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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings from the Illinois Caddyshack!

I would first like to talk about what has been on my mind for the past few weeks. As Commander and Chaplain for the Sons of the American Legion, I have officiated at final ceremonies for Veterans. Some of these men I did not know, some I knew very well. Some were a very deep personal loss. This past month has been very costly for the Illinois Senate as we lost two of our long time leaders who were two great men. When I first, somewhat nervously, entered the Senate Hospitality room as a new member in 1991, one of the first to welcome me was **Bill Willett #17398**. He made me feel comfortable and part of the group. He always had that persona for me. Although he had not been around much for a while, it was great to see him at our last Picnic. **Denny DeGroot #40222** was also one of a kind. His sense of humor and timing was extraordinary. His warm and outgoing nature endeared him to many across our national organization. I wish that I had a little more of his outgoing personality. These men were living proof "That earth's great treasure lies in human personality". I offer my deepest condolences to the Willett and DeGroot families and all of the friends they left behind. We all will miss them so very much.

Summer has rapidly turned to winter and golf opportunities in Illinois are few and far between. The snowbirds have started to pack and plan for their escape to warmer climates.

Thank you to **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** and **Melodie Ainslie #69200** for covering the meals at the fall meeting in Normal. The food was excellent and plentiful. Thank you **Norm Hoffman #25676** for providing snacks for the whole weekend.

Congratulations to our newly elected Management Vice-President **Robbie Johnston #51099**. Welcome to the leadership team! I know that you will do a great job for the Senate. See the Hospitality Report in this issue to see where you can help.

I want to thank **Ray Ainslie #44136** for taking on the responsibilities as Chairman of the Future Directions Committee and getting so much done so quickly. Thanks to all of our chairmen for all of your dedication to the Illinois Senate.

Monty Schroeder #62203 is looking for volunteers to work at our Poker Nights in the Champaign-Urbana area. Four events will be held between January and April. The location is the Elks Lodge at 903 N. Dunlap Ave., in Savoy. The dates are January 19, February 9, March 23 and April 20. They normally run 3 shifts of about 4-5 hours each between 11:30 am and 1:30 am. Please let Monty know if you are able to help.

With the holidays rapidly approaching I want to wish all of you a safe and blessed holiday season, and best wishes for a great 2019! See you all in Decatur!

Keep them in the fairway!

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Senators, we had a great Fall meeting with the Illinois Jaycees in Normal. Thank you to **Traci Hinshaw #76511** and her crew for their hospitality.

It was great to have a Freshman Senator at the toast on Friday night as we welcomed **Sarah Sloan #77126** to the Illinois Senate family. Freshman Senators, please get with **Joanne Rinaldo #71700** (Freshman Senator/First Timers Senate Chairman) and find out what you are missing out on. It would be great to see a bunch of new Senators at the winter meeting in Decatur in February.

Marilyn Burton #55106 is the Return the Favor Chairman for the Illinois Senate. Please keep track of the hours that you have been out helping Jaycee chapters and get them sent in to Marilyn so that she can get it recorded and sent in to National. Please send your info to mkbrph@comcast.net.

Ray Ainslie #44136 is our Historian Chairman again this year. He shared some interesting articles of clothing from the past. He is also the chairman for Future Directions and he and his committee are working very hard to provide the Senate with information to pursue to help bridge the gap between the Senate and the Jaycees. If you have any ideas to pass along, please contact Ray at rayainslie@frontiernet.net.

Beverly Olson #42473 and her committee are busy preparing for the Summer Picnic in Savoy in July of 2019. Hopefully everyone will be able to join us then. There will be more information to follow.

If there is anything I can do to help, please give me a call at 618-540-9166 or e-mail me at wayne.huelsmann@charter.net. Feel free to contact my chairpersons directly if you have any questions in their area.

CO-EDITOR THOUGHTS

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Thank you to everyone for your submissions for this issue of the Forum. This newsletter is only useful if you use it. Please note for future issues that the Forum email address is iljcforum@yahoo.com.

A big thank you goes out to those who have purchased ads in the Forum to help offset the huge expense of printing and mailing copies to those that do not have valid email addresses. You can contact me at the above email address with questions about ads.

Hopefully, you picked up on the golf theme being used throughout the Forum this year. Along that line, some totally useless golf trivia can be found in my articles as well. Did you know the oldest golf course in the United States is right here in Illinois, the Chicago Golf Club in Wheaton? Did you also know that the "dimples" on a golf ball actually help the ball travel further? Golf actually dates back to the 15th Century! I don't think there were any Illinois Senators actually playing then. Fore!

POKER

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Poker, Poker get your Poker Chips!

All 4 Poker dates have been set for ILLINOIS JCI SENATE. They will be held at: Elks Lodge, 903 N. Dunlap Ave., Savoy, IL 61874.

The dates are 1/19/2019, 2/9/2019, 3/23/2019 and 4/20/2019. The time is the same each event from 12pm to 1am. We will need our volunteers there from 11:30 am to 1:20am.

We know one of the dates is the same time as one of the GA meetings, so for some of you that are from out of town, you can come over after the meeting to work the early shifts. That way you can make it back home earlier in the day.

Denny Birt #37116 or I will be calling all of you to help us out. This is one of the easiest fundraisers that you can ever help work. We only need 3 or 4 people per shift. So please help us out to make some money for the Illinois JCI Senate.

Calendar of Events

January 24 - 27, 2019
US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting
Kenner, LA

February 8 - 10, 2019
IL JCI Senate Winter Meeting
Decatur, IL

March 15 - 17, 2019
US JCI Senate Region V
Spring Fling
Fairborn, OH



MANAGEMENT REPORT

ROBBIE JOHNSTON #51099

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We are coming up on the traditional rivalry between Illinois and Missouri on December 22nd. Chairman **Val Koble #13921** has a few tickets. Call 217-621-2280. The best part about this year's game is Missouri is in charge of hospitality. So all we have to do this year is show up, drink and eat a little food, and watch Missouri lose!

As President **Bill Patterson #47979** mentioned in his last article, we are still seeking a hospitality chair. Please see the Hospitality Report in this issue. With recent changes, this position has gotten a lot easier. We have divided up responsibilities for bringing supplies to the meetings and the primary job duties just include working with the regions to ensure our weekend meetings are covered. Contact me if you're interested in volunteering.

Susie Colbert Curtis #73137 is in charge of On-to. If you haven't had a chance to visit some of our neighboring state meetings or national meetings, you really should consider a trip. I've only attended national meetings in the past, but I will be traveling to Pigeon Forge in February and Myrtle Beach in April. Come join us!

Thank you again for your support on my election to Management VP.

I hope everyone has a great holiday!

ILLINOIS JAYCEES' TOYP

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The Outstanding Young Persons (TOYP) of Illinois program is presented annually by the Illinois Jaycees. The TOYP program serves to recognize up to ten individuals between the ages of 18 and 40 who exemplify the best attributes of young people from across Illinois.

A maximum of ten honorees will be selected from all nominations received, regardless of category entered. Young men and women may be nominated in one of ten categories for the TOYP honor. Nominations are accepted from organizations, businesses, governments and individuals.

CATEGORIES:

1. Business, economic, and/or entrepreneurial accomplishment
2. Political, legal, and/or governmental affairs
3. Academic leadership and/or accomplishment
4. Cultural achievement
5. Moral and/or environmental leadership
6. Contribution to children, world peace, and/or human rights
7. Humanitarian and/or voluntary leadership
8. Scientific and/or technological development
9. Personal improvement and/or accomplishment
10. Medical innovation

Illinois Jaycees will honor The Outstanding Young Persons of Illinois at an awards ceremony to be held at the Wyndham Springfield - City Centre on Saturday, May 4th, 2019. Honorees will be guests of the Illinois Jaycees for that day and night.

The ceremony will highlight each honoree and provide a stage from which they can challenge and inspire young people from around Illinois. For each honoree, there will be a video presentation profiling his/her accomplishments and a plaque presentation followed by the honoree's acceptance speech.

The event is generously supported by friends and employers of our award winners, local and regional Jaycee organizations, Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation, Illinois JCI Senate and Illinois businesses.

DEADLINE FOR FORUM ARTICLES, MARCH 15, 2019



SECRETARY'S REPORT

KAREN HELMS #57838

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Secretary **Karen Helms #57838** was excused from the meeting due to the marriage of her son. **Marsha DeVore #67330** took over the secretary duties. Marsha's willingness to help was greatly appreciated.



ILLINOIS JCI SENATE - Minutes Fall Meeting - October 20, 2018

Meeting: called to order at 10:10 AM by President **Bill Patterson #47979**

Chaplain: Robbie Johnston #51099 spoke a few words.

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by all Veterans.

Introduction of Guests: Introduced by **Beverly Olson #42473**

IL JCI 87th President Vanessa Birchler #74430: thanked all Senators for attending the GA and asked that the Senators talk with the Jaycees, because they were looking for connection.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve by JDO #35308, 2nd by Bruce Widenhoefer #63672. Motion passed.

Election Committee Report: Vacancy in the position of Management VP.

Nomination by JDO #35308, 2nd by Kay DeGroot #73333 for Robbie Johnston #51099 of Springfield to fill the position for the remainder of the Senate year. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Karen Helms #57838 (Filling in **Marsha DeVore #67330**)

1. **FORUM: Kay DeGroot #73333 and Marilyn Burton #55106** Articles are due by December 1st to iljciforum@yahoo.com Looking for feedback on the FORUM. Holiday ads available for \$30, \$75, and \$100.
2. **Website: Ray Ainslie #44136** Send in any pictures and all forms and registrations are on the website illinoisjcisenate.org
3. **E-Blast: Kate Patterson #52517** Please continue to send in items for the E-blast. Please follow the e-blast for updates and other important information about the Senate.

Motion to approve Secretary's report by Chris Curtis #35440, 2nd by Marilyn Burton #55106. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Lynne McGill #70364

1. **Membership Info Exchange: Kathy Crick #71017** Please get new or changed information to **Kathy Crick #71017**, on addresses, emails, phone numbers, etc.
2. **Audit Committee report: JDO #35308** Not much to report – everything balances.
3. **Finance Committee report: Wayne Kiefer #36498** Not much has changed yet – looking at investments.
4. **Fundraising**
 - a. **Birdies for Charity: Wayne Huelsmann #30592** Checks will go out in November - \$1900
 - b. **Hoopeston Sweet Corn Festival Gates: Monty Schroeder #62203 & Denny Birt #37116** stated that they made \$482, which was less than past years because of the rain. Thank you to all who helped. Questioned whether this project will continue due to low amount of money from the manpower.
 - c. **Poker: Monty Schroeder #62203 & Denny Birt #37116** stated that it has been changed to the Elks. The dates are Jan. 19th, Feb 9th (weekend of GA), March 23rd, and April 20th. Volunteers will be needed from 11:30 am to 12:30 am each of these days.
 - d. **Products: Heather Ulrich #72836** Senate shirts are in for those who ordered.
 - e. **LOTTO: Judson DeVore #65005** LOTTO tickets are \$5.00 each. We will be using the numbers drawn in the Illinois State evening Lotto in February of 2019. The prize is \$50 for a winning ticket that has been sold. Please see **Judson DeVore #65005** for tickets.
 - f. **Silent Auction: Yvonne Agnello-Adams #72530** Please contact Yvonne about any items that can be donated for the auction at the Winter Senate meeting in Decatur Feb 8-9, 2019.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137, 2nd by Kate Patterson #52517. Motion passed.

Administrative VP Report: Wayne Huelsmann #30592

1. **Freshman Senators/First Timers: Joanne Rinaldo #71700** We had one Freshman Senator who poured champagne at the toast Friday night. Welcome to **Sarah Sloan #77126** from Highland.
2. **Return the Favor/Legacy Program: Marilyn Burton #55106** Need information on Return the Favor send to her by November 30th. RTF lapel pin given to **Wayne Huelsmann #30592** for turning in the most involvement in RTF. Legacy program information will be in an upcoming issue of the FORUM.
3. **Camp New Hope: Donna Baker #67041** Send in any checks for donations to the Camp.
4. **Historian: Ray Ainslie #44136** Showed items from the archive in the Hospitality Room and during the meeting.
5. **Future Directions: Ray Ainslie #44136** The committee met last night and sent a number of items for discussion to the Exec Comm.
6. **Summer Picnic 2018: Robbie Johnston #51099/Kathy Priester #63878/Donna Baker #67041** 118 attended, 93 went to Bar Burgers, \$500 donated to Springfield Jaycees for their help.
7. **Summer Picnic 2019: Beverly Olson #42473** checks should be made out to "Northeast Region Senate Picnic 2019"

Motion to approve Administrative Report by Gary Pittenger #24804, 2nd by Stephanie Pittenger #59999. Motion passed.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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Attached is a copy of the 1st Quarter 2018-2019 financial statement that was approved at the fall meeting at Bloomington-Normal. If anyone has any fundraising ideas for the upcoming year, please contact either myself or President **Bill Patterson #47979**.

At our winter meeting February 8th, 9th and 10th in Decatur, IL we will be holding our annual Silent Auction. **Yvonne Agnello-Adams #72530** is the chairman of this project. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please let her know. Also, please show up and bid early and often.

Poker Chairperson **Monty Schroder #62203** has been working hard on getting us dates to work poker. The following dates for us to work poker are already secured, they are: January 19th, February 9th, March 23rd and April 20th at the Elks Club in Savoy, IL. Please contact Monty to sign up for a shift on any of those dates. We can use help with manpower, especially February 9th since that is our Winter Meeting. If you are not coming to the Winter Meeting, maybe you can help out at poker.

The Lotto Raffle is also in full swing. **Judson DeVore #65005** is the chairman of this project this year. Please let him know how many tickets you need and get out and sell them.

2018-2019 BUDGET
As of September 30, 2018

Bill Patterson #47979, President
Lynne McGill #70364, 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)	\$ 540.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 1,920.00	\$ (1,380.00)	
Membership Dues (60x30)	\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (1,470.00)	
Mentor Support	\$ 112.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (138.00)	
Forum Support	\$ 82.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (418.00)	
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)	
Products	\$ 604.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 604.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (596.00)	
Fundraisers								
Birdies for Charity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)	
Lotto Raffle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (1,800.00)	
Silent Auction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)	
Camp New Hope	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ (640.00)	
Drawings	\$ 165.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (235.00)	
IL-MO Basketball	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)	
Poker Night	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (15,000.00)	
Hoopston Gate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ (600.00)	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 5,633.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165.00	\$ 32,510.00	\$ (26,877.00)	

EXPENSES								
USJCI Dues (760x5)	\$ 540.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ (3,260.00)	
Mentor Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ (250.00)	
Mentor Support	\$ 112.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ (988.00)	
Forum Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)	
Hospitality	\$ 115.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ (1,400.00)	
Products	\$ 113.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113.36	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (1,086.64)	
Presidential Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,300.00	\$ (4,300.00)	
Presidential Awards	\$ 263.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 263.21	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (736.79)	
National Guest Expense	\$ 841.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 841.61	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (358.39)	
Region V Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)	
Operating Exp. (postage/paper)	\$ 118.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118.24	\$ 490.00	\$ (371.76)	
Name Tags (New Life Members)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ (80.00)	
Senate Directory	\$ 258.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258.25	\$ 300.00	\$ (41.75)	
Sponsorships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)	
Website	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)	
Campaign Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Fundraisers								
Birdies for Charity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Lotto Raffle	\$ 54.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54.95	\$ 700.00	\$ (645.05)	
Silent Auction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)	
Camp New Hope	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ (640.00)	
Drawings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)	
IL-MO Basketball	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)	
Poker Night	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ (9,300.00)	
Hoopston Gate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Balance to 2019-2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,800.00	\$ (3,800.00)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,616.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,501.62	\$ 32,510.00	\$ (30,008.38)	
<i>Bank Balance of 9-30-18</i>	\$ 3,016.38							

Other Funds	Designee	Amount	Balance as of
Contingency	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 5,000.00	9/30/2018
Savings (Forgotten Jaycees)	Lynne McGill	\$ 4,881.25	9/30/2018
Life Accounts	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 80,711.13	9/30/2018
General Fund Checkbook	Lynne McGill	\$ 3,016.38	9/30/2018
Poker Fund	Monty Schroeder	\$ 259.44	9/30/2018

THE SCORECARD

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The Illinois JCI Senate Winter meeting will be held in Decatur in conjunction with the Illinois Jaycees' Year End GA/Lots, February 8-10, 2019 at the Decatur Conference Center. The registration can be found in this issue of Forum.

The Illinois/Missouri "Braggin' Rights" game time is 7:00. The December 22nd date was previously reported, but the time had not been announced.

Poker dates have been released. All events will be held at the Elks Lodge in Savoy: January 19, February 9, March 23 and April 20.

Checks for Illinois Senate Picnic 2019 should be made payable to: Northeast Region Senate Picnic 2019.

The 50/50 raffle at the Fall meeting was won by JDO. His share of the pot was \$67.

High/Low Senate numbers at the Fall Senate Meeting were: HIGH: **Sarah Sloan #77126** LOW: **Russ Cooper #4638**.

The next Forum deadline is March 15, 2019.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD (COB)

MARILYN BURTON #55106

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My main emphasis this time of the Senate year is chairing the Election Committee. I am asking you to consider running for an office for IL JCI Senate year 2019-2020. Nominations for Officers (President, Administrative Vice President, Management Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) and Region Directors will be accepted at the Winter Senate Meeting Feb 8-9, 2019 in Decatur, IL. Contact Election Committee members **Melodie Ainslie #69200**, **Chris Curtis #35440**, or myself prior to the meeting with questions or to "throw your hat in the ring". It is a wonderful chance to get to know your fellow board members better and work to achieve the goals of our Senate organization. You will find opportunities to travel and build friendships among fellow Senators from near and far.

RETURN THE FAVOR (RTF)

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Return the Favor (RTF) Deadline—**May 30th**

Need a New Year's Resolution? How about documenting your support of Jaycees? You have plenty of time and will receive reminders thru E-blast closer to the 3rd trimester due date of May 30th. Send to me via email at mkbrph@comcast.net by midnight 5/30/19 so I can submit to National.

They are NOT allowing a catch-up time to submit documentation, so this is just for events during the 3rd trimester (Dec 1-May 31). Get credit for involvement at those wonderful holiday projects and events!

Just download the RTF form from the US JCI Senate website or use the link to the form in the E-blast, complete the documentation on the form, then attach the form via email to me. It really does not take long! If you are truly "low tech", send me details including your name, date, what event, number of hours worked, travel time plus description of activity, your role and the impact. The last part is important when they make determination of the Senator and State for the National awards. RTF is more than "just working a project". The focus is "AIM" and should be included in your documentation:

Action
Impact
Mentoring

Let me know in advance if there are any questions.

GOPHER DROPPINGS

BY BILLY BAROO



Billy Baroo, the new Illinois JCI Senate mascot, didn't find much to dig up at the Fall Illinois Senate Meeting.

President Bill was presented with some "pool floaters" at the meeting. If you've seen the Caddyshack movie, then you know what a Baby Ruth resembles!

The meeting room was bigger than some banquets we have attended.

As usual, the "uniclap" system for introductions had a few lagging behind, but what would you expect from a Denny.

For future reference, if you pass out candy to Senators during a meeting, try to buy candy with wrappers that don't make noise.

Also noteworthy for the future, we either need taller people or no high top tables in the hospitality room so no serious accidents take place.

Ray is on a quest to find out who gave out a "golf ball". It should be noted that he must have thought about the question ahead of time and didn't just ask whose ball it was.

So whether it is Linc or our new gopher, someone is still digging and you should be careful not to step in it!

PRAIRIELAND REGION

RUSS COOPER #4638 - rwacooper4638@comcast.net

I write this article with a heavy heart having just returned from the funeral of my good friend, **Denny DeGroot #40222**. I am not sure the members of our region were aware how often Denny helped our Region. As an example at the upcoming meeting in Springfield in May we volunteered to provide breakfast. The easiest way to make it a success was to call Denny and he agreed to everything, getting product donated and seeing that it was set up. Now we have to do the work ourselves, so if anyone would like to help in putting on the breakfast, please contact me or **Gary Pittenger #24804**.

In January, **Maxine #68012** and I will be travelling to Edinburgh, Scotland for the British Senate Drumming Out and return to attend the US JCI Senate Meeting in New Orleans. You can jump on a train in Champaign and take the train to New Orleans. Great town, great meeting for a great organization. All is well in the region and we continue to strive to maintain our position as number one.

COURSE PRO

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It was sheer bedlam! The place was packed with a large crowd of enthusiastic people, many of whom were waving signs bearing the name of their favorite candidate and shouting out his slogans. Similarly, the convention floor was full of marching and sign-bearing supporters of one of the candidates who was riding high atop a rolling scaffolding, much as his opponents had done just moments before.

It was May 1966. The place was Spaulding High School Gymnasium in Peoria, and three men were in contention for the post of Illinois Jaycee President for the year 1966-1967. I had joined the Jaycees in Effingham the prior December, and attended the convention because Peoria was my home town and I could stay at my mother's house and still attend the gathering. (The Fourteen dollars per night at the main Hotel, the Pere Marquette, was far more than my meager salary at the time would support.)

After a forgotten number of ballots, caucusing, and as I later learned, a great deal of backroom dealing, one of the three dropped out with an emotional speech, and a final vote was taken. **Wayne Kern #6719** of Macomb was declared the 37th President of the Illinois Jaycees, succeeding **Robert Sullivan #5547** of Lincoln.

In the years to come, I was exposed to, and participated in, a great number of these events, including many late nights/early mornings in backrooms, and a few as a candidate, with the Illinois and US Jaycees, and later the Senate. However, that Saturday in May of 1966 comes to mind whenever I think about elections of any sort, and likely was part of why I continued as a Jaycee.

As a side note, one of those candidates became the first President of both the Illinois and the US JCI Senate, **Jim O'Connell #5046**.

Happy Trails, Bill. I hope that you can get together with Tiny and Fred and do some pin trading!



FALL MEETING



FALL MEETING



Management VP Report: Robbie Johnston #51099

1. **Hospitality:** Need a chair for this position. Thank you to those who brought food for the weekend.
2. **OnTo: Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** Lots of places to go and see:
 - a. Oct 30 – Nov 5 World Congress, Goa, India
 - b. Nov 16 – 18 2nd Quarter Conference, Tampa, FL
 - c. Dec 1 JCI Senate Casino Night, Columbia, MO
 - d. Jan 18 – 20 British Senate Drumming Out, Edinburgh, Scotland
 - e. Jan 24 – 27 US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting, New Orleans, LA
 - f. Feb 3 JCI Senate Super Bowl Party, Jefferson City, MO
 - g. Feb 15 – 17 JCI Senate 3rd Quarter Conference, Cocoa Beach, FL
3. **Road Runner: Chris Curtis #35440** will be working closely with his wife **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** to log in and count up the miles that are traveled by the Illinois Senate. Please remember to mark down the miles you travel to other and our Senate events and get them to **Chris Curtis #35440**.
4. **IL/MO Basketball game: Val Koble #13921** December 23rd, hosted by Missouri, with 7pm game time. \$20 without ticket, \$15 with ticket.

Motion to approve Management Report by JDO #35308, 2nd by Russ Cooper #4638. Motion passed.

Region Director Reports:

1. Prairieland – **Russ Cooper #4638** Welcome to the Prairieland
2. Mississippi Valley and South – **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** regions provided meals for Friday evening and Saturday lunch;
3. SERVE – **Denny Birt #37116** need help for Poker

Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation: Kate Patterson #52517

1. Will be handing out checks at lunch
2. Bubba Golf tournament– June 29th
3. Olsen Golf tournament– brought in \$1200
4. 2 scholarship winners were recognized as national winners – 1 will first be going to Europe on an internship with the UN before college. Applications are due Jan. 15th

New Business: None

50/50 Raffle: Robbie Johnston #51099 Won by **JDO #35308**, \$67.

Presidential Sweepstakes Raffle: Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 Tickets were sold

High/Low Senate Number Awards: High – **Sarah Sloan #77126** Low – **Russ Cooper #4638**

National Guests Comments: Russ Cooper #4638, Ambassador to Europe, invited us to go to Edinburgh, Scotland in January and Lyon, France in May.

Chairman of the Board: Marilyn Burton #55106 Thank you to those who have stepped forward and helped.

Good of the Order:

1. **Wayne Kiefer #36498** thanked those who have helped the US JCI Senate Foundation and brochures are on the tables about the Foundation.
2. **Tricia Buehne #69433** thanked everyone for their support – US JCI National Convention is April 4-7 in Indy and Sept in Texas.
3. **Ray Ainslie #44136** also showed a vest with a lot of pins from a Julianne Ford from the North Region.
4. **Robbie Johnston #51099** also stated that she enjoyed the karaoke from the Summer Picnic.

President's Comments: Bill Patterson #47979 It has been an interesting last few months. Thank you for coming to the GA this weekend.

Adjourn with Jaycee Creed: Highest Senator # Sarah Sloan #77126



ILLINOIS JCI SENATE-YOU ARE THE BEST!

Our family thanks you from the bottom of our hearts for the overwhelming love poured out on us at the passing of
Dennis DeGroot #40222

Kay and the entire DeGroot Family



FALL MEETING



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SILENT AUCTION

YVONNE AGNELLO-ADAMS #72530

jayceeyvonne@yahoo.com

It's the Holiday season....so that means it is also time to collect items for our Annual Senate Silent Auction! We will take all new or gently used items, gift baskets, theme baskets, homemade food items, crafts, gift cards, and Jaycee memorabilia...plus anything else you wish to donate!

Please bring your donations to the Winter GA (February 8 - 10) or contact me so we can arrange a pick up. Everyone who donated will be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize!

I've created a form to fill out in advance. Please fill it out so I can have bid sheets ready in advance:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbLm1Jf0B>

[B_8M17qV7ZbMJDjdA77fe12bMvU8NgMJLt2tgw/viewform?usp=sf_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbLm1Jf0B/B_8M17qV7ZbMJDjdA77fe12bMvU8NgMJLt2tgw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

See you in 2019!

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Thanks to everyone who chose to step up and help with hospitality this year. **We still need a commitment for lunch at the February meeting in Decatur.** We have the following commitments for the future meetings:

Winter in Decatur - Feb. 8-10

NORTHEAST will do Friday night

SOUTH CENTRAL will do Saturday breakfast

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NORTHEAST will do Snacks and Chips for the weekend

Spring in Springfield - May 3-5

SERVE will do Friday Night

PRARIELAND will do Saturday breakfast

SOUTH CENTRAL will do Saturday lunch

SERVE will do Snacks and Chips for the weekend

Please confirm and coordinate your responsibilities with Management VP **Robbie Johnston #51099**.

CHAPLAIN

ROBBIE JOHNSTON #51099

217-553-2082 - robbie581@sbcglobal.net

The holidays bring back memories of years past for everyone, and as we enter into our many family events this December, we also reflect on those who are not with us.

We have lost several of our Jaycee Senate family members:

Don Winge #72457

Past Illinois JCI Senate President Bill Willett #17398

Past Illinois JCI Senate President and Past National President Denny DeGroot #40222

Please keep the following Jaycee Senate members and their families in your prayers.

Joe Blumenstein #34661 for the loss of his wife, Jill

Gretchen Bernardini #72221 for the loss of her grandmother, Jean

Dean Korte #56954 for the loss his father, Bob Korte

Annette Jelinek #75472 for the loss of her mother, Anna

Linda Ferguson #64547 for the loss of her mother, Phyllis Morris

Mike Markus #49588 for the loss of his mother, Barbara Mullen

John Bucky Gill #49450 and his wife, Jennifer, for the loss of her father, Kenneth Beardsley

Lisa Hirstein-Hughes #73357 for the loss of her father, John

Lori Brockmeyer #65854 for the loss of her father, Rayburn

Please pray for:

Walt Rucinski #35257, who is now living in Kalispell, MT, is experiencing some health concerns. Cards can be sent to Walt at: 185 Crestline Ave. East Wing, Kalispell, MT 59901

Yours in Jaycees.

TRIBUTE TO BILL WILLETT

All of the Jaycee family lost a great, dedicated member and friend to all of us who knew him. To those who only saw the narrow side of **Bill Willett #17398**, a person who at the Senate meetings will shout out, "I have some Pins; it is a Fire Sale!" Or those who saw a man who sits on his duff, collects beer steins, Jaycee Pins, Hot Wheels, Chicago Bulls junk, attends Flea Markets, and drives Karen nuts, only had a narrow picture of a man who was completely dedicated to the Jaycee organization and the purpose that it strives for.



The reason that many who knew him from what I described in the first paragraph was because Bill always felt everyone has their time in the organization. He had his time and when finished he stepped aside to let the younger generation step forward and do their thing. If the gravel voice spoke up at the meeting on an issue of debate, it was very rare and he definitely had a point to make. He did not debate, he made his statement and you could accept or reject. As far as Bill was concerned the discussion was over.

Bill Willett did spend his time with the organization, the short crusty gentleman who could speak without a microphone, made a wonderful footprint for the younger generation to follow. He rose to be Local Jaycee President of the Dixon Jaycees, and awarded Blue Chip at the end of his year. When Bill campaigned to be local President, as a Plumber, he passed out small plungers to those who would support and used the slogan "plunge ahead". The newspaper picked up the story and challenged him because the current issue in town was, the private ambulance service was going out of business and what should we do! Bill answered the call by spearheading a campaign by purchasing small plastic buckets and started going door to door to raise funds. Bill was awarded by not only the Illinois Jaycees but also recognized by the US Jaycees for raising funds to purchase an ambulance and train firemen as paramedics in less than a month, plus on the side he also increased the membership of the Dixon Jaycees.

Bill Willett went on to be Regional Director of the "Northwest Region". When he held his first meeting with the District Directors: one showed up wearing tennis shoes, one with black patent shoes, one with work boots, one with cowboy boots, and one with a pair of old torn up loafers. They met to talk over the planning of the year over a cup of coffee: one ordered a cup of coffee, one ordered hot tea, one ordered milk, one ordered orange juice, and one ordered a Coke. One was a farmer, one was a teacher, one was a salesman, one was in middle management, and one was fresh out of the Peace Corps. Bill took one look at the group as a whole and said, "this will work, what one doesn't think of, the other will", and it did! Bill Willett went on to be the Outstanding Regional Director awarded by the US Jaycees along with being a top recruiter.

Bill Willett went on to be elected the 20th President of the Illinois JCI Senate. During his year the Illinois Senate grew to over 500 members the first time by any state, the Railsplitter Corps was formed, Hours of Power was first introduced to the Illinois Jaycees, the hosting of Jaycee Presidents by cocktail parties was introduced, the Illinois Senate Logo of Abe side view on the Jaycee shield began. Bill received the only award by National President at the Convention with a personally engraved medallion, and finally at the end of the year the Illinois Senate celebrated with the "flush of pride" punch bowl! Bill Willett went on from there to be elected National Vice President, representing Region 5 for the US JCI Senate.

He joined the Jaycees in 1964 and I met the crusty gentleman in 1972 and was completely impressed with his style of leadership and complete disregard for himself. I always admired his qualities of love, loyalty, leadership, hard work, straight no foolish talk, and dedication not only to the Jaycee organization but also to his family and friends. It was a pleasure for all of us who knew him and our organization will not only miss him, but also our organization is better because of him.

By Norm Hoffman #25676

TRIBUTE TO DENNY DEGROOT

The Illinois JCI Senate celebrated their 50th anniversary just a few months back at the Illinois picnic and since that wonderful celebration we have lost several senators, including Past Presidents Father Fred Fischer and William Bill Willett. Now we must add yet another past president from Illinois and the US JCI Senate, who was suddenly taken from us.....**Denny DeGroot #40222**.



Melvin Dennis DeGroot, "The Man from Ashland, Illinois" who kinda worked for the State of Illinois in his spare time, became involved with the Jaycee organization back in 1977. From that point on, Denny spread his wings and during his 40+ years traveled throughout Illinois attending local, region, state and Jaycee national conventions. Denny was a patriot and thus dabbled in Jaycee politics and local, state and national politics. He was involved and saw two Illinois Jaycee presidents become President of the US Jaycees. He was acquainted with several governors, in 2005 was recognized with President Bush's Volunteerism Award, and even received invitations to Washington for inauguration day.

Through these past 40 years, besides being married to Miss Kay, he helped to raise two kids, and spoiled all five grandkids that he loved to tell everyone about. Denny dabbled in many, many businesses.....a few that come to mind were: owning a restaurant specializing in breakfast, ice cream shop, video parlor, sold used and new furniture including box springs & mattresses. He claimed to be a self-made chef and cooked at many Jaycee events and fund raisers, including having a chicken sandwich booth at the Illinois State Fair for many years. He managed rental property in Ashland and worked as township property assessor. He also dabbled in off track betting and casinos as a hobby. Many in small town America would call this a jack of all trades. Denny preferred "entrepreneur".

Somewhere in all of this Denny was recognized with his Senatorship which took him into another entire world and served as Illinois Senate President 1989-1990. He traveled throughout Region V and then the United States promoting Jaycees and JCI Senate. Lots of road trips with his van full of beverages, food and movies took many of us across the state line into all of Region V states to promote hospitality, golf and friendships. Trips were also taken to many region meetings across America, especially when his interest turned to be the 30th president of US JCI Senate.

This led him to the top of the mountain as he served the US JCI Senate as National President in 2001-2002. His character was even evident that year with his red, white and blue sun catchers he made, a red, white and blue teddy bear, and his "personalized" money clips that matched his own. Along this long road, Denny was recognized for his efforts from all levels from his community, the Jaycees and the US JCI Senate. One of his proudest moments was the creation of the US JCI Senate Flag. Another was being inducted into the Illinois Jaycee Hall of Fame in 2012.

Who else could convince a restaurant owner in Springfield to create a new version of an existing appetizer menu item. They now serve an item called DeGroot escargot on the menu. He had them add some blue cheese and bread crumbs to the appetizer.

He loved Christmas and each year the DeGroot family held a traditional breakfast. While the majority of people would use paper or plastic plates for ease of disposal, Denny did not want to serve breakfast on paper plates. So during the year he would attend flea markets, attend auctions, etc., and buy real plates for little or nothing. He did not care if they didn't match. Then when breakfast was over, he threw all the dishes away just as if they were paper.

Throughout all of this, Denny supported the needs of his family, including his parents, kids and grandkids. He would always stay in touch so he could make it to whatever event the kids had, and later grandkids. He even taught them the importance of napping and how to make a perfect sandwich and he was willing to travel on ANY of their trips. When not doing this, you would find Denny and Kay at their property in Florida.

Denny also enjoyed being in the know, wanted to know what was going on, where, and always had a thought and opinion. But, if anyone needed help, and asked for assistance, Denny would never say no, instead he would come to the aid and find others to help and assist. He was one of those you could ring his neck one moment and then the next give him a big hug or buy him a drink.

Denny made the world a better place. Just ask his kids and grandkids (or read their recent social media posts) as well as the Jaycees and the US JCI Senate. Whether you were in a meeting or he was serving up hotdogs, he always made you smile with an off the wall comment or question.

You are one of a kind my friend. We hope you are in a better place having a Beefeater martini and escargot while placing a bet. I will miss my friend, Denny.

By Wayne Kiefer

Year End Convention 2018 / LOTS 2019

Hosted by The Region V Jaycees

February 8 2019 – February 10 2019

Decatur Conference Center and Hotel - US HWY 36, Decatur IL 62522

Please Type or Print Clearly. A Maximum of Four Registrations per form.

Chapter Name: _____

Region: _____

1) Jaycee Name: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

2) Jaycee Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

3) Jaycee Name: _____

Contact Person email: _____

4) Jaycee Name: _____

Register for competitions at www.iljaycees.org

Room Reservations are to be made through the host only

Rooms will be reserved for BOTH NIGHTS, unless specified. Late arrival is guaranteed.

Room Rates: \$135.66 Business Class (inclusive)

Available after 3:00 pm on the date of check in.

A minimum of ONE FULL REGISTRATION is required for each room reserved.

All Room Reservations must be made through the host and require one night deposit.

This includes all state officers - all other reservations will be cancelled! –

There are no Exceptions.

I Request: _____ King/Queen _____ 2 Doubles

One Room Reservation per form – Special Requests will be processed based on availability

I will need a room on Friday, 02/08 & Saturday, 002/09 _____ Yes _____ No

Thursday 02/07 _____ Friday 02/08 Only _____ Saturday 02/09 Only _____

Register Room in the following name(s): _____

ROOM CANCELLATIONS must be made by phone to the Registration Chair absolutely **NO LATER THAN 5pm MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019 OR YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY FRIDAY NIGHT'S ROOM!**

Registrations

	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Totals</u>	Mail Registrations/Payment
Full Registration	\$ 65.00	_____	\$_____	Sandi Harpstrite
Cash/Check Discount	\$ -5.00	_____	_____	504 N. Main St.
Late Fee after 1/24, 5pm	\$ 10.00	_____	_____	Trenton, IL 62293

Room Deposit **\$135.66/ea** _____ _____ email: yearendga@gmail.com

Partials

Saturday Lunch	\$ 25.00	_____	_____	618-530-0285
Saturday Banquet	\$ 40.00	_____	_____	Deadline to cancel Meal Tickets
Late Fee after 1/24, 5pm	\$ 10.00	_____	_____	is 02/04/2019
Total Payment Due			\$_____	

Make checks payable to "**Region V Jaycees**" - SEND NO CASH

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Return to Paradise in Savoy

Illinois JCI Senate Picnic 2019

Hosted by the Northeast Region Senators

July 26-28, 2019

Best Western Paradise Inn

709 N. Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL

217-356-1824

Room Accommodations: All room reservations must be made directly through the hotel.

Room Rates: Single King-\$92.99 + tax/night, Double Queen-\$110.99 + tax/night.

Book under Illinois JCI Senate, available through 6/15/19.

Name _____ Senate # _____

Spouse/Guest _____ Senate # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Full Adult Registration # _____ @ \$65 = _____

Full Child Registration # _____ @ \$25 = _____

Thursday Early Hospitality # _____ @ \$20 = _____

Friday Only # _____ @ \$25 = _____

Saturday Only # _____ @ \$40 = _____

Bar Burgers # _____ @ \$15 = _____

Golf Saturday # _____ @ \$50 = _____

Saturday Dinner: Steak # _____ Chicken # _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Mail Registration to:

Bev Olson #42473
416 Tamarack Street
Park Forest, IL 60466
708.373.3710
jdobev@gmail.com

Friday Afternoon Golf # _____

Pay at the golf course.

The Jaycee Creed

WE BELIEVE:

*That faith in God gives meaning and
purpose to human life;*

*That the brotherhood of man trans-
cends the sovereignty of nations;*

*That economic justice can best be won
by free men through free enterprise;*

*That government should be of laws
rather than of men;*

*That earth's great treasure lies in hu-
man personality;*

*And that service to humanity is the
best work of life.*



*May your holidays bring special moments
that become favorite memories.*

*Marilyn Burton #55106
51st President IL JCI Senate*



*Happy Holidays!
President Bill#47979
& Kate#52517
Patterson*