



**Illinois JCI Senate  
E-Blast  
July 15, 2025**

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The spammers are going full force and using the board members information on the website. If you get an email asking for funds or help with gift cards, please look at the email address you are receiving it from. Please DON'T reply to those emails or text messages. Contact that person directly in a different email or text and just ask them.

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It has been flamazing traveling as your president. We have been to see the Valmeyer Area Jaycees to help with the Midsummer Celebration. First gentleman Chris and I worked the bounce house on Saturday, July 5 and then went back on Sunday and worked the beer stand, The Valmeyer Area Jaycees have been around for a long time. Back in my day as a Dupo Jaycee Woman, we would pour beer for the Valmeyer Jaycees in exchange for using their corn kettles at the St. Louis Strassenfest. Next, we traveled to New Baden to help with the New Baden Jaycees "Steak Out Hunger" pork steak dinner to raise funds for Wesclin School lunch debt. It great to see community in

action.

We are off this weekend to Kent Ohio for the Ohio JCI Senate pig roast.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Illinois JCI Summer Picnic in Springfield, Rod Hollenstine and his crew are doing a fabulous job getting everything ready for us. I hope to see many of you there, plus maybe some senators we have not seen for a while.

Remember - **LETS FLAMINGLE - BE SOCIAL - HAVE FUN.**

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### On-To

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)

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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. 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

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Here is a note from 2025 94th State President President Lanna Bartko #83072:

"Illinois Jaycees, Can You Believe We're Already Halfway Through 2025? It has been a fantastic year so far, and you have so much to be proud of. If you didn't hear us shouting it from the rooftops, way to go on achieving growth for the second quarter in a row!

Together, we have welcomed 76 new members in just the first six months of the year, putting us at +31 overall. That makes us one of the top chapters in the nation for membership growth so far in 2025. Even better, we kept the momentum going strong through the Fourth of July weekend, adding 20 new members in only four days. This is the power of your dedication, your outreach, and your commitment to making a difference."

That is FANTASTIC news from President Lanna!

Here are a few dates from the Illinois Jaycees on projects happening in their communities in the next few days. There is always the possibility that they could use some additional manpower!

July 17 - 19 - Marine/St. Jacob Jaycees Food Stand at St. Jacob  
Homecoming

July 18 - 19 - Chatham Jaycees 50th Annual Sweetcorn Festival

July 20 - Palatine Jaycees Softball

July 22 - Highland Jaycees Cow Patty Bingo

July 26 - 27 - Collinsville Jaycees Smokin' on Main

July 26 - Bloomington Normal Jaycees at Pridefest  
July 26 - New Baden Jaycees at the Farmers Market  
August 1 - 3 - Region V Float Trip  
August 1 - Sterling Rock Falls Golf Tournament  
August 23 - Illinois Jaycees Summer Social and First Trimester Awards - Camp New Hope - 11-2



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 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 as been extended to July 18, 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.

Greg Hilleary #43305

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### Directory Update:

New Address: C. Roger Albets #47311, 12035 Turtle Creek Way, Norman OK 73071  
Bob Thorsen #44448, 425 Davis St Unit 811, Evanston, IL 60201-4823

Email update: Brian Stellhorn #41226 gusabrian@htc.net

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### E-Blast Reminder

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

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