

## PRESIDENT SHELLEY BATES #78813

The holidays are here! I apologize for the delay in my newsletter. As we go about our holiday traditions and such, take the time....

Take the time to get organized, or set some new goals. Take the time to remember those we have lost. Take time to yourself if you need to decompress. Take time to celebrate the life you have had because if you are reading this you are a survivor, accomplished, loved, & you matter.

But most importantly to me this year, take the time. Take a minute each day to let someone else know that you care.

Call the old friend you haven't spoke to in way too long. Take the time to check on a coworker. Open the line of communication with the lady at Walmart with the confused look on her face. That brief moment of interaction can change a life, or maybe even save a life.

My time with fellow Senators is very special. I missed a lot this year but I got to spend the day at Fall Frenzy. I had our USJCI President Bruce as my cornhole partner. I had a blast! I NEEDED that little piece of time so bad. I am so glad I took the time.

I encourage you to come to the IN/KY Joint meeting January 30th (My birthday) through February 1st in Louisville, KY. There is so much to do in Louisville! It is always such a great event. Happy holidays.

President Shelley Bates #78813

## VICE PRESIDENT JOHN PFLUG #83097

Hello everyone, it's me again, your Indiana JCI VP John Pflug. My Senate number is 83097. I hope everyone has had a great summer. I want to thank JeNie for helping me with the hospitality room again. You are the best. I am still searching for some answers for my back and hip. I have started pain management. As if that wasn't enough. I am scheduled for major foot surgery on Dec. 15 th . They will be fusing some bones in my ankle & repairing my plantar fascia again. I will be non weight bearing for at least 6 weeks and recovery is at least 3 months. Unfortunately I will probably not be available to travel to the Joint meeting in January. So everyone drink one for me. I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Halloween. We also have the holidays fast approaching. So I also want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

John Pflug V.P. #83097

## TREASURER LORI TOMLIN #62797

Greetings all,

Finally, fall has arrived and it's officially sweata weather! Though my favorite season, the second summer, 80° temps hung around a tad too long for my taste. Definitely ready for warm soup, chili, bonfires, hoodies, and yep sweata's.

This quarter of the year we had 37 members due, all life members, all renewed. We have 34 due in the third quarter, for those non-life members, invoices will be distributed after the first of the year. We'd ask you to mail your check in by February 16. If you would like to become a Life Member and skip the annual hassle of paying dues, but don't have the full \$205 (+\$15 Lifetime name badge), shoot me an email or give me a call. We can determine if a monthly, quarterly, or other payment plan works for you.

Do you have an address change, new email or phone number? Send me your updates to ensure JCI Senate records and rosters are up to date, and include your preferred method of communication.

Email changes to [captmdc@aol.com](mailto:captmdc@aol.com).

Happy Holidays and best wishes to all for a healthy and safe season.

## SECRETARY MIKE POUCH #77787

Hello fellow Indiana JCI Senators,

I hope this message finds everyone doing well. I hope everyone had a spooktacular Halloween!

Since my last message we had our summer board meeting and elections in Clarksville. It was a great time and got to spend time with great friends. I honored and proud to have been elected to serve as your secretary again. While you are surfing the web please go the Indiana JCI Senate website at [www.injcisenate.org](http://www.injcisenate.org). While you are there checking out everything, look over the upcoming events and plan attending for some great times. The next Indiana JCI Senate meeting is the Indiana Kentucky joint meeting in Louisville Kentucky the weekend of January 30 th / February 1 st . I am sure it will be a great time and can't wait to see my Indiana and Kentucky friends. I hope everyone has a great upcoming holiday season.

Stay safe everyone and see ya soon,

Mike Pouch #77787

INJCI Senate Secretary

**CHAPLAIN GRADY TATE #65859**

Please keep Keith Schnell #43096 in your prayers. He has been in the hospital since 11/21.

A 24 year old boy, seeing out from the train's window shouted ...

"Dad, look the trees are falling behind us!"

Dad smiled and as a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24-year-old's childish behavior with pity, suddenly he again exclaimed ... look, all of the the clouds are running with us!"

The couple couldn't resist and finally said to the old man ...

"Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?"

The old man smiled and said ... "I did and we are just coming from the hospital now. My son was blind from birth, and he just got his vision today."

Remember, every single person on the planet has his or her own story. Don't judge people before you truly know them.

The truth might just surprise you.

I pray that you all have a blessed Thanksgiving, filled with family, love, and a good turkey leg (or two).

Be sure to reach out to your JCI brothers and sisters, should you find anything you need.

God bless you all!

GRADY TATE #65859

**SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR TESSA MAGUIRE #79649**

Indiana had 2 JCI Senate Scholarship Winners in 2025! The Rieckman Family Scholarship was awarded to Ishita Kute, who is pursuing a Computer Science degree at Purdue. Another scholarship was awarded to Drake Bellessa, who is pursuing an electrical engineering degree from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Both of these students, as well as all of our other applicants, had outstanding academic achievements in school, in addition to outstanding work in their local communities.

The graduating class of 2026 scholarship program is open and applications are available on the US JCI Senate website at <https://www.uscisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-program>. Last year, we had 7 total applicants and we're hoping to have many more this year.

Interested in helping to judge our state's submissions? Last year we had two judges helping to determine our submissions but would love to have additional volunteers. Last year's judging was digital due to the number of submissions arriving at the end of the judging period. Please reach out to Scholarship Chair Tessa at (219)670-3676 or [jcitessa@gmail.com](mailto:jcitessa@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining us. Judging length and format will be largely determined based on final timelines of the national program and the number of submissions. I look forward to working with you this year!

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EVENT COORDINATOR TRACY LUTTMAN #54773

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS FOR INDIANA JCI SENATE

### **INDIANA JCI SENATE – JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> 2026 - MEETING JOINT MEETING WITH KY JCI SENATE**

Our annual joint meeting with the KY JCI Senate is scheduled for January 30-February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson Louisville East  
(name change on 1/1/2026 will be City Express by Marriott)  
1241 Kentucky Mills Drive  
Louisville KY 40299

**Senate Meeting will be on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am.**

Room Rate is: \$90.00 a night + taxes

Call hotel direct at 502-261-9434

Room Block under the KY JCI Senate

All meals will be on your own – See the registration form for costs

### **INDIANA JCI SENATE Meetings for APRIL 2026; AUGUST 2026 & JANUARY 2027 MEETING**

Locations not set yet for these meetings – so more information to come!

**INDIANA JCI SENATE – MARCH 2027 - REGION 5 JCI SENATE  
SPRING FLING EVENT**

**This is the annual event held within our region and in March 2027, it is the Indiana JCI Senate's turn to host this event!**

**Mark your calendars now to attend and get reacquainted with old friends and meet some new ones!**

**All Indiana JCI Senators and Past Indiana Jaycees are welcome to attend!**

**Registration form are not available yet!**

**SAVE THE DATE NOW FOR MARCH 12-14<sup>TH</sup> 2027 at the Holiday Inn Indianapolis Airport!**

**Registration Forms for all events can be found on our website at:  
[www.injcisenate.org](http://www.injcisenate.org)**

