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Greetings & Happy New Year fellow Senators.

It gives me great pleasure to have been elected as the Chairman of the British Senate for 2008. Having now been 'drummed in' has brought it very much into reality. It was indeed a pleasure to chair my first breakfast in the lovely surroundings of the Manchester's Midland hotel. Many thanks to everyone who offered kind words during the weekend.

The Senate can mean many things to individual Senators. To me the most important aspects are Fellowship and Fun. In my days as a Junior Chamber member we were often told that we were neither a drinking club nor a dating agency! So whilst enjoying a glass of champagne at the Senate breakfast I discovered that of the 5 couples on my table there were 3 couples who not only met through Junior Chamber but had all met during a world congress, Sue & I included. Perhaps there is a new congress marketing opportunity here.

A fantastic British Senate year has just been enjoyed by us all under the sterling leadership of Phil Spring, 40459, who was supported by Zoe. Our thanks go to both of them for a memorable 2007 and we wish them well for the future.

Just as in Junior Chamber the more you put into the Senate the more you get out. I have had the opportunity to venture to places and see wondrous sights that almost certainly I would not have had the opportunity to if I were not a Senator. The 2008 British Senate programme will offer you the opportunity to visit some stunning locations and enjoy some fantastic Senate fellowship. We shall be dining in such locations as beneath the Lake District fells, a Cathedral Undercroft, Champagne House cellar and a Watershed.

Sue and I would be delighted if you could join us and your fellow Senators at one or more of the 2008 Senate events and take the opportunity to rekindle old friendships and forge new ones.

In developing the enclosed 2008 British Senate programme for you I have tried to ensure that there is something to interest everyone and that you are all within easy reach of at least one event. The various teams putting on these events are working hard to make them enjoyable, affordable and of interest to both new and old Senators. So do please reward their endeavours by booking early which will also ensure a place. Indeed several events are already almost full so it really is important to book early. Don't forget you can keep up with the latest on all events through our website [www.britishsenate.org.uk](http://www.britishsenate.org.uk)

In having fun with our Senate activities you may have noticed that we are reviving the Lion logo. If it is good enough to be revived for British eggs it is certainly good enough for the British Senate. Watch out for his appearances throughout the year.

Very best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2008 to you all.

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