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Letter from Our National President

Dear all,

I was very proud to host both the 60th and 39th Presidents of JCI International at my inauguration in Waterford on the 15th of January. The encouragement and support which they, and the other seven past National Presidents of JCI Ireland who attended showed me and our national organisation was very encouraging. The challenge which faces all of us now is how to harness this goodwill and to use Media and Marketing to increase Membership. Our national organisation and local chapters are well positioned to support the development of the entrepreneurs and leaders of the future but we must go out and find them. That is a challenge which faces all of us, but one which, I believe, we have the commitment and ability to face. I also wish to publicly thank JCI Waterford and conference director Ronan Gingles for organising a wonderful and very memorable day.

As I am sure you are all aware, JCI Ireland is running PRIME from 18th to 20th of February. This training course is one of the most widely respected and sought after which JCI runs and I have yet to hear of anyone who's presentation and coaching skills were not improved by attending it. JCI Ireland is heavily subsidising the cost of it and I would encourage each and everyone of you to seriously consider participating in it. Your chapter president and our Director of Individual Development (Tommy Nielson) have all the information. Tommy can be contacted by email at Tommy@doylehanlon.com

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for the work you have already done, and the projects you are organising, for Operation Hope. JCI President Kevin continues to champion the plight of the victims of the South East Asia Tsunami disaster. I hope that by Spring Conference between us we will have raised €10,000 for the appeal.

Together we can make a difference.

James Corcoran
JCI Ireland
National President 2005

Report on AGM 2005 – January 15th 2005

Your representatives at the First National Council Meeting were:

JCI Castleknock – President Karen Sweeney
JCI Cobh - President Darragh McGann
JCI Dublin - President Kevin Gallagher
JCI Dun Laoghaire – Represented by Caroline Smyth
JCI Fingal – President Aisling Murphy
JCI Limerick – President Michael Scott
JCI Galway – President Mairin O'Reilly, DP Catherine Laffey
JCI Tullamore – President Lucy Harnett, DP Declan Mannion
JCI Waterford – President Paul Scannell, IPP Ronan Gingles

The First National Council Meeting went really well. Our 60th World President Kevin Cullinane was in attendance - he flew in that morning from JCI International Headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A. Our National President James Corcoran and his NEC presented their Plans of Action for 2005 and each of your chapter presidents has a copy of this. The main focus areas for James are the 3Ms - Membership, Marketing and Media. Kevin made a presentation on Operation Hope – details of this presentation are below. There was also a presentation on this year's National Convention by Graham Hanlon, details below. After a long day of meetings, we all relaxed - as James put it - by going to the dogs, at the local greyhound track in Waterford! Many thanks to JCI Waterford for hosting the weekend, a great start to what will hopefully be a wonderful year for JCI Ireland☺!

For more photos please see:

<http://www.jci-ireland.org/gallery/2005-agm.shtml>



Picture left to right Kevin Cullinane – 60th JCI World President, Paul Scannell - Chapter President Waterford, Seamus Ryan - Mayor of Waterford, James Corcoran - JCI Ireland National President, Joe Murphy – 39th JCI World President and Eugene Garvin - JCI Ireland Immediate Past President

Operation Hope

Operation Hope is JCI International's worldwide response to the tsunami disaster in South East Asia. JCI President Kevin is heading the project and he said a few words about it at the meeting on Jan 15th. The following is an excerpt of his speech to the JCI Ireland First National Council meeting:

"The tragic events in Asia touched all our hearts, we have members in all 12 countries that have been hit, some of the people who died were friends and relations of JCI members. In an effort to offer some relief and following phone calls received by both the Secretary General of JCI and myself, the day after the tragedy we contacted members in all 12 countries affected. We have a past World President from Sri Lanka. Even in the early hours and days following the tsunami, we realised that the international community needed to do something urgently to help and that the scale of the disaster was likely to be much bigger than the world media was at first reporting. What we were being told was that cash was needed immediately for food, water and shelter. Our role as a world wide organisation is not just to raise money but to consider today what hope we can bring tomorrow. Provide opportunities to bring man power to the regions affected. As late as Thursday night, the JCI International committee set up a task force of 10 people who met on Friday morning. In addition to cash donations, JCI will be providing updates on how JCI as a movement can provide support to rebuild the communities. The legacy that we can bear is to make our professional skills available to help rebuild the communities affected as best we can. JCI is now looking for volunteers to bring their skills to help with the relief efforts, both at home and possibly in the affected countries. JCI members can register their skills and willingness to help on www.jci.cc. Updates on the Operation Hope are also posted on the website. I, as, President of JCI, am looking to our members to help. Some governments have already given the incentive of matching dollar for dollar all money we raise and I welcome this. All money donated to Operation Hope is channelled through non governmental agencies and our JCI network to provide help where and as it is needed. Action is needed now, and I encourage you all to do what you can to help. JCI must provide leadership in the aid efforts".

National President James thanked Kevin for his speech. He noted that it was a traumatic and pressured start to the year as World President, he praised Kevin for taking the initiative and responding immediately. JCI Ireland agreed to release €1,000 to Operation Hope from our reserves and James encouraged each Chapter to release consider releasing some money from their reserves and collect money in their areas to help and assist Chapters in other parts of the world. James' own Chapter, JCI Fingal has released €500 from their own reserves. James gave thanks to JCI Fingal President Aisling for this. James hopes that we will have raised €10,000 by Spring Conference. He encouraged all Chapters to give time and money to support Operation Hope.

PRIME

Attached to this e-mail are the brochure and registration forms for JCI Ireland PRIME 18th-20th February 2005 in the Ashbourne Court Hotel. I would be obliged if you would encourage your members to participate.

Many PRIME graduates I have been talking to maintain that PRIME was one of the best things they ever did in JCI!

The brochure and registration forms are also available online: www.jci-ireland.org

Please note that the registration fee of euro 250 includes everything (course, hotel, meals etc.). The fee is already generously subsidised by National but maybe another subsidy on branch level would encourage even more??

Kind regards,
Tommy
IND-officer 2005, JCI Ireland

National Convention 2005

National Convention 2005 will be hosted by JCI Fingal.

- Dates - 7th to 9th October
- The Venue Clontarf Castle hotel, Dublin 3. It is a beautiful old castle hotel just a few minutes walk from the sea and very close to the Dart, airport and Dublin city centre.
- The overall price is €295 which includes accommodation, €195 without accommodation. Early registration (before 31st July 2005 is €250).
- Chapters are encouraged to register members to for the full week-end, to get to know one another.
- The aim of JCI Fingal is to have a member focused Convention and so Fingal are looking at a few new ideas for this year's convention such proposing some new awards - touch new members that walked in the door. For example 'most creative project' as a new category.
- If anyone has any other ideas on how to make Convention member focused, please let the Convention Committee know.
- World President Kevin will be there – the Japanese Convention was moved forward by one week so that Kevin could attend both!!!! It is hoped that the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese might also be available to attend.

Chapter Presidents are requested to encourage as many members as possible to attend what promises to be the highlight of the JCI Ireland year.

The conference director Aileen Madden is proposing to visit each Chapter to answer any questions you might have.

JCI Fingal & DCU – Second Year of Mentorship Programme.

JCI Fingal, DCU Careers Service, DCU Alumni Association and DCU Educational Trust are now half way through their 2004/05 Mentorship Programme. This is the second year of the programme, having been a pilot initiated by Amber Jaegar of Fingal in 2003/04. Ms Jaegar was very familiar with such projects in the USA and approached DCU with a view to running a similar programme. In its first year, 35 Mentors and Mentees participated in the programme and it was a huge success. Many mentors were enthusiastic about participating for a second time and encouraged friends and colleagues from their business areas to do likewise.

Mentorship is an interactive learning and educational experience, provided to second year students to assist them in their personal and career development. Each mentoring relationship involves two people to facilitate an exchange of business experience, knowledge, expertise and career advice. A mentorship pair consists of a mentor and a mentee (student). The mentor acts as a role model for the student and shares their business and personal experiences to advise, guide and inform the student.

The partners to the programme have put together a diverse programme of monthly events (Oct-April) to support the mentorship relationship. The events have been selected to provide students with a variety of business experiences outside the classroom. These will include Networking, a Company Job Shadow day, Business Games (World Trade Game) and a Social event. In addition, mentors and mentees meet separately to share experiences and gain from the programme.

The 2004/05 Programme was launched under the stewardship of JCI Fingal members, Tommy Nielsen, Gráinne Nolan and Cathy Kilgannon. The DCU Careers Service and Alumni are represented by Ms Muireann NiDhuineain & Ms Yvonne McLoughlin. A large number of JCI members from the National organisation have agreed to be mentors this year and we were delighted that 2004 World President, Fernando Sanchez Arias was available to assist with the Launch in October. In addition,

the programme is now attracting worldwide attention with enquiries from JCI Venezuela and other JCI Ireland chapters. It also featured, recently, in the Irish Times in an article about Leadership.

The benefits to be gained from both mentor and mentee perspective are wide and varied and really only become evident as the Programme progresses. It is indeed a very worthwhile and rewarding project to be a part of.

For further information see the JCI International website at the link below, the DCU website (accessible by a link from the JCI International website) or the Irish Times of Friday 21st of January.

http://www.jci.cc/members/info.php?lang_id=1&sidebar_id=3050&info_id=3050

Gráinne Nolan
JCI Fingal



Historic AGM at JCI Cobh

The AGM of JCI Cobh took place recently and was attended by JCI members, Past Presidents, Immediate Past National President Eugene Garvin, civic leaders, politicians and the JCI World President, Mr Kevin Cullinane, himself a member of the Cobh chapter.

In her address as outgoing Chapter President, Cheralyn Finn welcomed the visiting dignitaries who included the Mayor of Cobh, Mr Danny Crowley and the President of the local Cobh and Harbour Chamber of Commerce, Mr Michael Mc Cormack. Ms Finn also outlined the many achievements of her chapter which included fundraising for a local ill child, Courtney Leahy and running the St Patricks Day Parade. She was also proud to have been the President of the home Chapter of the 60th World President of JCI, Kevin Cullinane. In addition a member of her Chapter, Mr Darragh Mc Gann was part of the team to have won the World Debating competition at the 2004 World Congress in Japan.

Mr Danny Crowley acknowledged the important role of JCI Cobh and paid tribute to both Kevin and Darragh on their achievements.

Speaking at the AGM, Past President Eugene Garvin shared his delight and pride to have been in Fukuoka, Japan to lead the Irish delegation when their nominee, Mr Cullinane was elected to the office of President. He also paid tribute to Ms Finn for her work and leadership during 2004 and he looked forward to working with Mr Mc Gann as he took up his role as JCI Cobh President 2005.

Kevin Cullinane also thanked Ms Finn and Mr Mc Gann for the support they had given him in the year of his election and he looked forward to another great year for JCI Cobh. He took the opportunity to speak of Opportunity Hope, a project launched on January 1st to get much needed aid to the survivors of the Tsunami Disaster. He spoke of the professionalism of the JCI Organisation in contributing to the relief effort and already assisting in getting supplies to those in need.

The inauguration of JCI Cobhs 2005 President, Mr Darragh Mc Gann took place with the assistance of three Past Presidents of the Chapter, Immediate Past National President Eugene Garvin and World President Kevin who all took part in the ceremony of transferring the Chains of Office from 2004 President Cheralyn to Darragh. It was a very historic evening in the history of JCI Cobh.

JCI COBH PLAYS ITS PART FOR OPERATION HOPE

JCI Cobh will host a Concert in aid of Operation Hope, on Thursday 3rd February at Colaiste Mhire, Cobh. Commencing at 8pm it will feature the very best of Cobh talent, including St Colmans Cathedral Chamber Choir and other local musicians & singers. Please support the concert if you are in the area on the evening and help JCI Cobh raise much needed funds for the survivors of the Tsunami disaster.

For full article please see JCI website at:

http://www.jci.cc/members/news.php?lang_id=1&info_id=3655&t=3010

Update from International Director

Hi everyone,

The next big event on the international calendar is the JCI SCOTLAND NATIONAL CONFERENCE, which will take place in Edinburgh from Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th April

The conference team has put together an excellent programme of events for the weekend. The highlights of the weekend will include the Annual Golf Competition, Debating Finals, Welcome party and fancy dress (Theme: Famous Dead People!), and Awards Ceremony, Banquet and Ball. If you are flying in early, you can also catch the TOYP awards on the Thursday evening.

Throughout the weekend there will be interesting keynote speakers and some great training including 'The Alpha Leader' by Anne Dearing of People Matters and 'Houdini's Problem Solving Techniques' by Enhance Business Coaching 'Leadership in the 21st Century' by Dale Carnegie or 'Adding Bounce to Monday Mornings' by Life Styling.

Registration for the full weekend is £120. Accommodation at the Apex Hotel is €105 per room per night but there are more reasonable hotels available close by. Online registration is not available yet but I have registration forms if anyone wants one, please let me know.

So why not register to sample some of the truly renowned Scottish hospitality and to see for yourself why Edinburgh won Best UK City 2004.

FURTHER DETAILS: www.ejcc.org.uk/conference or conference@ejcc.org.uk

Catherine Laffey
Director of International Affairs

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