

President's Message



Judson DeVore #65005

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Greeting Fellow Senators!

The fall leg of the tour was not as hectic as the summer but ask **First Lady Marsha #67330** about overflow hotels! In September, we headed to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the US JCI Senate Fall Board meeting. We learned some of Tulsa's history and received recognition for selling the most Sweepstake tickets in the first quarter. That was thanks to all of you stepping up and purchasing them. In October, we headed to Carlyle for the Illinois Jaycees' Annual Meeting. We had hospitality without a room and saw three new Senators receive their Senatorships. Two weeks later, we traveled to Bardstown, KY for Kentucky's Fall Frenzy. On the way, we visited a couple of Abraham Lincoln's childhood homes. There was wonderful hospitality, conversations, and gorgeous weather! We stopped on the way home to visit the biggest hole in the ground, Mammoth Cave. In November, we traveled to Detroit and attended Michigan's 7th Annual Jeans and Jewels Gala. It was a great time! I followed directions and wore jeans and even had some jewelry on! Pictures were taken for proof.

In December, we are staying near home for the holidays with family and friends. In January, we start our travels again by heading to Kenner, LA for the US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting. Hopefully, the weather will be warmer than up here. Our next Illinois JCI meeting will be in Bloomington, IL, January 31st through February 2nd alongside the Illinois Jaycees Year End meeting. This is also the meeting where next year's Senate officers are nominated. If you are thinking about running for an office, contact the Election committee (any recent past Presidents). In March, we are heading back to Michigan (Mt. Pleasant) for the Spring Fling.

Please contact **Tony Symoniak #66367** to get your Lotto raffle tickets before the month of February. You can't win if you don't play! Our next poker fundraiser will be on Friday January 3, 2025. Details in the Management VP article on page 2.

At the time of writing this article, the Board is gathering information about our Spring meeting options. The Illinois Jaycees are having their meeting at the Jaycee National Meeting in April. We have been invited to hold our meeting there with them. We are also looking into the possibility of holding it later in April or early May, possibly in Springfield. We may have a decision before you read this, definitely by the meeting in Bloomington.

Every Senator is *A Light Unto The World!* Continue to shine on your community!



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Administrative Vice President



Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137
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Can you believe it is already December 2024 it seems like we just had the Picnic in Danville, time is flying.

The MO/IL wine tour was a great time. Thank you to those from Illinois who got to participate in Hermann, Missouri. Wreaths Across America - **Mark Niedenthal 39701**. Is a great campaign and very proud that we participate.

Wheelchairs for kids - **Chris Curtis 35440** worked a pot shot card at the Danville Picnic and raised \$125 for the "wheelchairs for kids".

ON-TO Mark 39701 and Maureen 67669 Niedenthal are co-chairing the national convention in Chicago and could really use your assistance. Please read their article.

Camp New Hope - **Donna Baker 67041**

Raise Right - anyone need help loading Raise Right on your phone? This is a great program. It is so easy to make money for the Senate. We made over \$1000 last year. You are spending the money anyway so just buy the Raise Right gift card. I buy the E gift cards and they come directly to my phone. I always have them when we go out to dinner; go to a movie; go to the hardware store; or go to Walmart. The Senate makes money on gift cards or e-gift cards.

Jesus is the reason for the season!
From our house to yours, Enjoy the holidays.

Management Vice President



Christopher Rick #78649
Management VP
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Season's Greetings Illinois JCI Senators!

My name is **Christopher Rick #78649** and I am serving as your Management VP for 2024-2025. I am accessible by email to crick10101@aol.com or via phone 847-533-0204. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

It was nice to spend time with all of you at our Fall Meeting in Carlyle Lake. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again for our Winter Meeting, held January 31st to February 2nd 2025 at The Chateau in Bloomington, Illinois.

The Illinois JCI Senate will be hosting a poker fundraiser on Friday, January 3, 2025 at the Bridgeview Community Center at 7900 S Oketo Ave, Bridgeview, IL 60455. The event runs from 2:00 PM until approximately 2:00 AM. The Illinois JCI Senate hosts four of these fundraisers each year and they are an important funding source for our organization. All help is definitely appreciated.

Volunteers for the Opening Shift and Middle Shift will be selling tournament entries during your shift while the Closing Shift will mostly be waiting for the tournaments to finish. We do not exchange chips for cash. If you would like more details on what volunteering entails, please contact me. Please sign up for an available shift on [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com). Thank you!

Treasurer



Roxy Hollenstine #78247
Treasurer
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Hello Senators,

I hope all is going well with you and your plans for the Holidays. I can't believe we are almost at Christmas! Please reach out to Tony if you wish to participate in any of the games. We are also pursuing a new license for Poker nights. That action was also approved at the last meeting. Thank you to Chris for staying on top of this. Finally, the budget as approved at the last meeting is included in this issue.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Secretary



Karen Helms JCI #57838
Secretary
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Hello Fellow Senators,

Do you remember how it felt as you sat in a meeting, banquet, or maybe a project and someone started to speak in the front of the room. You could tell by the things that were being said that a senator-ship was about to be given out, and all of a sudden you realize you are the one receiving it? What a thrill that was.

Illinois is one of the largest if not the largest senate organizations in the United States. However, our attendance at meetings and events is way down. I understand that it is getting more and more expensive to travel and stay in hotels, so we miss you at the annual, trimester, and picnic meetings. However, we can really use your help with the National Convention meeting in Northbrook, this coming June. Old Senators, young Senators, middle-aged Senators, we can use all the help we can get. I know if you live down south it may not be feasible for you to attend. But if you are in northern or central Illinois, we could use your help and support.

Are you close to the area? Do you know of any places close to Northbrook to sight see? Or in Chicago? Manpower can be used now to set up the sight seeing tours. Are you available to work manpower at the meeting? Are you available to help with donations?

We are sending out about 60 letters to businesses and about 85 letters to wineries (I know -blew my mind too, 85 Wineries in Illinois?!?!). We can use help to teach the new Senators coming into the organization, so they can take over in the future. We have always been known for our hospitality. Let's not let the rest of the country down. Let's make this the best national convention we can for our late great National President **Gary Pittenger #24804**. You will find my contact information here and the Cochairs **Maureen #67669** and **Mark Niedenthal #39701** in the Forum.

Thank you,

Secretary, Karen Helms #57838
And Convention 2025 Donation Chairperson
Phone: 847-636-8340

Maureen K. Niedenthal #67669

Illinois JCI Senate On-To Chair
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Happy Holidays Senators! I hope you're able to celebrate with family and good friends during this season. A great way to see friends is by traveling with the Senate! **President Judson #65005** and **First Lady Marsha #67330** have been so busy visiting the Region V events. Please consider checking out the following list of meetings and join them. You'll get to reconnect with good friends and make new memories.

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

2024

Dec. 14 Wreaths Across America

2025

Jan. 9-12 [US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting in Kenner, LA](#)

Jan. 18 Michigan (Post Holiday Party) Snowball Soiree at Moose Lodge 782 in Ypsilanti, MI

Jan. 18 [MI JCI Senate Snowball Soiree in Ypsilanti, MI](#)

Jan. 31 - Feb. 2

IL Winter GA/Senate Meeting in Bloomington, IL
The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center \$104/night
Call hotel and say you're with the Jaycees.
309-662-2020

Feb. 7-8 Ohio Winter Meeting in Cleveland, OH

Mar. 14-16 [Region V Spring Fling in Mt. Pleasant, MI](#)

Jun. 15-20 [US JCI Senate Annual Meeting in Chicago/Northbrook.](#)

There are so many opportunities to get out and socialize with our fellow senators in Region V and beyond! I've included the national events in the hopes that you could join us as we promote the national meeting we're hosting next summer. If you're interested in traveling outside of Region V make sure to check out the calendar. [Calendar \(usjcisenate.org\)](#)

Wreaths Across America

Mark Niedenthal #39701

Wreaths Across American Chairman

Thanks to ALL who participated and shared pictures on December 14, 2024. We were part of a national effort that made us ALL PROUD TO BE AMERICANS. I wish I could shake the hands of all who participated. Hopefully we have all, by now, had a chance to see pictures of our collective efforts and appreciate what a monumental outcome can be accomplished by so many hands working in concert. It is the least we can do to show our appreciation to THOSE WHO SERVED THIS COUNTRY.

If you enjoyed participating in "Wreaths", then please consider participating in "Flags" on Memorial Day weekend.

In honor of Wendy Copeland and the remarkable life she led, her friends are working to establish the Wendy L. Copeland Endowed Scholarship at Harper College and need your help. This scholarship is a lasting tribute to Wendy's legacy, designed to support students facing financial challenges who share her passion for volunteerism and making a positive impact in the world. An endowed scholarship is a perpetual fund that provides financial aid to students year after year. The principal gift is invested, and a portion of the earnings is used to award scholarships, ensuring that Wendy's memory continues to make a difference in the lives of students for decades, if not centuries, to come.

Wendy's life was a testament to the power of generosity and community, and this scholarship will embody those same values. By contributing, you can help us ensure that Wendy's spirit of giving and her passion for helping others live on through the opportunities this fund will create. We have to raise \$10,000 to fund an endowed scholarship. If Wendy touched your life in some way, I invite you to join us in honoring her memory through a contribution to the scholarship. Donations of any size will make a meaningful impact. To give, please visit [Wendy L. Copeland Endowed Scholarship: Harper College](#) or contact Chrissy Trilling- Raices for more details or questions.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to celebrate Wendy's incredible legacy. Together, we can ensure her light continues to shine in the lives of students who embody her values.

March Madness

Tony Symoniak #66367

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This will start in the middle of March with the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament. Squares are \$20. I currently have 80 squares to sell. Here is the breakdown of winnings each round (final score):

- Round 1 - \$5
- Round 2 - \$10
- Sweet 16 - \$15, Reverse Score - \$10
- Elite 8 - \$25, Reverse Score - \$10
- Final 4 - \$50, Reverse Score - \$20
- Championship - \$100, Halftime - \$50, Reverse Score Final -\$25

There is a good chance that I will draw new numbers each round. Please see me at the convention (Jan 31-Feb 2) or if you can't wait, send me money via Zelle, PayPal or Venmo and I will get you on a square. Thanks.

Camp New Hope

Donna Baker #67041

Camp New Hope Chairman

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Happy Holidays to all. During this giving season, take a look at Camp New Hope's [Amazon Wish List](#) to see if there is something that catches your eye. You could also send them an e-gift card. Order it thru the Senate and help two organizations in one shot! Wishing all a wonderful holiday season and a blessed New Year!

Kathy Crick, #71017
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The Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation offers two scholarships each year:

The Illinois Jaycee Charitable Foundation Scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors and is based upon involvement, leadership roles, honors and awards, employment, personal statement, financial statement, scholastic achievement and references. Two recipients of the Illinois Jaycee Charitable Foundation Scholarship Award will become the nominees from Illinois for the US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Award. Deadline is January 17th.

Roger D. Colbert Memorial Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors related to an Illinois Jaycee member or JCI Senator. It is based on involvement, leadership roles, honors and awards, Jaycee organization participation, employment, personal statements, financial statement, scholastic achievement and sponsor letter. Deadline is March 1st.

Scholarship application forms are available on the foundation website: <https://www.ijcf.org/scholarships>



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As we approach mid-year for the senate, I am reminding all of you that nominations for the Illinois JCI Senate year 2025-2026 will be held on February 1st, at our Winter

Meeting in Bloomington-Normal. Please seriously consider running for office so that the best possible management team can be assembled. Nominations for Officers (President, Administrative Vice President, Management Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and Region Directors will be accepted. Contact Election Committee members **Bill Patterson #47979**, **Lynne McGill #70364** or myself prior to the meeting with any questions. If you are new to the Senate, we will give you the information required to do this successfully. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Senators better, and to work on achieving the goals of our Senate organization. Serving as an officer will give you a greater insight into our organization and you will find opportunities to travel and build friendships among fellow Senators from our own Region V and across the country.

LOTTO

Tony Symoniak #66367
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We are about 5 weeks before Lotto Raffle beginnings. Do you have your Raffle ticket?? Can not win \$50 if you don't have any tickets. Sales have been a bit slow. I know things will pick up after the 1st of the year. Once again for \$50 an envelope you will receive 10 pick 3 lotto numbers (000-999). The drawing starts on Sat Feb 1 with the evening Pick3. The numbers will only be picked during the evening drawing. Feb 1 is during the next state convention and YES I will be there so you can purchase your tickets during that weekend. If you don't want to wait until then, contact me and send me your money via Zelle, PayPal, Venmo and I will send you a screen shot of the tickets.

National Convention 2025 - Northbrook/Chicago

Mark #39701 & Maureen #67669 Niedenthal
2025 National Convention Co-Chairs
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June 15-19

June is going to be here before we know it! The convention committee has been busy behind the scenes checking out the hotel, looking for donations, and working on tours. We NEED your help!

1. Do you know of a beer distributor? We'd like to get our beer from a former Jaycee or friend of a Jaycee.
2. Are you familiar with Uber? We need someone to organize the transportation to/from the airport for the national board.
3. Do you know of any bus companies (private, school, or church) that we could use for tours?
4. Do you have any community connections that will help us get food donations? We are looking for "grab 'n go" items for breakfast like: bottled water, milk, cereal cups, Nutra Grain bars, granola bars, Rice Krispie treats, donuts, wrapped cinnamon rolls/danish, Special K bars, 100 calorie packs of crackers or cookies, yogurt cups, and fruit. We could also use individual bags of nuts, chips, and crackers. Some of these items are not shelf stable so we could be running out to purchase the week of the event.
5. Donations: We have partnered with the Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation so you can make donations to the Foundations for this project. Individuals and businesses can make use of the 501 (c) 3 donations. Let us know if you want us to reach out to a company or individual you do business with and think they would like to contribute. <https://www.ijcf.org/donate-today/>

The list above looks daunting when one or two people have to tackle it on their own. If you can help us knock down the list even just a little it will make a big difference!



2025 US JCI Senate
Annual Meeting

Hosted by the Illinois JCI Senate
June 15 - 19, 2025
Chicago/Northbrook, Illinois



Name: _____ JCI Senate #: _____
 2024-2025 Senate Office Held: _____ Friendship #: _____
 Spouse/Guest: _____ JCI Senate #: _____
 2024-2025 Senate Office Held: _____ Friendship #: _____
 Address/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Contact Phone #: _____ Email: _____ Region #: _____
 Rooming with? _____


	* YOU *	* GUEST / SPOUSE *
Please Check...	Between the ages of 40 - 55? <input type="checkbox"/>	Between the ages of 40 - 55? <input type="checkbox"/>
	1st US JCI Senate Meeting? <input type="checkbox"/>	1st US JCI Senate Meeting? <input type="checkbox"/>
	Military Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/>	Military Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/>

		Quantity	Total Due
Full Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
Includes Hospitality Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Thursday Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$185 <i>On-Site</i>	_____	\$ _____
<i>Thursday banquet meal restrictions</i> <input type="checkbox"/>			
Early Hospitality (Sunday)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 30 <i>On-Site</i>	_____	\$ _____
Thursday Banquet ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 80 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 85 <i>On-Site</i>	_____	\$ _____
Children 12 & Under	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 <i>Postmarked by 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 <i>Postmarked after 5/15/25</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80 <i>On-Site</i>	_____	\$ _____
Daily Hospitality Only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Monday</i>	_____	\$ _____
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	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Wednesday</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Thursday</i>	_____	\$ _____
Off-Site Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <i>Per Person Per Day</i>	_____	\$ _____
<i>Applies if not registered at Senate Hotel</i>			

Make Checks Payable to: Illinois JCI Senate **TOTAL DUE \$ _____**

Golf (TBD) Would you be interested? Yes No
Tours (TBD) Would you be interested? Yes No

Hilton Chicago/Northbrook
 2855 North Milwaukee Ave.
 Northbrook, IL 60062
 1-847-480-7500
 1-800-774-1500
 Room Block Code: ISEN
 Room Rate: \$144 + taxes



Hotel Registration

[Hotel Link: US JCI Annual Meeting \(June 2025\)](#)
 Room Block good until May 15, 2025
 Rate valid for 4 days pre and post conference

Mail form & check to:
 Lynne McGill #70364
 Registration Chair
 1209 W. 83rd Court
 Merrillville, IN 46410



For Zelle Payment (no fee):

For additional information contact:
 Maureen Niedenthal #67699 at 217-274-9858
 Lynne McGill #70364 at 708-691-0934
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ILLINOIS JCI SENATE 2024 – 2025
October 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Carlyle, IL



MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: At 1:30PM, President Judson DeVore #65005

INVOCATION: Chuck McFarlin #47910 – Please keep the victims from the hurricanes in Florida and South Carolina in your prayers. Also, keep in your prayers the senators we have lost in the last few months and those who could not be with us this weekend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Lead by all Veterans

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Denny Birt #37116

Past Illinois JCI Senate Presidents:

1992-93 Wayne Kiefer #36498	2014-15 Robert (Digger) McGraugh #36156
1993-94 John (JDO) Olson #35308	2015-16 Chris Curtis #35440
1996-97 Bev Olson #42473	2016-17 Melodie Ainslie #69200
1999-00 Ray Ainslie #44136	2018-19 Bill Patterson #47979
2001-02 Denny Birt #37116	2019-20 Wayne Huelsmann #30592
2003-04 Mark Niedenthal #39701	2020-21 Robbie Johnston #51099
2007-08 Chuck McFarlin #47910	2022-23 Bill Patterson #47979
2020-11 Greg Hilleary #43305	2023-24 Mary Ann Hilleary #64615
2012-14 Monty Schroeder #62203	Out of town Guest: Valerie Pell #81531 Iowa

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Monty Schroeder #62203; second by Greg Hilleary #43305;
Motion passed

APPROVAL OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Brian Ziegler #42479 – By-laws and Constitution	Kay Degroot #73333 – By-laws
Robbie Johnston #51099 – By-laws	Chris Curtis #35440 – Wheelchairs for Kids
MaryAnn Hilleary #64615 – E-Blast	Wayne Huelsmann #30592 - Finance

Motion to approve appointments and Standing Committees by: Chuck McFarlin #47910; second by Wayne Huelsmann #30592; Motion passed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Presented by Robbie Johnston #51099, Wayne Kiefer #36498, Judson DeVore #65005, Reana Hollenstine, our newest Senator: Amy Lynn Olson Smith #83300

ILLINOIS JAYCEE PRESIDENT: Andi Whalen.

Again, thank you for allowing me to talk to you today. Thank you for supporting our events. Eight chapters received \$800 to use at booths at chapter events to recruit new members. The money can be used for things needed at the booth i.e. tablecloths, signs, business cards, etc. We look forward to seeing some of you at our events and helping in the membership booths.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Karen Helms #57838

Approval of minutes as published in Forum: Motion to approve by Kevin Ogden #68671; Second by Chris Rick #78649

- 1) E-Blast – Mary Ann Hilleary #64615 – Deadlines are 14th and 29th of each month. Please send items to: iljicisenate.eblast@gmail.com
- 2) Forum – Joann Rinaldo #71700 (absent) Forum articles are due December 2, 2024.
- 3) Historian – Ray Ainslie #44136 A round table discussion was held in the morning between the Jaycees and Senators. A couple of items were discussed, provide senate directory to local chapters. With the directory all senators do not need to be called to assist with chapter projects only senators in the Jaycee region. The participants in this meeting would like to see more round table discussions.
- 4) Social Media – Kathy Crick #71017 not in the room
- 5) Website – Ray Ainslie #44136 Website not up to date but will be soon.

Motion to approve Secretary report by Jim Dimitroff #36997; Second by John (JDO) Olson #35308

Motion passed

TREASURER'S REPORT: Roxy Hollenstine #78247

- 1) Membership Info Exchange – Kathy Crick #71017 please continue to send in member information and new Senator information.
- 2) Audit Committee – JDO #35308 – we have money to pay bills. Need to support money projects 50/50, silent auction, poker, pools, and lotto. Thanks to Chuck McFarlin #47910 and Marilyn Burton #55106 for joining the Audit Committee. We need to support the National President Sweepstakes fundraiser. The NPS supports the national president and helps keep dues low. Six tickets cost \$50 and \$100 for 12 tickets and a button. (Button to be worn at meetings so the person wearing it will not be bothered to buy more sweepstakes tickets).
- 3) Finance Committee – Wayne Kiefer #36498 – Life account doing well. Would like to increase the Contingency funds from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Motion to increase Contingency Fund by John (JDO) Olson #35308; Second by Wayne Huelsmann #30592.

Motion passed

- d) Fundraising
 - a. Birdies for Charity – Wayne Huelsmann #30592 – 50 participated. The total amount was not available at this time. 10% to charity and we receive the rest.
 - b. LOTTO – Tony Symoniak #66367 - The February Evening Pick 3 drawings starting February 1, 2025 will be used.
 - c. March Madness Pool – Ray Ainslie #44136 & Tony Symoniak #66367 – As of this meeting, 12 squares have been sold with 88 left to be sold. The squares are \$20 each. Need to have all of the squares sold before March 15th.
 - d. Illinois Basketball Pool - Ray Ainslie #44136 & Tony Symoniak #66367 - \$50 a square for 16 games this makes it around \$3.13 a game.
 - e. Poker – Need chairperson – Chris Rick will work as the lead person to get the license so we can run the games. Close to \$6,000 was made last year in the Chicago metro area.
 - f. Products – Heather Ulrich #72836 (absent) – Contact Heather at heather.winemiller@iljaycees.org to purchase branded apparel.
 - g. RaiseRight (gift Cards) – Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 – Physical cards can be bought, or can be downloaded in the mobile app. This way, you don't need to have the physical card with you only your phone with the app. If Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 can do this, anyone can do it. Just contact her and she will be glad to help you. Around \$1,200 was made last year with this project. Cards make great gifts. There is a fee of .29 to connect to your phone and/or checkbook.
 - h. Silent Auction – Chairman needed.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Mary Ann Hilleary #64615; Second by Cindy Ogdon #75418

Motion passed

ADMINISTRATIVE VP REPORT: Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137

- 1) Camp New Hope – Donna Baker #67041 (absent) – CNH is done for the season, however there is still a list on Amazon of items needed.
- 2) IL/MO Wine Tour – Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 – Not sure if anyone from Illinois is attending.
- 3) National Meeting 2025 – Mark Niedenthal #39701 & Maureen Niedenthal #67669 – very pretty and functional aprons were modeled by Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 and Kay Degroot #73333. Get yours to show your support and help show people at the convention that you can answer questions and help people as well as protect your clothes. The national convention is the year end convention to be held in Northbrook June 15 – 19, 2025. HELP IS NEEDED now and at the convention. Right now, we need help to raise awareness, funds, and book trips. At the convention, we need manpower even if it is only to help clear tables.
- 4) Onto – Maureen Niedenthal #67669 – Please join in on the fun at upcoming events.
 - January 9 – 12, 2025 – Winter Board meeting, **New Orleans Louisiana**
 - January 18, 2025 – Michigan Snowball Soiree, **Ypsilanti, MI**
 - January 31 – February 2 – Illinois Year End GA in **Bloomington, IL**
 - March 14 -16, 2025 Region V Spring Fling, **Mt. Pleasant, MI**
 - June 15 – 19, 2025 – National Convention, **Northbrook, IL**
 - July 18 – 20, 2025 – Ohio Pig Roast (more information to follow)
- 5) Summer Picnic 2024 – Denny Birt #37116 – 96 registrations, 43 rooms, 13 for golf, 96 at bar burgers, 100 for dinner. Many people went on the boat rides. Good time was had by all. Great hospitality sitting outside and night and drinking and talking.

- 5) Wheelchairs 4 Kids – Chris Curtis #35440 – this project and the next one are being backed by the National organization; however there is very slow momentum in the north. These projects were started in Florida. Donations can be made on the national website. It was suggested that we use the Pot Shot Cards to raise funds.
- 6) Wreaths Across American / Flags for Fallen Veterans – Mark Niedenthal #39701 – this year's event is scheduled for December 14, 2014. Please check your local cemeteries to see if they are participating. Look online to order a wreath by December 2nd. Look for special projects online. Wear Red on Fridays to support our troops that are deployed.

Motion to approve Administrative VP Report by Mary Ann Hilleary #64615; Second by Cindy Ogdon #75418

Motion passed

MANAGEMENT VP REPORT – Chris Rick #78649

- 1) Chaplain's Report – Chuck McFarlin #47910 – Please send me information of deaths, people in the hospital. Chuck will forward the information to national.
- 2) Constitution and Bylaws – Brian Ziegler #42479, Kay Degroot #73333, Robbie Johnston #51099
- 3) Future Directions – Need chairperson
- 4) Hospitality – Need chairperson
- 5) Return the Favor – Marsha DeVore #67330 – can submit online Senators that have helped with Jaycee projects. Deadlines are December 1st and May 7th for the final submission.
- 6) Senatorship Assistance – Greg Hilleary #43305 – There are Guys and Gals out there that deserve a Senatorship but no longer are attached to a chapter or the chapter may not be able to afford to foot the whole bill. There are funds available for this. Please let Greg know.
- 7) SOAR / Freshman Senators – Robbie Johnston #51099

Motion to approve Management VP Report by Eric Hiatt #81434; Second by Kevin Ankenbrand #63771

Motion passed

REGION DIRECTOR REPORTS – No reports

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Picnic 2025 bid – Rod Hollenstine #46703

Spring Fling 2026 bid – Rod Hollenstine #46703

50/50 Raffle – Robbie Johnston #51099 - \$77.50 to winner

Presidential Sweepstakes Raffle – Ron Kimment # 43520

High/low Senate Number Awards – High number Amy Smith #83300, Low number Wayne Huelsmann #30592

Illinois Jaycees Charitable Foundation – Kathy Crick #71017

Special Guests Comments - Valerie Pell #81531 Iowa – November 9th Wine and Chocolate event.

Chairman of the Board – Maryann Hilleary #64615

Good of the order – Danville was thanked for all their help. Shirts for the National Convention are \$28-\$30. Aprons 15.00. Hoping to put in a couple more orders, please contact Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 to place an order. Ray Ainslie #44136 thanked everyone for their help and is planning on going to NOLA in January. Monty Schroeder #62203 will be the next Region V VP.

President's Comments - Judson DeVore #65005 – Learning experience, different stress this week. However, everything got done. Thank you to everyone for a successful meeting. The next GA is January 31 – February 2 in Bloomington.

Motion to Adjourn by Jessi Neighbors #82669; Second by Curtis Hampton #81214

Adjourned with Jaycee Creed – Highest Senator # Amy Smith #83300

Happy Holidays!

2024-2025 BUDGET Proposed	Judson DeVore #65005, President Roxanna Hollenstine #78247, Treasurer
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INCOME				
	1st Qtr	Total	Budget	Variance
Balance Forward	\$ 9,524.84	\$ 9,524.84	\$ 3,800.00	\$ (5,724.84)
Life Memberships (6x240)		\$ -	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00
Membership Dues (45x30)		\$ -	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,405.00
Presidential Advance		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mentor Support	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00
Forum Support	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 146.00
Hospitality		\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Products	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 352.00
Fundraisers		\$ -		
Birdies for Charity		\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Lotto Raffle		\$ -	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Silent Auction		\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Camp New Hope		\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00
Presidential Sweep	\$ 470.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 360.00	\$ (110.00)
Drawings	\$ 274.00	\$ 274.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (24.00)
Poker Night	\$ 5,175.05	\$ 5,175.05	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,824.95
Raise Right	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,330.00
March Madness Pool		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Illinois Basketball		\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
National Convention		\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 16,935.89	\$ 16,935.89	\$ 51,690.00	\$ 34,754.11

EXPENSES				
USJCI Dues (760x7)		\$ -	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Lifetime Membership			\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00
Membership Dues - Life Time Acct	\$ 756.00	\$ 756.00	\$ -	
Mentor	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 450.00
Forum		\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Hospitality		\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Products	\$ 73.25	\$ 73.25	\$ 700.00	\$ 626.75
Presidential Expenses		\$ -	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00
Presidential Awards		\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
National Guest Expense	\$ 1,159.70	\$ 1,159.70	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 340.30
Region V		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Operating Exp. (postage/paper)	\$ 149.81	\$ 149.81	\$ 350.00	\$ 200.19
Name Tags (New Life Members)	\$ 172.38	\$ 172.38	\$ 130.00	\$ (42.38)
Senate Directory	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 250.00
Sponsorships		\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Website		\$ -	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
Fundraisers		\$ -		
Birdies for Charity		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lotto Raffle		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Silent Auction		\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Camp New Hope		\$ -	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00
Presidential Sweep	\$ 470.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 360.00	\$ (110.00)
Drawings	\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 223.00
Poker Night	\$ 489.90	\$ 489.90	\$ 8,795.00	\$ 8,305.10
Raise Right	\$ 1,008.82	\$ 1,008.82	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,991.18
March Madness Pool		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Illinois Basketball		\$ -	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
National Convention		\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Balance to 2022-2023		\$ -	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,741.86	\$ 4,741.86	\$ 51,690.00	\$ 46,948.14

Other Funds	Designee	Amount	Balance as of
Contingency	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 5,000.00	9/30/2024
Savings	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 4,573.57	8/31/2024
Life Accounts	Wayne Kiefer	\$ 143,148.00	9/30/2024
General Fund Checkbook	Roxy Hollenstine	\$ 12,194.03	9/30/2024
Illinois JCI Convention 2025	Brian Zeigle	\$ 11,373.43	8/31/2024



Judson DeVore #65005, IL JCI Senate President speaks at the Senate Meeting in Carlyle, IL

The Jaycee Creed

WE BELIEVE:

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 #19



Eric Hiatt, #81434 with 2025 IL Jaycees President Elect Lanna Bartko #83072 as she receives her Senatorship at the IL Jaycees Fall meeting.



Beverly Olson #42473 and John "JDO" Olson #35308 at the Illinois Fall GA.



Ray Ainslie #44136 and Wayne Kiefer #36498 at the Illinois Fall GA.

**Next Senate Meeting
February 1st, 2025**

Bloomington-Normal
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