



Illinois JCI Senate

**E-Blast
Family Update**

March 15, 2026



Happy early Saint Patrick's Day.

I hope you are planning to flock to Springfield for Region V Spring Fling March 27th and 28th. This is the weekend we will celebrate our very own NVP Monty Schroeder #62203. Thank you to Rod Hollenstine #46073 and his crew for their efforts to bring us a flamazing weekend. See you there.

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

Upcoming JCI Illinois meetings/projects

- 3/17 Steeleville Jaycees Membership Meeting
- 3/19 South Mascoutah Jaycees Membership

- Meeting
- 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

01/22 to 01/24/2027 ~ Winter GA ~ Champaign-Urbana

01/28 to 01/30/2028 ~ Winter GA ~ Champaign-Urbana

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 or via phone at 847-533-0204.

The event will be held at King's Hall Banquets at 1000 IL-53 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#/>

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 numbers. When you look at the board the numbers across the top 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:

- 1st Round - \$5
- 2nd 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*

Spring Fling Auction to benefit US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarships

The annual Region V - US JCI Senate Foundation Auction will be held at the upcoming Spring Fling, March 27th-29th. 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. 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

Camp New Hope Clean Up Day

The 2026 Camp New Hope Clean Up Day is May 9th. It will be from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and lunch will be provided. Please contact the Camp to RSVP at (217) 895-2341. If you would like to 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

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

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

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 16

Michigan JCI Senate Elections and Meeting, Lansing, MI

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

US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting, Topeka, KS

[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

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

217-274-9858

Chaplain Bev Olson #42473

Extended Family Update

None

Family Update

Garry Roux, #39707 is finally home after 8 days in ICU, 5 more days in the hospital, and 2 weeks in rehab. Please send cards to Garry at 521 Hoecker Dr, Collinsville, IL 62234

Gary Capps, #47624 passed away March 11, 2026 at the age of 71. Gary was a member of the Wheaton Jaycees.

[Click here for his obituary.](#)

Directory Update:

New Senator

None

New Lifetime Member

None

Address Change

None

Email Change

None

Phone Change

None

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.

[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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