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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stephanie Pittenger #59999

### Greetings to All the Gang-

Kenny Chesney has a hit song called "Don't Blink" and it pretty much symbolizes a year as Senate President into a nutshell. You blink and it's time to announce your candidacy, you blink and you are accepting the nomination, blink again and you are giving your acceptance speech that with one line you have set your legacy for the year. (Let's hear it for the HUGE "PEANUTS" FAN!) And so the year goes on in a blink; we are just wrapping up the holiday season and I hope each of you found the time to enjoy your families and the joy of the season. Now it is time for another blink and we are heading into the back stretch of "Soaring Beyond Your Best."

I was really pleased with the great turnout for the Fall meeting in Lisle. I was extremely excited with the some 75 people attending the first Friday night "Midnight Toast". It went over well - especially since only about 10 senators were left on Saturday night. I want to especially thank Lucia Irwin #66765 (North), Barb Sleeman-Beckman #63625 (Fox Valley) and Ed Kosobucki #57340 (Northeast) for providing outstanding food for the hospitality room and to Hospitality Chairman Tony "Pigpen" Symoniak #66367 for having everything in order for the weekend, including some donated snacks from a local caterer. The membership meeting was well attended and was completed in one hour flat!

Kudos to Denny Birt #37116 for completing another successful season of Illini Concessions. He and Jan have earned a little break on the weekends. A special thanks goes to all the Senators and family members that volunteered their time to work at least one of the games. Thanks to Terry Barker #40979 on the successful completion of the Senate's initial participation in Birdies for Charity. Both of these projects have enabled our fundraising efforts continued success. Speaking of fundraising projects that are well underway, but could still use your support are the Lotto Raffle and the Silent Auction. If you have not purchased and/or sold your Lotto tickets, please contact Tom "Tommy Bird" Greathouse #60003 before February 1st to have qualifying tickets. The Silent Auction will be held at the January meeting in Decatur and Chairman Chris "Chrissy Bird" Curtis #35440 and his lovely assistant Susie Colbert-Curtis are looking for your items to auction. I want to encourage you to donate items, but not necessarily those items that have been sitting in your basements or garages for the last 10 years. The better the quality, the better the bids, and this adds up to a better bottom line for the treasury.

Here comes another of those blink moments; it is time for our largest undertaking for "Return the Favor". This year marks the 25th Anniversary for the Senate's hosting this program and we want to make it a special one. Chairmen Fred Rutz #49724 and Gary Pittenger #24804 are assembling a fantastic committee and they are all working hard at putting together an evening to remember.

If you are looking for warmer climate conditions in January consider joining us in Houston, TX January 22-25 for the USJCI Winter BOD Meeting.

If you are interested in this or future travel plans, be sure to contact On-To Chairman Don "Franklin" Falls #40510 for information. This is an excellent chance for our "Boys of Summer" to get in some winter golf. Illinois Senator Mark Wiley #39704 is involved in hosting this National Senate meeting. Is anyone surprised?

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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

by Kate Patterson #52517

Winter got off to an early start this year, but while we are shivering in our boots our hearts are filled with warm thoughts of helping others.

This is the perfect time of the year to assist Return the Favor Chairman Linda Ferguson #64547. Linda is always available to take your information on what you have done to help our Jaycees. Remember, the Jaycees is how we got to where we are today and assistance in continuing the fine traditions of the Jaycees is needed now more than ever.

Patty Butler #65322 and Karen Helms #57838 would very much appreciate you remembering those who are assisted through Camp New Hope and the Organ Donor programs. If you have ways of assisting Patty with Camp New Hope, please let her know. Karen reminds all of you to become organ donors by signing the back of your driver's license upon renewal and letting your family know of your decision. JoAnn Smith #51107, Freshman Senators, is hard at work making new Senators feel like family. While Dick Hiatt #7811 is waiting in the wings for them to make history.

It has been a difficult time in our local communities. Please continue to help the less fortunate.

I hope you and yours are safe and well.

## Calendar of Events

January 16 -18, 2009  
Illinois JCI Winter Meeting  
Decatur, Illinois

January 22 -25, 2009  
USJCI Winter Board Meeting  
Houston, Texas

March 27 - 29, 2009  
USJCI Region V Spring Fling  
Mitchell, Kentucky

April 17 - 19, 2009  
Indiana JCI 40th Anniversary  
Indianapolis, Indiana

May 1 - 3, 2009  
IL JCI Spring Meeting/TOYP  
Decatur, Illinois

## CHAPLAIN REPORT

by Jerry Smith #36183

Here's hoping the Christmas season was good to you and yours. As we begin the New Year, let us remember those Senators whose loved ones have gone on to their eternal reward:

Senator #36500 Mike Casteel on the passing of his mother Elli Casteel, Senator #28311 Gene Honn on the passing of his wife Martha. Senator #41152 Dennis Dost on the passing of his Sister Gail Wold, Senator # 18295 Past President Charlie Gouveia on the passing of his mother, Annice Gouveia. Senator #39283 Past President Tom Thompson on the passing of his father George Thompson and Senator #42473 Past President and past Region 5 VP Beverly Olson on the passing of her mother, Louise Schweinfurth, Senator Karen Helms #57838 on the passing of her father Gilbert Lee. We also lost Senator Robert Hutchinson #16524 and life member #023. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.



We pray for our new president and all elected officials as they attempt to lead through these trying times.



## ILLINOIS SENATE WINTER MEETING

JANUARY 16 - 18, 2009

DECATUR, ILLINOIS





## MANAGEMENT REPORT

by Gary Hongsermeier #39708

**W**hat a great GA we had in Lisle last November. Now we are entering the cold months and getting ready for Spring Training.

Hospitality at the GA was great. Tony "Pigpen" Symoniak 66367 did a great job and had a wonderful room away from others. The Northeast did a great job with sausage on Friday, the Fox had biscuits and gravy for breakfast, and the North had sloppy joes for lunch. Can not ask for better than that. Tony had so much fun he said he may even do it next year.

Don "Franklin" Falls 40510 report that the Winter Board meeting will be held in Houston and Mark Wiley wants us all to attend. The Spring Fling will be hosted by Kentucky in March and there will be the usual side trips next summer.

The Spring GA will be held in Decatur in May co-chaired by Mary Ann "Sally" Hilleary 64615 and Lori "Lori" Suprenant #67040. They promised no bomb threats or fire alarms.

TOYP will be co-chaired by Fred "Fritz" Rutz 49724 and Gary "I am on podium probation" Pittenger. The deadline for submissions is February 1 and there are many incentives for submissions.

In absence of Val "Coach" Koble 13921 it was reported that the Illinois/Missouri Braggin' Rights basketball game will be held Tuesday, December 23 in St Louis with Missouri in charge of hospitality. The hotel is the same and we can celebrate another Illini victory.

Gary "I am on podium probation" 24804 gave a final report on the picnic. We had plenty to eat and drink and the outside hospitality area was a big hit. A profit was made.

In the absence of Charlie "Country" Meir, Sid "Mr. Illinois" LeGrand 46004 said that the 2009 picnic will be held in Okawville the last weekend in July at the Original Springs. There will be side trips to a civil war fort, Carlye Lake for fishing, and two trips to the world famous Blue Room. He suggested that you get your registrations in early to insure being in the headquarters hotel.

I hope all had a safe holiday season and that you are ready for 2009. Get involved and be happy.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Due to some communication problems, there have been a few deaths and medical situations concerning Illinois Senators and/or their family members that have not been publicized in a timely manner or bypassed completely. In order to rectify any shortcomings concerning such instances in the future, we would like to alert everyone to our recommended policy for timely, informative notices being communicated to our membership. Thanks to the computer age, internet and email, this is a tremendous tool for doing such.

It is requested that anyone who experiences a death, medical situation or blessed event involving any of our Senators or their family members, please make sure these three key people are notified immediately: Webmaster Larry Ferguson (jci45060@mindspring.com), Chaplain Jerry Smith (jerrysmith@owc.net) and President Stephanie (snoopy59999@comcast.net). Larry will send out the email message to our membership, Jerry will forward the information to the USJCI Senate newsletters plus include these circumstances at the Senate meetings and in the Forum. Stephanie is a matter of protocol and she will follow-up with Larry and Jerry.

In the event of a death, please attempt to provide as much pertinent information as possible (name, town, visitation info, funeral arrangements, memorials, a possible link or source to an obituary). Sometimes it is best if a spouse can provide this info direct to avoid "middlemen" and delays. Naturally, timeliness is of utmost importance in the event of a death so those wishing to convey their condolences can do so in a timely manner and/or make arrangements to attend visitations or funeral services. In the event of other medical notices or blessed events - make sure as much detail as possible is forwarded.

The Illinois Senate apologizes to any fellow Senator and family members that were affected recently by the lack of communication concerning your loved ones. Hopefully, we have implemented a plan to correct any such problems in the future. Our Senate family is very important to us.

**DEADLINE FOR FORUM ARTICLES, MARCH 15, 2009**



# SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Monty Schroeder #62203

## Illinois JCI Senate Meeting Minutes Fall 2008 Lisle, Illinois November 15, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Stephanie Pittenger #59999 at 9:30 AM.

Invocation by Chaplain Jerry Smith #36183.  
Pledge of Allegiance lead by Linda Ferguson #64547.  
Introductions of Guests, Past Presidents, Life Members & Congresswomen by Fred Fischer # 21307.

**Illinois Jaycee President Tanya Lee** - Tanya thanked all of the Senators for the work done with their local chapter throughout the year and the Senate for their assistance with the Office Makeover project.

**Approval of Agenda** - Motion by Ted Kuenzli #32166; Second by John Olson #35308 - Motion Approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Monty Schroeder #62203

Minutes from the Picnic Business Meeting were printed in the Forum to be approved as printed. Motion by Brian Ziegler #42479; Second by Don Falls #40510 - Motion Approved.

**Forum** - Charlie Gouveia #18924/Mel Urbanowicz #55459: Monty read the following letter from Charlie: "I will not be in Lisle due to schedule conflicts - it is hell being retired, you are busy all of the time!!! Linc, however, will be around watching, as usual, Bruce Wiedenhofer will take the necessary photos, and Mark Niedenthal will supply me with any other needed information. FORUM deadline for the winter issue is December 1. Strict adherence to the deadline is important, since the time frame is short. Hope that everyone has a great time. Give my thanks to all those who sent a remembrance for my mother. See you in January in Decatur. Charlie"

**Website** - Larry Ferguson #45060 (<http://www.illinoisjcisenate.org/>). Larry requested that members watch the Senate website for news and information for upcoming events.

**Approval of Secretary's Report** - Motion by Chuck Fries #18344; Second by Tony Symoniak #33367 - Motion Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg Hilleary #44305

Financial Statements were provided on the back table for membership review. Balance in the checkbook is \$1,938.19.

**Approval of Financial Report** - Motion to approve by Bill Willett #17398; Second by Fred Fischer #21307 - Motion Approved.

The membership base was 728 to start with in the 1st Quarter, it was 729 for the start of the 2nd Quarter. Currently, we have a base of 730. We have 671 Life Members and one on the Life Payment Plan. Our newest members are Janice Nix #67968, Vik Farrugia #59813 and Daniel Adams #68303. We still have 19 past due members.

**Life Account Report** - Jack Ward #53585 reported the total value of fund is \$38,985.70.

**Products** - Pat Elmer #56785 - Pat was not present at the meeting however it was announced that the order form on back of the Forum.

**Fundraising Project Coordinator** - Gary Pittenger #24804 called upon the various chairmen for a report.

**Birdies for Charity** - Terry Barker #40797 - Terry was not present however it was reported by Gary Pittenger #24804 that there were 69 pledges for Birdies making approximately \$2000.00 for the Senate.

**Illini Concessions** - Denny Birt # 37116 - Denny was not present, he was working the game. Greg Hilleary #44305 read a letter from Denny thanking everyone for working the games and reported a gross of \$2,589.70 for the first 4 games. There were still two additional games on the schedule with an expected income of \$1,200.

**Lotto Raffle** - Tom Greathouse #60003 - Tom reported 40% of the tickets were out so far. Members were encouraged to take additional tickets to sell or purchase. The Lotto will be used during February 2009.

**Silent Auction** - Chris Curtis #35440 - Chris was not present however it was announced that the Auction would be held at the January 2009 GA in Decatur. Members were asked to advise Chris if they had items for the auction.

**Pins** - Bill Willett #17398 - Bill said, "Quit being so tight and buy some pins!" Snoopy Pins are available 2 pins for \$7.00.

**NASCAR Hospitality** - Larry Ferguson #45060 yielded the floor to the manpower chairman to JD "Jail Bird" Olson #35308. The race is scheduled for Saturday July 11, 2009. This is a great Senate fundraiser! If we can provide 100 Senators to work the one day of the race, we will be paid \$150 per Senator. A sign up sheet was passed around.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report** - Motion to approve by Ted Kuenzli #32166; Second by Sid LeGrand #46004 - Motion Approved.

**Administrative VP Report:** Kate Patterson #52517

**Return the Favor** - Linda Ferguson #64547 - Linda requested that members advise her of the days and time that they provide assistance to the Illinois Jaycees so that it can be submitted for recognition by the National organization. The next deadline is January 5, 2009.

**Freshmen Senators** - Jo Ann Smith #51107 - JoAnn announced that the Freshman Senator Meeting will be held in the Armstrong Room at 2:30pm.

**Camp New Hope** - Patty Butler #65322 - Patty was not present and there was no report.

**Organ Donor** - Karen Helms #57838 - Karen was not present and there was no report.

**Historian** - Dick Hiatt #7981 - Dick was not present and there was no report.

**Approval of Administrative Vice President's Report:** Motion to approve by Mark Niedenthal #39701; Second by JoAnn Smith #51107 - Motion Approved.

**Management VP Report:** Gary Hongsermeier #39708

**Hospitality** - Tony Symoniak #66367 - Tony thanked all the Regions for the great food for the weekend. After 3 times of Tony saying he QUIT over the course of the Friday set up, he announced that he will still hold the role for the 2 year term. Monty's comments were "Tony I have some cheese for your wine!"

**On To** - Don Falls #40510 - Don reported that the US JCI Senate Winter Board meeting will be in Houston, Texas on January 22-25, 2009. Also the Region V Spring Fling will be in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky on March 27-29, 2009.

**Spring GA Meeting '09** - Mary Ann Hilleary #64615 - Mary Ann was not present, but it was reported that the GA will be held in Decatur, IL on May 1-3, 2009. The room rate is \$98.00/night + tax.

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# TREASURER'S COMMENTS

by Greg Hilleary #43305 • ghilleary@hacd-hud.com

What a year it has been. What a great time was had by all in Lisle. It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is over and Christmas along with 2009 will be here in a few short days. As usual, Mary Ann and I have been very busy with Ross's school especially since this is his senior year. Where did that time go! He was involved in the Marching Band this past fall season. Now it's the Madrigals and Show Choir. It's hard to believe how fast time flies.

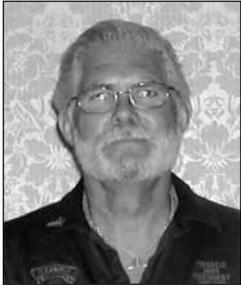
On to membership, we began the year in July with 728 and we grew by one for the first quarter to 729. In November, we renewed 294 of the 296 members that were due and we added 3 new members. That brings us to a total membership of 730. We have 671 life members. We currently have one member, Sandra Harpstrite #65882, on the payment plan for life memberships.

We sent out the annual dues billings in June since all annual dues are due and payable by July 31, 2008. There have been two additional billings. We still have 19 of the 59 who have not paid and are past due. They are as follows: Donna Baker #67041, Dennis Brinkman #42472, Donna DiMascio #66155, Tim Durbin #67682, Bonnie Hart #59553, Ed Hart #28991, Susan Houge #64469, David LeClere #66439, David Mustain #55712, Twila Mustain #61202, Louanne Neville #50067, Phillip Neville #45059, James Polson #66154, Kurt Schmitz #55620, Kim Sefton #35441, Theodore Spanbauer #27252, Ron Stadelman #51090, Tim Teeter #67302, and Shaun Voegele #67928. If you know any of these senators, please contact them and remind them to send in their dues checks. If you are one of these senators, please make payment as it costs us more dollars to send out additional reminders.

The January Board Meeting will be on November 17, 2009 in during the Jaycees Winter General Assembly/Year-End Convention and will be located at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, 4191 West U S Highway 36 (Wyckles Road), Decatur, Illinois. REMEMBER - the room reservations for this meeting is \$107.96. The hotel now requires the \$98 room fee plus the tax for the first night. (Sometimes you wonder why it seems to be so difficult.) Send your registration to me at 3158 East Main Street, Danville, IL 61834.

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

STEPHANIE PITTENGER #59999 PRESIDENT		ILLINOIS JCI SENATE 2008-2009 BUDGET December 1, 2008		GREG HILLEARY #43305 TREASURER	
<b>Illinois JCI Senate - 2008 2009</b>		<b>Budget Status Report as of FORUM - December 1, 2008</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>		
Balance Forward from 2007-2008	\$ 2,311.95	\$ -	\$ 2,311.95		
Life Memberships (15x\$240)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 2,610.00		
Membership Dues (65x\$30*)	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,007.50	\$ 942.50		
New Senate Applications (10x\$35)	\$ 350.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 210.00		
Mentors Supporters	\$ 500.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 205.00		
Forum Supporters	\$ 150.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 61.00		
Hospitality	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 508.00	\$ 1,292.00		
Senate Products	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 996.00	\$ 1,404.00		
Fund Raisers - NASCAR Hosp	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,400.00		
Fund Raisers - Illini Concessions	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,173.65	\$ (1,173.65)		
Fund Raisers Birdies for Charity	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,002.50	\$ (2.50)		
Fund Raisers - Silent Auction	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		
Fund Raisers - Lotto Raffle	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00		
Fund Raisers - Pins	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		
Fund Raisers - 50/50	\$ -	\$ 220.00	\$ (220.00)		
GA Room Deposits (60x\$100)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,397.00	\$ 4,603.00		
May GA	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 1,234.46	\$ 14,765.54		
TOYP	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 76.14	\$ 9,923.86		
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 409.35	\$ 90.65		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 61,561.95</b>	<b>\$ 16,638.60</b>	<b>\$ 44,923.35</b>		
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Life Account Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Contingency Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
US JCI Dues (728x\$5)	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 1,945.00	\$ 1,695.00		
Mentors Advertising	\$ 500.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 205.00		
FORUM Printing	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,835.82	\$ 2,164.18		
Hospitality	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 985.10	\$ 814.90		
Senate Products	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,048.12	\$ 1,351.88		
Fund Raisers - NASCAR Hosp	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		
Fund Raisers - Illini Concessions	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		
Fund Raisers Birdies for Charity	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00		
Fund Raisers - Silent Auction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Fund Raisers - Lotto Raffle	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 91.08	\$ 1,408.92		
Fund Raisers - Pins/Presidential	\$ 400.00	\$ 424.47	\$ (24.47)		
May GA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00		
Illinois Jaycees for May GA	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00		
TOYP	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00		
National Guest Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 599.78	\$ 400.22		
Presidential Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 159.91	\$ 4,840.09		
Presidential Awards	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		
Treasurer Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00		
Name Tags	\$ 500.00	\$ 477.04	\$ 22.96		
Senate Directory	\$ 500.00	\$ 452.40	\$ 47.60		
Illinois JCI Senate Web Page	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00		
Sponsorships	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00		
GA Room Deposits (60x100)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,397.00	\$ 4,603.00		
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 56,540.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,010.72</b>	<b>\$ 46,529.28</b>		
Cash on Hand as of Dec 1, 2008		\$ 8,939.83			



## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

by Charlie Gouveia #18294

**A**long with the disarray within government and in the country in general, the good old "snail Mail" US Postal Service, seems to have jumped the track as well. Although the Fall FORUM was mailed on the 10th of October from Springfield, some of you (including President Snoopy!) had not gotten your copy by the Fall GA in Lisle. Since I had gotten my copy by October 15, it seemed that all was on track to me. We try to mail the hard copy of FORUM shortly after the electronic copy is posted on our web site, which is usually about a month prior to the GA. Please, if you have not gotten your hard copy at least a week prior to the GA, send me an e-mail at [gouveiach@yahoo.com](mailto:gouveiach@yahoo.com), or give me a call. If this situation is wide spread, we may have to move back the due date for copy to give the good old USPS more time. Meantime, check out FORUM on line at [www.illinoisjcisenate.org](http://www.illinoisjcisenate.org) for news hot off the press. For the time being, the deadline for the Spring GA/TOYP issue of FORUM is still March 15, 2009.

Winter GA will be the weekend of January 16-18, 2009 at the Decatur Conference Center Hotel (the old Holiday Inn Decatur), see registration information elsewhere in this issue.

Thanks to all of you who sent cards or e-mails upon the death of mother this fall.

See you in Decatur

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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And before the blink has come and gone I want to thank some additional chairmen that have done an outstanding job with their projects and programs in the past several months. Thank you Val Koble #13921 for arranging a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship with our friends from Missouri at the basketball game in December. JoAnn Smith #51107 has done a great job with the Freshman Senator Orientation and Linda Ferguson #64547 has kept track of all the Return the Favor programs and projects you have been involved with on the past months. Keep those favors coming in to her so she can send them on to National. And to the entire staff that has taken the time to provide us with this informative newsletter, my hat is off to you and the great job you have all done; thanks to Mel "Lois" Urbanowicz #55459, Charlie "Clark" Gouveia #18294 and Steve "Jimmy" Kesegi #53934.

At our Fall meeting in November, we approved some important committees that are underway or preparing to get underway. We have a By-laws and Policy Committee that have been working very hard to address some needed policy changes and review the by-laws for any necessary changes. I want to thank Chairman Jim Mammen #37122 and his band of Illinois Bad Boys, Larry Ferguson #45060, John Olson #35308, Gary Pittenger #24804, and Jack Ward #53585. They should have some recommended policy changes to present at the January meeting.

Another committee swinging into action at the upcoming meeting is the Nominations/Election Committee chaired by Chuck McFarlin #47910 with members Val Koble #13921, and JoAnn Smith #51107. Any Senator considering running for office next year needs to contact one of the committee members by the January meeting. Did I mention "don't blink" – it's time for officer nominations!

So I am asking you to "Don't Blink" and miss out on any of the fun we have yet to come and keeping working on "Soaring Beyond Your Best." If I don't see in Decatur January 16-18, I hope to see you all very soon. Thanks for all that you are doing to make this year the BEST!!!

# THE HEARTLAND HONEYDIPPER

by Linc



It's been a busy season for the IL JCI Senate and Linc has been hopping to stay on top of all the developments and activities as well as making a few spare moments to hang out behind his shades and see what has transpired in the hospitality room in Lisle. As the weather cools you can have more "stuff" without the aroma carrying so far so fast. Once again our friend Linc has made it his duty to peruse the "duty" and share it with you. Put on your boots, step in and hope it does not go over the top. Welcome to the pit, and we ain't talkin' NASCAR.

Digger was in attendance at the meeting. Evidently he found a ride after the NOV 1 football game at the U of I and is NOT still standing on the street corner outside Memorial Stadium.

Also during a concession stand weekend . . . Tony was demoted from "burgermaster" to "wienie wrapper".

Aided with a special prop, Hongsie was doing his Jerry Luttmann impersonation in Lisle. (That's Jerry L., not Larry S.)

Just to help out her friends Stephanie sent a picture of Tom Greathouse to Mark Wiley with her phone. Nice high-tech gesture, Steph. By so doing she has now shared her cell number and can receive free advice from Houston for the remainder of her term.

It was announced at the meeting that, "Willett is lower than Fries."

If Hongsie is late for the next meeting it may be that he is not yet done eating pie in the kitchen with Brooke?

McFarlin got all the dinner checks on Saturday. Stephanie got them again.

No matter how many times he protests, Tony will remain the Hospitality Chairman for the foreseeable future. It's just that the future isn't as long as it used to be.

Did you know that Charlie Gouveia and his daughter, Mary Ann, share the same house number on different streets. His in New Berlin, IL and hers in Waco, TX. Aren't you glad you read this all the way to the end?

Rats! The Forum staff has been found out! Mailing the President's copy of FORUM AFTER the meeting!!

Yes, you have made it to the end of another serving of "Linc's Special" and that is the sweet smell of success tickling your olfactory. The winter and everything else deepens from this point. Just because the ground is frozen doesn't mean that there isn't something soft to step in. Look out for the fresh ones. Linc will be watching and you do the same.



## FRESHMAN SENATORS

by JoAnn Smith #51107 • 815-338-9434  
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**C**ongratulations to our newest Senators. (The two that were received at the GA, Dan Adams and Denise Lenz). Thank you Dan Adams for attending the orientation.

If you have received your Senatorship at a Region or chapter meeting, I don't usually find out until the next GA. So if I don't include your name in this article, it is because I have not heard the good news yet. Welcome. You are a member of the greatest group of friends you will ever find. We have a freshman orientation at each GA. We will let you know about dues, life membership dues and other things. If you would like to get involved in the senate this is the place to find out all about the way to do that and the fun things we do.

I am sure that you have heard about the Midnight toast for new Senators. We have one on the Friday during the GA. So bring your Senate name badge, remember your number and come to the Senate hospitality room at the GA, at least by midnight on Friday and we will welcome you into our group.

Come Soar with President Stephanie.

# ILLINOIS JCI FALL MEETING - LISLE, ILLINOIS



# BLAST FROM THE PAST



*May the peace of the Season  
bring joy and happiness to your family*



## SAVE THE DATE

Second Saturday in July 2009

Illinois Senate Traveling Road Show

Earn money for the IL JCI Senate

Sleep in your own bed

Spend the day with 100 IL JCI Senators

See the sites like never before!

*Illinois JCI Senate Picnic 2009*

## Southern Hospitality

*Hosted by the Mississippi Valley Region Senators*

**July 24, 25, 26**

*The Original Springs Hotel ~ Okawville, Illinois*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate # \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Room Accomodations

*All room reservations must be made through the committee. Please make note of any special needs with your registration.  
\*\* All spa service arrangements need to be made with the hotel prior to your stay. Also, hair dryers are not provided with your room. \*\**

**Rate: \$85.00 + tax**

**Room Type:**  Queen Bed  
 King Bed  
 Two Double Beds

**Please check:**  Smoking  
 Non-Smoking

**Room Required:**  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

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**TOYP** - A motion was made to approve Fred Rutz #49724 & Gary Pittenger #24804 as Co-Chairmen for the 2009 TOYP. Motion made by John Olson #35308; Second by JoAnn Smith #51107 - Motion Approved. It was reported by Gary Pittenger #24804 that he and Fred were the co-chairmen but in recognition of the Senate's 25th Anniversary of hosting the event for the Illinois Jaycees, the program will be emceed by the original event chairmen - Mike Kelley #33910 and Fred Fischer #21307. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2009.

**Illinois-Missouri Sports** - Val Koble #13921 - Val was not present, however it was reported that the basketball game date is December 23, 2008. The hotel is the same as the football game. Room rate is \$79.00/night. Game tickets are \$70.00. Val will have a few tickets so members are asked to advise him ASAP if you are planning on attending.

**Picnic 2008 Final Report** - Gary Pittenger #24804 - Gary reported that there were 120 attendees and 105 meals served for dinner. The committee presented the Senate a check for \$325.26.

**Picnic 2009** - Sid LeGrand #46004 - Sid reported that the 2009 picnic will be held in Okawville, IL on July 24-26, 2009 at The Original Spring Hotel. Room rates will be \$85.00 a night. Friday golf will be held in Kaneville, Saturday golf in Nashville, and Bar-Burgers will be in Addieville.

**Approval of Management Vice President's Report** - Motion to approve by Brian Ziegler #42479; Second by Tom Greathouse #60003 - Motion approved.

**Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation** - Bev Olson #42473 - Bev thanked everyone for their support of the Foundation and reminded everyone what a great fundraiser the NASCAR event is.

### New Business:

**Nomination/Elections Committee** - There was a motion on the floor to approve Chuck McFarlin #47010, Val Koble #13921 & JoAnn Smith #51107. Motion to approve by Kim Kozak #62413; Second by Barb Sleeman-Beckman #63625 - Motion approved

**Audit Committee:** There was a motion on the floor to approve Wayne Kiefer #36498, Denny Birt #37116 and Brian Ziegler

#42479. Motion to approve by Chuck McFarlin #47910; Second by John Olson #35308 - Motion approved.

**By Laws/Policy Committee:** There was a motion on the floor to approve Jim Mammen #37122, John Olson #35308, Gary Pittenger #24804, Jack Ward #53585 and Larry Ferguson #45060. Motion to approve by Sid LeGrand #46004; Second by Linda Ferguson #64547 - Motion approved.

**Concierge Report** - Mark Niedenthal #36498 - Mark reported that the group dinner would be held at Mulleus Restaurant located across the hotel parking lot. Those wishing to attend should let him know and meet in the front lobby at 6 PM.

**Region Director Reports** - There were no reports given by the RDs.

**Sgt at Arms Report** - Wayne Kiefer #36498 - Wayne was not present so no report was made.

**Region V Raffle Tickets** - Ed Kosobucki #57340 sold tickets for Region V Raffle.

**High/Low Senate Numbers** - High # was Maxine Wallisch #68012 and Low # was Bill Willett #17398.

**50/50 Raffle Drawing** - Ed Kosobucki #57340 sold tickets for the 50/50 Raffle. The pot was \$180.00 the winner of half it was Steve "Coach" Bouchard #46231.

**Good of the Order** - Brian Ziegler #42479 - Brian spoke in reference to the financial reports and mentioned the need to have all accounts shown on a financial sheet for the membership to see.

**President's Comments** - Stephanie Pittenger #59999 - President Stephanie thanked everyone that traveled with her throughout the summer and thanked all of the Project Chairmen for their hard work. She read a Thanksgiving poem as the season approaches and reminded everyone to be thankful in their own way.

The Jaycee Creed led by Maxine Wallisch #68012. Meeting was adjourned at 10.30 AM by President Stephanie Pittenger #59999. 1 HOUR FLAT!!!

## PERSONAL NOTICES

The following personal notices were learned recently:

- Past President Tom Thompson #39283 lost his father, George W. Thompson on November 22.
- Past President Bev Olson #42473 lost her mother, Louise Schweinfurth on November 1.
- Karen Helms #57838 lost her father, Gilbert James Lee, on November 16.
- Senator Bob Hutchinson #16524, Life Number 23, passed away October 25.
- Martha Honn, wife of Gene Honn #28311, passed away on October 27.
- Annice Gouveia, mother of Past President Charlie Gouveia #18294 and grandmother to Mary Ann Gouveia Riggs #52696, passed away September 15.
- Past President Fred Fischer #21307 had surgery in October.
- Connie Hiatt, wife of Dick Hiatt #7811, had surgery in November. Dick reports that Connie is doing well and has her voice back.
- Mike Casteel #36500 lost his mother, Elli Casteel, on December 3.



# ILLINOIS JCI SENATE FALL MEETING ATTENDEES NOVEMBER 15, 2008 - LISLE, ILLINOIS

Stephanie Pittenger #59999	IL	Ed Kosobucki #57340	IL	Chuck Fries #18344	IL
Gary Pittenger #24804	IL	Sid LeGrand #46004	IL	Maxine Wallisch #68012	IL
Chuck McFarlin #47910	IL	John Colpen #63012	IL	Jordan Rigney #67919	IL
Monty Schroeder #62203	IL	Fred Fischer #21307	IL	Linnea Campbell #66610	IL
Donna Ward #53588	IL	Gary Hongsermeier #39708	IL	Cindy Hillebrand #58291	IL
Jack Ward #53585	IL	Tony Symoniak #66367	IL	Lori Suprenant #67040	IL
Cindy O'Rozco #52039	IL	Lucia Irwin #66765	IL	Kim Kozak #62413	IL
Randy O'Rozco #61851	IL	JoAnn Smith #51107	IL	Bev Olson #42473	IL
Bill Willett #17398	IL	Jerry Smith #36183	IL	JDO #35308	IL
Digger McGraugh #36156	IL	Barb Sleeman #63625	IL	Ted Kuenzli #32166	IL
Greg Hilleary #43305	IL	Sharon Forrest #66553	IL	Todd Oliver #58381	IL
Mary Ann Hilleary #64615	IL	Kate Patterson #52517	IL	Tom Greathouse #60003	IL
Don Falls #40510	IL	Larry Ferguson #45060	IL	Bian Ziegler #42479	IL
Fred Rutz #49724	IL	Linda Ferguson #64547	IL	Bruce Widenhoefer #63672	IL
Steve Bouchard #46231	IL	Mark Niedenthal #39701	IL	Kevin Akenbrand #63771	IL

## UPDATES TO THE ILLINOIS JCI SENATE ROSTER

### FOR THOSE OF YOU UPDATING YOUR SENATE ROSTER – CHANGES:

Belinda Hall #61780	215 Butler Drive	Bartlett, IL 60103
Mike Lawton #36510	270 East Street, Apt #2	East Walpole, MA 02030
Cindy Hillebrand #58291	758 Golden Oak Circle	Crystal Lake, IL 60014

### NEWEST JCI SENATORS:

Daniel Adams #68303	38 East Hickory Street	Lombard, IL 60148
Denise Lenz #68528	20752 Acorn Ridge	Frankfort, IL 60423
Rita Senger #68534	2036 Buchanan Street	Springfield, IL 62703

## ILLINOIS JCI SENATE CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

### CAMP NEW HOPE BOOSTER CLUB

Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mail \$10.00 Tax Deductible Donation To:

Camp New Hope  
P.O. Box 764  
Mattoon, IL 61938

#### Make Check Payable To:

Camp New Hope Booster Club

**Send to: Greg Hilleary #43305,  
3158 East Main Street, Danville, IL 61834  
or e-mail at [ghilleary@hacd-hud.com](mailto:ghilleary@hacd-hud.com)**

## **TOYP 2009**

**by Co-Chairmen Fred Rutz #49724 and Gary Pittenger #24804**

**I**t is our pleasure to serve as the co-chairmen of the 2009 TOYP Honors Program. This year's program marks a special milestone for this outstanding Return the Favor project – it is the 25th Anniversary for the Illinois JCI Senate to conduct this event on behalf of the Illinois Jaycees. Special plans are underway to celebrate this event.

One of the special items being implemented is to honor our original co-chairmen of 25 years ago by having Mike Kelley and Fred Fischer serve as the emcees. That doesn't mean that Fred and Gary won't have speaking parts – but they will be minimal.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel. We are in the process of assembling our committee and are quite pleased with the results to date. We will be soliciting manpower assistance for the date of the event. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Fred or Gary.

The nomination form can be downloaded from the Illinois JCI Senate website. If you know of a deserving nominee, please consider submitting a nomination. It is required that all nominations be sponsored by a Jaycee chapter, group, organization, business, etc. Senate Regions should consider serving as nominators. The deadline date for submitting nominations is February 1st. But why wait until the last minute – bring your nominations to the January meeting to avoid the rush.

Even though we continue to look for corporate sponsors to support the TOYP program, we do rely heavily on booklet ad sponsorships from Jaycee chapters and regions, local businesses, individuals and Jaycee Senate Regions. Please consider your continued support by sponsoring an ad in this year's program booklet. Ad costs are: quarter page - \$75, half page - \$150, full page - \$250.

## **ILLINI CONCESSIONS**

**by Denny Birt #37116**

**T**he football concessions had another successful & profitable year. I would like to thank all of the volunteers for their time & effort to make it successful. Six games are more than enough for me. Since it took a minimum of 14 workers per week, we teamed up with the Parkland college dance team to fill the worker spots. They also did a good job.

The new facilities made it easier to work & lightened up the work place. It was not as dreary as in the past. Also the new equipment made it easier to work.

You can tell we are getting older by the creaking bones at the end of the day & the moans on the shuttle bus.

## **LOTTO RAFFLE**

**by Tom Greathouse #60003**

**F**ellow Senators, February is just around the corner, that means it's almost Lotto Raffle Time. For Senators that have tickets, hopefully your sells are going well. To Senators who want to buy some tickets I will have them available at the January Meeting. All money and tickets are due to be given to me at the January Meeting. To Senators who want to take tickets to the Winter Board Meeting, please see me at the January Meeting to make arrangements to do it. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and look forward to seeing you in January.



**Region V JCI Senate Spring Fling  
 March 27-29, 2009  
 Hosted by the Kentucky JCI Senate in Ft. Mitchell, KY  
 Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Senate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Senate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E- mail \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Quantity	Postmarked by 2/23/2009	Postmarked after 2/23/2009	Total
Full Registration *		\$65.00	\$75.00	
Friday Only		\$25.00	\$30.00	
Saturday Only **		\$55.00	\$65.00	
Total				

\* Full registration includes Friday-Saturday hospitality, Saturday lunch and dinner.

\*\* Saturday only includes hospitality, lunch and dinner.

Golf      Friday \_\_\_\_\_      Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Kentucky JCI Senate 2009 Spring Fling**

Mail registration to Cyndi Thornburg Schnell #61668, 6006 Woodhaven Place Circle, Louisville, KY 40228

If you have any questions or you have any special accommodations needed you can contact Cyndi at 502-499-8449 or e-mail CThorn5477@aol.com.

Hotel Reservations to be made directly with the hotel.

The Drawbridge Inn      Phone: 1-800-354-9793

2477 Royal Drive, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017-3599

Room Rates \$76.00 plus tax for single, Double, Triple or Quad.

Cut off date for rooms – February 23, 2009 – Ask for Region V JCI Senate block

For on line booking go to drawbridgeinn.com – book on line – group reservations – Code # is REG5

Recreation/Attractions: the hotel is located 5 miles south of downtown Cincinnati, OH and 7 miles northeast of the Northern Kentucky International Airport (Shuttle available)

- Shopping
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
- Newport Aquarium
- Gaming: Casinos, Horse Track and Kentucky Motor Speedway
- Great American Ball Park (home of the Cincinnati Reds), Paul Brown Stadium (home of the Cincinnati Bengals)
- Cincinnati Zoo

12/10/2008



# ILLINOIS JCI SENATE PRODUCTS



ITEM NUMBER	PRODUCT	PRICE
001*	General Membership Shirt (4 Button Pullover)	\$28.00
002*	General Membership Shirt (Button Down Dress Shirt)	\$32.00
003	<b>NEW</b> 2008-09 Presidents Shirt (3 Button Golf Pullover)	
	Natural color with black lettering & trim	\$30.00
004*	Nylon Satin Jacket	\$50.00
005*	Sweater (V-neck Style)	\$30.00
006	Bar Burger Crew or Golf Team Shirt	\$30.00

**\*ITEMS ARE NAVY BLUE WITH ORANGE LOGO AND MONOGRAMMING**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **ILLINOIS JCI SENATE**

007*	Jogging Outfit (jacket and pants-Machine washable)	\$68.00
008*	Baseball Style Cap	\$5.00
009	Standing Abe Pins	\$3.00
010	Balloon Pins	\$3.00
	Additional charge for 3X & 4X (\$2.00)	
011*	<b>NEW</b> Sweatshirt	\$22.95

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