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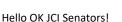
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News and updates from the OK JCI Senate 2023/2024



Home Run News



I hope all of you had a blessed holiday season. The time went by so fast! Now we look forward to the rest of 2023-2024! The state has some very exciting things happening. I look forward to our state hosting the Region VIII meeting in April 2024 and Fall Board 2024 in September 2024. But those aren't the only exciting things that will be happening. We will be having our year-end meeting and elections on the Sunday following the Region VIII meeting. We have a great group of leaders, but there is always room for more! I encourage you to consider a position as an officer, and if not an officer, then perhaps serve on a committee. The more members we have involved, the better representation we have of the members' interests!

Also coming up is the annual Glen Cole Memorial Shrimp Boil social. It is June 1st and there is always great food and fellowship at this event. This is also usually the event that the outgoing national president attends. Mark your calendar!

I want to highlight some programs our state has to keep members informed. There is the Oklahoma JCI Senate Club Facebook page. This is the new page developed this year. We try to recognize members' birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions. This is also used as a tool to post notices for social events and meetings. If you haven't joined that page yet – do it now! Next is the Oklahoma JCI Senate website. You can browse it to find some history of our organization, our calendar of events, photos and other fun and informative information. You can also pay dues on the website!

Each newsletter I try to include something a little personal about my experience in the Senate, and so many times I find it hard to express my thoughts about the people in our organization. This time is no different. The one thing I want to express is how much every one of you mean to me. Every one of you is unique, understanding and supportive in your own way, and it makes our group so interesting! I love that!

I look forward to seeing each of you at one of the events we have planned.

Better Together, Team Oklahoma

President Cindy #65595







Team Rules 2023- 2024

- 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
- 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



Team Oklahoma

vice president >>>



What have you done to make a difference this year? By the time you read this, we will be firmly in March and spring. Or better yet, what CAN you do this year? For yourself? For your family? And to move our organization forward?

We have several opportunities for you to be active and get involved. Personally, I'm looking forward to the renewal of Spring— but before that, we have to endure Lent. Maybe it's my recent health issues, as well as others going through health scares and loss. That is making me look for more spirituality. I am looking to God for answers and comfort. Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. It's a time of preparation and an opportunity to go deeper with God, personal reflection that prepares our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter. Are you utilizing this time to reflect and prepare? The uncertainty here and around the world should give us all pause to look up.

Living the creed — We believe that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life.

Better together!

Stephanie Prewitt #75200 VP Oklahoma JCI Senate

secretary >>>



Notes from your Secretary:

Spring is right around the corner, and with it comes our Annual Meeting and Elections. Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2024 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Hotel, 1815 S Meridian Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73108. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am. The meeting was scheduled to follow the US JCI Senate Region VIII Meeting held from April 25 – 28 at that hotel since so many of our members will be attending and helping out on that project.

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting. Offices open for two-year terms are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Director positions. Please let me know if you are interested in being a candidate for any of these offices and lending your experience to the leadership and future direction of our organization.

Since I serve as the Election Committee, I would like to hear from you as soon as possible via email: <u>lpmm@sbcglobal.net</u>. (all lower-case letters). The elections are held by secret ballot, per the bylaws, so I will need to print the ballots before I leave town on April 25 to head to OKC. I hope to hear from you soon.

Pat Reffett #77848 Secretary Oklahoma JCI Senate 2022-2024



OK JCI Senate at Winter Board

Team Oklahoma

chairmen >>>



Nancy Cloud #52750 - Bob Henry Memorial Award Chair Nominations for the Bob Henry Memorial Award are due on or before April 1st. You can email them to me at <u>mrscloudnine@aol.com</u>. The award will be given out at our year end meeting on April 28th. 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 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 me to recognize other "Bob Henry's" in our organization who are involved in the Community helping others and or a Senator who is involved with helping our own Senators. I am anxious to see who you nominate and appreciate your support for this distinguished Memorial Award. Nominations are due April 1st.

mrscloudnine@aol.com 918-232-4553



Teri Long #57104 – 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 – Easter Riddles. Bring your cash to the meetings, in case you get fined!





Becky Edwards #62937 – Scholarship Chair

Becky Edwards OK JCI Senate Scholarship Chair 22811 East 104th St S Broken Arrow, OK /4014

Congratulations to Oklahoma JCI Senate Scholarship Winners!

Scholarship judging was held on February 3rd. We received 20 applications this year and it was a tough job for our judges! Congratulations to our two winners.



Barrett Love is from Woodward, OK. His leadership and service were recognized last spring when the Woodward Chamber of Commerce named him Woodward's "Student Citizen of the Year". He plans on double majoring in Finance and Spanish. He has been accepted into the University of Oklahoma Honors College. While in school, he intends to participate in the Pride of Oklahoma marching band. After graduating and receiving his bachelor's degrees, Barrett plans on attending the University of Oklahoma College of Law and obtaining a Juris Doctor degree. His hope is to work as an attorney specializing in the areas of tax and finance for underprivileged and underrepresented Spanish-speaking clients or to serve in public office at the state of national level.



Torri Gustin is from Ada, OK. Torri is very active in her church and has participated in several mission trips. She plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma with her future field of study in biomedical sciences for her undergraduate degree. She plans to use this degree as a steppingstone to pursue a career in pediatric medicine. This summer she plans to begin shadowing a pediatrician from a local hospital that she was able to meet on a Nicaragua medical trip. Working in healthcare is where she feels she will thrive.

We have submitted Barrett's and Torri's applications to the US JCI Senate Foundation for national judging. We congratulate them on their accomplishments and wish them the very best in everything they do.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the judging process! Everyone did an outstanding job in choosing two very deserving scholarship recipients.

Becky Edwards OK JCI Senate Scholarship Chair



directors >>>



Gloria Albers #79536 – Life Events Director

Hello everyone, Thanks for all the positive feedback on the cards, I have enjoyed sending them. Hope everyone is getting them And enjoying them, If you are not getting the card, please let me know everyone have a great day. Please email me your birthday/anniversary to: mamag5479@yahoo.com



Pam Peters #79538 – Activation Director

I enjoyed judging scholarships for the first time. It was amazing to read about all of their extra curricular activities while keeping their grades at a 4.0.

I will still be sending out reminders for membership dues. Thank you all for your continued support.



Randy Sursa #49485 – Pay It Forward Director

Hello everyone,

Here we are, March of 2024 and have so much to look forward to through the Oklahoma JCI Senate. I am so excited about the various conventions and socials that have been set up and the chance to get to see everyone. If you haven't attended any of our functions recently, I would suggest you come out and join the fun!

I also have the opportunity to be part of the Pay It Forward program this year. We will continue to grow this program so we can give a Senatorship to deserving Jaycees that did not get that opportunity from their own chapter. To raise these funds for this worthwhile project, we will be selling chances to win a variety of items in two different drawings, even cash! Did that get your attention? We have the 50/50 drawing where the lucky winner will get ½ of the funds raised this year from the selling of tickets. The other drawing is for your choice of a beautiful homemade quilt or a pair of college bobbleheads. The drawing will be taking place at our Region VIII meeting in Oklahoma City in April. The tickets are 6 for \$5.00, what a bargain!!



Charles Edwards #62936 – Presidential Sweepstakes Director

Hello everyone. I hope this finds you well and happy!

Is it summer? Is it winter? Today the high will be 81, tomorrow 83 (both record highs) then Wednesday 47. WHAT?? How do you plan what to wear? One of the good things about retirement is it doesn't matter what the weather is - if it's cold, stay home. If it's hot, stay home. If it's rainy, stay home. I you're not retired, join those of us that are. You will love it. Just save all the money you can, till you do. Looking forward to another great year. See you at the next social. Remember - bring your money for the

Presidential Sweepstakes tickets.



treasurer >>>



Sandy Crouch #71504

Looks like an early Spring. I noticed the Bradford Pears have already bloomed, and other trees are budding. I'm more than ready!!!!!

June is a BIG renewal month. An early response would be greatly appreciated, so that we can submit our dues by the June 1 deadline.

You can pay your dues at any time of the year, not necessarily in the month in which you are due?

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!

You are in the last 4 months of this Senate year! Hard to believe, huh? I encourage you to keep up the pace and finish strong. I haven't been around as much as my travels have taken me to other states in Region VIII and visiting other Regions as well. Have some upcoming travels and will let you all know where I am going in case you might want to travel out of state.

Please get your Registrations in for REGION VIII MEETING, in OKC, April 25th – 28th. We will have a fun filled weekend. GAME DAY READY TAILGATING will be going on for the whole event. Our Year End Lunch/Banquet will be Game Day Ready attire! SO, whatever your sport, hobby, passion is, please come dressed in Jersey, uniform, Polo Shirt, T-shirt, etc. Supporting your team, hobby, or passion. We will be finalizing the weekend and you will hear more soon from the committee.

I am hoping for a lot of you to come and celebrate our year, reunite with friends in state and out of state. Please encourage others to attend. We will have a couple of National guests join us as well. Let's show them Region VIII hospitality and fun!

DeLisa Anderson #54310 COB, OK JCI Senate Region VIII NVP

Be Game Day Ready Every Day in 2024!



JUNE RENEWALS

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Sandy Crouch #71504 Treasurer

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Sheri Menendez – Pres Advisor, Protocol, OK JCI Senate Foundation President #47839

OK JCI SENATE FOUNDATION INC:

Our Foundation presents, in conjunction with the OK JCI Senate, two (2) scholarships for high school students attending a college or university; one (1) scholarship to a student attending a vocational / industrial school; and one (1) scholarship to *anyone* interested in a continuing education program. These scholarships are only possible because of you and your continued support for our organization.

In order to build our scholarships to a higher level, we have made some changes in our organization. Per our new by-laws, the **annual dues are \$30.00**. We need and want your participation and support. Please take a minute to send us your dues for the year.

We accept Venmo, PayPal, checks and cash as methods of payment. You can mail your checks to our treasurer:

Sharron Sursa 611 Silver Fox Court Blanchard, OK 73010

Watch for details of our upcoming annual meeting to be held in the spring. If you have any questions regarding our foundation, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sheri Menendez OK JCI Senate Foundation President 387 Sunset Lawton, OK 73507 580-512-3473 sheri@aokoffice.com



US JCI SENATE REGION VIII MEETING

Please mark your calendars for April 25 – 28, 2024 for the Region VIII meeting being held in Oklahoma City, OK at the Embassy Suites on Meridian Avenue.

The registration form is on our website and Facebook page. Please get your rooms reserved for the weekend and get your registration turned in. We will need lots of help throughout the weekend. If everyone comes and helps a little bit – then no one is burdened with doing all the work. This way everyone can enjoy visiting with our friends from Region VIII and across the nation.

In keeping with the theme of the weekend, we're asking everyone to wear their favorite sports shirt. It could be racing, boating, archery, softball, football, basketball, soccer, or chess. Whatever your "sport" is – please plan to wear a shirt for your favorite sport or team to the Saturday dinner. Our entire weekend will be casual Senate and Sports wear. No need to pack ties or heels for any of our activities!!

We'll all be Game Day Ready!! Sheri Menendez Chairman

US JCI SENATE FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

The US JCI Senate Foundation has started their annual fundraising campaign: The 500-Club Ticket Project. The monthly drawings will be for a total of \$500.00! As always, the monies raised are used to support the scholarship program. This project is a monthly drawing for six (6) tickets. Each month you have eight (8) opportunities to win a minimum of \$50.00. The drawings are for two (2) \$100 prizes and six (6) \$50 prizes. Each ticket you purchase is good each month for the entire year. You can win multiple times each month. You will have 96 opportunities to win! If you win just once – you've gotten your money back. The tickets are twelve (12) for \$100.00 or six (6) for \$50.00. Many of you have won in the past – so you know it's a great deal! For each \$50.00 you spend on tickets your Foundation account will be credited for your purchase. If you are close to the next giving level on the foundation this is an easy and quick way to add to your account. **We accept checks, cash, credit cards and PayPal.**

These tickets will go fast. The tickets are on sale now and since we have a limited number of tickets, we will completely sell out. Please let me know how many tickets you want to purchase, and we will get them to you. We want to be sure that you have an opportunity to participate in the 500-Club project and win money while supporting the Foundation and Scholarship program.

If you are not a member of the US JCI Senate Foundation, we'd love to enroll you. Our purpose is to provide scholarships to high school seniors. A basic membership is \$150.00. You can pay this in \$50.00 increments. Any donation of \$50.00 or more is also credited to your account to raise you to the next membership level. We have membership applications available.

Should you have a question about the project, the US JCI Senate Foundation, or your foundation account, please don't hesitate to contact Jim Harmon, Region VIII Foundation Representative, or me. You are what makes our program so successful, and we are very grateful.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Sheri Menendez and Jim Harmon



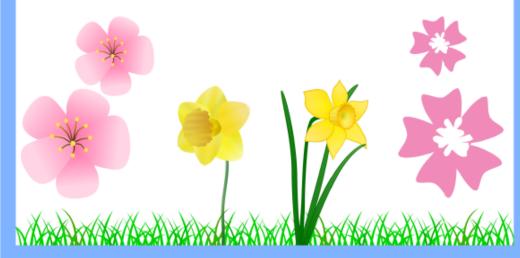


Hello team! I want to inform you that it is that time of year when our Region VIII advisors are gathering information for members who are interested in serving in positions on a national level. This is for appointed positions for 2024-2025 term. There are various positions available. If you are interested it is important that you contact Karen MacCannell and/or Ron Holzer as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting those interested is March 11th. I'm sure they can answer any questions you may have if you are interested.

Easter Word Search



Word list: BASKET BUNNY CARROTS CHICKS DYE EGGS FIND FLOWERS HIDE HOP PEEP RABBIT

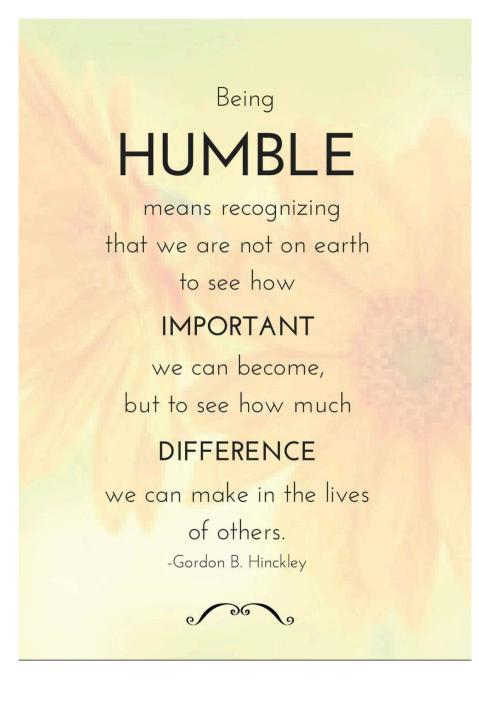




Peggy Rider #58293 – Chaplain

Dear OKJCI Senate:

This quarter I announced 19 birthdays, sent out 14 get well cards, mailed 6 sympathy cards. I posted weekly positive thoughts. I hope everyone continues to let me know updates about what is going on in their lives and those of their families. I truly appreciate Ron Stair keeping in touch with me this year. I appreciate all the encouragement. Yours in Christ





Greetings from your Fall Board 2024 Committee. I am honored to be serving as Chairperson for this project and working with some talented, seasoned, and enthusiastic members of this committee. There are multiple ways each of our Oklahoma JCI Senators can volunteer to help in all areas of this event; it will take all of us working together to make it a success. The Committee Roster with contact information was sent out via email on January 26, 2024 (with the link to connect to the zoom meeting) and printed in the last newsletter. Please let our committee members know how you are interested in helping.

Here are the details on the meeting: Dates: September 19 – 22, 2024 (Thursday early Hospitality thru Sunday) Place: Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center 6809 South 107th East Avenue Tulsa, OK 74133

Reservations: Call (918) 307-2600 Request Room Block Name: JCI Senate 2024 to obtain room rate of \$129.00 plus tax and waiver of parking fee.

> You may also use the following direct link to make hotel reservations online: <u>Book your group rate for JCI Senate</u>

The group dates will appear, and you can select your date of arrival and date of departure. Be sure to print or record your confirmation information. Karen MacCannell is our Liaison with the hotel.

Meeting Registration: The Registration Form for the meeting is printed in this newsletter. You may fill it out, print it and bring it to the Annual Meeting where we will discuss possible reductions in registration fees for Oklahoma JCI Senators who volunteer their time for the event.

Let's all make "Living on Tulsa Time" a great experience for everyone.

Pat Reffett #77848



Hello Fellow Senators!

We are preparing to host the JCI Senate Fall Board in Tulsa this September. I have been selected as chairman of the Hospitality Room. This is a large undertaking and we have a great team assembled so far. We are in need of more folks to help with the various activities and social events inside the hospitality room.

We are looking for those that can bake items for the guests as they come in to enjoy the social events of the day. Items of need range from cookies, cakes, snacks and breads. This will help us reduce the cost of the Fall Board.

The Oklahoma JCI Senate is giving away a registration to the JCI Fall Board being held in Tulsa on September 19th thru the 22nd. How do you get your chance at winning this? Bring a 1.75L bottle of unopened liquor to the Region VIII meeting in OKC in April. You could also bring a 24 - 30 pack of your favorite beer, if that is your drink of choice. For each one you bring, you will be entered into a drawing for a free registration. It is that simple. Don't wait!! Don't lose your chance to win a free fantastic meeting in Tulsa!

Liquor can be Jim Bean, Jack Daniels, Crown Royal, Smirnoff, Absolute, Johnny Walker Red, Chivas, Tanqueray, Captain Morgan, Malibu, Bacardi Clear, Jose Cuervo Gold, Titos.

Hospitality Team members include Noel Sumpter, Stephanie & Tony Prewitt, Gloria Albers, Pam Peters and Randy & Sharron Sursa.

Together We Can!!

FALL BOARD 2024 Hospitality Chair Randy Sursa #49485



Snoopy Red Baron Mission

Mission Name: Christmas Train

The Enemy: The red barons of misinformation, rudeness and obstruction!

Mission Goal: To transport approximately 30 team members on the Heartland Flyer train from OKC to Ft. Worth for a Christmas social.

Mission Report:

The first phase of the mission - to rendezvous at 7:45 am at the train station to depart on the mission was accomplished without incident. Mission bags for the trip were handed out to team members prior to boarding.

At the time of boarding, almost immediately the Red Barons struck! First came the red baron of misinformation. He interfered with our mission reconnaissance and struck with a vengeance which caused chaos while trying to get the team on board. The team was reeling and disoriented from the first attack when the red baron of rudeness struck! He lashed out at any team members who approached without caution. He almost took us down and ruined the mission. However, the team would not be denied this mission. We had to quickly modify our plans when the red baron of obstruction hit us with an obstacle, we weren't sure we could manage. But in true OK JCI Senate fashion, team members banded together to climb a mountain (of stairs) to the top level of the train. It was an extreme challenge for some of the team, and it looked like they might go down a time or two. But the team worked together and made sure that no man (or woman) was left behind.

In recognition of the team's victory over one of the worst Red Barons we've faced yet, I presented pins to all who persevered with a "never give up" and "can do" attitude.



Wreaths Across America >>>

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















Christmas Social Amtrak Heartland Flyer>>>



















































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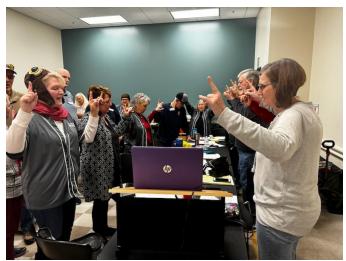
















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Upcoming Events:

Oklahoma JCI Senate

March 23 – Spring Social – Lunch at Eischen's Bar – Okarche – Just for fun, whoever can join 2 pm

April 1 – Deadline for Nominations for Bob Henry Memorial Award

April 10 – Region VIII Committee meeting 7 pm

April 19 – Last day to declare for elected office for OK JCI Senate (to Pat Reffett)

April 28 – Year End Meeting & Elections – Embassy Suites Hotel – OKC 10 am

June 1 – Glenn Cole Memorial Shrimp Boil – Chandler Park Tulsa

Region VIII

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

US JCI Senate

June 18 – 23 – US JCI Nat Convention Tampa FL

Sept 18 – 22 – US JCI Fall BOD

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.