarters in the European Senate. These comments, with which I agree, hence my response to them, concern the length of time some people tend to serve on the European Senate Board.

April 2000

#### **Ian gets his old job back!**

The last time then. No more editorials. No more sifting through sackfuls of unsolicited articles. No more in depth research to expose the sleaze and scandal in the Senate (some hope!). After this edition I retire. Two years in the job and still no offer of a column in the Times. Not even the tabloids have approached me. In fact the best offer I have received in journalism is stapling the copies of the village newsletter as they come off the photocopier. I only took the job on because I thought that my wonderful literary and editorial style would be noticed and it would be the start of my career as a famous journalist of international renown. Well okay my style was noticed but my solicitor is dealing with that and we hope to reach several out of court settlements soon. But as far as my journalistic career goes this seems to be the end of the road.

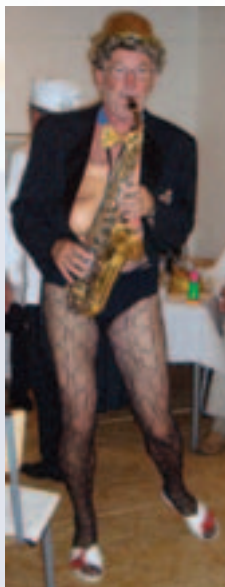
December 1998

So here we are again, back in the editor's chair, still warm after Terry Forrest's recent retirement. I thank my campaign team for their hard work and dedication in persuading the European Senate to vote for me against such stiff opposition for one of the most coveted positions in the European Senate. Commiserations to all those broken hearted unsuccessful candidates for the position.

Don't take it too hard; there are plenty of lesser publications seeking editors across Europe I'm sure, so keep looking!

August 2000

## Web History



*"Is this the type of photo Peter is referring to?"*

### Having Fun

The web history is close in time but far away in mind. When I started my first website back in 1996 I was President of the Swedish Senate - remember Leadership by Fun.

I was asked to take care of jcisenate.com and we made the first website in 1997/98. To begin with this was a meeting point for Senators to make them smile. A lot of photos were taken all around Europe and especially at the Crayfish Party in Halmstad. My old computer committed suicide some time ago and unfortunately all these photos are dead and gone but they still live in my memory.

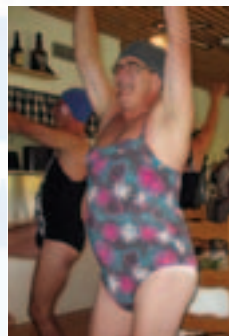
We worked with the website for a couple of years before some of our members thought that Senators dressed as ladies playing the saxophone was not appropriate.

I thought that we should have fun and leave all the serious business to the younger generation. I thought I was alone in these thoughts and Reynold from France became the second webmaster. But I still have my business cards from the European Senate telling that I was webmaster for some time. The first one!

Today I'm working hard but I hope to make a comeback in the European Senate, though not as webmaster. Maybe as Master of Fun! I think it's necessary for all of us.

The most serious business in life is having fun.

**Peter Enckell, JCI Senator #46876**  
Webmaster 1997 – 2001



### An experience to remember

I was given the opportunity to develop the European Senate website by Werner Uhlman and it was a real pleasure to do it. I learned a lot, illustrating our famous « Learning by doing ».

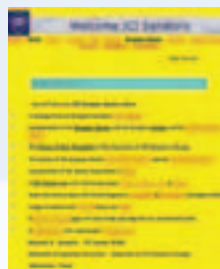
Updating a website needs constant contact with the European Senate Presidents, boards and members and also the whole world, strengthening friendship and fellowship. It's never-ending work because gathering information takes a lot of time. Everyday work as well because new information comes every day. But this hard job gives pleasure in getting to know all the National Senate organizations and building a great network of friends.

I have learned a lot and since then and I have created more than ten websites, thanks to the knowledge I gained during those years in the European Board.

Working with a European team with great presidents is also a wonderful experience and I encourage every Senator with an international feeling to live this European « adventure ».

Best regards from Lille, France

**Reynold R. Dumatte, JCI Senator # 38826, Webmaster**  
2001 – 2004



### ***The Wrong Time***

What happens when you are in the wrong spot with too many whiskies at the wrong time?

I still remember a cellar in Lausanne. Paul Aschjem and I were sitting and tasting some whisky and started to talk about the ASE home page and that Raynold Dumatle was stepping down as webmaster. We had a serious discussion about the successor and suddenly I hear my mouth saying "I can be webmaster!"

This was not the first time in my life that the connection between brain and mouth failed. I was officially asked by Eddie Ashley to be the ASE webmaster. I must say that I respect my mouth because it was a very good decision.

I carried out an investigation of the users requirements and identified key demands - Easy to access, easy to read and up to date.

With the help of my tenant, Elisabeth Brevensson-Beepsend, and many hours work the new web pages were made and welcomed. Then I found out that I have to start all over again because the users started to have demands of the contents and layout! At that time Ragnar Kåhre, a Swedish Senator, had made a very good site for the Swedish Senate and together we developed a solution that was adopted by the Board.

My last year on the Board approached in the middle of implementing the changes and I wanted my last year to be as an Ambassador!

My successor Piivi Öhman does not have the easiest job to develop our web pages further. However I think she has made a tremendous start and I am looking forward to seeing the result.

***Per Erichs, JCI Senator #53237,  
Webmaster 2004 – 2008***



### ***Further development***

It's a good idea to have a "historical" view of the website in the anniversary booklet. I did not even know that the website has existed so long as to have had 3 webmasters before me...!!

There has not been much development in the contents of the website this year apart from reviewing the content and the needs of the Senators so I do not have a lot to add to the booklet as regards my year. Hopefully the situation will change next year!

Like the Newsletter Editor I have overall responsibility and look after the contents of the web but I am supported on the technical (or production) side.

During the year Ragnar has had difficulty juggling work with supporting me with the technical aspects of the web so he has been joined by his wife Caroline and they are now the joint technical webmasters.

***Piivi Öhman JCI Senator #61024,  
Webmaster 2008 – ?***

***Visit [www.jciSenate.eu](http://www.jciSenate.eu) to see the current web site  
and follow its development***



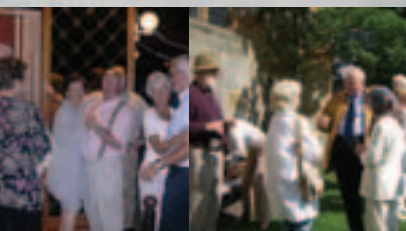




## Past ASE Presidents' Reunions



In September 1993 Ursula & Ernest Büttikofer # 29311 had invited a lot of people to celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary during the week-end of the Neuchatel Wine Festival. The grand party took place on a boat on the Lake of Neuchatel, with buffet dinner, wine galore, dancing and much merriment. The guests were family, friends, Jaycee members from many countries AND a large group of past presidents of the Association with spouses. We were separately installed in a very nice hotel, and a special extraordinary programme was arranged for us.



During the week-end it became obvious that we, as a separate group, had great pleasure in each other's company, exactly as PAST...many memories were exchanged, and we were actually united in the desire for having a special, formalized meeting, just for us, apart from what would be possible at various conferences and congresses.



So we agreed to meet every second year in all foreseeable future during the last week-end of August. I volunteered to take the necessary steps for the arrangement of that first official reunion in Denmark during the last week-end of August 1995 in close co-operation with Ib Steen Rasmussen #17311. It would be from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon.

The reunions have taken place since then ...with greatly variable attendance... as follows:

1997 in Bedford, England

1999 in Gothenburg, Sweden

2001 in Ditmarschen, Germany

2003 in Paris, France

2005 in Oslo, Norway

2007 in Edinburgh, Scotland

2009 in Eupen, Belgium

The next venue is agreed upon at latest reunion.

*Jørgen Kurt Elbæk, JCI Senator #24638*



## Don Aylett, JCI Senator #44, Someone who was there!



*Edited from September 1975 Newsletter*

When we established the Senate during the '52 Melbourne Congress, Phil Pugsley had in mind the retention of friendly contact between Exhausted Old Roosters who would maintain a paternal interest in JC and be a source of finance through our subscriptions. It was a brilliant idea from a dedicated man. We envisaged that a Senatorship would coincide with retirement from JC and, from time to time, I must express the hope that the award of a Senatorship to a younger man will not divert his attention and his continued interest in JC.

As we get older - and find that the future is shorter - perhaps we Old Roosters can be forgiven our nostalgic memories about JC. Since 1954 the growth in Europe has been ample reward for its founders and constant assurance that we left JC in good hands. The outstanding record in Scandinavia and Finland is perhaps now a challenge to BJC and the coming 'WC in Amsterdam reminds me that the Dutch organisation has but twenty years of history.

I discussed the formation of a local Chamber in Zaanstreek with ten local young men. By 1966, JC Netherlands comprised 14 Chambers with 700 members and now, in 1975, we have a WC in Holland. When I reflect on that progress I regain confidence in our future. I am grateful that past opportunities have matured into wonderful memories and such pride in my successors who well deserve our continued and enthusiastic support.

### **So We've Grown Up - What Next?**

*Edited from March 1976 Newsletter*

After nearly 25 years in the Senate, I am entitled to feel nostalgic and, as it is even longer since I joined JC, to "look ahead" to see just where the Senate is going.

We who started the Senate wanted to retain for always the good fellowship in JC and to maintain a kind of paternal interest - with no extension of membership and no right to interfere. We left inviolate the right of our young successors to make all their own mistakes - just as we did - and on their own. We were right.

And we grew! When you, too, reflect on 25 years as Senators, you may well outnumber JC. That's a lot of Senators whose lives are well filled with increasing responsibilities in which the value of JC training is proven. For we antiques, JC is something we like to hear about - something we are always ready to help and something essentially for young men and women - our sons and daughters.

Unfortunately, we founders failed to anticipate the "Junior" Senator - still active in JC - whose experience is too valuable to divert before graduating as "old roosters".

Fortunately, JC Conferences are beginning to recognise both "serving" Senators and "old roosters". The former want the full programme, but the roosters want just the nostalgia of perhaps the opening ceremony and the President's Ball, together with the Senators Breakfast - that's just what you can now choose to have at the European Conference at Birmingham in June.

So, the Senate has grown up and it will be always "old", just as JC will be always "young". At a Conference in Cologne long ago nine early JC countries profoundly concluded that the most successful team in our society must effectively blend the energy of youth with the experience and wisdom of age.

Well - we now have all the right ingredients and we have the opportunity, so let us be sure that both JC and the Senate are better for a blend of enthusiasm and experience. The next 25 years will be worth watching!

### **Grandpere L'Europe**

*Edited from June 1976 Newsletter*

Senators quite naturally find it easy to look back. We had lots of fun, some responsibility, made a lot of friends and many most profound noises! Starting the Senate was one of our better jobs.

When in 1954, as JCI VP, I thanked Yvon Chotard for the honour of becoming Membre d'honneur des Jeunes Chambres Economique Francais I dubbed him "Pere des JCEF" and he in turn dubbed me "Grandpere L'Europe" as I seem to have been father - or midwife - at the birth of JC in most European countries.

### **Was he the only parent?**

However, when I followed him, I am reasonably certain that I started Finland, Italy, Denmark, Germany & Holland!

**Leon Jessel JCI Senator #667**

*Reprinted from September 1976 newsletter*

Perhaps in retirement I can sort out with Leon Jessel just who did what and when in history and help him keep the peace with the founders who now seek his blood!

**Don Aylett, JCI Senator #44**

*Reprinted from December 1976 newsletter*

## Senate Joint Boards Projects supporting JCI

### Essay Judging

Since 2007 Jaycees have been invited to write essays about the current main JCI theme. In 2007 and 2008 the theme was CSR (corporate social responsibility) Each year before the world congress over 40 Senators from all over the world have judged more than 70 essays. The final judging of the last five was done by the World President, the World Senate Chairman and the incoming World President. JCI was very happy about this support.

### First Timer Programme

Also starting in 2007, Senators were involved in the First Timer's Briefing at the World Congress and the Area Conferences. From 2008 Senators were responsible for preparation of the presentation,

the order of the event, First Timer Passports (at the WC), judging the First Timer questionnaire and mentoring the First Timers - all in close contact with JCI and under their control. This was done in different languages.

More than 50 Senators from all Areas were present at the First Timer's briefing in New Delhi in November 2008 to be mentors.

*Ulrich Kistner, JCI Senator #58860,  
Ambassador to the Americas  
2008 – 2009*



### Secretary's Report 1994

Being secretary of the Board of the Association of JCI Senators in Europe, you do not expect to work too much. Mostly the board meetings are short and the secretary can concentrate on using his right (or left) hand for other things than taking notes for the minutes.

This year the activities were more balanced - the secretary had to use his hand for writing the minutes - long minutes - pages of minutes. A new experience in the history of the Association. At least the secretary has tried out his knowledge (or lack of the same) of the English language.

Working in a board with members from different European countries is an experience which I always will remember. Not only experiencing good friendships, but also getting an insight in different ways of thinking and working. We are not that equal in Europe as we often think.

*Bjørn Conradi, JCI Senator #26536,*

*Hon. Secretary 1993 - 1994.*

*From the September 1994 25th Anniversary Newsletter*

### Treasurer's Report 1994

On the day of the last AGM of the Association your Treasurer could be forgiven for thinking this was to be his sporting year.

That morning, in far off Wellington, the British Lions Rugby Team had just beaten the New Zealand all Blacks. Surely this would be a vintage year? Fat chance! The Lions duly lost the next Test in Auckland and with it the series.

The Edinburgh Senate Annual Football Visit saw the Jam Tarts beat Atletico Madrid 2-1. Unfortunately, they still had to go to Spain. Adios. The Scottish Football team duly failed to qualify for the World Cup Finals. So did England which is unfortunate as we usually cheer for the side they are playing against!

Our Rugby team fared no better. The performance against the Welsh took ineptitude to an art form. Even worse than the result was the fact I had to sit next to Senator Terry for Tea and listen to his Welsh musings for 80 minutes! Worse was to come. We lost to England by a last minute penalty awarded by a referee of undoubted questionable parentage whose guide dog, at least, was well behaved. A veil will be drawn over the rest of the season.

Attached hereto are the accounts for the year to 25th June.

My thanks go to the 12 countries who contributed to our funds.

*R. C. Granger, JCI Senator #36351,*

*ASE Treasurer 1990 - 1994*

*From the September 1994 25th Anniversary Newsletter*

*The 1992 report was in a similar vein but shorter!*

## Newsletter Snippets

### September 1975

When I read that Peter Bennett-Keenan was sponsoring this issue of the Newsletter I just couldn't let the occasion pass without taking up a few lines at my old friends expense. After all, he still owes me for that meal in "Jimmys Kitchen" during the World Conference in Hong Kong back in 1962: He will deny this vehemently, of course.

The Senate Newsletter has become a really worthwhile publication and your June issue one of the best yet. In it, I was relieved to learn that Roger Boissier was able to obtain a reprieve for Dan Haak and Eric Stevenson and that their names are now off the "Wanted List."

### December 1975

The Senators blood donated on Friday morning must have cheered up many a Cork patient. We were photographed during the process (looking like gangsters, just shot down) and strengthened afterwards with good Irish stout. No wonder the luncheon at Hotel Europe was so gay!

Saturday morning when the AGM took place we were all very serious and hardworking, but at the famous champagne breakfast on Sunday morning everyone contributed with ballad-singing and story-telling. It was a gay and friendly conclusion to a memorable Conference.

### September 1977

Thank you so much for sending me the BRITISH SENATE NEWSLETTER which I thoroughly enjoy reading. I hope to be up your way later this year and I will most certainly contact you and hope to see you.

The extra copies you forward to me, I pass on to some of my Senate colleagues who also thoroughly enjoy them. I wish the Senate in Trinidad and Tobago was as active as yours. Your Newsletter is certainly giving me encouragement to do something more positive in my country in this regard.

### Dec 1977

And so it was time for the finale - another memorable Senate Breakfast in the nearby Royal Victoria Hotel - another triumph for all our Senate top brass, and Leon Jessel and PBK in particular, who conducted the A.G.M. with a firm not to say Hitlerian, hand. His completion of the twelve items on the agenda in two minutes thirty four seconds was unfortunately just outside the unconfirmed record of two minutes twenty-nine seconds established in 1939. With Don and Beth Wilson hauled out of the dining room to attend to a screaming infant (how many Senators can claim that? I) the rest of us tucked into the rather intriguing menu in which PBK's prandial preferences were clearly discernible, whilst Norman Brown, Pat McManus, David Moran, Carol Bouchard, and Eric Morecambe (Jim Doyle) and Ernie Wise (Fred Dalgarno) regaled us from the floor..

*I am fine. Thank you.  
There is nothing, the matter with me.  
I'm as healthy as can be.  
I have arthritis in both my knees  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.*

*Arch supports I have for my feet  
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street:  
Sleep is denied me, night after night,  
But every morning I find I'm all right.  
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,  
But I'm a awfully well for the shape I'm in.*

*I get up in the morning and dust off my wits  
Pick up the paper and read the obits.  
if my name is missing I know I'm not dead.  
So I have a good breakfast - and go back to bed.*

*The moral is this, as this tale I unfold  
That for you and for me who are growing old  
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin  
Than to let young Senators know, the shape we're in!*

*Ib Steen, JCI Senator #17311  
First published December 1992*

### Summer 1981

Home hospitality for the Senators was given by Eli and Tore Strand and this was a great success especially by their small daughter who had instructions to remove all empty beer bottles and replace them with full ones. She should go far in Junior Chamber in time!



## The Joint Boards



My direct memory of international Senator history only goes back to 1989 when, at the Birmingham World congress, I became friends with Dave Habershaw who started speaking to me about his ideas about developing the relationship between the ASE and the U.S. Senate. In 1992, Björn Johnson and Hedley Novis came to Tulsa, Oklahoma in January where we were to sit down with Hal Krekorian and representatives from JCI and the U.S. Junior Chamber. As I recall (and I am sure Björn or some of the others that joined us will happily correct me) the purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways in which the two Senate groups could work together more creatively to assist the development of new NOM's and subjects pertaining to World Congress and the needs of Senators. These subjects have not changed much over time. But mostly the visit, as others over the years, was primarily about building relationships & friendships.

In Barcelona I remember crowding the members of the U.S. and ASE Boards into a meeting room that was entirely too small. While it felt a bit odd to be watching an ASE meeting take place, we did find time to talk about subjects of joint interest, including the upcoming World Congress in Las Vegas.

At the Drumming Out in 2002, Hank Kolodner and I, as the only Americans present, were asked by Henri Agnelly to ask the U.S. leadership if they would arrange a joint meeting with the U.S. Senate Board in Las Vegas, like we had done in Barcelona but devoted to subjects of mutual interest. We went back and spoke with Denny de Groot the U.S. President and Jack Pasquale, his successor, who were enthusiastic about the idea. They directed me to work to make it happen. A few months later, after ASAC was

born, Henri asked Johnny Pena the President of ASAC to participate as well, and so came the birth of the Joint Boards, though we had no idea what that was yet.

At the Area A Conference in Sousse, Henri and Werner Uhlmann organized a meeting with interested African Senators to discuss ways to work together, particularly in terms of building an African Senators Association.

At the Area D Conference in Istanbul, Cecilio Pedro, Chairman of the ASPAC Senators (Asia-Pacific) was approached about participating in our meeting in Las Vegas. He was a bit reticent, expressing concern that we would turn into Rotary or something like it.

The three Presidents spent a great deal of time on the agenda for the meeting in Las Vegas. Georges Bouverat agreed to chair our first meeting.

Harald Pfab and I were designated to serve as co-Secretaries and this started a great partnership, which was followed with yet another great partnership with Eddie Ashley.

The meeting was interrupted when we heard noises in the hallway. On investigation we discovered that the ASPAC Board had come, but as their chairman was off playing golf, they preferred to stay out of the room. A great pity.

Our agenda boiled down to two issues, one put forth by Ali Akal on development and the other on the subject of the treatment of Senators at international meetings.

On the subject of Senator Expectations, we reported a final agreement at Copenhagen and were able to meet with the Secretary General, and his successor to discuss ways to make the document acceptable to JCI. This meeting marked the debut of Earl Sawyer as the Senator guy at JCI. Henri and Jack worked on the necessary changes while retaining the general sense and a year later we received the news from Harald Pfab that it had been signed by JCI.

Copenhagen marked a first as the African Senators made their debut there and participated in the Joint Boards meeting. In Delhi in 2008 we had participants from all four areas and the US.

## Co-Operation between Senate Organisations

The next big project was the actual organization of the Joint Boards themselves. Eddie Ashley and I were designated to draft a proposed organizational document. Harald, then the President of ASE, came to the Area C meeting in Guayaquil where we discussed this document and produced a final draft. With the support of the U.S. and ASAC it went back to ASE for final approval with the plan that it would be adopted at Fukuoka. Tragically, we lost Eddie at this juncture and along with some other things the Joint Boards got put on hold.

In Vienna, finally, the Joint Boards document was adopted on the support of ASAC, the U.S. JCI Senate and ASE. I was elected to a three year term as Secretary, the only office.

The Joint Boards only meets once per year, at the World Congress, provided there are going to be enough representatives present to have a meeting. As this was clearly not going to happen at Seoul, we organized our AGM in conjunction with the U.S. JCI Senate meeting in Indianapolis.

I should point out that while anyone may come and watch, participation is limited to the Presidents and elected Boards of the various Associations. There are two votes accorded to each Association and both must be represented by officers of the Association.

A final word about process, which is important. Any proposals for the Joint Boards must first be reviewed by the participating Associations. Only after they have agreed can we then submit an

item for discussion at our AGM. This means that proposals move very slowly through our body. Only when there is consensus among all member associations will we move ahead.



**Peter G. Bakos, JCI Senator # 32786**  
Secretary, Joint Boards of the JCI Senators 2005 - 2008

Until the beginning of the 21st Century, there was just one area Senate organization. It was the Association of JCI Senators in Europe (ASE) for area D. As I remember during the JCI World Congress in Barcelona 2001, just some weeks after the horrible 09/11, there was an unofficial meeting between the ASE and US Senate as well as other Senators from the Americas. Following Barcelona there was a lot of contact across the Atlantic Ocean and in 2002 the Association of JCI Senators of the Americas and the Caribbean (ASAC) was founded as the 2nd Senate area organization.

Around that time the US Senate President Jack Pasquale and ASE President Henri Agnelly, assisted by Peter Bakos, were very active and in November 2002 during the World Congress in Las Vegas there was the 1st Joint Boards Meeting between ASAC, the US Senate and ASE. The next year when I became ASE President (I was ASE Secretary for two years previously) I continued to follow the line set by Henri.

During the JCI World Congress in Copenhagen there was the first Joint Boards Meeting with ASAC, ASE, US Senate and additional Senators from area A. The African Senators founded their organization later. Also in Copenhagen there was the first meeting ever between JCI and the Senate organizations to consider how better conditions for Senators at World Congresses could be offered. Some years previously, under the Presidency of Paul Kaiser, there had been a paper on the same matter at the European level. In Copenhagen a draft of "JCI Senators Expectations at World Congress" was discussed.

In the period after Copenhagen there was a serious discussion about the "Expectations" and during the next JCI World Congress in Fukuoka there was an official signing of the final "Expectations" paper involving Secretary General Edson Kodama representing JCI and myself on behalf of the ASE and ASAC - I signed it twice as ASAC had delegated their rights to me. This was all done with considerable assistance from JCI staff member (and Senator) Earl Sawyer. The original paper was signed later by ASAC President Marita Gonzalez, the 2004/5 US Senate President Joe A. Souza and Jack Pasquale.

In 2008 during the JCI World Congress in Delhi the first Joint Boards Meeting with all four Senate organizations took place and Senators from Area B joined us too.

**Harald R. Pfab, JCI Senator #50989**



## All (or some of) Our Yesterdays

### The Senators

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and moors  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden Senators;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Weaving and dancing with Bill Preece.

Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the Milky Way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of the bay;  
Some fifty saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee;  
A poet could not but be gay,  
In such a jocund company;  
I gazed-and-gazed-but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought;

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure soars  
And dances with the Senators.

*Apologies to Bill (Wordsworth, that is) Colin & Hilary  
Lindsay, JCI Senators #50967 & #34878*

*This first appeared in the April 1996 issue of the  
newsletter*

Trawling back through a decade or so of Senate newsletters from the Terry Forest and Ian Nelson years was for me a voyage of discovery and rediscovery. Events that shaped Senate, and events that shaped the world, all there in print – half forgotten memories brought vividly back to life.

In a brief article such as this, it's impossible to capture the whole story, but I thought I'd feature a few, admittedly random, snippets that jumped off the pages at me as I took my journey back in time.

The October 1994 issue came out shortly after a Senate trip to Enniskillen in Northern Ireland and Terry Forrest recounted how the intervening period had seen the single most promising move for peace in the Province within living memory. His hope for a peaceful future for Northern Ireland may as yet not have been fully realised but those of us who've visited that fantastically hospitable country recently will testify to the fact that it's come a very long way.

By October 1995 the newsletter was looking at JCI's expansion into Eastern Europe. It was proposed that the British and Swedish Senates create a fund for financing travelling grants etc. for members of Junior Chambers in the former Eastern Europe to cover travel expenses and conference fees for attending international conferences and congresses, training seminars, twinning meetings and other important international events within Junior Chamber International. Again, how far things have come!

The British AGM that year was apparently a lengthy affair compared to some. The newsletter remarks that Chairman Richard Jackson stretched it out to a full ten minutes!

December 1997 and history made in Belgium. During the celebration of the 50th anniversary of JC Belgium, the Belgian Senators had a surprise up their sleeve when they announced a new Senator, number 57753. His name was Raymond Hardouin and he'd been the first national President of Jaycees Belgium 50 years previously. At the time of his Senatorship he was 87 years old – is that a record?

1998 had seen the informal instigation of JCI Senate pages on the Internet. Peter Enckell had been appointed Webmaster and it was accepted that we needed to have policy guidelines on what is and

is not appropriate for this new and potentially very public transfer of information. David Proctor had prepared a policy statement and wider consultation was being planned.

The first newsletter of the new millennium reports that the Bumblebee Club met in Northampton at Ian Nelson's Drumming Out. Many of the members expressed disappointment that the organisers were unable to provide the usual outdoor facility especially in view of the very clement weather. However a large number of members and an even larger number of intruders availed themselves of the pool. After a very dry session, despite the pool, it was pointed out by a small select group of experienced Bumble Bees that there was a serious omission. This was politely expressed as a simple question "Where the \*\*\*\* is the champagne?" A situation which was swiftly remedied!

This edition also features an article by Gavin Macpherson who in the best traditions of investigative journalism traces the origins and history of the Senate Bar, and recalls Senate Bars good and not so good that he has visited over the years.

In December 2001 there were rumours of the British Chairman leading a Bondage Party. British Senate Chairman Clare Ashton caused consternation when she announced a bondage expedition to Halmstad on the Friday of the Crayfish Party. Naturally she gained the full support of the entire British party, many of whom were disappointed to discover that she really meant a bonding expedition!

The April 2002 newsletter introduced us to the "Five Fs" of Senate – fellowship, fun, frolic, fizz and fitness. Not sure about the last one but the rest seem to sum Senate things up!

The December 2004 newsletter brought with it the incredibly sad news of the death in October of Eddie Ashley #28464, then the current President of the Association of JCI Senators in Europe. It was suggested that it had been Eddie who had coined the phrase "In Senate Friendship" which seems an appropriate place for me to stop.

*David Butcher, JCI Senator #46828*

## Senator's creed

### We believe

- that faith in champagne gives meaning and glamour to Senators life
- that a beefsteak together with fried onion every morning is the best breakfast in the world
- that economic justice can best be won by Senators in a totally free bar
- that Senators should have no power what so ever - but to govern themselves
- that earth's great treasure lies in the hand of the Master of Ceremony
- and that service to the Senators is the best work of life

*Devised by Peter Enckell, JCI Senator #46876 for the 1994 National Congress in Malmo, Sweden*

*First printed in the October 1994 Newsletter*



## The eBulletin - new in Europe



The first edition of the European Senate eBulletin was produced and sent out in April 2008 with Francis Defauw as its editor. The goal was to improve the communication to the Senators in Europe.

We have an excellent European Newsletter but the need to send out up to date information to the national organisations and its members is important and technology provided the means. By producing an eBulletin after each board meeting informing the Senators in Europe of the upcoming events and joint programmes with JCI we hoped to create more awareness of opportunities for our Senators.

The plan was that the eBulletin should be a small document containing two and a maximum of four pages with recent information and upcoming events. Also the use of other languages in addition to English language has been promoted.

All the articles since the first edition can also be found on the European Senate website [www.jcisenate.eu](http://www.jcisenate.eu). The plan at the inception was that the eBulletin would be sent out by email to the National Organisations and though them to the Senators in Europe and it would be available on the website.

*Peter den Bremer,  
JCI Senator #53915*



## ASE Purpose

The purpose of the Association of JCI Senators in Europe as stated in the 2007 articles adopted in Maastricht is:

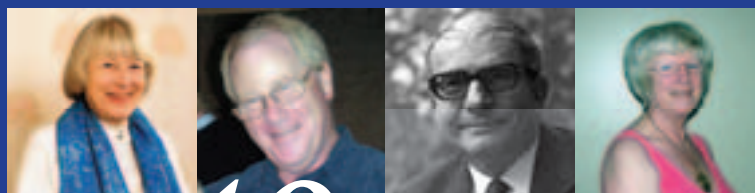
- To promote friendship amongst JCI Senators
- To maintain and encourage the formation of contacts among them
- To help create national groups of JCI Senators
- Whenever possible to assist organisers of multinational JCI conferences in arranging special programmes for JCI Senators
- To provide support to LOM and NOM members of JCI whenever it is sought
- To encourage greater participation of members in the activities of the Association.



The purpose as stated in the revised articles adopted on 17th June 1978 in Antwerp was

- To promote friendship amongst the JCI Senators in Europe
- To maintain and encourage the formation of business, professional and personal contacts among them
- To help create national groups of JCI Senators
- Whenever it is possible to assist organisers of multinational JCI conferences in arranging special programmes for JCI Senators
- To bring as much moral and financial support as possible to Jaycees whenever it is sought

*Unfortunately a copy of the original articles adopted in Coventry 1976 were not available when compiling this booklet - Editor*



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