



CHEF'S CORNER

SERVING UP FIVE STAR STATES



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Chef Monte' Schroeder #62203

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Monthly Newsletter

After a few quiet weeks from returning from the Region X meeting in Las Vegas Chef Monte' #62203, Miss Sherris FR#52 and Illinois JCI Senate President Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137 and some of her Flamazing flock traveled to St Charles Missouri for the Missouri JCI Senate meeting and to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The Illinois JCI Senate and The Missouri JCI Senate have been doing things together for many years. From the Illinois/Missouri basketball games to the Illinois /Missouri Wine Tour; it was great spending time with everyone as about 50 Senators went out to dinner at the Gulf Shores restaurant for some amazing Cajun food. Saturday morning Missouri JCI Senate President Kami Harsell #77656 called the meeting to order and there was so many past Missouri Presidents in attendance with three of them being past US JCI Senate Presidents including the 54th US JCI Senate President Bruce Sostak #52655 along with Region VI NVP Rose Steen #57178 and myself from Region V. It was a great meeting and congratulation to President elect Tonya Myers #66222 and her board. The Missouri JCI Senate 50th anniversary banquet was very moving with lots of stories, amazing videos, and the rich history of the Missouri JCI Senate; a special Thank You to Martha Mazzola and her committee for a well-run event.

The next weekend we were off to Ohio for the Ohio JCI Senate year end meeting and banquet and for my second visit to Ohio. On Friday night a small group went to Winking Lizard for dinner and some camaraderie. Saturday morning gave us some time to explore Cleveland Ohio and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame getting back in time for the meeting, Ohio JCI Senate President Janice Carion #72307 called the meeting to order. There were 40 + Senators in attendance along with the JCI Ohio President Matt Burger; I have to say this young man inspired me. Janice ran a great meeting, COB Allison Geddes ran Elections, congratulation to President elect Mitch Schoonover and his board. After the meeting Ohio Senates very own Stu O'Hara #39768 ran the Brown bag auction and there were some interesting items and a lot of humor behind them. The money that was raised went to the scholarship fund. After a very enjoyable dinner during the banquet a Special Presentation of the Gary Richey #47047 Memorial Blue-Ribbon Award was given, Congratulations to Dana Showalter on receiving the award.

I am over the top with pride with the best presidential team that a NVP could ever ask for. Each one of you has gone above and beyond all expectations, making Region V a Powerhouse. I cannot wait to celebrate your accomplishments at National Convention in San Antonio Texas. And we will welcome incoming Region V NVP Lori Tomlin from Indiana and the incoming Presidents Maureen Niedenthal from Illinois, John Pfliug from Indiana, Daryle Karnes from Kentucky, Mitch Schoonover from Ohio and Chris Crawford from Michigan. I am looking forward to seeing what the 2026-2027 Region V team will accomplish as they travel through the USA. Thank you for giving me the honor to serve as the Region V NVP I have truly enjoyed the traveling from "East to West Explore Our Senate", meeting new Senators and reconnecting with old friends, visiting new Regions and cities and taking in all the amazing history of this great country.

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Region V Presidents

ILLINOIS JCI SENATE PRESIDENT SUSIE COLBERT-CURTIS #73137

WOW time is flying! This has been an incredible year! I am grateful to Illinois for trusting me as their 59th president. I would like to start by thanking my Board/my Village, my travel companions, MY FLOCK and all who have supported us this year.

This year, Illinois visited every state in Region V, we made a visit to Region 4, 6, 7 and 8 and made an impact at each National meeting. We even have other Regions flapping their arms like flamingos. We have supported the Jaycees, participated in Wreaths Across America, Return The Favor, SOAR (Senate Outreach Activation Retention), and raised funds to benefit Camp New Hope and all while flamingling, being social and having fun.

Let us flock together to San Antonio, TX for our year end convention and congratulate each other on a job well done.

I invite everyone to join us for our Summer Picnic at Lake Carlyle, IL: "Let's Flamingle at the Lake," from July 23–26. Come out to southern Illinois and enjoy bar burgers, golf, boat rides, wineries, antiquing, and plenty of good times. Hope to see y'all there.

Let's Flamingle, Be Social Have Fun

Susie Colbert-Curtis #73137

59th President Illinois JCI Senate

KENTUCKY JCI SENATE PRESIDENT JeNie Alman #56150

Hi, everyone! It seems odd that this is (or should be) my very last article. I've done so many of these that I'm not sure what to say this time. Imagine that!

It's been a great year. We've accomplished some of our goals like bringing new senators into the group but are still working on getting more of our current senators active. I think that's a struggle for many of us BUT it has been a lot of fun, I have traveled some and just enjoyed everyone's company. Thank you to all for your friendship and hospitality.

THANK YOU to my board for a wonderful year: Daryle Karnes – VP (and incoming president); Donna Roupe Cassell – Sec.; Jim Dulin – Treas.; Brad Blain – COB; Eulaine Goodpaster – Chaplain; and Cyndi Thornburg-Schnell – Scholarship Chairman, Communication Director, and whatever else I needed. Love you all!! Good luck to everyone next year. I'll see you on our travels.

JeNie Altman #56150

KY JCI Senate President

OHIO JCI SENATE PREEIDENT JANICE CARINO

Greetings Region V, I hope you have enjoyed this fantastic Jaycee Senate year as much as I have! As president of the Ohio JCI Senate I have loved traveling throughout Region V and to some of our neighboring states and regions. I was tremendously humbled at the Ohio year end and hopefully I served them well. It is now on to San Antonio to finish off the year. As the new Jaycee Senate year begins, keep an eye on the Ohio JCI Senate Facebook page or contact me at JCJayCees@gmail.com.

Janice Carino,
58th President OH JCI Senate
CAFE : Community and Friendship Entwined
The CAFE is now closed

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!

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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. 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. Make sure to take flat Bruce with on some of your adventures. 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 elect Gary to visit your state for an event, you will need to send his Chief of Staff 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 elect Gary 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.

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.

Friendship Award

Unfortunately, we did not get a nomination for a Friendship Award hopefully next year board will have one to submit. 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
	US JCI Senate National Meeting	June 14-18, 2026 San Antonio, TX
	Ohio JCI Senate Pig Roast	July 17-19, 2026 Kent, OH.
	Illinois JCI Senate Summer Picnic	July 24-26, 2026 Carlyle IL.
	Michigan JCI Senate Year Meeting	July 25, 2026 Troy, MI
	Indiana JCI Senate Meeting	August 14-16, 2026 Clarksville IN
	Kentucky Fall Frenzy	October 2-4, 2026 Bardstown, KY

From the Kitchen of Chef Monte'

SLOPPY JOES FOR A PARTY

30 lbs. hamburger

3 – 18 oz Sweet Baby Ray's barbeque sauce

2 cups of ketchup

6 tsp yellow mustard

2 lbs. brown sugar

7 small cans of Manwich

4 cups pickle relish

Brown hamburger, drain and set aside.

Mix the remaining ingredients and then add hamburger.

Warm and serve.

This can be frozen and saved until ready to serve.

Serves approximately 150.

ENJOY!!!!!!