



CHEF'S CORNER

SERVING UP FIVE STAR STATES



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Monthly Newsletter

I would like to shout out a big THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to the Top Chef from Illinois Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137. At the beginning of the senate year each president received 50 Region V fundraising tickets.

With a challenge to sell all 50 tickets they would receive \$100.00 back for their travel. Susie sold all her tickets and donated the \$100.00 back to Region V, Susie is putting out a challenge to the other president to sell their tickets.

Roundup Bruce and Howdy Duck have been busy traveling on the Region V fall tour. First stop was in Peoria IL FOR the IL Jaycees /IL. JCI Senate TOYP meeting, the two groups shared an amazing banquet together recognizing the 2025 class of TOYP honorees and two inducted into the Illinois Jaycees Hall of Fame, Kate Patterson #52517, and Jack Teaters #25250. For myself I was honoring a long-time friend of the Danville Jaycees Thomas A. Greathouse # 60003 IL Ambassador #145 who passed on June 1, 2021. Tom was a fixture of the IL Jaycees, IL JCI Senate and to the US JCI Senate even though Tom went to heaven he still was giving back to the IL Jaycees from the bottom of his silent heart and with the living assistance of his brother David, Tom Greathouse offers one last bit of help to the IL Jaycees ... a donation of \$20,000.00.

Next up was the Illinois-Missouri Wine Tour, the two Senate families met in Marion IL. Over two days of wine tasting, I want to thank our hosts, Ray and Melodie Ainslie, and their sidekick Wayne Huelsmann, who drove us to several wineries and distilleries. The highlight of the weekend was attending Vulture Fest in Makanda, IL. We ended the weekend with a chicken dinner at the Giant City Lodge. Oh, and what happens on the buses stays on the buses.

One weekend of wineries and distilleries was not enough, we headed to Petoskey MI. for the Michigan JCI Senate Fall Social. We started out on the first day going to a winery that offered wine, cider, and coffee with a beautiful view of the

vineyard and lavender patch. We took a drive through the famous Tunnel of Trees a beautiful canopy of fall color leaves and a drive over the Mackinaw bridge to the upper U. P. and back over. Day two we met up with the MI. Senators to look for Petoskey Stones, a bus ride to four more wineries and a festival. Thank you, President Dan Moellering #77898, for the cutting board with the MI. logo on one side and the Region V logo on the other side, this is one of Chef Monte's favorite things. Also thank you to Maureen Niedenthal # 67669 for always being at all Region V outings to take amazing pictures of everything going on.

By the time you are reading this Roundup Bruce and Howdy Duck will be traveling to Bardstown, KY for the Kentucky JCI Senate Fall Frenzy for bourbon tours, tasting and lots of fellowship with the KY JCI Senate family. And reconnecting with President Bruce Sostak #52655, AVP Gary Duell #48384, Secretary Dawna Norfleet #61999 and Region IX NVP Susan Manthey #68777 looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

If there is a "significant other" of a Senator that is not a Senator who is always there to help, consider nominating them for a Friendship Award; the deadline is December 1st. 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 before the Winter board meeting in Melbourne FL. Sherrie and I are looking forward to seeing everyone on the road.

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December Dues

Make sure you are working with your Treasurer to make sure any renewals and new members additions are sent to our Membership Information Services Manager Lisa Badger #67973 on the proper forms. Also please make sure that the payment is sent to National Treasurer Tom King #59642 by the December 1st deadline. Please send me your state's early membership projection by November 15th.

The members due for December by state are as follows:

	Base	Due in December
Illinois	698	223
Indiana	227	37
Kentucky	85	46
Michigan	445	72
Ohio	329	114
Region V Total – 1,784		492
US JCI Senate Total – 7,777		1,822

President Sweepstakes

President's 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 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, 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 contact me.

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 , 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 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

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 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) 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 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 1st 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.

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

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 Chef Monte’:

Bob Andy Pie

I do not know where this pie got its name, but I got the recipe from my mother, Barb, who told me this story. Her dad was eating lunch at work one day with a co-worker who had a piece of this pie in his lunch. He asked for a taste and the other guy would not let him taste it but told him he would bring him one of his own the next day. He did, and once he tasted the pie, he took a piece in his lunch every day from then on. I am crazy about this pie also; it must be hereditary. I hope you enjoy this as much as my whole family does.

Ingredients:

2 eggs slightly beaten.

Sift together and add to egg mixture:

1 Tbsp. flour

1 tsp cinnamon

½ tsp cloves

1 cup sugar

Hand beat to mix and add 1 1/3 cups of milk, stir well. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake 15 minutes in 450-degree oven, turn heat down to 350 degrees and bake for 15 minutes more. Center will be soft and shaky but will firm on standing.

TURKEY LASAGNA

This is a good recipe to use up that left over Thanksgiving Turkey.

You will need 3 cans of cream soups, one each of cream chicken, cream of celery and cream of mushroom. Heat in saucepan and set aside. You may need to add a small amount of water to make the sauce pourable. You will need 2 to 2 ½ pounds of turkey. Cut your left over turkey into bite size pieces. Cook 6 lasagna noodles. Grease bottom of a 9 x 13 baking pan or lasagna pan. Place 3 noodles side by side in dish. On the noodles layer ½ the turkey, ½ the sauce, 3 slices of Swiss cheese and half of an 8 oz pkg shredded mozzarella and half of a 4 oz pkg shredded cheddar or Colby cheese. Start with noodles again and repeat layers. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Let's set a few minutes before cutting.

You can substitute the turkey for chicken. Hope you enjoy this.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!