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News and updates from the OK JCI Senate 2023/2024



Home Run News



message from Coach>>>



Team Rules 2022- 2023

1. Attendance at Team Practice (meetings) required
2. Understand your position
3. Understand your Teammates position
4. Play your zone
5. Back up your teammates. Team Checking – Team Coaching
6. Encourage your Teammates
7. When you are visiting another team, let the other team handle their game
8. Designated team meals – to be teammates only unless otherwise approved by Manager
9. Coach will announce team meetings – new plays
10. Bring a positive attitude to affect positive outcomes

I am very honored to be serving as President of the OK JCI Senate for 2023-2024. It is going to be an exciting year for us! We have DeLisa Anderson #54310 moving up to serve as our Region VIII national vice president. We will be hosting the 2024 Region VIII meeting in April. We are also bidding to host the national Fall Board meeting in September 2024. Great things are happening in Oklahoma!

As Delisa steps into her role as NVP and I step into the office of President I will strive to lead our team with continued enthusiasm, discernment, and love of our organization. I plan to continue with our theme of “Better Together, Team Oklahoma” and our Peanuts baseball gang. However, I will be adding a little twist of my own to the gang. I am breaking out my infamous pilot cap, goggles and scarf to bring you - the missions of Snoopy and his gang (our team) versus the Red Barons!

Who and what are those red barons you ask? They attack unexpectedly and are:

- the red baron of Separation – separated we are weak
- the red baron of Isolation – isolated we are vulnerable
- the red baron of Negativity – negative we are self-destructive
- the red baron of Discouragement – discouraged we are broken
- the red baron of Indifference – indifferent we are alone
- the red baron of Projection – projecting we become unrealistic

How will our gang combat those attacks? With Acts of Courage:

- the act of courage of Honesty – even when painful, makes us stronger
- the act of courage of Kindness – can heal battle wounds
- the act of courage of Inclusion – builds chains that cannot be broken
- the act of courage of Positivity – scatters the darkness
- the act of courage of Self-reflection- tempers our reactions in difficult times
- the act of courage of Humor – lightens the burdens and brings joy!

I look forward to recording Snoopy’s missions and our gangs’ victories as we soar to new heights this year! I have a feeling there are going to be some barrel rolls, some nose dives, some yo-yos, some zoom climbs and many other maneuvers that will result in some great memories and stories to share!!

Be on the lookout.
Keep your eyes on the skies.
Better Together!

President Cindy #65595



Team Oklahoma

vice president >>>



The new USJCI Senate year began on July 1. We celebrated 2022-2023 in St. Louis with the end of Susan Hatcher's 'Experience the Senate' year and started President Hal Williams' year of 'Keeping The Faith'. I love that the theme and focus change every year. I am excited about the new season for our Oklahoma Team!

We have some great things coming up this year & we are trying a few different things, too!

Check out the website! I should have all the updates, additions, changes, and our tentative 2023-24 Calendar of event uploaded to the web. Please call, text, or email me if you see an error on the website.

I would like to challenge all Oklahoma Senators to try something new this year! I did!! I attended my first Major League baseball game. I feel like I saw the Astros as a kid, but this was different--I understood what was going on this time & enjoyed the spectacle of it all. If the weather had been just a tad cooler, I probably would go again! lol

I am also reminding you (AGAIN) to take time for yourself. Life can be stressful. I de-stress by spending time with my family & friends, and I volunteer for several charities. It's amazing how quickly I feel the difference and you will, too!

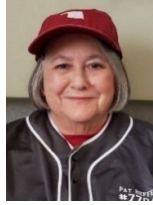
God Bless America and God Bless You.

Better together!

Stephanie Prewitt #75200
VP Oklahoma JCI Senate

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secretary >>>



Happy New Senate Year!

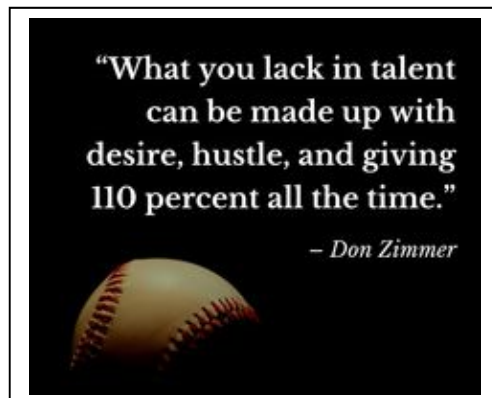
As we begin a new season under the leadership of President Cindy, I want to pause a minute and thank the special members of our team in season 2022-2023. It was an honor to be part of this group, and I appreciate all the support and confidence placed in me by President DeLisa. Our team members each played their roles to the best of their abilities, and I was proud to take the field with each of them. As Sissie and Jerre take a well-earned time out from their roles as Directors, we welcome Charles and Randy as new Directors. I continue to be happy to be a part of the team and will continue to safeguard the records and prepare the minutes in my role as Secretary.

Just a reminder: You may see a Mentors Sign In Sheet less frequently at our events in the future, but please be sure to sign and donate your \$2 to cover the cost of the space ad in our USJCI Senate magazine. The Mentors sheet is separate from the regular attendance sheet.

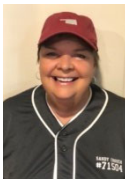
In the interest of saving money and resources, we are going to change a few things this year regarding the minutes. I will continue to send the draft minutes for review/approval when I send out the official meeting notices via e-mail. Please read/review before you come to the general membership meeting. Print a copy at home if you want to have a paper copy at the meeting or save the minutes on your phone or tablet. In the future, we will only provide a few copies of the minutes at the meetings. For those without e-mail addresses, I will continue to send paper copies of the notice and minutes to you, but please bring those copies to the meeting. Printed agendas will still be provided at the meetings.

Please let me know if I can do anything to help you participate and enjoy our meetings more. As we take the field in 2023-2024, let us remember that we are BETTER TOGETHER-TEAM OKLAHOMA!

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treasurer >>>



Sandy Crouch #71504

From your Senate Bean Counter. Summer is in full blast. Stay out of the heat if you possibly can. It is so dangerous. Especially for us Senior Citizens. Hope you all survived the hurricane storms we had few weeks ago. The Tulsa area was hit especially hard.

Once again, all the beans have been counted and we are still very much in the Green.

A reminder that you can pay your dues at any time of the year, not necessarily in the month in which you are due? An early response would be greatly appreciated so that we can send in our dues by the September 1 deadline.

A reminder that our PayPal account is: OKJCITreasurer@gmail.com, and always remember to select "Friends & Family" to avoid any fees.

Or, you can mail to:

Oklahoma JCI Senate
4501 S. Holly Avenue
Sand Springs, OK 74063



Sandy Crouch # 71504 Treasurer



chairman of the board >>>



DeLisa Anderson #54310

Hello Team Oklahoma!

The season went by so fast! I want to thank you all for being a part of Better Together ~ Team Oklahoma 2022-2023. I so enjoyed serving as the President of the OK JCI Senate. I have so many memories and special times with you all. Our state and traveling teams were much noticed across the US. That is all you! A huge congratulations for those who were recognized at US JCI National Convention in St. Louis for Awards and Foundation Donors. I appreciate all of you and enjoyed "Experiencing the Senate" together. Now it is time to move forward in "Keeping the Faith" with a new US JCI Senate year ahead of us. Excited for our new OK JCI President, Cindy Empting to lead us upward and forward. I am confident she will do an excellent job and excited to continue to be on the OK JCI Senate BOD. Even though I am moving into the position of Region VIII NVP, please know that Oklahoma is always where my heart stays. A lot of us have been together & friends for 35+ plus years, I cherish our friendships. That says a lot about who we are in Oklahoma. Hope some of you can travel with me throughout Region VIII!

Better Together ~ Team Oklahoma

DeLisa Anderson #54310

COB, OK JCI Senate

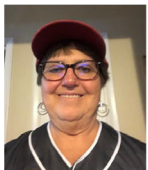
Team Oklahoma

chairmen >>>



Becky Edwards #62937 – Scholarship Chair I am excited to serve another year as the Scholarship Standing Committee Chair for the OK Senate. I hope that the program will continue to be a huge success. I'll be providing updates soon regarding the application and deadlines for our 2023-2024 scholarship applicants. Please promote our application to Seniors in your area and watch for updates on our website: oklahomajcisenate.org. I'm so excited for TEAM OKLAHOMA!

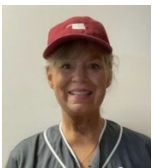
Becky Edwards #62937
OK JCI Senate Scholarship Program Manager



Nancy Cloud #52750 - Bob Henry Memorial Award Chair Thank you for the terrific response in sending in nominations for the Bob Henry Memorial Award. We had several outstanding candidates that made the judging hard to decide on a winner. At our annual meeting in Moore, we presented Senator #54310 DeLisa Anderson the Bob Henry Memorial Award. DeLisa is a very deserving person who is active in her Community, Church, Oklahoma JCI Senate, and the US JCI Senate.

It is not too early to think about fellow Senators you could nominate for the **Bob Henry Memorial Award**. The requirements are simple, there is no "application form" to complete and the recipient will be forever grateful for the honor and recognition. Bob Henry was continuously involved with our Senate organization while staying involved in other civic and community organizations. He truly lived the line of the Jaycee Creed – *"That Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life."* Please help us to recognize other "Bob Henry's" in our organization. I'm anxious to see who you nominate and appreciate our support to this distinguished memorial award.

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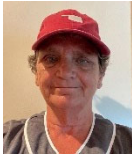
Teri Long #51704 – Umpire | Sgt at Arms

As your Umpire | Sgt at Arms, I will provide some fun things to do in the newsletters. Hope you enjoy them. This issue – word search baseball. Bring your cash to the meetings, in case you get fined!

🌐 LETS TRAVEL! 🌐

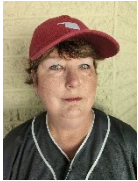


directors >>>



Gloria Albers #79536 – Life Events Director

I hope everyone has enjoyed getting birthday and anniversary cards, I have enjoyed sending them. I have sent out 70 cards. If I have missed anyone I'm sorry, but I don't have your information. Please email me mamag5479@yahoo.com



Pam Peters #79538 – Activation Director

Let's take flight in our new year and soar. Welcome all new senator's! Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Enjoy and have a safe summer.



Randy Sursa #49485 – Pay It Forward Director

Hello Everyone! It has been a while since I wrote an article for our newsletter, but here it goes. I am excited to have been elected one of the new directors for the Oklahoma JCI Senate Club. As part of my duties, I am overseeing our fund-raising effort for the "Pay it Forward" program. I would really love to present more former Jaycees with their Senatorship next year. To do this we will have our 50/50 drawing and I have come up with several prizes for the prize drawing. You read that right, when you purchase your chance at the prize drawing for the BIG prize at the end of the year, you will also be included in a drawing at the event you purchased your tickets. Yes, that is right, I will have some gifts to draw for at our different events this year and your ticket will be put back in for the large prize at the end of the year. So far, I have 2 school mascots, as you would get both - OU & OSU mascots as one choice for the year end prize and I am currently working on another prize in case the winner is not a sports fan. I am also going to be reaching out to senators that do not attend our socials or meetings to see how they would like to be involved or support our Pay it Forward program. If you have any suggestions to help us raise more funds, please let me know.



Charles Edwards #62936 – Presidential Sweepstakes Director

Hello fellow Senators. A short note just to introduce myself. I am Charles Edwards, recently elected director to our organization. I will be handling the sale of Presidential Sweepstakes tickets this year.

I was a charter member of the Mustang Jaycees and received my Senatorship in April, 2002 I am looking forward to this year and working with President Cindy. So, bring your money to the meetings and be prepared to buy some Sweepstake tickets.





Peggy Rider #58293 – Chaplain

Hello Oklahoma JCI Senate

I am excited about serving as your Chaplain. I have big shoes to fill following The Outstanding State Chaplain Cindy Empting. We knew she was outstanding and it's good to see she was recognized nationally. Please let me know if you have anything that is going on with you or your family that is needing prayers. You can reach me at (405) 760-8075 or peggy_rider12@yahoo.com.

I am going to continue Cindy's practice of Thursday Thoughts. Please let me know if I can help you with anything or if you have suggestions on something I can do better.



UPDATE ON HOSTING FALL BOARD MEETING 2024

On May 26, 2023, the Oklahoma JCI Senate submitted a Letter of Intent to host the US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting 2024:

When: September 19 - 22, 2024

Where: Tulsa Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center
6808 South 107th East Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74122

I have agreed to serve as Chair/Coordinator of this OK JCI Senate project, and I am looking for support and volunteers to ensure the success of this event. I welcome your ideas and suggestions for a theme, your input on ways you can participate, and your commitment to doing your part as we work together as Team Oklahoma. A few of you have already volunteered and are on my list.

Please e-mail, text, or call me to volunteer as a member of the Fall Board Meeting 2024 Committee. I look forward to this challenge, with your help.

Pat Reffett #77848

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e-mail: lpmm@sbcglobal.net



JUNE – Did we slip your mind??

Buddy Friesner, # 47847
Peggy Nichols, # 64760
Leslie Talbot, # 58292
Alvin Dale Tomlinson, # 19804



SEPTEMBER

Cheryl Gilchrist, # 62933
Laura Harris, # 87040
Jimmy Lewis, # 78887
Rick Parrish, # 49489
Scott Pryse, # 14024
Peggy Rider, # 58293
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Sandy Crouch #71504
Treasurer

The 2023-2024 Season Has Started!

Fresh off a great flight on US JCI Airlines to Year-End Convention in St. Louis, including one of my favorite activities, a STL Cardinal game!! Well, I could not pass up to keep the game going!



OKJCI Baseball



WORD SEARCH

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BASEBALL
PITCHER
INNING
GLOVE
BAT

MOUND
BULLPEN
HOMERUN
HITTER
CATCH

OUTFIELD
DUGOUT
STEAL
BALLPARK
STRIKEOUT

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



 PLAY BALL 

Teri Long #57104
Umpire 2023-24



OKLAHOMA JCI SENATE

SUMMER SOCIAL AT THE SURSAS

HOSTED BY THE SUNNY SOUTHWEST SENATORS

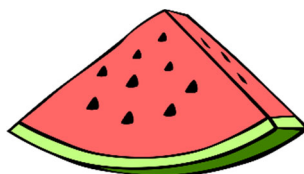
You are invited to join us for a late summer social at the home of Randy and Sharron Sursa.

Date: Saturday, August 12, 2023
Place: 611 Silver Fox Court, Blanchard, Oklahoma
Time: Noon till ?? Appetizers will be served at noon. Rib dinner with all the fixings will be served about 3:30 pm.
Cost: \$10 per person
RSVP: By Wednesday, August 9, 2021

Pat Reffett - lpmm@sbcglobal.net 580.585.2394

Bring yourself, swimsuit and beach towel (the pool will be open), sun hat and sunscreen. Water and iced tea will be provided. If you prefer other beverages, you may BYOB.

Celebrate summer in Oklahoma with Senate friends.



Region VIII meeting Colorado Springs>>>

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

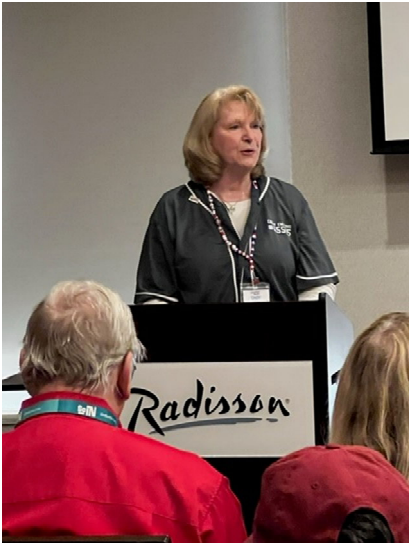


US Olympic and Paralympic Training Center









Savanna Bananas OKC>>>



Shrimp Boil Weekend New Senators>>>



Introducing Senator Gary Pennington & Senator Cheryl Sorrell



Shrimp Boil Weekend>>>









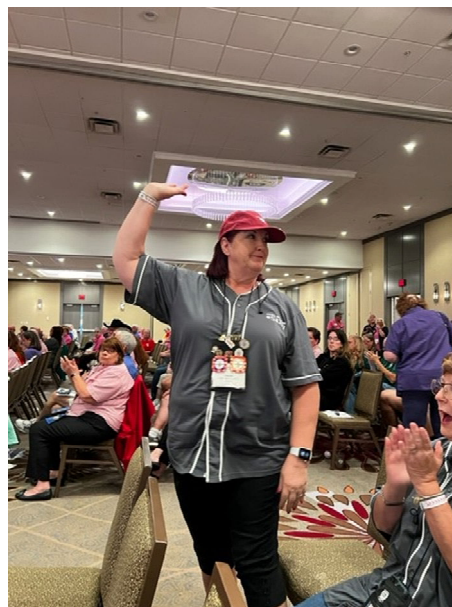
National Convention St. Louis – Region Party>>>



National Convention St. Louis – STL Cardinals game>>>



National Convention St. Louis>>>





Cindy Empting – Outstanding State Chaplain



DeLisa Anderson – Outstanding State President



Left: Stephanie Prewitt - Nolan Terrill Award for Oklahoma – Outstanding Communications



Right: Karen MacCannell – Ira Moser Award for Outstanding Ambassador/Nationally Elected Officer





Away Game – Linn Picnic, Kansas>>>



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Upcoming Events:

Oklahoma JCI Senate

Aug 12 – Summer Social
Hosted by Sunny SW Senators

Oct 14 – Krebs Dinner
Hosted by Central Senators

Oct 20 – Newsletter articles due

Dec 9 – Christmas event
Hosted by Nifty NW Senators

Dec 16 – Wreaths Across America
Hosted by OK JCI Senate

Feb 10 – Social/Scholarship Judging
TBD

Feb 23 – Newsletter articles due

March 23 – Social TBD

Region VIII

April 24 – 28 Region VIII Year End Mtg
Hosted by OK JCI Senate

US JCI Senate

Sept 21 – 24 – US JCI Fall Board Houston TX

Jan 11 – 14 – US JCI Winter BOD Greenville SC

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.