

# CANADA JCI SENATE LE SENATE JCI DU CANADA SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER





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As we here in Canada continue to battle this terrible virus, we can finally begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The massive task of vaccinating the entire country has begun. But it's going to take time, and everyone still

needs to stay safe. From what we're being told, all appointments for the vaccine must be booked online or by phone. So we must all look out for those that may not be able to do this themselves. Social distancing, washing your hands, and using masks and gloves are still critically important until everyone is vaccinated.

Local, regional, national and international functions are beginning to look at the possibility to go back to "in-person" events, but most are still in a "wait and see" mode. In my many discussions with International Senate and ASAC officials, everything is still "up in the air", with ASAC Executive and their General Assembly continuing with their bi-monthly zoom meetings. JCI BC & YUKON Regional Convention will again this year be an Online/Virtual event. It is being held May 28th and 29th. The upcoming US JCI Senate 2021 National Convention is scheduled for June 13 to 18, in Virginia Beach, VA. So far it is still a go as an inperson event, but we Canadians may not be able to make it across the border, or back. The 2021 Canada JCI NATCON, hosted by JCI Montreal, continue to plan, and hope, for a in-person event as well. It is scheduled for September 22 - 26, 2021 (this is a change in dates / weekend announced last year), so let's keep our fingers crossed.

Sadly, we have lost a few more Senators, and a very special Lady. I would like to make mention of two of them in particular, as they were both very good friends.

### Senator Lloyd Stockdale from fellow Senator and friend - Senator Barry Evans Senator 20377 - 1937-2021

Worked at Comairco from 1983 to 2003. Joined North York Jaycees, served on most executive positions. Member of Toronto Junior Board. Served as Vice President in Central Region. Taught many JCI training courses. Assisted most Central Region executives. National President – Canada JCI Senate 2011-12 President of the United States JCI DC Senate for two years. Travelled through-out Canada, the US and England to Senate activities for many years.

Member of the Durham Region Senate. Founding member of the Orillia Senate. Member of many US Senate organizations. I met Senator Lloyd at the very beginning of my Jaycee career, in 1984. Although a bit rough around the edges, Lloyd was the epitome of a "grass-roots" Jaycee and Senator. There was rarely a meeting, function or convention where Lloyd was not in attendance. His experience, knowledge, friendship, and hearty laugh will be sorely missed.

### And from Senator Eric Cowen, President of the Durham Senate Group

To all the Canada Senators, it is with sadness I report to you the passing of a Durham Region Senator 20377- Lloyd Stockdale. He fought a good fight against the bladder cancer he has had for a number of years. Lloyd was a good friend to all Senators around the world and across Canada. He loved a good time and a good joke and loved to laugh. He has been to many JCI World Congresses and many Canadian conventions as well as many USA functions and was also President of the Washington Senate. He started his long Jaycee Career in the Toronto Junior Board of Trade — Jaycees and became NVP for Central Region (outstanding NVP) that year and has been a Canadian Jaycee Senate President. Lloyd loved the Senate and he was involved in many projects. He will be sorely missed by his many JCI Senate Friends.

#### Also from Senator Eric Cowen

Also, it is with great sadness that I report the passing of Donna Pyott beloved wife and best friend for 44 years of Senator 23119 Andy Lyons. Donna was a great friend and supporter of the Durham Jaycees, she was also involved with the Canada Senate and attended many many Canada functions. As a world traveler with her partner, she visited countries to attend world congresses and many year end conventions. She certainly will also be sorely missed for her smile, her glass of wine and her ability to make everyone feel a part of the group.

I also met Donna at the very beginning of my Jaycee career. She was a wonderful lady, and a staunch supporter of both Senators and Jaycees. Always busy trying to keep Senator Andy in line, the lady was a class-act like no other. Donna, the Oshawa Jaycees, the Durham Senate Group, and all of the Canada JCI Senate will miss you.



VICE PRESIDENT - SENATOR MATT HUTCHEON, 60917 vpresident@canadajci senate.com

I hope you are keeping safe and healthy, and I look forward to the time when we can all gather in person again!

In the meantime, some great work has been started on strengthening the relationship between the current members/chapters of JCI Canada, and the

Senate. Specifically, we are looking at building an Ambassador program, where Senators in areas with existing chapters will be oriented on the current language, projects, etc. of JCI, and be equipped to best lend their wisdom, networks, etc. to the chapter and its efforts to grow and strengthen.

I am excited about this new initiative, as it aligns directly with what we heard from a number of Senators in our New Directions surveying a few years ago about wanting a direct connection to the current members, and a tangible way to assist JCI Canada as Senators.

Recently, Senator Gene Bernier and I were asked to co-chair a mastermind group to help develop and implement this program, and we will soon be setting a date and confirming the commitment of a handful of other eager Senators from various eras of JCI to join us in this group. We'll then be identifying how best Senators can become oriented to current JCI

language and programs, and identifying some Senators in each region who we think may be interested in taking on this Ambassador role.

If you yourself are interested in learning more and potentially becoming one of our Ambassadors, please contact me at matt.hutcheon@gmail.com.

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### PAST PRESIDENT - SENATOR BLAIR FRASER- 36339 ppresident@canadajcisenate.com

Gloria and I were unable to travel to Hawaii this year and as such we are sad that we missed seeing out Hawaii JCI Senate / Oldtimers and friends. This

group makes our annual stay so much more enjoyable. Miss the Aloha Spirit. After missing so much travel in 2020 we were hopeful to go to the European 2021 conference and cruise (early June) and to the US JCI Senate Annual Meeting in West Virginia (late June) but that is not to be presently.

We were rebooked on the Rocky Mountaineer from April 2020 to April 2021 but that is now cancelled too. We are hopeful that we may be able to go on this spectacular train journey in September 2021 after the JCI Canada Nat Con. I have booked some time in Penticton, Trail, Creston, Nelson and Oliver in August being fairly confident that travel in BC will be on. Maybe I will see a few of you along the way.

Please see Matt's article and join him and Gene in establishing Ambassadors. Otherwise, I hope to see everyone in Montreal in Septmeber.



### SENATOR KAREN MACCANNELL, 49497 US AMBASSADOR TO THE CANADIAN SENATE CanadaAmbassador@usjcisenate.org



When we were Jaycees we learned to always prepare for plan B when planning projects using the CPG. In 2019/2020 no one would ever have planned for a global pandemic. When planning for 2020/2021 there were still so many unknowns. We had no idea that one year later we would still be in lockdowns in some places, everyone wearing masks, and the entire world scrambling to get vaccinated.

As Ambassador, I have been saddened to not be able to visit in person with my Canadian Senate family, and have missed seeing a lot of our US JCI Senators, who are not traveling. It has been sad to report on behalf of President Rob and Ambassador Linda and several meetings. I would much rather introduce them than speak on their behalf. I will report that at the US JCI Region VII mini national in Pigeon Forge a few weeks ago, I had the crowd in stitches reading a letter from Ambassador Linda.

The US JCI Senate National Fall meeting is the same weekend that the 2021 JCI Canada

NATCON meeting will be held. I have already spoken to President Ariel and AVP Mike and have been advised that protocol we follow is that I attend the Canada meeting. Fingers crossed that the borders will be open.

Thank you President Rob, Ambassador Linda and PP Blair for always keeping me updated on the Canada Senate. Continued prayers for our Canadian Senate family that we will one day soon be able to visit in person.

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### TREASURER / SECRETARY - SENATOR PATTY AUGER, 65436 treasurer@canadajci senate.com

There have been no expenses since the last newsletter but on a good note there has been revenue. The year end is March 31, 2021, there will be more detail at that time.

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### Sherry Spicer (41986)

Contribution for 2020. Happy New Year! (Thanks Sherry - Cheers to 2021!)

### Allen Pasquale (28944)

Merry Christmas everyone! (Thanks Allen - hope it was a great holiday season)

### Paul Winger (23735)

Merry Christmas! (Happy holidays Paul)

### Hughie MacIsaac (24139)

Sorry to be late in making a contribution. (Hi Hughie – we appreciate the contribution)

### Tony Gargaro (66028)

Hi Patty, Happy Holidays - hope all is well in your world. Keep up the great work! (Thanks Tony – always great to hear from you. Keeping as well as can be!)

### Stan Cramton (10414)

Greetings from Florida and Good Afternoon. I sincerely hope that next year will be a Banner year for Jaycees in Canada, JCI and for All. I suggest we all plan to have a great New Year's celebration with the focus on welcoming the new year AND "kicking out 2020" (with a big boot in the rear). Attached is a cheque for an annual contribution. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. (Stan – I'm sure everyone was happy to kick 2020 out the door!)

### Bill Jaschke (24503)

Jaycees has done so much for so many young adults (yes we were all young at one time) to help

#### Bill Jaschke ..... continued

them become contributing members of our society. It is great to see that the organization is still going strong at a time when so many other organizations have fallen prey to modern impersonal technology. Have a great 2021. (Thanks Bill – members of the Canada Senate board met with JCI Canada to discuss ways that we can continue to support the organization to ensure continued success for years to come)

### Rick Morrow (22389)

Enclosed is my almost annual contribution to the Senate. I appreciate the work completed on our behalf by you and your colleagues. Like many others, I was saddened by the passing of Senator Al Salmon. When I was president of the Whitehorse Jaycees in 1973, we were expecting Al to visit us during the Yukon Rendezvous the annual winter celebration. Al was flying into Edmonton to make his connection and he was informed that his flight was late, and he would miss the connection. Al convinced the captain to allow him to make a call to me from the flight deck, because he knew we were expecting him. We postponed our social event and the Whitehorse Jaycees eagerly hosted Al a few weeks later. He did not disappoint. (Thanks Rick for sharing the great memory of Al. I was fortunate to meet during my years as a new senator and while JCI Canada President).

### Allan Bailey (2112)

I am now in a retirement home! Wheelchair bound so no more travel. I owe so much to my Jaycee days. Hope this well help keep the senate function. Best wishes. (Thanks Allan for the contribution. I'm sure all senators would agree with you that we are all thankful for what Jaycees gave us!)

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#### MEMORIAL - MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



### MICHAEL VIOLETTE SENATOR 20569 MARCH 2021

### Obituary of Michael Violette- Born March 16, 1941 - Died March 7, 2021

We are profoundly saddened to announce the passing of Michael (Mike) Violette, just 9 days shy of his 80th birthday. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jean, his son Tony (Karin), daughter Sherry (Jim), grandchildren Amanda and Alek (Corrina). As well as his family, whom he loved deeply, he leaves behind many long term friends and his faithful duck tolling retriever Ben.

Mike's forefathers were originally from France. He was born in New Brunswick and lived there as a boy until his family moved to Toronto in the mid 1940's. His first job was a bicycle delivery boy for a local drug store. His next job, which he got through a neighbour, was also as a bicycle delivery person however it was for an international diamond dealer. Eventually this second job turned into his lifetime occupation as a jeweller. He learned the business from the ground up, working in the office, grading and sorting diamonds, fulfilling orders, as a wholesaler in the industry and finally as the owner operator of a jewellery store. Mike and his wife owned the jewellery store in Edgemont Village for many years until they retired in 2009. He was on the executive of the BC Jewellers Association and had a multitude of friends and colleagues in the industry.

Mike really felt at home in Edgemont Village. He met many like minded people there, with similar interests in community and family. He participated in the Edgemont Village Business Association and worked on countless community events. His most memorable contribution might have been helping to launch Evenings in Edgemont. An outdoor concert series that ran on Friday nights featuring local musicians. This event became a beloved summer tradition for local folks.

Mike had a love of music his whole life. As a young man he played drums in a band called "The Prisms". Eventually, he learned to play the acoustic guitar and he also sang. He had a beautiful Gibson with a pick up that he enjoyed playing for many years. He had many gigs, music sessions and house parties with live music as the focus.

He enjoyed cooking and eating good food and had several favorite restaurant spots that he frequented. He followed politics and current affairs, was well read and always happy to share his views and opinions. When he was younger, he enjoyed travelling and had some memorable trips to Africa, Hong Kong, Hawaii and several destinations in the Caribbean.

He loved dogs and could often be found walking with them on trails in the forest or on a beach.

During his lifetime he had several dogs, mostly Golden Retrievers. He also loved birds and could identify the local ones by sight and sound. He always had a feeder outside the kitchen window so he could watch their antics as he cooked in the kitchen, often while sipping on a glass of red wine.

Mike will be remembered as a kind and thoughtful person. He was interested in others and very caring .He was highly principled with a strong sense of community. In his younger years he was a member of the Jaycees and formed lifelong friendships with people he met in that group. In his later years, he was a member of the Rotary Club where he again found meaningful connections. His whole life he volunteered at innumerable events, projects and fundraisers all in an effort to give back. Service to others was a core value in his life. He made a difference.

He was loved and admired by many and will be missed greatly by his family and friends. As per his wishes, he will be cremated. A celebration of life will be held at a later time. In Lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your favorite charity. Mike would have liked that.



### ROSS WILLIAM GEORGE AXWORTHY SENATOR 8130 FEBRUARY 2021

After sharing love and memories with all his family, Ross William George Axworthy died peacefully on February 10, 2021 at Penticton Regional Hospital. He was born in North Battleford, Saskatchewan August 15, 1935. Ross lived and worked all his adult life in Penticton where he was a strong and proud supporter of his city. Ross' contributions to the community with organizations and volunteering will be remembered by all those he touched. Whether old friends or new acquaintances he made a lasting impression with his positive thinking, quick wit and infectious laugh. Ross loved to travel and was an unofficial but enthusiastic ambassador for his city wherever he went in the world. Ross was instrumental in establishing Ikeda, Japan as a Sister-City and putting Penticton on the map by arranging reciprocal visits of citizens, bands and students.

Mourning his loss is the family he loved dearly: Evelyn wife of 62 years, elder son Brent (Connie), daughter Shereen (John), son Grant (Natasha), grandchildren of whom Ross was extremely proud, Kirsten, Liam and Robert. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed. A celebration of Ross' life will be held at a safer time.



### KEITH FLEXMAN SENATOR 22084 JANUARY 2021

After 77 years packed full of adventures, love, and community service, our wonderful Keith has passed away. He has left a huge hole in the life of his wife of 54 years, Joyce (nee Potts) who was able to be by his side all through the difficult last months at their home in Long Point. What a fulfilled life of adventure, hard work and fun we had and, boy could he dance!! He was so proud of his four children and seven grandchildren, He was their mentor and backup through life. Keith began his life in Ottawa with his family of Barb Kemp (late Robert) of Collingwood, Nancy Flexman of Vancouver, Bruce Flexman (Dale) of Vancouver and Nora Boyd (Malcolm) of Sarnia. His many nieces and nephews will remember their Uncle Keith by playing that "golf" game as well as some late night discussions of wisdom and support.

The friends he met through his years in Ottawa, at U of T where he obtained his pharmacy degree, in his army stint through the ROTP program, through his pharmacy career in Brantford, Simcoe, Delhi, Port Rowan, and Ohsweken were still central in his life. Holidays and visits all over the world with Joyce involved so many of these friends, especially several visits to our Newfoundland family and cousin, Peter.

Keith was committed to helping other people. He began his service in the Brantford Jaycees where he was president, followed by The Simcoe Rotary club and then initiating as president of a new - Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise. From Santa Claus parades to soap box derbys to the famous COVID car rally- he kept life interesting for the members of these clubs. He served in many executive positions, the proudest of which was the Rotary Youth Exchange program, placing and bringing in kids from all over the world for a life changing year. Keith's commitment went beyond Canada with medical missions to Nicaragua and Guatemala as the dispensing pharmacist on the team. A life well lived.



### LLOYD L STOCKDALE, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CANADA JCI SENATE SENATOR 20377 JANUARY 2021

Passed away at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on Friday January 8th 2021 in his 84th year. Lloyd will surely be missed by his family and friends both in Canada and around the world. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation or services at this time.

IF WE HAVE NOT MENTIONED A SENATOR PLEASE NOTIFY THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, SENATOR SHERRY SPICER - membership@canadajcisenate.com



### SENATOR LINDA BLANCHARD, 44776 US JCI SENATE

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This report is a short one. As I sit and watch the news and patiently wait for my over 70 Covid vaccine my duties as the JCI Canadian Senate Ambassador to the USA have resorted to Facebook and Zoom meetings. I continue to make hotel

reservations for events and go month by month hoping the border will open, thus far I have cancelled twelve. This time of year the US is busy at all levels with year end meetings and elections and my busy time for travel. So I will continue to wait until we can get this virus under control by staying home, wearing my mask and social distancing when out.

Now many may have nothing good to say about this time, but my USA MasterCard balance is at \$0 and USA savings account is growing and only spending seems to be on groceries. Oh how I long to travel and see my Jaycee family. Hope to see you "DOWN THE. ROAD"

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## SENATOR SUE SOLYMOSI, 77603 - 2021 JCI CANADA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ssolymosi@jcicanada.com

Hello JCI Canada Senate! I am the 2021 JCI Canada Executive Vice President, Senator 77603, and now officially the senate liaison! There has been loads of stuff happening in JCI Canada so far this year, all virtual of course, but our membership is constantly striving to be better even on virtual platforms. We also have a JCI Canada Newsletter coming soon, to be distributed at the end of

each month. Please reach out if you would like to be added to the email list, and/or if have anything to contribute.

Over the past few months, there have been a few opportunities for our local leaders to participate in inspiring and empowering trainings:

**Virtual Local President Summit:** hosted by JCI America: very well attended, most of JCI Canada's 2021 Chapter Presidents were in attendance.

**North American Academy:** also virtual. Last year, this event was held in person (January 2020) in Washington, DC. I personally attended that one, and left the week feeling fully inspired and grateful for the amazing people who surround us! IPP Stefan and NVP Francesca were both facilitators at the virtual event in February 2021. It was well attended and ran smoothly.

Upcoming trainings are to be announced, but for now keep an eye out for a **French-English training** coming soon, as a collaboration between NVP Francesca and NVP Medhi. We are working towards becoming a more bilingual organization, so this training will go a long way! On that note, we had best brush up on our French skills (I know I am!) because we have more good news ..... **JCI Canada will have a NEW Chapter very soon in Quebec City!** They have enough members together and are working through the process to charter.

### **National Convention Update:**

2021, JCI Montreal. Still planning for in person, September 22-25, waiting for further updates

2022, JCI Kootenay. I will be the liaison for the National Board for that convention.

More details to come soon. We are all in a bit of a holding pattern right now. I'm really looking forward to the day that we can travel again!!

On the topic of training, we are working on launching a **Regional Ambassador Program**. This program will be a vehicle for collaboration between JCI Canada and the JCI Canada Senate and will aim to provide more localized support for our Chapters across the country. There are a few elements that we need to flush out (such as building a training for Senators so they're up to date with what JCI Canada is up to), so we are starting with a **JCI Canada Growth & Development MasterMind Group**. This group will be facilitated by Senator Matt Hutcheon and Senator Gene Bernier and will (hopefully) generate action steps on how to move forward. Stay tuned for more details on our first meeting.

#### In other news .....

**JCI Canada now has an Interim Secretary General:** Senator Crispin Bottomley has kindly accepted the one-year contract to fill that role for us. With his incredible knowledge base, and passion for JCI, we are in good hands.

Join. Converse. Inspire – The JCI Canada Podcast is still going strong! NVP Dan has published two new episodes this year and is working on generating more amazing content. Check it out on your favorite podcast listening platform (Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Overcast, Breaker, etc.).

### Upcoming Events and items of note:

JCI Global Outstanding Woman Award 2021: recognizing female efforts in JCI and in life... Because JCI and JCI Canada has plenty of Outstanding Women in leadership roles who commit their time and energy every day, and serve tirelessly with passion and diligence in our communities, for a better world for all. Because Advancing women's equality is advancing sustainable development. See attachment for more detail.

Making Online Trainings More Engaging: with Michelle McGrann from JCI USA, on March 21st at 12pm PST.

And lastly! If you're around on March 27th at 3:30pm EST, register for the **JCI Canada Global Women Round Table:** see attached info graphic for more detail and the lineup of incredible speakers. That's it for now! Please reach out with any questions or comments.







### SPOTLIGHT ON SENATOR AMY MARKIN, 78653



What attracted me to JCI originally was that it was an organization that was known to create, organize and run projects. That sounded a lot like opportunities to volunteer in my mind and I always felt that somehow, the place where I belonged in life was not so much a place, but a purpose of helping others, so JCI

appealed to me on that note. I did go to a meeting in my late 20's, a budget meeting. Keep in mind I am rather short, and at that time, a JCI Vernon Budget meeting was not the first meeting you'd want to bring most members to. And you know what – it wasn't the right fit. I thought everybody was way taller than me, much older than me, and I didn't feel like I fit. Flash forward a few years, and I found myself going to a few JCI events with JCI Friends, and getting drawn into other, more social events – this time a President's dinner at Silver Star, and then a Scavenger hunt. These events were much more appealing than a budget meeting, and I was drawn in, joining in August of 2008.

Along the way, the most amazing treasures I have come away with from JCI are the memories, the friends and the travel experiences. Most of the people I spend my time with now, most of my closest friends, I have met through JCI. JCI has given me job opportunities, personal and career development opportunities and friendships that I will have for a lifetime. While I have a lot of great memories, my trip to Japan in 2015 was a travel experience full of memories with such friends. In particular, on our way home, Nicola Dent, Hailey Rilkoff and her husband Odin staved in a Ryokan as we travelled home from World Congress in Kanazawa. Upon arrival at the Ryokan, a traditional Japanese hotel, we were very hungry, and we assumed there would be restaurants nearby. Well, we were wrong, we were tired, and we were hungry. We did find, though, was a small shop, almost directly across the street from the hotel, where we each picked 3 completely random things, and called that dinner. Back inside our room at the Ryokan, there were 4 bedmats with a diamond shaped patch of embroidered fabric on the top, and they were laid out beside each other. It was basically the perfect setup for an authentic sleepover in Japan. We sat around a small table, close to the floor in our room, and ate our 3 course convenience store dinner. I'm pretty sure I had cheese flavored almost Doritos, mini pieces of cheese, and some type of flavored drink (this was not cheese flavoured), while others had more adventurous fare. After our dinner, I think we watched the Smurfs Movie TV and chatted until bedtime. That was not the most wild night of the trip, but it was very memorable.

Sometimes the big things stand out, and sometimes it's the small things. Like the time I tricked Paul Clissold out of one of his shoes when I was a rookie, and then learned that stealing of personal items was not allowed. Apparently it was just for trophies, and banners, and awards. When they said it was a learning organization, I suspect that's not what they had in mind.

On top of the trifecta of treasures I find myself rich with these days, I have gained something else that is priceless to me; a Senatorship. I am so thankful for it, and I really am humbled. JCI has given me so much, and I hope it lives on for many years, so that others may benefit from it as well, so we can all hear their stories. Here's to the future of JCI.



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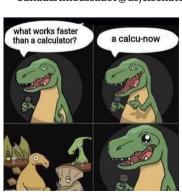
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### SPOTLIGHT ON SENATOR DAN MCLAREN, 46533

I attended my first Jaycee project when I was 3 years old!

In 1967, my Father, Norm McLaren, Senator 26494, was an active member of the Victoria Jaycees. I fondly remember meeting Santa Claus for the very first

time on the Jaycee Santa Ship and attending the Victoria Jaycee Fair, when my Dad was the Chairman in 1971. In 1982, while I was attending the University of Victoria, like my Dad, I joined the Victoria Jaycees. Later, I moved to Campbell River, where I became Chapter President. Three years later, in 1985, I represented BC and won the Jaycee National Effective Speaking Championship in Chatham, Ontario. I went on to represent Canada at the World Competition in Cartagena Colombia, where I was runner-up.

When Coast Hotels transferred me to Prince George in 1988, I became the President of the Prince George Jaycees, who had been dormant for 5 years. The Prince George Chapter went on to be recognized provincially and nationally for membership growth and community development. Of those 20 founding members, 5 went on to become Senators. By 1993, Prince George had 55 members.

In 1990, I was elected President of the BC & Yukon Junior Chamber. Provincial membership increased to over 350, something that had not been seen in BC for almost 10 years. At the same convention, at 108 Mile House, I was awarded JCI Senatorship, 46533. At 25 years old, this made me one of the youngest Jaycee Senators, ever.

Throughout my life, I have been active in business and philanthropic organizations. I am a Past Director of: BC Railway Company, BC Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures and BC Junior Achievement. I was recently appointed to the Board of The Quadra Education Foundation. I am the founding Chairman of the Commonwealth Cup, Northern BC's premier charity golf tournament, having raised over \$300,000. In 2007, the Prince George Chamber of Commerce recognized my company, Commonwealth Financial as "Corporate Citizen of the Year". In 2008, through philanthropic activities, I was recognized and was knighted by the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Additionally, I became a commissioned officer in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve in 1986.

I am married to Roberta. We love spending time at our lake house and travelling, but lately there hasn't been much travelling. As soon as COVID is behind us, we plan on golfing in Palm Springs and wine-tasting in France.

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### THE JCI CANADA NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN MONTREAL FROM SEPTEMBER 22 - 26, 2021

### THIS IS A CHANGE IN DATES / WEEKEND ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR REGISTRATION AND HOTEL DETAIL TO FOLLOW AT A LATER DATE



### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADA JCI SENATE WILL BE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2021



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