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Letter from the President

Dear All,

As we prepare for Spring Conference in Galway, let us resolve to enter the spirit of JCI by working and playing hard. JCI Galway have organised an action packed and varied programme for us and it is up to all of us to participate fully in this weekend to ensure that it is the success it promises to be.

We are very lucky that our IVP, Kjersti Bergsaker, will be with us for the whole weekend. Kjersti is an accomplished and acclaimed JCI trainer and will provide training on Saturday morning. I encourage as many of you as possible to attend this event. Kjersti is also keen to meet and interact with as many member of JCI Ireland as possible, so please take the time to talk to her and to share your views on JCI with her.

There are a number of items relevant to Spring Conference which I would like to bring to your attention, namely:

1. Submission of bids for national meetings

I would encourage all chapters to give some serious consideration to submitting a bid for a 2006 national meeting at this year's Spring Conference. AGM, Spring Conference, President's Day and Convention are all currently available! AGM and President's Day are essentially a one day affair while the other two are weekends, so they shouldn't be too daunting. Any chapter thinking of submitting a bid are encouraged to contact myself or any other member of the NEC who would be happy to clarify any issues you might have.

2. E-Awards

From visiting chapters and talking to members I know that you are all involved in running some excellent projects. Submitting an award application is a fantastic way of recording these projects, having information on them for potential future sponsorship and gaining recognition for your hard work and achievements. This is an important year for JCI Ireland and I would love to see awards submitted at National and International level (we have many projects worthy of international recognition). Submitting applications has never been easier as it is a totally on-line and electronic process. As you know, our awards manager this year is Helen Flatley and Helen is willing and waiting to receive applications and clarify any issues you might have in relation to awards. Please consider submission and talk to Helen about it. I will ask each of you over the weekend in Galway how many applications you will submitting!

3. International Positions

As you are all aware JCI Ireland is affiliated to JCI International and we have a remarkable reputation of providing outstanding candidates for positions at international level (From International Vice President to Executive Vice President, Chairman and members of the European Development Council all the way to World President!). Now is the time to think about filling positions for 2006. I would all of you to think about nomination for election in Vienna. All nominations need to be ratified by National Council and this will be an agenda item at Spring Council. I will provide the names of successful candidates to our International Adviser (Colvin Houston) at Scottish Convention in April and Colvin will begin the task of lobbying for international support for us. Colvin has an excellent reputation at helping us to get people elected to high office but the process starts now so please give some consideration to availing of the opportunities which JCI has to offer at an international level.

I look forward to seeing you all over the weekend in Galway.

Remember, together we can make a difference.

Enjoy the weekend!

James Corcoran
JCI Ireland
National President, 2005

Your JCI Vice President Kjersti visits you



Ireland is green. Green is a beautiful color and symbolizes concentration. And concentration is a success criterion... My favorite artist is Secret Garden an Irish/ Norwegian group! So no wonder I am very excited and happy about visiting you all at your Spring Conference in Galway! (And I dream about learning River Dance...)

My name you know already. I live in a town called Sandnes, on the west coast of Norway. In 1999 I joined JCI as a result of a desire to meet new people, learn new things and grow in areas that would help me excel in my professional life. Through grabbing the opportunities that came by, and with help and support from fellow JCI members, I have experienced all these things to the full. My highest local position I held in 2002 as Local President. On the national level I served as National President in 2004.

Furthermore I have been active on the training area, training both JCI Lead and JCI Prime in different countries.

In November 2004 I was happy to be elected JCI Vice President. JCI has 17 Vice Presidents that are assigned to approximately 7-8 countries each. I was lucky to be assigned to Ireland, as well as England, Scotland, Belgium, Austria, the Netherlands and Serbia Montenegro.

As part of my official visit to JCI Ireland, I will attend the Spring Conference in Galway. I hope to meet as many members as possible. The role of the Vice President is to serve and work with the national organization as well as being the ambassador of the international level of JCI into the national organization. As a part of this I will be meeting with your NP James and DP Susan, as well as other members of the national board. I will do my best to make sure they get the support they need to secure great success for JCI Ireland in 2005 through focusing in Membership, Marketing and Media.

I will be around the whole weekend, so there should be plenty of time to get to know many members of JCI Ireland. I have heard you know how to have fun and enjoy life! I also hope to see everyone in my training that will be held on the Saturday morning.

See you next week!

Kjersti Bergsaker-Aspøy

JCI Vice President

101 Inspiring Jaycees of the World

JCI Singapore and JCI Senators Club of Singapore are jointly embarking on a Project to record the life stories of Jaycees & Senators in an upcoming publication entitled "101 Inspiring Jaycees of the World".

JCI Singapore are looking for members of JCI, both current and past, who through their passion, pioneering spirit, leadership and success have inspired you. This is your chance to reflect on this, and record who, amongst your JCI friends have inspired you to keep the passion for JCI alive.

You may also nominate JCI members or Senators who has made their mark in politics, business, community service, public service, social work, research, sports, the arts, science or any other field.

The book is targeted to be ready for distribution at the 60th JCI World Congress at Vienna, Austria in October.

To nominate a member or Senator who has so inspired you, you should write his or her life story for submission to JCI Singapore (through JCI Ireland National President). If your nomination and story is published, JCI Singapore will also recognise you in the publication. Nominations will close on 30th of June 2005 and nomination paper, submission guidelines are can be found on the project website: <http://www.101inspiringjaycees.com>.

I encourage you all to give this project some thought. It would be great to have at least one JCI Ireland member, or senators included in this publication.

Upcoming events:

Spring Conference – Galway 8th -10th April

Spring Conference will be hosted by JCI Galway from the 8th to the 10th of April. Registration is €50 and accommodation is as follows: 2 night's bed & breakfast & Saturday evening meal €125.00 per person sharing. (Single Occupancy €189.00) or 1 night Bed & Breakfast & Saturday evening meal €89.00 per person sharing. (Single Occupancy €119.00). For further information, please contact Bernie Moran on 087-6448259 or email membership@juniorchambergalway.com

JCI Conference of The Americas - TOURISM AND LEISURE – May 4th to 7th – Early Registration closes on 15th March

The 2005 JCI Conference of the Americas will take place in Sao Paulo, Brazil. For further information about the Conference visit: www.jcisp.org.br/saopaulo2005/ or send an e-mail to: conferencia2005@jcisp.org.br

European Convention – June 1st to 4th – Early Registration closes on 31st March

JCI European Conference 2005, is going to be taking place in Futuroscope Poitiers (France) from 1st to 4th June 2005. For further information please see the website <http://www.ec2005.com/> . The early registration price of €290 finishes on the 31st of March. After that the registration will cost €335. The Irish Delegation hotel is Hotel Novotel Futuroscope.

European Academy Gothenburg, Sweden from 29th July-2nd August 2005

The deadline for registering for the 9th European Academy is 31st March 2005! Please contact Tommy Nielsen for further details.

JCI Ireland National Convention 2005 - 7th to 9th October

National Convention 2005 will be hosted by JCI Fingal. The Venue is Clontarf Castle hotel, Dublin 3. The overall price is €295 which includes accommodation, €195 without accommodation. Early registration (before 31st July 2005 is €250).

60th World Congress 2005 – October 24th to 29th - Early Registration closes on 28th August

The 60th World Congress will take place in Vienna, Austria. For further details please see <http://www.vienna2005.com/> . Early Registration is €355 until the 28th of August, after that date it is €395. The Irish Delegation hotel is Best Western Stefanie Hotel.

Update from the Chapters

(Chapters are listed in alphabetical order)

JCI Cobh

March has been a very busy month for JCI-Cobh. Like last year, we again organised a very successful St. Patrick's Day Parade, with in excess of 5,000 spectators lining the route of the Parade till it passed the reviewing stand in front of the G.P.O.

The Parade co-ordinator this year again was Hendrick Verwey, a past president of Cobh, and his masterful leadership skills led to a very smooth parade and an enjoyable day out for the people of Cobh and beyond.

Membership Officer, Janice O'Brien organised a very successful colouring competition in the National Schools. The winners from 1st and 2nd class all had seats on the reviewing stand, and M.C. for the day, Darragh McGann introduced all the V.I.P.s to the large crowds and especially their parents. The winning entries were displayed on the window of English's newsagents which is run by the parents of new member, Deirdre Pearson.

On Monday March 21st hosted an official visit from Ms. Ruthe Yamasaki, from JCI Tennessee. Ruthe was personal assistant to 2004 US JCI President, Lon Fox. The chapter held a dinner in her honour and made a formal presentation to her to mark her visit to JCI-Cobh. Chapter President Darragh McGann, thanked Ruthe for visiting and sent the best wishes of all the members to JCI Tennessee.

JCI Fingal

JCI Fingal have had a busy month. The Chapter is one of the lead partners in the Mentorship Programme with DCU and is continuing to work with the Careers Service to deliver an interactive and innovative programme of events. The fifth event takes place this month and is essentially the final event before the "Graduation Ceremony." JCI Members and Mentors will join forces with their Mentees to test their "skills" in buying and selling when they play the World Trade Game. Judging by last years experience it promises to be an evening of note in the JCI calendar.

The March Chapter meeting was held in DCU and the keynote speaker was Barrister Ciaran Taland from the "Ireland for Europe" committee. Members and mentees were treated to a very informative discussion and information on the upcoming European Constitution. There were many questions and much debate about the topic!

Following the political theme, JCI Fingal were guests of JCI Castleknock when we attended the Dáil for dinner and debate this month. Fingal faces are familiar faces in the Dáil bar and restaurant due to our members with 'political connections' and as always it was a very enjoyable evening.

Speaking of familiar faces, if any of you were watching the Late Late on Friday 4th and you spotted a few faces you thought you knew, well that was Fingal! Members and guests totalling 22 in number enjoyed

the hospitality of the RTE TV studios and formed a large part of the audience for the show. Guests on the night included some of the Irish Rugby Squad who received a rapturous response from the Fingal Squad ... and despite Wales' recent triumphant win, we still think Brian and the Boys are Brilliant!

In an effort to provide 'something for everyone' or 'one for everyone in the audience' (excuse the pun, couldn't resist!), Social Director Ronan Leonard arranged an evening at the Gaiety for the Thespians amongst us. "Bloodbrothers" could not come more highly recommended, it is a fantastic show, not to be missed and an ideal choice for a Chapter outing. No trip to the theatre is complete without the obligatory bite to eat and cocktail beforehand and the post mortem jar in the bar afterwards so needless to say we pushed the boat out!

Work on National Convention continues under the stewardship of Convention Directors Aileen Madden and Melissa Dursley. More information will follow at Spring Conference. Registrations are beginning to roll in and are very welcome. Please remember that Registration fees paid in advance of 31st July will be at the reduced rate of €250. (Registration form attached.) Please note the date for your diaries 7th-9th October

And finally, this month JCI Fingal answered the call from JCI World President Kevin to support the 'Operation Hope' Campaign. A table quiz was held on Tues 15th March in the Harp Bar Swords. We were delighted with the response from our friends and associates in the North County area and our JCI Colleagues from JCI Dublin. €600 was raised on the night and the Chapter contributed €400 from its own funds to bring the total to €1000. Speaking at the event, National President James thanked President Aisling and her team of organisers, Ronan Leonard and Andrew Shortall. Aisling also expressed her gratitude to members and their guests who had contributed to the fundraising evening, either by attending or donating prizes.

We are looking forward to an equally busy month ahead and hope to meet up with lots of JCI friends at Spring Conference in Galway.

JCI Limerick

Junior Chamber Limerick was one of the key organisers of this year's St.Patrick's Day & Marching Band parades in the city. Chapter Member, Jessica Marks-Colleran, was a Director of the week-long festivities which also included concerts, a rugby relay, face-painting,etc. There was a great spirit of camaraderie and team effort among all J.C. members who participated in this project.

The Chapter's annual Easter Egg Project in aid of St.Vincent's School, Lisnagry, reached new heights this year as our Easter Bunny arrived Santa-like in a helicopter bearing 90 + Easter Eggs. The reaction of the children was " fantastic" and one boy was heard shouting " I Love This School ".The eggs were very kindly donated and it is expected that this event will be covered in the press in the coming weeks.



My Junior Achievement Experience - By National Deputy President – Suzanne Corcoran

At the National Exec Meeting at National Convention in October 2004, Eugene Garvin invited Delia Clancy, Executive Director of Junior Achievement Ireland, along to speak to us. Junior Achievement was established nearly 100 years ago in the US and has grown rapidly since it's introduction into Ireland in 1995.

They use business volunteers provided by leading Irish companies to teach their structured, high quality, enterprise programmes to local schools.

As a corporate supporter of Junior Achievement Ireland, my employers encouraged me to teach the Our Universe science programme. This programme introduces primary school children to an exciting world of creation and discovery and illustrates the importance of science in today's world of work and healthcare. Within a few weeks of completing the short but comprehensive training course, I was teaching my first class, 6th class in the Holy Spirit Girls National School in Ballymun, about the Human Skeleton and Bones. Over the next 4 weeks, I taught classes in Forensic Science, the Environment, the Circulation Highway and Light.

In addition to the benefits to me of teaching the programme, I also enjoyed both teaching the children and listening to their stories. They seemed to enjoy it too and I also hope that they learned something over the last 5 weeks.



The Vartry Reservoir Walk – article by Nina O’Brien JCI Dun Laoghaire

This new walk, recently launched by the Minister for the Environment, Dick Roche as a health initiative in conjunction with Slí na Slainte, is everything it promised to be.

Having lunched in the locally famous ‘Coach House Inn’ restaurant in Roundwood Village, myself and four other Junior Chamber members set off on this 7.2 km long, two hour walk around the lower Vartry Reservoir shore. This walk is a Grade 1 walk and takes approximately two hours. It takes the walker onto the road for part of the trip and it is guided by yellow flags along the way.

The area itself is beautiful. The water was calm and glistening under the mid-day sun, as peaceful as any lake. The stony, woodland pathways are enchanting with overhanging trees and shrubbery and there was not a sound other than the birds and the far distant neigh of a horse. We stopped along the way to view the water works and to read the interesting information provided for the public. We learned, to our surprise, that most of the water we drink in the Borough of Dunlaoghaire-Rathdown, originates from these water works at the Vartry Reservoir.

I felt the clean country air and the quiet, peaceful atmosphere was refreshing, relaxing and stress-free and we all found ourselves slowing down to an enjoyable stroll. All too soon the walk was over and we made our way back to the village for coffee and to discuss our next walk! We all agreed that the Vartry Reservoir walk was indeed worth doing and we would definitely recommend it. I think it really gave us the walking bug



The Importance of running a successful Open Night by Mairin O'Reilly President JCI Galway

JCI Galway have started the year with a flying start bringing in much needed new members and re-invigorating activities.

A major publicity campaign to create awareness of JCI Galway open night began early January in the lead up to the open night on 27th January. This involved:

- Breakfast show – five day prize competition
- Newspaper Adverts
- Public Relations – Press Releases
- 250 posters
- 1000 fliers

The messages were:

1. JCI Galway have moved to the city centre – Forster Court Hotel – so that young people who don't drive can attend meetings.
2. Junior Chamber Galway is now known as JCI Galway
3. JCI Galway is good fun and welcomes new members.
4. You don't have to be in business to join JCI Galway

A new design and advertising company was approached to design a poster and advert and they then offered to provide these services free of charge for the year. Their design was a totally new approach. A new city centre location for meetings was sourced at a nominal fee and we asked them to sponsor a prize competition and advertising campaign on the local radio station – Galway Bay FM. They agreed to provide prizes and pay for half the cost. We had to come up with the wording of the advert which ran five times a day for five days. We approached one of the local newspapers – the Galway Advertiser which goes into every house in Galway city and most of the county, to provide ad space – they gave us a quarter page ad free of charge two weeks in a row. We briefed the design agency and the same design was used for both the adverts, the posters and fliers which were printed. Of course as usual we also ran our public relations campaign and issued press releases to all the local media and the articles appeared in all four local papers during the week leading up to the open night and the week before. On the night we had a full room, with over 50 brand new faces who stayed for over an hour – the format for the night was very informal, we gave each person an information pack and took their contact details. We provided wine and chocolate (sponsored) and Galway members mingled and chatted about JCI activities.

From this campaign we got some great new members who have already been involved on our project committees, have turned up for social events and one member has even attended PRIME, and two have put themselves forward for council positions which were still available. As president of JCI Galway I am delighted that six committees have started for projects - the Tourist Guide, TOYP, Spring Conference, Tsunami Fundraiser and Career Mentoring and Easter Egg project and all have had new members involved. Without our new members and the major effort to bring them in during January, I can't see how all of these projects could be running.

Máirín O'Reilly
President JCI Galway – 091 769018 / 087 2407903

Junior Chamber Limerick – St Patrick's Spring Fest Wrap-Up – by Jessica Colleran PRO JCI Limerick

Members of Junior Chamber Limerick can be very proud of the contribution they made to Limerick's St Patrick's Spring Fest this year.

JCI Limerick was responsible for providing the festival theme – "One City, A world of people" which was aimed at raising community awareness of how multicultural Limerick is becoming and the positive things other nationalities can bring to the community.

Research in the lead-up to the event revealed that there are nationals from over 105 non-European countries living in Limerick County.

Volunteers from JCI Limerick helped out in the lead-up to St Patrick's Day as well as on the day itself and at the Limerick International Marching Band Parade (the final event for the Spring Fest week). They were involved in:

1. **Provision and development of the festival theme.**
2. **Country research** – providing a story, recipe & country information for 12 countries. This was distributed during press launches and to community groups who wanted background information to help them with their floats.
3. **Goody Bag Packing** – In a superhuman effort, on the Monday before the event 12 people packed 1,500 goody bags for distribution to parade participants at the Castle. The bags, containing chocolate, crisps and drinks, were very well received and we've had feedback that this year's distribution was the most successful to date (well organised and with enough bags to go around).
4. **Balloon blowing/distribution** – A team of people risked life and limb (well, finger nails and skin) to blow up over 2,500 balloons on St Patrick's Day and distribute them to the crowds. The resultant sea of orange balloons made a huge visual impact and added to the festive spirit of the day.
5. **Marshalling** – Volunteers were also in action at the 'front line' marshalling parade groups into position and (on Sunday) escorting the marching bands.
6. **Goody Bag distribution** – It takes a brave person to face hundreds upon hundreds of munchkins (sorry, children) who want their goody-bags. JCI did just that, and did a fine job of it as well. Leftover bags were broken up and individual treats distributed to the Band Parade marchers on the Sunday. Again hugely successful and reportedly much easier b/c the bands even lined up!
7. **Face painting** - This hugely successful exercise was very well received by delighted children. One little boy was even heard to say "This is the best day of my life, ever!" You can't get much better than that.

As a result of JCI Limerick's involvement our logo was featured on all publicity material (press advertisements, brochures, and posters) with credit as an event partner.

This year was Junior Chamber Limerick's first involvement in such a large scale event and all those who participated can be very proud of the fine work they did. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by the festival organiser, Limerick Co-Ordination Office, and played an important role in ensuring that event participants and on-lookers had a wonderful time.

Jessica Colleran
PRO
Junior Chamber, Limerick



JCI Limerick members packing the goody bags!

Report on JCI European Media & Communications Masterclass II by Gráinne Nolan PRO JCI Ireland

It's not too often one gets a call from their National President requesting a piece of work but when it happens one should sit up straight and listen – the payback is often very generous! That fairly sums up my thoughts on being asked to accept the appointment of PRO to JCI Ireland and "by the way" represent the national organisation in Athens for a training course the following week!

In my occupational role, I have participated in and indeed run many a training course and certainly the travel opportunities presented by that role brought me to far and wide – perhaps even as far as Wexford, Cork or Galway but this opportunity was a "horse of a different kind."

I eagerly accepted the appointment, without prejudice I hasten to add. I looked forward to the challenges of the job and there are many but mostly I looked forward to promoting the JCI organisation to a higher echelon and I was confident the learning to be gained in Athens would serve this purpose. I was not wrong ...

From 25-30 January, JCI Greece hosted thirty-five participants attending the 2nd European Media & Communications Masterclass. The participants represented twenty-one European nations from as far north as Iceland and as far south as Malta & Cyprus. JCI Greece has tremendous experience in running this training programme, having hosted Media Masterclass I in Livadia. In choosing the venue and location for this years programme, they could not have made a better choice – it was very fitting that it be held in Athens, under the eye of the Acropolis in a spot used by the ancient Greeks to meet, discuss and resolve the City's problems, working issues and to exchange ideas. Its established historical roots as a seat of democracy and communication were obvious to those of us who converged over 2000 years later.

2005 JCI IVP, Mr Yiannis Lagos welcomed us all to the Divani Palace Acropolis Hotel and along with Membership Growth and Development Director for Europe, Mr Zsolt Feher encouraged us to use the training programme to "Meet, Learn and Grow." Experienced JCI Coaches, Mr Anders Tunold-Hanssen and Mr Ole Wurtz led four days of intensive training and external media and communications trainers Ms Elena Androulaki & Mr George Karathanos completed the line up of superior trainers.

The course participants were provided with a training programme designed to establish a common understanding of modern communications, while highlighting the communication challenges that face each of us regardless of our origins. It was interesting to note that the Media Masterclass II had attracted participants to the course from Jade, Young Achievers and Aegee. Speaking with all of these representatives, a common message of appraisal for the training JCI provides was obvious. Moreover, the financial support of the Hellenic General Secretariat for Youth was a testimony to the high regard in which JCI is held.

Interactive training formed the greater part of the programme, participants worked long and late hours together to establish themselves as "experts" in the areas of Press Releases and Press Conferences. We also gained great insight into the areas of TV and Camera Technique – I never knew I could flirt before! By Saturday night we were exhausted but exhilarated by the experience and it was clear that friendships were forged for a very long time to come.

Looking back on the week, it was difficult to believe that I had left Ireland on Tuesday morning not knowing any other course participant but looking forward to what might be ... I returned on Sunday with a whole new circle of friends, a circle of friends who had caught me as I launched myself backwards off the rock and who vowed to be available to catch one another by email and by telephone as communicators into the future, long after the excitement of the week would leave us.

It would be a pipedream to wish that all JCI Ireland Chapter/Branch PRO's could participate in this training programme but it is my vision to replicate the training to as many members as possible this year. I very much look forward to realizing my vision.

National President James meets Cork's Lord Mayor & Duke and Duchess

National President JCI Ireland, James Corcoran was invited to attend JCI Corks recent St Patrick's Day celebrations. On Wednesday 16th March he joined local JCI members at the COPE Ball in the Rochestown Park Hotel. COPE is a Cork based charity for people with special needs.

On St. Patrick's Day, James was in Prime position when he joined local President Denis Mulcahy on the reviewing stand for the city's parade. As part of the European City of Culture and Cork 2005 festivities, this years' parade focused on the theme of "Identity." Many local and visiting international groups took part in the parade and each chose a different colour to represent the theme. The result was a spectacular display.

Lord Mayor of Cork, Alderman Seán Martin hosted a Civic Reception following the parade. Guests included National President James, local President Denis and members of the Cork chapter who were joined by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. It was a very fine finish to the St Patrick's Day celebrations.

JCI Cork is a founding member of Corks St Patrick's Day Festival Committee. This year, JCI Cork is also reflecting back on twenty years involvement with the organisation and management of the Parade.

Many congratulations to all concerned for another successful event.



Gaining Glory for your Branch – by E-Awards Manager Helen Flatley

With all the important activities you are running in your branch, don't forget that it is very worthwhile to gain public local, national and international recognition for what you are doing. How do you do that? Well, a very easy method of publicising your efforts is to put together a submission for an electronic award. If successful, your branch's name could soon be revered across Ireland, Europe or beyond for the project or activity that is taking place in your locality.

We are currently inviting you to enter the JCI Awards Program at European Conference in Poitiers, France. The deadline for submissions for these awards is May 1st 2005. Two of the winning entries from last year's Awards Program at National Convention are currently being updated and they will be entered into this competition. However, now is your chance to get your name in lights there too. If you had seen the pride in the faces of the French JCI attendees in Lausanne last year as they received prizes for 5 or 6 awards, you too would want to make your country proud as well. So go on, put in that extra bit of effort to mark what you have done and it could be our turn in June to wave that Irish flag when James goes up to receive our awards.

It's never been easier to submit an application as it is now completely online. All you have to do is log on to www.jci.cc/eawards and follow the instructions thereafter. After you select a category to enter, all you do is enter in the details of your project under different headings and upload some photos of the events to bring some colour to your submission. Below are some examples of the categories:

- Best Community Development Program
- Best Youth Activities Program
- Best Individual Development Program
- Best Public Relations Program
- Best Membership Recruitment Program
- Best Fundraising Program
- Best Chapter

So go on, take the opportunity to gain some glory for your branch and your country and submit your applications. I'm always here to give you any help that I can and you can email me at awards@jci-ireland.org or phone at 087-9018841. Please let me know if you are proceeding with a submission so that JCI Ireland can endorse your entry before 1st May.

Good luck,

Helen Flatley
Awards Manager 2005

The Bunny has landed! – by Jessica Colleran PRO JCI Limerick

There have been early sightings of the Easter Bunny at St Vincent's School, Lisnagry this week.

Mr. Bunny made a surprise visit by helicopter to the school where he handed out Easter Eggs to the thrilled children. As the helicopter swooped overhead one boy was heard to say "I love St Vincents!"

The event is organised each year by Junior Chamber Limerick and this year also had the support of Musgraves Cash'n'Carry (supplied Easter eggs) John Joyce & Peter Stritch (helicopter), John Fyffe (safety barriers) and Sabrina Amodeo (Tuscany's Restaurant).

Junior Chamber Limerick members in attendance were: Michael Scott (president, JCI Limerick), Helga Hartmann, Angela Gaine, Jessica Colleran and Pat Murnane.

The event itself was made successful by the assistance of principal Anne O'Sullivan, the staff of St. Vincent's School Lisnagry and of course the main attraction, the Easter Bunny.

Junior Chamber Limerick president, Michael Scott said "The Easter Egg project has been organised by Junior Chamber Limerick for St. Vincent's Lisnagry for a number of years, we hope this successful and joyful partnership continues."

The Easter Bunny was unavailable for comment.



Group shot is JCI Limerick with Anne O'Sullivan – Principal of St Vincents

Your 2005 National Executive

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