



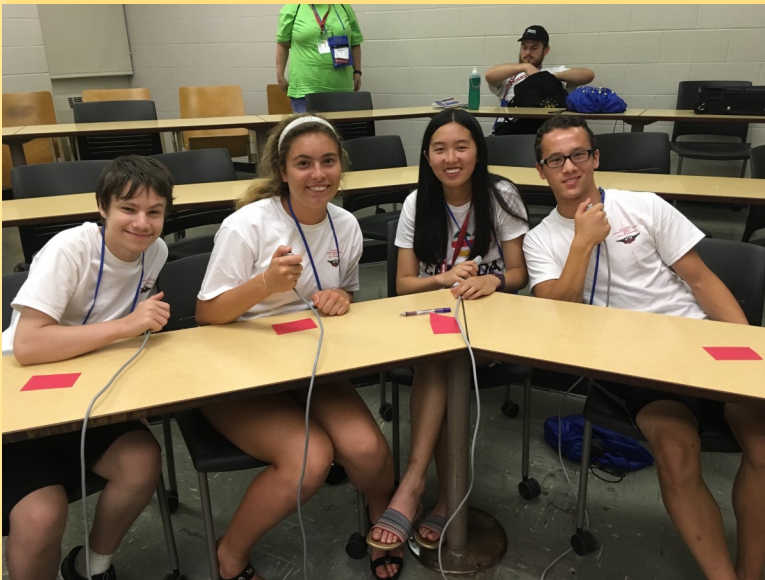
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Nationals Recap

Rowan Biggs, CAJCL 2nd Vice President

This year, 39 California JCLers rallied to Troy, Alabama for the National Latin Convention. California delegates participated in a wide variety of events, including Certamen, academic testing, creative arts, Ludi, and Olympika. California's Certamen teams valiantly competed throughout the course of the week, with our Intermediate team reaching Semifinals for the second year in a row.



California's snazzy Intermediate Certamen team

The *Nuntius Californiensis*, in fact, placed fifth at National Convention for State Publications under Zahra Hassani-an, last year's CAJCL *Nuntius* Editor. Californians showed their enthusiasm for the classics during the spirit competitions. The NJCL convention of 2017 was an exceptional venue for the celebration of the classics. Next year, the NJCL convention will take place at Miami University in Miami, Ohio from the 23rd of July to the 28th.

I hope to see you all there!

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Your board feeling the JCLove at National Convention over in Troy, Alabama

Do you want to see the glorious loot that our California delegation triumphantly returned from nationals with?

Follow [this link](#), scroll down to page 17, and take a look!

Ludi Preview:2017

Chiara Giordani, Northern Representative

Salvete Omnes!

This year's Ludi will be on November 18th at Saint Francis High School in Sacramento, so tell your amici to turn in their registration forms by October 27th so they can come create CAJCL memories! This year's JCL theme is based on friendship, so Ludi will be geared for you and fellow JCL friends to compete, play games, and most of all, have fun.



Miramonte JCL making good use of the Ghost of the present to enrich the Ludi 2016 experience for CAJCLers

The event is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and there will be plenty of food and activities for all delegates. As always, it will be exciting for new and returning delegates to recite the JCL Creed and sing the NJCL Song as a reminder of our commitment to the classics.

This year, all delegates will be required to attend two workshops, one of which the CAJCL officers themselves are proud to present: Running for JCL Office! This is a new opportunity for delegates to inform themselves about how the CAJCL is run, and, more specifically, how to become a more active member. Because the workshop will feature students on the current CAJCL board, students interested in running for next year's board are encouraged to attend!

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SCRAM Preview:2017

Jarmayne Deala, Southern Representative

Salvete Omnes!

This year's SCRAM will be on October 28th at Loyola High School in Los Angeles, and I hope that you all can make it! The theme for this year's SCRAM is Mount Olympus, so the campus will be decorated with columns and arches, making it seem like you are entering the very house of the gods. SCRAM will be filled with games and activities for you and your friends to enjoy!

SCRAM will begin at 8:30 am and will conclude at 3:15 pm. Throughout the day, we will be selling Nectar on Nix (shaved ice), so bring your denarii for a tasty treat from Mount Olympus. Come hungry because for lunch we will be serving In-N-Out burgers and chips.

This year, we will have exciting workshops that range from making mummy masks to finding out how to run for JCL Office to learning about tragedy and philosophy in the ancient world, so make sure you attend those events. For all you artists blessed by the goddess Minerva, come participate in our artistic events that include Impromptu Art, Cookie Decorating, Jelly Bean Mosaics, and Illustrated Quotes. We are proud to have Magistra Robinson host the STEM Challenge and this year's goal is to build the best aqueduct! And of course, you can't have a JCL event without Certamen so make sure to come and compete.



Southern CAJCLers having a snazzy time singing and clapping at SCRAM 2016 at Crossroads

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The Kingly Cabbage

Garrett Louie, Miramonte High School

The Cabbage, *Brassica Oleracea*, is an ancient vegetable so noble that the ruler of the greatest empire in the world retired to farm it. That's right, on May 1, 305 CE Diocletian, Augustus and ruler of the inimitable Roman Empire, handed over the purple vestments of emperor and returned to his birthplace of Dalmatia, where he devoted the remainder of his days to the cultivation of this most noble of crops. When Diocletian was asked to return to the throne, he replied "If you could show the cabbage that I planted with my own hands to your emperor, he definitely wouldn't dare suggest that I replace the peace and happiness of this place with the storms of a never-satisfied greed". This quite literally august figure turned down an invitation to become the most powerful man in the world for the freedom to peacefully tend to his cabbages. This goes to show how the deepest of bonds between man and plant can provide you with unparalleled joy and satisfaction.

A single 100g serving of Cabbage can contain over 60% of your daily value for Vitamin C (given a 2000 Calorie diet). If that isn't enough, it also contains over 95% of the daily value for Vitamin K as well, and if *that* still isn't enough cabbages provide over 10% the daily value for Vitamins B₆ and B₉, as well as being an excellent source of Thiamin, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium, and of course fiber. Oh, Did I forget to add that the cabbage is 12% protein? . Even if you don't particularly favor the taste of cabbage you can still benefit from of it. The ancients employed cabbage for eye salves, laxatives, for sobering up, and even as an antidote for poison. Perhaps the King of Kings Mithradates VI Eupator Dionysus the Great of Pontus himself valued the brassicas as an essential element of his mythical panacea.

The benefits to casual farming are boundless. Not only does it yield a delicious and nutritious food, but also a most satisfying and addictive hobby. So what are you waiting for? Find some cabbage seeds today, and follow in the footsteps of the Emperor who turned Rome back from the brink of collapse. Even a small windowsill garden can do the job. If you don't have any space you should make some space and discover a new hobby, a new passion which can last you a lifetime. Thank you.



*Glory Be Unto Brassica Optima
Maxima! May its leafy glory bless
us, its humble servants!*

Do you want to find out more about who's running the show? Well, you're in luck. Go onto <http://www.cajcl.org/board.html> and find out! This page shows all the board members elected at State Convention, how to contact them, and a wide variety of fun facts. Enjoy!

‘The Braggart Warrior’ Boasts a Beautifully Braided Betrayal

Katie Wagner, University High School

Philocomasium, an archetypally pure and mistreated beauty, stands center stage clad in a smiling white mask and the rich, purple fabric of the wealthy. She sobs dramatically at the prospect of being torn away from her “lover”, Pyrgopolynices. Cunningly, she manages to convince this egotistical soldier that she loves him deeply, all the while planning her escape with the true object of her affections.

In this charming, high spirited, and absurdly winding comedy, both familiar characters and clearly symbolic costuming choices help to clearly communicate plot, despite projection and volume challenges. Although the enthusiastic audience rarely stays quiet for long, the crafty slave Palaestrio accessibly anchors the production, a magnetic presence as he enlists his many peers and neighbors to aid him in his well-meaning trickery.

Outfitted in the short tunic of a slave and a large brown mask both encasing his head and amplifying his voice, Palaestrio is something of a puppetmaster amongst the team behind Philocomasium’s escape. In the service of his young master, Pleusicles, he frequently segues into long monologues detailing his clever plans; the escape he orchestrates involves a secret identical twin, a pretend marriage, and many neighbors. Often, he addresses the audience, laughing knowingly with them at the absurdity of the situation.

Head enclosed in an exaggeratedly leering brown mask, Pyrgopolynices portrays the titular “Miles Gloriosus”. Curly haired, swaggering, slightly deluded, and wearing a long sleeved tunic, this narcissistic soldier is a representation of one of the most common stock characters in roman theatre. Typically, this type of character poses a romantic challenge to the adulescens, who is a young, male, romantic hero. Pyrgopolynices fills this role magnificently, having stolen Philocomasium from her true love Pleusicles. When the swaggering soldier is finally tricked out of his bride, Philocomasium and Pleusicles rejoice, sailing home to Athens.

In spite of acoustical difficulties due to open air theatre and loquacious spectators, the use of traditional characters and clear costuming help to keep the plot of Plautus’ “The Braggart Warrior” accessible to audiences. With a quick glance, gender, socioeconomic status, and emotion could be noticed in a character. Additionally, when a character is well known, the plot requires a little less onlooker attention.

Following a winding plot full of unexpected twists and turns, “The Braggart Warrior” is truly a charming comic delight!

SCL Recap

Sydney Higa, SCL President

Hello CAJCLers!! It’s been a while since we last saw you all, so here’s a quick update about what we’ve been up to. This summer, we hosted three snazzy socials to welcome graduated high school seniors into our ranks. As well, three of our members, veterans Max Payne and Jon Gumz, as well as myself, attended the NJCL Convention at Troy University in Alabama. While we dearly missed our beloved Californian weather, Nationals was not only a great time for us to connect with SCLers from across the nation, but also a chance for us to reacquaint ourselves with the new classes of CAJCLers. Now we are looking forward to both SCRAM and Ludi and can’t wait to see you all there!

SinCereLy,
Sydney Higa
CASCL President ‘16-’18



Don't worry, he's nowhere near as dangerous as he looks. Plus, he loses the girl in the end.

State Convention Preview

*Natalie Hilderbrand and Drew Wadsworth,
Convention Presidents*

The California JCL State Convention 2018 will be held at Menlo School on Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th! Menlo School is in the town of Atherton, just north of Stanford University on the San Francisco Peninsula. The location will provide delegates from all over the state with (crossing our fingers) nice weather and a wonderful environment in which to learn, compete, and enjoy the *amicitia* of classics lovers from all over California. Menlo itself has recently finished a construction project in the center of campus, so California JCL will be able to take advantage of a new, modern dining hall and student center during the two days of convention. Additionally, Menlo's facilities include our creative arts and design center, a large gym, two sports fields, a pool, a track, numerous tennis courts, multiple large auditoria, and plenty of classroom space in order to hold academic, athletic, and artistic events for every type of student. These facilities surround multiple large outdoor spaces where delegates will be able to enjoy the peninsula's nice weather and have some fun. We think that you all will really like it here. Menlo JCL has been working hard for the past few weeks to begin preparations and to plan some new events, including a hack challenge, a Latin-themed escape room, and a mosaic project. Those who have been to state conventions before can also look forward to all the classic convention events, such as Certamen, Olympika, Ludi, banquet, and many more. For those coming for the first time, we hope that you take advantage of as much as you possibly can. As with any JCL convention, the more you do, the more fun you will have! We are also bringing back swimming, the Roman rap battle, Roman speed dating, and the piano competition. There will certainly be something for everyone.

We look forward with excitement to seeing each and every one of you on Friday the 13th of April! Despite the date it's held on, we know it will be a wonderful experience for delegates from all of California. *Gratias Maximas Vobis Agemus!*

Ludi Preview, cont. from pg2

After workshops, participate in our artistic events such as impromptu art, jelly bean mosaics, and illustrated quotes. Or, if you and friends are more on the athletic side, there will be volleyball, spikeball, and tug-of-war. There will also be an opportunity to explore our beautiful campus through a scavenger hunt. As a fun, bonus event, we are having a grape toss during lunch, too! As always, there will also be academic tests...so study, study, study! This year's test options include: daily life, derivatives, grammar, mythology, reading comprehension, and vocabulary.

Thank you all for your responses to the Google Form that I sent out about the tests and other activities that you wanted to do at Ludi; I read every response and tried my best to include all events that delegates expressed the most interest in. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!



Drew and Natalie, your Convention Presidents, hard at work planning features for April 2017!

SCRAM Preview, cont. from pg2

For all you athletes with the goal of pleasing the gods with your athletic skill, there will be Soccer, Fugepilam (Dodgeball), Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, Swimming, and Ping Pong. Good luck to you all! We will also have two special events: Gladiator and Nau-machia.

And yes, there will be academic tests that all delegates must take (1 min, 2 max) so do your best! This year the options for tests are: Mythology, Grammar, Daily Life, Derivatives, Reading Comprehension, and Vocabulary.

We are all very excited for this special day and I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

CAJCL Doing Good

Peter Bota, Nuntius Editor

Dear Members of the CAJCL,

As you all know, last year's State Convention was hosted at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco. The sponsors, Mrs. Lana Sum and Mrs. Grace Curcio did an excellent job planning the event along with the 2016-2017 CAJCL and Convention Boards to host the 1,508 delegates that attended last April. Who can forget about the activities we experienced there, from interesting colloquia by SIJCL alumni to the variety of competitions granting young classicists the opportunity to show what they're made of in academics, athletics and the arts?

However, what you may not know is the fact that SIJCL managed to raise significantly greater profits from this convention than expected due to the registration of many delegates at the last minute. After contributing a portion of the money to the running expenses of CAJCL and paying the costs of convention, the school was left with \$17,000 of profits. At that moment, the sponsors and convention organizers decided that it ought to be used to show the good that CAJCL can do for the local Community. In the schools' official magazine it said: "One additional benefit of the gathering [State Convention] is that it generated \$17,000 in revenue for SI's JCL chapter, which has donated it to the school's Arrupe Fund to help students who receive tuition assistance with expenses beyond tuition." (Mr. Paul Totah, St. Ignatius' publicist). The Arrupe fund allows students who receive tuition assistance from the school to enjoy a full high school experience by funding their field excursions, sports equipment, and prom tickets, thus allowing them to enjoy all that St. Ignatius has to offer. Thanks to CAJCL, this fund is now capable of providing more things to more students and making many a high school experience. The SIJCL is truly a model chapter in showing how JCL can not only do good for the members to whom it provides knowledge, friendship, and enjoyment, but also to the surrounding community.

Community Service Preview

Rowan Biggs, CAJCL Second Vice President

Salvete!

My name is Rowan Biggs and I am your 2017-2018 CAJCL Second Vice President. For this year's regional conventions, SCRAM and Ludi, I am requesting that you donate books to benefit two community service projects. All books collected at SCRAM are going to BookEnds, which provides books to underserved K-12 schools in Southern California. BookEnds is looking for books suitable for children aged 3-18 to enrich the lives of impoverished children and teenagers through reading. Books donated at Ludi will be given to the Prisoners' Literature Project, which provides books to Bay Area prisons. These books will be used by inmates both to help pass the time and to develop skills that will allow them to succeed in society upon their release. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

If you have any questions or want more information about these community service projects, please contact me at secondvp@cajcl.org.

Gratias Maximas Vobis Ago!



The board that made last year's incredibly successful State Convention possible through their hard work

So, you want to follow CAJCL on Social Media?

Well, you're in luck. Pick your poison and take the plunge

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Carpe VultumLibrum!

Peter Bota, Nuntius Editor

Have you ever wanted to increase the presence of the classics in your daily life? We all live the reality of these ancient civilizations in the classroom, but many of us still want yet more knowledge of the history, culture, and language of Greece and Rome. However, many pointless distractions get in the way of the attainment of that sweet, sweet ancient knowledge, like other classes, family, friends, and especially social media. However, social media doesn't have to be a hindrance to your obsession with a long-dead civilization. While most of you know about the potential of Facebook to connect you with your far-flung living friends, what about all our 2000-year old dead friends? You heard that right, your Facebook feed can be used to have even more interaction with the Greeks and Romans that you already learn about in class! In fact, the format of a Facebook newsfeed, where a multitude of articles bombard you constantly, could be an excellent way to incorporate classics into the daily routine. After all, everybody knows that the Julio-Claudians are wayyyyyy cooler (and bloodier) than the Kardashians. In the spirit of my predecessor's Carpe Twitterum article ([link to said article](#)), I'd like to make a list of the best Latin-themed Facebook pages around. With No Further Ado:

facebook

BRUTUS



BRUTUS
is planning a surprise!

211 LIKES · 16 COMMENTS



Julius C.
is curious!



Brutus
Hehe. Just wait & see :)



Caius Cassius
I know, I know!



Julius C.
But it's not my birthday!



Brutus
Hehe. Kinda the opposite.



Caius Cassius
LOL! Super LIKE!

O Tempora, O Mores!

4. Schola Latina

This page belongs to a company whose purpose is the teaching of Latin, and while their main purpose is providing teaching services, both online and in Italy, their Facebook provides multiple links to both written and spoken Latin, as well as posting and explaining a Latin quote every Sunday.

3. Legio XX - Washington, DC Metro area

This group/page is a unique little gem that I discovered at last National Convention, and it provides a treasure trove of information on Ancient Roman society, from articles on recent archaeological findings to descriptions of ancient Roman household items and how they were utilized. The group was founded in 1991 to reenact mid 1st century AD legionary life, but they also do excellent work with civilian life and ancient military life of other eras.

2. LatinTutorial

The erudite and beloved Ben Johnson maintains a page for his legendary LatinTutorial series of Youtube videos. The page contains much of the same material as his Twitter, with witty quips and excellent articles abounding, in a much more convenient manner. Satis dictum est.

1. The Classics Library

This is one of the finest classical FaceBook pages around, regularly setting out content on a wide variety of topics in Greece, Rome, and other portions of the ancient world. The page was intended to provide a forum for classics teachers to share news and resources, but it can also be an interesting place for students of the classics to browse. It also provides much classics-related humor in the form of memes and comic strips. What makes it the best is that, while many places present classical facts and articles, the teacher-produced model of this page makes it quite entertaining, and getting an article from them a small pleasure and a short break from the modern world into that mystery and discovery that prompted so many of us to take Latin in the first place.

JCLaughs

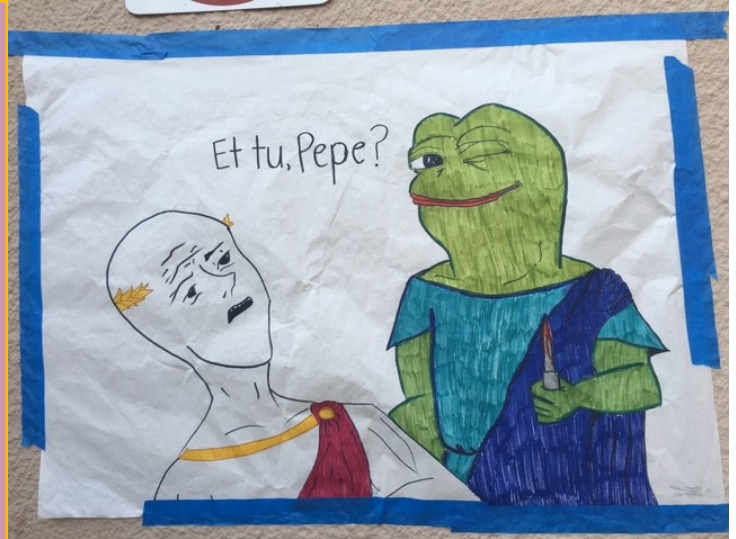
Peter Bota, Nuntius Editor

While every last one of you knows about the fabled JCLove, what about the unsung hero of our experience. It suffuses all aspects of our JCL experience, from the jokes our Latin teachers tell in class (some quite dark and edgy) to the zany antics and dank memes provided at every convention to the endless torrent of jokes formed through friendships that JCL started. This savior in the shadows is none other than JCLaughs: a concept that, while little recognized, suffuses this organization and brings to exuberant life the ancient civilizations we study. Many of my greatest memories from Latin class are drawn from this phenomenon: laughing out of my seat from a well placed quip or cleverly wrought line of Martial or Catullus or from the ludicrous shenanigans of the characters of the Cambridge Latin Course.

I strongly believe that this ought to be shared with the rest of the JCL, so that the JCLulz can grow to its zenith and further enrich the JCL experience. But how to do this? Making actually good jokes and comics requires actual talent, and that's kind of a problem for me. Suddenly, it hit me: why not spread memes? Quick and effortless to make, easy to share across social media, and capable of causing a good chuckle; they're perfect for my plans!

Fortunately or unfortunately, others had already thought of that before me, with Facebook pages like Classically Classical Classics Memes, Classic Classics Memes, and ancient Greek memes for edgy triremes (all pretty funny, if I may add) spewing jokes and with a repertoire of memes already created, mostly bashing various authors and cracking jokes about the (historically inaccurate) salting of Carthage.

To honor these glorious memes which even share the text/picture hybrid format of many ancient art pieces, I plan to stage a meme contest for the best **ORIGINAL** Latin or classics themed memes, to be rewarded with credited appearance in the Nuntius. May Risus (Roman god of laughter) favor this endeavor.

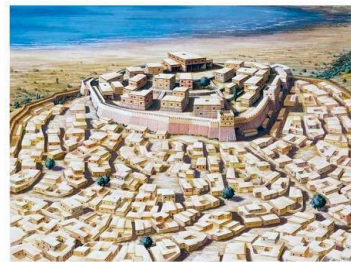


The picture that first introduced me to the idea of JCL memes at Woodbridge's State Convention

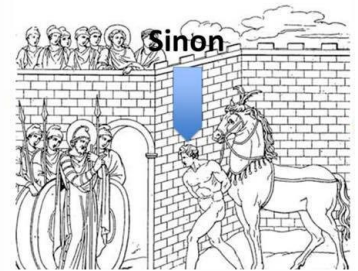
Sample Memes

WHO WOULD WIN?

A fortified city, skilled in arms with powerful soldiers, dedicated to the gods and compassionate in nature



One naughtyboi



WHEN U REALIZE YOU FORGOT

