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Letter from the President

Dear All,

As we start September I hope that you all had a good summer and are looking forward to the last four months of the year with enthusiasm! September promises to be busy, and of course is JCI Ireland's recruitment month. We have been set a challenge by JCI President, Kevin, for each chapter to recruit one new member this month, if every chapter in JCI did that we would add 5,000 new members to our organisation! Wouldn't that be a great achievement. So I encourage you all to participate fully in whatever activity your chapter is involved in to make our national membership drive a success. You will find all the promotional information you need on the JCI Ireland website.

August has been a productive month with JCI President Kevin paying a visit home to JCI Cobh and JCI Cork. During this visit he met Cork Chamber of Commerce and a number of past JCI Cork members who went on to lead Cork CoC. I also had the pleasure of meeting the new Mayor of Cobh, the Mayor of Cork County and the Lord Mayor of Cork with Kevin. I am delighted to say that excellent newspaper, magazine and radio coverage of this trip was secured and I hope it will serve Cobh and Cork well in this month's recruitment drives.

As the largest organisation for young entrepreneurs and business leaders, we should strive to give a voice to our members. To this end JCI Ireland made a pre-budget submission, through the NYCI to the Minister of Finance. The text of our submission is included below. I would encourage each of you to forward any other issues you may have to me for consideration at a national level. Let us use our voice as effectively as we can.

Remember, together we can make a difference.

James Corcoran
National President,
Junior Chamber International, Ireland



Upcoming events:

**Deadline for entries for National Convention 2005:
E-Awards = 23rd September (Friday) 2005**

JCI UK National Conference 2005, Portsmouth 8th – 11th September

Further information is available through the links on the JCI Ireland website or from maureen.frost@chamber.org.uk

US Junior Chamber 85th Annual Meeting, Boston, 15th – 18th September

Accommodation is in The Seaport Hotel where the room rate is \$159.00 plus tax for single, double, triple, or quad occupancy. With Aer Lingus flights to Boston currently available at €149 each way it might be more affordable than you think! Further information is available from www.usjaycees.org/boston.

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. Registration form now available at: <http://www.jcinatconventionireland.org/>

60th World Congress 2005 – October 24th to 29th

The 60th World Congress will take place in Vienna, Austria. For further details please see <http://www.vienna2005.com/>. Registration is €395. The Irish Delegation hotel is Best Western Stefanie Hotel.

The Big Weekend incorporating National Awards, Leeds 25th – 27th November

To book on line, go to <http://www.jciuk.org.uk/events.asp> and click on The Big Weekend. Registration for the weekend is £95. Further information and accommodation details are available through the website.

JCI Ireland AGM 2006 - 14th January Commodore Hotel Cobh (TBC)

JCI Ireland AGM 2006 will be hosted by JCI Cobh. The Venue will probably be the Commodore Hotel in Cobh. Full details to be provided at National Convention.

Update from the Chapters

(Chapters are listed in alphabetical order)

JCI Castleknock

JCI Castleknock have organised Irish dancing lessons for a performance at World Congress in Vienna! For anyone interested, they promise to be fun but energetic classes so remember to bring water. It is important that you try and attend all classes so that we will look semi-professional in Vienna. We are planning to go to the Westbury afterwards to recover and discuss our costume for Vienna. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Taylor JCI Castleknock at: susancharlotte2004@yahoo.co.uk.

The details for the classes are:

Starting Tuesday 13th Sept for 5 consecutive Tuesdays (13,20,27 Sept, 4 & 11 Oct)

Location: St Theresa's meeting rooms, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 (Just off Grafton St, beside entrance to Powerscourt Centre)

Cost: €30 to be paid on first night

Teacher: Diarmuid Killeen

Time: 8-9pm sharp

******* WANTED*******

Irish Musicians!

Are you going to Vienna?

Do you play a (portable!) instrument?

Would you like to accompany the JCI Irish Dancers when they perform at World Congress?

If so, please contact Karen at 087 2757591 for further details.

JCI Cobh

On Saturday August 13th, Members from JCI Limerick and Immediate Past President from JCI Melbourne, Caroline Jackson, joined with members of JCI Cobh to celebrate Part 1 of the JCI Cobh 10th Anniversary celebrations.

At 4pm, we all embarked on a journey, following in the footsteps of the passengers who left Ireland's shores many years ago, as we set off on a cruise of Cork Harbour.

While the skies were overcast, there was a very sunny feeling on board MV Bryan J, our cruise ship for the day, as all present revelled about the beauty of Cobh and wondered what it must have been like for the many emigrants who left the Emerald Isle bound for a new world.

A great treat was in store for the passengers when they observed the replica Famine Sailing Ship, "Jeannie Johnston" as it was about to berth in Cobh on a courtesy call.

The Jeannie Johnston, a three mast rigged sailing vessel which was built in Fenit, Co. Kerry, recently made a journey to the U.S. and Canada and visited ports from Florida to Canada calling to various ports up the east coast, following in the footsteps of so many vessels that had carried emigrants to the New World.

However, back in Cobh, the passengers from MV Bryan J, after landing back on dry ground, now made their way to Quay's Bar and Restaurant to enjoy a BBQ and drinks by the waterfront. It was there that local President, Darragh McGann officially cut the 10th Anniversary Cake, and he thanked all those who attended the event. Darragh in a special way remembered the founder of JCI Cobh back in 1995, and that was none other than JCI President Kevin Cullinane. President Kevin was in Vienna on a site inspection for the 60th World Congress, but he sent his special greetings to all present, and how he looks forward to welcoming JCI members back to Cobh for the 2nd part of the 10th Anniversary celebrations to be held in Cobh in November.

Before leaving Cobh, members enjoyed the sights and sounds of the Cobh People's Regatta which was also taking place.

On Friday November 18th, JCI Cobh will host a Gala Black Tie Dinner Dance in the Commodore Hotel, Cobh. All are welcome to attend and further details and booking forms will be posted shortly.



JCI Cork

Members of the Cork Chapter recently attended training by 2005 World President Kevin Cullinane on the benefits of membership. This was a most informative session and highly worthwhile. JCI Cork have been working hard recently on building links with local media and were delighted with the press coverage garnered by Kevin's recent visit. JCI Cork will be holding an open night on Thursday August 29th in the Imperial Hotel, Cork. A cheese and wine reception will take place at 7.30pm, followed by a training session delivered by Catherine Laffey of JCI Galway. JCI Cork - 021 4861356

Report on Kevin's Visit

2005 JCI World President, Kevin Cullinane visited Cork this month. On Monday 29th of August Kevin was received by the Cork Chamber of Commerce. The Cork Chamber of Commerce first brought the JCI movement to Ireland. JCI Cork, or Cork Junior Chamber of Commerce, as it was then known, was the first chapter to be established in 1954. Kevin met with founder members of JCI Cork, who were delighted to exchange stories about World Congresses past! One gentleman remembered being at a the gala ball in Tel Avi when it was announced that JFK had been shot. The rest of the festivities were cancelled immediately, however the Irish delegation held a 'wake', attended by over two thousand people!

On Tuesday Kevin met with the Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Michael Creed, and later with the Right Hon. Cllr. Deirdre Clune, Lord Mayor of Cork.

Kevin also delivered two training sessions while in Cork.

On Monday night he held a training session on JCI as an organisation, and the benefits of membership. This was attended by members of the Cork and Cobh Chapters, prospective members and also by local dignitaries and invited guests. On Thursday September 1st Kevin delivered an after work seminar on '7 Steps to Marketing Success'. This seminar was open to the public and supported by the Evening Echo and the Imperial Hotel, Cork.

President of JCI Cork, Denis Mulcahy made a presentation to Kevin in recognition of all his hard work and great achievement in leading the organisation world wide.



JCI Dun Laoghaire

The Festival of World Cultures is an annual international arts and culture festival that celebrates the vibrancy and diversity of artistic traditions. Now in it's fifth year, the Festival took place from Friday 26th - Sunday 28th August in Dun Laoghaire. There was a dynamic programme of concerts & club nights, theatre and dance performances, fairs, markets & exhibitions, circus, workshops and master classes with more than 160 acts and events and artists from 50 countries.

The members of JCI Dun Laoghaire decided to go to the John Spillane gig on Saturday night. It was a free gig in a pub so we arrived early to ensure we got into the small venue. Needless to say, it was packed and we felt like sardines for the duration of the gig. But the Cork singer-songwriter was entertaining, both musically and with his wit.

After the gig, we decided to check out other Festival venues. The place was heaving, so much so that it was not possible to get a drink in another bar without queuing for ages. So the decision was made to go to the posh, quieter part of town, and we headed to The Queens in Dalkey, where we had a drink or two before heading our separate ways.

The festival proved to be a huge success again this year with the attendance exceeding 180,000. We look forward to welcoming the event next year when it runs from 25th - 27th August.

JCI Fingal

The month of August is a holiday month for JCI Fingal, however that doesn't allow the team to rest on their laurels!

The Convention Organising Committee are continuing to work to ensure National Convention 2005 will be a highlight of the JCI Ireland Calendar. The event promises to provide a fair mix of business and pleasure ... starting with a 'Medieval Party Knights' theme for Friday and continuing with a 'Viking Theme' during the Alternative Delegates Programme on Saturday. Speakers have been secured for the Business Session and National President James is polishing his Martini cocktail glasses for the "007 Gala Ball"

We would add our encouragement to that of National President James to any of our intending guests, who have not already registered, to do so as soon as possible, especially if they require accommodation at the Conference Hotel. Rooms are limited but Registration Officer; Andrew Shortall will do his best to secure your accommodation. Please use the Registration Form (see attached separately) and send your payment directly to Andrew. Remember Credit Card payments can only be accepted from you in person at the Conference.

Vikings pay a return visit to Irish Twins:

In May of this year JCI Fingal attended their Annual Multi Twin Conference, hosted this year by JCI Kolding, our Danish partners. JCI Kolding is one of the ten European Chapters with which JCI Fingal is twinned. (See May newsletter for article by Deirdre Duffy – Fingal)

An invitation was extended to the Danish delegation to visit Fingal and we were pleased to host two of our Danish friends for 4 days at the end of July. During their visit, they had a whistle stop tour of Dublin City, including Guinness' brewery, Dublin Castle and the Retail Therapy outlets. We also visited Carlingford, which incidentally was founded by Carlinn, a Viking who landed on our shores around 1200 and called the town after himself! The tour continued to Howth, Skerries, Malahide and Swords, all of which are in the Fingal area and although the weather was not at its kindest, we managed to get out and about a lot and pints of the Black Stuff were sampled in most of the pubs of North County Dublin!

We are assured we whetted their appetites for more of the same in the future and we look forward to the continuing friendships our Multi twin events provide us with.

Membership Recruitment:

JCI Fingal, in alliance with JCI Dun Laoghaire, Dublin and Castleknock are pooling their resources and ideas to attract new members to the organisation. A steering committee is being established and will have more news on this drive for the next newsletter. Watch this space ...

Gráinne Nolan
JCI Fingal

JCI Limerick

Junior Chamber Limerick was delighted to present a cheque for €1,000 to the Limerick Branch of M.S. Ireland recently. The money was raised in June when the Chapter ran a very successful Charity Cruise on the River Shannon. We are grateful to all who provided sponsorship / donations for this annual event and, of course, to all who attended on the evening.

The Chapter will be hoping to expand its ranks in September and will be running a "New Member's Evening " during the month.

This induction to the Junior Chamber way will be followed by a friendly "social event", a table quiz and a varied autumn programme to whet the appetite of potential Jaycees.

The Chapter will be represented at National Convention in Dublin and World Convention in Vienna.

Training Tomorrow's Leaders Today – by Kevin Cullinane, World President 2005

President's Message
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Over the past several years, we have debated the subject of our identity at length. That debate has only served, in my view, to confuse our real and only identity, which is that of a leadership development organization.

It is accepted that it is not an easy task to sell, or market, our identity in communities. But perhaps we are going about it in the wrong way, or in some instances maybe we have accepted defeat and given up altogether.

Jaycees around the world have engaged in many worthwhile projects and programs under each of the areas of opportunity. In particular, our communities at local and national levels have benefited from many of those activities.

But, have the individual Jaycees who participated in those activities benefited? Have those individuals asked themselves what benefit will accrue to them by their participation? In most cases, the answer to both questions is, in my opinion, "No." If this is so, it begs the question, "Have we become just another service club?"

Each individual must, therefore, face these basic questions and, if answered honestly, the root cause of our identity crisis will become self-evident.

When, individually, we have analyzed our strengths and weaknesses of character, when we have participated in individual and management programs to give us the theoretical knowledge required to build on those strengths and weaknesses and when we have involved ourselves in community and

international development programs and projects to gain practical experience in dealing with those individual strengths and weaknesses, then " and only then " can we claim to be supporting the real aim and true identity of our organization.

Such an approach will, I believe, lead to even better community and international development programs and projects and lead to an observable development of the leadership skills of our individual members. In this way our communities will recognize our true identity and those of eligible age within our communities will request the opportunities we offer our Members, rather than our having to go out to invite them to share in those opportunities.

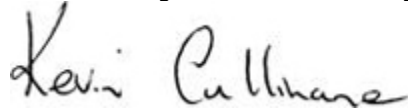
Jaycees must commit themselves to developing their leadership skills. Each individual must be somewhat selfish and participate only in those activities that will sharpen those skills. Even though each Local Organization's leadership has the responsibility to provide the proper opportunities for its individual Members, all Jaycees must assist their Local Organizations by communicating clearly which qualities they wish to develop.

It is clear that our chaotic world is crying out for leadership. Where are those leaders to come from? What other voluntary organization other than JCI devotes itself to leadership development? If we do not train tomorrow's leaders, who will? If we do not start that process immediately, when will we?

This President's Message was written in 1984 by my illustrious predecessor and countryman Joe Murphy, as JCI President, in January 1984, over 21 years ago. As we start the month of September, committed to our goal of adding one (1) Member per Local Organization worldwide, we must rededicate ourselves to training tomorrow's leaders today. We must overcome any obstacles that come in our way; we must reaffirm our real identity and avoid any further confusion that can distract us from our ultimate goal."

I can think of no better way to Create Better Leaders and Better Societies than by Training Tomorrow's Leaders Today!

Let's work together this month to grow and develop JCI!



Kevin Cullinane
JCI 2005 President



JCI Ireland's Pre-Budget Submission

Subject: PROMOTE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Proposal:

Introduce a young entrepreneurship measure which encourages young entrepreneurs starting up a business from home to claim tax free allowances for house based costs without jeopardising the private residence status of their home on the sale of the house.

B) Promoting Young Entrepreneurship

A young employee at the start of their career faces many barriers to setting up his/her own business. The main obstacles to young entrepreneurship are the associated costs of acquiring office space and other overheads. The promotion of entrepreneurship is an important feature of the Lisbon agenda. It is integral to the creation of the most dynamic and competitive knowledge-based economy in the world by 2010. In order to enhance the level of entrepreneurship amongst young people and encourage them to progress in this area of work it is vital that the Government review the imposition of capital gains tax on the sale of houses used by young people working from home.

As many new businesses in Ireland start life from a spare room in a young entrepreneurs' home (or the home of their parents) it would be desirable to charge part of the mortgage/light/heat etc as operating expenses. However, if the young business person does this it can result in loss of tax exemption on the later proceeds on the sale of the house and for this reason few young business people avail of deduction of such expenses.

JCI Ireland proposes that the Government introduces a young entrepreneur measure to encourage young entrepreneurs to set up a business in their home for a period of up to 3 years from the start of their business and claim tax free allowances for their house based costs (mortgage/rent/light/heat), without losing their private residence status on the sale of the house.

Cost: Introduce a young entrepreneurship measure for a period of 3 years from the start of the business

Responsibility: Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment
Department of Finance

Latest News on National Convention 2005

Dear all,

I trust that you are all enjoying the last days of summer and managed to have some time off. It is hard to believe but there are only six weeks to go to National Convention. All of JCI Fingal, under the guidance and dedication of our two convention directors, are working hard to ensure that this will be a conference to remember. All members of the NEC are also working hard to ensure that E-Awards, TOYP and General Assembly are executed as professionally as possible.

Highlights of the weekend will include:

The Lord Mayor of Dublin officiating at the TOYP Ceremony

Attendance of the JCI President, Kevin, throughout the weekend

Exciting and interesting panel discussion with distinguished speakers at the business session

Varied alternative delegates activities

007 themed gala dinner

JCI Fingal have worked hard to secure sponsorship for the weekend, which is heavily subsidised and being held in a four star castle hotel only 2 miles from Dublin city centre, five miles from the airport and beside the DART.

Everything is in place but, to date, less than 40 registrations have been received. This is very disappointing and Fingal last night had to release a number of bedrooms back to the hotel. All of this work has been done for you, the members of JCI Ireland. Your failure to attend, what will be the highlight of the JCI Ireland year, will be very disappointing for me as National President, Kevin as World President, NEC and JCI Fingal. I would urge all of you to make an extra special effort to attend what will, I know, be a wonderful weekend. I would also ask all Branch Presidents to do everything you can to ensure that this event is well supported.

The NEC and JCI Fingal are doing all we can, but without your YOUR participation, this conference will not be a success.

Registration forms and further information can be found on the JCI Ireland website www.jci-ireland.org

Looking forward to seeing you all in Fingal!

James Corcoran
National President
JCI Ireland

*What? Junior Chamber Ireland National Convention hosted by JCI Fingal
Where? Clontarf Castle
When? 7th-9th October 2005
How much? €295
Info/registration? Check out www.jcinatconventionireland.org*

"my name is James ... James Corcoran" 007

First-Timers Subsidy - by Catherine Laffey Director of International Affairs 2005

Each year JCI Ireland provides subsidies to members attending their first European or World Congress. Two subsidies are available for European Conference and two for World Congress. All paid-up members, of 4 years or less, who are attending an international conference for the first time, are eligible to apply.

The subsidy covers the registration costs of the conference, which are refunded after the conference on receipt of a completed report. Successful candidates are expected to participate fully at the conference and avail of the many opportunities provided. It is easy to apply for and a great opportunity for two lucky members to offset some of the cost of their trip to Vienna. The closing date for applications for the First-Timers Subsidy for World Congress in Vienna is Friday 30th September.

Any members wishing to apply for the subsidy should complete the application form (downloadable from the JCI Ireland website or available in hard copy from the Director of International Affairs) and pass it to their chapter president for submission to JCI Ireland. The selection criteria for award of a subsidy is based on a member's level of participation during their JCI career to date as well as your intended future participation and this should be outlined as part of your application.

Catherine Laffey
Director of International Affairs 2005

Deadline for Awards Imminent - by Helen Flatley, E-Awards Director 2005

The 23rd September this month marks the last day to getting an award submission in for the JCI Ireland National Awards in October. At the moment, I am aware of several chapters who are beavering away on their entries. Why not make the extra bit of effort yourself and you too could be the recipient of an award in front of all your peers at National Convention in Clontarf Castle on the 8th October.

There are two types of awards applicable here: ones for local JCI branches (Group B awards) and ones for individual members (Group C awards). The project or activity must have been completed between January 2004 and September 2005 to be eligible for an award. The award submission needs to be created using the tools provided on the JCI website (www.jci.cc/awards). For instruction, please refer to the manual ("How to create an E-award entry") which is available on the JCI Ireland website (www.jci-ireland.org/awards). It is quite a straightforward process, but please feel free to call or email me anytime with any queries about this.

Every branch that enters an award submission or more is required to provide an awards judge. It is all done from the comfort of your own computer, so there is no requirement to travel to discuss entries. A judge will be assigned submissions from other chapters and will make their evaluations. Please let me know who is your nominated judge before the 20th September so that I can make arrangements. Judging will take place between the 24th and the 29th September and then the trophies will be engraved.

So, whether you think you had the Best Membership Recruitment Program, the Best Fundraising Program or you were the Most Outstanding Chapter President, don't sit in the shadows – share the wealth and let everyone else see and learn from what you have been doing right. It's up to you!

Helen Flatley
E-Awards Director 2005

Report on European Leadership Academy - by Mark Kelly, JCI Dublin

The month was July, the year was 2005 and the location was Gothenburg. This year as part of a two person Irish delegation, I attended the 9th European Leadership academy.

There were over eighty young leaders from all parts of Europe who descended on a refurbished navel base. This experience was defiantly the most valuable thus far of my JCI career and is one that will put me in a good position for running for JCI Dublin president next year.

We took part in some brilliant activities like National assembly, activity day, LOM projects, loads and loads of training, gala dinner and plenty of socializing long into the wee hours of the morning.

This was a great experience and I met so many good people from all round Europe who I plan on meeting again at World conference. I can not recommend this highly enough and I would suggest that any one who is serious about JCI and their personal development should snap up the opportunity to go on this great adventure.

Mark Kelly
JCI Dublin



Report on JCI Castleknock's Glendalough Weekend - by Carol McCarney, JCI Castleknock

The Glendalough weekend had finally arrived....Ken set out on his personal trek through Dunnes Stores to stock up on food and drink for JCI Castleknock's weekend at the Glendalough Youth Hostel in Co. Wicklow.

Is that the right brand? They'll kill me if I get the wrong sausages...Clonakilty..they have them...thank God!!

With his biggest grocery shopping expedition behind him Ken was ready to collect Susan (who had all the wine) and head off to the windy roads of Wicklow.

By 6pm all JCI weekenders had unpacked in their 6-bed dorms and the deluxe bunk beds had been duly made up. With the two lads in one room, and the six girls in the other the girls decided that resources should be evenly distributed and promptly nicked a large proportion of the lads' loo roll, as well as their spare mirror....

Following sustenance at the local award-wining Coach House in Roundwood the JCI crew had an early night in preparation for the activities planned for the following day.

Saturday dawned...dull and drizzly. Carol, Aine and Ken were on breakfast duty and had a hearty Full Irish ready for the whole party when they surfaced from their cosy bunks. Fed and watered, everyone was now ready for the weekend event.

After a brief talk at the Education Centre, and a short Treasure Trail the JCI group had expanded their knowledge of Glendalough nature and wildlife considerably. Aine, Annette and Karen are now the recognised nature experts as winners of the Treasure Trail..pity they didn't learn more about midges...as everyone discovered later..

The debate then began as to how difficult the difficult walk would really be...Super Mountain Goat walkers were in short supply, but Susan, Ken and Conall braved it and headed off to tackle The Spink. Aine, Geri, Annette, Carol and Karen preferred the Super Slug route up along the Poulanas waterfall. Both groups set out and enjoyed fantastic walks with amazing views of the Upper Lake and the Wicklow countryside in the much improved weather. Conall was well prepared with his 2 walking poles, but was happy to help Geri out by loaning out one of his sticks when her hip objected to the steep climb up by the waterfall.

The rolls, which Susan had arranged through a local deli, were very welcome at the half way point, which coincided with the most spectacular view of the lake...at least it did for the Super Slugs... the Mountain Goats were by then battling with the weekend's unwelcome guests - millions of midges....

The plan was for the two groups to meet up to engage in 'Artistic Endeavours' after the walks. However the fitness levels showed, and a drink in the bar and a snooze on the grass was deemed more inviting..despite the midges.... A drizzly couple of hours followed, but at least it got rid of those midges for a while....

Next on the agenda was an audio visual presentation of the monastic settlement of Glendalough, the only problem being that the settlement of the JCI group in the nice warm AV room led to many of them dropping off during the presentation and having to be woken up for the tour! Got to work on those fitness and adrenaline levels for Vienna!!

Back to the hostel, and it was time to cover up any area midges could get to, empty the JCI food from the hostel fridges, load up the cars and get to the Upper Lake for the BBQ. What a well prepared bunch...not only plenty of food and drink, but camp chairs, tables, disposable BBQs, citronella candles (for those midges!), firelogs and every conceivable implement required for a great BBQ, including the most popular item of the weekend - Geri's insect repellent!

With the perfect lakeside setting, cooking got underway, the wine was opened and the party began. Millions of uninvited guests arrived...you've guessed it..midges again!!! Tom Lawless from JCI Tullamore joined the crew and was happy to lie under the blankets with Aine and Susan when the evening chill set in!

As the sun set the view of the lake by candlelight and BBQ flame was beautiful. When the sun had set completely the atmosphere created between the hills and the lake was peaceful, despite the laughter coming from JCI and one or two other groups having BBQs by the lake. Finally the midges decided it was past their bedtime and left the group alone to enjoy the remaining food and endless supply of wine.

When the time came to pack up it was an adventure in itself to ensure nothing was left behind and that all bottles etc were taken to the recycling banks. Geri was the Olympic Torch carrier as she led the group from the lake back to the car park by the light of the last remaining citronella candle. Olympian efforts now over, the exhausted walkers and party goers returned to the comfort of the Youth Hostel and those deluxe bunk beds for the final night.

After a good night's sleep it was the turn of Karen, Annette and Ken to cook the full Irish while Conall and Geri were on wash-up duty. The sun was out and the convoy of cars packed up and headed to Aughrim and on to the organic food market at Macreddin Village. Feeling 'wholesome' from a day in the open air and a BBQ by the lake, the JCI crew stocked up on organic food and apple juice. The champagne, chocolate and crepes also went down a treat for lunch al fresco in the summer sun. A great way to finish off a fantastic JCI weekend!





Late Late Show – Group Tickets – By Grainne Nolan National PRO 2005

Hi all

As you may know, I have a contact in the Late Late Show Office. Many JCI Groups have attended the show over the years and it is usually a "good night out." I have been contacted with an offer of tickets again lately and I would be much obliged if you would circulate the membership.

Tickets are not for a specific night but if Chapters would like to nominate a Fri they would be free to attend as a group, I will do what I can to arrange it, given adequate notice.

I can be contacted by email or by direct line 01-2361960 or on mobile 086-8037067.

Many thanks for your help in circulating the message.
Regards

Gráinne Nolan
National PRO 2005

Report on International Weekend, Edinburgh - 12th – 14th August - by Catherine Laffey Director of International Affairs 2005

Every August, Edinburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce invites friends old and new to enjoy their unique brand of hospitality during the World Famous Edinburgh International and Fringe Festivals. Five Irish delegates travelled over to sample the unique atmosphere of Edinburgh during the festival.

The team in Edinburgh put together a packed programme of events that had something for everyone and our hosts kindly offered us home hospitality for the weekend. When we arrived on Friday, we had an opportunity to meet our hosts and members of Edinburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce at an informal meal held at their president, Brian Turnbull's house. Later on, after a few drinks we saw a cabaret show called 'Kiki and Herb' that was interesting to say the least!

On Saturday, we had a delicious lunch at Baxter's Restaurant, where we were able to sample some Scottish delicacies including haggis, before visiting the Royal Yacht Britannia, which is docked nearby. That evening we were lucky enough to have tickets for the International Military Tattoo followed by a few drinks in the Speigelgarden, which was a hive of activity until the early hours of Sunday morning.

On Sunday, we wandered along the Royal Mile soaking up the atmosphere and collecting numerous fliers for various shows. We caught an evening show and later that night, a comedy show, featuring Peter

Aitchison, a JCI member from Glasgow. Our hosts took great care of us for the whole weekend and made sure we saw their city at its best. I'll certainly be back next year!

Catherine Laffey
Director of International Affairs 2005



Your 2005 National Executive

National President: James Corcoran
Deputy National President: Suzanne Corcoran
Immediate Past President: Eugene Garvin
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Public Relations Officer: Grainne Nolan
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