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## Illinois JCI Senate EBlast August 15, 2025

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This weekend first gentleman, Chris and I are headed to Clarksville, Indiana for the Region 5 summer tour. Next weekend, 8/23 we will be joining the Jaycees at Camp New Hope.

### **LET'S FLAMINGLE, BE SOCIAL AND HAVE FUN**

Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137  
59<sup>th</sup> President Illinois JCI Senate

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Look who Chris and I found at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, Denali, Alaska - Jaycee Brandon Lowe. He works at the King Salmon restaurant from April to the end of September, then he's back at Hanks Bowl in our beautiful New Baden, Illinois, Clinton County. He said to say hello to all his friends.



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## On-To

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

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

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## SILENT AUCTION

**The Silent Auction will be held at the NEXT Illinois Senate Meeting, October 4.**

The auction will be at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. Set up will be on Friday evening. The auction closing time will be announced during the meeting. Since we were unable to have a Silent Auction last year, you should have plenty of "goodies" saved up to donate.

There are several ways you can participate:

- Bring an item or items to donate to the auction
- Order something from Amazon\* and have it shipped to me ahead of time
- Venmo\*\* the amount you want spend to me and let me shop for you
- Come and buy, as I'm sure we will have exactly what you need

\*If you send something from Amazon, I will send you a photo as displayed.

\*\*If you choose the Venmo method, I will send you a copy of the receipt for purchase and a photo of the item when displayed.

If you have any questions, please email me at [kaydsix@yahoo.com](mailto:kaydsix@yahoo.com) or call me at 217-899-2293. Thank you in advance for your support of the Illinois JCI Senate.

Kay DeGroot  
Chairman

Here is the most recent update from our 2025 Illinois Jaycees State President, Lanna Bartko #83072

"What an incredible July it has been for our organization! Across the state, our chapters came alive with celebrations, Fourth of July events, and chapter socials that truly highlighted the power of our Jaycee family. And there's even more to celebrate we officially reached 600 members in July! This milestone is proof of the dedication, passion, and drive of every single one of you. Let's keep up the momentum and continue to grow together!

The energy from July showed what we can accomplish when we work side by side, and now we're ready to carry that same excitement into August.

### What's Next for August

This month, let's focus on developing and engaging our newest members with our New Member Orientation, helping them learn, connect, and feel empowered to step into leadership and service. And, of course, our Summer Social is right around the corner! This is the perfect opportunity to come together, celebrate our successes, and strengthen the friendships that make our organization thrive.

Thank you for the passion and effort you've poured into this year so far. July was proof that the Illinois Jaycees are stronger than ever, and August is our chance to keep building on that strength. Together, we'll continue to empower every step."

Here are the upcoming JCI events for the balance of the month. Maybe you could assist your local chapter if they need some assistance with these projects.

August 15 - 17 - Mid America Institute

August 16 - Palatine Jaycees 5th of July Party

August 23 - Illinois Jaycees Summer Social and First Trimester Awards

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August 28 - September 1 - Hoopeson Jaycees Sweetcorn Festival  
August 29 - September 1 - Naperville Jaycees Last Fling  
August 29 - Menard County Jaycees Circus  
August 29 - Peoria Jaycees Candle Making  
August 30 - Addieville Jaycees Picnic

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

Greg Hilleary #43305

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**Directory Update:**

No Updates at this time

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## E-Blast Reminder

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