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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Before I write my article. I want to thank everyone for well wishes to speedy recovery. I have paraskevidekatriaphobia (fear of Friday the 13th) and it came true on September 13. I collapsed because I was dehydrated. At the hospital tests revealed that I had two infected toes and an undiagnosed digestive infection. Three **week** later, I was home. I want to thank Amelia Harrison #62082 for keeping you apprised of my situation. It was great to see that when the leader was incapacitated that the rest of the organization rose to the occasion to keep the FL JCI Senate humming. Thank you, Duffy #78415 for taking over my presidential duties in Tulsa. I have to say that 3 weeks in the hospital will get anyone feeling antsy especially when your back itches all the time. I also have **newfound** appreciation of what nurses do, the things they do to keep you well is unbelievable. I was fortunate to have great nurses. For all the nurses in OUR organization: YOU ROCK!!

Before I was installed as your 55th President, I followed the membership of JCI Florida for several years. It went from 163 members to 26 **members** and I was told that Florida would be the next state to collapse. I did not believe this **I as** I knew that Florida was resilient. It was true that there was no state organization in 2024, but it was because 2 chapters are required to make a state organization. Thanks to the Hollywood Jaycees for submitting their corrected membership. JCI Florida will have state officers in 2025.

BREAKINGS NEWS: The Ocala Jaycees are back!! Many thanks to Ken Nadeau #39542 and Nina Nadeau #49287 and Margaret Renaud #72197 who brought the last two new people to make it 10. Just like the Phoenix, we are seeing a rebirth of the JCI Florida.

These two events fit President Gary's Destination Legacy. We have an opportunity to show the rest of the country what Florida can **accomplished**. I know Gary would be proud.

As we head to the half year mark, I reflect on the accomplishments of the past 3 months. I had the privilege to attend **at** Hollywood Jaycees 80th anniversary party. A chapter that is this old is rare in today's world. I was able to meet the Senators in attendance and gave them my presidential pins. The next day, I participated in the annual Back to School shopping. Thank you, Hollywood Jaycees for a great time. I also had the opportunity



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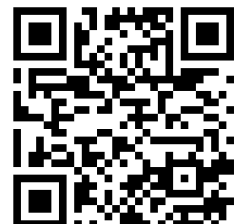
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to attend Region 12 social. I had fun playing the pinball machines and axe throwing. Thank you Region 12 and my driver Duffy. Because of my hospital stay, my travel was restricted. However, I was able to represent Florida at the Fall Region 4 meeting held in Huntsville. Because I missed Tulsa, it was great to see all of the Region 4 Senators. Thanks for the great time, Alabama.

Next, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the BASH and Debra Jeanne Gronvold #52883 and her crew did a fantastic job. Games, food, and a good time by all. Any time Debra Jeanne is in charge, you know it is going to be great.

By now, those who owe dues during the 2nd quarter, should have received an email dues billing from our Treasurer, Don Duffy #78415. During the first quarter we added five new Senators but sadly goodbye to 13 Senators. In addition, we added three life members: 195 Patrick Allison #64624; 196 Eric Sutherland #79600 and 197 David Knowles #82789. When you receive the invoice, please pay it on time. With the holidays coming up, it is easy to put it aside to be paid later. You will be dropped if Duffy does not hear from you.

This is being an election year, the United States is known for “Ballots, not bullets.” Regardless of your political belief, make sure your express your voice on November 6. If you do not, you do not have the right to complain.

Our 2nd quarter Conference on November 8 - 10 at the Holiday Inn Express in Tampa aka, the Ice Cream Hotel. The weekend begins with the Ugly Sweater Contest. At the Saturday meeting, I will recognize members with a who have contributed to Florida JCI Senate history with a special medallion. If you want to nominate a person, please send me your nomination not to exceed two paragraphs to mikesf3@gmail.com. The evening will be the annual Grinchmas where Mr. Grinch will make his annual appearance. Bring your wallet as the money raised will go the FL JCI Senate Foundation to fund eight scholarships.

Finally, I was saddened by the passing of Rick Anglickis #19966. He was originally planning to install me as your president but his health would not allow him. Why did I choose him? In 1979, even though I was in the Jaycees only for a year, I was asked to be a District Director. Our June training was at Denison University and our state president Nick Franks introduced Rick to the Ohio Jaycees. He was the first person I heard give a motivational speech that still resonates with me. Rick was my Florida connection!

Michael Sawyer #36403
55th President





Management Report

Amelia Harrison #62082
Management VP

Greetings FL JCI Senate. The first quarter provided a lot of great Regionals throughout the state. I hope you have been able to visit the different regions and enjoy time with fellow senators. We then boogied our way into the August conference held in Altamonte Springs with over sixty senators and friends in attendance. It was a groovy time held in true 70's style. What a fun weekend! Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible.

Thank you to everyone who donated money and helped me with President Mike during his recovery from emergency surgery. He was very appreciative of the thoughts, prayers, and kind words. It is proof that we live the creed, "service to humanity is the best work of life".

It is hard to believe we are already in the second quarter. We had an amazing time celebrating the 40th Anniversary Bash in Daytona. Thank you, Debra-Jeanne and your "Hollywood Ladies", for all the fun and hard work. Our next conference is "Grinchmas", November 8-10 at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Tampa. You can find the registration forms and the hotel information on the website fljcisenate.org. You will receive two "Pick 3" tickets as part of your November "Grinchmas" conference registration. Be sure to get your rooms booked and your reservations in as soon as possible. Get your ugly Christmas sweater ready for Friday night's "Ugly Sweater" contest. Saturday night will be Grinchmas fun hosted by the Florida JCI Senate Foundation. The annual Grinchmas Fundraiser benefits the Foundation with money going toward scholarships.

Our fundraiser this year is selling "Pick 3" sweepstakes tickets. The money we raise goes back to the Florida JCI Senate. Many of you received tickets to sell. I need everyone's help. It takes all of us to sell the tickets and raise the money. You have until the end of March to sell tickets. The drawing will be every day in April **that** the Florida Pick 3 is drawn. If I have not given you an envelope of tickets to sell you will be receiving one soon. Please help us raise money. The winners win \$50. If there is not a winner that night, the money goes to the Florida Senate. Congratulations and thank you so much to Mindy Gallagher. She sold all her tickets and turned in \$100 the first night!

Looking forward to a great second quarter, a packed calendar of events, and making memories with our senate family.





Administration Report

Patrick Allison #64624
Administration VP

To all my fellow Senators, it's a few days before the 40th Annual FL JCI Senate BASH in Daytona Beach, it will go without saying that we all had a great time, thanks to the work of the Chairman Debra Jeanne Gronvold # 52883 and her team. Make sure you thank them for their hard work!

The Second Quarter Conference in Tampa (November 8th to 10th) will be here before you know it, make sure you've reserved your room and sent in your registration. Friday night dinner will be on your own, but there will be snacks in the Hospitality room. In the Spirit of Christmas we will have our Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest on Friday, let's see if someone other than Jim Warren #42572 can win, boy his sweater was UGGLLYY! Last year. Saturday's lunch and dinner that my team and I will be serving up, are some great comfort food that we hope everyone will love.

Anyone who would like to bring a dessert, will be greatly appreciated, if you're bringing something please let me know. Lastly, if I didn't have something you like at the August conference, please let me know and I will do what I can to get it. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.



Treasurer's Report

Don Duffy #78415
Treasurer

Wow its 2nd Quarter already we have a lot going on. First lets reflect on the 1st quarter. Be mindful of Membership Man alias Jim Warren he will be stalking you for your dues. Special thanks to Nina Nadeau with her 1st timer Denny Shogren raising \$200.00 for Rodeheavers Boys Ranch.

Just a reminder that Grinchmas is Nov. 8-10th. please if attending fill out your forms you can use PayPal: www.fljcisenate.org remember there is a \$5.00 processing fee though PayPal. We also have "ZELLE" using FLJCISenate@gmail.com again this year. When using ZELLE our PayPal please email your completed membership form to dduffy3131@gamil.com. You can find the forms on the website.

Also 2nd Quarter dues are due no later than 11/25/2024 this quarter. You can use checks, PayPal and Zelle.

I can't wait to see everyone at Grinchmas!

Don Duffy #78415
FL JCI Senate Treasure

P.S. Joke of the Day
What do you call a man that refuses to fart in public?
A private tutor.... HAHHAHAHA!!!





Secretary's Report

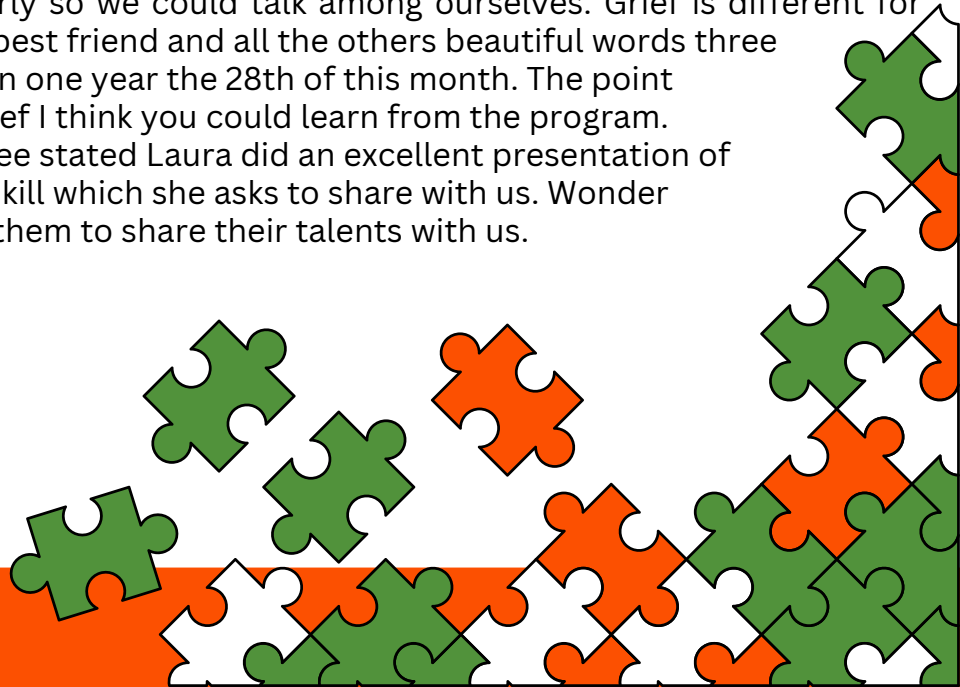
Lynn Whalen #44712
Secretary

I cannot express how grateful I am for the Essential Puzzle pieces of the Communication Team thus far this year. Kathy Collins #64926 has been a very busy Chaplain seems every day is a notice of some type for Facebook along with the other items she is keeping up. FL JCI Facebook is **update** as usual with Kelly Koch #69508 managing and updating. I was able to explain in a text to a member how to find our Facebook and how to find a form for registration! I have learned real fast that "stuff" just gets done, but I have also learned the ones getting it done don't get thanked enough. Thank You Irene Shanley #65316. In case you don't know Irene is the one that makes sure the Chambers and **Fl** Blast are emailed to every member along with other notices. Another member Andy Stansfield #76728 has the Zoom Meetings up and running as needed and has said to be at conference when tax season is over. I will never be able to thank Mindy Gallagher #79578 for all the help personally she has given to me. I still don't understand some of the technical terms but with Mindy's guidance I am learning to do some much. Chambers has been filled with great articles and lots of information. The Website a dream to use. Please check it out, I know you will be so impressed. The **Fl** Blast is a quick/short page for all to receive updates. The past one Amy Kent #82550 and Mindy were able to add the sad news of the passing of the US JCI President, Gary Pittenger #24804, whom will truly be missed by his wife Stephanie and all his JCI family. Amy has decided not to be the Chairman for the **Fl** Blast since she is also the Regional Director #12. I will miss her smile and enthusiasm on our team, but understand her heart on being a RD.

I would like to share my experience **at** conference in August with the new Legacy Grief Program. Laura Hall #49282 contacted Kathy Collins about the program, and I thought since Kathy would be excused from conference maybe I should find out about the program. After all I knew about **Laura**, **was** she was married to a very dear Jaycee Region 10 in Andy. Truly miss his stories. Sounded like she knew the program. I asked if she would also be willing to set up the Empty Table for the Sat. dinner. I contacted Dee Stone for all the details. Sat afternoon I went a little early to the room for the program. Laura had already been in there 30 minutes ahead with handouts, charts, and a display board. It was a small group that attended, Laura was prepared with ice breakers that really did relate to all of us. She shared thoughts and ideas that let us know others were going **thru** the same rough feelings. Laura left about 10 minutes early so we could talk among ourselves. Grief is different for each person; most of you know I lost my best friend and all the others beautiful words three years and 8 months ago along with my son one year the 28th of this month. The point being no matter where you are in your grief I think you could learn from the program. The Empty Table was sent up and even Dee stated Laura did an excellent presentation of the meaning. So here is a Senator with a skill which she asks to share with us. Wonder how many Senators we should be asking them to share their talents with us.

Keeping the Essential Pieces Together

Lynn Whalen #44712
Secretary 2024-2025





COB Report

Jaci Newmark #56368
Secretary

We are back from the U.S. JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting in Tulsa. Bruce Sostak #52655, Texas was sworn in as the 54th National President to finish up President Gary #24804 Pittenger's year "Destination Legacy". Larry Norfleet #60771, Region VII - Tennessee stepped up as the new Administrative VP.

Amelia Harrison #62082 was recognized as a new member of the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation and Keith Adams FR #105 received the Gold level pin. Liz Young #47759 (SC/FL and Wreaths Program Manager) received one of President Gary's medallions during the banquet. Florida received a shout-out from the JCI USA President about the Ocala extension.

Consider attending the Winter Board Meeting in New Orleans in January – see the U.S. website (www.usjcisenate.org) for more information.

It is never too early to consider your place in the Florida JCI Senate for the next year. Talk to your advisor how you best can serve our great organization. Filing fees for those stepping up to an elected officer position will be due by Friday of the 3rd quarter meeting. -Jaci



Chaplain's Report

Kathy Collins #64926
Chaplain

It has been a quarter of sadness and change for the group. Please continue to Keep National Pres Gary Pittenger's family in your prayers. I have mailed out sympathy and get-well cards as needed signing with ..."from your FL JCI Senate friends and family"

Kudos and thank you to Amelia Harrison# 62802, Laura Hall #42982, Melanie Fickas #77281, and Cheryl Hyman #53544, since I was unable to attend our August meeting due to an overlapping family event. Without their help, we would not have had our prayers, Empty Table, and the Legacy Grief Support group. Patrick Allison #64624 also offered his "Time with God" on Sunday morning. Lynn Whalen thank you for ALL of our time on the phone in preparation for that weekend. As I was preparing "substitute plans" for that weekend, I remembered why you don't take time off.

As a Team, we will continue to offer the Legacy Grief Support Group on Saturday and Time with God on Sunday AM at our Q2 meeting in November. Please feel free to join either or both offered Individual Development programs. Updates with Births, Deaths, Anniversaries, and family events are always appreciated if you wish to publish the news.

Please keep our neighbors in the southeast in your prayers after the devastation Helene brought to a five-state area.

With Faith in God,
Kathy Collins #64926
FL JCI Chaplain 2024-25



Region 9

Peggy Sewell #64474
Region 9 Director

We had some Senators and non-Senators attend our Football Social. Gator Poop, Flick Football instructions and some pre-Halloween Candy was provided to those in attendance.

Unfortunately, a terrible downpour impacted other Senators attendance. However, some of the members of the Cattlemen's women club were in attendance and we both discovered that we are doing Wreaths Across America and enjoy having a GOODTIME!!!!

Many of our Senators have personal plans in November and December so we will need to discuss our next get together. We definitely want to go to see the Mango Brothers soon!!



Region 6

Rafael Cruz #64924
Region 6 Director

It was fantastic seeing everyone at the Bash! The energy, camaraderie, and excitement were unforgettable, and it truly showcased the amazing spirit of the JCI Florida Senate!

We're excited for what's next! Region 6 is already planning more exciting events for the rest of the year and beyond.



Central
Florida

10/19 @ 9am Trunk or Treat Wheelchairs for Kids

2465 Drew Street, Clearwater, FL 33765



Region 8

Scott Link #51911
Region 8 Director

Region 8 is gearing up for a series of engaging community activities across several counties. Here's what's on the horizon:

Pinellas County: Trunk N' Treat 10/19/24

Join us for a fun-filled Trunk N' Treat event hosted by Wheelchairs 4 Kids at 2465 Drew Street, Clearwater, FL 33765. Setup begins from 9 to 10 AM, with the main event from 10 AM to 1 PM. For parking space arrangements, please contact Elizabeth Reinhardt at 727-946-0963 or Elizabeth@WheelChairs4Kids.org.

Manatee County: Veteran's Day Parade 11/11/24

We look forward to the annual Veteran's Day Parade in Palmetto, with hopes of having all 11 positions ready to go. Let's show our support for veterans on this important day.

Manatee County: Christmas Brunch 12/22/24

Celebrate the holiday season with a Christmas Brunch at Tara Golf and Country Club at 6602 Drewry's Bluff, Bradenton, FL 34203. Santa will make a special appearance with gifts for everyone! Brunch begins at 11 AM.



Region 13

Catherine McManus #81988
Region 13 Director

Region 13 is gearing up for an exciting second quarter! We have two exciting socials planned for the fall quarter.

Wednesday, October 9th at 7 p.m. we will have a social at **Friday's** in North Miami Beach. (14891 Biscayne Blvd.). On December 12th we will have a holiday party at the Cheesecake Factory in Aventura Mall (19501 Biscayne Blvd). Catherine will be having the "best sweater contest," and prizes will be awarded!

On September 4th we had our Region 13 social at John Martin's. We all enjoyed the typical Irish fare (such as bangers and mash). The Senators had a marvelous time!

Region 13 has many socials/events planned throughout the year, and Catherine looks forward to growing Region 13!! Please check our JCI Senators of South Florida FB page. We welcome other senators from across the state to attend our socials.



10/9 @ 7pm Region 13 Social

Friday's North Miami Beach
14891 Biscayne Blvd.

10/16 @ 7pm Region 12 Social

Cheesecake Factory Boca Raton
5530 Glades Rd.



Region 12

Amy Kent #82550
Region 12 Director

Region 12 is alive and kicking! We're thrilled to announce our next social gathering, and we hope you can join us.

Join Us at The Cheesecake Factory

On October 16th, we'll be meeting at The Cheesecake Factory in Boca Raton. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see you there as we catch up, enjoy great food, and discuss upcoming events. This will be a fantastic opportunity to connect with members and share ideas for the rest of the year.

We're busy planning some exciting happenings for the remainder of 2024 and can't wait to share the details with you. Region 12 is also working on major events for the beginning of next year, along with our regular monthly socials. Whether you're new to the group or a longtime member, there's something for everyone!

Stay tuned for more information on our upcoming events, and we hope to see you on October 16th at The Cheesecake Factory!

On Fridays, We Wear Red

Every Friday someone asks whether you are wearing Red. Well, to help ensure that the answer is “Yes”, a shirt was designed for our fellow Senator. Won't you join us as we look to ensure everyone can wear red on Fridays – especially at November Conference – to honor those who have or are currently deployed. PLUS, a portion of the proceeds will benefit Wreaths Across America.

So, the bottom line is for everyone to step up and Just Wear Red!!

Orders must be received by Oct. 10th to ensure hand delivery at November Conference.

You can find the Order Form on the website by scanning the QR code!

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at scott3760.sj@gmail.com.



grinchmas Membership Report

Jim Warren #42572
Membership Director

Mark Your Calendar! – Friday, November 8th is **BRING A FRIEND NIGHT** at the Fl. JCI Senate Fall Conference! Yes, Bring a Senate Friend, either a Non-Member, or one we usually don't see and have a Wonderful Evening! Show them how much fun you have in the 'world Fl JCI Hospitality Celebration! Following the Board Meeting that night, you'll be exposed to the Soon to be famous Grinchmas Ugliest Sweater Contest! This year, you and your friend will have the opportunity to vote & choose the next Annual Winner!

On Saturday Morning, we will be recognizing the dedicated Senators inducted in the **FLORIDA FLOTILLA** FOR recruiting new members and also the top region in the new **FLORIDA 500** Recruitment Race!

As we know, bringing new senators into our organization not only helps the Florida JCI Senate, but also gives the new member opportunities they never knew existed. So, lets have fun and take part in **BRING A FRIEND NIGHT** and wear your **UGLIEST CHRISTMAS SWEATER!**



First Timers Report

Nina Nadeau #49287
First Timers Chair

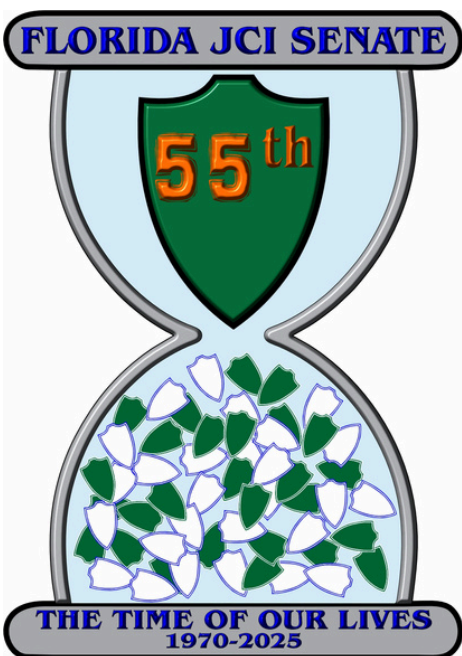
Congratulations to our First Quarter Conference First Timers Champion, Senator #15727, Denny Shohgren!

Denny recently joined the Florida JCI Senate. He hails from Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

He was awarded his Senatorship in 1972 by the Glen Ellyn Jaycees. One of his favorite Jaycee memories was when he chaired the 1968 Glen Ellyn Fourth of July event. It was an annual event for the village of 30,000 people that also included a parade with horses from the Black Horse Troop Masons.

Denny enjoyed his first Florida conference in August and raised \$200 for the Rodeheaver's Boys Ranch! He won the award based on ticket sales instead of signatures.

Denny lives in Juno Beach. He attended his first conference thanks to Jim Warren. He is looking forward to attending the November Grinchmas Conference and meeting more Florida Senators.



55th ANNIVERSARY

Get ready... for our 55th anniversary in February at the 3rd quarter meeting. See the QR code for the hotel information. Book your room now, since we know that it will fill up very fast.

Get set... all the information on the 55th is on Facebook at the page "Florida JCI Senate 55th Anniversary". Download the registration form, ad form and shirt form. Ad forms are due to me by December 1st so that they can be included in the program book. Consider purchasing a shirt to commemorate this anniversary.

Let's celebrate...be in Kissimmee the weekend of February 14-16 to attend the 3rd quarter meeting and celebrate our 55th during a fabulous banquet. Join past presidents, Randy Avon, JB Keena, Al Dorsett, Jim **Parker** and your friends as we reminisce and celebrate our great organization.

For more information – contact me at jci56368@outlook.com



Jaci Newmark #56368
Chair, 55th Anniversary



Return the Favor

Scott Jacobs #58599
Return the Favor Chair

Greetings and Salutations to my fellow Senators. I hope that nasty H word did not leave you any worse for wear.

At the USJCI Senate's Winter Boards in January, the best of the best will be recognized for what they did to help Jaycee Chapters in their home state. We have had plenty of Senators lend a helping hand to the five Jaycee Chapters in our State, so it should go without saying that we would want one of National's honorees to hail from Florida.

And how, you ask, could you – or one of your fellow Senators – be so honored? It's not that difficult. What you would need to do is email me (scott3760.sj@gmail.com) as much of the following as possible:

- A brief description of what you have done to help the Jaycees;
- Get me the hours you have dedicated, and what you did to help;
- Submit your "Jaycee Story" introducing yourself and some of the memorable moments in your Jaycee career. Include the type of things that led to your Chapter honoring you with a JCI Senatorship;
- Participate in a "Coffee Talk" (one on one meeting) with a Jaycee Member;
- Serve as a Mentor to a Jaycee and describe what you have worked on together;
- Have no more than two Jaycees from the Chapter you have worked with provide letters of reference indicating the impact you have made.

The bottom line is, let's continue to go out there and make a difference. If you have any questions, let me know.





Kay Elliot #61747
Foundation President

FLORIDA JCI SENATE FOUNDATION

Florida Senators, Congresswomen, Senior statesmen and Friendships:

Get ready, it's almost time. Mark your calendars. Bring your gifts valued at \$20 +. Be prepared to steal or be stolen. November 9, 2024, the Florida JCI Senate Foundation will be hosting our annual **Grinchmas Fundraiser**. Please note there will be no buyouts until round 3.

Help our Florida **High** School Seniors further their education. Last year we gave 11 scholarships, let's see if we can increase that this year. Be generous and steal often!! Remember... your \$25.00 + donation counts in your account to reach the next level.

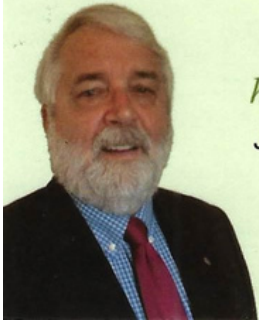
Thank you all for your contributions at the August meeting from the fines collected at the membership meeting, the Saturday night auction to your generous donations. A bit over \$1000.00 was collected for the weekend. One new member, Congratulations to Senator **Jane Sigler**, and to **Patrick Allison** for reaching the Silver level. And \$55.00 went toward the Cecil Deal Memorial Fund.

See you in Tampa!

Kay Elliott, President
FL JCI Senate Foundation



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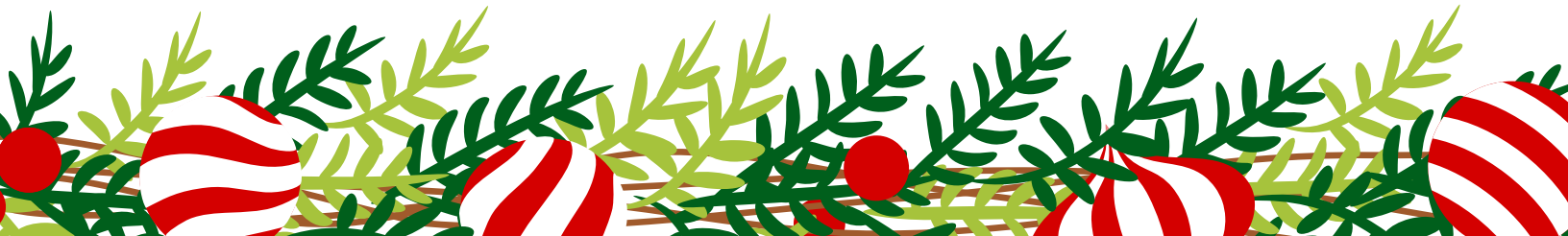
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US JCI SENATE FOUNDATION

Cheryl Carlson #70371

I'm thrilled to be the Region IV representative to the US Senate Foundation this year. The US Senate Foundation's purpose is to give scholarships to high school seniors across the country. We raise the money from our members and friends and use the interest from the money we raise to fund the scholarships. In the spring of 2025, the US Senate Foundation plans to grant fifty (50) \$1,500 scholarships to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges and universities and ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships to continue their education at vocational schools.

During the US JCI Senate Fall Meeting banquet, it was exciting that some of our Florida Senate members were recognized for their ongoing support for the US JCI Senate Foundation. They included:

Member: Amelia Harrison
Silver: Jay & Patsy Edmonson
Gold: Keith Adams



If you are wondering where your cumulative total stands at, drop me a message – I have access to the report to look it up and will be ready to cheer as you reach the next level. So, who will be recognized next??

Are you looking for a way to contribute?? During the Fall Region IV meeting weekend in Huntsville, Alabama, there will be a “brown bag/ Chinese” auction. Items for brown bags are needed – so consider bringing something to donate and have fun with the raffle by purchasing tickets to try your chance at winning something. I will ONLY be able to take cash or check at this event ... so please plan accordingly.

Please remember that your generous support of the US JCI Senate Foundation is always appreciated no matter the amount and donations greater than \$50 will be logged to your tier recognition account. The U.S. JCI Senate Foundation is a fully qualified, IRS-approved 501(c)(3) foundation and we recommend you work with your financial/tax advisor to ensure donations to the U.S. JCI Senate Foundation are deductible for federal income and estate tax purposes.

In JCI Senate Spirit,
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WREATHS *across* AMERICA

For the last 4 years, we have worked with **Wreaths Across America** to provide a veteran's wreath for our interred servicemen and women who dedicated their lives for our freedom. Thousands of volunteers across the United States and in France lay wreaths on National Wreaths Across America Day, December 14. We invite you to participate at any of the 9 Florida National Cemeteries or at any participating cemetery nationwide. The USJCI Senate adopted this program also.

Wreaths can be purchased through our Sponsor Group at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0833 under the program of buy 2 wreaths at 17.00 each and the cemetery of choice gets 1 free (\$34.00) This has been our most popular program.

Buy 1 Wreath at 17.00 at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/FL125P and the club receives \$5.00 for Rodeheavers Boy's Ranch. This organization provides a home for abused/neglected and or/troubled teens. They receive NO government funding.

You, a friend, a neighbor, or a company can buy any number of wreaths that you want for any cemetery Nationwide through our sponsorship group. We accept checks payable to Wreaths Across America or ANY DONATION AMOUNT. Online purchasing is preferred.

Please check the Florida JCI Senate Website and Facebook for updates on Grave-specific ordering, purchasing a "Patriot Pair" and cemetery information. You must Sign- up online this year. If some of you would like to go together, you can sign up as a group. Please refrain from calling the cemeteries unless you would like to volunteer there.

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RODEHEAVER BOYS RANCH



Please Mark Your Calendars and Join us on **December 7, 2024, @ 9:00 a.m.** for a Field Day/Christmas Party with the boys living at the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch. Come out and join some of your fellow Senators with the boys on the field or entertain the younger children.

Last year we had 18 Senators, we can always use more Senators or Jaycees. We are asking for donations to purchase Gift Cards & Stockings to present to the Boys living at the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch on December 7th. If there is money left over after purchasing the gift cards and stocking it will be donated for the upkeep of the cabin that was built by the Florida Jaycees. We will be collecting your donations at our 2nd Quarter Meeting in Tampa on Nov 8th & 9th. If you are unable to attend, please consider making your donation by using Zelle (fljcisenate@gmail.com) or mail a check to Florida JCI Senate to Don Duffy, Jr #78415, c/o Irene Shanley 6032 Indrio Rd P3, Fort Pierce, FL 34951 Make sure that you mark your donation to Rodeheaver Boys Ranch.

Wreaths Across America & Rodeheaver Boys Ranch - Another great way you can also support Rodeheaver Boys Ranch is by buying a wreath today for \$17.00 and \$5.00 come back to the Florida JCI Senate for donation to Rodeheaver Boys Ranch. www.wreathscrossamerica.org/FL1251P We also will continue to accept items that the Boys Ranch can sell in their country store. Also any shopping bags or gift bags (no plastic grocery bags)

The boys themselves can always use:

- White Crew Neck Undershirts - Mens Medium or Large
- Boxers - Boys Medium or Large
- Boxers - Mens Small, Medium or Large

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