



The OJCL Torch

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*One OJCLer at
this year's OJCL
convention
during a GA,
holding a horse-
on-a-stick!*



Letter from the President

Welcome to a new year in the OJCL! Over the last month the 2014-2015 Executive Board has been working hard to develop exciting new opportunities for the upcoming year. Here are a few of the highlights.

To celebrate National Classics Week, the Board will be hosting a promotional video contest with glorious prizes for the winning chapters.

Along with the traditional pre-nats picnics, we will also be having regional carwashes to fundraise and a t-shirt sale.

There will be a project party in the Cincinnati area to work on graphic arts for Nationals some time in July - an opportunity to socialize and to knock some projects out of the way.

The next big OJCL event is National Convention in July at Emory University. It is awesome, and all of you should go. Then, after Nationals, the Board will be focusing on regional activities. It is our goal to have three service projects per region. Of course, the Ohio Reunion Days will also continue, potentially with another trip to COSI and the robotic ice cream.

The Board will also be working to develop closer ties with the leadership of the local chapters so that we can hear more perspectives and improve the OJCL experience. If you're interested in helping with this project, please send an email to president@ojcl.org.

Want more updates on what is going on in the OJCL? Join our unofficial Facebook page "Ohio Classics Students".

--Will Emery (President, Granville)

A call for projects

Have you started working on your nationals/states projects yet? No? Well now is the time to start! The sooner you start, the more projects you can make! More projects= more ribbons. So, get your creative Latin juices flowing and come up with some great ideas as soon as possible. If you happen to be the busiest person on Earth and cannot possibly find the time to make some projects, then a good idea would be to attend the "project party" in the summer to work on projects for nationals. It will be organized by SW Gubernator Sara Zandvakili and hosted by Treasurer Lindsey Dierig. There will be an endless supply of assorted art materials to work with and many amazing OJCLers to toss around ideas together for incredible projects. Sound like fun? It will be. Another great idea would be to take an art class during the school year. If possible, twist your art assignments into convention-themed projects and make a very convincing description as to how it applies to the classics. You will get an A+ in your art class and have many projects to submit for states. It's a win-win. Submitting more projects to nationals and states will earn more points for you, your school, and Ohio. Get started now!

--Katerina Packis (2nd Vice President, Westlake)



Some of the lovely projects that were on display at this year's Ohio Junior Classical League Convention!

The new JCLingo

We all know that JCL stands for Junior Classical League. However, since the moment when That's Entertainment coined the term JCLove, a new trend has been set. The JCsLang trend. People have begun calling popular individuals amongst the JCL community JCelebrities and saying couples are in JCLove. Here are some more common terms you should learn, to be up to date on your JCLingo:

-- JCwithdrawaL: Also known as Post-Convention Depression, this is what you experience when you have spent too much time away from JCL. Cures involve lots of Netflix, Ben and Jerry's, and reminiscing about Convention over social media.

-- JCLifestyle: Living your life around Latin and the JCL. This can be a good way to counter the dreaded JCwithdrawaL that sets in Post-Convention.

-- JCLunch: The not so affectionate term granted to the bagged lunches that the Ramada serves to us. SCL Experts report that these were originally recovered from a 1950's Fallout Bunker, but were deemed "close enough" to real food for consumption.

-- JCoupLe: The end result of JCLove, a JCoupLe are two JCLers who have come together into a re'latin'ship.

-- JCeLery: The elusive object known as JCeLery is one that is quite rare to find. Rumour has it that it is one of the restricted foods, granting itself only to the Officers and State Chairs as a respite from 1950's Fallout Bunker food.

-- JCsLeepover: A sleepover, only with more Latin. Although these start in a light-hearted manner, they frequently can devolve into arguments over which Team was better, the Blues or the Greens. The last time a JCsLeepover really got out of hand, half of Constantinople burned down.

-- JsunsCreenL: A very essential item of every JCLers day, to prevent oneself from being burned alive. If you're going to Emory, you should probably take some with you. Rumor has it that it's going to be pretty hot - and not a dry heat.

--Tim Goldenberg (Central Gubernator, Granville)

(Below): The Summit JCL Delegation during spirit at this year's OJCL Convention. Their theme was the Olympics!





A few certamen players at the 2014 OJCL Convention, and examples of some of the great people you can meet at OJCL events!

Come to Events. Make friends.

Like many other newbies, I came into the OJCL knowing no one. The only people I talked to at local Certamens were people from my school. Even after attending many Certamens for around a year, there wasn't anyone I regularly spoke to at the events. That all changed once I went to my first NJCL convention. The people there were all so friendly, and after a while, I finally sat down with a group of Ohio delegates and asked to join a game of cards. This was the beginning of many friendships. Although I was still quite shy for all of nationals, at least I had made some friends to sit with at lunch and play cards with in between celebrating the Classics.

If you aren't friends with enough Ohio delegates, I encourage you to attend all the events the OJCL and NJCL hold, especially this time of year. First of all, the only way to be cool with JCLers is this: GO TO NATIONALS. Being on a campus with tons of nerdy (and smelly) Latin lovers will forever be the highlight of your summer.

Can't go to Nationals? Or just want to start making friends RIGHT NOW? Then come to the regional events! Closer to the end of the school year, there will be regional (SW, North, Central) pre-convention picnics, as well as a SW and Northern toga car wash! At the pre-convention picnics, everyone will meet at public parks to work on spirit and munch on snacks. Also, the toga car washes in the SW and North will be a fun opportunity to show how great you look in a toga! And especially for those in the south, our treasurer, Lindsey Dierig, will be holding a project party to get the hype up for graphic arts at Nationals. So be on the lookout for events in your region, where you can become closer to your fellow JCLers!

-- Sara Zandvakili (SW Gubernator, Indian Hill)

When Your Dad is a Latin Teacher: The Struggle

Only a few other people in the JCL can understand this struggle, so it may be difficult to understand for most of you, whose parents are CEOs, construction workers, professors. But let me paint a picture for you.

You know how when your friends are over at your house and your parents get out the family scrapbooks? You feel embarrassed, of course. Imagine that, but worse. Whenever any historical or Classical event reminds your dad of you, he just HAS to tell the story to your whole class.

Doesn't seem bad? Well here's another example: it's 7 in the morning, and you're on your way to school. You're tired and irritated that you have to be at school so early to make up work for other classes because of Convention, when your dad turns and starts talking to you about how dirty your room is, how your grades are slipping, and how he has to drive you to school at 7 in the morning. Soon, an argument develops. Luckily, you only have to put up with it for a few minutes, and you run out of the car to get to the classroom. But here's my struggle: first bell, guess what class I have? Latin. And now I have to put up with the awkwardness of my dad calling on me after an argument and asking for the third person, singular, imperfect indicative of amare, and every time, I must grudgingly reply "amabat."

--Tullus Dean (Parliamentarian, Summit)



above: friends Troy Schwab and Adam Sichel of Indian Hill enjoy the first GA of convention this year, wearing their club t-shirts.

right: Treasurer Lindsey Dierig and Central Gubernator Tim Goldenberg in their togas for the Saturday night Roman Banquet



The Ludi “Dream Team” 2k14

Hello all! This is the time of year when I start getting excited for national convention. Although it may seem lame to even think about what is coming our way in just under a hundred (100!!) days, there are so many things for which you could already be preparing.

As we all know, one of the most important and under-hyped aspects of national convention is Ludi. Taken from the Latin word meaning ‘games/sports,’ Ludi are athletic competitions in which teams from different state delegations duke it out in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and ultimate frisbee. In the past, the valiant state of Ohio has not exactly realized her full potential. We always fight hard, but seem to come up short just about every time.

That. Will. Change.

This is our year. This summer we will dominate in Atlanta. Emory University will be flabbergasted when they realize that they have dozens of future athletic recruits from Ohio within the confines of their very campus. I believe that we can do better than any Ludi squad ever has. We can be the “Dream Team.”

What can you do to contribute to the team's success?

First of all, you need to get in the right mindset. Any successful team needs its players to be mentally prepared going into competition.

Second, PRACTICE. Make sure to get together with your fellow national convention attendees over the summer. Shoot some hoops. Throw a frisbee. Find a good volleyball court, if you can. Kick around a soccer ball. Or even if you don't want to do any of this, you could always break out the Xbox (or a friend's) for a few games of FIFA.

Third, try to wake up early every single day this entire summer. This way, you will be prepared to be up and ready to fight for many of the Ludi competitions that are in the morning. Sleeping in and missing Ludi has been a concern in recent years for Ohio. Actually, I think this only applies to me... never mind, then.

Well, there you have it. These are all effective ways by which you can contribute to the new craze at this year's national convention. All are invited to be a part of the Ohio “Dream Team”!
--Will Beatrez (NW Gubernator, St. Edward)

Promotional Video Contest

National Classics Week has passed, but that doesn't mean the celebration is ending. Our newest club contest, the National Classics Week Promotional Video Contest, challenges your local chapter to create a 2-5 minute video addressing the theme, "Why do you love the Classics?" We're calling you and all of your fellow JCL'ers to not only bring publicity to your club, but also share your passion for the Classics with the entire state – that's right, your video has the chance to be featured on our website, ojcl.org, and shown to prospective OJCL schools! Even better, awards include monetary prizes to your local chapters: 1st place receives \$100; 2nd place, \$50; and 3rd place, \$25!

NB: Videos are to be submitted through Google Drive to ncwvideocontest@ojcl.org by 11:59 PM May 30, 2014, and all participants must sign media release forms. For more information on rules and guidelines, visit ojcl.org!

--Allison Kao (NE Gubernator, Shaker)



Your school's video contest submission could mean up to \$100 cash for your OJCL Chapter!



above: Noah Waddle of St. Edward High School is painted blue for spirit!



above: Tino Delamerced, outgoing OJCL President, presents during one GA!



above: Andy Willis of Brookwood Latin Club shows his spirit during a GA!

Executive Board 2014-2015

2nd VP
Katerina Packis

President Will Emery

"I am fluent in Ubbi Dubbi"



"My favorite movie is Pirate Radio because it combines my two favorite things: '60s rock & roll and movies."

favorite latin word?
cado

1st VP Ra'ad Dawood

"I like cars and racing."
favorite latin word?
vitta



Treasurer Lindsey Dirrig

"After reading the Percy Jackson books in the 5th grade I tried to teach myself greek using wikipedia. I only learned the alphabet."

favorite latin word?
liberi



Secretary Jane Klaus

"I can lick my elbow!"
favorite latin word?
amo



Parliamentarian Tullus Dean

"I learned to ambulare before I could walk!"

favorite latin word?
ambulabimini



Elected Officers

Executive Board 2014-2015

Historian

Hannah Barrett

"I have many irrational fears: eating spaghetti, mice wearing clothes, and veins."

Favorite latin word?

Soporatus



NE Guber

Allison Kao

favorite latin word?

quamquam



Editor

Dustin Argo

"I taught myself how to play chess from a book in 2nd grade."

Favorite latin word?

Uhlatus



SW Guber

Sara Zandvikili

"I eat pizza with a fork and knife"

favorite latin word?

tergum



Central Guber

Tim Goldenberg

"I've beaten President Will Emery in arm wrestling multiple times"

Favorite latin word?

quibus



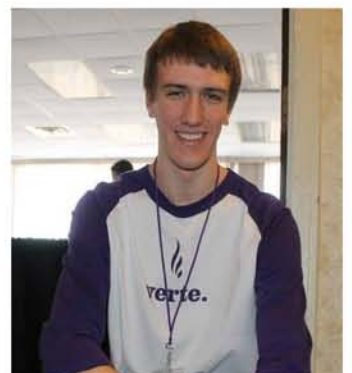
NW Guber

Will Beatrez

"I placed in the Cleveland marathon this year"

Favorite latin word?

credo



Appointed Officers