



# *CHEF'S CORNER*

## *SERVING UP FIVE STAR STATES*

**July 2025**

**Chef Monte' Schroeder #62203**

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### **Monthly Newsletter**

Where has this month gone? We are starting the Region V summer tour this weekend with the Ohio JCI Senate Pig Roast in Kent Ohio. I know President Janice Carino #72307 and her team will be serving up some great hospitality and friendship with the Senate family. US JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655 will be joining in the fun and maybe he will "Kiss the Pig". Chef Monte' will kiss the pig in memory of my old buddy Gary Richey.

Hope to see all the Region V Presidents at the Pig Roast if not here, the next weekend in Springfield, Illinois at the Illinois JCI Summer Picnic, I know President Susie Colbert-Curtis # 73137 and picnic chair Rod Hollenstine # 46073 has lots of things to do and see in Springfield the Home of Abraham Lincoln and the Capital of Illinois. President Bruce Sostak#52655 will be joining us for the weekend. Be sure to bring your "Travel Roundup Paddle" as President Bruce will be traveling from east to west.

### **Mentors**

I received notice from Mentor Chief Editor Angie Jelinek #60570 that Region V had all their Mentors articles turned in on time. The next deadline is September 22, 2025 this is a good time to put in your Christmas ads for your states and promote events from December to May.

### **President Sweepstakes**

Tickets will be sold at \$10.00 each or six for \$50.00. State and Regions are encouraged to hold ticket sales by collecting \$5.00 from each member in attendance and drawing the appropriate number of tickets that will equal the six tickets for \$50.00.

### **Region V Fundraiser**

Region V is raffling a 6-day stay at the **Island Seas Resort in Freeport, Bahamas**. Tickets cost \$10.00 each or six for \$50.00. States should sell tickets at their meetings. Sell tickets to anyone interested, including family and friends. If you would like to help sell tickets our fundraising chairman is **Greg Hilleary #43305**. You can contact him at [Greg.hilleary@gmail.com](mailto:Greg.hilleary@gmail.com) or call him at 217-497-2957. Greg or I will have extra tickets with us at your meeting.

### **Chaplain**

I want you to make sure that any deaths, births, hospitalizations, accidents, marriages, etc. are reported to your state chaplain and to our Region V Chaplain Deb Modgis #62260 at [debmodgis@gmail.com](mailto:debmodgis@gmail.com). Deb will make sure this information is passed on to the National Chaplain for inclusion in the E-News.

### **Region V Website**

Webmaster Reese Malott has updated the Region V website, Feel free to check it out at [www.regv.usjcisenate.org](http://www.regv.usjcisenate.org) , Make sure that a copy of your newsletter, photos and registration forms are sent electronically to Reese at [rmalott69@gmail.com](mailto:rmalott69@gmail.com) when available. Also make sure that all your state events are listed on the

US JCI Senate website calendar and that your registration forms are available as well. This information can be sent to the National Webmaster at [webmaster@usjcisenate.org](mailto:webmaster@usjcisenate.org) .

### **Return The Favor**

President Bruce Sostak #52655 is teaming up with the US Jaycees to create a stronger relationship between the Senate and the Jaycees. He is encouraging all states to come up with a plan to support their Jaycees chapters within their state.

### **Senate Outreach Activation Retention (S.O.A.R.)**

S.O.A.R. aims to boost the engagement, activation, and retention of US JCI Senate members. One of the best ways to get involved in S.O.A.R. is by liking the S.O.A.R. Facebook page. Some of the fun things to get involved with is to wear blue on Monday for the first responders and wear red on Fridays to support the men and women deployed here and beyond.

### **US JCI Senate President Visitation Form**

If you would like for President Bruce to visit your state for an event, you will need to send his Chief of Staff (Logan Giesie #51120 at [COS@usjcisenate.org](mailto:COS@usjcisenate.org)) a President Visitation Form. The form can be found on the US JCI Senate webpage under Quick Links under Presidential Visitations/Other Presidential Matters, Presidential. Make sure to get the form sent in as early as possible so that President Bruce can add it to his calendar.

### **US JCI Senate E-News**

The E-News is a twice-monthly communication tool for the Senate. It comes out the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and includes information from the National President as well as other National Officers. It also includes information on upcoming events,

including registration forms, National Chaplain reports and much more. If you have not subscribed to the E-News, you can do this by going on the US JCI Senate home page and clicking on the Publications/News to Subscription.

### **Officer Training/Website**

Please make sure you go on to the US JCI Senate webpage and click on training. Here you will find information on training for you as a state president. You will also find information on training for your state treasurer and training for all the new programs that National has this year. Become familiar with the US JCI Senate website as well as our Region V website as they are a fantastic resource for everything you will need for your year.

### **Membership Base**

Region V has the largest membership region in the country. In fact, 25% of the US JCI Senate membership is from Region V states, we also have the most Senators that are NOT a member of our respective state organization. It is encouraged that states make attempts to activate these non-members, Senators. Hopefully, each state president or treasurer has a list of these non-member Senators. If not, let me know and we will attempt to retrieve that information. Here are the beginning membership bases for each of the states and the numbers of membership due in September.

	<b>Base</b>	<b>Due in September</b>
<b>Illinois</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Region V Total – 1,784</b>		<b>352</b>
<b>US JCI Senate Total – 7,777</b>		<b>1,822</b>

### **Plan of Action**

I Would like for the President's to complete a Plan of Action for their year and submit it to me by August 1, 2025. This is your plan as President for the 2025-2026 administrative year of your Senate organization. You will find a list of expectations in the plan notebook I send out to you earlier. Thank you to Illinois President Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 for submit hers.

### **Mentors Sponsorship**

Each state is encouraged to pass a Mentor's Sponsor Sheet attached to a large envelope at each of your meetings and activities. Send a check; payable to the US JCI Senate, for the amount collected along with the sponsor sheet to US JCI Senate Mentors Business Manager – Christianna Gilliam #78844, 111 Titus Rd., Whitmire, SC 29178.

### **Friendship Award**

The US JCI Senate Friendship Award is presented to a non- Senate spouse (wife or husband) of a Senator who has been a Senator for at least five years that has contributed to his/her state, region or national organization, but is not eligible for a Senatorship. Each state can submit one nomination per year. All nominations must be submitted to me. I can recommend a maximum of two nominees from Region V. There can only be ONE Friendship Award winner from each region per year. If any of you have a nomination for this award that you want considered, I must have your nomination on the proper form found on the US JCI Senate or Region V website by following deadlines ; August 1 (For recognition at the Fall Board Meeting), December 1 (For recognition at the Winter Board Meeting), or May 1 (For recognition at the National Convention). This will enable me to consider our strongest nominees and have them submitted by my deadline.

Each month I am going to provide you with one or two of my favorite recipes for the season. I hope you and your family will try them. Enjoy!

From the kitchen of Chef Monty's for your summer pitch in:

## Dill Dip

2 cups mayonnaise	2 Tbs. parsley
2 cups of sour cream,	2 Tbs. dill weed
1 tsp seasoned salt	1 pkg Buddig chipped beef
2 Tbs. onion flakes	2 pkg Buddig corned beef

Mix all ingredients together and chill.

I serve this with a loaf of round bread. I scoop out the center and break that up into bite size pieces to use for dipping. Place round bread into center of serving tray; pour the mixture into the center of the round bread place bite size pieces around bowl

If you leave out the chipped beef and corned beef, this makes a great vegetable dip also.

## MONTY'S CHEESE BALL

2 – 8 oz cream cheese	1 pkg. Buddig chipped beef
2 green onions	1 pkg. Buddig corned beef
2 Tbs. Worcestershire sauce	1 12 oz finely shredded Colby/Jack cheese
3 Tbs. mayonnaise	

Chop the onions and mix all ingredients. This is much better if made a day or two ahead and allowed to blend its flavors in the refrigerator. Serve with crackers.