

Junior Chamber International - Makati (Philippines)

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Member Benefits

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JCI Opportunities

Junior Chamber can be called an organization of opportunities. The opportunities available within Junior Chamber are so numerous it could take a lifetime to grasp them all. Most members select those which cater to their particular needs and make the most of them.

Basically, there are four Areas of Opportunities within the organization: Individual, Community, International and Business. Projects are conducted in each Area. As the members work on these projects, they encounter opportunities for total development.

The Individual Member

Your Junior Chamber membership will bring you great personal benefits. It can be the means to the total development of your personality, and new horizons will be opened to you. As a member, you will learn to do so much more than you would in other associations. In Junior Chamber, a doctor may supervise a school construction project, a businessman may chair a child health project, a mechanic may organize and direct a seminar. In the prime of your life, grasp the opportunity to become a person with real and varied skills.

Responsibilities

As a member you should have three goals:

1. To make yourself the best member of your chapter.
2. To make your chapter the best chapter in Junior Chamber International.
3. As a dedicated member, to help your chapter make your community the best local community in the world.

In achieving these goals, you do not have specific or constitutional duties as officers and Board members do, but you do have very real responsibilities. A few are listed below.

To Be Active

Many organizations exist for the "joiner," the person who only wants to add another membership card to his/her collection. Junior Chamber membership is different; it offers so much to its members: skill training, personal development, community recognition, and the satisfaction of being deeply involved in programs of lasting benefit to others. However, these benefits are only available to the active member, the one who attends all meetings and who works hard on all assigned projects.

To Be Committed

There is no such person as a "good, half-hearted" Junior Chamber member. The JCI movement has a philosophy; it has goals and purposes; it has soul. It requires a commitment to its ideals from its members, it demands dedication to hard work, and it calls for a deep understanding of the problems of people. If you can make this commitment, you will be an invaluable member of your chapter.

To Be A Contributor

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There are many member of Junior Chamber who are bursting with good ideas, who are sound thinkers and who could play a useful role in the decision-making process. However, they are often silent at meetings, perhaps because of shyness or maybe they are afraid their ideas will be ridiculed. Too often the really good ideas come out after the decision has been made. Your chapter needs your contribution. Acquire the skill of speaking in public, think out ideas thoroughly, and present a reasoned argument in support of your views.

Be prepared to listen to opposition and accept any good points that are made. Aim at being a member who is listened to and whose ideas are valued.

To Be Efficient

Efficiency is one of the keys to advancement. It is important that, whatever task you have, you understand what you have to do, you participate fully with others involved and you do your bit to the best of your ability. Do not be afraid to ask if you do not understand. Do not hesitate to seek help if you feel this is necessary. There is no position in the Junior Chamber movement that is more important than any other, and each member is one link in the human chain of achievement. The organization needs the floor member who does what he or she has to do conscientiously–it does not need those who shirk responsibility and cause failure.

To Be Dependable

The member who can be counted on at all times, the one on whom others can depend, is the member who will go right to the top. Many good projects fail because only one person let the team down. Most Junior Chamber activities require teamwork, and it is up to you to pull your weight and do what is expected of you. At the same time, do not become so enthusiastic that you undertake more than you have the time to do. Having too much to do is as bad as doing nothing at all. The result is the same.