



Illinois JCI Senate

E-Blast
Family Update
Extended Family Update

September 1, 2026

Hello Senators & Friends!

Two months into our Senate year and I feel like I am running First Gentleman **Mark Niedenthal #39701** ragged! When home, we focus on getting the lawn cut, picking up the mail, and getting laundry done.

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Last month, Mgmt VP **Donna Ward #53588** and **Jack Ward #53585** took us up to Lake Geneva in Region VI to help the Jaycees pour beer at their Venetian Festival. I enjoyed meeting WI JCI Senate President **Jason Rosenau #76858** and WI JCI President **Kurt Henkel**.

We also trekked out to the Maryland Crab Feed in Region III. Great to spend time with MD JCI Senate President **Jim France #44665** and First Lady **Cheryl France #57391**. Check out our duck lips pictures.

I'd like to welcome and thank our newest Lifetime IL Senate member, **Sherri Szczepaniak #60007**, Lifetime #886! Sherri had been an annual member and decided to become a lifetime member.

While in Maryland, I sold a few Lotto tickets. If you haven't bought tickets yet, please consider buying some. This helps our budget in Illinois and you just might become one of our \$50 winners in February! Reach out to any board member or **Lynne McGill** for tickets. They are only \$5 each!

Hope to see some of you out in Topeka, KS for the US JCI Senate Fall BOD Meeting. We're going to have a quacking' good time!

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.

September 2026

17 - 20 [US JCI Senate Fall Board 2026](#) - Topeka, KS
Fall Board in Topeka, KS

Contact Rob Wiley at rocknrob76@hotmail.com or
text 785-331-7615.

Looking for shuttle transportation? Let them know if you are
flying and send them your arrival and departure. Contact
Ron Stair at riatsnor@yahoo.com or
Rob Wiley rocknrob76@hotmail.com.

The cost for the roundtrip is \$60.

Start planning your Friday night Petticoat Junction Theme
costume party.

Check out VisitTopeka.com for more information.

Charity Golf Event September 17, 2026, in Topeka

The Vino Bellas and Fellas along with the Silver Foxes and Vixens
are hosting a Charity Golf/Putt-Putt event 9/17/26 at the Fall
Board Meeting in Topeka. Everyone is welcome.

[Registration form is now available.](#)

October 2026

2 - 4 [Kentucky Fall Frenzy](#) - Bardstown, KY

9-11 MICHIGAN JCI SENATE FALL SOCIAL

Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

16 - 18 Illinois Fall GA with the Jaycees

Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL

23 - 25 **MO/IL WINE TOUR (hosted by Missouri)** What we know so far...we are staying at Best Western in Jefferson City.

Stay tuned for more details and registration form.

	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

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

09/19 South Mascoutah Jaycees Bicycle Pub Crawl

09/26 Camp New Hope Annual Fall Fest

09/27 Mental Health First Aid Virtual Training

10/03 JCI Illinois Charity Poker

10/03 New Baden Jaycees Foodie Tour

10/09 to 10

Steeleville Jaycees Oktoberfest

10/16 to 18

JCI Illinois Fall GA

10/17 Menard County Jaycees Oakford Children's Halloween Party

10/22 Menard County Jaycees Quarter Auction

10/23 Collinsville Jaycees Haunted House Night

10/24 Menard County Jaycees Safe Trick or Treat

10/24 New Baden Jaycees Chili Cookoff

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

[Click here for JCI Illinois Newsletter for Mid-August newsletter](#)

Wreath Across America - IL Chairman Report

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.wreathscrossamerica.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
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TICKETS!

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 OR
\$50.00 FOR 10

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
DURING THE SUMMER TOUR
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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

Please pray with us:

God, I hope that this finds the Illinois JCI Senate in good health and even better spirits. Please be with each member of our great family and continue to guide us on our journey through life. Be with those who are ailing and struggling, as well as those who are doing well. You are the Great Healer, we put our faith in You! It is in Your powerful name that we pray, Amen.

Extended Family Update

Condolences and prayers to **Adam Garrison #75987** and his family on the passing of his father, Ronald. Cards can be sent to

Adam Garrison #75987,
4019 Greenwood Drive, Wonder Lake, IL 60097

[Click here for Ron's obituary.](#)

Family Update

Belated condolences to the family and friends of **Hileria Godfrey #62127** on her passing on December 2, 2022. [Click here for Hileria's obituary.](#)

Prayer Request

Please add **Terry Barker #40979** to the Senate prayer list. He was just diagnosed with Colon Cancer and is beginning cancer treatment.

Cards can be sent to
117 Beach Street South
Kewanee, IL 61443

Celebrations

Happy 70th birthday on August 27 to:

Robbie Kay Johnston #51099

4600 Bellevue Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62711

Happy 55th birthday on September 1 to:

Jennifer Stanley #75089

345 Hubbard Lane
Crete, Illinois 60417

Happy 56th Anniversary to:
Jan and **Denny Birt #37116**
203 Arbours Drive
Savoy, Illinois 61874

I feel like I forgot something again. I am in desperate pursuit of perfection. My Advisors told me that I would miss something, to not make excuses and own the mistakes. I have searched all platforms and I think that is it. Again I cannot put it on here if I do not know about it. Thank You for all your help and support! Much love to you all and "Disco Duck Down And Check Out The Show "
-Christopher

Directory Update:

New Senator

None

New Lifetime Member

Sherri Szczepaniak #60007 #886

Address Change

None

Email Change

None

Phone Change

None

Treasurer Notes

MaryAnn Hilleary #64615

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accept payments through Zelle, Venmo and PayPal.
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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.

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E-Blast Reminder

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



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