



Illinois JCI Senate

**E-Blast
Family Update**

October 31, 2025

Happy Halloween 🎃



Back-to-Back Wine Weekends Exploring Southern Illinois and Petoskey, Michigan

We flocked to two unforgettable weekends discovering the unique wine regions of Southern Illinois and Petoskey, Michigan. Each weekend offered a blend of local wineries, charming small towns, and regional attractions.

Weekend 1: Southern Illinois Wine Country
Southern Illinois is known for its rolling hills and scenic Shawnee Hills Wine Trail. This region boasts a variety of wineries and vineyards, each offering a distinctive taste of Illinois.

Giant shoutout to Ray and Mel Ainslie for mapping out a great wine tour and our bus drivers Ray, Mel and Wayne Huelsman. Remember what happens on the bus stays on the bus. But what you see at the Vulture fest you can never unsee!

Weekend 2: Petoskey, Michigan Wine Region

Located along Little Traverse Bay, Petoskey is part of the Tip of the Mitt. The northern region is known for its cool climate and breathtaking lake views.

We traveled to the Tunnel of Trees, went to the U.P. and looked at 2 great Light Houses plus sampled many wines, ciders, and maple syrup. Some looked and found Petosky stones. Thanks to MI JCI President Dan Mollering, Jocelyn, and Caroline for such great planning.

THANK YOU
Susie Colbert-Curtis
President IL JCI Senate
618-974-9599

Senators we haven't seen or heard from for a while:

Bob Baker
Aaron Brown
Amy Dittrich
Tracie Joyner
James Kater
Jared Koester
Jordan Rigney
Gerald Rolfingsmeyer
Rita Senger

If you recognize any of the names please reach out to me so we can get in touch with the senators listed.

THANK YOU

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ITS SOCIAL TIME !!! ALL ARE INVITED

LET'S GET THE FLOCK TOGETHER BEFORE
THE HOLIDAY RUSH

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6

CHESAPEAKE SEAFOOD HOUSE
3045 E CLEAR LAKE AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD IL 62702

3:30 PM (WHEN THEY OPEN)

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN COME

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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 to credit. Send me pictures at 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 31 - November 2
Kentucky Fall Frenzy, Bardstown, KY
[Click here for 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.
[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

March 27 - 29
Region V Spring Fling, Springfield, IL.

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

All dues paying members should have received your dues billing in the mail. If you didn't please let me know or contact me, if you have any questions.

MaryAnn Hilleary #64615
Treasurer 2025-2026
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Chaplain Bev Olson #42473

Family Passing

David T. "Dave" Yuchs #42803 passed away October 30th at the age of 64. He was a member of the Quincy Jaycees. Notes of sympathy can be sent to his wife, Kimi Yuchs, at 1640 Midlan Drive, Quincy, IL 62301.

[Please click here for his obituary.](#)

Directory Update:

New Life Members
Stephanie Martin #84278 - #876
Ashley Sheridan #80629 - #877
Jennifer Sheridan #80628 - #878

Fran Samaras #76034 - #879

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.

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



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