



CHEF'S CORNER

SERVING UP FIVE STAR STATES

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Monthly Newsletter

Wow what a month of traveling August was very busy we had a week off from the Region V Summer Tour, so Miss Sherrie FS#52 and I took a road trip to Region III for the West Virginia Steak Fry to reconnect with my old buddy President Gary Brooke #58420. Gary and I were Presidents together 13 years ago only Gary was President of Ohio. Unfortunately, Region III NVP Letha Grimes was unable to attend. We got to make new friends from West Virginia and visit with old friends from Ohio. Thank you to Randy Willhoite and his cooks for "serving up" an outstanding Steak Fry and great hospitality.

The next weekend I traveled to Clarksville, IN for the Indiana Senate Summer Meeting on the Region V Summer Tour. Chef Shelley Bates #78813 and Event Coordinator Tracy Luttmann #54733 rolled out the red carpet of great hospitality on Friday night. On Saturday I got to swear in Shelley and her Board. There were a sizable number of Indiana Senators, as well as a few KY Senator in attendance at the meeting. There was a good contingency of 12 Illinois JCI Senators and after the meeting we went out for lunch to Walk on Sport Restaurant where President Bruce was spotted.

Chef Monte' finished this leg of this tour by travelling to Camp New Hope in Neoga, IL. This camp welcomes children of all ages with disabilities. The Illinois Jaycees and the Illinois JCI Senate have supported the camp for over 50 years. It was a beautiful day outside for the Illinois Jaycees Summer Social awards and Camp New Hope project. The day started off with some painting and yes, Chef Monte' swapped his Chefs jacket and his knives for a paint brush. Illinois JCI Senate Chef Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137, Chairman of the Board Judson DeVore #65005 and Judson's wife-Marsha DeVore #67330, Camp New Hope representative and Liaison to the Illinois

Jaycees, Greg Hilleary #43305 with 4 other Illinois Senators showed up to “serve up” by helping paint the fishing shed and the Window trim on the dining hall. We all enjoyed a catered lunch; mid-term awards were handed out to and chapters. Thank you to the 94th Illinois Jaycees President Lanna Bartko for having us there. President Bruce was there but did not do any painting.

It would not be a Labor Day weekend without traveling on a beautiful sunny Sunday to the 81st Hoopston Jaycees National Sweetcorn Festival, a festival I have been going to for over 40 years. The festival offers the traditional carnival rides, food vendors, flea market, demo derbies and the National Sweetheart Pageant. The biggest highlight of the festival is the 28 tons of hot butter sweet corn served to thousands over a 3-day period. You say how does all that sweet corn get cooked well, the 94th Illinois Jaycees President Lanna Bartko and her team got to help on the corn cooking line. Let me paint a picture, the corn is augured up to a husker machine to remove the husk from the ears then drops down into a horse tank of water, from there it is transferred into a garbage can with holes in them to drain the water off. The cans of corn are dropped down into 4 horse tanks that are piped back to a 1952 steam engine to bring the tanks to a rolling boil to cook the corn. When the corn is done it is pulled out and transferred to a serving table where it is buffered, salted and “SERVED UP” to two long lines of people waiting to get the FREE sweet corn. It’s a lot of hard hot work but it is well worth it to see the smiles of all ages eating their sweet corn.

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone in Columbus Ohio for the Fall Board Meeting hoping all 5 Region V President will be there so we can reconnect and catch up on everything coming up in Region V.

President Sweepstakes

President we really need to push sweepstakes tickets at your meeting and special events by selling tickets 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, friends and coworkers. 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. This fundraiser helps offset the expenses for the Chaplin and NVP expenses throughout the Senate year.

Chaplain

Just a reminder.

Every 10th of the MONTH: I will send in the Region information to Chaplain Myers for the Monthly EBlast #1.

Every 18th of the MONTH: I will send in the Region information to Chaplain Myers for the Monthly EBlast #2.

This doesn't mean you can't send me information at other times of the month. I will just keep it and send those two dates, so if received late one day, it will get in the next issue. I will also post on the Region FB Page.

So, this can be done without back and forth for details, please remember:

- 1) Senator / Friends Name and Number.
- 2) Spouse (if any).
- 3) Office held this year (if you know).
- 4) Address for cards to be sent and to whom (if death).
- 5) Email address for well wishes, etc.
- 6) Any other information you feel is necessary.

If you do not have some of this information, please get it from your Chapter President or Secretary before sending. If there is no one to send cards to, just let me know, so I don't bug you ;) PLEASE do not assume I will see it on your Facebook page. I may glance through some of the pages, but I do not always catch everything. If you have any concerns or need more information from me, please.

Also, please remember to check with me when you have something going on in your State,

Serving the Lord's Word,

Debbie Mogdis, 62260
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CHAPLAIN NOTES
2025-2026

While Serving Up Five Star States, we will Go Beyond

our local Community and Friendships Entwined as we

Love the American Ride and Flamingle, Be Social, Have Fun and, as always, Do not Stop Believing in

Service to Humanity as the BEST WORK OF LIFE!

Region V Website

Webmaster Reese Malott has updated the Region V website, Feel free to check it out at 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 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

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. Send your Return the Favor paperwork into program manager Tracy Culler #64534 at ReturnTheFavor@usjcisenate.org

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. Be sure to send your pictures into program manager Melanie Paschal #70372 at SOAR@usjcisenats.org

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 recent programs that National has this year. Become familiar with the US JCI Senate website as well as

December 1	Membership Dues Kit Deadline for December		
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December 13	Wreath Across America Day laying of wreath	Local Cemetery	
January 16-18, 26	US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting	Melbourne, FL	
January 30 Feb 1,	Kentucky & Indiana Senate Meeting	Louisville, KY	
February 19-22, 26	Region VII Mini National meeting	Pigeon Forge, TN	
February 28, 2026	Membership Dues Kit Deadline for March		
March 2, 2026	Deadline for submitting Year End Mentor Article		
March 27-29, 2026	Region V Spring Fling	Springfield, IL	
June 1, 2026	Membership Dues Kit Deadline for June		
June 14-18, 2026	US JCI Senate National Meeting	San Antonio, TX	

President and Chairman when you have upcoming meeting or special events, please email them to me at monty62203@gmail.com so I can get them on the calendar. Thanks Chef Monte'

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 First Lady Sherrie's FS52 from a good friend Bonnie:

Bonnie's Chuck Wagon Casserole

Ingredients:

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| 1lb. Hamburger | 1 onion diced |
| 2 cans pork & beans | ¾ cup BBQ Sauce |
| 1 can 8 to 10 biscuits | 1 cup Shredded Cheese |

Brown hamburger, onion and drain. Combine that mix with the pork and beans, BBQ sauce and pour into round baking dish. Open biscuits and cut in half; arrange on the outside of the baking dish standing on end. Sprinkle cheese on top of biscuits.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Use a toothpick to make sure biscuits are done.

We have tried this with 1 can of Bush's Grilling Beans and 1 can of pork and beans also.
This is something quick and easy and will be great on a fall night.