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# Home Run



## message from Coach >>>



## Team Rules 2022- 2023

1. Attendance at Team Practice (meetings) required
2. Know your position
3. Know your Teammates position
4. Do not cross into your Teammates play zone
5. Always be ready to back up your Teammates
6. Encourage your Teammates
7. When you are a visitor in another team's stadium, let them handle their plays
8. Team Meals is to be Teammates only: Do not put the Coach/Manager in an awkward position
9. Allow the Coach to announce Team Meetings and/or new plays
10. Do not bring negative attitude on the field; we all need to stay positive & confident on and off the field. You never know who is watching!
11. **THERE IS NO CRYING IN BASEBALL!!**

Team Oklahoma!

What an AWESOME start to our Season! What a Time we had at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! So enjoyed seeing Senators and Jaycee Alumni we had not seen in many years! We missed all of you that could not make it, but I extend a huge invitation for you to come join us soon for one of our upcoming Socials and Meetings! WE will keep you posted! We were so honored & blessed to have our own Charter Senate President Royce Wilmoth and his lovely wife Linda join us in the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Our National US JCI Senate President, Susan Hatcher was right there with us as well to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup>! Hal Williams our US JCI Administrative VP and our very own Region VIII NVP Ann Engle, joined in on the 50<sup>th</sup> fun. We had many out of state friends come in as well. We so appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to come help us Celebrate this Golden Year of the OK JCI Senate. In this newsletter you will see many special photo's taken by our Special Friend and Photographer Yvonne Mason! So much laughter, hugs, reacquaintances and yes, there was a little "crying in Baseball" at the banquet Saturday night!

Special Congratulations to our Outstanding Senator - Bob Henry Memorial Award Winner ~ Sissie Harmon. Our two new Senators: James Thornley {Atoka} # 80739 & Laura Jean Harris {Shawnee} #80740!! We are so excited to have you on our Team! One of my goals this year is ACTIVATION! To Activate at least 10% of Senators on our Roster that we haven't seen in a while. Look for Post Cards / Notes from us to invite you to join us in our gatherings!

Hoping to have many join us this year in taking the Traveling Team to Golden Colorado, as our Region VIII Colorado Senate hosts FALL BOARD 2022. Great Training, fellowship and lots of Sightseeing to be had in Golden, CO.

You must step onto the Field to be in the Game,  
You must step up to the Plate to Activate.

Let's Activate and run the bases to Score Homeruns in OKLAHOMA!

DeLisa Anderson, 50th President  
OK JCI Senate



# Team Oklahoma

**vice president >>>**



Hi Senators!

Excited to share our next two upcoming socials and general membership meeting. Fliers are in this newsletter. If you have an idea for a fun social in your area, please let me know.

Team Oklahoma!

Stephanie Prewitt #75200  
405-826-2328

**secretary >>>**



Our first general membership meeting took place on August 13, 2022. Hopefully, by the end of August, I will be sending out via email and regular mail a "draft" of the minutes of that meeting. Please review and contact me if there are any corrections. I will make those before the minutes are presented in "draft pending approval" format at the next membership meeting. I hope this will help us remember what action was taken and follow through with any responsibilities in a timely manner. I really appreciate members stating their name before making a motion so that I can record that in the minutes. I will learn to recognize your voices in the future. Please remember to sign the attendance sheet at each meeting and update if you move, change email addresses or phone numbers.

I will always have a sign in sheet for the Mentors Magazine at meetings and socials. For those who do not know, we encourage our members and guests to sign the Mentors sheet and donate \$2 to cover the cost of the space ad in our USJCI Senate magazine called Mentors. The Mentors sheet is separate from the regular attendance sheet.

Please let me know if I can do anything to help you participate and enjoy our meetings more. If you are aware of any updates on contact information for any of our members, missing members, and inactive members, please let me know so we can keep records current.

Pat Reffett #77848  
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## Where and how to find Team Oklahoma



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**OKJCI SENATE  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

**Saturday, December 10, 2022**

**Membership Meeting 5:30      Dinner 6:30**

You are invited to our General Membership Meeting and Social. Bring a Dirty Santa Gift, price not to exceed \$20. After dinner & gift exchange, we can socialize, play games, etc. at the hotel.

**Bill's Steakhouse and Saloon**  
1013 SW 89<sup>th</sup> St. Oklahoma City, OK 73139

**Embassy Suites (405)682-6000**  
1815 S. Meridian Oklahoma City OK 73108  
\$99 per night. Ask for OJC rate.  
Includes their YUMMY breakfast!

# Team Oklahoma

chairmen >>>



**Scholarships** The Senate's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration raised \$1,200 for scholarships through the Foundation's Silent Auction. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or bid on items. We exceeded our goal making it possible to provide two scholarships this year. The new scholarship application will be available soon on our website. Please visit [oklahomajcisenate.org](http://oklahomajcisenate.org) for additional information or you may direct inquiries to [becklynnne53@gmail.com](mailto:becklynnne53@gmail.com). The new scholarship application will be distributed to Oklahoma High Schools the first week of October.

Congratulations to our new Senators James Thornley #80739 and Laura Harris #80740. Congratulations to Sissie Harmon #63902 for recipient of this year's Bob Henry Memorial Award. And thank you to all who attended the Celebration! It was awesome to see so many faces that we haven't seen in a while. We hope you will join us again soon!

Becky Edwards #62937  
OK JCI Senate Scholarship Program Manager



**The Bob Henry** award was given out at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet to the most deserving Sissie Harmon #63902. Sissie has been active with the Senate since she received hers. Always there with a smile and available to assist anyone anytime. Sissie understand the importance of inclusion and works to include all members and ensure they are informed, comfortable and excited about participating in our club. In addition to Oklahoma Senate, Sissie is also very active with the OK Senate Foundation as well as the US JCI Senate Foundation. Sissie has volunteered for years to help with the auction at national events. Raising money for our Pay it Forward program to award senatorships to deserving Jaycees, assisting with protocol, stepping in to help me with SOAR when I could not make a national meeting, Sissie is always there where she is needed. Oklahoma Senate was honored to present Sissie with the Bob Henry Memorial Award as the outstanding OK JCI Senator! Next year will be our next presentation, so be watching and thinking about who you would like to nominate. Congratulations Sissie!

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Teri Long #57104

## The Game Has Started! ⚾

The OK Jaycee Senate's 50th Anniversary Celebration was AWESOME!!! What a great time to see old and new friends forever! Oh, the stories and precious memories the walls of the Embassy Suites can tell. If you did not make the weekend, we TRULY missed you .... We welcome you ALL to join us at our future events.

DeLisa's first general meeting of the year was great too! We were blessed to have so many National Officers, including President Susan Hatcher and Administrative Vice President Hal Williams. We also had visitors from around the country too! We also welcomed our 3 new OK JCI dual members attending our meeting: Andreas Vandiver #75413(KS), Jimmy Lewis #78887(TX), and Mark Swayne #62056(KS) .... and I believe we had in our midst one of our two NEW OK JCI Senators (unbeknownst to her) Laura Jean Harris #80740!

I would also like to congratulate James Thornley NEW #80739 and a very much deserved Bob Henry Award recipient Sissie Harmon #63902!!!

*Remember rules make the game run smoothly and so EVERYONE has the chance to be WINNERS!!*



⚾ PLAY BALL ⚾

Teri Long #57104  
Umpire 2022-23



Fellow Senators:

On behalf of President Matt Hutchinson, the Canada JCI National Executive, and all members of the Canada JCI Senate. We send you sincere congratulations on the celebration of your **OKLAHOMA 50TH. ANNIVERSARY GALA!** We wish you fun and fellowship as you celebrate 50 years of Senate Leadership and Hospitality in the Great State of Oklahoma.

As Oklahoma's newest Senator, it was my hope to join all of you in your night of celebration, but it just was not possible. Cheers to all, and, as always, play safe.

Rob Cronkwright #54515 Past President Canada Senate and Proud new member of OK JCI Senate

Message from our Charter Senate President Royce Wilmoth. Royce did not think he would be able to attend due to health, but felt 'reenergized' and we were honored to have Royce and Linda as our guests at the banquet. Royce's message: First of all, as you'd not need to guess -- I am slightly over - the - hill.... It has all been tremendously fulfilling, yet, a completely full 50 years for me. I really don't know at this time whether I will be attending. My health has been trending downward at a fast pace, so I don't do or go so very much anymore. I'd love to be in attendance, yet, I just do not think so. I must tell you how proud and pleased I am that the Oklahoma JCI Senate has thrived, survived and stayed alive this long. Given world and life conditions, we are blessed that "OURS" has stayed active, alive and vibrant all this time. We can only pray that God will continue to breathe exhilarating life into our purpose, our friendship, our existence, our continued success.

My most sincere and truly best wishes to you, my friend....and to all the OKLAHOMA JCI SENATE.



Charter President Royce with President DeLisa



**For Earlybirds**

**SEPTEMBER RENEWALS**

Penny Beech, # 68139  
Rick Parrish, # 49489  
Richard Szczepaniak, # 68142

**DECEMBER RENEWALS**

Treva Kennedy, # 62085  
Cheryl Kincannon, # 49492  
Jane Loafman, # 49493  
Leah McCombs, # 67305  
Paul Peters, # 55706  
Charles Ramsey, # 48493  
Ann Stolfa, # 68915

**Annual Dues \$30**

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to avoid fees)

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**Welcome to our new OK JCI Senators!**

James Thornley #87039  
Laura Harris #87040  
Rob Cronkwright # 54515  
Mark Swayne #62056  
Andres Vandever #75413  
Jimmy Lewis #78887



**OK JCI SENATE Fall Social**

**Date:** Saturday October 29, 2022

**Time:** Start 1:00pm

**Location:** Home of Randy & Sharron Sursa  
611 Silver Fox Court Blanchard OK

Randy & Sharron will provide the meat. Please bring sides & desserts BYOB

No Home Games at OU or OSU! TVs available for your viewing pleasure. We will eat approx. 3pm, and spend the rest of the time socializing, watching football, playing poker and other games, etc.

The closest hotels are in Norman, if you don't want to drive home after.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - REGISTRATION REPORT**

From Pat Reffett #77848, Registration Chair

I would like to offer a GIANT TIP OF THE HAT to everyone who attended the OK JCI Senate 50th Anniversary Celebration. After planning for over a year, we were excited that our attendance exceeded all expectations. We hoped to attract at least 50 Senators, Jaycee Alumni and guests. When total registrations climbed to 91 and 83 of those attended the Saturday night banquet, we were thrilled! Everyone seemed to enjoy the celebration and connecting with friends. But we were sorry to see that some of those who had registered were unable to attend. They were sincerely missed, but we look forward to seeing them at future events and activities.

Also, I want to thank the Registration Committee for their input and help before, after and during the event: Sissie Harmon, Nancy Cloud, Sharron Sursa, Randy Sursa, and Cheryl Kincannon. I appreciate Jim Harmon, Sandy Crouch, John Wodarczyk, Dale Crouch, Michael Wehrenberg, Ricky Brown, and Buddy Friesner for their extra help throughout the weekend, and to Sandy below the weekend.

On a personal note, the first Jaycee event I ever worked on was to help my husband Terry who served as the Registration Chairman for the 1973 Oklahoma Jaycees State Convention held in Lawton. What a new and exciting experience that was! All these years later, serving as Registration Chair for the Senate's 50th Celebration seems to have brought me full circle.



### **Home Health and Prayer Requests**

It was wonderful to see so many OK JCI Senators at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It was such a joy to visit so many folks. I pray to see many of them again soon so we get to know each other better!

### **Prayers and Condolences**

As I was visiting with people, I learned some of our JCI Senate family had health issues. I hesitate to mention them by name without permission, so I am asking that we all pray for our OK JCI Senate brothers and sisters who are having health issues and are in need of healing.

Condolences and prayers for comfort to Pam Peters #79536 who lost a close family member in early August.

Debbie Becker #79537 recently underwent surgery to remove her blood clot filter. She is doing well at this time. We pray for continued and improvement and healing.

Peggy Rider #58293 had back surgery 8/22/22. We pray for her doctors and nurses and for a speedy recovery so she can get back to her busy life.

Teri Long #57104 will be having shoulder surgery on 9/9/22. We also pray for her doctors and nurses and for a complete recovery so she may not need any further intervention for that shoulder.

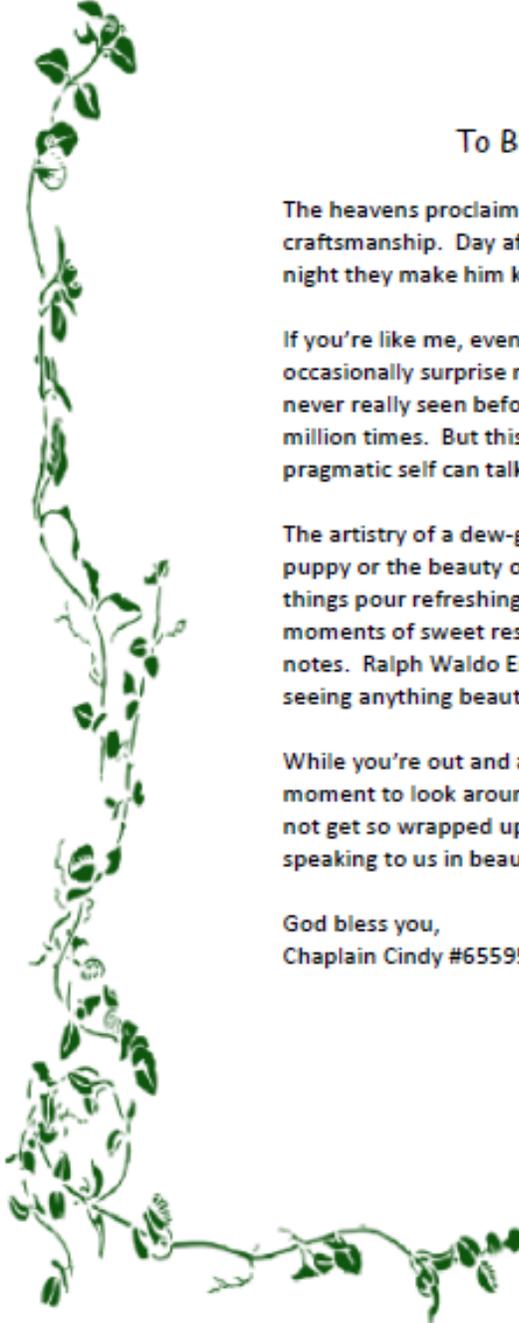
US JCI Senate Treasurer and OK JCI Senator, Bruce Sostak underwent some surgery recently. We pray for his continued recovery so we can see him out on the road visiting folks again.

*Dear Heavenly Father, we come before you with open hearts and faith in your power. We ask that you spread your healing spirit over our brothers and sisters. Fill them with hope, willpower and strength to come through their illnesses and injuries with complete healing. Amen*

### **THURSDAY'S THOUGHTS**

I hope everyone has enjoyed what I have been posting on Facebook for Thursday's Thoughts. If you have a scripture or inspirational quote you would like to share with everyone, please send it to me. I would love for everyone to be involved in lifting up one another with thought provoking and encouraging words.

Cindy Empting #65595  
Chaplain



## To Blessed to Be Stressed

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display His craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. Psalm 19:1-2

If you're like me, even if I'm usually focused on my urgent tasks, I occasionally surprise myself and actually see something I've never really seen before even though I've encountered it a million times. But this time I see it with my heart... before my pragmatic self can talk me out of it.

The artistry of a dew-glistened spiderweb, the funny antics of a puppy or the beauty of the colors in a flower or tree. All of these things pour refreshing beauty into our thirsty hearts and bring moments of sweet rest to our weary souls. They are God's grace notes. Ralph Waldo Emerson said "Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting."

While you're out and about doing what you must do, take a moment to look around at God's handwriting. I pray that we do not get so wrapped up in ourselves that we miss how God is speaking to us in beautiful ways every day.

God bless you,  
Chaplain Cindy #65595



**50<sup>th</sup> anniversary photos >>>**

More photos can be found on our website:

<https://oklahomajcisenate.org/photo-gallery>



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## Upcoming Events:

### Oklahoma JCI Senate

Oct 29 – Fall Social – Blanchard see flier  
Dec 10 – General Membership Mtg & Christmas Social – Oklahoma City see flier

### Region VIII

April 27 - 30 Region VIII Meeting – Colorado

### US JCI Senate

Sept 29 - Oct 1 - US JCI Fall Board  
Golden CO

### 2023

Jan 19-22 - US JCI Senate Winter Board  
Keener, LA

June 26–30 – US JCI Annual Meeting & Celebration  
St. Louis, MO

## 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.**