

TOGA TALK

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Pictured: Students constructing gingerbread temples
Picture courtesy of Megan Starses

Editor's Note



Salvete omnes!

Happy 2019! Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of "Toga Talk!" It really means a lot to me that you even care to read or click on this newsletter.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and/or winter break where you got the time to relax and be around your family and friends! As a high school senior, I spent the first half of my winter break extremely stressed and finishing college applications, but I did manage to enjoy my break! I got to sleep in until 11 pm, hung out with friends, and re-watched some of my favorite episodes of "Queer Eye" (if you need Netflix show recommendations, there's one right there).

Do you make resolutions? One of my goals for the new year is to spend more time on AZJCL-related stuff! I feel like, now with college applications out of the way, I can finally dive-in and get started on all the AZJCL ideas I want to do!

Also, I wanted to give a thank you to Trivium JCL chapter for your wonderful submission! All instructions and details about submissions is to the right, so check it out!

As always, I hope you enjoy this issue!

- Catherine

Submissions

Toga Talk is created to update you on what has happened in the past season in other Arizona chapters. In addition, Toga Talk is also meant for your enjoyment! So, if you would like to submit something to Toga Talk, we highly encourage it!

Submissions must be Classics-related and can be in a variety of different mediums and formats -- photos, artworks, poetry, prose, fiction, or memes! The possibilities are endless and we encourage you to explore your creativity! In addition, if your chapter has done something cool or notable, share it with us! Submit your own articles or a brief description of the activity.

All submissions must be sent into
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Picture courtesy of Megan Stareses
 Pictured: Students working together to construct a gingerbread temple

Io Saturnalia!

Submitted by Megan Stareses, Trivium JCL

In celebration of Saturnalia this year, Trivium's JCL Chapter offered to host their inaugural JCL event! After some much needed, collective singing of "Io Saturnalia!," scholars were sorted into mixed teams (conspicuously named after Santa's reindeer) and were instructed to give a some-what questionable gift to another team in a manner quite reminiscent of Martial's attack poetry. The students had to either convince their peers of the great quality of the gifts given or write a poem that twisted the nature of the gift into a "burn" towards the receiver of the object.

A particularly amusing gift, given by team Prancer, was a colorful pocket mirror, which came attached to a note that implied the receiver of the gift was bound to turn to stone if their eyes ever made contact with their reflection!

After this, it was off to three rounds of certamen that included many holiday themed questions written by Trivium's very own JCL members. The questions featured appearances from classic Christmas characters, such as the Grinch, as well as many fill-in-the-blank, karaoke-esque questions relating to holiday songs. At the end of it all, the three teams achieving great honor for their respective reindeer were Blitzen with 445 points, Prancer with 390 points, and Dancer with 330 points.

To conclude this festive day, the last activity involved constructing gingerbread temples and writing stories to accompany them. All of the scholars utilized both their knowledge of Roman history and ingenuity to craft their masterpieces, but one stood out among the rest, due to its intricate story and humorous set-up. Team Rudolph depicted the punishment of Prometheus by chaining a gingerbread man to a mountain with licorice restraints and constructing a bird with a watermelon candy beak to slowly peck away at Prometheus's liver. They even gave Prometheus his very own pilaeus to stay true to the holiday season. Finally, to commemorate this momentous day, awards were given out in true Saturnalia fashion with some great (candy and glow sticks) and not-so-great gifts (McDonald's Happy Meal Toys). Truly, this Saturnalia jamboree was one to remember!

Calling All Interested Officers!

Are you interested in being a state officer? Learn more about what each officer responsibilities entail and talk with your teacher about running for office!

President

The President presides over maintaining communication between the state officers and local chapters about what is happening in the state. They are in charge of state meetings and overseeing the annual state convention.

Want to contact or talk to a former President?
Email: azjclpres@gmail.com

1st Vice President

The 1st Vice President is in charge of editing and publishing "Toga Talk," which should consists of the latest events that happened since the last issue. They also are in charge of maintaining an updated and current AZJCL membership list.

Want to contact or talk to a former 1st Vice President? Email: azjcl1stvp@gmail.com

2nd Vice President

The 2nd Vice President is in charge of service and spirit. They coordinate the spirit competition at national convention as well as service activities throughout the school year. They are in charge of the spirit battle at the annual state convention.

Want to contact or talk to a former 2nd Vice President? Email: azjcl2ndvp@gmail.com

Historian

The Historian is responsible for taking high-quality photos for each state event and creating a well thought-out digital scrapbook based on the NJCL theme. They also should communicate with local chapters for their pictures as well.

Want more information about this position?
Email: arizonajuniorclassicalleague@gmail.com

Communication Coordinator

The Communication Coordinator takes clear and concise minutes at each state meeting and posts aforementioned minutes for everyone to access. They manage all AZJCL social media accounts as well as update the AZJCL website when necessary.

Want to contact or talk to a former Communicator Coordinator ? Email: azjclcoco@gmail.com

MY VIEW ON BEING AN OFFICER



To say that Latin has defined my high school years would be an understatement. For the past six years, my life has gone up and down, but my love for the Classics remained constant. When the opportunity presented itself to become an AZJCL officer, I immediately took it up.

Now, I could talk about all of the academic benefits that being an AZJCL officer has, such as making your college resume look more impressive, but the real benefits stems from the skills and experience you learn. Developing soft skills like effectively communicating through emails is crucial and will serve you past high school and college. Learning how to balance, how to prioritize, and how to manage your time are critical as you transition from high school to college (and beyond!). In addition, the strong community of JCL officers across the nation is unbeatable and everyone is so incredibly supportive, ensuring you that you have a friend no matter where you go!

Being an officer is, of course, hard work, but the experience is hard to beat.

Catherine Xia, President of AZJCL (former 1st Vice President)

All officers share the responsibility of fulfilling the mission of AZJCL, which is to promote the classics to all JCL and non-JCL schools. In addition, each officer must maintain communication with their respective NJCL officer.

Important Note: All interested officers must have attended at least two past state events, an AZJCL state convention, and be able to attend the NJCL National Latin Convention.

If you're interested in any one of these positions, talk to your magistri and make sure you "pre-file" your candidacy by February 23rd!



Cheer On!



In collaboration with the 2nd Vice
President, Adrian

As state convention approaches (just a month away!), one of the most important part of the First General Assembly is the spirit portion! Doing spirit at the First General Assembly can sound intimidating and overwhelming, so here's a really basic breakdown of everything you need to know!

There are two components of spirit: roll call and then spirit battles. Roll call is a brief humorous skit to introduce your school at convention performed by 1-2 delegates. It should include your school name, the number of delegates, and the number of sponsors/chaperones. Remember it can't exceed one minute! Points are awarded for creativity and humor.

The next part of spirit are the spirit battles. It's a fifteen minute competition between all schools, which measures your ability to scream as loud as you can while staying in sync with the rest of your delegation. Each school's cheer can be as unique as they want as long it's based on the convention theme: *"Apes non sunt solitaria natura."* Props are allowed! Schools will perform their cheers one at a time.

If you're looking for some ideas or inspiration, we've compiled below the three main cheers that Arizona/Nevona does at Nationals!



Picture courtesy of Sarah Palumbo
Pictured: Nevona delegation doing spirit cheers at Nationals

Arizona/Nevona's Nationals Cheer

N.B. These are meant to be examples! Do not use them for your school's cheer in spirit battle at State Convention.

Express Cheer

All aboard!

The Nevona Express! (sort of a wave motion)

Cuz you know that we're the best, (pop shirt on "best")

so please please don't mess. (shake finger)

Cuz we're gonna put you in a rice bowl

and mix it all up (stirring/grinding motion on hand)

and go choo! (cycle arms)

Chugga chugga choo (3x) (cycle arms)

Woo woo!

Dynamite Cheer

Our JCL is what?

Dynamite!

Our JCL is what?

Dynamite!

Our JCL is dynamite (2x) (side step and clap)

our JCL is tick (8x) (progressively lowers body with each tick)

BOOM! (jumps up)

Dynamite!

Jigolo Cheer

Hey Nevona!

Hey what?

Are you ready?

Ready to what?

Too jig!

Jig what?

To jigolo!

Oh! Our hands up high (hands up)

our feet down low (hands low)

and this is how we jigolo! (jazz hands on the side, switch sides on jigolo).

Jig-o-lo! Jig-jig-o-lo! (2x) (sidestep and clap)



Picture courtesy of Catherine Xia
 Pictured: Third place winners for Certamen

ASU Fall Forum

November has always meant one thing in the AZJCL community: that ASU Fall Forum is coming! On November 16th, 2018, about 220 students from all over Arizona attended the annual Fall Forum event. Students got to listen to wide variety of interesting presentations, such as Tovar's topic on mummy portraits from Ancient Egypt or Starkston's intriguing discussion on "fake news" in the ancient world. In addition, AZJCL officers ran fun activities such as Myth Pictionary (shown above), Latin Twister, and the Animalia Game. Meanwhile, a coin drive for the Desert Botanical Garden was held as a service project.

Pictures courtesy of Catherine Xia



Pictured: 1st place winner of Impromptu Art



Pictured: GCA student holding their prize for participating in the coin drive the most

Results for Illustrated Quotes:

- 1st - Shravya (GCA)
- 2nd - Megan (GCA)
- 3rd - Sarah (GCA)

Results for Impromptu Art:

- 1st - Matthew (GCA)
- 2nd - Kyla (GCA)
- 3rd - Amy (GCA)
- Honorable Mention - Eva (GCA)

Results for Certamen:

- 1st - Gilbert Classical Academy
- 2nd - Heritage Academy
- 3rd - Chandler Preparatory Academy



Picture courtesy of Sarah Palumbo
Pictured: First (left) and second place (right) intermediate certamen teams

I'll Take Classics Knowledge for 200, Alex

With contributions by Adrian Palumbo

On January 26th, Seton Catholic Preparatory Academy hosted their Pagnalia Certamen event on their campus, where students were able to socialize and compete for certamen glory! Gilbert Classical Academy (GCA), Candeo, Trivium, BASIS Oro Valley, BASIS Tucson North, Tempe Preparatory, and Seton Catholic Preparatory all participated in this exciting event! Check out the results for each division down below!

Lastly, AZJCL wants to take a moment to thank everyone who came to this event, the volunteers who read and kept score, and especially to Kristina, our amazing SCLer. Maximas gratias!

Novice Division:

- 1st - GCA
- 2nd - Candeo A
- 3rd - Candeo B

Intermediate Division:

- 1st - GCA A
- 2nd - GCA B
- 3rd - Candeo B

Advanced Division:

- 1st - BASIS Oro Valley
- 2nd - Trivium
- 3rd - Candeo

February 16th, 2019: Lupercalia Certamen Event @ Scottsdale Preparatory Academy

March 2nd, 2019: AZJCL State Convention @ Brophy College Preparatory

April 27th, 2019: Certamen Event @ Candeo School

Upcoming Events

Check out our website for more information! If you're hosting an upcoming event and it's not listed here, let us know!

