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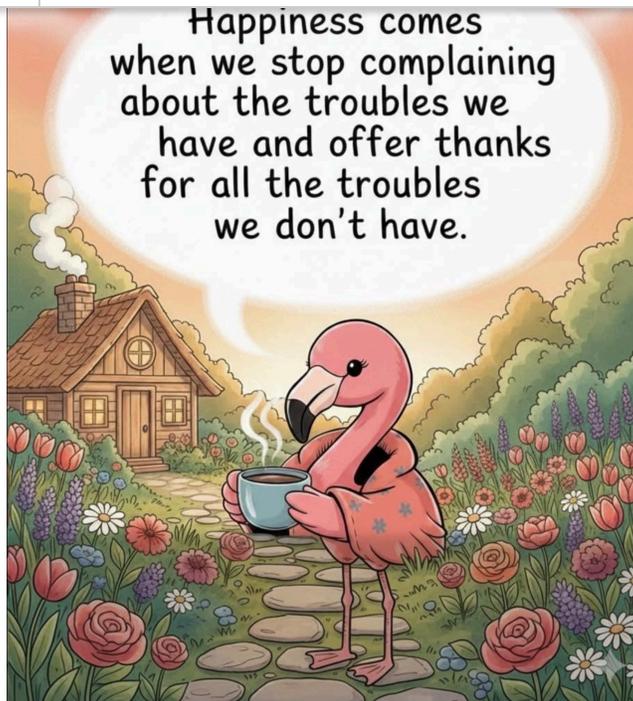


**Illinois JCI Senate**

**E-Blast  
Spring FORUM**

**March 1, 2026**

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Wow. What a wonderful time we had in Pigeon Forge, TN at Region VII, Mini National. We had a great showing of the flock there as well.

Soon it will be Region V's Spring Fling, March 27 - 29, hosted by Illinois. This is NVP Monty's Region V celebration please get your registrations into MaryAnn Hilleary. As always, we will have a flamazing time.

Let's Flamingle, Be Social, Have Fun  
59<sup>th</sup> President IL JCI Senate  
Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137

SPRING FLING 2026

Inn, Suites & Conference Center located at  
3280 Northfield Dr, Springfield, Illinois.

The dates are March 26, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to honor Chef Monté, please feel free to bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share with your fellow Senators.

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [rjhollen@comcaast.net](mailto:rjhollen@comcaast.net). Look forward to seeing you all there.

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## Upcoming JCI Illinois meetings/projects

- 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

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- 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

**Look at On-To for hotel information &  
TOYP/Hall of Fame Banquet tickets.**

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

The other dates reported in the February 15th e-blast, still to need to be approved by the JCI Illinois board.

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The Illinois JCI Senate will be hosting a poker fundraiser on Friday, March 27, 2026. The Illinois JCI Senate hosts four of these fundraisers each year and they are an important funding source for our organization. All help is definitely appreciated.

Volunteers for the Opening Shift and Middle Shift will be selling tournament entries during your shift while the Closing Shift will mostly be waiting for the tournaments to finish. We do not exchange chips for cash. If you would like more details on what volunteering entails, please contact Chris Rick by email to [crick10101@aol.com](mailto:crick10101@aol.com) or via phone at 847-533-0204.

The event will be held at King's Hall Banquets at 1000 IL 55 Suite 40, Lombard, IL 60148 (near I-355 and IL Rt. 64) from 2:00 PM until approximately 1:00 AM with an extra half hour before and after for setup/teardown.

Please review the available shifts and sign up for your favorite. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449A4A622A6F94-62523996-poker#/>

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Before I give my updates, I like to let everyone know that I will be on vacation from Feb 28 - March 8 with limited access to email. IL Basketball & Lotto money will be sent out the week I get back. I will promote March Madness once I get back too.

## Illinois Basketball Squares Update

Thanks for participating during this fundraiser. The complete list of winners will be out in the FORUM newsletter. Once again, any winnings will be sent out the week of March 9.

## Lotto Update

There has been a winner drawn everyday until the Feb 25 drawing when there was NO WINNER. I will have a complete list of winners on the next Illinois E-Blast on the 15th. Once again, you can purchase March Madness square's with your winnings from Lotto. Just let me know.

## March Madness

This fundraiser will start on March 19. Squares are \$20 and new numbers each round. Each round you will get a new set of

will be higher seeded teams (#1, #2, etc). The numbers to the left will be the lower seeded teams (#15, #16, etc). It will be the final score to win. For example, Illinois #1 faces Duke #3. Illinois will be across the top and Duke across the side (left). Final score is IL 85, Duke 82. You look across the top for 5 the side for 2 and person name in that square wins. For Reverse Score you just flip the numbers, that would be IL 2, Duke 5 and whomever is it that square wins. Hope this helps the non-gambler. I will also send out list of winners from each round.

Here are the payouts:

1<sup>st</sup> Round - \$5

2<sup>nd</sup> Round - \$10

Sweet 16 - \$15

Reverse Score - \$10

Elite 8 - \$25

Reverse Score - \$10

Final 4 - \$50

Reverse Score - \$20

Championship - \$100

Halftime - \$50

Reverse Final - \$25

Thanks!

Tony "Mr Fundraiser" Symoniak

#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*

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Spring Fling Auction to benefit

The annual Region V - US JCI Senate Foundation Auction will be held at the upcoming Spring Fling, March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Please be thinking about any items you could donate to the auction. Remember, the funds raised go directly to the Foundation's Scholarship program. This program helps outstanding students to further their education.

If you know will be able to make a donation of an auction item(s), I would appreciate if you would drop me a quick email, [hollenstine@comcast.net](mailto:hollenstine@comcast.net). Specifics of the donation are not needed, but I do want to be sure there are enough tables available and set up.

All your efforts are very appreciated.

Roxy Hollenstine #78247  
Region 5 Representative  
US JCI Senate Foundation

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I am looking for someone in the St. Charles (Illinois) vicinity who could pick up some Jaycee history items being donated. Contact me for details Ray Ainslie 618-495-2673  
[rayainslie@frontiernet.net](mailto:rayainslie@frontiernet.net).

Your help is appreciated.

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## Camp New Hope Clean Up Day

The 2026 Camp New Hope Clean Up Day is May 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and lunch will be provided. Please

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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## On-To

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

### 2026 events

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

[Click here for Hotel Reservations.](#)

The block will end on March 30th.

[Click here for TOYP/Hall of Fame banquet tickets.](#)

Founders Club members can click here as well.

April 16-19

Region X Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV

April 17-19

Indiana Year End Meeting & Elections, French Lick, IN

[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 17-19

Ohio Pig Roast, Kent, OH

July 23-26

Illinois Picnic, Carlyle, IL

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

September 17-20

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

October 2-4

Fall Frenzy, Bardstown, KY

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

We also have a fantastic Wine Tour coming up hosted by Missouri this year. Details out when I know!

See ya in Springfield, Robbie Kay 51099

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Hello Senate Friends,

I'd like to invite you to attend our upcoming **Spring IL JCI Senate Meeting** in East Peoria on **Saturday, April 11**. During elections, I will be asking you to vote for me as your next IL JCI Senate President. My husband, Mark, and I are excited about this opportunity and look forward to doing even more traveling throughout IL, Region V, and beyond. I look forward to your support.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Maureen K. Niedenthal #67669

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

217-274-9858

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**Chaplain Bev Olson #42473**

**Extended Family Update**

None

**Family Update**  
Please continue prayers for Garry Roux #39707. He is still in the hospital, and in a lot of pain. His condition is fair. Garry will have further testing to determine the cause of pain. Cards can be sent

to

Garry at 521 Hoeker Dr, Collinsville, IL 62234.

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## Directory Update:

### New Senator

### New Lifetime Member

### Address Change

Reginald Gettings #40244  
3407 W 218th Street  
Matteson, IL 60442

### Email Change

Melanie Urbanowicz #55459  
mu55459@yahoo.com

### Phone Change

None

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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.

[Illinois JCI Senate webpage](#)

## E-Blast Reminder

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



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