



Illinois JCI Senate

E-Blast

August 15, 2026

This weekend, Mark and I will be in Clarksville, IN, at their Summer Meeting along with COB **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** and **Chris Curtis #35440**. Looking forward to seeing **Indiana President John Pflug #83097** and our Indiana friends. The following week, we are heading up to Lake Geneva, WI, for the Lake Geneva Jaycees Venetian Festival with Management VP **Donna Ward #53588** & **Jack Ward #53585**.

I encourage you to check out the list of upcoming meetings/events that On-To chair **Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137** and Jaycee Liaison **Greg Hilleary #43305** have collected for us. There are so many opportunities to travel! Give me a call if there is an event that you'd like to attend. I'd love to meet you there if we're available. Fall

Frenzy in Kentucky and the Fall Board Meeting in Topeka are coming up. I hope you'll be there. The Illinois JCI Senate is going to have lots of fun!

The dues billing has been sent to our annual members. I'll be following up with calls and/or emails. If you'd like to become a Lifetime IL Senator, please let Treasurer **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615** know.

Thank you to all who attended the Senate Social in Hoopeston. **Hoopeston Jaycee Lauren Linares** told us about the upcoming National Sweetcorn Festival and their efforts to get a mural painted in McFerren Park to commemorate the event. We passed the hat and raised \$130 that night. Thank you to **Digger McGraugh #36156** for sending a check! **Bob Porth #53587**, **Lanna Bartko #83072**, **Mark Niedenthal #39701**, **Sherrie Schroeder FR #52**, **Monty Schroeder #62203**, and **Christopher Stierwalt #52938** were there, as well as John Bartko and Andrew Medlin. IF you'd like to help the Jaycees with their project, go to www.hoopestonjaycees.org and click on the "McFerren Park Mural Project" at the top of their website.

Poker Chairman **Chris Rick #78648**, **Don Broughton #53933**, **Donna Ward #53588**, **Jack Ward #53585**, & **Rod Hollenstine #46073** did a great job at the August Poker event! Thank you all for taking the time to work at this fundraiser for the IL JCI Senate.

Special thanks to **Wayne Huelsmann #30592** and **Terry Kolaz #68698** for helping the Sikeston Jaycees & Senate at the Rodeo this month. I also wanted to thank **Monty Schroeder #62203** & **Sherrie Schroeder FR #52** for traveling to the West Virginia Senate's Steak Fry. Mark and I took a short vacation and enjoyed time with my family in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Last but not least, FORUM deadline is August 20th.

Maureen K. Niedenthal #67669

60th President Illinois JCI Senate

Illinois Lucky Ducks: Supporting Jaycees & Enjoying Senate Life

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On-To...

Let us get our ducks in a row and toddle ourselves to these meetings and social events.

2026 events

August 14-16
Indiana Summer Meeting, Clarksville, IN
[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.](#)

October 16-18
Fall GA & Annual Meeting ~ Springfield
[Click here for information about the Fall GA!](#)

October 23-25
MO/IL Wine tour, Jefferson City, MO

	FALL BOD MEETING SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2026 <i>Topeka, KS</i>	
	WINTER BOD MEETING JANUARY 14-17, 2027 <i>Greensboro, NC</i>	
	EOY MEETING JUNE 20-25TH, 2027 <i>Lancaster, PA</i>	

Upcoming JCI Illinois meetings/projects

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| 08/15 | New Baden Jaycees ~ Side by Side Poker Run |
| 08/18 | Bloomington-Normal Jaycees ~ Book Club @ 10:30 a.m. |
| 08/18 | JCI CU ~ General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. |
| 08/19 | JCI Menard County ~ General Membership Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. |
| 08/19 | JCI Springfield ~ General Membership Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. |
| 08/20 | Palatine Jaycees ~ General Membership Meeting |
| 08/21 | JCI Peoria ~ General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. |

08/22 Bloomington-Normal Jaycees ~ Quite Reading @ 10:00 a.m.
 08/23 Bloomington-Nomral Jaycees ~ Bake Sale @ 10:00 a.m.
 08/23 to 25
 Highland Jaycees ~ Cooking at Kirkenfest
 08/25 Palatine Jaycees ~ Charity Poker
 08/27 Menard County ~ Quarterly Quarter Auction
 08/28 Collinsville Jaycees ~ Theater Night
 08/29 Steeleville Jaycees ~ BBQ Fundraiser
 08/29 Central Region Regional
 09/03 to 07
 Hoopeston Jaycees ~ 82nd Annual Sweet Corn Festival
 09/03 Mercer County Jaycees ~ General Membership Meeting @
 6:00 p.m.
 09/04 to 07
 Naperville Jaycees ~ Last Fling
 09/09 to 13
 JCI USA Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach, Virginia
 09/18 to 19
 Collinsville Jaycees at Italian Fest
 09/19 Chatham Jaycees ~ Oktoberfest

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

Almost one full month since the picnic! Where has the time gone??!! I am so happy to have the group of individuals on the Management Team! They all work behind the scenes to strengthen the organization. Last month, I spoke of the importance of **Chris Stierwalt #52938** in the role of Chaplain. I continue to encourage you to reach out to Chris, with any news that should be shared with the organization, regarding triumphs or struggles that you or other Senate family members may be facing. Please send him a note at aglasman@aol.com.

I also highlighted **Sandi Harpstrite #65882**, Return the Favor Chairman, as it is only with support of our Jaycee organization, that we the Senate, will continue to

survive. Please share with Sandi, any of the Jaycee events you participate in. They are not limited to Illinois! Simply drop a note to Sharpe69@charter.net.

While these are IMPORTANT team members, this month, I would like to highlight **Bill Patterson #47979**, Hospitality Chairman. This is a sometimes-thankless role but is one that we ALL rely on to provide food and spirits at all of our gatherings. It is fun to arrive at a Senate event or meeting and find that there are munchies ready to soothe our hunger or spirits cold and stocked - ready to quench our thirst. These items do not magically appear. They are the work of our chairman who is always behind the scenes, coordinating, ordering, preparing, delivering and even serving when needed. Bill has stepped in for more than one round and with his leadership we have always had what we needed. For those more "senior" senators, you may recall when everyone had to bring a dish to pass. Bill has added some coordination and logistics. He may reach out to you and ask you to bring something to a meeting. If he does, I ask you to respond to the call. If he does not reach out, please take a moment and contact him. I know he and his small group of volunteers would appreciate additional assistance and donations. Bill can be reached at pfcoachbill@aol.com.

I will continue to highlight the remaining team members throughout the year. I am grateful for their stepping forward to share their knowledge and talents to help make this the LUCKIEST Year ahead!

Sincerely,
Donna Ward #53588
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Wreath Across America - IL Chairman Report (August 2026)

This National JCI Senate project is for Senators to donate to the purchase of live balsam wreaths and help put the wreaths on Veterans' graves for remembrance at Christmas.

Useful information on the purchase and location of National Cemeteries can be found on the WWA website www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org . Wreaths cost \$17 and will be placed on Saturday, 19 December. The deadline for the purchase of wreaths is November 27.

The US JCI Senate has a Group ID of FL1122. For every wreath sponsored, our organization will receive \$5 credit towards additional wreaths (their \$5 Pay it

Forward Program). Please note "IL JCI Senate" with your name if you purchase wreaths on the WWA website.

The Senate WWA Program is about MORE than just the wreaths. We encourage folks to wear RED on Fridays to "Remember Everyone Deployed." On the US JCI Senate Facebook page, Fridays is WWA Day. In the Senate post under comments, you can post pictures of you in your red shirt (please note names, Senate numbers, and state).

Below the article is the QR code for the US JCI Senate. Donations default to the Arlington National Cemetery but you can click on the arrow to the right to "Choose Another Cemetery" to select another one.

REMEMBER the fallen.

HONOR those who serve.

TEACH the next generation the value of freedom.

Karen Kopp-Voshel

IL WWA Chairman

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GET YOUR LUCKY

IL SENATE LOTTO TICKETS!

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ILLINOIS JCI SENATE!

Please remember to include the fee in your payments.
 (See schedule in Treasurer's article)

Chaplain Christopher Stierwalt #52938

Mighty God,

There is still a lot of traveling going on in the Senate and The Jaycees, please grant them safe journeys along the way. Also Lord we would like to pray for the coming school year for Teachers, Staff and Students, please be with them and allow them to have a safe and successful year. Please continue to bless our Senate family, and Thank

You for everything You do in our lives. Amen.

Extended Family Update

Our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers are with **Jon Carls #39289** on the passing of his wife, Debra. [Please click here for her obituary.](#)

Condolences may be sent to
Jon Carls
1817 Whitetail Lane
Pekin, Illinois 61554

Family Update

None

Prayer Request

A prayer for **Lynne McGill #70364**, as she had surgery August 11, 2026.

Lynne McGill
1209 West 83rd Court
Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Prayers for **Terry Barker #40979's** partner Jennifer Fleming had shoulder replacement surgery on August 10th.

Terry Barker/ Jennifer Fleming
117 Beach Street South
Kewanee, Illinois 61443

Happy 70th Birthday on 8/27 to
Robbie Kay Johnston #51099

Happy 62nd Birthday on 8/3 to
Judson DeVore #65005

I have a feeling that I am forgetting something. If I have, please let me know. There are some Anniversaries, but I do not have formal permission to include it here. Also please note that I will **NOT** post address or email or phone number anything personal on Social Media.

In the meantime keep on "Disco Ducking", Illinois Jaycee Senate.

-Christopher

Directory Update:

New Senator

None

New Lifetime Member

None

Address Change

Email Change

Phone Change

Donna Ward #53588

708-606-9381 (606 is the only change)

Treasurer Notes

MaryAnn Hilleary #64615

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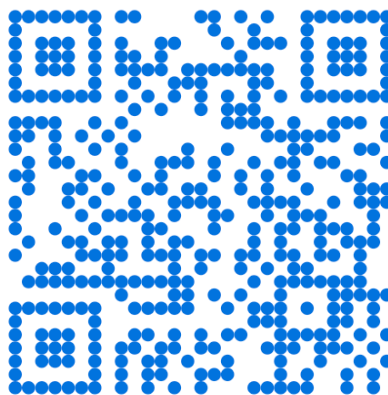
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The spammers are going full force and using the board members information on the website. If you get an email asking for funds or help with gift cards, please look at the email address you are receiving it from. Please DON'T reply to those emails or text messages. Contact that person directly in a different email or text and just ask them.

E-Blast Reminder

Deadline is Noon on the last day of the
month & 14th.

Please send the information in Word.



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