



CHEF'S CORNER

SERVING UP FIVE STAR STATES

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Chef Monte' Schroeder #62203

Monthly Newsletter

Roundup Bruce and Howdy Duck made it 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 it was a beautiful fall weekend with lots of Region V Senators gathering at the Kelly Cabin.

Friday night brought a fantastic fried chicken dinner setting around 2 fire pits and it was said there was some dancing going on later in the night. Saturday brought some bourbon tours, walking through all the cute little shops in Bardstown and in the afternoon at the Kelly Cabin a fierce game of cornhole even President Bruce and AVP Gary Duell got into competition. After many matches the champions were AVP Gary Duell and KY Senator Donna Cassell.

After the Cornhole everyone enjoyed some pizza, President JeNie Altman #56150 started her meeting and handed out gifts. There was a little twist inside the bags as there was a small bottle of bourbon in each one and it was noted that President Bruce never had tasted bourbon so everyone did a shot and President Bruce admitted he liked it. Also, Chef Monte' and President Bruce handed out gifts it was so nice to have four of the five Region Vice President's in attendance, we all missed Michigan President Dan Moellering #77898.

Unfortunately, I could not attend the Ohio JCI Senate Meeting with Jaycees in Hartsville OH. Chef Monte' traded in his Chef Jacket for his Santa suit and played Santa for 5 days at the Festival of Trees taking pictures and getting all the boys and girls Christmas list. Roundup Bruce was very busy during the festival visiting Santa and Mrs. Claus touring through all the beautiful trees. You can see all of Roundup Bruce's adventures on Region V Facebook page. Chef Monte' aka Santa will be very busy this December, if you would like to follow Santa's journey, go to Monty Claus for Hire Facebook page like and follow.

Sherrie and I would like to wish all our Region V and the US JCI Senate families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may all you of you spend time with your family and friends during this holiday season.

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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Region V NVP
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December Dues

All of you did a great job in submitting your dues kits by the December 1 deadline. I want to thank you for all your efforts. The Third Quarter is due February 28, 2026, for March Presidents 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 February 28, 2026, deadline.

The members due for February by state are as follows:

	Base	Due in March
Illinois	698	187
Indiana	227	34
Kentucky	85	15
Michigan	445	141
Ohio	329	80
Region V Total – 1,784		457
US JCI Senate Total – 7,777		1,837

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
December 13	Wreath Across America Day laying of wreath	Le
January 16-18, 26	US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting	M
January 24, 26	Michigan JCI Senate Snowball Soiree	Pl
January 30 Feb 1,	Kentucky & Indiana Senate Meeting	L
February 6-8, 26	Illinois JCI Senate meeting with Jaycees	C
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':

CRANBERRY JELLO SALAD

- 1 pkg cranberry Jello
- 1 pkg raspberry Jello
- 1 can crushed pineapple undrained
- 1 can whole cranberries
- 1 can Mardian oranges drained

Use 2 cups hot water for Jello (no cold water). Mix all ingredients and refrigerate.

CRANBERRY RELISH

- 1 bag whole cranberries
- 1 cup sugar or sweetener
- 1 Orange and keep orange peel for zesting
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 large box raspberry Jello

Mix Jello with one cup of hot water only and put it in refrigerator, let it just start to jell. In food processor, chop each ingredient separately and when Jello is semi set, mix in all ingredients, add some orange zest and refrigerate. Mix before serving and this is great with turkey, ham or chicken. Enjoy!

Have a Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year.

From: The Schroeder's

Chef Monte' & Sherrie