



July 30, 2026 – Issue I - News from the OK JCI Senate

Senator Nancy Cloud #52750 Begins Her Term as President and Plans to “Take’em by Storm”!

As I begin my term as President of the Oklahoma JCI Senate, I am honored, energized, and ready to Take ‘Em by Storm. Our organization has a proud history of leadership, service, and fellowship — and this year, we are building on that legacy with renewed enthusiasm and a clear vision for growth.

Our year is already off to a powerful start, and Linn set the tone. We had lots of laughs, a few drinks, and played plenty of Hillbilly Golf — the perfect mix of fun and fellowship to kick off the year. The planning meeting that followed was not only productive — it was inspiring. Senators came ready to contribute, collaborate, and chart a bold path forward. Linn reminded us that when the Oklahoma JCI Senate comes together, we don’t just make plans — we **Take ‘Em by Storm**.

We’re keeping the momentum strong with two exciting events in August, and I hope you’ll be part of both. Join us on August 9 for Bunco as we raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. It’s always a lively, fun filled time with plenty of laughs, friendly competition, and meaningful purpose. We’ll also be hosting a silent auction to support Wheelchairs for Kids, giving us another opportunity to make a real impact. Your participation helps us continue the tradition of service that defines the Oklahoma JCI Senate.

On August 22, Randy and Sharron Sursa are generously opening their home for a summer pool party. This will be a wonderful chance to relax, reconnect, and enjoy time together. Bring your swimsuit, your smile, and your storm ready spirit — it’s going to be a great afternoon.

My goal is simple: to create a year where every member feels valued, connected, and inspired. I encourage you to share your ideas, participate when you can, and help us make this one of our strongest years yet. This year, I also ask each of you to **reach out and encourage our nonactive Senators** to join us, reconnect, and become part of our wonderful organization once again. A personal invitation can make all the difference — and together, we can strengthen our Senate family and...

**Take ‘Em by Storm
President Nancy #52750**



Upcoming Calendar of Events (Date to Remember)

August 8th

St. Jude's Bunco Fundraiser
12pm to 3pm - Tulsa - See
Flyer included in Newsletter

August 8th

Wheelchair for Kids Silent
Auction and Dinner - Tulsa

August 22nd

Summer Social/Pool Party -
Sursa's Home in Blanchard

Sept 17th - 20th

Fall Board - Topeka, KS. See
registration in Newsletter

Sept 26th - 27th

Lunch at Ole Red's in
Tishomingo. Stay over in
Durant area with Gambling
that evening and lunch on
Sunday

Nov 7th

Lunch at Mugsy's Grubhouse in
Yale OK

Appointee's Announced!

President Nancy is excited to announce
her appointed program/project chairs for
the upcoming fiscal year 2026-2027.

Chaplain

Peggy Rider #58293

Scholarship Chair

Marcia Werner #62934

Bob Henry Memorial Chair

Becky Edwards # 62937

Pay It Forward Chair

Stephanie Prewitt # 75200

Newsletter Editor

Cindy Empting #65595

55th Reunion Chair and Presidential Advisor

Sheri Menendez # 47839

Congratulations! We hope all of you have
a whirlwind year!

Plans Begin for OKC JCI Senate 55th Anniversary Reunion!

Mark your calendars for the OKC JCI Senate's
55th Anniversary Reunion, set for **August 13-
15, 2026**, at Embassy Suites in Oklahoma
City.

Chairman **Sheri Menendez** and her
committee have begun planning the event. A
committee meeting is scheduled for **Saturday,
August 15, at 10:30am - Pioneer Library at
205 NE 10th Street in Blanchard, OK.**

Anyone interested in serving on the committee
may contact Sheri at **sher@aokoffice.com**.



TULSA AREA COUNCIL

St. Jude Fundraiser

Saturday, August 8 , 2026

12:00pm - 3:00pm

**Highland Park Christian Church
5708 E 31st St, Tulsa, OK**

Cost is \$25.00 per player

Refreshments will be served at 12:00pm

Bunco will begin at 12:30pm

There will be a Raffle

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

**There will be prizes for the first Bunco for a player,
most wins, most losses and most Buncos**

RSVP to: Becky Edwards

Email beckylynnne53@gmail.com

Phone: 918-629-0224



SILENT Auction



♥ BENEFITING ♥
WHEELCHAIRS 4 KIDS



**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8**



6:00 PM



EMBASSY SUITES
3332 S 79th East Ave
Tulsa, Oklahoma



Your participation will help provide
wheelchairs, medical equipment,
home and vehicle modifications,
and other essential support
for children with
physical disabilities.



**COME BID ON A VARIETY OF
EXCITING AUCTION ITEMS**
while making a meaningful difference
in the lives of children and their families.

*Every bid helps bring greater mobility,
independence, and opportunity to kids in need.*

BID GENEROUSLY. ♥ CHANGE LIVES. ♥ BRING HOPE.

Thank you for your support!



*Together,
WE CAN CHANGE
LIVES! ♥*

Dinner and Silent Auction Planned to Benefit Wheelchairs 4 Kids

The OK JCI Senate will hold their first event for Wheelchairs for Kids.

The event will be Saturday August 8th at Embassy Suites located at 3332 S 79th East Ave in Tulsa. (This is the hotel used for the Shrimp Boil in June).

Those driving in and have Hilton Honors can get a room rate of \$118.00 per night when book online.

Please have auction items in the room directly across from the check-in desk in the main lobby by 4:00 pm so they may be displayed properly.

Dinner will be at Apple Barrel Café, 730 W. 23rd Street at 5:00 pm.

This is a great time to support a worthy cause while socializing with great friends.



Chaplain Shares

Welcome to a new year. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to **Nancy Cloud** for accepting the responsibilities of President. I am confident she will have an outstanding year.

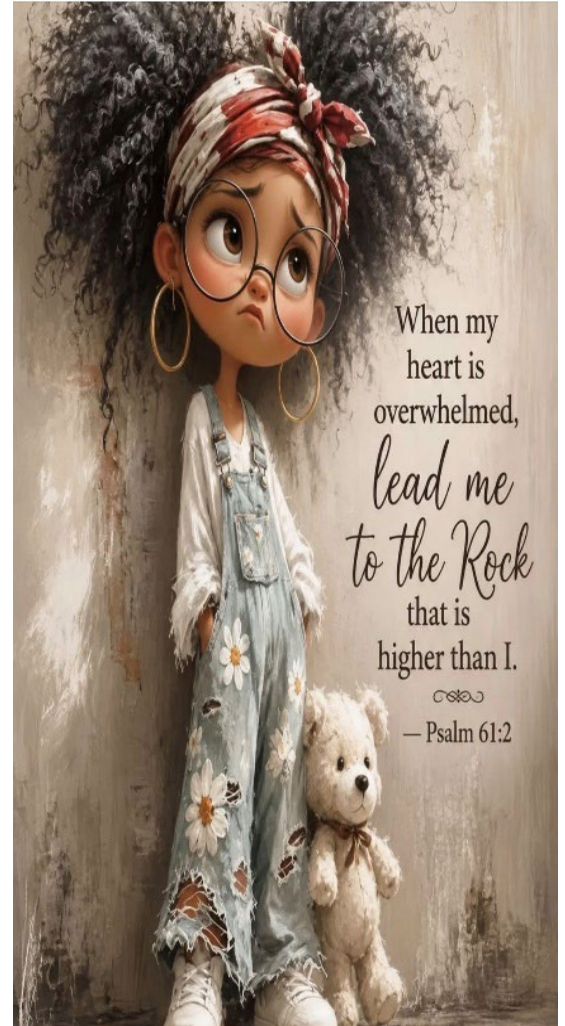
I am honored to serve as State Chaplain and would appreciate your help in keeping me informed of life events within our Senate family. If you or someone you know is experiencing a difficult time and would appreciate prayers, please feel free to contact me. You do not need to share details beyond what you are comfortable providing, and I will respect your privacy.

I would also be grateful to hear about joyful occasions so we can celebrate together. In addition, I send cards for happy occasions, encouragement, support, or simply to let someone know they are being thought of. Please help keep me busy mailing cards.

I may be reached by email at

peggy_rider12@yahoo.com or by phone or text at **405-760-8075**.

I look forward to hearing from you.



Pay It Forward Program Supports New OK JCI Senators

New senators play an important role in the continued growth and longevity of the OK JCI Senate. To help offset the cost of nominating and awarding new Senatorships, the **Pay It Forward** program remains a key source of support.

With the cost of awarding a new Senatorship now exceeding **\$400**, the program has helped the Senate recognize an average of two new senators each year over the past several years.

The program is now under the leadership of new chairperson **Stephanie Prewitt**, who will guide fundraising efforts for the year ahead. Members are encouraged to support the program by participating in the fundraisers she implements throughout the year.

REGION VIII NVP

Fun and Friendships



Shannon Klocker #77823, proudly represents the great state of Colorado. With an impressive background in leadership and service, Shannon brings a wealth of experience to her role. Throughout her years as a Colorado Jaycee, she has served in numerous leadership positions, including as Colorado JCI Senate President, demonstrating a strong commitment to the Jaycee and JCI Senate organizations.

Shannon is supported by her husband, Neil Klocker #69150, a former Region VIII National Vice President, and their daughter, Jewell. Together, they are excited to embark on this year's journey of service and fellowship.

Embracing the theme "**Fun and Friendships**," Shannon looks forward to visiting each state within the region, strengthening connections, creating lasting memories, and celebrating the spirit of the JCI Senate.

She officially launched her year of service at the Linn Picnic in Kansas, an event that perfectly reflected her vision for the year ahead—bringing members together through camaraderie, meaningful relationships, and enjoyable experiences. Shannon is eager to continue building friendships and fostering engagement throughout Region VIII in the months to come.

September Members Due

The U.S. JCI Senate has updated its quarterly dues submission process. Members with dues payable in September must submit payment by **August 15**.

This earlier deadline allows the state treasurer sufficient time to review memberships, deposit funds, and submit dues to the national organization on schedule.

New senators: First year dues are included in the cost of awarding the Senatorship, then senators are responsible for the cost of their membership dues.

Lifetime memberships are available to eligible members for \$250. If you are not already a lifetime member and are interested, contact DeLisa Anderson or Sheri Menendez for eligibility requirements.

Members Due

NANCY CLOUD	ROB CRONKWRIGHT
DON DUFFY	BECKY EDWARDS
CHARLES EDWARDS	CHERYL GILCHRIST
DUDLEY GRIFFIN	MARGARET HAGGARD
SUSAN HATCHER	CARA HECK
BARNEY JAMES	JIMMY LEWIS
ROBERT LIPPE	SHERI MENENDEZ
VIC MENENDEZ	BARBARA NICKLES
STEPHANIE PREWITT	SCOTT PRYSE
KIM RAWLS	PEGGY RIDER
LAURA STUBBS	NOEL SUMPTER
JERRE TAYLOR	JAMES THORNLEY
LAQUITA THORNLEY	BILL WERNER
MARCIA WERNER	



Rainy Day
Fun !!!



Shrimp
Boil



National Convention 2026

CONGRATULATIONS



**DeLisa Anderson
#54310
Top 3 Outstanding
State Treasurer.**



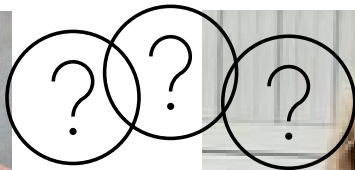
**OK JCI President
Randy Sursa #49485
Cindy Empting
#65595
OK JCI Senate
Nolan Terrell Award
Outstanding
Communications.**



**Congrats on a great
year President Bruce!
Receiving a beautiful
quilt from Gloria.**

**Gloria Albers # 79536
Oklahoma Places 3rd
Sweepstakes Ticket Sales**





**LINN PICNIC
MINNOW RACING??**



Parade Line Up





**2026-2027 OK JCI Senate
Board of Directors**

**President - Nancy Cloud #52750
Vice-President - Gloria Albers #79536
Treasurer - DeLisa Anderson #54310
Secretary - Leisa Peebles #56001**

**Directors: 2 years
Amelia Martinez #82785
Stephanie Prewitt #57200**

**Directors: 1 year
Peggy Rider #58293
Pat Reffett #77848**



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 one through free men
through free enterprise,
That government should of laws rather than of men,
That earth's great treasures lie in human personality,
And service to humanity is the BEST WORK OF LIFE!*

2026-2027 SAVE THE DATES YEARLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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September 17 - 20 - Fall Board in Topeka, Kansas - Registration form on US JCI Senate Website

September 26 & 27 - Lunch at Ole Red in Tishomingo. Staying in Durant Area with Gambling
Lunch on Sunday

November 7 - Lunch at Mugsy's Grubhouse, Yale

December 5 - Christmas Party - Details to follow.

December 19 - Wreaths Across America

January 14 - 17 - Winter Board - Greensboro, North Carolina - - Registration form on US JCI Senate Website

February 6 - Scholarship Judging.

Meeting & Social

February 18 - 21 - Pigeon Forge Meeting

April 24 - 26 - Muenster Germanfest

April 29 - May 2 or May 6 - 9 - Region VIII Meeting in Colorado Springs, CO

May 15 or May 22 - Oklahoma Year End Meeting

June 5 - Shrimp Boil - Tulsa and After Party

June 20 - 24 - Year End Meeting - Lancaster, Pennsylvania

August 13 - 15 - OK JCI Senate 55 Anniversary

Embassy Suite - Oklahoma City