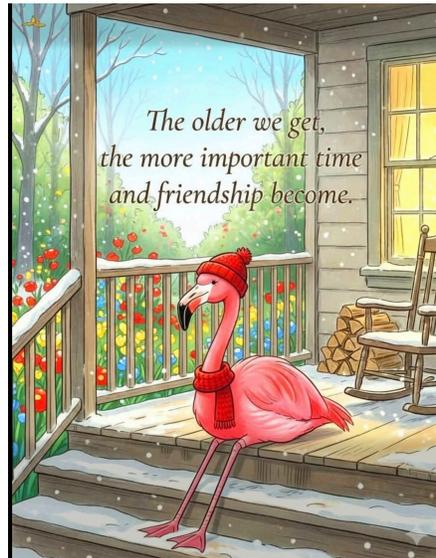




Illinois JCI Senate
E-Blast
Extended Family Update
February 1, 2026



Greeting fellow Senators, I hope this finds you safe and warm this winter day.

I hope you can Flamingle with us February 6th and 7th in Champaign, Illinois at the Holiday Inn for our winter meeting.

It is time for you to return your US JCI Senate Presidential Sweepstakes tickets that were mailed to you. You can bring your envelope to the meeting, with your stubs and check enclosed and we will forward on with ours from the meeting or you can mail direct to Larry MacQuirter although note that he has a new address:

Larry MacQuirter
7401 Blackmon Road
Columbus GA. 31909

At the meeting, we have an opportunity to "**Return the Favor**" with the Menard County Jaycees. They are collecting non-perishable food items for their "Micro Food Pantry" or if you prefer you can give a monetary donation.

I want to thank **Tony Symoniak # 66367** for his great fundraising efforts on the IL JCI Senate Lotto. Thank you to all who bought tickets. This will be our largest percentage of LOTTO tickets ever sold. Way to go Tony.

We would love to see more of our flock. If you have not been to a meeting in a while or want to come out for Friday Night hospitality we would love to see you. Hospitality for the weekend will be in the Presidential Suite.

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



Hospitality for our meeting in Champaign on February 6-8.

Greetings from Florida! We need volunteers to help

with food for the upcoming meeting. I will bring the Friday evening meal for the Northeast. We still need light snacks for Friday/Saturday, a light breakfast for Saturday, and lunch for Saturday. If you can help with any of these, please call, text or email me asap. We will have a smaller group this weekend with many still in Florida. So keep that in mind when shopping.

Bill Patterson 708-280-3497 pfcoachbill@aol.com

Upcoming Illinois Jaycees projects

February 6-8, 2026 Winter GA in Champaign, IL at
101 Trade Ctr Dr.

[Click here for the schedule of events for the weekend.](#)

[Click here for the information.](#)

Menard County Jaycees are collecting items for Menard County's Micro Pantry. Please bring non-perishable items and hygiene products to the Winter GA.

- 2/1 Palatine Paint (Brushes) Brunch and Bubbles
- 2/8 New Baden Super Wings Extravaganza
- 2/14 Palatine Jaycees Bowling
- 2/14 Wordi Gras Parade with Region V (Illinois JCI)
- 2/14 Hoopeston Jaycees - Hoopeston Community Awards and Miss Hoopeston Ceremony
- 2/20 Camp New Hope Taste of Mattoon/Supporting Sprits of Special Olympics
- 2/21 Addieville Jaycees Trivia Night
- 2/26 Mernard County Jaycees Quarter Auction

Here is a quote from our 2026 95th Illinois State

President Megan O'Brien

"As we step boldly into 2026, we are filled with excitement and momentum for a year of big ideas, strong leadership, and meaningful impact. Our theme - Dream Big, Empower Leaders, Inspire Impact - calls on every Jaycee to stretch their vision, lead with purpose, and make a difference that truly matters."

SPRING FLING 2026

Chief Monté would like to encourage everyone to attend the Spring Fling meeting 2026. The meeting will be held at the Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center located at 3280 Northfield Dr, Springfield, Illinois. The dates are March 27, 28, and 29th. More details on event and how you can help at the GA in Champaign.

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. To avoid a late registration fee, please ensure you make the March 6th 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 61824

Let's make this a great turn out for Chef Monté!

Lotto Update

I would like to say, thanks to everyone that has bought tickets. We broke the \$4000 income. I will be sending out nightly updates along with weekly

updates on Facebook. Here are the 5 extra drawings:

Feb 6, Feb 13, Feb 20, Feb 27, Feb 28

Good Luck to everyone that has bought tickets.

March Madness

My final fundraiser of the year. \$20 a square. New numbers will be drawn after each round and posted on Facebook. Will post the winners after each round on Facebook and at the end of the month IL eblast. Don't wait to buy squares, buy them early and often. I will take payments by Venmo, Zelle, PayPal or see me in Champaign during the Senate meeting to buy your squares.

Illinois Basketball Squares Update

Still going strong. We have 4 games remaining, 2/1, 2/7, 2/15, 2/21.

All results will be posted on 3/1 eblast.

I will post all updates on Facebook. Good luck everyone!!!

Yours truly,
Fundraiser King - Tony #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*

At the February 7th meeting we will do nominations for our next year's officers. Please consider stepping

up and sharing your talents and energy with our 2026-2027 team. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your election committee members.

Judson DeVore

Bill Patterson

Wayne Huelsmann

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

2026 events

February 6 - 8

Illinois Jaycees 2025 Year End GA, Champaign, IL

*****Be sure to confirm dates, when booking room*****

[Click here for the Information page.](#)

February 19 - 22

Region VII Meeting & TN Mini National,

Pigeon Forge, TN

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

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 30 - May 3
Region VIII Spring Regional &
KS JCI Senate 55th Reunion, Topeka, KS
[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

Chaplain Bev Olson #42473

Extended Family Update

Carolyn "Joan" Benhase, mother of Linda (Woods) Rockwell #45980, passed away December 16, 2025, at the age of 94. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Linda at 8134 Kilbourn Avenue, Skokie, IL, 60076.

Family Update

None

Directory Update:

New Senator

None

New Lifetime Member

Paul DeKruiff #84210

Life #882

Address Change

None

Email Change

Garry Roux #39707

garryroux@gmail.com

Phone Change

William Busking #48064

708-602-8380

Garry Roux #39707
618-444-8682

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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E-Blast Reminder

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



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