

British Senate Chairman 2012

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Firstly, thanks to everyone who organised and supported events in 2012.

One of my aims for the year was to get the website up and running which has happened, and I'm sure you will agree the new site is more user friendly and also a lot more modern looking than the old one. I also wanted to continue the link between JCI UK and the Senate. The JCI UK event in Belfast saw a good mix between the two and was very enjoyable for all.

We had a full programme in the UK where I got to visit some places I had never been before (never been to Cambridge – can you believe) as well as re-visiting some memories. We had good food, good company and interesting events all over. I also went to EC2012 in Braunschweig which has to be one of the best conferences I can remember. They could not do enough for us, and I had a great time.

I also went to the USA conference and saw outgoing US JCI President Steve Sutherland hand over to Bruce Geddes, and made some good friends there. I did not go to World Congress as I had been to Brussels the previous December, the highlight of which HAD to be meeting Alice Cooper!!

My plan for 2013 as IPPC was to represent the Senate at events that Liz could not attend, and I went to Scotland national Conference with Marretta Coleman and Chris Read. Marretta and I also went to Cleveland for the USA Summer meeting. I did attend a few of the events so far this year in the UK. Unfortunately, there were a few clashes, with 'the men with odd shaped balls' so I missed a few which I would have like to do, and another clash with a family event. But we still have the AGM to look forward to and the Drumming Out in January.

My own Chamber - Reading, BJC Reading, Reading JCI, (whichever name you know it as) are hosting a 50th anniversary dinner on 5th October which will be a real trip down memory lane as well as a look into the future. I am looking forward to representing the Senate there as the Past Chairman.

A special thanks has to go to the Council (or committee as I like to call it), who (as we know) did all the work in keeping everything running, without who it would have been chaos!! Well "you don't have a dog and bark yourself". Seriously I really do appreciate it.

Thanks again to everyone hope you enjoyed the year as much as I did

Julie x