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REMEMBERING NATIONALS

Dimitri Kaviani, former CJCL Nuntius Editor

Do you love State Convention? If you do (and I know you all do), well then take that, square it, multiply it by ten, and then you come close to knowing just how amazing National Convention really is. This past summer, over 1500 JCLers from across the nation (and Canada) assembled at Emory University in humid (which is an understatement



to say the least) Atlanta, Georgia to celebrate the 61st annual NJCL Convention. For those of you unfamiliar with national convention, it

is a weeklong event held every year, usually in late July, at different college campuses around the US. This weeklong extravaganza is filled with, but not limited to: extremely entertaining colloquia, or workshops, led by professors about any topic you could imagine (Roman Drinking Parties, The Scandalous Wives of Caesar); academic and artistic competitions, (e.g. Certamen, Graphic Arts, etc.); and heated ludi and olympika games. This year, the... (contd. Pg. 5)

Get to Know Your Officers

R. Bray McDonnell, *Nuntius* Editor

The CJCL has always been run by a talented group of students, and this year is no exception. With your Board hard at work to make this year's Convention at Miramonte High School a success, It's time for you to meet your Board members. They hail from all over California, representing areas as far North as Sacramento and as far south as San Juan Capistrano. They are at varying levels of Latin expertise, but they all have one thing in common: they have a passion for Classics and for the California Junior Classical League.

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Looking Forward to Ludi

Sydney Cook, Northern Representative

Ludi Novembres is less than two weeks away! This year's Ludi will feature four workshops hosted by professors from UC Davis and CSUS. Two of the presenters are Prof. Anna S. Uhlig and Niko Lazaridis. Prof. Uhlig from UC Davis will discuss references to Greek poetry in Virgil's poetry in her workshop, "Et Dona ferentes." Niko Lazaridis will discuss the influence of Near Easter in Ancient Greek and Latin literature.

Ludi will feature CJCL classics such as open certamen. We will also be introducing new events such as a grape eating contest. This event is especially for anyone who loves to compete. We will also be bringing back quidditch this year. Join Harry Potter fans, track stars, and Latin lovers in competing to catch the golden snitch!

In keeping with the California Junior Classical League's commitment to community service, we have partnered with the Sacramento Food Bank in order that we may give back to the greater Sacramento area. We ask that each delegate bring at least one non-perishable canned food item to be donated to the Food bank.

#CJCL ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

CJCL is all over social media! Come and check us out on all your favorite social media sites:



CJCL Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/CAJCL>

Convention Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/CAJCLConvention>



Tumblr:

<http://cajcl.tumblr.com/>

Twitter:

Follow @CaliforniaJCL

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Website:

www.cajcl.org

Get Ready for SCRAM!

Scott Numamoto, Southern Representative



Make like a Southern California JCLer and SCRAM! On Saturday November 15th, Woodbridge High School will be hosting SCRAM - or Southern California Regional Amici Madness. Students of Latin form across Southern California will unite at Woodbridge High School to celebrate the classics. Whether you're into the obscurities of the Latin language, sports, the arts, or even none of the above, SCRAM has something for you. We have been working hard to bring you the widest selection of event possible. With at least five events going on every hour, you'll be hard pressed to not find something that sparks your interest. Be on the watch for some new events, taking first life here at SCRAM.

Roman Speed Dating offers the fastest way to meet new *comites*, and possibly a sweetheart, here at SCRAM. Whether convening with those from a chapter that borders yours or a chapter that borders the other side of the state, Roman Speed Dating guarantees you'll meet somebody new. For those looking to give back to the community, Woodbridge High School JCL is working with the Children's Hospital of Orange County to give you the opportunity to make cards for children currently undergoing treatment. If you're feeling on the hungry side, you may want to check out the Quintus Grape Eating Contest. Rather than measuring simply speed, our competition looks for style - who can best represent different poses and setting of various images. Or if the day is proving too hot for you, come to the Carnival where you can journey in pursuit of a snow cone. Don't think that we've forgotten about lunch though! In-N-Out will be catering their burgers for us.

Classic events also make their return at SCRAM. Sports such as *fugepilam* (dodgeball), capture the *Vexillum* (capture the flag), ultimate frisbee, track, and more will test your physical ability. Project Runway is set to rule the stage with mythical fashions and models. Latin Oratory, Open Certamen, and Team Trivia is open to all those who wish to pit their knowledge against other chapters.

No matter where your interests may lie, Woodbridge High School's SCRAM 2014 will not disappoint. See our website at www.scram2014.com for more details.

REGISTER TODAY!

For more information on Ludi, contact Sydney Cook, Northern Representative, at northernrep@cajcl.org. Head to the CJCL website at <http://www.cajcl.org> for more information on how to register!

For more information on SCRAM, contact Scott Numamoto, Southern Representative, at southernrep@cajcl.org. Head to the CJCL website at <http://www.cajcl.org> for more information on how to register!

Nationals

Running for Office

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R. Bray McDonnell

Alask...I mean California JCL was well represented, with almost 80 JCLers from across the state, as well as a handful of omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent SCLers. Each day began early and ended late (if they ended at all), and was packed with an array of stimulating and inspiring activities. To name a few, roman processions, candle making, trivia games, mixers, dances, endless showings of *Monsters Inc.*, and spontaneous JCL jam sessions made for an interesting and truly amazing week. And as far as the daily Spirit competition goes, if you think Spirit is a big deal at State, just wait until you see the spirit a nation of JCLers has to offer. Furthermore, at each Nationals an election is held for the upcoming year's NJCL officers, and this year California has the honor of being represented by the truly extraordinary Maya Nandakumar, a senior at Harker Upper School and last years CJCL 1st Vice President, who will now serve as the 2014-2015 NJCL . But truly, I would argue that for all of us, the greatest part of Nationals is the opportunity to meet people just like you from all across the country; People who love the Aeneid as much as you do, understand those nerdy Latin tumblr posts, and have a passion for the classics that is truly inspirational. If you are interested to find out more about next years NJCL Convention (held in San Antonio, Texas at Trinity College), then I strongly encourage you to check out njcl.org.

Do you love Latin? Do you want to find a way to get involved in JCL? Then consider running for CJCL Executive Board! The CJCL Executive Board is a student-run advisory board that helps plan and execute State Convention, as well as maintain the CJCL between conventions. There are many and varied positions, each of which has a different set of duties. There are so many different positions that you are definitely good at one! To run for office, you need to fill out an application and send it to James Gui, CJCL Parliamentarian. If you are selected to run, you make a speech at Convention and answer questions for the delegates. If you have any questions, email James at parliamentarian@cajcl.org; he's happy to help!



Mrs. Altieri, CJCL State Chair, after winning the Mildred Sterling Award

Your Official Nationals Recap

Elisabeth Siegel, CJCL 2nd Vice-President

California sent 74 sponsors, chaperones, and delegates to the 2014 National Junior Classical League convention at Emory University from July 28 to Aug. 2. The five-day convention was filled with various activities related to the classics, including Certamen, academic testing, graphic and creative arts, spirit events, and more.

The delegation was led by state co-chairs Martha Altieri and Kyle Smith-Laird, as well as second vice president Elisabeth Siegel. At one of the General Assemblies, Martha Altieri won the Mildred Sterling Award, first created in 1997 and named for a Texas Latin teacher in honor of her having 26 convention attendances under her belt.

Also taking place during convention was elections for the next year's board of officers. The newly chosen board includes Maya Nandakumar, a senior from the Harker School, as the first vice president for 2014 to 2015. California swept first and second for Publicity, with the awards going to Woodbridge High School for first place and Miramonte High School for second.

The Menlo School of California received third place for JCL Service by throwing various parties at the Redwood Family Home and providing the families in residence there with gifts and activities to celebrate holidays including but not limited to Halloween, events around December, and Mardi Gras.

California also earned first place in State Chapter Growth and State Membership Campaign due to the efforts of 2013-2014 first vice president Maya Nandakumar. Academically, for overall sweepstakes, Shawn Honaryar of Miramonte High School took seventh place, while Jonathan Nozik from Kehillah High School took tenth. In creative arts, Shawn Honaryar took tenth place in overall sweepstakes.

Statistics on Overall Awards:

59 Awards for Academic Tests (10th place or better)

27 Awards for Creative Arts



The California Delegation at National Convention

Meet Your 2014-2015 State Officers

R. Bray McDonnell, *Nuntius* Editor

Name/Position: Madeleine Becker, Convention President

Grade: 12

School: Miramonte High School

Latin Level: Latin V Honors

Official Duties: Organizing the 2015 State Convention and making sure it will be as amazing as possible for every CAJCLer!



Favorite Latin Quote: "Parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus" - Horace (Mountains will be in labour, and an absurd mouse will be born.)

Favorite Mythological Character and why: Athena is one of the best characters across any genre. She uses her powers of wisdom and war to rule mortals and gods alike, and she is generally just awesome goddess.

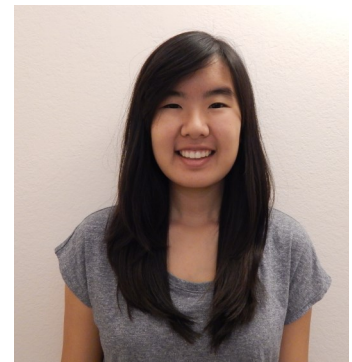
Name/Position: Katherine Park, 1st Vice President

Grade: 12

School: Woodbridge High School

Latin Level: AP Latin

Official Duties: publicizing Latin and JCL to our state and recruiting non-JCL Latin schools to join our JCL familia



Favorite Latin Quote: Ipsa Jovis rapidum jaculata e nubibus ignem/disjecitque rates evertitque aequora ventis,/illum expirantem transfixo pectora flammas/turbine corripuit scopuloque infixit acuto

Favorite Mythological Character: Cerberus, because he's a type of dog

Name/Position: Elisabeth Siegel, 2nd Vice President

Grade: 11

School: The Harker School

Latin Level: V (5)

Official Duties: Managing the California delegation at the NJCL convention, managing spirit at state convention, and managing community service projects



Favorite Latin Quote: nimia est miseria nimis pulchrum esse hominem. (plautus)

Favorite Mythological Character and why: Teucer, because he's a hero of the Iliad that never gets enough credit for his brilliance on the battlefield and excellent archery.

Meet Your Officers, Continued

Name/Position: James Gui, Parliamentarian

Grade: 11

School: University High School, Irvine

Latin Level: Latin III

Official Duties: Updating the CJCL Constitution and running CJCL Elections

Favorite Latin Quote: "Grumio ancillam delectat"

Favorite Mythological Character and why: The hydra, because it's the first one that came to my sleep deprived mind at 5 am in China



Name/Position: Shawn Honaryar / Secretary

Grade: 11

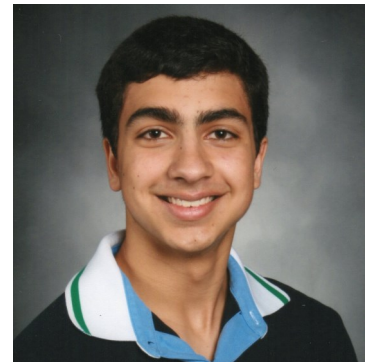
School: Miramonte High School

Latin Level: 3

Official Duties: To provide synopses of each board meeting and make said synopses available to all board members within two weeks of the meeting.

Favorite Latin Quote: Rident stolidi verba Latina (Ovid) - Fools laugh at the Latin language

Favorite Mythological Character and why: Bellerophon because the only mythology certamen question I can remember answering correctly was about him.



Name/Position: Grace Costello, Historian

Grade: 11

School: The Menlo School

Official Duties: To create a scrapbook detailing the CJCL events of the previous year



Meet Your Officers, Continued

Name/Position: R. Bray McDonnell, *Nuntius* Editor

Grade: 12

School: St. Ignatius College Prep

Latin Level: Latin IV AP

Official Duties: Writing, editing, and publishing that which you are reading right now.

Favorite Latin Quote: *Faber est suae quisque fortunae*, Appius Claudius Caecus (Each man is the shaper of his own fortune)

Favorite Mythological Character and why: The Charybdis because it's a giant sea monster that teamed up with another monster to create a little strait of death. It also drinks giant amounts of ocean water, which creates giant whirlpools that swallow large ships. What else is there to say?



Name/Position: Sean Nam, Webmaster

Grade: 12

School: Palos Verdes Peninsula High School

Latin Level: Greek (done with AP)

Official Duties: Edit and keep the CJCL Website up to date

Favorite Latin Quote: *Perfer et obdura; dolor hic tibi proderit olim* (be patient and tough; some day this pain will be useful to you)

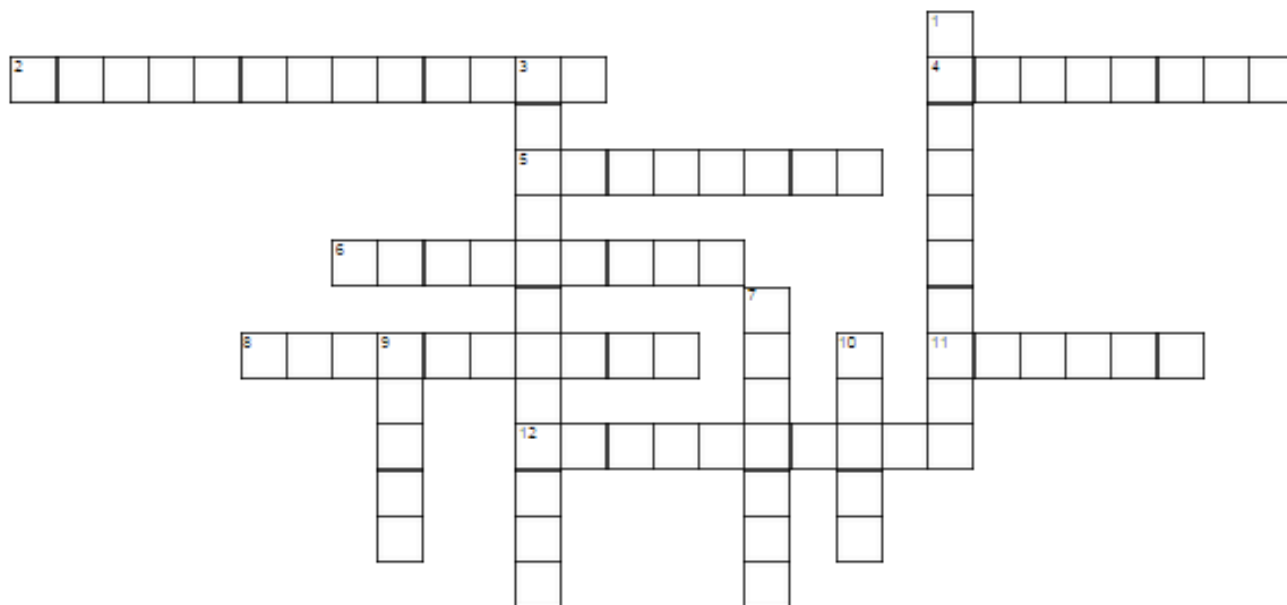
Favorite Mythological Character and why: My favorite mythological character is Hercules because he always fought for what he believed in and never rested until he completed his job.



For those of you that need to brush up on your characters before your next test, or for those who may just feel nostalgia for the first half of the AP Latin curriculum, here's a crossword:

The People of De Bello Gallico

A review of your favorite (and least favorite) characters



ACROSS

- 2 Hails from the Arverni, leads a large revolt
- 4 Leader of revolt in 54 BC, of the Eburones
- 5 Rebellious nobleman of the Aedui
- 6 Wealthiest man of the Helvetii
- 8 Member of the Treveri, pro-Rome
- 11 This Roman legate was a relative of the famous orator
- 12 Germanic King

DOWN

- 1 Leader of the Eburones, curses his co-king and commits suicide
- 3 Member of the Treveri, rather anti-Rome
- 7 This Roman legate yelled for a whole section and got his legion ambushed
- 9 Legate who is attacked while wintering in the Alps
- 10 This Roman legate took a slingshot to the face

Comedy Corner

(Alternatively, a collection of Latin jokes that somehow make one chuckle despite them being bad jokes)

What did the verb say to the noun?

I'd ask you to conjugate, but I'm afraid you'd decline!

A Roman walks into a bar and asks for a martinus.

"You mean a martini?" the bartender asks.

The Roman replies, "If I wanted a double, I would have asked for it!"

What did Hekuba say to Priam after the death of Hector? "Well, we always have Paris!"