

President's Message

Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137

59th President Illinois JCI Senate
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I want to thank my incredible board and my supportive village.

As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with gratitude for the extraordinary journey we have shared. It has been a year of growth, learning, and countless moments of joy.

*Together, **WE** shared an unforgettable year, including:*

- 14,790 miles traveled
- 58 nights in hotels
- 11 banquets
- 19 meetings
- Participated in Jaycee and Return the Favor events
- 2 socials – hosted north in Park Forest and south in Springfield
- Honored to be awarded the Region V Stump Award, for outstanding President at Spring Fling.

The awards continued at National Convention in San Antonio

- SOAR recognized IL JCI Senate & Region 5 all 3 quarters and final. A full sweep.
- 1 of 5 Outstanding State Presidents – **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137**
- Tom Sellmer Memorial Award - Outstanding State Chaplin – **Bev Olson #42473**
- Nolan Terrell Memorial Award - Outstanding Newsletter/ E Blast – Illinois
- Tom Stone Memorial Award - Outstanding State Treasurer - **Maryann Hilleary #64615**
- Donnie Alvis Memorial Award - Outstanding National VP - Region 5 **Monty Schroeder #62203**

*The laughs we shared along the way were too many to count. None of these experiences would have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of the IL JCI Senate Board and the remarkable people who have become **MY VILLAGE**.*

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Administrative Vice President



Maureen K. Niedenthal #67669
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The end of our JCI Senate year is right around the corner, and it's difficult to believe! I've really enjoyed serving on the board as your Administrative VP. We have a great group of people in this area that I'd like to thank.

Marsha DeVore #67330 - Camp New Hope Thank you for keeping us up to date on the camp's needs, helping collect supplies, and getting them delivered to the camp. I really enjoyed spending time with you and Judson out at CNH in May for their clean-up day!

Melodie Ainslie #69200 - IL/MO Wine Tour We are so lucky to have you researching wine and beer venues so we can have fun tours in Illinois and Missouri! Our Senators truly enjoy themselves on your wine weekends. Thank you to the Ainslie household for all of your efforts!

Robbie Johnston #51099 - Onto Thank you for stepping up to help keep the Senate informed about the upcoming travel opportunities. We have so many fun options in Region V and beyond!

Greg Hilleary #43305 - JCI Liaison Illinois Jaycees and the JCI Senate are unique in that we have someone actively working with both groups to keep the line of communication open. I appreciate your time and efforts to keep both groups in the know!

Rod Hollenstine #46073 - Spring Fling 2026 Everyone had a great time in Springfield celebrating Region V this past spring, thanks to Rod and his amazing team! So much goes into planning a weekend meeting, and I truly appreciate the work, creativity, and flexibility needed to make it so much fun.

Vanessa Birchler #74431 - Summer Picnic 2026 We are really looking forward to another great celebration in Carlyle to celebrate the year. Vanessa and her team have done so much work setting up a "dam" tour, figuring out which watering holes to visit, where to golf, which burgers to eat, boat rides, jewelry making, and so much more! Thank you for putting your special touches on the weekend. I am so excited!!!

Karen Voshel #62305 - Wreaths Across America/Flags for Fallen Veterans Karen served her country AND helps us honor those who served by sharing information about WAA. Her newsletter articles were packed full of information, which helped us better understand how to sponsor wreaths and encouraged us to get out there and help with putting the wreaths out at the cemeteries.

My good friend, **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137**, has often been heard saying, "It takes a village," and I agree! Our village is generous, helpful, caring, and hard-working. I'm so lucky to be part of this one. Can't wait to see many of you in Carlyle!

Secretary



Christopher Rick #78649
Secretary
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Summer is here Illinois JCI Senators, which means my term as your secretary draws to a close. I can be reached by email to crick10101@aol.com or via phone 847-533-0204 if you need anything. I want to take a minute to say that it has been a privilege to serve you this year.

This year would not have been possible without your assistance and dedication to the Illinois JCI Senate. I hope to see all of you as we sail to Mariner's Village at Carlyle Lake July 23-26, 2026 to celebrate all of your accomplishments at the Illinois JCI Senate Summer Picnic.

Minutes from the Spring Meeting can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

I also want to take a moment to thank your communications team for all of their efforts in 2025-2026. Please don't hesitate to reach out to them if you need anything.

E-Blast publisher **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** can be reached by email to maryannh63@yahoo.com or via phone 217-497-2947. Forum editor **Joanne Rinaldo #71700** can be reached by email to joanne1232@gmail.com or via phone 847-561-2556.

Social media moderator **Kathy Crick #71017** can be reached by email to kcricker14@sbcglobal.net or via phone 708-254-1892. Our webmaster and historian **Ray Ainslie # 44136** can be reached at rayainslie@frontiernet.net or via phone 618-495-2673.

Management Vice President



Rod Hollenstine #46073
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Thanks to all for a great year while serving as your Management Vice President for 25-26. I had the pleasure of working with a great group of individuals that made up the Management Team: **Greg Hilleary #43305, Bev Olson #42473, Chris Curtis #35440, Bill Patterson #47979, Mike Birchler #79421, Karen Helms #57838 and Melodie Ainslie #69200.**

We appreciate all your support and hope that it will continue on for years to come. President Susie had a great year and will Flamingle her way to San Antonio. I look forward to serving next year as your Administrative Vice President for the 26-27.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Picnic where we will be send Susie off in style and have a great kick-off for Maureen.

President's Article Continued

Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137

59th President Illinois JCI Senate

Looking back, I am proud of all we have accomplished together. Every milestone reflected our shared vision of Let's Flamingle, Be Social, Have Fun plus our commitment to excellence and transparency.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our board.

Administrative V. P. **Maureen Niedenthal #67669**,

Management V. P. **Rod Hollenstine #46073**,

Secretary **Chris Rick #78649**,

Treasurer **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** and

Chairman of the Board **Judson DeVore #65005**.

Your guidance and insight have been the pillars of our progress. You provided direction, critical feedback, and the encouragement needed to keep pushing forward. I am deeply grateful for the time, expertise, and energy each of you invested throughout the year. Your leadership has shaped not only our organization but also my own personal journey.

Beyond the board, I am fortunate to have a remarkable group of people—my “village”—who stand beside me. Whether you offered advice, lent a listening ear, or simply believed in our mission, your support has been invaluable. You are mentors, friends, and champions who have lifted me up and helped me navigate every step of the way. Thank you for your encouragement and wisdom. I truly couldn't have done it without you.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize my partner in all of this, my husband, **Chris Curtis #35440**. Your love and support keep me grounded, on time, and encouraged, and you stand beside me through every one of my flamingling ideas and ambitions. For that, I am deeply grateful. I love you Daddy!

As we move forward, I do so with excitement, knowing that we are surrounded by such an incredible community. I am eager for the opportunities and adventures the coming year will bring, confident that together we can achieve even greater heights with our new President **Maureen Niedenthal #67669** leading us forward.

Thank you again to my tremendous board and to every member of my village. You have made this year wonderful, and I am forever grateful.

Let's Flamingle, Be Social, Have Fun

Senatorship Assistance Committee

Greg Hilleary #43305

Chairman of the Senatorship Assistance Committee

Over the years, there has been a member of the Jaycees that made a difference in their local, state and national organizations plus their community. This individual has since roostered out of the organization but was never recognized for their involvement and accomplishments with a JCI Senatorship. The Illinois Senate has established a program that can assist with recognizing those individuals.

As Committee chairperson, I shall accept applications for Senatorship consideration any time during the current administration with a deadline of March 1, so approval can be made of the Senatorship and it is completed by June 1.

Nominations may be submitted by any member of the Illinois JCI Senate who shall present such nomination to the committee. All applicants must meet the USA JCI criteria for membership and applications must be completed and signed by the appropriate individuals. Nominees must have been out of the Jaycees for a minimum of five (5) years for consideration.

Should the nominee's chapter still be active within the guidelines of the JCI/USA, they are not eligible for consideration under this program.

The cost of the application may be funded by:

- Region Jaycee Contributions
- Spouse of Nominee
- Illinois Senate Friends
- Illinois JCI Senate Funds

The review committee is made up of five past presidents; myself, **Mark Niedenthal #39701**, **Marilyn Burton #55106**, **Robert “Digger” McGraugh #36156**, and **Denny Birt #37116**. Upon review, recommendations outlining the breakdown for funding shall be by the majority of the committee and then will be forwarded to the Illinois JCI Senate Executive Committee for approval through a majority vote.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact any member of the committee for assistance. Additional information is located on the Senate's website found at www.illinoisjcisenate.org

Treasurer Notes



MaryAnn Hilleary #64615

Treasurer

The Illinois JCI Senate will accept cash and good checks, but will also accept payments through Zelle, Venmo and PayPal. The associated account name is Illinois JCI Senate and email iljcisenatetreasurer@gmail.com.

The following is the fee table, which will be charged to process payments through these codes:

\$10.00 to \$20.00 = \$1.00

\$20.01 to \$35.00 = \$2.00

\$35.01 to \$95.00 = \$3.00

\$95.01 to \$200.00 = \$5.00

Make sure you write in the memo line what you are paying for and email me at maryannh63@yahoo.com that you sent a payment, so I know to be looking for it.

The above fee will be charged for payments for Hospitality, Membership, purchasing chances in Lotto/Illinois Basketball Squares/ March Madness, and purchasing Gift Cards.

If you are making a donation for Birdies for Charity or to the Illinois JCI Senate, there will be no fee charged to you, but you may increase your donation amount to help cover the fees the Illinois JCI Senate will be charged.

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.

Message from President Elect

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Our Summer Picnic has me so excited! I get to help **President Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** celebrate a great 2025-2026 year of friendships, flamingling, and having fun. I also get to kick off the 2026-2027 year as your next president. I am looking forward to sharing this with so many Senate friends who feel like family.

I also get to be with my dad and sister, who have signed up to be with us. What could be better? Well, if you haven't signed up to attend the Summer Picnic, please consider it. It would be great to see you, too!



Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Chris Curtis #35440
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Visit <https://www.illinoisjsenate.org/by-laws/> to view or download the updated Bylaws and Policies as written after the vote on 4/11/26.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members Brian Ziegler #42479 and Kay DeGroot #73333 for their work this year.



Banquet fun in San Antonio:

Upper Left: Melodie Ainslie #69200 & Ray Ainslie #44136

Upper Right: Wayne Kiefer #36498 & Margie Kiefer Friendship #29

Above: Russ Cooper #4638, Maxine Wallish #68012 & Wayne Huelsmann #30592

Left: Greg Hilleary #43305 & MaryAnn Hilleary #64615



ILLINOIS JCI SENATE

April 11, 2026

MINUTES



MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:31 AM by President **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137**

INVOCATION: **Bev Olson #42473**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Veterans and First Responders

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: **Denny Birt #37116**

#36498 Wayne Keifer
#35308 John D Olson
#42473 Beverly Olson
#50582 Dean Paulcheck
#44136 Ray Ainslie
#42479 Brian Ziegler
#37116 Denny Birt
#39701 Mark Neidenthal

#25676 Norman Hoffman
#53585 Jack Ward
#47910 Chuck McFarland
#59999 Stephanie Pittenger
#43305 Greg Hilleary
#62203 Monty Schroder
#36156 Robert Digger McGraw
#35440 Chris Curtis

#69200 Melodie Ainslie
#55106 Marilyn Burton
#47979 Bill Patterson
#30592 Wayne Huelsman
#64615 MaryAnn Hilleary
#65005 Judson DeVore
#73137 Susie Colbert-Curtis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS AMENDED:

Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 would like to add OLD BUSINESS with 1) Nominations, add 4) Wine Tour under ADMINISTRATIVE VP REPORT, add Birdies for Charity under Fundraising. Also need to remove 50/50 RAFFLE.

Motion to approve Agenda as amended by John D Olson #35308, Second by Dean Paulcheck #50582, Motion passed.

2026 95TH IL JCI STATE PRESIDENT: Megan O'Brian

Thank you all for joining us at our Spring General Assembly and The Outstanding Young People of Illinois Honors Program. Congratulations to HOF inductee **Dean Paulcheck #50582**. Illinois Jaycees are excited to see you around the state this summer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – **Chris Rick #78649**:

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes February 7, 2026

Motion to approve Minutes from the 2025-2026 Winter Meeting by Vicki Brown #74468, Second by Jessica Dick #84681, Motion passed.

2) E-Blast – **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615**: Issues come out the 1st and 15th of every month. Please email me your submissions by NOON on the 14th and 30th.

3) FORUM – **Joanne Rinaldo #71700**: Forum deadline for the Picnic meeting is June 5, 2026.

4) Social Media – **Kathy Crick #71017**: You are doing a great job. Keep it up.

5) Website – **Ray Ainslie #44136**: Several Past President biographies are missing from the website because they have not been submitted. If this applies to you, please fill out your biography and send it to me.

6) Historian – **Ray Ainslie #44136**: I am wearing my Jim Mammen socks today, **Brian Ziegler #42479** presented a US JCI Senate return the favor award plaque from 1992-1993 to **Ray Ainslie #44136**.

Motion to accept report by Wayne Huelsman #30592. Second by Beverly Olson #42473. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615**:

1) Approval of Budget report: Balance at Iroquois Bank: \$9835.94, Balance at US Bank \$15440.27.

Motion to approve the Budget report as presented by Chuck McFarland #47910, Second by Chris Stierwalt #52938, Motion passed.

2) Audit committee – **Marilyn Burton #55106**: Accounts appear to be in order.

3) Finance committee – **Wayne Kiefer #36498**: Life Fund should be \$133290.

4) Membership Info Exchange – **Kathy Crick #71017**:

5) Fundraising...

a) LOTTO – **Tony Symoniak #66367**: \$4220 income from 844 entries with \$2620 profit. There were 32 winners and payments will be going out shortly.

b) Illinois Basketball Pool – **Tony Symoniak #66367**: Illinois Basketball checks were given out at Spring Fling. Checks will be mailed to winners that were not there.

c) March Madness Pool – **Tony Symoniak #66367**: Congratulations to Michigan. Payments will be going out shortly.

d) Poker – **Chris Rick #78649**: Profit of \$1899.55 from the last event on 3/27/2026. Thank you to Gregg Metz (Palatine Jaycees) and **Kevin Ankenbrand #63771** for volunteering. Next event is scheduled for 5/29/2026 at the Bridgeview Community Center.

- e) Products – **Heather Ulrich #72836**: Products from the last order were distributed.
- f) Raise Right (Gift Cards) – **Vanessa Birchler #74430**: Raised \$1135,43, a new record, You can now link your credit card to the mobile app for automatic points at certain restaurants.
- g) Birdies for Charity – **Wayne Huelsman #30592**: Pledge forms for 2026 were distributed.

Motion to accept report by Monty Schroeder #62203. Second by Chris Stierwalt #52938. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE VP REPORT – Maureen Niedenthal #67669:

- 1) Camp New Hope – **Marsha DeVore #67330**: Camp cleanup is 5/9/2026. I am collecting gift cards and items from the Amazon wish list to bring to camp. We are also collecting funds during the meeting today.
- 2) JCI Liaison – **Greg Hilleary #43305**: I was honored when Illinois Jaycees President Megan asked me to emcee the TOYP ceremony.
- 3) Onto – **Robbie Johnston #51099**: (Absent, **Maureen Niedenthal #67669** reporting) **Mark Neidenthal #39701** and I will be going to US JCI Senate Region X in Las Vegas, NV April 16-19. Indiana meeting in French Lick, IN April 17-19. **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** and **Chris Curtis #35440** are going to US JCI Senate Region 8 in Topeka KS 4/30-5/3. Missouri JCI Senate 50th Anniversary in St. Charles MO May 15-16. US JCI Senate in San Antonio TX June 14-19.
- 4) IL/MO Wine Crawl – **Melodie Ainslie #69200**: Wine trip will be hosted by Jason and Julie from the Missouri JCI Senate. Details will be in the next FORUM.
- 5) Spring Fling – March 27-29 Final Report – **Rod Hollenstine #46073**: We did it and we made a profit. Extra food was donated to the Springfield food pantry and to hospitality this weekend. We had over 100 participants.
- 6) Summer Picnic 2026 – **Vanessa Birchler #74430**: July 24-26, 2026 will be here before we know it. Registration is open. Room block closes on June 12, 2026. We will be going to the Blue Room for lunch on Friday. There are several wineries in the area for us to visit on Friday afternoon. Boat rides will be available on both Friday and Saturday. DAM tour will be on Saturday. Arts and Crafts will be on Saturday morning. Bar Burgers will be at Brett's Winery. Dinner will be hosted by the New Baden Jaycees.
- 7) Wreaths Across America/Flags for Fallen Veterans – **Karen Kopp Voshel #62305**: (Absent, **Maureen Niedenthal #67669** reporting) Illinois purchased 65 wreaths. Next up is Flags for Fallen Veterans around Memorial Day on May 25.

Motion to accept report by Kay DeGroot #73333. Second by Denny Birt #37116. Motion passed.

MANAGEMENT VP REPORT – Rod Hollenstine #46073:

- 1) Chaplain's Report – **Bev Olson #42473**: Please be careful. We have enough wounded members already.
 - 2) Future Directions – **Melodie Ainslie #69200**: We discussed hospitality rooms may be charged in the future and adding a line item to the Budget beginning next year. We recommend changing the policy for the picnic golf outing to start at 8:00 AM. We also recommend changing the policy for Friday night hospitality from requiring a light meal to snacks, chips & dips.
- POLICY 1 – ANNUAL SENATE PICNIC**
- 10. A golf outing (preferably Scramble format) will be held on Saturday morning for Senators and guests. The golf outing should begin about 4:00-8:00 am if possible. Golf course should be within a reasonable distance of motel and picnic. Foursomes will be determined by host committee. Lunch for golf outing is optional; but encouraged.

POLICY 6 – HOSPITALITY ROOM

A. A hospitality room will be open and available for JCI Senators and their non-Senator spouse/significant other at the Fall meeting, Winter meeting and Spring meeting. The Hospitality Room will be open Friday evening, 4:00 PM to 1:00 AM; Saturday 7:00 AM to 1:00 AM as hotel restrictions/host accommodations allow with the exceptions of closed 9:15 AM until immediately following the business meeting and closed 2-3 hours during dinner. Children and grandchildren under the age of 18 and those of special needs can be guests of the Senator in the hospitality room provided they are accompanied by the Senator, their non-Senator spouse/significant other or another specific responsible qualified adult. Under no circumstances will they be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages.

B. The Illinois JCI Senate will be responsible for providing all alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, eating utensils and condiment supplies in the Hospitality Room. Four regions will be pre-assigned responsibility for providing food for the Hospitality Room at each of the afore-mentioned meetings. The four specific food assignments are: 1) Friday evening (light-meal) snacks; 2) Saturday morning unless provided by the hotel; 3) Saturday lunch; and 4) Dry snacks and chips for the weekend.

~~H. A Senator or their non-Senator spouse/significant other can earn a free hospitality pass for each time they qualify during an administrative year. These free passes can be used by the Senator or their spouse/significant other but are not transferable to any other person nor can they be used in any other administrative year. The free passes can only be used at the Fall, Winter or Spring Meetings. Should a free hospitality pass be awarded for participation in any Senate fund raising project, the Treasurer will reflect an expense to that project and income to Hospitality in the amount of a weekend fee per person qualified.~~

Motion to make the policy changes as presented: Golf outing starting at 8:00 AM, Snacks for Friday night Hospitality, Senator or Spouse can no longer earn free passes for Hospitality. First by Brian Ziegler #42479. Second by Joanne Rinaldo #71700. Motion passed.

- 3) Constitution and Bylaws – **Chris Curtis #35440**: Two Bylaw changes were posted in the last FORUM.

ARTICLE VI - AUDITING

~~Section 5. At the Summer business meeting in 2013 held at the beginning of their fiscal year, the 2013-2014 President will appoint three members to the audit committee. One member will be appointed for a one year term, one for a two year term and one for a three year term. This section will become void after August 1, 2013.~~

ARTICLE XVI – FINANCES

Section 1, At the end of each fiscal year, any outstanding balances in the General Fund up to \$5 \$7 times the dues paid membership number as of June 30, not less than \$3,500 \$5,000, will remain in the General Fund as a transfer of funds from that fiscal year to the next fiscal year. Any outstanding balances, greater than the above calculated amount, will be transferred to the Contingency Reserve Fund. If the total amount of the Contingency Reserve Fund has been satisfied, the remaining amount will be transferred to the Life Account Fund.

Motion to adopt the Bylaw changes as presented, First by Brian Ziegler #42479, Second by Norman Hoffman #25676. Motion passed.

POLICY 13 – HOSTING A MEETING

B. In the event that a physical meeting cannot be held, and the Jaycees are not conducting a physical meeting, an online meeting is permissible.

POLICY 14 – ILLINOIS JCI SENATE JCI SENATORSHIP COMMITTEE

G. The cost of the application may be funded by the following examples:

- Region
- Jaycee Contributions
- Spouse of Nominee
- Illinois Senate Friends
- Illinois JCI Senate Funds

Fix spelling and punctuation errors.

Motion to make the policy changes as presented: Allow limited online meetings. Allow Jaycee Contributions for Lost Senators. Housekeeping, First by Dean Paulcheck #50582, Second by Brian Ziegler #42479, Motion passed.

4) Hospitality – **Bill Patterson #47979**: North Region provided Friday dinner, Spring Fling committee provided snacks, Hotel offers free continental breakfast, and Prairieland Region provided Saturday lunch.

5) Return the Favor - Camp New Hope – **Karen Helms #57838**: (Absent, **Rod Hollenstine #46073** reporting) Thank you for contributing to the envelope collecting donations to Camp New Hope.

6) Senatorship Assistance – **Greg Hilleary #43305**. Program exists. Please submit to it.

7) SOAR / Freshman Senators – **Mike Birchler #79421**: Senatorship #84864 was awarded to Chris Fox.

Motion to accept report by Norman Hoffman #25676. Second by Mark Neidenthal #39701. Motion passed.

REGION DIRECTOR REPORTS: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1) 2026 – 2027 Nominations – **Judson DeVore #65005**:

Motion to pick up nominations from the table by Chris Rick #78649. Second by Chris Stierwalt #52938. Motion Passed.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>
Fox Valley Region	Open		
North Region	Chris Rick #78649	Joanne Rinaldo #71700	Chuck McFarland #47910
Northeast Region	Tony Symoniak #66367	Donna Ward #53588	Jack Ward #53585
Northwest Region	Norman Hoffman #25676	Terry Barker #40979	Bill Patterson #47979
Prairieland Region	Marilyn Burton #55106	Bill Patterson #47979	Brian Ziegler #42479
SxSW Region	Mike Birchler #79421	Vanessa Birchler #74430	John D Olson #35308
South Central Region	Robbie Johnston #51099	Kay DeGroot #73333	Donna Baker #67041
Serve Region	Monty Schroder #62203	Denny Birt #37116	Greg Hilleary #43305
Serve Region	Chris Stierwalt #52938	Denny Birt #37116	Greg Hilleary #43305
Secretary	Marsha DeVore #67330	Greg Hilleary #43305	Maureen Niedenthal #67669
Treasurer	MaryAnn Hilleary #64615	Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137	Maureen Niedenthal #67669
Administrative VP	Rod Hollenstine #46073	Wayne Kiefer #36498	Robbie Johnston #51099
Management VP	Donna Ward #53588	John D Olson #35308	Stephanie Pittenger #59999
President	Maureen Niedenthal #67669	Monty Schroder #62203	Wayne Kiefer #36498

Motion to close nominations by MaryAnn Hilleary #64615, Second by Brian Ziegler #42479, Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1) 2026 – 2027 Elections – **Judson DeVore #65005**:

Motion to open elections by Judson DeVore #65005. Second by MaryAnn Hilleary #64615. Motion Passed.

Motion to elect Maureen Niedenthal #67669 to the office of President by acclamation by Chris Stierwalt #52938, Second by Ray Ainslie #44136, Motion Passed.

Motion to elect officers by acclamation by Mark Neidenthal #39701. Second by Brian Ziegler #42479. Motion Passed.

Motion to close elections by MaryAnn Hilleary #64615. Second by John D Olson #35308. Motion Passed.



2025-2026 Budget
Approved on 07/26/2025

as of
06-01-2026

Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137, President
MaryAnn Hilleary #64615, Treasurer

INCOME							
	July - Sept.	Oct. - Dec.	Jan. - Mar.	Apr. - June			
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total	Budget	Variance
Balance Forward	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$5,130.00	\$ 5,130.00
Dues							
(IL JCI Membership Dues) - Annual (55 x 30)	\$275.00	\$640.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$1,650.00	\$ 610.00
(IL JCI Membership Dues) - Life (3 x 250)	\$300.00	\$1,040.00	\$705.00	\$0.00	\$ 2,045.00	\$750.00	\$ (1,295.00)
Fundraisers							
50/50 Drawings	\$425.00	\$134.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$ 684.00	\$360.00	\$ (324.00)
Birdies for Charity	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,579.50	\$0.00	\$ 1,679.50	\$1,500.00	\$ (179.50)
Illinois Basketball Squares	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$ -
Lotto Raffle	\$0.00	\$1,645.00	\$2,485.00	\$130.00	\$ 4,260.00	\$3,000.00	\$ (1,260.00)
March Madness Pool	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$680.00	\$120.00	\$ 800.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Poker	\$2,495.00	\$0.00	\$4,299.00	\$4,154.00	\$ 10,948.00	\$15,000.00	\$ 4,052.00
Raise Right	\$926.92	\$932.76	\$41.05	\$1,204.43	\$ 3,105.16	\$2,000.00	\$ (1,105.16)
Silent Auction	\$0.00	\$1,233.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 1,233.00	\$1,500.00	\$ 267.00
Non-Fundraisers							
Camp New Hope	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 110.00	\$640.00	\$ 530.00
Hospitality	\$0.00	\$935.00	\$610.00	\$39.04	\$ 1,584.04	\$2,000.00	\$ 415.96
IL/MO Wine Tour	\$1,275.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 1,425.00	\$2,400.00	\$ 975.00
Misc. Income	\$0.56	\$1,898.72	\$101.95	\$50.38	\$ 2,051.61	\$0.00	\$ (2,051.61)
Newsletter Support - Forum	\$63.00	\$38.00	\$27.00	\$0.00	\$ 128.00	\$200.00	\$ 72.00
Products	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$400.00	\$ 400.00
Spring Fling 2026	\$0.00	\$1,260.00	\$7,200.00	\$488.00	\$ 8,948.00	\$2,500.00	\$ (6,448.00)
US JCI							
Newsletter Support - Mentors	\$148.00	\$148.00	\$54.00	\$177.00	\$ 527.00	\$280.00	\$ (247.00)
US JCI Presidential Sweepstakes Tickets	\$310.00	\$105.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$ 515.00	\$700.00	\$ 185.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,318.48	\$12,769.48	\$18,132.50	\$6,362.85	\$ 43,583.31	\$44,510.00	\$ 926.69



Fun at the Senate Hospitality Room at the Spring GA in East Peoria. Jessica Dick #84681, MaryAnn Hilleary #64615, Joanne Rinaldo #71700, Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 and Bruce Widenhoefer #63672 with many more in background.



2025-2026 Budget
Approved on 07/26/2025



as of
06-01-2026



Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137, President
MaryAnn Hilleary #64615, Treasurer

EXPENSES							
	July - Sept.	Oct. - Dec.	Jan. - Mar.	Apr. - June			
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total	Budget	Variance
Dues							
Lifetime Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
USJCI Membership Dues (733 x 7)	\$742.00	\$1,582.00	\$1,310.00	\$1,260.00	\$ 4,894.00	\$ 5,130.00	\$ 236.00
Fundraisers							
50-50 Drawings	\$215.00	\$67.00	\$63.00	\$0.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (145.00)
Birdies for Charity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Illinois Basketball Squares	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,180.00	\$210.00	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 110.00
Lotto Raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00	\$450.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (400.00)
March Madness Pool	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$915.00	\$ 915.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 85.00
Poker	\$1,469.75	\$0.00	\$2,064.50	\$1,300.00	\$ 4,834.25	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,165.75
Raise Right	\$828.10	\$250.29	\$1,115.95	\$0.00	\$ 2,194.34	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,194.34)
Silent Auction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Fundraisers							
Camp New Hope	\$0.00	\$188.20	\$0.00	\$152.00	\$ 340.20	\$ 640.00	\$ 299.80
Hospitality	\$0.00	\$376.63	\$570.34	\$448.36	\$ 1,395.33	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 604.67
IL/MO Wine Tour	\$0.00	\$2,696.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 2,696.80	\$ 2,400.00	\$ (296.80)
Products	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Spring Fling 2026	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,169.83	\$1,722.19	\$ 6,892.02	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (4,392.02)
Operating							
Forum Expenses	\$232.39	\$0.00	\$218.00	\$200.17	\$ 650.56	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 349.44
Misc. Expenses	\$2.79	\$29.79	\$100.00	\$289.22	\$ 421.80	\$ -	\$ (421.80)
Name Tags - New Life Members/New Members	\$48.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.25	\$ 209.04	\$ 55.00	\$ (154.04)
Name Tags - Officers	\$73.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 73.25	\$ 75.00	\$ 1.75
Paper	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 172.00
Senate Directory	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Presidential							
Presidential Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Presidential Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,217.18	\$0.00	\$ 2,217.18	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,782.82
Sponsorships							
Illinois Members Officer Support	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Misc. Sponsorships	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$285.00	\$0.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 915.00
Region V	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 87.50
Regions Party	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
US JCI Foundation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
(US JCI) Presidential Sweepstakes Prize	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
US JCI							
National Guest Expense	\$1,106.72	\$0.00	\$916.56	\$0.00	\$ 2,023.28	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (523.28)
Newsletter Support - Mentors	\$148.00	\$148.00	\$54.00	\$177.00	\$ 527.00	\$ 280.00	\$ (247.00)
(US JCI) Presidential Sweepstakes Tickets	\$310.00	\$105.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 185.00
Balance to 2026-2027	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 5,130.00	\$ 5,130.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,617.29	\$5,543.71	\$16,514.36	\$7,284.19	\$34,959.55	\$44,510.00	\$9,550.45

Other Funds	Designee	Amount	Balance as of
Contingency	Wayne Kiefer	\$7,500.00	12/31/2025
Convention	Wayne Kiefer	\$10,000.00	12/31/2025
Life Funds	Wayne Kiefer	\$150,740.90	03/30/2026
Lost Senators (Savings) - US Bank	MaryAnn Hilleary	\$4,442.43	05/26/2026
General Funds Checkbook - IFSL	MaryAnn Hilleary	\$9,537.50	05/08/2026
General Funds Checkbook - US Bank	MaryAnn Hilleary	\$15,153.09	05/29/2026



Flamingle at the Lake

Mariner's Village - 1 Resort Drive, Carlyle, Illinois

July 23-26, 2026

Hosted by South by Southwest Region

Name: _____ Senate #: _____ Email: _____

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Full Registration	# _____	@ \$75 =	_____
Full Child Registration	# _____	@ \$25 =	_____
Thursday Early Hospitality	# _____	@ \$20 =	_____
Friday Only	# _____	@ \$35 =	_____
Saturday Only	# _____	@ \$55 =	_____
Bar Burgers	# _____	@ \$20 =	_____
TOTAL:			_____

Saturday Dinner: Pork Steak # _____ Chicken # _____

Golf ***TO BE ANNOUNCED AND PAID DIRECTLY TO GOLF COURSE***

Room Accommodations: All room reservations made directly through hotel – (618) 594-7666

Room Rates: 1 Queen \$114 +tax/night – 2 Queen \$134 + tax/night

Cabins \$272 + tax/night

GROUP CODE: JCI

Good through June 12, 2026

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Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 & Chris Curtis #35440



Region V NVP Monty Schroeder #62203 celebrates with OH JCI President Janice Carino #72307 and IL JCI Senate President Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 being named an outstanding presidents



President Bruce Sostak #52655 presents Tom Stone Memorial Award for Outstanding State Treasurer to MaryAnn Hilleary #64615



President Bruce Sostak #52655 recognizes Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 as an Outstanding State President



Sherrie Schroeder Friendship #52 & Monty Schroeder #62203



The Jaycee Creed

WE BELIEVE:

- That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
- That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;
- That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;
- That government should be of laws rather than of men;
- That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;
- And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

-C. William Brownfield #19

Next Senate Meeting
July 23 - 27, 2026
 Summer Picnic- Carlyle, IL

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