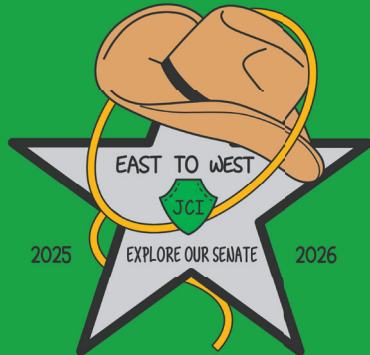


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The theme for my year is "East to West Explore our Senate." I enjoy exploring this great country, seeing the sights and meeting new friends when I travel. I want to encourage everyone to travel and meet new friends at your regional and national events. I hope that everyone will explore our great organization and the JCI movement.

We have a great team to support you, your states and regions in your goals for the year. We are just waiting for you to invite us to support you.

My priority for the year is to support the JCI USA. We have started a program to assist the Jaycees with starting new extensions. Return the Favor Program Manager Tracy Culler #64534 and JCI-USA Liaison Heather Danley #74897 will be the point people for this program. Let us embrace this program throughout this Senate year.

I want to thank the team that has stepped up this year to Explore our Senate. Finally, I want to thank all of you for your support and confidence in allowing me to be president for 2025-2026.



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Proud!

U.S. JCI Senators, you should be proud of the way you carried forward the Destination Legacy year all the way to the finish line! Let's give a big shout out to the Illinois JCI Senate for a fantastic National Convention in Northbrook as we celebrated many accomplishments and applauded those emotional year-end words delivered by First Lady Stephanie. There was plenty to see and do in the Chicago area!

I appreciate your displaying confidence by electing me your 2025-2026 administrative vice president. I am excited to meet you from east to west as we explore our Senate.

We began preparations for this year with an NVP collaborative training session, where we got to know each other a little better and looked at some expectations for the upcoming year. We plan to have a fun year with our great group of NVPs. We followed this with a joint officers' training session. We heard good information from many of the program managers, highlighted by a presentation from JCI USA President Bethanie Miller #82286, President Bruce Sostak #52655, Liaison Heather Danley #74897 and Return the Favor Chair Tracy Culler #65534, describing an initiative to bring back Jaycees to states that currently no longer have chapters. Materials regarding the joint training session are available on the usjcisenate.org website, along with a whole host of valuable information for our members.

Program managers, committee chairs, ambassadors and meeting coordinators have been planning and are off and running as they lead their respective programs and committees throughout this year. We appreciate this dedicated group of volunteers. I can't wait to see

them bring their goals alive and their plans to fruition. It's going to be an exciting adventure.

As chair of the Convention and Bid Review Committee, I will be responsible for any on-site visitations for upcoming meetings proceeding through the approval process. In addition to Pennsylvania's 2027 annual meeting bid under review, we are encouraging bids for other meetings starting with the 2027 Winter BOD meeting and beyond. Please direct your questions to any committee member, past President C.J. Jordan #45857, State President Representative, Randy Sursa #49485 or members, Jeff Cardwell #54265 and Scott Kingsley #67932. In addition, the AVP coordinates the schedule of events for the Fall BOD Meeting in Columbus, Ohio with Chair Jenny Bruner #64688, the Winter BOD meeting in Melbourne, Florida with co-Chairs Jim Warren #42572 and Cheryl Hyman #53544 and the Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas with Chair Ron Holzer #56549. As we approach these meetings, tentative schedules will be posted in the e-news, on the website and our official U.S. JCI Senate Facebook page.

We have assembled a fantastic team to oversee Explore our Senate year. I look forward to serving as your AVP — emphasis on serve! How will you explore the JCI Senate this year? However you explore our Senate from east to west, have a fun time doing it!

Secretary/Communication Northbrook, IL 6/19/2025

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your treasurer for the 2025-26 year. I am excited and looking forward to a great year.

Fortunately, I have a great team to work with this year: Finance Committee led by Susan Hatcher (#58143); Membership Information Services (MIS) led by Lisa Badger (#67974); Presidential Sweepstakes led by Kristen Johnson (#72859); and last but not least, our fabulous Mentors Business Manager Christianna Gilliam (#78844). As a group, we will continue to make sure our organization operates on sound, financial principles to ensure our financial stability.

For state treasurers, please visit www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/officer-training/training-state-treasurers to find both the State Treasurers Manual and the Training from Northbrook (QR code's to right).

Also, presidents and treasurers, please remember the first membership turn-in is August 29th. This means that the completed cover sheet and the Add-Drop-Change form are sent via email or snail mail AND are in the hands of the MIS Director, Lisa Badger by the August 29th due date. In

addition, all funds must be in my hands (Zelle - preferred or check) by that date as well. Failure to meet this deadline could mean that your membership is not processed for the first turn-in.

Again, thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the year.

Treasurer Training



Treasurer Manual



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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Welcome to the new 2025-26 JCI Senate year. My theme this year will be "Rerun" as I will be the only person to repeat as Chairman of the Board for a second full year. I am looking forward to working with President Bruce and the "East to West – Explore Our Senate" team this year.

I would like to congratulate co-chairs Maureen Niedenthal #67669 and Mark Niedenthal #39701, the Illinois JCI Senate and the Region V JCI Senate on a great Annual Meeting in Northbrook, Illinois. Your planning and hard work certainly paid off! Also, congratulations to all the award winners. Well-deserved by all!

I look forward to seeing you this year as we go "East to West – Explore Our Senate."



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great communication tool and it stays updated for your use.

The directory has been issued electronically. If you have an update, please use the on-line form to update or send me an email. The directory is available to any Senator electronically free of charge. Email me or subscribe on the web page if you need a copy. Paper copies will be available at the Fall Board of Directors meeting in Columbus, Ohio from the Senate products booth for a \$5 charge. Request a copy from Newton Standridge or myself.

A secretary/communication information exchange meeting will be held at the Fall Board of Directors meeting on Friday morning. State secretaries, state communication leads, webmasters, social media chairmen and newsletter editors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

This will be an exciting year in the communication area as we live the theme "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 Columbus!

CHAPLAIN

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Strengthening Our Chaplaincy Through Connection and Care

To support the vital work of our regional and state chaplains, we are launching a series of Zoom meetings throughout the year. These sessions will offer valuable training, foster idea-sharing and provide an open forum to address real-world challenges chaplains face in their service. Your active participation is encouraged as we build stronger connections and strengthen our collective impact. Keep an eye out in the E-News for dates of upcoming meetings.

In addition to these meetings, we invite all chaplains to contribute to the semi-monthly E-News. Please send submissions to Chaplain Paul Myers by 6 p.m. Eastern Time on the 12th and 20th of each month. This allows time to finalize details, including Senate numbers and other essential information.

We will also be honoring our Senate family in four key areas:

1. Celebrating Good News: Share joyful milestones such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, retirements, and promotions.

2. Memorial Tributes: Submit names and photos of Senators and Friendship Members who have passed for inclusion in the June 2026 Memorial Service.

3. Family Tributes: We also honor the lives of Senators' family members.

4. Prayer Requests: Share needs for collective prayer. When

addresses are provided, cards will be sent.

For all submissions, please include complete contact information and relevant details to ensure accurate recognition.

Empty Chair Tributes require an obituary, a photo and a summary of the Senator's contributions. Send materials to mentors@usjcisenate.org, copying chaplain@usjcisenate.org. The final deadline for inclusion in the 2026 service is May 31, 2026.

We are here to support you — via email, phone, Zoom or in person — and look forward to partnering with you in meaningful ministry throughout the year.

It is an honor to be your secretary for the U.S. JCI Senate for 2025-2026 under the leadership of President Bruce Sostak #52655. With "East to West Explore Our Senate" in mind, we plan to focus on communication to each one of you, our Senators.

I am very excited to work with this awesome communication team. The Mentors team consists of Angie Jelinek #60570, who will continue as chief editor, Bob Cairns #59815 and Dawne Sutherland #68900 as assistant editors; Mary Allred #46602 as Empty Chair editor; Melissa Sanny #66967 as New Senators editor; Christianna Gilliam #78844, business manager; Eldon Bowers #45999, photographer; and Marge Miller #52948, assistant photographer. Mentors can be requested as an electronic publication by submitting a "request on-line: form on our website. If you are not receiving your Mentors, reach out to MIS@usjcisenate.org.

Kim Bode #62467 will continue the role of E-News editor. 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's a great way to know what is happening!

Ruby Weymouth #67303 is our new social media program manager. She is responsible for our Senate's Facebook page. She will be looking for pictures from your meetings and other activities to share with our Senate family.

Our two awesome webmasters are Allison Geddes #74777 and Lowell Vahl #40315. The website is full of current information concerning the U.S. JCI Senate, including registration forms, meeting agendas and officer and program manager reports, along with meeting pictures, constitution and bylaws, bid information, on-line forms, etc. It is a

PIE 24-25 Northbrook, IL 6/16/2025

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TIE (Treasurer info exchange) Northbrook, IL 6/19/2025

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Jon Bruner	58932	OH
Dana Hall	41552	ME
BJ Craft	45900	NC
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Christianna Gilliam	78844	SC

Vino Bellas & Fellas Northbrook, IL 6/17/2025

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Carolyn Smith	64564	AZ/FL/NC
Allison Geddes	74777	OH

NEW SENATORS



Les Sulgrove #83850, Iowa, was a charter member of the South Des Moines, IA Jaycees in 1983. He held many offices in the chapter - president, vice president, public relations director, and project chairman of many local projects. Les served as a district director and program manager for the Iowa Jaycees.

He was also responsible for recruiting and activating many local members. Les was awarded an Iowa Governorship #151 sponsored by the South Des Moines Jaycee Chapter. "Jaycees shaped my adult life and set me on my path of friends, and family! Thanks to Mike Von Hagen for walking into Southridge Mall that one fall day in 1983".



Mary Kirchner #83831, Iowa, was a member of the Tama-Toledo, Iowa Jaycee-Ettes, Jaycee Women and Jaycees. She served as president, vice-president, secretary, state director and other local, regional and state offices.

As a Jaycee Woman she was honored as Patsy Dunham recipient #122. In 1986, Mary and her family were named the Family Life Award winner for the state of Iowa and in 2020, Mary received JCI Senate Friendship Award #103. After her husband, Richard Kirchner, passed in 1996, she has continued to be involved in Jaycees and Senate.



Julie Burkhardt #83793, Iowa, was a member of the Boone, North Park and Des Moines, IA Jaycees. Julie often worked behind the scenes on the chapters local and state projects. She and her husband Wayne provided sound and music for state Jaycee events.

Julie and Wayne were awarded the Walton Award at National Convention for the best state onto chairman. Julie worked with and ran Kids College at State meetings.



Susan Derr-Huddy #83880, Ohio, joined the Logan Jaycees in 1989 and served the chapter as secretary, vice president and president and served the Ohio Jaycees as the executive assistant to President Dennis Williamson.

Susan then moved to Columbus, OH and joined the Columbus Jaycees where she was honored to be one of the "Top 10 Bill Brownfield Award" winners from the U.S. Jaycees. Furthering her Jaycee career, she was elected as a district director, region director and membership development vice president for the Ohio Jaycees. She was recognized as one of the Top Ten Region Directors by the U.S. Jaycees.



Stephen Taylor #83761, Maine, joined the Lewiston-Auburn Jaycees in 1981, later transferring to the Portland chapter. He remained active in the Jaycees until 2000, chairing projects such as March of Dimes Walkathon, Santa Baskets, and Haunted House.

Steve served as chapter treasurer, admin vice president and president. On the state level, Steve served as district director, regional director and state newsletter editor. Honors included #1 in the Parade of Chapters as chapter president and Jack Orino Memorial Award for Outstanding President. Stephen was a recruiter, a trainer, a motivator and a friend to all.



Kathleen (Huissen) Dugas #83762, Maine, joined the Bellevue, NE Jaycees in 1985 as one of the first women to join the Jaycees after the 1984 US Supreme Court decision.

Kathy enjoyed meeting people and attending conventions. At the 1986 National Convention in Milwaukee, she met her future husband Stan Dugas of the Maine Jaycees. In 1988, she moved to Maine and became involved in the Portland Jaycees. Kathy served as local president and state president. Kathy's husband Stan #52166, who recently died, would have been overjoyed about Kathy's Senatorship presentation at Annual Meeting in Chicago. Kathy resides in Wisconsin.



Chris Thompson #83732, Virginia, joined the Virginia Beach Jaycees in 2018. Chris served twice as a local president, led as state president and is now serving as a national vice president. Chris' commitment to JCI is undeniable. He is a 10th Degree Jaycee as well as a JCI USA Certified Trainer.



Eric Schuette #84115, Virginia, joined the Jaycees as a charter member of Dormont in the 1970's. In 1985, he joined the Alexandria Jaycees where he served as chapter president from 1990-1991. He was a very active member and contributed to the overall success of the chapter.

Eric has continued his service to the community as a member of his local Kiwanis, where he served as chapter president. His work with the Kiwanis was recognized when they made him a Capital District Life Member.



Lisa Agosto #83733, Virginia, joined the Virginia Beach Jaycees in 2018. She has served her chapter as state director, president and the ECSC Chairwoman. She has served the Virginia Jaycees as treasurer.

Lisa is the embodiment of what it means to be a Jaycee, always leading with passion and commitment. Her leadership as president of the Virginia Beach Jaycees charities, demonstrates her unwavering commitment to service and community impact. She is always there to lend a hand, putting forth her best efforts to drive our organization forward.

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JCI USA



JCI USA PRESIDENT
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JCI USA and the Opportunity Express have reached our midyear point of 2025, and I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible momentum we have experienced so far, as well as share my appreciation for the ongoing support from so many of you.

This year, JCI USA's theme, "Take the Opportunity," has come to life in powerful ways — from international collaboration and impactful community projects to

leadership development at every level of our organization. I am proud of the passion JCI USA members continue to bring to our communities and to each other.

At the same time, I would like to extend warm congratulations to President Bruce and the entire U.S. JCI Senate on the kickoff of your year with the inspiring theme, "East to West, Explore Our Senate." I look forward to all the ways we will continue to connect, collaborate and grow together.

I would like to personally invite each of you to Take the Opportunity to join us in Cary, North Carolina, Sept. 24 - 28 for the JCI USA Annual Meeting and Elections, where we will also celebrate the Ten Outstanding Young Americans class of 2025. It is sure to be an event full of inspiration, reconnection and meaningful celebration — not to be missed!

Together, let's continue to build bridges between our organizations and create a legacy of leadership that will empower generations to come.



RETURN THE FAVOR
TRACY CULLER #64534
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Do you remember?

When I think back to my first Jaycee experience, as I'm sure most of you feel, it held a special place in my heart. I first visited the Sanford Jaycees (NC) back in October 1994. After joining them and helping on projects, I finally ran my first project, an Easter Egg Hunt. I actually had to do part from a hospital bed but was able to complete it in person. I was so thrilled and filled with joy watching the kids running around having a wonderful time!

From then on, I was fired up, excited, had the Jaycee heart, mind, and desire to put others first, and help wherever and whenever I could. To this day, I still get reinvigorated every time I go to a state, regional, or national event. The fellowship, comradery, support, and sense of belonging to one of the greatest organizations in the world keeps pushing me forward in helping our fellow Jaycees.

I would like for you to look back, remember Your experience and why you became a Jaycee. Then, I want to challenge you to reach out to your local/state Jaycee chapter and see what's going on, and what you can do to help them. As you all know, our U.S. Jaycees are dwindling dangerously low, some states don't even have chapters any more. This year President Bruce has put an emphasis on starting a new Jaycee chapter, especially in states that no longer have any Jaycees. Now is the perfect time to step up, Return the Favor, and extend a chapter. Be the light our Jaycees need to help bolster and lead them to do wonderful things, small or large, to help others.

JCI Senate World



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We are really excited to showcase all that Pentiction has to offer as well as the rich history of JCI Canada. You can find more about the conference at jcinatcon.ca and www.jcipentiction.com/natcon2025



Canadian Guests in Northbrook

Canada Ambassador to U.S. Rob Cronkwright #54515,
Canada JCI Senate President Cara Heck #74083,
U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655,
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Dan Badger	67974	IA	Nancy Gianetti	69463	CT	Jean Geddes	68886	OH	Woody Sauerbrei	FR111	IA
David Teachout	68700	MO	Todd Gianetti	FR120	CT	Eurika Ellison	80798	WV/MD	Jenny Will	24873	MA
Kathy Teachout	FR108	MO	Ron Holzer	56549	TX	Julie Rieckma	60573	SD	Pat Will	FR72	MA
Doreen Lietzau	64069	MN	Nan Holzer	63882	TX	Gary Duell	48384	PA	Hilda Davis	71500	TX
Don Lietzau	64932	MN	Bob McDonald	58286	PA	Diane Duell	74147	PA	Jumper	38376	TX
Bradford Blain	39993	KY	Charlie Dick	39434	CT/RI/FL	Joe Sabella	26077	PA	Kathy Lemmer	73037	PA
Larry Bohn	37024	MD	Amy Moore	78686	NC	Steve Sutherland	27073	FL	Newton Stanridge	29407	IA/AR
Ronnie Bohn	66024	MD	Sally Traczuk	68943	PA	Dawne Sutherland	68900	FL	Carol Stanridge	80700	IA
Tom Brickbauer	32287	WI	Michael Traczuk	52181	PA	Deb Mogdis	62260	MI	Carol "C.J." Jordan	45857	NC
Nancy Cloud	52750	OK	Pat Fields	FR85	PA	Jimmy Lewis	87778	TX	Mike Libby	40511	MN
DeLisa Anderson	54310	OK	George R Fields	46096	PA+3	Melanie C Paschel	70372	NC/SC	Racheal Libby	FR41	MN
Roxanne Astry	57298	NY/KS	Jeff Kozak	63411	PA	Kent Singular	64562	KS	Pat Hoelker	45893	IA
Donna Yennay	64283	VA	Walter Cahoon	27223	MA	Jeanette Singular	64563	KS	Skip Hoelker	FR10	SD
Ron Stair	71373	KS	Cathy Cahoon	FR45	MA	Joe A Souza	27511	CA	Peggy McHugh	6466	VA
Rob Wiley	56033	KS	Bob Cairns	59815	NY/PA	Margaret Souza	48490	CA	Dianne Casto	43283	IA
Chris Curtis	35440	IL	Kim Cairns	62807	NY/PA	Jenny Bruner	64688	OH	Elizabeth McInnis	54219	MA/CA
Susie Colbert-Curtis	73137	IL	Krista Myers-Shafer	77862	NY/TN	Jean Mawson	66086	PA	Jaci Newmark	56368	FL
Karen Lage	FR67	IA	Ryan Myers	83718	TN	Rob Mawson	FR118	PA	Keith Adams	FR105	FL
Janet Van Beek	45420	IA	Scott Kingsley	67932	NY/PA/WV	Barbara Hepburn	81625	NJ	Barb Sprella	62764	KS/NY
Jackie Julien	74251	VA	Stephanie Kingsley	72949	NY/PA/WV	Ron Hepburn	31343	NJ	Kathy Collins	64926	FL
Melissa Sleeth	69220	VA	Lloyd Mueller	57186	NE	Joan Travis	76201	NJ/IL	Cathy Dempsey	67625	CT/NY
Ron Sleeth	79099	VA	Phyllis Bowers	51430	IA/IL/NC	Lara Thom	83098	NJ	Kathleen King	68104	VA
Russ Cooper	4638	MI/IL	Eldon Bowers	45999	IA/IL	Crispin Bottomley	78201	NY/CAN	Tom King	59642	VA
Maxine Cooper	68012	IL/MI	Wayne Huelsmann	30592	IL	Lawrence D Green	27324	DE	Heather Danley	74897	SC
Caryn "CC" Ackerman	62039	FL	Chris Hardee	66036	NC	Joanne E Green	FR56	DE	James Danley	68600	SC/MO
Lynn Whalen	44712	FL	Dawna Norfleet	61999	TN	Diane Duell	74147	PA	Jack Pasquale	32806	CT
Lori Palo	66475	GA	Larry Norfleet	60771	TN/KS/IL	Gary Duell	48384	PA	Sue Pasquale	FR17	CT
Susan Hatcher	58143	MO	Lynn Stoffregen	55876	IA	Andy Childress	62743	NC/SC	Tom Rohr	47918	MD
Paul Carney	10861	MA	Jim Kirchhoff	FR119	IA	Tonya Myers	66222	MO	MaryAnn Rohr	65353	MD
Carolyn Smith	64564	AZ/FL/NC	Mike Andrews	58312	IN	Marge Miller	52948	MN	Kathryn Collins	51469	RI/MA
Dale Henslee-Smith	55917	SC+4	Linda Andrews	71434	IN	Mary Sawyer	43930	MO	Rosaire Longe	28290	VT
John Robinson	55768	PA/FL	Rose Steen	57178	SD/IA	Earl Sawyer	28243	MO	Irene Longe	FR114	VT
Irene Shanley	65316	FL/NC	Gary Steen	56503	SD/IA	Judi Barrington	49802	WI	Melissa Unger	59854	MD
John Tyo	66381	NY/PA/DE	Cheryl Carlson	70371	NC/AZ/FL	Linda Alexander	82180	WI	John Cotter	41511	MD
Michelle Loveria	71744	NY	Bonnie St Jean	42864	NH	Brian Witte	68535	IA	Pam Cotter	43030	MD
Noel Sumpter	73189	OK	Dick St Jean	38089	NH	Marlin Sanny	13967	NE	Sharon Clagett	77156	WV
Peggy Rider	58293	OK	Tony Symoniak	66367	IL	Angie Taylor	71600	IA/SC	Ellen Jost	68113	AZ/RI
Wayne Kiefer	36498	IL	Ron Kimmet	43520	OH	Digger McGraugh	36156	IL	Lois Martin	68841	PA
Margie Kiefer	FR29	IL	Dana Hall	41552	ME	Scott Judas	49791	IA	Lawrence Pittman	53932	NC/FL/AL
Sharon Rice	71524	OH	Cyndi Hall	48152	ME	Vicki Judas	60289	IA	Karol Pittman	FR55	NC
E.J. Rice	47046	OH	Judson DeVore	65005	IL	Elizabeth Martin-Young	47759	SC	Cindy Brandel	54928	FL
Suzanne Gill	67891	NC/SC	Marsha DeVore	67330	IL	Laura McDivitt	65755	SC	Mark Brandel	49789	FL
Nancy Salopek	47610	PA	John Dahl	42828	SD	Jon Bruner	58932	OH	Stu O'Hara	39768	OH
Ariel Jones	65423	VA	Marsha Dahl	47936	SD	Allison Geddes	74777	OH	Larry Graham	60609	AL
Priscilla Newell	60785	NY/KS	Nicole Dapp	74656	PA	Randy Young	46420	MN	Jan Allen Smith	83256	AL
JeNie Altman	56150	KY	Leisa Peebles	56001	TX	Lora Lawton	66156	IA/TN	Lamar Smith	27217	AL
Cyndi Thornburg Schnell	61668	KY	Greg Peebles	56000	TX	Lisa Lawton	Guest	IA	Tom Mouch Barrington	42859	WI
Keith Schnell	43086	KY	LeaAnn Smith	59833	MO	Sam Hamblen	44355	TN/IA	Michele Bunett-Emmerich	60635	MO
Kim Hubbell	68729	MI/IL	Paul Myers	72173	MO	Cheryl France	57391	MD	Karen Gage	78780	VA/MD/PA
Amanda Turner	65613	OH/MI	Joanne Schwab	71117	IA	Jim France	44665	MD	Janet Kozak	61574	PA
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Lorrie Castle	82617	TX	Dale Blaisdell	Guest	CT	Pam Padgett	51341	NC	Bill Fleese	64179	WI
David Castle	49358	TX	BJ Craft	45900	NC	Joe Callison	71418	OH	Thomas Michael	75612	GA
Jane Daughety	65320	TN/KY/AR	Bill Craft	36216	NC	Kristi Callison	69284	OH	Alex "Hitman" Willis	34236	GA/IA
Jim Daughety	51172	TN/KY/AR	Tom Hendrix	37317	MO/NE/IA	Emma Callison	Guest	OH	Latasha Q	Guest	GA
Ken Fisher	44306	SD	Marilyn Burton	55106	IL	Jeff Caldwell	54264	TN	Bruce Sostak	52655	TX
Carole Fisher	44468	DE/SD	Lowell Vahl	40315	AZ	Nancy Caldwell	54265	TN	Denise Bauer	61276	GA
Beth Muir	65479	PA/NY	Jess Kling	78271	MD	Marsha Phillips	47528	FL			
Dave DeLaney	41203	MO/IA/SD	Ruby Weymouth	67303	OH+4	Stevenson Derodar	81041	NJ/NY			

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CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

MENTORS Due
Sept 22, 2025

U.S. JCI SENATE FEATURE EVENTS

FALL BOARDS SEPTEMBER 11-14 Columbus, OH



Ohio would like to welcome you to the heart of it all in Columbus on September 11th through the 14th for the U.S. JCI Senate Fall BOD. We are currently putting together some tours. There will be a wide variety of things to choose from: breweries, a meadery, candle making, a kitchen participatory event, and a chocolate factory tour.

We are very close to the home of the Ohio State Buckeyes. There is a lot to do on your own in the area as well. There are many fall festivals and lots of nature type

places fairly close to the hotel.

Registration is a mere \$75 if post marked by August 11th. After that it is \$90. If you haven't already done so, get those registrations in. If you have any questions or problems booking a room, etc., please feel free to contact me. Check out our Facebook page at 2025 U.S. JCI Senate Fall BOD for more information and frequent updates.

Hope to see you there!!

Jenny Bruner #64688

Chair U.S. JCI Senate Fall BOD

WINTER BOARDS JANUARY 15-18, 2026 Melbourne, FL



MELBOURNE, Florida, once home to Jim Morrison of the DOORS, has a plethora of things to do when you're not at a Senate Meeting:

You'll be on the SPACE COAST – 35 Miles from Cape Canaveral, home of Kennedy Space Center MELBOURNE BEACH is just 10 minutes from your hotel, where the top activities are swimming, surfing, paddleboarding, & fishing.

BREVARD ZOO is home to over 900 animals in over 195 species and only 15 miles away!

You can relax for over 40 minutes on a CAMP HOLLY AIRBOAT RIDE or board the Victory Gambling

Cruise in Cocoa Beach!

Or visit HELL N BLAZES Brewery, said to be haunted by the original owner for over 100 years, is just 10 minutes close!

Of course, Melbourne, Florida is rich with opportunities for golfing, walking, biking, shopping, dining, history, and art viewing in addition to its numerous, colorful points of interest.

Be sure to come to Melbourne, so you can see it all!

Ask any Florida JCI Senator for more.

This can be the most memorable Senate trip of your life!

Jim Warren - Chairman

VENDOR SHOWCASE

VENDOR SHOWCASE
JACI NEWMARK #56368
vendorshowcase@usjcisenate.org



the U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, September 11-14.

For a donation of \$50 to the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation you can set up a table.

Contact me soon as there is a limited number of tables available.

Don't forget to attend the Showcase to not only support your fellow Senators but you can also win some prizes. See you in Columbus.

Are you a crafter? Do you hold parties (Pampered Chef, Mary Kay...)? Do you have products to sell?

Then contact me to be involved with the Vendor Showcase at

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



Viva San Antonio, I am very excited to bring everyone to San Antonio June 14-18 for the U.S. JCI Senate National Convention. My team and I have already been busy planning so you will have the best experience possible.

The hotel is the Westin San Antonio North located at 9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78230. It is about 7 miles from the San Antonio airport and about 10 miles from the River Walk. The hotel does not have a shuttle, but we are working on transportation to and from the airport for those who need it and will be giving you that information when we have it. The room rate is \$160.00/night and is good 3 days before and 3 days after the National convention dates. Please remember as you are booking your room that the banquet is scheduled for Thursday, so make sure you are not checking out until Friday. You can find the link to book on the bottom of the registration form.

We have set up a Facebook page, "2026 U.S. JCI Senate National Convention", which will have up to date information as we can give it to you. Also, there will be a lot of information about places to visit in San Antonio as well as places along the way if you are driving. Please join if you are not already a member.

We are trying to reduce the amount of paper that we use so we will be using a QR code which takes you to our website to request and submit a registration form by email. This also will get your name, address and email in our system so that we can track who is registered or not. We appreciate you using this if you can. Your information will be well protected. If you prefer a paper form you can get one on the U.S. JCI Senate website and we will have them available at the Fall and Winter BOD.

Ron Holzer #56549

Chairman 2026 U.S. JCI Senate National Convention



2025 OHIO THE HEART OF IT ALL US JCI SENATE FALL BOARD MEETING

Hosted by the Ohio JCI Senate

September 11—14, 2025

Columbus, Ohio



Name: _____ Senate/Friendship #: _____
 Spouse/Guest: _____ Senate/Friendship #: _____
 Senate Office Held: _____ State Affiliation: _____
 Address: _____ Region: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ email: _____

If your room is in the block, list confirmation # _____ If you are rooming with
 someone in the room block, please list name of registered _____

____ Check if this is your 1st National meeting ____ Check if you are a veteran ____ Check if you are under 55

	Quantity	Postmarked by 8/11/25	Postmarked after 8/11/25	On-Site	Total
Full Registration Breakfast Daily, Friday Lunch, Saturday Banquet		\$75.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	
Banquet Meal Choice	Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian _____			Gluten Free _____	
Dietary Restrictions	Allergies etc.			Best time for Chef to contact you	
Early Hospitality Thursday		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Daily Hospitality Only	_____ Friday _____ Saturday	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Daily Off Site Fee		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
TOTALS					

Crowne Plaza Columbus North
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 Call in front desk code JSN

Scan for hotel block:



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★ **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



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 Postmark by 12/31/25	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$110.00 Postmark after 12/31/25	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$125.00 Onsite	_____	\$ _____
Child (12 & under) – Full Registration	☐ \$20.00 Postmark by 12/31/25	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$30.00 Postmark after 12/31/25	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$40.00 Onsite	_____	\$ _____
Child (12 & under) – Saturday Banquet Only	☐ \$45.00 Postmark by 12/31/25	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$50.00 Postmark after 12/31/25	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$55.00 Onsite	_____	\$ _____
Thursday Early Hospitality (January 15)	☐ \$20.00 Postmark by 12/31/25	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$25.00 Postmark after 12/31/25	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$30.00 Onsite	_____	\$ _____
Daily Hospitality Only	☐ \$25.00 ☐ Fri ☐ Sat	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet Only	☐ \$50.00 Postmark by 12/31/25	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$55.00 Postmark after 12/31/25	_____	\$ _____
	☐ \$60.00 Onsite	_____	\$ _____
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

U.S. JCI SENATE FOUNDATION



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

As we look forward to the Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, let's reflect a bit on a sensational national meeting held in Northbrook, Illinois — "Destination Legacy." Special thanks to Maureen and Mark Niedenthal, and their wonderful committee, Lynn McGill, the Illinois JCI Senate and all of Region V. Because of their great assistance and cooperation, your U.S. JCI Senate Foundation had a great Foundation Day.

We had great attendance with many sponsors for the golf event, The Hincker Open. We had 54 golfers play at the Veterans Memorial Golf Course, great group, great sponsors and great support.

Very special thanks to golf Chairman Bill Patterson and to our sponsorship chairperson, Trustee Karen Voshel. I also want to thank the Michigan lady volunteers, who continue to help with the golf outing. We did miss the presence of Jo Ellen Hincker.

Likewise, our Tuesday auction was also an outstanding event; we had more than 200 items in our live, silent and brown bag auctions. Thanks to our gracious volunteer auctioneer, Past President Calvin Baerveldt, for his excellent work and to our valuable trustees, region reps and volunteers, including Past President Mike Andrews, Ambassador to Canada Karen MacCannell and Past President Mary Sawyer, which made it all possible and very successful.

We continue to add new members and look for more. We recognized a record number of individuals who have achieved different levels of contribution. Thank you to our newest named scholarship recipient

in memoriam of our 53rd president, Gary Pittenger. The large amount of special gifts presented during the Thursday banquet was just phenomenal.

We had a successful foundation business meeting, during which we discussed plans for the year in scholarships and recognition. We have made a change in the amount on our named scholarships. We will now present our 24 named scholarship recipients with a \$2,000 scholarship. The normal scholarship recipients will still receive \$1,500 and up to 10 vocational recipients will receive \$1,000 each. Any new named scholarships will automatically increase to \$2,000. That brings our total scholarships to \$97,000 for 2025-2026.

We also held elections for the coming year. Our elections, held in Northbrook find yours truly to be honored to serve as president, with Julie Rieckman as vice-president, Earl Sawyer as treasurer and Sheri Menendez as secretary and assistant treasurer.

Earl Rice will serve as legal counsel; Trustee Nancy Salopek will continue as our scholarship chairperson. Joe Sabella will continue to coordinate our regional reps and our Trustee Board is: Walter Cahoon, Steve Sutherland, Joe A Souza, Karen Voshel, Nancy Salopek, Jim Harmon, Kelly Koch and our newest trustee, Donna Delaney. Our region reps will be Lucy Heroux, Region I; Beth Muir, Region II; Melissa Sleeth, Region III; Cheryl Carlson, Region IV; Roxanna Hollenstine, Region V; Wayde Burkhart, Region VI; Larry Norfleet, Region VII, Cindy Empting, Region VIII; and Beth Fujishige, Region X.

Continue to remain humble and kind. See you in Columbus, Ohio.

"Assisting Education through Scholarships"



VICE PRESIDENT
JULIE RIECKMAN #60573
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I would like to send out a huge "thank you" to the Illinois Senate for a fantastic National Convention! The hotel was a dream to work with and made our Foundation Day so successful.

Speaking of Foundation Day, we have never had that large of a collection of items for the various auctions. The day, between the auctions, golf tourney and donations,

brought in about \$30,000 for our scholarships! With all of this, we were able to increase the named scholarships to \$2,000 and the others \$1,500. The Foundation also gained another named scholarship recognizing Gary Pittenger. Thank you to all who participated on our Foundation Day. You are so appreciated!

Our next gathering is set for Columbus, Ohio and we will have a silent auction on Saturday. We're looking forward to another successful auction.

If you would like to just give a donation or consider recognizing us in your will, please give Wayne Kiefer or Earl Sawyer a call. We would be happy to help make this happen.

Wishing success to all those running fundraisers in coming months. At our Foundation meeting, we approved seven new regional representatives. Please be supportive of the efforts they put forth. Reps who need some help or ideas, please feel free to contact me.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
NANCY SALOPEK #47610
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In 2026, the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation will award a total of 50 grants to students furthering their education at a college or university. The 24 students receiving named scholarships will receive \$2,000 each. There will be 26 more academic grants of \$1,500 awarded to qualified students. We will also award 10 grants of \$1,000 to students who will attend a vocational, technical or trade school

program.

In 1987, the Foundation scholarship program began with two students receiving grants. We have come a long way, now providing scholarship money to 60 students across the United States.

The 2025-2026 U.S. JCI Senate Foundation scholarship program will open at the beginning of September. The postmark deadline for students to submit their applications to the state chairs is January 12, 2026. Each state organization may submit one vocational/technical and two college/university applications for judging at the national level. The deadline date for submissions to the national chair is Feb. 17, 2026. No electronic submissions will be accepted.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information regarding the application process or judging.

As always, we appreciate everything you do to support our efforts in raising funds to make these scholarships possible.

REGION BOOTHS IN NORTHBROOK



U.S. JCI SENATE FOUNDATION

Named Scholarship



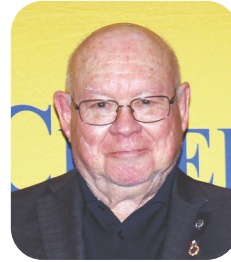
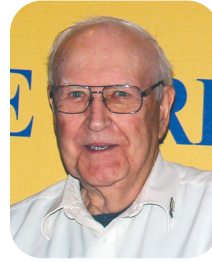
Gary Pittenger Memorial Scholarship presented to 1st Lady Stephanie Pittenger #59999 by U.S. JCI Senate Foundation President Wayne Kiefer #36498

PLATINUM Level donor (\$5000)



Dale Henslee-Smith #55917 SC

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L To R: Rosaire Longe #28290 VT, Marvin "Doc" McCarty #14783 TN, Lea Ann Smith #59833 MO, Soraya and Rob Cronkwright #54515 Canada Lora Lawton #66156 and Sam Hamblen #44355 TN

SILVER Level donors (\$1000)



Top L to R: Charles Keller #38309 NV, Wayde Burkhart #63877 IA, Dana Hall #41552 ME, Cyndi Hall #48152 ME, Dewayne Sumner #66239 TN

Middle L to R: Scott Kingsley #67932 NY, Joan Travis #76201 NJ, Chuck McFarlin #47910 IL, Mary Allred #46602 TN

Below L to R: Larry #60609 & Deidre Graham AL, Kimberly #62807 & Bob #59815 Cairns NY, Mitchell #59758 & Karen #57305 Schoonover OH



U.S. JCI SENATE FOUNDATION



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Trustee & Coordinator for
Region Representatives

There are many changes in the lineup of the region representatives for the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation for 2025-2026 with some veteran members returning, some joining the group for the first time and one returning after a brief hiatus! But no matter how they arrived, the Foundation Board of Trustees is excited to welcome all and have

approved their appointments at the Foundation's recent year-end meeting held on June 16, 2025 in Northbrook, Illinois.

The new roster of region representatives for 2025-2026 is as follows:

Region I – Lucy Heroux #71753, Massachusetts – Newly Appointed

Region II – Beth Muir #65479, Pennsylvania - Returning

Region III –Melissa Sleeth #69220 , Virginia, Newly Appointed

Region IV – Cheryl Carlson, #70371, North Carolina – Returning

Region V – Roxanna Hollenstine #78247, Illinois – Newly Appointed

Region VI – Wayde Burkhart #63877, Iowa – Newly Appointed

Region VII – Larry Norfleet #60771, Tennessee – Returning after brief hiatus

Region VIII – Cindy Empting #65595, Oklahoma – Newly Appointed

Region IX – vacant

Region X – Beth Fujishige #69219, California – Returning

A huge “thank you” and “job well done” to the following individuals who have served as reps for the past year but will be stepping aside: Elizabeth McInnis #54219 from Massachusetts, of Region I; Judy Nuessle #62267 from Maryland, of Region III; Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 from Illinois, of Region V (Susie was recently elected president of the Illinois JCI Senate); Donna DeLaney #55560 from Missouri, of Region VI (Donna has been elected to the foundation board of trustees); Greg Peebles #56000 from Texas, of Region VIII; and Kathy Miller #74168, from Washington, Region IX (Kathy and her husband, Les, have moved to Tennessee). We would be remiss if we didn't recognize Mary Allred #46602 from Tennessee, who stepped in to represent Region VII when Larry Norfleet was appointed as administrative vice president of the U.S. JCI Senate. These individuals have given so much effort and we are truly grateful to them for all they've done to represent our foundation.

And we welcome these newly appointed reps: Lucy Heroux of Massachusetts, representing Region I; Melissa Sleeth of Virginia, representing Region III; Roxanna Hollenstine of Illinois, representing Region V; Wade Burkhart of Iowa, representing Region VI; and, Cindy Empting of Oklahoma, representing Region VIII.

As you attend your state and region Senate functions in the coming year and you meet one of these fine individuals, please, introduce yourself. Allow them the opportunity to share information with you about the good work the Foundation is doing by providing scholarships to high school seniors across our country. And, by all means, open up your hearts, wallets and pocketbooks. Be generous when they are trying to raise funds at your functions. Remember, the foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and your contributions qualify as charitable deductions on your federal income tax returns.

BRONZE Level donors (\$500)



L to R: Sally Traczuk #68943, U.S. JCI Senate Foundation President Wayne Keifer #36498, Michael Traczuk #52181 PA, Anita Cummings #69380 KS, Marlin Sanny #13967 NE



Kelly Koch #69508 makes a special presentation to Bianca Deal #71182. A print of Cecil Deal #36627 saluting the flag.



Foundation Auction

L: U.S. JCI Senate Treasurer Gary Duell #48384 --
Don't drop the statue

R: Jaycee Flag auctioned off by Auctioneer Calvin Baerveldt #36419 with Joe E. Sabella #26077

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My Membership will be paid as follows:

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

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I will pay the balance in annual payments

_____ Contact me about planned giving opportunities.

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

Please mail this form and check to:

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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 "

What a fantastic time we had at the U.S. JCI National Convention in Northbrook, Illinois! A heartfelt thank you goes to Chairperson Maureen Niedenthal and the entire Illinois Senate committee for their warm hospitality and for hosting such a memorable event.

Congratulations to all the award recipients—your accomplishments are truly inspiring. A special shoutout to new Maine Senator #83762 Kathleen Dugas and to Bonnie St. Jean of New Hampshire for her well-deserved recognition as an Outstanding U.S. JCI Senate Award winner.

I'm honored to be serving as your Region I NVP this year and thrilled to be working alongside the 2025–2026 National team as we journey East to West, Exploring Our Senate. I'm also grateful to collaborate with my fellow NVPs and the incredible New England presidents:

- Connecticut – Michele Tarantino #63380
- Massachusetts – Elizabeth McInnis #54219
- Maine – Irene Singleton #49260
- New Hampshire – Bonnie

- St. Jean #42864
- Vermont – Robert King #36581
- Rhode Island – Vice President Dave Roderick #21608

Summer has been filled with sunshine and great company, with picnics held across our region—from Niantic, CT to Randolph, VT, Londonderry, NH, and Franklin, MA. Each gathering was made even better thanks to the delicious food and the talented chefs—thank you all! Also, CT Senate helped our Southington Jaycees make fried dough at their Italian Festival.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for the Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, and the chance to reunite with everyone and my fellow NVPs. I also warmly invite you to join us for the Region I Fall Frolic at the Cape, hosted by the Massachusetts Senate in Hyannis, MA, October 10–12. It promises to be a wonderful time!

Exciting Collaboration Alert!

President Michelle from Connecticut is teaming up with New York President John to coordinate a fun outing to a New York Yankees baseball game! This is a great opportunity to build connections between our regions while enjoying America's favorite pastime. Stay tuned for more details and plan to join us for a day of camaraderie, cheering and team spirit!

Let's make this year one to remember!



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"Third Time's the Charm" – A Note from the President

"I'm Back!" (Eminem)... And yes, it's true—this is my third time serving as president of the CT JCI Senate. Some might say, "Oops, I Did It Again" (Britney Spears), but I prefer to think of it as "Third Time Lucky" (Foghat). Each presidential year has brought its own rhythm, its own challenges, and its own successes. I couldn't be more honored to step into this role once more.

As I plan CT's journey ahead with my Board, I can't help but hear the soundtrack of our shared efforts playing in my mind. "One More Time" (Daft Punk), CT hosted our famous Summer picnic on July 19th. "Do It Again" (Steely Dan) we say, as we roll up our sleeves and dive into service and socials. "Here I Go Again" (Whitesnake) I whisper to myself, ready to lead with renewed energy and vision.

This year, I'm especially excited about the "Triple Trouble" (Beastie Boys) of hosting the Spring Caucus (Details TBD), honoring our Senators at another Jeans and Bling Banquet, and something new – a group trip to a NY Yankees vs. Boston baseball game (August 24th! – anyone can go!) . We've knocked on many doors, and like the classic tune says, "Knock Three Times" (Tony Orlando and Dawn) if you believe we are going to have a great year - because I know I do.

So, let's turn up the volume, embrace the rhythm of service, conduct CT Jaycees return the

favors (Italian Festival July 26 & 27) and make this year unforgettable. After all, "Third Time's the Charm" (Megan Moroney), and I can't wait to see what we'll accomplish—together.



IRENE SINGLE #49260
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On June 7, I was deeply humbled and honored to be elected President at our annual meeting where my husband, Bill, and I hosted a "wildly" successful wild game dinner chaired by two couples, the Gammons and the Darlings, who put an enormous amount of time in planning this event. My Board is a group of wonderful people and we look forward to our year of exciting socials, fundraisers and Zoom meetings (Sept. 23, Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm). New Board members are VP Daniel Paradis #75138; Treasurer Dana Hall #41552; Secretary Cyndi Hall #48152; COB Peter Jordan #54684; Chaplain Holly Boom #59489; Newsletter Editor Stephen Taylor #83761; Historian Merrill Pottle #23412; Assoc. Treas. Dick Darling #40167; Finance Committee members Michael Bailey #49764 and Paula Valliere #49710. We expect to continue the Forgotten Senator program and participate in Wreaths Across America on Dec. 13 followed by a lunch in Augusta. We hope to try new fundraisers, including calendar squares and perhaps adding an additional Silent Auction to raise funds for scholarships. We look forward to attending Fall Frolic in October in Hyannis, MA. We are surrounded by a great group of individuals willing to help in any way they can.

Region I Caucus Morrisville, VT 5/3/2025

Dana Hall	41552	ME	Denise Paiva	71752	MA
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME	Lucy Heroux	71753	MA
Wayne Macdonald	36519	NH	Larry Norfleet	60771	TN
Mark Reisman	39926	NH	Dawna Norfleet	61999	TN
Michael Bailey	49764	ME	Merrill Pottle	23412	ME
Peter Jordan	54684	ME	Rick James	43089	ME
Richard St. Jean	38089	NH	Irene Single	49260	ME
Bonnie St. Jean	42864	NH	Bonnie Blaisdell	69956	CT
Stephen Taylor	83761	ME	Scott Kingsley	67932	NY/PA/WV
Fran Kass	60798	CT	Nancy Gianetti	69463	CT
Jeff Kass	32300	CT	Kathryn Collins	51469	RI
Dave Roderick	21608	RI	Bob King	36581	VT
Marilyn Roderick	GUEST	RI	Carol King	FR #93	VT
Michele Tarantino	63380	CT	Steve Rowe	40470	VT
Debra Daley	67167	MA	Joann Rowe	FR #73	VT

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As I write this we are recovering from record-breaking temperatures that caused us to change our plans for the Rhode Island JCI Senate for the summer. Last year each of our luncheon meetings was very well attended and we saw members whom we hadn't seen in years. We had a really good year. I had anticipated holding a summer meeting in 2025 at the restaurant where we have held many meetings over the years.

Vice President Dave Roderick #21608 and I decided after the heat wave to hold the luncheon in September instead. We won't ask our members to leave their homes and go out into a potentially hot day to travel to the luncheon and back home. The Rhode Island JCI Senators are probably the oldest group of Senators in the country. Just going out on a very hot day is stressful to the body. It will be better for them to stay cool at home. We are working on booking a date for the September meeting with the restaurant as I write. It will be cooler and better for everyone.

Dave, his wife Marilyn and I will be attending our Region I Fall Frolic region meeting in Hyannis, MA on October 10-12. The venue will be great and the hotel is in walking distance of good places to visit in downtown Hyannis. I'm working on the Fall Frolic committee. Dave and I hope that other Rhode Island JCI Senators will join us, as they did last year. Hyannis is close enough so that Senators could even come for a day as well as for the weekend. We love seeing Senate friends from all across the region and the country. Can't wait to enjoy clam chowder, fried clams and lobster rolls on Cape Cod. You are never very far from the

ocean there.

Rhode Island JCI Senate is also looking forward to participating in Wreaths Across America once more at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery in Exeter on Wreath Saturday in December, and possibly in Florida too. Rhode Island JCI Senators who live there placed wreaths last year in Sarasota National Cemetery. We also plan to support Wheelchairs4Kids again.



ELIZABETH McINNIS #54219
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Greetings from Cape Cod. The Massachusetts Senate has had a busy summer. Five of our members attended the year end convention in Illinois. Our clam hats were a fashion hit.

Summer in New England means picnics. Our members attended Connecticut's, Vermont's, and New Hampshire's picnics, along with our own.

We're now looking forward to my favorite season, autumn. Massachusetts is hosting Fall Frolic this year, so we are working hard to get ready for our visitors. Marilyn and I (co-chairs) decided to have it in a location that is convenient for us, and incidentally, a great location to visit in October. Fall Frolic is October 10-12 in Hyannis, MA. Many attendees are spending an extra day or two to sightsee. Cape Cod features beautiful beaches, historic sites and great food. A day trip to Martha's Vineyard is a fun day to a special place. If you haven't registered or booked your hotel, don't wait any longer.

The famous Massachusetts holiday social will be December 6, in Bourne, MA. Please join us if you are in the area. We plan to participate in Wreaths Across America, also in December.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in Columbus.



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On behalf of the NH JCI Senate, we want to thank Dana Hall #41562, Region I Vice President for his leadership and support, to Bob King #36581 and the Vermont JCI Senate for a great Caucus, and the Illinois JCI Senate for a great national convention. We are already looking forward to Region I's Fall Frolic.

Our motto this year is "Staying Alive" for activation of our NH JCI Senators as well as expanding the Jaycee chapter in NH. Our JCI Senate's first board meeting was held mid-July.

We want to continue the legacy created by prior NH JCI Senate boards and the on-going support for the national programs. We have already sold Sweepstakes tickets and already have a prize to donate for San Antonio so we are off to a great start.

Our Summer Social (steak or lobster) was on Sunday, August 3 in Londonderry, NH. Early arrivals joined us Saturday night (8/2) at the Golden Coral in Manchester for dinner where many of the Region I Senators joined us having attended Vermont's Summer Social and stayed for NH's Summer Social the next day.

In the works there is a fall social, a holiday Zoom social as well as a social in the spring. Our Wreaths Across America Chair, Mary Plante #42855 is already promoting and engaging JCI Senators for the December event.

Our board is looking forward to working with our newly elected Region I National Vice President, Bonnie Blaisdell #69956, and having a great year.



ROBERT KING #36581
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The Vermont JCI Senate will be well served this Senate year by COB Steve Edgerley #28971; VP/ Secretary Ann Edgerley #81699. Appointed positions are Steve Rowe #40470, Treasurer; Stephen England #79587, Chaplain; JoAnn Rowe FR #73, Newsletter Editor; Michael Dowling FR #123, Scholarship Chair; and Rosaire Longe #28290, Membership Ambassador and President Bob King #36581.

The Vermont Senate has a plan for moving forward for the 2025-2026 year: a set schedule for our newsletters, and regular Zoom meetings that will be more social than business. We are also making changes to our 200 Club, which is our primary source of funds for our Scholarship Program. We are working to improve our communication on ticket sales with our members.

Our annual picnic was held Saturday, August 2, at the Rotary Shelter, Hebard Hill Road, Randolph, Vermont. We had over 50 Senators and friends from Vermont and around New England in attendance. We were also pleased to be able to host Region I NVP Bonnie Blaisdell #69956. At the picnic, we awarded scholarships to three deserving Vermont students, two of whom also received national awards.

The Vermont Senate presented Friendship #123 to Michael Dowling, chairperson of the VT JCI Senate Scholarship Committee. Michael is continuing the work he did with his late wife, Senator Karen Jette Dowling #51450.

REGION II

Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania



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"UNLIMITED"

As another Senate year has begun and our summer activities went as planned in all four Region II states, it is now time to turn our eyes to the fall.

Our states will have a good showing for the Fall Board meeting in Columbus, Ohio, September 11-14 and then again at the National Apple Harvest Festival in Biglerville, Pennsylvania, to dole out delicious ice cream for the crowds of people who attend this annual event. It will run October 4th and 5th and 11th and 12th. If interested in attending, you can reach either Bob McDonald (chairman) or Connie Cox (manpower), by contacting President Jeff Kozak at 215-285-5892.

Several of us will be attending Fall Frolic in Hyannis, Massachusetts, October 9-12. Then toward

the end of the month, the New York State JCI Senate will hold their Fall meeting. Location TBD. Delaware will also have two dinner socials in October, one in the north and one in the south part of the state. More information will be in the Region II newsletter and the Region II Facebook page.

Come November, Pennsylvania will host their Fall meeting the first weekend of the month, November 7-9. Location is to be determined.

The Delaware JCI Senate will have a dinner and membership meeting in Dover on Tuesday, November 11 starting at 6pm. The meeting at 7pm will also be via zoom.

Then in December, there will be Holiday parties in all states. Times and locations will be announced in newsletters and on Facebook.

Have a terrific season and best wishes for your holidays.

Remember, we truly are "UNLIMITED."

We started off with a summer meeting July 26th that included a picnic and Saturday night at the Iron Pigs Baseball Game. We will then be traveling to Vermont, New Hampshire and New York picnics. We also have a group planning on going to Columbus for the fall board meeting.

As the fall season approaches we will have our major fundraiser for the year, dipping ice cream the first two weekends in October at the Upper Adams Jaycees National Apple Harvest Festival in Biglerville. Visiting the Region 1 Fall Frolic will also be in the travel plans.

Here in Pennsylvania, we have two holiday parties. First in Pittsburgh, then the Feast in the East at the Kozak residence on Dec. 13th following the Wreaths Across America event.

Looking forward to all the visitors coming to the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania!!



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In every chapter of leadership, there is a symbol that binds our past, present, and future symbol that lights the way forward even in uncertain times. For the New Jersey JCI Senate, the torch is that symbol. It represents **wisdom passed on, purpose sustained and hope continually renewed.**

As your state senate president, I am humbled and honored to carry this torch—not as my own, but as part of a legacy kindled by those who came before us. It is a **beacon of mentorship**, a fire of action, and a light of servant leadership that guides not just what we do—but why we do it.

Let this message be both a reminder and a rallying call. For in this flame, we find unity. In its glow, we inspire growth. And through its warmth, we prepare new generations to lead with courage,

compassion, and vision.

Let me share a poem written in celebration of this journey:

Torch of NJ JCI Senate
*We gather now at Maine to
 Delaware's line,
 A Senate bound by creed and
 purpose fine—
 Mentors of Jaycees, in
 service we stand,
 A torch's glow igniting this
 hopeful land.
 From River's path to Camp
 New Jersey's ground,
 Our fellowship in action
 echoes loud.
 We bear a flame of
 knowledge, skill, and care,
 To light new leaders with
 passion laid bare.
 Senators numbered, lives
 shaped by the creed,
 Service to humanity—our
 guiding seed.
 With torch uplifted, forward
 now we steer,
 To build a future bright,
 where all may cheer.
 Each torch we pass—an
 honor, true and proud—
 From seasoned hands to
 young ones, newly vowed.
 For in our flame the state and
 youth unite,
 New Jersey rising, living in
 the light.*

As we continue *Fueling the Future, One Flame at a Time*, let us carry our torches high—with purpose, with heart, and with the bold belief that **what we light today will brighten tomorrow.**



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2025 has been a great year in PA. Eagles winning the Superbowl, then at the convention in Northbrook, Pennsylvania received several awards. Congratulations Sally and her team. This leads to my theme for this term, "Fly PA Fly" as we soar through another fabulous year.

Pennsylvania JCI Senate May Board Meeting Shillington, PA 5/3/2025

Katy Lemmer	73037	PA	Sheila Evans	68301	PA
Amy Newton	68529	PA	Jim Miller	34554	NJ/VA
Bill Kramer	65433	PA	Harry Hurd	67250	PA
Joe Foley	74147	PA	Lisa Martin	68841	PA
Bob McDonald	58286	PA	Ken Fischer	43036	SD
Beth Newill	60235	PA	Carole Fischer	44468	DE/SD
Julie Livingston	73032	PA	Pail Belts	44675	DE
Kim Melachinos	66672	PA	Russ Lang	69509	PA
Lloyd Lingle	59827	PA	Jeff Kozak	63411	PA
George R Fields	46096	PA/DE/NY	Janet Kozak	61574	PA
Pat Fields	Fr #85	PA	Lorraine Newill	FR#7	PA
Nicole Dapp	74656	PA	Cheryl France	57391	MD/PA
Jean Mawson	66086	PA	Jim France	44665	MD/PA
Rob Mawson	Fr #118	PA	Ann Harrison	75822	PA/DE
Sheryl Zagar	77791	PA	Krista Myers-Shafer	77862	NY/TN
Brad Cox	62525	PA	Ryan Myers	83718	TN
Connie Cox	75090	PA	John Robinson	55768	PA
John Tyo	66381	NY/DE/PA	Sally Traczuk	68943	PA
Krista Muir	73181	PA, NY	Mike Reaczuk	52181	PA
Beth Muir	65479	PA, NY	Matt Boyer	76878	PA
Michele Umberger	79560	PA			



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It has been a fun filled summer and I'm looking forward to all the wonderful things yet to come. We are lucky to have all elected positions filled, as well as most of the program managers, so everyone has been busy. I have asked the vice-presidents to have at least one social event in their area during their term this year and left it up to them to decide what they would like to do, trivia, brewpub, casino, baseball game, etc. So stayed tuned for dates and times and please come join us.

My calendar is filling up quickly. We had our annual cookout and a planning session in August. Our holiday party in December will be here soon along with events that I want to attend in other states. I am working with other presidents in Region II as well as from other regions with the intent of attending and planning social events together. I am encouraging the New York members to participate in the activities as well.

NY JCI Senate's biggest event

**CT JCI Senate-Annual Meeting
 and Elections
 Rocky Hill, CT
 5/18/2025**

Bonnie Blaisdell	69956	CT
Dale Blaisdell	Guest	CT
Dana Hall	41552	ME
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME
Sandra Samoncik	61448	CT
Ralph Lockman	59605	CT
Jeff Kass	32300	CT
Fran Kass	60798	CT
Cathy Dempsey	67625	CT
Sue Zetoff	61461	CT
Jack Pasquale	32806	CT
Sue Pasquale	FR 017	CT
Donald K Horbaty	31250	CT
Gloria P Horbaty	Guest	CT
Marybeth Kaczynski	67636	CT
Kathy Doherty	52919	CT/CO
Paul Doherty	46397	CT/CO
Ed Gorzelany	65808	CT
Linda Gorzelany	46996	CT
Karen Thomson	52424	CT
Bill Seaman	58408	CT
Stephen Taylor	83761	ME

for the year is MAI 2026. We will be hosting MAI April 9 – 12, 2026, at the Doubletree Hilton, in Jamestown, NY. The "New York Girls," Roxanne Astry, Priscilla Newell, and Karen Cave, have been working diligently to make this an extraordinary event for all. Please plan to attend; get your registration in and your rooms booked.

Thank you to President Bruce Sostak, NVP Ann Harrison, as well as all of the national team for your guidance and support. I'm looking forward to seeing you all very soon in Columbus, Ohio.

**Maine JCI Senate
 Year-End Meeting
 Lyman, Maine
 6/7/2025**

Peter Jordan	#54684	ME
Bonnie Blaisdell	#69956	CT
Dale Blaisdell	Guest	CT
Nate Cyr	#3492	ME/NH
Karen Cyr	FR #66	ME/NH
Merrill Pottle	#23412	ME
Joy Pottle	FR #59	ME
Roy Bagley	#30981	ME
Bonnie Bagley	Guest	ME
Dick Darling	#40167	ME
Laurette Darling	FR #81	ME
Dana Hall, NVP	#41552	ME
Rick James	#43089	ME
Joyce St Pierre	#44818	ME
Mike St Pierre	FR #100	ME
Cyndi Hall	#48152	ME
Irene Single	#49260	ME
Bill Single	Guest	ME
Patricia Gammon	#49280	ME
Paula Valliere	#49710	ME
Michael Bailey	#49764	ME
Christine Bangs	Guest	ME
Nancy Latham	#51432	ME
Wayne Latham	Guest	ME
Holly Boom	#59489	ME
Don Boom	Guest	ME
Ed Plourde	#74175	ME
Daniel Paradis	#75138	ME
Bob Gammon	#80701	ME
Marguerite Cannon	#81765	ME
Tom Cannon	#81766	ME
Stephen Taylor	#83761	ME

**Rhode Island JCI Senate
 Annual Meeting & Elections
 5/16/2025**

Bonnie Blaisdell	69956	CT
Dale Blaisdell	Guest	CT
Walter Cahoon	27223	MA
Cathy Cahoon	FR 45	MA
Rick O'Neill	83130	RI
Andy Riley	25521	RI
Dave Roderick	21608	RI
Dana Hall	41552	ME
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME
Len Denommee	19718	RI
Roger Chauvin	28619	RI
Robert Pouliot	30990	RI
Herb Jeschke	16540	RI
Ed Bishop	9801	RI
Mary Francis Bishop	Guest	RI
Ron Trotter	25686	RI
Adrienne Trottier	Guest	RI
Bill Potuchek	35278	CT
Elaine Potuchek	FR 32	CT
Jack Pasquale	32806	CT
Sue Pasquale	FR 17	CT
Kathryn Collins	51469	RI/MA



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I hope everyone had a cool great summer and are enjoying the beginnings of fall.

The Delaware Senators are excited to be working with President Bruce Sostak and the JCI Senate staff in the 2025-2026 year. Also, congratulations to Delaware's Ann Harrison # 44468 for being sworn in as Region II NVP.

Delaware was busy with our annual visit to Boondocks restaurant -- DFRC BLUE/GOLD ALL-STAR

**Massachusetts JCI Senate
 Annual Meeting
 5/17/2025**

Walter Cahoon	27223	MA
Cathy Cahoon	FR #45	MA
Lucy Heroux	71753	MA
Denise Paiva	71752	MA
Debra Daley	67167	MA
Pam Warren	77877	MA
Jan Calder	FR #15	MA
Marilyn Lariviere	83214/FR#53	MA
John Souza	16202	MA
Pat Souza	FR #39	MA
Paul Carney	10861	MA
Paul Johnson	41002	MA
Al Nicolazzo	30687	MA
Kathryn Collins	51469	MA/RI
Dana Hall	41552	ME
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME
Bonnie Blaisdell	69956	CT
Dale Blaisdell	Guest	CT
Jim Bishop	29055	MA
Hope Bishop	Guest	MA
Bernie Planeta	29922	MA

**ND JCI Senate Campout
 July 12, 2025
 Litchville ND**

Greg Rohner	81912	ND
Angie Jelinek	60570	ND
James Hatzzenbuhler	50856	ND
Stan Hansen	43165	ND
Perry Anderson	52781	ND
Michelle Mosher	61744	ND
John Anderson	60163	ND
Debra Hatzzenbuhler	55953	ND
Myra Helm	73353	ND
Darrell Helm	73354	ND
Lauri Anderson	72668	ND

football game working a concession booth --Blue Rocks baseball game --Delaware Senators picnic --helping the Wilmington Jaycees at the Senior Prom at the New Castle senior center and our every other month dinners - one up state and one down state. We are hoping the weather is in our favor this year so we can have our winter social, and in December as always proudly doing Wreaths Across America.

The Delaware Senators attended the August Region II/III social in Hagerstown, MD and the PA Apple Harvest -JCI Senators ice cream booth.

We are looking forward to seeing out of state Senators who are passing through Delaware. Just give us a call and we will be delighted to meet up with you.

**Delaware Year End Meeting
 and Elections
 Boondocks Restaurant / DE
 5/17/2025**

Paul Betts	44765	DE
Krista Myers-Shafer	37862	NY / TN
Eric Norimatsu	75959	DE
Dave Mackenzie	55956	DE
Ann Harrison	75822	DE
Tom Faulkner	36381	DE
David Parag	44921	DE
Judy Parag	82847	DE
Walt Szczurban	25450	DE
Liz Balogh	80738	DE
Andy Rokita	Guest	NY
Tina Lank	67684	DE
Dominic Hanna	81269	DE
Kevin Burdette	43136	DE
Nancy Burdette	44863	DE
Lawrence Green	27324	DE
Joanne Green	FR 56	DE
Jeff Kozak	63411	PA
Lorraine Newill	FR 8	PA
Beth Newill	60235	PA
Regina Cannelongo-Mahaney	58562	DE
Patrick Mahaney	51255	DE
Calvin Baerveldt	36419	DE / MD
Diane Baerveldt	48476	DE / MD
Judy Nuessle	62267	DE / MD
Danny Nuessle	FR 49	MD
Jim Miller	34554	NJ
Lois Martin	68841	PA
Randy Manship	61952	DE
Shariene Manship	FR 61	DE
Jess Kling	78271	MD

**SD Meeting
 Mitchell, SD
 May 2025**

Rose Steen	57178	SD/IA
Gary Steen	56503	SD/IA
Chuck Caron	FR82	SD
Herb Koerner Jr	28607	SD
Julie Rieckman	60573	SD
Marsha Dahl	47436	SD+4
John Dahl	42828	SD+4
Chad Albers	68747	SD
Vonita Gardner	63629	SD
Dan Badger	67994	IA
Cindy Cook	55834	SD

REGION III

Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia



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"GET HOOKED"

or team collaboration. So, I hope we can all be on this trip together and "Get Hooked" and catch the Senate spirit of friendships as we travel from East to West promoting President Bruce's theme "Explore Our Senate" with focus on continuing the effort of building our relationship with JCI members.



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As the Maryland JCI Senate President, I am honored to connect with you. Our dedication to the JCI mission, even after our active membership years, truly speaks to the lasting impact of this incredible organization.

Maryland has been busy! We've successfully hosted several engaging events, fostering camaraderie and strengthening our network. Our Senators have been actively involved, demonstrating the power of our collective experience and wisdom. We had a fantastic turnout at our annual summer social. Special thank you to John #41511 and Pam #43030 Cotter for once again opening their beautiful home

to us! Their incredible hospitality kicked off the Senate year with a bang, and a great time was truly had by all.

Our role as Senators is more vital than ever. We serve as mentors, advisors, and a constant source of encouragement for the next generation of JCI leaders. By sharing our experiences and insights, we help shape the future of JCI and ensure its continued success in developing young active citizens.

Looking ahead, we're focusing on enhancing our outreach to former JCI members who may not yet be part of the Senate, and we're exploring new ways to collaborate with current JCI chapters across the state. Our goal is to create even more opportunities for connection, growth, and service.

I hope to see many of you at our Annual Crab Feed, a true Maryland tradition, held September 6th at the home of Jimmy Harris #62279. Registration is available online. We will also have an opportunity for us all to connect in November when we head back to the beach for our fall conference in Ocean City! Remember to bring your shades!

If you haven't been before, now is definitely the time to visit our beautiful state! Come experience Maryland's charm and discover why Friendship Shines Better Together!

GET HOOKED



2025-26

MD JCI Senate Annual Meeting Hagerstown, MD 6/7/2025

Melissa Unger	59854	MD
Lisa Geier	78779	MD
Samuel Young	37972	MD
Judy Nuessle	62267	MD
Katy Lermmer	73037 PA/Pie Chair	
Sharon Row	75525	MD
Lisa Benish	67480	MD
Anne Magrath	58574	MD
Jess Kling	78271	MD
Cia Marshall	67319	MD
Laura Jones	67320	MD/VA
Mary Ann Rohr	65353	MD
Tom Rohr	47918	MD
Ronnie Bohn	66024	MD
Larry Bohn	37024	MD
Richard Lawson	36247	MD
Sandy Kolodner	52468	MD
Harry Kolodner	34400	MD
Chuck Waters	80800	MD
Michele Waters	83600	MD

As I retire from a 38-year career with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on June 30, I am honored to start my "job" as Region III NVP for 2025-26 on July 1. I am excited to be working with a great group of Presidents, Emily Nock #77392 of Maryland, Karen Gage #78980 of Virginia and Gary Brooke #58420 of West Virginia. The summer started with the Maryland summer social hosted by John #41511 and Pam #43030 Cotter. Thank you for another great social with fun times and plenty of food.

Unfortunately, I had to miss the WV annual streak fry due to a prior commitment, but once again, this event hosted by President Gary and Randy Willhoite #47435, was a huge success for all those meat lovers. Virginia had their summer meeting weekend in Sterling, organized by John Mosesso #71551. It was a pleasure to meet so many new Senators along with my travels.

Ann Harrison #75822 Region II NVP and I hosted the eighth Annual Region II/III Social at the home of Sam #37972 and Marilyn #45664 Young. It was great to see so many Senators from both regions and as usual, this was a great time visiting old friends and making new ones.

My theme for this year is "Get Hooked," Why "Get Hooked"? Well, in many ways, this journey feels like an exciting fishing trip. We have all cast our lines into the waters, trying to make meaningful connections, solve problems, and create opportunities. As I take on this role, I can't help but think that we are all trying to catch something great, something that will make a difference—whether it is personal development, success,



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What a great National Convention! I had not attended one since 2013. I am starting my second term as president, so I attended PIE for outgoing and incoming presidents. These trainings succeeded in getting me motivated to make my second term even better than my first term. After meeting my fellow presidents, I know I am going to have a great year. I plan to travel to see some of them this year. Thank you Illinois Senate for hosting the convention, you did a wonderful job. West Virginia can learn a lot from you when we host MAI 2027.

Our annual Steak Fry, Parkersburg, was once again a success. Thank you Randy Willhoite #47435 for stepping up and chairing the event.

Our premier event this year is

our 55th anniversary on November 7-9 in Triadelphia, WV. The room rates are an unheard of \$49.00 per night. That rate does include running water, electricity, and all the comforts of home. Our famous Dirty Santa promises to be bigger and better this year. There might even be a surprise visitor. West Virginia is well known for hosting great events, and this will not disappoint.

I look forward to having a fun year. Meeting new people and traveling to new places. I will be proud to represent the WV JCI Senate.

My Theme last year was "Make it Happen."

Together we can
"Make it Happen Again" in
2025-2026



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It's the year of D.A.I.S.Y - Delightful Adventures In the Senate Year! This year we are focusing on activation, retention and most of all having fun! We will do this by the 5 F's - Faith, Family, Food, Friends and Fun. When you do any of the items in each category you earn

a petal and one in each category earns you a daisy. Senators turn them in for prizes at each of our quarterly meetings. Most of my Garden board of directors came out for our Dave & Busters board retreat. Our fave bonding game was the 8 person Pac-Man. Our mascot is Daisy Duck and you will be seeing her make the rounds this year as well.

We had a great summer outing and thanks to John Mosesso #71551 for organizing all the events. Our Fall meeting will be a Festivus for the rest of us December 5-7 in Richmond VA. Find all the activities here. <https://www.vajcisenate.org/copy-of-may-2022-senate-meeting>. On Friday night we will go to Lewis Ginter Holiday Lights then have dinner. Saturday is our membership meeting and Saturday afternoon will be our Holiday Ex-

travaganza with a white elephant gift exchange. Both nights we will have delicious treats and fun in our hospitality suite.

We invite all Senators to visit us anytime this year. Our Winter and Spring meetings are being planned and we will let you know their locations soon.

A daisy does not pretend to be a rose. Life is all about finding people who are your kind of crazy. In the world full of Roses, you should be fresh as a DAISY - you are awesome every daisy! And I hope we will all be awesome, full of Joy and Cheer this Senate year!



See no Evil, Speak no Evil, Hear no Evil
 Jumper Davis #38376, Hilda Davis #71500,
 Joe A Souza #27511



2025-26 Executive Board at Team bonding

Region VI NVP Rose Steen #57178, Region VIII NVP Anita Cummings #69380, U.S. JCI Senate AVP Gary Duell #48384, Chairman of the Board Hall Williams #43912, Legal Counsel John Badeen #73089, U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655. U.S. JCI Treasurer Tom King #59642, U.S. JCI Senate Secretary Dawna Norfleet #61999, Region V NVP Monty Schroeder #62203, Region IV NVP Liz Young #47759, Region II NVP Ann Harrison #75822, Region I NVP Bonnie Blaisdell #69956

NC JCI Senate Year End Meeting Cary, NC 5/31/2025

Cindy Cook	81507	NC	Marylou Harris	45860	NC	Lawrence Pittman	53932	NC/FL/AL	Nan Jones	61798	NC
Rob Cook	80307	NC	Mike Harris	24801	NC	Karol Pittman	FR55	NC	Andy Childress	62743	NC/SC
Mike Phillips	50063	FL/NC	AJ Morton Jr.	16254	NC	Dale Henslee-Smith	55917	SC+4	Brenda Swank	67214	NC/FL/GA
Rob Saunders	42680	FL	Marlyo Morton	FR110	NC	Kim Bodie	62467	NC	John Swank	44479	NC/FL/GA
Marge Saunders	54671	FL	Bruce Sostak	52655	TX+3	Terry Jones	52694	NC	Brandi Swank	Guest	GA
Shelby Palmer	83689	NC	Carla Bailey	62624	AL+4	Laura Leatherwood	57591	NC	Phyllis Bowers	51430	IA+3
Diane Kavanaugh	61958	NC	Hal Williams	43912	FL/NC	Shannon Fisher	67038	NC	Angela Sweeney	69453	NC
Amy Barton	67895	NC	Vanessa Kinsley	70985	VA	Myra Gaddy	66390	NC	Anna Price	71390	NO
Jeff Zabawa	67893	NC	Yvette Spears	83688	NC	Marty Wase	53142	NC/FL	Daryl McNair	63633	NC/SC/FL
Karen M. Thomson	52424	CT	Jeff Williams	65414	NC	Pam Wase	FR89	NC	Suzanne Gill	67891	NC/SC
Karen Bograd	74882	NC	Rob Robinson	57265	NC	Phillip Padgett	49363	NC	Vann Sparrow	67885	NC
Elizabeth Ffrogner	67191	NC	Chris Hardee	66036	NC	Pam Padgett	51241	NC	Irene Shanley	65316	NC/FL
Diane Upshaw	68685	NC	Marsha Phillips	47528	FL	Mary Pruitt	77821	NC/CO	Cindy Brandel	54928	FL
Bianca Deal	71182	FL/WV	Mike Phillips	50063	NC/FL	Gene Shanks	68688	NC	Jessica Jenkins	81505	NC
Larry MacQuiter	67377	GA+4	Pat Hoelker	45893	IA/NC	Melanie Coble Paschal	70372	NC/SC	Amy Moore	78686	NC
Jennifer E. Salmon	71393	NC	Carolyn Smith	64564	AZ/NC/FL	Michael Sawyer	36403	FL/OH	Randy Young	46420	MN
Maria Hicks-Few	70376	NC	Cheryl Carlson	70371	NC	Jackie Farmer	38412	NC	Bob McDonald	58286	PA
James Rupard	41615	NC/FL	Carolyn Carlson	Guest	NC	Judy Farmer	66075	NC	Diane Duell	74147	PA
Lauren Folk	81935	SC/GA/AL	Tom Cramer	61957	NC/VA	Allen Mills	41435	NC	Gary Duell	48384	PA
Lynne Purvis	81538	NC	Joanie Cramer	65355	NC	Jimmy Maness	38844	NC	Matt Boyer	76878	PA
Aaron Gauldin	82644	NC	Suzette Plaisted	62733	NC	BJ Craft	45900	NC	Elizabeth Martin-Young	47759	SC/NC
Morgan Tedder	82640	NC	Tim Bryan	46306	NC	Bill Craft	36216	NC	John Robinson	55768	PA/FL
Allie Sears	83604	SC	Micki Bryan	54315	NC	Nick Woods	62735	NC	Randy Willhoite	47435	WV
Carol "CJ" Jordan	45857	NC	Karen Wallace	54316	NC	Crissie Lewis	72169	NC/FL			

REGION IV

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina



**Region IV NVP
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"WHERE FRIENDSHIPS LEAD AND SUCCESS FOLLOWS"

Can I brag on my five (5) guys who serve as President?

Alabama JCI Senate is led by Craig 'Digger' Smith. Digger's theme is 'Play to Win'. Alabama JCI Senate has a full calendar of fun events and meetings planned.

Alex 'Hitman' Willis planned a top-notch 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Georgia JCI Senate in Atlanta, Georgia. They had lots of events and activities. The Georgia JCI Senate will be helping their Jaycees through several events.

The North Carolina JCI Senate President is Gene Shanks and his theme is 'Let's Work Together'. Gene has a huge board of 25 Senators who plan to accomplish great things in North Carolina.

Florida JCI Senate is led by Don Duffy and his theme is 'An Honor to Serve'. The Florida JCI Senate has a calendar scheduled with fun activities. Also, the Florida JCI Senate will be hosting the Winter Board 2026 Meeting in Melbourne Florida. Make your plans to attend.

My home state of South Carolina is led by Jimmy Law. Jimmy brings a wealth of experience and knowledge as he has served before as SC JCI Senate President as well as an NVP. South Carolina has a full slate of officers and program managers who are committed to success through new programs

and seasoned projects. South Carolina JCI Senate will be hosting the Region IV Meeting in Clemson, South Carolina on October 23 -26th. Come join us for some outstanding food, hospitality and visit our beloved Jaycee Camp Hope.

My theme this year is "Where Friendships Lead and Success Follows." Can you imagine where you would be today if someone had not invited you to be apart of the Jaycee organization? We joined for different reasons but what connected us and kept us going back was the friendships and the amazing success we achieved. The Jaycees nor the Senate organization ever handed us success on a silver platter, but they provided the environment where success became attainable.

We have great friendship through the Senate organization and an opportunity to achieve even greater heights of success. How do you define success? Is it raising money for a charity, helping with our local government, children's Christmas shopping, etc. We have an opportunity to help our JCI organization become stronger by helping them grow their membership with new chapters. Helping the Jaycees become stronger also ensures the longevity of the Senate organization. Again, where would you be today if someone had not invited you to be a Jaycee?



**CRAIG SMITH #55999
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I am very excited about the opportunity to serve as the Alabama JCI Senate President this year. I have a team of very experienced Senators that are ready to bring the Alabama JCI Senate back to prominence within not only Region IV, but also the U.S. JCI Senate. We are going to put the ball in play this year and "Play to Win." New things are going to be tried as well as bringing back to life some old events. We kicked off our year with the Bama Bash in July and had a great time and made new friends. We would love for everyone to plan a trip to Alabama and expe-

rience the excitement that we will carry through this year.

For those of you that don't know me, I am Craig Smith, otherwise known as "Digger." I have been married to my beautiful wife, Debby, for 27 years. We have 2 sons, Jacob (25) and Logan (19), both of whom are currently in college. Like all of you, I have served in many offices and won many awards, but I place my rewards in results. I coached youth ball for 30 years and always measured my success by the growth and achievements of my players. I always gave them the choice of playing for fun or playing to win. Every player wanted to play to win. We didn't win every game, but by having the "Play to Win" attitude, we all grew every season.

While keeping that thought in mind, I have decided that my theme for Alabama this year will be "Play to Win." Are we going to achieve every goal we set? Heck yeah we are! Because that's what it means to have the "Play to Win" attitude. If we keep that attitude throughout this year we are going to be winners in the end and will see that through our growth and achievements.



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I want to say that I am honored to serve as the South Carolina Senate President again. Hard for me to realize that it has been 21 years since my first term. I would like to thank Laura McDivitt #65755 for her leadership for the past 2 years. I hope to build on the progress

she has achieved.

My theme for this year is "Together We Can Soar – Because We Believe."

When we Soar, we grow. One of the main ways we can Soar is through communication with both the Jaycees and our own Senate members. Another way to Soar is by making the Senate fun, both at our meetings and in everyday life. We are planning to have social activities around our state like a social holiday in December and a camping social in April.

In July we attended our Camp Hope weekend at Clemson, SC. On Sunday we spent time with the Jaycees and the Campers at Camp Hope. It is our great privilege to be hosting the Region IV meeting at the Best Western Plus in Clemson, SC on October 24th -26th.

Come Soar with us as we build excitement and have fun this year!

WARNING

DEADLINES ARE MUCH
CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

**MENTORS Due
Sept 22, 2025**



ALEX "HITMAN" WILLIS
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What a year to remember with Destination Legacy with President Gary Pittenger #24804 and 1st Lady Stephanie Pittenger #59999. We now start a new chapter with President Bruce Sostak #52655 and his team. As we continue to follow our Mission Statement to promote Friendships and support the Jaycees Movement, the Georgia JCI Senate headed down to Swainsboro, Georgia to assist the Swainsboro Jaycees with their 4th of July and 5th of

July parade and fireworks. The Georgia Senate travelled to the Bama Bash hosted by the Alabama Senators on July 18th & 19th in Anniston Alabama.

In the month of August on the 8th, 9th, and 10th, the Georgia JCI Senate celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Double Tree Hotel Atlanta Airport. We enjoyed seeing some new and old faces.

August 29 through August 30 the Georgia Senate will be attending the Georgia Jaycee meeting in Macon Georgia as their guests invited by President Sydney Davis.

The september board meeting is in Columbus, Ohio. We will be in the house representing the Georgia JCI Senate and the mighty Region IV Senate, you know this MAN.

November we observe Veterans Day and Turkey Day.

December 5 through December 7th there will be a Georgia Christmas social with The Region IV Senators. The hotel and registration will be out shortly. The event will take place in Warner Robbins Georgia. The hotel is Comfort Suites 3101 Watson Blvd, Warner Robbins, Ga 31093. Room rates \$99.00 a night plus the usual taxes. Cut off dates for reservations for rooms is December 4, 2025. Phone number 478-953-5280 option #2 Georgia JCI Senate. There will be Christmas Parade in town and we will also have bowling that day as well as Hospitality Georgia Style. There are plenty of eating places to go. Last but not least Wreaths Across America will take place on December 13.



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LET'S WORK TOGETHER!!

So, funny thing happened today. I'm just sitting around minding my own business, and all of a sudden I'm elected President of the 2025-2026 year! How'd that happen?!

It really is a true honor to be this year's JCI Senate President representing the great state of North Carolina. Even more so, it is the fact that this is our 51st year, so my team gets to help set the pace for the NEXT 50 years!

I'll be joined by my VP, Suzanne Gill. Suzanne is a past president, so having her experience will be a great access to the team. Next we

have BJ Craft as our Treasurer. She has the job of keeping us within budget. Sharon Reiss is returning as our secretary. To round off the team is COB Chris Hardee

We have new faces leading our regions this year. Lynne Purvis of the West, Jordan Gooze of the Triad, Robert Cook of the Triangle and Jennifer Smith of the Down East. Each will bring a fresh perspective to the positions and help us get our membership excited this year.

The rest of our team consists of Amy Moore, Angela Sweeney, Maria Hicks-Few, Jimmy Maness, Jill Alexander, Amy Barton, Diane Upshaw, Cheryl Jones, Scott Alexander, Marty Wase, Denise Gold, Elizabeth Pfrogner, Aimee Scotton, Shannon Foster and Melanie Paschal.

Together this team will work side by side to raise funds for our Boys & Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw, NC Jaycees Burn Center, Duke Cancer Center, Wheelchair 4Kids, Kyle Byrd Memorial Scholarship and the Blount Memorial Scholarship

I'm pretty proud of this team and I'm sure they will all step up and do their very best to work together as a team and make North Carolina the best it can be!

FLJCI Senate Year End Meeting
Tampa, Florida 5/17/2025

Cheryl Hyman	53544	FL
William Hossman	41293	FL
Bill Orr	38326	FL
Janet Orr	SS #16	FL
Steve Sutherland	27073	FL
Dawne Sutherland	68900	FL
Mei Fickas	28320	FL/NJ
Melanie Fickas	77281	FL/NJ
John Robinson	55768	FL/PA
Charlie Dick	39434	FL/CT/RI
Mike Andrews	58312	FL/IN
Linda Andrews	71434	FL/IN
Ken Clements	45944	FL
Bianca Deal	71182	FL/WV
Johnny R. Swank	44479	FL/GA/NC
Brenda Swank	67214	FL/GA/NC
Dee Stone	59531	FL
Keith Adams	FR 105	FL
Jaci Newmark	56368	FL/LA
Caryn "CC" Ackerman	62039	FL
Kathy Collins	64926	FL
Marge Saunders	54671	FL
Rob Saunders	42680	FL
Michael Sawyer	36403	FL/OH
James Warren	42572	FL/MD
Don Duffy	78415	FL
Irene Shanley	65316	FL/NC
Jane Sigler	47096	FL
Madeline Robinson	50844	FL
Andrew Moos	58261	FL
Randy Windham	58263	FL
Victor Regan	61738	FL/AL/NC
Kay Elliott	61747	FL
Scott Link	51911	FL
Kelly Koch	69508	FL+3
Amelia Harrison	62082	FL
Marsha Phillips	47528	FL
Mike Phillips	50063	FL
Hal Williams	43912	FL/NC

SC JCI Senate Year End Meeting
Newberry, SC 5/3/2025

Dale Henslee-Smith	55917	SC+4
Misty West	53511	SC
Lauren Folk	81935	SC
David Griffin	54882	SC
Jerry Bodie	43277	SC
April Readett	76223	SC
Heath Eubanks	73112	SC
Alex "Hitman" Willis	34236	GA+3
Latasha Q GA First Lady Guest		GA
Thomas Michael	75612	GA/SC
Sue Hollingsworth	62238	SC
Danny Ford	58831	SC
Michael Sawyer	36403	FL/OH
Liz Martin-Young	47759	SC
Allie Sears	83604	SC
Linda Bratton	64512	SC
Sunny Riffle	50651	SC
Shelby Spencer		SC JCI President
Alex Spencer		Guest SC
Hal Bowles	61849	SC
Elizabeth Saulter	66673	SC/GA
Christianna Gilliam	78844	SC



DON DUFFY, JR. #78415
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It is an honor to serve as the 56th President of the great Florida JCI Senate. I am looking forward to serving with our 54th President Bruce Sostak, our Region IV NVP Liz Young, and my fellow presidents, as well as travelling around the country and meeting new Senate friends.

My theme this year is "An Honor to Serve." My goal is to have the Florida Senate more involved with its local communities whether

local or state. I want to see us all involved. There is no better feeling than to serve those that cannot serve themselves.

I am a veteran of the United States Navy, so veterans are near and dear to my heart. Our veterans have served and made the ultimate sacrifices for us to have these opportunities to serve each other. I believe in serving the community and as the JCI Senate, we can come together to achieve a great sense of pride and self-worth in helping others and that we can pass on to the next generation of senators. Give them pride by answering the call to serve their communities.

We have some great events this year, starting with the M*A*S*H themed August Conference, August 22nd through the 24th in Kissimmee. Also, in August I will be attending the Twin Lake Camp for our Wheelchairs 4 Kids weekend camp. There will be many more events throughout the year, but please join us on our cruise to the Bahamas in February.

REGION V

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio



Region V NVP
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"SERVING UP FIVE STAR STATES"

I am honored to be elected as Region V NVP for 2025 - 2026 and I want to thank the Region for allowing me to serve in this position and to the Illinois JCI Senate for all your support over the years. Congratulations to past Region V NVP Kim Hubbell #68729 on winning the Donnie Alvis Memorial Award and to all the other Region V winners. My Five Star Chefs and I have some big shoes to fill. Each of the states has once again chosen strong leaders to lead them to new and improved heights. Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 from Illinois, Shelley Bates #78813 from Indiana, JeNie Altman #56150 from Kentucky, Janice Carino #72307 from Ohio and Dan Moellering #77898 from Michigan.

My theme this year is "Serving up Five Star States" and Region V has started off strong with the

Region V Summer Tour including the Ohio JCI Senate Pig Roast and Illinois JCI Senate Picnic. We will be out serving up some of the best hospitality at these upcoming events.

Indiana

- Summer Board Meeting August 15th – 17th in Clarksville, IN

Illinois

- Illinois JCI Senate/ Illinois Jaycees TOYP Meeting October 3rd – 5th in Peoria, IL

- Illinois/Missouri Wine Tour October 16th - 19th in Marion, IL

Kentucky

- Kentucky JCI Senate Fall Frenzy October 31st -November 2 in Bardstown, KY

Michigan

- November (TBD) Jeans and Jewels

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

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the road.

in my theme slogan. I'm looking forward to a great year.

Region V summer tour started in July with the OH Pig Roast. We then travelled to IL for their picnic, followed with the IN summer meeting. MI has a get together scheduled somewhere in there and KY hosts the end of the tour – even though it is in October. Our KY Fall Frenzy is Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2025, in Bardstown, KY. It's a great time to sit by the fire, visit with friends, tell stories, and just relax. Fall is also my favorite time of the year so that just adds to the fun.

We will also be traveling to Columbus, OH in September for Fall Boards so it will be a great trip! KY Senate then turns to families and holidays, so it does get a little quiet after October.

Hope to see you in my travels. Until then, Don't Stop Believing!



SUSIE COLBERT-CURTIS
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Greetings from Illinois! My name is Susie Colbert-Curtis, I am proud to be the 59th president of the Illinois JCI Senate. My theme this year is LET'S FLAMINGLE, BE SOCIAL, HAVE FUN. I love Flamingos, they help you find your balance, always stand tall, be flexible, keep digging till you find what you want, spend time with your flock, do not be afraid to get your feet wet and last but not at least be flamazing!!!

The Region V summer tour is usually a whirlwind, and this year was no different. We started off in Kent, Ohio, at the Ohio Pig Roast

and like always it was hot. We kissed the pig as is their tradition and we had a fun time. Next stop was the Illinois JCI Senate Picnic in Springfield, Illinois. We had golf, bar burgers, finished Judson's year and started mine. It was flamazing!! We had a couple of weekends off and we were right back at it. We were in Clarksville, Indiana for their summer picnic with fellowship and friendship.

September will take us to Fall Boards in Columbus, Ohio. I cannot wait to see everyone again. Seems like we were just at the National Convention in Chicago /Northbrook. October 3-5 staying close to home in Peoria, Illinois for the Illinois Jaycees hosting TOYP and Illinois Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Embassy Suites. October 16 -19 we host the Illinois/Missouri wine weekend in Southern Illinois - this is a wonderful time. (Remember what happens on the bus stays on the bus). October 31-November 2 we are on the move to Kentucky for the Kentucky Fall Frenzy in Bardstown, KY. There might be a little bourbon poured and drank but never spilled.

Hope to see you in Illinois!!



JeNIE ALTMAN #56150
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Here we go again as I am doing another year as KY JCI Senate President. My theme this year is "Don't Stop Believing." The word BELIEVE has always been my motto so, of course, it was included



SHELLEY BATES #78813
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Region V Chef Shelley Bates #78813 here. I STILL love this American Ride! This year I need you to give me 8 seconds more. The rodeo girl in me loves an 8 second ride.

The Indiana Senate enjoyed Clarksville, Indiana at our summer

meeting August 15-17. Clarksville is home of the Colgate clock, (one of the largest in the world) and some of the oldest Devonian fossil beds that are fun to walk and explore at the state park, AND IT'S FREE! We had a great time at the Sportsdrome Speedway which is a track of figure 8 racing on Saturday night.

Some nearby attractions that I really enjoy just across the river. the Louisville Slugger museum, Muhammad Ali Center and Big Four Bridge are so cool.

Stay hydrated and cool. I started July being cold and now I'm spending my days swimming in Satan's Swampass! (Food trailer is busy!) I swear, the true spectacle in Indiana is the weather. Mother Nature is bi-polar and going through menopause!

Let's keep cooking up a great year fellow Senators!



JANICE CARINO #72307
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Welcome to the Ohio JCI Senate CAFE! I am honored to be serving as the 58th President for this fantastic group of Senator's. My team includes VP Robin Bethel #78837, Secretary Dayo Daramola #73934, Treasurer Jon Bruner #58932, and COB Allison Geddes #74777. This year's theme is CAFE: Community and Friendship Entwined. The Senate is a wonderful community with our friendships carrying us onward and upward.

I want to thank everyone who came over to Ohio to join us this Summer. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at our annual Pig Roast, I know we enjoyed having you!

IL Spring Meeting
Springfield, IL 5/10/2025

Rod Hollenstine	46073	IL
Roxanna Hollenstine	78247	IL
Brian Ziegler	42479	IL
Lynne McGill	70364	IL
Bev Olson	42473	IL
John Olson	35308	IL
Judson Devore	65005	IL
Marsha Devore	67330	IL
Lori Suprenant	67040	IL
Monty Schroeder	62203	IL
Sherrie Schroeder	FS 52	IL
Bill Patterson	47979	IL
Robert 'Digger' McGraugh	36156	IL
Chuck McFarlin	47910	IL
Marilyn Burton	55106	IL
Terry Kolaz	68698	IL
Maryann Hilleary	64615	IL
Greg Hilleary	43305	IL
Terry Barker	40979	IL
Kay Degroot	73333	IL
Karen Voshel	62305	IL
Chris Rick	78649	IL
Maureen Niedenthal	67669	IL
Mark Niedenthal	39701	IL
Chris Curtis	35440	IL
Susie Colbert-Curtis	73137	IL
Kim Hubbel	68729	MI
Ted Kuenzli	32166	IL
Ray Ainslie	44136	IL
Melodie Ainslie	69200	IL
Lanna Bartko	83072	IL
Robbie Johnston	51099	IL
Wayne Huelsmann	30592	IL
Wayne Kiefer	36498	IL
Karen Helms	57838	IL
Deb Fridy	62204	IL

Silver Foxes
Northbrook, IL
6/17/2025

Ron Stair	71373	KS
Marlin Sanny	13967	NE
Ken Fischer	43036	SD
Carole Fischer	44468	SD
Gary Steen	56505	SD
James Harman	63903	OK
John Dahl	42828	SD
Marsha Dahl	47936	SD
Walter Cahoon	27223	MA
Jerry Will	24873	MN
Tom Brickbauer	32287	WI
Eldon Bower	45999	IA
Phyllis Bower	51430	IA
Larry MacQuirter	67377	GA
Randy Sursa	49485	OK
Paul Myer	72173	MO
Ron Kimmet	43520	OH
Pat Hoelker	45893	IA
Skip Hoelker	FR10	SD
Dana Hall	41552	ME
Noel Sumpter	73189	OK
Marty Wase	53142	NC/FL
Tony Dominic	23393	TX
Steve Sutherland	27073	FL
LeaAnn Smith	59833	MO
Jim Pendleton	40286	MO
Bob McDonald	58286	PA
Jeff Cardwell	54265	TN
Nancy Cardwell	54264	TN
David Teachout	68700	MO
Jon Bruner	58932	OH
Lloyd Mueller	57186	NE
Rob Wiley	56033	KS



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My name is Dan Moellering, and I am honored to assume the role of incoming Michigan JCI Senate President. Looking ahead to the upcoming year, my theme, "Go Beyond," will serve as a guiding principle. This is about more than just maintaining our traditions; it's about pushing the boundaries of what we can achieve, individually and collectively.

"Going Beyond" means seeking out new ways to support JCI Michigan. Our Jaycee chapters are the lifeblood of our organization, and it's our privilege as Senators

to provide them with the wisdom, mentorship, and resources they need to thrive. Our legacy is intertwined with their future, and by "going beyond" in our support, we ensure a stronger JCI for years to come.

"Going Beyond" also extends to our community engagement. As Senators, we possess a wealth of experience and an understanding of community needs. Let's "go beyond" our usual outreach, identifying new opportunities to make a tangible difference in our states. This could involve partnering with local non-profits, initiating new service projects that leverage our collective skills, or advocating for issues that align with JCI's values.

"Go Beyond" is also about fellowship. The Senate has always been a place for laughter, shared memories, and genuine connection. Let's "go beyond" our regular gatherings, exploring new, exciting ways to connect. Whether it's through unique social events, joint activities with other state Senates, or finding more opportunities for casual get-togethers, I believe that strengthening our fellowship will strengthen our ability to support JCI Michigan and our communities.

We are looking forward to several hospitality and social events this fall. We are retooling the successful Jeans & Jewels Gala to create sustainable impact for our scholarship program.

I look forward to connecting with many of you in the coming months, both within Michigan and at national Senate events.



Ohio JCI Senate Year End
Lima, Ohio May 9-11, 2025

Karen Schoonover	57305	OH
Mitch Schoonover	59758	OH
Ron Kimmet	43520	OH
Sara Kimmet	77909	OH
Shelley Knight-Bourn	81030	OH
Zach Bourn	83578	OH
Ray Stevens	58549	OH
Sharon Rice	71524	OH
EJ Rice	47046	OH
Susan Geddes	81581	OH
Adedayo Daramola	73934	OH
Tammy Snapp	79574	OH
Bruce Geddes	35527	OH
Jean Geddes	68886	OH
Allison Geddes	74777	OH
Jeff Carino	79697	OH
Janice Carino	72307	OH
Keith Steiner	36446	OH
Amanda Turner	65613	OH/MI
Pam Bozica	80298	OH
Susan Derr-Huddy	83880	OH
Joe Callison	71418	OH
Kristi Callison	69284	OH
Emma Callison	GUEST	
Stu O'hara	39768	OH
Karen Swartz	FR009	OH
Steve Swartz	37990	OH
Charlie Eberhardt	54887	OH
Jane Hider	47491	OH
Melissa Schnipke	70590	OH
Denny Schnipke	GUEST	
Leanna Schnipke	GUEST	
Dave Conklin	54029	OH
Ruby Weymouth	67303	OH+4
Paul Weymouth	69653	OH+4
Robin Bethel	78837	OH
Jon Bruner	58932	OH
Jenny Bruner	64688	OH
Deb Mogdis	62260	MI

Indiana JCI Senate
Annual Meeting & Elections
French Lick, IN 4/11-13/25

Lori Tomlin	62797	IN
Mike Pouch	77787	IN
John Pflug	83097	IN
Tracy Luttmann	54773	IN
Jerry Luttmann	46155	IN
Keith Schnell	43086	IN/KY
Cyndi Thornburg-Schnell	60661	KY/IN
Jerry Wright	55005	IN
David Hussung	41391	IN
Shelley Bates	77813	IN
Steve Lythgoe	83681	IN
Jason Messmer	72305	IN
Sherry Jones	63163	IN
Doyle Jones	FR 83	IN
Dale Grassmeyer	11210	IN
Kevin Knies	52569	IN
Sherrie Knies	64768	IN

REGION VI

Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin



Region VI NVP
ROSE STEEN #57178
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"CRUISING THRU REGION VI"



I am Rose Steen #57178, Region VI NVP this year. For those of you that don't know me, I'm The Quiet One. I'm married to Gary #56503, and we live on an acreage outside of Watertown, SD. We are the parents of five children, one of them is a SD JCI Senator. We also have 13 grandchildren with #14 due in October and a great granddaughter due Dec 20, 2025. So, if I'm not busy with Senate activities, I am busy with one of them. Fortunately, Gary and I are both retired, which makes it easier to do lots of traveling. I'm looking forward to a busy year of Cruising Thru Region VI. For those of you that don't know, I have a black Mustang convertible that I love to drive in the summer. I already have planned dates to visit Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota. This will provide me with excuses for several road trips. I'm looking forward to visiting North Dakota, Wisconsin, and several states not in our Region as well.

Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendar. The Pennock Fun Days is August 2 with the JCI Senate helping with pouring beer at a street dance with the band, Red Dirt Road. The Sikeston Rodeo is from August 6 to 9. The Nebraska JCI Senate will be meeting August 23rd in North Platte. The SD Fall Meeting will be held in Keystone, SD from September 5 to 7. The Fall BOD meeting will be Sept 11 to Sept 14 in Columbus, Ohio.

Minnesota will be hosting the Region VI meeting at Spicer, MN October 3 to October 5, 2025. The JCI MN Fall meeting will be in Morris, MN, October 17 to October 19. The Sioux Falls Jaycees runs a Haunted House at the end of October. The Dahl's Holiday Party

will be Nov 1 in Sioux Falls, SD.

I encourage everyone to keep a digital photo record of projects, events and individuals throughout the year. Please share these photos in your state newsletters and Regional and National slide-shows to showcase the continued spirit of the Senate organization.

Thank you to all the State Presidents and local officers that have stepped up to take the lead for the organization. I commend you for your commitment to the Senate organization and the contributions and support for our members.

Last year we ran a project for Children's Hospital called Bears and Books. It was a huge success, and we will be running it again this year. Cindy Crook has agreed to chair the project for another year.

I look forward to seeing you down the road and I'll end with an acronym of CRUISIN that I think describes JCI Senators:

Caring
Resourceful
Understanding
Inspiring
Self-Motivated
Imaginative
Nurturing

MN JCI Senate Meeting 4/26/2025

Tracey Biegert	76076	MN
Bobbie Dullinger	83607	MN
Janet Van Beek	45420	IA
Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei	44003	IA
Woody Sauerbrei	FR111	IA
Lisa Badger	67973	IA
Dan Badger	67974	IA
Don Heinonen	62610	MN
Dan Jaycox	77882	MN
Brian Lovandum	80227	MN
Char Blashill	68880	MN
Sarah Brorders	71544	MN
Kris Wilke	72950	MN
Randy Young	46420	MN
Toon Bauman	67855	MN
Ketti Green	68281	MN
Susan Adams-Erikson	65312	MN



BRIAN LEVANDUSKI #80227
PRESIDENT MINNESOTA
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First, allow me to introduce myself, my name is Brian Levanduski, #80227 I am the 52nd president of the Minnesota JCI Senate. I've been married to my amazing spouse, Kristine for 23 years in November and I have four children, Jessica, Aaron, Ruby and Lily.

I also want to let you know who my Team members (exec board) are, First VP PJ Zimmerman #81431, Second VP Brian Klouse #76425, Secretary, Lorri Matthews #64933, Treasurer Ann Piotrowski #74889, North Area Coordinator Robin Rothstein #75167, Central Area Coordina-

tor Russell Beauchamp #74887, and South Area Coordinator Matt Weinacht #80226. Thank You all for stepping up to help make this an awesome year.

Up in the Northland of Minnesota, we started our year out strong by having two fundraisers, Delano Fourth of July celebration and Pennock days. Thank You Region VI NVP Rose Steen for your help in Delano. The theme for the 25/26 year is Ready to Serve and Set to Go.

Coming up, we are hosting the Region VI fall meeting October 3-5 in Spicer, Minnesota. Go to <https://shorturl.at/qEKr8> for a Registration form or scan the QR code below and with questions please contact Nancy Stredde #63623 via email at firststep@charter.net. We will also be having our Minnesota Senate fall meeting in Morris, Minnesota on October 18th, feel free to contact me with any questions.

With well wishes to all.



The Board for 2025-2026 includes:

President: Chad Albers #68747
Vice President: Gary Steen #56503

Sgt. at Arms: Ellen Shaner #68746

Treasurer: Cindy Crook #55834
Secretary: Vonita Gardner #62639

Thank you to the 2024-2025 Board of Directors for making sure programs were completed, financials were taken care of, and meetings were attended.

I look forward to working with the 2025-2026 Board as we start planning and completing programs again in the new year.

A GREAT BIG Congratulations to Rose Steen #57178, Region VI NVP! We are excited to support Rose on her NVP journey!



CHAD ALBERS #68747
PRESIDENT
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The SD JCI Senate held our Annual Meeting on May 2 & 3, 2025 in Mitchell, SD. Thank you to NVP Dan Badger #67974 for attending, running our elections and swearing in the officers for the 2025-2026 Senate year.



BRIAN WITTE #68535
PRESIDENT IOWA
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Hello from the great state of Iowa. My name is Brian Witte #68535. It is my honor and privilege to serve as the Iowa JCI Senate's 54th president.

I work in the sign industry during the day but have been a traveling sports fan for decades. My theme this year is geared toward being fans of our JCI members. The question is how far will you go to help the Jaycees? Let's get out there and connect, mentor and impact our communities through JCI. This is our chance to step up and "Go the Distance."

Our social group of Iowa Senators is passionate about

helping. We're out traveling and helping with projects around the state and beyond. You'll recognize the "berry" colored shirts when we're around. Come join us and have some fun.

We started our year off presenting a Senatorship at a social event on the 4th of July. Then on to the weekend of July 11-13 with the annual Iowa JCI Senate Picnic in Jefferson, Iowa. Two Senatorships were presented. Everyone enjoyed the annual dessert contest of "bars." Rivalry bids at the silent auction made for lots of laughs. Village idiots were crowned, and our out-of-state guests had a great time.

We held our second Senate meeting of this new year in conjunction with JCI Iowa All-State convention on the weekend of August 22-24 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. A new Senator joined our ranks. We helped with the convention at the request of JCI Iowa President Amanda Birch #79777, and we had some special tours during the day on Friday before the event.

I look forward to attending more chapter, state, regional and national events this year to meet new people as well as catch up with old friends. Let's all get out there and "Go the Distance."

blessed to work for the national office for nearly 4 years before coming back to Nebraska.

We are excited to be in discussions with the Nebraska Jaycees about helping each other and having joint yearly meetings. In fact, we will be meeting Saturday August 23rd in North Platte. It will be a very exciting and busy weekend celebrating the anniversary of North Platte Jaycees having their own hall and the anniversary of the Nebraska Jaycees walking #1.

July 4th was a busy time for everyone, but several of our Senators took the time to help out. I know some of our members helped the Nebraska City Jaycees in June collect donations for their annual celebration. Then again some Senators helped the Nebraska City chapter on July 5th with the actual celebration. It was a fabulous and big project, so I sincerely appreciate that our members helped the chapter.



KAMI HARSEL #77656
PRESIDENT MISSOURI
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I want to start by introducing myself. My name is Kami Harsell, and I am the 2025-2026 president of the great Missouri JCI Senate. I am honored to serve this great state and its Senators this upcoming year. I became a Jaycee with the Hannibal MO chapter in 2002. I served that organization as president in 2015. I also served as chairman of the board, 2nd vice president and board member. I received my Senatorship in 2019. My husband, Chris, is also a Lifetime Member in the Missouri JCI Senate. We have one son who will be a junior at Culver-Stockton College. My full-time role is the Sales and Marketing Manager for the Hannibal Convention and Visitors Bureau.

My theme for this upcoming Senate year is Get In The Game based off the quote stating "Get in the game. Do the best you can. Try to make a contribution. Learn from today. Apply it to tomorrow." I feel that it not only applies to my time in the Senate, but everyday life. I have learned so much from my time in the Jaycees and I encourage all Senators to reach out to the JCI chapters in their area and see how the Senate can help. The Missouri Jaycee chapters are all busy during the summer months and many Senators will be at these events helping out. We will also be busy at the Sikeston Jaycees' Bootheel Rodeo, at the beginning of August. The Missouri Senate will be helping at Access Day and then having our August meeting as well. We welcome guests at any of these events!

I am excited for this upcoming year! I have an amazing board taking this journey with me.



JASON ROSENAU #76858
PRESIDENT WISCONSIN
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I am Jason Rosenau #76858, and I am excited to be serving the JCI WI Senate as the 2025/2026 president. Each of us had a different Jaycee Journey and we all were able to get so much out of this amazing organization. Whether your passion was serving the community, meeting people, having fun, or growing as an individual, the Jaycees had it all, but eventually it was time to pass the torch. However, that doesn't mean your journey has come to an end. The great thing about the JCI Senate is that it enables us to continue to give back to the organization, maintain those valuable relationships, and keep growing as an individual.

This year Wisconsin will Continue The Journey by focusing on supporting Jaycee chapters through mentorship and manpower. As with many of our states, Jaycee chapters are struggling, and they need us more than ever. It is not our role to step in and take over, but they need to know we are here to help and that we are willing to support them. That could be through a conversation to brainstorm ideas, providing manpower at local event, and much more.

We will also be focusing on enabling others to Continue The Journey by educating them on the Senate and encouraging chapters to nominate future Senators. Without new Senators we will not be able to sustain our organization and in Wisconsin we will be making sure all chapters know who we are and why it is important to recognize members with Senatorships.

I'm excited to embark on this year and invite you to Continue The Journey with us.



GENEVA BROOMFIELD
ARMBRUST #72535
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We held our Annual Meeting and elections in Nebraska City on June 7th. We had a lovely group, great discussion during the meeting and fabulous visits after. It is going to be round 2 for myself and several of my board.

I joined the Wayne County Jaycees in October of 1998 and have held various local and state offices through the years. I was

REGION VII

Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee



Region VII NVP
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**"BE THE SPARK THAT
IGNITES THE FLAME!"**

As we head into the new year under President Bruce, I am excited to see where the trails we explore lead us. We wrapped a great year in Northbrook and have started off well.

Region VII states will be led by Presidents Toni Lavigne in TN, Steve Rutland in MS, Mary Henry in LA and Mike Berg in AR.

Each of our states have or will have meetings in the next few months to finalize their plans and visions for their teams.

I am extremely excited to see where Arkansas goes under President Mike and his new board; they already have things rolling along. To any Senators who are friends with, have been or know of any Louisiana Senators, we are working on a social in Ponchatoula. So let us know if you can help us coordinate or will help

with contacts. In Tennessee their summer camp has kicked off and many Senators have been involved getting supplies, fixing and repairing so that the kids will have a fun and safe camp year. President Toni has had some surgery but is working on an August meeting in conjunction with JCI TN. In Mississippi, President Steve just had a meeting with the MS Governors and has been supporting the Jaycees with their endeavors.

As many of you know it's never too early to get your rooms booked for the Mini National next February, the dates are February 19th-22nd. The theme this year is Three Ring Circus, so come out to see the clowns and have some fun! Also, Region VII is hoping to plan a social with one of our sister regions this fall so be on the lookout for more info to come!

In closing if I can do anything for any one please let me know.

President Bethanie Miller who is doing a great job representing the U.S. Jaycees but also Mississippi and the Senate. We are extremely proud of her and NVP Danyella Berry-Terrel on how hard they are working to grow and stabilize the Jaycees.

We recently had a meeting of the Mississippi JCI Governors organization and a great time was had by all in attendance. We are hoping to honor some individuals in the near future with Senatorships. We are working on ideas for some upcoming projects and socials and would love to have you come down and visit us.

Looking forward to working again with NVP Dewayne and President Bruce as we explore the Senate!

Hoy, Hoy, Hoy!



MIKE BERG #49435
PRESIDENT ARKANSAS
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I am excited for this year to get rolling and I'm excited to be serving as the new president!! We have elected a new board who is committed to getting us back on

our feet and helping our communities. All of us are working to get as many Senators involved and hopefully helping get some Jaycee chapters going again. Our main goal right now is to meet more often and to come up with fund-raising ideas so we can continue to fund and give scholarships to worthy seniors going off to college.

I would like to thank all those who have been keeping things going and especially Senators Ray Gilbert, Ray Hackworth, Brent Stevenson, Stubby Stumbaugh and the late Lanny Heater. Without you all, we probably would have just faded away. Thanks for caring and believing.

Send us your ideas on things you are doing in your JCI Senate states so we can see if we can use them to help us out.



MARY HENRY #58491
PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA

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Hoping this finds you all well and enjoying the new senate year ..

Here in LA we don't have a lot going on but we are working with NVP Dewayne and NVP Suzy to coordinate a Senate social in the near future. I would like to reach out to any Senator who knows a Senator living in LA to send us their contact info so we can make sure we get them info once things are finalized.

If you are traveling though LA please reach out and let us know we would love to see you and help you with ideas and sights to see while you are here.

Here is a fun fact about our state. Did you know Louisiana is the only state divided into Parishes instead of counties? This goes back to our time of being under French rule.

PIE Training Northbrook, IL June 19,2025

Alex Hitman Willis	34236	GA
Gene Shanks	68688	NC
Don Duffy	78415	FL
Gary Brooke	58420	WV
Jimmy Lewis	78887	TX
Karen Gage	78980	VA
Tanis Jimeno-Friedman	70297	AZ
Bonnie St. Jean	42864	NH
Brian Witte	68535	IA
Tonya Myers	66222	MO
Randy Sursa	49485	OK
Elizabeth McInnis	54219	MA
John Tyo	66381	NY
JeNie Altman	56150	KY
Susie Colbert-Curtis	73137	IL
Shelley Bates	78813	IN
Janice Carino	72307	OH
Sally Traczuk	68943	PA
Delisa Anderson	54310	OK
Larry McQuinter	67377	GA

Camp Hope Weekend Clemson, SC 7/19/2025

Jimmy Law	56787	SC
Paula Law	47531	FL
Christianna Gilliam	78844	SC
April Readett	76223	SC
Laura McDivitt	65755	SC
Sunny Riffle	50651	SC
Sue Hollingsworth	62238	SC
Dale Henslee-Smith	55917	SC+4
Rhe Adams	75440	SC
Maria Ferranti	56955	SC
Rita Bowles	59336	SC
Janet Paccione	59585	SC/FL
David Watson	64730	SC
Nancy Watson	50307	SC
David Griffin	54882	SC
Jerri Bodie	43277	SC
Elizabeth Saulter	66673	SC
Michelle Kramer	75439	SC



STEVE RUTLAND #46771
PRESIDENT MISSISSIPPI
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It's hard to believe another year has come and gone! As many of you have traveled and visited all over the country you have had the opportunity to meet JCI USA



TONI LAVIGNE #67172
PRESIDENT TENNESSEE
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I want to introduce myself to all the Senate family. Since I have been active helping the Jaycees I haven't had a lot of time to be as active in the Senate. My name is Toni Lavigne and I live in Clarksville, TN which is home to our current

U.S. JCI Senate Secretary Dawna Norfleet. I have served in almost every local position for the Clarksville Jaycees and was honored to serve as TN state president a few years ago. I am married to Billie who is a past Jaycee and our two sons Ryan and Tyler are Jaycees. Ryan is currently serving as the TN Jaycee president. I have some beautiful grands whom I spoil and I love going to Blackberry Smoke and other country artists' concerts.

As I learn more about the Senate this year I'm committed to giving back to the Jaycees and helping them in anyway we can. I also want to focus on continuing the engagement of our Senators in our Camp Discovery so we can continue to work to make it better.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the near future and come visit beautiful Rocky Top.



ND JCI Senate at the JCI Rugby Grand Opening of their Splash Pad (Rugby raised over \$400,000 thru their gaming and donations for the Splash pad)

Front: Stan Hanson #43165, Mikala and Jen of the Rugby Jaycees, Angie Jelinek #60570

Back: John Anderson #60163, Michelle Mosher #61744, Chris of the Rugby Jaycees, Lauri Anderson #72668, Perry Anderson #52781



Iowa JCI Senate traveling Route 66

Front: Peg Witte, Lynn Stoffregen #55876

Back: Brian Witte #68535, Jim Kirchhoff #FR119, Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei #44003, Woody Sauerbri #FR111

Iowa Picnic Meeting
Jefferson, Iowa 7/12/2025

Newton Standridge	29407	IA/AR	Pam Robinson	61888	IA
Carol Standridge	80700	IA	Janet Van Beek	45420	IA
Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei	44003	IA	Karen Lage	Fr. 67	IA
Larry Schlapkohl	32716	IA	John Buttolph	46346	IA
Janet Schlapkohl	Fr. 11	IA	Woody Sauerbrei	Fr. 111	IA
Louie Allers	45976	IA	Amanda Birch	79777	IA
Eldon Bowers	49999	IA	Lisa Bramm Rogers	Guest	IA
Phyllis Bowers	51430	IA	Nancy Stredde	63623	MN
Lynn Stoffregen	55876	IA	John Dahl	42828	SD
Jim Kirchhoff	Fr. 119	IA	Marsha Dahl	47936	SD
Scott Judas	49791	IA	John Parsons	74674	IA
Vicki Judas	60289	IA	Tracy Taylor	66603	IA
Joanne Schwab	71117	IA	Angie Taylor	71600	IA
Dr. Tom Molstad	63304	IA	Dianne Casto	45283	IA
Jason Hancock	75970	IA	Pat Hoelker	45893	IA
Toon Bauman	67855	Reg. VI	Skip Hoelker	Fr. 10	IA
Wayde Burkhart	63877	IA	Charles Caron	Fr. 82	SD
Julie Burkhart	83793	IA	Geri Derner	62676	IA
Brian Witte	68535	IA	Jeff Grummert	58979	NE/CO/IA
Peg Witte	IA 1st Lady		Gina Williams	82879	IA
Rose Steen	57178	SD/IA	Debbie Puls	55516	IA
Ken Fischer	43036	Reg. VI	Marlin Sanny	13967	NE
Carole Fischer	44468	SD/DE/IA	Jim Pendleton, JR	40286	MO
Mary Kirchner	83831	IA	Tom Hendrix	37317	MO/NE/IA
Lorri Mathys	64933	MN	Dave Delaney	41203	MO/SD/IA
Dan Badger	67974	IA	Donna Delaney	55560	MO/SD/IA
Lisa Badger	67973	IA	Barry Brockmon	34145	IA
Lora Lawton	66156	IA/TN	Juanita Beauchamp	74247	MN
Sam Hamblen	44355	TN/IA	Russell Beauchamp	74887	MN
Lisa Lawton	Hon. IA		Larry Reed	36189	IA
Doreen Andrew	65067	IA	Terry Lewis	28260	IA

MO JCI Senate State Meeting
Hannibal, MO 5/17/2025

Tonya Myers	66222	MO
Paul Myers	72173	MO
Jim Pendleton, Jr	40286	MO
Becky Horton	Guest	MO
Kami Harsell	77656	MO
Mary Elizabeth Dorsey	62688	MO
Rhonda Stevenson	75945	MO
Barb Pellikaan	57247	MO
Tom Hendrix	37317	MO
DeWayne Cartee	62218	MO
Michele Burnett-Emmerich	60635	MO
James Rothweiler	49595	MO
Susan Hatcher	58143	MO
Dave DeLaney	41203	MO
Donna DeLaney	55560	MO
Mary Sawyer	43930	MO
Earl Sawyer	28243	MO
Tom Batenhurst	75946	MO
Chris Harsell	72944	MO
David Teachout	68700	MO
Dan Badger	67974	IA/MO
Lisa Badger	67973	IA/MO
Lori Oakland	67100	IA/MO
Marge Miller	52948	MN/MO
Brigitte Siler Olsen	66162	MO
John Thurman	67002	MO
Miriam Wetter	67070	MO
Brian Lov	61635	MO
Wendy Lov	69246	MO
Ernie Lea	60650	MO
Kristie Lea	62494	MO

ND JCI Senate Campout
July 11, 2025
Litchville ND

Angie Jelinek	60570	ND
Stan Hansen	43165	ND
Greg Rohner	81912	ND
Michelle Mosher	61744	ND
John Anderson	60163	ND
Lauri Anderson	72668	ND
Perry Anderson	52781	ND
James Hatzenbuehler	50856	ND
Debra Hatzenbuehler	55986	ND
Myra Helm	73353	ND
Darrel Helm	73354	ND

MO Winter Meeting
Camdenton, MO 1/18/2025

Tonya Myers	66222	MO
Kami Harsell	77656	MO
Jim Pendleton Jr	40286	MO
Randy Johnson	56636	MO
Kristen Johnson	72859	MO
Tom Hendrix	37317	MO/NE/IA
Susan Hatcher	58143	MO
Donna DeLaney	55560	MO
Dave DeLaney	41203	MO
Julie Morff	71917	MO
Jason Morff	73983	MO
Chris Harsell	75944	MO
Trisha O'Cheltree	72882	MO
David Teachout	68700	MO
Jason Pounds	83333	MO
Barry Johnson	80200	MO
Matt Matthew	82100	MO
Chris Deen	73300	MO
Terry Jones	70100	MO
Kevin Hite	82500	MO
Tom Batenhurst	75946	MO
Curt Maple	77655	MO
James Rothweiler	49595	MO
Michele Burnett-Emmerich	60635	MO
Mike Sommer	62337	MO
Chrissy Sommer	65841	MO
Mary Elizabeth Dorsey	62688	MO
Barb Dellikaan	57247	MO
DeWayne Cartee	62218	MO
Patricia Cullan	62702	MO
Bill Zelch	50712	MO
Miriam Wetter	67070	MO
Larry Norfleet	60771	TN
Richard Angerer	56845	MO
Terry Rowland	67001	MO
Bernard Thompson	52497	MO
Ernie Lea	60650	MO
Brian Cox	61635	MO
Wendy Cox	69246	MO
Lisa Badger	67973	IA/MO
Dan Badger	67974	IA/MO
Jessica Stratton	80300	MO

REGION VIII

Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas



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



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RANDY SURSA #49485
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I am Anita Cummings #69380, the new National Vice President for Region VIII. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Illinois Senate and Region V, especially Maureen Butler Niedenthal, for hosting an outstanding National Convention in Northbrook/Chicago. I know we ALL had a good time.

My theme this year is Service to Humanity, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. What exactly is Service to Humanity? We have heard this all through our Jaycee career and into our Senator years, especially when we say the Creed.

The Service of Yesterday was our Jaycee career. Each of those projects that helped to improve or impact even just one person's life was Service to Humanity. It was where you selflessly showed kindness and compassion or offered support and encouragement; that was Service to Humanity.

The Service of Today is what we are doing in the Senate. We are promoting the education of young people with our scholarship programs. We mentor the Jaycee chapters in our individual states to help improve future generations. We encourage community engagement which in turn fosters a more positive and supportive society.

The Service of Tomorrow is up to you! Do you want your family, children, grandchildren or great grandchildren to live in a world with no random acts of kindness, no compassion or empathy? Don't you want to do something that initiates the benefit of future generations? It is up to you to go out there and find that path; the one to personal fulfillment. The path where you find a deeper meaning of life while setting in place programs to benefit the future generations

of Jaycees and Senators.

I challenge you to get involved with the other Regions and State Senators. Get involved with your local Jaycee chapters and help them to thrive. You have a lot of knowledge about activism, advocacy and community engagement. Help them to start new chapters but not in name only. Help them to see that Service to Humanity is the BEST WORK OF LIFE! Then it will be your Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.



CHUCK REILLY #45217
PRESIDENT COLORADO
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We just held our elections and the new board for 2025-2026 are as follows: VP North Deb Harms, VP West Stan Allen, VP South Neal Klocker, VP Central Jerry Gooding, Treasurer Shannon Klocker, Secretary Jeff Cannon, Chairman of the Board Carrie Newman along with me Chuck Reilly President.

We had a slow start to the year however we have some great ideas and will inform you as they occur and you will be informed shortly. Have a great year everyone.

The Kansas Senate has had some ups and downs this year. On the positive side, Kansas' bid to host the U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board on September 17th through the 20th 2026 in Topeka, KS, was approved. Also, our very own Anita Cummings #69380 was elected National Vice President for Region VIII. We had a national scholarship winner (Caleb Durst won the Travis Boatright Memorial Scholarship) and we also presented three Kansas JCI Senate Foundation winners (Cole Keeten won the Bruce Schmidt memorial award, Kaitlyn Geist won the Mark Swayne memorial award, and Caleb Durst won the Andreas Vandever memorial award).

On the negative side, we lost two highly loved and respected Senators this spring: a real spark plug in Andreas Vandever #75413 and Past National President Don Robertson #21969.

We had a busy month of July with the Linn Picnic from Friday July 11th to Sunday July 13th and the Glow Ball Golf Tournament in Onaga, KS Friday night July 18th. On August 22-24, we have the Kansas JCI Senate Campout at the Santa Fe shelter at Council Grove Reservoir. In September, we have the Mulligan Madness Golf Tournament on September 20th in Salina, KS, and the Bruce Schmidt Memorial Trap Shoot on September 28th in Onaga, KS.

Kansas is on the move, and I thank all our Kansas Senators for their support.

The OK JCI Senate had a fantastic 1st quarter. Beginning on June 28th, we had our Board of Directors planning session and mapped out our Activation plan and our Calendar of Events. We then hosted a social and had our Cajun lunch including Boudin Balls, Crawfish Etouffee and Jambalaya. Desserts and fruit galore! And at one time, I was sitting at the table with the past 3 Region VIII NVP's! Thank you DeLisa Anderson, Leisa Peebles and Anita Cummings.

In July we had a group from Oklahoma travel to Kansas for the Annual Linn Picnic. What great hosts the Kansas JCI Senate are. Food, drink, games, a parade and great company.

In August we trekked to Oklahoma City to watch our local semi-professional baseball team, the OKC Comets. That leads us to September, and a group will head to Columbus, Ohio for Fall Board and then at the end of the month we will head to the Mother Road Market in Tulsa and then travel to some of the sites on Route 66. Are you looking for something to do? Come and join us in Oklahoma!

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**MENTORS Due
Sept 22, 2025**



JIMMY LEWIS #78887
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As the newly elected president I'm excited to be working alongside my fellow Senators planning out the year ahead of us. This year our Senate members will be working toward assisting and mentoring

state Jaycee chapters, connecting and building relationships leading the way for future Senate leaders.

I would like to thank our Past President Adebayo Bashorun #72720 and past region VIII NVP Leisa Peebles #56001 and many other past leaders for their support and encouragement preparing myself to lead and mentor ahead as the 58th president of the Texas JCI senate. Our theme for the year is WE BELIEVE. If we believe, we will achieve our goals during our year. I'm not much of a writer but will keep everyone informed of our future events. Fall board will be in San Antonio, Texas. Date and hotel are still in the works.

I will leave you with a quote. *Leadership is an action, not a position.*

TX JCI Senate
Spring Board Meeting
Richardson, TX 4/26/2025

Ellen Abernathy	Guest	TX	John Hollis	68754	TX
George Abernathy	40528	TX	Nan Holzer	63882	TX
Gloria Albus	79530	OK	Ron Holzer	56549	TX
DeLisa Anderson	54310	OK	Tom King	59642	MD
MM Balogun	72729	TX	Jimmy Lewis	78887	TX
Adebayo Bashorun	72720	TX	Joy Lloyd	78948	TX
Gabriella Bashorun	83073	TX	Bill Madding	28920	TX
John Basse	44149	TX	Candy Madding	FR-58	TX
Eldon Bowers	45999	IA	Dawna Norfleet	61999	TN
Phyllis Bowers	51430	IA	Larry Norfleet	60771	TN
Laurie Burton	68428	TX	RJ Montgomery	18569	TX
David Castle	49358	TX	Greg Peebles	56000	TX
Lorrie Castle	82617	TX	Leisa Peebles	56001	TX
Nancy Cloud	59750	OK	Jim Pendleton	40286	MO
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REGION IX

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming



Region IX NVP
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"ACTIVATE"

momentum.

Here are some key interpretations for our organization:

- Initiating a Project or Initiative:
- Mobilizing Resources or People
- Launching a Product or Service:
- Implementing a Strategy or Plan
- Engaging Stakeholders or the Market
- Realizing Potential or Unleashing Capabilities

In essence, for an organization, "activate" is about shifting from a state of readiness or planning to one of active execution and impact. It implies a deliberate, coordinated effort to achieve a specific, meaningful outcome. The Montana Senate has been coordinating get-togethers with their state Jaycees, and I'm excited to be visiting you all again this year. I didn't make it to Alaska or Wyoming this past year, but I'm thrilled to be on my way this year!

Let's join President Bruce in Exploring Our Senate! Bruce would say East to West, but I'm saying West to East. Let's get out there, Region IX!



MARSCY STONE #81542
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I am excited to serve as the president of the Oregon JCI Senate this year. As the Oregon president, I see myself more as the Matriarch of a GREAT Family. I would like to dedicate this year to enhance out JCI family's connections.

Serving with me will be Vice President Kelsey Wood #80493,

Secretary Eric Gabrielsen #69552, Treasurer Bob Highfill #23612, and Chairman of the Board Peggy Doty #59760.

We held our first meeting of the new year in July with a potluck lunch at the Waterloo County Park. At this event we evaluated some of the prior year activities and started the plans for the remainder of the year. Be sure to come to Oregon projects to be a part of our organization throughout the year. We really want to see you.

In the official publication of the Oregon JCI Senate, "The Spoutings" we are starting a new column – Member Happenings. This will be a way for us to connect, reconnect and stay in touch with our Senate family. Send your articles to me to share your adventures.

I can hardly wait to hear from all our folks in Oregon and let us stay connected.



As the NVP for the upcoming 2025-2026 JCI Senate year, "Activate!" is my core theme. This word truly carries a sense of excitement and anticipation for me; it represents a direct and enthusiastic shift in operational status.

What "Activate!" Means to Me
 For me, "Activate!" is all about **initiation and purposeful action**. It's that pivotal moment when a vision transitions from concept to execution.

- Setting the Stage (Initialization)
- Purposeful Operation
- Engaged Readiness
- Potential Realized

What "Activate!" Means to an Organization like the JCI Senate

For an organization like the JCI Senate, "Activate!" is a dynamic and multifaceted concept. It often means bringing something to life, initiating action, or leveraging resources for a specific purpose. It's always associated with positive, forward

REGION X

Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah



Region X NVP
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"LEADERSHIP THRU FELLOWSHIP"

What a wonderful and exciting time to be a member of this amazing organization. The stage is set for a year of preparation and progress, however, sometimes we need to look back just a little in order to move forward. You can't attend a national event like we just had in Chicago and not reflect. Reflect on the Senators we just met and the Senators we reacquainted with. Reflect on the path we've taken to get to this point in our Senate career and reflect on the people and programs that started us on this journey with the greatest leadership training organization in the world, JCI USA. Let's all take a moment to remember that person who introduced us to the Jaycee movement. That national officer who sent us a welcome post card. That first Jaycee Senator shook our hand and welcomed us to our future. Do you have a picture of that person in your mind?

Wonderful, now let us all become that person and offer that same experience and encouragement to

our new members, both Jaycees and Senators. It's amazing to me personally that after 47 years in this organization, there's still motivation to share the experiences and success that awaits our members. We are here because of and for the Jaycee movement and speaking with their National President Bethanie Miller #82286, the timing couldn't be better.

Region X has assembled an incredible group of state presidents who stand ready to implement the goals and objectives of this year's administration. Let's experience that rush of enthusiasm by attending a Jaycee meeting in our areas and encourage that individual to a leadership role within the Jaycees and Senate.

Region X is also actively planning our 2026 conference in Las Vegas on April 17-19. If fabulous Las Vegas is on your bucket list, please save the date and join us as we celebrate "Leadership Thru Fellowship." Thank you Region X for giving me the opportunity to serve and lead such a dynamic group of individuals. Till the next Mentors.....



TANIS JIMENO-FRIEDMAN
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2024-2025 flew by! Another fun year in the books!

I would like to thank my 2024-2025 Board, Chairs & members for all their support: Dianne von Borstel #55954 as my COB. Cindy Naylor #62479 as our interminable Treasurer and Debbie Brandt #67289 as Secretary.

It was a great year for travelling socials, meetings and volunteering at quite a few service projects. Hopefully, we can keep that up for the coming year.

We had our Year End Meeting this last May 10th where we elected our new Board for 2025-2026: Dianne von Borstel as COB, Tanis Jimeno-Friedman #70297 as president, Cindy Naylor as treasurer and Debbie Brandt

#67289 as secretary.

We had such a fun time in Chicago at year end with the highlight of attending the Cubs vs. Mariners at Wrigley Field on June 20th. Mariners WON!!!

AZ had a great contingent of Senators. Thank you all for your support!

Upcoming AZ dates:

- Aug. 9th, 2025 - AZ 1st Quarter Meeting, Ahwatukee, AZ - This will be our audit of last year's books, planning session & meeting. Mike Schmitt will be hosting

- Oct. 2025 - Adopt - A- Street. 1 mile stretch in Tempe, AZ that we clean twice a year. We get together for a Social afterwards.

- Nov. 2025 - AZ 2nd Quarter Meeting. TBD

- Dec. 12th - 14th, 2025 - AZ Holiday Social, Tempe, AZ. This will coincide with Wreaths Across America.

Sonesta Select Tempe, 601 S. Ash Ave., Tempe, AZ

Room rates are \$109. Registration TBD

Sky Harbor Airport is 3 miles away. Mesa Gateway (Allegiant) is 26 miles away. You can either Uber/Lyft or someone can pick you up.

If you happen to fly into AZ, please let us know & we can set up a social. We would love to see you!



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She's back!! I know some of you are thinking...wasn't she just

president? I'm not bi-polar...but bi-coastal. My Senatorship is from Virginia, but I live in California and have been a long-time member of both. So, when asked I said yes. How could I say no to an organization so close to my heart!

Adventures are Alive in California this year. A large contingent of Senators traveled to one of the northern most points in the state to support the Crescent City Jaycees with their Salmon Feed Fundraiser. Fantastic food, renewed friendships and a great time was had by all. Since the beginning of the year, we've hit the road with a regional social at Trader Sam's Tiki Lounge and onto Santa Maria

for our August meeting.

One of the objectives of the CA Senate this year is to reintroduce the Senate to those we haven't seen or heard from in a while. If the Senate isn't accessible, we are coming to them. Our team is planning socials, individual visitations and outreach to our Senate family. Our Senators are on the move with an international trip to attend the Mexican Senate's National Convention in Queretaro, MX in October.

On the Jaycee front, we want to support the Jaycee chapters still left in the state. Working with the presidents of each chapter and JCI California, we plan to "Return

the Favor," through manpower, financial support and advice when asked. We stand ready.

Through education and training, we are working with chapter leadership to encourage the nomination of new Senators. Our objective is to have one new Senator from each chapter (5) by the end of the year.

Due to the size of California, we are planning to participate in two Wreaths Across America ceremonies, one in the North and one in the South in December.

I want to get it out early, our Year-End Meeting will be in Anaheim, CA - May 15-17, 2026.

Adventure Awaits! Come join us!!



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The Nevada JCI Senate held our annual meeting and elections in April. We had a very good turnout including Arizona President Tanis and her husband Phil. Re-elected were President Jeff Margolin, Northern Area Vice President Charlie Keller, Southern Area Vice President Marty Calabro. We also had the pleasure and honor of awarding our first Senatorship in 20 years, to past State President Stacey Jensen #83776. Stacey also joined our Senate organization as a Life Member.

In May the California JCI Senate hosted their 60th annual meeting and Region X meeting in Santa Clara. Nevada was well represented by myself, Charlie Keller and Maryanne, Marty Calabro, Jim Cyr, and Steve Balint and his wife Vicky. I had the pleasure of nominating Steve to be Region X

Vice President. Steve will be the first vice president from Nevada in 20 years. Steve will represent the states of Nevada, Arizona, California, Hawaii, and hopefully reactive Utah.

The Nevada JCI Senate is once again preparing to attend the Nevada Days Celebration in Carson City on Oct 31st and Nov 1st. The Plaza Hotel on Carson Blvd. will again be our headquarters. The Plaza can be reached at 1-775-883-9500. The Plaza is conveniently located right on the parade route. There is no room block so book early. This event is a really good time and we have many guests from the region and hopefully some national officers. The Plaza also serves a continental breakfast. More information will follow, but in the meantime feel free to contact Charlie at 1-775-741-3908.

With Steve Balint serving as Region X vice president, the Nevada JCI Senate will be hosting the Region X meeting next year which will include the Nevada JCI Senate annual meeting and elections. The meeting is planned for the weekend of April 17-19, 2026, at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas. We hope to have a good turnout from not only Nevada Senators and old timers, but from throughout the region and the U.S. JCI Senate and Mexico. To stay updated on this event contact Steve Balint at 775-513-1084.

California JCI Senate 60th Anniversary
5/3/2025

Daniel 'Rip' Arias	65086	CA	Joey Levy	82786	CA
Ron Andrade	67402	CA	Francisco Lopez	65023	Mexico
Jose Arechiga	69623	Mexico	Denise Lyons Conrad	53219	CA
Alex Baca	28205	CA	Jeff Margolin	33414	NV
Steve Balint	43364	NV	Pam Martin	Guest	CA
Vickey Balint	48384	Guest	Jim McMahon	41269	CA
Jesus Beltran	66784	Mexico	Carmen I Mendoza	68382	Mexico
Marty Calabro	26870	NV	Gerardo Mendoza	48721	Mexico
Frank Casias	67545	CA	Doug Meyers	21511	CA
Jerry Caston	19180	CA	Leslee Montgomery	Guest	CA
Rose Caston	Guest	Guest	Jose Jesus Ojeda	64210	Mexico
Greg Conrad	48695	CA	Mandi Pike	64700	CA
James (Bam Bam) Cyr	34357	NV	Katina Repp	64726	CA
Tommy Domino	42533	CA	Dallas Russell	36413	CA
Gary Duell USJCI Treasurer	48384	PA	Kim Russell	Guest	CA
Buck Edelman	24306	CA	Patti Salinas	64535	CA
Carolyn Edelman	68881	CA	Vince Salinas	58891	CA
Carlos Flores	Guest	CA	Mike Saville	32790	CA
Sonia Rodriguez Flores	60276	CA	Carolyn Smith	64564	AZ
Beth Fujishige	69219	CA	Bruce Sostak US JCI Pres	52655	TX
Oracio Galvan	64144	Mexico	Ismael Soto	78224	Mexico
Laura Gardner	63750	CA	Joe A Souza	27511	CA
Mark Gardner	32784	CA	Margaret Souza	48490	CA
Jim Hampshire	38626	AZ	Marianne Stefanik	FR115	CA
Lynne Hansen Region XNVP	68753	CA	Karen Thomson	52424	CT
Judy Keating	67403	CA	James Wilkins	83257	CA
Charlie Keller	38309	NV	Hal Williams	43912	FL
Jaime Landavazo	56512	Mexico			
Yvette Lee Nakashima	68707	HI			

Arizona JCI Senate
4th Quarter Meeting
New River 5/10/2025

Dianne von Borstel	55954	AZ
Angie Jelinek	60570	ND
Lowell Vahl	42315	AZ
Deb Vahl	FR#42	AZ
Corri Miller	54501	AZ
Teddy Clark	37167	AZ
Jim Hampshire	38626	AZ
Pat Holbert	55454	AZ
Phil Friedman	61455	AZ
Tanis Friedman	70297	AZ
Debbie Brandt	67298	AZ
Elaine Rudolph	57086	AZ
Cindy Naylor	62479	AZ

Arkansas JCI Senate Meeting
North Little Rock AR 5/3/2025

Mike Berg	49436	AR
Ben Traylor	78811	AR
Ray Gilbert	45438	AR
Brent Stevenson	41545	AR
Newton Standridge	29407	AR / IA
Thad Gray	28883	AR
Norman Clifton	45791	AR
Stubby Stumbaugh	53014	AR
Angel G Ortiz V'elez	72182	AR
Jimmy Wallace	17919	AR
Patrick Tate	68793	AR
Carol Standridge	80700	AR / IA
Ray Hackworth	19564	AR
Dewayne Sumner	66239	TN



Some of the Ohio PIG Roast Attendees

Rosaire Longe #28290, John Robinson #55768, Woody #FR111 and Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei #44003, U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655, Shelly Bates #78813, Wayde Burhart #63877, Tom #47918 and Mary Ann Rohr #65353, U.S. JCI Senate AVP Gary Duell #48384

Kissing of the Pig

L to R: U.S. Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655, Region V NVP Monty Schroeder #62203, IL President Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137



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I want to thank President Bruce Sostak #52655 for the opportunity to serve as your Mentors Business Manager for the "East to West, Explore our Senate" year.

I have set goals for myself. I want to be the best that I can be for the 2025 - 2026 year. My goals this

year are to receive your Mentors Sponsor sheets, to deposit any checks in a timely manner and to create ads for the Christmas issue. My email is mentorsbusmgr@usjcisenate.org. All check payments for your sponsor sheets and advertisements should be mailed to me at:

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I would like to say thank you to President Bruce Sostak #52655 for allowing me to continue to be on the Mentors staff as Empty Chairs Editor. I am looking forward to working with everyone again.

I would like to say thank you to Chairmen Maureen and Mark Niedenthal along with the Illinois JCI Senate for a wonderful year end meeting in Northbrook. We all enjoyed the week.

The Empty Chair section of the Mentors Magazine is a very special place to recognize our active JCI Senators who have passed away during this year. We want to learn about their history in life and as a Jaycee. Remember to send pictures. I enjoy reading all about our Senators and wish that I had gotten to know them sooner.



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Wow where has the summer gone! Thank you to the IL JCI Senate for a wonderful "Destination Legacy" National Board meeting. Only issue would be if the rain could have held off till we had seen the baseball game at Comiskey Park.

We have now started the "East to West, Explore Our Senate" with President Bruce. As part of exploring the senate the Mentors team need articles, ads and pictures submitted by the deadline. We have a training presentation to help everyone with tips on writing articles, word count and Christmas ads costs and sizes.

The Christmas issue information is due September 22. Word counts are: executive board and NVP's 350, presidents and program managers 200, new senators and empty chairs 100. Please if anyone reading this knows of new members or empty chairs, please submit to Mentors@usjcisenate.org. Please, please review the training as it helps us out for faster editing. Scan the QR code in this article for the training.

Thank you to the team for all their hard work each issue: Mary Allred #46602, Dawne Sutherland #68900, Bob Cairns #59815, Christianna Gilliam #45999, Newton Standridge #29407 and new to the team Melissa Sanny #66967. Also, photographers Eldon Bowers #45999 and Marge Miller #52948.

A challenge to everyone who reads this article. I have placed the "Warning Deadline are much closer than they appear" a few times in the issue. Please email me how many times you find it in this issue. See you all in Columbus.

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Mentors team: Dawne, Bob, Christianna, Mary and Angie

Destination Legacy Year-end Recipients

James O'Connell Memorial Award (Key Person Award)



**Chief of Staff Ray Ainslie
#44136 with
1st Lady Stephanie Pittenger
#59999**

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Tom Stone Memorial Award (Outstanding State Treasurer)



Finalists: Jim France #44665 SC, Denise Lyons-Conrad #53219 CA, not present Don Duffy, Jr. #78415 FL (Michael Sawyer #36403), U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655, Carol Standridge #80700 IA, U.S. JCI Senate Treasurer Gary Duell #48384, Lori Tomlin #62797 IN
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First Timers at Northbrook



Linda Alexander #82180 WI, First Timers winner Lorrie Castle #82617 TX, 1st Lady Stephanie Pittenger #59999, Rob Mawson #FR118, Judy Parag #82847 DE, Jan Allen Smith #83256 AL, First Timers PM Cheryl Carlson #70371, S.O.A.R. PM Joan Travis #76201, U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655

Michael Bearon Memorial Award (Outstanding Return the Favor Senator)



**Tom Stone winner Jim France
#44665 with
1st Lady Stephanie Pittenger
#59999**

**Left: James Danley #68600
SC with
1st Lady Stephanie Pittenger
#59999**

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Thomas Humphrey Memorial Award (Outstanding State Presidents)



Finalists: Tanya Quackenbush #78291 MI, Jim Pendleton, Jr. #40286 MO, Melissa Unger #59854 MD, Sally Traczuk #68943 PA, Randy Sursa #49485 OK, U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655
Award Sponsored by Michigan JCI Senate



**Thomas Humphrey winner
Sally Traczuk #6843 with
1st Lady Stephanie Pittenger
#59999**

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1992

5,000 wreaths

Arlington National Cemetery

Worcester Family Gift

2007

33,000 wreaths

10,000 wreaths placed at ANC

286 Locations

2008

106,000 wreaths

10,800 wreaths placed at ANC

372 Locations

2009

164,000 wreaths

19,000 wreaths placed at ANC

427 Locations

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2010

220,000 wreaths

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559 Locations

2011

325,000 wreaths

90,000 wreaths placed at ANC

765 Locations

2012

415,000 wreaths

110,000 wreaths placed at ANC

826 Locations

2013

540,000 wreaths

143,500 wreaths placed at ANC

914 Locations

1 millionth wreath placed



2014

716,000 wreaths

226,525 wreaths placed @ ANC

1,000 Locations

2015

990,000 wreaths

240,815 wreaths placed at ANC

1,103 Locations

2016

1,200,000 wreaths

244,000 wreaths placed at ANC

1,300 Locations

2017

1,565,000 wreaths

246,700 wreaths placed at ANC

1,400 Locations



2018

1,850,000 wreaths; 1,644 Locations

9,380 wreaths placed @

Normandy American Cemetery

2019

2,200,000 wreaths; 2,158 Locations

14,400 wreaths placed in

Luxembourg & Netherlands

2020

1,700,000 wreaths; 2,557 Locations

Growth of over 300 locations

in a year of COVID-19

2024

3,000,000 wreaths sponsored and placed at 4,909 Locations;

7,408 Sponsorship Groups

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SOCIAL MEDIA
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Let's get social from East to West in the 2025-2026 Senate year! The goal is to create daily interests in our Facebook page. I am putting forth the following schedule, because the social media program has changed.

- Motivation Monday/Blue Shirt Monday: (Support first responders)

- Information Tuesday: (promotion of national/regional) and Techno Tuesday — social media tips.
- Wednesday: Return the Favor/ Sweepstakes/Foundation.
- Thursday: Flashback Thursdays (pictures from past events)
- Friday: Guess That Team Member/Red Shirt (Remember Everyone Deployed)/Wreaths Across America.
- Saturday: Social Saturday (selfies and region event pics)/ S.O.A.R Saturday
- Sunday: Senator Spotlight (bio/ pic of a unknown Senator)/Social Sunday (pics from region socials).

Please check out the U.S. JCI Senate Facebook page. Only national, regional and signature events will be promoted. Any appointee or program manager who would like information related to their program or area posted on Facebook should send it to jci67303@yahoo.com in a post-ready format.



**SENATE OUTREACH
ACTIVATION RENTENTION
(S.O.A.R)**
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What is the purpose of SOAR, you ask? Let me fill you in. SOAR is an excellent outline of ways to orientate, activate and retain Senators in your states. The goal is to do as many SOAR activities as possible to keep Senators interested in what is going on. Interested people are active people. The focus will be on Exploring the Senate (and the Jaycees) from East to West. Each activity completed will receive a point and the number of people attending the activity will increase the points. What does SOAR look like in 2025-2026?

- Visitation "Roundups" – Take a picture with President Bruce either in person or his roundup paddle. Include the event name with names of the Senators, their states and/or regions in the picture. Extra points will be given if it is a U.S. JCI event.
- Submission of new Senator presentations. Separate pictures (both individual and/or group) can be submitted of those who attended the event. Include name, state and region. Extra points will be given if the presentation is to a lost Senator.
- Submit an orientation packet given to new senators.
- Submit a "My Jaycee/Senate Story" (multiple stories can be submitted by states) include name and state of the person submitting the story.
- Submit a picture of each first timer from your state participat-

ing in the First Timer program at a state or national meeting.

- Maintain a mentor program – submit an outline of the program and chairman's name.
- Submit pictures of Senators participating in the mentor program.
- Special programs for new senators, such as a "55 and Under" program or "New Senators" program. Submit the outline of the program and Chairman's name
- Submit pictures of the Senators participating in the new senator programs and include name of event, senator and state,
- Special program for "55 and Under" – submit the outline of the program and chairman's name.
- Submit pictures of the Senators participating in the "55 and Under" programs. Include name of event, senator and state.
- Submit a picture of a reactivated Senator or Senators at an event. Include name of event, senator, stat, and how long has it been since they attended something.
- Submit a picture of a regional or state event held in the state. Include what region, event name, and Senators in attendance with name and state.
- Have a great time with SOAR, get creative and share what you are doing,



WEBMASTERS
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The beginning of the East to West Explore Our Senate year is at hand. Your webmasters are here to help you as you move around the country this year be it personal or senate business be sure to check out our calendar to see if there is something going on in an area you will be. To help with that we need each state to continue to send in the dates and registration forms to add to the calendar.

Look for a highlight section on the main page to make its debut where we will put special highlights and notices. The further into fall we get the busier our site gets as the new scholarship information will be coming out.

Overall look and function of the website will not change you will only see little tweaks to improve functionality. Please remember to send all your event information dates, registration forms etc. to the webmaster@usjcisenate.org so we can be sure to add them to the website. If you have an item or function you would like to see added or made easier to locate, please let us know.



**MENTORS ASSISTANT
EDITOR (New Senators)**
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First, I would like to thank President Bruce Sostak for asking me to serve. Second, I am very much looking forward to working with Angie and the Mentors team. I reside in Nebraska and can't wait to work on your submitted articles.

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PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES

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It is my pleasure to introduce you to the 2025-2026 Presidential Sweepstakes Team.

Chair – Kristen Johnson #72859 (Region VI)

Assistant Chair - Nancy Gianetti #69463 (Region I)

Ticket Chair - Larry MacQuirter #67377 (Region VII)

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

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

Prize Chair Regions V – VII - Michelle Fisher #80502 (Region VII)

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

The Presidential Sweepstakes Program is the premier fundraising initiative for the US JCI Senate, second only to membership dues. Each member will receive a mailing that includes a letter from our National President, six sweepstakes tickets, and a pre-addressed return envelope. The tickets suggest a donation of \$10 for one ticket or \$50 for six tickets. All tickets received will be entered into the year-end drawing for the \$2,000 Grand Prize.

Please note that tickets are not limited to U.S. JCI Senators; anyone aged 21 and older is eligible to purchase sweepstakes tickets. Please be sure to include your name and contact information on the back of the stub for tickets sold to non-senators.

All ticket stubs and donations (please don't send cash) should be mailed to Larry MacQuirter, please include the state or regional meeting or event. Additionally, send an email to sweepstakes@usjcisenate.org to confirm your submission and its contents. State

and regional totals will be tracked throughout the year. Additional tickets can be requested from any member of the Sweepstakes Team via email.

Each region is assigned to one of three Sweepstakes Prize Chairs, who will serve as your primary contact for tickets and prize donations within their respective regions and states. Our goal is to secure at least 100 prizes in addition to the \$2,000 Grand Prize.

The grand prize winner, along with other donated prizes valued at a minimum of \$100 each, will be drawn at our year-end annual meeting in San Antonio on "Sweepstakes Day." Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

Thank you for your continued support of the Presidential Sweepstakes Program!



FUTURE DIRECTIONS
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I am honored to serve as your Future Directions Committee Chairman out of Region VI this coming year. The other representatives are Dick St. Jean #38089 Region I, Jeff Kozak #63411 Region II, Jen Ray #68957 Region III, Larry Graham #60619 Region IV, Karen Voshel #62305 Region V, Joe Collins #57893 Region VII, Adebayo "Bash" Bashorun #72720 Region VIII, Angie Stanchfield #64531 Region IX, Tanis Friedman #70297 Region X.

The purpose of our board is to explore areas of opportunity to help move our organization forward. If anybody has questions or an idea they would like us to explore, please feel to contact your regional representative or myself. Our committee email is futuredirections@usjcisenate.org.



MEMBERSHIP
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It was great to meeting several of the State Treasurers during the Treasurers Information Exchange (TIE) at the annual meeting in Northbrook, Illinois. I believe Treasurer Tom King and I will have a great group of treasurers to work with this year.

We start the 'East to West Explore Our Senate' year with 7,777 members. First quarter has 1,822 members due. September dues kits were sent to NVPs, state treasurers and presidents in early July. Dues kits are due by August 29th. Please submit the Cover Sheet and A/D/C forms to both myself and Treasurer Tom via email. Additionally, checks or Zelle payment for dues should be received by Tom no later than August 29th. If sending payment by Zelle, please note the confirmation information on the Cover Sheet.

Second Quarter has 1,779 members due and December Dues kits will be distributed no later than October 15, 2025 and are due by December 1. We greatly appreciate your promptness.

The complete membership results by state/region for each quarter/year can be viewed on the U.S. JCI Senate website under Resources/ Reports and Forms/BOD Reports/ Membership.

Please contact me via email at MIS@usjcisenate.org, if you need an address change or wish to request an electronic Mentors. Also, if you receive more than one hardcopy of the Mentors in your household and want to change to one hard copy and one electronic copy let me know and I will take care of that for you!

The next TIE meeting will be in Columbus on Friday, September 12. If a treasurer is unable to attend, please feel free to send a representative.

I look forward to serving as your Membership Information Services Program Manager for the 2025-2026 JCI Senate year. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.



PRESIDENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE (PIE)
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I am so excited to welcome all of the U.S. JCI Senate State Presidents to 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. Watch for the next in person meeting in Columbus.

There is a private Facebook page and Zoom meetings will be 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

Hope you have a great year!
Your PI Big Sister



PAST PRESIDENTS IN NORTHBROOK

Back: 2017-18 John Robinson #55765, 2014-15 Randy Young #46420, 2021-22 Mike Andrews #58312
 Middle: 85-86 M.S. Doc McCarty #14783, 2012-13 Bruce Geddes #35527, 86-87, Tony Dominiec #23393,
 2007-08 Jumper Davis #38376, 2004-05 Joe A Souza #27511, 2008-09 Pat Hoelker #45893, 2019-20 Lawrence Pittman #53932,
 2011-12 Steve Sutherland #27073, 2019-20 Doug Meyers #21511, 2000-01 Jerry Wendelken #23161
 Front: 1998-99 Mary Sawyer #43930, 2002-03 Jack Pasquale #32806, 2015-16 Carol CJ Jordan #45857, 2020-21
 Ariel Jones #65423, 2022-23 Susan Hatcher #58143, 2006-07 Calvin Baerveldt #36419, 2013-14 Larry Bohn #37024



Destination Legacy NVP's

Back: Region VIII Leisa Peebles #56001, Region III Mary Ann Rohr #65353, Region V Kim Hubbell #68729,
 Region X Lynne Hansen #68753, Admin Vice President Larry Norfleet #60771, President Bruce Sostak #52655
 Front: Region II Krista Myers-Shafer #77862, Region VII Dwayne Sumner #66239, Region IV Carla Bailey #62624,
 Region VI Dan Badger #67974, First Lady Stephanie Pittenger #59999, Region I Dana Hall #41552,
 Region IX Susan Manthey #68777



S.O.A.R. Recipients in Northbrook

U.S. JCI President Bruce Sostak #52655, Region VIII Leisa Peebles #56001, Greg Peebles #56000, First Lady Stephanie
 Pittenger #59999, WAA Coordinator Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei #44003, Woody Sauerbrei #FR111, SOAR PM Joan Travis #76201

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FINANCE COMMITTEE
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The Finance Committee met early June, 16, 2025 at the Annual Meeting in Northbrook, IL and reported at both the executive and BOD meetings of the Annual Meeting. The U.S. JCI Senate continues to be stable financially with income greater than expenses. While the membership decreased significantly during the past year; similar to the last 5 years, the Sweepstakes team brought in significant monies above budget and in fact, record amounts. Additionally, at President's Bruce's request at our meeting an additional \$1000 was approved to be paid to your U.S. JCI Senate Foundation due to the

successful financial year.

A preliminary budget was passed by the Finance Committee so that the business of the senate can continue uninterrupted through the first quarter of the 2025-2026 year with receipts budgeted at \$121K and expenses budgeted at \$116K. A final budget will be provided at the Fall BOD meeting for the BOD approval.

While I continue as Chairman of the Finance Committee for 2025-2026 year per bylaws and at President Bruce's appointment, I want to express my appreciation to the additional members appointed to the Finance Committee who will serve during the upcoming year:

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
Hal Williams #43912
LEGAL COUNSEL
John Badeen #73089
STATE PRESIDENT
Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 IL
FUTURE DIRECTIONS
MEMBER Jennifer Ray #68957
TREASURER (Non-voting)
Tom King #59643

If you have any questions about the finances, do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the committee! Travel Safely as you Explore our Senate!



PROTOCOL OFFICER
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I am excited to be this years Protocol Officer. Please feel free to email me, Call or even text with any questions you might have. **PROTOCOL** ~ The accepted or established code of procedure or behavior in any group, organization, or situation. It is not just about introducing past/present national officers & distinguished guests, even though that is an important part, It is so much more! I am hoping to make this fun and easy for all of us to know & practice. President Bruce is adding a new task under my area. We will be adding some Individual Development in with the Protocol. These are all things I am sure you know, but we just need a refresher. Look for my Protocol Posse – Lay of the Land in the E-News!



HISTORIAN
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Greetings fellow Senators and welcome to a new year. I am so excited to serve as your National Senate Historian for the 2025-2026 year. I want to thank Paul Myers for all his guidance and assistance as we've made this transition to have someone serve in this role outside of the St. Louis area for the first time.

My goal is for all of you to have access to as much National Senate history as possible, broken down by Presidential administrations and material representing all the states and their administrations over time. I look forward to working on documents all throughout the year from East to West to support President Bruce and the administrative team!



FIRST TIMERS
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The new Senate year has started and we're off on a new adventure! I am excited to serve as the Program Manager for First Timers & Freshman Senators this year. I look forward to welcoming our new members and our new meeting attendees (and hoping some overlap!) I will also be working closely with S.O.A.R. PM Melanie, as both programs overlap. I strongly

encourage you to not only attend a national meeting if you haven't, but to also participate in the First Timers program if you do. I have a few fun surprises up my sleeves for our first time attendees this year, but they're only fun if we have participants! I'm hoping to build on the foundation Cheryl left for me and continue to grow this program. Please don't forget to send in your new member information as well. If you email newmember@usjcisenate.org, all of the people who need the information will receive it. If you just have a question for me, I can be reached through firsttimers@usjcisenate.org.

I am currently working on a welcome packet for our new members and hope to have someone to send it to soon! I'm also hoping to turn those new members into first timers along the way! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, and I look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon!



FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM
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First I want to thank those past Friendship Award winners that attended the reception in Northbrook for the convention.

Next I want to thank Joan Travis and her crew for the refreshments

that you provided for the reception. Welcome Julian Thom to the group.

Remember that the nominators must be spouses of Senators. The form needs to go through the State Organization then to the National Vice President for their signature. After that it goes to the National President for their approval and signature. The names of the winners go to the Nebraska JCI Senate for the plaque and name tag.

We would like to present the award at the National meetings but if needed we can get the award to the state for presentation at their meetings or region meetings.

Questions, please get in touch with me.

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WREATHS *across* AMERICA



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
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Welcome to the "East to West Explore Our Senate" 2025-2026 New Year. It is my pleasure to introduce to you this year's Wreaths Across America Team.

Regions I-IV: Mary Pruitt (NC) #77821

Regions V-VII: Cheryl Davis-Sauerbrei (IA) #44003

Regions VIII-X: Leisa Peebles (TX) #56001

What does it mean to sponsor a wreath? Sponsoring a veteran's wreath is a personal gift of gratitude and remembrance for someone who served this country so that we can be free.

Your sponsorship supports the yearlong mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value

of freedom, while making new and existing free programs available to the masses. With each sponsorship made, a veteran's wreath will be placed to honor an American hero at participating locations this year on National Wreaths Across America Day.

With each veteran's wreath placed by a volunteer, they say the name of the veteran to ensure that the legacy of duty, service, and sacrifice is never forgotten.

I am excited to announce the senate will be participating in the following program: The "Sponsor a Wreath, Give \$5 Forward" program allows individuals to donate \$17 to sponsor a wreath for a veteran's grave, with \$5 of that donation being automatically allocated to sponsor an additional wreath for another veteran. This program, also known as the "\$5 Forward Plan", is a way to maximize the impact of each donation, ensuring more veterans are honored with a wreath.

Ways to sponsor online:

Group Page: www.wreathsassamerica.org/FL1122

Group Plan: \$5 Forward

Group Id: FL1122

We encourage all U.S. JCI Senate members to connect with your local Jaycee chapters and invite them to get involved in supporting Wreaths Across

America.

There are several impactful ways to participate — including fundraising efforts, sponsoring wreaths through the corporate sponsorship program, and embracing the Wreaths Across America Education Program, which teaches K-12 students the importance of honoring our nation's heroes.

Together, we can educate the next generation and pay tribute to those who served by placing wreaths on veterans' graves across the country on December 13, 2025. Let's make a difference, one wreath and one lesson at a time.

We will continue to "Wear Red" on Friday's. Please submit to US JCI Senate Facebook Group and the US JCI Senate Wreaths Across America Facebook Group.

**When sponsoring a wreath BE SURE to select the cemetery of your choice. If you skip this part, Arlington National Cemetery will be the default location. IF you do NOT see a specific location, please reach out to me. We have until Oct. 31st to add a location to our group page.

**If you want a wreath placed for a specific individual, please reach out to me.

**If you prefer to call Wreaths Across America to sponsor a Wreath, please feel free to call me at 803-315-6976 for more in-



formation.

**If you have another organization that you work with and want their wreath sponsorships to count toward the Senate numbers please reach out to me for more information.

**Deadline to purchase Wreaths is NOVEMBER 28TH, 2025!!

Our team looks forward to traveling "East to West Explore Our Senate" this year educating and working with everyone. Your Regional Representative will be reaching out to you soon to find out about upcoming events.

Please watch the US JCI Senate Facebook Page, the US JCI Senate Wreaths Across America Facebook Group, US JCI Website and E-News to learn more about Wreaths Across America Organization and all the programs they do all year long. This is not "just" one day a year, but a mission and vision to remember "Some gave all, all gave some."



WWA Corporate Sponsorship



WWA Fundraising Idea Guide



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Wreaths Across America Story



Morrill Worcester of Harrington, Maine, was a 12-year-old paperboy when he won a trip to Washington, D.C. He will never forget his first trip to our nation's capital, and Arlington National Cemetery made an indelible impression on him. This experience followed him throughout his life and successful career as a wreath maker, reminding him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Mr. Worcester had a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the aid of former Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that

had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.

Several other individuals and organizations stepped up to help as plans were underway. Blue Bird Ranch, Inc. generously provided transportation to Virginia. Volunteers from the local American Legion and V.F.W. Posts gathered with community members to adorn each wreath with traditional red, hand-tied bows. Members of the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C., helped to organize the wreath laying, which included a special ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The annual tribute went on quietly until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated the web. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington

project at their National and State cemeteries, or to share their stories and thank Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.

Unable to donate thousands of wreaths to each state, Worcester sent seven wreaths to every state, one for each military branch and one for P.O.W./M.I.A. In 2006, with the help of the Civil Air Patrol and other civic organizations, simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies were held at over 150 locations nationwide.

In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans and other groups and individuals who had helped with their annual veterans wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, a non-profit 501c (3) organization, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. The yearlong mission of the

organization is simple: REMEMBER the fallen. HONOR those who serve. TEACH the next generation the value of freedom.

In 2024, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers placed over four million veterans' wreaths at 4,909 participating locations in the United States and beyond. This feat was accomplished with help from four million plus volunteers across the country, a third of whom were children.

National Wreaths Across America Day will be held this year on Saturday, December 13, 2025.

Wreaths Across America would not be possible without the help of volunteers, active organizations, and the generosity of the transportation industry, which offer invaluable support to WAA's mission.

You can help in many ways — visit www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org to learn more and get involved!



NATIONAL TEAM IN ILLINOIS

Seated: IL President Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137, U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655.

U.S. JCI Senate Secretary Dawna Norfleet #61999

Standing: Future Directions Region V Karen Kopp-Voshel #62305, Fall Board Chair Jenny Bruner #64688, Wreaths Across America Regions V - VII Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei #44003, Region V NVP Monty Schroeder #62203, U.S. Senate Chaplain Paul Myers #72173, Presidential Assistant Phyllis Bowers #51430, Finance Committee Chair Susan Hatcher #58143

THE EMPTY CHAIR



**US JCI Senate 12th President
James Luff
Senator #24706**

James 'Jim' Luff, #24706, Maryland, passed away on May 2, 2025, at the age of 81. He graduated from North Carolina High School, Washington College and Wilmington University. He worked for McCrone, Inc., Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., ATCS, and he owned and operated James M. Luff Surveying and Engineering. Even after his retirement, he continued working as a private consultant for former clients.

Jim was a member of the Chestertown Jaycees. He

served the Senate as state president, region III vice president and national president in 1982. He served as president for Upper Shore aging. In his retirement, he belonged to the Chestertown Lions Club.

Jim's true passion lay in economic development, and he served as president for both the Kent County and Queen Anne's County chambers of commerce. He served on both the Economic Development Commissions of Kent and Queen Anne's counties. He was a past Business Leader of the Year in 2007 in Queen Anne's County.

Jim was an avid reader, loved music and traveling and was a fierce friend. Admittedly not an animal person, he tolerated his first dog Wellington to please Victoria and later relented to welcoming a rescue dog named Fiona and an inherited cat named Charlie. He melted when the most recent dog Watcyn came into his life. They were together every day until his passing.

Jim is survived by his wife, Victoria, one daughter, one son, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



**US JCI Senate 23rd President
Donald Robertson
Senator #21969**

Donald 'Don' Robertson, #21969, Kansas, passed away on May 7, 2025, at the age of 82. He graduated from Everest High School.

He then began working for the State of Kansas Survey

crew which led him to Western Kansas. On June 3, 1962, Don married Rita Lynn Nickerson, in Syracuse, Kansas. They lived in Ulysses until 1973 when they moved to Lakin. A lifetime farmer, Don stayed very active throughout his life. He was a member of the Jaycees which led him to be honored as a Senator #21969 and was the National President of JCI in 1991. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge; served on the Lakin City Council; was an EMT, volunteer fireman, and EMS coordinator; and also served as President and referee of the Western Kansas Swim Club. Don also enjoyed golfing and playing poker with his buddies on Monday night.

Don is survived by his wife, Carolyn, one daughter, one son, three grandchildren, one sister and two brothers.



Mike Ringel, #36858, Georgia, passed away on July 28, 2025, at the age of 76. He was very active in the PTA, when the girls were in school. He was a certified BBQ judge and traveled all over the state judging BBQ contest.

Mike was involved in the Georgia Jaycees, where he served as local chapter president a few times. He has been doing the plaques and trophies for the individual chapters and state for a couple of decades. He was involved with the Camp Dream and was known as "Captain Mike"

Mike is survived by his twin daughters, four grandchildren and one sister.



Ed Arnold, #18218, California, passed away on April 13, 2025, at the age of 86. He attended Santa Ana College and then California State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in speech. He was a longtime TV sportscaster. He was a sports anchor at KTLA/5 and KABC/7. He was a host of "Real Orange", a news features program that focused on Orange County, at KOCE TV.

Ed was active in the Jaycees, where he served as president of the California Jaycees. One of his favorite endeavors was the Special Olympics.

Ed is survived by his wife, Dixie, one son and two grandchildren.



Konrad Melkus, #13787, West Virginia, passed away on May 1, 2025, at the age of 87. He graduated from Washington Irving High School and West Virginia University. He worked as a pharmacist with RevCo Pharmacy and Kroger's Pharmacy.

Konrad was proud member of the Jaycees, the Harrison County Elks Lodge in Clarksburg and the Nemesis Shrine Knights Templar. He was a Master Mason, where he was a member of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, a 50-year member of the Heman Lodge and A&A Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Konrad is survived by his wife, JoAnn, and lifelong friend, Don.



Correction to Larry Sheeler #16232 U.S JCI Senate 16th President empty chair listing in the May 2025 issue of "Mentors". Larry should have been listed as from Nevada.

Thank you for the notification Virginia Sheeler.



Andreas Vandever, #75413, Kansas, passed away on April 29, 2025. He was active in the Kansas Jaycees and was a national vice president for U.S. JCI Senate. He was a past president of the Kansas JCI Senate.

Andreas is survived by his wife Amie Unruh FR122.

THE EMPTY CHAIR



James 'Jim' Ginn, #44152, Louisiana, passed away on June 6, 2025, at the age of 66. He was elected Alderman for District A in the Town of Jonesboro. He was the owner of GSG Sports.

Jim was active in the Jaycees, where he served as Louisiana state JCI president and JCI National Vice President. He took his leadership into LA TAG (Tech Advancement Group), being a founding member and president. He started Tech and Tails and being a scholarship Honoree, have a scholarship named in his honor.

Jim is survived by his wife, Tracy and one brother.



Charles 'Sam' West, #38130, Maryland, passed away on April 14, 2025, at the age of 75. He graduated from Stephen Decatur High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked as a meteorological technician until he retired. After retirement he spent his time buying and selling antiques.

Sam was a member of the Berlin-Ocean City Jaycees, where he served as president. He was a member of the Berlin Lions Club and American Legion.

Sam is survived by his wife, Betty, two daughters, two granddaughters and one sister.



Fredrick 'Fred' Leverenz, #21345, Wisconsin, passed away on June 22, 2025, at the age of 85. He graduated from New Holstein High School. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a farmer in the town of New Holstein. He was known for his hard work ethic, volunteerism, farming, faith, singing and socializing.

Fred was an active member of the Keil Jaycees, holding offices at the state and national level. He enjoyed golfing in the Kiel Golf League.

Fred is survived by his wife, Edith, four daughters, four sons, 19 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one sister.



Randall 'Randy' Cary, #9515, Vermont, passing away on June 22, 2025, at the age of 85. He graduated from Milton High School. He joined the Air National Guard. He trained in automotive repair at the Technical School. Upon completing his training, he returned to Milton, where he opened and successfully operated his own auto repair business.

Randy was an active member of the Jaycees, where he held leadership roles. He served the Milton Fire Department for 32 years.

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



Robert 'Bob' Garrity, #26420, Wisconsin, passed away December 30, 2024, at the age of 80. He graduated from St. Catherine's High School. He served in the U.S. Army. He was employed by American Bank and then by David Insurance.

Bob was an active member and past president of both the Racine Jaycees and the Tuesday Optimist Club. He had a great love for music and every genre and chaired the music for Salmon-S-Rama. Above all it was time spent with family that he cherished most.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cheryl, one daughter, one son, four grandchildren and one sister.



Peter 'Pete' McClennen, #6864, Pennsylvania, passed away on March 22, 2025, at the age of 91. He worked in the Post-and-Beam and Timber Frame industry, dedicating many years to his craft. He had a deep love for the outdoors. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. His love for nature and the simple pleasures of life stayed with him throughout his life.

Pete served at vice president and national director of the Pennsylvania Jaycees. This made a lasting impact through his work with the organization.

Pete is survived by his wife, Winnie, one daughter, one son, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



James 'Jim' Hastings, #16751, North Carolina, passed away on April 20, 2025, at the age of 81. He was the first person to graduate from his high school lettering in three sports. He was the first Director of Watauga County Parks and Rec and a Hardee's franchisee. He helped open restaurants in five states.

Jim was active in the Jaycees, where he served as North Carolina state president and U.S. vice president. His involvement in the Jaycees gave him lifelong friends and the ability to positively impact the world around him.

Jim is survived by his wife, Karen, one daughter, one son, eight grandchildren and two sisters.



Jerry Lyn 'Nick' Emmons, #25504, Tennessee, passed away on June 7, 2025, at the age of 81. He graduated from McNairy Central High School and Memphis State University. He started his career teaching and coaching at Selmer Junior High School. He later moved to the Superintendent's Office.

Nick was an active member of the Selmer Jaycees, where he served as president. He served as president of the Tennessee Jaycees and served as president twice for the Tennessee JCI Senate. He held the rank of Eagle Scout and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

Nick is survived by his wife, Gerry, two sons and five grandchildren.

THE EMPTY CHAIR



Jodi Anne Krantz, #54014, Missouri, passed away on May 23, 2025, at the age of 64. She graduated from Belleville West High School and University of Missouri. She worked for the Independence Chamber of Commerce as the Senior Vice President of Economic Development.

Jodi was an active member of the Jaycees and lifetime member of the Missouri JCI Senate. She was highly involved in her community, including as a member of the Independence Square Association, as well as the Rotary Club.

Jodie is survived by her partner, Bill and one sister.



Robert Pietroske, #15329, Wisconsin, passed away April 28, 2025, at the age of 82. He graduated from Two Rivers Washington high School and Lakeshore Technical College. He began working for Hamachek Co., washing cars which led to being the sales manager and General Manager. He ended up with all of the GMC franchises from General Motors.

Bob's concern for the community was always his priority. He had been active in Jaycees, having organized seven chapters and served as president of the Two Rivers Jaycees. He served as executive vice president of Wisconsin Jaycee and director of the U.S. Jaycees.

Bob is survived by one sister and two brothers.



Gene Honn, #28311, Illinois, passed away on May 29, 2025, at the age of 74. He graduated from Illinois State University. He dedicated much of his professional life to working with non-profit organizations, including the National PTA, the American Cancer Society and director of fund development for Southern Illinois Healthcare.

Gene was a dedicated family man, cherishing the time spent with his children and grandchildren, especially during summer adventures at "Camp Papa", creating treasured memories with the family.

Gene is survived by his wife Diane, one daughter, two sons, two stepdaughters, nine grandchildren and three sisters.



Billy Surratt, #59823, West Virginia, passed away on April 8, 2025, at the age of 69. He was active in the Jaycees, Lions Club, the Freemasons and the Shriners.

Bill is survived by his wife, Mae, one daughter, one son and three grandchildren.



Karen Dowling, #51450, Vermont, passed away on December 22, 2024, at the age of 69. She attended St. Mary's School and BFA High School. She graduated from Trinity College of Vermont. She earned a second degree in Early Childhood Education. She taught in Chittenden and Franklin counties.

Karen was particularly passionate about encouraging young women to take leadership roles, a value she embodied in her involvement with the Jaycees. As a leader in the Vermont Jaycee Women, she rose to the position of state president.

Karen is survived by her husband, Michael, two daughters and two grandchildren.



Alfred Drew, #6961, Florida, passed away on January 3, 2025, at the age of 86. He graduated from Jamaica Plains High School, University of Massachusetts and Western New England College. He was a field representative for the New England Milk Producers Association. He owned and managed the McManus Restaurant and the Ye Ol Watering Hole Restaurant and Lounge.

Alfred was active in many civic and charitable organizations, including the Jaycees in Amherst and the state of Massachusetts. He was active in the Masons and the Shriners.

Alfred is survived by one daughter, three sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Roy Crawford, #28447, Ohio, passed away on December 13, 2024, at the age of 77. He graduated from Steubenville Catholic Central High School. He began his career in the City Engineers until he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He continued his service with the U.S. Army Reserve. He then graduated from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Roy was a proud member of the U.S. Jaycees, where he served as president of the Ohio Jaycees. His leadership extended to local government, where he served as president of Dover City Council for 20 years.

Roy is survived by his wife, Sharon, one daughter, one son and five grandchildren.



Ruth Nefflen, #70907, Virginia, passed away on July 31, 2025. She and her husband, past Virginia JCI Senate president and past region III NVP, Jim Nefflen, #18012. They were married for 66 years, were very proud and active longtime supporters of the Virginia JCI Senate.

Ruth was very active in the Alexandria Jaycee Wives organization, where she held a multitude of elected and appointed offices. Because of her dedication, she was awarded Friendship Award #30. In 2011, she was awarded Senator #70907. She was active member of the Elks Lodge Auxiliary Club, where she served as president.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Jim and other family members.



Robert Horace Swiggett, III, #45861, North Carolina, passed away on June 9, 2025, at the age of 72. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Jaycees.

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Fred Liddell, #6649, Alabama and Idaho, passed away on May 8, 2023, at the age of 95. He enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Japan for 30 months, where he loaded supply ships. His specialty was troubleshooting in the 2nd Division Army Signal Corps. He was a POW captured by the Chinese and suffered from PTSD.

Fred left the Army and returned to his wife and two-year-old daughter. He went to work for the telephone company in Eugene, Oregon.



Pam Wink, #71877, Maryland, passed away on June 18, 2025. She was an active member of the Crescent Cities Jaycee Women and became a Lanham Station Jaycee.

Pam was an active Maryland Jaycee for many years co-chairing an On To trip. She chaired the Maryland Jaycees Outstanding Senior Citizen luncheon. She helped with the Maryland JCI Senate with the Bull and Oyster Roast basket of cheer raffle.

Pam is survived by her son and grandson.



Thomas 'Tom' Bickett, #35438, Iowa, passed away May 16, 2025, at the age of 73. He had a love of music and played the lead guitar in many bands starting at the age of 12.

Tom was an active member of the Jaycees and volunteering for the American Red Cross. His other interest was amateur (ham) radio, all sorts of electronics and computers. He had his own business for over 30 years doing computer work for many banks throughout the Midwest.

Tom is survived by his wife, Vicki, one son and two brothers.



Thomas D. Carriere, #39486, Connecticut, passed away on May 16, 2021. He served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War.

Thomas was a member of the Jaycees, Knights of Columbus, Oakmont Homeowners Association, Cops Liaison to Forsyth City Sheriff Department.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Joan, one daughter, three sons, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

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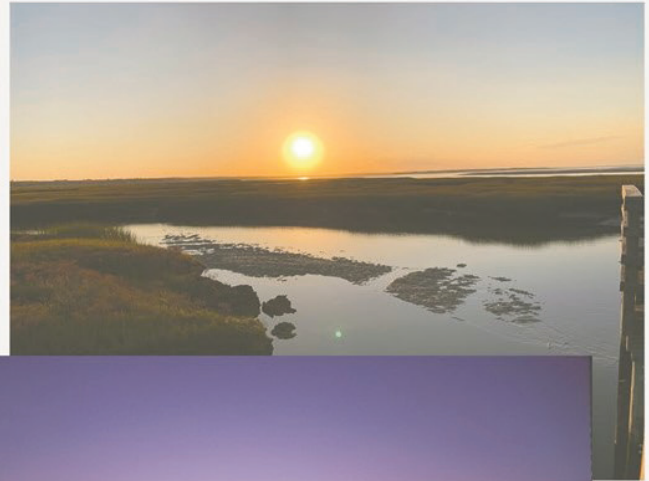
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