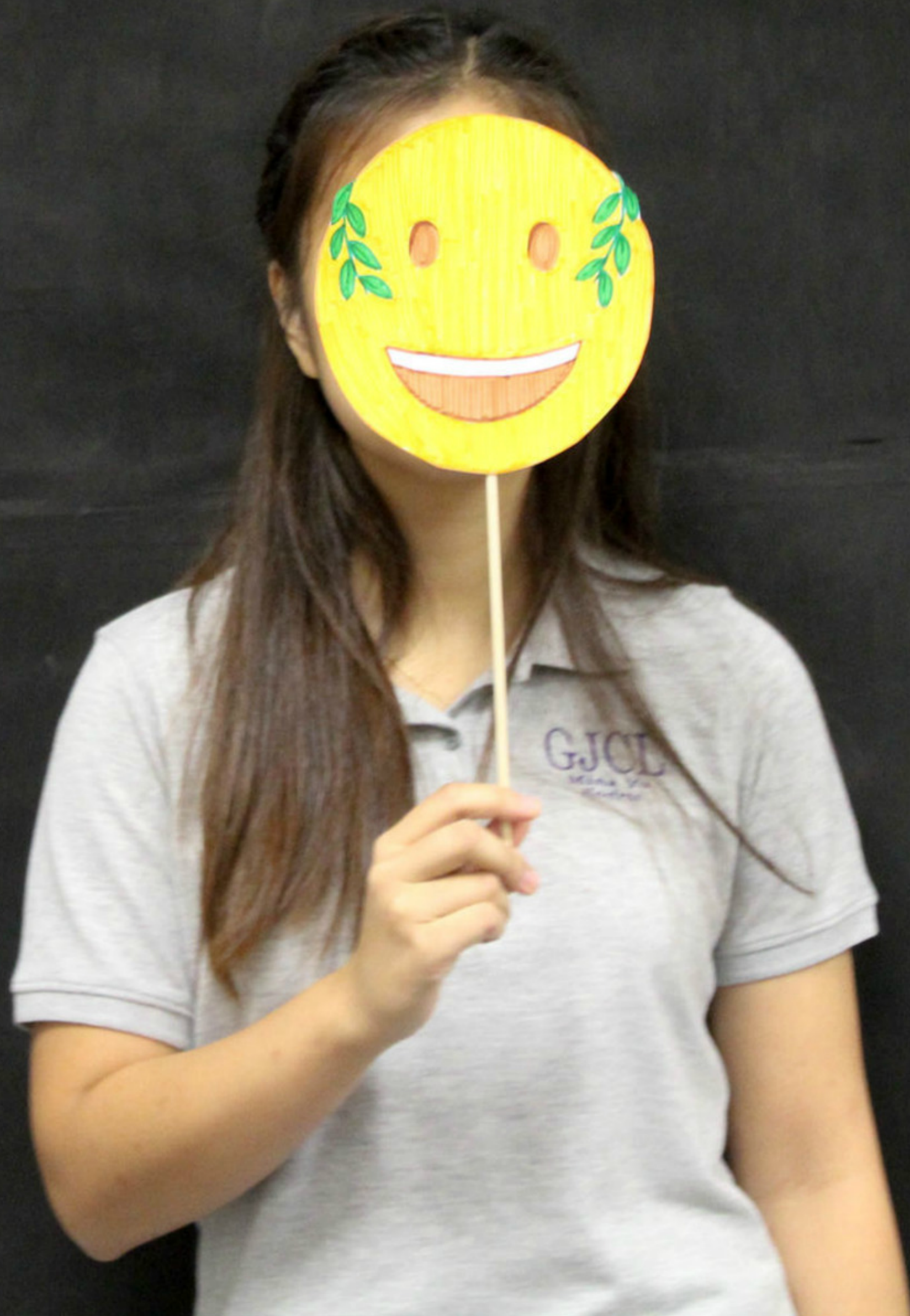


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# WINTER CERTAMEN TOURNAMENTS

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MMXVIII.

FLORIDA  
GEORGIA *Vivi Lu*

On January 13th, players lined the hallways of Northview High School while exchanging greetings, anticipating the beginning of the 5th Annual Florida Georgia Certamen Tournament. Laughter and banter filled the entrance around the concessions stand called Grumio's Kitchen as volunteers finished last-minute preparations.

The conversations quieted when a volunteer stood by Grumio's Kitchen, waving her hands as she spoke. "Good news – all the teams have registered, so we're going to start thirty minutes early!" Loud cheers resounded in response to her announcement.

"It's finally starting," a novice player whispered beside me, equal parts excitement and anxiety filling his voice.

Over twenty teams hurried to their assigned rooms, ready for a preliminary round of Latin Academic Bowl. Throughout each round, competitors from different grades, schools, and states joked about subjunctive conjugations and historical battles. After each round, players shook hands, smiled regardless of the results, and moved to the next room.

The Florida-Georgia Tournament was not only a friendly competition but also a representation of the essence of JCL. It was not about memorizing a fifty-page packet or trying to guess the answer to an unread question; instead, it was a reminder that people with nothing but a "dead" language in common can form unforgettable bonds.

Based on the results, the tournament at this year's state convention will be intense. A huge thank you to Northview High School for hosting the tournament and to Oak Hall School and St. Stephens Episcopal School in Florida for participating. Congratulations to all who participated!



# EAST SIDE'S LUPERCALIA

II.XVII  
MMXVIII.

## Anika Park

Students of the GJCL willingly threw aside their precious Saturday morning sleep-ins on February 17th to attend the East Side/Lupercalia Certamen tournament. Despite the disappointing cancellation of the East Side tournament in December due to the chaotic snow days, the GJCL Committee managed to combine it with the Lupercalia tournament.

Everyone gathered in the cafeteria while many shuffled through their endless study guides and practice questions, waiting intently for the tournament to commence. However, once it began, all the anxiety and pressure seemed to vanish.

The tournament is perfect for beginning players who'd like to get a gist of certamen and for longtime players who are looking to brush up on their skills. It's unique in that it aims to provide everyone with a chance to really participate in every round. The nature of the questions ensured that almost none would go dead, and everyone could maximize their experience.

For advanced, the Walton A team took home first place, with North Gwinnett A and Walton B getting second and third, respectively. For intermediate, North Gwinnett won first, Northview won second, and Chattahoochee won third. For novice, Walton A got first, with Grayson second and Walton C third. Congratulations to everyone who participated for their effort and admirable dedication that drove them to East Side High School on a bright and early Saturday morning. We also thank Mr. Adams and all the student-helpers from East Side who made this tournament happen!



The Walton advanced team takes home third at the GA/FL tournament! Congratulations to Vineet, Varun, and Arvind.



The North Gwinnett intermediate stare ahead intently, ready for quick buzz at the East Side/Lupercalia tournament. They later took home first place!



# Get Ready For...

# CONVENTION

## Anika Park

Although there are still two months until state convention, it's never too early to start preparing! If you've never attended convention before, you're missing out on so much energy and passion you won't see anywhere else. Simply put, state convention is the culmination of the state and local chapters' activities and hard work from throughout the year. It means different things for different people. For some, it's a place to indulge themselves in the intricate culture they love; for others, it's a second home where they are surrounded by overwhelming support and encouragement. It's the highlight of the year for the GJCL, and there's truly something for everyone at convention whether it's competing in intense certamen tournaments, sprinting at the chariot races, or performing in "That's Entertainment."

One thing that truly makes this convention even more unique is the attendance of Lynn Ahrens, the national

**PSA:** The two dance themes will be Rome's Birthday Party and Luau, so don't forget to pack your best Hawaiian shirts and Lei!

Communications Coordinator, who'll fly down all the way from Ohio to experience the GJCL Convention. This is the first time a non-Georgian is attending our state convention, and it's so special because it could redefine what it means to truly share a JCL experience for many students. Many GJCLers who have never attended the national convention would be able to meet someone who has seen different perspectives of the JCL on a much larger scale. Likewise, for us to share the GJCL's own flair at convention seems almost symbolic of what we represent.

Convention is one of those places people go to feel uncomfortable but in the most exhilarating way. Everyone is constantly encouraged to step out of their boundaries and encounter new things and people everywhere. Every hour, every minute spent there is so precious because the only downside to convention is that there is not enough time to experience everything it has to offer. It's incredibly rare nowadays to be able to attend an event of this nature where people are surrounded by pure support and opportunities at hand to branch out. We, convention go-ers, urge everyone to sign up not just to attend some latin event but to have the experience of a lifetime and make April 20th to 22nd possibly one of the most memorable three days ever.



Spirited students parade through Rock Eagle at the 2017 GJCL convention.



# WORDS OF WISDOM

from **Chris Cherian**

Both Georgia JCL Conventions and National JCL Conventions have significantly impacted my life. I'll be the first to admit that I wasn't the best at the tests or the best at certamen—but those weren't the aspects of JCL that kept me coming back. The thing that drove me year after year back to Rock Eagle was the new people that I was able to interact with. I think today it's pretty easy to get encased by the walls of your own high school and sometimes forget that there is a whole world outside of that bubble; JCL is one way of helping you get out of that bubble and meet new people with so many different stories.

Going into college, I figured my JCL journey was coming to a close. A combination of pursuing economics and politics as well as the lack of a well-organized SCL in my new state made me question whether Latin would remain an influence in my life. Despite this, I can confidently say that Latin continues to appear in my life—and not only in my legal studies classes.

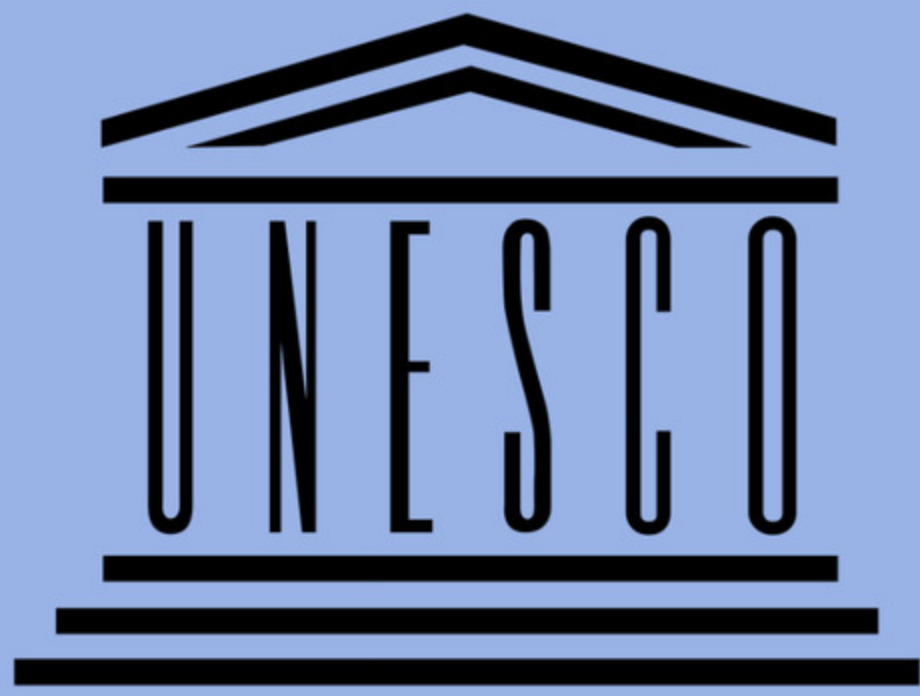
**"Latin continues to appear in my life."**



Meeting people who took Latin—even if they weren't incredibly passionate about it—instantly creates a connection through shared memories of declensions, certamen tournaments, or trying to translate Vergil. Latin is an incredibly large national committee, and every time that shared connection appears, I think back to that day I walked into the Latin classroom as a tiny little 8th grader.



# COIN WARS: CHARITIES



## President Michael Banks

The organization I will be supporting is the **United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, or UNESCO**. One of their big goals is creating this intercultural dialogue through the education of young people in developing countries and in doing so promoting literacy and addressing the social and ethical challenges faced in developing countries. It provides children in developing world with opportunities they otherwise would not have and enables them with educational resources that would otherwise be impossible to provide. <https://en.unesco.org/>



**National  
Park Foundation**

1st VP  
Lucas Kuan

For the coin wars this year, I'll be donating to the **National Park Foundation**. The National Park Foundation (NPF) is the official charity of the United States' National Park Service and its 417 national park sites. The NPF was chartered by Congress in 1967 to "further the conservation of natural, scenic, historic, scientific, educational, inspirational, or recreational resources for future generations of Americans." The NPF raises private funds for the benefit of, or in connection with, the activities and services of the National Park Service. Working on its own and with partners, the National Park Foundation funds grants and programs that demonstrate need across the National Park System in the areas of youth, community outreach, conservation and professional engagement. The Foundation is active in supporting the National Park Service in its goal to prepare National Parks for another century of conservation, preservation, and enjoyment.

I chose this charity because I believe it's our duty as citizens of this world to protect what nature we have left. Junior Classical League has always been about preserving the classics for future generations. Likewise, the National Park Foundation preserves the environment for posterity. I've personally witnessed the generosity and kindness of the GJCL, so I think we can extend our love for the classics to just a bit more. <https://www.nationalparks.org/>





## 2nd VP Michelle Cho

At this year's GJCL Coin Wars, I will be supporting the International Rescue Committee (IRC), an international organization dedicated to helping refugees all across the world whose lives were damaged by war, natural disasters, and other crises. The organization was created at the end of World War II in 1942 to help refugees from Germany, Spain, Italy, and France. Since then, the IRC has extended to many parts of the world, initiating relief programs in numerous crises, including Hurricane Katrina and the 2014 Ebola virus outbreak. The IRC provides not only basic needs such as food and clean drinking water, but also services such as medical care, counseling, and educational opportunities to help refugees rebuild their lives. <https://www.rescue.org/>.

## Parliamentarian Kevin Fan



The charity I will be supporting is the Wikimedia Foundation. The Wikimedia Foundation is dedicated to free educational content in all languages. Wikipedia's dedication to free access of unbiased information makes it easier for anyone to find and share what they know. In addition, the Wikimedia Foundation supports additional free knowledge projects such as Wikimedia Commons, Wiktionary, Wikisource, and many more.

As a student, I've used wikipedia countless times to assist on homework, prove something to a friend, or satisfy a sporadic question. It's always one of the top results on Google, and I can count on it for some ad-free unbiased information. I'm sure many of you can relate. <https://wikimediafoundation.org/wiki/Home>

Secretary  
Mina Yu

**nami**

I am so excited to announce that, this year at state convention, I will be representing the National Alliance on Mental Illness for Coin Wars! NAMI is a national grassroots advocacy organization that helps increase awareness of mental illnesses and provides support to families and individuals affected by mental illnesses throughout our nation. NAMI provides funds for education, research, and generally helps push our government towards policies that will benefit these families and individuals. If you or someone you know have been impacted by a mental illness, you know how debilitating these illnesses can be and how often people suffering from mental illnesses are marginalized and ostracized in our society. NAMI is definitely an organization worth your time, attention, and donations. Please be sure to find me at convention! Even if you're bringing bills, I will happily accept any and all donations you wish to make to this amazing organization. <https://www.nami.org/>

**LIBERTY  
IN  
NORTH  
KOREA**

## Historian Lucy Ku

Liberty in North Korea (LiNK) was founded in 2004 to help North Korean refugees hiding out in China and to resettle them in the United States or South Korea so that they can avoid being forcibly taken back to North Korea. LiNK has so far has done 733 rescue missions, saving over thousands of refugees. Lets change the narrative on human rights. Your donation to my bucket will help more of them reach freedom and safety. <https://www.libertyinnorthkorea.org/>



## Editor Anika Park



I'm donating to the Water Project in this year's Coin wars. The Water Project is a nonprofit organization that provides clean and accessible water to communities in Sub-Saharan Africa. Clean water is something that most of us take for granted, but many communities don't have access to it. A lot of women and children in those areas walk miles everyday just to fetch unsanitary water which is the root cause of many diseases like Cholera and Typhoid fever. The Water Project uses our donations to build clean wells, dams, and medical clinics which helps to renew these communities. Each of these new wells and dams make drastic improvements in locals' living conditions and help them redirect their focus on advancing the community instead of sustaining it! We in the GJCL are so lucky to have basic necessities at our fingertips, and I believe it's only right for us to extend our hand to those who don't. [The Water Project Website](#)

## Webmaster Seong Ryoo

malaria  
consortium

The charity that I have chosen is the Malaria Consortium's Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention program. The reason I chose it is because malaria is still very much an urgent and ongoing issue: malaria still does not have a vaccine, and it is still one of the leading causes of death for children throughout areas of Africa. Over 400,000 died of malaria in 2016, with 70% of deaths being young children. Most of these deaths occur during Africa's long rainy

season, when more mosquitoes are about transferring the disease.

The Malaria Consortium is helping develop and distribute a medicine called SMC (seasonal malaria chemoprevention) to young children in the Sahel region of Africa throughout this dangerous rainy season. This medicine prevents around 75% of even severe cases of malaria, potentially saving hundreds of thousands of children's lives. SMC is cost-effective, safe, and can easily be distributed by local caregivers in a community.

Another reason I've chosen the Malaria Consortium is that it has a good track record. The charity is cost-effective, transparent about its funds, and also has a funding gap for the upcoming year--which means that we can confidently donate knowing that our donations will be used effectively, to save more lives.

[Malaria Consortium Website](#)

## Hostess Blaine Kantor



I will be representing Happy Feat, a local non-profit that works with kids with special needs all over Georgia! Happy Feat holds a very special place in my heart! Happy Feat is an incredible organization. Lucy Miller, the founder of Happy Feat, and her team are some of the most passionate, hardworking, and genuine people you will ever meet. Happy Feat hosts multiple events throughout the year, such as the Happy Carnival, Night to Shine Prom, and Camp Happy, to get the community involved.

My favorite of the three is Camp Happy! Camp Happy is a weekly summer camp that runs from May to August. It is so much fun! We dance and sing, do crafts, and go on outings. I have had fun getting to know all of the sweet kids. Happy Feat is hoping to expand their organization by starting a day program that teaches kids with special needs occupational and social skills that will help them in the future. Our donations would help make this dream a reality! [Happy Feat Website](#)



# MEETING LYNN AHRENS

## 1. Please introduce yourself!

Hi everyone! I'm Lynn Ahrens, National Communications Coordinator and member of the Ohio Junior Classical League. I'm an avid skier, grapefruit enthusiast, fuzzy sock wearer, and a lot of people tell me that I'm like Sid from Ice Age (for better or for worse!). I have been taking Latin since 7th grade and am currently in Latin V—my favorite works I have read so far have been Harrius Potter et Philosophi Lapis and Livy.

## 2. What do you love most about the JCL?

Honestly, I love how nerdy the JCL is, and how accepting everyone is of this known fact. It's a Latin convention—who would've thought that it would be one of the most amazing and transformative experiences you'd ever have? At convention, though, I fangirl hard for agora/bazaar. I'll be there an hour before it opens and an hour after it ends to scope out the best merch, get the hottest deals, and recover from a glorious two hours of shopping. I LOVE seeing what people come up with every year from the Pokémon pins with Latin mottos (when Pokémon Go was huge at Indiana University) to the iconic MassJCL fidget spinners at Troy University. It's safe to say that I spend 95% of my money on agora and the rest on actual sustenance throughout the year.

## 3. What made you choose the GJCL convention and what part are you most excited for?

Georgia is one of those states that makes one heck of a statement at nationals. From the iconic PG-13 cheer to the funniest group of JCLers you'll ever meet, I'm in awe at how phenomenal the Georgia JCL is and am honored to have been invited to be a part of it for a weekend. From what I've heard through the grapevine and from Lucy Ku, I'm scared and excited to race in chariots and pull my heart out in intense tug of war! I was inspired to attend your convention because Georgia truly takes it to another level. I mean, who else has a dramatic interpretation of wildlife ecology in their schedule or middle school bonfires? I've never been to a state convention that was outside and in cabins so this will definitely be a weird and awesome new experience for me :) Of course, I'm super excited for bazaar and for That's Entertainment as well—I can't wait to see all of the amazing talents GJCLers have!



"Thank you, Georgia, for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime. I am counting down the days to GJCL Convention, and it would be an understatement to say that I can't wait to experience the best three days of my life with you all." -Lynn Ahrens



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**CHAPTER  
HIGHLIGHTS**

January - February  
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# WOODSTOCK

## CHRISTIAN EPPES

The start of the new semester had some issues for our JCL chapter. Snow days really hurt us, but we were not going to let this be a setback. On January 26th our chapter hosted a movie night for the club and any other student at our school who wanted to come. As a club we decided to watch a Roman themed movie. There was much debate, but what we all decided on was the much-acclaimed comedy, *A Funny Thing Happened on The Way to The Forum*. A lot of our club members had never even seen this movie, so it was a perfect choice. To go with our Roman themed movie our club thought it would be perfect for us to have snacks as we watched. So, as we watched our movie, we munched on nachos. Our club sponsor, Mrs. Baglio, thought a nacho bar would be perfect, and it was.

On February 14th our chapter thought it would be a great idea to have a love poetry night. We opened this event to anyone at our school who wanted to read poetry or just come and listen to it. People who wanted to read had to read in a different language, or, if they didn't know any other language, read in English. Our chapter had decided to provide a concession's area. We sold coffee, hot chocolate, brownies, crackers, cookies, etc... Our school's media center teachers were nice enough to allow our club to use the media center to host this event. Many people volunteered to read poems aloud. Some students read in Latin, a few students read in Spanish, and we even had a student read a poem in German. Even our sponsor, Mrs. Baglio, read a poem in Latin.

Our chapter has lots planned before State Convention. We are decorating livers to celebrate the Lupercalia, we are going to do our Pies of March to commemorate Julius Caesar's assassination, and some fundraising in-between. Our chapter is getting hyped for State Convention. Meeting friends, competing in contests, and having a wonderful time with fellow GJCL chapters is what we love about going each year. We are so excited and can't wait.



Colin Lyons is reading his Latin poem at the poetry night.

Chloe LeRoy is all smiles at our movie night.





# MILTON

Maria Zulfikar

“Three. Two. One. Go!”

The challenge: twenty clues. Twenty locations across campus. One hour to make it back and claim victory. Thus the 2018 Milton JCL Selfie Scavenger Hunt began.

As the weather began to get colder in early January, the Milton JCL Executive Board members walked around campus, finding interesting places and making clues, ranging from broad (“AED”) to extremely obscure (“Marsh tombstone”). The best twenty hints were selected, and that’s when the fun began.

On January 31, Milton Latin students raced to the portables after the end of the school day, where everyone ate cookies, read the now-revealed hints list repeatedly, and made team names (such as Team Insole for the team that consisted of freshmen Insiya and Nicole). At exactly 4:00 P.M., all teams ran out of the Latin classroom, timers set, minds focused on the goal. For the next hour, members ran across Milton, finding the hints on the list and then taking a selfie at the specified location. Meanwhile, the Executive Board held a spontaneous party and awaited the return of the teams. Winners would be chosen based on how many hints they had successfully found, as well as the time it took them to return to the Latin classroom.



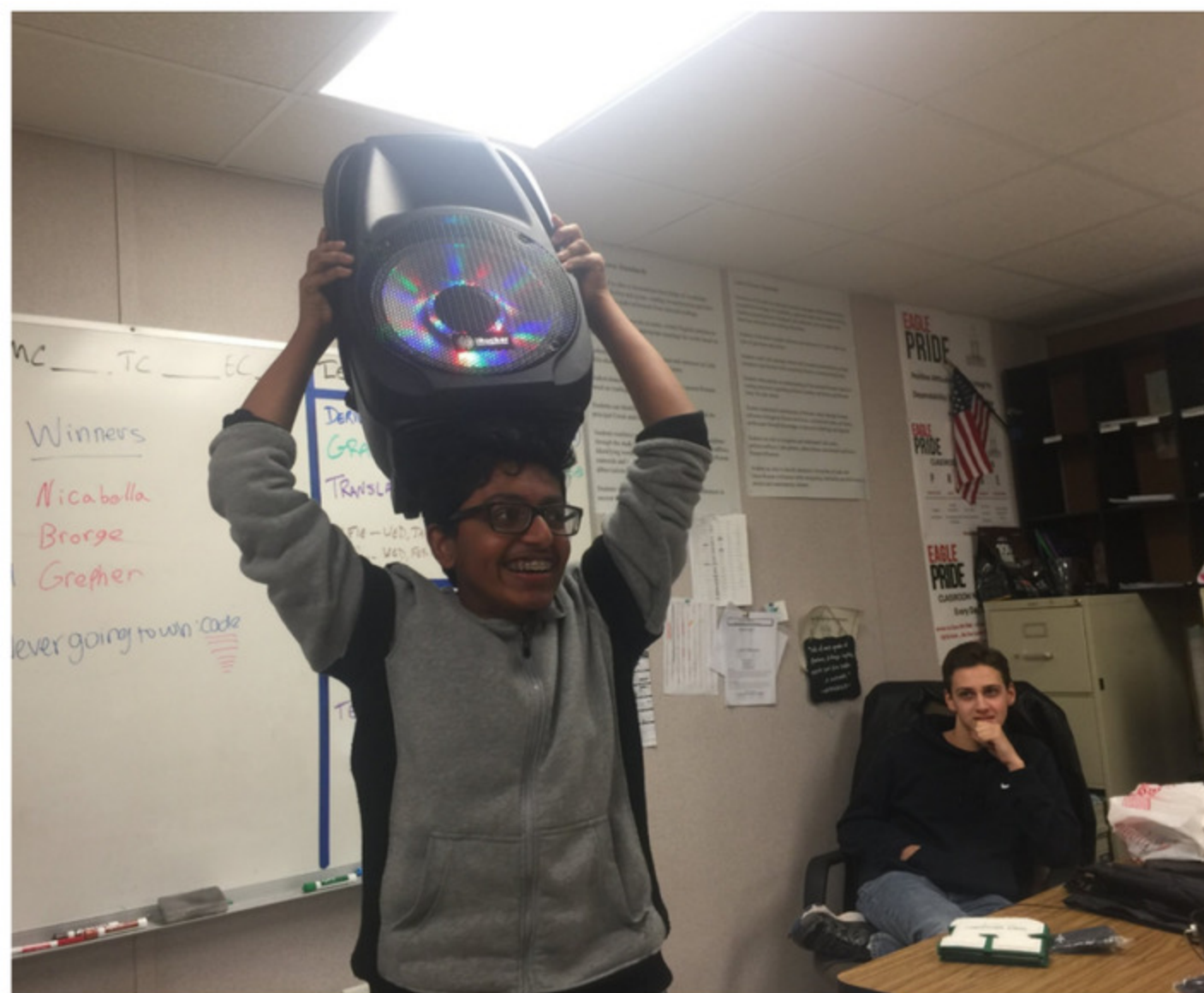
The winners of the Selfie Scavenger Hunt, with third place on the bottom and first place on the highest step.

At 4:45 P.M., Team Nicabella, consisted of juniors Nick and Isabella, claimed victory, successfully managing to find all clues and returning fifteen minutes earlier than expected. As teams were filing in, the officers looked through a plethora of selfies and marked off how many points each team had earned. A tally was kept on the board, and then, at 5:00, everyone prepared for the winners to be announced.

The first order of business was setting up a speaker, and then Emperor Luke Maran synched the Olympic March, setting the mood for the ordeal. Certamen Co-Chairs Rithwik Koppaka and Cassandra Lund dramatically announced the winners, and many pictures were taken. First Place was awarded to Team Nicabella, with Team Borge in second place (sophomore Briana and freshman George) while third place was claimed by Team Grephen (consisted of juniors Grant and Steven). The winning teams proceeded to claim their prizes. Some of the prizes included headphones, t-shirts, and a battery pack.

After prizes were claimed, everyone decided to celebrate. Spongebob songs were blasted, sunglasses were stolen, and dancing was abundant. At the end of the day, Milton JCL had enjoyed another monthly social event, and it was a success!

Rithwik Koppaka helps get the celebration started at the end of the meeting, as Emperor Luke Maran looks on amusingly.





# ST. PIUS X

CATHOLIC

## Witt Hollensbe

American consumers alone spend as much as twenty billion dollars every year to celebrate Valentine's day, commemorating their relationship statuses in the form of chocolate candies, flower arrangements, stuffed animals, Hallmark cards, and diamonds. Materialism has earned the holiday a reputation of just another courtship ritual, but this year, the St. Pius X Catholic High School JCL chapter has been able to return to the roots of Valentine's Day to celebrate one of the greatest love stories ever told: the relationship between JCLers and Latin.

At our February 8th meeting, over three dozen Latin Club members from all grade levels flooded to Ms. Briscoe's and Mr. Wineski's room for the lively V-Day bash. Latin Club members enjoyed plates of pizza, cookies, fruit, and other yummys. During the meeting, students played a game of VINCO, which sophomore Santana Williams characterized as "bingo, but like magical and Latin." In a race against the clock, students were responsible for listening to the words and phrases that Ms. Briscoe said in English and then examining their scorecard to find if what was said was written in Latin. The VINCO game had a Valentine's day theme and students showed SPX's undying love for the "dead" language by circling phrases such as "tē amō," "mea puella" and "bāsiā mē."

Lucky competitors left with as many as three Life Savers from winning the game, but everyone — regardless of whether they were able to call "VINCO!" this Valentine's day — was successful. The event was a smash hit, and our chapter has drawn a big group of students in particular thanks to events like these. "We've had a huge group of students, many of whom study other languages like French and Spanish, join the Latin Club for enjoyable meetings like these," chapter social media manager Kaitlyn Lentz said. With so many people in attendance, our Valentine's day meeting also allowed us to put our heads together and get ready for State Convention.



Members (L-R) Jennings Hooper, Ella Fific, and Kaitlyn Lentz pose for a photo in the middle of a heart-stopping round of VINCO.

Member Vy Nguyen shows off her artistic talents.





# NORTH GWINNETT

## KEVIN KIM

Out with the old...

As the North Gwinnett JCL wrapped up its first semester of activities and events, the Executive and Advisory Boards prepared for the year-end's primary attraction; in December, the NGJCL reflected on the past few months fondly at its annual Saturnalia party. Representative of the change and evolution of the chapter throughout the years, the party was held off of the North Gwinnett campus for the first time, at the McGinnis Reserve clubhouse (courtesy of VP Daniel Lee). While the air was cold and the sky was dark, the interior of the building was warm as spring and bright as day. Jovial Christmas lights bordered the entire room, with light music filtering throughout the hallways. Further changes unfolded, as the party saw its first ever piñata celebration (broken by GJCL president Michael Banks and NGJCL sponsor Jeremy Martin!); donning the head of the decapitated dinosaur, Webmaster Preston Lee drove the chapter to tears from laughter.



Webmaster Preston Lee dons the decapitated piñata head.

Returning for the second consecutive year was the pie-eating contest, which saw the former champion, senior Tommy Cangelosi, dethroned by up-and-coming freshman, Kaya Holmes!



Junior Roshen Jegajeevan poses with new pie-eating champion, freshman Kaya Holmes!

New, however, was the presentation of a \$20 Amazon gift card as the prize! With pie-covered faces and lighthearted cheer, the contestants earned a roaring applause from the present company. Featuring board games, Mafia, cornhole, Christmas music (with an impromptu karaoke duet by President and Vice President), plenty of food, and more, the Saturnalia party livened the night with charm and laughter – a perfect way to draw the first semester of the year to a close. Visits from former presidents Jonny Park (2016-17) & Mary Spears (2015-16) and former officers Alex Morris (2016-17) & Connor O'Kelly (2015-16) further embodied the family relations of the NGJCL, and promises of joy and cheer in the



new year brightened the horizons of the future. An address from President Kevin Kim guaranteed a continuation of the participation and energy of the semester, proceeding with the unprecedented club activity of the first half. Heading into a bright new year, with Ides of March and State Convention to look forward to, the NGJCL signed off the year with a brilliant smile, leaving nothing behind in 2017.

GJCL Historian Lucy Ku leads a thrilling game of Mafia.

## DANIEL LEE

Kicking off the new semester in accordance with tradition, the North Gwinnett JCL gathered to enjoy the annual ice-skating. At the Duluth Ice Forum, Latin aficionados mingled with newbies, and experienced ice-skaters watched as their fellow clubmates fell in dramatic fashion all around the rink. One of the officers, Chase Chiang to be specific, struggled greatly at first as he strapped up his skates for the first time. With time and attentive aid from VP Daniel Lee and Secretary Francis Kim, Chase was able to skate by himself without desperately holding on to the side for support.



A recreation of an iconic NGJCL moment, (left to right) Karenna, Chloe, Daniel, and Aubrey lean rather uncomfortably on the

The shenanigans that is sometimes associated with NGJCL events began immediately as the first pair of skates hit the ice. The unspoken goal of every ice skater was to not fall onto the cold, hard ice. Unfortunately for the NGJCL, this goal was not meant to be.



Indeed the most common sight at the ice rink, JCLers were seen struggling to make their way around the rink without the help of the wall.

From the start, a few skaters thought it would be incredibly fun to try to scare people on the ice. Thankfully, no one was hurt by the time the zamboni came out. The warm and inviting atmosphere that comes with every NGJCL event juxtaposed the cold and harsh air of the rink. Under the guise of simple Latin club members trying to enjoy ice-skating, many young suitors pursued their implicit ventures. Meanwhile, unaware of such transpiring stories, Mr. Martin was seen trying to teach his triplets how to skate. How amusing it was to see the legendary magister struggle to keep his children upright on the ice. To his aid flew in many dedicated JCLers with the desire to play with and teach the unbridled balls of energy. It was a time when all worries of what tests were coming up faded and the only thing left was the fun and



excitement of the moment. Underclassmen got to enjoy the first ice-skating event with their clubmates while upperclassmen remembered the times they spent in previous years, skating in circles as a member of the NGJCL. Iconic NGJCL pictures were recreated and new memories flourished. As the final minutes of open skating were coming to a close, the fun climaxed as snowballs were made from the

ice. Through the pain of falling on the ice, through the high time of racing around the rink, through the joy of creating new lasting memories, the NGJCL spent another great event with each other, this time, on the ice. Though not all got to enjoy the thrill of gliding on the thin layer of water that forms when ice is compressed by the blade of the skate, not a single member was left out in the fun that is always associated with the NGJCL.

## KEVIN KIM

Singing its problems away, the NGJCL experimented with its first ever karaoke night. Having toyed with prospective social events for weeks, the executive board settled on a night filled with energy and off-pitch high school kids, electrifying sponsor Mr. Martin's classroom. Originally planned for the spacious, luxurious, acoustic chorus room, things went awry as the audio and the speakers creased to function. Testing out the sound with the Soviet Union national anthem surprised several passing pedestrians, with such nationalism seldom seen (or heard, rather) within the school boundaries. When, eventually, a defeated executive board decided to abandon ship, the congregation of 35 wide-eyed, eager students migrated across campus to Mr. Martin's room, where the broken air conditioning and the densely saturated air proceeded to inconvenience all who entered. The adverse conditions, however, did little to curb the students' enthusiasm, however, as president Kevin Kim commenced the karaoke session with a few ground rules. There were to be, in order of importance, only the most fire songs (like All Star by Smash Mouth), with only the most clean and innocent lyrics (so as to preserve the purity of the untainted, precious freshmen), and only the most voluminous singing (no soft-spoken mumbling allowed here!). With that dredging, tedious speech out of the way, the karaoke session began with a special rendition of Grenade by Bruno Mars, performed by none other than president Kevin Kim. Three minutes of hoarse screaming later, the NGJCL gave its emotionally distraught, freshly-single president a hand.



Freshmen class valedictorian Sarah Park converses with Mr. Martin's daughter, Quinn.

Next to perform was a particularly ambitious group of freshmen, belting out the heart-wrenching ballad Too Good at Goodbyes by Sam Smith. Vocalizing with grief and sorrow unheard of in young, inexperienced freshmen, the performance left tears in many eyes. Some five or six songs later, the vice president, Daniel Lee, wooed the hearts of all in attendance by performing Classic by MKTO. Delivering a passionate, irresistible spectacle, Daniel joined the executive board in singing Chandelier by Sia. Such was the volume emanating from the classroom that it is said a tsunami formed off the coast of the Barbados. As the night died down and as the students prepared to say their goodbyes, one final performance stole the stage. Sponsor and famed high-school wrestler Jeremy Martin unleashed his sensitive side, singing Piano Man by Billy Joel. Pouring his heart and soul into the music, Mr. Martin's performance embodied what had been an incredible night.



# WALTON

**ERIN KIM**

Just as Vergil describes the busy city of Carthage in the Aeneid, the WJCL has been a hive of busy bees. From Fall Forum to certamen and now to Secret Santa, the WJCL has no time to rest.

The months of October through December are always the busiest, not only for Latin, but for the entire school. The semester is coming to an end, and it is never easy to find time for the extracurricular activities that come with being a part of the JCL-- but somehow, our members manage to accomplish this daunting feat. Whether it be attending club meetings or attending out-of-school, events, Walton's turnout is always incredible.

Like every year, the WJCL held its annual Secret Santa, organized by secretary Evan Wen. After signing up, each person was assigned a secret santa.

The first day of gifts was Gag Gift Day, where everyone brought laughter with gifts ranging from pineapples to Band-aids. The second day was Food Gift Day, where food was given and the stress-eating commenced. The final day was the heartwarming Nice Gift Day, where the secret santas revealed themselves to their receivers.

The WJCL managed to once again slightly relieve the academic stress that always comes with the holiday season. A little bit of laughter can go a long way, which the members of the Walton Club proves every year. The tradition of Secret Santa will continue for many years to come, bringing with it joy and holiday spirit.



Bhargav Tata smiles as he peers into his secret santa gift bag.

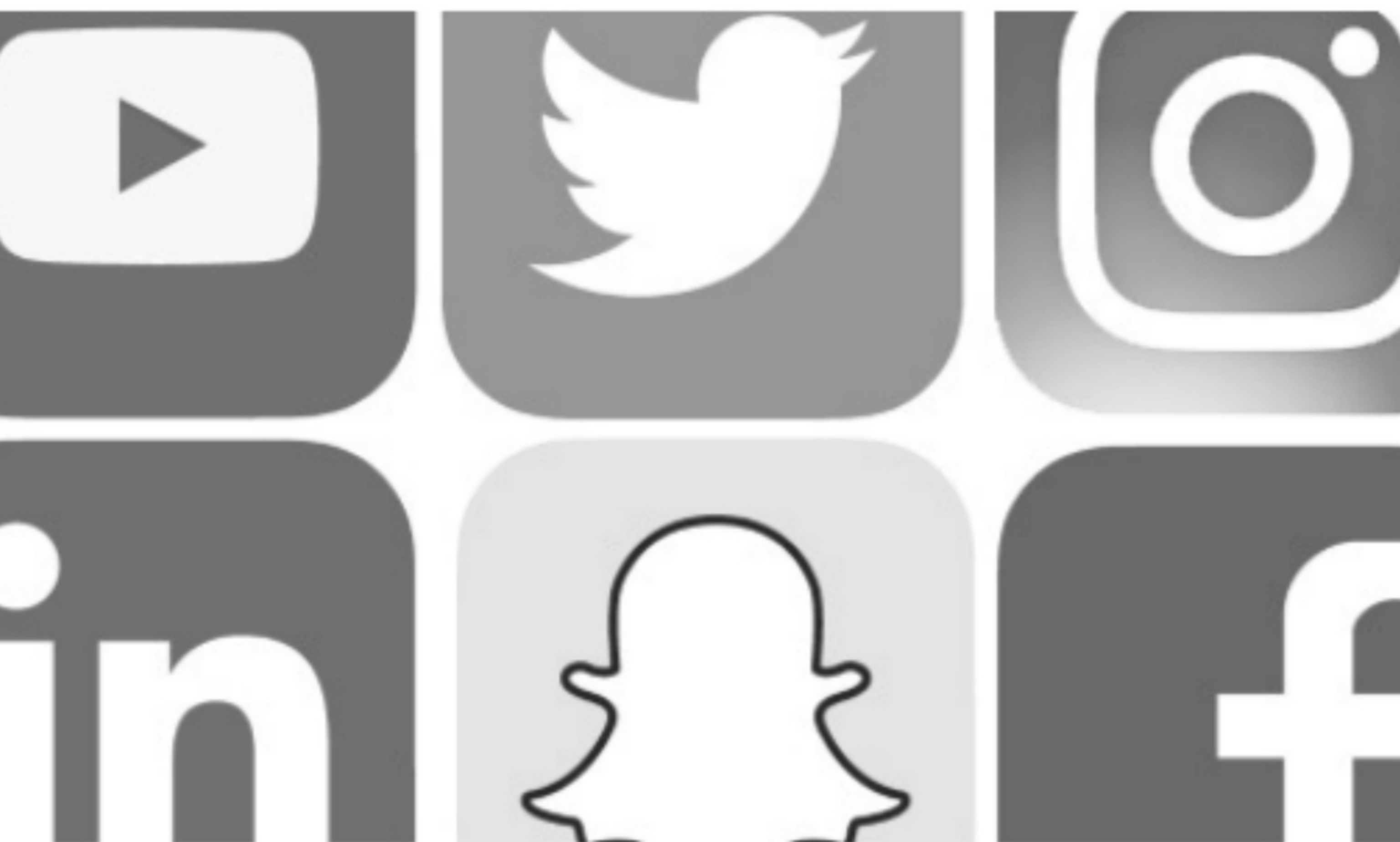


The WJCL enjoys a festive Christmas-themed cake at their December Latin Club



# GJCL

## *Social Media Contest*



### **SPIRIT POINTS**

Earn them by  
winning/submitting!

### **APRIL 15, 2018**

Due before/on this  
date

### **#GJCLSTATE18**

The official GJCL  
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Rules and submission can be found at: [tinyurl.com/gjclsm](http://tinyurl.com/gjclsm) &  
[tinyurl.com/gjclsm18](http://tinyurl.com/gjclsm18)



# SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST

HISTORIAN LUCY KU

Salvete Omnes! I am so excited to announce that the GJCL this year finally has a social media contest! This was inspired by the NJCL publicity/social media competition.

Chapters, small and large, will have the opportunity to submit to this contest until April 15th. This was created in order to help GJCL chapters be recognized on a national level, small or large!

Winners and submissions, both, will be awarded with spirits points! So please consider submitting. Check out the flyer for this contest on the left! For more information, please contact [historian@gjcl.org](mailto:historian@gjcl.org).

# SERVICE COMPETITION

2nd VP MICHELLE CHO

Salvete!

The GJCL will again be having the Community Service Competition. I have attached the guidelines and the link to the submission form below. This is a really great way to showcase your chapter's service opportunities, so I highly encourage all of you to submit an entry. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me!

[Click here for the Guidelines](#)

For more information, please contact [2ndvicepresident@gjcl.org](mailto:2ndvicepresident@gjcl.org).

# SERVICE PROJECT

2nd VP MICHELLE CHO

At this year's GJCL State Convention Community Service Project, delegates will decorate pillowcases to donate to the Ronald McDonald House, a charity that provides homes for families of sick and injured children who are in the hospital. The Service Project will occur in all Workshop Sessions.

Chapters are asked to donate new, plain pillowcases and decorating supplies (fabric paint, paint brushes, fabric markers, stencils, etc.). Please do NOT bring glitter or adhesives. Participation and donations to the Service Project will be rewarded with Spirit Points.

For more information, please contact [2ndvicepresident@gjcl.org](mailto:2ndvicepresident@gjcl.org).



# SUBMIT TO THE ALAE EDITOR@GJCL.ORG

## 1. Increase publicity for your local JCL chapter's events

### Chapter Highlights

- 300 - 400 words long
- Include AT LEAST ONE photograph of the event (preferably with captions!)
- Summaries of chapter preparations for convention, member meetings, etc. are all welcome!

### Specific Events and Projects

- 400 - 800 words long
- Include AT LEAST TWO photographs of the event (preferably with captions!)
- Summaries of special service projects, JCL socials, celebrations, ceremonies, etc. are all welcome!

## 2. Submit your creative content to be published in a statewide publication

### Creative Content

- Must be related to the classics or JCL
- Must be school-appropriate
- Drawings, photographs, poems, short stories, etc. are all welcome!

IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT SOMETHING OTHER THAN THESE OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT EDITOR@GJCL.ORG