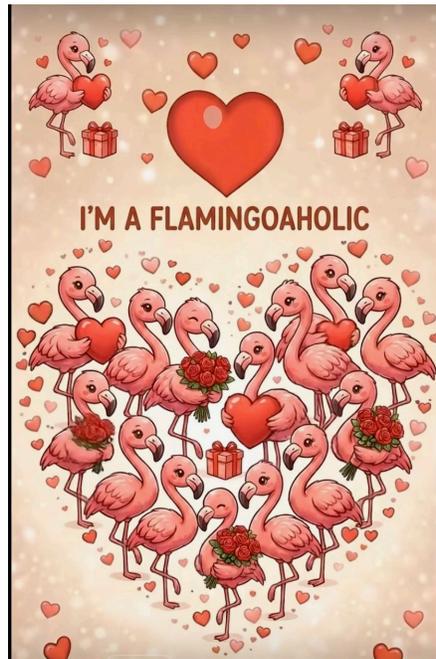




Illinois JCI Senate

E-Blast

February 15, 2026



What a Flamingle weekend we had in Champaign.

My thanks go out to **Wayne Huelsmann #30592** and **Wayne Kiefer #36498** for picking Maureen and I up from the Belleville/Mascoutah Allegiant airport and driving us to Champaign so we could attend the meeting. Also, to **Denny Birt #37116** and Jan for taking us to the Peoria Airport so we could return to Florida Sunday night.

We met at the Holiday Inn Champaign, which is a nice facility. I booked the presidential suite which meant we were allowed to bring in food and beverage for hospitality and 4 Regions stepped up for the food. Friday night, Northeast Region brought sub sandwiches and salad, S.E.R.V.E. Region took care of snacks for the weekend, the Northwest Region brought breakfast goodies and South Central Region provided Monicals for lunch. All was delicious!

During our meeting, we did a return the favor with the Menard County Jaycees to fill their Micro Pantry.

We collected \$100.00 and 2 bags of can goods. Way to give back. A BIG SHOUT OUT to Fundraiser King **Tony Symoniak #66367** sold over \$4000.00 in Lotto tickets. Yes, Tony you are the KING.

After our meeting we all went to the Jaycee Lunch, not to hear my speech, but to see the Jaycees present a Senatorship to **Jesica Ann Dick #84681**. Well, deserved, welcome to our flock Jesica.

At the Year End JCI Banquet, **Greg Hilleary #43305** was named Senator of the Year for Illinois JCI. Congratulations Greg.

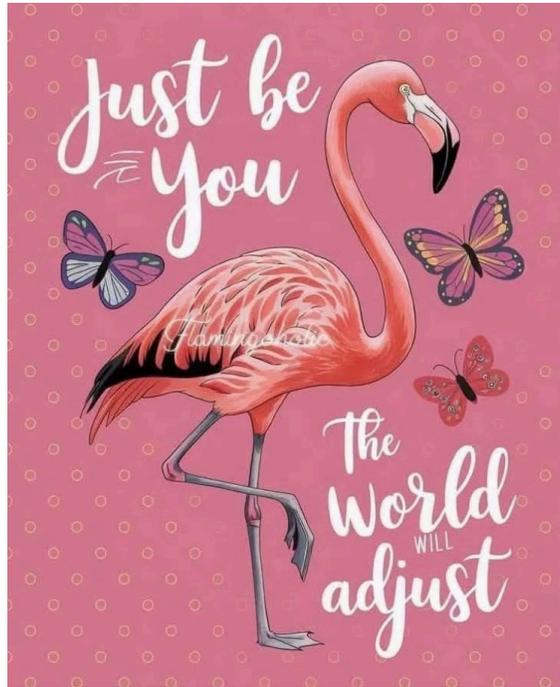
When Chris and I leave Florida, we are going to Pigeon Forge, TN to Mini National in Region VII. Always a fun time, then home, hopefully the snow will melt by then.

We are getting ready to print the directory (we do this every 2 years) if you have moved, changed your email or only have a cell phone please, fill out the form on the website for updates or give me a call with you new information (618)-974-9599.

Do not forget to turn in your Spring Fling registration form. Room Block ends 3/1.

BREAKING NEWS - The Springfield JCI Jaycees submitted a bid for the Fall General Assembly to be held October 16 - 18, 2026 at the Northfield Inn and Conference Center in Springfield (yes, where Illinois is hosting the Region V Spring Fling) and it was approved by the Illinois JCI Jaycees Executive Board.

Let's Flamingle, Be Social, Have Fun
59th President IL JCI Senate
Susie Colbert-Curtis



SPRING FLING 2026

Chief Monté would like to encourage everyone to attend the Spring Fling meeting 2026. The meeting will be held at the Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center located at 3280 Northfield Dr, Springfield, Illinois. The dates are March 27th, 28th and 29th. The committee is looking for desserts and dips/cheeseballs.

For your convenience there is a registration form located in the E-Blast and on the IL JCI Senate website. The Conference Center's direct dial is (217) 523-7900. If calling the Hotel use the booking code Springfling 26. The room block ends March 1st.

To avoid a late registration fee, please ensure you make the March 6th deadline. Checks are payable to the Illinois JCI Senate and registrations should be mailed to:

MaryAnn Hilleary, #64615
Spring Fling 2026
3158 East Main St. Danville, IL 61834

Let's make this a great turn out for Chef Mont  !

Upcoming JCI Illinois meetings/projects

- 2/15 Bloomington Normal Jaycees January Book Club
- 2/17 Champaign Urbana Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 2/17 Steeleville Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 2/18 Menard County Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 2/18 Naperville Jaycees Trivia Night
- 2/18 Springfield Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 2/19 Palatine Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 2/19 South Mascoutah Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 2/20 Camp New Hope Taste of Mattoon/Supporting Sprints of Special Olympics
- 2/20 Collinsville Jaycees Polar Plunge
- 2/21 Addieville Jaycees Trivia Night
- 2/25 New Baden Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 2/26 Mernard County Jaycees Quarter Auction
- 2/27 Chatham Jaycees Trivia Night
- 2/27 Collinsville Jaycees Mini Golf

- 3/4 Valmeyer Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 3/11 Highland Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 3/12 Collinsville Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 3/12 Marine/St. Jacob Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 3/14 Marine/St. Jacob Jaycees Car Show and Chili cook-off
- 3/17 Steeleville Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 3/19 South Mascoutah Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 3/25 New Baden Membership Meeting
- 3/27 Collinsville Jaycees Arcade Night

- 3/28 Champaign Urbana Jaycees Doggie Easter Egg Hunt
3/28 Steeleville Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt
4/1 Valmeyer Jaycees Membership Meeting
4/4 DuQuoin Jaycees Youth Easter Egg Hunt
4/4 Naperville Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt
4/4 Palatine Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt

Upcoming JCI Illinois GA's

04/10 to 04/12/2026 ~ Spring GA & TOYP ~ East Peoria

10/16 to 10/18/2026 ~ Fall GA & Annual Meeting ~ Springfield

01/22 to 01/24/2027 ~ Year End GA ~ Champaign

04/30 to 05/02/2027 ~ Spring GA & TOYP ~ East Peoria

Open for bid ~ Fall GA & Annual Meeting

01/28 to 01/30/2028 ~ Year End GA ~ Champaign

05/05 to 05/07/2028 ~ Spring GA & TOYP ~ East Peoria

Open for bid ~ Fall GA & Annual Meeting

Lotto Update

Good Luck to everyone that has bought tickets.

March Madness

My final fundraiser of the year. \$20 a square. New numbers will be drawn after each round and posted on Facebook. Will post the winners after each round on Facebook and at the end of the month IL e-blast.

Don't wait to buy squares, buy them early and often. I will take payments by Venmo, Zelle, PayPal or see me in Champaign during the Senate meeting to buy your

squares.

Illinois Basketball Squares Update

Still going strong. We have 2 games remaining, 2/15 and 2/21.

All results will be posted on 3/1 e-blast.

I will post all updates on Facebook. Good luck everyone!!!

Yours truly,
Fundraiser King - Tony #66367
630-710-1065 or jaycees69@msn.com

Note from the Senate Treasurer, if you have winnings due to you, you can always pay for March Madness tickets with those winnings. Just inform Tony or MaryAnn Hilleary #64615 217-497-2947 or maryannh63@yahoo.com

Camp New Hope Clean Up Day

The 2026 Camp New Hope Clean Up Day is May 9th. It will be from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and lunch will be provided. Please contact the Camp to RSVP at (217) 895-2341. If you would like to bring along some items for the Camp, their wishlists can be found online at <https://campnewhopeillinois.org>. Do not forget that you can purchase these items on Amazon and have them shipped directly to the Camp AND purchase an Amazon gift card from RaiseRight to make that purchase.

Thank you!
Marsha DeVore

Camp New Hope Chair

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

2026 events

February 19 - 22

Region VII Meeting & TN Mini National,
Pigeon Forge, TN

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

March 27 - 29

Region V Spring Fling, Springfield, IL

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

April 9 - 12

MAI 2026, Jamestown, NY

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

April 10-12

Spring GA & TOYP, East Peoria

April 16-19

Region X Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

April 30 - May 3

Region VIII Spring Regional &
KS JCI Senate 55th Reunion, Topeka, KS

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

May 9

Kentucky JCI Senate Year End Meeting, Bardstown, KY

May 15-17

Missouri JCI Senate Meeting / 50th Anniversary, St. Charles, MO

[Click here for information.](#)

May 22-24

Ohio JCI Senate Year End Meeting, Cleveland, OH

June 14-18

US JCI Senate National Meeting, San Antonio, TX

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

July 10-12

Iowa Summer Picnic, Sioux City, IA

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

July 23-26

Illinois Picnic, Carlyle, IL

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

September 17-20

US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting, Topeka, KS

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

During the Winter IL JCI Senate meeting I had the honor of accepting the nomination for 2026 - 2027 IL JCI Senate President from **Monty Schroeder #62203** and **Wayne Kiefer #36498**. Many years ago, I was asked if I wanted to "move up" and I didn't. At the time, I was working and had very few vacation days to use on Senate events. Well, retirement has changed my world! **Mark Niedenthal #39701** and I have been traveling up a storm! We love going to

Region V events and beyond. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in East Peoria for our Spring Senate Meeting/Elections/TOYP April 10-12. If you have any questions for me or would like to get involved in the fun, please don't hesitate to reach out and we can chat! Someone has already shown interest in the Management VP position, but we're actively getting our ducks in a row, looking for a Secretary, many RD positions, and a whole bunch of people for the committees.

I wanted to thank and congratulate people who accepted nominations for the 2026-2027 board:
Rod Hollenstine #46073 - Administrative Vice President

MaryAnn Hilleary #46605 - Treasurer

Tony Symoniak #66367 - Northeast RD

Norm Hoffman #25676 - Northwest RD

Monty Schroeder #62203 & Chris Stierwalt #52938 - Se.R.V.E. RD

Robbie Johnston #51099 - South Central RD

Thank you for your help and support!

Maureen K. Niedenthal #67669

2025-2026 IL JCI Senate Administrative Vice President

niedmoe22@gmail.com

217-274-9858

Chaplain Bev Olson #42473

Extended Family Update

None

Family Update

None

Directory Update:

New Senator

Jesica Dick #84681
14358 Prairie Trail
Athens, IL 62613
217-741-4787
jesica.dick@iljaycees.org

New Lifetime Member

Jesica Dick #84681
Life #883
Aaron Brown #71695
Life #884

Address Change

None

Email Change

None

Phone Change

None

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.

E-Blast Reminder

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



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