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YOU ARE INVITED,  
TO TSJCL STATE  
CONVENTION 2012!  
-TSJCL BOARD

Salvete TSJCL,

I hope y'all have enjoyed the first half of your academic year! I know it has been a long break, but it is time to prepare for Area and State Conventions.

We at the TSJCL have been quite busy getting ready for State. But y'all still need to do your part, whether preparing for Art, the Decathlon, or other Creative Constets.

I would like to encourage anyone who loves this organization to run for an office at State. Being on the board is such a reward and it is so much fun. It is a great opportunity that anyone should take. It is the time to follow your ambitions and to try and make changes to better the TSJCL.

Once at State, I know that there will not be a wasted moment. There is a wide variety of fun activities that everyone will enjoy. There will be everything from Laser Tag to movies to catapults. The fun shouldn't end there, because you will be in San Antonio. Why not treat your Latin Club to the fun activites in and around the city? Go to Six Flags, the Riverwalk, The Alamo, or to some great museums. There are a lot of fun things to do at convention this year and I cannot wait to see y'all there! Bonam Fortunam!

Pax,  
Trace Turner  
2011-2012 Torch Editor



## From the TSJCL Desk

Dear TSJCLers,

I cannot believe half the school year has already gone by. I hope you all had great a holiday season and are settling back into school well. Not only does returning to school mean the start of a new semester, it also means the start of what I refer to as the Latin season! Let me explain. The Latin season is the time starting in January, when we begin studying for Area, until after State in March. These next few months will be packed with preparations for your Area and State competitions. Now might be the time to begin memorizing a Dramatic Interpretation, writing an English Oratory, or making a study sheet for the Mot-toes test. The more prepared you are now, the less stressed you will feel later. Less stress means more fun at State!

Last year I promised that if I was elected President, I would strive to make State more about friendship than competition. To encourage this idea, I chose "Nullius boni sine socio iucunda possessio est" (No good thing is pleasing without friends to share it) by Seneca to be the convention theme for 2012. I truly hope everyone attending convention finds new friends to share their joys with. So introduce yourself to the person standing next to you in line for dinner; strike up a conversation before tests, at the bazaar, or at the dance. I have met some of the most amazing people at convention, and "those crazy times at convention with my new friend" make great stories.

The Executive Board is trying to find ways to make meeting people and creating memories easier. One of the things we have come up with is a Blazer Laser Tag trailer! If that is not your scene, you might like to check out some great Colloquia sessions. Whatever your interests are, I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone by trying new things and making new friends so that we might all have a more enjoyable State Convention. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to email me.

I cannot wait to see you all in March!

Dum tum, bonam fortunam ad regionem!

Sincerely,  
Alison Champion  
TSJCL President 2011-2012  
Contact: [president@tsjcl.org](mailto:president@tsjcl.org)



## From the TXSCL Desk

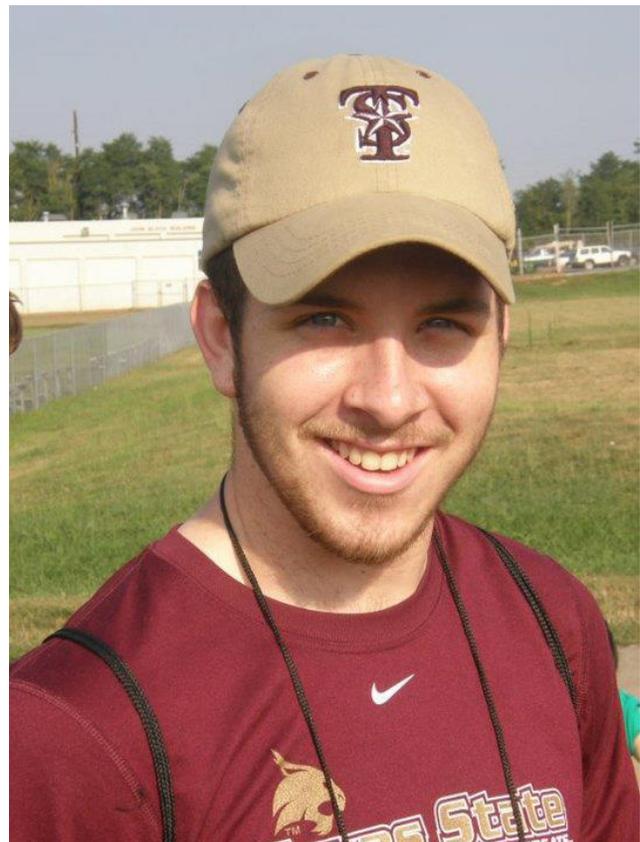
Salvete omnes!

This is your friendly neighborhood TXSCL President, saying hello once again after what was hopefully a very successful semester for all of you. This past semester I was able to participate in the TSJCL's Fall Board Meeting, and I have some exciting news.

The SCL is putting on a catapult competition at State Convention this year. That's right, you heard me, a catapult competition. Complete with targets, hilarious competitions, and (completely harmless) carnage. BUT, we can't run this competition unless enough of you show up to State Convention in San Antonio from March 30th - 31st at Tom C. Clark High School. It's going to be a lot of fun, even if you're not helping destroy miniature Carthaginian villages, so please make the drive and come help out!

Other than that, packets for Nationals will be coming out at some point this semester. Be sure to send yours in early so you can come party in Wake Forest with the SCL. And by party, I of course mean actually do work, dance like a fool to cheesy music, wear the same clothes a couple of days in a row, and get absolutely no sleep. It's kind of like finals, but you're giving the tests. Hope to see you all soon!

Living every week like it's Shark Week,  
Brendon Walsh  
TXSCL President  
NSCL Parliamentarian



## TSJCL State 2012:

As the convention coordinator for this year's State Convention, I would personally like to invite Texas Latin students to attend this year's TSJCL convention at Tom C. Clark High School in San Antonio.

This year's state convention has the potential to be the most organized, entertaining and competitive of the recent state conventions. The reasons to attend this year clearly surpass any reluctance you might have about attending State Convention.

While scheduling with the delegate in mind, and catering from some of the favorites of the San Antonio students and lots of planned fun activities, I can safely assure that anyone who attends convention this year will always be far from bored. If you end up deciding to attend this year you will not regret it. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Jacob Huston

TSJCL Convention Coordinator 2011-2012



## Patricia Rektorik-Sprinkle

“You need to host Area C next year. It’s time for you guys to get involved.” With those words, Patricia Rektorik-Sprinkle dragged Van Alstyne High School and me, at that time its hapless JCL sponsor, into the wild world of TSJCL Conventions. PRS, as Mrs. Rektorik-Sprinkle was known to many of us, was never one to mince words when it came to involvement in the JCL. A tireless supporter, teacher, and mentor to students and colleagues alike, Patricia was a mainstay of the TSJCL for years. Sadly, we lost PRS to a long, bravely fought battle with lupus in October of 2011.

Accomplishments? There were plenty for Patricia. She was a recipient of the Ed Phinney Book Award from the NJCL for her behind-the-scenes efforts in support of many national conventions. Her colleagues successfully nominated her for the NJCL’s Summa cum Laude sponsor award. Additionally, she was asked to serve as a mentor-teacher by the TSJCL. She often conducted workshops at conventions and classical gatherings covering many topics including costume design, scrapbooks, and a variety of other classically-relevant areas. Always willing to share her expertise as a teacher and JCL sponsor, Patricia enjoyed helping other schools and JCL chapters build their programs. At conventions she proctored tests, judged contests, and rooted for all the JCLers.

In my years working with her, she co-hosted a TSJCL Convention in Denton, sponsored many TSJCL officers, presented at CASUS and TCA meetings, and once created an over-sized multi-person dancing longhorn used in the NJCL Convention in Kentucky as part of the invitation to attend the 50th NJCL gathering in Texas.

PRS loved books, music, and art and her home was a testament to years of accumulating both crafts and reading material. She frequented museums and operas as well as Latin gatherings.

Still, her most abiding interest was best expressed by the words of her husband, Ed, “Her first love, however, was encouraging her students to excel and explore both inside and outside the Latin program, regularly leading student trips in the U.S. and abroad.”

Pat, we will miss you.

Cum Amore,

Mr. Larry Martin on behalf of TSJCLers everywhere



## Thinking about running for TSJCL Office? Here's how to do it!

TSJCL State Convention is rapidly approaching, so don't miss the amazing chance to run for a position on the board! In order to take advantage of this opportunity, you'll need to follow a few steps. First and foremost, check out the TSJCL website ([www.tsjcl.org](http://www.tsjcl.org)) for information on each officer's duties and make a decision about the position that you would like to run for. Once you've figured out what position suits you, consult the by-laws to ensure that you meet the requirements for the office and talk to your sponsor so that he/she can give you the proper paperwork. Then, fill out and mail in an application which will be available in the State registration packet sent to your school and online. All applications for elections should be postmarked no later than March 1st, 2012 and sent to the address on the application.

At State Convention, you must attend the Nominations Committee on Friday, March 30, 2012, where you will give a two minute speech in order to introduce yourself to the representatives from each school and to formally announce your candidacy. This must be the first time you announce to anyone that you are running for a TSJCL office and you may put up campaign materials only after. You must limit your campaign expenditures to \$40.00 and provide all receipts at the Nominations Committee. In addition to your speech at the Nominations Committee, you will be required to make a speech at the Elections Assembly on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Your individual speech will be prefaced by an opening statement made by a fellow student who can introduce you to the assembly. Immediately following the Elections Assembly, the Candidates' Open Forum will take place so that student representatives from each participating school can ask candidates questions.

Note that the offices of Parliamentarian, Webmaster, and Editor are appointed positions, so they will be filled after State Convention at the Spring Board meeting.

Running for the TSJCL board will be a decision you won't regret! I want to make sure that everyone who would like to run for office will, so please feel free to email me at [parliamentarian@tsjcl.org](mailto:parliamentarian@tsjcl.org). Thank you and I will see y'all soon!

Sincerely,  
Liz Cohn  
2011-2012 Parliamentarian



Following few pages are all the changes made to the TSJCL Constitution and Bylaws. Enjoy!

\*Underline and *Italics* denote a change

## REVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Texas State Junior Classical League (*TSJCL*).

Section 2. The emblem, pin, and colors shall be the same as those of the National Junior Classical League (*NJCL*).

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Student membership

a. Student membership is open to all persons enrolled in a secondary school which has chapter membership in the *TSJCL*. Local chapters may apply their own restrictions.

b. Student members shall also be members of the *NJCL*.

Section 3. Chapter Membership

a. Chapter membership *in the TSJCL* shall include any *NJCL* chapters in Texas that *fulfill all the necessary requirements for membership in this* organization.

### ARTICLE IV -OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers

The elected officers of the TSJCL shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Historian.

Section 2. Appointed Officers

The appointed officers of the TSJCL shall consist of a Parliamentarian, Editor, Webmaster, and a Convention coordinator.

#### *Section 3. Area Chairpersons*

*The area chairpersons of the TSJCL shall consist of a representative from each area of the state of Texas as specified by the TSJCL Bylaws.*

#### *Section 4. State Chairpersons*

*The state chairpersons of the TSJCL shall consist of the elected sponsors who act as the Board of Directors for this member-run nonprofit organization.*

*+Section 3. created to clarify Area Chairperson position*

*+Section 4. created to clarify State Chairperson position*

### *ARTICLE V – THE STUDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD*

*Section 1. The student executive board shall be composed of the elected officers, appointed officers, and area chairpersons as specified in Article IV.*

*Section 2. The student executive board shall serve as an advisory body to the Board of Directors.*

*+ Article V. created to clarify who the student executive board is and its purpose.*

### ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 2. *All* proposed amendments must be *communicated* to every chapter at least two weeks prior to the convention.

## REVISIONS OF THE BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I – MEETINGS

Section 1. The Student Executive Board and ***the Board of Directors*** shall meet three times yearly, or at the call of at least three members of the Student Executive Board or ***the Board of Directors***.

## ARTICLE II – QUORUM

Section 2. ***A simple majority*** of voting delegates present at the State Convention shall be a quorum for the Representative Assembly.

## ARTICLE III - QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS AND AREA CHAIRPERSONS

Section 6. All candidates for office shall represent the TSJCL chapter ***of which they intend to be a member during their term of office.***

Section 7. All candidates for office shall be present at the State Convention and ***must have attended at least one previous State Convention.***

***Section 9. Members-at-large are not eligible to hold any TSJCL office.***

***Section 10. Candidates for President shall have attended at least one previous National Convention at the time of candidacy.***

***Section 11. Candidates for Treasurer shall come from a chapter whose sponsor has previously sponsored a TSJCL officer or Area Chairperson.***

## ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. The President

c. Shall appoint, ***with the approval of the Student Executive Board and the sponsor of the host chapter,*** Area Chairpersons if for any reason they have not been chosen at Area Convention or the State Convention.

***\*\* deleted d. Shall assign each chapter to the appropriate area. (Needs to be in a State Chairperson section.)***

***d. Shall appoint the parliamentarian with the Student Executive Board approval.***

***e. Shall appoint Convention Coordinator on the advice of the sponsor of the host chapter with the approval of the Student Executive Board.***

f. Shall appoint the Editor on the advice of the outgoing Editor, a State Chairperson, and the outgoing President, with the approval of the Student Executive Board.

g. Shall appoint the Webmaster on the advice of the outgoing Webmaster, a State Chairperson, and the outgoing President, with the approval of the Student Executive Board.

***\*\* deleted i. Shall solicit prior to the State Convention invitations to host the next State Convention. (Needs to be in State Chairperson section.)***

***i. Shall appoint another officer to count votes in the event that Parliamentarian cannot do so.***

***j. Shall carry out the policies of the TSJCL and shall perform all other functions usually attributed to this office.***

Section 2. The First Vice President

b. Shall be responsible for the academic contests at the State Convention in the following areas:

1) ***revising and editing*** rules for the academic contests

2) ***procuring judges*** for the ***Dramatic Interpretation, Sight Recitation and*** other contests as necessary Classical Civilization

3) ***administering the Dramatic Interpretation and Sight Recitation contests***

4) ***assisting with the distribution of the contest results***

***c. Shall present the proposed academic rules to the Student Executive Board for its approval at the fall meeting.***

***d. Shall facilitate the purchase of all awards on behalf of the TSJCL and assist in their presentation.***

## Section 3. The Second Vice President

a. Shall be responsible for the Classical Civilization contests with respect to:

- 1) revising and editing the Classical Civilization contest rules and topics
- 2) procuring judges and monitors
- 3) preparing the results for processing for the grading room
- 4) assisting in the presentation of awards

**b. Shall be responsible for presenting the preliminary contest rules and plans to the Student Executive Board at the fall meeting.**

## Section 4. The Secretary

f. Shall call roll at the General Assemblies and notify each chapter of its allotted number of votes.

g. Shall give the membership report at the General Assembly of the State Convention.

## Section 5. The Treasurer

**e. Shall issue membership lists to all sponsors at the State Convention.**

f. Shall order Student Executive Board pins and State Chairperson pins.

**\*\*deleted- i. Shall have a sponsor who has previously served as an officer's sponsor. THIS SHOULD GO IN QUALIFICATIONS NOT DUTIES.**

**\*\* move- l. Shall be in charge of the distribution of the handbook. THIS SHOULD GO IN A STATE CHAIRPERSON SECTION.**

## Section 6. The Historian

e. Shall be in charge of the Latin Club of the Year contest, photo contest, Scrapbook Contest, publicity contest and other contests as needed.

## Section 7. The Editor

## TORCH.

d. Shall see to the production and distribution of the Convention Issue. \*(delete at end of term – confusing). Shall keep and update past files of the TORCH.

e. Shall work with the Webmaster to ensure a timely, attractive TORCH is online.

## Section 8. The Parliamentarian

a. Shall aid the President in presiding at the Student Executive Board meetings and the General Assemblies of the State Convention.

d. Shall preside over the Nominations Committee.

e. Shall be the chairperson of the Program of Works committee and oversee the amendment process.

**f. Shall have the authority to make syntactical and grammatical corrections to the bylaws with the consent of a simple majority of the members of Student Executive Board present at any such meeting in which business is fit to take place.**

## Section 9. The Convention Coordinator

**d. Shall submit a full financial reporting of the State Convention to the Student Executive Board at the Spring Board Meeting. (\*Treasurer may not have financial records.)**

**e. Shall assist the State Chairpersons in the administration of written academic contests.**

## Section 10. The Webmaster

b. Shall encourage the use of electronic media as an economical means of communication.

**d. Shall be responsible for submitting the TSJCL webpage to the NJCL State Website contest.**

**e. Shall maintain an electronic archive of the materials on the website with the assistance of the other officers and State Chairpersons.**

## Section 12. All Officers

a. Shall give a Voice of Experience Report at the final Spring Student Executive Board meeting of their term and retain the right to vote on the Student Executive Board at that meeting.

c. Shall be responsible for informing the other officers, the general membership, and the State Chairpersons of the activities of their office, and provide them with any information for the completion of their duties.

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## ARTICLE V - POWERS OF THE STUDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Student Executive Board shall:

**\*\*delete a. Be responsible for the selection of the Convention Website from the invitations received. (This should be a State Chairperson's power)**

**a. Serve as an advisory board to the Board of Directors.**

f. Replace any officer who for whatever reasons is not able to complete the term of his office. The Student Executive Board **may** take into consideration the recommendation of the sponsor involved.

g. Replace any Student Executive Board member who misses any two meetings without a satisfactory **explanation or who is not fulfilling the duties of his office.**

**\*\*ARTICLE VI – POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE CHAIRPERSONS (added in accordance with Constitutional amendment)**

**a. Shall solicit prior to the State Convention invitations to host the next State Convention and be responsible for the selection of the State Convention site from the invitations received.**

**b. Shall be in charge of the distribution of the Officers Handbook and electronic letterhead.**

**c. Shall attend all Student Executive Board Meetings.**

**d. Shall oversee the production of all written academic contests for the State Convention.**

**e. Shall mentor student officers as assigned.**

**f. Shall oversee the finances of the TSJCL including, but not limited to, preparing and filing federal tax returns and auditing the TSJCL Treasury.**

**g. Shall serve as the liaison for all issues concerning the State Delegation at the National Convention when present.**

**h. Shall serve as the liaison for all legal and disciplinary issues at the State Convention.**

**i. Shall oversee the TSJCL website.**

**j. Shall serve as liaison to the TCA.**

## ARTICLE VII (etc.) - POWER OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

**c. Approve any proposed changes in dues of the TSJCL.**

## ARTICLE VIII - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Program of Works Committee

**a. Shall meet to discuss and recommend to the Representative Assembly changes in the TSJCL policies, the constitution and by-laws, and the State Convention program.**

Section 2. The **Nominations** Committee

c. Shall consist of the **Parliamentarian**, who shall preside, and two voting delegates from each chapter.

Section 3. The Auditing Committee

**a. Shall consist of at least two State Chairpersons.**

**b. Shall audit the Treasurer's books before, during or after the National Convention before the deadline for filing federal taxes.**

## ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominations

a. Any TSJCL chapter who has paid its dues by the announced deadline may nominate **a** candidate for State Office.

d. Up to two candidates for each office selected by the vote of the **Nominations** Committee shall speak before the Representative Assembly.

e. A candidate eliminated by the **Nominations** Committee will be allowed to run for a second office only if fewer than two candidates have pre-filed.

**f. No nominations from the floor shall be accepted.**

**g. If there are no pre-filed candidates or no candidate is selected by the Nominations Committee for an office, applicants shall submit applications as described in Section 5.**

Section 2. Voting

c. Voting shall be held at the General Assembly of the State Convention.

**d. All candidates must receive a simple majority of the votes to be elected.**

**e. New officers and Area Chairpersons shall be installed at the last General Assembly of the State Convention, if a new president has been elected.**

**f. If a president is not elected at the State Convention, new officers and Area Chairpersons shall be installed at the first meeting of the Student Executive Board after a new president has been appointed.**

Section 3. Terms of Office

**a. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Convention Coordinator shall serve from their election/appointment at the State Convention to the next election/appointment of new officers.**

**b. The Webmaster, TORCH Editor, and the Historian shall serve from their election until the fulfillment of their duties.**

Section 4. If any office does not have a candidate at or after the State Convention, any qualified candidate may present an application for that position to the newly elected President. At the first Student Executive Board meeting following the State Convention the Student Executive Board shall examine the applications received and vote.

## ARTICLE XII - AUTHORITY

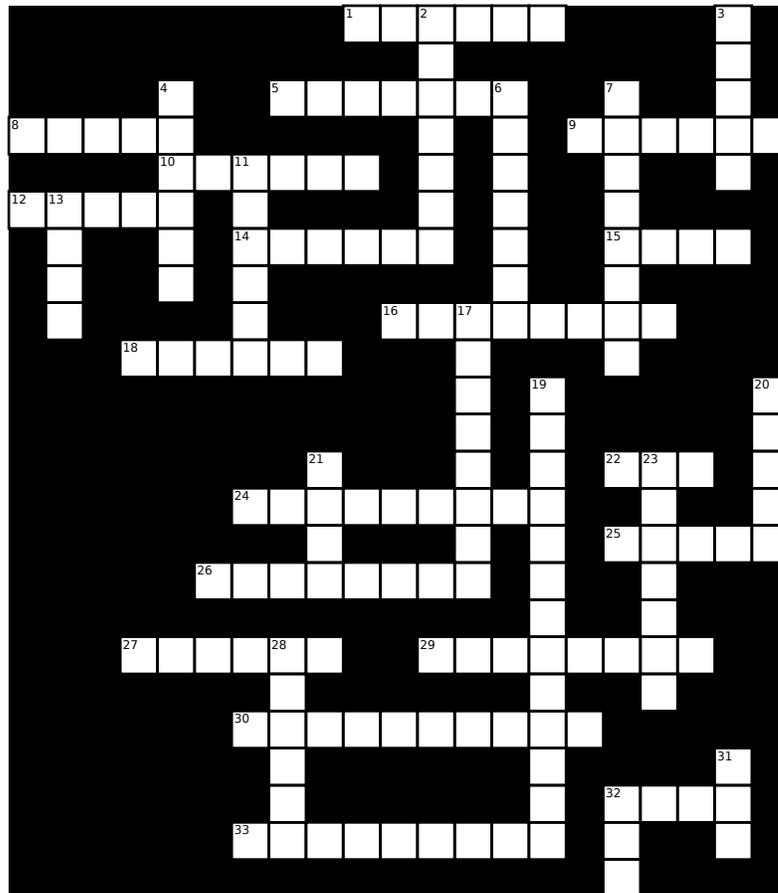
The Parliamentary authority for all TSJCL assemblies and meetings shall be Roberts' Rules of Order except with the following provision. The President may at any time limit debate according to the following temporary rule when debating inhibits the State Convention process either because of lack of time or lack of order: No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question on the same day, or longer than two minutes, without the permission of the State Convention granted by a 2/3 vote without debate.

**Thank you for reading the Constitution and Bylaw revisions.  
We all worked quite hard on them and will see you when we  
get these approved at State!**

**Gratias Tibi Ago,  
TSJCL Executive Board 2011-2012**



# Classics Crossword



## Across

- 1 Define impetus.
- 5 Caesar said *Alea iacta est* while crossing what river?
- 8 She was the mother of Perseus and was visited by Zeus as a Golden Shower
- 9 Who wrote the *Aeneid*
- 10 Marc Antony had what famous orator killed?
- 12 *Quid significat: nox?*
- 14 Who founded Thebes?
- 15 What Latin word derived from *Putative* means "to think"?
- 16 The term for a Bride's Flame Colored veil
- 18 What was the name of Orion's dog?
- 22 Define *Misceo*
- 24 A lover of J. Caesar and Marc Antony from Egypt
- 25 Her face launched a thousand ships
- 26 Who was the greatest mythological architect?
- 27 "*Ad Aspera per Astra*" (to the stars through difficulties) is the motto of what State?
- 29 Into what did Dionysus turn a bunch of sailors that tried to kidnap him?
- 30 We hope to see you at the State \_\_\_\_\_ in March!
- 32 Define *Tempus*
- 33 A play by Plautus about a tricky slave

## Down

- 2 Pliny the Younger wrote to this man about the Eruption of Vesuvius
- 3 What was the name of the Senate house?
- 4 What son of Priam, called the tamer of horses, led the Trojans in war?
- 6 Give a Latin word meaning "never."
- 7 Who in the underworld had to roll a boulder up a hill just to have it roll back down?
- 11 Give the third principal part of *cado*.
- 13 Messenger to Juno and Goddess of the Rainbow
- 17 Who wrote the *Res Gestae*?
- 19 A Multi-book work by Ovid about transformations
- 20 Who preformed the first murder of a family member and suffered on a spinning wheel?
- 21 Define *lego*
- 23 What is the modern name of the Roman Province *Hibernia*
- 28 What lover of Venus was killed and had his blood turned into a flower?
- 31 Define *Novus*
- 32 The word *tempto* is derived from the Latin word "*tempto*" which means what?