



# *CHEF'S CORNER*

## *SERVING UP FIVE STAR STATES*

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**Chef Monte' Schroeder #62203**

### **Monthly Newsletter**

I would like to shout out a big THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to Jenny Bruner #64688 and her husband Jon Bruner #58932 on an incredibly fun and organized US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. There were 285 in attendance, and it was great to have such a tremendous representation from Region V of 63 Senators who attended. If you have ever run or have been involved in running a national meeting you know it takes a village to do it. Special thanks to Ohio Senator Ron Kimmet #43520 for doing registration, Tammy Snapp #79574 for doing an awesome job on Hospitality, Shelley Bourn #81030 a new Senator for stepped up to oversee all the tours and thank you to all the Senators from all over Region V for your manpower throughout the weekend.

It was nice to see fresh faces at the meeting and doing first timers from Michigan President Dan Moellering #77898 and his wife Jocelyn #77899 and from Ohio Shelley Bourn #81030 and her husband Zach #83578. Region V received recognition during the weekend for President Sweepstakes Illinois and Region V both got third place in ticket sales and for SOAR Illinois and Region V both got first place for President Bruce Roundup paddle. The highlight of the weekend was the first recipient from Region V to receive President Bruce Sostak #52655 Ranger Badge Pin. Congratulations and much deserve to Wayne Keifer #36498, Maureen Niedenthal #67669, MaryAnn Hilleary #64615, and Jenny Bruner #64688.

As we move into October and November Region V will be very busy with the Illinois Meeting w/Jaycees TOYP and their wine tour, then to the Michigan wine and color tour, off to the Kentucky Fall Frenzy and finishing up in Ohio for their meeting w/Jaycees. There are two things I ask everyone to look out for as you travel throughout your States, if there is a significant other of a Senator member that is not a Senator who is all there to help out, consider nominating for a Friendship Award; the deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Next is to nominate one of your state officers that goes above and beyond or a Senator that is always in the

background that is deserving of a President Bruce Ranger Badge Pin, write up a short bio why you feel this individual deserves the award and email it to President Bruce at [54thpresident@usjcisenate.org](mailto:54thpresident@usjcisenate.org) before the Winter board meeting in Melbourne FL. Sherrie and I are looking forward to seeing everyone on the road.

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Region V NVP  
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### **News from Top Chefs of Region V**

#### **Illinois**

It is an exciting time in the Illinois JCI Senate.

The first weekend in October we will be in East Peoria attending the Fall GA with the Jaycees. The Saturday evening banquet will be the TOYP and Hall of Fame Ceremony. Hall of Fame inductees will be Kate Patterson posthumously and Jack Teeters

The third weekend is the Illinois Missouri wine/brewery tour hosted by Illinois October 16th to 19th. Remember what happens on the bus stays on the bus.

On the fourth weekend we are flocking to Petosky, Michigan for their Wine Social October 23rd to the 26th.

Last weekend, October 30th through November 2nd we are in Kentucky for Fall Frenzy. No trick or treating but bourbon sipping. Bag tournament and flamingling.

The Illinois JCI Senate likes to Be Flamingle!! Be Social!! Have Fun!!

Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137

#### **Kentucky**

Greetings from KY! We are gearing up for our Fall Frenzy Oct. 31- Nov. 2. There are still a few spots open if you would like to join us. Contact Jim Dulin for information.

After that, things are a little quiet for November. We use it for family time and just time to relax and reflect.

Hope y'all are having a good year, so far.

Don't Stop Believing.  
JeNie Altman #56150  
KY JCI Senate President

## **Ohio**

Greetings Region V, I hope you are enjoying autumn! Ohio will be doing a lot of traveling this fall, heading to visit Michigan, Kentucky, and West Virginia, so hopefully we will be seeing some of you there! On the home front, we will be enjoying the haunted houses run by our Jaycee chapters in Hudson and Riverside and getting ready for our fall meeting with the Ohio Jaycees which will be held in Hartville, OH the weekend of November 14-16. Then it's onto our winter and holiday events. For more information on any of this please feel free to check out the [Ohio JCI Senate](#) Facebook page or contact me at [JCJayCees@gmail.com](mailto:JCJayCees@gmail.com).

Janice Carino,  
58th President OH JCI Senate  
CAFE : Community and Friendship Entwined

### **President Sweepstakes**

President we really need to push sweepstakes tickets at your meeting and unique 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 chairperson 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. 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 does not mean you cannot 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 do not 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  
Region V Chaplain  
(2431) 329-0969

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](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 produce 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](mailto: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. 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](mailto:SOAR@usjcisenats.org) as you travel around with President Bruce Roundup paddle and Howdy Duck.

### **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 recent 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.

### **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**

Do not forget to be giving some thought to who you feel is a good nominee from your state to be considered for this award. Get your nomination to me by December 1<sup>st</sup> for recognition at the Winter Board Meeting.

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.

**Plan of Action Review**

The end of September will mark the official end of the first quarter of your year. It is not too early to review your Plan of Action to evaluate where you will be at that point regarding goals and accomplishments.

**Calendar of Event-Here are upcoming events & activities.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	
<b>Location</b>		
<b>October 3-5</b>	<b>Illinois Senate Meeting – TOYP w/Jaycees</b>	<b>Ed</b>
<b>October 16-19</b>	<b>Illinois – Missouri Wine Tour</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>October 24-26</b>	<b>Michigan Fall Social WINE &amp; Color Tour</b>	<b>Pe</b>
<b>October 31-Nov 2</b>	<b>Kentucky Fall Frenzy</b>	<b>Ba</b>
<b>November 15-17</b>	<b>Ohio Senate Meeting w/ Jaycees</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>November 28</b>	<b>Deadline to order wreath Wreaths Across America</b>	
<b>December 1</b>	<b>Membership Dues Kit Deadline for December</b>	
<b>December 1</b>	<b>Friendship Award Deadline</b>	
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Wreath Across America Day laying of wreath</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>January 16-18, 26</b>	<b>US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>January 30 Feb 1,</b>	<b>Kentucky &amp; Indiana Senate Meeting</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>February 19-22, 26</b>	<b>Region VII Mini National meeting</b>	<b>Pi</b>
<b>February 28, 2026</b>	<b>Membership Dues Kit Deadline for March</b>	
<b>March 2, 2026</b>	<b>Deadline for submitting Year End Mentor Article</b>	
<b>March 27-29, 2026</b>	<b>Region V Spring Fling</b>	<b>Sp</b>
<b>June 1, 2026</b>	<b>Membership Dues Kit Deadline for June</b>	
<b>June 14-18, 2026</b>	<b>US JCI Senate National Meeting</b>	<b>Sa</b>

**President and Chairman when you have upcoming meeting or special events, please email them to me at [monty62203@gmail.com](mailto: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 Rick Jones Senate #71685:

Rick's Sweet Potato Casserole

Ingredients:

1 Can (40 oz) sweet potatoes drained	1 cup granulated sugar.
1/3 cup margarine melted	1 tsp of vanilla.
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon	1/4 tsp salt
2 large eggs	

Topping:	1 cup brown sugar	1 cup pecans, chopped
	1/3 cup all-purpose flour	1/3 cup margarine, melted.
	1 cup coconut	

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease shallow 1 1/2 quart casserole dish. In bowl, mix granulated sugar, margarine vanilla, cinnamon, salt, and eggs. Spoon into prepared casserole dish, sprinkle on potato mixture. Bake 35 minutes. Serves 6.

