



JULY 2012 Issue 1

#### **CRUZ'N TOGETHER**

Terry Jones, NC JCI Senate President #52694

Welcome Fellow Senators,

My theme this year is **Cruz'n Together**. Since we ride with others, going to meetings and going to Jaycee projects and since I am into old cars, I thought we would be **Cruz'n Together** this year.

Well this year we have gotten off to a good start participating in the *Cindy Stroup Memorial Golf Tournament* in Jacksonville with the Jacksonville Jaycees. The Senators that were there were the NC Jaycee President Jennifer Salmon #71393, Kim Bode #62467, Daryl McNair #63633, Bobby Deal #70373, Pam Padgett #51341, Jay Stroup #70380 and myself, Terry Jones #52694 (Cindy Stroup was #70379).

Thank you Steve Eller #65073 for creating the Senate Survey that has been sent out to the active and non-active members. This will help us improve on the concerns of the members and keep Senators active.

On June 2 at NC Jaycee State Headquarters we had a successful NC JCI Senate Board Meeting with 17 board members and the NC Jaycee President Jennifer Salmon #71393 reviewing the NC JCI Senate Plan of Action. We discussed changes, improvements and staying active with the NC Jaycees.

After the June 2 meeting Jaycee President Jennifer Salmon, Bobby Deal, Kim Bode and Terry Jones were off to help the Winston Salem Jaycees Salute Wine Festival. We had a great time helping the vendors and the Jaycees.

A great time was had in Altamonte Springs, FL at the US JCI Senate Nationals hosted by part of our Region IV, the Florida JCI Senate. NC was well represented and congratulations to all that received awards and Ambassadorships. Thank you to Pam Padgett #51341 for chairing the lunch on Thursday and the NC Senators for helping, preparing and serving. Thank you to Brenda Swank #67214 for chairing the Region IV States Party booth and the

fellowship and participation of NC, SC, AL, GA and FL Senators. It was great to get to know more of the Region IV.

Congratulations again for a great 2011-12 year, Past President Jeff Williams #65414 and the Senate for being *Excellence in Action*!

-Terry tjcoffeeserv@aol.com

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GOD BLESS
Ray Culler, Chaplain
#64452

Greetings everyone! I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to our NC JCI President, Terry Jones #52694, for appointing me as your 2012/2013 Chaplain. I take this opportunity to serve seriously and will do my best for each and every one of you.

Please keep me informed of all events that occur so that I can pass along to our extended family, our NC JCI Senate. It was written, "Where two or more gather in my name, there I shall be also - God." When we have two or more folks praying for ones that have been lifted up, we can only look forward to something absolutely happening. We may not understand the end result, good or bad, but we will be facing it together as it should be done.

The image to the right is to remind us to be as children when we pray. Always humble ourselves before God, remember those around us that need prayer and always remember that God watches over us as his children. If we allow ourselves to be his children, he will always take care of us, just have faith, like a child.



Until next time, may God richly bless you and yours.

#### **MOUNTAIN TRIP WITH THE GIRLS**

Pam Padgett, Chairman #51341



Do you remember all those summer trips we made to Lake Waccamaw—the heat, the fried chicken, the softball games with the residents of the Jaycee Cottage? How about going at Christmas with gifts or inviting the residents of our cottage to Jaycee conventions and executive committee meetings?

Well, we have the opportunity as Senators to have that experience again! Alan Hemphill, past NC Jaycee President and Senator, owns a 9 bedroom home in Banner Elk, NC, and he has graciously opened it up to us to take the girls that live in our cottage on a vacation. The trip is planned for **Saturday, August 4, 2012, through Tuesday, August 7, 2012**. There will also be room for Senators to come on a first come basis once we find out the exact number of girls that will be at the Jaycee Cottage in August. If you are interested in attending with us please send an email to <a href="mailto:pampadgett@bizec.rr.com">pampadgett@bizec.rr.com</a>. I will take your name in the order that I receive them and will let you know as soon as possible. Senators that make a donation will have priority.

As a past Boys & Girls Home Program Manager, I am writing to ask for donations for expenses. The amount of money raised will determine what activities we will be able to do while the girls are there. At present we are looking at 8 girls and the house parents making the trip. Please let me know of your willingness to help.

If you know of any Jaycee chapter that would be willing to help please pass this information on. I have had one Jaycee chapter that has shown an interest in helping with this project.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope to hear from you soon. If you have any questions or concerns you can call or text me at 910-389-5459.

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#### **HELP ME OUT!**

Peggy Lewis, Vice President #58375

The time is near, here, right now, what are we going to do??????? I need your sweepstakes tickets, I need your money, I need your prizes. Yes, I have been told I am a very needy person. Can you help me out? If you can remember way back when I was State Community VP I took pies in the face to reach our goal. Is that what it will take? We can discuss it. I only need to raise \$10,000. Way back then I had to raise over \$500,000 and we did it. I took 25 pies to the face (and other parts of my body).

But we have all grown up now and we can do things better. Help me. Let's raise lots of money so President Terry will be proud of his NC JCI Senate, cause we are "Cruz'n Together"!

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Terry Jones, NC JCI Senate President #52694

#### PLEASE ATTEND:

NC Jaycees Mid-Year Convention July 27-29, 2012 at the Hampton Inn Belmont, Gastonia, NC hosted by the NC Gaston County Jaycees! That Friday night the 27th we will have the Senate Sweepstakes and a Silent Auction which will be from 7pm-9pm. In the same room we will have First Timers from 8pm-8:30pm. Saturday morning the 28th at 9:00 AM we will start, on time, the NC JCI Senate Meeting. Please come to the meeting to meet and greet our special guests: US JCI Senate Bruce Geddes #35527 and his wife Jean Geddes #68886, US JCI Senate Chief of Staff Jon Bruner #58932, P.I.E. Chairman Jenny Bruner #64688 and our Region IV National VP Rita Bowles #59336. Special thank you to Kim Bode #62467 and Mike Moritz #28428 for helping get the national officers here to NC to visit the NC JCI Senate so early in the year.

The following weekend, **August 4th**, Pam Padgett #51341 is organizing a *mountain trip* for the NC JCI Senate to take the girls from the Jaycee Cottage of the NC Boys & Girls Home. She needs your help!! Please contact her at 910-389-5459.

On **August 18th** please mark your calendars as the NC JCI Senate and the NC Jaycees are heading down to the NC Boys & Girls Home to celebrate the **50th Year Anniversary of the Jaycee Cottage**. Please let's have a great showing!!



OFFERING HOSPITALITY
Marty Wase, Senate Hospitality
#53142

Greetings North Carolina JCI Senators!

President Terry Jones has appointed tri-chairpersons for our Senate hospitality suite for this year. I'm pleased to be serving in this capacity along with **Sue Kellum #57264** and **Tom Cramer #61951**. We look forward to serving you throughout this year. Please be advised that at the N.C. Jaycees Mid-Year Convention (July 27-29) in Gaston County, we won't have a traditional hospitality suite but rather just a regular room; however, we will provide all our usual hospitality with the one exception that there will be NO lunch provided on Saturday afternoon after our Senate meeting.

President Terry's board has approved the following fees for use of the hospitality room/suite for this year: (1) \$15.00 per night or \$20.00 per weekend for those partaking of both food and alcoholic beverages; and (2) \$5.00 per night or \$10.00 per weekend for those partaking of food and non-alcoholic beverages. Also please be advised that only active Senators and their guests should enter the hospitality suite and that all who enter the suite MUST pay the applicable fee. We look forward to seeing you in Gaston County in a few weeks!

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#### **EXCITEMENT IN THE MOUNTAINS AND FOOTHILLS**

Nick Woods, Regional Director #62735



Hello fellow Senators! Hope everyone is enjoying their Summer! The chapters in my region have had some exciting events of late.

First, the Hickory Jaycees participated in their annual Easter Egg Hunt back in April. This is a night hunt at an area park, where the children hunt for 22,000 eggs using flashlights to locate them in the dark. Also, the Hickory chapter participated in a citywide Corporate Challenge, where several teams competed in such events as egg toss, tug of war, kickball, and other events.

Most recently, the Hickory Jaycees wrapped up its 22nd annual Hickory Alive season. The venue changed, due to construction on Union Square downtown, its usual location. The chapter and townspeople adapted well to the change, and sometimes, as the song says "a change could do you good".

The Elkin Jaycees are teaming up with the Elkin Chamber and Economic Development to reach out to young professionals in the area for potential new members. By the time you read this, they will have wrapped up their 19th Annual Fourth of July Celebration, which took place in Elkin Municipal Park. The event included live music, a petting zoo, food, games, and more. The celebration commemorated with fireworks at 9:30pm.

That's about it for now! Looking forward to seeing you at Convention!



LOTS TO DO IN THE TRIANGLE Diane Upshaw, Regional Director #68685

The Durham Jaycees are hard at work with The Bulls Concessions. They will be at the July 20, August 2 and 24th games. If you are attending these games look for them to support one of our chapters.

They are also planning a Ronald McDonald House Dinner on July 31st.

The Cary Jaycees have something for kids and kids at heart. They are attending the Kazoom Puppet Theater who will perform on the theme of the Oceans on July 26th. They are also in the process of putting together a dog wash fundraiser in August. Continuing the baseball theme they will be attending the August 5<sup>th</sup> Durham Bulls game.

The Raleigh Jaycees are in the midst of a Sand Volleyball tournament. They play every Wednesday at 6:30 until August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Jaycee Park in Raleigh. Go out and cheer them on. **They have also made a special plea for Senators to help at the PONY Softball Tournament from July 28-August 3**. This is a big event and they need lots of manpower.

If you want more details on any of these events please contact me via email <a href="mailto:gdianewood@hotmail.com">gdianewood@hotmail.com</a> and I will get more info or put you in contact with the chair.

### 2012-2013 NC JCI Senate REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Mountains/Foothills
Nick Woods, #62735
Metrolina
AJ Morton, #16254
Piedmont Triad
Maria Hicks-Few, #70376
Triangle
Diane Upshaw, #68685
Sandhills
Roger Lyons, #71392
Coastal
Bobby Deal, #70373
Tar River/Down East
Cheryl Carson, #70371
Albemarle

Joel Pierce, #63796

## ON THE COAST Bobby Deal, Regional Director, #70373

Jacksonville (Danny Jacoby) had a 4th of July party that was co-sponsored by the chapter. Craven County hasn't planned any events.



#### **ASSISTING FELLOW JAYCEES**

Tracy Culler, Return the Favor #64534

I hope that all of you are doing well. I'm very pleased to be your Return the Favor Chairperson for 2012/2013. Thank you President Terry for appointing me.

I know that NC has always been known for doing great things in returning the favor with our NC Jaycees. As you may or may not be aware, some things have changed for submission so I truly need your help in properly getting information together to get us recognized for what we do. Whenever

you do anything at all with a chapter, please make sure to document it and forward this information to me as soon as possible. The forms are available on our website.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me: Cell: 919-770-3925 or email: graysmom@windstream.net

I know you all will do your best to help our fellow Jaycees but please make sure to document it and send this to me. I also know some of you like to just help and not worry about the recognition but it's your time and effort that gets the job done and it's important to me that the info gets passed along for the sake of our state as a whole. We truly are a great team working together to do great things.

Please let me know how I can help you in returning the favor. Thank you so much!



GET THEM INVOLVED!
Aimee Scotton, Freshmen Senators
#69448



Awards and Friends

Since this is the first newsletter this Senate year, I thought it might be a good time for me to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about my vision for the Freshmen Senators program this year. First of all, my name is Aimee Scotton and I'm Senator #69448. I'm excited to be serving as the Freshmen Senators program manager. When someone first gets inducted as a Senator, usually all they know about it is that it's a great honor. I feel that it's very important to the future of our organization that we get these new folks educated on what we do and get them involved in doing it as quickly as possible. After all, we need active, engaged, excited members if we're going to remain a positive force.

With that in mind, here are a few of my goals for this program. I intend to provide each new Freshman Senator with a packet of information so that they will understand what our organization is all about. I intend to write newsletter articles for this publication introducing these new Senators to the group as a whole. I intend to encourage this new group to attend various Senate functions throughout the year (i.e. the Beach Bash, the May Meeting, Convention Meetings, the Christmas Party) through personal invitations and encouraging emails. I intend to be present at these events to answer questions and provide the comfort of a familiar face to those newbies who attend. And I intend to be available via telephone and email to answer questions whenever they arise. Hopefully, in this way, we can have a Freshman class of Senators who is involved from the get-go. If you have any ideas or suggestions for other ways that I can fulfill my duties this year, I would welcome your input.

You can email me at <a href="mailto:acscotton@co.randolph.nc.us">acscotton@co.randolph.nc.us</a>.



## HELPING JAYCEES HELP THEMSELVES Mike Harris, Mentors #24801

What I have in mind is for NC JCI Senate Mentors to work with each local chapter president on a one-to-one basis (sort of a friendly "check in").

One of the greatest problems I have seen with Jaycees everywhere is that they do not spend enough time in finding and training their replacements. This situation only gets worse as the year winds down at the end of December. There are many things chapter Presidents have to do to finish up their year. Some of them just give up and <a href="https://example.com/hope-someone">hope-someone</a> "good" will take over in January. I have seen that look of "Quiet Desperation" in the eyes of far too many chapter presidents and others over the years.

The proper business term is called "succession planning."

I figure most any NC JCI Senator is capable of helping the local president (assuming the local president will accept the help) with year-end stuff. Only problem, "year-end planning" should really begin as soon as the local President takes office. By the time a chapter president realizes he/she needs help and asks for it, it is probably already too late.

In the past, we (NC JCI Senators) have avoided interfering with local chapters (offering to help/coach, etc.) unless we were asked to do so. The result has been a rather passive approach at best. NC Jaycees have around 30-35 chapters. More than a couple are already on "probation" from National for having too few members. Certainly there are at least 30-40 Senators who can/will check in with the local folks on a regular basis in order to ask if there is anything we might help with, etc.

NC JCI Senators may be able to assist with fundraising ideas, manpower, business contacts, Management and ID training.... many things. Things we do not do well (individually) are to start new chapters and recruit lots of new members; we can work with the chapter who is looking for assistance in any of these areas.

Starting in July, I plan to place a column in the twice monthly NC Jaycees newsletter. The column would highlight some of the Senate activity at the local level and feature a <u>new idea forum</u> and a "<u>what works/did not work</u>" forum. The column would amount to an active **President's Information Exchange** ("**PIE**" for short). Of course, things have to go both ways: we will want feedback from the local organization in order to fine-tune our efforts. Within the column, we would give our contact info.

Realistically, this sort of change will not happen overnight... might take several years, in fact. For now, PLEASE contact your local Jaycee chapter and let him/her know of our willingness to assist.... Don't wait for their call. We can supply Local Chapter contact lists at your request.

Finally, please let me know what you can add to the above ideas... as none of this should all come from one person.

Thanks Mike 919-880-0933 July 2012, Issue 1 Page 7



#### **RECOGNIZING JAYCEE FAMILIES**

Jimmy Maness, Family of the Year #38844

The NC JCI Senate is proud to be able to assist in sponsoring the Family of the Year Award again this year. This award is presented annually at the January meeting to recognize the most outstanding Jaycee Family. A "Jaycee Family" is defined as: a married couple with one or more children, a single parent

with one or more children, and siblings (i.e. brother/sister, brother/brother, sister/sister) living in the same household. At least one member of the family unit must be a Jaycee in good standing.

Fellow Senators, we can use your assistance. If you are aware of a "family" who you feel deserves this award please encourage their local president to submit them on the nomination form. The form can be located on the NC Jaycee website.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance to you please contact me at jcmanphoto@aol.com.

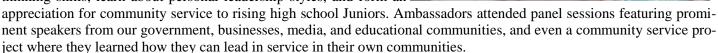
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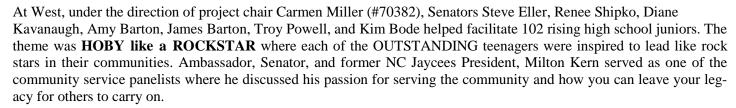
#### **HOBY EAST & WEST**

Carmen Miller, Project Chair #70382

On June 8-10 and June 15-17, several NC JCI Senators dedicated their time and leadership at the 2012 NC West & East Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminars at Salem Academy & College in Winston-Salem and NC State in Raleigh.

The HOBY curriculum offers the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills, learn about personal leadership styles, and form an





At East, under the direction of Raleigh Jaycee, Stacy Hanna, HOBY East hosted over 140 Ambassadors where their theme was "All Aboard, Let the Journey Begin." Senators Jeff Zabawa and Melanie Coble volunteered to make their seminar just as successful.

As a result of their experiences, all NC Ambassadors returned to their communities eager to make a difference and share what they have learned and continue to **HOBY like a ROCKSTAR** and share their JOURNEY with others.







#### **FUNDRAISING FOR THE SENATE**

Elizabeth Pfrogner, Secretary #67191

At the May 2012 meeting, our NC JCI Senate agreed to operate the **Carter Finley Concession Stand on November 24** - Thanksgiving weekend. (The Cary Jaycees have generously offered to give all proceeds for this game to the Senate if we provide 16 people on game day.) The motion for this project was ap-

proved, with 13 people indicating support, and hopefully attendance, for this event. More details to follow in our next newsletter, but in the meantime <u>please mark your calendar as we still need a few more people</u>. This should be a great fundraising event for our organization.

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Peggy Lewis, Vice President #58375

The NC Jaycees are asking all chapters to help get school supplies for the girls in the Jaycee Cottage. I am asking that all Senators get involved. Please bring, send, call me, get me items to fill a "Pink Plastic Tub" to be taken to the girls when we go down for the 50th Anniversary Celebration on **August 18, 2012**.

Remember, the Jaycee Cottage at Lake Waccamaw is near and dear to President Terry's heart. We really need to have a good showing. As always, thank you for your help and consideration. Let's go Cruiz'n Together!







2012 Regions Party at US Senate Year End Convention

#### **FUN IN FLORIDA!**

Elizabeth Pfrogner, #67191

Having never been on an airboat ride, when Kim and Jimmy suggested one of these trips, I gamely agreed to go. I am so glad I did. As you can see from the photo, we had a great time. It was wonderful viewing for all types of wildlife – bald eagles, heron, cranes, cows, and of course alligators.

And yes, the convention was also full of wild life; it was a blast too!



#### **NEVER TOO EARLY TO START**

Bobby Saunders, Jim Ollis Memorial Golf Tournament #53025

Jim Ollis Memorial Golf Tournament is April 20, 2013. I know this seems early but this is the 10th Annual Memorial Jim Ollis Golf Tournament. I hope to make this the best tournament ever. I need you to talk to different businesses in your area about being a sponsor. Now is the time to start asking as most businesses do their budget for next year around September and October. This is a tax deduction. When you are out shopping pick up a dozen golf balls, hat or shirt for prizes. I will have sponsor forms at a later date. I am waiting until I get a new course lined up. All the proceeds go to Boys and Girls Home, Duke Cancer Center and Scholarships. Please help us out.

In another direction I would like to say *Thank You* for all the prayers sent out for Mary Lou and I. We do appreciate it very much. If you have any questions feel free to call me on my cell at 843-421-0992.



#### **US JCI SENATE YEAR-END AWARDS**

Jeff Williams, Chairman of the Board #65414

A crew of us returned a couple weeks ago from Altamonte Springs, FL (suburb of Orlando), where the US JCI Senate held its year-end convention. It was a good week, seeing and hearing about the achievements of other state organizations. We all make a difference.

Cut to the chase....a list of the awards and honors that NC JCI Senators earned:

- Jimmy Maness (#38844) Award of Merit, National Photographer
- Daryl McNair (#63633) Appointed as Master of Ceremonies at the closing evening's Awards Banquet
- Kim Bode (#62467), Tracy Culler (#64534) and Jeff Williams (#65414) Recognized for achieving the next level of giving to the US JCI Senate Scholarship Foundation
- Carol "CJ" Jordan (#45857) Top 5 Outstanding Appointed Officer (as Presidential Sweepstakes Chairman)
- Terry Jones (#52694) 3rd Trimester Outstanding Return the Favor Senator
- Joe Walker (#40445) Year-End Outstanding Return the Favor Senator
- Jeff Williams Top 5 Outstanding State President
- Gary Jones (#45899), Pam Padgett (#51341), Kim Bode and "CJ" Jordan Honored by US Jaycees Past President Joanie Cramer to become the newest Ambassadors (and therefore Triple Crown recipients)

At the beginning of the year, I mentioned a quote from Aristotle (384-322 BCE) and it's also on our web site: "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." From this, I made my theme, Excellence In Action!

It has been a busy and demanding year, and I'm proud to have served as president. But I'm even prouder that you all continue to demonstrate that we are indeed, *Excellence In Action!* 

Yours in Service to the Jaycees, Jeff



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The 2012-2013 NC JCI Senate Team June 2 Board Meeting—NC Jaycee Headquarters



2012 Shots: Salute Wine Festival, NC Senate Meeting, Burn Center Visitation











#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



### FLORIDA JCI SENATE SWAMP BASH

October 5, 2012 - October 7, 2012

Flamingo Motel 4101 Highway 441 South Okeechobee, FL 34974 863-763-6100



#### Swamp BASH Events Include:

Friday:

Y'all come on, ya' hea' (4pm-??)

FUN-FOOD-FUN-FOOD-FUN-FOOD

Saturday:

Breakfast- The Prairie Way

Shopping, Checkin' out the town, Lake~Big Lake! Pool Time

Lunch ~~ By the Cement Pond

Getting' our Grub on, Eric's famous Roadkill Café Swamp BBQ, Drinks,

Snacks, and Entertainment

Sunday:

Continental Breakfast Y'all come back now---

#### Registration Deadline: September 10, 2011 (No Refunds)

Early Registration:	\$50		Couple:	\$80	
Late Registration:	\$60		Couple:	\$90	
12 - Under:	\$15				
Saturday BBQ only	\$30				
TOTAL:			TOTAL:		
Senator Name:			S	enate#	
Senator Name:			S	enate#	
Guest Name(s).					
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Day Phone:	Night Phone:		E-Mai	15	
Playing Golf?	Yes		_No		

Reserve your room at the Flamingo Motel 4103 Highway 441 South, Okeechobee, FL 34974 Phone 863-763-6100. Room Cut-off is September 20, 2012. Room rates \$49+ tax per night. Ask for the Florida JCI Senate Room Block.

Please return registration and check made out to FLJCI Senate with BASH and Senate # in Memo, to: Hall Williams #43912 791 Fairwood Lane Clearwater, FL 33759

For questions: please send message to BASH chairman Eric Crews via Facebook or e-mail ecfishnaked@aol.com (checks FB more often)



#### **NC JCI Senate**



Cruz'n Together!

For newsletter questions, to submit an article, or to sponsor an ad, contact Shannon Foster at slfoster@co.randolph.nc.us The North Carolina JCI Senate exists for the fellowship of its members and to assist the North Carolina Jaycees in their local communities and support of NC Jaycee Priority Projects. The North Carolina JCI Senate contributes thousands of dollars to the North Carolina Jaycees and proudly sponsors the NC Jaycee Family Of the Year Program and our Kyle Byrd Memorial Scholarship.

Our Senate members also spend hundreds of volunteer hours assisting local Jaycee chapters and members across the state at local projects as well as providing leadership training. The North Carolina JCI Senate is also an active member of the United States JCI Senate. Both the United States JCI Senate and the United States Jaycees have recognized us nationally for our work in assisting the NC Jaycees and our Great State!

We welcome all who have been awarded an NC JCI Senatorship.

www.ncjcisenate.org

# FRIENDSHIP WITHOUT BORDERS Rita Bowles, #59336 USJCI Region IV Vice President



Fellow Senators,

I am so fortunate to be serving this year as your USJCI Region IV Vice President! My husband Hal and I have gotten to know many of the NCJCI Senators in the last few years as we coordinated the Calabash Bash so my work as NVP simply seems an extension of that friendship.

Our national theme this year is "Friendship without Borders" which reflects my feelings about all of the states in our region. I really don't think there are any borders between the states in our region, do you? We all work well together and aren't afraid to pitch in and help whenever necessary. This friendship is also a nice segue into my theme for this year - Bad to the Bone. I strongly believe the ties among Senators is similar to the ties between man and dog - loyalty, faithfulness and reliability.

My schedule has allowed me to visit with you already (probably twice by the time the newsletter is printed) and I'm hoping to join you in December for your social event. One of the important goals I hope to accomplish this year is to maintain -and perhaps improve - communications between the national organization, our region states and our Jaycee states. Thank you for the opportunity to do that through this newsletter!

Your Bad to the Bone VP, Rita