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East to West - Explore Our Senate is going great throughout our great organization. Trips to regions around the country have made me proud to be representing you as your president

Another quick thank you to

the Ohio JCI Senate for an awesome Fall Board meeting in Columbus last September. I hope those that did not make it to Columbus plan to be in Melbourne, FL for the Winter Board meeting. The meeting hosts, the Florida JCI Senate, are planning a terrific event with plenty of time to enjoy the city and make several tours. It will be a meeting you won't want to miss.

One of our priorities is Wreaths Across America. Please check with your state president, state program manager or Angie Taylor #71600, the national program manager on where your state or region is conducting their project. You can assist with laying the wreaths, purchasing wreaths, or participating

in the ceremonies. This is a very rewarding project as we remember those that have given us the freedoms that we enjoy.

The other priority project for this exploration year is to assist the Jaycees with new chapters. Check with Jaycee Liaison Heather Danley #74897 or Return the Favor Program Manager, Tracy Culler #64534, to assist you in helping your state.

Soon after the Winter Board meeting, it will be the start of the various region meetings across the country. This is a perfect time for those of you that have never attended one to make an effort to do so. I would like you to consider attending your own regional meeting and another regional



meeting. This is the perfect way to develop new friendships and see another part of our great country.

I would like to remind each of you to reach out to your executive team with any questions and concerns you have about your organization. We are here to serve!

Finally, have a joyous and happy holiday season this year.

*Warmest wishes for a joyous holiday
season and a
Happy New Year!
May peace, love, and prosperity
follow you always.*



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Let's give a BIG SHOUT OUT to Chair Jenny Bruner, the Ohio JCI Senate and Region V for the tremendous way they hosted us in Columbus for our first meeting in this East to West, Explore Our Senate year. As AVP, it was a pleasure to work with the Ohio and Crowne Plaza teams in making sure all the meeting rooms were set according to expectations. NVPs, program managers, committee chairs, and others giving reports at the business meeting accepted their charge to keep reports within three minutes, helping us to conduct the Senate's business in around 2 hours. The Saturday Programming Fair and Vendor Showcase were well received. Thank you to all who participated. Onward to Melbourne, January 15 – 18, 2026!

The Convention and Bid Review Committee heard from meeting host states, Illinois, Ohio, Florida, Texas and Kansas as well as those intending to bid, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Pennsylvania is planning to bring their Annual meeting, June 2027 bid for your consideration at the January 2026 meeting. The committee thanks states



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who have bid and are planning to bid for their efforts to host our meetings. We encourage bids for January 2027 as well as future Fall and Winter meetings. As we approach upcoming meetings, tentative schedules will be posted in the E-News, website and official U.S. JCI Senate Facebook page.

Your NVPs have been working together, providing a unified front. They have been busy assisting their assigned states and have either visited another region or plan to in the future. They are truly exploring our Senate. I commend them for their determination.

The Future Directions Committee has been meeting monthly as they conducted a survey, began discussing the value proposition of our Mentors Magazine and what the future might look like if we ever need to realign our regions or look to an appointed financial manager. I also commend the work of the Membership Database Committee in bringing us a viable vendor to consider, moving our organization forward.

Diane and I have enjoyed visiting you during the first half of this year. We believe the second half will be no different as we visit many of our regions.

Season's Greetings to all! It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through this year of "East to West, Explore Our Senate."

Thank you to the Ohio JCI Senate for the fantastic job you did in making the Fall Board Meeting an outstanding time!

As leaders, we must continue to move forward. One of the jobs of the Chairman of the Board is to conduct the elections for next year's national officers. If you will be seeking the office of President, Administrative Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or National Regional Vice President and would like your name announced at the Winter Board Meeting in Melbourne, FL, you must have your application sent to me and Secretary Dawna Norfleet #61999 and post-marked no later than December 15, 2025.

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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays fellow Senators! I hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday season.

Let's give a SHOUT OUT to Chair Jenny Bruner, the Ohio JCI Senate and Region V for the awesome meeting in Columbus, OH. The Audit Committee, led by Chair Randy Young #46420, completed and presented the Audit Committee Report. They found that our financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the Senate and the report, its observations and recommendations were reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting. Their recommendations will be taken into consideration throughout the year.

The Presidential Sweepstakes Committee is now able to accept Zelle transactions. When making a Zelle payment for sweepstakes, please make sure you use sweepspay@usjcisenate.org. For all other Zelle payments (membership, Mentors ads, Mentors sponsorships, etc.) please use treasurer@usjcisenate.org. Please make sure you do not use any phone number or personal email addresses when sending Zelle payments to the Senate.

You can also send them by email to 52ndPresident@usjcisenate.org or COB@usjcisenate.org. The application form is available on the US JCI Senate website under Resources/Library – Reports and Forms Library – Elections. Additionally, filing fees need to be mailed to Treasurer Tom King #59642 and postmarked no later than December 15, 2025. No announcements will be allowed until the paperwork and filing fees have been received. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I want to wish all Senators a happy holiday season, and the best wishes for 2026 as we continue this year of "East to West Explore Our Senate." And remember, "Just because it's a bad idea doesn't mean it won't be a good time!"



Treasurers and those interested in the financial side of our organization gathered at an information exchange session in Columbus to go over topics such as Membership/Dues Kits, Sweepstakes, and the business side of Mentors as well as the role of a state treasurer. To date, we have gone through our first two dues billing cycles. Please make sure you provide email addresses as part of your membership turn in. This will help our MIS PM, Lisa Badger #67973, bring our records up to date. The Sweepstakes Team, led by Chair Kristen (Bubbly) Johnson #72859 continue to attend many events. Thanks to them and your generosity, the team is well on their way to meeting their fundraising goal. When you see them, ask them about this year's Budget Buster Buttons. Many thanks to all who have a role on the finance team!!

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you this year and I look forward to seeing everyone in Melbourne, FL!!

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Michelle Loveria	71744	NY
MaryAnn Hilleary	64615	IL
Shannon Klocker	77823	CO
Lori Palo	66475	GA
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Denise Lyons Conrad	53219	CA
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Jim France	44665	MD
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busy posting about your meetings, new Senatorships, SOAR activities and Wreaths Across America in our Senate's Facebook page. She is always looking for pictures from your meetings and other activities to share with our Senate family. Don't forget to send pictures for her to post.

Our two awesome webmasters, Allison Geddes #74777 and Lowell Vahl #40315 keep our website updated. The website is full of current information concerning the U.S. JCI Senate, including registration forms, meeting agendas, officer and program manager reports along with meeting pictures, constitution/bylaws, bid information, on-line forms, etc. It is a great communication tool, and it stays updated for your use. They are also available if you have any questions or need assistance concerning websites.

The U.S. JCI Senate Directory has been issued electronically. December will mark the 3rd release of the directory to national/elected/appointed officers, state presidents, past presidents, foundation board and others who have requested a copy. As we approach 2026, it will soon be time to submit your 2026-2027 officers for inclusion in next year's directory. If you have an update, please use the on-line form to update or send me an email. The current directory is available to any senator electronically free of charge. Email me or subscribe on the web page if you need a copy. Some paper copies are available for \$5 charge. Request a copy from Newton Standridge or myself.

A Secretary/Communication Information Exchange meeting will be held at the Winter Board of Directors meeting on Friday morning. State secretaries, state communication leads, webmasters, social media chairmen, and newsletter editors are welcome and encourage to attend.

Larry and I are enjoying our travels this East to West, Explore Our Senate year! The hospitality has been magnificent! We look forward to our upcoming trips.

Season Greetings from Larry and I along with the Communication Team! We wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

A special thanks to the Ohio JCI Senate for a fantastic Fall BOD convention. Great hospitality and wonderful places to see!

With "East to West, Explore Our Senate" in mind, we continue to focus on communication to each one of you, the Senators. We had a wonderful Communication session in Columbus in September with nine attendees and information being shared to improve communications within their states and regions. Thank you to my awesome team for attending and participating in the session.

The Mentors team consisting of Angie Jelinck #60570, Chief Editor, Bob Cairns #59815 and Dawne Sutherland #68900, Assistant Editors, Mary Allred #46602, Empty Chair Editor, Melissa Sanny #66967, New Senators Editor, Christianna Gilliam #78844, Business Manager, along with Photographers Eldon Bowers #45999, and Marge Miller #52948, have been working hard providing a nice professional product for us. Mentors can be requested as electronic by submitting request on-line form on website. If you are not receiving your Mentors, reach out to MIS@usjcisenate.org.

E-News Editor, Kim Bode #62467 has been doing a terrific job with our newsletter by making a few changes using hyperlinks to make it easier to access items. If you wish to be added to the E-News list, you can go to the Senate website and sign up to receive this semi-monthly electronic communication tool or email e-news@usjcisenate.org. It is the most current means of communicating upcoming events!

Social Media Program Manager, Ruby Weymouth #67303 has been

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'Tis the season of giving: let's talk charitably - or, more precisely, charitable status and that all too mythical status of 501(c)(3). Is your Senate organization 501(c)(3)? Do you know what that means? The answer to both those questions is, probably "no." State Senate organizations generally do not qualify as 501(c)(3) organizations. Why not and so what? Here's the low down in a way that is much easier to understand than what you'll find on the IRS website (though maybe my friend ChatGPT would do a better job explaining).

501(c) refers to a part of the federal tax code. It is a subsection of section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code that defines various types of non-profit/not-for-profit organizations. There are 29 different types of non-profit organizations recognized by the code and designated by their (c) number. 501(c)(3) is just one of them. I often see people attempting to make a distinction between non-profit and not for profit - at the IRS level, there is no such distinction (your state may be different).

The most important feature of which is that non-profit organizations are, for the most part, exempt from federal income taxation. Another benefit can be that if an organization qualifies under certain subsections of 501, they gain a status such that donations to the organization can be tax-deductible to the donor. These are, generally, known as charitable organizations. The most famous provision under which they qualify is 501(c)(3). Qualification under 501(c)(3) requires that the organization be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and other similar purposes.

Secretary article continued

This continues to be an exciting year in the communication area as we are spending time "East to West, Explore Our Senate" keeping everyone informed! If you have any concerns or need assistance, please reach out to me. See you in Melbourne!

While many Senate Foundations are so organized and qualify under 501(c)(3), most State Senate Organizations are not so organized and operated and do not qualify under 501(c)(3), because of the social nature of our organization. Most organizations will either be a 501(c)(4), a social welfare organization like the Jaycees, or a 501(c)(7), social and recreational clubs.

However, if you really want to be able to accept charitable donations to help raise funds, there are methods through which you can partner with certain foundations in order to accept as a "pass through" charitable donations. Having a tax or legal professional in your corner is key to understanding how you could leverage these relationships for the benefit of your state organization.

You should check with a tax professional as to ways you can make charitable giving and sponsorships work for your organization, and to make sure that your organization is properly registered with the IRS and up to date on its required filings. If your organization falls too far behind on its filings, it will lose its non-profit status. And then that not only causes potential income tax implications, but the fines for non-compliance with the beneficial ownership reporting are quite severe. Just like anything government related, the burden of compliance is on you.





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erhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations." Whether we gather around a tree or light a menorah, we share in the joy of community, kindness, and giving. These celebrations are not divided by geography, but united in spirit.

We believe "that service to humanity is the best work of life." The season calls us to serve — to give not only gifts, but also our time, our attention, and our compassion. The glow of candles and the twinkle of lights both remind us: we are here to lift one another.

In the warmth of these traditions, the Jaycee spirit finds its home — in faith, in service, and in the enduring light that pushes back the darkness.

Light in the Season: A Jaycee Reflection on Christmas and Hanukkah

As winter settles in, both Christmas and Hanukkah remind us that light has always been a symbol of hope. The Jaycee Creed teaches that "faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life" — and in these holidays, we see that truth shine. Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, a gift of love to the world. Hanukkah honors the miracle of the oil, a testament to perseverance against overwhelming odds.

The Creed affirms "that the broth-

Silver Foxes National Fall meeting Columbus, Ohio 9/13/2025

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Christianna Gilliam	78844	SC
Dawne Sutherland	68900	FL
Bob Cairns	59815	NY/PA
Mary Allred	46602	TN
Nancy Cloud	52750	OK
Suzanne Gill	67891	NC/SC
Bob McDonald	58286	PA
Beth Muir	65479	PA/NY
Lloyd Mueller	57186	NE
Steve Balint	43364	NV
Ron Stair	71373	KS
Joan Travis	76201	NJ+5

Vino Bellas & Fellas Atlanta, GA 8/9/2025

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Karol Pittman	FR 55	NC
Carla Bailey	62624	AL
Latasha Mann	Guest	GA
Dale Henslee-Smith	55917	SC
Kay Elliot	61747	FL
Dawne Sutherland	68900	FL
Lisa Pickett	72247	GA
Denise Bauers	61276	GA
Jaci Newmark	56368	FL
Keith Adams	FR 105	FL
Carolyn Smith	64564	AZ/NC/FL

JCI USA



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As 2025 draws to a close, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible Senators who continue to support and inspire JCI USA. Your dedication to mentoring young leaders and sharing your experience has been a cornerstone of our success this year.

This year, our Opportunity Express took us across the country—celebrating local chapters, community projects, and national gatherings like the Annual Meeting in Cary, NC, and the Ten Out-

standing Young Americans Gala. A huge thank you to the North Carolina JCI Senate and all the Senators who helped to make this event a success! A special thanks to President Bruce for joining us!

Through our initiatives, we welcomed or re-engaged over 1300 members, strengthened leadership development programs, and expanded our collaborative partnerships which has provided crucial support for chapters and training programs. Your legacy continues in these efforts.

As we look to 2026, I encourage our Senators to continue being a part of this journey—whether through mentoring, advising, or sharing your wisdom with members at the local, state, and national levels. Leadership is a journey that never ends, and the example you set inspires others to take the opportunity to lead, serve, and make a difference.

Thank you for your dedication and continued belief in JCI USA. Together, we are shaping the leaders of today and tomorrow.



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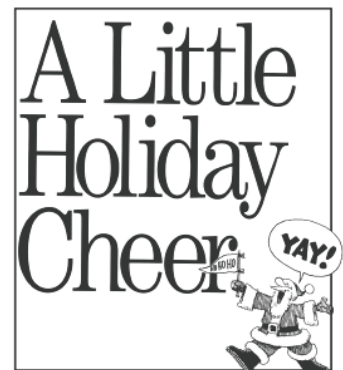
Calling all JCI Senators! Our Jaycees need you, each and every one of you. Take a minute and remember back to that special time when you were a Jaycee and had that fire in your heart to help others. I challenge each of you to find that spark, that very small spark that set you on your awesome journey to where you are today, a part of the best organization ever, the US JCI Senate.

Our Return the Favor program is as important to JCI USA as it's ever been. The IMPACT we could

have on just one Jaycee, one small chapter or even the entire State is endless. Reach out to a Jaycee today, be a sounding board, a mentor, a sponsor on a chapter project, whatever they may need. Just be there.

Our first submission is due Dec 15, which will cover the first half of our year, while our second submission will be due May 15. The Michael Bearon Memorial award covering our 2025-26 year will also be due on May 15.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to helping you help the Jaycees in any way that I can.



NEW SENATORS



IA Donna Sievers #84280

Donna has been active behind the Senate all these years. Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes played a huge part in her younger family life. She and her husband Gary Sievers #26471 attended every meeting they could and dragged the kids along. It is so fun still to talk with all the Senators 50+ years later, about the fun, friends, and Jaycee influence.

The Jaycee movement has allowed her to grow personally through so many experiences. She is happy today to see the many lifetime friends that were made along the way.



IL Karen Thole # 84284

Karen joined the Jaycees with two other friends and quickly became involved with the chapter. She is one of those members who always shows up to help, have a good time and does it to make her a community a better place. She was never interested in holding a board position or chairing a project but if someone needed help she

would jump right in.

Once Karen aged out her commitment remained the same. Always around to help, welcome new members, show them the ropes and be the fun we need at all Jaycee events. Karen has given the New Baden Jaycees countless hours of her time in both manpower and empowerment when she could have easily walked away when her friends were no longer involved and when she turned 40 but she didn't and for that our chapter is very grateful. Karen is a living example of the Jaycee Creed.



IL Paul DeKruiff #84210

Paul was a member of Naperville Jaycees. Paul, and his entire family, embody the Jaycee motto of personal development through community service. The Naperville Jaycees during the 1990s and early 2000s, was the pre-eminent volunteer service organization in the area, boasting north of 200 active members. Paul was very active during this time - chairing various events

and committees. He ran fundraisers, and was chapter president. He and his wife Laurie have instilled the volunteer spirit in their entire family.



IL Stephanie Martin #84278

Stephanie has been a strong member of the Springfield chapter since its revitalization in 2015 and is their longest active member. She is supportive of all members when they start a project, take on a new role, or are just getting started in their Jaycee career.

She is thoughtful and kind in all of her interactions, and her longtime experience is essential to local chapter success. Stephanie provides non-judgmental guidance and feedback to help members grow and recognize their ability to become effective leaders. She is willing to step up and take on hard tasks and roles to support the needs of the organization on every level. Stephanie is a true resource of all chapter information and Jaycee history.



OK Kim Rawls #84220

Kim was extremely active in Shawnee Jaycee Woman and held all of the local offices including President. She served on every committee and worked on all the projects. She joined the Jaycees when women were allowed in.

During her years as a Jaycee, she held several local offices including Director and Vice President. She helped chair the Miss Shawnee Pageant, the haunted house, the Christmas Party for underprivileged children, Thanksgiving boxes and many other projects. Her passion though, was the March of Dimes, and she helped spearhead that project every year for over 30 years. She would also raise over \$5,000.00 every year herself.

She is very active in her church as well, working with the children and the music department.



IL George Lyons #84285

George has been affiliated with the New Baden Jaycees for nearly 40 years. During his younger years he moved out of state a couple times but each time he moved back he joined the Jaycees again.

He has always been the grill guy. He loves cooking and does a great job. Our chapter is known for our pork steaks and he is the man behind the magic. 20 years after he aged out he can still be found by the grill, teaching new Jaycees the secrets and carrying on the legacy our chapter is known for. George has given much to the New Baden Jaycees and lives to show that service to humanity is the best work of life



Charity Meeler #84345, South Carolina

joined the Newberry Jaycees in 2018. Her favorite JCI project with her chapter is Christmas Parade. "It is stressful and a lot of planning, but watching the parade play out and seeing the joy and excitement in the kids eyes make it worth it." She has held several positions in her local chapter and on the state level.

Charity is a sixth grade English Language Arts teacher for her fourth year at Saluda Middle School. She helps with the school's bands, cheerleaders, Jr. R.O.T.C. and a Beta Club Sponsor since 2019. Charity is Pageantry Chairman of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

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JCI Senate World



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It was an honor to represent President Bruce Sostak and the U.S. JCI Senate at Canada NATCON 2025 held in beautiful Penticton BC, September 10–14, 2025. Director Stuart Knott and his team put together a wonderful program. Past President Susan Hatcher traveled with me (yes, we got in a Cardinals game in Seattle before NATCON and two Savannah Banana games after) and we had a wonderful time. We were welcomed into Penticton with a wonderful dinner at a gorgeous restaurant adjacent to our hotel, right on the water with a group of Canada Senate Friends (the Canada Senate board!) and other friends.

Thank you to President Cara Heck #74083 for treating us to a fun evening. We joined JCI Canada for first night hospitality at the SS Sicamous Marine Heritage Society Museum. The Sicamous was launched in 1914 and owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway and was a stern wheeler luxury vessel that transported passengers and cargo to remote communities along the shores of Okanagan Lake. It made 14 scheduled stops each day. The ship was in service until 1936 and is now permanently placed as a museum at the

south shore of Okanagan Lake. It was a fun, historical and just a cool place for their evening hospitality. The weekend had lots of training, socializing and touring in the stunningly beautiful Okanagan Valley on the Okanagan Lake. President for Canada JCI Senate 2026 will be Paul Clissold #70550, who ran unopposed.

For the first time in they believe 40 years there was a contested race for VP of the Canada Senate. Corinne Shoranick #75142 & Nicola Dent #75332 both presented at the Crew Meeting and voting took place in person and online. On Oct 3, the Canada Senate announced that with large senate voting online, Corinne Shoranick will serve.

I have my very own piece of memorabilia of Ogopogo, the legendary lake monster from Okanagan Lake (similar to Loch Ness Monster); thank you President Cara!

Ambassador to the U.S. JCI Senate Rob Cronkwright #54515 was honored as the Senator of the year by JCI Canada at the banquet. Canada JCI incoming President Jonah Gowans was surprised with a Senatorship (#84227) at the banquet, great job Rob for the surprise! Soon after NACTON, David Kemp #83704 & Ryan Lancaster #83703 were honored by JCI Kelowna with Senatorships. Canada Senate is making great strides connecting, communicating and collaborating, and it shows!

Wonderful event and I was proud to represent the U.S. JCI Senate in Canada. Next year the event will take place in Montreal, QB.



AMBASSADOR TO EUROPE LAWRENCE PITTMAN #53932

EuropeAmbassador@usjcisenate.org



WE BELIEVE - That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations. I am excited to share the news and events of the U.S. JCI Senate with our fellow Senate brothers and sisters in the European countries. President Bruce has given me a wonderful opportunity to travel to various meetings and to share his greetings when he is not able to attend.

I would like to again acknowledge the great contributions that prior Ambassador to Europe, RUSS COOPER #4638, and his wife MAXINE #68012, for their many years and miles of service to our organization. Russ and Maxine have represented our organization well, and both are respected and loved by Senators on both sides of the Atlantic. Below are several opportunities for U.S. JCI Senators to attend European JCI Senate Meetings in the next four months. These are opportunities to visit with fellow Senators in other countries and share what we love about this organization, to meet new people, to visit beautiful places and share our Jaycee experience. I hope you will join Karol and me as we visit with other Senators across the pond.

If you are interested, additional details of these events are on the Senate website: Association of JCI Senators in Europe (ASE)

(<https://jci-senate.eu/>).

Upcoming 2025 - 2026 ASE Events:

- December 5th – 7th 67th Boar Conference, Lübeck-Travemünde
- January 15th – 18th British Drumming Out, Harrogate, Yorkshire
- January 29th – February 2nd Vienna Waltz Gala, Austria - Vienna
- March 24th – 26th ASE Spring Summit Pre-Tour, Riga, Latvia
- March 27th – 29th ASE Spring Summit, Riga, Latvia
- April 23rd – 26th "Seko" Senators Conference Germany, Saarbrücken
- April 29th - May 2nd 2026 JCI European Conference - Malaga, Spain



Fish Fry with the Jackson Missouri JCI Chapter
Gary Ksmpp #36755, Donnie Glueck #82859, World JCI
President Keisuke
Shimoyamada JCI JAPAN, Jeff McClanahan #82858

U.S. JCI Senate Board Meeting September 13, 2025 Columbus, OH

Lori Palo	66475	GA	Les Miller	45157	WA/TN	Deb Mogdis	62260	MI	Lloyd Mueller	57186	NE
Melanie Fickas	77281	FL	Kathy Miller	74168	OR/WA/TN	Sharon Miller	47329	OH/FL	Larry Graham	60619	AL
Mel Fickas	28320	FL	Kim Bode	62467	NC/SC	Kelly Koch	69508	OH/FL/NC	Donna DeLaney	55560	MO/IA/SD
Lawrence Pittman	53932	NC/FL/AL	Terry Jones	52694	NC/FL/OH	Kathy Casaday	Guest	OH	Ruby Weymouth	67303	OH+4
Karol Pittman	FR 55	NC	Marsha Dahl	47936	SD	Julie Morff	71917	MO	Paul Weymouth	69653	OH+4
Shelley Knight-Bourn	81030	OH	John Dahl	42828	SD	Art Esenberg	26704	VA/FL	Michele Tarantino	63380	CT/NY
Zach Bourn	83578	OH	Craig Smith	65679	AL	Bradford Blain	39993	KY	Bonnie Blaisdell	69956	CT/NY
Kathy Collins	64926	FL	Debby Smith	65680	AL	Beth Muir	65479	PA/NY	Ray Stevens	58549	OH
Dick St. Jean	38089	NH	Melanie C Paschal	70372	NC/SC	Krista Muir	73181	PA/NY	Janet Van Beek	45420	IA
Bonnie St. Jean	42864	NH	Joanie Cramer	65355	NC	Irene Shanley	65316	FL/NC	Letha Grimes	63946	MD
Julie Rieckman	60573	SD	Nancy Salopek	47610	PA	Scott Kingsley	67932	NY+3	Lisa Badger	67973	IA
Nancy Gianetti	69463	CT	Jeff Kozak	63411	PA	Stephanie Kingsley	72949	NY/PA/WV	Dan Badger	67974	IA
Don Duffy	78415	FL/SC/OK	Janet Kozak	61574	PA	Maureen Niedenthal	67669	IL	Melissa Sanny	66967	NE/IA
Pat Fields	FR 85	PA	Russ Cooper	4638	MI/IL	Mark Niedenthal	39701	IL	John Robinson	55768	PA/FL
George R Fields	46096	PA+3	Maxine Cooper	68012	IL/MI	Bill Madding	28920	TX	Jeanette Singular	64563	KS
Chris Travis	55435	PA+4	Digger McGraugh	36856	IL	Candy Madding	FR 58	TX	Kent Singular	64562	KS
Joan Travis	76201	PA+5	Rick Rutter	53977	WV	Kami Harsell	77656	MO	Hilda Davis	71500	TX
Mary Sawyer	43930	MO	Gary Brooke	58420	WV	Kay Elliott	61747	FL	Jumper	38376	TX
Earl Sawyer	28243	MO	Sharon Clagett	77156	WV	Bruce Sostak	52655	TX	Jim Hampshire	38626	AZ
Chris Curtis	35440	IL	Nancy Cloud	52750	OK	Denise Bauer	61276	GA	Sally Traczuk	68943	PA/NY
Susie Colbert-Curtis	73137	IL	Randy Sursa	49485	OK	Teresa Beans	67173	TN	Leisa Peebles	56001	TX/OK
Jim Pendleton	40286	MO	Delisa Anderson	54310	OK	Mike Andrews	58312	IN/FL	Greg Peebles	56000	TX/OK
Becky Horton	Guest	MO	Steve Balint	43364	NV	Linda Andrews	71434	IN/FL	Tom King	55642	VA
Louie Allers	45796	IA	Noel Sumpter	73189	OK	Vette Sutton	69414	MI	Kathleen King	68704	VA
Karen Lage	FR 67	IA	Peggy Rider	58293	OK	Jacque Camlet	67098	VA	Kay Faries	70346	VA
Rose Steen	57178	SD/IA	Monty Schroeder	62203	IL	Karen M Cave	52860	NY	John Wodarczyk	62078	OK/TX
Gary Steen	56503	SD/IA	Sherrie Schroeder	FR 52	IL	Bob McDonald	58286	PA	Marsha DeVore	67330	IL
Melissa Sleeth	69220	VA	Liz Young	47759	SC	Jeff Cardwell	64265	TN	Judson DeVore	65005	IL
Nan Holzer	63882	TX	Nick Woods	62735	NC	Nancy Cardwell	54264	TN	Rich Little	42307	GA
Ron Holzer	56549	TX	Carolyn Smith	64564	AZ+3	Jon Bruner	58932	OH	Gail Little	FR 97	GA
Ray Ainslie	69200	IL	Lynn Stoffegen	55876	IA	Jenny Bruner	64688	OH	Christianna Gilliam	78844	SC
Melodie Ainslie	44136	IL	Jim Kirchhoff	FR 119	IA	Ken Fischer	43036	SD+8	Elizabeth McInnis	54219	MA/CA
Cheryl Davis Sauerbrel	44003	IA	Angie Jelinek	60570	ND	Carole Fischer	44468	SD/DE/IA	Tom Hendrix	37317	MO/NE/IA
Woody Sauerbrel	FR 111	IA	Rob Wiley	56033	KS	Logan Giesie	51120	TX	Judi Barrington	49802	WI
Marty Wase	53142	NC/FL	Mark Brandel	49789	FL	Jennifer J. Ray	68957	MD	Tom Mouch Barrington	42859	WI
Randy Willhoite	47435	WV	Cindy Brandel	54928	FL	Sam Young	37972	MD	Jason Roserar	76858	WI
Sherry Dugan	54475	WV	Karen Gage	78980	VA/MD/IA	Marilyn Young	45664	MD	Dawna Norfleet	61999	TN
Phyllis Bowers	51430	IA	Jim Miller	34554	NJ/VA	Ariel Jones	65423	VA	Larry Norfleet	60771	TN/KY/IL
Eldon Bowers	45999	IA	Anita R. Cummings	69380	KS	Bob Cairns	59815	NY/PA	Kristen Johnson	72859	MO
JeNie Altman	56150	KY	Michele Burnett-Emmerich	60635	MO	Kim Cairns	62807	NY/PA	Randy Johnson	56636	MO
Anne Johnson	49625	VA	Pat Hoelker	45893	IA	Barb Speich	62764	KS/NY	Rob Sanders	54928	FL
Suzanne Gill	67891	NC/SC	Skip Hoelker	FR 10	SD/IA	Roxanne Astry	57298	NY/KS	Marge Sanders	54671	FL
Tom Rohr	47918	MD	Lisa Gerer	78779	MD/VA	Priscilla "Perk" Newell	60785	NY/KS	Alex "Hitman" Willis	34226	GA+3
MaryAnn Rohr	65353	MD	Ann Harrison	75822	DE	Michele Loveria	71744	NY	Ron Kimmet	43520	OH
MaryAnn Hilleary	64615	IL	Katy Lemmer	73037	PA/VA	Jackson Doane	Guest	NY	Sara Kimmet	77909	OH
John Tyo	66381	NY/PA/DE	Phil Friedman	61455	AZ/NE	Scott Bryant	67910	SC	Tammy Snapp	79574	OH
Phillip Padgett	49363	NC	Tanis Jimeno-Friedman	70297	AZ/NE	Jaci Newmark	56368	FL	Karen Schoonover	57305	OH
Pam Padgett	51341	NC	Cheryl France	57391	MD	Keith Adams	FR 105	FL	Wendy Taylor	71712	MI
Amy Kay Moore	78686	NC	Jim France	44665	MD	Newton Standridge	29407	IA/AR	Susan Geddes	81581	OH
Randy Young	46420	MN	Karen Voshel	62305	IL	Carol Standridge	80700	IA	Allison Geddes	74777	OH
Amanda Turner	65613	OH	Gary Duell	48384	PA/VA	Walter Cahoon	27223	MA	Catlin Uoder	83048	MI
Wayne Huelsmann	30592	IL	Diane Duell	74147	PA/VA	Cathy Cahoon	FR 45	MA	Angela Alons	83134	OH
Shannon Klocker	77823	CO	E.J. Miller	50983	WV	EJ Rice	47046	OH	Janice Carino	72307	OH
Neil Klocker	69157	CO	Linda Miller	49755	WV	Sharon Rice	71524	OH	Jeff Carino	79697	OH
Johnny R Swank	44479	GA/NC/FL	Mary Allred	46602	TN	Paul Myers	72173	MO	Joe Sabella	26077	PA
Brenda Swank	67214	GA/NC/FL	Janie Daugherty	65320	TN/KY/AR	Colette Welch	69240	MA/NH/FL	Nancy Nash	Guest	PA
Brandi Swank	Guest	GA/NC/FL	Jim Daugherty	51172	AZ/KY/AR	Charlie Welch	11719	MA/NH	Matt Boyer	76878	PA
Ron Stair	71373	KS	Steve Sutherland	27073	FL	Cheryl Carlson	70371	NC/AZ/FL	Jess Kling	78271	MD
Dale Henslee-Smith	55917	SC+4	Dawne Sutherland	58900	FL	Gloria Albers	79536	OK	Marilyn Burton	55106	IL



Joyeuses Fêtes

Region 1 Chaplain
Joyce St. Pierre
#44818
Michael St. Pierre
FR #100

Happy Holidays

Marty #26870
& Tiffaney
Calabro

Nevada JCI Senate



U.S. JCI SENATE FEATURE EVENTS



Hot Time
In
Melbourne

**WINTER
BOARD
JAN 15-18,
2026
Melbourne, FL**

"HOT TIME IN MELBOURNE"
Winterboard Meeting January
15-18th, will be on Florida SPACE
COAST!

Attending a Florida National
Meeting before, you know that
we know how to do it right! With
great food, excellent Hospitality
Room, & comfortable Meeting
rooms. Dancing with a Live Band
and Disc Jockey, will have you
wishing it would never end!

WHY "HOT TIME"?

In January, when the northern
weather is cold, dreary, and icy,
we're offering you the opportuni-
ty to have a long weekend and
share our Florida Sunshine. We
arranged for the Hilton to extend
your group rate three days prior
and three days after the winter-
board. Having already traveled to
Florida, treat the family to a mini
vacation!

Spend Thursday with group
of friends on the Atlantic Ocean
on the Victory Casino Cruise or

riding kayaks at the award-win-
ning Brevard Zoo, with over 900
animals in the Florida sun! Stay
an extra day to tour the Kennedy
Space Center viewing the first
space capsule that went to the
moon or just spend the day on
the Melbourne Beach, soaking
up our Florida sunshine! And of
course, Mickey's kingdom is just
a short drive away!

However you choose to "East
to West, Explore Our Senate", be
sure it involves having a "HOT
TIME IN MELBOURNE"!

Jim Warren #42572- Chairman
"Hot Time In Melbourne" U.S. JCI
Senate Winter board 26 Meeting
myagentjimw@gmail.com



VENDOR SHOWCASE



**VENDOR SHOWCASE
JACI NEWMARK #56368**

vendorshowcase@usjcisenate.org

Boy, oh boy, did we have a great
showcase at the Fall Board Meeting in
Columbus? We had five vendors and a
lot of you took the time to visit us. We
raised money for the U.S. JCI Senate
Foundation, for ourselves and had a
good time doing it. The Showcase

raffle for an Amazon gift card
was won by Anne Johnson (VA)
by purchasing an item from NVP
Leitha Grimes.

The vendors for the Winter
Meeting in Melbourne are all set.
We will have returning Senators
and a few new ones. It will be
bigger and better, and we are
looking at running the showcase
for both Friday and Saturday
afternoons.

I look forward to seeing
everyone in Melbourne and
setting up the Showcase for
the enjoyment of the vendors
and Senators. On behalf of the
vendors, thank you for your
patronage... Merry Christmas,
Happy Hanukkah and a Joyous
2026.



**ANNUAL
MEETING
JUNE 14-18,
2026
San Antonio,
TX**

Howdy all y'all ,

I hope everyone is looking
forward to being in San Antonio
June 14-18 for the U.S. JCI Senate
National Convention. The Team
is busy planning so that you will
have the best experience possible.

There has been some confusion
with the hotel registration confir-
mation that is sent to you when
you register. First there is no ad-
ditional charge for more than two
people per room and there is no
charge for parking. I have been
in contact with the hotel and they
are aware of the issue and are
doing their best to correct those
issues. If you have issues with the
hotel registration don't hesitate
to email me your confirmation to
rlholzer@comcast.net.

We have begun the process of
setting up the tours in downtown
San Antonio both to the Riverwalk
and to the Alamo and other venues.
Keep an eye out for those coming
in January 2026.

Please keep up with our
Facebook Page "2026 U.S. JCI
Senate National Convention" as
there will be updates posted there.
As well there is already a wealth
of information about sites to see
in and around San Antonio.

If you are having issues with
registration for the Convention,
please let Leisa Peebles know
by email leisap@verizon.net and
she can assist you.

We held a drawing for a free
registration in Columbus, and the
winner was Ron Kimmet, congratu-
lations Ron. We will be doing
another drawing in Florida in
January and those that purchased
a ticket in Ohio will also be eligible
for the drawing in Florida. If you
are not going to be in Melbourne,
FL and are interested in purchas-
ing an online pink ticket/s for the
drawing of the free registration in
Melbourne, please contact Nan
Holzer by email [cojci63882@
gmail.com](mailto:cojci63882@gmail.com). Nan will be taking
cash payments by Venmo, PayPal,
CashApp or checks sent to:

Leisa Peebles
3301 Fair Oak Dr
Rowlett TX 75089





U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce's Ranger pins recipients

Kathy Collins #64926 FL, Jenny Bruner #64688 OH, Irene Shanley #65316 FL, MaryAnn Hilleary #64615 IL, Rich Little #42307 GA, Sherry Menedez #47839 OK, Denise Lyons-Conrad #53219 CA, Laura Murphy #78824 VA Not presented accepted by Karen Gage #78980 VA, U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655, Walter Cahoon #27223 MA, E.J. Miller #50983 WV, Roxanne Astry #57298 NY, Donna DeLaney #55560 MO, Maureen Niedenthal #67669 IL, Wayne Keifer #36498 IL



National Vice Presidents in Columbus

Region IV Liz Young #47759, Region I Bonnie Blaisdel #69956, Region VIII Anita Cummings #69380, Region V Monty Schroeder #62203, Region X Steve Balint #43364, Region III Letha Grimes #63946, Region VI Rose Steen #57178, Region II Ann Harrison #75822



Bruce's Buckaroo Bandits

Gloria Albers #79536, Nancy Gianetti #69463, Larry MacQuirter #67377, Kristen Johnson #72859, Cindy Brandel #54628, Katy Lemmer #73037

Happy Holidays!

From
U.S. JCI Senate Foundation

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Larry Norfleet – Reg. VII Rep.
Cindy Empting – Reg. VIII Rep.
Beth Fujishige – Reg. X Rep.



U.S. JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting

Hot Time in Melbourne

Melbourne, Florida

January 16 – 18, 2026



Name: _____ Senate/Friendship #: _____ Title: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____ Senate/Friendship #: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Phone #: (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

2025 – 2026 National Office Held _____

Is this your first US JCI Senate Meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No Spouse/Guest: ☐ Yes ☐ No Age 55 and younger? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Registration	Fee	Quantity	Total Due
Full Registration (includes continental breakfast & lunch Fri. & Sat., Saturday evening banquet)	☐ \$95.00 <i>Postmark by 12/31/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$110.00 <i>Postmark after 12/31/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$125.00 <i>Onsite</i>	_____	\$ _____
Child (12 & under) – Full Registration	☐ \$20.00 <i>Postmark by 12/31/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$30.00 <i>Postmark after 12/31/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$40.00 <i>Onsite</i>	_____	\$ _____
Child (12 & under) – Saturday Banquet Only	☐ \$45.00 <i>Postmark by 12/31/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$50.00 <i>Postmark after 12/31/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$55.00 <i>Onsite</i>	_____	\$ _____
Thursday Early Hospitality (January 15)	☐ \$20.00 <i>Postmark by 12/31/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$25.00 <i>Postmark after 12/31/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$30.00 <i>Onsite</i>	_____	\$ _____
Daily Hospitality Only	☐ \$25.00 ☐ Fri ☐ Sat	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet Only	☐ \$50.00 <i>Postmark by 12/31/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$55.00 <i>Postmark after 12/31/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$60.00 <i>Onsite</i>	_____	\$ _____
Golf: TBA	Tours: TBA		
Offsite Fee: applies if not registered at Senate Hotel - \$25.00/per person per day			\$ _____
Are you a veteran? Yes _____ No _____ Branch _____			Total Due: \$ _____

What Region would you like to sit with at Saturday Banquet? _____

List special dietary restrictions... (i.e., Allergies, Vegetarian, Vegan, etc.) _____

Hotel Information: Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place – 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL 32901

For reservations, call: (321) 768-0200 --- Ask for Group Code: **JCI Senate Room**

Cut-off date for room block: January 2, 2026 **Room rate:** \$139.00/night plus 5% occupancy tax & 7% sales tax

Room rates effective 3-nights before & 3-nights after conference dates

If you need an ADA compliant room, please tell them at the time you book your room.

Free Melbourne Airport Shuttle – Free Hotel Parking

If sharing a room, please indicate name(s) of registered (or to-be registered) attendees: _____

Payment Options:

Make checks payable to: Florida JCI Senate, Melbourne 2026

Mail checks & registration form to: Irene Shanley #65316, 6032 Indrio Rd., #P3, Ft. Pierce, FL 34951

For more info, please contact: Jim Warren, Chairman@ 239.560.0870 or myagentjimw@gmail.com

US JCI Senate National Meeting

Viva San Antonio

Hosted by the Texas JCI Senate

June 14 – 18, 2026



Name _____ JCI Senate # _____ State Affiliation _____

Spouse/Guest _____ JCI Senate or Friendship # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail address _____

Veteran ☐ Yes Under 55 ☐ Yes

Current Position(s) of Attendees for badge _____

Region banquet seating preference _____

Is this your first JCI Senate National Meeting? ☐ Yes Spouse/Guest ☐ Yes

Are you sharing a room? ☐ Yes. With whom? _____

Item	Qty	Postmarked on or before 05/14/2026	Postmarked after 05/14/2026	On-site	Total
Full Registration		\$170.00	\$185.00	\$200.00	
Child Registration (Age 12 and under)		\$80.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	
Early Hospitality		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Year End Awards Banquet Only		\$85.00	\$95.00	\$170.00	
Daily Hospitality Only		\$25.00		\$25.00	
Daily Off-site Fee		\$20.00		\$20.00	
Select Banquet Meal	☐ Beef ☐ Vegetarian	☐ Chicken ☐			
Banquet Meal – please list any dietary requirements					
	Grand Total				

If paying by check make check payable to: Texas JCI Senate (Do Not Send Cash) and mail registration form and payment to Leisa Peebles 3301 Fair Oak Dr, Rowlett TX 75089. No Refunds after 5/31/2026.

If you have questions on registration please contact Leisa Peebles at leisap@verizon.net

If you are paying by credit card please fill out form and click the SUBMIT button below and a invoice to pay by credit card will be emailed to you. Additional processing fee will be charged. No Refunds after 5/31/2026.

Hotel Information: Westin San Antonio North, 9821 Colonnade Blvd San Antonio TX 78230, Make your hotel reservations directly [Book Texas JCI Senate 2026](#) call 844-886-4304 and use code Texas JCI Senate 2026

Happy Holidays

**50 Years
Strong and
still going!**



SAVE THE DATE

WELCOME TO FABULOUS LAS VEGAS

Region X JCI Senate & Alumni
Convention will be held in Las Vegas

April 17-19, 2026

Palace Station Hotel Casino

Watch the Mentors publications and
Region Newsletters for more information



U.S. JCI SENATE FOUNDATION

Named Scholarship



John and Marsha Dahl Scholarship presented by U.S. JCI Senate Foundation President Wayne Kiefer #36498 and U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655

GOLD Level donors (\$2500)



L to R: Kelly Koch #69508, Logan Giesie #51120, Nan #63882 and Ron #56549 Holzer

NEW members (\$150)



Pitts VP's 2024-25
Dan Badger #67974, Carla Bailey #62624,
Leisa Peebles #56001, Mary Ann Rohr #65353



Stephanie Kingsley #72949, Suzanne Gill #67891, Gloria Albers #79536, Marsha #67330 and Judson DeVore #65005

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Melanie Paschal #70372,
Angie Jelinek #60570

Happy Holidays from

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U.S. JCI SENATE FOUNDATION



PRESIDENT
WAYNE KIEFER #36498
wayne.kiefer@gmail.com

As we look forward to the year 2026, let us revisit our trip to Columbus, Ohio this past September. Our silent auction was very successful and continued podium gifts were over whelming. We recognized several individuals that achieved a new level of contribution with bronze, silver, gold and diamond. In addition, we had the pleasure to introduce you to our newest named scholarship, Marsha and John Dahl. Thank you for your wonderful gift to the scholarship program.

During our board meeting we welcomed new trustee, Donna DeLaney. We look forward to her knowledge and continued interest in the foundation. We also welcomed several new regional reps: Lucy Heroux, Region I, Melissa Sleeth, Region III, Roxy Hollenstine, Region V, Wayde Burkhart, Region VI and Cyndi Empting, Region VIII. We look forward to their valuable support in their respective regions and during

our national board meetings.

As we continue to move forward to 2026, we will recognize 26 individuals with \$2,000 first year scholarships, 24 with \$1,500 first year scholarships and up to 10 individuals with \$1,000 vocational or industrial scholarships.

We thank you for continuing to support the Foundation, and if you are not a member, please consider joining. It only takes \$150 to start a membership account and grow it from there at your own pace. We welcomed several new members in Columbus and we know you have many choices to make with your financial assistance, please continue to remain humble and kind while assisting education through scholarship.

I hope your holiday season with family and friends adds to your many memories already in place.



GIA MILLER
Idaho
Attending Paul Mitchell The School
Major – Cosmetology



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
NANCY SALOPEK #47610
scholarship@usjcisenate.org

There is information to share regarding the 2025 scholarship program. Due to extenuating circumstances, one academic recipient and one vocational recipient were not able to accept our scholarship offers. We have awarded these two scholarships to the next highest scoring students in each category. Ashton Miller from Arkansas will attend Kansas State University with a double major in Agricultural Business and Ag Communications. Gia Miller of Idaho has received the vocational scholarship and will attend Paul Mitchell The School Couer d'Alene for Cosmetology.

The 2026 scholarship program of the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation is under way. The postmarked deadline for students to submit applications to the state chairperson is January 12, 2026. The postmarked deadline for the states to submit applications for national judging

is February 17, 2026. Each state may submit two applications from students who will be attending a college or university and one application from a student who will attend a vocational, technical or trade school.



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Thank you to everyone in Columbus who donated items to the auction, participated in the auction and gave donations. We appreciate the continued efforts. Our totals from the weekend, covering all aspects of donations, was around \$14,000.

Also, congratulations to the newest named Scholarship, John and Marsha Dahl.

There are many ways you can donate to the Foundation. One of the ways is through your will or trust. If this is of interest to you, please contact Earl Sawyer to guide you.

Keep checking your email on the 20th of the month to see if you won with the 500 Club. When we get to Melbourne we will be having a Silent Auction following the banquet on Saturday night.

In your Region, your Foundation Regional Representatives are striving to help raise funds for the Foundation. Be sure to support them.

In the next months we will see Trick or Treaters in October, be thankful with our families in November and celebrate the holidays in December. All of you are very important to us, so we wish you all the best. Be safe in your travels.

Until Melbourne



ASHTON MILLER
Arkansas
Attending Kansas State University
Major – Agricultural Business & Ag Communications

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Name: (Ms. Mrs. Mr.) _____

JCI Senate No. (if Applicable) _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone Number: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

My Membership will be paid as follows:

_____ Enclosed is my full payment (\$150.00 min.)

_____ Enclosed is my first payment (\$50.00)
I will pay the balance in annual payments

_____ Contact me about planned giving opportunities.

Make check payable to: U.S. JCI Senate Foundation

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REGION I

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Region I NVP

BONNIE BLAISDELL #69956

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"REGION I IS AWESOME "



First, I want to extend a big "thank you" to the Ohio JCI Senate and Region V for hosting a fabulous Fall Board of Directors meeting in Columbus, Ohio. You all did a super job and I truly enjoyed spending time with my fellow NVPs and socializing with everyone.

I also want to thank all of those who attended our Fall Frolic in Hyannis, Massachusetts. We had a wonderful turnout! A special "thank you" goes to the Massachusetts Senate, co-chairs President Elizabeth and Marilyn, and their committee for putting together such a memorable event.

Our Foundation Representative, Lucy, held a successful raffle of the theme baskets to support Foundation fundraising efforts. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We also promoted Wreaths Across America, and I'm excited that all

our states will continue supporting that great cause.

Looking ahead, I can't wait for the Winter Board of Directors meeting in Melbourne, Florida. It promises to be a great time, and I'm especially looking forward to finally attending NELA with our New England/ Florida Senators. We're also looking forward to the Spring Caucus in May, 2026. Connecticut will be our proud host.

As we head into the holiday season, I wish you joy, peace and time with loved ones. I hope to share in some of the festive spirit with you as I travel through my states this December for their holiday Socials, including the Massachusetts Holiday Social, where I'll get to experience that crazy Yankee swap!

Reflecting back, I truly enjoyed attending all the states' summer picnics all over New England, and I look forward to visiting more regions in the months ahead, as we honor President Bruce's theme "East to West, Explore Our Senate."

Happy holidays from Region I!



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#63380**

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CONNECTICUT**

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My last article said the Third Time is a Charm and that is the case! We are having a great year so far, despite some major changes behind the scenes with primary addresses, contacts and storage of the Connecticut JCI supplies. We even have a new and improved Statesman logo to finally get with the times. I am grateful for all the hard work and support of our Senators while this was taking place.

We came home from Ohio with new enthusiasm! It was great to hear about all the amazing things that Senators are doing around the country. We are looking forward to joining Senators in every state to participate in Wreaths Across America and are already making plans to attend our next meeting in Melbourne, Florida. We had a great fall meeting and toured the historic Noah Webster House. We had a hockey fundraiser and of course made a splash at Fall Frolic! Connecticut will be hosting the Spring Caucus in 2026 and we are looking forward to all of the upcoming events. The Third Time IS the Charm in Connecticut! It has been my honor to serve as president again!

Wishing the warmest of holiday greetings to my Senate family, as well as a happy and healthy 2026.



**IRENE SINGLE #49260
PRESIDENT MAINE**

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Several Maine Senators participated in a fun axe-throwing event in September, hosted by Vice President Dan Paradis #75138, attended Fall Frolic in October in beautiful Hyannis, Massachusetts and were treated to an enjoyable weekend.

We participated in Wreaths Across America and are looking forward to the next quarter. Pending confirmation of dates in 2026, we look forward to candlepin bowling, maybe more axe throwing and pop-up socials such as a baseball game or mini golf. We're hoping to visit farms that open on Maine Maple Sunday/weekend, March 22, 2026, featuring all things maple — including syrup, candy, popcorn, cotton candy, whoopie pies, fudge, ice cream and more, plus events like naming a newborn calf or watching women loggers using chainsaws to observing the boiling down of sap into delicious syrup.

Sadly, we have lost four Senators so far this year. I am grateful for the support of my members and look forward to "Celebrating Each Other's Achievements." Many blessings this Christmas season to all of you.



**KATHRYN COLLINS #51469
CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD
RHODE ISLAND
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Hello from the Ocean State!

The Rhode Island JCI Senate had a productive luncheon meeting on Sept. 19 at the Cowesett Inn in West Warwick.

Vice President Dave Roderick #21608, Dave's wife Marilyn, Charlie Dick #39434 and I attended the Region ONE Fall Frolic region meeting in Hyannis, Massachusetts Oct. 10-12 on Cape Cod. We had a great time. Thank you, Massachusetts JCI Senate, for a wonderful weekend.

The Rhode Island JCI Senate also plans to participate in Wreaths Across America on Wreath Saturday, Dec. 13. We will be at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery in Exeter. Many of our JCI Senators are veterans, so veteran recognition is special to us.

The Rhode Island JCI Senate is also running the scholarship program again this year, with Andy Riley #25521 at the helm.

We thank our Region ONE Vice President Bonnie Blaisdell #69956 for her support this year.

RI September Meeting 2025 West Warwick, RI 9/19/2025

Ron Trottier	25686	RI
Andy Riley	25521	RI
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME/RI
Dana Hall	41552	ME/RI
Bonnie Blaisdell Reg I NVP	69956	CT
Elizabeth McInnis	54219	MA/RI
Kathryn Collins	51469	MA/RI
Dave Roderick	21608	RI

*Have a Wonderful Holiday Season
and a Happy New Year*



Merry Christmas



NVP Bonnie Blaisdell

*Region II
wishes everyone
a Happy
Holiday!!!!*



*Paul Betts, DE
Stevenson van Derodan, NJ
John Tyo, NY
Jeff Kozak, PA
Ann Harrison, NVP*



*The Virginia JCI Senate
wishes you
a happy Daisy Filled Holiday
and Festivus for the rest of us*

*Karen Gage #78980
President 2025-2026*





ELIZABETH McINNIS #54219
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Happy Holidays! We have been busy here in the Bay State. We hosted Fall Frolic in October. It was a good time for all, including the committee. We have visited our neighbor states and attended national meetings.

Our holiday social is the first weekend in December. We never know whether it's going to be a sunny 60 degrees or a snowy 20. Flexibility is a way of life here on the Atlantic.

A bit of trivia: Christmas was not celebrated in New England until the mid-19th century, although Christians arrived early in the 17th century. The Puritans were not fun people and thought Christmas was too much of a temptation for drinking and revelry. Most of the traditions we hold dear date from the Victorian era. There is plenty of revelry and frivolous decorating at my house – although not a lot of drinking. I hope everyone's holidays are wonderful.

Maine JCI Senate Luncheon
Meeting at Governor's Restaurant
Presque Isle, Maine
8/16/2025

President Irene Single	49260	ME
Bill Single	Guest	ME
Loomis Craig	9861	ME
Darla Craig	Guest	ME
Merrill Pottle	23412	ME
Joy Pottle	FR 59	ME
Terry Sandusky	29550	ME
Paul Ouellette	31070	ME
George O Watson	35151	ME
George Watson	36066	ME
Dana Hall	41552	ME
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME
Judy Jandreau	49637	ME
Ethel Lozier	53021	ME
Holly Boom	59489	ME
Nicole Morgan	Guest	ME
Peter Jordan	54684	ME
Stephen Jordan USM Jaycee		ME
Dawn Crabtree	63305	ME



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The Vermont JCI Senate held a holiday social on Sunday, Dec. 14 in Waterbury, Vermont. We had 14 Senators and spouses in attendance as well as three Friendship



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In this season of Thanksgiving and cheer, we are thankful for

NH JCI Senate Summer Social 8/3/2025

Dick St Jean	38089	NH	Pat Sousa	FR 59	MA
Bonnie St Jean	42864	NH	Cyndi Hall	48152	ME
Peter Jordan	54684	ME/NH	Dana Hall	41552	ME
Mark Reisman	39926	NH	Walter Cahoon	27223	MA
Dan Fraser	44691	NH	Cathy Cahoon	FR 45	MA
Josephine Fraser	Guest	NH	Bonnie Blaisdell	69956	CT
Wayne MacDonald	36519	NH	Dale Blaisdell	Guest	CT
Michelle Launsby	80754	NH	Colette Welch	69240	MA/NH/FL
Sue Gregoire	48475	NH	Charlie Welch	11719	MA/NH
Bob Gregoire	58451	NH	Nancy Gianetti	69463	CT
Jerry Plante	36401	NH	Todd Gianetti	FR 120	CT
Mary Plante	42855	NH	Jan Calder	FR 15	MA
Teri Gladstone	52778	NH	Rosaire Longe	28290	VT
Cary Gladstone	46015	NH	Irene Longe	FR 114	VT
Earl Rinker	12612	NH	Kathy Doherty	52919	CT
Gordon Lewis	13490	NH	Paul Doherty	46397	CT
Jim Nielsen	17823	NH	Bob King	36581	VT
Jim Sievert	33507	NH	Carol King	FR 93	VT
Karen Sievert	Guest	NH	Holly Boom	59489	ME
Joyce St. Pierre	44818	ME	Elizabeth McInnis	54219	MA
Mike St. Pierre	FR 100	ME	Mike Bailey	49764	ME
Maryanne Johnston	65901	NH/MA/FL	Jeff Kass	32300	CT
Bob Mossdrop	36524	NH/MA	Fran Kass	60798	CT
Sue Larivee	Guest	MA	Sue Zetoff	61461	CT
Jeff Kozak	63411	PA	Bill Potuchek	35278	CT
Janet Kozak	61574	PA	Elaine Potuchek	FR 32	CT
John Sousa	16202	MA			

Award winners. We participated in a Yankee gift exchange where no one was injured. A great meal was enjoyed, after which we socialized and enjoyed each other's company.

Also in December, the Vermont JCI participated in Wreaths Across America at two veterans' cemeteries. One cemetery is at Fort Ethan Allen in Colchester, Vermont, and the other is at the state-operated Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph Center. We had 10 Senators and Friendship winners participating.

On April 25, the Vermont Senate will hold its annual meeting in Barre at the American Legion, where a full slate of officers will be elected and sworn in. It is anticipated that we will have 20 Senators, spouses and friendship winners present.

the legacy of our forefathers (and mothers) that continues today.

We are grateful for our Wreaths Across America chairperson, Mary Plante's #42855, leadership and her team in remembering the contributions that provide us our freedoms today. New Hampshire JCI Senators will be at the Old Fort Cemetery in Concord, and some of our Floridian snowbirds will be at the Bushnell National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

We are also delighted with Michelle Launsby's #80754 leadership and her committee in providing scholarships for leaders of tomorrow. All are welcome to participate in our holiday and winter zoom meetings. Let us know if you want the link. See you in Melbourne.

CT JCI Senate Budget Meeting and Picnic

Niantic, CT 7/19/2025

Bonnie Blaisdell	69956	CT
Dale Blaisdell	Guest	CT
Dana Hall	41552	ME
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME
Jeff Kass	32300	CT
Fran Kass	60798	CT
Cathy Dempsey	67625	CT
Nancy Gianetti	69463	CT
Jack Pasquale	32806	CT
Sue Pasquale	FR 017	CT
Todd Gianetti	FR 120	CT
Elizabeth McInnis	54219	MA
Bob Cairns	59815	NY
Kathy Doherty	52919	CT/CO
Paul Doherty	46397	CT/CO
Walter Cahoon	27223	MA
Cathy Cahoon	FR 045	MA
Scott Kingsley	67932	NY
Stephanie Kingsley	72949	NY
Stephen Taylor	83761	ME
Michele Tarantino	63380	CT
Wayne MacDonald	36519	NH
Christina Lapierre	80646	CT
John Souza	16202	MA
Pat Souza	FR 039	MA
Nicole Esteves	80645	CT
Charlie Welch	11719	MA/NH
Colette Welch	69240	MA/NH/FL
John Tyo	66381	NY
Vin Lentini	47865	CT
Gail N. Platt	63433	CT
Mark Reisman	39926	NH
Mary Anne Johnston	65901	MA/NH/FL

VT JCI Senate Picnic
Randolph, VT
8/2/2025

Steve Rowe	40470	VT
Jo Ann Rowe	FR 73	VT
Katherine Rowe	Guest	VT
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME
Dana Hall	41552	ME
Bonnie St Jean	42864	NH
Dick St Jean	38089	NH
Mike Bailey	49764	ME
Holly Boom	59489	ME
Mark Reisman	39926	NH
Joyce St Pierre	44818	ME
Mike St Pierre	FR 100	ME
Bob King	36581	VT
Carol King	FR 93	VT
Nancy Gianetti	69463	CT
Bonnie Blaisdell	69956	CT
Dale Blaisdell	Guest	CT
Jeff Kozak	63411	PA
Janet Kozak	61574	PA
Norma Dailey	50954	VT
Jane Chadderdon	71648	VT
Fran Kass	60798	CT
Jeff Kass	32300	CT
Peter Jordan	64684	ME
Wayne MacDonald	36519	NH
Steve Edgerley	28921	VT
Ann Edgerley	81699	VT
Elizabeth McInnis	54219	MA/CA
Sue Zetoff	61461	CT
Bill Potuchek	35278	CT
Elaine Potuchek	FR 32	CT
Walter Cahoon	27723	MA
Cathy Cahoon	FR 45	MA
Rosaire Longe	28290	VT
Irene Longe	FR 114	VT

REGION II

Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania



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 "UNLIMITED"

As December comes upon us, I would like to wish all of you a fabulous holiday season with family and friends. Region II will be celebrating within our states and with each other.

January through May will see all the states busy, along with my travels. I will attend the U.S. JCI

Senate Winter Board meeting in Florida, along with meetings in Delaware and New York. Then, a Pennsylvania meeting in February, a trip to Tennessee for Mini National, the Maryland Bull & Oyster Roast in March and Spring Fling in Illinois.

April 9-12 will see the Region II/ III Mid Atlantic Institute Meeting in Jamestown, New York. April will also bring a trip to Yankton, South Dakota and May will see me travel to Topeka, Kansas.

Together we are Unlimited!



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What a year it has been here in New York! I am enjoying every minute of it and I love making new memories with my Senate family.

Michelle Loveria #71744 has taken on membership, treasurer and other important roles. We were +6 members for the first quarter, we published our first newsletter for the year — the second will be out shortly — all while working on national programs.

We attended AMERADA in Trout Lake. Almost a dozen New York Senators attended. the U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. We helped out at the National Apple Harvest Festival in Pennsylvania and attended the Region I Fall Frolic in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

Our Senate met the weekend of Oct. 24-26. It was an honor to have our Region II NVP, Ann Harrison #75822, join us.

Our biggest event of the year, MAI 2026, will take place April 9 – 12, 2026 in Jamestown. Get those registrations in and get your rooms booked.

Upcoming events include: holiday party Dec. 6, hosted by Michelle Loveria #71744. The next membership meeting will be in late January. New York Senators are planning to attend the Winter Board Meeting in Melbourne, Florida for some Family, Friends, Senate, FUN!



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We continue to Fly PA, Fly! Pennsylvania continues to travel well with a great turnout in Columbus. We visited many summer picnics in regions I, II and III. We continue to visit and assist our Jaycee chapters as well.

Our main fundraiser is selling ice cream at the Upper Adams Jaycee National Apple Harvest festival. We were honored to have President Bruce come to see this amazing Jaycee project.

We will celebrate the holidays once again, first in Pittsburgh in the west at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport hotel on Dec. 5 and then in the East at the Kozak residence in Quakertown on Dec. 13 following the Wreaths across America project.

In January, many from Pennsylvania will be in Melbourne for the winter meeting. Pennsylvania will have its winter meeting in York, Feb. 6, 7 and 8. Our NVP Ann Harrison will be in attendance.

All our information can be found on our Facebook page and website pajcisenate.org.

Fly PA, Fly as we approach the holiday season and wish everyone a great holiday season from Pennsylvania!



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The first half of the year has been a testament to the heart of our Senate — your commitment, generosity and fellowship continue to inspire me.

Let us continue to uplift one another, invest in our shared mission, and keep the flame of fellowship burning bright. Together, we can build on our successes

and create moments that matter — not just for ourselves, but for the generations that will follow.

As your president, I encourage each of you to stay engaged, keep the momentum alive, and remember the best is yet to come.

The 50th celebration of New Jersey Camp Jaycee is a testament to our unwavering commitment to service — proving that our mission not only endures but continues to meet the ever-changing needs of society with purpose and relevance.

We have opportunities to make an impact — through Wreaths Across America, scholarships, the Presidential Sweepstakes, and contributions to our Foundation. Each area is a chance to honor, to empower, and to give back.

Let's carry our vision forward with passion, purpose and unity. Here's to an exciting second half of the year — filled with inspiration, laughter and accomplishments that make us all proud to be part of the New Jersey JCI Senate family.

Delaware JCI Senate 9/9/2025

Paul Betts	44675	DE	Alex Mili	75924	DE
Ann Harrison	75822	DE	Liz Balogh	80738	DE
Walter Szczerban	25450	DE	Dave Mackenzie	55956	DE
Marbeth Szczerban	Wife	DE	Steve Bufflap	70327	DE
Eric Norimatsu	75959	DE	Tina Lank	67684	DE
Judy Parag	82847	DE	Jeff Lank	69262	DE
David Parag	44921	DE	Randy Manship	61952	DE
Larry Green	27324	DE	Sharlene Manship	FR 61	DE
Joanne Green	FR56	DE	Richard Howell	30268	DE
Dave Feasel	25852	DE	Mary Ann Howell	Wife	DE
Tom Faulkner	36381	DE			

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Paul Betts	44675	DE
Ann Harrison	75822	DE
Frank Paquette	21559	DE
Joyce Paquette	Wife	DE
Eric Norimatsu	75959	DE
Judy Parag	82847	DE
Larry Green	27324	DE
Randy Manship	61952	DE
Sharlene Manship	FR 61	DE
David Parag	44921	DE

merry Christmas
 AND
 HAPPY NEW YEAR



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DELAWARE**

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I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and relaxing fall.

We have been busy these past few months — Blue Rocks baseball, our yearly trip to Boondocks restaurant, Region II/III social, Blue-Gold football game working a food booth, our summer picnic, helping out at the Pennsylvania ice cream booth at the Apple Harvest Festival, Wreaths Across America.

This year, we hope to have our winter social in December or January. The last two years, we had to cancel because of the weather.

Delaware meetings are every other month and, on the other months, we have dinners — one upstate and one downstate. So, if you're in the area, we would be glad to have you stop by.

The Delaware Senate wishes you all happy holidays and a very merry new year!

**TX JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting
San Antonio, TX 9/6/2025**

Ellen Abernathy	Guest	TX
George Abernathy	40528	TX
John Basse	44149	TX
David Castle	49358	TX
Lorrie Castle	82617	TX
Anita Cummings	69380	KS
Jumper Davis	38376	TX
Hilda Davis	71500	TX
Dave Gilkeson	50809	TX
Lisa Gilkeson	52699	TX
Nan Holzer	63882	TX
Ron Holzer	56549	TX
Jimmy Lewis	78887	TX
Joy Lloyd	78948	TX
Bill Madding	28920	TX
Candy Madding	FR-58	TX
Pat McLaughlin III	51208	TX
RJ Montgomery	18569	TX
Greg Peebles	56000	TX
Leisa Peebles	56001	TX
Angie Stanchfield	64531	TX
Bill Stanchfield	FR-104	TX
June Stansky	55527	TX
Angie Taylor	71600	IA
John Wodarczyk	62078	OK/TX

**Region II & III Social
Hagerston, MD 8/2/2025**

Sam Young	37972	MD
Marilyn Young	45664	MD
EJ Miller	50983	WV
Paul Betts	44675	DE
Randy Willhoite	47435	WV
Letha Grimes	63946	MD
Ann Harrison	75822	DE
Karen Gage	78980	VA/MD/PA
Gary Duell	48384	PA
Diane Duell	74147	PA
Sean Murphy	77721	VA
Laura Murphy	78824	VA
Jess Kling	78271	MD
Greg Leverton	62762	MD
Jimmy Harris	62279	MD
Tom Cramer	61957	VA/NC
Pat Fields	FR 85	PA
George R Fields	46096	PA/DE/NY
Krista Muir	73181	PA/NY
Beth Muir	65479	PA/NY
John Tyo	66381	NY/PA/DE
Scott R Kingsley	67932	NY+3
Bob Carins	59815	NY/PA
Nicole Dopp	74656	PA/VA
John Mosesso	71551	VA
Beth Newill	60235	PA
Julie Livingston	72032	PA
Stevenson Van Derodan	81041	NJ/NY
Randy Manship	61952	DE
Sharlene Manship	FR 61	DE
Laura Jones	67320	MD/VA
Bob McDonald	58286	PA
Jean Mawson	66086	PA
Mike Traczuk	52181	PA
Melisse Vage	59852	MD
Joan Travis	76201	NJ/IL
Chris Travis	55435	NJ/IL
Matt Boyer	76878	PA
Sally Traczuk	68943	PA/NY
Judy Nuessle	62267	MD/DE
Della Hager	53229	MD
Diane	48476	MD
Sharon Clagett	77156	WV
Donna Yenney	64283	VA/MD
Jackie Julien	74251	VA
Kay Faries	70346	VA
Michele Waters	83600	MD
Chuck Waters	80800	MD
John Cotter	41511	MD
Pam Cotter	43030	MD
Larry Bohn	37024	MD
Ronnie Bohn	66024	MD

**OHIO Pig Roast
7/19/2025**

Tammy Snapp	79574	OH
Susan Geddes	81581	OH
Angela Alonso	83134	OH
Bruce Geddes	35527	OH
Jean Geddes	68886	OH
Sara Kimmert	77909	OH
Ron Kimmert	43520	OH
Allison Geddes	74777	OH
Gary Duell	48384	PA
Diane Duell	74147	PA
Chef Monte Schroeder	92203	IL
Sherrie Schroeder	FR 52	IL
Maureen Niedenthal	67669	IL
Mark Niedenthal	67669	IL
Bill Patterson	47979	IL
Chris Curtis	35440	IL
Susie Colbert-Curtis	73137	IL
Denny Birt	37116	IL
Kristi Callison	69284	OH
Joe Callison	71418	OH
Karen Voshel	62305	IL
Dave Conklin	54029	OH

**MA Senate Summer Picnic
8/23/2025**

Walter Cahoon	27223	MA
Cathy Cahoon	FR45	MA
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME
Dana Hall	41552	ME
Denise Paiva	71752	MA
Debra Daley	67167	MA
Lucy Heroux	71753	MA
Bonnie Blaisdell	69956	CT
Dale Blaisdell	Guest	CT
Dave Fidler	73056	MA
Paul Carney	10861	MA
Pat Souza	FR39	MA
John Souza	16202	MA
Mary Anne Johnston	65901	MA/NH/FL
Marilyn Lariviere	83214	MA
Pam Warren	77877	MA/NY

**MD JCI Senate Summer Picnic
Edgewater, MD
7/19/2025**

Melissa Unger	59854	MD
Emily Nock	77392	MD
Karen Gage	78980	MD/VA/PA
Lisa Benish	67480	MD
Gail Spence	49687	MD
Melissa Sleeth	69220	VA
Ron Sleeth	79099	VA
Della Hager	53229	MD
Harry Kolodner	34400	MD
Sandy Kolodner	52468	MD
Vanessa Kinsley	70985	VA/MD/FL
Alan Spence	65255	MD
Laura Jones	67320	MD/VA
Larry Bohn	37024	MD
Ronnie Bohn	66024	MD
Marilyn Young	45664	MD
Sam Young	37972	MD
Kay Faries	70346	VA/MD
Tom Cramer	61957	VA/MD
Greg Leverton	62762	MD
Letha Grimes	63946	MD
Kathleen King	68704	VA/MD
Tom King	59642	VA/MD
Jeanne Webster	55888	MD
Victoria Luff	FR126	MD
Laura Murphy	78824	VA
Jennifer Ray	68957	MD
John Cotter	41511	MD
Pam Cotter (Miley)	43030	MD
Cathy Nowack	53228	MD

**Pennsylvania JCI Senate Meeting
Quakertown, Pennsylvania
7/26/2025**

Jeff Kozak	63411	PA
Matt Boyer	76878	PA
Beth Newill	60235	PA
Russ Lang	69509	PA
Sheryl Zagar	77791	PA
Ann Harrison	75822	DE/PA
Paul Betts	44675	DE
Julia Livingston	72032	PA
Beverly Lettich	54958	PA
John Lettich	42708	PA
Gary Duell	48384	PA
Diane Duell	74147	PA
Lois Martin	68841	PA
Donna Hurd	68302	PA
Sally Traczuk	68943	PA
Mike Traczuk	52181	PA
Janet Kozak	61574	PA

**VA JCI Senate Summer Outing
Sterling, VA
8/16/2025**

John Mosesso	71551	VA
Katy Lemmer	73037	VA/PA
Troy Anderson	67983	VA
Karen Gage	78980	VA/MD/PA
Jennifer Rebbby	78071	VA
Jackie Julien	74251	VA
Hope ellison	71378	VA
Cathy Ralston	79504	VA
Melissa Sleeth	69220	VA
ron Sleeth	79099	VA
Ruth Ann Bates	81563	VA
Peggy McHugh	62466	VA
Donna Yenney	64283	VA
Vanessa Kinsley	70985	VA
Ariel Jones	65423	VA
Art Eisenberg	26704	VA
Kay Faries	70346	VA
Diane Duell	74147	PA/VA
Gary Duell	48384	PA/VA
Wendy Wilcox	72694	VA
Jacque Camlet	67098	VA
Tom Cramer	61957	VA
Sharon Sobel	80710	VA
Sean Murphy	77721	VA
Tom King	59642	VA
Kathleen King	68704	VA
Anne Johnson	49625	VA
Letha Grimes	63946	MD
Gerry Sproles	14886	VA
Tim Eckert	80709	VA
Jeff Bobich	72309	VA
John Cotter	41511	MD/VA
Pam Cotter	43030	MD/VA
Laura Murphy	78824	VA

**MD JCI Senate Crab Feed
Westminster, MD
9/6/2025**

Emily Nock	77392	MD/IL
Judy Nuessle	62267	MD/DE
Danny Nuessle	FR. 47	MD
Sam Young	37972	MD
Marilyn Young	45664	MD
Letha Grimes	63946	MD
Jim France	44665	MD
Cheryl France	57391	MD
Vanessa Kinsley	70985	VA/MD
Lisa Geier	78779	MD/VA
Anne Johnson	49625	VA
Michele Waters	83600	MD
Chuck Waters	80800	MD
Steve Eaves	84082	MD
John Cotter	41511	MD
Pam Cotter	43030	MD
Chris Beard	83268	MD
Jennifer Beard	Guest	MD
Linwood Row	73490	MD
Sharon Row	75525	MD
Mary Ann Rohr	65353	MD
Tom Rohr Jr.	47918	MD
TomRohr III	Guest	MD
Ian Rohr	Guest	MD
Katie Rohr	Guest	MD
Karol Pittman	FR #55	NC
Lawrence Pittman	53932	NC/FL/AL
Nicole Dapp	74656	PA/VA
Margie Mackes	83843	MD
Kagty Lemmer	73037	MD
Gary Duell	48384	PA
Diane Duell	74147	PA
Barbara Ransom	44119	MD
Jess Kling	78271	MD
Melissa Unger	59854	MD

REGION III

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"GET HOOKED"

and fostering leadership opportunities. Reactivation is also a key component, if you know of a Senator you have not seen in a while, reach out and invite them to an upcoming event.

Happy Holidays to everyone. I am looking forward to seeing you in Melbourne, Florida in January and MAI in Jamestown, New York in April as we all "Get Hooked" on the Senate!

Throughout this trimester, all three states in Region III stayed active by holding their own fall meetings and social events. Now that I no longer must work weekends, I have the freedom to travel more and fully embrace President Bruce's theme, "East to West, Explore Our Senate." I made it a priority to participate in all Region III state meetings, including celebrating the 55th anniversary of the West Virginia JCI Senate. My travels also took me to Pennsylvania, where I assisted with their annual Apple Harvest Festival, and to Massachusetts for the Fall Frolic in Region I. Each event provided wonderful opportunities to meet new friends and strengthen our Senate community.

All regional states participated in the Wreaths Across America Program. For the past three years, I have had the honor of placing wreaths at the Antietam National Cemetery where 4,776 Union Soldiers are buried. This is always a somber event, given the history of the Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest battle of the Civil War. It is a true privilege to pay tribute to their memory through this meaningful program.

On a lighter note, the holiday parties hosted by each state were filled with festive spirit and joy (and fun dirty Santa exchanges). It is always a blessing to spend time with my Senate family during the holiday season, creating memories and sharing in the celebrations.

As we approach the halfway mark of the Senate year, our focus remains on supporting JCI USA, exploring the expansion of chapters and offering assistance and guidance when needed. The goal is to strengthen our organization by welcoming new members



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We had two great events last summer. The first was our Steak Fry, Aug. 8-10 in Parkersburg. The weather was hot, but still comfortable. My good friend, Region V NVP Chef Monty Schroeder #62203, and his wife Sherrie FR #52 joined us. I did not find out they were attending until Friday morning. Monty, along with everyone else in attendance, had a great time. A big thank you to Randy Willhoite #47435 for making it all happen.

The Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio was a very short trip for me, so no excuse not to go. Also, I just happen to be a past president of Ohio. PIE provided some great training, and I met new friends there. The highlight of the weekend was when E.J. Miller #50983 received a special recognition pin from President Bruce on Saturday night.

I would like to see the Senate help the Jaycees extend a new



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Friendships have been shining bright in Maryland! It's been a busy and engaging second quarter, and it's been great to see so many of you at our recent events.

Our fall season began with the annual crab feast at the home of Jimmy Harris #62779, a true Maryland tradition. The feast was a huge success, complete with delicious crabs, great company and the fun experience of "kissing the crab" for our first-time attendees.

In October, our fall conference in Ocean City offered a weekend of fun, fellowship and a fantastic Roaring '20s-themed speakeasy party. We also recognized our newest Senators, celebrating their dedication to the organization.

Looking ahead, we'll continue our tradition of honoring veterans with Wreaths Across America. Mark your calendars for our annual holiday party on Dec. 20, hosted by Sam #37972 and Marilyn #45664 Young. This is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the end of the year together.

Don't forget to save the date for our famous Bull and Oyster Roast on March 7. Details can be found on our website.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Your involvement is what makes the Maryland JCI Senate so special.

Happy Holidays!

chapter in West Virginia.

The 55th anniversary in November went well. More about this in the next edition.

Happy Holidays and together we can "Make it Happen Again" in 2025 -2026.



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We had an excellent time for our Festivus for the Rest of Us meeting Dec. 6 in Richmond. We also learned about Diwali and Hanukkah from our Senators who celebrate these wonderful holidays and had a funtastic time during the gift exchange.

Join us Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. for some Reindeer Games over Zoom. On Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. EST, join us on Zoom to hear from our own Doc Serota as he reflects on "The Election of the First Female President of the Virginia Jaycees and Why It Was Never Supposed to Happen." All Senators and Jaycees are welcome.

We are creating a cookbook and looking for recipes. Please send to Hope Ellison at hopendaies@gmail.com by Jan. 31, 2026. Write the recipe in a Word document in the font Times New Roman, size 12. Identify the type of recipe (dessert, entree, appetizer, tip/tricks). Add your name and Senate number at the bottom of the recipe.

Our winter meeting will be Feb. 27 - March 1 in Virginia Beach with our Jaycees, featuring our infamous Martini Mix Off challenge.

Watch Enews, www.vajcisenate.org, join us on Facebook or email us at vajcisenate@gmail.com for all the details for our Zooms and meetings.

Remember Virginia is for Lovers and Daisies.

REGION IV

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina



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**"WHERE FRIENDSHIPS
LEAD AND SUCCESS
FOLLOWS"**

Region IV – "Where Friendship Leads and Success Follows" met Oct. 23-26 in Clemson, South Carolina.

The southeastern states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina are making waves across our Senate landscape - and it's not by chance. These five powerhouse states are rolling out impactful projects and demonstrating what can be achieved when strong leadership meets a passionate and united team.

The community outreach initiatives are fueled by the energy and dedication in our region. These projects are transforming lives and strengthening communities. Each state brings something unique and powerful to the Region IV table.

Our state presidents are truly

exceptional leaders. Their vision, commitment and ability to inspire have set a high standard. But even the best leaders need a strong team, and that's exactly what we have. Behind each state president it's a team of dedicated, creative and hard-working members who bring those visions to life. They are the engines driving the progress we're seeing today.

It is because of this unmatched collaboration and relentless drive that our region was recognized as #1 (+9) at the recent national meeting in Columbus, Ohio. That recognition is just not a title - it's a testament to hard work by dedicated leaders, each member and every state.

To serve alongside such outstanding individuals is truly an honor. The bar has been set high and Region IV is ready to keep raising it.

Guntersville, the Region IV Meeting in Clemson, South Carolina and the United Way's Coats for Kids giveaway. We also participated in a Bed Build program with the goal to build 150 beds for children.

December brings opportunities to help others and spend time with family and friends. We'll be involved in Christmas for Kids programs, nursing home visits, socials and time with family. Our Reverse Drawing, benefiting our Senate and The Hope Lodge, will be on Saturday at our Winter Meeting in Leeds on Jan. 30 – Feb. 1.

I am excited about what we have accomplished and the things to come. Check on each other; you never know what a difference that call might make. Take this time to be present with family and friends. Be aware of those who need us. Take advantage and be thankful for what the Lord has blessed us with. "Play to Win!"



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Happy Holidays from South Carolina!

South Carolina soared through the first quarter. We welcomed four new Senators. During Camp Hope weekend, one of our Senators, Lauren Folk #81953, coordinated a silent auction that raised \$1,000 for Camp Hope. We also hosted a successful Region IV meeting. We have several events planned for the coming months. We continue to build better communication among our Senators and also with the South Carolina Jaycees.

In December, we will be participating in Wreaths Across America. We will have several volunteers at two national cemeteries.

We will also have a holiday brunch social for the Senators to enjoy celebrating the holiday season together.

In February, we will have our Winter Meeting in Columbia.

April will bring our Camping Social weekend. Several Senators will be spending the weekend at Hamilton Branch State Park, enjoying the outdoors and each other's company. We will be extending an invitation to the Jaycees to join us for the weekend. Come roast marshmallows with us.

Come Soar with us as we build excitement while having fun this year!



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The red-hot Georgia JCI Senators have put together their travels for the next part of the year.

► Oct. 5 through 7, we visited President Duffy at the Florida Bash in Orlando Florida.

► We also attended the Region IV meeting in Clemson South Carolina.

► Dec. 5 - 7, The Georgia JCI Senate will have a meeting in conjunction with our Christmas social and Regional invite bowling party.

► The Georgia JCI Senate will participate in Wreaths Across America at the National Cemetery in Andersonville. We will have at least 125 wreaths to honor our veterans.

► Feb. 19 - 22 will be the Region VII conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Doc Alex and gang plan on going.

► March 26 through the 29th Region IV Calabash in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

► May 16 - 18 brings the Georgia JCI Senate year-end convention at Villa By The Sea in Jekyll Island. The Georgia Senate will have a house for your pleasure and hospitality. Senator Thomas Michael #76512 and President Alex #34236 will be on the island from May 10 – 18. If you are in the area, please contact us and let us get together. We're "Doing it the Right Way!"



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I can't believe the first half of our year is over. Our first quarter included The Bama Bash, the Win-terboro Cemetery Tornado Cleanup and finishing +1 in membership.

The second quarter included the Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, our Alabama Fall Meeting at Lake

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**MARCH 2,
2026**



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Things are afoot in the North Carolina JCI Senate.

Our Triangle Region held a social to watch the last Carolina Mudcats game.

We organized two Senate/Jaycee summits where we had

a discussion with our Jaycee chapters in our state about ways we can help them. We assisted the Gaston County Jaycees with their back-to-school event, had a holiday party with the girls at our cottage at the Boys & Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw, assisted the Cary Jaycees with a concession sales fundraiser and provided volunteers to the JCI USA annual event.

We also held a social with our east region rocking out to Sister Hazel.

By the time you read this, we will have participated in Wreaths Across America, where we visited four different cemeteries (one in each of our regions).

We've added a regular weekly email, which has created renewed interest from some of our members in getting involved and participating in our projects. "Let's Work Together" has become more than a theme. It's a way of life.



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The Florida JCI Senate is working hard and proving that it is "An Honor to Serve."

Our membership has been very supportive in raising money and providing manpower for Do You Give a Ruck, Ann's Angels Adaptive Waterski Foundation's Veteran Clinic and Wheelchairs 4 Kids.

We attended Twin Lakes Camp, assisting W4K and helping differently abled kids enjoy a weekend doing what all camp goers get to do: zip lining, fishing, horseback riding, high ropes, giant swing, smores and other camp activities!

When funding got cut off for Ann's Angels Veteran clinic, we raised enough money at our August meeting to fund their adaptive waterskiing clinic. We also provided manpower to that event, and a great time was had by all. We will continue our fundraising throughout the year for these organizations. We had a great time at our Tacky Tourist BASH and Polar Express second quarter meeting! Can't wait to see you all at the Winter Board Meeting in Melbourne. There is still time to book your cabin for our third quarter meeting on the MSC Seashore Cruise in February. Information can be found on our website or on Facebook. It truly is "An Honor to Serve."

NC JCI Senate Summer Meeting
Roxboro, NC
8/9/2025

Elizabeth Pfrogner	67191	NC
Gene Shanks	68688	NC
Cheryl Carlson	70371	NC
Carolyn Carlson	guest	NC
Andy Childers	62743	NC
Marty Wase	53142	NC
Vann Sparrow	67885	NC
Suzanne Gill	67891	NC
Carol "CJ" Jordan	45857	NC
Shannon Foster	67038	NC
Amy Moore	78686	NC
Derek Mobley	80479	NC
Phillip Padgett	49363	NC
Pam Padgett	51341	NC
Aaron Gauldin	82644	NC
Nan Jones	61798	NC
Tracy Culler	64534	NC
Ray Culler	64452	NC
Nick Woods	62735	NC
Jennifer C. Smith	63636	NC
Melanie C. Paschal	70372	NC
Mary Pruitt	77821	NC
Lynne Purvis	51835	NC
Lisa Jerdon	59380	NC
Aimee Scotton	69448	NC
Crissie Lewis	72169	NC
Diane Upshaw	68685	NC
B J Craft	45900	NC
Bill Craft	36216	NC
Sharon Reiss	74082	NC



Vincent Tiley #57076, Wendy Tiley and PA JCI Senate President Jeff Kozak #63411
Pennsylvania JCI Senate



AI JCI Senate President Craig Smith #55999, VP Chase Fell #41010, AVP Brian Pike #49234



Iowa JCI Senate Meeting
Back: Eldon Bowers #45999, Phyllis Bowers #51430, Dr Tom Molstad #63304, Lisa Badger #67973, Marge Miller #52948, Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei #44003, Newton Standridge #29407
Frt: IA JCI Senate President Brian Witte #68535, NVP Rose Steen #57178, U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655, JCI Iowa President Amanda Birch #79777



Angie Taylor # 64531, Hilda Davis #71500, Leisa Peebles #56001

Texas Fall Board meeting Sept. 6, 2025

Maryland JCI Senate
Katy Lemmer #73037, Jess Kling #78271, Jim France #44665, NVP Letha Grimes #63946, U.S. JCI Senate AVP Gary Duell #48384, Jennifer Ray #68957, Melissa Unger #59854



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REGION V

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio



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"SERVING UP FIVE STAR STATES"

Christmas time is my favorite time of the year. They say time flies when you are having fun. We have been "Serving up" so much fun traveling across Region V and the U.S. that, in the blink of an eye, the holidays are upon us!

Sherrie, Friendship #52, and I have traveled to the Ohio Pig Roast, to the Illinois summer picnic, to Region III for the West Virginia Steak Fry, and to the Indiana meeting. We have also been spending time with the Illinois Jaycees, cooking corn at the Hoopston Jaycees National Sweet Corn Festival, attending the Fall Board Meeting of the U.S. JCI Senate in Columbus, Ohio and attending the Illinois Senate meeting with the Jaycees TOYP meeting.

We then headed to the wine tours in Illinois and Michigan, the Kentucky Fall Frenzy, and finished

with the Ohio Senate meeting with the Jaycees. Thank you to each of the state presidents in Region V for your hard work, your support, and always rolling out the red carpet for President Bruce Sostak #52655, Sherrie and myself: Illinois - Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137, Indiana - Shelley Bates #78813, Kentucky- JeNie Altman #56150, Ohio - Janic Carino # 72307 and Michigan - Dan Moellering #77898.

As we move into December, things get a little crazy as Chef Monte' #62203 trades in his chef jacket for his Santa suit, putting big smiles on faces of all ages and spreading the Christmas magic.

We will be "Serving Up" some of the best hospitality at the Region V Spring Fling March 27-29, 2026, at the Northfield Inn & Suites in Springfield, Illinois.

The Region V chefs will "Foster friendship among Senators with supporting the Jaycee movement."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from East to West this holiday season.

missed last year was the Ohio pig roast, but I made it this year!

I had a full week of "Can it possibly get any worse? Yes it can!" My food trailer tipped over in a construction zone, and I was hit by a lady who had her license taken for her fourth DUI. She went to jail for an outstanding warrant for theft. (I would have rather been in Columbus!)

I NEEDED a break. So I was excited for FALL FRENZY! This is my favorite time of the year with apple cider and turning leaves.

We have our joint meeting with the Kentucky Senate Jan. 30 - Feb. 1. JeNie and I will be accepting birthday gifts all weekend!

Life sometimes knocks us down. But we get back up, dust ourselves off and get back on for another 8 Seconds. I still love this American ride!



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Happy holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and celebrate a joyful season. Weren't we just on the summer tour for Region V? The Illinois JCI Senate and our flock of faithful have traveled to all five states in Region V plus the national Fall Board in Columbus, Ohio.



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Season's Greetings from Kentucky! I hope each one of you had a spooktacular Halloween (ours was extra special with a fabulous Kentucky Fall Frenzy that weekend), a very thankful Thanksgiving, and have wonderful plans for a Merry Christmas.

As the quiet of fall and the crazy activities of the holidays wind down, I find myself looking forward to getting back into the swing of the Kentucky Senate. The first outing we have for the new year is our joint meeting with Indiana the weekend of Jan. 30 - Feb. 1

October was "flaminzing," getting to see our friends in Region V. The first weekend was fall GA and TOYP in Peoria IL, the third weekend was the Illinois-Missouri wine/brewery tour hosted by Illinois Oct. 16 - 19, the following weekend of Oct. 23 - 26, we were in Petosky, Michigan for the Wine Social and the last weekend, Oct. 30 - Nov. 2, we were in Kentucky for Fall Frenzy. The Illinois JCI Senate likes to Flamingle!!

We hope to have A flock of Illinois Senators at the national Winter Board meeting in Melbourne, Florida on Jan. 15 - 18, then back home for our winter meeting Jan. 30 - Feb. 1.

Feb. 19 - 22 takes us to Region VII to flamingle with Senators from across the nation in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Remember this holiday season, it is not the store clerk's fault that you waited until Mary's water broke before you started your holiday shopping!

in Louisville. February will find me in Gatlinburg and then heading to Illinois in March for Spring Fling.

In this time of giving (and all through the year), each one of us unselfishly gives of ourselves to others but we must also remember to give some time to ourselves. That is the magic that keeps us thriving and enjoying life. My wish for you during this holiday season is wonderful memories of time spent with friends and family, continued good health, quiet time to reflect and re-energize, and a joyous new year.

Happy Holidays! "Don't Stop Believing!"



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I want you all to know how much I genuinely LOVE our time together. Unfortunately, I have missed out on several events. My time with you all is a therapeutic respite in my crazy daily life. The event I

WV JCI Senate Meeting Morgantown, WV 4/26/2025

E.J. Miller	50983	WV
Linda Miller	49755	WV
Ruth Hopkins	79678	WV
Eurika Ellison	80798	WV
Gary Brooke	58420	WV/OH
Tracy Brooke	69445	WV/OH
Rick Rutter	53977	WV
Tom Rohr	47948	WV
Mary Ann Rohr	65353	MD
Craig Erbacher	75678	WV
Cori Erbacher	68752	WV



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Season's greetings from the Ohio JCI Senate CAFE! Our Senate is a wonderful Community with our Friendships carrying us on Entwined together. Summer and fall seem to have flown by, traveling and enjoying opportunities for Senate and Jaycee involvement.

I want to thank everyone who journeyed to Columbus for the U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting.

We enjoyed having you all. The entire committee and friends worked hard. They did a fantastic job — from meetings, to hospitality, to tours, everything was outstanding. They all deserve a round of applause!

This winter, we're looking forward to gathering and placing wreaths for Wreaths Across America. Everyone who participates has been deeply moved by the experience. We are also planning a Senate holiday party to bring a Senate-wide celebration to the end of the day.

In January, we will hold our annual scholarship judging, and as always, we are looking forward to rewarding some well-deserving high school students who will further their education. February will bring our next Ohio JCI Senate meeting in conjunction with the Ohio Jaycees year end meeting.

You can stay up to date on the Ohio JCI Senate CAFE by checking out our Facebook page or ohioj-cisenate.org.



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I hope this newsletter finds you well! As Michigan JCI Senate president, I'm thrilled to connect with you again. I want to thank everyone who joined us for our Fall Social in beautiful Petoskey, Michigan. What a fantastic time we had enjoying fellowship and the vibrant autumn colors. It's always a pleasure to see familiar faces and meet new ones.

Speaking of new faces, it was a blast meeting so many of you

in Columbus, Ohio! Your energy and passion are truly inspiring, and those connections are what make the JCI Senate experience so special.

As we look to the future, let's embrace the theme of "Go Beyond." It's a call to push our boundaries, strengthen our network and seek out new opportunities for growth. I'm especially excited to meet up with many of you in Florida soon!

And don't forget to mark your calendars! Our next big event is the Snow Ball, a perfect opportunity to celebrate our achievements and continue building on our incredible community. We can't wait to see you there.



Region VI Fall Meeting
Spicer, MN October 4, 2025

Amanda Birch	79777	IA	Stephanie Zimmerman	81432	MN
Brian Witte	68535	IA	PJ Zimmerman	81431	MN
Eldon Bowers	45999	IA	Pete Colarid	80224	MN
Janet Van Beek	45420	IA	Jim Fish	30890	MN
Joanne Schwab	71117	IA	David Teachout	68700	MO
Karen Lage	FR 67	IA	Jim Pendleton Jr.	40286	MO
Lori Oakland	67100	IA	Julie Morff	71917	MO
Louie Allers	45976	IA	Kami Harsell	77656	MO
Pam Lipkowitz	56195	IA	Kristen Johnson	72859	MO
Phyllis Bowers	51430	IA	Randy Johnson	56636	MO
Wayde Burkhardt	63877	IA	Chris Harsell	75944	MO
Terri Wilson	Guest	IA	Dave DeLaney	41203 MO/IA/SD	
Lynn Stoffregen	55876	IA	Donna DeLaney	55560 MO/IA/SD	
Jim Kirchnoff	FR119	IA	Tom Hendrix	37717 MO/NE/IA	
Newton Standridge	29407	IA/AR	Amy Kay	78686	NC
Pat Hoelker	45893	IA/SD	Janitda Mueller	68949	ND
Skip Hoelker	FR 10	IA/SD	Angie Jelinek	60570	ND
Bill Beck	45182	MN	John Anderson	60163	ND
Brian Levanduski	80227	MN	Michelle Mosher	61744	ND
Don Lietzau	64932	MN	Deb Ventris	64035	NE
Doreen Lietzau	64069	MN	Marlin Sanny	13967	NE
Juanita Beauchamp	74247	MN	Reuben Ventris	64569	NE
Marge Miller	52948	MN	Toon Bauman	67855 Region 6	
Nancy Stredde	63623	MN	Cindy Crook	55834	SD
Randy Young	46420	MN	Herb Koerner Jr.	28607	SD
Char Blashill	68880	MN	John Dahl	42828	SD
Mark Ewert	55453	MN	Julie Rieckman	60573	SD
Russell Beauchamp	74887	MN	Marsha Dahl	42936	SD
Gail chilman	76971	MN	Vonita Gardner	63629	SD
Richard Chilman	64070	MN	Gary Steen	56503	SD/IA
Sarah Borders	71544	MN	Rose Steen	57178	SD/IA
Greg Borders	63217	MN	Bill Flease	64179	WI
Ketti Green	68281	MN	Judi Barrington	49802	WI
Greg Green	65761	MN	Leroy Wepner	61893	WI
Susan Adams-Eriksen	65312	MN	Tom Mouch Barrington	42859	WI
Lorri Mattys	64933	MN	Jason Rosenau	76858	WI
Mike Rathman	48664	MN	Linda Alexander	82120	WI
Darlis Rathman	Guest	MN	Brian Trautman	61774	WI
Kris Wilke	72950	MN	Kelly Trautman	FR51	WI

Vino Bellas & Fellas Fall MTG
Columbus, OH
9/13/2025

Cheryl Carlson	70371	NC/AZ/FL
Cheryl France	57391	MD
Diane Duell	74147	PA
Nick Woods	62735	NC
Pat Fields	FR#85	PA
George Fields	46096	PA+3
Anita R. Cummings	69380	KS
Alex "Hitman" Willis	34236	GA
Rob Wiley	56033	KS
Denise Bauer	61276	GA
Kay Elliott	61747	FL
Katty Lemmer	73037	PA
Maureen Niedenthal	67669	IL
Mark Niedenthal	39701	IL
Elizabeth McInnis	54219	MA/CA/RI
Marty Wase	53142	NC/FL
Tanis Jimeno-Friedman	70297	AZ/NE
Phil Friedman	61455	AZ/NE
Pam Padgett	51341	NC
Suzanne Gill	67891	NC
Bob McDonald	58286	PA
Jenny Bruner	64688	OH
Beth Fujishike	69219	CA
Karen Voshel	62305	IL
Lori Palo	66475	GA+7
Carolyn Smith	64564	AZ+3

Indiana JCI Senate Summer
Board Meeting
Clarksville, IN
8/16/2025

Lori Tomlin	62797	IN
Mike Pouch	77787	IN
Jerry Wright	55005	IN
Shelley Bates	77813	IN
Tracy Luttmann	54773	IN
Jerry Luttmann	46155	IN
John Pflug	83097	IN
David Hussung	41391	IN
Milt Stock	23428	IN
Alan Richmer	53256	IN
JeNie Altman	56150	KY
Monty Shroeder, Reg V	NVP 62203	IL
Keith Schnell	43086	KY/IN
Cyndi Thornburg-Schnell	60661	KY/IN
Angie Taylor	71600	IA/SC
Mark Niedenthal	39701	IL
Maureen Niedenthal	67669	IL
Judson DeVore	65005	IL
Marsha DeVore	67330	IL
Mike Shipe	48008	IN
Julie Westerhoff	53020	IN
MaryAnn Hilleary	64615	IL
Greg Hilleary	43305	IL
Norm Hoffman	25676	IL
Denny Birt	37116	IL
Susie Colbert-Curtis	73137	IL
Chris Curtis	35440	IL



winter greetings.

REGION VI

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**"CRUISING THRU
REGION VI"**



Region VI is running in high gear as we move through this year. Happy Holidays to you all!

I have enjoyed Crusin' Through Region VI this year. Looking in the rear-view mirror over the past few months, I have attended rodeos and state fairs, helped with beer sales and concession stands, and attended state meetings, summer picnics and socials. In addition, I was able to connect and recharge with Senators old and new at the Region VI Fall Meeting in Spicer, Minnesota.

Thank you to the Ohio JCI Senate for a great time at the U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board of Directors meeting in Columbus in September. While in Columbus, we toured the Anthony Thomas Candy Factory and an Amish community, house and barn. Region VI attendees also met for lunch together at Shaker's Public House – what a wonderful meal with wonderful friends.

Congratulations to the Senators from Region VI who were recognized in Columbus. Thank you for

all you do for Region VI and the U.S. JCI Senate.

The new year brings many upcoming events to set our GPS on, including state meetings, winery and brewery tours, a chili cook-off, a wine and chocolate experience, helping out at a Jaycee "haunt" and holiday parties. In addition, Senators in Region VI will once again participate in the Wreaths Across America event. This is wonderful event that honors our veterans. Also, remember to wear blue to show support for all first responders and red on Fridays to honor deployed troops

As we cruise into the new year, it's time to hit the road again and make plans to attend the U.S. JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting in sunny Melbourne, Florida.

Plans are also underway for the Region VI spring meeting, scheduled for April 17-19, 2026 in Yankton, South Dakota.

I am looking forward to seeing you down the road!

and cooler weather!

We were blessed with NVP Rose and her husband Gary in our state recently to help with a fundraiser (working a concession stand). They were fabulous help and we enjoyed having them here.

It does my heart good that the Nebraska JCI Senate is working closely with the Nebraska Jaycees. The organizations need each other to grow and share. We are working on a joint meeting for March. This is something that has not happened for a very long time.

Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6 in Lincoln. This will also be our holiday celebration (with a white elephant gift exchange and ugly sweaters).

Wishing you all a great winter!



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I hope everyone is prepared for the holidays and has plans to spend time with family or friends.

The first part of the year has been very busy for the South Dakota Senate. Members have been participating in the Return the Favor program, helping out at casino night fundraisers, participating in the "Feargrounds" haunted house project and volunteering with the Holiday Gifts for Kids and Christmas Shopping Tour projects, as well as partnering with the South Dakota State Fair Association for a ways and means project.

We had a successful fall board meeting in September, held in the beautiful Black Hills in western South Dakota where we had a weekend of connecting and catching up with members.

We are also participating in the Regional Children's Hospital Bears and Books project and the national Wreaths Across America program.

South Dakota is hosting the Region VI meeting in Yankton on April 17-19, 2026. We are looking forward to a successful meeting and spending time with Senator friends, old and new.

We're looking forward to being just as busy for the remainder of this Senate year!

Happy Holidays!



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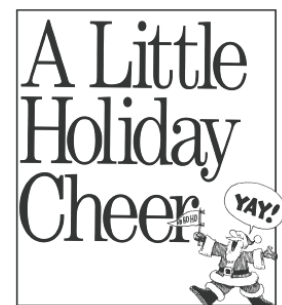
It is hard to believe that this year is almost half over. Before we know it, we will be at our spring regional meetings, looking to elect the next leaders of our great states.

Hold on a minute — we still have half of a year to make awesome things happen across our nation and around the JCI Senate world so let's get ready and set to GO!

In Minnesota, we have the world's largest charitable ice fishing contest. The Brainard Area Jaycees put on The Ice Fishing Extravaganza on Gull Lake, Hole of the Day Bay, and this year is no different. The event will be Jan. 31 from noon to 3 p.m. If anyone is interested in seeing this amazing event, contact me for more information.

On Feb. 20-22, we will have a membership meeting in Bloomington. Our annual meeting and Minnesota JCI Senate Fish Fry will be held May 2 at Cragun's Resort by Brainerd. There are also a golf tourney and other fun things being planned by the MN JCI Senate Charitable Foundation, so mark your calendars for this jam-packed fun weekend.

I hope all continues to be awesome. We'll see y'all out there!



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We are in my happy time as I write this...pumpkin spice, football



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The Iowa Senate has been busy with our JCI chapters and having fun finding new ways to "Go the Distance."

Our winter social on Dec. 6 is at the home of Cheryl Davis-Sauerbrei #44003 and Woody Sauerbrei Fr. #111 in Pella. It has grown over the last few years. Thanks to Cheryl and Woody for hosting this great event.

Iowa will participate in Wreaths Across America on Dec. 13 in Adel, IA. This project is a wonderful salute to those who served our country. We are thrilled to be part of it.

We are looking forward to a trip to Melbourne, Florida for the Winter Board Meeting. Sunshine and friends are always a welcome distraction from driving in the snow this time of year.

Next, we'll gear up for JCI Iowa's Year End All-State in February. President Amanda Birch #79777 will be celebrating a great year and getting 2026 off to a terrific start. We also hope to present Senatorships at that event.

We'll be "Cruising Thru Region VI" with NVP Rose Steen #57178 to Yankton, South Dakota and to as many state Senate meetings as we can get to. Join us out on the road helping us "Go the Distance" for JCI.



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We had a busy first quarter and look forward to a productive rest of the year. We enjoyed the Region VI meeting in Spicer, Minnesota and the Missouri and Illinois Wine Tour in October.

Senators and Jaycees traveled to Wonderland Camp in Rocky Mount to help winterize the camp for the year. It was a weekend of hard work and fellowship. We will, once again, participate in Wreaths Across America to help honor all veterans at this holiday season.

In January, we will have our winter meeting in conjunction with the Missouri Jaycees installation banquet at the Lake of the Ozarks. We are hoping to welcome many new Senators to this great organization that evening. It is a special weekend where we recognize the Outstanding Young Missourians, give (hopefully many) new Senatorships and celebrate all the great things that the Missouri Jaycees accomplished throughout the year. The Missouri Jaycees and Missouri Senate's relationship continues to be one of positive communication and support, and we will continue to "get in the game" to support the Jaycee movement.



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John Anderson #60163 and Angie Jelinek #60570 sent out information for the 2026 scholarships in September. We will meet early next year to judge the scholarships. It's always so much fun meeting up with friends!

We had an awesome time at the annual "Old Timers" reunion at the Helms' July 11-13. Darrel #73354 and Myra #73353 are always so kind opening their home and farm for everyone to get together and reminisce about the old times.

We are excited for the Rugby, North Dakota Jaycees! They are the only active Jaycee chapter in the state, and they are thriving. They had the grand opening for their community Splash Pad on July 22. Some of the North Dakota Senators were able to attend. The ND JCI Senate Foundation gave a \$10,000 donation to assist in the project and were happy to be there. John Anderson #60163, Michelle Mosher #61744, Perry #52781 and Lauri #72668 Anderson, Angie Jelinek #60570#, and Stan Hanson #43165# were in attendance. Stan delivered a great speech about the benefit of Jaycees and congratulated the Rugby Jaycees for terrific community activities.

Please continue to stay safe and well as we begin the winter months. I will see you all in San Antonio in June 2026!

North Dakota wishes you all a safe and happy holiday season!



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We all started on our Jaycee journey for different reasons. Some of us joined to make a positive impact in our communities, while others joined to meet people or develop leadership skills.

Being recognized as a Senator proves you made a difference in the lives of others. As Senators, we have a special opportunity to "Continue the Journey" by supporting our Jaycee chapters, by being mentors for others, by providing guidance and support where needed, and by recruiting and activating new Senators.

As we head into the back half of the Senate year, our Senate will hold our winter meeting in conjunction with the JCI Wisconsin Year-End Convention. I am excited to celebrate the accomplishments of the Jaycees and outgoing JCI Wisconsin State President Izzy Hmircik and her team.

Now is also the time to review goals, evaluate progress and adjust where needed. In Wisconsin, we are supporting our Jaycees through mentorship and manpower, educating the Jaycees about the Senate and focusing on sustaining our organization by recognizing new Senators.

I'd like to thank our board for being amazing mentors and demonstrating what being a Senator is about. Your contributions to our organization and the example you set for future Senators is inspiring.



First Lady Denise Bauer #61276, Kay Elliot #61747,
Becky Edwards #62937, Phyllis Bowers #51430,
Mark Brandel #49789, Teresa Beans #67173,
Mary Allred #46602

REGION VII

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**"BE THE SPARK THAT
 IGNITES THE FLAME!"**

As we head out of the holiday months and into a new year, I am remembering many great times spent making a difference with my local Jaycee chapters. During these projects we all certainly learned the true meaning of the line of our creed, that reads "Service to Humanity is the best work of Life!"

I often wonder, "Could I do more?" The answer is YES! We need to keep supporting our local Jaycees and "Be the Spark" that continues to make a difference. Remember if not us, then who?

Here in Region VII, we are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Mini National in the beautiful Smoky Mountains on Feb. 19-22, where we will have a fun "3-Ring Circus" weekend. So, plan on dressing up as your favorite circus character and come have some fun and fellowship with us. There will be time to do some exploring in the area whether it be shopping outlet malls, visiting

wineries or distilleries, trip to the casino, go carts, putt putt, lots of shows, golf and experiencing the magnificent mountain views! Registrations are online at usjcisenate.org. Be sure to book your rooms as soon as you can and get your registrations in before the February 1st deadline to prevent a late fee!

I want to thank my state presidents for the 2025-26 year for all their hard work and dedication to their states and the region. Presidents Toni, Mary, Mike and Steve have been working to make their organizations stronger and better every day.

A heart warming thanks for all the prayers, messages, calls and keeping me in your thoughts while I have been dealing with health issues. It means a lot to me knowing so many care. I look forward to seeing everyone in Melbourne in January!

In closing, I look forward to seeing what 2026 holds for each of us and know that great things are in the horizon for the U.S. JCI Senate!

by side that I have seen today. If you are going deer hunting tomorrow, please be careful.

Now to business, the month of December I will be out of service. On December first I am having colon surgery. This has been going on about 2-3 months. The first week in December my phone will be basically turned off but I hope to be able to move around some the second week of December.

I would appreciate any and all prayers. I do feel very good about this. Again, thank you for understanding and your prayers.

I know this is a little early but in November its business as usual Happy Holidays.



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The Mississippi Jaycees are alive and well. I would like to thank them for sending four members to the JCI USA Annual Meeting and TOYA in Raleigh, North Carolina.

This year, the Hattiesburg Jaycees will celebrate the 75th annual Hattiesburg Jaycees Christmas Parade. This is the

chapter's longest-running project and the biggest of the year. The theme this year is "Battle of the Elves." The parade is Thursday, Dec. 4.

This past Aug. 17, we had an awesome Mississippi Governors/ Senate meeting, which was held at Woody's Roadside Restaurant in Biloxi. We were privileged to have members in attendance who were active Jaycees as far back as the 1960s and 1970s.

Please be in prayer for our Region VII NVP, Dewayne Sumner #66239 who has recently been in the Decatur Morgan Hospital in Decatur, Alabama. He is doing an outstanding job leading Region VII, and his leadership is second to none.

Special thanks to Dee Lumpkin #81618, who is currently serving as presidential assistant to Bethanie Miller, the 2025 national president at JCI USA and has provided valuable input for this article.



TN JCI Senate Mini-National Convention and Region VII Meeting Pigeon Forge, TN February 19-22, 2026

The 2026 Tennessee JCI Senate Mini-National Convention/Region VII Meeting will be held in Pigeon Forge at the LaConte Hotel Conference Center February 19-22, 2026. We invite you to attend the "3-Ring Circus" fun weekend!

Adult full registration is \$120 including: Thursday, Friday and Saturday Hospitality plus access to Saturday meetings (TN JCI Senate and Region VII); plus Friday Dinner/Entertainment, Saturday lunch and Night Banquet.

Friday Night Entertainment will be BINGO with prizes! Afterwards will be our "3-Ring Circus" Costume Party! Prizes given for the best Female, Male and Group Costume. This is one costume party you do not want to miss!

The hospitality room will be

full of spectacular snacks and drinks along with games from cards, checkers and puzzles for those who love to be competitive! Rumor has it we may even see some fantastic decorations!

There will be time on Thursday/ Friday to spend shopping at outlet malls/specialty shops, checking out the local wineries/breweries, skiing, viewing the gorgeous scenery and even a trip to the casino if you choose!

Please mark your calendars for this fun, exciting weekend as we relive our childhood trips to the circus! Registration forms are located on the U.S. JCI Senate website and E-news. The Tennessee Senate is looking forward to hosting everyone in February at the "3-Ring Circus" 2026 weekend!



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Good afternoon, everybody. Sitting here at work I wish I had a dollar for every camper and side

REGION VIII

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**"SERVICE TO
 HUMANITY, YESTERDAY,
 TODAY AND
 TOMORROW"**

It is the holiday season! Take some time and reflect on what family means to you. Family is not just blood relatives. It is the close relationships that you have built in your lives, whether it be at school, work or organizations like the U.S. Jaycees or the U.S. JCI Senate. Through those relationships, you experience love, life and laughter.

I want to challenge you to continue to build relationships this next year. In the Senate, you can do this by traveling East to West and Exploring our Senate. Put yourself out there and meet new people, acquaint yourself with those you knew in the past who have been lingering in the background. Get them reactivated in

the Senate so we can continue this great organization.

I have traveled a bit these past few months. I have more travels coming up soon. I will attend the Christmas party in Colorado Dec. 6. The national Winter Board Meeting in Melbourne, Florida is coming up Jan. 15-18. Kansas will be judging its scholarships and the ones submitted from New Mexico in Topeka on Jan. 31, 2026. Texas will have its winter meeting in Nassau, Texas Feb. 20-22, 2026. Region X will have a meeting in Las Vegas, April 17-19.

Region VIII will hold the regional meeting in Topeka, Kansas April 30 - May 3. Come travel with me. Help me explore our Senate East to West.



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The Linn Picnic in July was a great success, and we thank President Bruce Sostak #52655 for joining us. At that meeting. The Kansas JCI Senate Foundation installed Rob Wiley as president

to replace Andreas Vandever.

The Glow Ball Golf Tournament was held in Onaga on July 18. There were 21 teams for the nighttime golf tournament. Everyone had fun, and they enjoyed the wheelbarrow raffle where 19 bottles of alcohol sitting in a wheelbarrow were raffled off. The wheelbarrow itself was donated to the Cool Springs Golf Course.

The Mulligan Madness Golf Tournament was held Sept. 20 in Salina. The Bruce Schmidt Memorial Trap Shoot was Sept. 28 in Onaga.

Our upcoming events are the Christmas auction in Lawrence on Dec. 6, an After the Christmas Rush Christmas Party and state meeting in Salina, and hosting the Region VIII convention in Topeka, April 30 - May 3. Come join us. We would love to see you.



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The Texas JCI Senate conducted our fall board meeting Sept. 5 and 6 in San Antonio on the Riverwalk. Senators enjoyed a great weekend of fellowship, sightseeing and enjoying the culture of the area.

We would like to thank our Region VIII NVP Anita Cummings #69380 and national Wreaths Across America Program Manager Angie

Taylor #71600 for attending our fall meeting. Texas Senators raised \$255 at our state meeting and \$300 at the national fall meeting toward wreaths for Texas veterans' cemeteries.

We also recognize our new Texas Senator, Angie Stanchfield #62431 life member #225, along with two other new life members — Miguel Perez #83693, Life #226 and wife Kristen Perez #83694, life #227.

Texas will host our winter board meeting in Seabrook Feb. 20-22. We would like to invite Senators from all regions to join us for a fun-filled weekend of sunny beaches, downtown shopping in Galveston and touring the NASA space center.

I would like to thank my board members for starting the year off great and working toward finishing strong, representing Texas and Region VIII. Remember, leadership is an action, not a position.

Texas wants to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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We are making progress in Colorado this year and one item of interest is that we have started our Wreaths Across America, headed by Carl Campanella. He will work

with those interested in sponsoring and we have had some interest already with several donations. Another item of interest is that the Arvada Jaycee Foundation sponsored the 100th anniversary of the Arvada Harvest Festival, which was quite successful. Good job, all.

We are working on three get-togethers across the state and hope to have some specifics for you in short order. One item of interest is that our Christmas get-together will be held in Centennial, Colorado (like previous years) Saturday Dec. 6. As we get specifics on our upcoming events, we will get the word out to everyone.

One final note: I would like to thank Neil and Shannon Klocker, who attended the U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting as our state representatives.





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What a fantastic few months we have had in Oklahoma.

We have several different areas of our state participate in the Wreaths Across America, with many socializing after the laying of wreaths. In January, we have our winter party planned to celebrate with each other and what the Senate has accomplished.

On Feb. 7, we will hold our scholarship judging and will have our membership meeting. Many of the Senators will also be visiting the Region VII meeting in Pigeon Forge. In March, we will summon our inner childhood and have a "Game Day" at the Sooner Arcade. In April, many of the Oklahoma Senators are planning on visiting Region X in Las Vegas and our own Region VIII meeting in Topeka.

Iowa JCI Senate Meeting 8/23/2025

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Phyllis Bowers	51430 IA	Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei	44003	IA
Eldon Bowers	45999 IA	Woody Sauerbrei	FR#111	IA
Bruce Sostak	52655 TX	Pam Robinson	61888	IA
Tracy Taylor	66603 IA	Gina Williams	82879	IA
Newton Standridge	29407 IA/AR	Dianne Casto	43283	IA
Carol Standridge	80700 IA	Larry Schlapkohl	32716	IA
Darrin Hamilton	78835 IA	Pat Hoelker	45893	IA
Dan Badger	67974 IA	Skip Hoelker	FR#10	SD
Lisa Badger	67973 IA	Lori Oakland	67100	IA
Marge Miller	52948 IA	Dr. Tom Molstad	63304	IA
John Parsons	74674 IA/ND	Karen Lage	FR#67	IA
Debbie Puls	55516 IA/MO	Brian Witte	68535	IA
Edward Silhacek	27180 IA	Peg Witte	1st Lady, IA	IA
Rose Steen	57178 SD/IA	Janet Van Beek	51245	IA
Gary Steen	56503 SD/IA	Joshua Masson	77273	IA
Joanne Schwab	71117 IA	Amanda Birch	79777	IA
Lynn Stoffregen	55876 IA	Garry Sievers	26471	IA
Jim Kirchhoff	FR #119 IA	Agnes Kress	75444	IA
Justin Rickman	81537 IA	Donna Sievers	84280	IA
Valerie Pell	81531 IA			

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"ACTIVATE"



JCI Senate Wraps Up Fall Season with Key Leadership Engagement and Strong Fellowship

The JCI Senate enjoyed an highly productive and memorable fall season, characterized by both high-level leadership engagement and robust member fellowship.

A recent highlight was a week-long trip to Alaska featuring JCI leadership, including Chairman of the Board Hal Williams and President Bruce Sostak. The delegation experienced the region's stunning scenery and diverse wildlife (Musk Ox and Moose, among others). The successful trip, hosted by Penny May and Alaska President Larry Hagen, concluded with a networking dinner and social event with fellow JCI Senators.

The organization also saw a strong display of membership strength at the Montana Jaycee Convention in Lewistown, where Montana Senators had a signifi-

cant presence. A key social activity of the weekend was an engaging Murder Mystery event.

This season successfully blended opportunities for leadership development and strengthening peer relationships, reaffirming the organization's strong momentum moving into the new year.

I've had a few minor illnesses, but looking strong for the Spring. Come see us in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Wyoming and Alaska. Merry Christmas from the Pacific Northwest.



COB Hal Williams #43912, U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655, Region IX NVP Susan Manthey #68777 in front of a Inuksuk (un-worked rocks that are used for marking a location or directions)



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Since we last connected, our Oregon Senate family enjoyed a golf outing and dinner in late September, as well as our annual Senate Campout, which 27 Senators attended. Campout 2026 is already scheduled for July 24-26 at Waterloo County Park near Lebanon, Oregon.

Oregon is busy planning for our 2026 annual meeting on the beautiful Oregon Coast at the Best Western in Newport, Oregon on April 24-26, 2026. If you get a chance, come visit the fabulous Oregon Coast next spring. A registration form will be available on the Region IX website.



Back: Bob Teachwood #35025 (Prepared and Hosted Dinner & Movies). Congresswoman Roberta Morgan, U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655, COB Hal Williams #43912, Larry Hagen (Current Alaska Senate President) #30937, Wayne Mavery #16435
Front: Jim Ashford #22583, Region IX NVP Suzy Manthey #68777, Penny May #25583, Kathy Mavery (Wayne's wife)

REGION X

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"LEADERSHIP THRU FELLOWSHIP"

Reflection Part 2.

We've talked about looking back in order to look forward. We talk about seizing the moment and sharing our experiences and successes. There's an old saying that "the rearview mirror in your car isn't to see where you've been, it's to see how cool you look getting there."

Our latest reflection comes in the way of Columbus, Ohio, where we inducted some first timers to the ranks of convention goers. Well, ask yourself how you looked in the eyes of the newbies as they asked for your signature and hopefully shared a few minutes of conversation with us. Their curiosity should spark an immediate response to not only recognize their uncertainty but to embrace their nervous approach. They are now part of the lifeblood of the Senate organization and an important part of the future of our organization.

What a tremendous opportunity to converse with the future of our organization and to welcome them to the ranks. That few minutes we spent with them will last a lifetime and prepare them not only for the excitement that awaits them while telling the tales of their trip to Columbus, it also instills in their

minds, the importance of "Leadership Through Fellowship." So, just how cool did we look getting there? Time will tell as our new Senators embark on their journey while remembering how they were greeted and encouraged.

Region X is planning a conference in Las Vegas in April 2026 to share and celebrate the success we've experienced this year and, by the looks of the Senators in this region, we will have plenty to celebrate. We welcome all senators and Jaycees to celebrate with us and to fulfill their bucket list item of visiting Las Vegas. You will find the registration form in this issue and we'd love to see you in April.

We wish you all a pleasant and prosperous holiday season and we are counting the days until we meet again in Melbourne with new ideas, a fresh look in the rearview mirror and the opportunity to share "Leadership Thru Fellowship."



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The Hawai'i JCI Senate and Alumni proudly welcomed a new Senator to our family — Arnold Martines #83672. Arnold joined the Hilo Jaycees at age 30 and immediately stepped into the spotlight of the community's largest event, the Hilo County Fair. By 1995 he chaired the fair, and in 1997–1998 he served as local chapter president. Fast-forward to today: he serves as chairman,

president and CEO of Central Pacific Bank. Arnold consistently credits his Jaycee experience as the foundation of his success.

An idea born from hula: Hula is more than dance — it is a living language. Each gesture carries story and heart, each beat echoes generations. In the Hawaii JCI Senate and Alumni we, too, move in rhythm with those we serve: listening, adjusting, honoring those who came before while shaping tomorrow's verse.

Upcoming events include the annual Holiday Luncheon and Shriners Toy Drive, Dec. 7 at the Old Spaghetti Factory, followed by a convoy to Shriners.

Our annual Recognition Banquet will be March 7, 2026 at Honolulu Country Club.

Th Ninth Island Vegas Trip, in conjunction with U.S. JCI Senate Region X Conference, will take place April 17 - 19, 2026 at Palace Station Hotel and Casino.

Our board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.



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I'm excited to share the Senate adventures happening in California this year. Four of our California Senators traveled to Queretaro, Mexico for the Mexican National Convention. We were received warmly by the Mexican. Then it was on to Carson City for the Nevada Senate's annual Nevada Days parade.

President Beth and Senators Joey Levy #82786, Jessper Maquindang #78762 and Neil Fitzgerald

#76896 attended the JCI USA National Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina. A highlight was seeing Alexander Hafizi from JCI Santa Clarita recognized as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans winners.

Our next stop was Windsor, California, where we traveled to wineries and breweries to visit with our members for our winter meeting. Thanks to Senator Katina Repp #64726 for making the arrangements.

We held our South Holiday Party at the home of Henrik #75358 and Elana Helgeson. Besides enjoying the delicious food and tasty eggnog, there was a fierce white elephant gift exchange!

We volunteered at Wreaths Across America at two locations: one in Northern California led by state chair Greg Conrad #48695, while a contingent of California Senators traveled to Arizona to volunteer and attend their holiday party in Scottsdale.

Our winter meeting will be held in February 2026. Stay tuned for details.

California August Meeting Santa Maria, CA 8/23/2025

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Beth Fujishige	69219	CA/VA
Sonia Flores	60276	CA
Mandi Pike	64700	CA
Joe A Souza	27511	CA
Margaret Souza	48490	CA
John Edell	27510	CA
Angie Taylor	71600	IA
Dallas Russell	36413	CA
Denise LyonsConrad	53219	CA

Annual Audit / Planning Session / 1st Quarter Meeting Phoenix, AZ 8/9/2025

Jim Hampshire	38626	AZ
Tanis Jimeno-Friedman	70297	AZ/NE
Phil Friedman	61455	AZ/NE
Deborah Brandt	67298	AZ
Mike Schmitt	39725	AZ
Bonnie Schmitt	FR112	AZ
Dianne Von Borstel	55954	AZ
Teddy Clark	37167	AZ
Corri Miller	54501	AZ
Sherrie Jones	78417	AZ
Cindy Naylor	62479	AZ



Region X 2025 - 2026
Annual Region Meeting
Las Vegas, NV April 16 – 19, 2026



Name: _____ Senate/Friendship#: _____
Spouse/Guest: _____ Senate/Friendship#: _____
Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____
Rooming With _____

Item	QTY	PAID Before March 20 ,2026		TOTAL
Full Registration		\$99		\$
Includes Thursday Hospitality, Friday evening Meet and Greet, Saturday Breakfast, Hospitality and evening Banquet.				
Late Registration		\$109		
			Grand Total	

Checks payable to: Nevada JCI Senate Mail To: c/o Jeff Margolin, 3131 High View, Henderson, NV 89014.

If you wish to pay with VENMO, Denise LyonsConrad will collect those registrations and forward to Jeff.

VENMO payment to: @Denise-LyonsConrad-1 and email registration form to: Jeffmargolin@cox.net

HOTEL INFORMATION

Palace Station Hotel and Casino
2411 W Sahara Ave
Las Vegas Nevada Rates, 4/16 \$55, 4/17-18 \$135 per night.
Room Block Code is PCIJCIS – Nevada JCI Senate
Reservations should be made directly with the hotel – 702 367-2411

If you have issues booking your room or have questions contact VP Steve Balint at
steelerpilot@gmail.com or 775 513-1084



JEFF MARGOLIN #33414
PRESIDENT NEVADA
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jeffmargolin@cox.net

Our annual Nevada Day Celebration was a great celebration the weekend of October 31 – November 1 in Carson City. We had the Plaza Hotel right on Carson Blvd as our headquarters. There was much to do over the weekend along with the Saturday Parade. Many went to the old Carson City Mint, the

Governor's Mansion and nearby Virginia City. We had dinner on both Friday and Saturday at Peds old 395 right next door to the Plaza. With Friday being Halloween there was a costume party. On Saturday night the Nevada Jaycees wore their blue and white shirts and a cowboy hat.

With Steve Balint serving as the Region X Vice-President this year, Nevada will be hosting the Region X meeting next year. The meeting will include our annual Nevada JCI Senate meeting and elections. The meeting is scheduled for April 16 - 19, 2026 at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. A copy of the registration form is included in this issue. This meeting will be a very special old time Jaycee event with Senators from all over the country as well some National Officers. Nevada will be awarding two Senatorships and much more. Please contact NVP Steve for more information.



U.S. JCI Senate
President Bruce
Sostak #52655,
Kim Hubbell
#68729,
Susie Colbert
-Curtis #73137



TANIS JIMENO-FRIEDMAN
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PRESIDENT ARIZONA
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Thank you to the Ohio JCI Senate for a great time at the Fall Board Meeting. We enjoyed the cooler weather!

On Oct. 11, we did our Adopt A Street project. The Arizona JCI Senate has a mile clean up not

too far from Arizona State University. A crew of 10 to 15 takes an hour for cleanup and then a social after. Art Shane #27322 and Cathy O'Hara FR#77 work with the city of Tempe on waivers and orange vests for this project.

We held our second quarter meeting Nov. 8, hosted by Carolyn Smith #64564.

Coming up, the Arizona JCI Senate Holiday Social is set for Dec. 12 – 14 in Tempe at the Sonesta Hotel. We always have a great turnout with friends who are family.

We will be volunteering for Wreaths Across America in Scottsdale on Dec. 13.

The third quarter meeting will be in February 2026 and the year-end meeting in May, both TBD.

Please let us know if you drop into Arizona. We would love to see you!



Front: U.S. Senate Treasurer Tom King #59642, Region VP Ann Harrison #75822, U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655, U.S. Senate AVP Gary Duell #48384

Back: NY President John Tyo #66381, NJ President Stevenson Van Derodar #81401, PA President Jeff Kozak #63411



By B.K. Clay #21141

Fifty years ago, B.K. was President of the West Virginia Jaycees. He has written a tapestry of twelve short stories inspired by the characters of his local chapter nestled in an Appalachian town. These tales are blend of truth and fiction that keep you laughing, reminiscing, and may be even tearing up.



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*Merry Christmas,
49th President Ariel Jones!*



*From
Your 2020-2021 State Presidents*

*Season Greetings,
Sabitha Venkatesh - Pie Chair!*

The graphic features a dark, stormy background with lightning and fire. In the center is a glowing orange map of New Jersey. Two hands holding torches with flames are positioned on the left and right sides of the map. At the top center is the New Jersey ICI Senate logo, which includes the state seal and the text "NEW JERSEY ICI SENATE 2025-2026". Below the map, four circular portraits of the board members are displayed, each with their name and title underneath.

NEW JERSEY ICI SENATE 2025-2026

Fueling The Future
ONE FLAME AT A T.I.M.E.

 STEVENSON VAN DERODAR PRESIDENT	 RIA SERRANO CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TREASURER	 JOSE MARI LEE CLEMENTE VICE PRESIDENT	 BARBARA HEPBURN SECRETARY
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E-NEWS
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With the holidays approaching, there are many Senate events scheduled. Use the hyperlinks on the calendar to access registration forms on the US JCI Senate website. There are times when a form is not available, so the link may take you to a Facebook post or the email address of the event

coordinator. In addition, two link buttons are available to direct you to US JCI Senate Registration Forms and Regional and State Registration Forms. So, if you see a large green button or underlined green print, click on it to get more information!

Each E-News has a content list with abbreviated titles for information in the E-News. As a reminder, the E-news can be long, and therefore truncated. So, if you do not see the Jaycee Creed and social media links, you have NOT reached the end of the E-News. Look for the message [Message clipped] View entire message. Click on the hyperlink to view the entire E-News. As a bonus, you can view each E-News on the US JCI Senate website under Publications/News.

Please continue to email your event information and registration forms to e-news@usjcisenate.org to be included in the E-News.



MENTORS BUSINESS MGR
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It's that time of year again! Thank you to all the Senators and states who have helped with the Mentors Sponsor Sheets and Holiday Ads. I am so happy to have supported so many of you with your ads this year—you have truly made my

dream come true.

Please remember to send me your sponsor sheet in digital form by email. All checks should be mailed to my home address. Our next deadline is March 2, 2026, so please mark your calendars.

May this beautiful holiday season fill your hearts with love, joy, and laughter. Happy Holidays! I wish you and your families love, peace, joy, and a prosperous New Year. Thank you again for everything. See you all in Melbourne!



MENTORS ASSISTANT
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Happy Holidays to you all! I hope Santa brings me what I really really want. Have a terrific new year! See you around.



MENTORS ASSISTANT
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It is my honor to serve as an assistant editor for Mentors during this "East to West Explore Our Senate" year.

As I have travelled to various meetings throughout JCI Senate regions, it has been my pleasure to talk with Senators about our Mentors magazine and to encourage them to submit pictures of their events. I have had the opportunity to help various Senators determine why they were not getting their Mentors.

State presidents and program managers as you prepare your articles for future issues of Mentors always remember that you are writing an article that will be read several months after you submit the article. Fill your articles with excitement to encourage your Senate members to come to events and to get involved. And always remember to introduce all your new Senators in Mentors and to remember those Senators who have passed away. Look forward to seeing you all in Melbourne for our Winter Board meeting.



MENTORS CHIEF EDITOR
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Another calendar year has flown by. I can't believe it is Christmas time but we have no snow in ND yet. It is great to see all the ads the Business Manager Christianna was able to gather. The editors (Bob, Dawne, Mary and Melissa) worked hard editing the articles to fit in the issue.

Thank you to everyone for taking the time to write articles and send in photos. Reminder to include names and Senate or Friendship numbers with the pictures. You all have a little time off from submitting as the next articles will be due March 2, 2026. That issue will be for events coming up in May, June, July, August, and September. Remember to only put a paragraph or so about what has happened in the past. Make the majority of your article about the future. Learn from the past to have a brighter future. Submit to mentors@usjcisenate.org.

With the upcoming holiday season, I hope everyone can find the time to celebrate with family and friends. Hockey season is upon us so enjoy the cool weather and watch for flying pucks. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all in Melbourne (wish it was Australia) Florida.

DEADLINE

MARCH 2,
2026

ELECTRONIC MENTORS IS AVAILABLE

You can now receive your Mentors magazine electronically. If you wish to eliminate your paper copy and replace it with an electronic copy, go to the U.S. JCI Senate website and click on "Electronic Mentors". Simply complete the form and submit it to make this change. Any questions can be directed to Lisa Badger MIS@usjcisenate.org

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SOCIAL MEDIA
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It is time to share some tips for you to appear more often in your friend's news feeds. If you post regularly to Facebook, its algorithm recognizes your page as being active. If your state JCI Senate has a Facebook page, using relevant hashtags helps users find them easier. Post different and engaging quizzes, polls and even videos of your state's Senate activities.

Don't forget the photos. Make sure your content is related to your

state's JCI Senate organization. It seems that people enjoy a challenge with an incentive attached or just the thrill in itself to be the winner so I encourage that. Please make sure you respond to posts and comments.

Occasionally as a Facebook page administrator you may encounter a comment and/or post that is not presentable to the public, so feel free to delete comments. Another way to promote your Senate is using Facebook video. Facebook prioritizes video content, especially if it's high quality and users will watch it repeatedly. There is also Facebook Live which will generate conversation. You can also boost posts which is to show them to more people, including friends of your fans, based on age, location, gender and interests. Figuring out the best time people are most likely to see your content helps too. Don't forget people love to see Senate pics and be in Senate pics, so please send them to: Pictures@usjcisenate.org



WEBMASTERS
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All the contact information for the Foundation Scholarship for each state has been updated for the year 2025-26, and we are already seeing a steady uptick in visitors to our site this year mainly due to students checking scholarship info

Please continue to send in your calendar dates and registration forms for state and regional meetings or events to webmaster@usjcisenate.org. We will upload the form and add it to the calendar with a link to the form and then share that link with Kim Bode to be included in E-News. This is a

good way for any traveling Jaycees or Senators to see what is going on in an area they may be visiting or passing thru.

We would appreciate your suggestions, ideas, and even criticism. This helps to make the site better. All areas of the site are open to everyone there is no login required to access anything. Login is only needed to upload reports or forms. Please do not hesitate to reach out with your questions or concerns regarding the main U.S. JCI Senate site or your state or regional sites.



**SENATE OUTREACH
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(S.O.A.R.)**
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SOAR is off to a great start so far this year. There has been great participation in the program with 24 states and six regions submitting pictures/information to the SOAR program. There has been lots of visiting between Senate states and with the Jaycees alike. Roundup Bruce has visited over 75 places with and without his Golf Clubs. Roundup Bruce helped to reactivate members in five states and gave out 13 Senatorships. He encouraged 11 Senators from six states to share their stories. In addition to these SOAR activities, Senate states are participating in State and Regional socials, RED Friday's, BLUE Monday's, all to

help activate and retain Senators in our organization.

These adventures included 20 state visitations, 14 states Return the Favor with the Jaycees. President Bruce's Golf Clubs made the journey between the Ohio Pig Roast and the Illinois Senate meeting, stopping in Petersburg, the State Capital, tried to get a tattoo, Frank Lloyd Wright home, President Lincoln monument and Library, Abe's Hideout, visited Murals around town, Illinois State Fair, Route 66, Katies Korner for Ice Cream and even raised money for charity in the Auction once in Illinois before being united with President Bruce. I can't wait to see what the next four months have in store for Roundup Bruce, Howdy Duck and Bruce's golf clubs.

While in Columbus, Ohio for U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board Roundup Bruce recruited a lost Senator, Howdy Duck. President Bruce has decided to take Howdy Duck on the road with him as a travel companion since the president should not travel alone Roundup Bruce wants to make sure that Howdy gets activated in the Senate. They will hopefully keep one another out of trouble (though I am not holding my breath).

I can't wait to see all the adventures that Roundup Bruce and Howdy Duck have while they Explore Our Senate from East to West (and North to South).



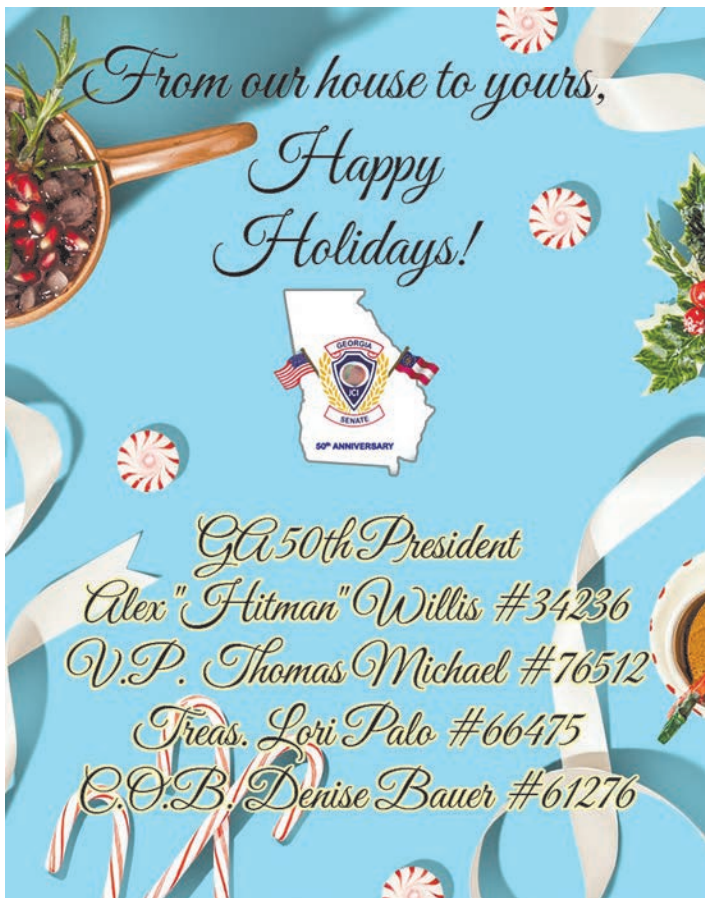
YEAR END VIDEO
DR. TOM MOLSTAD
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This year is off to a great start! You are running great projects, events, meetings, and Senatorship presentations and have been

sharing many of them. I hope that you had an opportunity to see the slideshow at the Fall BOD meeting. It's fun to put them together for the big screen.

Please be sure to take photos at each of these activities and send them to pictures@usjcisenate.org or slideshow@usjcisenate.org program managers. (Pictures will go to Slideshow, Mentors, & Social Media.) In the subject line of your email, include the date and event. Original size photos are the best! The deadline for pictures for the January meeting will be January 1, 2026.

I hope you all have a great holiday season! I look forward to seeing everyone at one of the upcoming meetings!



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

from
Bruce's Buckaroo Bandits



As our gift to you... Who can name the bandit that is missing from this picture?

First person to email us at sweepstakes@usjcisenate.org with this bandit's name, Senate # and Bandit Nickname will receive 2 tickets entered for our year-end grand prize drawing.

Bonus of another 1 ticket if you can also name Bruins Bandit's other nickname.

Thank you for your continued support of the Sweepstakes Program.

Happy Holidays
from the NVP &
Presidents of Region V



Chef
Monte' Schroeder



Dear Senate,
We tried to be
good but
there was
WINE
INVOLVED!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES

KRISTEN JOHNSON #72859
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Hello Senators,

Bruce's Buckaroo Bandits have been busy this first quarter. The sweepstakes tickets were mailed out in July to the entire membership. Since the mailing, our Ticket Chair Larry MacQuirter's U.S. Postal rep has been busy dropping off return envelopes filled with your tickets and donations. THANK YOU! If you have not mailed them in or need more tickets, please contact us at sweepstakes@uscisenate.org.

The Bandits have been busy traveling to various states and regions meetings and events. As a team, we meet every month via Zoom calls to discuss team business and sales updates. Thank you to all for your donations and support so far...we are reached the half-way mark towards our goal of \$40,000. Yee Haw! As of the BOD meeting on Saturday, Sept 13 we had raised over \$26,000! Thank you to everyone for your support! Also, we started the weekend with 100 Budget Buster Buttons, and we've sold more than half of them. If interested in getting one, be sure to get with one of us soon before they're gone!

SWEEPS AWARDS:

Top sweepstakes donations - Congratulations and we appreciate your support!

Top 3 States:

- #1 Oklahoma
- #2 Pennsylvania
- #3 Illinois



Top 3 Regions:

- #1 Region VI
- #2 Region IV
- #3 Region V



Exciting news! Our sweepstakes regions booth party is getting a fun makeover! We are happy to announce on Monday, June 15, 2026, our exploration of the senate east to west will be celebrating ALL senators with a Welcome Party at the Westin San Antonio North hotel! After many years and a lot of work/expense by the regions and states we want to instead have a fun party to celebrate all of us. While we are still working on the party coordination and details, we wanted to let all senators know of this exciting enhancement to the Sweepstakes Program before any booth construction begins or monies spent on tchotchkes. What is the biggest advantage to this new format? EVERYONE gets to have fun! Any questions? Please contact Party Chair Katy Lemmer at sweepstakes@uscisenate.org or your NVP.

We are needing your prize donations/commitments. Please contact your Prize Chair Representative and let them know what you'll be donating.

Cindy Brandel for Regions I-IV. Lori Oakland for Regions V-VII and Gloria Albers for Regions VIII-X. Each one can be reached at sweepstakes@uscisenate.org. Assistant Chair Nancy Gianetti maintains a team travel calendar. Please send your upcoming events so we can do our best to attend in person.

THANK YOU, Senators for your continued support of the Presidential Sweepstakes program. Y'all are so appreciated. I tip my hat

to every single one of you!

Friendly reminder that you can now pay for your Sweepstakes Tickets via electronic payment!

- If using Zelle (or any other payment processor we go with) use the email sweepspay@uscisenate.org to send the money noting your name, the event sold at (if applicable) and the amount sent in the message, note or comments section (depending on the method used).

- Send ticket stubs to Larry MacQuirter, our ticket chair, and note in the mailing that ticket payment was made by (Zelle, PayPal, Venmo, etc.) on <Date>.

- For your convenience, the QR code to use Zelle as your payment method is below.

sweepspay@uscisenate.org

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Bruce's Buckaroo Bandits,
 Chair - Kristen (Bubbly) Johnson
 #72859 (Region VI)

Assistant Chair - Nancy (Bodacious) Gianetti #69463 (Region I)

Ticket Chair - Larry (Bam Bam) MacQuirter #67377 (Region VII)

Regions Party Chair - Katy (Boozy) Lemmer #73037 (Region II)

Prize Chair Regions I - IV - Cindy (Blue-Eyed) Brandel #54628 (Region IV)

Prize Chair Regions V - VII - Lori (Belle) Oakland #67100 (Region VI)

Prize Chair Regions VIII - X - Gloria (Buttercup) Albers #79536 (Region VIII)



FUTURE DIRECTIONS DAVE TEACHOUT #68700

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We here on the Future Directions Committee hope everyone had a safe Halloween and a great Thanksgiving. We hope your Christmas season is filled with family and fellowship.

The purpose of our board is to explore areas of opportunity to help move our organization forward. Our group email is futuredirections@uscisenate.org.

If you have any questions or subjects you think we might need to explore, please drop us a line.

By this time, I hope you have taken five minutes to fill out the survey we introduced in Columbus and that has been in the E-news as well. There is a link that will take you directly to it on your computer or you can use the QR code with your phone. The questions in this survey are going to help give us some direction on a couple of areas we are looking into.

WVJCI Senate Steak Fry Vienna, WV 8/9/2025

E. J. Miller	50983	WV
Linda Miller	49755	WV
Rick Rutter	53977	WV
Eurika Ellison	80798	WV/MD
Gary Brooke	58420	WV
Tracy Brooke	69445	WV
Cori Erbacher	68752	WV
Craig Erbacher	75678	WV
Bob Joseph	30851	WV
Vanessa Kinsley	70985	VA/WV
Monty Schrorder	62203	IL
Sherrie Schroeder	FR 52	IL
Sherry Dugan	55475	WV
Sharon Clagett	77156	WV
Scott Sharp	57425	WV
Cindy Sharp	81892	WV
Chris Hufford	63736	WV
Randy Willhoite	47435	WV

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MEMBERSHIP
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! Thank you to all of the state treasurers who attended the TIE meeting in Columbus. Our next Treasurer Information Exchange (TIE) meeting will be in Melbourne, FL on Friday, January 16, 2026. If a treasurer is not able to attend, please feel free to send a representative.

Special thanks to 'East to West, Explore Our Senate' treasurers for submitting their September dues kits in a timely manner. December dues kits were sent out October 1 and are due December 1, 2026.

March dues kits will be sent out early January and are due February 28, 2026.

The membership results for the first quarter were 1,822 due.

- We had 130 drops and 79 adds for a net change of -51 for the quarter.

- Three regions grew - Region IV (+9), Region III (+5) and Region II (+4)

- Total of 12 states grew - Top 3 being New York (+6) and Virginia (+5) and New Jersey, North Carolina and Oklahoma each being (+3).

- As of September 1, the U.S. JCI Senate membership was 7,726.

- 1,179 members are due December 1.

The complete membership results by state/region for the quarter can be viewed on the U.S. JCI Senate website.

If you need an address change or wish to request a change to an electronic version of the Mentors, you can request changes through the U.S. JCI Senate website or by contacting me directly at mis@usjcisenate.org.

If you have any membership questions, please feel free to reach out to me.



PRESIDENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE (PIE)
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I am so excited to be working with the U.S. JCI Senate state presidents through the Presidential Information Exchange (PIE). This year's fun theme is "pi". Yes, the

Greek letter with infinite possibilities! Like a sorority or fraternity, PIE is a closed group of like minded people sharing a common goal and helping each other succeed. We initiated many members at the training in Northbrook, held Zoom meetings and an in person meeting in Columbus during the Fall Board Meeting. Our next in person gathering will be in Melbourne at the Winter Board Meeting.

There is a private Facebook page and Zoom meetings are held in between our in person meetings. PIE is open for all 2025-26 State Presidents. The meetings are for them to share their joys and frustrations among their peers and have fun during their year. Please contact me if I can be of assistance. Happy Holidays to all!



ENHANCED MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS
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U.S. JCI Senators, did you know being a member of the Senate you have access to some great deals? Who likes to save \$\$\$\$?

Well, you as a member can sign onto the U.S. JCI Senate website: Click on Program:

Quick Link

Enhanced Membership Benefits

Here you can see things like

- ◆ Rent a Vehicle
- ◆ Travel
- ◆ Send packages UPS
- ◆ Just to list a few

Since the holidays are coming up, I really wanted to highlight UPS. You can go into any UPS location and get 20% or more off shipping. It can be overnight or one to seven days deliveries. You pick what you need. And as most of you know



Enhanced benefits flyer

you can still ship packages by the U.S. Postal Service but during the holidays who knows when your package will arrive at its destination.

So, take advantage of some of the benefits that you get as being a member of the U.S. JCI Senate. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Hope you all have a Happy and Safe Holiday.

merry
Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Men's sizes S-10XL* • Ladies Sizes S-4XL*
Short Sleeve Small – XL*



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Blu-X-Dri & Antimicrobial
Men's sizes Small – 6XL
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27 different colors available



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\$95*

JCI Senate Jacket

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FIRST TIMERS
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A big thank you to our first group of first timers for this Senate year! Debby Smith #65680, Craig Smith #65679, Jocelyn Moellering #77899, Dan Moellering #77898, Zach Bourn #83578, Shelley Knight-Bourn #81030, and Jason Rosenau #76858 were all game participants in our first-timers competition and kept this first time first-timers PM busy "grading papers" to determine our winner. Congratulations again to Alabama State President Craig

Smith for being our first first-timer winner of the year! I hope to see just as many participants when we gather together in Melbourne.

Thank you to those who have started sending in the information for their new Senators, enabling us to reach out with a letter from President Bruce. Our hope is they will become our next group of first timers! I look forward to the evolutions of this program throughout the year and am thankful for all of the help and support from this U.S. JCI Senate family. Here's to more fun in Melbourne and a fun holiday season for all!



HISTORIAN
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Hello fellow Senators!

I am so excited to serve as your historian this year! I am continuing to organize the files on our national website and scan in new items too. If you have any questions for me or want to know about specific items from your state or region, I will be happy to help the best I can. Also, if there is anything you wish to donate, I'll be happy to talk to you about that material. Let's all help keep the history alive in the Senate!!



PROTOCOL OFFICER
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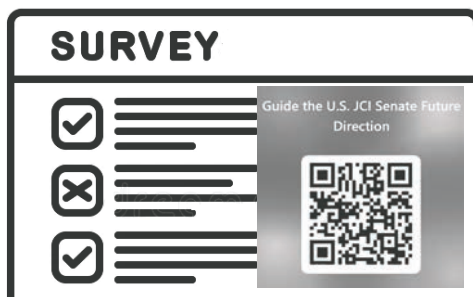
Six months in to this Senate year! It does go by fast and traveling from east to west to explore our Senate sure makes it fun! Thanks to all of you promoting proper protocol to President Bruce and all your national guests. Thank you to those who joined the Protocol Posse and accepted the badge sticker. I will have the stickers with me during travels and at board meetings. Look for my Protocol Posse – Lay of the Land in the E-News and let's continue to promote proper Protocol.

Deputy P.



1st Timers in Columbus, OH

U.S. JCI President Bruce Sostak #52655, Zach Bourn #83578, Shelly Kinght-Bourn #81030, Craig Smith #65679, Jason Rosenau #76858, Dan Moellering #77898, Jocelyn Moellering #77899, Debby Smith #65680, First Timers PM Jess Kling #78271



Fellow Senators, Your Future Directions Committee is asking for 5 minutes of your time. We have created a simple survey we are asking everyone to participate in. The plan is to use your answers to help us formulate ideas to make our organization stronger. Please

help us by taking the time to fill out our survey.

You can either use the link on your computer or access thru the QR code using your smart phone.

Thank you in advance,
David Teachout #68700
Future Directions Committee



FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM
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If you are thinking about recognizing a Friendship person this year, just remember that the nomination form must go to the state Senate president who then sends it to their regional national vice president, who then approves it. Then it goes to National President Bruce for his approval. Only then does the name go to the Nebraska JCI Senate who sponsors the award. The form is on the U.S. JCI Senate website.

We would like to present the Friendship Award at national meetings but if that is not possible, we can get it to the state for presenting at either a state or region social or meeting. We just need to get payment for the shipping.

Any questions get in touch with me.



Program Managers & Committee Chairs Reports

WREATHS *across* AMERICA



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
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History of the Program

Wreaths Across America began in 1992, when Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company in Maine, found himself with a surplus of holiday wreaths. Remembering a trip to Arlington National Cemetery he had taken as a boy, he decided to donate the extra wreaths to honor America's fallen heroes. Volunteers stepped forward to help place the wreaths at Arlington's older, less-visited gravesites.

What started as a small, quiet gesture of remembrance grew steadily each year. In 2005, when a photograph of the snow-covered wreaths at Arlington went viral,

the movement gained national attention. By 2007, Wreaths Across America was officially founded as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to Remember, Honor, Teach.

- Mission & National Reach
- Remember our fallen U.S. veterans.
- Honor those who serve.
- Teach the next generation about the value of freedom.

Today, millions of volunteers across the nation participate annually. Wreaths are laid not only at Arlington National Cemetery, but also at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and memorials across all 50 states, at sea, and even abroad.

The JCI Senate Connection

In 2020, during the year of COVID-19, the Florida JCI Senate under President Dawne Sutherland #68900 joined this mission. Inspired by photographs of Arlington at Christmastime and moved by her personal connection—her father and brother are buried at the National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida—Dawne led the Florida JCI Senate's first involvement.

In 2022, Florida Senator Bill Hossman introduced the program to the U.S. JCI Senate, becoming its first national program manager. Since then, the U.S. JCI Senate

has proudly supported Wreaths Across America as a Special National Program.

This year marks the 5th year of national participation, as we continue to grow our impact and deepen our understanding of WAA's mission.

Each year, we learn more about this incredible program — and we are excited in 2025 – 2026 under the leadership of President Bruce Sostak to introduce it to our local JCI Chapters across the United States. Partnering with these chapters not only expands the impact of Wreaths Across America but also creates meaningful leadership opportunities and lasting community impact for the next generation of Jaycees.

Teaching Future Generations

One of Wreaths Across America's most powerful initiatives is its K–12 school program, which educates young people about the sacrifices of the U.S. military and the cost of freedom. Students are given the opportunity to learn history, reflect on service, and even participate in wreath-laying events — ensuring the mission of Remember, Honor, Teach continues for generations to come.

The first \$5 from every wreath goes toward the purchase of an additional wreath. Every wreath



makes a difference — honoring a veteran's life and legacy.

Please don't wait — make your purchase today and help us ensure that no hero is never forgotten.

Group ID: FL1122 – This is the U.S. JCI Senate account.

National Wreaths Day 2025

On Saturday, December 13, 2025, the U.S. JCI Senate will join millions of volunteers nationwide in laying wreaths at veterans' graves across America — from Arlington to Bushnell and beyond.

Together, we are honoring this legacy of a mission to Remember, Honor, Teach.

On behalf of the entire Wreaths Across America Team: Mary Pruitt #77821~ Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei #44003 ~ Leisa Peebles #56001

We wish you and your entire family a very Blessed Holiday Season!



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Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ December 13, 2025 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help US JCI Senate honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
Veteran's grave this December at
Arlington National Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/FL1122



#KeepMovingForward

THE EMPTY CHAIR



Michael Bailey, #49764, Maine, passed away August 6, 2025, at the age of 59. He attended local schools in Bowdoinham and Mount Ararat High School. He worked as an ambulance attendant and EMT. He worked for many years in the restaurant industry. Most recently he was self-employed as a business owner from which he retired.

Michael was an active member of the Maine Jaycees. He held many offices during his time as a Jaycee.

Michael is survived by his wife, Christine, a niece and two best friends.



Kenneth Vergil Lindberg, #27011, Illinois, passed away on July 18, 2025, at the age of 82. He graduated from Chicago Technical College with a degree in architectural engineering. He was a dedicated firefighter. He built a successful career in the steel industry in sales. He served as a police commissioner.

Ken was always ready to help others; he protected and served his community with honor. He was an active member of the Illinois Jaycees.

Ken is survived by his wife, Glenda, one son, six grandchildren, and one sister.



Aldo Niboli, #16332, Vermont, passed away on June 10, 2025, at the age of 88. He graduated from Windsor High School and from Becker Junior College. He worked for Cone Blachard as a supervisor of repair parts sales. He served in the Army National Guard.

Aldo was a member of the Windsor Jaycees. He had a life-long passion for golf. Over the years, he proudly recorded 11 holes in one. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #2832.

Aldo is survived by one daughter, one son, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Jay Esche, #57322, Florida, passed away on August 18, 2025, at the age of 64. He graduated from Venice High School and the University of Florida. He worked for the State of Florida department of Financial Service as an Area Financial Manager in the securities industry. He moved to Georgia and started JE Compliance Consulting, LLC.

Jay was a member of the Florida Jaycees in his younger years. He enjoyed spending time with family, beach vacations, golfing and watching baseball.

Jay is survived by his wife, Danica 'Dani', and one son.



Lisa Ann Johnson, #69698, Nebraska, passed away on September 5, 2025, at the age of 53. She graduated from York High School. She was a rural mail carrier in York County. She enjoyed being outside camping, fishing and gardening; especially planting unique flowers.

Lisa was a charter member of the York Jaycees. She served as state president for the Nebraska Jaycees. Community involvement was very important to her. She was the founder and captain of the Pink Beavers bowling league. They attended many national and state tournaments.

Lisa is survived by her mother, Mary, one son, two granddaughters, two sisters and two brothers.



F. Randall Cary, #9515, Vermont, passed away on June 22, 2025, at the age of 85. He graduated from Milton High School. He served his country by joining the Air National Guard. He trained in automotive repair. After completing his training, he opened and successfully operated his own auto repair business. He served in the Milton Fire Department, retiring as Chief.

Randy's commitment to his community extended to many organizations including the Jaycees. He was a member of the Masonic Seneca Lodge and the Green Mountain Chapter National Sojourners.

Randy is survived by his two daughters, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.



Doyle Sewell, #63344, Florida, passed away on August 7, 2025, at the age of 65. He graduated from Fort Pierce Central High School and River State College with an associate degree in science and physical therapy. He served in the U.S. Navy. He served on submarines and as a Navy seal.

Doyle was a devoted leader and community servant. He was an active member of the Florida Jaycees. His impact on the lives of those he mentored will be felt for generations to come.

Doyle is survived by his wife Peggy, one son, one stepdaughter, four grandchildren, one sister and one brother.



David Forney Myerly, #21518, Maryland, passed away on August 9, 2025, at the age of 85. He graduated from Hagerstown High School. He served in the U. S. Navy. He worked for Double Day printing. He started a Suicide Crisis Hotline at a local church, where he trained and ran this project with volunteers. He worked for AT&T Long Lines and updated his TS government naval security clearance.

David was active in the Hagerstown Jaycees and participated in local and Maryland events, national and international conferences.

David is survived by his sister, Bonnie and several close cousins.

THE EMPTY CHAIR



Rueben 'Butch' Phillips, #20598, Maine, passed away on July 27, 2025, at the age of 85. He graduated from Old Town High School. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked for AT&T Co Long Lines as an electronic technician. He worked for New England Tel & Tel Co. and retired from Verizon.

Butch was a charter member of the Dover-Foxcroft Jaycees. He was an active member and served as chapter president. He served the Maine Jaycees as state vice president and U.S. Jaycee director.

Butch is survived by his three sons, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two sisters, and two brothers.



Thomas Charles Beach, #23705, Michigan, passed away on July 8, 2025, at the age of 83. He served in the U. S. Army. He worked for Eaton Corporation and later to the Saginaw County Road Commission, as manager.

Tom was an active member of the Jaycees. He was a life member of numerous organizations, too many to name them all. He loved to travel and was never happier than when he was sharing stories, whether at a happy hour or during a roadside stop with friends.

Tom is survived by his wife, Franee, one daughter, two granddaughters, three sisters and one brother.



William 'Big Bill' Sprague, Sr., #7737, Maine, passed away on June 28, 2025, at the age of 97. He graduated from Cony High School and Nichols College. He enrolled in the Naval Reserve at Maine Maritime Academy during his junior year. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was employed by Robbins Company, selling wholesale groceries for a local food company.

Big Bill was active in the local Jaycees, serving as president. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

Big Bill is survived by two daughters, one son, two grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Gordon 'Wayne' Beasley, #54215, California, passed away on July 27, 2025. He served in the U.S. Navy. When he finished his active duty, he continued as a reservist. He was a local businessman and owned Grape Press Printing and privately owned payphones in the Napa Valley and Bay Area.

Wayne was civically active with the Napa Jaycees, Kiwanis, Toastmasters, St. John's Men's Club and Knights of Columbus.

Wayne is survived by his three daughters, seven grandchildren, and one brother.



Victor Wallace Regan, #61738, Florida, passed away on August 28, 2025, at the age of 67. He graduated from Vero Beach High School. He served as class president. He worked as a sheriff's deputy and for the city police department. He worked for Elliot Merrill as a property manager and later became the owner of Regan Property Management.

Victor was deeply committed to his community and gave much of his time to helping others. He was a member of the Jaycees.

Victor is survived by his wife, Stacy, one stepdaughter, one granddaughter, and one sister.



Thomas 'Tom' Hall Sr., #32638, Maine, passed away on August 19, 2025, at the age of 79. He graduated from Brewer High School. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked many different jobs over the years. He was the owner and partner with his wife of greenhouses and a redemption center.

Tom was an active member of the Jaycees along with his wife. He enjoyed golfing, playing pool and spending time with his family.

Tom is survived by his loving partner Becky, one daughter, two sons, nine grandchildren, two sisters and several great-grandchildren.



Michael DiGiamberardino, #61965, Michigan, passed away on June 26, 2025, at the age of 66. He graduated from Clearview Regional High School and Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer, North Carolina. His first job was at the K-Mart, later moving to Michigan to work at their corporate headquarters. He spent many years working in various other companies as a business manager and in sales.

Michael was involved in the historical society. He loved genealogy and traveling.

Michael is survived by his son, Bradley and one brother.



Jane Sigler, #47096, Florida, passed away on August 25, 2025, at the age of 73. She was from a small town where everyone knew their neighbor with her father being the Chief of Police. She was a cheerleader in high school. She held a full-time job with the City of Clearwater at the Tech Data and raised her son.

Jane was heavily involved in the community and was involved with the Jaycettes. She was involved with the Seminole, Largo and Clearwater Jaycees. She believed in the words of the Jaycee Creed: "Service to Humanity, is the Best Work of Life."

Jane is survived by her fiancé, Daniel, one grandson and one brother.

THE EMPTY CHAIR



James Kramer, #54692, Illinois, passed away on March 1, at the age of 68. He was the supervisor of Horticulture for the Decatur Park District for many years. He opened his own business, Okaw Valley Sports Turf and Landscaping. He worked tirelessly to enhance the natural beauty of his hometown, designing himself the Rock garden, formally known as Nelson Park.

Jim was a member of the Decatur Jaycees, Knights of Columbus and past president of the Decatur Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation.

Jim is survived by his wife, Debbie, one daughter, one son, five grandchildren and two brothers.



Rory John Strachota, #59819, Minnesota, passed away on August 17, 2025, at the age of 62. He was the owner of Deakyn's True Value Hardware in Minnetonka. His greatest love was his daughter, Courtney, with who he shared his passions for the Minnesota Vikings, fishing, hunting and spending time at the family cabin.

Through Rory's business he touched the lives of many people within the communities he lived in and the many organizations that he was a part of. His personality was larger than life, and he put the 'extra' in 'extrovert'.

Rory is survived by his daughter, Courtney, one sister and one brother.



Walter Szczerban, #25450, Delaware, passed away on August 31, 2025, at the age of 77. He graduated from Salesianum School and St. Edward's University. He worked for Clear Channel Outdoor as the outdoor advertising business and made a career there for 39 years.

Walter's most formative experiences as a young man were as part of the Delaware. He served in various leadership positions in the Jaycees, including as state president. He traveled nationally to local chapters as a motivational speaker.

Walter is survived by his wife, Marbeth, one daughter, one son, five grandchildren and one sister.



Susanne 'Sue' McCallum, FR #88, Massachusetts, passed away on October 4, 2025, at the age of 88. She graduated from Fitchburg High School. She worked at LaTouraine Coffee in Boston, where she met the love of her life. She enjoyed gardening in the summer and skiing in the winter.

Sue enjoyed years of involvement as a Waltham Jaycette and later became active with the WSB Club 50 and the Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Sue is survived by her husband, Stuart 'Stu', one daughter, one son and four grandchildren.



Eugene 'Gene' Belvin, #27191, Virginia, passed away on November 10, 2025, at the age of 81. He graduated from the Cincinnati School of Mortuary Science. He worked for Cox Funeral Home and at H.D. Oliver Funeral Apts.

Gene is a past president of the Norfolk Jaycees, Norfolk Kawanis Club and the Tidewater Funeral Directors Association, where he served for many years as the chairman of the T.F.D.A. Scholarship Committee and the Virginia Funeral Directors Association.

Gene is survived by his wife Margaret, two sons, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one brother.



John Reiner, #31599, New Jersey, passed away on October 12, 2025, at the age of 77. He served in the U.S. Army. He earned multiple medals and awards. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. He attended Newark College of Engineering while working at Honeywell.

John was active in the Rahway and Clinton Jaycees. He put his heart into his years of service with the Jaycees. He was involved with the Boy Scouts and the Knights of Columbus.

John is survived by his wife, Susan, one daughter, one son and two grandsons.



John Lawrence Hoffmiller, #22061, Illinois, passed away July 30, 2025, at the age of 79. He joined the family business and became the co-owner of General Distributing Inc. and Hoffmiller Bros.

John was a lifetime member of the Sterling-Rock Falls Jaycees. He served as secretary for 40 years and was a lifetime member of the Optimist Club of Rock Falls. He served on the Rock Falls Police Pension Board and the Rock Falls Fire Fighters Foundation.

John is survived by his wife, Marianne, one daughter, one son, two grandchildren and three sisters.



James 'Jim' Hofer, #42831, South Dakota, passed away on September 23, 2025, at the age of 69. He was a mechanic by trade, but a racer by soul. He didn't just fix cars, he understood them, felt them and lived with them. NASCAR wasn't a hobby; it was a heartbeat.

Jim's engine ran on more than horsepower; it ran on heart. He poured himself into the Jaycees. He was a past president of the Mitchell Jaycees. He didn't just organize community projects; he made them unforgettable.

Jim is survived by his wife Karla, two sons, eight grandchildren, one sister and three brothers.

THE EMPTY CHAIR



Gordon Bennett Thomas, #4988, Ohio, passed away on December 31, 2024, at the age of 90. He graduated from Libbey High School, attended the University of Toledo and was in the U.S. Navy Reserves. He worked for the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Gordon was a past president of the Toledo Jaycees and the Ohio Jaycees. He is a past president of the U.S. Jaycees. Business travel and speaking engagements had taken him into forty-eight states and thirty-four countries.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Gretlyn, two daughters, two sons, five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers.



Nathan Cyr, #3492, New Hampshire, passed away on August 14, 2025, at the age of 91. He grew up on a potato farm. He graduated from Van Buren High School. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Nathan had a successful career in sales and sales management predominantly in the Telecom Industry. He was entrepreneurial in nature and was involved in the infancy stages of several companies along the way.

Nathan is survived by his wife, Karen, two sons, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and six siblings.



William 'BZ' Zelch, #50712, Missouri, passed away on August 19, 2025, at the age of 72. He graduated from Fox High School in Arnold, Missouri. He loved playing bingo and woodworking.

William was an active member of the Jefferson City Jaycees. He served as president. He served as supreme commander of the Missouri Muleskinners. He was a member of the Rocky Mount Lion's Club.

William is survived by two sisters and one brother.



Wesley Eugene Thomas, #20124, Minnesota, passed away on September 2, 2025, at the age of 84. He graduated from Lake Park High School. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked for Overold Motors selling GM vehicles.

Wes was an active member of the Moorhead Jaycees, where he rose to the level of a state vice president. He was a member of the Moorhead Masons, where he worked on many of their projects.

Wes is survived by his two daughters, one son, eight grandchildren and one brother.



Joetta 'Jodi' Gray, #59910, Ohio, passed away on July 25, 2025, at the age of 77. She was born in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. She spent many years in Ohio before returning to Tennessee.

Jodi was an avid member of the Jaycees for many years in Ohio.



James E. Hayek, #32690, Illinois, passed away on December 4, 2024, at the age of 74. He was a member of the Romeoville Jaycees.

James is survived by his wife, Karen.



List of Non Active Empty Chairs

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