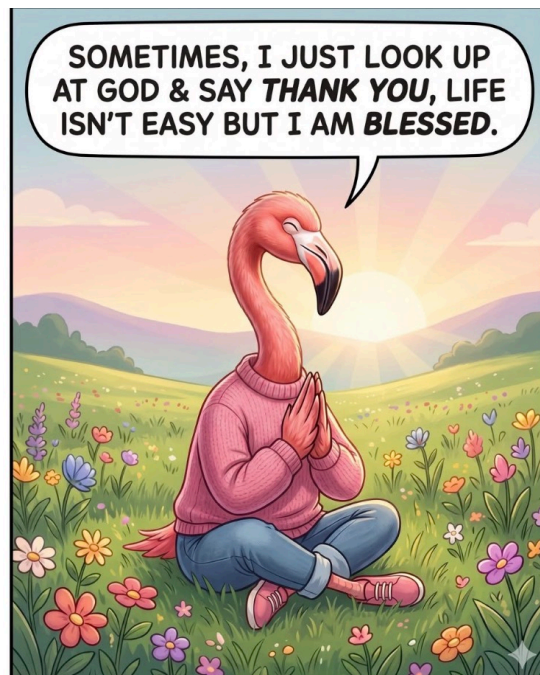




Illinois JCI Senate
E-Blast
June 1, 2026



Time is flying by. Many members of the flock are heading to the National Convention in San Antonio, TX, June 14-19. Whether you are flying or driving, please travel safely. We hope IL JCI will be recognized for its Senate efforts this year—you have all done an outstanding job.

Thank you to Kathy Crick #71017 and other senators for all the hard work to update the directory. The new directory will be available at the senate picnic. If your information is not current, please email Kathy at kcricker14@sbcglobal.net with your added information. Maybe you no longer have a home phone, only a cell phone or you have retired and now use a home email.

Missouri has announced the dates for the 2026 MO/IL JCI Wine Trip: October 23-24, 2026. More details will be shared soon.

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



I wanted to thank **Bev Olson #42473**, **John "JDO" Olson #35308**, **Bill Patterson #47979**, **Donna Ward #53588**, and **Jack Ward #53585** for helping me get my ducks in order this month. We shared some amazing pizza and got a good laugh out of our special delivery with the pizzas.

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Upcoming JCI Illinois meetings/projects

06/05 & 06/06

Collinsville ~ Big 6 Wheel at Horseradish Fest

06/06-----Menard County ~ Movie Night

06/07-----Alhambra ~ Poker Run Stop

06/07-----Palatine ~ Softball / Pride Parade / Productivity Posse

06/10-----Palatine ~ CPR and AED training

06/11-----Champaign/Urbana ~ Coffee Social

06/12 to 14

Highland ~ Schweizer Fest

06/13-----Menard County ~ Music Trivia

06/13-----Palatine ~ Bowling / Farmers Market Booth

06/14-----Palatine ~ Productivity Posse and Softball

06/19 to 21

New Baden ~ June Jamboree

Upcoming JCI Illinois GA's

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

[Click here for information about the Fall GA!](#)

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

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



Summer Picnic - Flamingle at the Lake July 23-26 at Mariner's Village at Carlyle Lake

As the temps warm up, we get closer and closer to the Summer Picnic! The South by Southwest Region is excited to welcome Senators to celebrate a wonderful 2025/2026 year!

Hotel - Call Mariner's Village directly at 618-594-7666 and use code JCI to reserve your room. All of the cabins are spoken for.

Registration - Complete registration by filling out the [form](#). Full registration includes snacks on Friday night, Saturday dinner with legendary New Baden Jaycees pork steaks and drinks for the weekend. Bar Burgers will be held at Bretz's Winery and we will have the Sunset Bar/Patio.

The Extra's -- We have alot going on and we want to make sure we have enough space and supplies for everyone. We are aking you to complete [this form](#) if you plan to do any of the following:

- Friday - Golf at Bent Oak in Breese at 1:00 p.m.
- Friday - Watering hole bar crawl with bus transportation (\$25 per person) at 11:30 a.m. We will start with lunch at The Blue Room and then an afternoon of fun awaits!
- Friday - Boat Ride at 7:00 p.m. Doug Jansen will be providing a scenic tour of the lake on his pontoon boat
- Saturday - Golf at Governor's Run at 7:30 a.m. -- the plan is to be done in enough time that Bar Burgers can be enjoyed as well
- Saturday - Dam Tour -- tour the inside of the Carlyle Lake Dam
- this does require extensive walking and climbing steps. I am still

confirming exact time but will happen in the morning.

- Saturday - Bracelet Making class from 9am - 11am -- create your own bracelet(s) with a variety of stones and styles available.

Price will vary from \$10 - \$35 depending on item

- Saturday - Boat Ride at 7:00 p.m. Doug Jansen will be providing a scenic tour of the lake on his pontoon boat

The [Facebook Event](#) is the best place to stay up to date with information as it becomes available!

Hope to see you while we Flamingle at the Lake!

Vanessa Birchler #74430

2026 Illinois Senate Picnic Golf

Golf on Friday afternoon will be played at Governor's Run Golf Course in Carlyle approximately 1 mile from the hotel we are staying at. We have tee times starting at 1:00 p.m.

Golf on Saturday morning will be a little bit different this year. We will be playing at Keyesport Golf Course starting at 8:00 a.m. We will only be playing 9 holes on Saturday morning, and we will be meeting up with the Bar Burger Crew at Bretz Winery.

The cost for golf on Friday is \$34.00 with a cart for seniors. The cost on Saturday is \$22.00 with a cart for seniors. Fees will be paid at the golf course.

To ensure that we have enough tee times scheduled, I will need to know if you are interested in playing golf on Friday or Saturday or both. You can send me an e-mail at wayne.huelsmann@charter.net or a text or phone call to 618-540-9166. I will need to know by July 15th. Thank you in advance.

Wayne Huelsmann #30592

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 1st to 5th, 2026. [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 Scan to open Venmo and pay to @IllinoisJCISenate or paypal to

iljcisenatetreasurer@gmail.com

or Zelle to

iljcisenatetreasurer@gmail.com . Please include the word Birdies on the description line.

I need to have the pledge cards sent in by July 1, 2026 in order to get the guesses entered into the contest. Please have all pledge cards to me by June 25th. 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

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

2026 events

June 14-18

US JCI Senate National Meeting, San Antonio, TX

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

July 10-12

Year End Celebration, Michigan

Fri., July 10 - Detroit Lions Game at Comerica Park \$39 tickets - June 9th cutoff to order

Email President-Elect Chris Crawford at crawfordchristopher06@gmail.com

Sat., July 11 - HUB Stadium for Axe Throwing & Fowling (Michigan sport of bowling with a football).

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.](#)

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Chaplain Bev Olson #42473

Extended Family Update

None

Family Update

Prayer Request

Lynne McGill #70364 is recovering from intestinal surgery. Cards can be sent to Lynne at 1209 W 83rd Court, Merrillville, IN 46410. Just don't send anything too funny, as it hurts to laugh!

Directory Update:

New Senator

None

New Lifetime Member

None

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Treasurer Notes
MaryAnn Hilleary #64615

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Scan to open Venmo and pay

The code for Zelle

The code for Venmo

The code for PayPal

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 maryannah63@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.

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Deadline is Noon on the last day of the
month & 14th.
Please send the information in Word.



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