

THE FILIBUSTER

Where did the summer go?!

I can honestly say this has been one of the wildest summers I have had in a long time. I just returned from Fall Boards in Houston, Texas where we had our National Board Meeting, training, a banquet, and Texas size Hospitality. Congratulations to Matt Sernau on receiving a Keeping the Faith medallion from President Hal.



Recently, I have been able to travel all over Region V and attend the Ohio Pig Roast, as well as the Illinois and Indiana picnics. This was a great opportunity to connect with other Senators from our Region and see what's being done in other states. If you ever get the chance, I encourage you to travel around and make some new friends. Tanya and I plan to go to the Kentucky and Indiana joint meeting in Louisville KY. January 26-28 and we would love it if you joined us. Let's see how many people from Michigan we can get there! I will get information out as I get it.

Here in Michigan, John and Nina hosted another great Senate pool party with amazing food and fun. JCI Michigan just had their Fall Conference at the Otsego Resort, and we had our first meeting of the year. Let's not forget that Jeans and Jewels takes place November 18th. You still have time to buy your tickets or donate an item. All the information can be found on our website at www.michiganjcisenate.org/jjg/. Please register or donate an auction item to help raise money for the Senate Scholarship fund. Do it for the kids!



Now onto Fall, which is one of my favorite times of the year. There are a ton of things to do that include pumpkin patches, bonfires, football, apple orchards, haunted houses, and holiday parties. It would be great to see a few Senate pop-up socials this fall. Invite your Senate family out to dinner or to tag along to a local Jaycee event, take pictures and share.

Get out, be social and make some Memories!
Tom

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From VP Tanya Quackenbush

Greeting Fellow Senators.

I was going to make a comment about how I hope that you are enjoying the fresh fall weather, but I remembered that we live in Michigan and that we have 80 degree weather scheduled for this week as I write this. So, I guess enjoy 3rd summer and we will get into fall soon.

At our recent meeting at Otsego Resort, it was mentioned by a few people that they didn't know that we had a website, which made me cry a little on the inside to be honest. But I'm going to brush those tears away and rectify that right now. In case you don't know, you can find the Michigan JCI Senate website at michiganjcisenate.org. This is maintained by our Webmaster Dan Moellering, #77898. On the website you will find a dedicated page to [Jeans & Jewels Gala](#) along with the [Senate Calendar](#) and much more. We try to keep the senate calendar as up to date as possible. If you know of a missing event, please let Dan or I know, and we will get it updated.

In another news that you may not be aware of, Jennifer Mansfield, #81578, is our New Senator Liaison and she has been tasked with creating an updated New Senator Information Packet. Our hopes are to do a better job of getting our new senators excited about joining and being active in our organization. To tie it into my website information above, we will be creating a New Member area on the website with some FAQ and other info. If you are a newer senator that has suggestions of useful info or are a more experienced senator that may have some ideas on what we should teach the new kids, reach out to Jen and let her know.

To keep on the communications path, I would be remiss if I didn't mention our Newsletter Editor, Melissa Greko, #75457. Melissa not only keeps us in the loop with the Filibuster each quarter, along with special email updates, but she has also committed to sending out a monthly eblasts so we can try to keep the membership better informed. On months that the Filibuster is not sent out, you will see an eblast highlighting an event or upcoming initiative. We know that there are very many different vehicles riding down the information highway and that not everyone looks at social media as frequently as some so we are trying to find a balance to make sure we get information out there to as many people as we can. It is no longer cost effective to send letters through the mail, so we are going to continue to try to do our best for you with the options we have. If all else fails, I may have to talk President Tom and Chaplain

Mike into providing updates in interpretive dance.

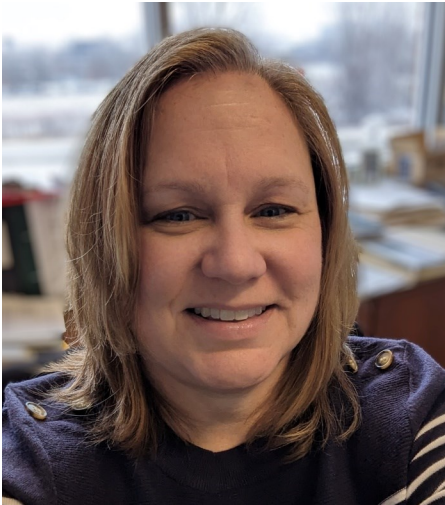
Thank you to everyone that placed an order for senate swag. If you missed the order window, we will be opening it up again around January.

I hope you are all doing well and that you are enjoying all the pumpkin spice, apple cider, football and bonfires that make this season so much fun. I hope to see everyone at Jeans & Jewels in November.

Prost!

Tanya Quackenbush #78291
Vice President





Welcome to Fall! It's a time when trees put on a dazzling display of color and it's the perfect temperature for a campfire. Speaking of campfires, I see from the pictures it was a weekend of good fellowship at Otsego Resort in Gaylord. I was so disappointed I couldn't make it. I happened to be stuck in Nebraska (and O'Hare Airport) for work that weekend and didn't make it back to Michigan until late on Saturday. In case you were like me and missed it, I'll fill you in on some award winners. A hearty congratulations to Allie Snage from Redford as the First Timers award winner, and a shout out to Jay Johnson, Senator # 75257 and also from Redford, as the Return the Favor recipient.

But back to things that dazzle. Will you be joining us for our 6th Annual Jenas and Jewels Gala? Find your best denim and don your biggest and brightest bling for this fun filled evening. Raising over \$50,000 for scholarships since its inception, this night is a hit. New this year will be a casino to try your luck at. Ticket prices increase on October 16, and the hotel room block option ends on October 27.

And while I love Fall with its color, orchard tours, and sweater weather, I would be remiss if I didn't mention a winter activity you should plan for. It's Wreaths Across America. Put December 16, 2023 on your calendar now. On this day, you can volunteer with other senators, and other volunteers in the community, to place wreaths on the graves of fallen veterans at the Michigan Veterans Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Led by Gina Greenlee, Senator # 63315, sign-up is available now through our Facebook page and a link in a separate article.

Will you be joining me and other fellow senators at an event soon? I'd love to see you there. Have an idea for an event of your own? Reach out, and I can help you make it happen.

To Making Memories Together,
Bridgette Rillema, #74269
Vice President

College applications, scholarships, future plans...oh my!

As the weather gets colder, high school seniors around the state are warming up their search for \$\$\$ to pay for their next steps in life. Hopefully you are aware by now that the US JCI Senate and the Michigan JCI Senate offer scholarships to high school seniors. This will be the 3rd year for the trades/vocational based scholarship as well!! This is an exciting opportunity for students who might not want to attend a traditional 4-year university but also find it challenging to pay for a 2-year or certificate program (usually at a community college) However, there are some vocational programs at 4-year colleges as well. Either way, this is a scholarship specifically geared towards those students!

The US JCI Senate has added a GPA requirement of 3.75 for the traditional scholarship and 3.25 for the vocational. Please note that the MICHIGAN JCI SENATE accepts all GPA levels for consideration of MI JCI Senate based scholarships. We would just not be able to consider moving anyone not meeting those requirements on for national consideration.

Links to forms -Feel free to share with any high school senior in the state of Michigan. If for some reason the links don't work, please have the applicant email scholarship@michiganjcisenate.org

[US JCI Senate Scholarship](#)

[US JCI Senate VOCATIONAL Scholarship](#)

[Student Checklist /Cover Sheet](#)

Please note that the student checklist is needed for BOTH applications – any without this sheet cannot be considered for the scholarship. Applications must be postmarked by Jan 19, 2024 and sent to the following:

MI JCI Senate Scholarship Chair
7568 Corbett Drive
Canton, MI 48187

Jeans and Jewels Gala for Scholarship

November 18, 2023 | 6:00-12:00am

St. Mary's Cultural Center

18100 Merriman Rd. | Livonia, MI

In order to expand, and fund, the MI JCI Senate scholarship program, we have to fundraise! That is where YOU the Senate member can help out. We are in our 6th year of the Annual Jeans and Jewels Gala for Scholarship. What might you find this year at the Gala? A silent auction, maybe a wine and spirits pull and new this year is a CASINO hosted by the Livonia Jaycees. There MIGHT even be a chance to win some really awesome vacation packages (think warmer weather) as part of the fun and games. You will just have to show up to find out!

Tickets are \$45 through October 15th and then \$50 after that. To purchase tickets:

<https://6thannualjig.eventbrite.com>

Hotel rooms available at the Courtyard Marriott Livonia (6 Mile and 275) for \$119 or \$129 a night. Shuttle provided with 15 rooms! The website is automatically set for Fri-Sunday so make adjustments as needed on the number of nights you need! Various ways to reserve your room:

Call: (734) 462-2000 and reference the MI JCI Senate Room Block

Web Link: [Book your group rate for Michigan JCI Senate Room Block](#)

Jeans and Jewels Gala for Scholarship

Hosted by the MI JCI Senate



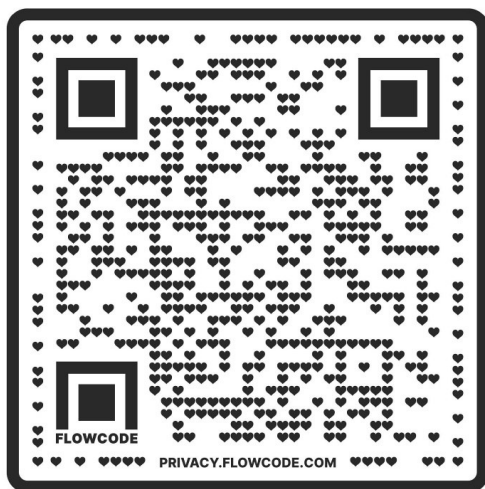
November 18, 2023
St. Mary's Cultural Center
18100 Merriman Road
Livonia, MI
6:00pm-12:00am

Please join us for the [6th Annual Jeans and Jewels Gala for Scholarship](#). All proceeds will go to support the Michigan JCI Senate Scholarship program.

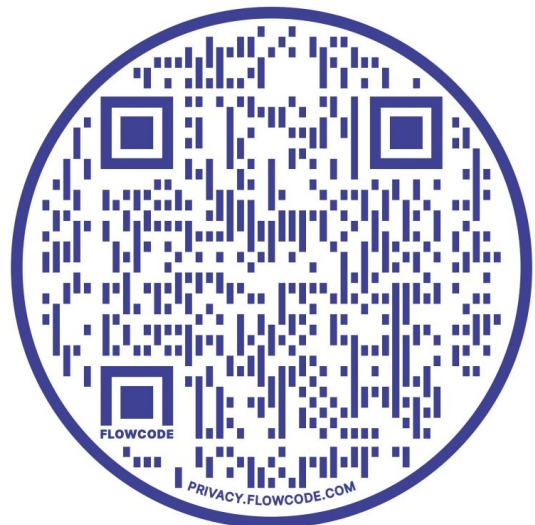
This is a 'casual' event but with a gala feel so wear your best 'gala casual outfit' and sparkle it up with jewels (guys- this means you too!).
Be Bold with it.

Evening will include dinner, dessert, silent auction, CASINO, other activities, Open bar, and FUN!

To donate items/sponsor event:



To purchase tickets:



Keeping the Faith Award Recipient Matt Sernau, #72678

US JCI Senate Hal Williams #43912 is presenting “Keeping the Faith Awards” to outstanding Senators who have been Keeping the Faith this year. Anyone can nominate a fellow senator for the award. To nominate someone for this award you need to submit in writing to President Hal an explanation on why you feel that this Senator is deserving of the award.

The following letter was submitted to National President Hal to nominate Matt for Hal’s Keeping the Faith Award.

Dear President Hal,

I am writing this letter to nominate Matthew Sernau, #72678 for a Keeping the Faith Award. This year he is serving as a special advisor to the president, and he has been an incredible asset to me and the team already this year.

Matt has a wealth of experience as a past Michigan JCI President and past Michigan JCI Senate President. Since the day I made to decision to run for Senate President he has had my back by offering insight into the organization and advise based on experience.

From the onset Matt has encouraged me to travel and make the most of my year. I hate to fly, so he offered to drive with me wherever I want to go. The Sernau’s and Quackenbush’s went to the Ohio Pig Roast where Matt sponsored their golf outing. He joined me at the Illinois picnic as my fill in plus one and then joined Tanya and I in Indiana at their picnic. He even offered to drive all the way to Texas for Fall Boards with me. I am guessing 18 hours to and from Houston will be a sure test to our friendship.

As a person who likes to plan events, it is hard to take a step back on this as president. Matt has stepped up to get hotel quotes and help plan our elections meeting in May. In addition, he has done the same for our Year End event and Inauguration in July. This will include fun outings and dinner locations when we can hold the event and have a celebration. Last of all he has agreed to take my place as hospitality co-chair for the year to help host our hospitality rooms at joint Senate and JCI events.

These are just a few things; in addition, he has supported and sponsored events in Michigan. This includes sponsoring our Jeans and Jewels event, buying raffle tickets, and attending events. He is also working on starting a new fund raiser for the Michigan Senate general fund.

Matt asked what I wanted to accomplish as president this year. I told him I wanted to have fun, travel, and kick some butt. He has done everything he can to help me accomplish those goals.

Sincerely,
Thomas T. Quackenbush,
President Michigan JCI Senate.



The Return the Favor Award

The Return the Favor Award is a way for the Jaycees to thank Senators for continuing to assist where needed. The Senators give of their knowledge, time, talent, and sometimes treasure because of all they have gotten out of the organization and the desire to share that enthusiasm with the up and coming leaders.

After the death of Senator Tony Karasiewicz mid year 2007, this award was renamed the Tony Karasiewicz Memorial Return the Favor Award. It honors Senators who have a passion to continually support the Jaycees organization, communities, and the development or leadership skills, much like Tony K. did. It was only fitting that the first recipient of this newly named award be given to Tony's cousin, Deb Fewless, who embodies the spirit of helping where she is needed and building strong leaders.

All Jaycee board members are invited to nominate a hardworking Senator, but Senators who know the Jaycee involvement of another Senator can also nominate. There will be a recipient of the Tony Karasiewicz Memorial Return the Favor Award at the Sept. 30 Awards Banquet during the Gaylord Fall Conference, but since I am writing this before that date, I don't want to spoil a surprise. The next award will be planned for the February Ann Arbor Year End Celebration.

Keep doing great things!

In the Jaycee Spirit,
Mary Burden #62527

Happy Fall Senators,

We are continuously working on updating our roster and making sure that we have the most current contact information of our members. If you have moved or changed your phone number, please reach out to us so that we can update our records.

Hope that everyone is doing well and if you are looking for fun stuff to do, please come out to our upcoming events!!! Jeans & Jewels Gala on November 18th, Post Holiday Party in February, Winter Membership meeting in February! We'd love to see you there.

Vette Sutton #69414
2023-2024 MI JCI Senate Secretary

CALLING ALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND CHANGE MAKERS!

JCI Michigan will be hosting it's 100th Anniversary Celebration in February and needs help with sponsorship.

You can find more information about the event on their website <https://jcimi.org/2023-year-end-celebration/> along with the sponsorship packet. Contact Mary Burden, #62527 at robmary90@gmail.com with questions.

JCI Michigan is celebrating 100 years of creating positive change throughout Michigan. Our goal is to raise \$100k for a General Member Fund for Professional Development Scholarships!

This fund will support many facets of the organization including offsetting the membership's cost for attending the 100th Year Celebration and ongoing scholarships. The new scholarship fund will offer members personal and professional development opportunities by providing funds to offset the event cost hosted by JCI Michigan, JCI USA and JCI Global to rising leaders.

If you are a Michigan business owner or organization leader, we want to include you in this historic campaign. If you are interested in sponsoring young leaders on their journeys to becoming active citizens, please email historian@jcimi.org today!





Have you ever been sitting around chatting with a friend and had the best idea? An idea so epic that the excitement it generated spread like wildfire to everyone around you? And soon you have three or four people working on a committee and it has blown up into like three separate events? And then life gets crazy and the progress slows down. Then a pandemic hits and progress comes to a halt. But that idea is still there, that niggling thought in the back of your brain, that screams at you every time you get together with that friend? I'm asking for a friend... OK, I'm the friend. Or

maybe the friend is Jo Ellen Hincker.

Either way, we are putting our heads together once again to get the MI JCI Senate Cookbook in motion. Now that the pandemic is over a cookoff to kick off sales is back on the table too. We plan to include pictures from the last 50 years of Michigan Senators throughout the book as well, so start sorting out those old photos!!

You can use the link below to submit a photo or a recipe. You can also reach out to me at tdintd@gmail.com or Jo Ellen at jehincker@comcast.net as well. Submissions will be due by November 30, 2023. If you have already submitted a recipe, we still have it, so there is no need to resubmit.

[Click here to Submit](#) a Photo or Recipe to the MI JCI Senate Cookbook

Thank you!

Wendy Taylor #71712 | MI JCI Senate C.O.B.



Member Sightings





WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreaths Across America is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with the mission to Remember and Honor our veterans, and to Teach the next generation to do so. They are most known for organizing the placement of a simple wreath with a red bow on the grave of each fallen veteran at veteran cemeteries across the United States.

The program got its start from a simple act of generosity in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine had a surplus of wreaths near the end of the holiday season. Worcester Wreath decided to donate them to be placed on headstones at an older section of the Arlington National Cemetery that has less visitors. Last year, in 2022, the program and volunteers placed more than 2.7 million wreaths on the headstones of our nation's service members at 3,702 participating locations including Puerto Rico and several overseas cemeteries.

This year, the US JCI Senate is a sponsor organization with Wreaths Across America. For every two wreaths sponsored, a third will be sponsored in their name. If you would like to donate, a link below will lead you to the US JCI Senate's sponsor page where you can choose which cemetery your donation is associated with.

Additionally, the Michigan JCI Senate is forming a group to volunteer to place wreaths on the designated day of December 16. The cemetery chosen is the Michigan Veterans Cemetery in Grand Rapids. If you would like to volunteer other Michigan senators and community volunteers, follow the link below.

Donation Link: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/175453/Overview>

Volunteer Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49AAAD2FAAFF2-44901757-wreaths>



US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting
Hosted by the South Carolina JCI Senate



Southern Charm

January 11 through January 14, 2024

Name _____ JCI Senate # _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____ JCI Senate/Friendship # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email Address _____

Current Office Title _____ Rooming with: _____

_____ Check here if this is your first JCI National Meeting. _____ Check here if you are a military veteran.

What Region would you like to sit with at banquet? _____

Item	Qty	Postmarked by 12/10/2023	Postmarked After 12/11/2023	On-Site	TOTAL
FULL REGISTRATION*		\$75.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	
THURSDAY Early Hospitality (6 pm to 1 am)		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Daily Off-Site Fee (If not staying within the event room block)		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
GRAND TOTAL					

***Full Registration includes Hospitality Friday and Saturday, lunch on Friday and Saturday evening banquet.**

Vegetarian or Religious/Dietary Restrictions _____

Make Checks payable to South Carolina JCI Senate. OR

Pay Via PayPal to:

Mail check and registration form to:

SouthCarolinaJaycees07@yahoo.com

Scott Bryant, #67910
415 Grazing Ridge Lane
Moore, SC. 29369

(If using credit card, a \$4.00 service charge must be added.)

Must be postmarked by December 10, 2023

Reservations: **Embassy Suites Golf Resort, Greenville SC**, 670 Verdae Boulevard, Greenville SC 29607 (864) 676-9090

Online Reservations: Group Code: JCI or SOUTH CAROLINA JCI SENATE WINTER BOARD 2024 by phone

Room Rate is \$132.50 plus taxes per night. (Rate is good 3 nights before and 3 nights after meeting dates, based on availability)

Free Hotel Parking

Free Airport Shuttle

Cut-off date for room block is December 18, 2023.

Contacts: Liz Young: (864) 325-9813 or WinterBoardGreenville2024@gmail.com

Scott Bryant: (864) 621-2939 or scottvetboy@msn.com

Registration cancellation refunds must be submitted in writing and postmarked no later than December 26, 2023 to be considered.



SPRING FLING 2024
“IT’S REGION V SOMEWHERE”

March 15 – March 17, 2024
 Crowne Plaza
 6500 Doubletree Ave, Columbus, OH 43229
 614-885-1885

NAME	Senate #
GUEST/Spouse	Senate/FR#
ADDRESS	Phone#
City, State, Zip	EMAIL

		Quantity	Total
Full: Includes Fri/Sat Hosp, Sat Lunch & Banquet	\$85.00		
Sat: Sat. hospitality & Lunch	\$45.00		
Hospitality Only Friday	\$25.00		
Banquet Only	\$60.00		
		TOTAL	

Room Rate: \$109 +tax per night
 Room Block deadline: April 30th
 Make check payable to:

Group Code: Ohio JCI Senate
 Banquet Deadline: March 7th
 Ohio JCI Senate

Mail registration & Check to:

Jenny Bruner #64688
 10935 Co. Rd. M
 Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Questions:

Jci64688@hotmail.com

(419) 276-4405

Where do I find that?

JCI Michigan Senate Website: <https://michiganjcsenate.org/>

JCI Michigan Senate Members Facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/34390968946>

JCI Michigan Senate Facebook Page (public):
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090482397941>

JCI Michigan Senate Calendar:
<https://michiganjcsenate.org/calendar/>

JCI Michigan Calendar of Events: <https://jcimi.org/jci-michigan-events-calendar/>

US JCI Senate Website: <https://www.usjcsenate.org/>

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MI JCI Senate Filibuster

The next edition will go out Mid-January and will cover Oct-Dec activities. If you have photos to share or a story to tell for our next edition, mail them to Melissa Greko (melissagreko@gmail.com) by January 1, 2024

If there is something you liked or think we could do better with this communication please be sure to let us know!

*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