



## Chairman's Blog

Time flies! And this will be my last Senate newsletter as Nigel Bradley, our Deputy Chairman, is working hard on his plans for 2014 and I'm sure it will be a good Senate year. He has a full team now and by the looks of it he has everyone working hard too. Nigel is turning out to be quite an early bird and with an eye for a bargain! See his international special offers overleaf!

Not to be outdone on the international front – I've just returned from Rio and the 2013 JCI World Conference. There were 20 of us attending from UK including 9 Senators. Rio is a spectacular city – mountains, rain forest, high rise and favelas, beaches that stretch for miles including the famous Ipenema and Copacabana. When it was hot ....and when it rained - it rained solidly! But fortunately we had enough sun to get out and about. The conference was perhaps one of the less well organised but then Rio traffic is also spectacularly heavy and some of our short journeys to evening events could take up to 2 hours – particularly when the driver didn't know where the location was! Four hours of our World President presenting at the Awards Ceremony tested the patience of Job. The Global Party Night was a great success with hosted stands from all round the world – including a lively and popular JCI UK team, union jacked and serving plenty of gin and tonic.

Sue and Barry Miller have just returned from Malta to preview locations for the

European Conference in 2014. The programme is now out so more anon. I visited Malta in September and stayed in Valetta. An interesting city – heavily fortified; an unexpected gem for me was the Lascaris War Rooms - fascinating and I found the story of the wartime air defence hugely moving. Renzo Piano has redesigned the city gates which might be just be finished in time for June. And June should be very sunny!

We had a WONDERFUL time at the House of Lords lunch in October. When we started our planning last year we weren't sure how many people would want to come. We nearly booked a room to hold 30 people. Good job we didn't. On the day, Lady Margaret (Eaton) welcomed 103 Senators and guests to lunch followed by tours of both Houses and a final pint in the Westminster Arms. I found it a truly happy day – and met many Senators whom we hadn't seen for some years. There was a big party of Senators from Ireland as well as Senators travelling from Germany, Estonia, Egypt and Italy.

I was made very welcome at the JCI Sheffield Annual Dinner by Dan Senter, this years' president and his team. Kate Senter (next year's National President) won a parker pen in the raffle (and so, you ask??). When Emma asked her to read out her ticket number – Kate found that she was reading out her Senate number! The Senate award was very well presented by Emma and surprised us all! We send best wishes to our new Senator Kate and wish her well for a successful 2014.

And now we have two more new Senators - Richard Tong (Manchester) and Claire Evans (Leeds) – who received their Senatorships at the JCI UK Conference in November. Congratulations!! This was a great conference – excellent business programme, lively public speaking and debating, fun atmosphere. Well done to the team.

So next Senate stop is Sheffield in January 2014 - my university city where I lived for many years and I was part of the 1985 European Conference team. I hope that many of you will be able to join us for the



Liz at the House of Lord with Bill Preece

Drumming Out Weekend or perhaps just the dinner (Sat 18<sup>th</sup> January). Bill Preece has been working hard on creating a programme with a difference (see the flyer) and it will be fun. **BOOK NOW.** Help us party in true Senate style and give a warm welcome to our overseas guests from North America and other parts of Europe.

I also know that several Senators (or close members of their families) are having medical treatment this month which isn't fun .....so please join me in wishing them a speedy recovery.

To all Senators – I wish you a happy Christmas and every best wish for 2014.

Signing out for now.....

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# JCI UK President's News

I can barely believe how brilliant this year has been so far. 2013 really has been a great year for JCI UK. The local chambers have been Inspiring Action all over the country, with great projects and events. We had the 7th largest delegation at European Conference in Monaco and there are over 20 of us travelling to Rio for World Congress. JCI Barnsley won a European award for their growth and development project, whilst JCI London have recently had their London Youth Summit



recognised by Chiara Milani, JCI President, by being a finalist in her impact month. Also a finalist in an earlier impact month was our £1 a day project.

Off the back of our successful £1 a day project, which aimed to highlight the plight of those living in poverty, we wanted to run a second national community project. We

were approached by the Flamingo Foundation to ask if we would like to be a partner in their annual bra appeal to collect second hand bras to distribute to African women and help them establish new businesses. Our JCI UK community Director, Soraya Bowen, set the challenge of raising 1000 bras by our AGM weekend in Birmingham. It was an incredible project where members used a wide variety of ideas and approaches in their mission to collect bras. Our final total by the AGM weekend was 3759 bras including 1270 brand

new bras donated by George at Asda! Donations kept on coming in right up to national convention and the final tally will be announced at the end of the year.

Speaking of national convention, I have to say what an amazing weekend we had at Oulton Hall, Leeds. The conference organising team did us proud and a great weekend was had by all. From tree planting to business speakers, to public speaking competitions and excellent parties, the weekend had it all. It was fantastic to see such great attendance from the Senate at the event, which marked the culmination of a jam packed national calendar. One of our key events in the year was JCI LEAP, our leadership academy where four members had their fee sponsored by Senators. We really have been bowled over by the level of support by the Senate this year and long may it continue. I'd like to say a personal thank you to Liz Walmsley for her friendship and support throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you all at the Senate Drumming Out in January.

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## Forthcoming Events

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| 17 - 19 January | Drumming Out, Sheffield    |
| 1 March         | Saltire village day trip   |
| 28 - 30 March   | Lake District Weekend      |
| 8 - 11 May      | Jersey Liberation Weekend  |
| 11 - 15 May     | European Conference, Malta |

Visit [www.britishsenate.org.uk](http://www.britishsenate.org.uk) for details of events

## Book Early

### EC2014 Malta

Booking are made through [www.jci.cc](http://www.jci.cc). To keep up to date with conference news subscribe to their newsletter which you can do at [www.jci-ec2014.com](http://www.jci-ec2014.com)

Hotel information is available and the Senate hotel is EUR 226 per night with rates held to 14 Jan 2014. Sara Gledhill is co-ordinating our delegation so if you're thinking of going let her know and maybe find someone you can travel or a room with. If you think it's worth picking a hotel for the British Senate contact Sara on [saraegledhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saraegledhill@yahoo.co.uk).

### WC2014 Leipzig

Bookings are open and Peter Duffy is looking into obtaining a group discount on flights and will be liaising with both the Leipzig Congress Committee & German Senate on further information and travel options pre & post Congress or to the Congress alone. Peter is very interested in hearing from Senators or JCI Members who are planning to attend the Leipzig Congress contact him [dompedro2@btinternet.com](mailto:dompedro2@btinternet.com) to register your interest and to be kept informed on progress.

### Open Spring ASE Weekend, Ile de Nantes, France

This exciting weekend 3 - 6 April includes the awesome Machines de L'Ile and the Great Elephant, Airbus Industries tour, wine tasting and elegant French cuisine

The first registration booking discount ends 31.12.2013. This is EUR 220 for the full event and EUR 110 from Friday night (+hotel & travel). If you book in time and ask nicely you may get to pay Jacques Arnal cash at our drumming out to save bank charges!

For details and to book visit [www.springmeeting2014-senatorsjci.com](http://www.springmeeting2014-senatorsjci.com) (yes meeting is miss spelt!)