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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings from the Illinois Caddyshack!

Illinois JCI Senate



Welcome back to the Caddy Shack!

The Summer Tour is over and we covered a lot of ground!

Thank you to all our travelers who promoted our state while traveling throughout the Midwest. We have a full schedule for the Fall with weekends in Golden, Colorado and Frankenmuth, Michigan, followed by the Wine Tour with our neighbors in Missouri. Thank you, **Maureen Niedenthal #67669**, for your tireless promotion. We hope to see you all in our travels.

We will be meeting with the Illinois Jaycees in East Peoria over Halloween weekend at the Embassy Suites. The hotel will provide a complimentary Happy Hour and Breakfast. The Illinois Jaycees have arranged for our hospitality room for the weekend through midnight on Saturday. We will most likely need to cover some costs for that room and clear it out by midnight. Hospitality costs will more than likely need to be adjusted soon. We cannot expect the Jaycees to cover the costs for our room when they are struggling to meet their room night and food and beverage contracts. For this meeting, it is estimated that the Senate will incur a \$250 charge. That can be handled by a cash payment of \$250 to the Jaycees, a \$250 purchase from the hotel that will be plus tax and gratuity, or our Senators attending Jaycee meals. Meals are in the \$30 to \$45 range each. The current recommendation from most of our Board members is to pay the Jaycees \$250 directly if they need to cover costs. Input from all members is welcome. The Board will take a vote at our Friday evening meeting.

NOTE TO RDs: Please contact **Rita Senger #68534** to schedule your Region's hospitality commitment for this meeting and the Winter and Spring meetings as well.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. See you all in East Peoria!

Keep them in the fairway!

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Fellow Illinois JCI Senators,

It seems like we just left from the Picnic a few hours ago, and here I am trying to get my first article for the Forum done by the deadline. By the time you get to read this, we will be into fall and the Fall GA is just around the corner. I know that there will be some changes with how the Senate and the Illinois Jaycees interact at GAs starting with the Fall GA. I am hoping to come up with some new ways for Senators and Jaycees to come together. I am open to ideas and suggestions!

My team is looking to help out!

- Contact **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** maryannh63@yahoo.com with any new Senator. She has information for new Senators and can help them get comfortable with being an Illinois JCI Senator.
- **Ray Ainslie #44136** rayainslie@frontiernet.net is looking forward to anything that might have historical value to the Senate.
- SOAR Co-Chairs, **Larry Braus #59796** larrybraus@aol.com and **Marsha DeVore #67330** devore.marsha64@gmail.com are looking to activate Senators and develop some new mentors for the Illinois Jaycees.
- **Terry Niemann #79418** thunder9779@yahoo.com has some new ideas to raise funds for sending campers to Camp New Hope. He is willing to listen to any and all new ideas, so give him suggestions.
- **Kathy Crick #71017** kcricker14@sbcglobal.net and her committee did a wonderful job with the Picnic this year. It was outstanding! We will get you the details for the Picnic in 2023 as they develop.



MANAGEMENT REPORT

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I'm excited to be your Management V.P.

A little about myself: I am from the Mississippi Valley Region, Columbia, Illinois down by St. Louis. I retired from AT&T – Missouri after 40 years. My whole career was in Customer Service – from an Operator in 1978 to Custom Work Order Coordinator in 2018 when I retired.

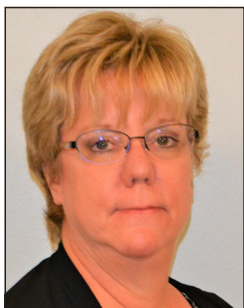
My late husband, **Roger Colbert #38086** passed away in March 2003. I married **Chris Curtis #35440** in 2005. Thanks **Wayne Kiefer #36498** for the introduction.

My daughter Katie was adopted from China in 1996 at 6 months old. Now 27, she is a registered nurse, specializing in endoscopy, currently on a travel nurse assignment.

We sold our big house in 2017 and bought a small condo, 1100 square feet, no basement, lovingly called the tiny house. We did this so we could do more traveling and we do. Life is an adventure--go out and experience it. Experience the Senate.

Let me introduce your Management Team:

- Hospitality: **Rita Senger #68534**
- On-To: **Maureen Niedenthal #67669**
- Constitution & Bylaws: **Kate Patterson #52517**
- Us Region V Spring Fling – Galena, March 17 – 19, 2023: **Kathy Crick #71017**
- Future Directions: **Kathy Crick #71017**
- Senatorship Assistance: **Stephanie Pittenger #59999**



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT

LYNNE MCGILL #70364

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Illinois JCI Senate,

I want to thank you again for allowing me to be the 55th President of the Illinois JCI Senate. I had a wonderful time, and met a ton of people. Just because I'm "COB", doesn't mean I'm not here to help when I can. Call me if you need anything.



TRIBUTE TO JIM O'CONNELL #5046

BY NORM HOFFMAN #25676

Our organization lost one of the icons of our Senate during the month of July 2022. It is interesting to note, by coincidence US JCI Senate President Mike Andrew's "Friendships Full Circle" came about for our first President of the US JCI Senate. In 1968 at the Jaycee National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky the "dream" of a US JCI Senate first came about with discussion by Senators Ollie Swaim, Jim O'Connell, Bernie Storjohann, Leo Briere, Tom Wallisch, Bill Brunkow, Dick Hiatt, Larry Olsen, and Glen Wemple and by chance as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary under the leadership of Mike Andrews, Jim O'Connell, our first President of the US JCI Senate, and the Illinois JCI Senate, passes away after the 50th Convention held in Louisville.

Jim O'Connell can be considered a pioneer in our Jaycee history. He joined the Lemont Jaycees and the Joliet Jaycees in 1958. He was elected President of the Lemont Jaycees in 1962 and in 1963 he was recognized by the Illinois Jaycees as the Outstanding State Chairman when he extended six Jaycee chapters including the great Tinley Park Jaycees in 1963. He was a candidate for President of the Illinois Jaycees three times without a victory but that did not deter him from continuing his Jaycee career.

Jim was an avid pilot who enjoyed cross country flying. In 1958 he made his first international flight to Peru, South America, where he recorded a round trip flight of 125 hours flying time. He served on various Aviation Committees, one being the Joliet Regional Port District, responsible for building a \$12 million Regional Airport in Will County. In 1966, Jim served as National Jaycee Chairman for Aviation Development. He logged over 2,000 hours flying in numerous types of aircraft and was proud of being a Registered Lobbyist for the Illinois Association of Port Districts to help pass legislation for the betterment of aviation.

He served our country in many ways. After graduating from Lewis University in Business Administration he went on to serve in the United States Army. He served in Korea with the 24th Infantry Division, served as a Republican Precinct Committeeman for 10 years, served as a political campaign manager and strategist, served on the Board of Directors of Joliet Urban Development Planning, served as a Director for the Mayor of Joliet, served on Board of Directors for the Aurora Blood Bank, raised \$65,000 as a Director of American Cancer Society, and in all tolls, he raised millions of dollars for his community and the State of Illinois.

Coming back to his role as a recognized leader in the Jaycee organization, he believed in the mission of leadership training and led seminars in training for our organization. He knew the majority of the Past Presidents of the Illinois Jaycees. He went on to be one of the founders of the Illinois JCI Senate and was unanimously elected as the Charter President of the Illinois Senate. His story does not end there, he went on with a group of Senators to help formulate the United States JCI Senate. He took his talents of flying on his own dime, all around the country promoting the idea of forming a National Senate organization.

Jim personally visited 21 states, TOYM (Ten Outstanding Young Men), Canada, Japan, Korea, China, and attended the CREW meeting in Washington DC, made two visits to Coral Gables International Headquarters, and met with John Armbruster in St. Louis plus he attended numerous Jaycee Chapter meetings, adding 100 flying hours to his Beech Bonanza, 10,000 miles on his 1972 Ford and 76 hours on commercial jet to encourage and recruit the dream of an idea to form a National JCI Senate organization.

The results in 1972, in a crowded room in Atlanta, Georgia, a simple philosophy was developed and agreed upon, to help Jaycees as an honorable supportive backdrop, on our own time and at our own expense, to help the organization grow with interest and enthusiasm and to make new and long-lasting friendships in the greatest organization in the world.

So, in June of 1972, in Atlanta, Georgia with 21 states present, a motion presented by Illinois and seconded by the state of Virginia that a National Senate organization be formed known as "The United States JCI Senate" passed. The first order of business was Mr. Jim O'Connell from the state of Illinois was elected by acclamation as the first President of the United States JCI Senate.

Jim was a gentleman who put his heart and soul into our organization's beginnings and once it became a success he sat back and enjoyed the organization's success and growth. I remember asking Jim the last time I sat down sharing a cocktail, "Jim back in the day, did you ever think the organization would become what it has?" He said, "No, I never believed that we would accomplish the dream that many of us who put this together would ever reach the heights that the organization has become."

He will be dearly missed by us all!

ON-TO REPORT

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We've Got the Drive to Travel!

Hello Illinois JCI Senators! My name is Maureen Niedenthal and I'm your 2022-2023 On-To Chair. I'd like to invite you to pack your clubs (or just your suitcase) and join us on another Senate adventure. I've been involved in the Jaycees/Senate for 24 years. Joining the Jaycees was such a good idea and I'm so thankful for all of the friendships I've made through the years. Becoming a Senator is icing on the cake!



We just finished celebrating "Destination Friendship" under the leadership of **Lynne McGill #70364** and swearing in President **Bill Patterson #47979**. We are now going "Back to the Caddyshack" so I'd like to challenge you to take part in the Par-Tee Schedule!

We have lots of opportunities to travel and I'd like to keep you up to date on the events. Please look at our IL JCI Senate website for registration forms to these events.

Sept. 29 – Oct. 2 US JCI Senate Fall Board in Golden, CO

Illinois has a great group of people heading west this fall! If you get your registrations POSTMARKED by August 15 you get the less expensive full registration rate of just \$75. You can also sign up for early hospitality for only \$20. We're staying at the Marriott Denver West. Use block code US JCI Senate Fall BOD to get the \$129 room rate. This deal is also available for 3 days before and 3 days after the event! Make sure to get your rooms by August 30! Contact **Shannon Klocker #77823** at 719-691-1736 shannonf86@hotmail.com or **Ron Holzer #56549** at 303-589-5999 for more information.
<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1647040779453&key=GRP>

Oct. 7-9 MI JCI Senate 50th Anniversary

The Michigan Senate wants us to join their celebration in Frankenmuth! There will be hospitality at the Bavarian Inn Lodge on Friday, Bavarian Belle Riverboat Tour Saturday, and the Saturday banquet with open bar and with a commemorative pin included. Call (855) 652-7200 and book with code 13E86M to get the \$160 room rate. They also have premium room and suite options. Registration for the event is only \$75 and covers the hospitality, dinner, AND the boat ride! Contact **Kim Hubbell #68729** at 248-882-2279 or waterfordjcs@aol.com for more information.

Oct. 14-15 IL/MO JCI Senate Wine Tour

This year the event is hosted by the Missouri Senate. Last I heard, only 5 seats on the bus remain so sign up NOW! Everyone is staying at the Super 8 in Union, MO 636-583-8808 use block code JCI Senate 5136B310235767 to get the \$92.30 rate which includes breakfast. Your \$75 registration helps pay for the bus and driver that will get you to some fun wine/beer establishments. You may partake on the bus and there's room for a few coolers. Please contact **Tonya Myers #66222** at 573-234-3315 or jci66222@gmail.com for more information.

Oct. 28-30 IL Fall Meeting/IL Jaycee GA

The IL Jaycees have scheduled their fall meeting in Peoria. We'll be staying at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. Free parking is included as well as a full cooked to order breakfast buffet. They have a two-room suite with a king bed or a two-room suite with 2 double beds. Call 309-694-0200 and use group code: IJC. When you book within the block you are helping the Jaycees meet their room requirements.

Nov. 19 MI JCI Senate 5th Annual Jeans & Jewels Gala

The MI Senate has organized this casual night with a bit of bling in order to raise money through their silent auction and wine/spirit pulls. Registration is only \$45 for one or \$80 for two. This covers your dinner, dessert, and open bar. **Nina Perko-Badeen #73043** ninaperko13@gmail.com can answer your questions as well as help you with donations and sponsorship opportunities. The event is at the St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Rd. in Livonia, MI.

Jan. 19-22 US JCI Senate Winter Board

Join us in New Orleans this winter for the National Winter Board Meeting! Full registration is \$75 and early hospitality is only \$20. We're staying at the Hilton New Orleans Airport 800-445-8667. Use JCI23 to receive the \$126 rate which includes free parking and free airport shuttle. Illinois always has a good group at the Winter meeting. We hope you can join the fun!

Jan. 27-29 IN/KY Joint Meeting

This year Indiana is hosting the event. Make sure to follow the E-Blast to get more information on this event!

Please consider this your invite to join in on the fun! Pack your clubs (or just your suitcases) because we're On-To another course!

DESTINATION PARADISE ILLINOIS JCI SENATE PICNIC 2022

KATHY CRICK #71017 CHAIRPERSON

July 21-23 the Northeast Region JCI Senate hosted our Summer Picnic 2022 in Savoy, IL in honor of outgoing President, **Lynne McGill #70364**. Thursday night early hospitality featured Mexican night with tacos and margaritas, **Kate Patterson #52517** wowed the crowd with her super-secret refried bean casserole.



As people drove in on Friday we enjoyed each other's company with BBQ, wineries, golf, and some pool time. Thank you to **Bill Patterson #47979** and **Tony Symoniak #66367** for putting together golf and running the grills all weekend. It was nice to welcome **Tony Symoniak #66367** back into the cool kids' group. Hopefully it won't be another 12 years before his grilled shrimp makes another appearance.

Friday night dinner included fried chicken and fresh from the garden cucumber salad from **Melodie Ainslie #69200**. **JDO #36308** and **Bev Olson #42473** were the official Wal-Mart runners, as they kept the liquor stocked and the beer cold all weekend. In my opinion JDO bought too much beer, but he will be the first one to say, "you can never have too much beer!"

Saturday started with a paint social for the ladies, thanks to **Kate Patterson #52517** for organizing. Hopefully, everyone spent the next week finishing off your "Welcome" antique truck door plates. Another group was off to the golf course with **Bill Patterson #47979** and **Tony Symoniak #66367** leading the way.

Saturday for lunch we visited Bunny's Tavern for Bar Burgers. A great big thanks to **Denny Birt #37116** for the recommendation (and all the other little things he did all weekend to help). **JDO #36308** and **Bev Olson #42473** put together another great Bar Burgers and collected \$430 for IJCF scholarship funds.

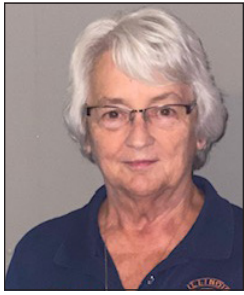
Back to the hotel for the meeting as **Lynne McGill #70364** said her goodbyes. Thank you to **Maureen Niedenthal #67669** for being the photographer for the year and putting together the year end video. Congratulations to **Tony Symoniak #66367** for being The Sandra K. Barker Memorial Award winner and **Kathy Crick #71017** for being The Larry Wayne Ferguson Memorial Award winner. It was nice to have two of our favorites US Senate Region V VP **Norm Hoffman #25676** and President **Susan Hatcher #58143** in attendance. Norm entertained us with his Let's Make a Deal game show while Susan was able to Experience our Illinois JCI Senate Hospitality.



We finished out the evening with a truly amazing charcuterie board competition organized by **Donna Ward #53588**. Thanks to everyone that participated! We will see this competition again. We finished off the night with our traditional steak dinner with **Tony Symoniak #66367** and **Bill Patterson #47979** leading the grill crew. A giant thanks to **Jack Ward #53858**. Jack has an amazing way of not being in charge of anything but being in charge of everything at the same time! So many other people to thank for always stepping up and asking what they can do to help! It is truly a pleasure to call so many of you my friends.

Good luck to **Bill Patterson #47979** and his team as we go Back to the Caddy Shack for 2022-2023.





SECRETARY'S REPORT

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ILLINOIS JCI SENATE MINUTES SUMMER MEETING JULY 23, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Donna Baker #67041

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Lynne McGill #70364 at 1500

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Veterans

CHAPLAIN: Marsha DeVore #67330 - Gave the invocation

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Denny Birt #37116

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Pat Eimer #56785, Second by Chris Stierwalt #52938. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Donna Baker #67041

1) **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137, Second by Eldon Bowers #45999. Motion passed.

2) **FORUM: Chris Rick #78649** (absent) - Report deferred to 2nd meeting

3) **Website: Ray Ainslie #44136** - Report deferred to 2nd meeting

4) **E-Blast: Sandi Harpstrite #65882** (absent) - Report deferred to 2nd meeting

5) **Video: Maureen Niedenthal #67669/Kathy Crick #71017/Lynne McGill #70364** video played with pictures from past year.

Motion to Approve Secretary's Report: Motion by Ted Kuenzli #32166, Second by Monty Schroeder #62203. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Roxy Hollenstine #78247

1) **Membership Information Exchange/Directory: Kathy Crick #71017** - New directory is in the back. If you have a Gmail account, we're having issues with Gmail accounts. It is fixable; just get a hold of me. The last one was sent out last Monday. Any address changes need to be done through the website.

2) **Audit Committee: John "JDO" Olson #35308** - Met virtually Monday night. Thanks to **President Lynne McGill #70364, Roxy Hollenstine #78247, Marilyn Burton #55106**, and **Monty Schroeder #62203**. Thanks to Monty and his mafia for the Poker. People purchasing gift cards help. With bar burgers we had 79 people and collected \$380 going to Foundation Scholarships.

3) **Finance Committee: Wayne Kiefer #36498** - Committee met last night. I had contact with Edward Jones back in April. Two weeks ago received quarterly statement. We have two accounts with them. One investment and one cash account. The investment side was doing what it was supposed to do—make us money. When I opened the envelope it showed a zero balance. Line item was an abandoned account and was moved to the Illinois Treasurer's Office. I was to have received a registered letter prior to moving but did not receive one. The funds are intact, will be moved to Edward Jones. While it is in the hands in the Unclaimed Division, the shares will be making money, or not. We are not hosting the Bubba any longer. We still get checks and donations and give the money to the Foundation for scholarships.

4) **Fundraising:**

a) **Senate Products: Heather Ulrich #72836** (absent) - No report.

b) **Poker: Monty Schroeder #62203** - This past year gross was \$9,170, expenses \$5,516, net income \$3,654. Thanks to my partner in crime **Denny Birt #37116**. Thanks to **Greg Hilleary #43305**, my wife, **Sherri Schroeder FR #52**, **Digger McGraugh #36156**, **Mark Niedenthal #39701** and **Maureen Niedenthal #67669** for their help. Next year's dates are: 2/18/23, 3/18/23, 4/15/23, 5/20/23, every third Saturday.

c) **Lotto: Tony Symoniak #66367** - We made \$1,430 this year

d) **Silent Auction: JoAnn Smith #51107** (absent) - No report

e) **Birdies for Charity: Wayne Huelsmann #30592** - Deferred to next meeting

f) **SCRIP Gift Card Fundraising: Vanessa Birchler #74430** (absent) - **Kathy Crick #71017** thank you so much for all the purchases. Made almost \$1,000 this past year.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Motion by John "JDO" Olson #35308, Second by Brian Ziegler #42479. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: MaryAnn Hilleary #64615 - Thanks for all the prayers, cards, and text messages for support. It's been a long 3 years!

1) **Freshman Senators: Greg Hilleary #43305** - We had 4 new senators come in the month of May.

2) **Camp New Hope: Mike Birchler #79421** (absent) - The Senate sent in sponsorship for a camper this year

3) **Historian: Ray Ainslie #44136** - No report

4) **Summer Picnic 2022: Kathy Crick #71017** - Thanks for coming

Motion to Approve Administrative Report: Motion by Monty Schroeder #62203, Second by Mark Niedenthal #39701. Motion passed.

MANAGEMENT REPORT: Cindy Ogden #73418 (absent) - **President Lynne McGill #70364** called on Chairmen.

1) **Hospitality: Kathy Crick #71017** - Thanks to everybody who came this year. \$16.89 in the red.

2) **SOAR: Marilyn Burton #55106** - No report

3) **On-To: Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** - Deferred to next meeting

4) **Constitution and ByLaws: Kate Patterson #52517** - Deferred to next meeting

5) **Future Directions: Kathy Crick #71017** - Thanks to the committee

6) **Senatorship Assistance Program: Stephanie Pittenger #59999** - We have had no applications sent in. I encourage you to go to the website and see the criteria.

Motion to Approve Management Report: Motion by Terry Niemann #79418, Second by Maureen Niedenthal #67669. Motion passed.

REGION DIRECTOR REPORTS: No reports

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD COMMENTS: Robbie Johnston #51099 - No report

PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL AWARDS: Stephanie Pittenger #59999 introduced the Sam Barker Memorial Award. **President Lynne McGill #70364** presented to **Tony Symoniak #66367**. **Wayne Kiefer #36498** introduced the Larry Ferguson Award. **President Lynne McGill #70364** presented to **Kathy Crick #71017**.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Chairman of the Board **Robbie Johnston #51099** - Thanked **President Lynne McGill #70364** for serving as our President and presented her with gifts and a plaque.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Thanks for allowing me to serve as your President this year. It has been such a great experience. I'm glad I didn't pass this opportunity up.

Motion to Recess the Meeting at 1602 by Terry Kolaz #68698, Second by Wayne Huelsmann #30592. Motion passed.

ILLINOIS JCI SENATE MINUTES SUMMER MEETING JULY 23, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Kay DeGroot #73333

MEETING: President Bill Patterson #47979 reconvened the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Denny Birt #37116 introduced National officers, National appointees, visitors, and guests.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Bill Patterson #47979, 56th President of the Illinois JCI Senate, was sworn in by Susan Hatcher #58143, US JCI Senate President. The new Board of Directors was then sworn in by President Susan. Following the swearing in, the Presidential Chain was moved from Lynne McGill #70364, Outgoing President, to Bill Patterson #47979, Incoming President. Past Presidents Monty Schroeder #62203 and Brian Ziegler #42479 assisted in the moving of the Chain.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Wayne Huelsmann #30592, Second by Chris Stierwalt #52938. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Motion by Brian Ziegler #42479, Second by Larry Stierwalt #22131. Motion passed.

US JCI SENATE REGION V VP: Norm Hoffman #25676 introduced his Let's Make a Deal fundraiser and introduced those selling his tickets during the meeting.

US JCI SENATE PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES TICKET CHAIR AND US REGION V COORDINATOR: Ron Kimmert #43520 explained how those tickets would be sold and introduced those selling tickets during the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kay DeGroot #73333

- E-Blast:** Kate Patterson #52517 – Be sure we have your correct email. Will be sent out on the 1st and 15th of the month. Short and to the point, trying to not duplicate with Forum. Special E-Blasts will be sent out as needed.
- FORUM:** Chris Rick #78649 (absent) – Kay reported the next Forum deadline is August 22. Changes may need made with Steve Kesegi #53934 retiring at the end of August. Steve didn't charge the Senate for his formatting time.
- Website:** Ray Ainslie #44136 – The Website is up to date. Send your info to be posted. "If I don't have it, I can't post it!"
- Social Media:** Kathy Crick #71017 – Feel free to post, will continue as before.

Motion to Approve Secretary's Report: Motion by MaryAnn Hilleary #64615, Second by Pat Eimer #56785. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Roxy Hollenstine #78247

- Membership Info Exchange:** Kathy Crick #71017 – No report
- Audit Committee:** John "JDO" Olson #35308 – No report
- Finance Committee:** Wayne Kiefer #36498 – No report

Motion to Approve 2022-2023 Budget: Motion by Wayne Kiefer #36498, Second by Wayne Huelsmann #30592

A question was raised about the \$3,800 carryover in the proposed budget. This is for life member dues for first quarter to the US JCI Senate. It is hoped that can be increased to \$5,230 to cover all annual life member dues.

Vote to Approve: Motion passed.

4) Fundraising:

- Products:** Heather Ulrich #72836 (absent) – Roxy indicated nothing is changing.
- Poker:** Monty Schroeder #62203 – Poker is held every 3rd Saturday at Sarge's. Senate months are February-May.
- Lotto:** Tony Symoniak #66367 – One more year, tickets are for sale, set a goal of \$2,400, higher than his last year sales of \$2,175.
- Silent Auction:** JoAnn Smith #51107 (absent) – Roxy asked that anyone with a donation let JoAnn know sooner than later. Bill indicated that the Auction will be held at the Fall Meeting. Still working on a firm date from Illinois Jaycees.
- Scrip Gift Cards:** Lynne McGill #70364 – I am distributing gift cards requested and have cards to sell.
- Birdies for Charity:** Wayne Huelsmann #30592 – Was held first weekend in July. Brought in \$785 last year, cleared about \$750. There were 2,180 Birdies last year.
- March Madness Pool:** Ray Ainslie #44136 – There are 100 squares in the pool, each square is \$20. A website runyourpool.com runs the pool and it's easy. They only charge \$20, we collect and pay out prizes. Net profit would be \$1,240, more if we need a second board. You can be a guest so your name isn't on the website. Anyone can buy. Can use PayPal. All squares have to be sold before the March Tournament.
- Holiday Decorating Contest:** Kate Patterson #52517 – This is an online contest, cost is \$5 to enter, \$1 to vote. Categories are outside, inside, and trees, prizes in 3 categories \$100, \$75, \$50. Take entries around Thanksgiving. Will run from Dec. 6-24. She has run this for another organization and it works.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Motion by Maureen Niedenthal #67669, Second by MaryAnn Hilleary #64615. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE VP REPORT: Judson DeVore #65005

- Freshman Senators/First Timers:** MaryAnn Hilleary #64615 – Freshmen Senators will get packet. Asked if there were any in the room, no new Senators. First Timer at the Picnic, Larry Braus #59796, was asked to introduce himself.
- SOAR:** Chairman needed. Bill has national information. Senate Orientation, Activation and Retention.
- Camp New Hope:** Terry Niemann #79418 – Big fan, has visited the camp, worked cleanup day. Plans to have a fundraiser.
- Historian:** Ray Ainslie #44136 – Circulating a 1968 Illinois Jaycee directory. Got an Exhausted Rooster blazer, getting stuff from sons of Leo Briere #9714
- Summer Picnic 2022:** Kathy Crick #71017 – 78 registrations. Thanked the committee members. Golf prizes later. Charcuterie Board rules reviewed. Winners will be announced after dinner.

Motion to Approve Administrative VP Report: Motion by Greg Hilleary #43305, Second by Terry Kolaz #68698. Motion passed.

MANAGEMENT VP REPORT: Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137

- Hospitality:** Rita Senger #68534 – Will be looking for help in the future, don't be surprised if you hear from her.
- On-To:** Maureen Niedenthal #67669 – We have the "drive" to travel. Distributed a "Par-Tee" schedule so pack your clubs for another course.
- Constitution and Bylaws:** Kate Patterson #52517 – No report
- Spring Fling:** Kathy Crick #71017 – Be sure to attend the US Region V Spring Fling in Galena, March 17-19. Stay on this side of the river or you've gone too far, beautiful things to see.
- Future Directions:** Kathy Crick #71017 – Will be meeting with the Committee, asked for thoughts and concerns.
- Senatorship Assistance:** Stephanie Pittenger #59999 – The policy and forms are on the website. If you know someone that qualifies and was overlooked, get the information in as soon as possible.

Motion to Approve Management VP Report: Motion by Gary Pittenger #24804, Second by Tony Symoniak #66367. Motion passed.

REGION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

- Prairieland:** Russ Cooper #4638 – Clarified that the picture of his bumblebee swimsuit was for his national appointment and his goal is to try to get one for US President Susan. Prairieland is doing well, looking forward to On-To Galena. Issued a \$20 challenge to other regions that have more people in Galena than Prairieland.
- SERVE:** Monty Schroeder #62203 – Presented a check for \$100 to the Illinois Jaycee Charitable Foundation's scholarship fund.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7)

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Picnic 2023: Lynne McGill #70364 – Northeast Region still working on the hotel, more info at the Fall Meeting.

50/50 RAFFLE: Robbie Johnston #51099 – Collected \$275, winning ticket was **Terry Barker #40979**

US SENATE PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES: Ron Kimmel #43520, US Senate Sweepstakes Ticket Chair and US Region V Coordinator – 12 \$10 tickets were sold, 24 people put in \$5 for a total \$120 collected, 14 winners were announced.

HIGH/LOW SENATE NUMBER AWARDS: High – **Chuck Dick #79617**; Low – **Russ Cooper #4638**

NATIONAL GUESTS COMMENTS: Comments from **Amanda Turner #65613**, President of Ohio, thanks to everyone for coming to the Pig Roast; **Lori Tomlin #62797**, President of Indiana, please come to Indiana's Fall meeting in Portage; **Paul Myers #72173**, US Senate Region VI VP, sign up for the MO/IL wine tour, attend the Region VI Fall meeting in Rochester, gave some of his pins that incorporate Alzheimer's and a tribute to **Gerry Moore #26604**; **Eldon Bowers #45999**, Iowa is hosting the US Senate Fall BOD Meeting in Kenner, LA; **Kim Hubbell #68729**, Michigan is celebrating their 50th and noted the 5th Annual Jeans and Jewels fundraiser coming up.

Gary Pittenger #24804, US JCI Senate Secretary – Thanked Illinois and Region V for their support. The US Senate electronic directory will be available August 1, form requests are available on the US Senate website under on-line forms, hard copies available at US Fall BOD, attend his Communications forum at Fall BOD in Golden, and sign up in on-line forms for the US Senate E-news.

Marilyn Burton #55106, US Region V Foundation Representative – Thank you for supporting the raffle at Spring Fling, will need donations for next spring, think about joining the Foundation to support scholarships.

Ray Ainslie #44136 – Past President's picture following, already has money for March Madness.

Norm Hoffman #25676, US Senate Region V VP – Thanked the Senate for their support, noted in 77-78 and 78-79 he and Pitt served together for Illinois Jaycees, shared a story, awarded his Challenge pins, and drew winners in his Let's Make a Deal.

US JCI SENATE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Susan Hatcher #58143 – Spoke on her theme of "Experience of the Senate", read a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt about experience, awarded her pins to some on her national team. **President Bill Patterson #47979** presented **President Susan Hatcher #58143** with a large framed picture of Busch Stadium.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Lynne McGill #70364 – No comments

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Tony Symoniak #66367 – Already sold \$1,150 in Lotto tickets

Stephanie Pittenger #59999 – Linda Kelley's daughter had to go back on dialysis and is back on donor list for new kidney so asked for prayers.

Terry Kolaz #68698 – Is a member of US Jaycee Foundation Board. Please urge Jaycee chapters to submit grant proposals. Also reported that **Charlie Gouveia #18294** has been hospitalized but due home soon and could use some cards of encouragement. Thanked the Picnic committee.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Bill Patterson #47979 – **Vanessa Birchler #74430** is running for Deputy President of the US Jaycees, one of our own, has worked hard for the organization, and even harder for the Jaycees, and could use financial help.

ADJOURN WITH JAYCEE CREED: Led by **Terry Neimann #79418**

Motion to Adjourn at 6:10 p.m. by Monty Schroeder #62203, Second by Wayne Huelsmann #30592. Motion passed.



TREASURER'S REPORT

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Greetings! It was great to see everyone at the Summer Picnic and I certainly look forward to our next meeting. I would like to express my thanks to all of the Chairmen who have taken on the various projects that fall under the Treasurer. I look forward to working with those who are continuing in their Chairmanships and the Chairmen of those new projects being kicked off this year.

You will be hearing more throughout the year about the March Madness Pool (**Ray Ainslie #44136**, Chairman) and the Holiday Decorating Contest (**Kate Patterson #52517**, Chairman). Both of these projects are new this year and should add a great deal of fun to our time together.

Tony Symoniak #66367 and our Lotto project are already off and running towards his new goal of selling \$2,500 in tickets. Tony has started off this project with over \$1,000 in ticket sales at the Picnic. Way to go! At this rate he will surpass his goal in no time.

The Silent Auction is being chaired by **JoAnn Smith #51107**. It would be helpful to JoAnn if those who believe they can commit to donating an item would let her know in advance if at all possible. This information is very useful when setting up for auction space, bid sheets, etc... JoAnn said to just call or email her if you will be donating an item. There is no need to be specific as to what the item is—we are just trying to get an overall idea to the number of items. JoAnn can be reached at joanndeadysmith21@gmail.com. I will kick it off by committing a basket.

On a final note, the budgets for 2021-22 and 2022-23 are included. These are reflective as of 6/30/2022 and were approved by those in attendance at the meeting.

2021-2022 BUDGET
As of June 30, 2022

Lynne McGill #73064, President
Roxanna Hollenstine #78247 Treasurer

INCOME							
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total	Budget	Variance
Balance Forward	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,889.10	\$ 2,889.10	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 910.90
Life Memberships (6x240)	\$ 720.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 10.00
Membership Dues (45x30)	\$ 180.00	\$ 120.00			\$ 300.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,050.00
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct	\$ 5,500.00		\$ 3,570.51	\$ -	\$ 9,070.51	\$ 5,500.00	\$ (3,570.51)
Presidential Advance	\$ 2,038.85				\$ 2,038.85	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (38.85)
Mentor Support	\$ 144.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (100.00)
Forum Support	\$ 65.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 334.00
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 586.00	\$ 1,786.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (286.00)
Products	\$ -	\$ 205.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 205.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 195.00
Fundraisers					\$ -		
Birdies for Charity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 743.58	\$ -	\$ 743.58	\$ 700.00	\$ (43.58)
Lotto Raffle	\$ 420.00	\$ 820.00	\$ 885.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (675.00)
Silent Auction	\$ -	\$ 1,497.00		\$ -	\$ 1,497.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3.00
Camp New Hope	\$ -	\$ 446.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 446.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 194.00
Drawings	\$ 220.00	\$ 253.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 626.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (126.00)
Poker Night	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,025.00	\$ 6,145.00	\$ 9,170.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 830.00
Gift Card Fundraiser	\$ -	\$ 1,135.38	\$ -	\$ 16,184.62	\$ 17,320.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (7,320.00)
Wine Tour	\$ -	\$ 650.00			\$ 650.00		\$ 650.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 10,287.85	\$ 6,257.38	\$ 9,209.09	\$ 25,108.72	\$ 50,863.04	\$ 41,580.00	\$ (9,283.04)

EXPENSES							
USJCI Dues (760x7)	\$ 798.00	\$ 1,799.00	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 1,358.00	\$ 5,285.00	\$ 5,320.00	\$ 35.00
Lifetime Membership				\$ 1,430.00	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (430.00)
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct				\$ 3,570.51	\$ 3,570.51	\$ -	
Mentor Support	\$ -	\$ 248.00		\$ 102.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (100.00)
Forum Support	\$ -	\$ 298.86	\$ 241.91	\$ 509.29	\$ 1,050.06	\$ 500.00	\$ (550.06)
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ 877.90	\$ 256.18	\$ 668.81	\$ 1,802.89	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (302.89)
Products	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 685.00
Presidential Expenses	\$ 2,610.46	\$ 562.36	\$ 1,195.66	\$ -	\$ 4,368.48	\$ 4,300.00	\$ (68.48)
Presidential Awards	\$ 568.70	\$ 59.91	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 828.61	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 371.39
National Guest Expense	\$ 298.74	\$ 421.97	\$ -		\$ 720.71	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 779.29
Region V Dues	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 100.15	\$ 100.15	\$ 100.00	\$ (0.15)
Operating Exp. (postage/paper)	\$ 214.58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 214.58	\$ 350.00	\$ 135.42
Name Tags (New Life Members)	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.91	\$ -		\$ 30.91	\$ 125.00	\$ 94.09
Senate Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Sponsorships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 624.27	\$ 674.27	\$ 800.00	\$ 125.73
Website	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Fundraisers					\$ -		
Birdies for Charity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lotto Raffle			\$ -	\$ 744.95	\$ 744.95	\$ 800.00	\$ 55.05
Silent Auction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Camp New Hope	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00	\$ -
Drawings	\$ 220.00	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (260.00)
Poker Night	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,771.25	\$ 3,744.75	\$ 5,516.00	\$ 8,795.00	\$ 3,279.00
Gift Card Fundraiser	\$ -	\$ 570.00	\$ -	\$ 15,770.13	\$ 16,340.13	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (7,340.13)
Wine Tour	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00		\$ (650.00)
Balance to 2022-2023						\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,725.48	\$ 5,008.91	\$ 4,845.00	\$ 30,112.86	\$ 44,692.25	\$ 41,380.00	\$ (3,312.25)

Other Funds	Designee	Amount	Balance as of
Contingency	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 5,000.00	12/31/2021
Savings	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 4,881.97	6/30/2022
Life Accounts	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 125,311.12	12/31/2021
Poker Fund	Monty Schroeder	\$ 75.00	6/30/2022
General Fund Checkbook	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 6,620.25	7/18/2022

Senate Funds in Foundation	
Illinois JCI Senate Convention	\$ 2,447.82
Illinois JCI Senate Convention	\$ 7,359.05

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TREASURER'S REPORT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9)

Here is the 2022-2023 budget as approved at the last meeting.

2022-2023 BUDGET
As of June 30, 2022

Bill Patterson #47979, President
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INCOME							
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total	Budget	Variance
Balance Forward		\$ -	\$ -			\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Life Memberships (6x240)						\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00
Membership Dues (45x30)						\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct						\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Presidential Advance						\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mentor Support						\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Forum Support						\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Hospitality						\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Products						\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Fundraisers							
Birdies for Charity						\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Lotto Raffle						\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Silent Auction						\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Camp New Hope						\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00
Presidential Sweep						\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Drawings						\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Poker Night						\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Gift Card Fundraiser						\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Spring Fling						\$ 12,250.00	\$ 12,250.00
Holiday Decorating						\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
March Madness Pool						\$ 2,000.00	\$ 650.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,640.00	\$ 57,640.00

EXPENSES							
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total	Budget	Variance
USJCI Dues (760x7)						\$ 5,320.00	\$ 5,320.00
Lifetime Membership						\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct						\$ -	\$ -
Mentor Support						\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Forum Support						\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Hospitality						\$ 2,205.00	\$ 2,205.00
Products						\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Presidential Expenses						\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00
Presidential Awards						\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
National Guest Expense						\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Region V Dues						\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Operating Exp. (postage/paper)						\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Name Tags (New Life Members)						\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Senate Directory						\$ 380.00	\$ 380.00
Sponsorships						\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Website						\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Fundraisers							
Birdies for Charity						\$ -	\$ -
Lotto Raffle						\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Silent Auction						\$ -	\$ -
Camp New Hope						\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00
Drawings						\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Presidential Sweep						\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Poker Night						\$ 8,795.00	\$ 8,795.00
Gift Card Fundraiser						\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Spring Fling						\$ 12,250.00	\$ 12,250.00
Holiday Decorating Contest						\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
March Madness Pool						\$ 740.00	\$ 740.00
Balance to 2022-2023						\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,640.00	\$ 57,640.00

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Contingency	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 5,000.00	6/30/2022
Savings	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 4,881.97	6/30/2022
Life Accounts	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 94,866.86	6/30/2022
Poker Fund	Monty Schroeder	\$ 75.00	6/30/2022
General Fund Checkbook	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 6,620.25	7/18/2022

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Illinois JCI Senate Convention	\$ 2,447.82
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Full Registration # _____ @ \$85 _____

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A BIRDIE TOLD ME...

BY LINC

This space is saved for each and every one of you. Anyone can submit to this “tell-all” (if it’s appropriate) column. Inquiring minds want to know!

An “unofficial” contest was happening at the Picnic’s Friday Pool Party. Kay D was relieved to no longer be the oldest there when JDO appeared. JDO, however, was glad to relinquish that title when Norm arrived. It should be noted that Russ was not in attendance for the “contest.”

A random question of “do you want to do me first?” is being left right where it happened in order to maintain some amount of respect and to protect the privacy of those involved.

Maureen, the photographer—the official “shot” coordinator, was the coordinator for a snoot-shoot shot for a special guest.



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TRIBUTE TO LELAND JAMES “JIM” MAMMEN #37122

BY WAYNE KIEFER #36498

Jim would have been 70 while in Louisville at National Convention this year. We had planned to celebrate the new decade. Unfortunately, that did not happen. I knew something was wrong on our annual January trip to Florida. This trip was different and 3 ½ months later he was gone.

I first met Jim as a candidate for State Vice President of the Illinois Jaycees back in the early '80's. You see, I too was a candidate. We were both elected and our lifelong friendship began. We proceeded to train, learn and grow in the Illinois Jaycees. Little did we know what the future held for us in friendship and careers in the Illinois Jaycees, Illinois JCI Senate and then the US JCI Senate.

We were involved in On-To for about 4 years. Jim served as On-To Chairman for the Jaycee convention in Reno, Nevada. I served as On-To Chairman for the convention in Richmond, Virginia. There were and have been many things that have happened during all of that travel, most of which we will leave in the past.

Jim took a leadership role in the Illinois Jaycee Charitable Foundation, serving as President and I served as Treasurer. We were recognized by our respective local chapters as Senators and that opened up more opportunity. We became involved with the US Senate Region V and then became involved with the US JCI Senate. Again, much travel and time spent together.

As many of you already know, Jim was a leader and not afraid to tackle an issue whether good or bad. Jim did this in his private life as well, while serving on the Lincoln High School Board and about 6 years as President of the School Board. He was Ambassador to Europe for 4 years with the US Senate and was also involved with several different committees while being an advisor to Illinois and Region V for many years. Jim was Senate Chairman for the World Congress meeting in Las Vegas in 2002 where we spent about 10 days working very hard for JCI and the US JCI Senate. Then Jim decided he wanted to tackle the position as President of the US JCI Senate. So we traveled some more, along with Denny DeGroot, Gary Pittenger, Denny Birt and many others in support of Jim's goal. He completed that bucket list in 2017 as the Illinois Senate hosted the US Senate National Convention in Northbrook, Illinois.

Jim loved his family, his community and the Jaycee organization. Through all our years together our friendship stayed intact. No matter what city we were in, Jim & I played golf, Cindy & Margie checked out the local Goodwill Stores, places to visit and eat.

The Illinois Jaycee family and the Senate have lost several of our leaders the last few years, and now we add Leland James Mammen and Jim O'Connell to that list. Move over Denny, Roger, Hongsie, Val, Greenie, Bill, Jim, Tiney, Larry, and Ed, you have company.

I miss my friend, Senator #37122.

Thank You!

STEVE KESEGI

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**For your long-time efforts
in publishing the Forum
and best wishes on your
upcoming retirement!**

Get well wishes

to our Emeritus Editor

CHARLIE GOUVEIA

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**Hope you are back in the
swing of things soon!**

CHAPLAIN

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For those that are not aware, I was asked by **President Bill Patterson #47979** to be his Chaplain this year. There are many items that I am looking to include in this article: notes along with pictures for recently deceased Senators, good news, births, new jobs, new marriages, children's marriages, or new homes. I will also include sickness and requests for prayers.

Heavenly Father, please grant us good health and happiness. May our blessings be many and our sorrows be few.

Send news to me by text at 815-260-1836 or email to joanndeadysmith21@gmail.com.

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is coming!

This year's Silent Auction will be held at the Spring General Assembly and TOYP. I am so excited to once again be the Chairperson for the Silent Auction. We are looking for donations of just about anything, including beer, wine, and other beverages, home decor, pictures painted by local artists, or pictures taken by local artists, and homemade jams, jellies and preserves.

If you have an item that you would like to donate and are not able to transport it, please contact me. Monies raised will go to the Illinois Senate.

FRESHMAN SENATORS

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The following Senatorships have been presented since May.

05/15: Casey Bridges #80697 - awarded by JCI Collinsville, 802 W Mill Street, Staunton, IL 62088
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05/23: Fran Samaras #80522 - awarded by Chicago, 208 West Mill Valley Drive, Colleyville, TX 76034
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05/30: Jennifer Sheridan #80628 - awarded by Schaumburg, 1537 Cynthia Lane, Hanover Park, IL 60133
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05/30: Ashley Sheridan #80629 - awarded by Schaumburg, 1537 Cynthia Lane, Hanover Park, IL 60133
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07/03: Barbara Cima #80306 - awarded by Palatine Jaycees, 156 S Forest Avenue, Palatine, IL 60074
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Please join with me in congratulating these outstanding award winners. This is the future of the Illinois JCI Senate. Their Freshman Senator packets will be emailed to them. I hope to see some of them at the Freshman Toast in the Illinois JCI Senate hospitality room on October 28th.

LOTTO

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Lotto Tickets - 1 more year!

Yes, you heard at the Picnic meeting that I will be doing Lotto Tickets 1 more year. Last year we sold \$2,175 worth of tickets. My goal this year is to sell \$2,400+ worth of tickets.

What happens if we sell over \$3,000 worth of tickets? Hmm, maybe a pie in the face or grass shirt and coconuts? That means I would need everyone's help in Illinois and in US Region V to accomplish this goal. This is a very easy fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 a piece or \$50 for an envelope of 10 numbers. All you have to do is send me money (Paypal, Venmo or check) and I will give you your lotto numbers. That is it. It's very easy. Then you wait until the Illinois Lotto drawings (evening Pick 3) starting in February to see if you win. You win \$50 each time your number is pulled. Please buy early and often. Great for Birthday gifts, Christmas gifts or Anniversary gifts. By the way, we raised over \$1,000 at the July Picnic meeting. Only \$1,400 to my goal or \$2,000 for other crazy ideas to happen. Please contact me via email at jaycees69@msn.com or by cell 630-710-1065 to buy those tickets.

MARCH MADNESS

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Coming soon, an Illinois Senate March Madness Fundraiser! You guessed it, it's based on the March Madness brackets! More to come at future meetings. Be on the lookout!

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WEBSITE: The website address is illinoisjcisenate.org. Any pictures or items to be posted, as well as questions or comments, can be directed to Ray Ainslie at rayainslie@frontiernet.net.

FACEBOOK: Our Facebook page is Illinois JCI Senate. Feel free to continue to post any events, photos, and comments as you always have. If you haven't done so, "like" our page so that you will see any new posts in your feed. Any questions, or for assistance with our page, contact Kathy Crick kcricer14@sbcglobal.net.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the Communications Team or if I can help you in any way, please reach out to me at kaydsix@yahoo.com.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

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Coming soon!

Win cash for your holiday decorations. The Illinois JCI Senate will be sponsoring a Holiday Decorating Contest. We will have three categories: Tree, Indoor Display, and Outdoor Display.

The contest will be on our Illinois JCI Senate Facebook page. Upload pictures of your beautiful décor and then we get to vote. The entry fee for decorations will be \$5. Voting will be \$1 per vote. We will have voting specials on some days that may give you 5 votes for \$1. We will award First Place \$100, Second Place \$75, and Third Place \$50 in each of the three categories. The contest is open to the public so refer your friends and family. Watch the November 15 E-Blast for the link to sign up. You love to decorate, so why not score some cash for your efforts.

HOSPITALITY

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Hello, I am this year's Hospitality Coordinator. The first Senate get together is coming up October 28-30 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria.

We are fortunate the hotel has breakfast provided for their guests. (More details to follow.)

Chris Curtis #35440, Mississippi Valley RD, will be providing the light meal on Friday evening.

JoAnn Smith #51107, Fox Valley RD, and **Gary Pittenger #24804** from Prairieland are taking care of lunch on Saturday. We are looking for a Region to provide snacks.

The second meeting will be at the end of January/early February (Date TBD). **Ray #44136** and **Melodie #69200 Ainslie** will provide breakfast. Two Regions are needed to provide for Friday night's meal and lunch on Saturday. We will also need a Region to provide snacks. (More details to follow.)

The third meeting we hope will be in the South Central area. South Central will be providing either the Friday night meal or the Saturday luncheon. We need Regions to cover the rest of the meals and snacks.

I look forward to serving you all this year. Any help is greatly appreciated. I want to thank you all for the help you are giving to facilitate our meetings.

If you are interested in providing a meal or helping in any way please contact me at (217) 341-0036.

SENATORSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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In the past month we as Senators have celebrated some wonderful milestones. The US JCI Senate celebrated our 50th Anniversary and the Illinois Senate celebrated another successful year. Why do I bring this to your attention? Well it made me stop and think that we have so many amongst us that served in the Jaycees, but somehow were overlooked or missed the opportunity to be recognized with a Senatorship.

The JCI Senatorship Assistance Program Committee would encourage you to go to the website and look over the criteria for eligibility for the Assistance Program. We are looking for the opportunity to welcome those who should be with us celebrating all those moments and milestones we have to look forward to and treasure.

If you need assistance please feel free to contact anyone on the committee. Start the process as soon as possible so that those who are deserving of this recognition can join the family and the fun.



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.*

-C. William Brownfield #197

