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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**G**reetings from the Illinois Caddyshack!

Illinois JCI Senate



Welcome back to the Caddy Shack!

As we move into December, I can't help but look back at this past year. 2022 has been very costly for the members of the Illinois Senate as we lost many of our long-time leaders who were great men and women, as well as dear friends. These friends were living proof *"That earth's great treasure lies in human personality."* I again offer my deepest condolences to their families and all the friends they left behind. We all will miss them so very much. My hope for 2023 is that Father Time will be much kinder to us all.

Thank you to the Mississippi Valley and Prairieland for covering the meals at the Fall meeting in East Peoria. The food was excellent and plentiful. Thank you, **Rita Senger #68534** and **Lisa Hirstein-Hughes #73357** for all your efforts providing hospitality.

Summer is rapidly turning to winter and golf opportunities in Illinois are getting few and far between. I'm lucky to get in more than one round per week! The snowbirds have started to pack and plan for their escape to warmer climates. Hopefully we will catch up with them in NOLA in January. I hope to see as many of you as possible for our Winter meeting in Normal January 27-29. Nominations for next year's officers and directors will be taken at that time.

We have multiple fundraisers coming up very quickly. Please do what you can to help support these projects. **Kate Patterson #52517** has the Holiday Decorating Contest up and running. LOTTO ticket sales are going strong, but there is still time to get tickets from **Tony Symoniak #66367** at [jaycees69@msn.com](mailto:jaycees69@msn.com). **Ray Ainslie #44136** will kick off his March Madness Pool after the new year. **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** will be chairing the Silent Auction at our May meeting in East Peoria. Please let her know if you are bringing items for the auction.

**Monty Schroeder #62203** is looking for volunteers to work at our Poker Nights in the Danville area. Four events will be held between February and May. The dates are February 18, March 18, April 15 and May 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.

Thanks to all of our chairmen for your dedication to the Illinois Senate.

Congratulations to **Steve Kesegi #53934** on his retirement! Steve has been an invaluable member of the Forum team for many years. His contributions have been a great professional and financial asset to our Senate organization.

If you are fortunate enough to have a Jaycee Chapter near you, please do anything you can to support them. They are our future.

With the holidays rapidly approaching, I want to wish all of you a safe and blessed holiday season, and best wishes for a great 2023! See you all in Normal!

Keep them in the fairway!

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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**JUDSON DEVORE #65005**

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**F**ellow Illinois JCI Senators,

As I am writing this, it is the middle of the holiday season. I hope everyone is having a merry time and being safe! Soon it will be January and time for the Winter GA. I am continuing to look for new ways for the Senate and the Illinois Jaycees to interact. Let me know if you have an idea or suggestion.

**MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** (MaryAnnH63@yahoo.com) is available to help with any new Senator.

Contact **Ray Ainslie #44136** (RayAinslie@frontiernet.net) with any information 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 continuing to look for ways to activate more Senators as well as develop mentors for the Illinois Jaycees.

Contact **Terry Niemann #79418** (Thunder9779@yahoo.com) about Camp New Hope and raising funds for sending some campers.

Chairman of the Board **Lynne McGill #70364** (LynneMcGill1@gmail.com) is heading up the committee planning the Senate Picnic in 2023. More details elsewhere!

## MANAGEMENT REPORT



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**W**ow! How fast time is zooming by. Can you believe it? It's almost Christmas. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for in our house. God gave us all another day, we have a roof over our head, food in the refrigerator, and the freedom to be who we choose to be.

I want to thank **Rita Senger #68534** and **Lisa Hirstein-Hughes #73357** for doing Hospitality at the October meeting in Peoria. Thank you for supper on Friday Night - Mississippi Valley Region and Lunch on Saturday - Prairieland. Also, thanks to those who stepped up to help while Rita was sick and hurting. I've always said it takes a village.

From my house to yours, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

See you all in Kenner (New Orleans), LA, January 19-January 22, 2023.

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Your Management Team:

Hospitality: **Rita Senger #68534**

On-To: **Maureen Niedenthal #67669**

Constitution and Bylaws: **Kate Paterson #52517**

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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**H**ello Senators:

I can't believe it is December already. It's that time of year to start thinking about stepping up for next year's Illinois JCI Senate Board. I am asking you to consider running for an office. Nominations for Officers (President, Administrative Vice President, Management Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) and Region Directors will be accepted at the Winter Meeting January 28, 2023, in Bloomington, IL.

Contact the Election Committee members: **Robbie Kay Johnston #51099**, **Wayne Huelsmann #30592**, or me prior to the meeting with questions on any position or to put your name in for a position. It is a wonderful chance to get to know your fellow Illinois Senate 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.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful Holiday.

Yours in Senate Friendship.

If you received this newsletter by mail, it means we do not have a valid email address for you! Please go to the [illinoisjcisenate.org](http://illinoisjcisenate.org) website and complete the address change form so you can get the full-color Forum sent right to your inbox. The Forum can also be found on the website.

## ON-TO REPORT

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**H**appy holidays, Senators!

Hope you're spending time with good friends and family this time of year. I'd like to personally invite you to join the fun and plan to travel with the Illinois JCI Senate in 2023! There are plenty of opportunities to Experience the Senate.



**January 19 – 22**

Kenner, LA

**US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting**

<https://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/registration-forms/2023-winter-bod-meeting-registration/viewdocument/2613>

**January 27 – 28**

Bloomington-Normal, IL

**Illinois Winter Meeting**

**February 23 – 26**

Pigeon Forge, TN

**Region VII Mini National**

**March 17 – 19**

Galena, IL

**Region V Spring Fling**

<https://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/registration-forms/region-v-spring-fling-mar-17th-19th-2023/viewdocument/2751>

Our Illinois theme is Welcome Back to the Caddy Shack. That means good times, great friends, and sharing memories. I encourage you to reach out to a Senate friend who hasn't been around for a while and invite them to join you at a future event.





## TRIBUTE TO JOANN SMITH #51107

BY MAUREEN K. NIEDENTHAL #67669

**JoAnn Smith #51107** was like family to me. I was blessed to meet **Jerry #38632** and JoAnn during the summer of 1998 as they hosted what I'd later learn was a Fox Valley Regional in their backyard on Country Club Road. She was welcoming, kind, and funny – just what I needed at that point in my life. Immediately she wanted me to join in the fun of being a Jaycee and insisted that I ride with her to Springfield to my first GA.

Looking back at my time with JoAnn I can't separate it from time with Jerry. They were a true power-couple team. When one needed/wanted to become involved in the Jaycees, the Illinois JCI Senate, or their church, you got a two-for deal in the Smiths. Without preaching, they were a great model to me of what a couple can do to support others while supporting each other.



JoAnn had a heart of gold. She loved her family, the Senate, friends, her Mary Kay team, and their church. I enjoyed hearing her laugh as she'd share stories of Jaycee days. JoAnn never sat you down and told you how times were better then or what you should be doing differently, she just shared what she enjoyed and then was so good at listening when someone else shared.

Many of you will recall her tales with the girls of South Elgin. She was a huge supporter of the entire Fox Valley Region and served as the Region Director. Woodstock became her home when she and Jerry started seeing each other and then married. I think other chapters like Algonquin-LITH, Cary-Grove, McHenry, Hebron, Huntley, and Harvard would easily call JoAnn their own as well. She made friends quickly and showed her support to everyone.

Her fun tales didn't stop with Jaycees. JoAnn was thrilled to be an Illinois Senator. In 2002 JoAnn led the IL Senate with her theme, "*Stand Tall, Stand Proud, Stand Out*" where she was tickled to share her love of penguins. She was eager to travel and meet new Senate friends. For years I heard stories of the fun Michigan ladies she roomed with, the Thanksgiving dinner during World Congress in Las Vegas, and some crazy golfing advice she received from the guys.

I marveled at how resilient JoAnn was. When Jerry passed away last year it really shook her world. She faced what other widows faced, the loss of her best friend and mounds of tasks that sometimes were foreign, daunting, and lonely. While navigating all of these changes, she decided to step up and get re-involved with the Illinois Senate by working on the silent auction. Her last official office was that of Chaplain. I knew she'd pour herself into those jobs and give all she could because that's what JoAnn did.

When we lose important people in our lives, I think it's important to focus on all that we received by knowing them. With JoAnn, I traveled, planned, recruited, trained, shared, laughed, and cried. She introduced me to **Mark #39701**. My life is better because of my close relationship with both Jerry and JoAnn and I treasure her proclamation that Jerry had kids, she had her daughter, Shaun, and they shared me.



## ILLINOIS JCI SENATE PICNIC

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Illinois JCI Senate Picnic 2023. We are hosting it back in Savoy, Illinois, at the Best Western Paradise Inn, July 28-30, 2023. It is such a great hotel with a great pool. We will have a lot of fun things planned, and of course there will be golf.

Please see the registration form on page 11 in this newsletter.

Yours in Senate Friendship.

**H**ello Senators,

BRRR it's cold outside! However, winter will soon be over, and we will be thinking about "*Vacationing in Paradise*". It's never too early to register for the

## COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

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me at kaydsix@yahoo.com will receive the pin at the next meeting.

**E-BLAST** information is sent out on the 1st and 15th of each month. Information should be sent to **Kate Patterson #52547** at kpatterson52517@gmail.com unless time would allow for it to be in the next Forum.

Anyone can send in pictures or information for the **FORUM**. The email address is iljciforum@yahoo.com. Please remember that articles should include Senators' full names and numbers AND names and numbers should be bolded. Questions can be directed to **Chris Rick #78649** at crick10101@aol.com.

The **WEBSITE** address is illinoisjcisenate.org. Information to be posted should be sent to **Ray Ainslie #44136** at rayainslie@frontiernet.net.

Feel free to continue to use the **FACEBOOK** page as you always have. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact **Kathy Crick #71017** at kcricker14@sbcglobal.net.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

**KATE PATTERSON #52517**

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**L**ight up the Clubhouse!

Thanks to all of you that entered the Light up the Clubhouse holiday decorating contest. Voting goes on until 12/24 so check in and vote. Here's the link: <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/illinoisjcisenate>

## HOSPITALITY

**RITA SENDER #68534**

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**O**ur next Senate get together is coming up January 27-29, 2023, at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington-Normal.

Thank you to those that have already committed to provide food: Dinner will be provided by **Kathy Crick #71017** for Northeast Region. **Ray #44136** and **Melodie #69200 Ainslie** are providing Breakfast on Saturday for the South Region. I am still working on Saturday Lunch. Snacks are taken care of.

I want to personally thank **Lisa Hirstein-Hughes #73357** for pitching in and helping me last meeting when I wasn't feeling 100%.

I look forward to serving you the rest of this year. Any help is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in providing a meal or helping in any way, please contact me at (217) 341-0036.

Sorry we will miss the snowbirds at the next meeting, but I look forward to seeing everyone else.

## LOTTO

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**W**e are 3 short months away before the Lotto Frenzy starts. Do you have your lucky LOTTO numbers?? I am only \$1,000 away from my goal of \$2,500 worth of tickets sold. We need everyone's help to accomplish this goal. These tickets can be great birthday and/or holiday

gifts. Tickets are \$5 per ticket, \$50 for 10 tickets. Please contact me via cell 630-710-1065 or email jaycees69@msn.com to get your tickets. I have Venmo, PayPal, or you can send me a check via snail mail.

Yours truly,  
Tony aka Sponge Bob

## US SENATE PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES

**RON KIMMET #43520, SWEEPSTAKES TICKET CHAIR**

**AND REGION V COORDINATOR**

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**H**ello Region V Senators!

First, let me thank all of you that have sent in your tickets and donations to date. I am proud to announce that

Region V is leading all other Regions in ticket sales and that 3 of the 5 Region V states are in the top 5 in ticket sales. Keep up the great work and thank you again for your donations.

As Region V coordinator it is my job also to look for prize donations to go along with the grand prize of \$2,000. We are looking for any prizes valued at \$25 up to \$100. We will take cash, gift cards, and anything that is prize worthy. Any donations less than \$100 will be put together with other donations to create a prize worth \$100. Please help us reach our goal of 100 additional prizes.

If you want to make a prize commitment, you can contact me by phone or email. Thank you, again.  
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# TREASURER'S REPORT

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Seasons Greetings! I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting in Bloomington-Normal January 27-29, 2023. I would like to thank all of the Chairmen who have taken on the various projects that fall under the Treasurer. Here is the budget for 2022-23 as of 10/21/2022, which was approved by those in attendance at the last meeting.

2022-2023 BUDGET  
As of Oct 21, 2021

Bill Patterson #47979, President  
Roxanna Hollenstine #78247 Treasurer

INCOME							
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total	Budget	Variance
Balance Forward	\$ 5,230.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 5,230.00	\$ 5,230.00	\$ -
Life Memberships (6x240)	\$ 240.00				\$ 240.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,200.00
Membership Dues (45x30)	\$ 600.00				\$ 600.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 750.00
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct					\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Presidential Advance					\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mentor Support	\$ 110.00				\$ 110.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 140.00
Forum Support	\$ 113.00				\$ 113.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 87.00
Hospitality	\$ 150.00				\$ 150.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,350.00
Products	\$ 30.00				\$ 30.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 370.00
<b>Fundraisers</b>					\$ -		
Birdies for Charity					\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Lotto Raffle	\$ 725.00				\$ 725.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 775.00
Silent Auction					\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Camp New Hope					\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00
Presidential Sweep					\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Drawings	\$ 138.00				\$ 138.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 112.00
Poker Night					\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Gift Card Fundraiser	\$ 800.00				\$ 800.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,200.00
Spring Fling	\$ 595.00				\$ 595.00	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 11,655.00
Holiday Decorating					\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
March Madness Pool					\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 8,136.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,136.00	\$ 59,070.00	\$ 50,934.00

EXPENSES							
USJCI Dues (760x7)	\$ 770.00				\$ 770.00	\$ 5,320.00	\$ 4,550.00
Lifetime Membership					\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct					\$ -	\$ -	
Mentor Support	\$ 110.00				\$ 110.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 140.00
Forum Support	\$ 423.58				\$ 423.58	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,076.42
Hospitality					\$ -	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 2,205.00
Products					\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Presidential Expenses	\$ 2,000.00				\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Presidential Awards					\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
National Guest Expense	\$ 684.82				\$ 684.82	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 815.18
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	\$ 167.50				\$ 167.50	\$ 380.00	\$ 212.50
Sponsorships					\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Website					\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
<b>Fundraisers</b>					\$ -		
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
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 4,155.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,155.90	\$ 57,640.00	\$ 53,484.10

Other Funds	Designee	Amount	Balance as of
Contingency	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 5,000.00	9/30/22
Savings	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 4,881.97	9/30/22
Life Accounts	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 93,954.10	9/30/22
Poker Fund	Monty Schroeder	\$ 75.00	10/21/22
General Fund Checkbook	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 7,269.51	10/21/22

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



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

KAY DEGROOT #73333

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Here are the minutes from the most recent meeting.

## ILLINOIS JCI SENATE FALL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 29, 2022

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Bill Patterson #47979** - Called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Asked that we work with the Jaycees; they are our future; treat them as best we possibly can.

**INVOCATION: Dave Chapman #45773** - Gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Gary Pittenger #24804** - Led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Denny Birt #37116** - Introduced Past Presidents and Special Guests. Asked each of the following groups to stand for recognition: Congresswomen, Veterans, Friendship Award.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion by Heather Ulrich #72836, Second by Russ Cooper #4638. Motion passed.**

### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS:

1) **President Bill Patterson #47979** asked for approval to appoint **Dave Chapman #45773** as Chaplain and Fox Valley Region Director.

**Motion by Maureen Niedenthal #67669, Second by Stephanie Pittenger #59999. Motion passed.**

2) **President Bill Patterson #47979** asked for approval of **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** as Silent Auction Chairman.

**Motion by Maureen Niedenthal #67669, Second by Heather Ulrich #72836. Motion passed.**

### SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kay DeGroot #73333

1) **Approval of Minutes as printed in the Forum**

**Motion by Russ Cooper #4638, Second by Gary Pittenger #24804. Motion passed.**

2) **E-Blast: Kate Patterson #52517** - Sent out on the 15th and the 1st. Email information to her and she will use, unless the timing allows for it to be in the next Forum.

3) **FORUM: Chris Rick #78649** - Next deadline is December 5.

4) **Website: Ray Ainslie #44136** - Absent but he sent a report that there have been calendar problems with the Website but that should be resolved soon.

5) **Social Media: Kathy Crick #71017** - Continue to post, if appropriate. Please post visits to other states.

Secretary Kay reminded everyone that each member is part of all four areas of the Communications Team. Please post and use the Facebook page, utilize and submit information for the Website, read and submit information for the E-Blast, and read and submit articles, pictures and Linc-worthy items for the Forum.

**Motion to Approve Secretary's report by Monty Schroeder #62203, Second by Anthony Coletti #73419. Motion passed.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT: Roxy Hollenstine #78247

1) **Membership Info Exchange: Kathy Crick #71017** - Directory is out, if it is incorrect, use change of address on the Website, let her know of any changes you hear about so she can follow up.

2) **Audit Committee: John Olson #35308** - Absent but submitted a report that the committee had met via Zoom. They reviewed the spreadsheet and all was found to be in good order.

3) **Finance Committee: Wayne Kiefer #36498** - Absent but sent amounts for financial report. Treasurer Roxy reported that the Life Account funds had been recovered from unclaimed property.

#### 4) Fundraising

a) **Products: Heather Ulrich #72836** - Can get any products you want and if you have ideas of any products that can be added, let her know.

b) **Poker: Monty Schroeder #62203** - This year's dates are Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, and May 20 in Danville at Sarge's Tap. He runs other poker events, doing quite well so hope that continues. Easy to do, if anyone wants to help, let him know.

c) **LOTTO: Tony Symoniak #66367** - Absent but reported he has raised about \$900 and let him know if you want any tickets. He will be at the January meeting with tickets, still in time for the February drawings.

d) **Silent Auction: MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** - Will be held at the May meeting. Re-gift those unwanted Christmas gifts.

e) **Scrip Gift Cards (now Raise Right): Chairman Needed - Kathy Crick #71017** has some gift cards to sell. Also noted you can get quantities of hard cards individually mailed to you and you can send e-gift cards through the app.

f) **Birdies for Charity: Wayne Huelsmann #30592** - Absent but **Gary Pittenger #24804** reported we made \$835 this year, not sure about amount for bonus checks yet, won't have the checks until February meeting.

g) **March Madness Pool: Ray Ainslie #44136** - Absent. **Mark Niedenthal #39701** reported the Pool covers the entire NCAA bracket, winners at all levels, amount increases each round, squares are \$20, must fill the board before you can see your numbers.

h) **Holiday Decorating Contest: Kate Patterson #52517** - You can win prizes for indoor villages, Christmas trees, and outside decorations. \$1 to vote between December 10-23. Some days will have a special where you get more votes for less money.

**Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report by Greg Hilleary #43305, Second by Mark Niedenthal #39701. Motion passed.**

### ADMINISTRATIVE VP REPORT: Judson DeVore #65005

1) **Freshman Senators/First Timers: MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** - No new Senatorships given, no First Timers here.

2) **SOAR: Marsha DeVore #67330/Larry Braus #59796 - Marsha DeVore #67330** reported on Senate Outreach, Activation, and Retention (SOAR). These are things we already do. Encouraged us to reach out to inactive Senators and bring them in, and also to encourage the Jaycees.

3) **Camp New Hope: Terry Niemann #79418** - Absent, looking for fundraising ideas. SERVE Region donated \$100 in memory of **Mark Wiley #39704**.

4) **Historian: Ray Ainslie #44136** - Absent but sent his report that "Today is tomorrow's history".

5) **Summer Picnic 2022: Kathy Crick #71017** - The Summer Picnic was a success. Everyone on the committee did an excellent job. Others jumped in and did a fabulous job as well. Hotel worked out well in the end.

Admin VP Judson asked us to help our local Jaycee chapters--be a resource for them. Go out and participate.

**Motion to Approve Administrative Report by Lisa Hirstein-Hughes #73357, Second by Lynne McGill #70364. Motion passed.**



# SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7)

**MANAGEMENT VP REPORT: Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** – Had spoken to Linda Kelley and she said hi.

- 1) **Hospitality: Rita Senger #68534** - Was not present at report time, but **Lisa Hirstein-Hughes #73357** reported there were 37 paid last night. Lunch would be served after the meeting.
  - 2) **On-To: Maureen Niedenthal #67669** – Encouraged people to pack their clubs or suitcases as we're off to another course. Gave upcoming dates for travel opportunities: Jeans and Jewels in Michigan, US Senate Winter Board in New Orleans, Indiana and Kentucky joint meeting, and US Region VII Mini-National in Tennessee. The US Region V Spring Fling is in Galena in March and National convention is in St. Louis in June. Reach out to her for more info or check the Website.
  - 3) **Constitution and Bylaws: Kate Patterson #52517** – No report.
  - 4) **Spring Fling 2023: Kathy Crick #71017** – Create a FOMO: Fear Of Missing Out. Has registration forms available. Don't miss out; come to Galena for US JCI Senate Region V Spring Fling March 17-19, 2023.
  - 5) **Future Directions: Kathy Crick #71017** - Reported that the committee has not met. If you have anything for the committee, let her know.
  - 6) **Senatorship Assistance: Stephanie Pittenger #59999** – No applications have been received. This is a good way to recognize those that have been overlooked.
- Motion to Approve Management Report by Gary Pittenger #24804, Second by Terry Kolaz #68698. Motion passed.**

## REGION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

- 1) **Russ Cooper #4638** - Welcomed everyone to Prairieland Region. Reminded other regions of his challenge that Prairieland will have more people in Galena than any other region.

**ILLINOIS JAYCEE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION: Anthony Colletti #73419** – Thanked Past President **Lynne McGill #70364** and President **Bill Patterson #47979** for their efforts. Asked Founder's Club members to stand. Thanked the Senate for their support. Gave a rundown of grants they approved: 2 Illinois Jaycees, 2 Springfield, 1 Cary Grove, 2 to Champaign-Urbana. Talked about US I-Bond that has a good interest rate: go to Treasurydirect.gov. Explained how to become a Founders Club member. Responded to a question: presently have \$172,000 based on a cost basis.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

## NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Summer Picnic 2023 - Lynne McGill #70364** presented a bid for the Northeast Region to host the 2023 Picnic in Savoy at Paradise Inn, July 28-30, 2023.
- Motion to Approve Picnic Bid by Kate Patterson #52517, Second by MaryAnn Hilleary #64615. Motion passed.**

- 2) **Letter of Intent to host National Convention 2025**

**Motion to Approve submission of Letter of Intent to host National Convention 2025 by Kate Patterson #52517, Second by Stephanie Pittenger #59999.**

**Discussion followed:** Would be held at the Chicago/Northbrook Hilton. Just the start of the process. It's a lot of work that follows. Meals have been scaled down. It's a money maker. Will have a sponsor. The Letter of Intent has to be submitted for the US Winter Board Meeting in New Orleans in January. A bid package would be the next step after this.

**Vote was called. Motion passed.**

**JCI ILLINOIS 91ST PRESIDENT: Eric Hiatt** – Thanked Senate for being here. More active members at this GA than May. Have some first timers doing the First Timer Program. The Jaycees are doing remarkable things. They have granted some funds for membership cards and brochures for some chapters. Doing some trainings live on Facebook and they are also running a Kids' Camp this weekend. Next meetings are Jan. 27 in Bloomington and May 6 back in East Peoria. Illinois Jaycees are the largest membership state with 10% of the national membership and attributes that to the Jaycees' hard work. Spoke about having sponsorships for awards as chapters want to save their funds for community work rather than pay for submissions.

**Gary Pittenger #24804** asked if the IL Senate was going to do a Sponsorship for an Illinois Jaycee award that President Eric just talked about. President **Bill Patterson #47979** had planned to look into it and some discussion followed.

**Motion by Gary Pittenger #24804 to pay \$30 for a Sponsorship, Second by Marsha DeVore #67330. Motion passed.**

**50/50 RAFFLE: Robbie Johnston #51099** - \$62.50, winner was **Russ Cooper #4638**.

**HIGH/LOW SENATE NUMBER AWARDS:** High was **Chris Rick #78649**; Low was **Charlie Goveia #18294** who joined online from his hospital bed saying he hoped to be back soon.

**US SENATE PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE: Kate Patterson #52517** collected \$5 from those wanting to participate, was enough for 5 tickets, winners were drawn.

## NATIONAL GUESTS COMMENTS:

- 1) **Russ Cooper #4638** - As the US Senate Ambassador to Europe, just returned from five-weeks visiting several different countries' Senate meetings. Told of future opportunities, including next World Congress in Zurich and the British Drumming Out.
- 2) **Gary Pittenger #24804** - Has enjoyed being on the US Board as Secretary this year. It isn't the first time he has been on a board with **Norm Hoffman #25676**, current US Region V VP.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD COMMENTS: Lynne McGill #70364** – Nominations will be taken at the next Illinois meeting. Think about how you can step up next year.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- 1) **Robbie Johnston #51099** - In the 70s, she attended a Jaycee ID program where she learned about foster care and ended up adopting two children. She will be speaking at the Jaycees' Luncheon, along with a caseworker, about how to get involved in foster care.
- 2) **Mark Neidenthal #39701** - Has March madness squares for sale.
- 3) **Gary Pittenger #24804** - Asked for a head count for dinner at Alexander's in Peoria this evening.
- 4) **Gary Pittenger #24804** - Will be announcing his candidacy as US Senate Admin VP in New Orleans.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Bill Patterson #47979** – Thanked everyone for the nice turnout. Thanked **Dave Chapman #45773** and **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** for stepping up to fill in for **JoAnn Smith #51107**. If you are lucky enough to have a local Jaycee chapter, help the Jaycees when possible.

**Motion to Adjourn at 10:46 a.m. by Dave Chapman #45773, Second by Monty Schroeder #62203. Motion passed.**

**ADJOURN WITH JAYCEE CREED:** Led by **Russ Cooper #4638**.

**DEADLINE FOR FORUM ARTICLES, MARCH 20, 2023**



## INTRODUCING JESSI NEIGHBORS

### ILLINOIS JAYCEES STATE PRESIDENT ELECT



Jessi joined the Springfield, Illinois Chapter in 2015. She served on her Chapter Board as Community Development Vice President in 2017 and received the Richard F. Bayer Memorial Award for Outstanding Local Community Development Vice President. In 2018 she served as Local Chapter President and helped lay a foundation to lead her Chapter to future success. In 2019 she took her passion for PMGs to the State Team and increased the number of Chapter submissions and received the R. Scott Robbins Memorial Award for Outstanding Program Manager. She was elected as Region Director in 2020 and was recognized as the Outstanding Region Team Member of the Year. She has served as a member of the State Executive team in 2021 as Programming Development Vice President and this past Year as the Administrative Vice President.

In 2023 Jessi plans to continue to move our State forward and encourage members to "*Find Your Wings*". Her team is working to develop sustainable programming to be offered over the year, assistance to Under 20 Chapters, and increasing engagement among younger and newer members. Her state initiatives include sustainability, getting outdoors/enjoying your parks, and seniors. She is looking forward to seeing the ways in which Chapters show their passions across these initiatives and helping to inspire and develop more young leaders.

## 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!

Evidently only the best "stuff" happens out of state. Pitt explained his National Secretary job duties with a twist – that he is in charge of social relations. Maybe we need to update our social media definition!

With all the holiday preparations, you have probably found out that glitter is as hard to un-spread as butter, right? You know "stuff" is happening. Where are those submissions, everyone?

At an-out-of-state event, our own US Region V NVP Norm's name was changed to Norma. So glad he can roll with the punches!



HOLIDAY WISHES TO YOU!

FOR  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR

KAY DEGROOT #73333



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHRIS CURTIS #35440  
49th PRESIDENT  
AND  
SUSIE COLBERT-CURTIS #73137  
MANAGEMENT VP



## US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting

Iowa Nice with Cajun Spice

January 19 through January 22, 2023

Hosted by the Iowa JCI Senate in Kenner, LA



US JCI SENATE 2023 WINTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ JCI Senate/Friendship # \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Current Office Title \_\_\_\_\_ Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check here if this is your first JCI National Meeting. ☐ Check here if you're a military veteran.

What Region would you like to sit with at banquet? \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Qty	Postmarked by 12/17/2022	Postmarked After 12/17/2022	On-Site	TOTAL
Full Registration*		\$75.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	
Thursday Early Hospitality (6 pm to 1 am)		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Daily Off-Site Fee (if not staying within the event room block)		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					\$ 0

- Full Registration includes Hospitality Friday and Saturday, Lunch Banquet on Saturday.
- Make a Choice(s) for Saturday Luncheon Banquet (enter Quantity): \_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_ Vegetarian
- Vegetarian or Religious/Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to IA JCI Senate Events & Mail check and registration form to:**

Lisa Badger, #67973  
617 S. 5th Ave. E.  
Newton, Iowa 50208

**Must be Postmarked by December 17, 2022**

Reservations: **Hilton New Orleans Airport**: 800-445-8667 Group Code: **JCI23** or [Online Reservations](#)  
Room Rate is \$126.00 plus taxes per night. (Rate is good 4 nights before and 4 nights after meeting dates, **Based on Availability**)  
Parking at the hotel is free.

**Cut-off date for room block is December 29, 2022.** The hotel address is 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, Louisiana 70062

Free Airport Shuttle runs every 30 minutes on the hour and half hour at **Gate B5**.

#### Contacts:

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**Illinois JCI Senate**



## *Destination Paradise*

### **Illinois JCI Senate Picnic**

**July 28-30, 2023**

**Hosted by the Northeast Region Senators**

**Best Western Paradise Inn**

**709 N. Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL**

**217-356-1824**

**Welcome back to the Caddy Shack!**

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

Room Rates: 129.99 + tax/night. Book under Illinois JCI Senate, (code **JCISen**) available through 6/21/23.

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Full Adult Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

Full Child Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Only # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Only # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration after June 21st # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Not included in Full Registration*

\*Thursday Early Hospitality # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Bar Burgers(Circle Choice: Burger Chicken) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Golf Friday afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration to: Lynne

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## *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



Welcome to Illinois' newest Senator, **Matt Stallard #81212** of the Highland Jaycees.

