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## Illinois JCI Senate E-Blast / Family Update / Extended Family Update August 1, 2025

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.

### Celebrating Community, Teamwork, and New Beginnings

What a truly memorable Picnic Weekend we had in Springfield! I am still filled with gratitude and joy, moved by the remarkable love and support that surrounded me throughout the weekend. Moments like these remind us of the strength of our Senate organization and the positive energy that emerges when we come together.

I would like to extend my thanks to Rod Hollenstine #46073 and his dedicated team for organizing such a successful picnic. Their attention to detail and enthusiasm helped set the perfect tone for our event, creating

My sincere thanks go out to Judson Devore #65005 as well, whose commitment to our senate organization over the past year has made a lasting impact.

I am equally excited to recognize and welcome my new team. There is no doubt in my mind that, together, we will accomplish great things. The trust and collaboration already on display promise a bright and fun time, and I look forward to all that we will achieve side by side.

For those interested in the latest updates, the 2025 - 2026 list of executive board, regional directors, chairmen and appointed committees are now available on the website. A special thank you must go to Ray Ainslie #44136 to ensure this important information is accessible and up to date for everyone. He has been busy as our webmaster.

Thank you, once again, to each one of you who contributed your time, spirit, and support. Here's to continued success.

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

Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137

59<sup>th</sup> President Illinois JCI Senate

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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](#)

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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## 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

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## By-Law Change that was voted on and passed on 7.26.2025

### Article III

Section 2. Regions of the Illinois JCI Senate are defined with the following boundaries:

- A. **Prairieland Region.** The counties of Marshall (except for the community of Henry which shall be in the Northwest Region), Woodford, Stark, Peoria, Tazewell, Mason, Logan, Fulton, Henderson, Hancock, Warren, Knox, McDonough, and the community of Clinton in DeWitt County.
- B. **SERVE Region.** The counties of McLean, Champaign, DeWitt (excluding the community of Clinton), Piatt, Vermilion, and those parts and those municipalities located on or south of U.S. Route 24, LaSalle, Grundy, and those parts of Iroquois, Ford, and Livingston counties north of U.S. Route 24, Macon, Moultrie, Douglas, Edgar, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Shelby, Christian, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, and the community of Nokomis in Montgomery County.
- C. **Fox Valley Region.** The counties of McHenry, Kendall, and Kane, and that part of DeKalb County which makes up the community of Sandwich and that part of Lake County which makes up the community of Island Lake.
- D. **North Region.** The county of Lake (except for the community of Island Lake which shall be a part of the Fox Valley Region) and the following townships in Cook County: Hanover, Barrington, Schaumburg, Palatine, Elk Grove, Wheeling, Maine, Northfield, Niles, New Trier, and Evanston.

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Following townships in Cook County: Leyden, Norwood Park, City of Chicago, River Forest, Oak Park, Proviso, Riverside, Berwyn-Cicero, Stickney, Lyons, Lemont, Palos, Worth, Calumet, Orland, Bremen, Thornton, Rich, and Bloom.

- F. Northwest Region. The counties of JoDaviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, Carroll, Ogle, DeKalb (except for the town of Sandwich, which will be in the Fox Valley Region), Whiteside, Lee, Rock Island, Mercer, Henry, Bureau, Putnam, and the community of Henry in Marshall County.
- G. South by Southwest Region. The counties of Bond, Madison, and Montgomery (excluding the community of Nokomis which shall be in the SERVE Region), Clinton, St. Clair, Washington, Macoupin County (the community of Mount Olive only), Monroe, Randolph, Washington, Wayne, Marion, Edwards, Wabash, Jefferson, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski, and Massac.
- H. South Central Region. The counties of Adams, Schuyler, Brown, Cass, Menard, Sangamon, Pike, Scott, Morgan, Macoupin, (except for the community of Mount Olive which shall be in the South by Southwest Region), Green, Calhoun, and Jersey.

### Let's Flamingle at the Lake!

The South by Southwest Region is excited to welcome you to Carlyle Lake from July 24-26, 2026! We will once again be staying at the Mariner's Village Resort. Rooms range from \$114 - \$135 + tax and you can call the hotel at 618-594-7666 to reserve your room. We have 2 cabins available. Please contact me directly if you wish to reserve a cabin.

While we are early in the planning stage here is what you can expect while we Flamingle at the Lake!

Friday: Lunch at the legendary Blue Room and stops at local watering holes. Golf will also take place in Breese. In the evening we will have boat rides (stay tuned for more info on sign ups!) and hospitality.

Saturday: Early morning golf and I am working on organizing an outing to local attractions in the morning. Bar Burgers, meeting and dinner followed by hospitality and one last flamingle celebration

Be sure to join the Facebook event to stay up to date on the event details! [Click here](#) for Facebook Event. [Click here for registration.](#)

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The Illinois Jaycees have been working hard on recruiting new members. Since the beginning of their fiscal year in January they have recruited more than 100+ new members to our organization. The State Organization now has 600 members statewide.

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!

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 [Click here for registration](#)

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

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Family passing: Kenneth V. Lindberg #27001 passed away peacefully July 18, 2025, at the age of 82. Ken was a Homewood/Flossmoor/Glenwood Jaycee. Notes of sympathy can be mailed to his wife, Glenda Lindberg, at 4163 Lanier Ridge Walk, Cummings, GA 30041. [Click here for his obituary.](#)

Extended Family passing: Sue Bell #57894 father, James Graham Bell passed away July 20, 2025 at the age of 95. Cards of comfort and support can be sent to Sue at 4112 Clearwater Lane, Springfield, IL

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Happy News - President Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 and First Gentleman Chris Curtis #35440 will celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Directory Update:

Email update: Maxine Wallish Cooper #68012 maxiwalli2@comcast.net (added the 2)

[Illinois JCI Senate webpage](#)

## E-Blast Reminder

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



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