



Buckeye Connection

VOLUME 59 ISSUE 2

AUGUST, 2026

Ohio JCI Senate Officers 2026-27

59th President

Mitch Schoonover #59758
01644 Co. Rd. C60

Edgerton, Ohio 43517

419-799-1036

Jci59758@yahoo.com

Vice President

Susan Geddes #81581

500 S Fargo St.

Oregon, OH 43616

419-944-9479

Segmt2002@yahoo.com

Treasurer

Jon Bruner #58932

10935 Co. Rd. M

Wauseon, OH 43567

419-279-5164

Jdb58932@gmail.com

Secretary

Tammy Snapp #79574

25363 Rider Lane

Guilford, IN 47022

tallen43074@yahoo.com

513-869-6203

Chairman of the Board

Janice Carino #72307

450Walleyford Dr.

Berea, OH 44017

219-213-3748

JCJaycees@gmail.com

Ohio JCI Senate

59th President Mitch Schoonover #59758

HAPPY FALL Y'all!

Karen and I, traveled to Topeka, KS for the US JCI Senate Fall Board meeting. Karen and I took our first cross country Amtrak train ride there and back. On the return trip, we had the pleasure of riding with First Ladies Kay DeGroot #73333 and Stephanie Pittinger #59999 and Donna Ward #54588 as far as Chicago.

We had a good time at the Fall Board. We attended meetings and found a few good places to eat. Ohio was recognized as the #1 State for ticket sales, with Illinois coming in at #2, which helped Region V achieve 2nd in the regions.

Bruce Geddes #35527 was awarded the "Honor and Serve Medallion" from US JCI President Gary Duell #48384.

I had the pleasure of attending the Zanesville Jaycee meeting, with JCI OH President Matt Burger. President Travis Reed welcomed us and allowed me to speak on what the Senate was, and what we do.

Our next meeting is November 6th-8th at the Drury Inn & Suites, 4100 Orange Pl, Beachwood, OH. At this meeting we will be holding a fundraiser for Wreaths Across America.

Karen and I are planning to travel to Hudson Jaycees' Haunted House on October 10th. Anyone wishing to join us, we can meet there (2250 Barlow Road, Hudson, OH 44236) at 7pm.

The following week (October 17th), we are hoping to travel to Riverside to attend their Haunted House at 1213 Old Harshman Rd, Riverside, OH 45431. The same applies, meet us there at 7pm if you want to attend.

We hope to see you at one of these upcoming events.

"A tiger never loses sleep over the opinion of sheep."

Mitch Schoonover #57305

59th President OH JCI Senate

Vice President Susan Geddes #81581

Hello Fellow Senators,

The fall meeting will be November 6-8th at the Drury Inn & Suites in Beachwood, OH. Room rate is \$120+tax/per night and are available to book now. Book online via link below, group code is 10183269. *Note:* Online link defaults dates to Nov 6-9 which will show no rooms. Update checkout to the 8th and rooms will show. <https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=10183269>

See everyone soon!

Susan Geddes #81581
VP OH JCI Senate

Secretary Tammy Snapp #79574

Hello Senators! Happy Fall!

I want to remind you that we have our RaiseRight program up and running! We have already made FREE money from it! If you need gift cards, purchase them through our program, and we'll benefit from it! Let me know if you have questions about it, and I'll be happy to help!

I will try to send out a newsletter each month! Please consider issuing an article! It does not have to be Senate/JCI related! We want to hear what is going on in your part of the state(s)! Someone or a bunch of us may be interested in visiting! Speaking of visits....Let me know what's going on and I'll come see y'all! I love to travel! Especially to new places I've never been!

Deadlines for submissions is the 25th of each month. This will allow enough time to get the newsletter out by the 1st of each month. So...October 25th I NEED your articles!!

Submit all articles to ohiojcisenate1967@gmail.com

I know this is not my regular email address. I don't want your articles to get lost in my personal emails!

As always, please let me know if you have questions!

Tammy Snapp #79574
Ohio JCI Senate
Secretary 2026-2027

Treasurer Jon Bruner #58932

From YOUR Treasurer and friend.

Our September dues for the 43 members due this quarter have been sent to the US JCI Senate. We did renew all the current members due this quarter, and no new members were added. I did have one person that needed an address change so that the US JCI Senate has their correct address in case they need to contact them or send them any information. So if anyone reading this that has changed any of your information, such as address, email or phone #, please send me your updated information, so I can make sure we all have the correct information.

Next Dues for all those members in the 2nd quarter list will be due by Dec. 1st. So those Non-Life Members due will be sent a notice in the month of October and please send it to me by mid November.

If you need to get a hold of me for any reason please feel free to do so in any way that works best for you.

Ohio JCI Senate Treasurer
Jon Bruner #58932
10935 County Road M
Wauseon, Ohio 43567
419-279-5164
Jdb58932@gmail.com

Webmaster Allison Geddes #74777

Hello Fellow Ohio Senators, It is hard to believe it is already October. Just wanted to give you a quick update on our website. For those that have not heard our site was infected with malware along with 3 other sites that are hosted with national. The national site also had malware but it was able to be cleaned out. Unfortunately we were not so lucky no matter how hard we tried we kept finding more. The only way to safely deal with the malware was to completely blow out the website as it was and start over. Currently I am still working on it I do have something up right now, not sure it will stay the way it currently looks. I had to step away to prepare for Fall Boards in Topeka. Now that I have returned my plan is to return to mapping it out, hopefully by our November meeting I will be closer to finished.

Allison Geddes #74777

Chaplin Sara Kimmet #77909

Celebrating the lives of our Senators' Family Members

Bonnie Beard Ohio Honorary Senator #1, wife of deceased Ohio Senator R. David Beard #13378 from Urbana Ohio passed away on 8/12/2026. Cards can be sent on behalf of the family 4619 Everett Rd. Urbana, Ohio 43078

Jean #68886 and Bruce #35527 Geddes lost their nephew from Scotland on Saturday September 19th. Please keep them and the rest of the family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to 1515 S. Wynn Road Oregon, Ohio 43616

Keeping our Members in our Prayers

Senator #81581 and Senate VP Susan Geddes is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Please keep her in your prayers. Cards can be mailed to 500 S. Fargo St. Oregon, Ohio 43616

Joyous Celebrations for our Senators

Past National President and Ohio Senator Bruce Geddes #35527 was selected to go on an Honor Flight leaving from Toledo Ohio to Washington D.C. on September 15th. Bruce was accompanied by his daughter and Senator #74777 Allison Geddes.

Senator Abigail Spraggins #83133 was chosen as one of the Greater Akron chamber 30 the Future. Congratulation

Senator #58932 Jon Bruner will be celebrating his 70th birthday on October 10th with some friends in the Eastern Caribbean. Cards can be sent to 10935 County Road M Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Make today so
AWESOME
that yesterday gets
jealous

S.O.A.R - Jenny Bruner #64688

Happy Fall Senators,

I will be having a 50/50 raffle at our November meeting. Please buy your tickets. The proceeds from this will go to our Lost Senator Program. Also, buy your ball so you have a chance at our year end to win a much bigger pot.

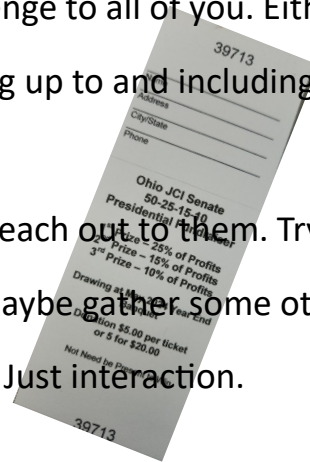
We need active Senators. I want to put out a challenge to all of you. Either get a new Senator or a non active Senator to attend a meeting up to and including our year end. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card.

Especially if you have a new Senator in your area, reach out to them. Try to get a new or non active to a Jaycee event, Senate event, or maybe gather some others in the area and have a social. It doesn't have to be a big thing. Just interaction.

Thanks and see you all in November.

Jenny Bruner #64688

Ohio JCI Senate Soar Chairperson



Held Positions

Elected Officers

President	Mitch	Schoonover	#59758
Vice President	Susan	Geddes	#81581
Secretary	Tammy	Snapp	#79574
Treasurer	Jon	Bruner	#58932
Chairman of the Board	Janice	Carino	#72307

Appointed Positions

Primary	Amanda	Turner	#65613
Presidential Advisor	Ron	Kimmet	#43520
Legal Counsel	Stu	O'Hara	#39768
Chaplin	Sara	Kimmet	#77909
Website/Facebook	Allison	Geddes	#74777
Newsletter	Tammy	Snap	#79574

Committee Appointments

Finance	Tammy	Snapp	#79574
	Ruby	Weymouth	#67303
	Earl	Rice	#47046

By-Laws	Karen	Schoonover	#57305
	Charlie	Eberhardt	#54887
	Angie	Alonso	#83134

Elections	Janice	Carino	#72307
	Amanda	Turner	#65613
	Ron	Kimmet	#43520

Senate Sponsored Senatorship	Janice	Carino	#72307
	TBD		
	TBD		

Programs

Scholarships	Jane	Hider	#47491
SOAR	Jenny	Bruner	#64688
Return the Favor	Caitlin	Yoder	#83048
Wreaths Across America	Nick	Herringa	#82276
Wheelchairs For Kids	Abigail	Spraggins	#83133

C & E Foundation Pres. Ron Kimmet #43520

Ohio JCI Senate C&E President Ron Kimmet #43520

Well the summer is over and children are back to school.

I am pleased to announce that both the Dan Szakal Memorial and Ron Robinson Memorial Golf Tournaments were a success again this year. Both events had great weather, golfers ready to golf, and very gracious sponsors. Current reports indicate that we will be able to give out a number of scholarships again this year. We will review the final numbers and vote at the November meeting on the number of scholarships to be presented. Thank you to the chairpersons, event workers, golfers and those who sponsored the events.

OH C & E Foundation Scholarship- Jane Hider #47491

The 2026-2027 School Year is in full swing, so just letting you know that the new forms for the Ohio JCI Senate C&E Foundation

Scholarships will be coming out soon . I just received the 2026-2027 National Form and will be reviewing and revising (as needed) our directions and the form for the Ohio Needs-Based scholarship. Please let any student (or the parents-of) who is a 4th-year (Senior) Ohio High School student know that these forms should be arriving in school guidance counselors' emails starting in October and into November. The due date for submission is January 12, 2027 with judging taking place in late January. Updates on details for judging, number of scholarships, etc. will be announced at the November meeting and posted in upcoming Ohio Senate newsletters and Facebook.

Please, especially tell any students who plan to attend a vocational school, trade school, technical school, 2-year community college, or other short-term program after graduation about our scholarship for these endeavors. We need more strong vocational scholarship entries!

Thanks to all who participated in the Golf Outings this summer! These contribute so much to our scholarship fund. And if you're not a golfer, you can always donate directly to the scholarship fund through the C&E Foundation. Check with Ron Kimmett, Ohio JCI Senate C&E Foundation President, at rkimmet@embargmail.com. Thanks again for all your support! Look for further updates next month!

Jane Hider #47491—Ohio JCI Senate Foundation C & E Scholarship Chair

Jaycee Liaison Angie Alonso #83134



October Is Spooky, Social & Full of Jaycee Spirit!

October is shaping up to be a busy month across JCI Ohio, with haunted houses, community events, chapter visits, and a special visit from JCI USA Deputy National President Aaron Gauldin!



Get Your Spook On!

Looking for some Halloween fun? Be sure to support our local chapters as the **Riverside Jaycees** and **Hudson Jaycees** open their haunted houses **weekends throughout the entire month of October!**

Grab your friends, family, and fellow Jaycees and head out for a night of scares, screams, and plenty of Jaycee spirit. Supporting these events is a great way to experience the hard work our chapters put into their communities while having a little Halloween fun along the way!

Be sure to check out **Socktoberfest with the Stark Community Jaycees** and support the chapter by donate new socks and undergarments. Feel free to reach out to me if you want to donate!

You can also mark your calendar for **Octubafest in Chagrin Falls on October 24 from 11 AM–3 PM**. Come out, enjoy the community, connect with fellow Jaycees, and make a day of it!



A Special Visit from DNP Aaron Gauldin

JCI Ohio is excited to welcome **JCI USA Deputy National President Aaron Gauldin** to Ohio **October 23–24!**

During his visit, Aaron will be traveling throughout the state and spending time with local chapters, getting to know our members and learning more about the work happening across JCI Ohio.

We'll also be hosting a **South Region dinner October 23rd** and a **North Region dinner October 24th** during his visit, giving members from across the state an opportunity to connect, share ideas, and spend some time together with our Deputy National President.



End October with a Parade!

And what better way to close out the month than with a little Halloween fun? Join the **Chillicothe Jaycees for the Chillicothe Halloween Parade on October 31!**

Break out your costumes, bring your Halloween spirit, and help us celebrate the season with our Jaycee family and the Chillicothe community.



October Across JCI Ohio

From haunted houses and Oktoberfests to regional gatherings, chapter visits, and a Halloween parade, **October is packed with opportunities to get involved, support our chapters, and connect with Jaycees from across Ohio.**

Upcoming Events

Oct 2nd-4th	Kentucky Fall Frenzy	Bardstown, KY
Nov 6th-8th	JCI Ohio Annual Convention/ Elections	Beachwood, OH
Dec 19th	Ohio JCI Senate Christmas Party	TBD
Jan 14th-17th, 2027	US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting	Greensboro, NC
Mar 12th-14th, 2027	Region V Spring Fling	Indianapolis, IN
Apr 1st-4th 2027	MAI 2027 Annual Meeting	Ripley, WV
June 20th—24th 2027	US JCI Senate Annual Meeting	Lancaster, PA

We Believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;

That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;

That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;

That government should be of laws rather than of men;

That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;

And that service to humanity is the best work of life

C. William Brownfield

Buckeye Connection
Tammy Snapp #79474Editor
Joe Callison #71418
4529 Boca Ct.
Gahanna, OH 43230-5003