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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Chuck McFarlin #47910

I do hope that your Holidays have been fun. Well winter is here and now we can take a little break from things and enjoy the beauty of the season. That is if you like the snow and all the cold. I was able to travel with Bev #42473 & John #35308 Olson to Indiana on Oct 20th and 22nd for the border bash between Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. They have

some kind of competition between the states and the winning state has bragging rights for the next year. I was lucky enough to be on the winning team. I was on the team with Michigan President Don McDurmon #59099. The game we were playing was Hillbilly Golf. I did have a lot of fun there and will try and make it back next year.

I want to thank Chairman Denny Birt #37116 for doing such an outstanding job on the concession stand at the Illini Football games in Champaign. I want to thank everyone who was able to make it out to the games it was a huge success. I am sure Denny will have a report on how well we did.

The Fall Illinois Senate meeting was held in St. Louis, Mo. on November 10th along with the Illinois Jaycees Fall GA. We did have a few guests come out. USJCI Administrative Vice President Pat Hoelker #45893 came out and so did USJCI past President Ed Hart #28991. I think Ed had the shortest drive of us all other then Larry Ferguson. I want to thank everyone who came out to the meeting. I think The Gateway Jaycees did an outstanding job on the GA and I do want to thank them.

By the time you get this newsletter our next project the Illinois/Missouri basket ball game will probably be over. It was held on Dec 22nd and was our turn to host it and I want to thank Val Koble #13921 for doing such a great job on it. A good time was had by all even the ones who stayed back at the hotel protecting the Hospitality room.

Our next meeting will be held the weekend of January 18th, 19th and 20th in Decatur. It will be at the Decatur Hotel and Convention center. That would be the Old Holiday Inn. We will be having the Silent Auction that weekend, I am sure Chairman Chris Curtis #37116 will be looking for some items to auction off. Please consider donating something to the auction. The USJCI winter board meeting will be held on the weekend of January 24, 25, 26, and 27th in Daytona Beach, Fl. I know that there will be a few Illinois Senators there enjoying themselves.

The meeting after that will be on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th. This will be the GA we run with the TOYP program. This is our biggest return the favor project we do for the Jaycees. TOYP Co-Chair John Gill #49450 and Wendy L. Copeland #58825 have been working hard at getting submissions in for the awards. I think we should support this worth wile program. GA Goddess Mary Ann Hilleary #64615 is also doing a great job and will be looking for all the help she can get for this project.

Take care and I hope to see you soon



**ILLINOIS WINTER GA
JANUARY 18 - 20, 2008
DECATUR, ILLINOIS**





ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

by Stephanie Pittenger #59999

Santa Claus is coming to town. Can you believe??? It's that time of the year already and I am sure that you are busy preparing for the fun and festivities you have planned with your families. I know that my elves are busy with their areas of programming and I know they would appreciate any support you would like to give to their programs.

This is the perfect time of the year to assist Return the Favor Chairman Linda Feldt #66152. Most area Jaycees will be conducting some type of holiday programming, this would be a wonderful opportunity to return the favor and lend a hand to those programs. Linda is available anytime to take your information on what you have done to help our Jaycees.

Chairmen, Patty Butler #65322 and Rose Stevens #62414 would very much appreciate you remembering those who are assisted through Camp New Hope and Organ Donor program. If you have ways of assisting Patty with Camp New Hope please let her know. Rose would want me to remind all of you to become a donor by signing the back of your driver's license upon renewal and letting your family know of your decision. Todd Oliver #58381, Freshman Senators chairman is hard at work orientating the newest members of our Senate family and Dick Hiatt #7811 is waiting in the wings for them to make history.

I want to thank all my chairmen for their efforts in each of these areas and I would ask that you continue to support them and their endeavors. We want Chuck to know that we are behind him 100% in assisting with "Bridging the Gap."

I can now tell you for certain that our newsletter is truly a great communication tool. I communicated to you in our first issue of the year our desire to find a replacement for our Hospitality chairman, Monty Schroeder #62203 so he could seek another position with the Senate. At the meeting in St. Louis, I had two individuals speak to me about the possibility of taking over Hospitality. I would like to personally thank Tony Symoniak #66367 and Linda Feldt #66152 for considering the opportunity to serve. I would like the Senate to encourage them to take this challenge on and please feel free to offer them your assistance and support. I would also encourage any others that would like to take on a position or assist in any areas of interest that you let one of the board members know of your desire and we will be more than happy to work with you.

Another note of communication I would like to bring to your attention is Gary and I share a computer with each of us having our own email address. More often than not we have Gary's opened at all times and I maybe get to mine once a week. So if you send me an email at my address and you do not hear from me in two days time I would appreciate if you would resend it to Gary's address or copy him at the time you send me the email. By doing this I can ensure that you get a timely response from me.

In closing, Gary and I want to wish each of you and your families the very Merriest of Christmas's and the Happiest of New Year's. May the Spirit of the Holidays be with you throughout the Season and each day of the New Year. We count ourselves very blessed to have the friendship and support of each of you.

If we don't have the opportunity to see you over the holidays, we hope to see you in Decatur and/or sunny Daytona, Florida.

Calendar of Events

December 22, 2007
U of I / Missouri Basketball
St. Louis, Illinois

January 18 - 20
IL. JCI Senate Meeting
Decatur, Illinois

January 24 -27
US JCI Winter Board Meeting
Daytona Beach, Florida

March 28 -30
US JCI Region V Spring Fling
Springfield, Illinois

May 2 - 4
IL. JCI Senate Meeting/TOYP
Decatur, Illinois

June 16 -19
US JCI Senate National Conv.
Charleston, West Virginia

DEADLINE FOR FORUM ARTICLES, MARCH 15, 2008



MANAGEMENT REPORT

by Kate Patterson #52517

Hope you are enjoying the holiday season. The New Year is upon us and it looks like there will be no January football for Bears or Rams fans.

TOYP nominations are in and planning is underway. The Winter GA will be the third week in January at the hotel in Decatur. It may have a name by then. Hopefully the Illinois/Missouri basketball game will reward the Illinois fans. Thank you Val!

The Winter Board meeting in Florida is coming up. I hope everyone attending gets a good dose of warm weather. The Region 5 Spring Fling is March 28-30. Please sign up at the Winter meeting. Denny DeGroot has promised it will be a great time. Thanks to all the Chairman in the Management area for your hard work.

All the best to you and your families in the New Year.

CHAPLAIN

by Wendy L. Copeland #58825

I'm sorry I missed the November meeting. I hope you felt my love and good tidings that were sent telepathically!

Sadly, in the past couple of months, we have lost members of our Senate family. Please add the families of Ron Smeltzer, #25044, John McCarthy, #35256, Larry Anibaldi, #24891 and Sandra "Sam" Barker, #57181 to your thoughts and prayers as we join them in mourning their passing.

In addition, our thoughts and sympathy goes out to members of our Senate family who are grieving. Sympathy to MaryAnn Hilleary, #64615 and Randy Carter, #37120 as they mourn the passing of their mother (Dorothy Trent) and to Jim and Cindy Mathis (#32168 & #49173) as they mourn the passing of Jim's father (Harold Mathis).

As the holiday season is here, my wish for you and your loved ones is enjoyment of life's blessings. Please be safe and enjoy Chanukah (I bet I'm the only article that mentions this holiday!), Christmas, New Year's, Winter Solstice, or whatever holiday you celebrate. Blessed is God who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

2008 TOYP PROGRAM - NOMINATIONS ARE IN!

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Thank you to all the chapters and individuals that nominated someone to be recognized as one of the 2008 TOYP honorees. Please look for the winners to be announced in January.

While we are always looking for corporate sponsors to support the TOYP program, we do rely heavily on ad sponsorships from Jaycee chapters, local businesses and individuals. Ad revenue supports the program, including rooms & meals for each of the honorees. Please look at our great incentive program that can earn chapters or members a free room or banquet ticket at the GA. Thank you in advance for your support of this year's program.

If you have any interest in helping with the TOYP weekend as a Host Senator or in some other capacity, please let us know.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Karen Helms #57838

NOVEMBER 10, 2007

St. Louis, MO

Agenda

As we start our march across the bridge that binds the gap between the Senate and Jaycees, we are off to a great start, with 43 Senators in attendance at the November GA, in St. Louis, MO.

President Chuck McFarlin, #47910 called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Chaplain - Wendy L. Copeland, #58825 was unable to attend the meeting, we missed her, Herman Schwantz #58555 was able to fill-in at the last minute, (and I mean last minute, 1 minute before he had the floor). Herman first asked for a moment of silence and then asked each of us to ask for prayers for people we know who need them.

Pledge of Allegiance - Val Koble #13912, was unable to attend the meeting, we missed you Val and Stephanie Pittenger, #59999, did the honors of starting us off.

Introduction of Guests: Larry Ferguson #45060

Illinois Jaycee President: Denise Lenz 76th President

Approval of Agenda: 1st Jack Ward, #53585, 2nd: Darrell Stratton, #27546

Secretary's Report - Karen Helms #57838

- a) Approval of Minutes for the 2007 Picnic meeting, held in Carlyle as printed in the Forum. Moved to accept: Sam Barker, #57181, 2nd Brian Ziegler, #42479
- b) **Forum** - Charlie Gouveia, #18924 / Mel Urbanowicz, #55459 Date Forum articles due December 1, 2007. The Forum team thanked every one who submitted articles all year.
- c) **Website** - (<http://www.illinoisjcisenate.org/>) Larry Ferguson, #45060, is on top of it. The music is changed. Anything that needs to be changed, added, or amended please contact Larry. Moved to accept: Herman Schwantz #58555, 2nd Chuck Fries, #18344

Treasurer's Report - Greg Hilleary #44305

Greg was unable to attend, we missed you. Monty Schroeder, #62203, gave Greg's report.

- a) **Membership** - We began the year in July with 724 members and grew by one for the first quarter to 725. We have 295 members due December 1st. We will be renewing 292 members and we will add 4 new members, to bring us to a total membership at the end of the second quarter to 726. We have had nine new life members this quarter bringing us to a total of 662. We have eight members on the payment plan for life membership.
- b) **Pins** - Bill Willett, #17398 There are two different pins for President Chuck's year, in two different colors, one for \$4.00 or 2 for \$7.00. Bill collected \$400 earlier this year for a set of pins. Todd Oliver, #58381 won the pin set, at the picnic, and donated the set back to the Service Center.
- c) **Products** - Pat Eimer #56785 No report, we missed you.
- d) **Chicago land Speedway Final** - Norm Hoffman #25676 No report, we missed you.
- e) **Lotto Raffle** - Marilyn Burton, #55106 Please take a packet of tickets, if you have not taken any already. The month of February is the month we are using, it is Leap year so there is one extra day this year.

- f) **Silent Auction** - Chris Curtis, #35440 Success of this fund raiser depends on good items, gift baskets, memorabilia, nick/naks, etc. Please let Chris know what you are bringing and the approximate value if possible. Please make sure they are nice items and not "white elephants".
- g) **Concessions** - Denny Birt, #37116 One game left of the season. Thanks to everyone who came down to help. Next year there are 7 games, 3 in a row in September. 3 games in a row will be a little tough, but we can handle it. Denny gave Mark Niedenthal, #39701 an Illini mug for working every game. (I would like to know what Denny gave Jan for putting up with all of us traipsing through her home all of these years?) We should make between \$3,000 and \$4,000 this year, good work everyone. Moved to accept: John D. Olson, #35308, 2nd Marsha Devore, #67330

Administrative Vice President Report - Stephanie Pittenger, #59999

- a) **Return the Favor** - Linda Feldt, #66152, not present in the room, Stephanie asked that anyone working with their own or another Jaycee chapters, to please turn in their hours. This is the only way we know how much help we are being to the Jaycees.
- b) **Freshman Senators** - Todd Oliver, #58381 Meeting today, Sat. November 10, in the senate hospitality room at 2:30pm.
- c) **Camp New Hope** - Patty Butler, #65322 No report, we missed you.
- d) **Organ Donor** - Rose Rieke, #62414 No report, we missed you. Stephanie asked that everyone sign the back of their driver's license.
- e) **Golf & Larry Olsen/Bubba Bash** - Gary Pittenger, #24804 (report moved to the Foundation report)
- f) **Historian** - Dick Hiatt, #7811 Dick changed his internet service and gave the new information to Larry. Dick and friends attended the convention in Maryland and attended the lunch for the Pioneers of the US Senate from 1972. He had a good time reminiscing with friends. Moved to accept: Larry Ferguson, #45060, 2nd Ed Hart, # 28991

Tanya Lee, Illinois Jaycee presidential candidate, came into the room at this time. She said if she is elected president she has some ideas for big changes in the Jaycees. Changes to recruit and retain members.

Management Vice President Report - Kate Patterson, #52517

- a) **Hospitality** - Monty Schroeder, #62203 Monty thanked everyone for their help with food in the hospitality room. The next meeting is the Winter GA in January, 2008. Next year's hospitality chairman could be Tony Symoniak, #66367.
- b) **Spring GA '08** - Mary Ann Hilleary, #64615 No report, we missed you.
- c) **TOYP '08** - John Gill, #49450, No report, we missed you. John sent a CPG for the program. We are six months out for the TOYP banquet. There seems to be some questions about the budget in the CPG. Kate will meet with John and get some answers.
- d) **On-To** - Tom Greathouse, #60003, No report, we missed you.
- e) **Picnic 2007 Final** - Ray Ainslie #44136 / Wayne Kiefer #36498, Ray was absent, we missed you. Wayne Kiefer #36498 gave the report. Ray and Mel did a great job, every one had a great time and they made about \$20.00.

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TREASURER'S COMMENTS

by Greg Hilleary #43305

Mary Ann and I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and emails regarding the passing of Mary Ann's mom, Dorothy Trent. We would have much rather been with you in St. Louis then doing what we were doing in Hoopeton. Thanks Again!

On to membership, we began the year in July with 724 and we grew by one for the first quarter to 725. We have 295 members due December 1st. We will be renewing 292 members and we will add 4 new members, to bring us to a total membership at the end of the second quarter to 726.

We have had nine new life members this quarter bringing us to a total of 662.

We have eight members on the payment plan for life memberships. They are as follows:

Duncan Skogsborg #38076, James Polson #66154, Sandra Harpstrite #65882, Roger L. Adams #37685, Karen Kopp Voshel #62305, Tony Symoniak #66367, Jerry L. Smith #38632, and Stuart "Bud" Givens #52742.

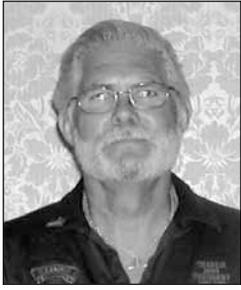
We billed the annual dues paying members back in July 2007, and again in October. Another billing will be mailed in January 2008. We still have 12 of the 63 who have not paid and are past due (all dues are due by the end of July). They are as follows: Melinda Appleman #65102, Donna Baker #67041, Hileria Godfrey #62127, Sharon Hall #46181, Bob Hennessey #55838, David LeClere #66439, James Maggio #44443, David Mustain #55712, Twila Mustain #61202, Kim Sefton #35441, Ron Stadelman #51090, and Tim Teeter #67302. If you know any of these senators, please contact them and remind them to send in their dues checks.

The January Board Meeting will be on January 18 -20, 2008 in conjunction with the Illinois Jaycees and will be located at the Decatur Hotel and Conference Center, U. S. Route 36 and Wyckles Road, Decatur, IL 62522. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ROOM DEPOSIT IS \$95.** You may send your registration to my home address at 3158 East Main Street, Danville, IL 61834.

If you need to get in touch with me my email address is ghillery@hacd-hud.com and my phone number at work is 217-444-3101.

Hope to see all of you in Decatur!

CHUCK McFARIN #47910 PRESIDENT		ILLINOIS JCI SENATE 2007-2008 BUDGET November 29, 2007		GREG HILLEARY #43305 TREASURER	
Illinois JCI Senate - 2007 2008 Budget Status Report as of Forum December 2007					
INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE		
Balance Forward from 2006-2007	\$ 977.09	\$ -	\$ 977.09		
Life Memberships (15x\$240)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,711.00	\$ 1,889.00		
Membership Dues (62x\$30*)	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 790.00		
New Senate Applications (9x\$35)	\$ 315.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 115.00		
Mentors Supporters	\$ 500.00	\$ 328.00	\$ 172.00		
Forum Supporters	\$ 150.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 58.00		
Hospitality	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 1,420.00		
Charitable Raffles	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00		
Senate Products	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,919.43	\$ 480.57		
Fund Raisers	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,889.27	\$ 4,110.73		
GA Room Deposits (60x\$94)	\$ 5,640.00	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 4,300.00		
TOYP	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 8,800.00		
May GA	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00		
USJCI Fall Board	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 3,595.00		
Region V Spring Fling	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00		
Corporate Sponsors	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00		
Illinois/Missouri Basketball	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 70.32	\$ 429.68		
Total Income	\$ 61,417.09	\$ 11,205.02	\$ 50,212.07		
EXPENSES					
Life Account Fund (15x\$144)	\$ 2,160.00	\$ -	\$ 2,160.00		
US JCI Dues (725x\$5)	\$ 3,625.00	\$ 1,935.00	\$ 1,690.00		
Project Friends	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00		
Mentors Advertising	\$ 500.00	\$ 223.00	\$ 277.00		
Hospitality	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 455.27	\$ 1,344.73		
Guest Expenses	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00		
Presidential Expenses	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00		
Presidential Awards	\$ 500.00	\$ 757.30	\$ (257.30)		
Senate Products	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,857.05	\$ 542.95		
Charitable Foundations	\$ 450.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 350.00		
Charitable Raffles	\$ 75.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 5.00		
USJCI Fall Board	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -	\$ 3,600.00		
Region V Spring Fling	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00		
Forum	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,055.19	\$ 1,544.81		
Name Tags	\$ 500.00	\$ 374.56	\$ 125.44		
Treasurer Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00		
Senate Directory	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		
GA Room Deposits (60x94)	\$ 5,640.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 4,200.00		
TOYP	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00		
May GA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00		
Illinois Jaycees May GA	\$ 790.00	\$ -	\$ 790.00		
Illinois JCI Senate Web Page	\$ 200.00	\$ 166.80	\$ 33.20		
Illinois/Missouri Basketball	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		
Total Expenses	\$ 60,440.00	\$ 9,434.17	\$ 51,005.83		
Cash on Hand November 29, 2007		\$ 2,747.94			



EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

by Charlie Gouveia #18294

While a little light on attendance, the November meeting in St Louis was the usual sociable reunion, and remarkably FAST! (perhaps because Norm did not attend). We were pleased to have USJCI Senate Pat Hoelker #45893, and Past COB Ed Hart #28991, as our guests for the GA.

Bill Wilett reported that the raffle of the complete Illinois Senate Pin set brought in \$400 (Todd Oliver was the winner). How many Senators have a complete set? I know that, in addition to Todd, there is one in the State Office, Bill, Tiny and I all have sets, but who else? See Bill's article on the history of Illinois Senate pins which begins in this issue. Let us know. Speaking of pins, Bill would like any old Senate pins, both Illinois and other States, that you are willing to donate for resale to benefit the Illinois Senate.

Silent Auction is coming up in January. The success of the auction depends upon you donating items for auction. These can be either Jaycee or non Jaycee related. Contact Chris Curtis if you have donations.

Congratulations Mark Niedenthal for working the Senate concessions at every Illini game this season, and of course thanks to Chair Denny Birt, and all the others who assisted on this great fund raiser over the past few years.

Thanks to USJCI Senate founders Dick Hiatt and Jim O'Connell for their representing Illinois at the Anniversary Banquet at Convention in Annapolis MD last June. Thanks also to candidate for Illinois Jaycee President Tanya Lee for stopping by the fall Senate meeting to express her views.

Ray Ainslie sent a report that the Picnic in Carlyle netted a \$20 profit, and Denny D. indicated that the 160 attendees at the US Board in Springfield generated a \$5 profit. (No wonder we have so much money)! Coming up on 28 -30 March 2008, the Region V Spring Fling in Springfield at the US 66 Hotel, and 25-27 July 2008, is "The Dog Days of Summer", Picnic '08 at the Ashland House Best Western in Morton.

If you just have to fill the time between Winter GA and Region V , there is also the Border Bash at Branson, MO. on March 7-9 2008, see the enclosed flier for info. Also note that USJCI Senate meetings coming up in January in Daytona FL.; June Charleston, WV.; September Seattle, WA.; and January '09 Houston, TX. (Wiley!)

Good luck to all 10 Scholarship applicants for the Illinois Jaycee Charitable Foundation, winners to be announced at Winter GA in Decatur. It was reported that there were 10 teams participating in the Roger Colbert tourney, which this year was held in conjunction with the USJCI Senate Board Meeting, raising over \$4000 for the foundation.

As a result of winning at the "Polish Ladder Game" (most people call it Hillbilly Golf) in Michigan, President Chuck joined the Michigan Senate, and Michigan President John joined Illinois. Welcome John!

Congratulations Dick Hiatt #7811, and Marcia DeVore #67330 as low and High Senate numbers at Fall GA.. Also To 50/50 winner Wayne Hulesman, and to Donna Ward, Jack Ward, Bev Olson, Herman Schwantz, Karen Helms and Pat Hoelker on winning Presidential Raffle Tickets.

Winter GA will be at the old Holiday Inn, now the Decatur Convention Hotel (or something like that), see you there.

ILLINI CONCESSIONS

by Denny Birt #37116

The Football season is over at Memorial Stadium. We had 6 home games & 6 profitable concession stands. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped on this successful project. The financials are not complete at the time of this writing, so I will have a complete report at the GA.

I appreciate the fact that as expensive as it is to travel, the Senate is still getting the support it needs to survive.

A special thanks goes to Mark Neidenthal. He came over & worked every game this year. What a Guy!!!!

Looking Forward, we have seven games at memorial stadium next year. You may want to go to the U of I website <http://fightingillini.cstv.com/> , check it out and mark your calender. September looks like a challenge.

Again, thanks for the support

THE HEARTLAND HONEYDIPPER

by Linc



It's a good thing that Linc had a relatively quiet year to rest up, because it looks like this one will be a doozy! Here at mid year the pit is almost full, and Linc is scooping like mad just to keep even. President Chuck started the Fall GA off with a bang by forgetting to bring either the Flag or the Creed Banner to St Louis, and it was all into the pit from there. To Wit: Karen forgot to take a vote to approve the minutes, and then asked for all in favor TWICE! John Baro pointed out that he may look like an elf, but I'm no snitch! It was pointed out that the success of the silent auction depended upon keeping quiet and donating stuff. Denny Birt reported his Concession Confessions! Dick Hiatt reported that he had changed phone numbers, to which Pitt commented that if he would pay his bills, he would not have to change! ILJC Past President Tony Symoniak got a big cheer, when he was mentioned as the potential Hospitality Chairman. (how about Herman as CoChair?) Denny D almost forgot to speak as he was too busy talking! Kate wanted a report on the IL-MO FOOTBALL game in December. (it's basketball Dec. 21, for tickets, contact Val) Chuck had a hard time with posing for some of the pictures, we may start a new game called "Where's Chuck"! (better than the Polish Ladder Game) Once again Dick Hiatt won as lowest Senate number, prompting the comment that we don't know anyone lower than Dick! JDO had the pleasure of hauling Chuck's rear all over the Region this year, Chuck said that JDO only got lost once (per trip). JDO still thinks that I-80 and the Skyway are the same route, which may account for part of that. Chuck couldn't get the ticket count straight for the US raffle. (which could account for the fact that both Jack and Donna Ward won). Is Monte still blushing after Pat H. called out "Monte - come here!" ? Pat, by the way, donates stuff to good will, and her husband buys it back. Bev asked everyone to let JDO know if you want to go somewhere. (Hey JDO, Linc wants to go to Hawaii!) Bill wants future Hospitality rooms to have a big box of Tums next year. (or Midol for men!) AND JoAnn Smith was quoted at the last Football game" You do me now, and I'll do you later" One of the newest Senators, Maureen Butler says that she has a casual Thanksgiving party, all are welcome, but you have to come in pajamas! (That may be real casual according to what some people sleep in!) Bev lost her pin, I hope that she didn't drop it in the pit, Linc is not going to look for it!

And you wonder why Linc is tired! Watch what you step in, Linc is watching!

LOTTO FEVER - DEADLINE IS APPROACHING!

by Marilyn Burton #55106 • mkbrph@sbcglobal.net • (309) 691-0304

It's not too late to buy your lotto tickets or help sell these tickets.

The evening pick 3 Illinois Lotto provides the winning number each day of Feb.
The buyer of the ticket with that ticket number wins \$50

Return on investment can be \$50 for the ticket price of \$5 .
That's way beyond a decent return, if you've kept track of the stock market lately.
And there's 29 chances to win in February 2008!!!

This IL JCI Senate fund raiser is so easy, everyone should participate.

Return ticket stubs (with contact info) and money to me before Feb 1st,
Marilyn Burton
2308 W. Madera Ct.
Peoria, IL 61614

If this has convinced you to buy or sell tickets, send me an e-mail to request the quantity of tickets (in packets of 10). I'll send them to you via snail mail or I'll have them at the next IL Senate meeting. If you don't want to sell, then simply buy some for yourself!

Bringing you Leap Year Lotto!!!

ILLINOIS JCI FALL GA - ST. LOUIS, MO.



Pledge to Chuck Fries' Flag



Cheers!



Awards to Treasurer's Chairs



Awards to Administrative Chairs



ILJC Presidential Candidate, Tanya Lee



Awards to Management Chairs
(AKA Where's Chuck?)



Winners: Wayne, Chuck, Terry & Dean



Low & High Senate numbers: Marcia Devore #67330 & Dick Hiatt #7811 with Chuck



JDO gets pinned by Pat



USJCI Senate Admin VP, Pat Hoelker #45893



Region V - Vice President, Bev



Chuck with Traveling Companions



ILLINOIS JCI SENATE PIN HISTORY

by Bill Willet #17398

While talking to fellow Senator Norm Hoffman, he asked me if I had a file on the history of our trading pin. I said "I did" and he asked me for a copy. At that point I had to tell him "as soon as I shook the sawdust between my ears, and put the history in writing, I would send him a copy".

Our historian, Dick Hiatt, had furnished me information on the first pin some time ago. The first pin was designed and ordered in 1972. Total order was 250 pins. Find one today! It is a small gold circle with outline in center, trimmed in blue and red, approximately the size of a nickel.

The second pin celebrated the bicentennial of the USA and dates to 1976. The third pin dates back to 1977 as near as I can tell. The fourth pin came out in 1978. Tiny Nix was president and he used the same pin with a banner on bottom that said Illinois J.C.I. President.

From 1979 through 1984 I feel the Jaycee Onto Chairman designed the Senate pin as they all tied into the Onto Chairmen's Convention Pin sets in one way or another. For example Lincoln and coon hound for 1979, - same color and size outlines as Jaycees and Jaycee women for 80, 81 & 82. Godfather for gangster and roaring 20's themes used in 83 & 84.

In 1985 I had the good fortune of working with our Senate president, Ted Lang, to design, order & sell the Illinois JCI Senate pin creating Pin Chairman position which I have held since.

From 1985 until present, most of the pins either tied to the city where the annual convention was being held - for example, Race Car Indy 85, stein Milwaukee 86, card hand Reno 87 etc. Sometimes the pin tied to the Senate President's theme for the year - for example 93-94 a large dog for "We believe, We achieve", 2004 & 2005 Abe in boat fishing "Catch the big one" 2005-2006 large oval pin "Friendship, Love, Loyalty".

Some year's artwork was not available so we used the standards. For example different colored outlines, new version of the Standing or Rocking Abe. Somewhere in the late 70's or early 80's it was decided to make the Standing or Rocking Abe our permanent Senate Pin. It was a copy of an early Jaycee trading pin. These pins pretty much sold out by the mid 90's. Pin sales dropped off, so at this time they have not been reordered and are not in stock.

Since I have been pin chairman, I have only had one major request in contents of the pin. That being that Lincoln appear in some form on the pin. Tom Thompson slipped by me with the race car, by overwhelming me with paperwork, I just plain gave up - No Lincoln.

In 1986-87 our organization celebrated its 20th anniversary with a new pin, which became our new symbol. It was Lincoln on shield with Illinois JCI Senate on banner. In 1992 we celebrated our 25th anniversary with a variety of round pins and state outlines. 30th, 35th & 40th anniversaries did not have special pins.

During the 1980's and part of 90's our pin order each year would be 600 pins with 6-10 proof sets sold at a premium price. The regular 600 order would be sold out before the annual convention. At present we order 200 pins each year in two color variations - in the course of the year the majority of the pins are sold or at least enough to show a profit.

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- f) **USJCI Fall Board 2007 Final** - Denny DeGroot #40222 / Don Falls #40510, we missed you. Denny gave the report for the Fall Board committee, they thanked all of the Illinois senators that helped out. It was a good turn out of Illinois senators and national senators. Our own Ed Kosobucki, #57340 won the first timers. There was a \$5 profit.
- g) **Region 5 Spring Fling** - Denny DeGroot #40222
The date is March 28 - 30, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Motel 66 in Springfield, IL. Region V Vice-president Bev Olson, #42473 will get a flyer out inviting the rest of Region V to join us.
- h) **IL/MO Football** - Val Koble #13921, unable to attend, we missed you. Val sent a written report as follows: Game time: 8:00, Saturday, December 22nd, Old Savis Building) Hotel: Crown Plaza (Old Holiday Inn).
Rate: \$69.00, ask for IL-MO JCI.
Phone: 800-925-1395. Hospitality starts at 4:00 on Saturday. Val will be there on Friday night, so if you too are there stop by to pick up your ticket or have a drink. It is our turn to host. We are cutting back on hospitality to hold cost to \$15.00 each. Thanks to all who are working on hospitality especially Ray Ainslie, # 44136 and Ed Townsend, # 19490. If you need tickets you know the drill. Let Denny or Val know, cost: \$70.00 or \$52.00.
- i) **Leadership Academy Final** - Norm Hoffman #25676
No report, we missed you. Kate reported that the project went very well and everyone was very happy with the outcome.
- j) **Picnic 2008** - Gary Pittenger #24804
Picnic 2008 will be July 25 - 27, 2008. Questions call Jim Mamman, #37122. Moved to approve Bill Willet, # 17398 2nd Linda Ferguson, #64547

Illinois Jaycee Charitable Foundation - Bev Olson #42473
The foundation received 10 applications for scholarships, which have been turned over to the Jaycees. Applications for the Roger Colbert Scholarship are due March 1st. The Roger Colbert

Scholarship is for the children or grandchildren of Jaycees, who will be graduating in 2008. Gary Pittenger, #24804, reported on the 15 annual Olson Golf outing. The Olson was moved to run in conjunction with the Fall Board Meeting in Springfield. It was felt that there would be a better turn out. The Olson Golf outing raised about \$4,000. The Bubba Bash for 2008 will be held the last Saturday in June.

NEW BUSINESS - None

REGION DIRECTOR REPORTS - None

HIGH / LOW SENATE NUMBERS -

High: Marsha DeVore, #67330
Low: Dick Hiatt, #7811

GOOD OF THE ORDER - Ed Hart, # 28991, thanked Illinois for allowing him to attend and invited the Illinois senate to the Region VI Branson Round-up (Spring meeting) March 7th - 9th in Branson, Missouri. The hotel is Windmill Inn & Convention Center, in Branson. Room rate is \$65.00, when making reservations ask for the MOJCI Senate Block, 800-641-5660. Lots to do in Branson, as well as learning about the Region VI Senate.

50/50 DRAWING Winner:

NATIONAL GUESTS - Pat Hollker, # 45893

USJCI REGION V VICE PRESIDENT - Bev Olson #42473
Bev thanked Pat for attending our meeting and thanked Denny DeGroot, #40222 and team for a wonderful Fall Board Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS - Chuck McFarlin #47910
President Chuck attend the Border Bash in Indian and is now a member of the Michigan Senate.

ADJOURN WITH JAYCEE CREED

The meeting was over in an hour. Funny how the meeting flies by when no one is there to give their reports. (I missed you Norm).

UPDATES TO THE ILLINOIS JCI SENATE ROSTER

NEWEST JCI SENATORS:

James Madiar #13377	4659 Sistrunk Loop	Converse, LA 71419
Dennis Owens #67443	327 W Cedar Hills Drive	Chillicothe, IL 61523
Don McDurmon #59009	35841 Hazelwood	Westland, MI 48186
Maureen Butler #67669	1550 North Seminary Ave J	Woodstock, IL 60098

NEWEST LIFE MEMBERS:

Jeff Forrest	#66552	#701
Sharon Forrest	#66553	#702
Robert Kluge	#44449	#703

FOR THOSE OF YOU UPDATING YOUR SENATE ROSTER – CHANGES:

Jerry Paul Ovall #25233	1201 West 18th Street	Rock Falls, IL 61071
Chris Curtis #35440	646 Dana Drive	Columbia, IL 62236
Mrs. Roger (Susie) Colbert Curtis #38086	646 Dana Drive	Columbia, IL 62236

SILENT AUCTION

Chris Curtis #35440

Holiday greetings Illinois Senators! I hope as you are caught up in the hustle and bustle of this holiday season you haven't forgotten contributing items for the Silent Auction Fundraiser to be held at the January GA in Decatur. Please contact me at home 618-281-3616, cell 618-795-6669, or by email mc6729@att.com .

Your help is greatly needed to make this project a success.

FRESHMAN SENATORS

by Todd Oliver #58381 • toliver34@insightbb.com • (217) 585-1203

Illinois Freshman the next GA is January 18 to 20th in Decatur, Illinois I would like to see a strong turn out by new senators for the freshman orientation which we will have and then those new senators will be invited to the senate freshman champagne toast Saturday night. Come find out more about the organization you are a new member of. If you're not able to attend please let me know if you would be interested in receiving information on the Illinois Senate.

ILLINOIS JCI SENATE FALL MEETING ATTENDEES

Monty Schoeder	#62203	IL	Gary Pittenger	#24804	IL	Pat Hoelker	#45893	IA
Marilyn Burton	#55106	IL	Stephanie Pittenger	#59999	IL	Gary Hongsermeier	#39708	IL
Terry Barker	#40979	IL	Bev Olson	#42473	IL	Jack McAllister	#36501	IL
Denny DeGroot	#40222	IL	JDO	#35308	IL	Darrell Stratton	#27546	IL
Dick Hiatt	#7811	IL	Tony Symoniak	#66367	IL	Bill Willett	#17398	IL
Judson DeVore	#65005	IL	Denny Birt	#37116	IL	Mark Niedenthal	#39701	IL
Maxine Wallisch	#68102	IL	Donna Ward	#53588	IL	Karen Helms	#57838	IL
Chuck Fries	#18344	IL	Jack Ward	#53585	IL	Wayne Huelsmann	#30592	IL
Chuck McFarlin	#47910	IL	Kate Patterson	#52517	IL	Ed Kosobucki	#57340	IL
Charlie Gouveia	#18294	IL	Wayne Kiefer	#36498	IL	Lori Suprenant	#67040	IL
Larry Ferguson	#45060	IL	John Uhl	#64842	IL	Marsha DeVore	#67330	IL
Chris Curtis	#35440	IL	Janet Zerr	#63902	IL	Sid LeGrand	#46004	IL
Sam Barker	#57181	IL	Susie Colbert-Curtis	#38086	IL	Mona LeGrand	#52737	IL
Linda Ferguson	#64547	IL	Todd Oliver	#58381	IL			
Brian Ziegler	#42479	IL	Herman Schwantz	#58555	IL			

RETURN THE FAVOR 2007 - 2008

NAME: _____ **SENATE NUMBER:** _____

REGION: _____

I have RETURNED THE FAVOR to my chapter and region in the following ways since the Senate meeting. This may include training, recruiting, working projects, offering advice, attending events, etc. Please include what you have done, dates if you know them, and return to Linda Feldt or e-mail: linda24rd@sbcglobal.net. Thanks for your support of this great project.

THE BALD EAGLE

by Norm Hoffman #40222

Once in a great while a gentleman comes upon this organization that has all of the qualities we spend a lifetime attempting to encourage and teach the members of the Jaycees. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing Ron Smeltzer were truly blessed. Our members recite the Jaycee Creed sometimes taking for granted the lines we recite. Ron lived the Creed and was known all throughout Sterling-Rock Falls as a person who enjoyed serving his community.

Most of his Jaycee career was spent with his local chapter and community; however he was a DD and RD of the Northwest Region. The nickname of the "Bald Eagle" became well known as the leader of the Northwest Region. In 1977-78, he was recognized as the "Outstanding Region Director" in Illinois and also recognized by the United States Jaycees at the National Convention in Nashville. Parliamentary Procedure became his expertise. Many Jaycee debates on the floor were engineered by the parliamentary speaking of Ron Smeltzer. During the Training Seminars held in Monmouth and Macomb it was Ron who led the Parliamentary Procedure sessions.

Ron, after becoming a Certified Insurance Counselor, became co-owner of the Smeltzer Insurance Agency for over 20 years. He was also announcer and programmer at WLLT radio station in Dixon. He served as President and Lt. Governor of the Sterling Optimist Club and was one of the original founders of the CGH Health Foundation.

He will truly be missed not only in the "Great Northwest Region" but also in the hearts of all Senators who could call Ron a friend. Ron Smeltzer, we know the Lord probably has you busy at the moment creating a more organized flow of documents, however we here at the Illinois Jaycee Senate want you to know that your time with the Jaycees set a footprint for others to follow. We salute you.

Ronald L. Smeltzer #25044 • Born: April 19, 1942 • Died: November 9, 2007



Region VI Branson Round -Up Spring Region Meeting

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

Hosted by the Missouri JCI Senate!

March 7th - 9th, 2008

Windmill Inn & Convention Center - Branson, Missouri

Branson Windmill Inn & Conv. Ctr.
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Use Registration Code "CGHART"

- All rooms are \$49.95 plus taxes
- Please ask for Mo. JCI Senate Block.
- Make room reservations directly with hotel
- If you are arriving before Friday, please notify the reservation staff that you are a part of our group.

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Are you a first time Senator at a Region VI meeting? Yes _____ No _____

Make checks payable to the Missouri JCI Senate and send to:

**Ed Hart #28991, 427 Mark Wesley Lane, Ballwin, Missouri 63021,
Phone: (636) 391-8476, Fax (636) 256-7715, E-Mail jci28991@aol.com**

For Questions, you may also contact:

Boni Hart #59553 at BHart59553@aol.com

Donna DeLaney #55560 at mojcmom@aol.com



Dog Days of Summer



2008 Illinois JCI Senate Picnic
July 25 - 27, 2008
Morton, Illinois
Hosted by the Prairieland Region Senators

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SPOUSE/GUEST _____ SENATE # _____

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 - Saturday Golf Outing _____ @ \$50.00 = \$ _____
- TOTAL REGISTRATION DUE = \$ _____

Make checks payable to:"Picnic '08"

Mail to: Gary Pittenger #24804
338 S. Nebraska
Morton, IL 61550

Contact the Motel directly for accommodations.

Rooms MUST be reserved by July 1, 2008.
Mention the Illinois JCI Senate

Business Meeting is Saturday, July 26th beginning at 3:00 pm. Picnic will follow at approximately 5:00 pm.

Golf Outing is Saturday, July 26th beginning at 9:00 am. Cost for golf outing is \$50 including lunch.
playing golf Saturday: ____ I do not plan on playing golf Saturday: ____ I plan on playing golf on Friday: ____

Bar Burgers is on Saturday, July 26th at 11:30 am. Cost is paid directly to restaurant. # attending Bar Burgers: ____

Friday golf will start at approximately 1:00 pm.

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email: info@ashlandhouse.com

Direct questions to: Jim Mammen
(217) 732-8434

Gary Pittenger
(309) 266-6464

Email Address:
ljmammen@verizon.net

Email Address:
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ILLINOIS JCI SENATE CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME _____ SENATE # _____

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**Send to: Greg Hilleary #43305, 3158 East Main Street, Danville, IL 61834
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