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There was a red flag out for a few days on the race after the passing of President Gary. But the green flag is flying again, and we are moving full speed

ahead to the finish line of the Destination Legacy year. Throughout the remainder of the year, we will proceed to honor him by pursuing his goals for our organization and by having fun.

Another quick thank you to the Oklahoma JCI Senate for an awesome Fall Board meeting in Tulsa last September. They did a great job showing us how it is to be "Living on Tulsa Time." I hope those that did not make it to Tulsa plan to be in Kenner, LA for the Winter Board meeting. The meeting hosts, the Iowa JCI Senate, are planning a terrific event with plenty of time to enjoy the city and make several tours.

It will be a meeting you won't want to miss.

One of President Gary's priorities is Wreaths across America. Please check with your state president, state program manager or Liz Young #47759, the national program manager on where your state or region is conducting their project. You can assist with laying the wreaths, purchasing wreaths, or participating in the ceremonies. This is a very rewarding project as we remember those that have given us the freedoms that we enjoy.

The other priority project for President Gary is the Wheelchairs 4 Kids Program. Check with your state program manager or National Program Manager, Cindy Brandel #54928, for projects in your state or region. This is a very

rewarding and worthwhile project and one that will tug at your heartstrings.

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

I would like to remind each of you to reach out to your executive team with any questions and concerns you have as we work to complete the Destination Legacy year. We're here to serve!

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

Thank you Message from First Lady Stephanie Pittenger #59999



back out on the road. It was just what President Gary needed to work every day to get better. That love and kindness never wavered and neither did his will.

Unfortunately, after a never-ending battle our warrior lost his fight on September 3, 2024, but again the Senate family and friends stood strong in support of Gary's family. There was an abundance of cards, messages, emails and flowers. I kept telling our children that not everyone could stake claims to 8000+ strong family members who have stood in support and love each moment of this journey, but you never wavered from that support.

It has taken me a while to compose the letter to you. In my mind I have written, rewritten and completely started all over again to come up with the exact appropriate words to express to each of you what your support and love have meant to our family. I knew I could never write each of you a personal note, but I wanted you to know that each of you mean the world to me, the children, and grandchildren. When you have a family like the Senate you never walk alone, there is always someone there that continues to have encouraging words or a hug of support.

The Pittenger family is truly blessed and grateful for every heartfelt word. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love, support and blessing you have shared with us.

Now, each of you have a Destination Legacy to fulfill and know that each step you take President Gary is watching over and walking with you to

the finish line of success. God Bless you all!!!!

"The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy."

Thank you-

First Lady Stephanie and the entire Pittenger Family

In the early morning hours of July 30, 2024 little did I know when I called for the ambulance to take Gary to the hospital with breathing issues how my world would be changed forever. The next 36 days became a repetition of the day before, but those days became special to Gary and I. Each of you, our Senate family and friends became a huge part of those days and brightened the dark moments of Gary's final journey.

Each morning when I returned to the hospital to spend the next 12 hours with the love of my life, I came with a bag full of cards and his cell phone. After Gary had his breakfast, I would get the stack of cards and his phone from the bag and we would read those cards, emails and messages of hope, support, and encouragement to strive for a speedy recovery and getting

May Your Holidays be filled

with beautiful memories

Blessings to you all

Gary & Stephanie



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IN MEMORIAM PRESIDENTS

Tribute to Gary L. Pittenger #24804 National JCI Senate President

By Norm Hoffman #25676



Our JCI Senate organization lost its President on his final pit stop this month of September 2024. On August 25, I wrote a request on Facebook for prayers for my friend of 50 years of living the Jaycee Creed to keep good health. He was that fighter I described as a person never known to quit. He set goals and worked hard to achieve them right to the end setting his direction to finish the year as US JCI Senate President. He fit the law of life that tough people who never quit rise to the top during rough times. There were a few of us from Illinois who had the fortune to listen to his direction from his hospital bed during his last week. He wanted to achieve his goals and dreams for our JCI Senate organization. We will continue to feel Gary's influence as all of us move through the year to the National Convention in June of 2025.

Gary was born March 6, 1947. Upon graduation from Morton High school, Gary attended Northeast Missouri State University until 1967, on a golf scholarship. While serving on active duty in the United States Air Force in Albuquerque, New Mexico he continued his education as a full-time student earning his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Albuquerque graduating with honor Summa Cum Laude.

Gary stayed involved with his community with a spirited and enthusiastic attitude. He lived his life by principles of caring and sharing. His sharing was not limited to certain people or areas of concern, but rather his participation in community projects and activities for youth, families, handicapped, senior citizens, economic development and governmental affairs. His involvement and assistance in United Way, Heart Fund, Easter Seals,

Muscular Dystrophy, Juvenile Diabetes, Junior Achievement, Morton High School Booster Club, Youth Baseball, Junior Football League, and Biddy Basketball, were all for the good of his community. Gary served as the voice announcer for Morton High School athletics for 20 years.

Gary worked for Caterpillar Tractor Co in East Peoria and began as a sweeper in 1967. After fulfilling his military obligation, he returned to Caterpillar as a drill operator, and from there his promotions and rise in the company came very swiftly. 1973 Inventory Control Clerk at Caterpillar Parts Center, 1974 Purchasing Analyst, 1975 Assistant Buyer for Indirect Supplies, 1977 Assistant Buyer for Capital Assets of Domestic Parts Distribution, and in February 1980 Gary was assigned to be responsible for purchasing, negotiations and administration of equipment, material and construction contracts totaling more than 9 figures.

Gary joined the Morton Jaycees of Illinois in October of 1972. His record as an active leader in Jaycees is second to none. He has traveled thousands of miles over the span of his Jaycee and Senate career. Gary Pittenger has made his mark among the Jaycee legends. Just a few awards to mention: Outstanding First Year Member, Outstanding Local President, Outstanding State Chairman, Outstanding State Vice

President, Outstanding Region Director, TOYP Award winner in Illinois, and as President of the Illinois JCI Senate the Illinois membership surpassed 700 members. The "Return the Favor Program", the "FORUM" newsletter, Organ Donor Chairman, and the Illinois Treasurer were recognized as Outstanding by the US JCI Senate. Gary was recognized with the Thomas Humphrey Memorial Award as the Outstanding State President in the US JCI Senate. In 1997 Gary Pittenger was inducted to the "Illinois Jaycee Hall of Fame".

During his career in Jaycees Gary developed the following training manuals and programs: Illinois Jaycees Awards manual, Individual Development Program Handbook, "Mr. Chairman" a guide to Parliamentary Procedure, Spiritual Development Handbook and Personnel Management Handbook.

It is refreshing to know that during the current period when it seems our country is experiencing the reduction of volunteerism that we as a JCI Senate had Gary Pittenger as our leader who continued to stay involved with the dedication not only to help our membership but also helping people in his home community and the state of Illinois. Gary lived his life by the principles of caring and sharing as emphasized in our Jaycee Creed. Caring for others is exemplified through his involvement and his service as a leader of our organization.

In 1978, Gary Pittenger ran for the highest office in the Illinois Jaycees, Illinois Jaycee President. It was a three person race that year when the balloting began at 2:30 PM on a Saturday afternoon and ended at 10:30 PM that evening. Gary lost the election. In 1979 he again ran for the position of Illinois Jaycee President. The balloting started at 2:30 PM in a four-person race for the position that ended at 5:30 AM the next day. Gary lost again. Now the reason I point this out is because many times you would see a person run for office, lose, and then you never see the person again involved with the organization. This was not in Gary Pittenger's make-up. He went on in our organization as a leader the following years not only in Jaycees but our JCI Senate. As I said on Facebook quoting Knute Rockne "when the going gets tough the tough get going." Gary never quit! He continued to contribute to our organization and has inspired all of us for years when he decided to take the step to run for the President of the US JCI Senate. It was a goal and a dream for him to lead our organization. There was no one prouder than Gary Pittenger being sworn into the office of President and have the gold chain place around his neck. A man who held our organization in the highest esteem, the LORD rest his soul.



Destination Legacy Leadership Team

Front: Region I Dana Hall #41552, Region II Krista Myers-Shafer #77862, Region III Mary Ann Rohr #65353, Region IV Carla Bailey #62624, Region V Kim Hubbell #68729, Region VI Dan Badger #67974, Region VII Dewayne Sumner #66239, Region VIII Leisa Peebles #56001
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Not Pictured: Region X Lynne Hansen #68753, Region IX Susan Manthey #68777

IN MEMORIAM PRESIDENTS



**US JCI Senate 18th
President
Lanny Gayle Heater
Senator #23429**

Lanny Gayle Heater, age 83, of Winslow, Arkansas passed away Tuesday, October 15, 2024, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born January 6, 1941, in Fairfield, Iowa to Lincoln Gayle Heater and Mildred Fern Crafton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Patricia Williams. He is a member of Our Lady of The Ozarks Shrine in Winslow.

He is survived by his wife Karen Young Heater; one daughter Katrina Patton and her husband Ken of Riverton, Wyoming; one son Lance Heater and his wife Beth of Southport, North Carolina; one sister Debra Johnston of Indianapolis, Indiana, and one grandchild, Logan Heater of Roanoke, Virginia.

Lanny was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving as an air traffic controller from 1961-65. It was during his deployment in France that he began his lifelong service as a volunteer at an orphanage and as a coach of a little league baseball team.

Upon returning to the states, Lanny joined the Keokuk, Iowa Jaycees. Lanny also joined the Davenport Jaycees and was chapter president in 1975. He was a true Jaycee up until his death. Lanny was presented, JCI Senatorship #23429 by the Davenport Jaycees. He was Life member of both Arkansas and Iowa JCI Senate.

Lanny and Karen moved to Arkansas in 1978, and he became involved in the Arkansas JCI Senate. Lanny served as State President and Region VII National Vice President 1984-1985. In the US JCI Senate, he was elected as Executive Vice President in Milwaukee 1986 then in 1989 was elected as President of the US JCI Senate in Memphis, TN. Lanny's

administration pledged to a Senate memorial room at JCI Headquarters in Tulsa. The plaque that was in the room has been returned to the JCI Senate as of June 2024. The year was successful in fund raising for the US JCI Senate Foundation, the beginning of the First-Timer Senators program, hosting the sitting World Senate Chairman, E. Jorge Suncar Morales #43169, supporting Coconut Grove Jaycees in their bid to host the 1992 World Congress in Miami and membership, the goal of 7000 members was surpassed and the year ended with 7161.

His involvement did not end with the Senate. He was instrumental in the formation of the Arkansas Razorback Corps and served as the #1 Boss Hog.

Lanny served our organization with great pride, and he was proud to tell everybody he lived in ARKANSAS. A man with great knowledge of our organization, many enjoyed his phone calls and visiting with him.

During his retirement, Lanny served as an usher for University of Arkansas sporting events. He was the first usher placed in charge of the Razorback Baseball Hog Pen and enjoyed interacting with fans.

Most of all, Lanny enjoyed spending time with family. Lanny and Karen were married 62 years.

Graveside Military service were Thursday October 31, 2024, at the Fayetteville National Cemetery in Fayetteville, Arkansas.



**US JCI Senate 22nd
President
Joe Eller #32962**

Our 22nd year started with a bang at the national convention in Greensboro and ended with an equally exciting time in Orlando. In between there were many good times starting with Camp Joe in Oak Ridge, TN. Most of all, our executive committee had a fun weekend putting together our plan for the year. This was followed by a great September board meeting held in Denver, where our very first Presidents to Presidents meeting, directed by Secretary Jan Baumgardner, was a huge success. In November, it was off to Hong Kong for a fun filled week. In January we had our midyear board meeting in Tulsa.

Our 22nd year was highlighted by many lively discussions with the US Jaycees and President Matt Shapiro concerning how we could be of assistant to the Jaycees. Needless to say, Joe Sabella, our Jaycee liaison had a busy and exciting year. During the year we also introduced the first US JCI Senate stein which we still hope will become a part of a series of steins. This project was very capably handled and marketed by Wayne Keifer. We are also proud of the success and help that we were able to give to the US JCI Senate Foundation. Our Return the Favor program,

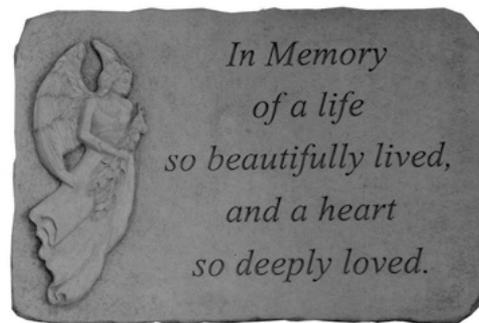
headed by Buzz Loris was very successful in that we did a tremendous job of helping local and state Jaycee organizations. We were also able to make a substantial contribution to the World Ride Against Cancer, a project endorsed by the Massachusetts Jaycees and the US Jaycees. Our ambassador programs continued to be highly successful.

For all the good times, there were also some bad times. During our year we lost a Past National President for the first time, Hal Krekorian was a very special friend of mine and the organization. We also lost a very dear friend, Donnie Alvis, a longtime Senator who held many positions in the Virginia and US JCI Senate. These two among many others were respectfully remembered during our memorial service in Orlando.

This year came to a conclusion at a great convention hosted by the Florida JCI Senate in Orlando. The meeting was highlighted by a tremendous banquet where many people were recognized for their efforts and accomplishments: Outstanding State President – Jim Brooks, Pennsylvania, Outstanding Executive Committee Member – Jan Baumgardner and Outstanding Ambassador – Jim Harmaty.

Connie and I had the opportunity to meet with Senators from all across the nation. We spent approximately forty weekends socializing with the greatest people on the face of the earth. For this opportunity, we will always be proud and very grateful.

Above selection was printed in the U.S. JCI Senate 50th Anniversary booklet.





SECRETARY

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formation Exchange was going on in Tulsa, and the group quickly came up with a solution.

At the same time, we set up newmember@usjcisente.org which works the same way. We ask that any state presenting a new Senatorship or Friendship please send the information on the recipients to this new email address so that everyone who needs the information can receive it in a timely fashion. Thank you to everyone who was at the Communications Information Exchange for their participation.

As we move into the second half of the Senate year, be on the lookout for other exciting changes all geared towards improving our communications with our members. Remember, if you have not signed up for E-News, Electronic Mentors or wish to request an electronic copy of the directory, you can do all this and more by visiting the website, usjcisenate.org, and selecting "On-Line Forms".

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

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT

LARRY E. NORFLEET #60771
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It is an honor to serve as your administrative vice president as we continue our 53rd President Gary Pittenger #24804 "Destination Legacy" vision for the 2024-2025 year.

The Oklahoma JCI Senate did an excellent job in hosting the Fall Board Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Chairman Pat Reffett #77848 plus his committee should be pleased with their great hospitality they provided to the attendees. During

the Convention and Bid Review Committee meeting, the Kansas JCI Senate presented a letter of intent for the 2025 Fall BOD Meeting. The Texas JCI Senate presented a bid for the 2026 June Annual Meeting to be held in San Antonio, Texas. It will be voted on in January at the 2025 Winter BOD Meeting (Kenner, LA).

At the time of this writing, I have not received any letters of intent for the 2026 Winter BOD Meeting. If your state is interested, please submit your letter soon to prepare your bid prior to the upcoming Winter Meeting.

TREASURER

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Let's give a BIG SHOUT OUT to Chair Pat Reffett, the Oklahoma JCI Senate and Region VIII for the awesome way they hosted us in Tulsa for our first meeting in this Destination Legacy year. I have to believe that Gary was proud of you all.

The legacy of the Audit Committee continues, led by Chair Randy Young #46420, with the completion of their Audit Committee Report. They found that our financial statements fairly represent the financial position of your U.S. JCI Senate. The report, its observations and recommendations were reviewed at the last Finance Committee meeting, led by Chair Susan Hatcher #58143. Their recommendations will be taken into consideration throughout the year.

Note the new email address, treasurer@usjcisenate.org, that can be passed from one treasurer to the next without making directory or financial institution changes. This email address is also the one used for making Zelle payments to the U.S. JCI Senate.

Treasurers and those interested in the financial side of our organization gathered at an information exchange session in Tulsa to go over items such as Membership/Dues Kits, Sweepstakes, and the



business side of Mentors as well as the role of a state treasurer. They also shared ideas with each other in order to make their state Senates run more efficiently.

To date, we have gone through our first two dues billing cycles. I encourage you to make good use of the email address column. This will help our MIS team of Dawna Norfleet #61999 and Lisa Badger #67973 bring our records up to date.

The Sweepstakes Team, led by Chair Ron Kimmert #43520 continue to attend many events. Thanks to them and your generosity, the team is well past 75% of their fundraising goal. When you see them, ask them about this year's Pitt Passes.

Many thanks to all who have a role on the finance team!!

Diane and I have enjoyed visiting you during the first half of this Destination Legacy year. We believe the second half will be no different as we visit many of our regions. Looking forward to spending time with you.

Dawna and I wish everyone a special Happy Holiday Season. We look forward to seeing many of you at Winter BOD as we continue our journey toward the finish line of our Destination Legacy.

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Cyndi Hall	48152	ME
Doug Meyers	21511	CA
Christianna Gilliam	78844	SC/GA
Dawne Sutherland	68900	FL
Tom King	59642	VA

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Lori Tomlin	62797 IN
Christianna Gilliam	78844 SC/GA
Tonya Myers	66222 MO
Don Duffy	78415 FL
Larry Norfleet	60771 TN
Cyndi Hall	48152 ME
Dawna Norfleet	61999 TN
Lisa Badger	67973 IA
Angie Jelinek	60570 ND
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with certain foundations in order to accept as a “pass through” charitable donations. Having a tax or legal professional in your corner is key to understanding how you can do all things because God gives us strength. With this strength we can continue on with our “Destination Legacy” year. So, let’s use our past training as Jaycees and Senators to continue to lead.

And for those of that managed to stay awake during my report to the Board of Directors in Tulsa, congratulations! Currently, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (a division of the Department of Treasury), has taken the position that tax exempt entities (those properly registered as 501(c) level organizations with the IRS) do not have to file beneficial ownership reports. I’ll explain in a bit more detail in an upcoming e-news publications, but for now all of our state organizations should be okay if you have complied with your IRS reporting requirements and ensured that your 990s have been filed as required.

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

Since it is the season of giving let’s talk charitably - or, more precisely, charitable status and that all too mythical status of 501(c)(3). Is your Senate organization 501(c)(3)? Do you know what that means? The answer to both those questions is probably “no.” State Senate organizations generally do not qualify as 501(c)(3) organizations. Why not and so what? Here’s the low-down in a much-simplified version.

501(c)(3) refers to a part of the federal tax code. It is a subsection of section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code that defines various types of non-profit organizations. There are 29 different types of non-profit organizations recognized by the code and designated by their (c) number. 501(c)(3) is just one of them. Being recognized as a non-profit organization under section 501 can have important benefits for your Senate organization.

The most important of which is that non-profit organizations are, for the most part, exempt from federal income taxation. Another benefit can be that if an organization qualifies under certain sub-sections of 501, they gain a status such that donations to the organization can be tax-deductible to the donor. These are, generally, known as charitable organizations. The most famous provision under which they qualify is 501(c)(3). Qualification under 501(c)(3) requires that the organization be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and other similar purposes. While many senate foundations are so organized and qualify under 501(c)(3), most State Senate Organizations are not so organized and operated and do not qualify under 501(c)(3), because of the social nature of our organization. However, there are methods through which you can partner

CHAPLAIN



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Hello Senators,

It is amazing how quickly time flies. As the U.S. JCI Senate we have experienced a huge loss this year. The scriptures say we can do all things because God gives us strength. With this strength we can continue on with our “Destination Legacy” year. So, let’s use our past training as Jaycees and Senators to continue to lead.

“Every great journey begins with one step, and it begins with moving forward, turning on the engine, and shifting into the right gear at the right time. Remember, going through pain is temporary and it will subside, but quitting, on the other hand, lasts forever.”

~ Louie Herron.

We can move forward and lead

which is a very important decision we need to make for any future Senators. Just a reminder for the reporting of E-news in the chaplains section please send information to your state chaplain and they report to region chaplains. Then they report to me, the national chaplain. Please feel free to contact me or any Senate chaplain with any prayer requests and/or concerns. The chaplain team is working hard for the Senate membership and is here for you.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Hal Williams #43912
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Season’s Greetings to all! It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through this year of “Destination Legacy.”

Thank you to the Oklahoma JCI Senate for the fantastic job you did in making the Fall Board Meeting an outstanding time! While the meeting was overcast with the passing of President Gary Pittenger #24804, President Bruce Sostak #52655, Chief of Staff Ray Ainslie #44136, the Oklahoma JCI Senate, and the “Destination Legacy” Team worked hard to see that Gary’s wishes for the meeting happened. They kept the faith with President Gary.

As leaders, we must continue to move forward. One of the jobs of the chairman of the board is to conduct the elections for next year’s national officers. If you will be seeking the office of president,

administrative vice president, secretary, treasurer, or national regional vice president and would like your name announced at the Winter Board Meeting in Kenner, LA, you must have your application sent to me and Secretary Tom King #59642 and postmarked no later than December 15, 2024. You can also send them by email to 52ndPresident@usjcisenate.org. The application form is available on the U.S. JCI Senate website under Resources/Library – Reports and Forms Library – Elections. Additionally, filing fees need to be mailed to Treasurer Gary Duell and postmarked no later than December 15, 2024. No announcements will be allowed until the paperwork and filing fees have been received. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I want to wish all Senators a happy holiday season, and the best wishes for 2025 as we continue this “Destination Legacy.”

MA JCI Senate Summer Social Franklin, MA 8/10/2024

Walter Cahoon	27223	MA/DC
Cathy Cahoon	FR#45	MA
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME
Dana Hall	41552	ME
Debra Daley	67167	MA
Tim Daley	Guest	MA
Denise Paiva	71752	MA
Bob Pirozzi	Guest	MA
Kathryn Collins	51469	MA
Lucy Heroux	71753	RI/MA
John Heroux	Guest	MA
Pam Warren	77877	MA
Elizabeth McInnis	54219	MA
Maria Teixeira	71754	MA
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JCI Senate World



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Cara has been reaching out to all Canada Senators and checking in. President-elect Cara is finding out if they want to be involved and many have stepped up in areas that will be a huge help. They are setting up for a great year.

NATCON 2025 will be held in Penticton BC, September 10 – 14, 2025. COC Director Stuart Knott and his team have a wonderful event planned. Registration, information and agenda can be found: jcipenticton.com/natcon2025

Wishing all our friends in the U.S. and Canada a Wonderful Holiday Season.

In September, I sadly had the honor of representing the US JCI Senate at Canada NATCON 24 in Toronto. U.S. JCI Past President Susan Hatcher #58143 and Senate Foundation Secretary Sheri Menendez #47839 joined me and we had a wonderful trip to Toronto. President Crispin #78201 and his team, and COB Obay King #78655, who was COC - NATCON, hosted a great meeting. During the Canada Senate Meeting, the Canada Senate pays tribute to Senators who have passed, and they did a moment of silence for our President Gary.

Cara Heck #74083 was elected president of the Canada Senate and will take office January 1, 2025. Cara, incoming VP Paul Clissold #70500 and President Crispin have been working on their plan for next year. With a theme of Connect - Communicate – Collaborate,



meeting in Berlin. The headquarters hotel was the Holiday Inn, but we only slept there because there were no meetings or events in the hotel. Each event was held on the premises of a sponsor, whether it be a lunch, dinner, banquet or meeting.

The sponsors supplied food and meeting spaces and all of them were of high quality. Sponsorship is still available in Germany because of the close affiliation by both the Senate and JCI Germany with the Chamber of Commerce. The chamber encourages their members to join and support JCI members.

The business meetings are also different from ours. Like most European countries, most of the business is done by the Executive Board and they report on line and people read them. At the meetings, individual members are allowed to comment on reports, ask questions and express their views and many do.

One of the joys of going to Europe is that each of the 34 Senate countries are all different and every visit is an experience.

Last issue I discussed the difference between the British Senate and the U.S. JCI Senate. I promised that I would share my views on the German Senate. Recently (last May) we attended the German Senate



FRIENDSHIP AWARD



Amie Unruh, #122, Kansas, has been very active in all aspects of the Senate. She has attended all of the Kansas JCI Senate meetings, as well as most of the regional and national events. She has a very positive attitude, even though she is going through some medical issues of her own and with her husband,

Andreas Vandever. She tries to help in any way that she can with the activities that go on.



Randy Empting, #121, Oklahoma, has long supported his wife with the local and neighboring Jaycee chapters. His wife said, "He helped us and worked harder than anyone on our projects. He is always there to make sure things get completed and done." He has traveled with her to state, regional, and national Senate organizations meetings. He would welcome new Senators to ride along with them.

They could always count on Randy for any help. He was a long time staple in the community, state Jaycees and Senate organizations.

Randy served his community as a dedicated and honorable policeman for many years.

NEW SENATORS



Rick O'Neill, #83130, Rhode Island, joined the Newport/Middletown Jaycees. He served the chapter on many committees and in various offices including president. He chaired and co-chaired many projects, including the first-ever statewide Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar in 1974 at the Naval Underwater Systems Center in Newport. That evening Hugh personally called

Rick and the committee at the evening banquet and thanked them for their contribution to his nationwide program.

Following his Jaycee career he has served his Newport community in various ways impressed on him by his Jaycee involvement. He is retired and still resides in Newport with his wife Barbara.



Jan Allen Smith, #83256, Alabama, joined the Roebuck-Center Point Jayceettes. She remained active until the Jayceette organization dissolved. She chaired numerous projects and served all offices, including president. She served the Alabama Jayceettes as regional director, and as state secretary. Her time was limited in the Jaycees, due to buying her family business, raising young children

and helping her husband with his duties as Alabama JCI state president.

Jan began a professional affiliation with the National Ornamental & Miscellaneous Metals Association. She served as president twice. Her service to the community continued with garden club leadership, including president, and chairman of Birmingham's Antebellum Home Christmas Committee.



Roxanne Trinker, 83112, Minnesota, joined the Lake Elmo Jaycees. She has always been welcoming, hardworking and willing to step in for anything that needs to be done. She has run her chapter, road run to many other chapters to help, and has been a great mentor to younger Jaycees.

Roxanne has chaired many chapter projects and served on committees, sometimes holding one or more committee

positions at the same time. She has the tenacity and perseverance to get any job done, big or small.



Bamidele Oluwasayo Ojo, #77857, Texas, joined JCI in 1997, and has since held several key positions including serving as the 2017 executive vice president of JCI Nigeria. She is a graduate of the prestigious JCI Leadership Academy in Japan and the AMEC JCI Leadership Academy in Ghana.

Bamidele has several years of extensive experience in financial management, project and risk management, and auditing. She holds a doctorate degree in business administration. Alongside her JCI accomplishments, she continues to excel in her career, blending leadership with a commitment to excellence.

Bamidele enjoys traveling, meeting people, reading and cooking.



Kristen Lloyd, #83110, Minnesota, was a member of JCI Shakopee. She has done everything in her power to support chapters, members and to fulfill the mission of JCI. She helped to found a new chapter and worked to make the chapter one of the best in the state.

Kristen has mentored many members who have gone on to serve in the local, state, and national roles. She helped JCI

Minnesota make an impact in the world as she raised money for Shriner Children's Hospital by collecting pop tabs at chapter events.

Kristen has done so much great work and has been empowered while empowering others.



Lorrie Castle, #82617, Texas, became involved with the Jaycees in Ohio in 1992. When her professional career brought her to Houston, she immediately became active in the Houston Junior Chamber. While not a big fan of CPG's, she was involved with many successful projects including the Houston Consular Ball and FOYH.

Through Lorrie's employer's facilities, she arranged for and hosted monthly chapter membership meetings. She served as director and vice president before her career moved her around. By the time she returned to Houston, she had aged out. She continued to assist the local chapter and the Texas Jaycees and even married a JCI Senator.



Gabriella Bashorun, #83073, Texas, joined JCI in 2002 as a collegiate member in the university and, upon graduation, she joined JCI Ikeja in 2011. She held several positions and became president twice.

Upon her relocation to the United States, Gabriella joined Houston JCI and was vice president twice. She won the most outstanding member in the city, state, and national level. Her project Tech Skills for Seniors, won the Most Outstanding Personal Skill Development Program at the JCI Conference of the Americas in Curacao.

Gabriella is currently an EMR Analyst. She is married to Texas Senate President Adebayo Bashorun.



Kevin McNamara, #83093, New Hampshire, joined the Claremont Jaycees. He was truly a Jaycee kid in one of the largest Jaycee chapters in New Hampshire. As soon as he was old enough, he joined the Jaycees, holding numerous positions, that led him to serve as president of the Claremont Jaycees.

Kevin didn't stop there, he continued to lead in various Jaycee positions at the district and state levels including president of the New Hampshire Jaycees.

NEW SENATORS



Lonnie Finke, #83111, Minnesota, joined the Lake Elmo Jaycees. He has been an exceptional mentor over the years. As an alumni he was always involved in the chapter's largest project. He has spent time collaborating with other chapters for socials, road running and volunteering.

During Lonnie's active time, he could be found recruiting people from every part of his life and helping throughout

the state of Minnesota. He has always been willing to jump in to help, to learn, and to figure out ways to make things better. His impact has been far and wide in Minnesota.



Jessica Davis, #83113, Minnesota, joined the Lake Elmo Jaycees. She has been a key part of the success of JCI Minnesota and many of their local chapters. She has been involved in projects of many different chapters throughout the 11 years she has been a Jaycee.

Jessica has held many positions throughout multiple local JCI chapters, as well as in JCI Minnesota state staff and its partner organizations.



Lara Thom, #83098, New Jersey, joined the North Brunswick Jaycees. She couldn't wait to join the organization that she as a child had so many experiences in what the Jaycees do, thanks to her parents. She participated in many of the projects before her joining, so it was not difficult for her to step up and volunteer to help.

Lara was very involved in the holiday projects and HOBY. It is no surprise that within minutes of receiving her Senatorship, she agreed to take on the Region II Wheelchairs for Kids and Wreaths Across America. Lara is currently a member of the JCI North Jersey chapter.



Emily Carlson, #83109, Minnesota, joined the Lake Elmo Jaycees in 2015. She has been the backbone of her chapter. She is knowledgeable in all areas and how they can affect her chapter. Her dedication to service is top notch. She is the epitome of "Service to humanity is the best work of life" in her personal life, work life and Jaycee life.

Emily is one of the most welcoming members of her chapter, opening her home to meetings and social events. Her passion for people shines brightly and can be seen through all of her Jaycee work.



Blair Learn, #83065, Maryland, was an active member of the Gaithersburg/Germantown Jaycees. He was the backbone of the chapter. When the two largest community service programs didn't have anyone to chair the projects, he stepped up to make sure the community was served. He held many chapter positions and ended his active Jaycee career as state district director.

Blair continues to keep the chapter alumni in touch with each other. He has coordinated a reunion and runs a Facebook page for past members. He and his wife, Amy reside in Germantown, and he is a software engineer for the National Cancer Institute.



Missy Malone, #83068, Minnesota, joined the Bemidji Jaycees. She chaired and helped with many events as needed. She has always been a constant in her chapter, always with a smile on her face and a dad joke in her pocket.

Missy found herself at the forefront of leading her local chapter as president. She took this role, albeit with hesitation, but she proved quickly to herself and her chapter she was just what the organization needed. Her ability to connect with all those she worked with to bring light to any situation and lead with integrity. This makes her one of the best Jaycees there is.



John Pflug, #83097, Indiana, served in all local offices as a member of the Princeton Jaycees, and ended his Jaycee career in the Chandler Jaycees. He served as local president and was recognized with

the Cravens Award for outstanding chapter president. He served the Indiana Jaycees as district director, region director and state president's assistant.

John's favorite projects were the fair dunk booth and bingo. His home chapter closed before he aged out, and he transferred his membership the last few years to another chapter in the region.



Illinois New Senators Adam Vosholler #83185, Lanna Bartko #83072, Illinois President Judson DeVore #65005, Amy Olson-Smith #83300



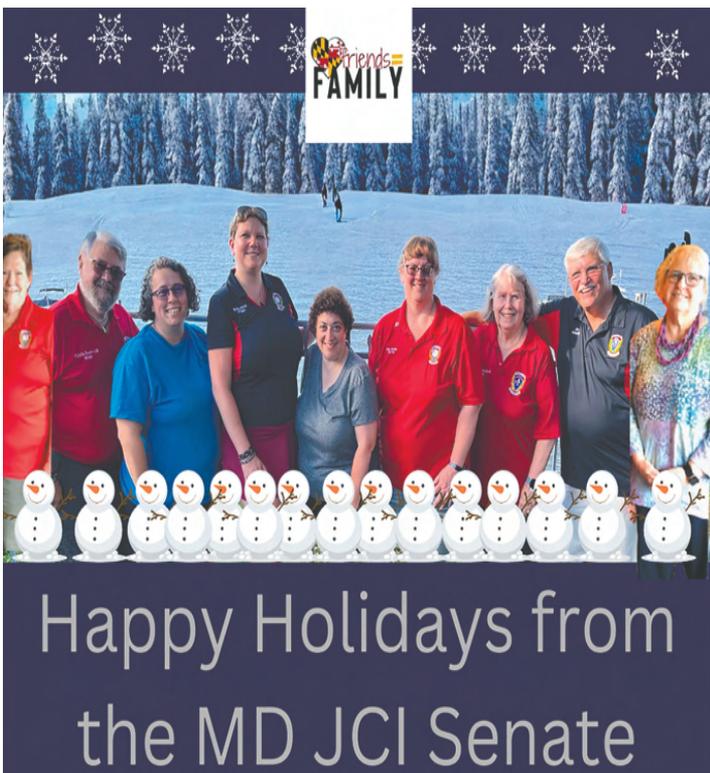
Veterans recognized in Tulsa

Front: Jimmy Lewis #78887, Alex "Hitman" Willis #34236, US JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655, Earl Sawyer #28243
 Back: Marlin Sanny #13967, Paul Weymouth #69653, Joe Callison #71418, Jumper Davis #38376, Joe E. Sabella #26077,
 Steve Sutherland #27073, Janie Daugherty #65320, (behind Woody) Rich Little #42307, Woody Sauerbrei FR #111,
 Bruce Geddes #35527, Thomas Michael #76512, Andreas Vandever #75413, (behind JR) Lowell Vahl #40315, JR Clark #63916,
 Bill Madding #28920, Walter Cahoon #27223, Julian Thom (Guest)



Destination Legacy Medallion Recipients in Tulsa

Front: Teresa Bean #67173, JCI USA President Vanessa Birchler #74430, US JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655,
 Anne Johnson #49625, Liz Young #47759, Dewayne Sumner #66239
 Back: Dan Badger #67974, Newton Standridge #29407, Cindi Hall #48152, Joan Travis #76201, US JCI Secretary Tom King #59642,
 Wayne Kiefer #36498, Randy Young #46420, Jumper Davis #38376, US JCI Treasurer Gary Duell #48384, Bruce Geddes #35527,
 COB Hal Williams #43912, Lowell Vahl #40315, Jess Kling #78271, Russ Cooper #4638



JCI USA



JCI USA PRESIDENT
VANESSA BIRCHLER #74430
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Hello U.S. JCI Senate!

It is hard to believe that my year as JCI USA national president is coming to an end. I am so proud of the incredible work that Jaycees across the country have been putting in this year. They are running impactful projects, evolving how they create impact and developing leaders. Thank you to all Senators who have assisted our JCI chapters along the way. From working a shift at the chapter project, to brainstorming ideas with members to nudging them

to take on a challenge, it is all important to continuing the JCI movement!

JCI USA is very excited to have chartered or in the process of chartering several new chapters and those are thanks to contacts with Senators! The greatest thing we as Senators can do is share the JCI experience with other young people. Look at your community or one near you and envision all the ways JCI could impact the community and the young people. Senators often have the connections to local government, businesses and other organizations to spread the word about the JCI movement. If you know young people who are interested in starting a chapter, please reach out to me and we will work with them.

I appreciate the hospitality you all have shown me as I have attended the June and September meetings. It has been wonderful to get to know many of you and I have also loved your curiosity about the Jaycees in your state. While my term as president is coming to an end I hope to continue seeing you all for years to come at Senate events.



JCI USA PRESIDENT-ELECT
BETHANIE MILLER #82286
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Hello, fellow U.S. JCI Senators! My name is Bethanie Miller, and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve JCI USA in 2025 as the 105th national president. I currently am serving JCI USA as the deputy national president. I was honored to receive my Senatorship #82286 and be named Ambassador #4484.

I joined JCI Hattiesburg, Mississippi in 2018 and the experiences gained from there have truly shaped me into the person I am today. My journey as an HR professional has further fueled my passion for leadership development and community impact. As we look to 2025, my goal is to revolutionize the JCI USA member experience and embrace the opportunities ahead. Together, I hope to foster thought leadership, expand our collective impact and ensure every member has the tools to succeed. I look forward to taking the opportunities ahead with your support.

*Left: Cindy Brandel #54928,
 Andreas Vandever #75413,
 Liz Young #47759*



RETURN THE FAVOR
TRACY CULLER #64534
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Calling all JCI Senators! Our Jaycees need you, each and every one of you. Take a minute and remember back to that special time when you were a Jaycee and had that fire in your heart to help others. I challenge each of you to find that spark, that very small spark that set you on your awesome journey to where you are today, a part of the best organization ever, the U.S. JCI Senate.

Our Return the Favor program is as important to JCI USA as it's ever been. The IMPACT we could have on just one Jaycee, one small chapter or even the entire state is endless. Reach out to a Jaycee today, be a sounding board, a mentor, a sponsor on a chapter project, whatever they may need. Just be there.

Our first submission is due Dec. 15, which will cover the first half of our year, while our second submission will be due May 15. The overall year end judging covering our 2024-25 year will also be due on May 15. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to helping you help the Jaycees in any way that I can.

Communication Attendees at Tulsa

Fit: Mary Allred #46602, Kim Bode #62467, Dawne Sutherland #68900, Cyndi Hall #48152, Bob McDonald #58286, Jess Kling #78271

Back: Angie Jelinek #60570, Ray Ainslie #44136, Lowell Vahl #40315, US JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52665, Christianna Gilliam #78844, US JCI Secretary Tom King 59642, Doug Meyers #21511



US JCI Senate Fall Board of Directors Meeting Sept 21, 2024 Tulsa, OK

Allison Geddes	74777	OH	Gary Duell	48384	PA	Cathy Cahoon	FR-45	MA	Leisa Peebles	56001	TX
Randy Young	46420	MN	Diane Duell	74147	PA	Karen Lage	FR-67	IA	Chris Travis	55435	NJ+5
Cheryl France	57391	MD	Matt Sernan	72678	MI	Cheryl Carlson	70371	NC+2	Joan Travis	76201	NJ+5
Jim France	44665	MD	Ron Kimmert	43520	OH	Katy Lemmer	73037	PA	Lara Thom	83098	NJ
Bonnie Blaisdell	69956	CT	Sara Kimmert	77909	OH	Larry MacQuirter	67377	GA	Kathryn Collins	51469	RI/MA
Lori Tomlin	62797	IN	Randy Johnson	56636	MO	Ruby Weymouth	67303	OH+4	Dianne von Borstel	55954	AZ/MO
Chris Curtis	35440	IL	Kristen Johnson	72859	MO	Paul Weymouth	69653	OH+4	Jim Hampshire	38626	AZ
Susie Colbert-Curtis	73137	IL	Scott Kingsley	67932	NY/PA/WV	Andreas Vandeves	75413	KS+4	Rose Steen	57178	SD/IA
Nancy Cloud	52750	OK	Stephanie Kingsley	72949	NY/PA/WV	Stu Ohara	39768	OH	Gary Steen	56503	SD
Vicki Wallis	70555	IA	Cyndi Hall	48152	ME	Menssa Sneetll	69220	VA	Skip Hoelker	FR-10	SD
Newton Standridge	29407	IA/AR	Lisa Badger	67973	IA	Tanis Jimeno-Friedman	70297	AZ/NE	Nan Holzer	63882	TX
Carol Standridge	80700	IA	Dan Badger	67974	IA	Phil Friedman	61255	AZ/NE	DeLisa Anderson	54310	OK
Deb Mogdis	62260		Jaci Newmark	56368	FL	Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei	44003	IA	Judson DeVore	65005	IL
Gloria Albers	79536	OK	Keith Adams	FR-105	FL	Woody Sauerbrei	FR-111	IA	Marsha DeVore	67330	IL
Pam Peters	79538	OK	Wayne Huelsmann	30592	IL	Phyllis Bowers	51430	IA	Steve Sutherland	27073	FL
Sally Traczul	68943	PA	Michelle Fisher	80502	TN	Eldon Bowers	45999	IA	Dawne Sutherland	68900	FL
Don Steele	49491	OK	Jim Pendleton, Jr	40286	MO	Sharon Rice	71524	OH	Jon Bruner	58932	OH
Sheri Menendez	47839	OK	Bill Craft	36216	NC/DC	EJ Rice	47046	OH	Jenny Bruner	64688	OH
Pat Riffett	77848	OK	BJ Craft	45900	NC/FL	Lawerence Pittman	53932	NC/FL/AL	George Abernathy	40528	TX
Nancy Salopek	47610	PA	Alex "Hitman" Willis	34236	GA/IA	Karol Pittman	FR-55	NC	Rosaire Louge	28290	VT
Marty Calabro	26870	NV	Lloyd Mueller	57186	NE	Marlin Sanny	13967	NE	DJ Leppla	44743	Reg VI
Wayne Kiefer	36498	IL	Janet Van Beek	45420	IA	Melissa Sanny	66967	NE	Keith Schnell	43086	KY/IN
Margie Kiefer	FR-29	IL	Dana Hall	41552	ME	Pat Hoelker	45893	IA	Bruce Sostak	52665	TX
Ken Fischer	43036	SD	Cyndi Thornburg Schnell	61668	KY	Jerry Will	24873	MN	Logan Giesie	51120	TX
Carole Harlan	44468	SD	Tori Long	57104	OK	Randy Sursa	49485	OK	Larry Norfleet	60771	TN
Bill Madding	28920	TX	Jimmy Lewis	78887	TX	Billy Patterson	47979	IL	Dawna Norfleet	61999	TN
Candy Madding	FR-58	TX	Carolyn Smith	64564	AZ/NC/FL	Tom Hendrix	37317	MO/IA/NE	Ray Ainslie	44136	IL
Marge Miller	52948	MN	Joe A Souza	27511	CA	Kent Singular	65462	KS	Melodie Ainslie	69200	IL
John Dahl	42828	SD	Margaret Souza	48490	CA	Jeanette Singular	64563	KS	Sam Young	37972	MD
Marsha Dahl	47936	SD	Susan Hatcher	58143	MO	Ron Stair	71373	KS	Marilyn Young	45664	MD
Bill Hossman	41293	FL/IN	Joe Sabella	26077	PA	Lori Oakland	67100	IA	Denise Lyons Conrad	53219	CA
Lowell Vahl	40315	AZ	Nancy Salopek	47610	PA	Ron Holzer	56549	TX	Karen Gage	78980	VA/MD/PA
Kim Bode	62467	NC/SC	Amy Kay Moore	78686	NC	Nan Holzer	63882	TX	Pam Lipkowitz	56195	IA
Melissa Unger	59854	MD	Earl Sawyer	28243	MO	Jackie Julien	74251	VA	Kim Hubbell	68729	MI
Mary Alfred	46602	TN	Terry Rowland	63007	MO	Jeff Kozak	63411	PA	J Daughety	65320	KY/TN
Jatel Basse	44149	TX	Julie Morff	71917	MO	Nancy Gianetti	69463	CT	Jim Daughety	51172	AZ/KY
JeNie Altman	56150	KY	John Robinson	55768	PA/FL	DeWayne Cartee	62218	MO	Rich Little	42307	GA
Thomas Michael	75612	GA	Mike Andrews	58312	IN/FL	Bob McDonald	58286	PA	Gail Little	FR-97	GA
Art Esenberg	26704	VA/FL	Linda Andrews	71434	IN/FL	Shelley Bates	78813	IN	Ann Engle	71560	CO
Ann Harrison	75822	DE	Karen Voshel	62305	IL	Larry Bohn	87024	MD	Monty Schroeder	62203	IL
David Teachout	68700	MO	Amanda Turner	65613	OH/MI/KY	Ronnie Bohn	66024	MD	Irene Shanley	65316	FL
Paul Myers	72173	MO	Michele Burnett Emmerich	60635	MO	Peggy S Rider	58293	OK	Cindy Brandel	54928	FL
Tonya Myers	66222	MO	Angie Taylor	71600	IA/SC/NC	Noel Sumpter	73189	OK	Don Duffy	78415	FL
Russ Cooper	4638	MI/IL	Letha Grimes	63946	MD	Melanie C Paschal	70372	NC/SC	Christianna Gilliam	78844	SC/GA
Maxine Cooper	69012	IL/MI	Bruce L Geddes	35527	OH	Chris Hardee	66036	NC	John Wodarcyk	62078	OK/TX
Jumper Davis	38376	TX	Wendy Taylor	71712	MI	Janet Kozak	61574	PA	Liz Young	47759	SC/GA
Hilda Davis	71500	TX	Joe Callison	71418	OH	HD Sumner	66239	TN	Tooter Gray	58203	AL
Jess Kling	78271	MD	Walter Cahoon	27223	MA/DC	Greg Peebles	56000	TX	JR Clark	63916	GA



President Information Exchange Attendees in Tulsa

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*We Wish
All Our Senate Friends
A Merry Christmas, Happy
Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and
a Wonderful New Year*



*The Pittman's
Lawrence #53932 & Karol FR #55*

*From our house to yours,
Happy
Holidays!*



Happy Holidays

*Looking forward
to
another
great year together!!*

**Hal Williams #43912
Chairman of the Board**

*Seasons Greetings,
Happy Christmas,
Happy Kwanzaa,
Happy Hanukkah*

*"We Believe"
in the magic of Christmas
in
Region IV*

*Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
North Carolina and South Carolina*

MVP Carla Bailey

Wishing you a
Blessed Christmas

AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM
Diane Duell #74147 and
Gary Duell #48384
US JCI Senate Treasurer



ENGAGING SENATORS... ASSISTING JCI
2024 FLORIDA JCI SENATE 2025

HAPPY HANUKKAH
MERRY CHRISTMAS

FLORIDA JCI SENATE
55th
THE TIME OF OUR LIVES
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from the
Florida JCI Senate
CELEBRATING 55 YEARS
1970-2025

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE US JCI SENATE FOUNDATION

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Nancy Salopek #47610 Scholarship Chair

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Kelly Koch #69503

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Region II – Beth Muir #65479, Pennsylvania
Region III – Judy Nuessle #62267, Maryland
Region IV – Cheryl Carlson #70371, North Carolina
Region V – Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137, Illinois
Region VI – Donna DeLaney #55560, Missouri
Region VII – Mary Allred #46602, Tennessee
Region VIII – Greg Peebles #56000, Texas
Region IX – Kath Miller #74168, Washington
Region X Beth Fujishige #69219, California



U.S. JCI SENATE FEATURE EVENTS



Happy Holidays!

The U.S. JCI Senate Winter BOD is right around the corner on January 9-12, 2025! The Iowa JCI Senate is so excited to host everyone in Kenner, LA. The early registration deadline is postmarked by December 10, 2024 for full registration at \$75. After December 10, 2024 full registration is \$85 and \$95 if you register at the door. Early hospitality on Thursday night of January 9 is \$20 per person which includes a meal, snacks and beverages.

As a reminder if you need to cancel a sleeping room, please

WINTER BOARDS JANUARY 9-12, 2025 KENNER, LOUISIANA

reach out to myself and/or Newton Standridge #29407 for assistance and we will reassign to those who are currently booked in the overflow hotel and would like to move to the host hotel.

For more current information, please visit our Facebook page 2025 US JCI Senate Winter Board.

See you in Kenner,
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ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 15-19, 2025 CHICAGO/NORTHBROOK, IL

Make sure you mark your calendars for the 2025 U.S. JCI Senate National Convention June 15-19, 2025. We will have early hospitality on Sunday, June 15. Cost is only \$20

If you're interested in golf, please indicate that on the form. We're also working on providing fun tours. The Chicagoland area has so much to offer! Maybe come in early or stay late so you can see more and do more!

Lucky us! The White Sox are playing the Cardinals while you're



SUMMER IN THE CITY

in town. It's part of our plan to take in a ballgame!

If you have any questions, please reach out.

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TN JCI Senate Mini-National Convention and Region VII Meeting Pigeon Forge, TN February 20-23, 2025

The 2025 Tennessee JCI Senate Mini-National Convention/Region VII Meeting will be held in Pigeon Forge at the LaConte Hotel Conference Center February 20-23, 2025. We invite you to attend the "Saturday Morning Cartoons" fun weekend!

Adult full registration is \$95 including: Thursday, Friday and Saturday Hospitality plus access to Saturday meetings (TN JCI Senate and Region VII); plus, Friday Dinner/Entertainment, Saturday lunch and Night Banquet.

Friday Night Entertainment will be twenty-one games of BINGO with CASH prizes! Afterwards will be our "Saturday Morning Cartoons" Costume Party! Prizes given for the best Female, Male and Group Costume. This is one costume party you do not want to miss!

The hospitality room will be

full of spectacular snacks and drinks along with games from cards, checkers and puzzles for those who love to be competitive! Rumor has it we may even watch a cartoon or two!

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

Please mark your calendars for this fun, exciting weekend as we relive our childhood Saturday morning cartoons! Registration forms are located on the U.S. JCI Senate website and E-news. The Tennessee Senate is looking forward to hosting everyone in February at the "Saturday Morning Cartoons" 2025 weekend!

VENDOR SHOWCASE

VENDOR SHOWCASE
MaryAnn Hilleary #64615
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items and perhaps even purchasing items. If you are looking to contact any of those vendors, let me know and I will get their contact information to you.

We are planning on being at the next two national meetings. If you are a vendor and want to set up at any of the meetings, please email me.

If you were in Tulsa and stopped by the Vendor Showcase, Thank you so very much. The vendors that set up are small business owners who appreciate you looking at the



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Bonnie Blaisdell
#69956

Connecticut JCI Senate





US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting

Iowa Spice

January 9 through January 12, 2025

Hosted by the Iowa JCI Senate Events in Kenner, LA



Name _____ JCI Senate/Friendship # _____ Age Under 55 Y__ N__
 Name Spouse/Guest _____ JCI Senate/Friendship # _____ Age Under 55 Y__ N__
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone: Home _____ Cell _____
 Email Address _____
 Current Office Title _____ Rooming with: _____
 Check here if this is your first JCI National Meeting. Check here if you're a military veteran.

Item	Qty	Postmarked by 12/10/2024	Postmarked After 12/10/2024	On-Site	TOTAL
Full Registration*		\$75.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	
Saturday Lunch Banquet					
Thursday Early Hospitality (6 pm to 1 am)		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Daily Off-Site Fee (if not staying within the event room block)		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
GRAND TOTAL					

* Full Registration includes Hospitality Friday and Saturday, Lunch Banquet on Saturday.

Region to sit with for Lunch Banquet? _____

Make a Choice(s) for Saturday Luncheon Banquet (enter Quantity): ___ Fish ___ Chicken ___ Vegetarian

Vegetarian or Religious/Dietary Restrictions _____

Make Checks payable to IA JCI Senate Events & Mail check and registration form to:

Carol Standridge #80700

9315 Lakewood Pointe Drive . Norwalk, Iowa 50211

Must be Postmarked by

December 10, 2024

All hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel at Hilton New Orleans Airport 504-469-5000

Registration Code: JCI25 - Available after March 1, 2024

Free airport shuttle service just call the hotel at 504-469-5000.

Room Rate is \$139.00 plus Taxes per night.

Room rate is good for 4 nights before and after the meeting dates. **Based on availability.**

Parking at the hotel is FREE

Cut-off date for room block is December 29, 2024. The hotel address is 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, Louisiana 70062

Chairs: Lisa Badger: 641-275-0988 or thebadgers91@gmail.com and Newton Standridge 515-229-5310

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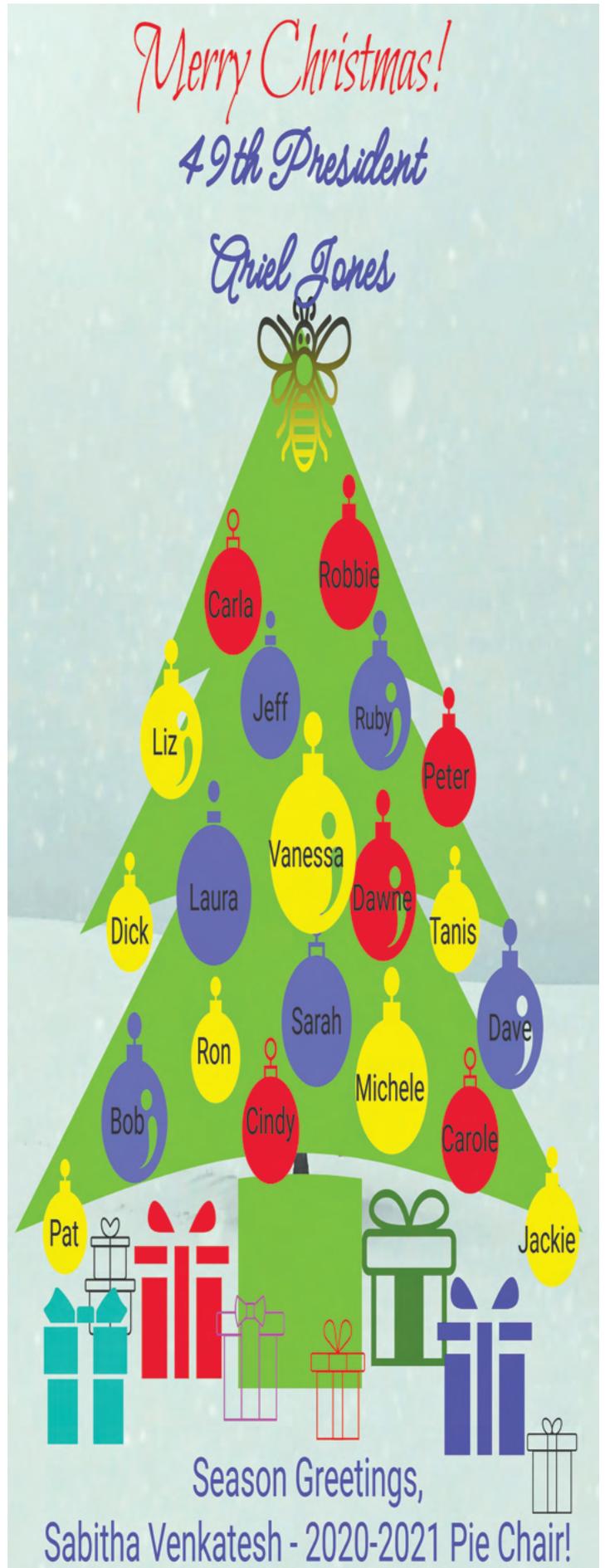
**Peace, Joy and
Happiness In 2025**

Bruce Geddes #35527
41st US JCI Senate President

Jean Geddes #68886 48th Ohio JCI Senate President

Allison Geddes #74777 57th Ohio JCI Senate President

Susan Geddes #81581 91st JCI Ohio President.





2025 US JCI Senate
Annual Meeting

Hosted by the Illinois JCI Senate
June 15 - 19, 2025
Chicago/Northbrook, Illinois



Name: _____ JCI Senate #: _____
 2024-2025 Senate Office Held: _____ Friendship #: _____
 Spouse/Guest: _____ JCI Senate #: _____
 2024-2025 Senate Office Held: _____ Friendship #: _____
 Address/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Contact Phone #: _____ Email: _____ Region #: _____
 Rooming with? _____

	* YOU *		* GUEST / SPOUSE *	
Please Check...	Between the ages of 40 - 55?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Between the ages of 40 - 55?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1st US JCI Senate Meeting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	1st US JCI Senate Meeting?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Military Veteran?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military Veteran?	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Quantity	Total Due
Full Registration		
Includes Hospitality Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Thursday Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$185 <i>On-Site</i>	\$ _____
<i>Thursday banquet meal restrictions</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Early Hospitality (Sunday)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 30 <i>On-Site</i>	\$ _____
Thursday Banquet ONLY		
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 80 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 85 <i>On-Site</i>	\$ _____
Children 12 & Under		
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80 <i>On-Site</i>	\$ _____
Daily Hospitality Only		
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Monday</i>	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Tuesday</i>	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Wednesday</i>	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Thursday</i>	\$ _____
Off-Site Fee <i>Applies if not registered at Senate Hotel</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Per Person Per Day	\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Illinois JCI Senate TOTAL DUE \$ 0.00

Golf (TBD) Would you be interested? Yes **Tours (TBD)** Would you be interested? Yes

<p>Hilton Chicago/Northbrook 2855 North Milwaukee Ave. Northbrook, IL 60062 1-847-480-7500 1-800-774-1500 Room Block Code: ISEN Room Rate: \$144 + taxes</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Hotel Registration</p> <p>Hotel Link: US JCI Annual Meeting (June 2025) Room Block good until May 15, 2025 Rate valid for 4 days pre and post conference</p>	<p><i>Mail form & check to:</i> Lynne McGill #70364 Registration Chair 1209 W. 83rd Court Merrillville, IN 46410</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Zelle Payment (no fee):</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For additional information contact:</i> Maureen Niedenthal #67699 at 217-274-9858 Lynne McGill #70364 at 708-691-0934 jcisenatchicago2025@gmail.com</p>
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REGION I

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

Region I NVP
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Greetings, Senators and friends! Region One is Still the One for great friendships, great fellowship and fun!

Thank you to the Oklahoma JCI Senate and Region VIII for a tremendous Fall BOD Meeting in Tulsa. Job well done! The NVPs were definitely "Living on Tulsa Time" when riding in all dressed up in western garb.

Thank you to all who attended the tremendous Fall Frolic in Shelburne, New Hampshire! Thanks to the New Hampshire JCI Senate and especially to Bonnie and Dick St Jean for making this a successful event. Foundation Rep. Elizabeth McInnis had success raffling off theme baskets for fundraising. Promotions at Frolic included Wreaths Across America, Enhanced Membership Benefits, Winter BOD and Presidential Sweepstakes. Region One approved a bid by Vermont to host 2025 Spring Caucus in May and approved a bid by Massachusetts to host 2025 Fall Frolic on

"STILL THE ONE"

Cape Cod next October.

I wish you well during the holiday season and I hope you will enjoy sharing some festive time with family and friends. I'm pleased that all six states are participating in the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation scholarship program and the Wreaths Across America program. Most of the New England states will be hosting socials to celebrate the holidays and the Massachusetts JCI Senate always brings laughter at its hilarious Yankee Swap. Many of the Region One states have been traveling and submitting their Pitt Paddle photos as well as honoring forgotten Senators. Rhode Island has a renewed sense of energy. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont continue to produce fine newsletters. Three New England States are mentoring Jaycee chapters including: Greater Manchester in New Hampshire, Foxboro in Massachusetts and Southington in Connecticut.

I am looking forward to January for the Winter Board meeting in Kenner, Louisiana! Region One is moving in the fast lane in the race toward Destination Legacy.



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Greetings from Vermont!

After a successful Vermont JCI Senate picnic on Aug. 4, with about 50 Senators and friends in attendance, we cruised into fall. Our board gathered for a quick social over lunch on Sept. 21 in Waterbury.

Our scholarship chair is hard at work getting the foundation laid for a successful scholarship program. The Vermont JCI Senate has now raised our state award from \$500 to \$750 to increase the quality and numbers of applications.

Eight Vermont JCI Senators, spouses and Friendship winners attended the fun-filled Fall Frolic in Shelburne, New Hampshire where we enjoyed the company of Senators from Region I and from around the country. It was wonderful to spend time with our Senate friends from around the country.

Our next Vermont activity was participation in Wreaths Across America on Dec. 14. We had a great turnout of Vermont Senators and enjoyed a gathering following the wreath laying. We were thrilled to participate in this endeavor knowing that we are honoring our deceased veterans, and this is a nationwide effort.



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Hello from the beautiful Ocean State!

The Rhode Island JCI Senate had a great luncheon on Oct. 17 at the Cowesett Inn in West Warwick. It was our first Senatorship presentation in years, for a former Jaycee who deserved to be recognized years ago. A profile of our new Senator will be in the next issue of Mentors.

We had a great lunch and told old stories. Following the luncheon, Past U.S. JCI Senate President Dave Habershaw #17879, Treasurer Dave Roderick #21608, Dave's wife Marilyn and I attended the Region I Fall Frolic in Shelburne, New Hampshire Oct.18-20. Beautiful mountain views and good Senate friends made it a wonderful Fall Frolic.

We also participated in Wreaths Across America on Dec. 14 at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery in Exeter. The ceremony was dignified and moving. I represented the Rhode Island JCI Senate in Tulsa, Oklahoma for the U. S. JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting. We are looking forward to scholarship judging in January under the guidance of Scholarship Chair Andy Riley #25521. Charlie Dick #39434 and I will attend the British Senate Drumming Out in Barnsley, England in January.

Many thanks to Region I Vice President Dana Hall #41552 and Past Region I Vice President Cyndi Hall #48152 for their support.

NH JCI Senate 50th Anniversary Social 8/4/2024					
Richard St. Jean	38089	NH	Charlie Welch	11719	MA/NH
Bonnie St. Jean	42864	NH	Colette Welch	69240	MA/NH/FL
Peter Jordan	54684	ME	Gordon Lewis	13490	NH
Wayne MacDonald	36519	NH	Kathy Doherty	52919	CT
Mark Reisman	32926	NH	Paul Doherty	46397	CT
Gary and Candy Nichols	30727	NH	Jeff Kass	32399	CT
Paul Vatcher	9153	NH	Fran Kass	60798	CT
Earl Rinker	12612	NH	Jim Nielsen	17823	NH
Rosaire Longe	28290	VT	Jack Pasquale	32806	CT
Jane Chadderdon	71648	VT	Sue Pasquale	FR 17	CT
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME	Kevin and Amy McNamara	83093	NH
Dana Hall	41552	ME	Jeff Kozak	63411	PA
Walter Cahoon	27223	MA	Janet Kozak	61574	PA
Cathy Cahoon	FR 45	MA	John Souza	16202	MA
Bonnie and Dale Blaisdell	69956	CT	Pat Souza	FR 39	MA
Teri Gladstone	56778	NH	Jan Calder	FR 15	MA
Cary Gladstone	46015	NH	Bob Moss crop	36581	NH/MA/FL
Elizabeth McInnis	54219	MA	Mary Anne Johnston	65901	NH
Michelle and Don Launsby	80754	NH	Jerry Plante	36401	NH
Nate Cyr	3492	NH	Mary Plante	42855	NH
Karen Cyr	FR 66	NH			

Maine JCI Senate Bowling Social Lewiston, ME 9/28/2024		
Peter Jordan, President	54684	ME
Dana Hall, NVP Region I	41552	ME
Merrill Pottle	23412	ME
Joy Pottle	FR #59	ME
Joyce St Pierre	44818	ME
Mike St Pierre	FR #100	ME
Rick James	43089	ME
Cyndi Hall	48152	ME
Irene Single	49260	ME
Edouard Plourde	74178	ME



BONNIE BLAISDELL
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Greetings from Connecticut!
Thank you, New Hampshire, for the wonderful Region One Fall Frolic in October. What a great turnout from Senators from across the U.S.

We had a wonderful time at the hockey social in November. I am excited to be continuing toward our destination as we gather for our Connecticut holiday social/meeting and gift exchange in December before our snowbirds leave us.

I look forward to Massachusetts holiday social and their crazy Yankee swap. I was glad to honor our veterans by doing Wreaths Across America. December is a time to be grateful for all our family, friends, the opportunity to travel and the ability to stay connected to our Senate family.

January always comes upon us quickly and gives us a chance to regroup. We are doing a scavenger hunt (in-house or drive around, depending on weather) in January.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to you ALL!

In Connecticut "We are Better Together"



DICK ST. JEAN #38089
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Holiday Greetings from the Granite State!

Our fall activities included Fall Frolic. Special thank you to everyone that made our Frolic a success: The Fall Frolic Committee, a great turnout from both Region One, Region Two and Iowa JCI Senate; Mark Reisman, registration chair; Colette and Charlie Welch for procuring ads for the great program book developed by Fred Plett; our Hospitality Chairs Wayne MacDonald and Bonnie St Jean; and the Region One Leadership Team led by NVP Dana Hall. National President Bruce Sostak #52655 made our event special; it is the first time in memory a national president outside of Region One has visited New Hampshire twice. JC Moose says, "Great job, everyone!"

Wreaths Across America Chair Mary Plante is organizing and promoting our event in East Concord. We also have snowbirds participating in the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery program.

Welcome to our Forgotten Senator, Past President of the New Hampshire Jaycees, Kevin McNamara #83093!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in January at the Winter Board meeting.



ELIZABETH McINNIS #54219
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Happy Holidays from the Bay State!

We had a busy summer and fall in Massachusetts. We visited three of our neighbor states' picnics and had our own.

September brought the Tulsa board meeting and several Jaycee events. October had Fall Frolic, held in a gorgeous New Hampshire setting. Many thanks to the New Hampshire Senate for a great event.

We have one Jaycee chapter, in Foxboro. They are extremely active in their community and it is a privilege to support them as Senators. Our holiday social is the first weekend in December and should be a good time, as usual. We hope to have visitors from several states – our Yankee Gift Swap is legendary and we will be repeating our holiday cookie contest. There is always time during the weekend to explore Cape Cod. We expect to have Santa and his naughty elf to distribute gifts. Rumor has it that there may be one (or more) Senatorships presented at the weekend.

We offer our good wishes and support to Bruce Sostak #52655 and Larry Norfleet #60771, who stepped up to national leadership in the wake of President Gary's untimely death. I hope to see everyone in New Orleans!



PETER J. JORDAN #54684
PRESIDENT MAINE
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Congratulations to Cyndi Hall for being awarded a "Destination Legacy" medallion at the Fall Board Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma!

Our 'Lunch and Bowling' event on Sept. 28 was very successful. Thank you all who attended.

Our active membership is 140 Senators. We are the largest Senate organization in Region I. Thank you to Mike Bailey for joining us with a life membership and to Stan Dugas for converting his regular membership to a life membership.

We continue to emphasize communication to all of our members. I have been able to group our good emails together (116) for our Maine Senate group. Anybody who wants to join and enjoy instant/transparent communication - please send me your email to 1967nuxi@gmail.com.

Thank you, Dick Darling for publishing our newsletter, "The Senate Scoop." This masterpiece is emailed and mailed monthly to all members who want it.

The Maine Senate will lay wreaths on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 at the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Augusta. Chairperson Dawn Crabtree #63305 will let us know about the details and time. I have scheduled our luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Great Wall Chinese Restaurant in Augusta. Our Christmas social will start at 12:30. Please RSVP to me at 1967nuxi@gmail.com.

PA JCI Senate BOD Meeting Harrisburg, PA 5/4/2024

Amy Newton	68529	PA	Missy Umberger	79560	PA	Rob Mawson	FR 118	PA
Bill Kramer	65433	PA	Cheryl Carlson	70371	NC + 3	Sheryl Zagar	77791	PA
Katy Lemmer	73037	PA	Carolyn Carlson	Guest	NC	Beverly Lettich	54958	PA
Joan Travis NVP	76201	PA	Carole Harlan	44468	DE+4	John Lettich	42708	PA
Terry Kolaz	68698	PA/IL	Bob McDonald	58286	PA/DE	Russ Lang	69509	PA
John Robinson	55768	PA/FL	Beth Muir	65479	PA/NY	Lloyd Lingle	59827	PA
Jane Amend	65535	PA	Krista Muir	73181	PA/NY	Diane Duell	74147	PA
Kim Melachrinis	66672	PA	Walt Pfister	19349	PA	Mike Traczuk	52181	PA
Brad Cox	62525	PA	Nicole Dapp	74656	PA	Sally Traczuk	68943	PA
Connie Cox	75090	PA	Jeff Kozak	63411	PA	Matt Boyer	76878	PA
Nancy Salopek	47610	PA	Janet Kozak	61574	PA	Joe Sabella	26077	PA
Greg Umberger	79559	PA	Jean Mawson	66086	PA			



REGION II

Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania

Region II NVP
KRISTA MYERS-SHAFER
#77862

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"LIVE, LEARN, LOVE"



Happy Holidays from Region II. This is one of my favorite times of the year. It's the time to celebrate with friends and family. There are many traditions and events we see during this time. Since celebrating Tulsa time, I have been traveling throughout my region and attending events in others. I am looking forward to the Winter Board in Louisiana.

The last few months we have been working the Apple Harvest Festival, socials, Zoom meetings and starting our holidays events. As a region, we have many events planned for after the holidays. Make sure you check the calendar and our social media outlets to see the dates.

The second membership deadline has passed and we as a region are working hard on activating members to be involved

with their states and region. If you know of someone who isn't involved or hasn't been contacted by the states, let us know. I challenge all members in Region II to travel to another state or region, or sign up for a national event. We have so many different opportunities to get our members together. Make sure you are.

We are almost to the halfway point of the year. As we continue to head toward Destination Legacy, we need to make sure we stay focused and on track. Are we taking the time to live by the creed? Are we taking the time to learn something new? How are you showing your love for the organization and the people we have in our lives because of it?

I have enjoyed the journey as your NVP and hope during the second half of the year we continue to Live, Learn and Love the Senate.

Wishing you blessed and joyous Holidays!



SALLY TRACZUK #68943
PRESIDENT
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The PA JCI Senate has had many adventures this year!

Pennsylvania Senators traveled to events including our Summer Picnic Meeting and the Region II/ III Social. We attended events in New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio, Maryland and the Fall Board Meeting in Tulsa. We returned the favor by assisting chapters and scooped ice cream at the National Apple Harvest Festival. We celebrated the holidays at our November meeting with National AVP Larry Norfleet #60771.

Our holiday events include assisting PA JCI Chapters as well as Senate sSocials. The Pittsburgh Holiday Dinner Party is Dec. 13 at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel. The Feast in the East is Dec. 14 at the Kozaks' in Quakertown. Many of our members are participating in Wreaths Across America.

In 2025, we will be busy with the U.S. JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting, scholarship judging, a hockey game and social events along with our quarterly meeting Feb. 7-9. The Pennsylvania JCI Senate will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on May 3 during our quarterly meeting weekend May 2-4, 2025

Be sure to keep up with us on our Facebook page - PAJCI Senate and our website at pajcsenate.org.

Let the Adventure Begin! Have a great holiday season!



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New Jersey JCI Senators attended the Region II/ III Social Aug. 24. It was great to connect with the Senators of other states.

On Aug 30, we held our election and the following were elected: President Ria Serrano, Vice President Jose Mari "Lee" Clemente, Secretary Ann Harrison, Treasurer Helen Friedlander, and de facto Chairman of the Board Joan Travis. Senators Ria and Lee were then invited to the small gathering of the Lifetimers in New York, which was held at Senator Richard Aguinaldo's residence in New Jersey.

On Sept 29, FR#80 Jean Neuman graciously hosted our summer social. Region II NVP Krista Myers and Region II representative for Wreaths Across America and Wheelchairs for Kids Lara Thom attended via Zoom. We are delighted to announce that we met and exceeded the challenge for Region II with a \$1,000 donation.

We were also able to celebrate the 80th birthday of John Shelby Wells #25673 and were graced also by our oldest Senator, Mike Michael J Arons #18862.

The NJ JCI Senate plans to have a monthly Zoom and have a fun activity, holiday socials, a program called Healthy Heart, Healthy Senators.

For inquiries, message President Ria at ria.jcinjsenate@gmail.com



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It's been an enjoyable year for Delaware Senators with events throughout the year: Co-hosting MAI 2024 with New Jersey in April; Blue Rocks baseball games; our summer social at Boondocks; Region II and III summer social;

helping the New Castle Jaycees selling popcorn at the local summer concerts; helping the Wilmington Jaycees at the senior prom night at the Howard Weston Center; lending a hand at the Pennsylvania ice cream stand at the National Apple Harvest Festival; and purchasing and laying wreaths for Wreaths Across America.

And, as always, our Senators' bi-monthly social dinners – one upstate and one downstate – because we are small, we have Senators attending both dinners. Our last event of the year will be the winter social in January. If you're in the area, please join us.

The Delaware Senators wish everyone an enjoyable and warm winter!



CRISPIN BOTTOMLEY #78201
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We have had a busy fall season with members attending the JCI USA National convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Congratulations to JP Ong (2024 JCI New York State president) on being voted in as an upcoming JCI USA NVP. I've just returned from Taiwan where I attended World Congress with other Senators from New York. World President Kaveen Kumar Kumaravel asked us all to make a

difference this year and we have.

Thanks to Donna Stanton for joining our board as secretary and John Tyo as the financial opportunities chair.

We remember JCI Senator Antonio "Tony" Figueroa #56206 in the empty chair section of this edition. In December we also remember members of the Jaycees who served in the armed forces who are no longer with us, by our participation in Wreaths Across America.

I'm using this article to ask any of our Senators would like to be a judge for our scholarship program to reach out to me. You will always find the most up-to-date information about the New York Senate on Instagram @jcinyorkstatenat and in our Facebook group.

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season and all the best for 2025. See some of you at the Central Region party.



Paul Myers #72173, Pam Padgett #51341, Susan Hatcher #58143, Bob McDonald #58286, Teresa Bean #67173, Ann Engle #71560

PA JCI Senate August BOD Meeting
Reading, PA 8/3/2024

Amy Newton	68529	PA
Katy Lemmer	73037	PA
Beverly Lettich	54958	PA
John Lettich	42708	PA
Jim Fawcett	49441	PA
Gary Duell	48384	PA
John Robinson	55768	PA/FL
Russ Lang	69509	PA
Brad Cox	62525	PA
Connie Cox	75090	PA
Nancy Salopek	47610	PA
Joan Travis	76201	PA
Beth Muir	65479	PA/NY
Krista Muir	73181	PA/NY
Bob McDonald	58286	PA/DE
Lloyd Lingle	59827	PA
Nicole Dapp	74656	PA
Mike Traczuk	52181	PA
Beth Newill	60235	PA
Lorraine Newill	FR 8	PA
Sheryl Zagar	77791	PA
Sally Traczuk	68943	PA
Sherry Cracium Bolin	72608	PA
Jean Mawson	66086	PA
Matt Boyer	76878	PA

NYS Region Central Picnic 2024
Binghamton, NY 8/17/2024

S. Kingley	67932	NY
S. Kingley	72949	NY
J. Kozak	63411	PA
J. Kozak	61574	PA
C. Bottomley	78201	NY
A. Ciravolo	67048	NY
J. Tyo	66381	NY
B. Cairns	59815	NY
K. Cairns	62807	NY
K. Muir	73181	PA/NY
B. Muir	65479	PA/NY
S. Traczuk	68943	PA
J. Manson	66086	PA
D. Stanton	73421	NY
T. Stanton	67115	NY
M. Loveria	71744	NY
J. Doane	Guest	NY

WVJCI SENATE STEAK FRY
VIENNA, WV 8/10/2024

Cori Erbacher	68752	WV/MD
Erica Ellison	80798	WV/MD
Randy Wilhoite	47435	WV/DC
Konrad Melkus	13787	WV+3
Maryann Rohr	65353	MD
Tom Rohr	47918	MD
Craig Erbacher	75678	WV/MD
Vanessa Kinsey	70985	WV+3
E.J. Miller	50983	WV
Linda Miller	49755	WV
Sherry Dugan	54475	WV
Scott Sharp	71725	WV
Cindy Sharp	81902	WV
Bob Staats	81115	WV
Bob Joseph	30851	WV
Sharon Rice	71524	OH
E.J. Rice	47046	OH
Ruby Weymouth	67303	WV+4
Paul Weymouth	69653	WV+4
John Price	36383	WV/FL
Deborah Price	71777	WV/FL
Ruth Hopkins	79632	WV
Tracy Brooke	69445	WV/OH
Gary Brooke	58420	WV/OH
Sharon Clagett	77156	WV
Gary Duell	48384	PA
Rick Rutter	53977	WV
Tom Fittro	49798	WV
BK Fittro	59529	WV

Maryland JCI Senate Crab Feed
Westminster, MD 9/7/2024

Lisa Geier	78779	MD
Jimmy Harris, Jr.	62279	MD
Cheryl France	57391	MD
Jim France	44665	MD
Larry Richmond	46511	MD
Diane Baerveldt	48476	MD
Larry Bohn	37024	MD
Ronnie Bohn	66024	MD
Marilyn Young	45664	MD
Sam Young	37972	MD
Judy Nuessle	62267	MD
Danny Nuessle	FR47	MD
Melissa Unger	59854	MD
Karen Gage	78980	VA/MD/PA
Tom Cramer	61957	VA/MD
Patrick Applegate	34996	MD
Carol Applegate	49685	MD
Pam Cotter	43030	MD
John Cotter	41511	MD
Tom Rohr	47918	MD
Mary Ann Rohr	65353	MD
Anne Johnson	49625	VA
Letha Grimes	63946	MD
Beth Newill	60235	PA
Julia Livingston	73032	PA
Jennifer Ray	68957	MD
Gary Duell	48384	PA
Maureen Niedenthal	67669	IL
Mark Niedenthal	39701	IL
Janet Harding	50749	MD
Charles Harding	56969	MD
Barb Ransom	44119	MD
Vanessa Kinsley	70985	VA
Scott Kingsley	67932	NY/PA/WV
Cia Marshall	67319	MD
Laura Jones	67320	MD/VA
Michele Kountz	49613	MD
Bob Kountz	43029	MD
Joe Schaffer	48541	MD
Karen Schaffer	82616	MD

Holiday Greetings From Region I



NVP Dana Hall

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Region I Presidents



Bonnie Blaisdell

Kathryn Collins

Peter Jordan

Bob King

Elizabeth McInnis

Dick St. Jean



U.S. JCI SENATE FOUNDATION



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As we look forward to the year 2025, let us revisit our trip to Tulsa this past September. Our silent auction was very successful and continued podium gifts went well. In addition there was a strong memorial support in memory of our 53rd President Gary Pittenger, whom we lost unexpectedly on September 3rd.

During our board meeting we welcomed new trustees, Jim Harmon and Kelly Koch. We look forward to their knowledge and continued interest in the foundation. We also welcomed several new regional reps: Cheryl Carlson, Region IV, Mary Allred, Region VII, Gregg Peebles, Region VIII, and Beth Fujishige, Region X. We look

forward to their valuable support in their respective regions and during our national board meetings.

We want to remind one and all, that during the upcoming Winter Board meeting in New Orleans, we will NOT have an auction because of the luncheon banquet planned. Instead, for those not interested in leaving the hotel in the afternoon, your Foundation will sponsor a short bingo session and possible surprise projects to keep you busy. Any items you may have for an auction, please bring items to Northbrook for the annual meeting in June.

As we continue to move forward to 2025, we will recognize 50 individuals with \$1,500 first year academic scholarships and up to 10 individuals with \$1,000 vocational or industrial scholarships.

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

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



VICE PRESIDENT
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Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK, those who donated and bought at the Foundation Silent Auction. With all of your help and dedication we raised \$4500 on the Auction alone. This along with all the other groups and people that donated, we appreciate you and your endeavors.

Next stop is New Orleans and something different for Fund-raising! Since traditionally our meetings in New Orleans has a noon banquet and everybody goes out to enjoy the city, we need to change our activities!!! For this meeting either that afternoon or maybe that evening (not decided yet) we will play BINGO!!!! The idea is for us to play 10 games, winners will receive a \$10 gift card! Last game will be a regular Bingo but hold your numbers as we will go right into a Black Out Bingo. Pay out for Blackout is yet to be determined but will be also in gift cards. Hope you will join us.

From New Orleans we go to Northbrook IL for our year end meeting. Foundation Day will include Live Auction, Silent Auction and a Brown Bag Auction. Looking forward to our big day!!

Again, thank you for all you do to help our Scholarship program and help us to grow our program.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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The 2025 scholarship program of the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation is heading towards its final lap. The postmarked deadline for students to submit applications to the state chairperson is January 17, 2025.

The national postmarked deadline to submit applications to me is February 14, 2025. Each state may submit two applications of students who will be attending a college or university and they will be eligible to receive one of the fifty (50) \$1500 grants to be awarded. This is also the deadline date for each state to submit one application of a student attending

a vocational or technical school with the opportunity to receive one of the ten (10) \$1000 grants we will award.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the Foundation and our scholarship program.



Region VII NVP Dewayne Sumner #66239 giving a horse ride to Chief of Staff Ray Ainslie #44136

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REGION III

District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia

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"CIRCLE OF FRIENDS"



In October, Maryland and Virginia held a social at Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton, Virginia, like we used to do years ago for William and Mary and Naval Academy football games. It was nice to get together again!

Every Region III state held meetings in November, although I was not able to attend all of them due to my surgery in October. The District of Columbia Senate is reorganizing and hopes to meet in its local area. Their current president, Ole Orset #72270, is a former D.C. Jaycee. Thanks for stepping up, Ole!

We had a lot of participation in Wreaths Across America on Dec. 14. Thank you goes to Maryland Chair Pam Cotter #43030, and thank you to all who participated!

The holiday season is upon us. The Virginia Senate is planning its party on Dec. 7 at the home of COB Sheri #78710 and Mike #78709 Polychrones. Maryland will hold its holiday party on Jan. 18 at Joe #48541 and Karen #82616 Shaffers' home.

We are all looking forward to the warmer weather in NOLA! But not if it will be as hot as Tulsa was! Yikes! I thought I was back home in Maryland! I hope that all of my states are able to attend.

Happy holidays to everyone! May God bless us all, every one!



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After the long, hot, dry summer, the fall weather was very nice. The weather was perfect for our Steak Fry back in August. Special guest Treasurer Gary Duell #48384 really enjoyed the brewery tours. I met our NVP, Mary Ann Rohr #65353, and we had some great conversations.

One of my goals is to establish a good relationship with the Jaycees. My new Return the Favor Chairman, Eurika Ellison # 80798, and Sherry Dugan #54475 are working hard to "Make it Happen." I want to thank them both for their efforts.

Our meeting in November was held at Logan State Park. The highlight of the weekend was our annual "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. As usual, there were many interesting gifts unwrapped, then stolen back and forth. Everyone had a great time.

Next November, we are going to have the largest Dirty Santa yet. It will take place during our 55th anniversary celebration in Wheeling.

I plan to attend the Winter Board meeting in New Orleans next month. It will be nice to get some warm weather there.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Please remember those who are without a loved one this holiday season.

Together we can "Make it Happen."



TOM CRAMER #61957
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Aloha Ohana Koho!

This year kicked off with a fantastic summer outing in Fredericksburg, where we enjoyed a memorable baseball night cookout hosted by Senator John Mosesso #71551.

Congratulations are in order for our Virginia first quarter Presidential Award winners: Karen Gage #78980, Sheri Polychrones #78710, and John Mosesso #71551. Your hard work has truly set a positive tone for the year!

Our adventures continued in Tulsa for the U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting, where we connected with more of our "Chosen Family." We celebrated Destination Legacy and honored the life of President Gary Pittinger. A special shoutout to Anne Johnson #49625 for receiving a Presidential Award from Gary and his team.

Next, we gathered for the MD/VA Senate Fall Social at Occoquan Regional Park, where we shared fun and delicious Huli-Huli chicken.

The fun continued at the fall meeting in Harrisonburg, where our Hospitality Chair John Mosesso #71551 led the "Inaugural Charcutier Challenge." It was a fantastic time filled with great food and quality moments with friends.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Holiday Party hosted by the Polychrones in Mechanicsville on Dec. 7. We can't wait to celebrate the season together! Until then, Aloha!



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Happy holidays, Senators!

What a great time we are having this year in Maryland. We had a delicious time eating crabs and socializing with other Senators from Maryland, Virginia, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio at our annual Crab Feed and then 11 of us visited Tulsa, Oklahoma for the Fall Board meeting.

From there we visited wineries

and breweries in Washington County, Marland, where we enjoyed the local flavors. We enjoyed our visit to the Pennsylvania Senate for the Apple Harvest Festival in early October and then on Oct. 19, we drove down to Virginia for the Maryland/Virginia social where Virginia President Tom Cramer #61957 cooked up some of his fabulous Huli Huli chicken. That same weekend, a couple of our members enjoyed Fall Frolic in New Hampshire. In November, we went Back to the Beach for Maryland's Fall Weekend where we held our business meeting, participated in a fun competition of arcade games, had a presentation for the 40th anniversary of allowing women into the Jaycees and presented Senatorships.

We took a break for the holidays and will come back together to continue our Friends=Family journey at Winter Board meeting in Kenner, Louisiana and our holiday party on January 18.

REGION IV

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina



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"WHEN WE BELIEVE"

18-20 at the Four Point Sheraton.

I'm excited to say that funds have been raised for Wheelchairs for Kids. Cindy Brandel had a touching presentation at the national meeting. Instead of spending \$10 on a cup of Starbucks coffee, donate it to Wheelchairs for Kids.

I know everyone is excited about Dec. 14. All the Region IV states will participate in Wreaths Across America. This is a great way for us to honor our Veterans. Also, remember to where red" on Fridays to honor deployed troops.

It's time to hit the road again. Excited to be heading to the Region IV states. Can't wait to see everyone.

"When We Believe," we will make it to our Destination Legacy.

Hello from Region IV! Thanks to the Oklahoma Senate for a great meeting! I had a great time bonding with the other NVPs and I always have fun with my presidents. I want to thank my states that remembered President Gary Pittenger #24804 with a donation to the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation. I had the opportunity to conduct my first Region IV meeting at a national meeting.

The next Region IV meeting was held in conjunction with the Alabama Senate in Huntsville Oct.

tive presidential medallion.

Nov. 8-10, Florida held its annual Grinchmas and membership meeting in Tampa. Grinchmas raises money for the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation. This allows the foundation to award eight scholarships. Mr. Grinch was in attendance. Fifteen Senators and friends were recognized with commemorative medallions at the membership meeting.

The Florida JCI Senate 55th anniversary will be held Feb. 14-16 at the Holiday Inn - Orlando SW Celebration. For more information, please visit our website fjcsenate.org.

The website has been updated after three years by Mindy Gallager #79578. She has brought a fresh look to the site and keeps it updated. Mindy has done an outstanding job on our website.

On behalf of the Florida JCI Senate, have a safe and happy holiday season.



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From all of us in North Carolina ¡Feliz Navidad!

It is hard to believe the Senate year is almost halfway complete. This year has been bittersweet. We began Focusing on the Future at our summer meeting at Emerald Isle including having folks Zoom in to join us, a successful silent auction and sweepstakes, and celebrating with the North Carolina Jaycees at their convention.

Fall included a planning session, Region IV meeting in Alabama, Carter Finley concessions and various local events. Thank you to all for supporting the North Carolina Senate.

While we lost President Gary Pittenger #24804, we will carry him in our hearts and minds throughout the year. The Fall BOD in Tulsa was a fitting tribute to him and a reminder to complete Destination Legacy.

North Carolina has our Wreaths across America project and holiday social, both on Dec. 14. 2025 will kick off with the Senate hosting the North Carolina Jaycees year-end meeting on Feb. 7, Calabash Beach Bash March 20-23, and our outstanding 50th Anniversary Celebration and annual meeting on May 31. We hope to see all of you there. Please contact me for additional details.



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The Georgia JCI Senate put together a football pool, orchestrated by Vice President Thomas Michael, which raised \$1,700 for Wheelchairs for kids.

In September a Georgia JCI Senate contingent headed to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the Fall Board Meeting and to honor the memory of President Gary Pittenger #24804.

The Georgia JCI Senate in conjunction with the Honor Corps and Georgia Jaycees held a golf tournament in Statesboro. The proceeds will benefit Wheelchairs for Kids.

We headed to Huntsville, Alabama in October for our Region IV meeting.

In December, the Georgia JCI Senate will holding its Christmas social Dec. 6-8 at Choice Hotel in Warner Robins, Georgia. The registration form will be on the websites of the Georgia JCI Senate, the Honor Corps and Jaycees. On Dec. 14, we will travel to Andersonville to participate in Wreaths across America.

The last weekend in January, with more information to follow, we'll have our winter meeting in Statesboro, location to be determined. In February, the Georgia JCI Senate will attend the Florida JCI Senate's 55th anniversary.

To one and all from the Georgia JCI Senate, happy holidays to you, our brothers and sisters in this great organization.



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I want to thank Senators for the well wishes, prayers and kind words during my recent emergency surgery.

Florida celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Florida BASH, chaired by Debra Jeanne Gronvold #52883, Oct. 4-6 at El Caribe Resort & Conference Center, Daytona Beach Shores. The BASH committee did an outstanding job. It was a successful event. Debra Jeanne was recognized for her leadership with a commemora-



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Greetings from Alabama! I hope everyone is prepared for the holidays.

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of President Gary Pittenger #24804. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

In October, Alabama hosted the Region IV meeting in Huntsville, home to the Space and Rocket Center. The fun began on Friday, Oct. 19 at the Sheraton Huntsville Airport. Saturday morning, the Alabama JCI Senate had a short meeting, followed VP Carla's Region IV meeting. The Bama Brigade meeting took place that evening.

The Alabama JCI Senate will participate in the Wreaths Across America on Dec. 14.

Please contact one of us for more detailed information.

January will see our annual Trip to Gulf Shores! Dates are Jan. 17 - 19, and the hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites.

The year-end meeting will be in Oxford, May 30 - June 1. The hotel is the Fairfield Inn and Suites.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the meeting in Tulsa but from all reports and FB posts it was great. Thank you to NVP Carla, Larry, Deidre and Tooter.



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It's a great day in South Carolina and we send you all holiday greetings!

First, I would like to thank all of my team, our National Executive Committee, our South Carolina Jaycees and our fabulous South Carolina JCI Senate membership for all of their hard work so far this year! Thank you for participating and embracing our national programs, including Wreaths Across America!

While our state is smaller in membership than our regional sister states, don't overlook our impact, which can be quite fierce and valuable.

On your next visit, I can promise you a beautiful area of the country, pride in what South Carolina does, the way we do it and a Senate membership that we are certainly proud of! Look forward to seeing you soon!



OHIO JCI Senate Pig Roast
KENT, OHIO
JULY 19-21, 2024

Ron Kimmet	43520	OH
Sara Kimmet	77909	OH
Karen Schoonover	57305	OH
Mitch Schoonover	59758	OH
Rockne Clarke	38035	OH
Ruby Weymouth	67303	OH
Paul Weymouth	69653	OH
Sharon Rice	71524	OH
Earl Rice	47046	OH
Jon Bruner	58932	OH
Jenny Bruner	64688	OH
Jane Hider	47491	OH/DC
Charlie Eberhardt	54887	OH/DC
Tom Quackenbush	78225	MI
Tanya Quackenbush	78291	MI
Dan Badger	67974	IA
Lisa Badger	67973	IA
Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei	44033	IA
Woody Sauerbrei	FR111	IA
Matthew Sernau	72678	MI
Ann Harrison	75822	DE
Kim Hubbell	68729	MI
Jenie Altman	56150	KY
Gerald Altman	GUEST	KY
Bob McDonald	58286	PA
Judson DeVore	65005	IL
Marsha Devore	67330	IL
John Robinson	55768	OH/PA
Gary Duell	48384	PA
Scott Kingslevy	67932	NY
Amanda Turner	65613	OH/MI
Allison Geddes	74777	OH
Bruce Geddes	35527	OH
Jean Geddes	68886	OH
Dave Conklin	54029	OH
Shelley Knight Bourn	81030	OH
Zach Bourn	GUEST	OH
Stu O'hara	39768	OH
Joe Callison	71418	OH
Kristi Callison	69284	OH
Emma Callison	GUEST	OH

FL JCI Senate 1st Quarter Meeting
Altamonte Springs, Florida
8/24/2024

Don Duffy	78415	FL
Jim Warren	42572	FL/MD
Marsha Phillips	47528	FL
Mike Phillips	50063	FL
Dawne Sutherland	68900	FL
Steve Sutherland	27073	FL
Marianne Romano	52885	FL
JD Denny Shogren	15727	IL
Amelia Harrison	62082	FL
Bianca Deal	71182	FL/WV
Michael Sawyer	36403	FL/OH
John Robinson	55768	FL/PA
Irene Shanley	65316	FL/NC
Mel Fickas	28320	FL/NJ
Melanie Fickas	77281	FL/NJ
Keith Adams	FR #105	FL
Jaci Newmark	56368	FL/LA
Scott Jacobs	58599	FL
Peggy Sewell	64474	FL
Doyle Sewell	63344	FL
Johnny R. Swank	44479	GA+3
Brenda Swank	67214	GA+3
Brandi Swank	Guest	GA+3
Kelly J. Koch	69508	FL+3
Thomas Johnson	FR #86	FL
Stacy Mahar	81584	FL
Mindy Gallagher	79578	FL
Debra Gronvold	52883	FL
Cheryl Hyman	53544	FL
Bill Hossman	41293	IN/MS/FL
Jane Sigler	47096	FL
Madeline Robinson	50844	FL
Dee Stone	59531	FL
Caryn "CC" Ackerman	62039	FL
Marge Saunders	54671	FL
Ken Clements	45944	FL
Kay Elliott	61747	FL
Maria Kuntz	62122	FL

Fall Social IA JCI Senate
Chariton, IA
8/17/2024

Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei	44003	IA
Woody Sauerbrei	FR#111	IA
Lisa Badger	67973	IA
Dan Badger	67974	IA
Carol Standridge	80700	IA
Newton Standridge	29407	IA/AR
Angie Taylor	71600	IA/SC/NC
Tracy Taylor	66603	IA
John Parsons	74674	IA/ND
In memory of Ken Holvenstot	819	IA
John Prins	79782	IA/IL
Darrin T. Hamilton	78835	IA
Brian Witte	68535	IA
Ron Sanders	64093	MO

Indiana JCI Senate Summer Board Meeting
French Lick, IN 8/17/2024

Lori Tomlin	62797	IN
Joseph Shaw	41308	AK/IN
Jerry Wright	55005	IN
Johnny Caldwell	73865	IN
Tracy Luttmann	54773	IN
Jerry Luttmann	46155	IN
Mike Pouch	77787	IN
David Hussung	41391	IN
Ron Kimmet	43520	OH
Sara Kimmet	77909	OH
Jenie Altman	56150	KY
Gerald Altman	Guest	KY
Keith Schnell	43086	IN
Cyndi Thornburg-Schnell	60661	KY
Jason Messmer	72305	IN
Scott Meneilly	64743	IN
Amy Barber	60115	IN
Judson DeVore	65005	IL
Marsha DeVore	67330	IL
Walter Angermeier	59533	IN
Mike Shipe	48008	IN
Jim Dulin	54018	KY
Matt Sernau	72678	MI
Tom Quackenbush	78225	MI
Tanya Quackenbush	78291	MI
Allison Geddes	74777	OH
Bruce Geddes	35527	OH
Jean Geddes	68886	OH
Milt Stock	23428	IN
Ed Darringer	47492	IN
Sherry Jones	63163	IN
Doyle Jones	FR83	IN
Sherril Horton	58791	IN
Don Horton	42000	IN
Shelley Bates	77813	IN
Kim Hubbell	68729	MI
Cheri Redding	71350	MI
Amanda Turner	65613	OH/MI
John Pflug	83097	IN

Route 66 competition

Winner Jimmy Lewis
#78887 TX, Organizers
from OK: Teresa Mullican
#49496, Tori Long #57104,
Winner Diane Duell #74147



REGION V

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio

Region V NVP

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"MAKING AN IMPACT & SHINING TOGETHER"

Season Greetings from Region V. I hope everyone is ready to spend time with their family and friends this holiday season. I can't believe we are halfway through this year already, and we are getting ready for the second half with election meetings for the states, Winter Board in Kenner, Louisiana, and all the region meetings coming up. I know Michigan will be looking forward to some warm weather in the coming months.

What has Region V been up to since the last Mentors? We started our summer tour with Michigan's year-end and swearing in of President Tanya Quackenbush. Then we headed to Ohio for the annual Pig Roast and Allison Geddes' first meeting as president. Then we went to Illinois for the Summer Picnic where Judson DeVore was sworn in by U.S. JCI National President Gary Pittenger #24804. President Gary gave two of his medallions there to Wayne Kiefer and Norm Hoffman. Then we were back in Michigan

for a pool party and the Michigan Senate meeting. From there we headed to Indiana for President Shelly Bates' first meeting.

In September we headed to Tulsa where we lived on Tulsa time. Thank you again to the Oklahoma Senate for great time. Congratulations to our award winners: Sweepstakes states Illinois (first place) and Ohio (second place), Region V got first place for sweepstakes. Bruce Geddes, Russ Cooper and JCI USA President Vanessa Birchler also received medallions.

Then came October, when we headed to Kentucky for Fall Frenzy. JeNie Altman and her chairs, Dulin and Will, did a great job with the event. Then we went on to Michigan's big event, Jeans and Jewels. Nina Perko-Badeen does such a great job with this event, raising money for their scholarships.

In closing, I know this has been a hard year with losing President Gary Pittenger #24804 in September, but as I told Region V, Making an Impact & Shining Together we are going to make him proud and the Destination Legacy is going to finish strong.

Kentucky had six in attendance at the national Fall Board meeting in Oklahoma and fun was had by all of us. One month later, we hosted KY Fall Frenzy, had a full house, and wonderful representation from across Region V. Good food, good friends and good times!

Kentucky slows down for the next couple of months to focus on family. We then start traveling again in January.

My wish for each of you is a fantastic holiday season with family, friends and fun!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



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The Friendship: Past, Present and Future Year started off with numerous events.

A group of Senators helped our Jaycees with manpower as they hosted the JCI USA Annual Meeting and TOYA Gala in Cleveland, followed by our first Ohio Senate Social, a Cleveland Guardians MLB game with JCI Ohio. Then we were on to an awesome Fall Board meeting in Tulsa a few days later. October brought haunted house judging for the Jaycees and, in November, we had our fall meeting in Columbus, rounding out the first six months of the year.

December brings about the Wreaths Across America and of course the holidays. Once again, we will participate on Dec. 14 in the laying of wreaths for Wreaths Across America.

The Ohio JCI Senate would like to wish happy holidays to all! Come January, we will once again be on the move, traveling to Kenner, Louisiana for the Winter Board Meeting. Later in January, we will travel north to visit our fellow Region V Senators in Michigan. February brings us to the JCI Ohio year-end meeting and our next Senate meeting. March will bring the Region V Spring Fling and another Ohio Senate Social.



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Happy holidays and best wishes for the new year from the Michigan JCI Senate.

It was a fun and eventful summer traveling through Region V and it was fun visiting Tulsa for the first time at the Fall Board meeting. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and hospitality that made these events a success.

I would also like to thank everyone who donated or joined us at our seventh annual Jeans and Jewels Gala for scholarships. We appreciate the support of our Senate family from around the country.

We would love for you to join us for our Snowball Soiree (previously the Post Holiday Party) on Jan. 17 and 18. Look for details at www.michiganjcisenate.org. This is also the place to find other events and socials happening in Michigan. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Enjoy the Moment as we continue to race toward Destination Legacy!



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I love this American ride! Like Johnny Cash, I've been everywhere.

The day after surgery, I got the best #Pittpass picture that I will never forget.

Then it was off to the Sikeston Jaycees Bootheel Rodeo! (Still

on crutches)

At the Jasper Jaycees Stras-senfest, I met with their chapter president and fellow Senators. We spoke at great length about how and if we can grow JCI in Indiana, and why they haven't been at Senate events.

At the Lanesville Jaycees Heritage weekend, I met again with fellow Senators and the local chapter president to open up the lines of communication. I hope to facilitate more activity and possible growth in both organizations.

At our Senate meeting in French Lick, we saw several familiar faces that had previously been inactive. We also recognized a new Senator, John Pflug #83097. I then swore him in as my Vice President!

Our next meeting is in Corydon Jan. 24-26 at the Surestay Plus by Best Western.

Keep on racing and we will meet at the finish line.



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How the world changes in just a few short months. The passing of National President Gary Pittenger #24804 in early September; the possibility of armed conflict in the Pacific Ocean. If the U.S. JCI Senate could collectively shine our light on this world, I am sure that we would be instrumental in helping to calm the world.

This fall saw a slight slowing in my presidential tour. Thank you to the Oklahoma JCI Senate for the all-too-brief weekend of fun and camaraderie at the U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I traveled to Carlye to enjoy some time with the Illinois Jaycees at their fall meeting and headed to Bardstown, Kentucky for Kentucky's Fall Frenzy. What a great event and hospitality! In November, traveled to Livonia, Michigan to participate in Michigan's seventh annual Jeans and Jewels Gala. I'll take a break in December before starting the next lap in January, traveling to the U.S. JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting in warm New Orleans, Louisiana. Then heading to the winter meeting of the Illinois Jaycees. In March, I'll journey to Michigan for the Region V Spring Fling.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Visit us at illinoisjcisenate.org.



Region VI Spring Meeting
October 5, 2024
Bismarck ND

Carol Standridge 80700 FR18	IA	Greg Rohner	81912	ND
Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei 44003	IA	Janitda Muller	68949	ND
Deb Puls 55516	IA	Jim Hatzenbuhler	50856	ND
Dr. Tom Molstd 63304	IA	Jim Jueller	71388	ND
Eldon Bowers 45999	IA	John Anderson	60163	ND
Joanne Schwab 71117	IA	Michelle Mosher	61744	ND
Lisa Badger 67973	IA	Myra Helm	73354	ND
Phyllis Bowers 51430	IA	Stan Hansen	43165	ND
Wayde Burkhart 63877	IA	Marlin Sanny	13967	NE
Woody Sauerbrei FR111	IA	Melissa Sanny	66967	NE
Dan Badger 67974	IA	Gary Duell	48384	PA
Newton Standridge 29407	IA/AR	DJ Leppla	44743	Region 6
Angie Taylor 71600 IA/SC/NC		Toon Bauman	67855	Region 6
Pat Hoelker 45893 IA/SD		Cindy Cook	55834	SD
Jerry Will 24873 MN		Carole Harlan	44468	DE+4
Juanita Beauchamp 74247 MN		Gary Steen	56503	SD
Kris Wilke 72950 MN		Herb Koerner Jr	28607	SD
Marge Miller 52948 MN		Julie Rieckman	60573	SD
Mike Libby 40511 MN		Ken Fischer	43036	SD
Nancy Stredde 63623 MN		Mark Berg	38471	SD
Pat Will FR72 MN		Rose Steen	57178	SD
Racheal Libby FR 41 MN		Skip Hoelker	FR 10	SD
Sarah Borders 71544 MN		Vonita Garnder	63629	SD
Susan Adams-Ericksen 65312 MN		John Dahl	42828	SD+4
David Teachout 68700 MO		Marsha Dahl	47936	SD+4
Jim Pendleton, JR 40286 MO		Tom King	59642	VA
Kristen Johnson 72859 MO		Bill Flease	64179	WI
Randy Johnson 56636 MO		Brian Trautman	61774	WI
Dave DeLaney 41203 MO/IA/SD		Judi Barrington	49802	WI
Donna DeLaney 55560 MO/IA/SD		Kelly Trautman	FR 51	WI
Tom Hendrix 37317 MO/NE		Leroy Wepner	61893	WI
Angie Jelinek 60570 ND		Linda Alexander	82180	WI
Connie Olson 72670 ND		Tom "Mooch" Barrington	42859	WI
Darrill Helm 73353 ND				
Deb Hatzenbuhler 55953 ND				

Kentucky Fall Frenzy

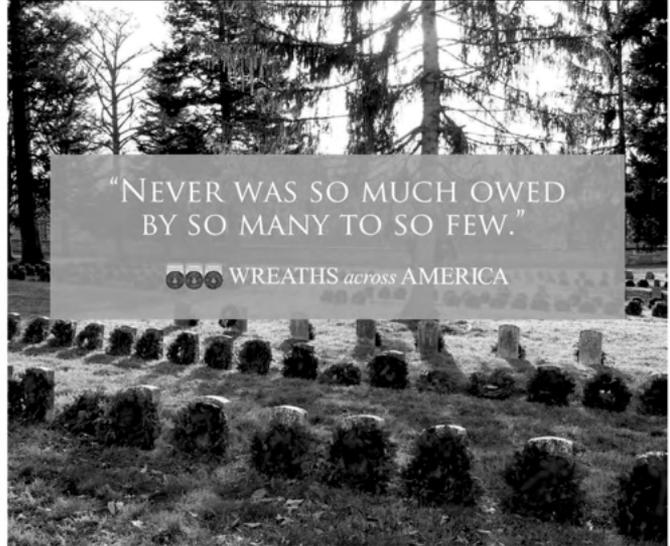
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Mitch Schoonover #59758, Shelley Bates #78813

WREATHS *across* AMERICA



SAVE THE DATE!
NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024



"NEVER WAS SO MUCH OWED
BY SO MANY TO SO FEW."

WREATHS *across* AMERICA

*A veteran's wreath is a symbol of
HONOR, RESPECT, and VICTORY.*



10 BALSAM BOUQUETS
make up each veteran's wreath, representing the
10 SPECIAL QUALITIES
that our veterans embody.



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& ENDURANCE



Red Bow =
GREAT
SACRIFICE



Forest Scent =
PURITY &
SIMPLICITY



Circular Shape =
ETERNITY

1. Their **BELIEF** in a greater good
2. Their **LOVE** for each other
3. Their **STRENGTH**, work ethic, & character
4. Their **HONESTY** & integrity
5. Their **HUMILITY**, selflessness, & modesty
6. Their **AMBITIONS** & aspirations
7. Their **OPTIMISM** for America
8. Their **CONCERN** for the future
9. Their **PRIDE** in their duties
10. Their **HOPES & DREAMS** that didn't always come true, but left them with no regrets

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HONOR those who serve.
TEACH the next
generation the value of
freedom.
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Liz Young, Program #47759 Chair, Jaci Newmark #56368 Regions I - IV,
Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei #44003 Regions V - VII and DeLisa Anderson #54310 Regions VIII - X

REGION VI

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

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"LOONEY TIMES"

#40286, Nebraska – Geneva Armbrust #72535, North Dakota – Connie Olson #72670, South Dakota – Chad Albers #68747 and Wisconsin – Bob Layton #65778, for your hard work and support!

Thank you to Region VIII and the Oklahoma JCI Senate and Region I and the New Hampshire JCI Senate for your warm hospitality at the U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board meeting in Tulsa and the Fall Frolic in Shelburne, New Hampshire.

As the new year begins, we will gather in Kenner, Louisiana for some "Iowa Spice" at the U.S. JCI Senate Winter Board meeting hosted by the Iowa JCI Senate, Jan. 9-12. It is promised to be a "Loony Time" as we race to Destination Legacy!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



We have been busy here in Wisconsin, helping chapters and visiting other states. We will continue to help chapters as they request our help and visit other states as we are able.

On a sad note, the Wisconsin JCI Senate has lost another Senator. Senator Dwayne Phifer passed away on Aug. 31. He will be dearly missed.

If there is anything you need from the Wisconsin JCI Senate, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are eager to serve whenever asked or needed!

Take care and God bless!



CHAD ALBERS #68747

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Hello from the South Dakota JCI Senate!

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

We had a successful fall board meeting in September. Thank you NVP Dan for attending. We completed a community involvement program following the meeting, writing "caring cards" for caring packages used by local police and fire departments.

Scholarship information was distributed to more than 190 plushigh school counselors and completed applications will be judged.

South Dakota is also participating in the Regional Children's Hospital Bears and Books project and the National Wreaths Across America program.

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

Happy Holidays!!



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Greetings from Iowa!

The Iowa Senate is going out and "Being Gnomed." In September, we joined JCI Iowa at its state convention in Clear Lake. In October, a group traveled up to Bismark, North Dakota for the Region VI fall meeting. In December, we held a holiday social at the home of Cheryl Davis-Sauerbrei #44003 and Woody Sauerbrei FR #111. Thank you to them for hosting.

Also in December, Iowa participated in the Wreaths Across America project at the National Cemetery in Adel, Iowa. We have also been busy helping some of our local chapters with their projects. After the New Year we are looking forward to warmer weather, when we host the U.S. JCI Senate Winter Board in Kenner, Louisiana Jan. 9-15. We look forward to seeing you all there!

In February, we will once again join JCI Iowa for its year-end state convention. In April, a group will travel to Branson, Missouri for the Region VI spring meeting.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and do not forget to get out and "Be Gnomed!"



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Iowa JCI Senate Flat Bar Fall Social Madrid, IA 9/14/2024

Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei 44003	IA
Woody Sauerbrei FR 11	IA
John Parsons 74674	IA
Scott Judas 49791	IA
Wayde Burkhardt 63877	IA
Julie Burkhardt Guest	IA
Newton Standridge 29407	IA
Jeri Derner 62676	IA
Terry Lewis 28260	IA
Karen Lewis PDA 87	IA
John Sprole 35504	IA

SD JCI Senate Annual Meeting & Elections Sioux Falls, SD

Cindy Crook	55834	SD
Ellen Shaner	68746	SD
Vonita Garnder	63629	SD
Herb Koerner Jr	28607	SD
DJ Leppla	44743	SD
Skip Hoelker	FR 10	SD
Pat Hoelker	45893	IA/SD
Dan Badger	67974	IA
Lisa Badger	67973	IA
John Dahl	42828	SD
Marsha Dahl	47936	SD
Deb Rothweiler	65300	SD/MO



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Happy holidays, fellow Senators! The North Dakota Senate met in Jamestown on Sept. 15 to finalize plans for the Region VI Board Meeting in Bismarck. It has been so much fun meeting up with friends to plan the fun weekend!

North Dakota was excited to host the Region VI Senate conference in Bismarck Oct. 4-6. Thank you, U.S. JCI Senate Treasurer Gary Duell #48384 and U.S. JCI Senate Secretary Tom King #59642 for making the trip west. Special congrats to North Dakota's own Deb Hatzenbuhler #55953 who won the First Timers program. She is now a triple crown winner as she had won First Timers as a Jaycette and as a Jaycee.

We are also excited for the Rugby, North Dakota Jaycees!! They are the only active Jaycee chapter in the state and they are thriving! They recently announced the construction of a splash pad for their community and the basic installation is complete! There is still a lot to do, so they have pushed back the opening date to spring 2025. The North Dakota Senate is very excited for them and will be there to support them during their grand opening!

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



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We were honored to have Region NVP Dan Badger #67974 visit us for our meeting in August. Our meeting was on the other side of the state, so we made it worth his drive time and took him to our state fair. We had a nice turnout for the meeting, great discussion of important issues, silent auction with a portion of the funds going to Wheelchairs for Kids, a dessert contest and time to catch up with friends.

In September we ran a concession stand during the annual Apple Jack Festival in Nebraska City. We had a great location to watch an incredible parade on Saturday and then on Sunday we were impressed by some remarkable old and new cars.

We will have our next meeting in conjunction with our Holiday Party in December. We are looking forward to being actively involved with Wreaths Across America.

It has been an honor for me to promote and participate in "Wear red on Fridays," as I am honoring my dad who served in Korea, missing the birth of my eldest brother. My nephew by marriage currently serves and missed his daughter's first birthday. Thank you to those of you reading this who served our country. You are a hero!



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We have had many Senators involved with events, including the Iowa Picnic, the Sikeston Bootheel Rodeo, Access Day at the Missouri State Fair, our summer meeting in Columbia, the U.S. JCI Fall Meeting in Tulsa, the Region VI fall meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota, and the Missouri-Illinois Wine Tour, which was hosted by the Missouri Senate this year in Hermann.

We are looking forward to participating in Wreaths Across America. We also hope to bring back a Senate holiday party this year. Check our Missouri JCI Senate Facebook page for updates on this.

We are excited to attend the U.S. JCI Winter Board Meeting in New Orleans. We will have another "Food Experience" dinner out. Our dinner out will be at Brennan's in the French Quarter, where my cousin is the general manager. Ask a Missouri Senator how you can be a part of this amazing tradition!

Our state winter meeting will be Jan. 17-19 at Old Kinderhook Resort at Lake of the Ozarks in conjunction with the Missouri Jaycees. Meeting info can also be found on our Facebook page.

All are welcome to attend any of our great Missouri activities. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season!



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As the Fall Convention in New Ulm was a huge success; with five Senatorships presented, we are now looking toward the winter convention Jan. 10-12 in Nissawa to make a greater spark. Plans are to host a coffee time with Jaycees and Senators to collaborate on some more ideas for the future.

The annual Fish Fry/Annual Meeting/Elections and Golf Tournament is set for April 25-27. Registration is now open and you can book rooms at Cragun's at the following link; https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/mn_jci_2025. Make sure to go the MN JCI Senate Info Facebook and the website pages to sign up early!

Enjoy the holidays!

**ND JCI Senate Meeting
 Bismarck ND Oct 5, 2024**

Ken Fischer	43036	SD
Janitda Muller	68949	ND
Angie Jelinek	60570	ND
Marsha Dahl	47936	SD+4
John Dahl	42828	SD+4
Val Trumpower	62659	ND
Connie Olson	72670	ND
Leif Olson	72669	ND
Darrill Helm	73353	ND
Myra Helm	73354	ND
Greg Rohner	81912	ND
Deb Hatzenbuhler	55953	ND
Jim Hatzenbuhler	50856	ND
Michelle Mosher	61744	ND
Perry Anderson	52781	ND
John Anderson	60163	ND
Stan Hansen	43165	ND
Dan Badger	67974	IA

**Missouri JCI Senate August Meeting
 Stoney Creek Inn Columbia, MO 8/17/2024**

Julie Morff	71917	MO	Tonya Myers	66222	MO	Barb Pellikaan	57247	MO	Kami Harsell	77656	MO
Jessica Heard	80300	MO	Randy Johnson	56636	MO	Mary Elizabeth Dorsey	62688	MO	Miriam Wetter	67070	MO
Terry Rowland	67003	MO	Kristen Johnson	72859	MO	Wendy Cox	69246	MO	Jim Pendleton, Jr	40286	MO
David Teachout	68700	MO	Nicholas Johnson	Grandson	MO	Brian Cox	61635	MO	Michele Burnett Ernaerich	60635	MO
Barry Johnson	80200	MO	Susan Hatcher	58143	MO	Chris Harsell	75944	MO	DeWayne Cartee	62218	MO
Terry Jones	70100	MO	Stacey Rawls	63600	MO	Jim Carnett	37390	MO	Patrica	62702	MO
Bernard Thompson	52497	MO	Dave DeLaney	41203	MO/IA/SD	David Page	29226	MO	Tom Hendrix	37317	MO+3
Denny Lambert	47947	MO	Donna DeLaney	55560	MO/IA/SD	Ed Hart	28991	MO	Dave Schuster	37388	MO
Larry Kenney	32967	MO	Jerry Thompson	56957	MO	Bonita Hart	59553	MO			
Paul Myers	72173	MO/IA	Lorie Thompson	69333	MO	Dan Badger NVP VI	67974	IA/MO			

REGION VII

Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee



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"BE THE SPARK THAT IGNITES THE FLAME!"

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

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

I know we have had our difficulties thus far, but I know that we will continue to make this Destination Legacy year exactly what it was destined to be – a success!

Here in Region VII we are looking forward to seeing many

of you at the Mini National in the beautiful Smoky Mountains on Feb. 19-22, where we will relive our younger days with the theme of Saturday morning cartoons. So, plan on dressing up as your favorite cartoon characters and come have some fun and fellowship with us.

I want to thank my state presidents for the 2024-25 year for all their hard work and dedication to their states and the region. Presidents Paul, Mary and Steve have been working to make their organizations stronger and better everyday. In Arkansas we have had members step up to help and one of the hardest working senators has been Ray Gilbert, who has been helping us through things.

In closing I look forward to seeing what 2025 holds for each of us and know that great things are in the horizon for the U.S. JCI Senate!



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It's that time of year again, a time to reflect on our friendships and family in the joyous holiday season. I am reminded of my early times as a Maryville/Alcoa Jaycee, when we would spend months preparing our annual Christmas Parade and the Empty Pantry Fund.

A lot of hard work was involved to make those projects the best they could be. To see the joy and excitement in the eyes of the kids as the floats and Santa went by, spreading candy and gifts as they passed, was one of the highlights of my year. Then to drive large box trucks on some very precarious roads to find the homes of our EPF food baskets and toys recipients and see the look of pure gratitude in their faces, really pulled at our heartstrings and made us realize the importance of our role in this world.

On to business: The Mini-National and Region VII meeting will be held Feb. 20-23 in Pigeon Forge at the LaConte Hotel Conference Center. The theme for the weekend is "Saturday Morning Cartoons." Contact me, Chairman Larry Norfleet, or any committee member for registration forms.



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Hello senators from the great state of Louisiana!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Kenner on Jan. 9-12 and know the Iowa Senate has lots of fun planned for you along with some Iowa Spice! We hope you

will take the time to enjoy some great Cajun food and explore our beautiful state.

Kenner has some interesting things to see and do if exploring Bourbon Street isn't something you want to do. Here are some ideas for you:

Rivertown is a 16-block historic district along the banks of the Mississippi River in the city of Kenner. This quaint locale includes the Mardi Gras Museum, the Children's Castle, Cannes Brulee Native American Village, the Louis J. Roussel Jr. Planetarium and MegaDome Cinema, the Louisiana Toy Train Museum and more. Treat yourself to boutique shopping, fine dining and don't miss the view of the Mississippi from LaSalle's Landing.

See you soon in Louisiana!



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Happy holidays! We hope this finds all of you enjoying family and friends during these most wonderful times.

There have been a few changes in Arkansas in the last few months. Unfortunately, our president, Jimmy Wallace, had to resign due to health issues. We want to thank him for his years of dedication and service to the Arkansas Senate and hope he will regain better health in the next year.

One of the things that this time of year always reminds us of, is how fortunate we are to live in a state and country where we can celebrate with our families.

We are hoping to see many of you in New Orleans and Pigeon Forge. Our hope is to engage more participation on a state, region and national level in the near future.

Hoping that the holidays and new year are blessed!





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We are proud of JCI Mississippi Jaycees. Two of our Hattiesburg Jaycees have been elected to serve JCI USA on the 2025 Executive Committee. Deputy National President Bethanie Miller #82286 is officially JCI USA National President-elect. She will be the 105th National President of JCI USA in 2025. State President Danyella Terrell has been elected to serve

as one of JCI USA's national vice presidents.

The Hattiesburg Jaycees recently hosted an event in honor of Suicide Awareness Month called "Suicide Awareness: How to Start the Conversation." Next was the fourth annual Taste of the South Food Truck Festival on Oct. 12. Thousands of people attend this event that gets bigger and better every year.

JCI Petal Jaycees just wrapped up a successful "You're Hired!" series of professional development trainings geared toward helping members land their dream jobs. Members worked hard to make the second annual Veterans Day Chili Cook-Off a success. The event supports the local Disabled Americans Veterans chapter.

Special thanks to Dee Lumpkin #81618, who is 2024 chief of staff at JCI USA and was the 76th state president of JCI Mississippi Jaycees. Dee is certainly my go-to person on what is happening in the JCI Mississippi Jaycees.

Texas JCI Senate Summer/Fall Board Meeting
Grand Prairie, TX
9/7/2024

George Abernathy	40528	TX
Ellen Abernathy	Guest	TX
Adebayo Bashorun	72720	TX
Gabriella Bashorun	83073	TX
John Basse	44149	TX
Laurie Burton	68428	TX
David Castle	49358	TX
Lorrie Castle	82617	TX
Jumper Davis	38376	TX
Hilda Davis	71500	TX
Kevin Faherty	42138	TX
Dave Gilkeson	50809	TX
Candace Hollis	65572	TX
John Hollis	68754	TX
Ron Holzer	56549	TX
Nan Holzer	63882	TX
Jimmy Lewis	78887	TX
Joy Lloyd	78948	TX
Bill Madding	28920	TX
Candy Madding	FR-58	TX
Pat McLaughlin III	51208	TX
RJ Montgomery	18569	TX
Bamidele Ojo	77857	TX
Greg Peebles	56000	TX
Leisa Peebles	56001	TX
Charlotte Ridge	60516	TX
Thomas Smith	35187	TX
Bruce Sostak	52655	TX
June Stansky	55527	TX
Rick Winsman	21751	TX
Dee Winsman	Guest	TX
John Wodarczyk	62078	TX

Texas JCI Senate Year-End Meeting
College Station, TX
6/1/2024

George Abernathy	40528	TX
Ellen Abernathy	Guest	TX
Adebayo Bashorun	72720	TX
John Basse	44149	TX
David Castle	49358	TX
Judy Cornutt	70552	TX
Jumper Davis	38376	TX
Hilda Davis	71500	TX
Dave Gilkeson	50809	TX
Lisa Gilkeson	52699	TX
Candace Hollis	65572	TX
John Hollis	68754	TX
Ron Holzer	56549	TX
Nan Holzer	63882	TX
Gene Janiszewski	82199	TX
Jimmy Lewis	78887	TX
Joy Lloyd	78948	TX
Bill Madding	28920	TX
Candy Madding	FR-58	TX
Thomas McCauley	51013	TX
RJ Montgomery	18569	TX
Bamidele Ojo	77857	TX
Bruce Sostak	52655	TX
Greg Peebles	56000	TX
June Stansky	55527	TX
Leisa Peebles	56001	TX
Stephanie Simpson	72134	TX
Thomas Smith	35187	TX

Silver Foxes
Fall Board meeting in Tulsa, OK
9/20/2024

John Dahl	42828	SD+4
Marsha Dahl	47936	SD+4
Lloyd Mueller	57186	NE
Noel Sumpter	73189	OK
Jon Bruner	58932	OH
Charlie Eberhardt	54887	OH
Ron Stair	71373	KS
Alex "Hitman" Willis	34236	GA
Thomas Michael	75612	GA
David Teachout	68700	MO
Ken Fischer	43036	SD
Carole Harlan	44468	DE/SD
Paul Myers	72173	MO/IA
Jim Pendleton	40286	MO
Tom Hendrix	37317	MO
Steve Sutherland	27073	FL
Logan Giesie	51120	TX
Bob McDonald	58286	PA
Elizabeth McInnis	54219	MA/CA
Joe A Souza	27511	CA
Walter Cahoon	27223	MA/DC
Tony Dominiec	23393	TX
Phyllis Bowers	51430	IA
Rosaire Longe	28290	VT
Gary Steen	56503	SD/IA
Pat Hoelker	45893	SD/IA
Skip Hoelker	FR10	SD
Jerry Will	24873	MN
Randy Sursa	49485	OK
Andreas Vandever	75413	IA+3
Rob Wiley	56033	KS



*Mike Harris #24801 (Past President, NH Jaycees),
 Mary Lou Harris,
 Joyce Bosse,
 Leigh Bosse #30805 (Past President, NH JCI Senate)
 at the Fall Frolic.*



ND JCI SENATE PIRATES at Region VI meeting in Bismarck ND

*Seated: Lauri Anderson #72668,
 Region VI NVP Dan Badger #67974,
 Michelle Mosher #61744*

*Standing: Perry Anderson #52781,
 Janidta Muller #68949,
 John Anderson #60163, Jim Mueller #71388,
 Connie Olson #72670, Leif Olson #72669*

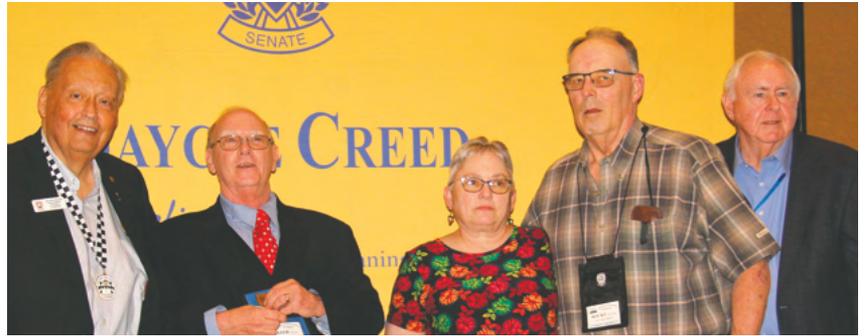
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Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas



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"PREPARED AND GREAT IN REGION VIII"

Christmas parties in December. Texas will host its next meeting Feb. 7-9 in San Antonio.

I am finalizing all the details of the Region VIII convention. The dates are April 24-27 at the Drury Hotel in Richardson, Texas. I will have the registration forms out in the next couple of weeks, so please make a note to save the date.

The first half of this year is coming to a close, and we have had the opportunity to meet many new and seasoned Senators. I am enjoying the chance to travel and meet so many new friends. Now is the time to reflect on the decisions you have made and create new goals. Reach out to those Senators that you have not seen in a while and invite them to S.O.A.R. as we continue our Destination Legacy!

What a great year we are having so far. The Oklahoma JCI Senate put on a great Fall Board in September. The food and hospitality, as well as the massages were just what we all needed. Thank you, Oklahoma, for making us proud in Region VIII. The next meeting we are looking forward to is the Winter Board meeting Jan. 9-12, in Kenner, Louisiana, hosted by the Iowa JCI Senate.

Region VIII will participate in Wreaths Across America Dec. 14. I am looking forward to participating in this project with Senators across the region and nation.

Colorado and Kansas will host



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 Greetings from the Lone Star State of Texas.

Our last meeting, Sept. 6-8, was a resounding success! The meeting brought together passionate members and welcomed four new members to the Texas JCI Senate. Their energy and enthusiasm were truly inspiring, and we are excited to see the positive contributions they will bring to our

ongoing initiatives.

As we continue to grow and strengthen our Senate, we look forward to our next meeting scheduled for Feb. 7-9 in San Antonio. This promises to be another impactful gathering filled with insightful discussions and collaborative opportunities.

While we celebrate our progress, we also take a moment to extend our deepest condolences to the family of our Late National President Gary Pittenger #24804. His dedication and leadership will be remembered and cherished by all who had the privilege to work alongside him.

In the same breath, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to our new national president, Bruce Sostak #52655. We look forward to working under his guidance and leadership as we continue to build on the foundation of excellence laid by his predecessor.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Texas Senate. We can't wait to see what we achieve together in the coming months!



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Holiday Greetings from Colorado! Well, here we are in December already!

First, I wish to give a BIG thank you to all the Colorado Senators and Jaycees who contributed to the success of the Arvada Jaycees in their three-day event of hosting the 99th annual Arvada Harvest Festival.

Here is what we had on the calendar at this Mentors deadline:

Dec. 14 -Wreaths Across America and JCI Colorado Senate and Jaycee Holiday Party.

Dec. 20 - Operation Poinsettia Wheelchairs for Kids fundraising and social – TBD

Judging for scholarships – TBD

As we continue to make a difference in our communities, may you and your family have a safe and festive holiday season!



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The Oklahoma JCI Senate embraced "Livin' on Tulsa Time" in September and thoroughly enjoyed welcoming everyone. It is my hope that all attendees will cherish their memories of Tulsa.

In October and November, the Oklahoma JCI Senate took time to recover, engage in fun activities and socialize. December will bring our annual Christmas party and participation in Wreaths Across America. Many of our members are actively involved in the wreath project and are eager to contribute to this commendable cause.



Texas JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting New Braunfels, TX 2/3/2024

DeLisa Anderson	54310	OK
Adebayo Bashorun	72720	TX
John Basse	44149	TX
David Castle	49358	TX
Lorrie Castle	82617	TX
Jumper Davis	38376	TX
Hilda Davis	71500	TX
Logan Giese	51120	TX
Dave Gilkeson	50809	TX
Lisa Gilkeson	52699	TX
Chris Guelker	TX Jaycee	
Destiny Guelker	TX Jaycee	
Scott Hecklinger	75348	TX
Eric Hiatt	81434	IL
Tom Hill	68754	TX
Candace Hollis	65572	TX
John Hollis	68754	TX
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Nan Holzer	63882	TX
Jimmy Lewis	78887	TX
Joy Lloyd	78948	TX
Bill Madding	28920	TX
Candy Madding	FR-58	TX
Nathan Martin	77647	HI
Nick Mayrand	TX Jaycee	
RJ Montgomery	18569	TX
Greg Peebles	56000	TX
Leisa Peebles	56001	TX
Miguel Perez	TX Jaycee	TX
Thomas Smith	35187	TX
Bruce Sostak	52655	TX
June Stansky	55527	TX
John Woodarcy	62078	TX

REGION IX

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming



Region IX NVP
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"RIPPLES OF KINDNESS: A LOCAL RESPONSE TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES"

Region IX is Rippling. As the Dalai Lama once said, "Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into the water, the action of individuals can have far-reaching effects." This timeless wisdom has always resonated with me, and I've believed wholeheartedly that the Jaycees have the power to change the world.

Henry Giessenbier, a visionary leader, recognized the untapped potential in the young people around him. He envisioned a future where those individuals could create positive change, given the right resources and opportunities. Today, the elite group of JCI Senators we work with is carrying on that vision, striving to make President Gary Pittenger's goal a "Destination of Legacy."

A recent success story is the establishment of a new Jaycee chapter in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with the support of the Idaho Senate. This chapter has quickly attracted 14 new members and continues to grow. Notably, six of the charter

members are third-generation Jaycees, demonstrating the organization's ability to create lasting connections and inspire families to give back.

Montana is leading the way by sharing its successful "get together" initiatives with Jaycee chapters. This collaborative approach is a testament to the spirit of unity and shared purpose that drives the positive change in the world.

Oregon has been camping and golfing and having a good time. Oregon will host this year's Region IX meeting at the Gordon Hotel in Eugene, April 11-12.

Our work is far from finished. We encourage everyone to share their stories and become involved in the mission of Destination Legacy. Your support can create a ripple effect of positive change that will benefit countless individuals and communities.

Region IX is calling on you to join us. Let's work together to create a brighter future for ourselves and generations to come. If you haven't been to a national meeting in a while, Winter Board in Louisiana is going to be a hoot! Sign up today.



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Greetings from the Apple State! As you read this, we will have had our Fall Meeting at the Ellensburg Pasta Company in Ellensburg, Washington. At the meeting, a decision was made regarding a Christmas party for early December.

I'm glad to report that we have information out for both the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship

as well as our own Washington Scholarship. We are very hopeful for good responses.

Regardless of what membership in which I might get involved, I plan again to participate in Wreaths Across America locally in Richland, Washington.

We will likely be doing an online Google Meets for our January-February winter meeting. Tentatively, our spring meeting will be in May after the April Region IX meeting in Eugene, Oregon.

We are considering a trip for the Winter Board in New Orleans and are hoping to have at least six to eight folks from Region IX attending.

On a personal note, please keep my wife, Kathy, former Region IX NVP and former Oregon State President in your prayers. She has had a few bumps with her health now, more than six years past her double lung transplant.

We're in the race full throttle!

NEWS FROM OREGON

Hello JCI Senators and Friends, We are excited to host the Oregon JCI Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Region IX Meeting this year at the beautiful Gordon Hotel in Eugene Oregon April 11-13, 2025. You will find the registration form attached below. Please scan the QR code for full registration details..

The membership voted during campout to include a catered hot breakfast this year, which will be served in our meeting room on Saturday morning. Your registration fee includes the breakfast, the dinner banquet Saturday night, and the hospitality room all weekend.

We look forward to seeing you in Eugene!

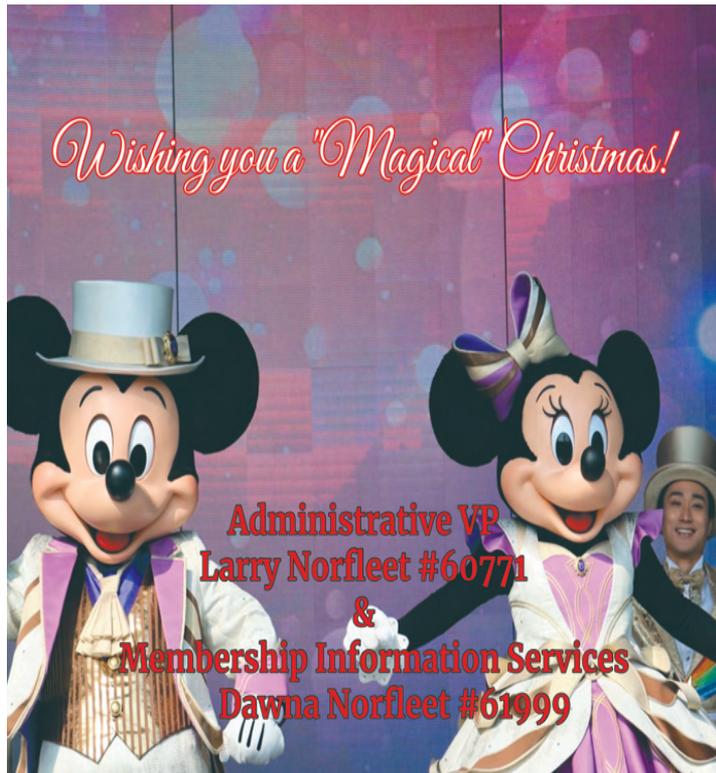
Please reach out if you have any questions.

All my best,
Peggy Doty
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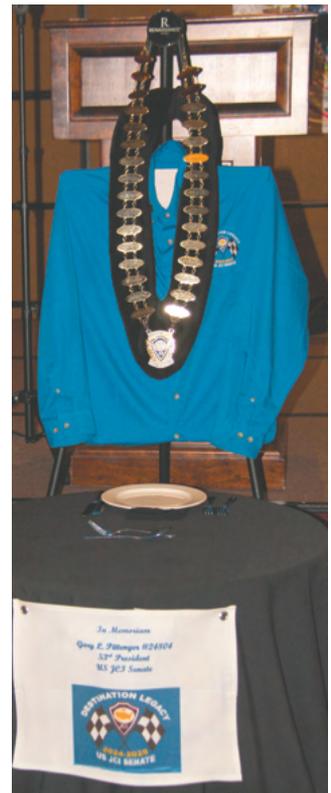
A TIDBIT FROM IDAHO

Idaho had a fantastic campout this summer. We are proud to report our recent commitment to reactivate the Idaho Jaycees is taking hold. Our spring meeting will be in Riggins April 25-26 at the Salmon Rapids Lodge. Call now for reservations: 208-628-2743.



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

*President Bruce Sostak #52655
and
Denise Bauer #61276*



*Happy Holidays
and
Happy
New
Year!*

It's the most wonderful WINE of the year!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**Webmaster
Lowell Vahl #40315
Assistant Webmaster
Allison Geddes #74777
<http://usjcisenate.org>**



May you have a bright, joyous, and fun-filled holiday season!

*Merry
Christmas
and a
happy New
Year!*



*From
Alabama
JCI Senate*



Wheelchairs 4 Kids



Wheelchairs 4 Kids is dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities.

Our Let's Roll program addresses mobility and accessibility by providing wheelchairs, home and vehicle modifications as well as other assistive equipment at no charge to the families.

Our Wheely Fun Days inclusion program provides confidence and community building exclusive experiences for the families that we've served through our Let's Roll program.



How you can help

- Host a Fundraiser
- Refer a child
- Join our US JCI Senate Guardians Club. Support us by becoming a Guardian with a monthly pledge starting at just \$10. Guardians receive a 2025 calendar and a US JCI W4K pin that you can proudly wear at all your Senate events! Scan the QR code and join us today!

SCAN ME



Photos by J. David



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REGION X

Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah



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**"WHEN ONE GIVES,
 TWO GET HAPPY"**

nia and Arizona, holiday parties, Hawaii helping Jaycees with their holiday events.

Coming up in May is the 60th anniversary of the California JCI Senate and the 50th anniversary of the California Tiger Corp. If you can make it, please join the celebration in Santa Clara, three minutes from the San Jose Mineta International Airport, May 2-4, 2025.

Hello from Region X!
 I'm sorry to have missed seeing you in Tulsa, but I'm looking forward to New Orleans in January.

Our region has been quietly busy and ramping up for the holiday season. Wreaths Across America is happening in Califor-



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Thank you to the Oklahoma JCI Senate for a great time at Fall Board. The bus tour was great!

Congratulations to Lowell Vahl #40315 for receiving a Legacy Medallion. Well deserved!

This year is flying by. The Arizona JCI Senate had a busy fall with Adopt A Street in October, where the Senate has a mile to clean up not too far from Arizona State University. A crew of 10 to 15 takes an hour for cleanup and then we have a social after. Art Shane #27322 and Cathy O'Hara FR#77 work with the city of Tempe on waivers and orange vests for this project.

Our second quarter meeting was hosted by Lynne #76965 and Dave FR#109 Minick at their beautiful home in November. Thank you to everyone who attended.

The Arizona JCI Senate Holiday Social is set for Dec. 13-15 in Tempe. There's always a great turnout with friends who are family.

We will volunteer for Wreaths Across America in Scottsdale on Dec. 14. The third quarter meeting will take place in February and the year-end meeting in May, both TBD.

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



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California Senators recently got together and participated in Picnic in the Park. We had loads of fun, talking, laughing, just a good time. We also traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting with a big group of Senators

We're also gearing up for the holiday season, so we had our Senate quarterly meeting in the beginning of November in Southern California and are looking forward to Wreaths across America on Dec. 14 and a pirate ship dinner show Dec. 7.

Our year-end 60th Anniversary celebration will be May 1 - 4, 2025, so the year-end meeting is 60 at 60. Please let us know if you're coming. We would really enjoy seeing everyone



Pennsylvania JCI Senate

Top Picture:
 Sheryl Zagar #77791, Rob Mawson FR#118, Gary Duell #48384, Karen Ward #63165, Amy Newton #68529

Right:
 Katy Lemmer #73037
 Larry Norfleet #60771
 Pat Fields FR#85
 Ann Harrison #75822
 Lois Martin #68841
 Diane Duell #74147



Arizona JCI Senate Planning Session / 1st Quarter Meeting Prescott, AZ 8/10/2024		
Tanis Jimeno Friedman 70297	AZ/NE	
Phil Friedman 61455	AZ/NE	
Jim Hampshire 38626	AZ	
Debbie Brandt 57298	AZ	
Art Shane 27322	AZ	
Cathy O'Hara Fr#77	AZ	
Cindy Naylor 62476	AZ	
Mike Schmitt 39725	AZ	
Bonnie Schmitt Fr#112	AZ	
Teddy Clarke 37167	AZ	
Ernie Weirich 12557	AZ	
Vicki Mickel 53837	AZ	
Paul Whitney 47997	AZ	
Lynne Minnich 76965	AZ	
Dave Minick Fr#109	AZ	
Dianne Von Borstel 55954	AZ	
Karoline Holdeman guest	AZ	
Forrest Holdeman guest	AZ	



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 Embroidered Stars, Red & White Stripe on sleeve with Grey tone Senate Logo
 Small – 5XL* - Navy • White • Red

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Polo Moisture Wicking
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 Men's sizes Small – 6XL
 Small - 6XL*

\$40*

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 Ladies Sizes XS - 4XL*
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Pullover Sweatshirts
 Men's Sizes Small to 7XL*
 27 different colors available

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 Men's sizes Small – 7XL*
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 Sizes: Small - 6X* Plus Tall Sizes - Black
 Navy • Forest Green

\$95*

JCI Senate Jacket
 Tech-shell Jackets--reflective Zippered
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 Ladies SM -3XL* Men SM -5XL* \$2 add'l X
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MENTORS ASSISTANT EDITOR (Empty Chairs)
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Happy Holidays Senators,
First thing I would like to say thank you to the Oklahoma JCI Senate and Fall Meeting Coor-

dinator Pat Reffett #77848 for a wonderful time in Tulsa, as we were "Living on Tulsa Time."

I would like for everyone to continue to send in your new Senators, Friendship Recipients, Empty Chairs and pictures. We have new email addresses to send them into now. They are listed below:

Empty Chair – emptychair@usjcisenate.org

New Members – newmember@usjcisenate.org

Mentors Chief Editor – mentors@usjcisenate.org

Pictures – pictures@usjcisenate.org

The deadline for the next Mentors is on March 3, 2025.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holidays.



MENTORS BUSINESS MGR
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It is that time of the year again! Thank you to all the Senators and states who are helping us with the Mentors Sponsor Sheets and Holiday Ads. I am so happy that I helped with so many ads this year. You have made my dream come true by helping so many of you with your ads. I am sending a special message to someone that I didn't forget you this year!

Please do not forget to send me your sponsor sheet in digital form by email. All checks are to be mailed to me at my home address. Remember our next deadline will be March 3, 2025.

May this beautiful holiday season fill all your hearts with love, joy and laughter. Happy Holidays! I am wishing you and your families love, peace and joy, especially a prosperous New Year. The opportunity to say thank you again!



MENTORS CHIEF EDITOR
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It has been a difficult year with the passing of President Gary. Even with all the great times and memories his passing was a loss to the Senate family.

Thank you to everyone for taking the time to write articles and send in photos this issue. The mentors team (Bob, Dawne, and Mary) did a terrific job in editing the articles. Also, Christianna did an amazing job with the Christmas ads.

We have a little time off from submitting as the next articles will be due March 3, 2025. This issue will be events coming up in May, June, July, August, and September. Remember to use about a paragraph or so to recap the past months. Make the majority of your article about the future. Learn from the past to have a brighter future. With the upcoming holiday season, I hope everyone can find the time to celebrate with family and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



MENTORS ASSISTANT EDITOR
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Your Mentors team has been working hard to get this issue ready for you.

As a longtime journalist and the editor of a daily newspaper, I pass along some tips for those who write articles for this magazine. They'll help make our job easier and help you tell your story more effectively:

Word counts matter. Please adhere to them. Some folks blew right by the published limits for this issue and got edited. We don't like to cut your articles down. But we will.

For the next issue, executive board members and NVPs get 500 words. State presidents and program managers get 300.

Please, just one space after sentences. I know your typing teacher in the 1980s or earlier taught you to use two spaces. Mine

did, too. The world has changed since then. If you use more than one space (one writer in this issue used three!) we have to go through and delete them.

Titles should only be capitalized when they're attached to a name. For example, it's "President Bruce Sostak," but it's "Bruce Sostak is the president." The only exception to that rule is a style rule we've adopted for our organization. We capitalize "Senate" and "Senator" regardless of the usage.

The rule above also applies to "state," regional" or "national." They should be lower case unless part of the proper name of an event. For example, "The regional meetings take place in the spring," but "Our National Convention takes place in June."

Spell out numbers from one to nine. Use numerals for 10 and above. When referring to our 10 regions, use Roman numerals rather than Arabic ones. Example: Region I, Region X.

I'm looking forward to your articles!

WARNING
DEADLINES ARE MUCH
CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

MENTORS Due
March 3, 2025



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PRESIDENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE (P.I.E.)
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Wow! Two-thirds of the way into our year and your presidents are doing amazing things!

At the Fall Board Meeting in Tulsa, we met and received great information from social media guru, Jess Kling and U.S. JCI Senate Scholarship Chair Nancy Salopek. We also had President Bruce Sostak, Chief of Staff Ray Ainslie and Presidential Assistant Logan Giese pop in for an update and photo.

We had thorough discussions on questions to help our states as well as a "Race Car" championship team-building with the smallest "race cars" I have ever seen! We may have a repeat in New Orleans in January!

Thank you to the 20+ presidents in attendance in person or



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The website is up to date with the Foundation Scholarship state contacts and we are seeing a dramatic increase in unique visitors again this year mainly due to students checking schol-

via zoom!

Our upcoming PIE meetings are:
 11/26/24 – ZOOM 8pm EASTERN
 12/17/24 – ZOOM 8pm EASTERN
 1/10/25 – Winter Board meeting – New Orleans – time TBA
 2/25/25 – ZOOM 8pm EASTERN
 3/25/25 – ZOOM 8pm EASTERN
 4/22/25 – ZOOM 8pm EASTERN
 5/27/25 – ZOOM 8pm EASTERN
 6/18/25 – Year-End meeting – Chicago – time TBA



PIE (President Info Exchange) Tulsa, OK 9/20/2024		
Katy Lemmer	73037 PA - PIE Chair	
Adebayo Bashorun	72720 TX	
Peter Jordan	54684 ME	
Shelley Bates	78813 IN	
Jenie Altman	56150 KY	
Randy Sursa	49485 OK	
Alex "Hitman" Willis	34236 GA	
Judson DeVore	65005 IL	
Tanya Quackenbush	78291 MI	
Melissa Unger	59854 MD	
Allison Geddes	74777 OH	
Tanis Jimeno-Friedman	70297 AZ	
Chris Hardee	66036 NC	
Juanita Beauchamp	74247 MN	
Larry Hayden	30937 AK	
Bonnie Blaisdell	69956 CT	
Kathryn Collins	51469 RI	
Tom Cramer	61957 VA	
Jim Pendleton	40286 MO	
Sally Traczuk	68943 PA	

arship info. If you haven't been to the website for a while, please take some time to visit the site and check it out. All articles and areas are now available without a login.

Be sure to send calendar dates and registration forms for state and regional meetings or events to webmaster@usjcisenate.org. We will upload the form and add it to the calendar with a link to the form and also send it to Kim Bode to be included in E-News. Many of our JCI Senators travel and this would give them an opportunity to find out about events in the area.

We would appreciate your suggestions, ideas, and even criticism. This helps to make the site better for the U.S. JCI Senate members. Feel free to email us at: webmaster@usjcisenate.org



FUTURE DIRECTIONS
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As the chair of Future Directions and the representative from Region III, it has been brought to my attention that much of the membership is not aware of this committee and why it exists simply because most of the membership does not attend national meetings. Future Directions is a committee with appointed representatives from each of the 10 regions. With direction from the president, and in many cases from the general membership, the committee has a strategic grassroots focus on the current and future development of

the organization. This can include, but is not limited to streamlined processes and enhanced communication practices. For instance, President Gary asked us to propose ideas that will encourage better relations with the Jaycees/JCI USA. We held several meetings discussing this topic and we presented our recommendations to the Executive Committee at the meeting in Tulsa.

In a nutshell, the purpose of the committee is to explore areas of opportunity to move the organization forward. We look forward to addressing more topics and making recommendations to the Executive Committee. If any member has questions or something they would like the committee to discuss, please feel free to reach out to myself or any member of the committee:

- Nancy Gianetti #69463 Region I
- Jeff Kozak #63411 Region II
- Larry Graham #60619 Region IV
- Lori Tomlin #62797 Region V
- David Teachout #68700 Region VI
- Ray Gilbert #45438 Region VII
- Ron Holzer #56549 Region VIII
- Greg Wherry #52579 Region IX
- Tanis Friedman #79297 Region X



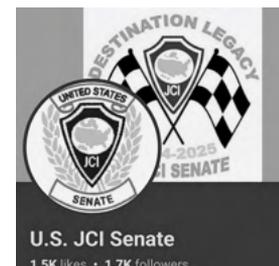
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Season's Greetings!

Thank you to the Oklahoma JCI Senate for an incredible Fall Board Meeting. Much fun was had, and many pictures were taken and shared. Thank you to all of you for being willing participants in the many pictures taken and posted! We continue to see increased engagement on the official U.S. JCI Senate Facebook page and on all of your pages as well. It is exciting for me each time I see

a new guess on our "Flashback Friday" or when my inbox fills up with pictures from your events to be shared on the page. Our guessing game was a favorite of President Gary's, and I encourage all of you to keep the guesses coming each Friday. Please continue to send me your pictures, especially as you participate in Wreaths Across America and all of the upcoming holiday events! Don't forget about our Instagram page as well. As the year goes on, I will try to place a few surprises on that account just to keep things fresh. Thank you again for your engagement on our official page and Happy Holidays!

Remember to send your pictures to pictures@usjcisenate.org



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PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES

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Hello Senators!

Pitt's Spark Plugs want to THANK YOU for your support of the 2024-2025 U.S. JCI Senate Presidential Sweepstakes program! Because of YOU, our members, we are on track to achieve our goal of \$40,000. Please continue to participate and support this fundraising program on the region, state and national levels.

Pitt's Spark Plugs have been busy! Thanks to Assistant Chair Kristen Johnson, we are tracking all events on our calendar and the travels of the team – Angie Taylor (Region Party Chair), Ann Harrison (Region I-V Prize Chair), Phyllis Bowers (Region VI-X Prize Chair), Letha Grimes (Ticket Chair). In addition to assisting states and regions with tickets sales, they have been securing prize donations for the year-end drawings.



The Spark Plugs have also been busy selling something new this year, a "Pitt Pass." If you purchase a Pitt Pass you will not be asked to buy anymore Sweepstakes Tickets the rest of the year as long as you are wearing your Pitt Pass. As part of your purchase, you also receive 12 free Sweepstakes tickets, and you receive early entry into the Year End Region Party after the Executive Board and Past National Presidents. Contact us if you are interested.

At the Fall BOD in Tulsa, Pitt's Spark Plugs announced the year-end theme on behalf of Region Party Chair Angie Taylor: "Pittenger's Cup Series!" The regions will have booths representing a NASCAR Race Track in their Region with the NVP representing an 'Owner' and their State Presidents representing the 'Drivers.' At the Winter BOD in New Orleans, Louisiana, she will announce the specific rules and requirements. For any questions, please contact her at angiewedekind2010@gmail.com. Wishing everyone a very Happy Holidays!



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SERVICES **DAWNA NORFLEET #61999** *mis@usjcisenate.org*

We had a wonderful turnout in our TIE meeting in Tulsa. Thanks to all treasurers who were able to attend. Our next Treasurer Information Exchange (TIE) meeting will be in Kenner, LA on Friday, January 10. If a Treasurer is not able to attend, please feel free to send a representative.

Special thanks to the "Destination Legacy" treasurers for submitting their September dues kits in a timely manner. December dues kits were sent out October 1 / due December 1. March dues kits will be sent out January 10 / due March 1.

The membership results for the first quarter were 1894 due-

- We had 123 drops and 56 adds for a net change of -67 for the quarter.

- Two Regions grew - Region 10 (+4), and Region 7 (+2).

- Total of 13 States grew – Top 2 Maryland and South Carolina (+3) followed by 5 states being +2 (Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, and Michigan)

- As of September 1, the U.S. JCI Senate membership is 8,004 (-67).

- We have 1,834 members due December 1.

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

If you need an address change or request an electronic Mentors these changes can be made through the U.S. JCI Senate website or reach out to me by email or mail.

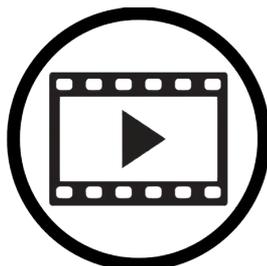
Also, if you are receiving more than one Mentors and only need one per household, reach out to me and I can take care of that for you.

I am here for you and if I can help you with anything concerning membership, please reach out.



YEAR END VIDEO **DR. TOM MOLSTAD** *jci.senate.news@gmail.com* *pictures@usjcisenate.org*

Merry Christmas! It has been a great year so far! I'm glad that so many people sent photos to me for the September BOD meeting. I enjoy showing you off! Please keep sending pics to pictures@usjcisenate.org! Let us know the event, names, date, and location, too, please! I look forward to hearing from you!



ENHANCED MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS **MICHELE TARANTINO** **#63380** *cheleot@yahoo.com*



The Enhanced Membership Benefits program has been up and running for over a year and I have heard great things about some of the discounts! The best way to access the program is to go to the U.S. JCI Senate website: <https://usjcisenate.org/> and choose "quick links". That will bring you to the "EMB" page, and you can choose the option you would like! Renting a car? There are discounts! Need a computer or an appliance? Great savings there too! Keep on saving!

First Timers Program Tulsa, OK 9/20/2024		
Cheryl Carlson	70371	NC+2
Lara Thom	93098	NJ
Cheryl Sorrell	81885	OK
Teresa Mullican	49496	OK
Brenda Batt	Guest	OK

QR Code for Enhanced Benefits Membership Flyer

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**SENATE OUTREACH
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I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who are participating in the Pitt Stop Paddle Pic Postings on the SOAR Facebook page. It is so great to see how something so simple has caused such enthusiasm within the Senate. I never thought that this would take off with such exuberance but am very thankful it has. If you would like your very own Pitt Stop Memorial Paddle, send me a message on Facebook Messenger, or text or email. Thank you to the following states that have submitted Pitt Stop Paddle Pics and have actively participated and a shout out to Maryland's President Melissa Unger for submitting the very first picture. Those states are MD, TN, OH, IN, TX, NH, VT, ME, CT, MA, ME, MN, DE, NC, PA, SC, NY, IL, FL, IA,

MO, RI, GA, CO. Those pics of Gary traveling across the country made him incredibly happy and he would tell me so every Monday after a weekend of travel. Keep the momentum going in his memory, he is still seeing all the pictures.

President Gary put his faith in me, and it is my responsibility to reach out, help to activate and garner retention in this organization. I am here to help with all your needs with regards to your membership. I am willing to help with close outs, to make phone calls and/or send emails to help open lines of communication if necessary. Congratulations to the 13 states that had 100% retention in September – CT, NH, DE, AL, MI, ND, LA, TN, OK, ID, ME, AZ, HI. Welcome to the 20 new Senators.

There is an incentive program as well this year. For every submission of a Pitt Stop pic, a share your story submission, points will be awarded and at every national meeting there will be tumblers, T-shirts, koozies and more given out!

If you would like to have a Zoom meeting, for a more in-depth explanation, feel free to contact me at joantravisSOAR@yahoo.com, or text 954-415-6303.

Continue to SOAR, and I look forward to helping you to foster your Senate growth. Let us keep "Destination Legacy" growing strong in memory of our late President Pittenger while supporting President Bruce Sostak in his new position and congratulations to Larry Norfleet on your appointment as AVP.

Happy Holidays to all!

First Timers PM Cheryl Carlson #70371, Lara Thom #93098 NJ, U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655, First Place Cheryl Sorrell #81885 OK,



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The "Destination Legacy" race is underway for the 2024-25 year!! We just held our first Pitt Stop of the year at Fall Boards in Tulsa, Oklahoma which included the First Timers program. There were four First Timers who participated and they caught the fever of the program right off and enjoyed this unique

and fun way to meet the national officers as well as the larger Senate family in attendance. Their excitement was contagious, with much fun, laughter and knowledge. Congratulations to Cheryl Sorrell #81885 from Oklahoma for winning this First Timers Pitt Stop!!

This year we have also incorporated a new secret Senator into the First Timers Program to promote President Gary's vision to recognize and thank our Senators who served (or are serving) in the Armed Forces. 2024-25 is the inaugural year of the "Secret Veteran Senator"!

I would like to encourage you, if you have never been to a national convention, to consider coming to one of the Pitt Stops still planned this year... Kenner LA (Winter Boards) or Northbrook, IL (Year End Convention). I would love to welcome you and be one of many to welcome you to the national U.S. JCI Senate.



U.S. JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655 gets roped by Region IX NVP Susan Manthey #68777

Below, First Timers in Tulsa:



Program Managers & Committee Chairs Reports



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
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DECEMBER 14, 2024, is our National Wreaths Across America Day. Please make your plans to volunteer but also, we need to sell wreaths, lots of wreaths. Every \$17 wreath sponsorship guarantees an American hero is not forgotten. If you buy two wreaths, a third one is free. Reach out to your local VFW, American Legion Post or Veterans Affairs office and secure their support to purchase wreaths as well as volunteers. Please don't forget our Scouts (Boys and Girls) as they are always looking for service projects.

Please check with your regional reps to confirm your deadline for ordering wreaths as there are different due dates across the nation. Also contact your cemetery of choice and make sure your location does not require a background check for each volunteer. Volunteers will complete a form (for security purposes). This is the standard at Fort Jackson in South Carolina.

Region VII NVP Dewayne Sumner posted that the U.S. JCI Senate Membership Information Services Program Manager Dawna Norfleet has made a challenge to sponsor 53 wreaths in memory of 53rd President Gary Pittenger. Would you like to challenge another region or state? Let us know how we can facilitate a more produc-

tive experience with WAA.

Thank you to all those who are wearing red and posting your photos on social media. We will continue to wear RED on Friday so we will Remember Everyone Deployed.

Veterans Day, a federal holiday that falls on November 11 each year, is designated as a day to honor more than 19 million men and women who have served in the U.S. military.

Nine interesting things you never knew about Veterans Day:

- Originally called Armistice Day
- There is no apostrophe in Veterans
- Veterans Day has not always been celebrated on November 11
- Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual service
- The New York City Veterans Day Parade is the oldest in the country
- Alabama held the first known veterans' celebration in Birmingham, AL

- Canada and Australia honor their countries' military personal but call it Remembrance Day
- Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act was passed in 2016 by President Barack Obama
- According to the Census Bureau, in 2021 there were 16.5 million veterans living in the U.S. which is about 6.4% of the adult population

Arlington National Cemetery is home to the graves of over 400,000 military personnel and their families. During the Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, a guard will lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and veterans' organizations will hold a parade of colors.

Every year on Veterans Day be sure to thank a veteran for their service and ask them about what they did when in uniform. Without them, our country would not be what it is today.

So much gratitude is deserved by our regional representatives (Jaci, Cheryl and DeLisa) for promoting WAA and all the programs that have spun off such a great program. WAA was one of President Gary's priority projects, and in honoring his memory, let's make it the most successful.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
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WAA is going well in Regions VIII-IX-X. The Texas JCI Senate has collected a total of \$772 donated at the Texas JCI Senate Fall Meeting and from Jimmy Lewis gathering donations from friends and family! This will purchase 67 wreaths with the buy two, get one donated from WAA.

States are planning their donations and placing wreaths on December 14, 2024. Thanks to all who visited our booth in Tulsa at Fall Board and thank you to all the veterans who sent in pictures for our display. If you have not sent in a picture, please send it in so we can continue to display and honor our veterans. Appreciate you all for all you are doing.



E-NEWS
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E-news continues to be a great way for the U.S. JCI Senate, regions, and states to communicate upcoming events! The communications team is working hard to increase our reach to active Senators. We have added over 512 new subscriptions to E-News so far this year, mostly with the

help of six states providing the email addresses for their active Senators! Only a handful of these Senators unsubscribed, so we are sure they wanted to receive information!

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THE EMPTY CHAIR



Alva 'Al' McCormick, #32181, Missouri, passed away on August 15, 2024, at the age of 77. He graduated from Northeast High School, and Wentworth Military Academy. He worked at Farmland Industries for 35 years. He later went on to become the director of alumni affairs for Wentworth Military Academy.

Al was active in the local and state level of the Jaycees. He was a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission in Parkville. He served as chairman of the committee for many years.

Al is survived by his wife, Paula and one daughter.



Alonzo 'Al' Stover, #25431, South Dakota, passed away on August 30, 2024, at the age of 83. He graduated from Northwestern High School. He attended SDSU and NSU, before joining the National Guard.

Al worked with his father at Stover Livestock, owning Al Stover Trucking, and owner of the Northville Sports Spot Bar and Grill. In his free time, he enjoyed buying and selling cattle, golfing and coffee with his buddies.

Al was active in the Jaycees. He earned his Eagle Scout rank in high school.

Al is survived by his wife, Connie, one daughter, one son, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Carl Crosby Hall, #9669, Massachusetts, passed away on April 8, 2024, at the age of 85. He graduated from Swampscott High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at the Naval Submarine Base in New London, CT. He served on the USS Triton, which was a nuclear-powered submarine.

Carl helped to organize the local Jaycee chapter and served as president. He was an avid boater and rod and reel tuna fisherman. He loved to ski with his daughter, Darcy. He served as president of the Commodore's Club of America.

Carl is survived by one daughter, one son, one granddaughter and one sister.



Doug Dempsey, #44206, Ohio, passed away on September 1, 2024, at the age of 77. He graduated from Stebbins High School and attended Miami Jacobs Career College. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam war. He worked for General Motors. After retirement he served as a substitute bailiff, a driver for Meals on Wheels and a ground keeper for the Springboro Cemetery.

Doug was involved in his community as a member of the Riverside JCI, Ohio JCI and the U.S. Jaycees. He was involved with the United Way.

Doug is survived by his wife, Vicky, three daughters, two sons and 10 grandchildren.



Elmer Heiney, #12246, Pennsylvania, passed away on July 21, 2024, at the age of 89. He graduated from Parkland High School. He served as director of the Parkland Alumni Club. He served in the U.S. Army in the security division. He worked for Merchants Bank and later for Mack Truck. He then worked as a real estate agent.

Elmer was the co-founder of the Parkland Area Jaycees and the Northwestern Jaycees. He was a member of the Junior Chamber in Trexertown. He coached basketball at North Parkland and Northwestern AA.

Elmer is survived by two sons, one granddaughter, three great-granddaughters and one brother.



Duane Michael Pfeifer, #51262, Wisconsin, passed away on August 31, 2024, at the age of 71. He was born in Little Falls, Minnesota. He moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 2019. He worked as a mechanic for WE Energies.

Duane Michael was a member of the Milwaukee Jaycees and the Wisconsin Milkman's Corps. He helped for many years with a handicapped accessible haunted house, building sets and running the event with the proceeds going to the Easter Seals.

Duane Michael is survived by his wife, Mary, four daughters, two sons, 15 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one sister and two brothers.



Wendy Copeland, #58825, Illinois, passed away on July 23, 2024, at the age of 59. She graduated from Bradley University. She worked in quality assurance and clinical label management at Abbott and Abbvie.

Much of Wendy's time was spent in service to various organizations, including the Palatine Jaycees. She loved creative activities. She expressed herself through colorful tie dye, outrageous holiday fashion and décor (particularly all things Halloween). When she loved something, she loved it with every part of her being, from her devotion to the Grateful Dead and Elvis.

Wendy is survived by her husband, Jon, mother Anne, step-mother Miriam, two step-daughters, two grandchildren and two sisters.



George Little, #16273, North Carolina, passed away on October 11, 2024, at the age of 82. He graduated from Southern Pines High School and attended the University of North Carolina. He was the president of the George W. Little & Associates.

George was chapter president of the Southern Pines Jaycees and served in every state Jaycee office except state president. He was a champion of economic development in Moore County. He founded the Moore County Economic Development Partnership and the Pinehurst/Southern Pines/Aberdeen Convention and Visitors Bureau.

George is survived by two daughters, one son, two step sons, 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one sister.

THE EMPTY CHAIR



Louis 'Lou' T. Maguire, #10562, Maine, passed away on July 31, 2024, at the age of 89. He graduated from Cheverus High School and Portland Junior College. He joined the U.S. Army, where he trained to be a land surveyor. He worked for EC Jordan Company and Haskell Surveyors.

Lou served as president of the South Portland Jaycees. He was active his entire life by walking and skiing with his family. He traveled to many national parks, cruises, and skiing trips to his favorite place, Breckenridge, CO.

Lou is survived by his wife, Martha, one daughter, one son, two granddaughters and one brother.



Michele Baskin, #42077, Michigan, passed away on July 21, 2024, at the age of 73. She graduated from Gaylord St. Mary's High School and Michigan State University. She spent 40 years as a principal, the first 25 in the Catholic school system and the remaining years in charter school.

Michele dedicated many years of service to the Michigan Jaycees. She served as the first female president of the Michigan JCI Senate. She was a motivational speaker and traveled across the country to share her message.

Michele is survived by her husband, Brent, children, grandchildren and sisters.



Stanley 'Stan the Maine Man' Dugas, #52166, Maine, passed away on October 8, 2024, at the age of 67. He worked as an assistant manager for Holz Chevrolet for 17 years. He loved to cook and was a great chef. He had a wonderful sense of humor and everyone around him will miss that. He loved his home state of Maine.

Stan was very active in the local and state Jaycee organizations in Maine. He met his wife at a national convention in Milwaukee.

Stan is survived by his wife, Kathleen, two daughters, two sons, three granddaughters, two sisters and three brothers.



Kenneth Risley, #32905, Missouri, passed away July 30, 2024, at the age of 76. He graduated from Washington University and Mercy High School. He worked in many facets of the IT industry, where he had a thriving career.

Ken served the Missouri Jaycees as regional director. He enjoyed volunteering to support the community and spending time with many hobbies. He was a licensed amateur radio operator and a member of the St. Louis Amateur Radio Club. He was a member of the Big Bend Railroad Club.

Ken is survived by three sons, five grandchildren and one brother.



Preston Edward 'Eddie' Hayward, #20317, Massachusetts, passed away on September 23, 2024, at the age of 86. He graduated from Athol High School and Florida State University. He was a Seminole to the core and rarely missed a football game. He served in the U.S. Army as a Specialist 4, H34 helicopter crew chief and paratrooper. He was the owner of the L.F. Robbins

Insurance Agencies. Eddie was the founding father and president of the Pepperell Jaycee chapter. He served in a number of leadership roles stateside and internationally.

Eddie is survived by his three daughters, one son and eight grandchildren.



Dennis Orvis, #4921, Iowa, passed away on May 5, 2024 at the age of 94. He served in the U.S. Army, where he learned to type (a skill that served him well throughout both employment and writing careers).

Dennis was a past president of the Waverly Jaycees. He wrote the state Jaycees first bid manual. He was a professional Chamber of Commerce manager in Gary, Indiana, Mason City, Iowa, and Fall River, Massachusetts. He retired and moved to Winter Haven, Florida, where he owned a RV park.

Dennis is survived by his two daughters, one son, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Robert 'Bob' Gray, #17582, Illinois, passed away on September 23, 2024, at the age of 84. He graduated from O'Fallon Township High School and the Southern Illinois University. He taught at Proviso West High School, the Ohio State University and served as a school administrator at Dundee District 300.

Bob was president of the Springfield Jaycees and president of the Illinois Jaycees. He was president of the Citizens Club and a member of the American Business Club.

Bob is survived by one son, two grandsons and one sister.



James Gilmore, #41674, California, passed away on December 14, 2023, at the age of 87.

James is survived by his wife, Freida, two daughters, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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The Jaycee Creed says:

**THAT FAITH IN GOD GIVES MEANING AND PURPOSE
TO HUMAN LIFE**

God says:

(John 6:35) "Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.""

(John 8:12) "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (Micah 6:8) "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love, be kind, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Gary was a Jaycee

The Creed says:

**THAT THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN TRANSCENDS
THE SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS**

God says:

(Psalm 133:1) "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (1 John 4:20) "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen."

(John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Gary was a Jaycee

The Creed says:

**THAT ECONOMIC JUSTICE IS BEST WON BY FREE
MEN THROUGH FREE ENTERPRISE**

God says:

(Exodus 20:17) "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

(Ephesians 4:28) "Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need."

Gary was a Jaycee

The Creed says:

THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE OF LAWS NOT MEN

God says:

(Acts 5:29) "But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men." (Isaiah 10:1-2) "Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees, and the writers who keep writing oppression, to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey!" (Romans 7:12) "So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good."

Gary was a Jaycee

The Creed says:

THAT HUMAN PERSONALITY IS A TREASURE

God says:

(Genesis 1:27) "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Matthew 6:21) "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

(1 Corinthians 6:19) "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,"

Gary was a Jaycee

The Creed says:

**THAT SERVICE TO HUMANITY IS THE BEST WORK
OF LIFE**

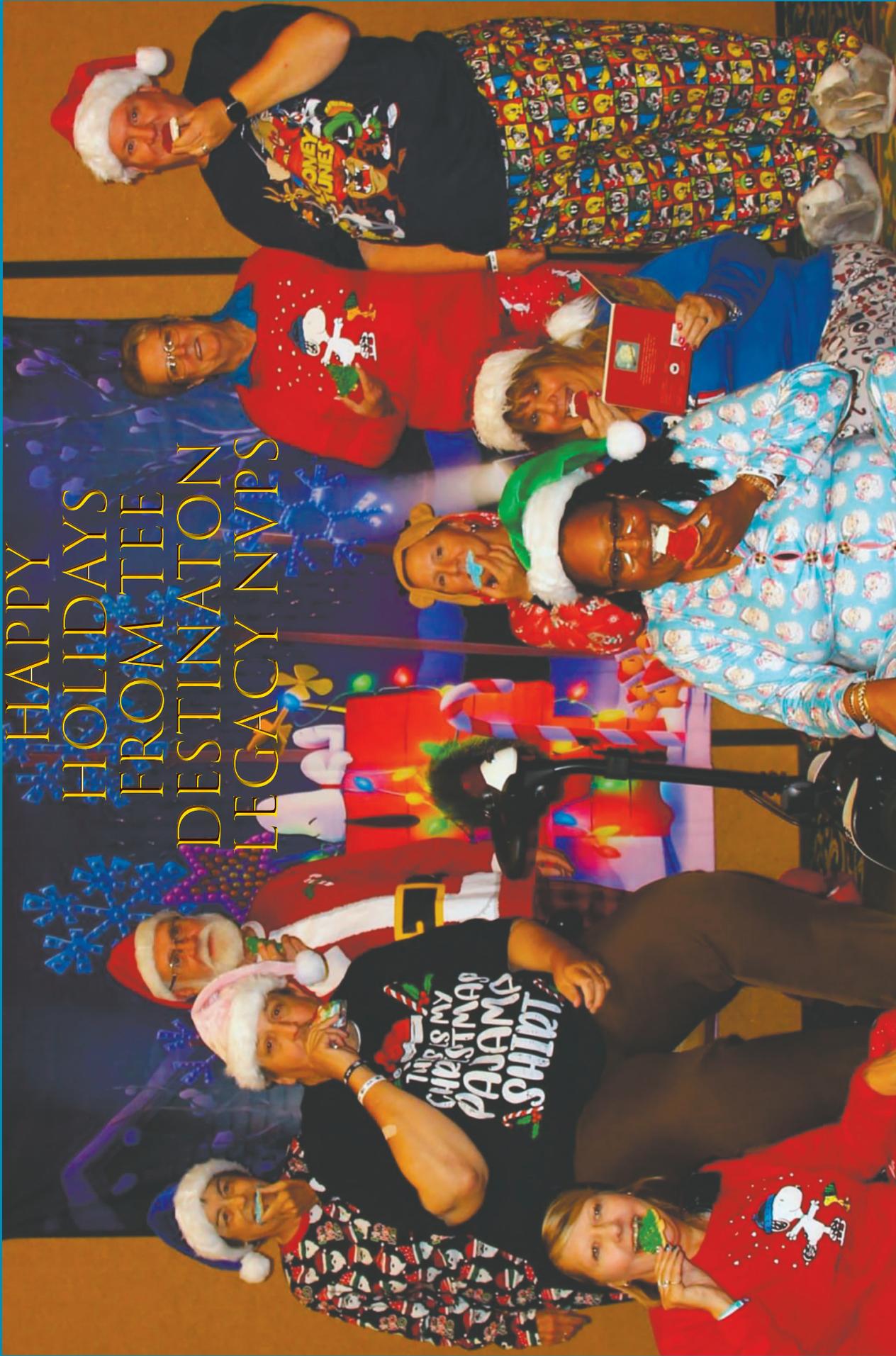
God says:

(Luke 10:25-29) "And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." But the man, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ... and the Lord answers: (Matthew 25:36-40) 36 "I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" 40 And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.""

Gary was a Jaycee - Jaycees are children of God!



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Front Seating on floor: Region IX Susan Manthey #68777, Region II Krista Myers-Shafer #77862 and Region V Kim Hubbell #68729
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