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CACI's Convention 2001: A Grand Suc-

CACI's Convention/Vacation in Albuquerque, New Mexico August 5-11 — "Adventures in the Land of Enchantment" — was a grand success! Nearly 190 CACers from all parts of the country attended this year's convention; one person came as far as Johnson Island, an island out in the beautiful waters of the Pacific Ocean. Everyone enjoyed themselves!

One of the convention highlights occurred with the opening liturgy, celebrated for us by the **Most Reverend Michael Sheehan**, Archbishop of Santa Fe. The Archbishop remained for dinner and, during our annual charity collection, gave a talk about the charity sponsored by the host diocese — "Youth 2000," a retreat program for young people. The archbishop is very personable, and it is evident why he is so well liked in the diocese. Speaking of charity, CACers came through again; over \$4000 was collected during the week for five charities.

Tours were a big item during this convention. **Jan Yntema** (Detroit) coordinated this huge task like a pro! The daily hot air balloon rides were popular, as were the trips to Santa Fe and Taos. Many CACers were seen roaming the streets of "Old Town," exploring the sites and

sampling the local eateries. Other popular events included the "Los Amigos" offsite dinner show on Monday; Karaoke/dance on Tuesday; and Wild, Wild West Casino Night on Thursday. Other hits included performances by local Native American and Spanish dance troupes.

A special "Thank You" goes out to many CACers for their dedicated efforts in making the convention such a grand suc-

cess. These include **Christine Myers** (Orange County), who handled reservations; **Valerie Nadeau** (Baltimore) and **Bob White** (Central New Jersey), who took care of the music; **Mary Arranz** (Philadelphia) who oversaw sports; **Loretta Lovell** (North Jersey), our sacristan; **Mike and Lou Kappel** (Mississippi and Missouri River Valley), who supervised name tags; **Fathers Chuck Pfeffer** (Philadelphia) and **Ray Trance**

Albuquerque — 'One of the Greatest Experiences I Have

I love an adventure, and my trip to Albuquerque for the 2001 CACI National Convention August 5-11 was full of enchanting adventures. I've been to several CACI Regional Conventions, and these whet my appetite for the trip. For years, friends from the Detroit CAC have said how much fun everyone has at the National Convention, but I still wondered how much fun I could have where I really didn't know many people.

Boy, was I wrong! This year's convention had 31 first-timers out of 189 attendees, and gentlemen, most of them were ladies (about a 2 to 1 ratio). I de-

cidated to go to Albuquerque when I heard so many wonderful stories about the 2000 National Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

It is the little things that make a journey interesting. Upon arrival at the airport, we were instructed to look for a sign leading us to the hotel shuttle. Guess what? Wires were crossed — no shuttle. From this point on, I knew this was my kind of adventure. Sunday morning arrived, bright and sunny. Many CACers were off to explore the New Mexico landscape, either by hot air balloon or at the

Message from the President

(Pittsburgh), our chaplains; **Paula Hartig** (Buffalo) and **Beth Giltner**

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Greetings, CACers! Six years ago, after completing a stint as President of the Washington, DC chapter, I was elected Eastern Region Vice President and experienced my first

taste of CACI at the Executive Committee level. From this experi-

ence, ideas of what could be accomplished emerged. By the time I was elected CACI Treasurer a few years later, my ambition to lead CACI had taken root.

A small force cannot make much of a difference to a large mass unless it acts upon that mass for a long period of time. This applies to organizations as well as matter. After taking on an active role in CACI affairs, I put CACI on the Internet with its own home page; introduced tracking expenses by computer; made financial reports more understandable; started a small investment program; assisted in drafting several amendments to

the CACI Constitution; and introduced ways to conduct CACI business over the Internet.

After this year's election, our team hit the ground running. This administration will accomplish things and conduct its affairs differently. For example, there's been talk that CACI ignores local chapters in its decision making. In this administration, *local chapters will be consulted on major issues*. There's an adage that if you want to kill an idea, give it to a committee. In this administration, *committees will produce results*.

What, you might wonder, comes next? Good ideas should take root and become part of an organization, rather than being implemented in an ad hoc manner and possibly forgotten. As an example of what is possible, consider that CACI can do things on behalf of its local chapters that most chapters cannot do alone. For years I've heard of problems at the local chapter level. CACI has often helped out, but in far too many cases local chapters have never even asked CACI for help until it is almost too late. Furthermore, in most cases, the decision process for this assistance has been of the informal "sounds good, let's do it" variety.

How can CACI provide assistance to local chapters in a uniform, equitable manner? This is an idea whose time has come. I propose that the Executive Committee, with input from local chapters, formulate a set of guidelines on how such a grant program should be run. Through a well designed system, CACI could assist local chapters with publicity ads, membership drives, debt assistance, and more. The proposed program

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The *Communique* is published by The Catholic Alumni Clubs International (CACI), an umbrella organization for the more than 30 local Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) chapters across the country. Members of CAC chapters are college and nursing school graduates who are free to marry in the Church.

The purpose of CACI is to host an annual national convention, facilitate communication among local clubs, and represent the interests of single Catholics in our Church at-large. The annual national convention is held during the first week of August and hosts more than 200 CACers from across the country. Smaller Regional Weekends across the United States are also offered, allowing CAC chapters in specific various regions of the country to come together for fun



Up, up and away go CACers in their beautiful balloon as they enjoy a hot air balloon ride in the skies of Albuquerque, New Mexico during CACI's 2001 National Convention in August. From left to right, Joe Minges (Cincinnati), Michelle Olson (Orange County), Larry Bleau (Washington, DC), Diane Richards (Boston), the pilot (rear), Ann Eccles (Twin Cities), and Valerie Nadeau (Baltimore) (front).

• **Albuquerque: Full of Enchanting Adven-**

would be financed through profit from the convention as a way of giving something back to the local chapters.

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Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and Petroglyph. Many people came back with wonderful stories about each excursion.

Sunday afternoon was time for the First-Timers Party; what a wonderful idea! At this social, CACers who are attending a National Convention for the first time can meet, mix, and mingle with each other and CACI's officers. I met some people there with whom I became fast friends, including a pair of sisters from the San Francisco CAC — **Cecilia** and **Grace Lam**. We had fun exchanging information, and I saw them often during the convention. Thanks to hostess **Barbara**

Higgins (Twin Cities) for a fantastic time!

Sunday Mass was very special because of the celebrants — **Most Reverend Michael Sheehan**, Archbishop of Santa Fe; CACI Chaplain, **Father Chuck Pfeffer** (Philadelphia); and Midwest Region Chaplain, **Father Ray Trance** (Pittsburgh). There were many in the choir and the room was full of CACers from across the country.

At dinner that evening, I sat at a table where I knew absolutely no one but where I met more first-timers, one of whom I truly adore — **Joyce Genovesi** (New York). Joyce wanted to go on the balloon ride, but her friend wasn't so crazy about the idea. I admitted I also had a bit of fear, but as it turned out, two fears equaled a great time. Dinner was delicious and the live band was gifted. That evening, I met

with many people I hadn't seen in awhile; we renewed our friendships. Unfortunately, bedtime came early because of the 4 a.m. balloon ride wake-up call.

Four o'clock in the morning came very early, and there were 22 of us ready for this new voyage. After the paperwork was completed, we climbed into the vans. Before we took off, the pilots sent up a "pie ball" pilot balloon to check wind speeds. Too bad! Our mission was aborted. We all came back a little disappointed.

After a delegates meeting, a number of us were off to Old Town Albuquerque and the Turquoise Museum. Did you know natural turquoise is very expensive? I didn't know either, but Old Town allowed us to be steeped in the culture of Albuquerque, otherwise known as "souvenir shopping."

We traveled offsite to Los

• ‘I Sat and Cried for Five Minutes...’

Amigos, where we dined on local fare, and afterward were entertained by two dance troupes. The first dance troupe was Mexican, and with their very detailed and

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brightly colored costumes, demonstrated traditional dances. The other group represented the Indian culture. Their headdresses, with high feathers, were colorful and magnificent. The leader talked about his tribe in both his own dialect and English. The most interesting part was when a member of the dance troupe performed an Apache dance with a snake and put it in his mouth!

The Talent Show Monday night featured many acts. **Yvonne Hajjar** (New York), who traveled via Route 66 from Chicago, had us in stitches. First timers included **Sonia Bon** (San Francisco), who has music running through her veins.

On Tuesday, we had 24 people ready for a balloon ride. After declaring it safe to fly, the pilots promptly had us riding the winds over casinos, the Rio Grand, and expressways, allowing us to enjoy miles of scenery. The ride was soon over — you don't realize how quickly time flies because it is so quiet in the skies. During our landing approach, the pilot instructed us to “duck down” — we hit a hill, went up, then hit two more bumps before we were dragged about 200 feet through the high desert's deep sand. One of the other CAC balloons with a “group of 11” hit a tree, singeing the balloon; it had a difficult landing.

The rest of the week was full of escapades! Santa Fe is the most beautiful city imaginable; the churches gave it a feeling of reverence. A group of us dined at *High Noon*, a bordello/saloon turned restaurant, then rode up and down Route 66. I also took a hike with **Kevin Brown** (Chicago), and was stuck at the Sandia Peak, staying a few more hours than necessary when lighting and hail halted the



Rita Walczyk (Detroit) (center) accepts CACI's Charlie Award from CACI 2001 Convention Coordinator Don Leubbering (Cincinnati) and Reservations Chair Christine Myers (Orange County). The Charlie Award is presented to the person at CACI's Annual Convention that best signifies friendship and hospitality.

tramway.

Club ID Night, which brought out many costumes — mostly western — was won by the Phoenix CAC and was most entertaining. The first time I ever played *Blackjack* was at the Wild, Wild West Casino Night. I won \$45 — yeah! Unfortunately, it was just play money. Then I partied and danced the night away.

Friday was spent touring Los

Alamos and Bandelier National Monument. The Museum was interesting, but being able to say I climbed the 132 rungs to the ceremonial kiva will stay with me forever. That evening after dinner we meet the incoming CACI Board, and a number of CACI awards were presented (See page 5), including The Crying Towel (the “group of 11” in the singed hot air balloon) and the Charlie Award. When **Jim Stammerman** (Louisville), **Don Luebbering** (Cincinnati), and **Christine Myers** (Orange County) stood ready to present the Charlie Award, I watched but did not hear the name they called. It wasn't until Don grabbed my arm that I learned that I had won this prestigious symbol of love, generosity, and hospitality. I was, quite frankly, in shock! Later that evening we took pictures of, danced with, hugged, kissed, and enjoyed, each other. Then we partied at the after hours party.

Before breakfast the next morning, I looked at the Charlie Award and read what the award stands for. I sat and cried for five minutes; I could not believe, with so many wonderful people at the convention, that I was so honored.

The CACI Convention in Albuquerque was one of the greatest experiences I have ever had. I met someone new everyday, and because of this, have many new and interesting friends. The bus trips give you access to people with the same interests, and everyone was friendly. There were so many people — I would love to mention them all...There was something for everyone — Masses, excursions, seminars, food, par-

2001 CACI Award Winners

Presented at the CACI Convention in Albuquerque

ties, Karaoke, dancing, love, and acceptance.

Would I go again? Definitely! Should you go? Without a doubt. Staying home is nice for some, but you should experience life. Go out there and live!

Rita M. Walczyk (Detroit)

CACers of the Year

Baltimore — **George Waicker**

Boston — **Tom Litrenta**

Central Illinois — **Mark Ferguson**

Detroit — **Rita M. Walczyk**

New York — **Catherine Granata**

Twin Cities — **Greg Peine**

Washington, DC — **Joan Nally**
and **Paul Slaughter**

Youngstown — **Barbara Moore**

New Leader Awards

Baltimore — **Susan Passano**

Boston — **Diane Baptiste**

Central Illinois — **Mary Catherine Haddigan**

Sacramento — **Gerald Nelson**

Washington, DC — **Laura Shea**

Youngstown — **Kathy Paolinelli**

Community Service Award

Class A — Washington, DC

Honorable Mention: Boston, Detroit, New York

Class B — Los Angeles

Honorable Mention: Dayton

Class C — Central Illinois

Honorable Mention: Cincinnati, Colorado, Quad Cities,

Youngstown

Membership Awards

(Clubs with the largest percentage increase of members)

Class A — Pittsburgh (25 percent)

Class B — St. Louis (15 percent)

Class C — Colorado (28 percent)

Web Page Award

Pittsburgh

Honorable Mention: Los Angeles, Phoenix

Mileage Award

(Club whose members collectively traveled the most miles to the convention)

Boston (18 members travelled a total of 35,496 miles)

Club ID

(Club that best demonstrates the convention theme)

Phoenix

CACie Award

(Largest percentage of club members at the convention)

Mississippi and Missouri River Valley (23 percent)

Charlie Award

(For friendship and hospitality)

Rita M. Walczyk (Detroit)

Crying Towel



Newsletter Awards

Class A (Clubs over 200 members)

First Place: Washington, DC *Potomac Crossings* Michael Coogan

Second Place: Boston *The Hub-Bub*
Diane Donatio

Third Place: Detroit *Sparks* Carol LeMieux & Julie Callahan

Honorable Mention: New York

Class B (100-200 members)

First Place: Orange County *Orange County News* Bridget Mandel

Second Place: Twin Cities *Tales of Two Cities*
Ginny Hansen

Third Place: Chicago *Insights* Kevin Brown

Honorable Mention: North Jersey

Class C (Under 100 members)

First Place: Cincinnati *CAC Connections* Cindy Mendicino

Second Place: Youngstown *Insider*

CACI 2002 Regional Weekends

(A Token of Sympathy)

Presented to the 10 "survivors" of the hot air balloon crash:

Ellen Scherrer (Cincinnati)
Mary Arranz (Philadelphia)
Frank Canham (Colorado)
Sue Gentile (Youngstown)
Pat Gurbelski (Baltimore)
Mary Ann Shaughnessy (San



Francisco)

Kathleen Halvorson
 (Sacramento)

Karolyn Lofgren (Sacramento)

John Peak (Washington, DC)

Janice Windau (Washington, DC)

Eastern Regional

Pack up your beach armor (pails and shovels) and join the Eastern Region from Friday, May 31 to Sunday, June 2 for its *2002 Spring Regional* at Castle in the Sand Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland.

Co-Sponsoring chapters Washington, DC and Baltimore promise you a shining two-or-three-day (your choice) weekend in the tradition of Camelot. The two-night weekend package includes two breakfasts, a dinner dance, and two evening parties. An outdoor barbecue is included on Sunday evening for those staying Sunday night. Prices vary according to number of days stayed, room location,

and number of roommates. Tours are extra.

Reservation forms may be obtained through Washington, DC's **Cornelia Hyatt** at 301-229-1455, Baltimore's **Michelle Pollhein** at 410-282-3048, or online at <http://www.caci.org/cac/conv.html>. Join us at our Summer roundtable!

Sheila Nelson
 (Washington, DC)

Midwest Regional

What's the most popular tourist attraction in the United States? It's not the Disney theme parks. It's the Mall of America, the country's largest retail and entertainment complex. And you'll



see it up close and personal at CACI's *2002 Spring Midwest Regional* from Friday, May

24 though Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day) at the Ramada Inn Airport, two miles south of the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport and two blocks north of the Mall of America.

You can "\$pend" an afternoon at the Mall of America to see what makes it unique and the most visited tourist attraction in the United States. Minnesota has no sales tax on clothing — you can buy a new wardrobe! You can use the US Post Office inside the mall to ship your purchases home. We will also offer guests a VIP Tour of the Mall of America to give guests a fascinating behind-the-scenes look. And the Mall of America is more than a

shopper's paradise. Underwater Adventures was voted "world's best shark encounter" by Discovery.com. Camp Snoopy has 28 rides and adventures in its theme park. We are also tentatively planning an optional luncheon boat cruise tour on Lake Minnetonka, where you can see some of the homes of Minnesota's rich and famous.

The Ramada Inn Airport will provide complimentary transportation to and from the airport and to and from the Mall of America. Direct flights to the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport are available on Sun Country Airlines and Northwest Airlines from most cities in the US. Most major airlines fly here.

The package price for the weekend hosted by the Twin Cities CAC, is \$402 for a single, \$285 for a double. For more information, contact **Greg Peine** (Twin Cities) at 651-451-9784 or via E-Mail at wcoyote2@msn.com, or **Teddi Tri** (Twin Cities) at 952-941-7003 or via E-Mail at tedtri@aol.com. For a reservation form, visiting <http://www.caci.org/cac/conv.html>. We look forward to seeing you!

Western Regional

Join us in sunny Phoenix for CACI's *2002 Western Regional* Friday, February 15 to Sunday, February 17 at the Mesa Hilton Hotel, situated about 12 minutes from downtown Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Sky Harbor Airport.

The Mesa Hilton Hotel — a modern-day Southwestern treasure located near the Superstition Mountains — has convenient access to Route 60 and of-

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fers World-Class amenities and services that will make for a fun-filled weekend. The package includes two nights lodging, two buffet breakfasts, two hospitality suite parties, and a dinner/dance at the Pavon Nightclub Saturday evening. Enjoy an optional tour on Saturday afternoon on the Dolly Steamboat on Canyon Lake. Register before December 31!

This Western Regional is sponsored by the Phoenix CAC. For more information, contact **Irene Quinn** (Sacramento) at 415-430-1269, ext. 0291 or via E-Mail at iquinn@onebox.com. Reservation forms are available by visiting <http://www.caci.org/cac/conv.html>.

Eastern Region

I wish to thank all the delegates who voted for me as the new Eastern Region Vice President. I would also like to thank **Michelle Pollhein** (Baltimore) for agreeing to be Eastern Region Assistant Vice President and **Christine Ponte** (Boston) for continuing on as Eastern Region Treasurer.

During this coming year, I am looking forward to working with members of the Eastern Region as well as the Executive Board. We are also looking forward to the Eastern Region 2002 Spring Regional in Ocean City, Maryland, sponsored by the Baltimore and Washington, DC chapters. I know **Neal Hyatt** (Washington, DC) and Michelle Pollhein are working hard to prepare a wonderful weekend!

Loretta Lovell (North Jersey)
Eastern Region Vice

President

Midwest Region

Hello! This is my first time as an officer at the regional level. I have been active over the years at the local level, in the Twin Cities CAC. I look forward to becoming more active at a higher level of CAC.

My goal this year is to help each of you improve your chapter. One way to do this is by sharing with each other what works for your chapter and what doesn't. I suggest sharing what "doesn't work" because sometimes what doesn't work for one chapter may work for another. We can all learn from each other. For this purpose, I'd like to receive newsletters from all of the chapters in the Midwest Region, and would like to receive newsletters from other regions.

I hope to regularly keep in touch with all of the chapters in my region, either by E-Mail or phone calls. If you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss, please feel welcome to call me at 952-941-7003 or E-Mail me at tedtri@aol.com.

The 2002 Midwest Spring regional will be held in Minnesota's Twin Cities from Friday, May 24 though Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day). Hope to see you there!

Teddi Tri (Twin Cities)
Midwest Regional Vice
President

Western Region

Greetings from out West! The CACI 2001 National Convention in Albuquerque sure was a

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Another idea is to bring back seminars — specifically geared to help local chapters — at annual CACI conventions. This year in Albuquerque, the Executive Committee did just that, sponsoring a seminar "Dealing With Difficult People" (The Executive Committee must have had me in mind!). I foresee holding more of these seminars — at CACI expense — to give help to all local chapters. If you have a specific topic you'd like to see covered in one of these seminars, let us know.

These are just a few of many ideas to come. CAC, we're going places!

Larry Bleau
(Washington, DC)

• *Albuquerque*

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(Buffalo), who produced the convention booklet; **Ann Eccles** (Twin Cities) and **Jim Stammerman** (Louisville); and many others not mentioned here but certainly are not forgotten. Many, many thanks!

The staff at the Albuquerque Marriott was exceptional throughout our entire stay; they could not do enough to help us. Overall, "Adventures in the Land of Enchantment" was majestic, one that will be remembered by all who attended as being truly unforgettable!

Don Luebbering
(Cincinnati) &

Other CACI News

grand roundup. This CACI Regional Vice President sure enjoyed all! On to the Fall and Winter — I hope to talk and visit with many local chapters during the year, starting with San Francisco's 2001 Christmas party during the second week of December.

The Western Region Board is now complete. The Assistant Vice President is **Paula Buchignani** (Sacramento); the Treasurer is **Marie Acebo** (Los Angeles); and the Secretary is **Cindy Parker** (Orange County). Thanks, ladies — we will make a great team... See you somewhere out there, keeping CAC visible — let's go and let's grow — I want to hear lots of ideas! Contact me at 415-430-1269, ext. 0291 or via E-Mail at iquinn@onebox.com.

Irene Quinn
(Sacramento)
Western Region Vice
President

Lovely Rita, No Meter Maid

Rita Schwerer, Treasurer of the Central Illinois CAC and a regular attendee to CACI national conventions, will receive the Diocese of Peoria's prestigious 2001 Pere Marquette Award for "outstanding service to the church." Rita is a lector, eucharistic minister, and altar server at Sacred Heart Church in Peoria, and is a weekly volunteer at Peoria's St. Francis Catholic Hospital. Rita has produced a 45-minute video entitled *Rome — The Church and You*, which examines the beginnings of the church from its early days in Rome and ends with the pres-

ent day Diocese of Peoria. Rita will receive the award in November at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria, where she has been a tour guide for 10 years.

Inter-CAC Engagement

Grace Rehm (Central Jersey) to **Patrick Riordan** (Washington, DC). They are planning a Fall 2002 wedding. They met at the 1998 CACI Annual Convention in Hawaii.

CAC of Baltimore's 40th Anniversary Party

In December 1961, the Catholic Alumni Club of Baltimore held its first "cocktail dance." Four decades, numerous weddings, and countless friendships later, it will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Saturday, December 1 with a 5 p.m. Mass at St. Mark's Chapel in Catonsville, Maryland, followed by dinner and dancing at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 1010 Frederick Road in Catonsville.

CAC of Baltimore's 40th Anniversary Party will be a celebration across generations and include former members from the past four decades and current CACers. After Mass, cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner and dancing. Anyone who has ever been a member of CAC of Baltimore is invited!

Tickets are \$40 and sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Send in an individual reservation, or call friends and organize a table of eight. For more information and a reservation form, contact **John Kirby** at 410-747-8079 or **Mary Ann McCloskey** at 410-747-0263 or via E-

Mail at mamcc@aol.com.

Call For Volunteers

CACI has a number of committees that are busy during the year, not only at convention time. When a specific issue needs to be examined in a balanced manner, or a specific task needs to be accomplished, the Executive Committee often appoints volunteers to take on these challenges.

For example, two of the committees being formed will review and recommend ways to improve the *Communiqué* and CACer of the Year Award, respectively. Yet another group will be updating leadership and publicity materials and transferring them to CD-Rom. If you would like to serve on any of these committees, contact CACI President **Larry Bleau** at 301-474-1338, or via E-Mail at lb21@compuserve.com. Include your name, telephone number, E-Mail address, postal address, local chapter, and the committee on which you'd like to serve.

For other opportunities to become involved with CACI, visit CACI on the web at <http://www.caci.org/cac/volunteer.html> and check off those positions or committees that most interest you, or contact your chapter's International Delegate. Thanks!

Relocated CACI News E-Mail List

The *cacinews electronic mailing list* is used by CACI's President and Executive Committee to inform CACers in chapters across the country about various happenings at the regional and national levels of CACI. This list — open to all CACers — has been moved to



Sunday Mass at CACI's 2001 National Convention in Albuquerque was concelebrated by, left to right, Fr. Chuck Pfeffer, CACI Chaplain (Philadelphia); Most Reverend Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan, S.T.L., J.C.D. of the Santa Fe Archdiocese; and Fr. Ray Trance, Midwest Region Chaplain (Pittsburgh).

yahogroups.com. If you would like to join the list and receive regular updates about convention news and other CACI happenings, send an empty E-Mail message to cacinews-subscribe@yahoo.com. For more information on this list, visit the web at <http://www.caci.org/cac/cacinews/info.html>.

'CACIDirectors' E-Mail List

The CACI Executive Committee approved a new electronic mailing list, *cacidirectors*, which informs local chapter presidents and local chapter delegates to CACI of business related items. This list, unlike *cacinews*, is intended for business matters and is open only to members of local chapters who have been appointed to vote on behalf of their respective chapter. If you are a local chapter president, or you have been appointed as a CACI delegate for your chapter, send an E-Mail message to cacipres@yahoo.com and give your name, telephone number, E-Mail address, local chapter, and

your position with the chapter. After this information is verified, you will be added to the *cacidirectors* list.

CACI Home Page

CACI has its own home page and domain name: <http://www.caci.org/cac/>. You must, however, enter the entire URL; if you omit the trailing "/cac/," you will get CAC's Internet Service Provider's home page.

CACI 2001 Charity

At the CACI's 2001 Convention in Albuquerque, a total of \$4,625 was collected from attendees for distribution among five charities:

- ✠ St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix, Arizona (Western Region)
- ✠ Sisters of St. Francis Damen House in Denver, Colorado (Western Region)
- ✠ Covenant House Michigan in Detroit, Michigan (Midwest Region)

- ✠ House of Ruth in Washington, DC (Eastern Region)
- ✠ Archdiocese of Santa Fe Youth 2000 in Albuquerque, New Mexico (Local Charity)

In Sorrow

We are shocked and saddened by the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, DC. There are CAC chapters in both those areas. We did not know, at publication time, if anyone in our CAC communities or their families perished in the attacks, but the devastation and loss of life has brought us together as a nation. At my request, CACI's Midwest Chaplain, **Fr. Ray Trance** (Pittsburgh), offered Sunday's Mass at the CACI Eastern/Midwest Regional Weekend in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in early October for the souls of all who died. The names of any CACers who were among their number were recalled at the Mass.

Larry Bleau (Washington, DC)

CACI President

Kudos to Jim

Many thanks to 2000-2001 CACI President **Jim Stammerman** (Louisville) for leading CACI during the past year. Thanks also to CACI's outgoing Executive Committee members for assisting Jim in helping CACI grow and prosper. You made us proud!

Editor's Message

The deadline for the Spring issue of the *Communique* is January 31. Articles must be submitted in writing and can be sent through E-Mail (CAC_Newsletter@hotmail.com) or mailed to me at 435 West Side Drive,

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Apt. 201, Gaithersburg, MD, 20878-3117. I can be reached at 301-947-5707.

Michael Coogan
(Washington, DC)

2001-2002 CACI Officers

A new slate of CACI officers for the term that began October 1 were elected at the CACI National Convention in Albuquerque in August. The incoming officers are:

President: Larry Bleau

(Washington, DC)

First Vice President: Barbara Accordino (Louisville)

Second Vice President: Paula Hartig (Buffalo)

Treasurer: Mike Kappel
(Mississippi and Missouri River Valley)

The Regional Vice Presidents, also members of the CACI Executive Board, are:

Eastern Vice President: Loretta Lovell (North Jersey)

Midwest Vice President: Teddi Tri (Twin Cities)

Western Vice President: Irene Quinn (Sacramento)

The positions of *Secretary* (**Michael Coogan**, Washington, DC) and *Chaplain* (**Fr. Chuck Pfeffer**, Philadelphia) are appointed by the President; the *Past President* position is filled automatically by the outgoing CACI President (**Jim Stammerman**, Louisville).

Nestled among the coastline and barrier islands of the state of Georgia are The Golden Isles — St. Simons Island, Sea Island, Little Simons Island, and Jekyll Island. Once a private resort for America's wealthiest families,

Jekyll Island — called The Smilin' Island — is CACI's destination for our 2002 Annual Vacation from Saturday, July 27 to Friday, August 2.

Our home for the week will be the *Clarion Resort Buccaneer*, nestled in the tree covered dunes of Georgia's beautiful Jekyll Island, on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. The *Clarion Resort Buccaneer* has a very special

charm with exquisite landscaping and a breathtaking view of the Atlantic Ocean, with direct access to the beach.

There is volleyball, fishing, boating, horseback riding (ride along the ocean's edge on beautiful Driftwood Beach), and miles of bicycle trails. Take a dolphin cruise! Enjoy a pleasant walk under the sprawling oak canopy that graces the Clarion's oceanside

The Whole Orange



Two young girls both wanted an orange. There was only one orange in the house, and neither could leave the house to buy another. So, being reasonable kids, they divided the orange in two. The first girl wanted to make orange juice; she squeezed the pulp and threw away the rind. The second girl wanted to make orange pie; she ground up and used the rind, and threw away the pulp.

If these girls had told each other what goal they wanted to accomplish (make juice or a pie) instead of a specific position ("I'm entitled to half of that orange"), they could each have had twice as much.

In any organization, including CAC, sincere, well-meaning people will often emphasize a specific position rather than a goal or objective. This approach will always leave one falling short of the full potential. It need not be so, if you frame the question properly and ask what your goals are.

Let's try changing our approach. As individual CACers, rather than considering what CAC owes us (a "position"), we should articulate what we want to accomplish by being a CAC

member. This could be finding a mate, enjoying the company of fellow single Catholics, or even furthering their religious growth.

As leaders of local chapters, rather than considering what members "owe" to the organization, we should ask what CAC's mission is and how we and the rank-and-file member might be able to accomplish it jointly.

Further, in our interactions with CACI, we should ask how our chapter and CACI can jointly accomplish a larger purpose, and what we both want to accomplish.

And CACI, instead of demanding only that local chapters comply with rules, can ask local chapters what they want to accomplish as a CAC chapter that may be beyond their current means and see how it can help.

It's time we all started having a full glass, instead of one that's half empty.

The example cited above is from the book "Getting to YES", by Roger Fisher and William Ury. It was told by Nancy Greiff, a speaker with Positive Resolutions,

The Smilin' Island - Only Smiles Ahead

courtyard. Jekyll's three championship 18-hole golf courses play from a central Clubhouse; the historic Oceanside Nine Golf Course lies along the ocean. Play a set of tennis on the Clarion's own private tennis court, or head over to the island's Tennis Center, a clay-court complex named by *Tennis Magazine* as one of the "Top 25 Municipal Tennis Facilities" in the nation. Swim along 10 miles of golden shores or relax in the Clarion's beachfront pool or hot tub.

Visit Jekyll Island's Visitors Center and view a video on Jekyll Island's history. Take a tram tour of the Historic District. Enjoy a self-guided walking tour; 33 of the Island's original buildings still stand, including some of the mansion-sized "cottages." Many of the service buildings for the "cottages" have been converted to specialty shops or restaurants.

interest. The 104-foot St. Simons Lighthouse is maintained as an operational light by the US Coast Guard. The lighthouse keeper's home now houses the museum of The Coastal Georgia Historical Society.

Come coast awhile. Come to Jekyll Island, The Smilin' Island, July 27-August 2. Visit the Golden Isles. Enjoy them each, explore them all. For more information, contact convention coordinators **Janet Yntema** (Detroit) at 313-882-0990 or **Evie Pullis** (New York) at 201-342-5256.

Take a water taxi tour to St. Simons Island and enjoy a historic trolley land tour of the island. The area around the pier is known as The Village and offers numerous shops, restaurants, and points of