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WE DISCOVERED THE MAGIC OF MAINE

Two hundred CACers discovered the Magic of Maine and 55 started out their vacation with the pre-convention trip to Bar Harbor and its Maine attraction Acadia National Park.

Those that went to Bar Harbor said the trip was very nice and the scenery was absolutely perfect. So much so that some who did not go on the pre-convention trip drove up to Bar Harbor during the week, a 4-hour drive to see for themselves. Even with the long drive they said it was beautiful and well worth the trip. Others took a drive up the coast to see some of Maine's coastline beauty and towns.

Some of us that could not go to Bar Harbor before the convention went up there for a few days after and, besides touring through majestic Acadia National Park, tried some of the delicious eating establishments that the pre-conventioners reported on. Vacation isn't just sightseeing.



Back in Portland we had a pleasant harbor cruise before going to Peaks Island for our

lobster bake, with meat and vegetarian choices also. After eating, one could sit and enjoy the view of the harbor from the picnic grounds or go back and wander through the little town near the boat dock. While walking back to the boat dock, many stopped in the ice cream shop. Maine is blueberries so I and many others tried the blueberry ice cream. Certainly no disappointment there.

There were four trolley tours of Portland and the Old Port historic and shopping area to accommodate the number interested and two full bus loads for our other tours to Kennebunkport and to Booth Bay Harbor and three buses to New Hampshire for the train ride to Crawford Notch. Many also went shopping in Freeport, Maine, with its hundred plus stores and where L.L. Bean has its main store.

We sent the evenings with dinner, dancing and parties. The music was good and when the DJ heard what band we were going to have for our one band night, he said it was the best band in Maine, and it was. The band enjoyed our group as much as we enjoyed them and their steps and movements with their music.

On the evening that we did not have a dinner dance at the hotel, CACers scattered to the winds to try various restaurants in and

around Portland. Many went to DiMillo's floating restaurant in the Old Port district. That is where most of us dined, who stayed after the convention for a day or two.

Yes, some stay after the convention to unwind or finish sightseeing or continue visiting with friends and many, many more come I a day or two early also even if not going to the convention.

Everyone seemed to have a good time. We hope all and more will join us next summer in Calgary, Alberta, Canada for our next CACI vacation.

Janet Ynetma & Neal Hyatt
Convention Coordinators



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to everyone. It was good to see so many of you in Portland, Maine. Another year for CACI is about to begin and I hope that everyone is getting ready for 2006.

I have received newsletters from most CAC local clubs and it is nice to see so many of you have interesting events. It makes me want to clone myself to attend them. Since I can't be with you in person, please know that I am with you in spirit.

Plans are already in the making for the 2006 convention in Calgary, Alberta. The convention coordinators, Don Luebbering and Jim Stammerman have already visited Calgary and are working to make it a very exciting convention. I hope to be able to see many of you there.

Also don't forget the regionals coming up. A lot of work goes into running regionals and conventions and your support of them is very much appreciated. I am looking forward to working with the board this year.

Your CACI Executive Board consists of Paula Hartig, President; Beth Giltner, Secretary; Mike Coogan, First Vice President; Teddi Tri, Second Vice President; Bob Giardina, Treasurer; Loretta Lovell, Eastern Region Vice President; Sue Gentile, Midwest Region Vice President; Chris Myers, Western Region Vice President and Fr. Jack Frerker, Chaplain.

Take care and may God bless.

Paula Hartig
CACI President

LINCOLN DAYS

May 26-29, 2006

Join us for the Midwest Regional Spring meeting in Springfield, Illinois and while you are here visit the new Abraham Lincoln Museum that you have been reading about. It really is something you can't miss! Hologram guides that you can't tell aren't real people, a four minute civil war room and much, much more. Other things to see are The Old State Capitol—where Lincoln was in politics, his home - before he ran for president, the law office—where he practiced law, his tomb—where he was buried after he was shot and carried on the funeral train to Springfield, The Lincoln Presidential Library—finished last year, and much more.

Stay at the Springfield Hilton for 3 nights, breakfast each morning, 2 dinners, 3 After Hours Parties, Explore Springfield.



Doesn't Homer Simpson live in Springfield?



See you there!!

Abe is expecting you. Cost for a Double is \$299 per person. Contact Mike Kappel for more information (618) 397-2320.

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The Communiqué 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 and fellowship.

CACI is a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of the state of Colorado. The address of President is: 4495 Shisler Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Greetings from the Eastern Region

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the clubs in the Eastern Region for re-electing me a your regional Vice President. Your vote of confidence in my ability to be your representative is gratifying. The other members of this years Eastern Region Board are Mike Hopcus, Assistant Vice President, Bob White, Treasurer and Neal Hyatt, Secretary.

As with any new challenge, I look forward to meeting them in order to fulfill what I consider an opportunity to assist Paula and the other members of the board in their ideas for the organization as a whole.

That being said, I am looking forward to our upcoming Spring Regional which will be held in Ocean City, Maryland the first weekend of May. Plans have been finalized and reservation forms will be going out via e-mail and snail mail by the middle of January. So keep your eyes open for information on what promises to be an exciting week-end.

If anyone has any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to either call me at 201-794-9487 or e-mail me at msbunker-ville@yahoo.com.

Loretta Lovell
Eastern Region Vice President

Hello from the Midwest Region

Hope every one had a safe summer. Our Midwest Chaplain, Fr. Ray Trance of Pittsburgh has decided to step down from that position. We will all miss his smiling face and admonitions to "slow down" during Mass. As the Midwest Vice President, I want to thank Father Ray for all he has done for us as our chaplain and wish him long life, good health and happiness in all his future endeavors. We will need to start looking for a new chaplain so please ask your parish priests to volunteer.

The Midwest Regional was the week-end of October 7-9, 2005 in Middletown, Ohio. The Midwest Spring Regional will be held Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-28, 2006 in Springfield, Illinois. More news on that later.

I would like all the clubs to send me the e-mail address of a contact person so that we can keep informed about what is going on in the clubs and the region. My e-mail address is: suegmarie@yahoo.com. Please put CAC in the subject line as I delete all e-mail addresses that I don't recognize. With more clubs having small memberships and the possibility of more clubs closing, we are going to have to try to find ways to attract more people to the club. If you think of anything that can be used by other clubs to gain more members, please let me know and I'll pass the information along. Thanks in advance to all members for their help during my term as Midwest Vice President.

Sue Gentile
Midwest Region Vice President

A Prayer from Our Chaplain

Many of you who attended the CAC Convention asked Fr. Jack for this prayer and so here it is:

Prayer for Peace

I ask all the animals to open their mouths to howl this prayer for peace.

I ask all the birds to lift their songs to the winds and sing this prayer for peace.

I ask all the trees and flowers, all that is green growing to pen their hollow throats where the sap runs and call this prayer for peace.

I ask the rocks to dream this prayer for peace.

I ask the sand to rearrange its grains and write this prayer for peace.

I ask the ocean waves to shout this prayer for peace or whisper it on the lonely listening beaches where the rivers will send it upstream in the willing breath of fish.

I ask the stars to shine the spelling of this prayer for peace.

I ask for every candle flame to ignite this prayer for peace so that this prayer is in the world and of the world and becomes the world and the world is peace.



*Calgary, Heart of the
"New Canadian West"
To Host 2006
CACI Convention/
Vacation
July 30-August 5*

The dynamic Canadian City of Calgary in the province of Alberta will be the site of the 2006 CACI Convention/Vacation, Sunday, July 30 through Saturday, August 5. Calgary, situated near the base of the Canadian Rockies, with a population of more than one million is the fastest growing large city in Canada. There will be much to see and to do in the city and surrounding region.

Our convention hotel will be the four-star Hyatt Regency Hotel located in the heart of a busy downtown and within walking distance of many of the city's attractions. The 355-room hotel was opened in 1999 and is considered Calgary's premier luxury hotel with an indoor pool, fitness center and sundeck overlooking the city. An added attraction located within the Hyatt is the Stillwater Spa with 17 special treatment areas.

The hotel is situated on the historic Stephens Avenue Walk, a six-block outdoor pedestrian mall lined with shops, restaurants and theaters that attracts 50,000 people each day during vacation season. There are more than 40 restaurants and 700 retail stores located within six blocks of the Hyatt. The Walk was recognized as a National Historic District in 2002.

Within walking distance of the hotel are the 600-foot Calgary Tower (the city's landmark with a revolving restaurant on top), the Devonian Gardens (one of the world's largest indoor parks housing more than 200,000 plants), the Glenbow Museum (which provides a lively journey into the heritage of the Canadian West) Fort Calgary Historic

Park (which traces the history of the Northwest Mounted Police, the "Mounties" who brought law and order to the region in the late 19th century) Stampede Park (Site of the world famous Calgary Stampede that occurs annually in early July), Olympic Plaza (where medalists received their awards during the 1988 Winter Olympics) the Art Gallery of Calgary, and the city's Chinatown district.

The Calgary Zoo, Botanical Gardens (with more than 4,000 botanical plants) and Prehistoric Park are located on an island in the Bow River, seven minutes away from the Hyatt via Light Rail Transit (LRT) that stops next to the hotel.

Tentative plans call for an Old West dinner and other activities one evening at an 1880's hotel located on the grounds of Heritage Park, Canada's largest living historic village.

Calgary is less than 90 minutes from the spectacular Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; and the magnificent Lake Louise where one can experience the natural glory of the Canadian Rockies.

The city has been described as a shopper's paradise. You can find designer Western wear, native Inuit art, gemstones, handmade arts and crafts and thousands of other selections in the many shops and trendy areas of the city.

The hotel is seven miles from the Calgary International Airport which is Canada's third busiest airport. It is served by more than 20 international airlines including AirCanada, American West, American Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta Connector, Northwest Airlines, United Airlines and WestJet. Daily nonstop destinations to the U.S. include Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Phoenix.

Registration forms for the Calgary convention will be distributed to all clubs and will be mailed directly to recent convention attendees in February. Don Luebbering (Cincinnati CAC) and Jim Stammerman (Louisville) are serving as Convention co-Chairs.

For much more information and further details on Calgary, visit the website "Tourismcalgary.com" and request their Vacation Planning Guide for 2005-06.

Photos, a virtual tour and much more information on the Hyatt Regency Calgary is available at the website "calgary.hyatt.com".

Jim Stammerman
Convention Co-Chair



**PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS
FOR CANADA**

For those traveling to Calgary for the CACI Convention next summer, a valid passport is not necessarily required. According to current INS policy, a passport will not be required for US-Canada travel until December 2006, four months after the Convention. What will be needed in July and August of 2006 will be either (a) a valid passport; or (b) a certified copy of one's birth certificate along with a government-issued identification with a photo (a valid driver's license). A new passport can include up to \$97 in fees; most states provide certified copies of birth certificates for \$8-\$25.



2005 CACI Award Winners

Presented at the CACI Vacation in Portland



Winners of the CACI 2004—2005 Newsletter Award Contest

Class A Clubs (76 Members and above)

First Place—Baltimore “The Skipjack” - Susan Zanella—Editor
 Second Place—Washington “Potomac Crossings” - Don Bauer—Editor
 Third Place—Boston “Hub-Bub” - Donna Donatio—Editor



Class B Clubs (75 members and below)

First Place—Cincinnati “CAC Connections—Dee Macke & Joe Matzek—Editors
 Second Place—Twin Cities “Tale of Two Cities”- Ginny Hansen—Editor
 Third Place—Colorado “Colorado Courier—Pat Barrigan—Editor



Community Service Award

Class A

1st Place—CAC of Washington
 Chairperson—Imelda Sevedia
 Individuals—Trish Rohan, Carol Patt,
 Anne Holbrook, Jim Beachamp,
 Don Bauer, Tom Payerle,
 John O’Callaghan, Bonnie
 Burgwald, Loretta Chi, Jay Simon,
 Chris Troutner, Mike Genua,
 Lisa Koshute & Imelda Severdia

2nd Place—CAC of Boston
 Chairperson—Tia Koziak
 Individuals—Rich & Deane Cullen

3rd Place—CAC of Los Angeles
 Chairperson—Sabrina Selva
 Individuals—Liane Schneider,
 Sabrina Selva & Marie Acebo.

Honorable Mention—New York
 Chairperson—Cathy Granata

Honorable Mention - Detroit
 Individuals—Carol Hofer, JoMarie
 Nardi & Fr. Lawrence Ventline

Class B

1st Place—Central Illinois
 Chairperson—Nancy A. Hoover
 Individuals—Mark Ferguson, Mary
 Catherine Haddigan & Charles Owens

2nd Place—Cincinnati
 Chairperson—Don Luebbing

Crying Towel: (A token of sympathy)

Fr. Ray Trance—Pittsburgh

CACie Award (Largest percentage of club members at the convention)

Kansas City

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

San Francisco

CAC Person of the Year

Barbara Accordino—CAC Louisville
 Gerry Voelkel—CAC New York
 William Welsh—CAC Boston



CACer of the Year

Name	Chapter
Americo Allegrio	CAC Washington.
Angelo Orlando	CAC Los Angles
Connie Tonsor	CAC Central III.
Delores Macke	CAC Cincinnati
Robert Klinger	CAC Detroit

Outstanding New Leader

Name	Chapter
Andrew Shea	CAC Detroit
John Diesing	CAC Detroit
Karen Winstead	CAC Cincinnati
Liana Schneider	CAC Los Angeles
Linda Waller	CAC Central III
Richard Lufkin	CAC Boston
Teresita Monasterio	CAC Washington
Valerie Mallia	CAC New York



Remembrance and Gratitude
"We come to Tell Our Story"
CAC of America
1985-2005

Joseph Campbell, the American mythologist and philosopher, once said, "that if their stories are not told, a people will die". As participants in the rich and diverse tradition that is CAC of America, we celebrate and revisit our history by telling the great stories that we have shared together. It's time, now that we do this necessary process of remembrance and gratitude once again.

The first volume of CAC's history covered the time period from 1941 to 1965 and explained how our clubs developed, from the original clubs in Milwaukee and Los Angeles to all sections of our country. When the dream of a national organization became realized by seven founding members in 1957, the title "International" was chosen because efforts to establish clubs in Great Britain and Canada were serious and extensive. Those who organized did a great job of building CAC on a solid foundation of practices, policies, and procedures, with faith values and a spirit of fun thrown into the mixture.

The second volume of our history entitled "The Dynamic Years" covers the period 1965-1984, a period of explosive growth for our clubs when membership approached eight thousand on a national level, vacation costs were low and

conventions were popular, and we began to take our place in the Catholic Church as members of the laity, professional, mature, and able to share our gifts and keep our own house in order.

This third volume will cover the period from 1984-2005 and will tell the story of our "perseverance" during times of accelerated and challenging cultural change. It will be a story of good people continuing to carry the light of their tradition during times of occasional darkness, it will be a story of generational change as we remember...friends who have left us for a better world, couples who contributed to our clubs and then went on to rich family lives as spouses, and friendships and relationships that have enriched our lives and helped us to follow God's continuing call to us. The CAC "moments" which are deeply engrained in our personalities carry such great impact because they have helped us to lead fruitful lives as important members of families, parishes and communities of all kinds.

So, as we begin this process, we come to you with a "wish" list...

We wish that all clubs would get into the "spirit of things" and celebrate their anniversaries, recall all the great events and people of their past, and maybe even organize all the "stuff" that lies around through displays etc, people love the old scrapbooks when they appear. We've asked every club to find someone willing

to write a piece about its history.

We wish that word will get around to all the "old friends" who are no longer connected to us because clubs have come to closure. We hope that news gets around to all these good people that we are in a period of "reconnecting" and hope they might enjoy the experience with us in some way.

We wish we had "International Directories" for all the following years: 84-85, 85-86, 88-89, 90-91, 91-92, 92-93, 93-94, 95-96, 97-98, to help us in our work. We promise to return all materials when we finish with them.

We wish we have more volunteers to help us by bringing forward pictures and materials that would help us construct promotional poster boards and power points for use at conventions during the year.

We wish everyone will pass along all the great ideas that might occur at any point

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