



# FLORIDA BLAST

THE OFFICIAL EBLAST OF THE FLORIDA JCI SENATE

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

FEBRUARY 2025

The 55th anniversary is just around the corner, with **February 14th-16th** fast approaching. We are honored to have President **Bruce Sostak (#52655)** and **NVP Carla Baily (#62624)** as our guests for the weekend. Please take the opportunity to engage with them, as they are eager to hear from you.

Additionally, **Jim Warren** will be presenting a membership seminar on Saturday afternoon. I hope you will make time to attend, as membership will be my top priority for the remainder of my term.

I will be representing Florida at the annual Jaycees meeting in North Carolina on February 8, where they will be presenting Senatorships. It promises to be an exciting evening.

I will also be attending the Region 8 social at Scott Link's house on February 22. I'm looking forward to those ribeye steaks! Finally, I am excited to attend the Region 12 meeting on March 1, which will be held at P.F. Chang's in Aventura.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, February 14th - Sunday, February 16th**  
3rd Quarter Conference & 55th Anniversary  
Kissimmee, FL

**Saturday, February 22nd @ 2pm**  
Party at the Link's House  
2294 Canfield Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609.

**Saturday, March 1st @ 6pm**  
Region 13 Social  
PF Changs - Aventura

## MANAGEMENT VP UPDATE

The FL JCI Senate fundraiser is the "Pick 3" sweepstakes tickets. The money raised goes back to the Florida JCI Senate. We need everyone's help to buy and sell the tickets. The drawing is held daily in April when the Florida Pick 3 is drawn. We have until the end of March to sell tickets. Winners receive \$50.

Reach out to me to get tickets to sell or buy: Amelia (aaharrison@aol.com).

## SECRETARY UPDATE



Don't forget, you're welcome to share ONE post of your four-legged (or other) pet on our FL JCI Senate Facebook page during February. Let's see those adorable faces!

## CHAPLAIN UPDATE

As always, please keep unspoken requests in your thoughts and prayers. Unfortunately, we have lost two of our friends and mentors: Tom Najjay (#27708) and Ron Whitmore (#25946).

Thank you to Jim Warren (#42572) and our COB Jaci Newmark (#56368) for sharing pictures from the year-end Memorial Services. If you were a chaplain from 2020-2023 and have pictures or PowerPoints to share, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email them to kc86auburn2@gmail.com.

## 55TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Dust off your suit and dress, and let's celebrate our organization's 55th anniversary! Join us the weekend of **February 14th-16th** in Kissimmee.

Keep an eye on the 55th Facebook page for last-minute updates.

Thank you to the team for all their hard work. Let's have some fun!

## 3RD QUARTER CONFERENCE UPDATE

Get ready for some fun! 🎉 Saturday night after the 55th Anniversary celebration, we'll be having a onesie party in the hospitality room! Be on the lookout for the Hollywood Ho-Ho-Hos!

## REGION 8 UPDATES

**Party at the Link's House!** Join us on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 2 PM to 10 PM at 2294 Canfield Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609.

We'll have rib-eye steaks, hot dogs, and burgers, along with soda and water. If you prefer stronger drinks, please bring your own. Feel free to share a dish if you'd like. Please RSVP so we can plan the rib-eye steaks accordingly.

Enjoy fireworks and a campfire at night. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair. Fair warning: Candy, our dog, loves to be petted! 🐶

## REGION 9 UPDATES

If you're interested in running for Regional Director or know someone who might be, please let me know!

Also, if you're thinking about going to Pints and Pistols in early March, get in touch with me as soon as you can.

We'll have more information about Wreaths Across America at the upcoming conference. Looking forward to hearing from you!