



CHEF'S CORNER

SERVING UP FIVE STAR STATES



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Issue 1

Monthly Newsletter

In order to keep everyone informed and updated on Senate activities, I have created a monthly newsletter for members of the Board of Directors and staff. This is not a replacement to MENTORS but rather an addition. Should any of you have an item you want to share with the group, please let me know so I can include it.

Mentors

In the past we have always written in the past tense like the event had already happened. This year you will be writing about your future event, so for the first issue you will be promoting your events for August through December in your article. The first article deadline is June 30, 2025, If you were not at National Convention you will need to send a headshot photo with your article.

** See attached Mentors Training PDF.

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 or call him at 217-497-2957. Greg or I will have extra tickets with us at your meeting.

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) 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 1st and 15th 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.

Reminders

- Mentor Article Due – June 30th (Include your profile picture if you were not at National Convention)
- Please send Reece Malott at rmalotto69@gmail.com with your profile picture, your theme for your year and your list of officers for your state ASAP so that she can have the Region V website online on July 1.
- Please send Chaplain submissions to the Region V Chaplain (Deb Modgis) at debmogdis@gmail.com in a timely manner so that she can compile them and send to the National Chaplain. Submissions are in 4 categories:

- a. Mourning the loss (Senators/Friendship recipients' families)
- b. Condolences (Members of Senators/Friendship recipients' families)
- c. Keeping in our Prayers (Those members/family members that are ill)
- d. Congratulations and good News (weddings) special anniversaries & birthdays, birth announcements – major life accomplishments)

When submitting information to Region V Chaplain, please include the following:

- Full Name
- Senate number
- Address include State and zip code.
- Phone number if you feel they would appreciate phone calls!
- Email Address
- Dates
- Funeral home information for obituaries, etc. including website if possible.
- Spouse name and/or family member include Senate/Friendship number.

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

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

Veggie Squares

2 pkgs (8roll size) of Crescent roll dough (Crescent brand works best)
Pat out flat on a cookie sheet pinching edges together. Bake at 375 degrees for 7 to 8 minutes or until lightly browned. Let the crust cool.

Mix:

2- 8 oz. pkgs of cream cheese
1 rounded TBLS dill weed.
1/8 tsp garlic salt
2/3 cup mayonnaise
1/4 tsp onion salt

Spread this mixture on cooled crust. Dice raw vegetables (2 or more kinds) and sprinkle on top. Cut in small pieces to serve. Tomatoes with seeds removed and either celery or bell peppers are good choices. At other times I have used shredded carrots, bacon, bits, shredded cheese, small pieces of cauliflower or broccoli. The easiest way to cut this is with a pizza cutter.

