



**Illinois JCI Senate
E-Blast
June 15, 2025**

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.

To all the Dad's out there - Happy Father's Day!

Birdies for Charity

Happy Spring!!!! It is that time of year to start turning our attention to warmer weather activities. With this in mind, it is once again time to think about Birdies for Charity. This will again be held in conjunction with the John Deere Classic Tournament from July 2nd to 6th, 2025. [Click here for the pledge form.](#)

Once again this year in the program is that penny pledged per birdie will no longer be accepted and donors can only choose to make a flat donation that will be payable at the time the pledge is made. There are a couple ways to make a pledge this year. You can print out the pledge card, fill it out and attach a check made payable to "Birdies for Charity" and mail to Wayne Huelsmann #30592, 411 Thouvenot Lane, New Baden, IL. 62265. The other way would be to fill out the pledge form, scan it and email back to me at wayne.huelsmann@charter.net and make your payment by Venmo to [nbjc1970](#) or PayPal to newbadenjaycees@gmail.com.

Please include the word Birdies on the description line. I need to have the pledge cards sent in by June 27, 2025 in order to get the guesses entered into the contest. Please have all pledge cards to me by June 23rd. Your donation is 100% tax deductible. If anyone has any questions, you can reach me at 618-540-9166.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.
Sincerely,
Wayne Huelsmann #30592

On-To

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

July 18-20

Ohio Pig Roast in Kent, OH [Registration Form](#)

July 25-27

Illinois JCI Senate Picnic in Springfield, IL [Registration Form](#)

August 15-17

Indiana JCI Senate Summer Meeting in Clarksville, IN [Registration Form](#)

September 11-14

US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, OH [Registration Form](#)

October 3-5

Fall GA & TOYP, Embassy Suites, East Peoria, IL [Registration Information](#)

October 16-19

Illinois-Missouri Wine & Brewery Tour [Registration Form](#) (Full, but accepting names for a waitlist)

October 31-November 2

Kentucky Fall Frenzy, Bardstown, KY [Registration Form](#) (Full, but accepting names for a waitlist)

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**2025 US JCI Senate National Convention
Northbrook/Chicago Hilton
June 15-19, 2025**

Hello Senate Friends!

Yesterday or today, many of us will be traveling to Northbrook, IL to host the US JCI Senate National Meeting. Thank you to all of those Senators, friends, and family who are helping us make sure we put on a great event!

To-do lists help people stay on track and get things done. We've got a large list, but it gets easier to manage as more people step up to tackle items one by one.

1. Get people to sign up for shifts at the convention. Shifts are short and many times are easily done while sitting. Having shifts covered BEFORE getting to the convention takes some of the stress away. People can sign up using Sign-Up Genius online OR email/text us and we can get you signed up!

2. Provide great savory snacks in the hospitality room. We have to feed nearly 400 people for 5 days. We're not feeding

them full meals, but we do want to offer things people can nibble on when they're socializing in hospitality. We are paying for a walk-in cooler at the hotel so we have plenty of room to get the beverages cold AND keep the snacks refrigerated, if needed, all week until we're ready to put them out to eat. Here are some ideas that we would love to have:

Meat & Cheese Tray
Hummus & Crackers
Meatballs in Crockpot
Individual bags of crackers
Big bucket of cheese balls

Veggie Trays & Dip
Chips & Dip
Cocktail Wienies in Crockpot
Individual bags of chips

3. If you're going to have salty, you better have sweet treats, too!

Cupcakes
Cookies
Cakes
Candy
Pudding Cups
Yogurt

Brownies
Rice Crispy Treats
Pies
Cookie Bars
Fruit Cups

4. Each morning, we have to provide a Grab 'N Go Breakfast. Donating these items can help us all week!

Fruit
Cranberry Juice
Granola Bars
Pastries

Orange Juice
Yogurt
Coffee Cake
Donuts

5. We have guests and workers who are gluten-free. If you can purchase or make any gluten-free items we would appreciate those. Please label them gluten-free so we know!

Packing ... So much packing to do!

Just a friendly reminder to make sure you remember these items (if you have them)

1. Convention Polo

2. Convention Apron

3. Reusable cup

Tervis, Yeti, generic ... easy to pour "water" into and then go work your shift with a cold beverage at hand.

4. Illinois Senate Shirt

5. Comfortable Shoes!

6. Outfit for Thursday's Banquet - This is the national year-end celebration. You'll see tuxedos, suits, dresses and other dress-up outfits. Wear what you feel comfortable wearing for the celebration.

7. Hotels can be very cold or very warm! If you have summer clothing, but also bring a sweater, sweatshirt, or cardigan you can cover all of the bases.

Two years of prep flew by fast! The finish line that Gary established is within view. Thank you for being on this journey with us.

Please reach out if you want to help and just don't know how to! See you in Northbrook!

Mark & Maureen Niedenthal
2025 National Convention Co-Chairs

Illinois JCI Senators and friends,

We are still looking for a few good men and women to help out at the National Convention June 15-19th in Northbrook. There are plenty of shifts, we would love to see you for an afternoon or evening. Catch up with old friends and help out a little while you are there!

[Illinois JCI Senate: US JCI Senate National Convention - Chicagoland link for volunteering.](#)

Kathy Crick
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Hi All Senators:

The summer picnic will be here before you know it and it is time to get your registration submitted if you haven't already. [Click here for link to registration form.](#) The dates are July 25-27, 2025. We will be staying at the Ramada Springfield North. The hotel contact

information is on the form along with the room block code of IL JCI Senate. The rooms will be released on July 7th. You can now pay via PayPal - just look for the username @JCISouthCentral to submit your payment for the registration or simply mail a check to the address on the form. If paying via Payal, you can email the form itself to Hollenstine@comcast.net. Please be sure to indicate your food choices for the Bar Burgers and the Saturday dinner.

Looking forward to seeing you all there - Rod

Nominate a Young Leader for the Illinois Jaycees TOYP Award!

Do you know a young leader who is making a difference in their community? It's time to recognize them!

The Illinois Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young People (TOYP) nominations are NOW OPEN!

This prestigious award honors young individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their fields and made a positive impact on Illinois communities.

Deadline for Nominations: July 13, 2025

Nominate Now: <https://www.illinoisjaycees.com/toyp-nominations>

Help us celebrate the remarkable young leaders shaping our future.
Let's shine a spotlight on their hard work and dedication!

Hope this information helps get the word out to the Senate.

I will have more information in the next E-Blast.

Greg Hilleary #43305

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Upcoming Events!

- May 10 - Palatine Jaycees Storage Clean Up
- May 10 - Palatine Jaycees Bowling
- May 10 - Alhambra Jaycees BBQ
- May 14 - Palatine Jaycees Grow Getters Garden Club
- May 15 - Bloomington Normal Concessions at the Colosseum
- May 16 - Highland Jaycees Social at The Game Yard
- May 17 - Bloomington Normal Jaycees Bake Sale
- May 18 - Palatine Jaycees Softball
- May 22 - 25 - Bethalto Jaycees County Fair
- May 22 - Palatine Jaycees Jaycee Connect
- May 24 - Bloomington Normal Jaycees Rural Bar Crawl
- May 29 - Naperville Jaycees Philanthropy Event
- May 29 - Region V Regional
- July 19 - Illinois Jaycees Planning Boards
- August 23 - Illinois Jaycees Summer Social & Awards
- October 3 - 5 - Illinois Jaycees Fall GA & TOYP



Directory Update:

None at this time.

[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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