

President's Message



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Greetings Fellow Lights!

Just a final few laps left in the 2024 – 2025 year. We began the second half by driving down to Kenner, LA for the US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting. Coats and sweaters were the preferred attire for the meeting. The hotel swears that they had the heat on! We just made it out before New Orleans received 8 inches of snow. A few weeks later, we traveled to Bloomington, IL for the Illinois Jaycees Year End Meeting. Weather was a tad warmer than New Orleans. It was great spending time with the Jaycees helping them celebrate their year. March saw us heading into the Northwoods area of Michigan, Mt. Pleasant, for Region V's Spring Fling. We detoured to spend several hours at the Largest CHRISTmas store in the world in Frankenmuth, MI. Then headed to Mt. Pleasant for wonderful hospitality and camaraderie put on by the Michigan JCI Senate. From the naming of lost friends from each state to the special memorial for Gary Pittenger #24804, the Memorial service was deeply moving. There was not a dry eye in the room. NVP Kim Hubbell #68729 had a tremendous year in Region V, and it was a privilege to be one of her monkeys. It was awesome to watch Illinois's own, Monty Schroeder #62203 become the next NVP.

In April, I will be heading up to Northbrook, IL to help at the National Jaycee Annual Meeting. It will be nice to see what the young Jaycees are doing with their communities. In May, we are holding our own Spring/Election Meeting in Springfield, IL on May 10th. Further information on May's meeting can be found elsewhere in the Forum. Contact the Election Committee if you want to be a part of next year's team. June is when the Illinois Senate gets to play host to the National JCI Senate Annual Meeting, June 15th – 19th in Northbrook, IL. I hope most Senators get the chance to attend the National Meeting or at least attend one day of the weeklong event. Then it is onto the final event of my year, the Summer Picnic in July in Springfield, IL.

As I mentioned earlier, the Spring/Election Meeting of the Illinois JCI Senate will be held on May 10th at the Scheel's Sporting Goods store located on the south side of Springfield next to I-72. Scheel's was gracious (with help from the Springfield Jaycees) in allowing us to use their meeting space for free. Contact Robbie Johnston #51099 if you want to be included in the group having lunch at Casa Real after the meeting.

We still have a couple of Poker events left We still have a couple of Poker events left for this year. Contact Chris Rick #78649 to find out when and where as well as how you can help. Because of limited space, we were not able to have Silent Auction this year. Hopefully, we will be able to have it next year bigger than ever with two years' worth of items! Also, continue to get gift cards through Raise Right so the Illinois Senate can raise funds from that project.

Continue to shine on the world as the lights that each of us are!



Administrative Vice President



Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137
Administrative VP
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Welcome our administrative team,

Camp New Hope – **Donna Baker 67041**
MO/IL Wine Tour – **Melodie Ainslie 69200 / Susie Colbert-Curtis 73137**
National Meeting 2025 - **Mark 39701** and **Maureen 67669 Niedenthal**
Onto - **Maureen Niedenthal 67669**
Summer Picnic 2025 **Rod Hollenstine 46073**
Wreaths Across America/Flags for Fallen Veterans – **Mark Niedenthal 39701**

Raise Right: Anyone who needs help loading “Raise Right” on your phone? This is a great program. This program is so easy to make money for the senate. Last year, we made over \$1,000. 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 gift cards or e-gift cards you are spending anyway at no extra cost to you.

Management Vice President



Christopher Rick #78649
Management VP
crick10101@aol.com

Spring has sprung Illinois JCI Senators!

My name is **Christopher Rick #78649** and I am serving as your Management VP for 2024-2025. I am accessible by email to crick10101@aol.com or via phone 847-533-0204. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

The Illinois JCI Senate will be hosting a poker fundraiser on Friday, May 2, 2025 at the Delta Hotel by Marriott at 7800 Kingery Hwy, Willowbrook, IL 60527 (near I-55 and IL Rt. 83). The event runs from 2:00 PM until approximately 2:00 AM. The Illinois JCI Senate hosts four of these fundraisers each year and they are an important funding source for our organization. All help is definitely appreciated.

Volunteers for the Opening Shift and Middle Shift will be selling tournament entries during your shift while the Closing Shift will mostly be waiting for the tournaments to finish. We do not exchange chips for cash. If you would like more details on what volunteering entails, please contact me. Please review the available shifts on SignUpGenius and sign up for your favorite. Thank you!

Illinois JCI Senate Poker Fundraiser - May 2, 2025: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449A4A622A6F94-55775104-poker>

Secretary



Karen Helms JCI #57838
Secretary
khelms19@yahoo.com

Hello Fellow Senators and Friends. It is hard to believe we are already in the second half of the year and heading for the light at the end of the year tunnel. I love the Senate and all of the people I have met over the years. I have also enjoyed being secretary for 6 years. **Chris Rick #78649** has been nominated to be secretary for a second time next year. He is very good. However, we need to have new people step up to take on the roles of the Senate State Board. We all love it and enjoy it but it is time to pass the light to the new generation. Hope to see many of you in Springfield in May and in Northbrook in June. Remember to give each other kindness, dignity, and respect.

Treasurer



Roxy Hollenstine #78247
Treasurer
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Hello all. I can't believe the year has passed so quickly. I am looking forward to seeing you all in May at the next meeting. Everyone stay safe until then. Roxy

IL Jaycee President



Lanna Bartko #83072
Illinois Jaycees 94th State President

The Illinois Jaycees have hit the ground running in 2025! We are excited to embark on another year of impact, growth, and leadership development.

This year, our State Initiative "Building the Next Leaders from the Inside Out" is a meaningful call to action focused on the physical, mental, and financial wellness of our members. Together, we will create an environment where young leaders thrive—not just in their Jaycee roles but in every aspect of life. So far this year, we've welcomed 58 new members, bringing our total to 586 active members. Our mission is to reach 640 members by the end of the year, to meet this goal, we are striving to add 250 new members in 2025. We can't meet this goal without you! Let's work together to grow our Jaycee family and continue making a difference.

We're also excited to introduce a new addition to our board, the Senate Liaison position. This role will be instrumental in bridging connections between our Jaycee members and the JCI Illinois Senate. **Greg Hillary #43305** has stepped into this role, helping us tap into the wealth of knowledge and resources within our extended network.

In even bigger news, the National Convention is finally here! In early April, we will welcome 234 Jaycees and guests to Illinois to celebrate 2024's accomplishments and our very own **Vanessa Birchler #74430**, the 2024 JCI USA National President. It will be an incredible opportunity to reflect on our achievements and pass the baton to the next generation of leaders.

Thank you for your unwavering support as we kicked off this exciting year. Together, we will Empower Every Step!

Senate Elections for 2025 – 2026

Bill Patterson #47979
Elections Committee
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At our February meeting, nominations were held for the Board of Directors positions for 2025-2026 Illinois JCI Senate year. The following candidates were nominated:

President – **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137**
Treasurer- **Mary Ann Hilleary #64615**
Secretary- **Chris Rick #78649**
Administrative VP – **Maureen Niedenthal #67669**
Management VP: **Rod Hollenstine #46703**

Region Directors

Fox Valley – No Nomination
Gateway – **Mike Birchler #79421**
Mississippi – **Chris Curtis**
North – **Bruce Widenhoefer # 63672**
Northeast – No Nomination
Northwest – **Norm Hoffman**
Prairieland – No Nomination
South – **Ray Ainslie #44136**
South Central – **Donna Baker**
Serve - **Monty Schroeder #62203**

Additional nominations for all offices, other than President, can be

made immediately before balloting at the May 10, 2025 meeting to be held at Scheels located at 3801 S. MacArthur Blvd, Springfield.

Please advise the election committee ASAP if this is the case. Any additional nominations for President can only be made by notifying the Elections Committee no less than 15 days before the election meeting.

Region Director is a very important responsibility. It is not just setting up a meal at a meeting. The RD should serve as a link and a conduit to our members and is our best opportunity to reach and involve our members. Trying to involve our members should be an RD's highest priority. Some have done it through socials or other local events; others use communication or the power of friendship. The more successful the RDs are, the more successful the Illinois Senate will be.

Serving on our Board of Directors is a great opportunity to help our organization grow and prosper. We hope that many of our younger members will start to develop a greater interest in taking on chairmanships as a start towards future membership on our Board. Our organization is your organization, too! Your participation is vital to our shared future. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Election Committee members; **Lynne McGill #70364**, **Wayne Huelsmann #30592** or myself. We wish all our candidates the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.

Senate OnTo

Maureen K. Niedenthal #67669
Illinois JCI Senate On-To Chair
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Please join us at several upcoming opportunities to share some fellowship.

April 11-13	IN Year-End & Elections Meeting	French Lick, IN
May 10	IL Senate Election Meeting	Springfield, IL
May 9-11	OH Year End Celebration	Lima, OH
June 15 - 19	US JCI Senate National Convention	Northbrook, IL
July 18 - 20	OH Pig Roast	Kent, OH
July 25 - 27	IL Senate Summer Picnic	Springfield, IL
Sept. 11 - 14	US JCI Senate Fall Board	Columbus, OH
Oct. 31 - Nov. 2	KY Fall Frenzy	Bardstown, KY

Region V - US JCI Senate

Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137
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Thank you to all who brought/bid on items to the US JCI Senate Foundation Silent and Brown Bag Auction at Spring Fling this past weekend in Mount Pleasant, MI. As JDO would say, "we made Money!" - Silent Auction \$845 and Brown Bag \$1,660. Region V -YOU ROCK !!!!

The US JCI Senate Foundation is now selling their "500 club tickets" if you have never bought them, they are a good deal. Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 6 for \$50 (which then counts towards your foundation total donation). Each ticket is good for the year July '25 to June '26. There are 8 chances to win each month 2-\$100 and 6 - \$50 winners.

Next Senate Meeting
May 10, 2025

Springfield, IL
Scheels—3801 S. MacArthur Blvd

IL Jaycee Charitable Foundation

Kathy Crick, #71017
President, IJCF
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The IJCF is proud to continue its mission of supporting local communities and fostering leadership among young people. This winter, IJCF approved several grants to benefit various Jaycee chapters and initiatives across Illinois. These grants aim to create lasting impacts for our members and local communities, enabling important programs to thrive.

Recent Grants Approved

- Palatine Jaycees STEAM Fair: Encouraging interest in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.
- Illinois Jaycees Award Sponsorships: Supporting the recognition of outstanding community service and leadership.
- Illinois Jaycees National Convention: Helping members attend this pivotal event to learn, grow, and share ideas.
- Menard County Jaycees Quarter Auctions: Raising funds to support their local initiatives.
- Illinois Jaycees TOYP (Ten Outstanding Young Persons): Honoring exceptional young individuals for their leadership and contributions.
- US JCI Senate Foundation – in memory of Gary Pittenger #24804
- Palatine Jaycees – Wendy Copeland Scholarship Fund at Harper College
- Champaign-Urbana Jaycees Food Drive: Ensuring access to food for those in need in the community.
- Illinois Jaycees Pasadena Wildfire Donation: Providing disaster relief to communities affected by wildfires.
- Illinois Jaycees Rise and Shine Yoga: Promoting mental and physical wellness through yoga.

The IJCF is also thrilled to announce our scholarship recipients for 2025:

- Sherya Nallamothe – Daughter of Sateesh Nallamothe and Swathi Kakarala, Sherya attends University High School in Normal,

IL, and will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

- Rachel Coutinho – Daughter of Ivan Coutinho and Patricia Pinto, Rachel attends the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Aurora, IL, and will be attending Duke University.
- Nicolas Gonzalez – Son of Felix Manuel Gonzalez and Aurora Celia Montes de Oca, Nicolas attends William Jones College Preparatory High School in Chicago and will be attending the University of Michigan.
- Christopher Watkins – Son of Michael Watkins and Michelle Hoy-Watkins, Christopher attends Kenwood Academy High School in Chicago, IL, and plans to attend Seton Hall University.

The winners of the Roger D. Colbert Memorial Scholarship are:

- Samantha Thum – Daughter of Karen and Garrett Thum and niece of **Kathy Crick #71017**, Samantha attends Cuba High School and will be attending Parkland College in Champaign.
- Kylie Grimm - Daughter of Dacia DeGroot and Matthew Grimm and granddaughter of **Kay #73333 and Denny #40222 Degroot**. Kylie attends New Berlin High School and will be attending Eureka College.
- Derek Dulceak - Son of Cheryl and Mike Dulceak. Cheryl is a member of the Chatham Jaycees. Derek attends Glenwood High School and plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Congratulations to these outstanding young individuals who represent the bright future of our communities!

Upcoming Meeting and Grant Deadlines

Our next meeting will be held on April 5th in Northbrook, where we will conduct the Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting. If you are interested in getting involved with the Illinois Jaycee Charitable Foundation, we encourage you to please reach out to any of our members.

Grant Requests are due March 21st—please submit your requests before the deadline for consideration

National Convention 2025

Northbrook/Chicago June 15-19

Mark #39701 & Maureen #67669 Niedenthal
2025 National Convention Co-Chairs
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Hello Senators!

I can't believe that the summer convention is right around the corner! We'll be hosting the US JCI Senate National Convention at the Northbrook/Chicago Hilton June 15 - 19. We could really use your help and support for this huge project.

Be on the lookout for a letter/email asking you to get involved. We have many ways to support the convention. Kathy Crick #71017 is heading up our manpower team. We have plenty of jobs and none of them are too difficult.

We need desserts, snacks, and breakfast (grab n go) items. **Tony Symoniak #66367** is our food chair. Can you make a donation to help in this area? You can make, bake, buy, or donate money and we will buy items.

We need water and pop. If 25 people donated 2 cases of water each we'd have 50 cases of water! If you can make a donation, please let our beverage chair, **Bill Patterson #47979**, know that you can help.

I'm including a White Sox flier in this issue of the Forum. We have set up a trip to the ballgame during the convention. The Chicago White Sox are hosting the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday, June 18. Tony Symoniak #66367 and Lara Thom #83098 have been working out the tickets, food/drinks, and transportation for this event. If you've already registered for the convention, then you can sign up for the ballgame.

Be on the lookout in the e-blast and on our Facebook page for more information on volunteering, donating, and other fun tour opportunities! Let us know if you have any questions and hope to see you in Springfield at the next meeting.



2025 US JCI Senate Annual Meeting



**Hosted by the Illinois JCI Senate
June 15 - 19, 2025
Chicago/Northbrook, Illinois**

Name: _____	JCI Senate #: _____
2024-2025 Senate Office Held: _____	Friendship #: _____
Spouse/Guest: _____	JCI Senate #: _____
2024-2025 Senate Office Held: _____	Friendship #: _____
Address/City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Phone #: _____ Email: _____	Region #: _____
Rooming with? _____	

* YOU *	* GUEST / SPOUSE *
Please Check... Between the ages of 40 - 55? <input type="checkbox"/>	Between the ages of 40 - 55? <input type="checkbox"/>
1st US JCI Senate Meeting? <input type="checkbox"/>	1st US JCI Senate Meeting? <input type="checkbox"/>
Military Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/>	Military Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/>

		Quantity	Total Due
Full Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
Includes Hospitality Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Thursday Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$185 <i>On-Site</i>	_____	\$ _____
<i>Thursday banquet meal restrictions</i> <input type="checkbox"/> _____			
Early Hospitality (Sunday)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 30 <i>On-Site</i>	_____	\$ _____
Thursday Banquet ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 80 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 85 <i>On-Site</i>	_____	\$ _____
Children 12 & Under	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80 <i>On-Site</i>	_____	\$ _____
Daily Hospitality Only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Monday</i>	_____	\$ _____
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	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Wednesday</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Thursday</i>	_____	\$ _____
Off-Site Fee <small>Applies if not registered at Senate Hotel</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Per Person Per Day</i>	_____	\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Illinois JCI Senate **TOTAL DUE** \$ _____

Golf (TBD) Would you be interested? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Tours (TBD) Would you be interested? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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Hilton Chicago/Northbrook
2855 North Milwaukee Ave.
Northbrook, IL 60062
1-847-480-7500
1-800-774-1500
Room Block Code: ISEN
Room Rate: \$144 + taxes

Hotel
Registration

[Hotel Link: US JCI Annual Meeting \(June 2025\)](#)
Room Block good until May 15, 2025
Rate valid for 4 days pre and post conference

Mail form & check to:
Lynne McGill #70364
Registration Chair
1209 W. 83rd Court
Merrillville, IN 46410

For Zelle Payment (no fee):

For additional information contact:
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ILLINOIS JCI SENATE 2024 – 2025

February 1, 2025
Meeting Minutes



MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:30AM, President Judson DeVore #65005

INVOCATION: Chuck McFarlin #47910 – A prayer was said for all in attendances and the senators we have lost and those who could not be with us this weekend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Lead by all Veterans

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Greg Hilleary #43305

Past Illinois JCI Senate Presidents:

1989-90 1st Lady Kay DeGroot	2016-17 Melodie Ainslie #69200
1992-93 Wayne Kiefer #36498	2018-19 Bill Patterson #47979
1999-00 Ray Ainslie #44136	2019-20 Wayne Huelsmann #30592
2007-08 Chuck McFarlin #47910	2020-21 Robbie Johnston #51099
2020-11 Greg Hilleary #43305	2022-23 Bill Patterson #47979
2012-14 Monty Schroeder #62203	2023-24 Mary Ann Hilleary #64615
2014-15 Robert (Digger) McGraugh #36156	

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Heather Ulrich #72836, second by Chuck McFarlin #47910. **Motion passed**

APPROVAL OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

MaryAnn Hilleary #64615 resigned from the Election Committee.

Wayne Huelsmann #30592, appointed to the Election Committee.

Motion to approve appointments by: Ray Ainslie #44136, 2nd by MaryAnn Hilleary #64615, Motion passed.

ILLINOIS JAYCEE PRESIDENT: 94th President Lanna Bartko #83072.

Thank you for allowing me to talk to you today. Thank you for supporting our events. Membership in the Illinois Jaycees is growing this year. Illinois Jaycees have 556 members, including 43 new members in January. The Jaycee Year End Convention is being held April 3 – 6, 2025 in Northbrook, at the same hotel as the Senates, Hilton Chicago Northbrook. We would welcome any and all help from the Senate. We have opened a new position this year Jaycee/Senate liaison. This person will help support both organizations, training, manpower. To help build new members from the inside out: mental, physical, financial. Please welcome Greg Hilleary #43305 as the new liaison.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Karen Helms #57838

Approval of minutes as published in Forum: Motion to approve by Bill Patterson #47979, 2nd by Bruce Widenhoefer # 63672. **Motion passed**

- 1) E-Blast – Mary Ann Hilleary #64615 – E-Blast is sent out 2 times a month please have your information in by the deadlines 14, and 30-31. Please send items to: iljcisenate.eblast@gmail.com
- 2) Forum – Joann Rinaldo #71700 (absent) Forum items are due March 18, 2025. The deadline was moved out a few days in order for a report to be made on the Spring Fling.
- 3) Historian – Ray Ainslie #44136 We have history.
- 4) Social Media – Kathy Crick #71017 not in the room
- 5) Website – Ray Ainslie #44136 Website up to date.

Motion to approve Secretary report by Monty Schroeder #62203, 2nd by Bruce Widenhoefer # 63672.

Motion passed

TREASURER'S REPORT: Roxy Hollenstine #78247

- 1) Membership Info Exchange – Kathy Crick #71017 please continue to send in member information and new Senator information to Kathy. Roxy said her address is correct in the newest directory.
- 2) Audit Committee – JDO #35308(absent) – A zoom meeting was held on Monday, there is enough money for the bills coming up. We as an organization are in good shape.
- 3) Finance Committee – Wayne Kiefer #36498 – There is a line item for \$2,500 for the national convention in the budget. After all bills are paid the contingency fund will be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. (This was approved at the last meeting.)
- 4) Fundraising
 - a. Birdies for Charity – Wayne Huelsmann #30592 – Will receive a check for \$1,633.
 - b. LOTTO – Tony Symoniak #66367 - The Evening Pick 3 drawings starting February 1st 2025 will be used. There are 2 hours left to purchase tickets for the lotto game tonight. Last year 701 tickets were sold, this year so far 740 tickets have been sold.
 - c. March Madness Pool – Ray Ainslie #44136 & Tony Symoniak #66367 – There are many basketball games to be played and won or lost. After the games are over the winners will be added up and checks will be issued.
 - d. Illinois Basketball Pool - Ray Ainslie #44136 & Tony Symoniak #66367 - \$50 a square for 16 games this makes it around \$3.13 a game.
 - e. Poker – Chris Rick #78649 – January 3rd was the first game night. Made \$2,008.
 - f. Products – Heather Ulrich #72836 - Heather's contact information is in the directory. Product central for all Senate products. Contact Heather if you need a shirt, she will order it and you will be invoiced. If you need a shirt or apron for the convention, please contact Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137.
 - g. RaiseRight (gift Cards) – Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 – Physical cards can be bought, or the app can be downloaded. The account has been straightened out and there is no longer a 3rd party involved.
 - h. Silent Auction – Chairman needed.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Greg Hilleary #43305, 2nd by Pat DeMarco #79348.

Motion passed

ADMINISTRATIVE VP REPORT: Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137

- 1) Camp New Hope – Donna Baker #67041 Please save the date of May 3rd, time 8am to 3pm for the clean up at CNH. They can use all the help they can get. Please remember the wish list online. There are always items needed.
- 2) IL/MO Wine Tour – Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 – Susie said it was all set until she discussed it with people. Tentative schedule Oct. 17 – 19 down south, Marion, IL, Country Inn & Suites. People will bring snacks, please, no alcohol. May visit Giant City State Park, RT51 Brewery. We will need 2 buses for 28 people. More information to come.
- 3) National Meeting 2025 – Mark Niedenthal #39701 & Maureen Niedenthal #67669 – The year end National Convention to be held in Northbrook June 15 – 19, 2025. HELP IS NEEDED. Now and at the convention. Right now we need help to raise awareness, funds, and book trips. At the convention we need manpower, even if it is only to help clear tables. We booked 800 rooms with the hotel, as of now there are 893 rooms booked. We have 146 full registrations with 108 of those being early. We would like to have 300 registrations.
- 4) Onto – Maureen Niedenthal #67669 – Please join in on the fun at upcoming events.
 - March 14 -16, 2025 Region V Spring Fling, **Mt. Pleasant, MI**
 - April 3-5, JCI USA Spring Convention in **Chicago/Northbrook.**
 - April 11-13, 2025 – Indiana Year End & Elections, **French Lick, IN**
 - April 11-13, 2025 – Region VI Spring Meeting in **Branson, MO**
 - May 9-10, 2025 – Illinois Spring Meeting & Elections, **Springfield, IL**
 - May 17, 2025 – Kentucky Spring Meeting, **Bardstown, KY**
 - June 15 – 19, 2025 – National Convention, **Northbrook, IL**
 - July 18 – 20, 2025 – Ohio Pig Roast, **Kent, OH**
 - July 25 – 27, 2025 – Illinois JCI Senate Picnic, **Springfield, IL**
- 5) Summer Picnic 2025 – Rod Hollenstine #46703 – July 25 – 27, 2025 to be held at the Springfield Ramada. \$129 room rate, room block IL JCI Senate. Register online. There will be a pool, there is one inside so it will be open. Golf on Friday and Saturday. Bar burgers and Saturday golf are close together. We will be painting on metal. Please get your registration in, so we know how many will be painting. Setting up a Euker game for Saturday night. We would like to do a tour of the capital; this will be for a limited number of people. Will have a tent on the patio with live music.
- 6) Wheelchairs 4 Kids – Chris Curtis #35440 – A certificate was handed out at the winter board for money raised, to the Illinois Senate, however Chris Curtis's name is on it. We are waiting for the corrected one.
- 7) Wreaths Across American / Flags for Fallen Veterans – Mark Niedenthal #39701 –Wear Red on Fridays to support our troops that are deployed. Thank you to all who participated. See pictures online. The next Wreaths Across American is December 13, 2025. Please check with your local cemetery for information.

Motion to approve Administrative Report by Jess Neighbors #82669, 2nd by Adam Vosholler #83185.

Motion passed

MANAGEMENT VP REPORT – Chris Rick #78649

- 1) Chaplain's Report – Chuck McFarlin #47910 – Please send me information of deaths, people in the hospital. Chuck will forward the information to nationals.
- 2) Constitution and Bylaws – Brian Ziegler #42479 (absent) no report
- 3) Future Directions – Need chairperson
- 4) Hospitality – Need chairperson
- 5) Return the Favor – Marsha DeVore #67330 – can submit online Senators that have helped with Jaycee projects. Deadline May 15th for the final submission.
- 6) Senator ship Assistance – Greg Hilleary #43305 – There are Guys and Gals out there that deserve a Senator ship. But no longer are attached to a chapter or the chapter may not be able to afford to foot the whole bill. There are funds available for this. Please let Greg know.
- 7) SOAR / Freshman Senators –Robbie Johnston #51099 – New senator toast Adam Vosholler #83185.

Motion to approve Management VP Report by James Harvatin #46422, 2nd by Kevin Ankenbrand #63771

Motion passed

Region Director Reports – No reports

Old Business

New Business

The election meeting will be on May 10, 2025 held at Scheels, 3801 S. MacArthur Blvd, Springfield.

Nominations for 2025 – 2026 - Bill Patterson #47979 presiding.

Motion to open nominations: Heather Ulrich #72836, 2nd by Chuck McFarlin #47910 **Motion passed**

President: Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 – Nominated by Wayne Huelsmann #30592, 2nd by Monty Schroeder #62203

Treasurer: Mary Ann Hilleary #64615 – Nominated by Monty Schroeder #62203, 2nd by Roxy Hollenstine #78247

Secretary: Chris Rick #78649 – Nominated by Heather Ulrich #78247, 2nd by Mary Ann Hilleary #64615

Administrative VP: Maureen Niedenthal #67669 - Nominated by Monty Schroeder #62203, 2nd by Greg Hilleary #43305

Management VP: Rod Hollenstine #46703 – Nominated by Greg Hilleary #43305, 2nd by Marilyn Burton #55106

Region Directors:

Fox Valley – No Nomination

Gateway – **Mike Birchler #79421** – Nominated by Wayne Huelsmann #30592, 2nd by Wayne Kiefer #36498

Mississippi – **Chris Curtis** - Nominated by Wayne Kiefer #36498, 2nd by Melodie Ainslie #69200

North – **Bruce Widenhoefer # 63672** - Nominated by Dawn Spangler #81504, 2nd Chris Rick #78649

Northeast – No Nomination

Northwest – **Norm Hoffman** - Nominated by Terry Barker #40979, 2nd Wayne Huelsmann #30592

Prairieland – No Nomination

South – **Ray Ainslie #44136** - Nominated by Wayne Huelsmann #30592, 2nd Melodie Ainslie #69200

South Central – **Donna Baker** - Nominated by Kay DeGroot #, 2nd Rod Hollenstine #46703

Serve - **Monty Schroeder #62203** (for Life) - Nominated by Greg Hilleary #43305

50/50 Raffle – Robbie Johnston #51099 - \$68.00 to winner

Presidential Sweepstakes Raffle – Greg Hilleary #43305 – 9 tickets

High/low Senate Number Awards – High number Adam Vosholler #83185, Low number Wayne Kiefer #36498

Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation – Kathy Crick #71017 – Foundation met early IL Jaycees \$3,000 awarded to chapters.

Special Guests Comments

Chairman of the Board – Maryann Hilleary #64615

Good of the order – Wayne Kiefer #36498 letters for donations have gone out for the national convention. We are able to bring in beer and bottled water. The hard liquor and bartenders will be supplied by the hotel. Looking into going to a baseball game during the convention. We still need people to run tours.

President's Comments - Judson DeVore #65005

Motion to Adjourn by Kevin Ankenbrand #63771, 2nd by Karen Helms #57838

Motion passed

Adjourn with Jaycee Creed – Highest Senator # Adam Vosholler #83185

INCOME							
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total	Budget	Variance
Balance Forward	\$ 9,524.84				\$ 9,524.84	\$ 3,800.00	\$ (5,724.84)
Life Memberships (6x240)		\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,190.00
Membership Dues (45x30)					\$ -	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct	\$ 95.00				\$ 95.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,405.00
Presidential Advance					\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mentor Support	\$ 125.00	\$ 65.00			\$ 190.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 60.00
Forum Support	\$ 54.00	\$ 40.00			\$ 94.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 106.00
Hospitality					\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Products	\$ 48.00				\$ 48.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 352.00
Fundraisers					\$ -		
Birdies for Charity					\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Lotto Raffle		\$ 3,140.00			\$ 3,140.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ (340.00)
Silent Auction					\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Camp New Hope		\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 540.00
Presidential Sweep	\$ 470.00	\$ 110.00			\$ 580.00	\$ 360.00	\$ (220.00)
Drawings	\$ 274.00	\$ 78.00			\$ 352.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (102.00)
Poker Night			\$ 5,125.00		\$ 5,125.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,875.00
Raise Right	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 657.06	\$ 79.23		\$ 1,906.29	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 7,593.71
March Madness Pool		\$ 1,180.00			\$ 1,180.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 820.00
Illinois Basketball		\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
National Convention					\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 11,760.84	\$ 8,120.06	\$ 5,204.23	\$ -	\$ 25,085.13	\$ 51,690.00	\$ 26,604.87

EXPENSES							
USJCI Dues (760x7)	\$ 756.00	\$ 1,561.00			\$ 2,317.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 1,483.00
Lifetime Membership						\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct					\$ -	\$ -	
Mentor	\$ 125.00	\$ 65.00			\$ 190.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 385.00
Forum		\$ 421.39			\$ 421.39	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,078.61
Hospitality					\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Products	\$ 73.25				\$ 73.25	\$ 700.00	\$ 626.75
Presidential Expenses			\$ 1,953.18		\$ 1,953.18	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 2,346.82
Presidential Awards					\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
National Guest Expense	\$ 1,159.70				\$ 1,159.70	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 340.30
Region V					\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Operating Exp. (postage/paper)	\$ 149.81				\$ 149.81	\$ 350.00	\$ 200.19
Name Tags (New Life Members)	\$ 172.38				\$ 172.38	\$ 130.00	\$ (42.38)
Senate Directory	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 250.00
Sponsorships		\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,500.00
Website					\$ -	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
Fundraisers							
Birdies for Charity					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lotto Raffle					\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Silent Auction					\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Camp New Hope		\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 540.00
Presidential Sweep	\$ 470.00	\$ 110.00			\$ 580.00	\$ 360.00	\$ (220.00)
Drawings	\$ 137.00				\$ 137.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 223.00
Poker Night	\$ 489.90	\$ 3,516.25			\$ 4,006.15	\$ 8,795.00	\$ 4,788.85
Raise Right	\$ 1,008.82				\$ 1,008.82	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,991.18
March Madness Pool					\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Illinois Basketball					\$ -	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
National Convention					\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Balance to 2022-2023					\$ -	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,741.86	\$ 5,873.64	\$ 1,953.18	\$ -	\$ 12,568.68	\$ 51,690.00	\$ 39,121.32

Other Funds	Designee	Amount	Balance as of
Contingency	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 5,000.00	12/31/24
Savings	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 4,574.50	12/31/24
Life Accounts	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 148,924.06	12/31/24
General Fund Checkbook	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 11,355.25	12/31/24
Illinois JCI Convention 2025	Brian Zeigle	\$ 9,790.85	12/31/24



St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago White Sox Outing

When: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 3:15 PM hotel lobby
 Bus leaving at 3:45 PM 6:40 PM game starts

Where: US Cellular Field aka Comiskey Park in Chicago, IL

Price: Baseball Ticket includes bus & parking **\$65/person**

Extras: Patio Ticket includes food & drink 1 ½ hr before game
55+ price \$25 under 55 price \$40
Serving: BBQ Ribs, Cajun & Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers,
 Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Pasta Salad
Modelo, Miller Lite, Coors, Wine, Coke Products, & Water

	PRICE	Quantity	TOTAL
Baseball Ticket	\$65		
Patio Ticket (55+ Senior <u>Rate</u>)	\$25	_____	_____
Patio Ticket (under 55)	\$40	_____	_____
Make Check Payable to Illinois JCI Senate		Amount Due	

***** Money is DUE to Tony by May 15th *****

Name _____ Senate # _____
 Address _____
 City / State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone # _____ E-mail _____

Names: 1) _____
 2) _____
 3) _____
 4) _____

Send Registration & Payment to: Tony Symoniak #66367
 6095 W. Timber Ridge Dr,
 Verona, IL 60479
 630-710-1065
 Jaycees69@msn.com

Checks Payable to
 Illinois JCI Senate

2025 ILLINOIS – MISSOURI WINE & BREWERY TOUR



Hosted by the Illinois JCI Senate

October 16-19, 2025

Cost per person \$75.00 (for bus and fuel)

Thursday Oct 16 - Dinner as a group (optional)

Oct 17 -Board bus 9:45 for adventure to lunch and wineries and brewery and distillery and dinner – OH MY

Saturday Oct 18 – Board bus 10:00 for MORE adventure to lunch and wineries and dinner – MORE OH MY

Sunday Oct 19 – Rest your liver, safe travels home

Continuing a 40-year tradition of mutual social activity between Illinois JCI and Missouri JCI Senate. You will be bussed from hotel to several planned stops at wineries (all have beer), breweries and distillery.

Meals are not included in cost. Picnicking is allowed at some points.
We are limited to 30 seats

Name: _____		Senate/Friendship #: _____	
Spouse/Guest: _____		Senate/Friendship #: _____	
State Affiliation (IL OR MO) _____			
Address: _____		State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____		E-Mail: _____	

	Qty				Total
Full Registration 75.00					

Includes: **Transportation** on Friday and Saturday

Make Checks Payable to: IL JCI Senate

Mail check and registration to Melodie Ainslie #69200

8911 Huey Rd. Centralia, IL 62801

Questions Melodie 618-495-2673

BOOK ROOM DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL

Country Inn & Suites

1306 Halfway Road Marion, IL 62959 P: (618) 997-2444

ROOM BLOCK CODE IS – JCI Senate

Cut-off for room block is September 19

\$133+tax for rooms with King bed or rooms 2 Queens at \$137+tax.

\$10 additional for each 3rd and 4th adult in each room

Breakfast is included in your stay.



2025 IL JCI SENATE SUMMER PICNIC

Sponsored by the South Central Region-JCI Senate
 Rod Hollenstine, #46073 Chair 217-741-8372

July 25-27, 2025

Ramada Springfield North-3281 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702

Meeting Sat. at 3:00pm CST KC Hall North-2801 West Street
 Dinner to follow at 6:00pm CST at KC Hall on July 26th

Name _____ Senate # _____
 Spouse/Guest _____ Senate # _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____ Office _____

Registration Information

Full Adult Registration (\$80, after 7/1/25 postmark \$90) _____ x \$80 \$ _____
Dinner entrée PICK ONE: Steak _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____
 Full Kids Registration (11 yrs & under) _____ x \$30 \$ _____
 Early Hospitality (Thursday 7/24/25) _____ x \$25 \$ _____
 Friday only _____ x \$30 \$ _____
 Saturday only (hospitality & dinner) _____ x \$70 \$ _____
 *Saturday Lunch (Bar Burgers) - Weebles _____ x \$20 \$ _____
PICK ONE: Hamburger _____ Cheeseburger _____ Chicken _____
 *SATURDAY LUNCH NOT INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION
TOTAL CHECK AMT \$ _____

Information on Golf and other Activities:

Please check if YES Interested in golf Fri. 7/25 _____ tentative start 1:00 pm
 Interested in golf Sat. 7/26 _____ tentative start 7:00 am
 Interested in tour of Capitol 7/25 _____
 Interested in Euchre Tournament 7/25 _____ \$5 entry, all will be paid out
 Interested in Metal Painting 7/26 _____ Online registration \$55
<https://www.paintedtinbin.com/products/jci-senate-summer-fun-raiser>

**Lodging—Call Ramada Springfield North directly:
 217-523-4000**

Room block cutoff date is 7/1/25 Room block is IL JCI Senate
 Standard Rooms (Double, Queen or King) for \$129 per night rate;
 all rates are subject to tax and fees.

Make checks payable to: South Central Region—JCI Senate
Send check & registration to: Roxanna Hollenstine, #78247
4626 Tess Dr, Springfield, IL 62711-9106
Cell 217-741-3083 Email hollenstine@comcast.net

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



Upper Left: IL JCI Senate President **Judson DeVore #65005** presides over February meeting with Secretary **Karen Helms #57838** and IL Jaycee President **Lanna Bartko, #83072**. Upper Right, 2024 IL President **Andi Whalen #83677** speaking to the Jaycees at February meeting. Bottom left, Many senators enjoy fellow ship during hospitality room. 2024 JCI USA **Vanessa Birchler #79421** speaks during IL Jaycee convention.