



Illinois JCI Senate
E-Blast
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Hello fellow senators today begins our 59th year and I am proud and excited to be your 59th president. For those of you that do not know me, I'm Susie Colbert-Curtis and I live in Columbia, Illinois about 6 miles south of St. Louis on the Illinois side. I was married to the late Roger Colbert #38086 who passed in March 2003. I married Chris Curtis #35440 in August 2005 (yes 20 years, next month). My daughter Katie, who is now 30 (where does the time go) is an endoscopic travel nurse in Seattle. I love the camaraderie of working side by side with fun people. I'm very involved with my church and church picnic.

My theme this year will be "Let's Flamingle, Be Social, Have Fun". I love flamingos, you will probably see 1 or 2 at the picnic. I cannot wait to see everyone at the summer picnic in Springfield. Rod Hollenstine #46073 and his crew are working tirelessly to make sure we all have a wonderful time. If you don't have your room yet you might want to reach out to Rod 217-741-8372, the cut off is today, July 1st. The summer picnic is a great meeting. The young, the old, the new and the seasoned all come out for this meeting. We are honored to have National President Bruce Sostak #52655 joining us this year.

Make new friends, Be Social. Laughs with old friends, Have Fun. Most of all - Let's Flamingle!!

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2025 USA JCI Senate Annual Meeting in Northbrook, IL. A special thanks to every Illinois Senator who helped in any way to make it a success. A very special thanks to the committee for their hard work and to co-chairs Maureen Niedenthal #67669 and Mark Niedenthal #39701 for their leadership. To those who were not present, you missed Illinois being well represented on the awards stage. Our own Ray Ainslie #44136 was awarded the new USJCI Senate "Key Person" Award, "James J. O'Connell Memorial Award". This award was created by President Gary Pittenger #24804. Wayne Huelsmann #30592 received recognition as one of the 5 top outstanding JCI Senators. Finally, the entire Illinois JCI Senate was recognized as one of the top 5 outstanding Return the Favor for our helping the Illinois Jaycees host the 2024 JCI USA Spring Convention. Congratulations to all the nominees and award winners!

Judson DeVore #65005
Chairman of the Board 2025-2026

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We hope that you can travel to some of these Region V and National events.

July 18-20
Ohio Pig Roast in Kent, OH [Registration Form](#)

July 25-27

Illinois JCI Senate Picnic in Springfield, IL [Registration Form](#)

August 15-17

Indiana JCI Senate Summer Meeting in Clarksville, IN [Registration Form](#)

September 11-14

US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, OH [Registration Form](#)

October 3-5

Fall GA & TOYP, Embassy Suites, East Peoria, IL [Registration Information](#)

October 16-19

Illinois-Missouri Wine & Brewery Tour [Registration Form](#) (Full, but accepting names for a waitlist)

October 31-November 2

Kentucky Fall Frenzy, Bardstown, KY [Registration Form](#) (Full, but accepting names for a waitlist)

Hi All Senators:

The summer picnic will be here before you know it and it is time to get your registration submitted if you haven't already. [Click here for link to registration form.](#) The dates are July 25-27, 2025. We will be staying at the Ramada Springfield North. The hotel contact information is on the form along with the room block code of IL JCI Senate. The rooms will be released on July 7th. You can now pay via PayPal - just look for the username @JCISouthCentral to submit your payment for the registration or simply mail a check to the address on the form. If paying via Payal, you can email the form itself to Hollenstine@comcast.net. Please be sure to indicate your food choices for the Bar Burgers and the Saturday dinner.

Looking forward to seeing you all there - Rod

Nominate a Young Leader for the Illinois Jaycees TOYP Award!
Do you know a young leader who is making a difference in their community? It's time to recognize them!

The Illinois Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young People (TOYP) nominations are NOW OPEN! This prestigious award honors young individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their fields and made a positive impact on Illinois communities.
Deadline for Nominations: July 13, 2025

Nominate Now: <https://www.illinoisjaycees.com/toyp-nominations>

Help us celebrate the remarkable young leaders shaping our future.
Let's shine a spotlight on their hard work and dedication!

Hope this information helps get the word out to the Senate.

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Directory Update:

New Address: Barb Sleeman #63625 98 Darby Cay, Vero Beach, FL 32966

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Deadline is Noon on the 30th/31st & 14th.
Please send the information in Word.



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