



Monthly Newsletter January 2006

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Letter from the President

Dear JCI Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy new year.

I hope you have recharged your batteries after a busy time in 2005 and are ready to embrace the many opportunities that will come your way 2006.

I am delighted to be the JCI Ireland National President in 2006. Well done to James Corcoran who has had a tremendous year in office. I would like to thank James for the support and encouragement he gave me during the year. I take on the role with a sense of excitement but I do realise that there are challenges ahead.

Our focus in 2006 will be on membership growth and retention. We need to strengthen our national organisation by working hard to recruit and retain locally and by promoting the JCI brand nationally.

With this in mind, I have put together a strong team to work with you in 2006 and I hope that you can join us on Saturday 28th January at our AGM and First National Council Meeting in the Rushbrook Hotel in Cobh.

28th January will also be the day when we celebrate the achievements of Kevin Cullinane. Kevin has done us proud as he represented our organisation and our country as JCI President in 2005. I encourage you to come down to Cobh for what promises to be a memorable weekend.

Suzanne Corcoran,
National President 2006,
JCI Ireland

Letter from the President, JCI International

JCI World Headquarters
St. Louis, Missouri, USA

December 2005

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all!

As I end my term of office as JCI President, it is my special privilege to extend heartfelt Christmas and New Year greetings to the great JCI family at home and abroad and to all JCI's friends.

The past year was an exceptional one for JCI Ireland, when history placed us at the centre of the enlargement of the JCI worldwide movement, as proud hosts of the JCI World Presidency. Now the Members of the one hundred and twenty (120) national organizations around the globe set out on a shared journey to a peaceful and prosperous future. And we in JCI know more about peace and prosperity today than at any time in our past.

Ours is a successful and achieving generation with a passion for action and a vibrant and enterprising culture. It is a growing organization, young, multicultural, a place of opportunity and real hope to meet, learn and grow. The backbone of any strong civic society is and has always been a unique tradition of robust, energetic, caring communities built and sustained by voluntary effort. We are a people whose innate decency has inspired us always to look out for one another and to work to make sure no-one is left out or left behind.

This Christmas as many of us enjoy the benefits of our remarkable progress, let us renew our commitment to one another and especially to those who are still struggling and for whom a helping hand could make the difference between enduring life and enjoying life in all its fullness. We owe a lot to those who continue to build peace on this planet and whose efforts have transformed hearts and minds.

The central message of Christmas has, for two thousand years, been a message of peace and goodwill to all humankind and so it is my fervent prayer that reflecting deeply on that message at this crucial time in the Peace Process worldwide, we may find the trust and the faith to complete this journey of healing and reconciliation.

I wish for each one of you a season of hospitality and of love both given and received. For those carrying burdens that threaten to overwhelm the joy of this season I hope that with courage and the support of friends, you will find a space to let happiness in. I have no doubt that Santa Claus will be good to our marvellous children and that they in turn will be good to each other.

And isn't that the simple essence of this great Feast, the exhortation to be good to one another, to fill the world with generosity instead of greed? The Irish have a legendary capacity for generosity, as I am sure you witnessed in our Members' selfless service to JCI this year and may each one of us, wherever we are, honour that tradition this Christmastide and make it a time of lasting peace and goodwill, a beacon of hope in a very unequal world.

With every good wish for Christmas and the New Year,

Kevin Cullinane
2005 JCI President

Upcoming events:

JCI Ireland AGM 2006 - 28th January Commodore Hotel Cobh

JCI Ireland AGM 2006 will be hosted by JCI Cobh. The Venue will be the Rushbrooke Hotel, Cobh. The Saturday night dinner on Saturday 28th of January in Cobh will be JCI Ireland's official tribute to JCI Ireland World President, Kevin Cullinane and his welcome home. It should be a great night to celebrate the achievements of the 2005 World President and it would be great to see as many members of JCI Ireland as possible there to welcome him home. Early Bird Registration by January 16th 2006: € 80.00, Registration after January 16th 2006: € 100.00, Gala Presidential 4-course Dinner: € 45.00. For further details please see article below.

Prime Training hosted by JCI UK in Reading from 3rd-5th February 2006

Prime will commence at 1.00pm on Friday 3rd February and conclude at approximately 4.00pm on Sunday 5th February. Please see article below for full details.

Cost : STG£ 160 (250 Euro, including all meals, training material and accommodation, based on sharing twin room Fri-Sun only).

Flights are extra and the nearest airport is London Heathrow (36 miles away - approx 30-40 minutes). However should there be cheaper flights into Coventry or Birmingham, or at a push into East Midlands, then it may be possible to arrange pick-ups. Subsidies will be available from JCI Ireland.

Burns Supper – February 4th 2006

The Burns Supper 2006 will take place in Edinburgh at the Hilton Caledonian Hotel. For further details please see <http://ejcc.org.uk/burns/>

European National Presidents Summit – February 23rd – 26th 2006

European National Presidents Summit – Vilnius, Lithuania.

Spring Conference – March 24th - 26th 2006

Hosted by JCI Cork in Trabolgan Holiday Village. Details will be presented at AGM.

Scottish National Convention – April 21st – 23rd 2006

Scottish National Convention will take place in Aberdeen. The Early Bird rate is £95. (before 31st January 2006) and standard rate is £115. Accommodation at the Conference Hotel is £70 for twin room with breakfast. Contact michelle.beveridge@btopenworld.com for further details.

National Training Day - Saturday 27th May 2006

A National Training day will be hosted by JCI Galway. Further details TBA.

European Conference 2006 – June 14th to 17th 2006

The European Conference 2006 will take place in Tallinn, Estonia. For further details please see <http://www.ec2006tallinn.ee/>

JCI UK National Convention – September 8th – 10th 2006

JCI UK National Convention will take place in Barnsley. Further details TBA.

Update from the Chapters

(Chapters are listed in alphabetical order)

JCI Cobh

JCI Cobh Up-date December 2005

Friday October 18th was a night of celebration for JCI Cobh's 10 years of service to the local community.

Hendrick Verwey was the inaugural President of the re-formed Junior Chamber Cobh in 1996, and thus followed an array of Outstanding Young Leaders and Entrepreneurs helping to create a better society for the people of this proud island we call home.

JCI Cobh President, Darragh McGann welcomed many of JCI Cobh's Past President's to this function and together and saluted them for their vision and drive, in bringing JCI Cobh to where it is today.

JCI Cobh were joined by so many Civic, Business and Community representatives, including Guest of Honour, Mayor of Cobh Stella Meade and also by Past, Present and Future JCI Local, National and International Officers and Members.

JCI Cobh were also proud to welcome 60th JCI President, Kevin Cullinane to the event. Kevin was the person who actually re-formed JCI Cobh back in 1995. Other visitors and guests included National President of JCI Ireland, James Corcoran, and 60th JCI World Congress Director, Wolfgang Winkler from Vienna.

President Darragh made special presentations on the night to JCI President Kevin, JCI Ireland President, James and World Congress Director Wolfgang, in remembrance of the night, and a truly memorable year for all in JCI.

On Saturday December 17th, JCI Cobh conducted their annual Christmas Carol Singing at Miskella's Super Valu, Cobh to raise money for Cobh Youth Services. We were proud to be joined by JCI President Kevin who has just returned from having a most successful and memorable year.

On behalf of all in JCI Cobh I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a most peaceful and blessed Christmas and every good wish in 2006.

A lot done...a lot more to do!!! Darragh McGann 2005 JCI Cobh President.



JCI Dun Laoghaire

JCI Dun Laoghaire ran a very successful Christmas Tree Appeal this year. Over 500 gifts were collected and they were distributed to needy children in the local community and in Tallaght through Barnardos and the Dun Laoghaire Leo Club. Gifts collected on Christmas Eve were given to the National Children's Hospital in Tallaght.

JCI Dun Laoghaire's annual School Mock Interview Project will run over three Saturday mornings in February and March. This project is run in conjunction with St Laurence's College in Loughlinstown. The project, which has been running for over seventeen years, is part of the school curriculum for the 6th and 7th year students. It gives many students their first opportunity to experience an interview and it is a good learning curve for ourselves through the experience acquired with the interview process. If you would like to help with this project, and would like more information on what is involved, please email dunlaoghaire@jci-ireland.org. The dates are Saturday 4th & 25th February and 4th March.



JCI Cork

Update from Cork:

JCI Cork once again supported Rotary's Christmas Remembrance Tree Project this year. Pre-Christmas Shoppers were invited to write a ribbon in remembrance of a departed loved one. These yellow ribbons were then placed on a Christmas Tree, outside Brown Thomas on Patrick Street. Donations were also accepted for the Leukaemia Association at the local Mercy Hospital, and also St. Patrick's Hospice, Marymount. In excess of 5,000 Euro was raised for these worthy charities.

Spring Conference Report

Spring Conference will take place on the weekend of March 24th 2006 in Trabolgan Holiday Village, East Cork. Full details will be revealed(!) at AGM. This is a teambuilding weekend incorporating the National Public Speaking and Debating Competition and is an ideal opportunity for newer JCI members to get to know members from other Chapters nationwide. This is your chance to get to grips with some archery, quad biking and zip wiring! All members are encouraged to participate in the Debating and Public Speaking Competitions ... perhaps chapters could consider training in this area in advance of the event. Registration cost etc. will be available at AGM. Further information from cork@jci-ireland.org.

JCI Limerick

Junior Chamber Limerick rounded off its programme of events for local charities by running its annual Christmas Tree

Project in aid of Adapt House, Limerick during December. Up to 100 toys/gifts/donations were received by Chapter members who did duty at the Christmas Tree in a local Shopping Centre. A chapter member

also got involved in face painting at the Christmas party in Adapt House when the presents were handed out by Santa!

The Chapter's Christmas Party included a meal in our host hotel, Pery's, and was enjoyed by all.

Announcements

There were no announcements for this issue of the Newsletter – for any announcement you would like to make in future issues please e-mail the Newsletter Editor at RoseAnn_O'Brien@dell.com.

JCI Cobh Presents: A.G.M. 2006

When: January 28th 2006
Where: Rushbrooke Hotel, Cobh.

The following all inclusive package is now available.

Saturday January 28th 2006.

Registration.

National A.G.M 2005 including Tea/Coffee and Scones
Presidential 4 Course Luncheon, including Inauguration of 2006 JCI Ireland President, Suzanne Corcoran.

First National Council Meeting 2006 including Tea/Coffee.

Gala Presidential 4-course Dinner, inclusive of Wine and Entertainment.

Sunday January 29th 2006

Training:

10.30-11.30 : Overview & demonstration of the new JCI website (all branches will be encouraged to use this as a way of at least updating their membership details - it incorporates a membership database) - Eugene Garvin

11.30-12.30 : Successful Meetings, taking in the role of the chair, minute taking and a little about action planning and delegation - Catherine Laffey

12.30-1.30 : How to Communicate Effectively - Helen Flatley

Early Bird Registration by January 16th 2006:	€ 80.00
Registration after January 16th 2006:	€ 100.00
Gala Presidential 4-course Dinner:	€ 45.00

Registrations can be made by contacting Darragh McGann at 086 1598704 or by e-mailing cobh@jci-ireland.org

Cheques to be made payable to JCI Cobh and mailed to Darragh McGann, Glenmahon, Bond Street, Cobh, Co. Cork

Accommodation:
Rushbrooke Hotel, Cobh Tel: 021 4812242

Discounted accommodation is now available at the following rates:

€ 40 per person sharing per night.

€ 54 single per night.

Bookings for accommodation to be made directly to the Rushbrooke Hotel, Cobh by quoting reference: JCI A.G.M 2006.

Early booking is advised to take advantage of special rates.

Registration desk will be open on Friday from 4pm to 8pm
Registration desk will be open on Saturday from 9am to 1pm and again from 2pm to 4pm.

Introduction to your new National Executive 2006!



Back row: Director of Business: Dermot O'Hanlon JCI Cork⁺, Immediate Past President: James Corcoran JCI Fingal, Director of Community: Tommy Nielson JCI Fingal

Middle Row: Director of International Affairs: Grainne Nolan JCI Fingal⁺, Director of Administration: Joyce Kelly JCI Dun Laoghaire⁺, Regional Development Officer South: Darragh McGann JCI Cobh

Front Row: Regional Development Officer East: Andrew Shortall JCI Fingal, National President: Suzanne Corcoran JCI Dun Laoghaire, Regional Development Officer West: Rosemary Dolan JCI Galway, Regional Development Officer Midlands: Tom Lawless JCI Tullamore⁺

Not pictured: Finance Director: Brian Egan JCI Castleknock, Public Relations Officer: Michael Scott JCI Limerick, Newsletter Editor: Rose Ann O'Brien JCI Limerick

⁺ Not currently ratified, will hopefully be ratified before AGM.

And now for a little introduction from each NEC member.....

National President: Suzanne Corcoran

I joined JCI Dun Laoghaire in 1998. Since joining, I have held many roles including that of joint local President in 2001. I have also been involved in a lot of the projects that JCI Dun Laoghaire run, in particular the Christmas Tree Appeal and the School Mock Interviews. I was elected JCI Ireland Director of Finance in 2004 and Deputy National President in 2005.



My plan for 2006 is to focus on membership growth and retention, whilst encouraging members to make the most of the JCI opportunities that come their way. I plan on enjoying the year, although there will be hard work and many challenges along the way.

Immediate Past President: James Corcoran

Objectives for 2006:

Guardian of the JCI Ireland Constitution

Continuation of work of 2005 IPP Eugene Garvin in working with branches to review and, where necessary, develop branch constitutions.

Support President Suzanne.



Finance Director: Brian Egan

My name is Brian Egan and I will be your National Finance Officer for 2006. I have been a member for Junior Chamber Castleknock since 1997. Since then I have sat on the local Castleknock council as Treasurer, Secretary and Website Officer. This will be my second year sitting on the National Council and also my second term as National Finance Officer. I am looking forward to working with Suzanne and her council to serve JCI Ireland in 2006.



Director of International Affairs: Grainne Nolan

I joined JCI Fingal in 1998 just as the Chapter was preparing for Multitwin in 1999, and we hosted JCI members from 10 European Twin Chapters. It was a fantastic experience and sparked an interest in the International aspect of JCI which has remained with me. In 2000, I served on NP Joe Toners NEC as Director of International Development for the latter part of that year and in 2001 was privileged to serve the Fingal Chapter as LOM President. Since then I have held the roles of Treasurer and PRO on my local council a number of times and in 2005 was delighted to be asked to serve on the National Executive as PRO. I have attended Multitwin annually since joining JCI and also enjoyed European Conference in Birmingham 2003 and World Congress in Vienna 2005. I am looking forward to working with NP Suzanne and the 2006 JCI Ireland Team and I aim to continue the excellent work completed in 2005 by International Director Catherine in bringing you International "news" and encouraging you to experience the International Area of Opportunity within JCI.



In the meantime I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Director of Administration: Joyce Kelly

Happy New Year to all my JCI friends! I'm looking forward to supporting Suzanne and the national organisation during 2006. My role will be Director of Administration, a role I previously held in 2002. I joined JCI Dun Laoghaire in 1999, was joint local President in 2001 and have made many good friends locally and nationally. I've been involved in many projects particularly the Christmas Tree Appeal and Mock School Interviews.



Director of Business: Dermot O'Hanlon

I joined JCI Cork in 2001 and have been actively involved in the chapter since joining. I attended my first National Convention in 2002 (Ennis). Since joining, I have worked on a variety of projects, such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Easter Egg project, and Rotary Christmas Tree project, and have helped to organise a number of Open Nights for the chapter. I have held a variety of posts within the local Cork organisation, from Treasurer to Project Chairman. I served as Chapter President in 2004 and as General Legal Council in 2005. I attended Prime in 2005, and have attended a number of World Congresses (Copenhagen and Vienna) and European Conferences (Poitiers).



My plans for the year are to develop the patronage of JCI Ireland, roll-out several of the business programmes to the chapters (such as Young Entrepreneur, Best Business Plan and JCI BizNet), help to develop our relationship with the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland and run a trial Know-How-Transfer project based on the Seanad.

Regional Development Officer West: Rosemary Dolan

Rose has been a member of JCI Galway since 1995, serving as local President in 1999...this year Rose hopes to stop the haemorrhage of membership from JCI and increase membership by looking after our existing members & re-launching Ennis and new branches in Tuam, Loughrea & work with Tony in Castlebar to increase membership there.

Originally from Co Offaly Rose works as Assistant Bank Manager with Permanent TSB in Galway City. She is also a member of Network and last year was a finalist in Women in Galway Business Awards. In her spare time (if any!!) she loves cooking and entertaining with friends in her new home, walking the prom & of course what every girl loves, some Retail Therapy!!



Regional Development Officer East: Andrew Shortall

I joined JCI in 2003 through a friend and haven't looked back since. I have gotten involved in a number of projects including the JCI Fingal Christmas Giving Tree Appeal, Mentorship programme, table quiz nights. Without a doubt the highlight of my time in JCI so far has been working on the committee for the 2005 JCI Ireland National Convention. I'm really looking forward to working with the other RDO's and the 2006 National Exec. I will be focussing on Membership, and Marketing. Best wishes to you all for 2006!



Regional Development Officer Midlands: Tom Lawless

I am delighted to be appointed as Regional Director. My aim is to Liaise with the Midland Branches i.e. Athlone and Tullamore.

I am Hoping to set up Mullingar and help Rose Dolan with Nenagh. My concern at the moment is to get Athlone back to full strength.

I also hope to work closely with all the Regional Directors in promoting the Junior Chamber Ireland Projects. Public Speaking, Debating, T O Y P and any other areas that will promote J C I in Ireland. Best wishes to Suzanne on her presidency in 2006



Wishing everyone a Happy and Successful New Year.

Regional Development Officer South: Darragh McGann

Darragh joined JCI Cobh in early 2003 and was elected Deputy President for 2004. Darragh won the Public Speaking Competitions in Ireland and Europe and was runner-up in World Speaking Competition in Japan in November 2004. Darragh served as President of JCI Cobh in 2005 and provided support to 60th JCI President, Kevin Cullinane, who is also a member of JCI Cobh. In 2006 as Southern Regional Director, Darragh will work closely with the existing chapters in the region on gaining and sustaining membership growth and will seek to form new chapters in the region.



Director of Community: Tommy Nielson



Public Relations Officer: Michael Scott

Fellow Jaycees,

My name is Michael Scott. I have been a member of JCI Limerick since 1997. During this time, I have served as Treasurer, Deputy President, President, participated in a host of projects and travelled to national and international events. I am very pleased to have been invited to be a member of the National Board, 2006. As P.R.O., my aims for the forthcoming year are to :

- * Continue the work of the 2005 Officer, Ms Gráinne Nolan, in achieving optimum coverage for J.C.I. national / local events in the print media.
- * Assist local Chapter P.R.O.s.
- * Contribute to the J.C.I. Ireland newsletter.
- * Attend as many national / international events, as possible.
- * Support the National President ,Suzanne, and members of the National Board.



I look forward to meeting many of you at local and national events in the coming months. Michael Scott.

Newsletter Editor: Rose Ann O'Brien

I look forward to continuing in my role as Newsletter editor in 2006. I joined JCI Limerick in 2001 and have been actively involved in all aspects of the chapter since joining. I have worked on a variety of projects, such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, TOYP, Easter Egg project and Christmas Tree project, and have helped to organise a number of Open Nights for the chapter. I served as Chapter President in 2003 and as National Administration Director last year. I have attended a number of European Conferences (Lausanne + Poitiers) and the World Congress in Vienna.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Newsletter in 2005. Here's hoping the number of contributors and contributions will be even higher in 2006©!

Prime hosted by JCI UK

JCI UK PRIME 2006
Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th February 2006

Your practical guide to implementing sound personal and leadership development programs in order to create positive change.

PRIME, The JCI Coaching Course, is a two-and-a-half-day seminar and the first-level training course for Junior Chamber International trainers and coaches. PRIME builds confidence in presenting complex information in clear and engaging ways and increases the ability to motivate others. Additionally it develops communication skills and teaches people to look at new situations openly and more positively. It has been designed to present new and interesting challenges to members with little or no experience in training but who want to develop training skills for use in their chapter, the local community or in the workplace.

Any member interested in training, coaching or individual development is welcome to attend this course.

A hands-on and intensive 2½ day training program where you will be required to work on assignments at night. As a PRIME participant you should plan no other activities for the duration of the course. PRIME UK 2006 will commence at 1.00pm on Friday 3rd February and conclude at approximately 4.00pm on Sunday 5th February.
Key Content Areas



- The Adult Learning Experience
- Adult Learning Expectations
- The Art of Training
- Your Learning Resources
- Promoting and Presenting the Learning Experience
- Me – the Trainer
- Measuring the Learning Experience

Venue Details

Wokefield Park, Mortimer, Reading, Berkshire RG7 3AE

Wokefield Park is located just off Junction 11 of the M4 and is a hidden jewel. Offering a combination of the traditional and modern, there are also excellent leisure facilities that include an indoor pool and gym, and an 18-hole golf course.

The Prime course will be run alongside a UK Excel course, aiming to provide a good 'learning' atmosphere for all participants involved.

Cost : STG£ 160 (250 Euro, including all meals, training material and accommodation, based on sharing twin room Fri-Sun only).

Flights are extra and the nearest airport is London Heathrow (36 miles away - approx 30-40 minutes). However should there be cheaper flights into Coventry or Birmingham, or at a push into East Midlands, then it may be possible to arrange pick-ups.

Subsidies will be available from JCI Ireland.

For further details and/or to register, please contact: JCI Ireland President Suzanne Corcoran.

JCI Edinburgh invites you to the Burns Supper Gala 2006 – by Neil Ritchie Vice President & International Director 2005/06, JCI Edinburgh



Caledonian Hilton Hotel, Edinburgh
Saturday 4th February 2006

Join JCI delegates from across Scotland, Europe and beyond as we celebrate the life and work of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. Participants include speakers and business trainers of international renown, partner organisations and supporters from Government, industry, professional groups and the media.

EVENT INFORMATION

Edinburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce invites you to book now for our Burns Supper Gala 2006. Join Junior Chamber International (JCI) delegates from across Scotland, Europe and beyond as we celebrate the life and work of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. Participants include speakers and business trainers of international renown, partner organisations and supporters from Government, industry, professional groups and the media.

GALA PACKAGE

- Drinks reception from 6pm
- Three-course Scottish menu + coffee + wine
- Burns speeches – with keynote address from Kenny Harris
- Charity Auction and Raffle
- Ceilidh (Scottish dancing) with local band Teannaich
- After-party bar until 3am

The Gala Ticket covers all evening activities, with the exception of additional wine or drinks from the bar. Book early – this event will sell-out! Early-bird registration rates expire on Monday 16th January

TRAINING DAY: "2006: A Recipe for Success" Four excellent business trainers have been invited to participate in this year's Training Day. Each session will present an idea or a framework for success and encourage you to achieve more than you thought possible in 2006:

- 'Breakthrough 2006': Phil Olley, one of the UK's leading business and performance coaches will present his tips for achieving that sought-after breakthrough. If you're worried about how to maintain your New Year's resolutions – whether business, personal or career-related - then don't miss this session.

- **Effective Networking:** In his book, *The Tipping Point*, Malcolm Gladwell identifies 'Connectors', 'Mavens' (Yiddish for 'persons who accumulate knowledge') and 'Salesmen' as the three types of people who help ideas spread like wildfire. Whichever you are, you'll need a network. Iain Whyte is the Scottish Director of BNI, one of the most successful networking and business referral organisations in the world. He'll be sharing his experience of how to make the most of networking opportunities.

- Visit www.ejcc.org.uk/burns_training for more information on these and our other training sessions.

SUPPORT OUR 2006 CHARITIES This year's event will raise funds for three local charities working to promote social inclusion in the city. Streetwork, OneCity Trust and The Yard will all benefit from your generosity. Please let us know if you know any business or individual who might wish to donate prizes for the charity auction and raffle. For more information on the event, email the Project Team - burns2006@ejcc.org.uk

BURNS SUPPER GALA & TRAINING DAY

Caledonian Hilton Hotel, Edinburgh

Saturday 4th February 2006

Early Bird rate: until Monday 16th January

Gala (ECC Members) £60* per ticket

Training Day £20 per delegate

Standard rate Gala (ECC Members) £65* per ticket

Training Day £20 per delegate

* If paying by credit card, please add a per-ticket credit-card fee of £5.00 to cover our transaction charges.

Payment can be made by cheque, BACS or Credit Card.

Email: burns2006@ejcc.org.uk or Contact: Louise Swanson, Registrations Manager. Telephone: (+44) 7970 656149

JCI Castleknock Giving Tree Appeal collects over 1,200 toys - by Aoife Warren JCI Castleknock

Junior Chamber Castleknock collected over 1,200 toys during the 2005 Giving Tree Appeal which took place in the Blanchardstown Shopping Centre during the weekends leading up to Christmas. The Giving Tree Appeal brings Christmas cheer to families by ensuring that no child is without a visit from Santa Claus on Christmas morning. Shoppers were asked to select a card from the hundreds hung on the giant Christmas tree in the Blanchardstown Shopping Centre and buy a gift for the child named on their card. St Vincent De Paul, St Joseph's Hospital Clonsilla, and Friends for Friends, the charity that helps children with HIV, are just some of the charities that have benefited from the Giving Tree Appeal over the past number of years.

Members of JCI (including members of the Dun Laoghaire and Fingal Chapters) manned the tree at the Blanchardstown Shopping Centre on weekends in December to provide information and collect the gifts.



Photos:

GT Photo - (L-R) Brian Egan, Aoife Warren, Aisling Murphy & Carol McCarney at the Giving Tree Appeal information desk in the Blanchardstown Centre Toys - Karen Sweeney with some of the toys collected at the Blanchardstown Centre

Your 2006 National Executive

National President: Suzanne Corcoran
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