



CHEF'S CORNER

SERVING UP FIVE STAR STATES

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Chef Monte' Schroeder #62203

Monthly Newsletter

As a good Senate friend of ours, Digger McGraugh #36156, would say, "HERE WE GO". Moving into the next leg of the 2025-2026 Senate year, we started out with an amazing but chilly weekend in Melbourne, Florida for the US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting. Thank you to the Florida JCI Senate and Region IV for a fun-filled weekend with great hospitality, an impressive live band, and great banquet food. Take it from Chef Monte', Saturday morning's board directors' meeting had an interesting twist. Region NVPs came in as tacky tourists and, if I say so myself, your Region V NVP was the tackiest one. During the meeting for the second time in a row the Illinois JCI Senate was first place for SOAR. For the second time in a row, Region V was first place for SOAR. Thank you to all the Region V States for always having Roundup Bruce and Howdy Duck in your pictures. During the banquet, President Bruce Sostak #52655 presented his Ranger badge pins. Congratulations to one of our own Presidents, Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137, as one of the recipients. To top it off, I found President Bruce at the Melbourn airport and shared the same flight to Charlotte NC. Sherrie missed the Diet Dr. Pepper on that flight as President Bruce was served before her.

The next weekend, we were on the road to the Michigan JCI Senate Snowball Soiree. The trip was very adventurous with some snow and slick roads around the I-80 94 interchange going into Michigan. We dealt with the roads all the way up to Battle Creek. The rest of the way there, the roads were great and we finally made it to the Red Roof Inn in Plymouth, Michigan where we had time to relax and get on our festive attire on. At the Elks Lodge, the evening started off with our extremely popular MC, Mr. John Badeen #73089, and an amazing buffet dinner. Thank you to the Michigan JCI Senate for inviting Sherrie and myself to the event and making sure we took a group picture. Snowball Soiree chairperson,

Nina Perko-Badeen # 73043, received one of my traveling gifts bags. After dinner, the fun continued with a Scavenger Hunt and a Brown Bag Auction and who would have known that John Badeen was a pretty good auctioneer. There were some interesting Brown Bag white elephant gag gifts. I bid on a small bag and, to my surprise, it was little bottles of Evan Williams Bourbon. On the Scavenger Hunt, one of thing they were looking for was high low Senate numbers. There were lots of high numbers in the room. Since Michigan Senator, Russ Cooper #4638, was not there, I was the low number at #62203. Boy did that make me feel old.! Thank you to Nina Perka-Badeen and her committee for a fun and enjoyable evening. The trip back home was delayed by one day with all the snow coming in overnight and all day long on Sunday. The drive home on Monday was a challenge with black ice and snowpack roads, lake effect snowstorm with low visibility, and lots of vehicles in the ditches. Poor Sherrie rode in the back seat behind me praying that we would make it home safe and we did.

As we finished out the month of January, we headed to Louisville, KY for the Indiana / Kentucky JCI Senate joint meeting. We stopped in Clarksville, IN for lunch with some of our old Danville, Il Jaycees friends, Tim & Joni Carney, at Bubba's 33 for a great meal and good conversation then on to Louisville, KY. On Friday night, we enjoyed pizza and great hospitality with our Senate family. Saturday morning, both KY/IN senate had their meeting and nominations for next year's boards and Region V NVP Candidate Endorsement of Lori Tomlin #62797. The group went out to dinner at KYUSHU Japanese Restaurant where we also celebrated President Shelley Bates #78813 and President JeNie Altman's #56150 birthdays. By the time you read this, Sherrie and I will be on the road back home.

Just a reminder - the big meeting for Region V is just 2 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!!!

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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	Event	Location
February 6-8, 26	Illinois JCI Senate meeting with Jaycees	Champaign
February 19-22, 2026	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
April 10-12, 26	Illinois JCI Senate w/ Jaycees TOYP	Peoria, IL
April 16-19, 26	Region X Annual Meeting	Las Vegas,
May 9, 2026	Kentucky JCI Senate Year End Meeting	Bardstown
May 15-17, 2026	MO. JCI Senate Meeting / 50th Anniversary	St Charles
May 22-24, 2026	Ohio JCI Senate Year End Meeting	Cleveland,
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':

First Lady Sherrie's Garlic Chicken

Ingredients:

2 ½ to 3 pounds of boneless skinless chicken breast

2 eggs

salt

1 stick butter

breadcrumbs

1 small can of mushrooms undrained.

8 oz package of sliced provolone cheese

Minced Garlic

The day (night) before cut chicken breast into medium size strips. In large zip lock bag.

place eggs and ½ teaspoon salt in bag and mix then add chicken and refrigerate.

overnight. The next day when you are ready you will need to brown your chicken.

Melt half a stick of butter in a large frying pan, next dip, and cover chicken in bread.

crumbs and brown. Add additional butter as you need. Place browned chicken in a single layer in an 8 x 13 baking dish; next spread at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of minced garlic over the chicken. If you like garlic, you can use it more. Next spread mushrooms over the

chicken and pour juice evenly over the top. Next lay a single layer of provolone cheese

and cover with aluminum foil. Bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees and then remove! aluminum foil and place back in oven to brown cheese approximately 10 minutes.

Hope you enjoy it!