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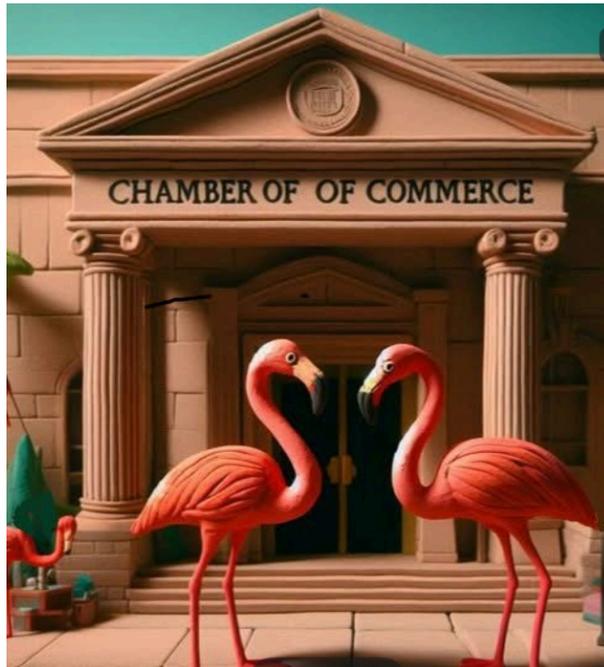
**Illinois JCI Senate**

**E-Blast**

**October 15, 2025**

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Senators, please join me in giving a round of applause for a flamingling weekend in East Peoria at the Embassy Suites.

During the Jaycee luncheon a Senatorship was awarded to Stephanie Martin #84278 of the Springfield Jaycees --- congratulations Stephanie!

We joined with the Illinois Jaycees for "The Outstanding Young Person and Hall Of Fame" presentation, where 6 individuals were honored and two were inducted into the Hall of Fame for the class of 2025. Congratulations to all, especially our Hall of Fame winners Kate

Many thanks for a fabulous weekend - SxSW region for snacks on Friday night and lunch on Saturday, Kay DeGroot and her committee on a successful Silent Auction, Bill Patterson and the hospitality crew for all you do, and all who participated in the weekend.

I hope to see a flock of you in southern Illinois this weekend for the IL/MO Wine and Brewery Tour.

Senators we haven't seen or heard from for a while: Bob Baker, Greg Baker, Rachel Bassett, Aaron Brown, William Busking, Johnny Caldwell, Tiffany Dailey, Buc Dickman, Amy Dittrich, Michele Emmerich, Curtis Hampton, Tanya Haubner, Tracie Joyner, James Kater, Rebecca Klug, Jared Koester, Pat Lawler, Gregory Martucci, Sarah McKillop, Hannah Meadow, Blane Mendenhall, Kolleen Mendenhall, Michael Ojo, Andrew Plocher, Debra Reckmann, Jordan Rigney, Gerald Rolfingsmeyer, Brad Rowan, Fran Samaras, Rita Senger, Ashley Sheridan, Jennifer Sheridan, Matthew Stallard, Adela Starociu and Andi Whalen.

If you recognize any of the names please

the senators listed.

THANK YOU

Susie Colbert-Curtis

President IL JCI Senate

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## WINE & BEER TOUR 2025

It's getting closer!!! Our annual social with Missouri Senators and our many other friends from Indiana and KY/MI. Ray and I did some "research" and found a tour we think will be exciting! We even had to do another day of further research accompanied by the Waynes and Margie. If you don't like what we have lined up - drink some more until you do!

We have a good mix of wineries and a brewery as well as a stop with ciders for those in that mode of refreshment. Most also sell domestic beer, thanks for asking. We have planned interesting stops for our evening repast that we think you will find tantalizing to your palate.

In that light, we have a location for Thursday evening for those arriving early. If you could please send me an email at

so we can plan accordingly. Friday, we plan to leave the hotel for our first stop around 10:00 am. We will make arrangements with the hotel for those arriving on Friday and not able to check-in upon arrival.

Last but by far not least, we will be attending the Makanda Vulture Festival! Never heard of or been to Makanda? Let's just describe it as the "Blue Room" of Southern Illinois villages.

[Link to Makanda Vulture Festival.](#)

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## 2025 SILENT AUCTION

The 2025 Silent Auction is history! Thank you for helping raise over \$1,200 dollars for your Illinois JCI Senate. We were within \$100 of reaching what was raised at the last Auction and, with the event falling at a different time than in the past and me being a first-time chairman, I am pleased with the outcome and hope you are, too.

Thank you to EACH and EVERYONE of you that donated, purchased, and assisted in any way in this effort. I appreciate you! It truly does "take a village".

Kay DeGroot,  
Chairman

Reminder, 28 November is the deadline to purchase \$17 wreaths. The wreaths will be placed on 13 December at cemeteries across the US. You can pick your cemetery. If you don't, the default is Arlington National Cemetery. Below is the QR code directly to the US JCI Senate account (code FL1122). Please put "Illinois" with your name, so National Chairman Angie Taylor knows which state to credit. Send me pictures at [kykopp@apex.net](mailto:kykopp@apex.net)!

Karen Voshel, IL Wreaths Across America  
Chairman.



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

October 16-19

Illinois-Missouri Wine & Brewery Tour

[Registration Form](#). (Full, but accepting names for a waitlist)

(deadline to register was Sept. 27)

Michigan JCI Senate Fall Social Wine Tour,  
Petoskey Stone Hunt, Color Tour  
Petoskey, MI [Registration Form](#).

We will be staying at the casino. Michigan Senate  
is working on getting a room block rate.

October 31 - November 2  
Kentucky Fall Frenzy, Bardstown, KY  
[Registration Form](#).

November 15 - 16  
Ohio JCI Annual Convention & Elections / Senate  
Meeting in Hartsville, OH.

January 16 - 18  
US JCI Senate Winter Board, Melbourne, FL.  
[Registration Form](#).

March 27 - 29  
Region V Spring Fling, Springfield, IL.  
[Registration Form](#).

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All dues paying members should have received  
your dues billing in the mail. Let me know if you  
have questions.

Treasurer 2023-2024  
maryannh63@yahoo.com

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## Chaplain Bev Olson #42473

### Words of Encouragement

Joan Choltco-Travis #76201 is in need of prayers, and cards of healing thoughts can be sent to Joan at 8319 Woodbridge Lane, Machesney Park, IL 61115.

Our esteemed President, Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137, fractured her foot and then had carpal tunnel surgery. As Susie loves to Flamingle with all of you, cards can be sent to her at 1 Pinehurst Court, Columbia, IL 62236. (The sillier the better; at least she can still laugh!)

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## Directory Update:

### New Senator:

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## E-Blast Reminder

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