

VOX·LATINA

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Roughly 2,000 years ago, two brothers, Romulus and Remus, were abandoned by their uncle and left to die in the wilderness, but they were raised by a LVPA (She-Wolf). The boys grew up and one day decided to build their own cities on their own hills. Romulus killed Remus for making fun of his city, and thus the city of Rome was born. Rome was the first true melting pot, accepting every outcast and reject from surrounding countries. As a result, Rome's culture included bits and pieces of other cultures, but mainly Greece; Roman technology, philosophy, and theology almost always stemmed from Greek influences.

Roughly 2,000 years later, in 1936, the Junior Classical League was founded. And there was a place for all the historians, artists, and thrill-seekers who enjoyed Roman and Greek culture. Every year, in the North America, JCL holds a convention for each region. This year, in Warm Beach, Washington, JCL members from all over the Pacific Northwest will come together and compete in many events, ranging from Certamen to Roman-Wrestling.

One event that is often under-advertised is the Costume Competition. Each year, four characters from Greek culture are chosen for the competitors to emulate. If you enter the Costume Competition, you must make your own costume of one of the chosen character.

This year, the chosen characters are Helios (For the boys), Eos (For the girls), and Selene and Endymion (For the couples). For more information on these characters, search the internet.

HELIOS

Helios is the Greek god of the Sun. He is described as wearing a crown of brilliant golden light. He drives his golden chariot lead by his fiery horses: Pyrois, Aeos, Aethon, and Phlegon. He begins his journey each morning starting from the East, and making his way to the watery paradise Oceanus, which is found just below the ocean's horizon. Being the Sun, Helios is the brother of Eos and Endymion.

EOS

Eos is the Greek goddess of the Dawn. She is described as wearing a saffron-colored robe of flowers and a tiara or diadem. She flies with her white-feathered wings in the morning to open the gates for Helios, using her rosy fingers and golden arms. It is believed that the morning dew is her tears; she cries because she fell in love many times, and it never really worked out for her.

SELENE

Selene is the Greek goddess of the Moon. She is Eos and Helios' sister, and like her brother, she drives her lunar chariot across the sky. Very few descriptions of her are found, other than she is bright.

ENDYMION

Endymion is the Aeolian shepherd, who was loved by Selene. They dated in a cave on Mount Latmus, and were madly in love, but unfortunately, Endymion was asleep the entire time.

