

Former JCI members sought

Junior Chamber of Ireland, Castleknock branch, will be celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and to mark the occasion they are trying to make contact with as many former members as possible.

"Unfortunately we don't have an accurate register of past members, so we are putting the word out in the community," says Aoife Warren. "A very conservative estimate of numbers would be 200 but it could be much higher. JCI is for 18-40 year-olds so we do not have any founder members, as even someone who was 18 at that stage would be 48 now."

Plans are currently underway to commemorate the anniversary by holding a dinner dance with entertainment to follow. This has been tentatively pencilled in for January 2007 but to make sure, the Chamber is trying to ascertain numbers of those wishing to attend. Contact with the group can be made by e-mailing castleknock@jci-ireland.org

The Junior Chamber was also honoured recently with a visit from National President JCI Ireland, Suzanne Corcoran.

"Suzanne was at our monthly meeting on an official visit - she aims to visit each chapter at least once per year," said Aoife. "She congratulated Karen Sweeney (a member of Castleknock for the past four years) on her appoint-

ment as Deputy National President for 2006. This of course means that Karen will become National President for 2007, a singular honour for the chapter."

Suzanne also presented the Local President's pin to Castleknock president Áine Coulter and congratulated Castleknock on currently lying joint first in JCI's 100% efficiency programme.

"The 100% efficiency programme awards points to branches based on factors such as participation in local and national events, membership levels,

newsletter contributions etc." explained Aoife. "There are currently 12 branches throughout the Republic so we're very pleased to be rated as one of the best. Suzanne has attended a number of our events over the past months, including our Giving Tree project in the Blanchardstown Centre at Christmas and a trip to Draíocht last month."

JCI Castleknock meets at 8.30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month upstairs in Myo's Castleknock and new member are always welcome.