



CALLING ALL ENGAGING SENATORS!

In 1987, US Jaycees President, Gary Wilkinson, asked the US JCI Senate to help the Jaycees. US JCI Senate President Larry Sheeler #16232 appointed Mike Harris #24801 to chair this project known as "Yes, We Can Help". Florida was one of the states that participated in this program by helping the Florida Jaycees. The following year, the program was renamed to Return the Favor Program and many state organizations participated in. At the National Convention held in Tampa this June, the US JCI Senate created the Michael Bearon Memorial Award for the Outstanding Return the Favor Senator which was awarded to Pam Padgett #51341.

I shared this with you as JCI Florida is teetering to collapse if we do not help them. Only three chapters remain: Hollywood, Lake Placid, and Panama City. This is why my theme is "Engaging Senators...Assisting JCI Florida." We need to reach out to Senators who are not members of our organization so we can prosper and grow. At the same time, we need to assist JCI Florida with recruiting new members and creating new chapters. If we don't, we will eventually end up on the list with the Barbary Lions, Tasmanian Tigers, and Wholly Mammoths. I encourage you to reach out and help JCI Florida. Remember if it were not for the Jaycees, we would not be Senators.

Congratulations to Chairman of the Board, Jaci Newmark #56368 for a great year evidenced as many Florida JCI Senators were recognized with awards at the National Convention in Tampa. Jaci was recognized as one of the seven outstanding state presidents and will recap all of the winners in articles to follow. Hats off to you all!

Hats off to Chairmen Cindy Brandel #54928 and CC Ackerman #62039 along with the Tampa 2024 team for the fantastic National Convention highlighted by the Mango Brothers. We learned that our own Mark Brandel can play the guitar! While there were a few hiccups, the reception from the Senators and guests was nothing but outstanding. This team will be hard to beat in the future as we had 431 people at the banquet making it the largest ever!

By now, you should have received the mail out from our Treasurer, Don Duffy #78415. Thank you to Kay Elliot #61747 and Irene Shanley #65316 for coordinating this project. The mail out was funded by our Florida JCI Senate Foundation. Please read President Kay Elliot's letter and support the Florida JCI Senate Foundation. Without them, we could not have been able to afford



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Senate Website

the mail out and give out eight scholarships. Our two submissions to the US JCI Senate Foundation were selected as one of the 45 students who will receive \$1,500. Congratulations Chase Hartman and Kylie Anderson.

We started this year with a Board Training on June 1st held in Daytona Beach. Thank you, Kay Elliot, for hosting this event and to Yvonne Sewell for providing the food. It was a great meeting.

The following week, I celebrated my birthday by attending the annual Wheelchairs4Kids water skiing event in Winter Haven. The joy of these kids was precious. There was a pizza party after everyone had a chance to water ski. My upcoming plans are to attend the Pinball Social in Delray Beach on July 28 and to JCI Hollywood on August 2 for the 80th Anniversary Celebration.

Our 1st quarter Conference on August 23 – 25 is in Altamonte Springs. The theme for the weekend is the 70's and you are requested to wear clothing representing that era. Why are we celebrating this decade? The Florida JCI Senate was founded in 1970 and the US JCI Senate was founded in 1972. There may be a football pool for the Florida State/Georgia Tech game on Friday night. At the Saturday night dinner, I will be recognizing people 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 exceeding two paragraphs to mikesf3@gmail.com.

October 3-6 is a special weekend as we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Florida Bash. What started as a party at Ira Moser's place has now become one of our biggest events of the year. Debra Jeanne Gronvold is the chairperson and for those who know Debra Jeanne, she does a fantastic job in organizing events.

Jim Warren is our membership chair and has put together a plan to reach out and encourage them to join our organization. We know that there are 147 Senators who live in Florida but are Senators from another state and have not joined our group. Here is our opportunity to reach out to them. Congratulations to our newest Senator Danine Patrick #83030 who was recognized at the National Convention Saturday night banquet.

Our 2024-25 team is ready to serve you. We would like to encourage each of you to be an active part in this distinguished organization. If you have not attended an event in a while, please come and join us. Here is an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones.

It is going to be a great year!

Michael Sawyer #36403 55th President







It is always exciting and refreshing to start a new year. I am grateful to have been elected by the membership of this great organization to be your Management Vice President for the 2024-2025 FL JCI Senate year. Thank you for believing in me. As a vital position to our organization, my responsibilities will be registration forms, and agendas, setting the room for meetings with proper placement of the flags and creed, introductions of dignitaries at meetings and dinners aiding the President as needed, as well as working with the Management team. Our Management Team is listed below and ready to help in any way they are able. Let us remember to work as a team throughout this year with President Michael on his mission of Engaging Senators ... Assisting JCI FL.

Future Directions Chair – Ken Nadeau
Historian – Willy Orr
JCI Liaison – Stacy Mahar
Return the Favor – Scott Jacobs
On-To Chairperson – Johnny Swank
Constitution and By-Laws/Parliamentarian – Bianca Deal
Roster Chairperson – Irene Shanley

One way that we can all be involved with the Management Team is through the fundraising we do for our organization. We have decided to go back to the Pick 3 Sweepstakes. As many of you know, Florida has a daily Pick 3 game. We will be using the EVENING Pick 3. We have printed tickets numbering 001-999. If your ticket, let's say 321, matches the evening drawing in April 2025, you will win \$50. The money goes to the Florida Senate if there are no winners.

There will be 30 opportunities to win through the month of April, the Pick 3 drawing is daily. Selling all the tickets printed @ \$5 a piece will generate a total revenue of \$5,000. After daily winners are deducted, the FL Senate will have raised \$3,500 toward the budget. The tickets will be distributed at the August meeting. We are asking everyone to help sell tickets. All unsold tickets MUST be returned by the February meeting. Come to the August meeting to find out more. You may contact me, Amelia Harrison #62082, aaharrison@aol.com, or call me at 407.269.4378.

The **August Conference** is right around the corner. It will be held in Altamonte Springs at the Hilton - Altamonte Spring on **August 23 - 25**. Call the hotel at 800-678- 4380 before August 18, and use the room block code: **JCI 24**. The registration cost is **\$60.00**. The registration form can be found on the website.

The **40th Anniversary Florida Bash** will be held in Daytona Beach Shores on **Oct 3-6** at El Caribe Resort and Conference Center. Call the hotel at 386-252-1558 before September 9, and use the group name FL JCI Senate. The registration cost is **\$40**. The registration form can be found on the website.

The Management Team is looking forward to collaborating with you and President Mike on Engaging Senators ... Assisting JCI FL.

Amelia Harrison #62082 Management VP aaharrison@aol.com To all my fellow FL JCI Senators:

I look forward this year to helping President Mike Sawyer #36403 achieve his goals in "Engaging Senators Assisting JCI FL". I have assembled a great team of people to help me this year in serving you the best snacks, munchies, lunch and dinners I can. President Mike's theme for August is "The 70's", please dress accordingly. I am always open to suggestions for food and drinks, just drop me a note at Patrick.64624@comcast.net or text me at 410-320-5509.

For a bit of fun and adventure, I am introducing the "FL JCI Senate Shot of the Quarter to be served on Friday nights, and if there's any left over, maybe Saturday night too. Theresa and I were in Alaska in early May and were introduced to what is now my favorite shot (and Mark Brandel's # 49789; Caryn Ackerman #62039 too) the "Duck Fart" an Alaskan tradition for more than 60 years.

Not sure what it is? Then come out on Friday night and find out.

I look forward to seeing everyone in August!

Patrick Allison Administrative VP #64624



Don Duffy #78415 Treasurer

Well, here we are again, and I want to begin by congratulating our new President, Mike Sawyer, and all the new incoming executive BOD. Special thanks to our Membership Director Jim Warren for assisting me with membership and Nina Nadeau our First Timers Chair. I know they will both do a great job!! We have some big shoes to fill this year with membership, but we are up for the challenge.

Everyone should have received the mass mailing by now and in it is the new membership form along with the August registration, the Florida Bash registration, and the list of 2024-2025 conference locations.

In keeping with the growth for the last several years for the 1 st quarter in Florida Senate, please get your dues in. You can use PayPal: www.fljcisenate.org remember there is a \$5.00 processing fee through PayPal. We also have "ZELLE" using FLJCISenate@gmail.com again this year. When using ZELLE or PayPal please email your completed membership form to dduffy3131@gmail.com. Of course, we still take checks or cash!!

I'm looking forward to this year as your treasurer and helping the Florida Senate to remain at the top with growth and leadership, mostly by having fun and enjoying the comradery among senate friends from Florida and afar.

(Treasurer's Report, Cont)

P.S. Joke of the Day: I spoke to my friend in Russia he said they do not have LYFT in Russia. I said, "How do you get around?" He replied, "We ride bears, we call it Ubear" HAHAHAH!!!!

Sincerely, Don Duffy #78415 FL JCI Senate Treasurer



Lynn Whalen #44712 Secretary

First, I want to give a heartfelt congratulations to Amelia Harrison and her entire team- Kelly, Mindy, Irene, Patrick, and Scott for winning the Nolan Terrill National Award for State Communications.

I am very proud of the team this year with Kelly Koch handling Facebook and also being the official photographer; Amy Kent with the now Florida Blast, remember she wants short and to-the-point blasts; Mindy Gallagher will continue as the Chambers Editor and also will manage the Website; Kathy Collins has taken on the position of Chaplain. Each member of the team is more than willing to help make this year fun and informative. Please do note that all of us have real jobs.

Each member of this team is an essential piece of the puzzle and along with all our Florida JCI members will be Engaging more Senators during this year.

Thank You for the opportunity!

Lynn Whalen #44712 Secretary 2024-2025 FL JCI Senate gmalynn53@gmail.com



Chaplain's Report

Kathy Collins #64926 Chaplian

Hello Fl JCI Senators

I am honored and humbled that Pres Mike has appointed me as your Chaplain for this year of Engaging Senators...Assisting JCI FL. It has already started with unwanted news from a few of our members. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

This will be a big year with a five-year memorial service in February as we celebrate Fifty-Five years of the FL Jaycee/JCI Senate.

If you have good news you wish to share or illness please inform me before the 12th or 27th of each month so it can be published in the National E Blast.

Kathy Collins #64926 FL JCI Senate Chaplain kc86auburn2@gmail.com 561-386-5080 (text is best)

Winner... Winner...

Recap of recognition received by Florida and Region IV at the US JCI Senate Annual Meeting in Tampa.

- Outstanding President: Jaci Newmark
- Outstanding Treasurer: Michael Sawyer
- Outstanding Chaplain: Patrick Allison (Tom Sellmer Memorial Award Most Outstanding Chaplain)
- Outstanding NVP: Mark Brandel (Donnie Alvis Memorial Award Most Outstanding NVP)
- Outstanding Appointee: John Robinson (Wheelchairs 4 Kids)
- Outstanding Appointee: Marsha Phillips (Chief of Staff)
- Nolan Terrill Memorial Award: Communications Team (led by Secretary Amelia Harrison)
- Regions Party Booth: 1st Place Region IV Marge Saunders
- First Timers Award Catherine McManus
- 3 rd Place Overall: National Sweepstakes tickets
- Top growth for the year: +19
- New Senatorship presented: Danine Hewitt Patrick #83030

Recognition of Florida members in other states:

- Outstanding President: Cheryl Carlson NC (Thomas Humphrey Memorial Award Most Outstanding President)
- Outstanding President Larry Graham AL
- Outstanding Appointee: James Rupard (National Chaplain) NC (Ron Robinson Memorial Award Most Outstanding Appointee).
- Outstanding Appointee: Lori Palo (National Sweepstakes Chair) GA
- Outstanding Regional Chaplain: Daryl McNair SC
- Michael Bearon Memorial Award Return the Favor Award: Pam Padgett NC

CONGRATULATIONS ALL! IT WAS A GREAT YEAR.

Jaci Newmark #56368 Chairman of the Board





Communication Team Updates

NEW & IMPROVED E-BLAST NEW

Get ready for the new & improved E-blast - the newsletter that provides you with the facts - nothing but the facts about the JCI upcoming events sponsored all over State! That's right all of the events that you need to know about in one simple publication.

Just send your event notifications to me at my email address: amydianekent@gmail.com

Think of the Blast as a list of upcoming events that you can put or your refrigerator or as an easy reference to update your personal calendar.

To facilitate the success of this publication, it's vital that the information is sent to me timely. I'll send out an email to everyone a week before the deadline - that will be your only notifications. Following are the deadlines for the E-Blast:

THE INAUGURAL ISSUE WILL BE SENT OUT FOR RELEASE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 2nd - Please send the list of your events, along with a brief description of each event to me no later than July 25th

Following Issues: Deadline. Release Date

8/26. 9/1 9/26. 10/1

10/28. 11/1

11/24. 12/1

12/22. 1/1

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The overall success of the E-blast depends on you-the publication is only as good as the information you provide...I'm here to help in anyway I can....

Here's to a GREAT year!

Amy Jacoves Kent #82550

CHAMBERS/WEBSITE UPDATES

I am excited to serve as your Chambers Editor and Webmaster for the 2024-2025 year. Your contributions are invaluable, and I especially appreciate receiving your articles on time. Please feel free to submit your pieces before the deadlines—I truly appreciate your cooperation. The next Chambers deadline is Sunday, September 29th.

If you have content you'd like to include in the next issue of Chambers, please share it! This is your publication, and it's a wonderful platform to connect with your fellow Florida Senators.

Additionally, I am now managing the FL JCI Senate website. I will be adding a calendar to showcase events from around the state. If you have an event to share, please email me at chambersjcifls@gmail.com.

One of the enhancements I'm working on is updating the photo galleries. Please email me your photos from various events—they may be featured in a future Chambers issue or on the website! Send your photos to chambersjcifls@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to an exciting year filled with engaging content and memorable events. Your participation is what makes the Chambers and our website vibrant and informative. Let's work together to make this year a success. Thank you for your continued support, and I can't wait to see all the wonderful contributions and photos you'll be sharing. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Mindy Gallagher #79578 Chambers Editor/Webmaster



Welcome to the new year for Florida JCI Senators under President Michael Sawyer. My name is Rafael Cruz and I have been a Florida JCI Senator since 2004. I am your new Region 6 director and I hope to keep the excitement growing in Region 6. This will be an exciting year for us. I am in the planning stages for the many projects we will be implementing this year. We will run new projects this year to keep things exciting and continue with some past projects that everyone enjoyed. Why mess up a good thing?

As Region 6 director one of my favorite things to do is to raise money for needy charities. I will be running projects to benefit these charities and I am hoping to get many senators involved to spread the word on how important a roll we play in our communities. So I'm bringing back my famous motto-" HELP ME, HELP YOU, HELP ME!".

Remember we are an organization that does community service first. We are an organization that does "Community Service without the Court Order".

I would like to thank Nina Nadeau for her great work last year to keep Region 6 Senators active and bringing back the fun to our region. I will be sending out a list of all the projects we have scheduled with location, times and dates to keep everyone informed of our exciting plans for this year. I am hoping to generate new active members to keep the Florida JCI senate growing. One of my main goals is to activate past JCI senators who forgot how much fun it is to be a JCI senator. So thank you for electing me your Region 6 director and I am hoping to keep the fun growing.

Rafael Cruz #64924 Region 6 Director Cruzr28@gmail.com





7/28 @ 2pm Sushi Yama

10017 E Adamo Dr, Tampa, FL 33619





I am excited to be the Regional Director in 8 this year! Our first event is quickly approaching! We hope to see you all out at **Sushi Yama in Tampa on Sunday, July 28th at 2pm.** There will be three orders of business to discuss:

- Introductions game with 3 bottles to win!
- Ideas on how we can help the Jaycees
- Approval of the calendar of events!

I hope to see everyone there!

Scott Link #51911 Region 8 Director jci51911@netscape.net



Region 12 is on Fire!

JCI kicked it into high as we embraced the new Jaycee year - in fact we kicked it off just a couple of days early to honor our departed friend who has now left us for Region 6 - we had a nice dinner and business meeting at The Olive Garden - President Jaci was there & sent Marianne into parts unknown with lots of wonderful swag. We love you! As always, it was a great gathering of great friends, with great food & some goal setting for the coming year.

Speaking of goals, Region 12 plans to focus on activating Senators in the northern part of the Region and well scheduling events to do just that. Stay tuned for more information - we'd love get you back, see some old friends and share more good times. Consider this your personal invitation to get involved and see what you get out of reactivating your JCI Membership.

Our next event is our famous Pinball Museum outing in Delray Beach on Sunday July 28th. A portion of the \$20 admission will benefit President Mike's Second Quarter Philanthropy-Rodeheaver's Boys Ranch - who will all know & love. The fun kicks off at Noon and we have access until 4:00 pm The Museum is located at 19 NE 3rd Avenue in Delray Beach. We have Senators coming in from all over the State. President Mike is planning to attend! Looking forward to seeing all of you on the 28th.

Amy Jacoves Kent #82550







7/28 @ 12pm - Pinball Social

19 NE 3rd Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33483

8/2 @ 5:30pm - 80th Anniversary

Hollywood Jaycees Hall 2930 Hollywood Blvd



Region 13

Catherine McManus #81988 Region 13 Director

Region 13 is back!! I am very excited about being the new Region 13 Director! Regions 12 and 13 had a joint going away party for Marianne Romano, who moved to Ocala. Our former President Jaci Newmark attended, along with many senators from Regions 12 and 13. We will surely miss Marianne!

Region 13 had its first kick-off social on Tuesday, July 9th at Friday's restaurant in North Miami Beach. It was a great opportunity to socialize with our fellow senators! We all had a very nice time.

Our next social is a joint social with Region 12 to be held on Wednesday, August 7th at 7 p.m. at Duffy's, located at 811 South University Drive in Plantation. Please RSVP to me at cmcmanusjd@gmail.com, or 240-888-4110. On Wednesday, September 4th we will have our Region 13 social at 7 pm at John Martins, located at 253 Miracle Mile in Coral Gables.

I have socials/events planned throughout the year, and look forward to growing our Region!! Kindly check our JCI Senators of South Florida FB page. Also, please reach out to me at cmcmanusjd@gmail.com or 240-888-4110 with any suggestions.



We Must Help Rebuild the Jaycees; Our Own Future Depends on It

I have the pleasure of serving this Senate Year as your Return the Favor State Chairman. It is one of President Michael's priorities – helping JCI Florida that is.

Back in the day, JCI Florida – or the Florida Jaycees, as we fondly remember it as – was one of the largest, most active. and most prolific state organizations in the country. But the climate changed and the organization stopped doing the type of things which led them to the top of the mountain. The resulting downward spiral has left Florida with just three Chapters – Hollywood, Lake Placid, and Panama City. Each of them needs help making sure their respective core stays solid, and that their members are taking advantage of all possible opportunities to make a difference.

Helping the Jaycees ironically, is also a cornerstone of what makes a healthy Senate organization. The stronger the Jaycee organization means there are more outstanding Jaycees to go on to receive Senatorship honors (something we definitely need). So, answer the call to help, and as a result, we will ensure our own future as well.

Scott Jacobs #58599 Return the Favor State Chairman scott3760.sj@gmail.com



FLORIDA JCI SENATE



The 55th Anniversary of the Florida JCI Senate will be held the weekend of **February 14-16**, **2025**, in Kissimmee.

Go to the "Florida JCI Senate 55th Anniversary" Facebook page to get information as we begin the celebration. There are forms to order our 55th shirts or put an ad in the Anniversary Program.

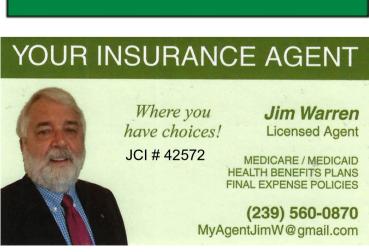
I am putting together the team and we will have an organizational meeting soon.

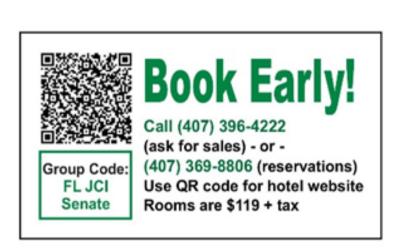
Get your room early. We know that our conference rooms get booked fast – don't be left out.

(BTW – there are 54 little Jaycee shields on the bottom of the hourglass representing each of the Past Presidents. Which shield goes with which president?).

Jaci Newmark #56368 55th Anniversary Chairman











FLORIDA JGI SENTATE FOUNDATION

Kay Elliot #61747 Foundation President

Congratulations to President Mike and his team as they are engaging Senators and assisting the Florida JCI. I look forward to working with all of you this year!

The foundation has awarded 11 scholarships for the 2024 year all recipients have been notified and replied with their respective schooling. Thank you to all of the foundation members for their great generosity, without you we could not do this. In our continuing efforts to increase our base monies we will be holding a silent auction at the August meeting on Sat. night in Altamonte Springs. John Robinson and Steve Sutherland will be chairing this project. Bring your donations in on Saturday and give to either of these gentlemen. You will earn credit towards your account by donating items for the auction and then again by purchasing items from the auction. Your account will be credited when you spend \$25 or more or your item sells for \$25 or more. So please come out and support your Foundation.

Trustees, our board meeting is being moved to Friday 5:00 PM the location will be announced on the weekend agenda. I look forward to seeing you all in Altamonte Springs.

Kay Elliott, President Florida JCI Senate Foundation

Florida JCI Senate Foundation Fundraiser

Steve Sutherland, Senator #27073

Saturday evening August 24, 2024, at the Florida JCI Senate Summer Meeting in Altamonte Springs, Florida, our Foundation will have a silent auction event to raise monies for the scholarships we give annually to high school senior students. We invite you to participate in these ways:

- 1. Donate worthy items to place in the Auction
- 2. Buy items at the Auction
- 3. Or both

Remember, any purchase or combination of purchases of at least \$25 will be credited to your Foundation account. Also, any donated item that sells for at least \$25, the selling price will be credited to your account.

Any unallocated funds raised during this event will be placed in the Cecil Deal Memorial Scholarship account.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Steve Sutherland, Senator #27073 at 850-324-1926 or Sesgator2@aol.com or John Robinson, Senator #585768 at 570-977-3697 or john3607@postoffice.ptd.net.

BRING YOUR ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION AND COME PREPARED TO BUY

SMALL ITEMS & GIFT BAGS WANTED!

Once again we are asking for donations of any small items you may have that Boys Ranch can sell in their country store to raise money for the Ranch. Also any shopping bags or gift bags (no plastic grocery bags).

The boys can always use:

- No show sock 6 to 12 white or black
- Crew Socks 6 to 12 white or black
- White Crew Neck Undershirts Men's Medium or Large
- Boxers Boy's Medium or Large
- Boxers Men's Small, Medium or Large



Please bring all donations to our August meeting (23rd - 24th)

Melanie Fickas #77281 melanief77281@gmail.com if you have any questions!



WREATHS across AMERICA

Your Chairmen for 24-25 are Stacy Link and Peggy Kirby Sewell. We are trying some new approaches recommended to us by the main branch of WWA. Our goal is to spread the word about what the Senate does not only for our veteran's grave sites but for other charities across Florida.

Wreaths is promoting in July and August a, Buy 1 Wreath for \$17 and the Senate will receive \$5.00 back for President Mike's Pet Projects. Currently, it is called the East Coast Senators, just because I hope the West Coast Senators will take on the challenge. Do you all have the "Right Stuff" West Coast Senators????? The site to use is www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/FL1251P.org
Just remember Stacy and I have the ability through Wreaths to know who and what part of the state buys wreaths, so I will keep watch.!!!

Just remember the Buy 2 wreaths get 1 free is our first priority. You can purchase this wreath program through www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/FLO833

Wreaths Across America Day is December 14

