

An event which must stand out in our memory was hiring by the chapter of Sealink 'St. Columba' out of Dun Laoghaire, for a cruise down the Irish sea to Wexford. That's what it was suppose to be. However we hoped that 1,500 would be on board and this was the number cleared by the ship management. The professionals did not notice 'fair weather travellers' boarding by the card deck, which put the numbers to 2,000. It should be noted, this was not dangerous, just not enough crew, food, drink etc. With a possible mutiny on our hands, the ship diverted to Holyhead in order to replenish supplies. All was then well. The newspapers next day were lets say - interesting.

The social or fun events are the backbone of any voluntary organisation, and this certainly true of JCD. Members involved in projects are always the life and soul of the party. There is always a party at the end of a successful project, in recognition o work well done. Attending National and International events were always very special. National Conventions - all night and next day parties particularly in Galway to the frolics in Clonakilty during AGM of JCI, were events to remain in ones memory.

For the membership of JCD, the Annual Dinner is always the highlight of the President's year. It is the members way of saying - thank you. At this time, the chapter also recognises members for outstanding achievement

I will always look back on my membership of Junior Chamber Dublin, with pride and satisfaction. The new friends, the many acquaintances, and the camaraderie will always be remembered and cherished.

Hugh Cassidy
President 1979.

JCD During the 1980's - John Mc Cann

I joined Junior Chamber Dublin in 1982 - my first reaction was that this was a sort of religious organisation with creeds and chains and "Mr President's etc.

But I quickly learned that the key activity was in projects and other works rather than General Meetings. The "passing a page around for names" was vital to the issue of participation - that over 90% of the activity of JCD was in the projects rather than the General Meetings.

In Junior Chamber you can DO things, make a difference and do so without looking for thanks or plaudits - the doing was enough.

Key events of my period of membership were raising the money for a kidney dialysis machine, attending the World Congress in Amsterdam, twinning with Westminster JC (take a bow Gerry Nagle), the Shamrock Appeal (take a bow Nigel Bennett and Ross McPartland). An exceptionally active member was Mary Wrafter who went on to become Chapter President.

So, what did my Presidency mean to me? I learned lot about leadership and my own strengths and weaknesses - I got honest and frank inputs for which I am grateful.

I made friends in JCD - true honest friends whom I can always turn to. I regard my Presidency in 1987 as one of the most maturing incidents in my life.

John McCann
President 1987