

'96 TJCL CONVENTION LOCATION SET

This year's convention in Clarksville will certainly be one of the most unusual in years. Clarksville is Tennessee's fifth largest city and the location of Fort Campbell Army Base. Northeast High School served as host to the Convention in 1982 and 1985, but this year it will share the task with Austin Peay State University. A look at the *very* tentative schedule to the right offers a hint at some of the changes made to accommodate this dual host convention.

Although the Convention will prove different from those in the past, I don't think it will prove any more confusing or difficult. Austin Peay has excellent facilities for our Friday morning events. Founded in 1927, APSU is the home of the Governors and some 6,000 students, named after former Tennessee Governor Austin Peay.

Northeast High School is fortunate to have Mr. Grady Warren as its Latin teacher. With 1,750 students, the home of the Eagles is also the *alma mater* of current TJCL Chairman Edward Long. Northeast also is an excellent location for our Friday evening and Saturday events.

I hope all of you plan to attend. As usual, this Convention should be very exciting. The friendships you make there will last a lifetime and the memories forever. Again, I hope to see you there!



Northeast High School, Clarksville, Tennessee

Tentative Convention Schedule

— Thursday, April 18, 1996 —

Northeast High School
8:00 - 10:00 PM Early Registration (Art, Olympika)

— Friday, April 19, 1996 —

APSU Dunn Center
7:15 - 8:15 AM General Registration
8:30 - 9:00 General Assembly
9:00 - 9:30 Procession/Spirit Contest
9:00 - 9:45 Nominations Com. Meeting
9:15 - 9:45 Sponsors/Chaper. Meeting
9:30 - 9:45 Chariot Race
10:00 - 1:00 Academic Testing
1:30 - 2:00 Certamen Testing
1:30 - 3:30 Swimming Olympika
1:30 - 4:30 Track & Field Olympika
2:00 - 4:00 English Oratory
2:30 - 5:00 Certamen
5:00 - 5:30 Travel to NEHS for Art Registration and Chapter Photos

Northeast High School
5:30 - 7:00 Art Registration
5:30 - 7:00 Chapter Photos
7:00 - 11:00 Art Judging
8:00 - 10:00 Dramatic Latin
8:00 - 10:00 Costume Contest
8:00 - 11:00 Skits
8:00 - 11:00 Dance

— Saturday, April 20, 1996 —

Northeast High School
8:00 - 8:30 AM Art Viewing (no claims)
8:00 - 9:00 Final Campaigning
8:30 - 9:00 Art Claim
9:15 - 12:00 General Assembly (awards, elections, etc.)

Subject to Change!



Tidbits

Convention Postmark Deadlines

- March 22: registration forms/payments to Mr. Long
- March 22: certamen preregistration to Mrs. Long
- March 22: poetry, essays, skit registrations mailed to Miss Birge
- March 22: TJCL election candidate's prefilling form to TJCL Parliamentarian William Weaver
- April 1: bazaar participation notification to TJCL Treasurer Stacey Scheib; publicity contest entries to Miss Dawn LaFon
- April 10: resumé to Mr. Long for TJCL Historian, *Torch* Editor, NJCL Convention Spirit Leader or Grace Elmore scholarship for NJCL Convention

T-Shirt Contest

All JCL members are invited to submit designs, slogans, and color schemes for the Tennessee delegation T-shirt to be worn at this summer's NJCL Convention in Indiana. The shirt should somehow depict the theme of the convention, which is the same as the TJCL theme. Rumor has it that Elvis, being Tennessee nobility, is an early favorite among t-shirt designers. The student whose design is chosen for the shirt shall win a cash prize of \$50.00. Submit all ideas to Miss Nancy Howell, Franklin Road Academy, 4700 Franklin Road, Nashville, TN 37220.

New NJCL Convention Competitions

There will be three new academic tests at this summer's NJCL convention: Latin 1/2 Grammar, Latin I Grammar, and Ancient Geography. Ludi Soccer will also be introduced this year on a trial basis.

NJCL Convention Scholarships

The Grace Elmore Scholarship is awarded each year to a TJCL member and is based upon both financial need and academic achievements in Latin. The scholarship pays the NJCL convention registration fee and some travel expenses to the recipient. Students interested in applying for the scholarship should send to Mr. Long by **April 10** a letter that explains the applicant's desire to attend the NJCL convention, academic success in Latin, and financial need. Other financial assistance is sometimes available to those who apply but do not receive the Grace Elmore Scholarship.

CAMWS Meets in Nashville

The Classical Association of the Middle West and South will hold its annual conference April 10-13 at the Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel in Nashville. High school and college classicists from over thirty states will convene to give and hear reports on a variety of classical topics. Teachers who are not members of CAMWS and would like more information about the conference or CAMWS in general may contact Dr. Susan Martin, Dept. of Classics, 710 McClung Tower, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996 or (423) 974-5383.

Membership Report

As of the first of the year, TJCL had 3,358 members in sixty chapters. New chapters this year are Bearden HS (Knoxville), Brown Middle (Harrison), First Assembly Christian (Memphis), Hunter Middle (Ooltewah), Lausanne Collegiate School (Memphis), Ooltewah Middle, and Stratford HS (Memphis). The five largest are White Station (143), Hutchison School (133), Houston HS (129), Columbia Central HS (125), and Germantown HS (113)

Riverdale High School

Latin students at Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro participated in several club activities in the fall, including a candy sale, selling Domino's pizza at Homecoming, and enjoying a skating party.

The students pictured here at the Saturnalia Celebration are showing some of the gifts they prepared for a child in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program.



Riverdale High School JCL



TJCL CHAPTER REPORTS

Collierville High School



Collierville HS Latin Students Helping With Dickens on the Square in Collierville



*Saturnalia King and Queen
Melanie Gwyn and Paul Webb.*

Salve, JCL! In the quest to find an interesting way to teach students how Latin can be fun, a simple solution was found. JCL is a great way to study Latin while having fun. By planning the meetings under these two criteria, the Collierville High School JCL is set for a fun, eventful year.

The first meeting was to elect officers: President, Melanie Gwyn; V.P., Ginger Turpen; Secretary, Amanda Robins; Treasurer, Paul Webb; and Historian, Melody Maxwell.

The second meeting was an initiation of the new members. Ten of the bravest Latin I students were taken on a journey through the underworld and did things such as eat fish from the River Styx (wet GummySavers) and step in the marshy surroundings of the river (marshmallows and water). This taught students mythology as they participated in an exciting event.

The third meeting will be the annual Saturnalia celebration. This was the Roman celebration where the Romans celebrated the harvest and exchanged gifts of clay and wax tapers. The club exchanges gifts and elects a king and queen to reign over the festival. This year's king and queen were Melanie Gwyn and Paul Webb. They, along with several other JCL members, participated in the Collierville Christmas parade. The club built a float relating Latin to the traditional Dickens Christmas. The club members dressed as Dickens characters to help with the town's annual Dickens on The Square. The Saturnalia party was a time for the JCL members to have fun and party. Usually, the club members exchange gifts, but this year, instead of exchanging gifts, club members donated money to adopt a Christmas "angel," a child to give a good Christmas. The Collierville JCL members raised \$350 to buy toys and clothes.

The second semester is also full of activities. The students have already begun to prepare for the National Latin Exam where they compete nationally using their vast knowledge of the Latin language. The Oracle of Delphi will come to answer the questions that range from, "Will I have a successful career?" to "How many licks does it take to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Roll pop?" At the end of the year, they will attend the Foreign Language Fair at the University of Memphis where they compete in skits, music, and academic competitions. Throughout all of this madness, the students are diligently preparing their brains and bodies for the state convention. After the convention, the Latin Honor Society goes out to dinner and members receive their certificates. To end the year, they have an authentic Roman banquet where they will receive awards and enjoy entertainment by other students. The Collierville JCL has had an eventful year so far, and they plan to continue to show everyone how learning Latin can be fun.

— Melanie Gwyn



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NATIONAL CONVENTION – The 1996 NJCL Convention will be held July 28-August 2 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Registration packets will be available from the NJCL Office in Ohio beginning in April. There is a \$50.00 deposit required for each packet, and the balance of \$200.00 is due by June 1. Any member of JCL is invited to attend this convention.

CONVENTION HOSTS NEEDED – Would you like to host the 1997 TJCL Convention, or perhaps a future TJCL Convention? It's not as much work as you might think. Contact Mr. Long for exciting details!

ALL CHAPTERS need to send sponsor(s), officer, group, activity, mascot, and National Convention pictures. Label all pictures with full names of persons pictured. Send the number of Latin 1/2's, I, II, etc., in the JCL Chapter. Forward to either Heather or Kristi, State Historians, as soon as possible (← addresses at left).

Has your chapter done something to be proud of? Even if you haven't, I want to be inundated with **Chapter reports**. Send brief reports and pictures for possible publication to me, Howard Herrell, at the address to the left.

The Tennessee Torch deadlines:

May issue: April 10th.

All submissions are welcome and will be considered for possible publication. Please indicate if you would like a copy of the submission returned and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The Tennessee Torch

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