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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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**A**s winter approaches, I hope you have recovered from too much turkey, survived the chaos of Black Friday, and are now decking the halls, baking cookies, making your list and checking it twice! Please don't forget to take the time to enjoy the holidays with your family and friends, and rejoice in the true reason for the season.

In Illinois we are always busy at something. September started off with **Monty Schroeder #62203** and his Road Crew manning the gates at the Hoopston Sweet Corn Festival on Labor Day. This doubles as a Return The Favor and a fundraising project. Many thanks to all who helped out.

September 25-27, we took a strong contingent eastward to the USJCI Senate Fall Board Meeting in Hartford, CT.

October began with **Bill Patterson #47979** and company hosting the Larry Olson Golf Tournament which raised \$1620 for the scholarship fund.

Oct. 9-11, we were at the Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria for our Fall G.A. with the Illinois Jaycees. We had great attendance for a fall meeting. Illinois Jaycee President **Tricia Buehne #69433** reported that the Jaycees have extended three new chapters and have several others in the works. That is encouraging news! Hospitality Chairman **Rick Jones #71685** was on his A-game, **Gary Pittenger #24804** served as concierge for a great dinner on Saturday night, and we had a visit from **Ohio JCI Senate President Jean Geddes #68886** and her husband **Bruce #35527** Past USJCI Senate President.

November and December are the slower months for activities and travel, but please keep up on these items: 1. Keep submitting Return the Favor activities to either Admin. V.P. **Melodie Ainslie #69200** or me; 2. Buy or sell tickets for the February Lotto Raffle; 3. Plan to attend the USJCI Senate Winter Meeting in Savannah, GA Jan. 7-10 and our IL Senate/Jaycee Winter Meeting in Decatur, IL Jan.29-31; 4. Don't forget our Annual Silent Auction in Decatur. Chairman **Mary Ann Hilleary #64615** set a record last year, and I hope with everyone's support either as a donor and/or buyer, that we can keep building on her success; 5. Believe it or not, candidate's announcements will be made at the January meeting. Consider holding a position next year. If interested, please contact one of the nominating committee members: **Digger McGraugh #36156**, **Linda Ferguson #64547**, **Denny Birt #37116**, or **Kate Patterson #52517**.

First Lady Susie and I want to thank everyone who has contributed in any way during 2015! We wish you a Blessed Holiday Season and a healthy, prosperous 2016.

"LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH!"

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**WE BELIEVE...**



## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

BY MELODIE AINSLIE #69200

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The year is going by fast. First of all I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season. Remember to give thanks for all that we have. We complain, but we have it so good. Thank you to all of our veterans and active Military men and women. We are so fortunate that we have individuals that are ready to fight for us and keep us safe. Thank you is not enough to say. Please remember the less fortunate this holiday season—Live Generously.

I know a lot of you have been helping the Jaycees with their projects, especially during the Halloween Season. Please do not forget to send in your Return the Favor information so that we can turn this in to National. No matter how small, please let myself or **President Chris Curtis #35440** know. Don't forget that at every State meeting we will present the top 3 nominations. Forms will be available in the future once the new website is built. Until then, please send to me just the Who, What, When and Where.

Also we will have the Freshman Senators' toast at the Winter Meeting. Please check in at the Senate Hospitality Room when you arrive. If you know of any that will be at the meeting, please forward their name to me so I can find them on Friday evening.

Camp New Hope is closed right now but **Patty Butler #65322** is our Chairman and Christmas is always a good time to contribute to the Camp (they are always accepting donations). Thanks to all who have always continued to support the Camp.

Please remember to submit your ideas and drawings for the pin celebrating our 50th anniversary. Please forward them to **Bill Willett #17398** or **Ray Ainslie #44136** by the winter meeting.

If you have any items you would like to get rid of to the museum, please let **Ray Ainslie #44136** know.

Future Directions is alive and well. If you have any ideas, comments or concerns please forward to **Bruce Widenhoefer #63672**, Chairman of the Future Directions committee.

Thanks again for supporting me and I pray that everyone will have a blessed holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

## CO-EDITOR THOUGHTS

BY KAY DEGROOT #73333

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Thank you to everyone that submitted articles for this edition of the Forum. A special thank you goes to **Charlie Gouveia #18294** and **Steve Kesegi #53934** for their continued hard work to ensure an outstanding newsletter is produced for you. The next deadline is March 15, 2016. All articles should be submitted to [iljciforum@yahoo.com](mailto:iljciforum@yahoo.com).

Our thoughts are turning to the upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration of the Illinois JCI Senate in 2017. However, with the Illinois JCI Senate just getting started in 1967, I thought it might be fun to look at some things happening in the world about 50 years ago. The first Rolling Stone Magazine was published; the first Super Bowl was played; you could watch the Monkees on TV...in color; and you could sing along with the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band". Stay tuned....

May your holidays be blessed!

## Calendar of Events

January 8 - 10, 2016  
Winter Board Meeting  
Savannah, GA

January 16, 2016  
Post Holiday Party  
Southgate, MI

January 22 - 24, 2016  
Kentucky/Indiana Joint Meeting  
Louisville, KY

January 29 - 31, 2016  
IL JCI Winter Meeting  
Decatur, IL

March 18 - 20, 2016  
Spring Fling  
Ypsilanti, MI

May 13 - 15, 2016  
IL JCI Spring Meeting/TOYP  
Springfield, IL



## MANAGEMENT REPORT

BY TERRY KOLAZ #68698

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**D**ear Friends...

It has been a busy first half of the year thus far for the IL JCI Senate.

**Rick Jones #71685** kept us in plenty of food and drink while hosting our first hospitality this year in Peoria. Thanks to the regions for stepping up when you received the call, especially the Prairieland with such short notice. Thanks also to **Gary Pittenger #24804** for organizing such a nice Saturday night dinner.

**Marilyn Burton #55106** has been promoting much travel from the Illinois delegation. Late summer and early fall travel included visits to Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, Connecticut and Kanazawa, Japan.

Illinois was well represented in Hartford as we started what will be our long journey of hosting 2017 US JCI Senate year-end convention. **Kate Patterson #52517** and her "volunteers" wooed the crowd with our bid presentation. **Kathy Crick #71017** is diligently looking for committee chairs and members to help lighten the load of this big project. Please consider sharing your talents with the committee if asked.

**Val Koble #13921** is finalizing the plans for the MO/IL basketball game on December 23rd at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Louis. Hoping that the Illini learn to play a little better before then.

As we begin the celebration of Thanksgiving followed by Christmas, I thank you for your friendships. My life has been enriched by the friendships and the experiences our organization has and continues to give me.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

**We Believe...**

## THOUGHTS ON THE JAYCEE CREED

BY LOUIS RASKIN #65322

USJCC CREW MEMBER SINCE 1974

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**A**nother perspective: The Jaycee Creed provided a unifying vision for members to be expressed through service to their communities. Many Jaycees carried forth the Creed's intent and meaning into Public Service, serving or working as staffers in the House of Representatives, Senate, Supreme Court, White House and administrative agencies. Their time has passed-on, creating a shared-vision absence, which remains.

My near-15 years as an active Jaycees took me from, holding every local office, to a State Chairmanship, National Director and onto being a staff member at the War Memorial Headquarters, where our common vision was shared on a daily basis. My next step was to the Bicentennial Administration in Washington, DC where my efforts contributed to overcoming heavily biased views and building another-to-be shared vision, this one resulting in a unified Nation commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Independence.

For the past 40 years the United States has been without a unifying shared vision. Ending the 2nd WW provided a common vision, landing on the Moon's surface came close and the Bicentennial provided exceptional outcomes in this regard. National Archive Records include the Jaycee presence which existed at all levels, local, State and National though a shared love and appreciation for what the United States represented, both in a community sense and individually.

Since that time, individual interests have prevailed over community while political strategies have served to create domestic "boogeyman" along with "divide and conquer" initiatives, both leading to the political polarization being experienced in today's time.

Among yourselves, ask, what common vision(s) now drive our everyday lives? 2nd Amendment Rights? Closing Borders? Voter Suppression? Abortion? Religion issues? As these types of fear-based views are held today by citizens in former Jaycee-member communities, the United States has slipped a long way backwards, preceding the time of C. William "Bill" Brownfield's penmanship.

Rather than chewing on overhyped media reports and explosive political rhetoric, reflect upon our own Jaycee roots and do what we can to identify and share the beneficial aspects of a unifying vision, in an effort to give new life to the Jaycee Creed, particularly the last line, "And that service to humanity is the best work of life."



# SECRETARY'S REPORT

BY DEB FRIDY #62204

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ILLINOIS JCI SENATE - Minutes Fall Meeting - October 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER 9:27 AM - President Chris Curtis #35440

## CHAPLAIN – Ray Ainslie #44136

- a. **Scott Rayho #67912** Mother passed away
- b. **Joe Butler #37683** & **Janice Nix #67968** have health issues
- c. **Dave Facker #72297** & **Ron Tyszkiewicz #20553** have passed away

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Digger McGraugh #36156

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – Mark Niedenthal #39701

## ILLINOIS JAYCEE PRESIDENT – Tricia Buehne #69433 84th President, IL Jaycees

- a. Illinois is growing as a state with three (3) new chapters: Havana, Carlyle, and Hamel.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION: Randy Moan #65726 SECOND: Greg Hilleary #43305 Motion Approved**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT - Deb Fridy #62204

- a. **Approval of Minutes as printed.**  
**MOTION: Mark Niedenthal #39701 SECOND: MaryAnn Hilleary #64615**
- b. **Forum - Charlie Gouveia #18294 / Kay DeGroot #73333**  
Deadline for the next Forum is November 15. This will be an electronic edition
- c. **Website – Kathy Crick #71017**  
A new website for the IL JCI SENATE will be built this year and it's FREE. This website will be in the same program as the USJCI
- d. **E-News - Kathy Crick #71017**  
Send any updates or information to **Kate Patterson #52517**
- e. **Approval of Secretary's Report**  
**MOTION: Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 SECOND: Russ Cooper #4638 Motion Approved**

## TREASURER'S REPORT - Wayne Huelsmann #30592

- a. **Approval of last year's final financial statement**  
**MOTION: Gary Pittenger #24804 SECOND: Kay DeGroot #73333 Motion Approved**
- b. **Finance Committee Report – Marilyn Burton #55106**
  - 1. There wasn't a quorum present
  - 2. Investment Life account committee being formed. Contact **Wayne Kiefer #36498**
- c. **Audit Committee Report - Gary Pittenger #24804**  
Adjustment to move \$341.56 from the President's budget to the Pin budget  
**MOTION: Randy Moan #65726 SECOND: Marilyn Burton #55106**
- d. **Membership Services - Kathy Crick #71017**  
Currently 757 members Life 697 Annual 60 Send any address changes to Kathy
- e. **Fundraising Coordinator - Wayne Huelsmann #30592**
  - 1. Pin prices are 1 for \$5 or 2 for \$9
  - 2. **Products – Bruce Widenhoefer #63672**  
Bar burger shirts are being redone and will be \$25-\$27. See Bruce to order
  - 3. **Silent Auction – MaryAnn Hilleary #64615**  
The auction will be at the January meeting and items are being collected now.
  - 4. **Poker – Chris Curtis #35440**  
The first set of papers have been filed with the IRS and they now want more information. We will be contacting representatives to help expedite the process. Since we are not doing U of I football any longer, our other current fund raisers are very important.
  - 5. **Birdies for Charity – Wayne Huelsmann #30592 / Gary Pittenger #24804**  
The tally is complete for 2015 and should be around \$1125. **Gary Pittenger #24804** will be chairman for 2016
  - 6. **Lotto – Need a Chairperson.** Tickets are available for \$5 each and the drawings will be in February 2016. Contact **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** for tickets
  - 7. **Bruegala – Greg Hilleary #43305**  
We took tickets at Bruegala for Bloomington JC's on August 28 – 29, at the Normal Corn Crib. The amount of payment is not determined yet.
  - 8. **Hoopeston Sweet Corn Gate - Greg Hilleary #43305**  
We manned 3 gates from 8am – 6/7 pm. We estimate we might have made \$800-\$900
- f. **Approval of Treasurer's Report**  
**MOTION: Stephanie Pittenger #59999 SECOND: Mark Niedenthal #39701 Motion Approved**

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

BY WAYNE HUELSMANN #30592

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Attached is a copy of the 1st Quarter 2015-2016 financial statement that was approved at the fall meeting at Peoria after an adjustment to Presidential Expense and Pins. As you can see we lost a great fundraiser in the Illini Concessions and we are in desperate need to replace these funds. If anyone has any fundraising ideas, please contact either myself or **President Chris Curtis #35440**.

If you received an annual dues billing, please get it paid and sent in as soon as possible. They were due November 30th.

I want to give a HUGE Thank You to **Gary Pittenger #24804** for taking over the Birdies for Charity chairmanship for the 2016 John Deere Tournament.

The US JCI Senate is looking for ways to cut expenses on the mailing of the Mentor. If any husband and wife are receiving 2 copies of The Mentor and would like to reduce it to 1 copy, please contact either myself or **Gary Pittenger #24804**.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.



9/30/2015

ILLINOIS JCI SENATE  
2015-2016 BUDGET

Chris Curtis, #35440 President

Wayne Huelsmann #30592, Treasurer

INCOME	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total	Budget	Variance
Balance Forward	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -
Life Memberships (8x240)	\$ 785.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 785.50	\$ 1,920.00	\$ (1,134.50)
Membership Dues (60x30)	\$ 270.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (1,530.00)
Mentor Support	\$ 114.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (386.00)
Forum Support	\$ 58.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58.00	\$ 300.00	\$ (242.00)
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
Products	\$ 817.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 817.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (683.00)
Campaign Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Birdies for Charity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,280.00	\$ (1,280.00)
Lotto Raffle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)
Pins	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ (250.00)
Silent Auction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)
Camp New Hope	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Drawings	\$ 162.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 162.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (88.00)
Picnic Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)
IL-MO Basketball	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hoopston Gate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Brue Gala	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,006.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 6,006.50</b>	<b>\$ 21,500.00</b>	<b>\$ (15,493.50)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
USJCI Dues (760x5)	\$ 560.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 560.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ (3,240.00)
Mentor Advertising	\$ 114.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (386.00)
Forum	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (1,750.00)
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
Products	\$ 893.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 893.94	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (606.06)
Presidential Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,658.44	\$ (3,658.44)
Presidential Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ (600.00)
National Guest Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ (250.00)
Region V Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ (250.00)
Operating Expenses (postage, paper)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ (250.00)
Membership Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
Name Tags	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)
Senate Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsorships	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (100.00)
Website	\$ 124.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124.39	\$ 250.00	\$ (125.61)
IL-MO Basketball	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Campaign Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Birdies for Charity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lotto Raffle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ (700.00)
Pins	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 441.56	\$ (441.56)
Silent Auction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Camp New Hope	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Drawings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Hoopston Gate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Brue Gala	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Poker Night	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ (450.00)
Balance to 2015-2016	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,800.00	\$ (3,800.00)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,842.33</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 1,842.33</b>	<b>\$ 21,500.00</b>	<b>\$ (19,657.67)</b>

Other Funds	Balance	Status	Designee	Date of last review
Contingency	\$ 5,000.00	Fin. Com.	Kiefer, W	July
Savings	\$ 6,075.37	on going	Huelsmann, W	July
Life Accounts	\$ 59,758.70	Fin. Com.	Kiefer, W	July
General Fund Checkbook	\$ 4,164.17	perpetual	Huelsmann, W	July
2014-2015 Balance	\$ 3,430.67		Huelsmann, W	July



## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

BY CHARLIE GOUVEIA #18294

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The world, and society itself, have changed phenomenally since the US Junior Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1920, and the Illinois Junior Chamber in 1930. Those were the days of prohibition, the Model T and the Roaring 20's, followed by the great Depression. The "war to end all wars" was behind us, aviation was in its' infancy and TV was an inventor's dream.

Since the 1966 birth of the Illinois Senate and the 1972 founding of the US JCI Senate, many things had changed. We had fought in at least three more terrible wars, men had been to the moon and back, the Ford Mustang had been introduced, the first cell phones weighed at least five pounds and electronic word processors would soon make the production of FORUM easier.

Next year, the Illinois Senate will reach 50 years, and soon after that the US JCC will mark a century, and the Illinois Jaycees the 90 year point.

For all our current faster than the speed of light, flat screen, "Whiz Bang" gadgetry, is the world better off today because of the presence of the Jaycees in the past century? And what about the future?

As we move to the midpoint of the 49th year of the Illinois Senate, it seems to be a good opportunity to reflect both forward and back. A time to view both the history and the future of the Jaycees, the Senate and our personal lives. Toward that end, we have included in this issue, a letter written by Louis Raskin, a long time member of the Crew of the USJCC Fellowship, as submitted by **Norm Hoffman #25676**.

### ***FYI: Miscellaneous Information, Notes, Recognitions and Events***

50th Anniversary pin design contest entries should be submitted by the Winter GA, January 29-31, 2016. The winner will receive a registration to the 2016 Picnic, July 23-25 in Kewanee.

**Bill Willett #17398**, has the 49th year Senate Pins available, \$5 each, or the pair for \$9.

A clearance sale is being held on Illinois Senate Bar Burger tee shirts, most sizes available.

Lotto is a \$5 stocking stuffer that will last through February!

The Illinois Senate has 757 total members: 697 Life and 60 annual members.

Everyone please note: There two **Terrys: Barker #40979**, and **Kolaz #68698**, please be specific! (Or not)

ILJCC Admin VP **Vanessa Birchler #74430** was high Senate number in attendance at the Fall GA October meeting in Peoria, **Charlie Gouveia #18294** was the lowest number.

The Illinois Jaycee Facebook page has information on 100 years of JCI.

The Illinois Jaycee Charitable Foundation Website contains Scholarship application forms and other activity information.

The Winter GA will be held January 29-31, 2016 at the Decatur Hotel and Convention Center.

The Spring GA, TOYP and Senate elections will be held May 13-15, at the Springfield Hilton (soon to be the Wyndham City Center).

There will be an open 2017 National Convention committee meeting in Decatur time and place TBA.

**Newton #29407** and **Carol Fr#18, Standridge** of Iowa and past USJCI Senate President **Bruce #35527**, and **Jean #68886, Geddes**, Ohio Senate President, were in attendance at our Fall GA in Peoria.

**Deadline for copy for the Spring FORUM is March 15, 2016.** This will be a print and electronic issue.

# THE HEARTLAND HONEYDIPPER

BY LINC



**T**alk about Deja-Vu: until the late '70's, regular Senate meetings were often held in the President's suite. In Peoria, we returned to those roots, except the Peoria Room in the Pere Marquette hotel was more like a walk in closet! At least there was not any echo, like in a large meeting room. Exceeding the room capacity, some had to stand in the hall!

AND.....

The tale of two Terrys: Linc was made aware that he has to be more specific, there are TWO Terrys. (B.& K.)

Due to the close quarters, the sardines packed inside were admonished "All opposed, don't speak!"

Ray assured Melodie that he would be in attendance, then he gave no report.

Marilyn B. traveled to Peoria (from Peoria) to give her report

Those who worked at Bruegala were too busy to go potty.

Tommy G. would have been stationed where there was no one to talk to, so Greg took on a 9 hour shift, but he had beer.

Vanessa gave Little Wayne a BLUE card (as in Cubs!), instead of a red one. (as in Cardinals)

Kevin A. did sleep in his bed.

We were warned to never golf with Brian Z.

Pitt was in attendance, along with his daughter Stephanie.

Jim gave directions to Sioux Falls: "Go to the end of the world, and turn right!"

It was noted that Bruce Geddes is an Illinois Senate member.

Chris found that it does get easier, but the space gets smaller.

And Terry K. has hope in the new Jaycees!

No matter how small the space, watch your step, Linc is always watching, even from the hall!

**DEADLINE FOR FORUM ARTICLES, MARCH 15, 2016**

## CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY ROBERT "DIGGER" MCGRAUGH #36156

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**C**ongratulations to **President Chris Curtis #35440**, all of the executive board, and to the Illinois Senate for a great first trimester, especially for your recognition at the National Level for your great participation in the programs of Return the Favor and Roadrunner. Keep up the good work!

It is hard to believe that it is that time of the year for forthcoming candidate announcements for Senate year 2016-2017. Announcements can be made at the upcoming Winter GA meeting in Decatur, Saturday January 30, 2016. If interested for running for office, please contact any one of these members of the nominating committee: **Digger McGraugh #36156** (chairman) 217-446-3120, **Denny Birt #37116** 217-621-7275, **Kate Patterson #52517** 708-748-0828, and **Linda Ferguson #64547** 618-219-5096. Thank you for your commitment.

In closing, wishing you all A Very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

**WE BELIEVE...**



**(Secretary's Report - Continued from Page 4)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE VP REPORT - Melodie Ainslie #69200**

- a. **Return the Favor** – Need a Chairperson
  1. The membership is asked to submit info to Chris or Melodie – for the time being
  2. At the National meeting in Hartford, we were 1 of 15 states that participated. There were 221 Senators for 8000 hours – 1/3 of those hours came from Missouri
- b. **Freshman Senators – Angie Highlander #69109**  
Angie accepted the position
- c. **Camp New Hope - Patty Butler #65322**  
Have had two fund raisers – Motorcycle ride and Hog Roast & Auction – raising \$35,000  
Visit our website for items that are always needed
- d. **Historian – Ray Ainslie #44136**  
No Report
- e. **Future Directions – Bruce Widenhoefer #63672**  
No report
- f. **Approval of Administrative VP Report**  
**MOTION: Mary Ann Hilleary #64615 SECOND: Wayne Huelsmann #30592 Motion Approved**

**MANAGEMENT VP REPORT - Terry Kolaz #68698**

- a. **Hospitality - Rick Jones #71685**  
Need sponsors for the next two meetings – call Rick
- b. **On-To - Marilyn Burton #55106**
  1. Terry Kolaz will be attending World Congress in Japan
  2. Newton Standridge reported on Savannah.
    - a. It will be the 1st weekend in January
    - b. Illinois Senators will be attending to promote the campaign of Jim Mammen and National Convention 2017
- c. **Illinois/Missouri Basketball – Val Koble #13921**  
The game will be December 23, 2015; at 6pm Tickets are \$75. It is Illinois' turn to host and the cost of Hospitality is \$15
- d. **50th Anniversary 2017 – Ray Ainslie #44136**  
The committee is still looking for hotels
- e. **IL JC Charitable Foundation – Kevin Ankenbrand #63771**
  1. Olson golf outing raised \$1622 in sponsorships. The date is moving to mid-September next year.
  2. Scholarship applications are available on the website
  3. Have hosted two poker events earning \$1000 in May and \$850 the first weekend in October. There are two more events scheduled – making our total allowable of four per year.
  4. The proceeds from Bubba Bash Golf was \$2726.34
  5. The committee is checking requests for grants and it will be discussed in the next meeting. A question was raised if the scholarships given might be able to be increased. It was stated that is up to the committee.
  6. More people need to apply – graduating seniors/incoming freshman
- f. **Approval of Management VP Report**  
**MOTION: Kevin Ankenbrand #63771 SECOND: Bruce Geddes #35527 Motion Approved**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Ray Ainslie #44136** requested funds to pay a \$50 filing fee for **Jim Mammen #37122** to run for USJCI Senate President.  
**MOTION: Randy Moan #65726 SECOND: Mark Niedenthal #39701 Motion Approved**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Senate Picnic 2015 Wrap up – Mark Niedenthal #39701**
  1. Profit of \$28

**REGION DIRECTORS REPORT**

- a. **Russ Cooper #4638 – Prairieland**
  1. Members attended the Olson golf outing
  2. They sponsored the luncheon in the Senate hospitality room today
- b. **Scott Rayho #67912 – Gateway**
  1. New Baden hosted their 45th Anniversary party
- c. There is a movie available on You tube about the 100 years of Jaycees – a link is available on the IL JC website.

**NATIONAL GUESTS**

- a. **OHIO JCI Senate President - Jean Geddes #68886 and her husband Bruce Geddes #35527**
  1. November meeting in Columbus, OH
  2. Pig Roast in July on the 3rd weekend in Oregon, OH 2016
  3. National Convention in Greensboro will have golf for \$80 per golfer
  4. There will be a Foundation fundraiser with the goal being \$10,000 and they are looking for hole sponsors
- b. **Candidate for US JCI Senate President - Jim Mammen #37122**
  1. Announced these positions: Newton Standridge as Chief of Staff and Digger McGraugh and Mark Niedenthal as Presidential Assistants
  2. He thanked the membership for their support.
  3. Thanked the committee for National Convention
  4. Thanked the membership for approval of paying his filing fee
  5. There will be travel opportunities next spring if anyone is interested: Kansas; Phoenix; Region 2 & 3: Billings, Montana; Sioux Falls, Iowa

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**US JCI SENATE PRESIDENTIAL RAFFLE – Mary Ann Hilleary #64615**

- a. \$15 or 2/\$25 or 8/\$40

**HIGH / LOW SENATE NUMBER and 50/50 - Robbie Johnston #51099**

- a. High – **Charlie Gouveia #18294** Low – **Vanessa Birchler #74430**  
b. 50/50 Winner – None

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD - Digger McGraugh #36156**

- a. Nominations for the new Board will be taken at the Winter meeting

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- a. **Bruce Geddes #35527** – Ohio – Thanks for the hospitality  
b. **Gary Pittenger #24804**  
1. Dinner will be at Alexander's Steak House at 4:30  
2. If the Mentors is being mailed and there are two people in the household, notify to mail only one copy

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS - Chris Curtis #35440**

- a. 2014 Directories are available  
b. Thanked everyone for coming and stated it has been fun traveling so far this year. Have met some fine people. Terry Kolaz is traveling all the time. Appreciate the good work of the membership and please report that for RTF

**ADJOURN WITH THE JAYCEE CREED** with our newest Senator **Vanessa Birchler #74430**

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Randy Moan #65726 SECOND: Mary Ann Hilleary #64615**



## **PRAIRIELAND REGION**

**BY RUSS COOPER #4638**

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**M**any thanks to all those who attended the Senate Meeting in Peoria. By all accounts everyone enjoyed the experience. My special thanks to the members of the Prairieland Region who came out in large numbers to support President **Chris Curtis #35440** at his meeting. Again we were fortunate to have special members such as **Gary Pittenger #24804** who put together a great lunch when we only had a few days' notice.

The next major event for the region will be our attendance at the US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting in Savannah, January 7-10. This is the meeting where the Prairieland Region's **Jim Mammen #37122** will officially start his campaign for the Presidency of the US JCI Senate. It is important for our Region and Illinois as a whole to show their support for Jim by their attendance and support of his campaign. In the months following the board meeting, Jim will need to travel far and wide across this land as part of his campaign. He will need support by those who can spare the time to travel with him and, of course any financial support would truly be appreciated. Let's show everyone how Prairieland can get behind our candidate.

## **LOTTO RAFFLE**

**BY SUSIE COLBERT-CURTIS #73137**

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**I**t is time to buy or sell the Illinois Lotto tickets. Here is how it works... Each ticket goes for a \$5 donation. The 3-digit number on each ticket corresponds to the Illinois Lottery's Evening Pick-3 drawing and each number is valid for the entire month of February 2016. That means 29 chances for each \$5 ticket - yes its leap year! Every daily winner will win \$50. If the number comes up again. . . it wins AGAIN, each time your number comes up, you WIN during February 2016.

Buy them for yourself or sell them to your friends to give your friends a \$5.00 chance at \$50.00. Please let me know how many chances you need. I have envelopes of 10 packaged ready to go in the mail or I may be able to accommodate special numbers like birthdays or anniversaries if the numbers are still available. This makes a great Christmas present for your co-workers, stocking stuffer or token gift.

Please call or email to get your tickets today.  
Thanks!

## ON-TO CHAIRMAN REPORT

BY MARILYN BURTON #55106

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### Keeping Up With.....On-To

There's no place like home for the Holidays....or so the song goes! Winter brings a lull in the hectic travel pace of those who accompany the Road Runner to travel near and far. But you know the Illinois travel team is only taking a brief break for the season.

US JCI Senate Fall Board meeting was held Sept 25-27, 2015 in Hartford, CT and the Illinois delegation made the trip and had a great time. I haven't heard all the stories, yet!

There was a great attendance for the Fall GA and IL JCI Senate meeting held in Peoria Oct. 9-11, 2015. The Senate meeting room and hospitality rooms were nearly to capacity.

Two travelers from Illinois attended the World Congress meeting in Kanazawa, Japan. Senators **Jim Mammen #37122** (our US JCI Senate Administrative Vice President) and **Terry Kolaz #68698** (IL JCI Senate Management VP) enjoyed the international event Nov 3-8, 2015 and have some information to share about their experiences.

Upcoming meetings include the Winter US JCI Senate Board meeting Jan 8-10, 2016 in Savannah, GA and then the Winter GA and IL JCI Senate meeting in Decatur at the Decatur Conference Center Jan 29-31, 2016. See the registration forms elsewhere in this issue of the FORUM or online.

By then our "cabin fever" should be at maximum level, and people will be eager to start planning the spring and summer trips! Visiting other state Senate organizations can lead to making new friends, establishing memories, and enjoying entertainment of various forms (always including food and drink). Remember to smile for the camera and pose with the Road Runner!

Happy Holidays to you and yours.

## ILLINOIS JAYCEES 84TH PRESIDENT

BY TRICIA BUEHNE #69433

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**H**ello Senators!!

Wow, where has the year gone? I feel like it was just yesterday that I got sworn in and took office and now my term is about up. I have to say I had a great time this year and I think I accomplished quite a few things. First, we have extensions in Carlyle, Havana & Hamel and we are still working on Edwardsville, Carbondale, and Richmond Spring Grove with hopes we get those completed this year yet. I also have leads to keep the extensions rolling for next year, so hopefully we keep the momentum rolling. We are at growth!!!! First time in 2 decades, WOO HOO!!! I hope we can keep this momentum going as well and keep adding these great members. Our retention rate is good as well; we are currently at 68%, not mentioning we still have some unknowns not completed yet this year, so this number should rise with more renewals coming in. Programing, we have been busy promoting Camp New Hope in Illinois along with all the National Programs, like Nothing But Nets and Adopt a School. We will keep all of these programs along with others so we can keep helping the community. Projects, I have been traveling the state from top to bottom and there have been some great projects that the Jaycees have done this year, from Easter Egg Hunts, Beer Festivals, Summer Festivals, Bowling Tournaments, BBQs, Breakfasts, Dances. You name it, I have seen some award winning projects! In conclusion, serving as State President has been a tremendous honor and five years ago I never thought I would have been in this position, and I am truly grateful for stepping up and running with this. The people that I have met and how I have grown individually along with professionally, I could have never done without taking on this position. I personally want to thank all of the Senators that have been there to help me as well. I know you all are always there for us when we need you, so THANK YOU!! I can't believe my year is almost over. It has been an amazing ride, here is to Banking on Success in 2015!!!

## MULTIPLE MENTORS PER HOUSEHOLD

If you and your spouse are both senators, it is common to have both a husband and wife within the same household receiving a copy of Mentors. As of this month, 120 of 550 couples who received multiple copies of Mentors have requested to only receive one copy for their household.

If you receive multiple copies of Mentors and wish to only receive one copy, please send an email to US JCI Senate Membership Information Services Program Manager Gary Pittenger at [gpitt1@comcast.net](mailto:gpitt1@comcast.net). There are currently 39 multiple copies of Mentors being delivered to Illinois senators.

Your consideration in this matter is appreciated.

### NON-DELIVERABLE ADDRESSES

The following addresses have been reported as non-deliverable by the post office. Anyone knowing these senators or their correct address is requested to send it to Gary Pittenger at [gpitt1@comcast.net](mailto:gpitt1@comcast.net).

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# ILLINOIS JCI SENATE PRODUCTS



SEND ORDER AND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

**Bruce Widenhoefer #63672**  
1426 Millbrook Court  
Schaumburg, Illinois 60193

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>	2015-16 President Shirt (Button Down Dress Shirt - Forest Green) (S-XL \$37.00 - 2XL \$39.00 - 3XL or larger \$41.00)	
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**

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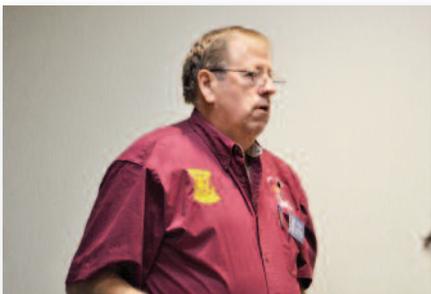
007*	Jogging Outfit (jacket and pants-Machine washable)	\$68.00
008*	Baseball Style Cap	\$5.00
	Additional charge for 3X & 4X (\$2.00)	
011*	Sweatshirt	\$22.95

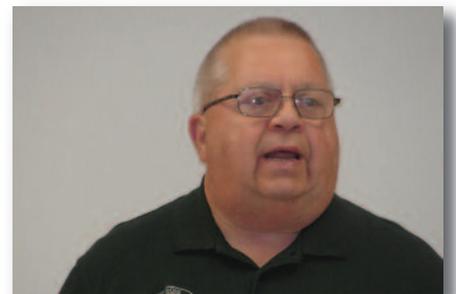
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Room Accommodations

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Full Adult Registration(s)# \_\_\_\_\_ X \$55.00

Full Child Registration(s)# \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00

Saturday Only Adult(s) # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00

Friday Only Adult(s) # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00

Early Thursday # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00

Bar Burgers # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 Cerno's (an original 1898 Pabst Blue Ribbon Bar)  
(cheese burger.....or.....chicken sandwich)...cb# \_\_\_\_\_...cs# \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Golf # \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Golf # \_\_\_\_\_

total# \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting & Meal – Kewanee Elks Lodge # 724  
113 N. Tremont St. Kewanee Il. 61443

registration deadline.....July 10<sup>th</sup> 2016  
checks made out to...JCI Northwest Region  
SEND TO...James DeBord #42802  
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