

## President's Message

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Greetings from the year of Slowly Enjoying the Senate Journey.

Thank you to all who attended the Illinois Jaycees Spring GA and the TOYP / Hall of Fame banquet in April. The Senate Spring meeting went smoothly. **Bill Patterson #47979** handled elections with ease. Congratulations to next year's leadership team: President **Judson DeVore #65005**, Administrative VP **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73147**, Management VP **Chris Rick #78649**, Treasurer **Roxy Hollenstine #78247**. The Secretary position is still open.

Thank you goes to **Marilyn Burton #55106** for chairing the annual Silent Auction. The project brought in \$1,329, great job.

The Class of 2024 TOYP honorees were all very deserving. I was able to attend a post-reception for Jacob Dickey, an honoree sponsored by the Champaign-Urbana Jaycees. During the reception I was honored to swear in two new members (one being Jacob) for the chapter. We recently found out, he has also been selected as one of this year's TOYA recipients

After listening to Hall of Fame honoree **Mike Houston #24714** speech, we were shown once again how deserving he was to be inducted in that prestigious group.

Normally Poker would have wrapped up by now, but due to the request by Chicago Charitable Games, the dates in Danville were all cancelled. Then there were issues getting a new location, but at the time of writing this article, the following dates were set: June 28th at the Delta Marriott in Willowbrook, July 13th at the Bloomington Moose Lodge, July 19th at the Bridgeview Community Center and July 28th at Harald Viking Lodge in Tinley Park. All four within a short amount of time, but due to the Illinois JCI Senate license expiration on July 31, we didn't want to lose our last four licenses. A big THANK YOU goes to **Monty Schroeder #62203** for chairing this project in Danville for so many years. His crew of **Denny Birt #37116** and the Danville Mafia. **Chris Rick #78649** will be stepping in for Monty to finish up the last four games. If you can help Chris out at any of the games, please let him know at [crick10101@aol.com](mailto:crick10101@aol.com)

National Convention is in Tampa, Florida this year. I know there will be a large contingency from Illinois and Region V there to support **Gary Pittenger #24804** as he gets elected to be the next US JCI Senate President.

Illinois JCI Senate Picnic will be in Danville this year. Contact person is **Denny Birt #37116**. The Danville Mafia have a wonderful weekend planned with 2 days of golf, boat rides, silk scarf painting, bar burgers and the annual steak dinner. The registration form is in the newsletter. Room reservation is all through Denny.

Illinois has suffered some major losses this year in active members, and they will all be missed. Remember, tomorrow is not promised to any of us.

My first thank you needs to go to my Spousal Unit **Greg Hilleary #43305**. Thank you for carrying all my stuff, doing all that woodworking, listening to me rant, holding my hand, watching out over me and being so very supportive this past year.

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## Administrative Vice President



**Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137**  
Administrative VP  
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Our administrative team is always here to assist:

Camp New Hope: **Chris Curtis #35440**

IL/MO Wine Tour: **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137**  
National Meeting 2025: **Mark #39701 & Maureen #67669 Niedenthal**

Onto: **Maureen Niedenthal #67669**

Summer Picnic 2024-Journey to Danville: Bobby & **Denny Birt #37116**

Wheelchairs for Kids: ??? maybe you? Senator #  
Wreaths Across America/Flags for Fallen Veterans :  
**Mark Niedenthal #39701**

Anyone need help loading "Raise Right" on your phone. This is a great program. This program is so easy to make money for the senate. You are spending the money anyway just buy the script. Out to dinner, check and buy Script, out to the hardware store, check and buy Script, out to Wal-mart, check and buy Script. The senate makes money on gif cards or e-gift cards you are spending anyway at no extra cost to you.

No word yet from Missouri on a chairman for MO/IL Wine tour 2024. I hope to see many of you in Tampa, FL June 18 - 22 as we cheer on one of our own to Presidency 24-25.

### **President's Message** *Continued from Page 1*

I couldn't have done it without you. Our Board Members and Chairman have all done a fantastic job. I know the year went smoothly due to all their help. Thank you to my travel mates and watchers for all the help at the National Meetings, state meetings and events.

It has been a privilege and pleasure serving as your 57th President!

I will be continuing the journey...



## Treasurer



**Roxy Hollenstine #78247**  
Treasurer  
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Hello Fellow Senators,

I can't believe how fast the year is passing. It seems we were all at the last picnic just a few weeks ago.

Included in the newsletter is the budget as of 3/31/24 and presented at the last meeting. At that meeting, in Peoria, the Silent Auction was held and ended up being very successful. Thanks to all that contributed and a very special shout out to **Marilyn Burton #55106** for chairing this project. I am looking forward to seeing you all in July!

## Management Vice President



**Judson DeVore #65005**  
Management VP  
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Life's a Beach! Or at least that was the theme of the Management Area this past year. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the Senate Beach theme for the Hospitality room. I have enjoyed serving as your Management VP. I want to thank everyone who held a position under the Management area. Thank you for all of the work and effort each of you have contributed. Thanks again to everyone for making this past year fun.

## Secretary



**Christopher Rick #78649**  
Secretary  
crick10101@aol.com

Summer is here which means my term as your Secretary draws to a close. I want to take a minute to say that it has been a privilege to serve you this year. I hope to see all of you as we Journey to Danville July 26-28, 2024 to celebrate all of your accomplishments at the Illinois JCI Senate Summer Picnic.

I would also like to wish farewell and Godspeed to **Kate Patterson #52517**. Your work on E-Blast and innumerable other contributions to the Illinois JCI Senate will be sorely missed. Thank you to **Kathy Crick #71017** who has graciously agreed to help with E-Blast under these difficult circumstances. Minutes from the Spring Meeting can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your communications team if you need anything. I can be reached by email to [crick10101@aol.com](mailto:crick10101@aol.com) or via phone 847-533-0204. Social media moderator and interim E-Blast publisher **Kathy Crick #71017** can be reached by email to [kcricke14@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcricke14@sbcglobal.net) or via phone 708-254-1892. Forum editor **Joanne Rinaldo #71700** can be reached by email to [joanne1232@gmail.com](mailto:joanne1232@gmail.com) or via phone 847-561-2556. Our webmaster and historian **Ray Ainslie # 44136** can be reached at [rayainslie@frontiernet.net](mailto:rayainslie@frontiernet.net) or via phone 618-495-2673.

## OnTo SEA the Senate!

**Maureen K. Niedenthal #67669**

Illinois JCI Senate On-To Chair

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We're winding down a busy 2023-2024 and looking into the 2024-2025 year! Thank you **President MaryAnn #64615** for allowing me to be your On-To Chair this year. I also wanted to thank Admin VP **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** for her support this year. Promoting the Region V Senate events and our National meetings has been fun. Mark and I will be busy promoting the 2025 National Convention in the new Senate year. The following is a list of our traditional Region V Summer/Fall Tour events with some national events. Help us represent the IL JCI Senate with Incoming President **Judson DeVore #65005** while promoting our convention.

- June 18-22: US JCI Senate Annual Meeting - Tampa, FL
- July 12: Michigan JCI Senate Year-End Celebration
- July 19-21: Ohio JCI Senate Pig Roast - Kent, OH
- July 26-28: Illinois JCI Senate Summer Picnic - Danville, IL
- Aug 16-18: Indiana JCI Senate Summer Picnic - French Lick, IN
- Sept 19-22: US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting - Tulsa, OK
- Oct 18-20: Kentucky JCI Senate Fall Frenzy - Bardstown, KY
- Jan 9-12: US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting - Kenner, LA

## IL JCI Senate Auction-Fundraiser Report

**Marilyn Burton #55106**

Auction Chair

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The Silent Auction fundraiser for IL JCI Senate held Fri-Sat April 26-27, 2024 at Embassy Suites in East Peoria IL was a success, raising \$1329. Thanks to everyone who donated items, as well as those who bid on items. It was a great a great variety of items, including handmade crochet throw, woodworking items, ducks, poker chips set, Cardinals game tickets & some snoot shooter sets, complete with Ski and Jack!

I appreciate those who helped move, set up and sticker items, as well as helped distribute items to winners. The room was ideally located between the Jaycees and Senate Hospitality room so the auction was more visible than in past years. We had donations from the following Jaycee chapters: Highland, Palatine, Menard County, Springfield, New Baden, and Champaign-Urbana. Thanks again to all!

## Journey to Danville

**Denny Birt #37116**

Summer Picnic 2024

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We are SO excited to celebrate 2023-2024 and kick off 2024-2025 in Danville, IL. We have some fun things planned for your time in our part of the state! We are supporting the Champaign/Urbana Jaycees in their support of the Boys & Girls Club. We will be collecting school supplies and books for the Danville B&GC.

Get your registrations in soon so you can be part of the fun!

Early Hospitality Thursday - \$20 Fried Chicken with a variety of summer sides and salads

Friday Golf - Harrison Park Golf Course at 11:00 am

Tour Opportunities in Danville - Theater, War Museum

Boat Rides on beautiful Lake Vermilion on Friday. Space is limited so we're offering two different time slots, 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm. We're taking off from the GAO Grotto. People can use the restroom and grab a drink at the bar before and after their trip! The cost is just \$5/person and all money collected will be donated to the Champaign/Urbana Jaycees. Those of you who like to sit in the captain's seat for a picture can do that for another donation!

Saturday Golf - Turtle Run Golf Course at 7:30 am

Craft Saturday Morning - \$20. We're decorating silk scarves that would be great to wear or give as a gift. Deadline to sign up: July 1

Bar Burgers - \$20. 11:30 am GAO Grotto on Lake Vermilion



2024 Illinois Jaycees Hall of Fame Inductee **J. Michael Houston #24714** receives plaque from LJCF President **Kathy Crick, #71017**, HOF Chair **Wayne Kiefer #36498** and HOF Committee Member **Norm Hoffman #25676**.



# National Convention 2025 in Northbrook/Chicago

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**Mark #39701 & Maureen #67669 Niedenthal**

2025 National Convention Co-Chairs

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We're excited to host next year's US JCI Senate National Meeting in Illinois. It will be a week of exploring, training, and celebrations. Events like this take a village to plan and execute. Currently, we are looking for additional people to help with transportation, tours, and promotion. Sometimes people shy away from stepping up to help because they don't know if they have the time or resources to do the job. Please reach out and chat with us. We have so many different needs and most likely have something that's just the right fit!

Please let us know if you're heading to Tampa for this year's National Meeting. This is where Illinois will be kicking off our promotion of the 2025 Convention. We'll be handing out fliers and encouraging people to plan to come to Chicagoland. We are excited to host this event and need everyone's help!

## Region V Foundation Rep

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**Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137**

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Foundation Day at National Convention in Tampa will be Thursday, June 20. The day starts out with the Hinker Open. Check with Bill Patterson if you want to play. Want to sponsor a cart, a hole or make a donation check with Karen Kopp-Voshel. A Foundation Silent Auction will be held in the evening. Donations are accepted at convention, if you are unable to travel but have something to donate reach out to me and we can make arrangements to get it to Tampa.

Th US JCI Foundation 500 Club tickets are now available 1 for \$10.00 or 6 for \$50.00 (when spending \$50 it credits to your US JCI Foundation account). The drawings start in July 2024 and run every month until June 2025. There are 8 winners every month, 2 - \$100.00 winners and 6 - \$50.00 winners. Reach out to me if you still need tickets – my tickets will sell out while I'm in Tampa.

## Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation

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**Kathy Crick, #71017**

President, IJCF

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On behalf of the Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation, we would like to congratulate the 2024 Scholarship winners.

### **IL JCI Charitable Foundation Scholarship:**

- Ojas Shas from Normal Community High School. Ojas plans to attend the University of Champaign-Urbana in Fall 2024.
- Joseph Zeigler-Towey from Jones College Preparatory High School. Joseph plans to attend Duke University in Fall 2024.

### **Roger D Colbert "Bubba" Scholarship:**

- Erin Harpstrite from Wesclin High School, Trenton, IL. Erin plans to attend Greenville University in Greenville, IL in the Fall of 2024. Erin was sponsored by her parents, JCI Senators, Brian (#53840) and Sandi (#65882) Harpstrite.
- Quentin Muhs from Barrington High School, Barrington, IL. Quentin plans to attend Loras College in Dubuque, IA in the Fall of 2024. Quentin was sponsored by JCI Senators Anthony (#73419) and Joanna (#70803) Colletti.
- Peyton Schwantz from Lincoln Community High School, Lincoln, IL. Peyton plans to attend Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville. Peyton was sponsored by JCI Senators Herman (#58555) and Sara (#65361) Schwantz.
- Porter Schwantz from Lincoln Community High School, Lincoln, IL. Porter plans to attend Lincoln Land Community College. Porter was sponsored by JCI Senators Herman

(#58555) and Sara (#65361) Schwantz.

- George Oliver from Rochester High School, Rochester, IL. George plans to attend Southern Illinois University – Carbondale in the Fall of 2024. George was sponsored by his parents, JCI Senators, Todd (#58381) and Maribeth (#68669) Oliver.
- Addison Sutzer from Glenwood High School, Chatham, IL. Addison plans to attend Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville in the Fall of 2024. Addison was sponsored by Daniel Lund of the Chatham Jaycees.
- Coryn Toennies from Mater Dei Catholic High School, Breeze, IL. Coryn plans to attend Missouri State University, Springfield, MO in the Fall of 2024. Coryn was sponsored by JCI Senator, Marsha (#67035) & Donnie (#60938) Maine.

Thank you to **Wayne Kiefer #36498** and **Norm Hoffman #25676** for presenting the Hall of Fame inductee, **J. Michael Houston #24714**. If you know of a past Jaycee that is deserving of the honor please check out the [www.iljcf.org](http://www.iljcf.org) for nomination criteria and form.

This year, we were able to continue to assist the Illinois Jaycee, chapters and affiliates by fulfilling grant request for over \$10,000. Our grants have gone to assist chapters with projects for disaster relief, elderly, kids with cancer, homelessness, and brought communities closer together.

## 58th Illinois JCI President Elect



**Judson DeVore #65005**

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Greetings fellow Senators! During our time as Jaycees, we gained certain knowledge and experiences. We were recognized for this by being presented with a Senatorship. This year, I would like to focus on sharing our knowledge and experiences with the Jaycees and our communities. My theme for this year is "A Light Unto The World".

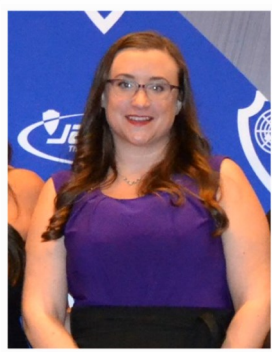
As most of you are aware, the year does not begin at the beginning, but months before. In March, we and a large group of Illinois Senators traveled to Columbus, Ohio to attend the Region V Spring Fling. It was a wonderful event! In April, we traveled to Croydon, IN to attend a meeting of the Indiana Senate. Had a great time at the event! After that, I had some health issues to deal with. As of this writing, we are planning on heading down to Tampa, FL for the National Convention in June.

I want to congratulate the incoming board for stepping up to help lead this great organization. Administrative VP Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137, Management VP Chris Rick #78649, and Treasurer Roxy Hollenstine #78247 for another term of keeping our finances straight. Currently, we are working on finding a Secretary which we hope to have by the picnic.

Be the Light your community needs today!



## Illinois Jaycees President



**Andi Whalen**  
93rd President, Illinois Jaycees

Greetings Illinois Jaycees Senators!

I'm Andi Whalen, the 93rd President of the Illinois Jaycees. What an adventure this year has been so far. Thank you for your support and guidance along the way. I am frequently asked what I need from you, the Senators. Well, I have two requests.

The first involves our local members. Local members are the heartbeat of the Jaycees, driving initiatives and projects that make a tangible difference in our communities. We have many new members who lack Jaycee experience. Jaycee experience is unique, and you all have the most of it!

I would love the Senators' help focusing on the leadership development of our local members. The guidance Senators offer is not only appreciated but essential in shaping the future leaders of our organization. I encourage each of you to take someone under your wing and guide them. Let's step in and be the resource they need to succeed. Let's help mold the next generation of our leaders.

My second request is for access to your network outside of the Jaycees. It's no secret that membership numbers are rapidly declining. We need everyone's help spreading the Jaycee word. Your barber, your neighbor, your nephew, your granddaughter... anyone you know aged 18-39 who could benefit from the Jaycees. Please connect them with your local chapter. Invite them to an event. It is that easy.

Thank you for considering my requests and for your continued dedication and support. I encourage each of you to stay actively involved with your local members and chapters. Your presence and participation not only uplift our members but also reinforce the spirit of unity and collaboration that defines us.





# ILLINOIS JCI SENATE 2023-2024

## April 27, 2024

### Minutes



CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** at 9:30 AM

INVOCATION – **Rod Hollenstine #46073**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ALL VETERANS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – **Denny Birt #37116**

Past Presidents

**Ted Kuenzli #32166**

**Wayne Kiefer #36498**

**Ray Ainslie #44136**

**Brian Ziegler #42479**

**Denny Birt #37116**

**Mark Niedenthal #39701**

**Norm Hoffman #25676**

**Jack Ward #53585**

**Chuck McFarlin #47910**

**Greg Hilleary #43305**

**Monty Schroder #62203**

**Robert "Digger" McGraugh #36156**

**Marilyn Burton #55106**

**Bill Patterson #47979**

**Wayne Huelsmann #30592**

**Robbie Johnston #51099**

**Lynne McGill #70364**

**Bill Patterson #47979**

**MaryAnn Hilleary #64615**

93rd ILLINOIS JAYCEES PRESIDENT – **Andi Whalen**

I have already had an opportunity to visit 10 of our 25 chapters this year. So far, our chapters are thriving. I have also seen tremendous growth in our members. Illinois Jaycees have added 48 new members in the first quarter towards our goal to add 200 new members for the year. Another goal is for 50% of chapters participating in the revamped POC program. The Fall GA will be held in Carlyle, Illinois October 4-6 2024. I would like to thank Illinois Senate President **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** for visiting so many chapters.

**President MaryAnn presented SP Andi with a plaque**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add Approval of Minutes

**Motion to approve the Agenda as amended by Monty Schroder #62203, Second by Brian Ziegler #42479. Motion adopted.**

US JCI SENATE PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE – **Greg Hilleary #43305**

SECRETARY'S REPORT – **Chris Rick #78649**

Approval of Minutes

**Amendment by Roxy Hollenstine #78247, Second by Robert McGraugh #36156**

Treasurer's Report: change language to *Motion to donate \$500 to Pitt's campaign*

Correct spelling of Robert "Digger" McGRAUGH #36156

Wine Tour: change language to *We made a profit even though there were*

**Motion to approve the Minutes as amended by Wayne Huelsmann #30592, Second by Donna Ward #53588. Motion adopted.**

1) E-Blast – **Kathy Crick #71017**

2) FORUM – **Joanne Rinaldo #71700**

Next Forum Deadline is June 1, 2024.

3) Historian – **Ray Ainslie #44136**

We received some historic materials. Please pass along anything you find.

4) Social Media – **Kathy Crick #71017**

FYI: Administrators can see who uses the anonymous post feature.

5) Website – **Ray Ainslie #44136**

**Motion to approve the report by Heather Ulrich #72836, Second by Sarah Harwerth-DeMarco #77671. Motion adopted.**

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Roxy Hollenstine #78247**

Financial Report was presented

**Motion to approve the financial report by Donna Baker #67041, Second by Wayne Huelsmann #30592. Motion adopted.**

1) Membership Info Exchange – **Kathy Crick #71017**

We are looking for a new printer to print the directory and other materials. Please pass along any referrals.

2) Audit committee – **Marilyn Burton #55106**

Audit is good. We are in line with the budget.

3) Finance committee – **Wayne Kiefer #36498**

It is time to review the budget... **Mark Niedenthal #39701, Wayne Huelsmann #30592, and Roxy Hollenstine #78247** will have a report for the picnic.

Discussion on changes to the contingency fund, from 5k to 10k.



#### 4) Fundraising

- a) 50/50 – **Robbie Johnston #51099**
- b) Birdies for Charity – **Wayne Huelsmann #30592**  
Tournament is July 4-7 2024. Pledge forms were distributed and are available online.
- c) Illinois Basketball Squares - **Ray Ainslie #44136 & Tony Symoniak #66367**  
Special recognition to Jeff Adley who sold 35% of the squares. We made \$1800 profit.
- d) LOTTO – **Tony Symoniak #66367**  
11% increase over last year. Thanks to top seller **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137**. \$2405 profit.
- e) March Madness Pool – **Ray Ainslie #44136 & Tony Symoniak #66367**  
More non-members participated this year. We made \$1170 profit.
- f) Poker – **Monty Schroeder #62203**  
Fundraisers will be moving from Danville.
- g) Products – **Heather Ulrich #72836**  
I am currently accepting orders for shipment or delivery to the summer picnic.
- h) RaiseRight (Gift Cards) – **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615**  
See me if you would like to purchase physical gift cards. Total sold so far is \$823.50.  
May 2-3 are Raise days with increased commission.
- i) Silent Auction – **Marilyn Burton #55106**  
Silent Auction is this weekend. Six chapters donated baskets. Auction runs until 4:00 PM.

**Motion to approve the report by Ted Kuenzli #32166, Second by Marilyn Burton #55106. Motion adopted.**

ADMINISTRATIVE VP REPORT – **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** (Absent, **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** presenting)

- 1) Camp New Hope – **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615**  
Looking for craft items and other donations. See their website for details.  
Camper registrations are filling up but there are still a few openings.
- 2) IL/MO Wine Tour – **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615**  
No report. Missouri JCI Senate does not have a chair yet.
- 3) National Meeting 2025 – **Mark Niedenthal #39701 & Maureen Niedenthal #67669**  
With the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board would like to entertain a motion that the National Meeting 2025 committee make a withdrawal of 7306.87 from the restricted account.

**Motion for the National Meeting 2025 committee to withdraw 7306.87 from the restricted account by Ray Ainslie #44136, Second by Kay DeGroot #73333. Motion adopted.**

Theme for the 2025 National Meeting will be "Summer In The City."  
We still need help with tours, VIP transportation, social media, fundraising, donations, and visitations.

- 4) Onto – **Maureen Niedenthal #67669**  
May 3-5 Michigan JCI Senate Elections and Social in Lansing, MI  
May 3-5 Ohio Year-End meeting in Oregon, OH  
June 18-23 US JCI Senate National Meeting in Tampa, FL  
July 13 Michigan JCI Senate Year-End Celebration in Grand Rapids, MI  
July 19-21 Ohio JCI Senate Pig Roast in Kent, OH  
Aug. 16-18 Indiana JCI Senate Summer Board Meeting in French Lick, IN  
Sept. 19-22 US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting in Tulsa, OK  
9/26-29 JCI Michigan Fall Conference, Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 5) Wheelchairs 4 Kids – Seeking chair
- 6) Wreaths Across America / Flags for Fallen Veterans – **Mark Niedenthal #39701**  
Great turnout for Wreaths Across America last year. This year will be on 12/14/24.  
Flags for Fallen Veterans dates are per cemetery. Check with your local cemetery to help.
- 7) Summer Picnic 2024 – **Denny Birt #37116**  
Journey to Danville July 26-28 2024. Craft will be scarf decorating.

**Motion to approve the report by Monty Schroder #62203, Second by Lynne McGill #70364. Motion adopted.**

MANAGEMENT VP REPORT – **Judson Devore #65005**

- 1) Chaplain's Report – **Rod Hollenstine #46073** No report
- 2) Constitution and Bylaws – **Kay DeGroot #73333** No report
- 3) Future Directions – **Melodie Ainslie #69200** (Absent, **Norm Hoffman #25676** reporting)  
**Melodie Ainslie #69200** has been hosting Zoom meetings with the Jaycees. More details at the picnic.
- 4) Hospitality – **Dawn Stangle #81504**  
Thank you to **Bill Patterson #47979**, **John D. Olson #35308**, and **Beverly Olson #42473** for helping with Hospitality.
- 5) Return the Favor – Seeking chair (**Judson Devore #65005** reporting)  
Please refer any worthy senators to me so we can get the paperwork submitted to nationals.
- 6) Senatorship Assistance – **Greg Hilleary #43305**  
We have funds put aside for sponsoring new senators from closed chapters.
- 7) SOAR / Freshman Senators – **Kay DeGroot #73333**  
First time Senator **Jessie Neighbors #82669** joined us this weekend.

**Motion to approve the report by Karen Helms #57838, Second by Greg Hilleary #43305. Motion adopted.**

## REGION DIRECTOR REPORTS

No report

## OLD BUSINESS

1) Nomination for Officers for 2024-2025 – Election Committee

**Bill Patterson #47979** reporting, plus **Robbie Johnson #51099** and **Lynne McGill #70364**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>
Fox Valley Region	Maureen Niedenthal #67669	Lynne McGill #70364	Denny Birt #37116
Gateway Region	Mike Birchler #79421	Wayne Huelsmann #30592	MaryAnn Hilleary #64615
Mississippi Valley Region	Chris Curtis #35440	Wayne Kiefer #36498	Wayne Huelsmann #30592
North Region	Bruce Widenhoefer #63672	Dawn Stangle #81504	Greg Hilleary #43305
Northeast Region	Tony Symoniak #66367	Tony Symoniak #66367	Monty Schroder #62203
Northwest Region	Terry Barker #40979	Norm Hoffman #25676	Denny Birt #37116
Prairieland Region	Russ Cooper #4638	Terry Kolaz #68698	Wayne Huelsmann #30592
South Region	Ray Ainslie #44136	Wayne Huelsmann #30592	John D. Olson #35308
South Central Region	Rod Hollenstine #46073	Kay DeGroot #73333	Terry Kolaz #68698
Serve Region	Monty Schroder #62203	Denny Birt #37116	Rick Jones #71685
Secretary	Open		
Treasurer	Roxy Hollenstine #78247	Marilyn Burton #55106	Bev Olson #42473
Administrative VP	Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137	Wayne Kiefer #36498	Monty Schroder #62203
Management VP	Chris Rick #78649	Kathy Crick #71017	Will Hinshaw #76510
President	Judson DeVore #65005	Rod Hollenstine #46073	Norm Hoffman #25676

**Motion to elect by acclamation, the slate of officers as nominated except for the office of President by Brian Ziegler #42479, Second by Wayne Kiefer #36498. Motion adopted.**

**Motion to elect by acclamation, Judson DeVore #65005 to the office of President by Denny Birt #37116, Second by Bruce Widenhoefer #63672. Motion adopted.**

## NEW BUSINESS

50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING – **Robbie Johnston #51099**

\$75 to winner **Kathy Crick #71017**

US JCI SENATE PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE DRAWING – **Greg Hilleary #43305**

**Kay Degroot #73333**

**Robbie Johnston #51099**

**Monty Schroder #62203**

**Brian Ziegler #42479**

**Mark Niedenthal #39701**

**Bill Patterson #47979**

## HIGH/LOW SENATE NUMBER AWARDS

High Senate number **Jessie Neighbors #82669**

Low Senate number **Wayne Huelsmann #30592**

**President MaryAnn presented them with plaques**

ILLINOIS JAYCEES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION – **President Kathy Crick #71017**

Kathy will be purchasing stuff for Camp New Hope. The BOD approved 3 grants; one of which went to the Illinois JCI Senate for the 2025 convention. Two others were for ID projects. We have three new life members and four new donors made their initial contribution. Scholarship winners were announced.

## NATIONAL GUEST COMMENTS

**Gary Pittenger #24804** (absent, **Monty Schroder #62203** reporting) Looking forward to seeing everyone in Tampa.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD – **Bill Patterson #47979**

I would like to thank all of you for the support over the last month. I appreciate all of you that travelled to the visitation and funeral. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Spousal Unit **Greg Hilleary #43305** received a cone head hat from Saturday Night Live.

**Wayne Kiefer #36498** US Foundation will be holding a golf tournament during the Tampa convention.

Stump Award at Spring Fling went to **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615**.



#### PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

National Convention in Tampa. Illinois' own **Gary Pittenger #24804** is running for President.

They will be voting on the Fall BOD meeting location: Topeka KS, vs Columbus OH.

**Motion to support Columbus Ohio by Chuck McFarlin #47910, Second by Norm Hoffman #25676. Motion adopted.**

TOYP cocktail reception will be at 5:30 PM and doors open for dinner at 6:10 PM.

**Motion to adjourn at 10:47 AM by Wayne Huelsmann #30592, Second by Kevin Ankenbrand #63771. Motion adopted.**

**ADJOURN WITH JAYCEE CREED – HIGHEST SENATOR # Jessie Neighbors #82669**

**Respectfully submitted by Chris Rick #78649, Illinois JCI Senate Secretary**

## Camp New Hope

**Chris Curtis #35440**

Camp New Hope Chair

clc35440@gmail.com

We have partnered with Tom Niemeyer and Niemeyer Repair to put on a raffle for Camp New Hope. We are raffling off a New Bad Boy ZT Elite 60" O turn mower. This mower has quite a few extra options. The drawing will be held at Camp New Hope on September 28th during the Family Fun Fest / Wheels of Hope Car Show.

This event is also the 50th Anniversary celebration for Camp New Hope. The history of Camp will be displayed in the Respite building. This mower and all accessories have been donated by Niemeyer Repair. Tickets are 10.00 each. We will start posting all of the locations that tickets will be available soon. Any questions, please reach out to me any time.

## Flags for Fallen Veterans

**Mark Niedenthal #39701**

Flags for Fallen Veterans Chair

mjnieden@att.net

Thanks to ALL who participated, contributed, helped and attended Flags on Graves at National Cemeteries during the Memorial Day weekend.

The weather was perfect in Danville, IL as the flags showed themselves in the breeze. Though the schedules varied around the state of Illinois, I have the sense that "those who served" are, indeed, NOT forgotten. There were radio personalities, government officials, VA administrators and local business representatives who spoke on behalf of fallen veterans and their families. Groups were on hand in uniform representing all branches of military service, as well as VFW, American Legion and Freedom Riders. Stirring accompaniment was provided by the Danville Municipal Band. The Marines carried the colors and the American Legion group fired the 21-gun salute. There were plenty of folks in attendance, some were unable to stand due to age, infirmity or war injuries. It was enough to bring a lump to your throat and a tear to your eye, especially when you consider the freedoms and relative peace that we have within the boundaries of our country. Thanks to ALL those who have served!!

Thanks to President **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** for asking me to serve in this position. It has certainly been an experience worth having.

*Images from National Cemetery in Danville, IL during Memorial Day weekend.*



**2023-2024 BUDGET**  
As of 3/31/24

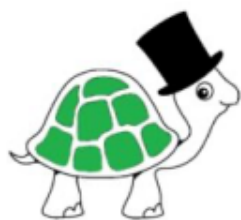
MaryAnn Hilleary #64615, President  
Roxanna Hollenstine #78247 Treasurer

INCOME							
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total	Budget	Variance
Balance Forward	\$ 5,320.00	\$ 143.35			\$ 5,463.35	\$ 5,320.00	\$ (143.35)
Life Memberships (6x240)	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 730.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 710.00
Membership Dues (45x30)	\$ 250.00	\$ 35.00			\$ 285.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,065.00
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct					\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Presidential Advance					\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mentor Support	\$ 97.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 47.00		\$ 272.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (22.00)
Forum Support	\$ 54.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 116.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 84.00
Hospitality		\$ 600.00	\$ 620.00		\$ 1,220.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 280.00
Products	\$ 38.00				\$ 38.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 362.00
<b>Fundraisers</b>					\$ -		
Birdies for Charity			\$ 1,757.00		\$ 1,757.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (1,057.00)
Lotto Raffle	\$ 645.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 2,140.00		\$ 3,505.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ (705.00)
Silent Auction					\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Camp New Hope		\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 540.00
Presidential Sweep	\$ 100.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 295.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 65.00
Drawings	\$ 220.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 124.00		\$ 484.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (234.00)
Poker Night					\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Gift Card Fundraiser	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 790.00	\$ 750.00		\$ 2,940.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 6,560.00
March Madness Pool		\$ 260.00	\$ 1,740.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Illinois Basketball	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,900.00			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
IL/MO Winetour	\$ 2,400.00				\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -
National Convention					\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 10,864.00	\$ 8,188.35	\$ 7,553.00	\$ -	\$ 26,605.35	\$ 55,610.00	\$ 29,004.65

EXPENSES							
USICI Dues (760x7)	\$ 777.00	\$ 1,715.00	\$ 1,358.00		\$ 3,850.00	\$ 5,320.00	\$ 1,470.00
Lifetime Membership					\$ -	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct					\$ -	\$ -	
Mentor Support	\$ 97.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 47.00		\$ 272.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 303.00
Forum Support		\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Hospitality		\$ 390.64	\$ 517.68		\$ 908.32	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,591.68
Products	\$ 28.21				\$ 28.21	\$ 700.00	\$ 671.79
Presidential Expenses	\$ 1,823.17				\$ 1,823.17	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 2,476.83
Presidential Awards					\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
National Guest Expense	\$ 507.87				\$ 507.87	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 992.13
Region V			\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Operating Exp. (postage/paper)	\$ 71.34				\$ 71.34	\$ 350.00	\$ 278.66
Name Tags (New Life Members)					\$ -	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00
Senate Directory					\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Sponsorships		\$ 150.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 650.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 950.00
Website					\$ -	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
<b>Fundraisers</b>					\$ -		
Birdies for Charity					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lotto Raffle			\$ 1,100.00		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (100.00)
Silent Auction					\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Camp New Hope		\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 540.00
Presidential Sweep	\$ 100.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 295.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 65.00
Drawings	\$ 110.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 62.00		\$ 242.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 118.00
Poker Night					\$ -	\$ 8,795.00	\$ 8,795.00
Gift Card Fundraiser		\$ 1,764.92			\$ 1,764.92	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,235.08
March Madness Pool					\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Illinois Basketball			\$ 3,200.00		\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -
IL/MO Wine Tour	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 985.08			\$ 1,985.08	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 414.92
National Convention					\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Balance to 2022-2023					\$ -	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 4,514.59	\$ 5,598.64	\$ 7,284.68	\$ -	\$ 17,397.91	\$ 55,610.00	\$ 38,212.09

Other Funds	Designee	Amount	Balance as of
Contingency	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 5,000.00	3/31/2024
Savings	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 4,572.62	3/31/2024
Life Accounts	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 139,402.49	3/31/2024
Poker Fund	Monty Schroeder	\$ 351.40	3/31/2024
General Fund Checkbook	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 9,207.44	3/31/2024
Illinois JCI Convention 2025	Brian Zeigle	\$ 1,765.28	3/31/2024

Senate Funds in Foundation	
Illinois JCI Senate	\$ 7,306.87



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Illinois JCI Senate Journey  
2023 – 2024**

# Journey to Danville

Illinois JCI Senate Picnic

July 26 – 28, 2024

Hosted by the SERVE Region Senators

**AmericInn by Wyndham**

77 N. Gilbert St., Danville, IL 61832

Reserve room through SERVE Region Pay at the hotel.

Please let us know 72 hours in advance to cancel room.

Room block released on July 1, 2024

Room Accommodations: All room reservations must be made through SERVE Region. \$115/night + tax.

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

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Friday ONLY # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday ONLY # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner STEAK # \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN # \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration after June 12, 2024 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Need a hotel room? YES NO

KING DOUBLE Reserve the room on this form.

Thurs. Fri. Sat. Pay for room at the hotel.

\*EXTRAS (Not included in Full Registration)

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

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

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

\* Craft Saturday morning # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registrations to Denny Birt #37116  
203 Arbors Drive  
Savoy, IL 61874  
217-621-7275

**Make Checks Payable to: SERVE Region**





**Chris Rick #78649 and MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** during the TOYP cocktail party.



**Vanessa Birchler #74430** is sworn in as JCI USA 2024 President at JCI USA Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI with her husband, **Mike Birchler #79421**.



TOYP Co-Chairs **Heather Ulrich #72836** and **Joanne Rinaldo #71700** completing preparations for TOYP banquet.



Spousal Unit **Greg Hilleary #43305** enjoys his Coneheads hat at the Senate Meeting.

## The Jaycee Creed

### WE BELIEVE:

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

That the brotherhood of man transcends 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 human personality;

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

**-C. William Brownfield #19**



**Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** and **Rod Hollenstine #46073**.



Lucky table number thirteen at TOYP Banquet. Left to right **Chuck McFarlin #47910**, **Karen Helms #57838**, **Denny Birt #37116**, **Wayne Huelsmann #30592**, **Maureen Niedenthal #67669**, **Mark Niedenthal #39701**, **Sherrie Schroeder Friendship #52**, **Monty Schroeder #62203**, and **Digger McGrauhgh #36156**