

Fall Forum

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You know that feeling you get when you really want to go to Latin State Convention but you can't? Well that's why we hosted Fall Forum at North Gwinnett High School-- the school of our somewhat illustrious president, Jason Choi.

Fall Forum is like a miniature State Convention with better food. All of the same events are there: Olympika, Ludi, Oratory Competitions, Workshops, Certamen, and a new addition to the Fall Forum tradition, Academic Testing (Thank Jupiter, we all need that Academic Testing right?)



Still, Fall Forum is a good reminder of the magic of State Convention. At Fall Forum, old friends reunite, people create new friends, that one really athletic kid tries to beat a bunch of Latin nerds in the saddest excuse for a basketball tournament I've seen in

years, and we say *valet* to two of our state officers, Hali Mo from Walton High School and Jen Zhong from Northview High School. We will truly miss these valued members to our team, especially because I would rather kick out our Historian...

Me: "James, what do you really do as the Parliamentarian?"

James: "That's a good question Jeffrey."



What Does the Parliamentarian Really Do?

I ask myself this at every GJCL officer's meeting.

The President presides, the Vice President eats, the Secretary probably does the hardest job (writing), the Hosts take our orders,

the Historian forgets her camera, the Webmaster watches the view count on the GJCL website go up my one every month, and the Editor writes things that most people don't

read. But what does the Parliamentarian do? Find out as I investigate the most mysterious /useless position of the GJCL officers.

A Day at Fall Forum

One day at Fall Forum is like one day at State Convention without the looming dread of eating a hockey puck for dinner.

Latin scholars could have participated in a variety of events such as the 50 and 100m dashes, Roman Culture/History and Latin Language exams, and Greek Dancing.

Certamen, as usual, was a bloody battle of knowledge and finger dexterity with Eastside winning the coveted Advanced/Upper trophy at Fall Forum.

While Latin scholars were roaming the halls of North Gwinnett, the GJCL officers were busy with their workshops. Decker Onken had to deal with the people

who came to his workshop just to annoy him, Shannon Zhu wasted about \$30 teaching one person how to make a scrapbook, we couldn't find James Dow, and I had a broken computer but more people still came to my workshop than Shannon's workshop.

"You know I would feel sorer for Shannon if she didn't always make fun of me."

Me: "So Decker, what about that Novice girl from Virginia?"

Decker: "You told people she was Novice level!?"

Me: "Of course, I always spread lies to make you look bad."

Shannon Math: \$400 - price of getting Daniel Kim, the NJCL president, to Georgia \$100 - estimate of money gained at the People Auction from selling Daniel Kim \$100 - \$400 = -\$300 = profit in the mind of Shannon. Thank Jupiter she just takes pictures.

The Battle for Host/Hostess

Outside of the Certamen tournament, the candidates running for Host/Hostess were waging another fierce battle.

Candidates from many schools were fighting to win the two coveted GJCL positions. Catherine Niu, Sam Lowry, Peggy Xu, and Tony Qian were just a few of the many qualified candidates who tried out for the positions.

Candidates had to recite a

speech regarding the theme of the GJCL this year "Dimidium facti qui coepit habet" - He who has begun has half the deed begun (roughly).

The costume was the next part of the competition with the candidates having to create their own Roman attire.

The final part of the process was an interview that tested the candidates' minds and souls with questions that were

probably like "Do you think the top stopped spinning in Inception?"

The decision making process was tough, but we finally decided on our two new Hosts/Hostesses. We appreciate all the candidates for trying their best (or at least giving more of an effort than James Dow did last year) to impress the old Hostesses, Hali Mo, and Jen Zhong. Let's welcome Brendan Phillips and Sam Lowry as our new Hosts!

What the Parliamentarian Actually Does

Walking through the hallways of North Gwinnett, Decker and I noticed something wrong about the Parliamentarian's workshop - the parliamentarian wasn't there.

This situation only added to my interest in what the

Parliamentarian actually does. Yes, James does become involved in the election process, but he wasn't helping with his job because he wasn't at the workshop where he tells people how to run for office. While Decker and I were trying to tell people how to run for an elected position (a difficult

task considering that neither Decker nor I have elected positions), I remembered that James was playing Certamen. Now I know what he's going to be doing at State Convention.

"Hali Mo is a despondent squirrel"

"No Tony, 40 isn't a high score in bowling."

"Speed limits aren't suggestions Shannon, they're the law."

Toga Bowling without Togas

During the Thanksgiving Break, two great forces clashed in an epic battle of strength, honor, and spirit.

Meanwhile, some Northview and Walton kids got together to go bowling. Organized by Tony Qian (who I think wanted to just meet a certain someone from Walton) from Northview, the 1st annual Walton-Northview Bowling

Gathering was a huge success for the Walton students as they completely destroyed Northview in bowling (of course the highest score was like 80.)

Although the Latin scholars dedicated much of the night to competition between the schools and making fun of Tony for getting a score lower than half of my score, old

friendships were renewed and new ones were made. On that night, both schools showed that the Latin spirit could break down the barrier between schools. When the scholars left from the final round of bowling, they all promised that they wouldn't try to kill each other in contests during Convention.

It's Coming

The moment we've all been waiting for is almost upon us. Latin. State. Convention. Three days of pure joy for Latin scholars who come from across Georgia come to complain about the food at Rock Eagle.

From April 20th - 22nd, Latin scholars will have the chance to participate

in Olympika, take a plethora of tests, dance to censored music, and maybe even watch a chariot run over someone again. Come audition for the That's Entertainment! talent show to show off your non-Latin related talents! You'll even see some of your favorite GJCL officers performing in the

talent show! Details of the 2012 GJCL State Convention will soon be made available to the public. We will also be holding elections for new GJCL officers so if you're interested start preparing now. Remember, even if the world does end at the end of this year, at least you went to Latin Convention.





We need to raise the standards for
Host/Hostess.

Brendan Phillips, Marist High School, 16

Why did I want to be host?

I wanted to be a host to follow in the footsteps of one of my mentors, Ashton Moss, who was a state officer for a couple of years. Beyond that, I wanted to engage JCL in the highest level possible, and I was eager to start serving others in the state. While JCL is fun at a school level, what really makes it a great organization is the statewide interaction between schools. It is this comradeship that I wanted to be a part of. I also am looking to run for a state office this State Convention and thought I could get a jumpstart on serving my fellow JCL'ers.

What is my favorite thing about Latin?

While memorizing endless flashcards of vocabulary is riveting, my favorite aspect of Latin is the culture. The culture of ancient Greece and Rome is interesting from the emperors' escapades to delicious *garum*. This section of my studies always intrigues me and I love learning about the way that ancient Romans, our predecessors, lived.

What figure from mythology would I be?

If I had to choose a figure from mythology, I would be Odysseus. I like to use my mind to solve problems and pride myself in my resourcefulness. I could see myself journeying the seven seas, avoiding monsters and fighting a few Trojans too.

What would I pick instead of Paris in his judgment?

I think, even though endless money and power would be great, that I would choose the same judgment as Paris. There is nothing as soothing as a beautiful woman, and I have always been a sap for love.

Level of Latin

III



... I'm picking Host/Hostess
next year.

Sam Lowry, The Walker School

Why did I want to be host?

I wanted to be Host because I wanted to be more involved in GJCL and because it always looked like the officers were having such a good time.

What is my favorite thing about Latin?

My favorite thing about Latin is the history that goes along with the language.

Level of Latin

I am in Latin IV

What figure from Roman History would I be?

I would be Augustus because he is my favorite Emperor.

Which one of Hercules' tasks would I accomplish?

I'd choose to slay the Nemean Lion

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GJCL Convention!!!!!!

With State Convention coming up, new information will soon be available on the GJCL website for Convention. Convention will be held from April 20-22, the weekend of Rome's Birthday! Prices will be \$105 (paid by February 14 - March 18), \$110 (paid by March 19 - April 1), \$120 (paid after April 1st). This will be the GJCL State Convention's 60th anniversary so to celebrate we will be hosting a new skit contest with the theme of Hercules' Labors. The winner skit contest will have the chance to perform in That's Entertainment! New details will be placed in the 2012 FAX. Many new additions will be available at the 60th GJCL State Convention such as a revised dance program and an actual Roman Banquet instead of fried chicken or a hockey puck.

We're on the Web!

www.gjcl.org



Get Involved!

Do you go toga bowling? Does your school have a toga Tuesday? Do you have any pictures, videos, or articles about your school's JCL? Do you spread an appreciation for the classics or the knowledge that people still actually study Latin around your community? Then send all your photos,

videos, and articles of your school's JCL events to **both** editor@gjcl.org, webmaster@gjcl.org, and hi

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Oh we'll miss you Mr. Ward.