



CHEF'S CORNER

SERVING UP FIVE STAR STATES

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Monthly Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Sherrie and I hope you were able to celebrate the old year out and the new year in with family and friends. Most importantly, we hope that you made incredible memories with your families during Christmas and celebrated the real reason of the season - the birth of the Lord Jesus.

As most of you know, Christmas time is Chef Monte's favorite time of the year. If you have been following me on Facebook, Monty Claus was terribly busy from the end of November all the way up to Christmas Day – starting at the Festival of Trees, seeing hundreds of kids, taking pictures with them, getting their Christmas lists, making lots of homes visits, making appearances at businesses, delivering presents to underprivileged families with the local fire departments and seeing the big smiles on the children's faces (the event closest to my heart).

I was still able to attend Wreath Across America to help lay wreaths on the graves of our Heroes at the National Cemetery in Danville, Il. and to honor my two biggest heroes, my parents, CPL James M. Schroeder Sr., and Barbara L. Schroeder by laying a wreath on their grave.

I do have to apologize to the Ohio and Illinois JCI Senate for missing their meeting and social event during December. I had promise to make it up to you. It is hard to believe we are headed into the next 6 months of the "East to West Explore Our Senate" year and we have a lot more of "Serving Up Five Star States". I am looking forward to seeing everyone in full force from Region V in Melbourne, FL for the Winter board meeting.

We do have a deadline of January 5, 2026 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.

If you are looking to do some traveling after Melbourne, FL within Region V, here are some dates for some great friendship and hospitality:

January 24-26, 2026, Michigan JCI Senate Snowball Soiree in Plymouth, MI.

January 30 to February 1, 2026, Ohio JCI Senate meeting with Jaycees in Columbus, OH.

January 30 to February 1, 2026, Kentucky & Indiana JCI Senate meeting in Louisville, KY.

February 6-8, 2026, Illinois JCI Senate meeting with Jaycees in Champaign, IL.

Just a reminder - the big meeting for Region V is just 3 months away. Spring Fling is March 27-29, 2026, in Springfield, IL. Chairman Rod Hollenstine #46073 is asking for you to get your registration into MaryAnn Hilleary #64615 and make your reservation with the Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center sooner than later PLEASE!!!

Sherrie and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in Melbourne, FL and on the road.

Chef Monte' #62203
Region V NVP
Serving Up Five Star States

March Dues

The Third Quarter is due February 28, 2026, for March. Presidents, make sure you are collaborating 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

Presidents, we really need to push sweepstakes tickets at your meetings 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 May 1st for recognition at the National Convention 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.

Calendar of Event-Here are upcoming events & activities.

Date Location	Event	
January 16-18, 26	US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting	Melbourne

January 24, 26	Michigan JCI Senate Snowball Soiree	Plymouth, N
January 30 Feb 1,	Ohio JCI Senate meeting with Jaycees	Columbus O
January 30 Feb 1,	Kentucky & Indiana Senate Meeting	Louisville, K
February 6-8, 26	Illinois JCI Senate meeting with Jaycees	Champaign,
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,
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 Chef Monte':

Ideas for your Super Bowl party!!!!

Cheesy Buffalo Chicken Dip

This is an easy dish made in a slow cooker and packs all the taste of Buffalo-style wings in an easy dip. What a party please!

It yields 3 to 4 cups.

Cooking Time 1-Hour

Ingredients:

- 1 (8ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup blue cheese dressing
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup blue cheese crumbles
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Buffalo wing sauce
- 1-pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cooked and shredded.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped celery.
- tortilla chips

Instructions:

1. In a 3-1qt slow cooker, mix cream cheese, dressing, blue cheese crumbles, and wing sauce. Stir in chicken and cover.
2. Heat on low 1 hour or until cheese is melted and dip is heated through.
3. Stir in celery and serve with tortilla chips, or keep warm until ready to serve.

