Illinois JCI Senate

E-Blast

October 1, 2026

Hello Senators & Friends!

Happy Fall! October is a busy Senate month for us. Safe travels to all who are heading down to Bardstown, KY for Fall Frenzy this weekend. I hope you are planning on being at the **Fall *GA*** in **Springfield Oct. 16-18** at the Northfield Suites. Friday night we will have hospitality and some of us will have a few meetings. Audit Committee at 7:30, Finance Committee at 830, and the Board Meeting at 9:30. Saturday you can sleep in a little! Breakfast at

the hotel is from 6 – 9 am and then our Senate Business Meeting is at 9:30 am. For those who are members or just interested, the **Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation** Board Meeting will be at 1:00 pm.

At this fall meeting we are going to do a little ID project in the hospitality room. For those of you who would like to volunteer for **Wreaths Across America (WAA)** on Saturday, December 19, we will have a laptop there where we can get you signed up. Also, we can help you sponsor wreaths if you'd like to do that. Sponsoring a wreath for a veteran is only $17.

Thank you to **Bill Patterson #47979** and his hospitality team for all of their work! Friday night the **NE Region** will be covering dinner. Saturday's lunch will be provided by the **South Central Region**.

A huge thank you goes out to **MaryAnn Hilleary #64615**, who has been our award-winning E-Blast editor since 2024! She did this while being COB and then Treasurer. We appreciate her dedication and talents. MaryAnn is retiring from producing the E-Blast and we are in search of her replacement. This person should be available to receive emailed articles, use Mailchimp, and send out issues twice a month (1st and the 15th). Please let me know if this would be of interest to you!

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On-To…
Time to pack your Crackers and Quackers because we are on the ROAD

Hope you will join us at the following meeting and social events

October 2026

2 - 4 **Kentucky Fall Frenzy** - Bardstown, KY

~~9-11 MICHIGAN JCI SENATE FALL SOCIAL Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan~~ **CANCELLED**

10TH 12pm-4pm MI JCI Senate 17985 Armada Center Road, Armada, MI 48005

Blake's Orchard and Cider Mill • Fellowship • Fall Fun

We will be meeting for a social party at Blake's in Armada. They have a few different options for food, restaurant and snack shop etc. They have a tasting room, and you can try both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. They even offer gluten free options for those who need them. If you have kids or are a kid at heart. The Funland offers wagon and train rides, petting zoo and haunted attractions.

It doesn't get any more Michigan than going to a cider mill in October! There is something for everyone. Whether you want to enjoy adult beverages in the taste room. Pick pumpkins and do a hayride, petting zoo with the kids or grandkids

This event promises to be an incredible opportunity for fellowship, relaxation, and fun with fellow Senators.

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.

PLANNING AHEAD…

November 2026

5 - 8 **Peach Bash/Region IV Meeting** - Locust Grove, GA

13 - 15 **FL Winter Wonderland 2nd Quarter Conference** - Holiday Inn Express, Tampa, FL

13 - 14 **WV Fall BOD / "Dirty Santa"** - North Bend State Park, Cairo, WV

December 2026

4 - 6 **MA JCI Senate Holiday Social** - Bridge View Grill at Quality Inn, Bourne, MA
4 - 6 **GA JCI Senate Christmas Social** - Woodstock GA
18 - 20 **AZ Holiday Social** - Tempe, AZ

January 2027

14 - 17 **US JCI Senate Winter Board 2027** - Greensboro, NC
22 - 24 **ILLINOIS Winter GA - Champaign-Urbana**
22 - 24 **KY/IN Joint Meeting** - New Albany, IN

February 2027

12 - 14 **FL Cruise Away on Land The Love Boat 3rd Quarter Conference** - Holiday Inn Celebration, Kissimmee, FL

March 2027

5 - 7 **Maryland Winter Meeting** - Annapolis, MD
6 **MD Bull and Oyster Roast** - Annapolis, MD
12 - 14 **Region V Spring Fling 2027** - Indianapolis IN
19 - 21 **Calabash Beach Bash** - North Myrtle Beach, SC

April 2027

1 - 4 **MAI 2027 "Mountain Mingle"** - Ripley, WV (**Sponsor form**)
2 - 3 **Region VI Spring Meeting/Nebraska JCI Senate 50th Anniversary**
8 - 11 **Region IV Year-End Meeting** - Hoover, Alabama

We are excited about having a **Cool Time … in Greensboro!** We are looking forward to hosting Winter Board 2027 at the Embassy Suites.

Registration forms are out and online, see below for the link. Please get your registration forms turned into Carol CJ Jordan

#45857 before December 1st. If paying by Venmo, CJ still needs a registration form from you.

Hotel reservations are in full swing, if you have any questions about rooms, please contact Crissie Lewis #72169 at suzanneclewis@hotmail.com.

There is much to do and see in the Triad area, even if you were here in 2016, bet you didn't experience it all. Keep in mind if driving in from the north – Mt Airy, home of the Andy Griffith show, coming in from the west – Biltmore House in Asheville, coming up from the south first stop at a Buc ee's in South Carolina, then into North Carolina – Charlotte Motor Speedway and Pinehurst where they hosted the US Open.

Crissie Lewis #72169
2027 Winter Board Co-Chair

2027 Winter BOD - Greensboro, NC Registration Link

US JCI Senate Winter Board 2027
Cool Time in Greensboro
Hosted by the North Carolina JCI Senate
at
Embassy Suites Greensboro, North Carolina
January 14-17, 2027

Upcoming JCI Illinois meetings/projects

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
10/24 Palantine Jaycees Putt Putt Bar Crawl
11/14 Steeleville Jaycees Anniversary Party
11/27 to 29 Palatine Jaycees Christmas Tree Lot
12/4 to 5 Palatine Jaycees Christmas Tree Lot
12/10 to 11 Mercer County Toys for Kids Event
12/11 to 13 Palatine Jaycees Christmas Tree Lot
12/12 New Baden Jaycees Lighted Christmas Parade
12/18 to 20 Palatine Jaycees Christmas Tree Lot

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-September 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.wreathsacrossamerica.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.

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

Chaplain Christopher Stierwalt #52938

Please pray with me:

Illinois JCI Senate please pray with me :
Lord we ask that You watch over the traveler and those who are not traveling. Be with each and every one of us, both ill and well, as we all need Your comfort and mercy. Help us through the tough times and help us celebrate our good times.

Lord our flock of Lucky Ducks will be traveling A LOT this October, please give them safe passage to wherever they go. Thank You in advance. It is in Your Precious Name that we pray, Amen.

Extended Family Update

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Family Update

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Prayer Request

Please keep **Terry Barker #40979** in your prayers. He is fighting colon cancer and returned to the hospital after his very brief time at home.

Continued prayers for **Phyllis Bowers#51430** as she had knee surgery recently.

Please pray with me;

Mighty God, we raise Terry, Phyllis, and their family and caregivers up to you. Please be with every single one of them, and help Terry and Phyllis to heal quickly and thoroughly. Lord we know that there are other people who need Your help as well, we raise them up to You as well , be with all of us, all this we ask in Your name. Amen.

Celebrations

A congratulations on a second grandchild to
MaryAnne Hoeller #55729. A granddaughter was born a week ago.

Again, if you have a milestone Birthday or Anniversary coming up, please let me know. Also if you are having a surgery or just need prayers, please let me know.

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I hope to see all of you Lucky Ducks as we Disco Duck on down to Springfield!

Christopher

Directory Update:

New Senator
None

New Lifetime Member
None

Address Change
None

Email Change
None

Phone Change
None

Looking for the mailing address for the following three Senators:
Tracie Joyner #78202
Gerald Rolfingsmeyer #69898
Karen Thole #84284

Treasurer Notes
MaryAnn Hilleary #64615

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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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