



2024 - 2025

**Illinois JCI Senate
E-Blast
January 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.

The next Illinois JCI Senate meeting will be February 1st at 10:30 a.m. in Bloomington at The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center. The room rate is \$104/night plus tax. Room block ends **January 3rd**. Call hotel and say you're with the Jaycees at 309-662-2020. The # of room nights (we need 20 room nights for zero cost) booked by the Senate will be used to offset the cost for the meeting room and hospitality room.

In addition to the meeting going on Saturday, the Illinois Jaycees have invited us to participate in the new spin on their morning show - YOGA (link on Illinois JCI Senate facebook page and in their Olympic themed social:

Get ready for some friendly rivalry, because we're randomly assigning teams (with colors: Blue, Black, Red, Yellow, and Green) to bring the Olympic spirit alive! 🌍🌟

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just here for the fun, there's a spot for EVERYONE. And yes, the social is open to both active members and senators—so don't be shy, let's mix, mingle, and show off those team colors! 🍷

🎤 Opening & closing ceremonies? Check.

🏆 Competitions? Check.

👤 Team spirit and dress code fun? You bet! (More info coming on the dinner dress code later this week — stay tuned!) 🔥👗

Let's get ready to GO FOR GOLD together! 🏆🌟

Sign Up Here: <https://form.jotform.com/243508099019158>

Poker

The Illinois JCI Senate is looking for volunteers to help with a Poker Fundraiser coming up on Friday January 3, 2025. This event will run from 2:00 PM until approximately 2:00 AM at the Bridgeview Community Center at 7900 S Oketo Ave, Bridgeview, IL 60455.

Volunteers for the Opening Shift and Middle Shift will be selling tournament entries while the Closing Shift will mostly be waiting for the tournaments to finish. Please sign up for your favorite at the link below. All help is definitely appreciated. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449A4A622A6F94-53640818-poker>

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In Jaycee spirit,
Christopher Rick

Lotto

Well, one more month to buy tickets before this fundraiser starts on Feb 1. Need to sell 15 more envelopes to get over the \$3000 mark. Who needs an envelope??? They are \$50 for an envelope of 10 numbers. We are falling a bit behind from last years sales, so I need all the help I can get. Please contact me if you are needing numbers. I will send you a screenshot of your numbers, once I get payment. Speaking of payment, I will take Zelle, Venmo or PayPal. As of now, I plan on being at the Year-End GA in Bloomington. Updates coming via Facebook as a reminder.

Tony Symoniak #66367
jaycees69@msn.com

The Illinois Jaycees (JCI) 2025 Management Team have asked us to provide a listing of TRAINERS that would be willing to assist local chapters with training needs.

It is my plan to compile a listing of Senator's that would include your Name, email address, and telephone number along with the topics that you would be interested in assisting them with training. My plan is to have a first draft of this listing to them by the Year-End GA in Bloomington.

Please email me your information as listed above to greg.hilleary@gmail.com

Thanks

Greg Hilleary #43305
Illinois JCI Senate - Illinois JCI 2025 Liaison
(217) 497-2957

General Fund Fundraiser
Illinois Basketball Squares – Update

We have started and already completed 3 games.
Here are the winners so far:

December 14 Results:

Halftime – \$25 – Tammy Ruppel–Sheffler

Reverse – \$10 – Tony Symoniak

Final – \$50 – Jeff Hadley

Reverse – \$10 – Sara Schwantz

December 22 Results:

Halftime – \$25 – Denny Birt

Reverse – \$10 – Amy Olson

Final – \$50 – Wayne Keifer

Reverse – \$10 – Richard Lindow

December 29 Results:

Halftime – \$25 – Maureen Niedenthal

Reverse – \$10 – Vicky Dempsey

Final – \$50 – Jeff & Mike – JH

Reverse – \$10 – Mark Niedenthal

Congratulations to the winners so far. 13 more games to go, the next game is January 2. Numbers will be sent out via email and Facebook. I will be sending out updates via Facebook and email.

Tony Symoniak #66367

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If you Register early for the 2025 US JCI Senate Annual Meeting by the below deadline, you will be entered into a drawing to WIN One (1) Free Room Night

January 11th in Person at the 2025 Winter BOD Meeting, Kenner, LA

OR

January 17^h Postmarked to Lynne McGill #70364

1209 W. 83rd Court

Merrillville, IN 46410

Drawing to be held January 27th, 2025 and winner will be contacted and posted on [2025 US JCI Senate Annual Meeting Chicago-Northbrook, IL](#) Facebook page.

Any questions, contact:

Maureen Niedenthal #67699 at 217-274-9858

Lynne McGill #70364 at 708-691-0934

Jcisenatechicago2025@gmail.com

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

2025

Jan. 9-12 [US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting in Kenner, LA](#)

Jan. 18 [MI JCI Senate Snowball Soiree in Yipsilanti, MI](#)

(Use to be Post Holiday Party)

Jan. 31 - Feb. 2

IL Winter GA/Senate Meeting in Bloomington, IL

The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center \$104/night

Call hotel and say you're with the Jaycees.

309-662-2020

Mar. 14-16 [Region V Spring Fling in Mt. Pleasant, MI](#)

Jun. 15-20 [US JCI Senate Annual Meeting in Chicago/Northbrook, IL](#)

There are so many opportunities to get out and socialize with our fellow senators in Region V and beyond! I've included the national events in the

hopes that you could join us as we promote the national meeting we're hosting next summer. If you're interested in traveling outside of Region V make sure to check out the calendar. [Calendar \(usjcisenate.org\)](https://www.usjcisenate.org)

Convention 2025

Speaking of the convention, we need some help.

1. Do you know any businesses that might be willing to donate snacks, granola bars, water, or pop?
2. Are any of our Jaycee/Senate friends owners of businesses in Northern Illinois that we can recommend to our convention goers?
3. Do you have any restaurant recommendations for the Northbrook/Chicagoland area?
4. Want to help with the convention, but not sure how? Reach out and we can talk. I'm sure there's a job for you!
5. We'll be meeting via Zoom about tours this month. Let me know if you'd like to help!

Let me know if you have any information to share or an idea.

Maureen K. Niedenthal #67669

2025 National Convention Co-Chair

niedmoe22@gmail.com

217-274-9858

Denny Birt #37116 just returned home from a stay at the hospital.

It was determined that he has Guillain-Barré syndrome, which is a rare autoimmune disease that occurs when the body's immune system attacks the nervous system. Cards can be sent to

203 Arbours Drive, Savoy, IL 61814

E-Blast Reminder

Deadline is Noon on the 30th/31st & 14th.



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