



**Illinois JCI Senate  
E-Blast  
February 28, 2025**

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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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*Forum Deadline is March 18.*

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*Please help spread the word. The Roger D Colbert Scholarship deadline is March 1st.*

**ELIGIBILITY:** All graduating high school seniors, who are **RELATED** to an Illinois Jaycee or Illinois JCI Senator that reside in Illinois, who will be enrolling in their first year of full-time study at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational school.

**SPONSORSHIP:** Your sponsor is a member of the Illinois Jaycees or Illinois JCI Senator to whom you are **RELATED** (child/stepchild, grandchild, brother, sister, niece, nephew).

Your sponsor is required to attach a letter to your application per the application instructions. If you are related to more than one member of the Illinois Jaycees or JCI Senator, they may sign a joint letter.

**CRITERIA FOR AWARD:** Recipients are based upon involvement, leadership roles, honors and awards, volunteer community service, employment, personal statements, financial statement, scholastic achievement and sponsor letter. Specific questions can be found on the application.

[Roger D. Colbert Scholarship Application](#)

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The ELECTION MEETING will be on May 10, 2025 held at Scheels, 3801 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield in their meeting room at 9:30 a.m.. We can enter the building at 9:00 am when the doors open. We are getting this room for free, thanks to the Springfield Jaycees. Be sure to check out the great shopping.

Robbie Johnston #51099 has arranged for hotel accommodations at Microtel, 2636 Sunrise Dr., Springfield. Room rate is \$94.50 a night plus tax for queen double and \$104.50 for king and queen suites. Call 217.753.2636 Room block is under IL JCI Senate. Contact Robbie at 217.553.2082 or robbie581@sbcglobal.net, if you have any problems booking. Continental breakfast included. Of course, you can stay where you like but that weekend the rates are up due to Mother's Day.

We will have a hospitality room for Friday night. Bill Patterson is bringing the drinks. We can have hot food. Chris Rick will be reaching out to the RDs, as we need a region to be in charge of the snacks.

Best part - there is an IHOP across the drive, maybe 25 yards.

If interested the following places have been lined up for Friday night dinner and Saturday lunch:

Dinner - Friday night - Chesapeake Seafood House, 3045 E. Clearlake Ave., Springfield @ 6:30 p.m. Sign up with Kay Degroot 217-899-2293 in advance (text her) as she is coordinating reservations for dinner- ordering off the menu and separate checks.

Lunch - Saturday - Casa Real Cantina and Grill, 1121 Lincolnshire Blvd., Springfield (this is right next to Scheels) @12:30 p.m. Sign up with Robbie 217-553-2082 (text her) as she is coordinating reservations for lunch - ordering off the menu and separate checks.

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Hello fellow senators, soon we will be headed to Mt Pleasant, MI for Spring Fling, March 14 - 16.

The U. S. JCI Senate Foundation will have a Silent and Brown Bag Auction. We need you to donate items for others to bid on! We all have those items we need to purge but we just can't, what about donating them to the Auction so money can be raised for more scholarships.

If you are unable to attend but have something to donate please reach out to me and I'll make arrangements to get it there.

Thanks,

US JCI Senate Foundation Region 5 Representative  
Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137  
618-974-9599  
[susiejci73137@gmail.com](mailto:susiejci73137@gmail.com)

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On-To

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

- Mar. 14-16 [Region V Spring Fling in Mt. Pleasant, MI Registration Form](#)
- April 3-5 JCI USA Spring Convention in Chicago/Northbrook
- April 11-13 [Indiana Year End & Elections in French Lick, IN Registration Form](#)
- April 11-13 [Region VI Spring Meeting in Branson, MO Registration Form](#)
- May 9-10 Illinois Spring Meeting & Elections in Springfield, IL
- May 17 Kentucky Spring Meeting in Bardstown, KY - Lunch at Talbot Tavern at 11 am, Meeting at 1 pm
- Jun. 15-19 [US JCI Senate Annual Meeting in Chicago/Northbrook Registration Form](#)
- July 18-20 Ohio Pig Roast in Kent, OH
- July 25-27 [Illinois JCI Senate Picnic in Springfield, IL Registration Form](#)
- Sept. 11-14 [US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, OH Registration Form](#)
- Oct. 3-5 [Fall GA & TOYP, Embassy Suites, East Peoria, IL Registration Information](#)
- Oct. 31-Nov. 2 [Kentucky Fall Frenzy, Bardstown, KY Registration Form](#)

I really enjoy traveling to Region V and National events. Doing this allows me to meet up with friends old and new! I have been your On-To person for a couple years now and have decided to do something different next year. Would YOU

like to share meeting/event information with the IL JCI Senate? It's really not difficult AND I'd love to show you where I get my information. Please let me know if you're interested in learning more about this fun area of the Senate!

Maureen K. Niedenthal #67669

IL JCI Senate On-To Chair

[niedmoe22@gmail.com](mailto:niedmoe22@gmail.com)

217-274-9858

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2025 US JCI Senate National Convention

Northbrook/Chicago Hilton

June 15-19, 2025

Hello Illinois Senate!

In my last eblast article I made a HUGE mistake! I typed in Kenvin Ankenbrand's email incorrectly! The following has his correct email address.

**Transportation Chair - Kevin Ankenbrand #63771**

Kevin will help the National Board get from the airport to the hotel. If you want to work with Kevin on this, please reach out! We plan on using Uber/Lyft, but we could have some situations where that won't work and we want to drive the person. Can you help? Are you good with the Uber or Lyft app?

**Please contact Kevin to be part of his team!      [kankenbrand@yahoo.com](mailto:kankenbrand@yahoo.com)**  
**618-240-3088**

**Hospitality Chair - Tony Symoniak #66367**

Tony will be coordinating the Grab 'N Go breakfasts, hospitality snacks/desserts, working on the box lunch, and overseeing the banquet dinner. Can you help? Do you have an in with a factory/company that makes or delivers snacks? Can you get prepackaged items like granola bars, breakfast bars, cereal, individual oatmeal packs, coffee cakes, chips, pretzels, candy, etc? Are you willing to donate a box of packaged items? Please let Tony know.

**Please contact Tony to be part of his team!**

[jaycees69@msn.com](mailto:jaycees69@msn.com) 630-710-1065

**Beverage Chair - Bill Patterson #47979**

Bill is organizing the beverages we will be consuming during the convention. We have to purchase the alcohol from the hotel, but we can bring donated beer, wine, pop, and water. Do you know of any businesses or individuals who might donate? Are you willing to help donate money or beverages? Just to give you some perspective, we need at least 50 cases of water! If just 25 people offered to bring 2 cases each we'd have our water situation handled!

**Please contact Bill to be part of his team!**

[pfcoachbill@aol.com](mailto:pfcoachbill@aol.com)

**708-280-3497**

**Registration Chair - Lynne McGill #70364**

Lynne and her amazing co-chair **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** have been working for months on registration! There's still more work to be done. Want to help at the convention as people pick up their name tags and convention information? We need people to man the registration table. We also have some at-home jobs that could be done prior to June. Just an added note in registration - we are asking all Illinois and Region V Senators to reserve rooms and pay for their registration. In the event that the project makes money, we can look at helping cover some of your expenses.

**Please contact Lynne or Susie to be part of their team!**

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**618-974-9599**

**Tour/Entertainment Team - John Gill #49450, Lucia Irwin #66765, Tony Symoniak #66367, Lara Thom #83098, Ann Lewis #72970, Bill Rowe #68670, Maureen Niedenthal #67669**

This dynamic team is working on providing tours and entertainment for convention goers. We're working on a baseball game trip, Chicago food tour, and painting class at the hotel. Do you want to help? We also want to offer information about what people can do in the Northbrook area. Also, do you have any entertainment connections in the Northern IL area in case we want to offer some kind of entertainment at the hotel? Please contact someone on the

Tour/Entertainment Team!

Also, do you know of anyone who can sing the National Anthem during the convention? Please let one of us know!

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### **Donations - Karen Helms #57838**

Do you know of any businesses that might be willing to make a monetary or in-kind donation? We have partnered with the Illinois Jaycee Charitable Foundation on this event. They are a 501(c)3 organization. We will be sending out letters to Senators this spring seeking donations. If you personally would like to make a donation and want to let us know, please email or call Karen.

**Please reach out to Karen if you'd like to help contact people OR if YOU would like to make a donation! [senate57838@gmail.com](mailto:senate57838@gmail.com)  
847-636-8340**

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### IL BASKETBALL SQUARES

Congratulations on the winners.

All money should have been sent via Venmo, Zelle or the check is in the mail.

### MARCH MADNESS

We are about 20 days away before this starts. We have 10 squares left. They are \$20 a square. There will be new numbers picked before each round.

I take Zelle, Venmo or PayPal.

## LOTTO RESULTS:

That was a fast month. Congratulations to all the winners.

Here is the list of numbers and winners:

Feb 1 – 812 – Zac Wysoglad

Feb 2 – 772 – Bruce Windenhofer

Feb 3 – 042 – Bruce Niedenthal

Feb 4 – 925 – No Winner

Feb 5 – 917 – Tammy Snapp

Feb 5 – 706 – No Winner

Feb 6 – 106 – Susie Colbert-Curtis

Feb 7 – 303 – Cole Hintze

Feb 8 – 441 – Lori Oakland

Feb 9 – 290 – Kay Niedenthal

Feb 10 – 769 – Michael Shoback

Feb 11 – 118 – Marilyn Burton

Feb 12 – 891 – No Winner

Feb 12 – 683 – Susie Colbert-Curtis

Feb 13 – 830 – Ted Kuenzli

Feb 14 – 479 – Chris Stierwalt

Feb 15 – 879 – Chris Stierwalt

Feb 16 – 694 – Chuck Hintze

Feb 17 – 195 – No Winner

Feb 18 – 231 – Bev & JDO Olson

Feb 19 – 402 – No Winner

Feb 19 – 414 – Sheri Menendez

Feb 20 – 838 – Earl Sawyer

Feb 21 – 884 – Susie Colbert-Curtis

Feb 22 – 947 – Brad Huelsmann

Feb 23 – 410 – Mark Niedenthal

Feb 24 – 678 – Nicki (Justine) Wood

Feb 25 – 678 – Nicki (Justine) Wood

Feb 26 – 453 – Earl Sawyer

Feb 26 – 725 – Kathy Priestler

Feb 27 – 838 – Earl Sawyer

Feb 28 – 552 – Melodie Ainslie

Feb 28 – 494 – Charlie Meier

Overall had 28 winning numbers and 5 no winners.

Yours Truly,

Fundraiser Guru

Tony “SpongeBob” Symoniak

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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.

My plan is to compile a listing of Senator's that would include Name, email address, and telephone number along with the topics that you would be interested in assisting them with training. I have only had a couple of responses.

Please email me your information as listed above, to [greg.hilleary@gmail.com](mailto:greg.hilleary@gmail.com)

Thanks

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

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## *Message from the Illinois JCI National Convention Committee*

### **Support JCI USA's 2024 Year End Convention - Wine Sponsorship Opportunity**

We are excited to invite you to support JCI USA's 2024 Year End Convention in the Chicagoland area from **April 3-5, 2024**, by sponsoring bottles of wine for our **Awards Banquet**. For a **tax-deductible contribution of just \$60**, your sponsored bottle will be **prominently displayed** on the banquet tables, and we will include a **personalized message** of your choice on the label.

Your generosity will help make this event memorable for all attendees, and we greatly appreciate your consideration of this sponsorship.

#### **How to Participate:**

1. Write your message (50-character limit) for the wine label below.
2. If sponsoring multiple bottles, let us know if you'd like different wording on each bottle. Feel free to use the back of this page if more space is needed.
3. **Make checks payable to the Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation.**
4. Alternatively, you can complete the [WINE SPONSORSHIP GOOGLE FORM](#) or pay via PayPal at: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/CH65T4FQU3E3N>

Thank you for your support!

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#### **Directory Update:**

**No updates at this time.**

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# E-Blast Reminder

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

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