



Lorica Nostra: Welcome Back!



Save the Date!

Sunday, September 23:

Progressive Supper

Sunday, September 29:

Caesar Maximus

TBD: Middle School Ice Cream Social

Thursday, October 25:

Halloween Party at Redwood Family House

Saturday, November 10:

Ludi at Saint Ignatius High School

Saturday, February 23:

Carcer at Acalanes High School

March 29-30:

State Convention at Miramonte High School

July 25-30:

National Convention at North Dakota State University

A Note from your Co-Consul

By Naomi Rubin

Salvete omnes and welcome back to school! The theme for this year is a quote from Varro: “*apes non sunt solataria natura*,” (“bees are not of a solitary nature.”). This year in Latin and in JCL, I hope that we can all work together like bees.

As one of the Menlo JCL co-consuls and the California JCL secretary for 2018-2019, I know that this year will be buzzing. From community service events to Latin conventions and competitions, Menlo Latinists and JCLers have endless fun ahead of them.

With Varro’s words in mind, I implore you to fly into the beehive and get involved with Latin in any way you can. As a team, the Menlo Latin program can make serious contributions to the Redwood Family House and achieve great success in all sorts of competitions like Certamen. People often say that Menlo Latin is like a cult, but this year we are like a swarm of busy bees! With that, I leave you with a Latin joke (answer it for extra credit!):

cur apis nuptus est?



A Note from Magistra

Salvete, amici,

The year is off to a great start, and Mr. Morris and I want to welcome you back to school. As most of you know, we are still



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basking in the glow of our convention in April. You all did a magnificent job, and we are frequently hearing from people around the state about how much fun they had on the Menlo campus in April. You, your parents, Menlo Facilities, and Menlo School in general all worked together to put on a great convention for the Latin students of California, and for that I thank you.

As most of you know, we ended up making a large profit this year. We had a budget of \$121,847.24 from registration fees and donations, and we ended up with a profit of \$42, 951.87. In accordance with the CJCL Constitution, we will give 40% of the profits to CJCL, and on Saturday at the state board meeting Natalie will hand over a check for \$17,180.76. In addition we gave \$1,251.24 to the CJCL Scholarship Fund from the Coin Wars and an additional \$1,000 we added from our income. We also gave a total of \$2,087.00 to victims of the fires both north and south from our snack bar profits. That gave us a profit of \$25,771.13.

So what are we going to do with that money? Menlo gave us \$11,000.00 of the profit for us to use as we see fit. First, we voted to earmark \$5,000.00 for Menlo's Financial Aid which goes directly to our students. Next we spent \$1,096.00 to take the families of the Redwood Family House to the zoo. Finally, the board voted to pay \$2,442.63 for 25 *Latin for the New Millennium* texts and 30 workbooks so that the inmates of the Correctional Institution at Tehachapi can study Latin with Dr. Denali St. Amand (who taught at the Menlo Middle School for 20 years). As you saw at the opening of the year, studying Latin has made a huge difference in the lives of the inmates there. Here is one of the quotes I shared with you in August:

I'd ...like to extend my thanks and gratitude to Professor Ms. St. Amand for the time she invested toward my efforts at higher education thus increasing my chances of success upon my transitioning back into society. With the successful completion of Latin 101 I feel as though... there is no goal I can't achieve. Wow! I actually learned some



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Latin, and that is truly an amazing gift that will keep on giving. Thank you, and God bless!"

And from a 'lifer': "Latin class takes me away from here." I think this is money well-spent and I thank you all for your generosity.

The remainder of the money will go to Menlo to use as they see fit. Remember, if we had lost money, Menlo would have covered for us, and they did not charge us for security or for Facilities services or for wear and tear to the campus. I am proud that JCL is one of the few clubs that gives money to the school.

So again, thanks for everything you all did to make this happen. We are looking forward to a great year with more focus on us and no vacations or weekends spent in planning a convention.

E corde,
Magis

National Convention

By Ava Ford and Madeline Levin

This summer, six Menlo Latin students traveled to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio to be a part of the 1224 Classics enthusiasts and 344 Latin teachers and parents for the annual NJCL Convention. Joined by 40 other Californians, Menlo students embarked on a Latin adventure, competing in sports, arts, certamen, and, of course, spirit! Throughout the week, Menlo students excelled, winning a multitude of national prizes and making new connections and friendships with fellow Latin students around the country.

First off, our very own Jeffrey Frenkel-Popell performed in *That's Entertainment*, a talent show run by SCLers which is incredibly competitive. Jeff sang and played a Portuguese song on the piano.



Latin Classes Offered at Menlo:

Latin I

Latin II

Latin II Accelerated

Latin III

Latin III Honors

Latin IV

Latin V

AP Latin

Post AP Honors



His performance was outstanding; the audience even called for an encore, for which he played a jazz rendition of Mary had a Little Lamb.

Both Natalie Hilderbrand and Ava Ford dominated in sports. Ava competed in swimming, placing top three in four different events and winning 10th place in the Overall Olympika Contest.. Natalie competed in swimming and track. She won seven out of her eight swimming races and placed top three in both of her track contests. At the end of convention, she was awarded first place in the Overall Olympika category and 7th in Overall Sweepstakes!

Menlo also excelled in the academic contests, placing top thirty for the following exams: Reading Comprehension, Latin Derivatives II, Latin Derivatives I, and Mythology I.



The Menlo JCL also took home two national prizes: 7th in the Website Contest and 2nd in the Traditional Scrapbook Contest. Thanks to Naomi Rubin for working so hard on the scrapbook and Natalie Hilderbrand and Will Buxton for managing the website!

CJCL Convention President and Menlo's own Consul for the second year, Natalie Hildebrand, ran for NJCL Communications Coordinator and, after an intense election process, won the election. She will spend this year on the board, traveling around the country to improve JCL nationally and will help plan the next



NJCL convention in Fargo, North Dakota. Congratulations, Natalie!

Nationals has an activity for everyone: from Ludi sporting events to playing Certamen for the California team to listening to local professors expound on their passions to making new friends. Just envision yourself standing among 1500 Latin lovers, dressed in a combination of traditional togas and 80's pop outfits. That's how crazy fun convention is! Please consider attending next year's in North Dakota; we can promise you it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to partake in activities at a national level and an awesome place to go for a week of your summer.

If you're interested in attending NJCL Convention 2019, talk to Magis!

Maddie Levin, Ahna Kim, Natalie Hildebrand, Ave Ford, and Sonia Agarwal pose for a picture together at JCL National Convention in Ohio.



Running for a NJCL Position

By Natalie Hilderbrand

This summer, at the National JCL convention at Miami University in Ohio, I had the opportunity to run for NJCL Communications Coordinator (abbreviated CoCo). The process was fun and rewarding, and I am so excited to have been elected to serve on



Famous Dates in the Coming Months from Ancient Rome!

September 13: *Iovi epulum*: Jupiter's Banquet on the birthday of his temple on the Capitoline

September 18: Birth of Trajan, first emperor of foreign birth, ruled 98-117 AD. His column built to commemorate his victory over the Dacians held his ashes and still stands today in Rome.

September 23: Rededication of the temple of Jupiter Stator AND birth of Augustus in 63 BC, considered the first Roman emperor.

October 3: *Ludi Augustales*: Circus games est. by Augustus after his return from Greece in 19 BC.

this year's NJCL board! The first step to run was being approved by California JCL at state convention here at Menlo in April. As you may remember, I gave a speech at General Assembly at CJCL Convention along with the other candidates for office. I also took part in candidate's open forum, where I was asked questions about the CoCo's job and why I would be a good fit. Schools then voted either to approve me to run on California's behalf or not to do so. At the end of the California convention, when the new CJCL board members were announced, I learned that I had also been approved by the schools throughout the state to run for national office.

Between state convention and national convention, I had lots of work to do to prepare my campaign. I created brochures, flyers, posters and tags with information about me. I had only a \$50 budget for campaign materials, though, and had to be sure to keep track of receipts for everything I printed out, bought or used. Another part of my campaign was social media; it is free and is good publicity, so I didn't need to account for it in my budget. I planned out an instagram account and decided each of the posts I would share with information about my campaign. Candidates for national office can be disqualified for pre-campaigning before the end of the nominations committee meeting, so I had to be sure not to share any information about my campaign online before that.

At convention, there were many campaign events. The first was the Nominations Committee Meeting (NomCom) on the second day. This was the event at which the candidates were first announced. I gave a two minute speech there. Since there were three candidates for my position, a ballot was passed out to the voting delegates (two from each state), who then voted on which 2 candidates would run. All three of us were well-qualified and articulate, so I was thrilled when I was elected to continue.

After NomCom, there was Meet the Candidates. For that event, all the candidates gathered in a big room, and students approached us to ask questions and get to know us. This was a more laid-back event, and I really enjoyed it. The next step in the campaign process was giving a three-minute speech at General Assembly, including a brief introduction from a friend. These introductions are intended to highlight the candidate's strengths from a different perspective. Then there was the Candidate's Open Forum. Just like at CJCL convention, candidates are asked questions which



October 13:

Fontinalia: a festival in honor of Fons, the deity of wells and springs, all of which were decorated in greens on this day.

October 15: Virgil was born at Andes near Mantua in 70 BC.

October 28: *Isia*: Festival in honor of the Egyptian goddess Isis. Caligula erected a temple to her in the Campus Martius around 40 A.D.

they answer on the spot. This event was the most nerve-wrecking for me, because I didn't know what they would ask. At the end of Open Forum, all the states met to decide on whom to vote. Throughout the election process, I spent most of my time walking around and meeting people and handing out posters and tags. That was my favorite part of the election process. I was able to make connections with people in California and in all the other states which, I am sure, will last a lifetime.

For the last few months since convention, I have been working with the other six national officers to prepare for nationals and have been attending to the duties of the National CoCo. Each of the seven board members are from different states, and it has been great getting to know such a diverse group. To any of you considering running for JCL office, whether it be local, state or national, I can't stress enough how much of a rewarding and exciting process it is. Win or lose, running for office is a great experience that helps you make connections with lots of people.

JCL travels to the San Francisco Zoo with LifeMoves

By: Victoria Wat

On August 25, Menlo's JCL hosted its fifth annual trip to the San Francisco Zoo for the families of Redwood Family House. We headed out on the bus on Saturday morning and arrived at the zoo around 10:00 am. Then we split up into family groups and headed down different pathways, looking at the giraffes feeding with their purple tongues, the gorillas chomping down on bamboo, and the sloths hanging from tree branches. Then we took a train ride on the Little Puffer around Bear Country spotting animals at every turn and waving to people as we chugged past them. After touring through the African Region and the Cat Kingdom, half of us sat down for lunch at the Leaping Lemur Cafe, and the other half filled up on pizza and cotton candy elsewhere. We had given each head of the family money for lunch, so everyone could order whatever they wanted.



After lunch, with our JCL backpacks loaded with leftovers, we walked around the zoo some more and got to see some penguins, rhinos, a white leopard, an anteater, and some sea lions. When we were tired of walking, we all hopped on the carousel.

Toward the end of the trip, we gathered at the themed playground where the kids had a blast sliding down the ice slide or climbing in the African jungle. Then we all headed to the Zoo store, where the children picked out a gift for themselves with the money we had given them.

The goal was to give the families the opportunity spend a day together and the Zoo, much the way we did with our own families when we were young. We all had such a wonderful time. It was a great way to start our school year.

Menlo students pose with some children from LifeMoves at the entrance of the zoo after a fun day of visiting the animals!





Ice Cream Social for School Facilities Workers

By Elise Thompson

This month, JCL threw a thank-you party for the people of Facilities, who were so helpful in preparing for, managing and cleaning up State Convention last April. Magistra, Naomi, Sophie, and I provided an ice cream bar to thank them for all their hard work. It was a lot of fun setting up for the event and sharing in the ice cream. Naomi, as our Consul, thanked them all for their tireless efforts which allowed our convention to run so well. We couldn't have done it without them.

Left: Menlo facility members enjoy some delicious ice cream.

Right: Sophie and Elise pose with the ice cream before the party begins.





Games!

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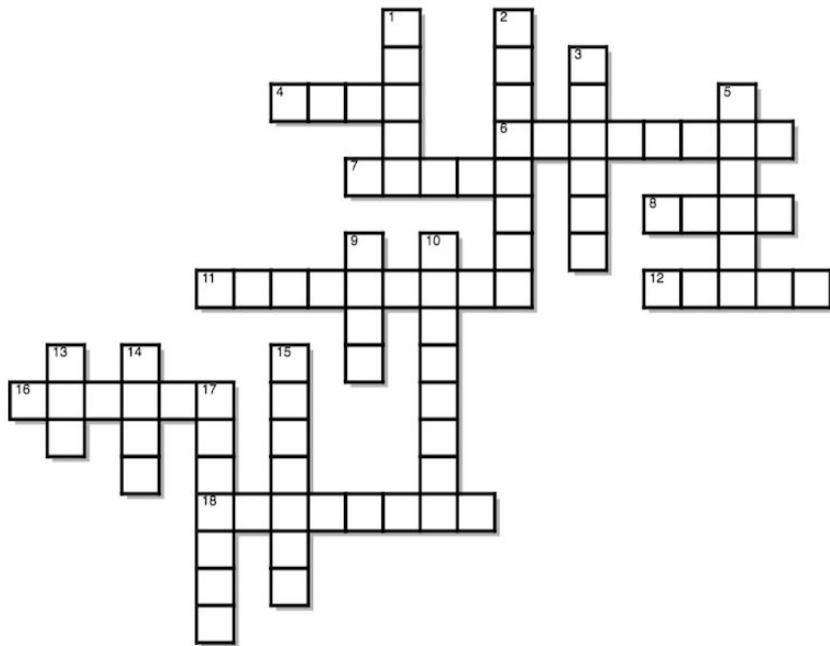
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Crossword Puzzle!

Apes Non Sunt Solitaria Natura



Trans

- 4 Insects that work in a team like bees
- 6 Great hero who killed his wife and sons after being bitten by a gadfly
- 7 Author of the quote: "apes non sunt solitaria natura"
- 8 Latin word for bees
- 11 Greek people reportedly created from ants
- 12 Latin word for wasp (also the name of a motorcycle)
- 16 Queen of Troy
- 18 Most famous leader of 11 *trans*

De

- 1 Latin for fly (also a name of a Latin game)
- 2 He turned into a bug because his wife forgot to ask for his eternal youth
- 3 Wife of 2 *de*
- 5 He sees the Carthaginians building their city like busy bees
- 9 Queen of Carthage
- 10 Latin word for 4 *trans*
- 13 Latin for what bees produce
- 14 Goddess who sent the gadfly to 6 *trans*
- 15 She was turned into a spider
- 17 Faithful companion of 5 *de*

