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News and updates from the OK JCI Senate 2024/2025

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Hello Everyone,

What a first 6 months we have had with the OK JCI Senate. We had the Presidential Kick-Off followed by the Shawnee Balloon Festival and then the US JCI Fall Board in Tulsa. We recently held our first Membership Meeting in Sapulpa followed by a tour of the Christmas Chute and an evening of socializing at Senator Nancy Cloud and Debbie Becker's home.

We have developed a long list of organizations for the OK JCI Senate to help over the next few months along with socials to attend. Wreaths Across America is held on December 15th with members helping all over the state and Scholarship Judging is set for February. The only social set up to date is the Cattlemen's Mystery Dinner on February 15th in Oklahoma City.

I am truly honored to be the President of the OK JCI Senate this year and I am thankful for each Senator who volunteered to be on the Board of Directors and those that accepted appointments. I am truly proud to represent our state at the upcoming national meetings.

I want to wish every one of you a very merry Christmas season and a great New Years celebration. Thank you and may God bless.

You can also find the OKJCI Senate at our website: oklahomajcisenate.org or visit our Facebook page [Oklahoma JCI Senate Club](#).

You may enjoy viewing pictures from past events in the photo gallery on the website and keeping up with current happenings on the Facebook page.

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chairmen >>>



Nancy Cloud #52750 - Bob Henry Memorial Award Chair

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Greeting my fellow Senators. We have had a wonderful start to this year. Pat Reffett did a wonderful job chairing and leading the Oklahoma Senate in a successful Fall Board Meeting. Congratulations Pat, President Randy, and all the Oklahoma Senate in showing the US JCI Senate how a board meeting should be run.

I will be ordering name badges and if anyone needs a replacement, please let me know. Send me your name and Senate Number and or Lifetime Number and I will get it ordered.

I am excited to be on Randy's team and look forward to finishing strong the rest of the year.

Debbie and I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year. We hope everyone gets to spend time with family.

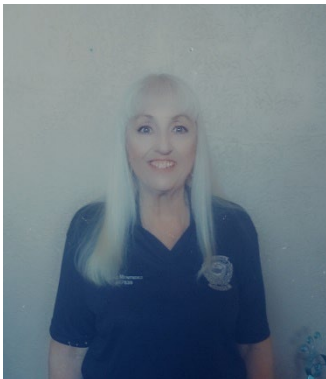


Becky Edwards #62937 Scholarship Chair

The US JCI Senate Scholarship 2024-2025 Program is now open. Emails have been sent to Oklahoma High School Counselors and we have received our first application! If you know a high school senior, please direct them to our website for information and the application!

<https://oklahomajcisenate.org/scholarship-signup-info>.

Judging is currently scheduled for February 8, 2025.



Sheri Menendez #47839 – Membership Leader – Activation/Retention

ACTIVATION / RETENTION PROGRAM

The Directors and Senate Officers are conducting an activation / retention program in an effort to reach-out to all of our senators. We're placing extra emphasis on some of our members that we don't see or hear from on a regular basis. Our focus is to be sure **all** our senators are informed of the senate activities and plans. Our goal is to have new members attend / participate in our meetings, socials, and projects. We all grew up together in the Oklahoma Jaycees and moved forward to the OK JCI Senate. We're all a family together. Just like biological families, we have these functions so that we keep in contact with each other and spend time together. Almost like a family reunion on a regular schedule.

We realize that it may be impossible for some of us to participate at some activities. Some of us live out of state, have family, health, personal reasons or have employment obligations for not being able to attend each event. But we'd still like to know a little about your life and experiences since moving away from the Senate. When a director or officer of the senate contacts you, please acknowledge the call, text, card, or email. If there is a special memory of your Jaycee and/or Senate life that you'd like to share – we'd love to hear from you. And better yet – we'd love to see you at one of our upcoming functions.



PEGGY RIDER #58293 State Chaplain

Hello all:

I am serving this year as your State Chaplain. Please let me know of any special events in your life. Anniversaries, birthdays, need for prayers for illness or a death.

So far this year I've sent out 17 get well cards and a few plants.

I'm looking forward to all the events the OKJCI Senate has planned this year. I hope to see you at some of the fun times that are coming up.

Charles Edwards #62936 Sargeant At Arms / Director / Sweepstakes
HAPPY THANKSGIVING and MERRY CHRISTMAS.

We had a wonderful time eating Mexican food, touring the Christmas Chute in Sapulpa and having a gift exchange at Nancy's house. I got a great gift - thank you Gloria!

If you missed it, we would love to have you at our next get together. Check the upcoming events and plan to attend. Looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Charles Edwards



Cindy Empting #65595 Chair of the Board

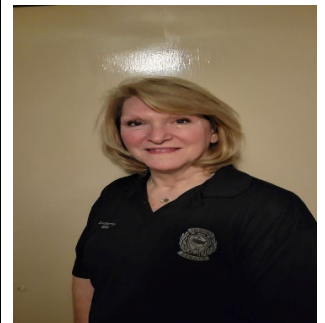
Congratulations to incoming President Randy and his board of directors. His focus is on Oklahoma and our members.

I'm sure we will all benefit from his leadership, and I anticipate an enjoyable, productive year for us all.

I would also like to send a big THANK YOU to Barbara Nickles for stepping up and helping with publishing our state newsletter. This publication may not have happened without her.

Lastly, I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Blessed 2025.

Cindy #65595



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Pat Reffett #77848 Vice-President

Greetings,

It is my honor to be serving as your Vice President and supporting President Randy Sursa's theme of "Family, Friends, and Focus." The first half of our Senate year has been a busy one, and we look forward to upcoming events, meetings, and socials.

I hope each of you will take time during the holiday season to focus on one small thing you can do to make a difference in the life of someone less fortunate. I hope you can spend time with friends who live close to you and send regards to those as a distance through a card or a phone call. And most importantly, I hope that you will treasure the time you get to enjoy with your family members.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year!



Pam Albers #79538 Secretary

Greetings,

Happy Holidays! Looking forward to Wreaths Across America next Saturday, December 14th, 2024 to support the men and women who served our country. This will be my third year to be a part of this event and hope to see you there. Hope you all have safe travels and enjoy your family time.

DeLisa Anderson #54310 Treasurer and Wreaths Across America Chair

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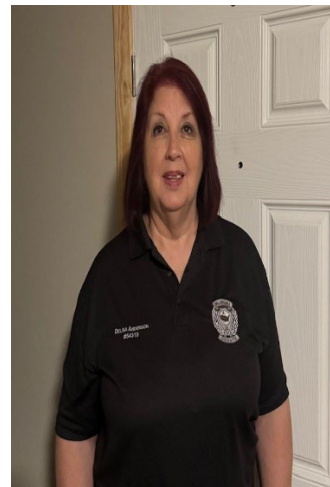
We are in the **Green!** Thank you all for getting in your dues, donations for the Hurricane Relief, and membership sponsorships. Special Thank you to Sandy Crouch, Fall Board Treasurer for getting all the monies sorted and for helping me get things figured out with all the things! Be on the lookout for Dues Invoices and reminders. Our directors are doing an amazing job with activation!!! We have several ways to offer for you to send in your money. PayPal / Check / Square {just note if using Square there is a 4% processing Fee}.

PayPal: OKJCITreasurer@gmail.com

Square: You will need to let me know and I will email you an invoice through Square with request to pay.

I will be making available a Reimbursement Form for you to fill out if needed. It will have options as to how you want to receive your reimbursement or if it is an in-kind donation. This will allow us to keep better track of all money allocations for record keeping.

Family and Friends with a Focus on FINANCES



your directors >>>>>



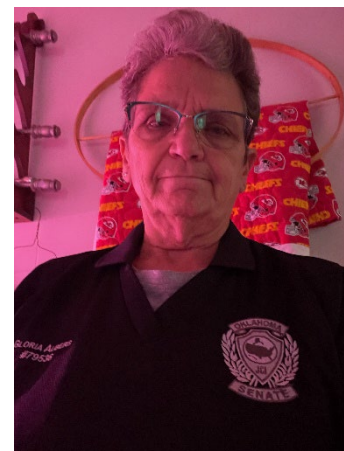
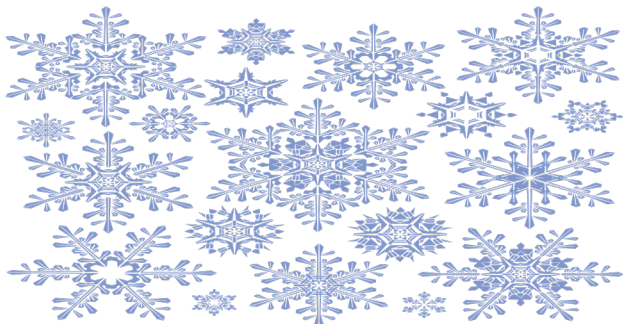
Fred Williams #51340

Greetings OKJCI Senators and friends,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving, as we now look forward to Christmas and New Year's Day! The United States JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting that we hosted in Tulsa this past September was a smashing success according to all of the compliments received. It was great visiting with some of our Oklahoma Senators that we had not seen in quite a while. It would be wonderful if we could spend a little time with some of you that we haven't seen for a long time. How about at one of these upcoming events?

- Wreaths Across America – December 14, 2024
- Scholarship Judging – February 8, 2025
- Region VI Meeting – Branson, MO – April 11-13
- Region VIII Meeting – Richardson, TX – April 25-27
- OKJCI Annual Membership Meeting – Atoka (Lunch @ Reba's Place) – May 17
- Glenn Cole Memorial Picnic – Tulsa – June 7
- USJCI Senate National Meeting – Chicago – June 5-19
- We would also like to hear suggestions from our less active members about activities that they would have interest in attending, so we can add things to the schedule!

Until next time,
Your displaced OKJCI Senator #51340



Gloria Albers #79536

Looking forward to this year. There are lots of fun activities coming up! I am hoping to see some members that haven't been to a meeting or social for a while! I'm still sending out birthday and anniversary cards to our members. If you don't get a card, please let me know. I encourage you to participate in some of the activities we're doing.

Gloria Albers

**Sissie Harmon #63902 Director
And Pay It Forward Chair**



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

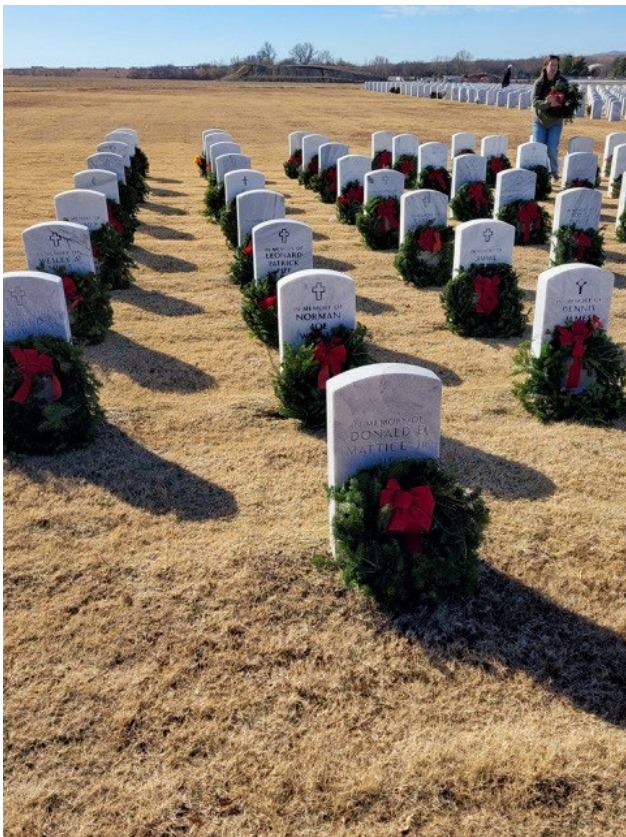
From Tulsa – Stillwater – Oklahoma City – Elgin
OK JCI Senators, friends and family participated
in Wreaths Across America at cemeteries in
those cities. Thank you so much for your
continued support and dedication to this
program.

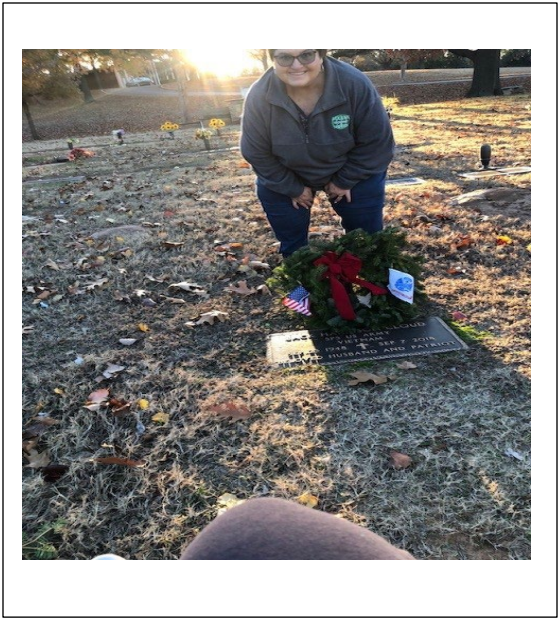
DeLisa Anderson WWA Coordinator Regions VIII
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LOOKS LIKE ALL WHO PARTICIPATED HAD FUN AND DID
SUCH A SPECIAL PROJECT THAT TOUCHES SO MANY LIVES

GOD BLESS THE OK JCI SENATE







Of special note >>>>>>

BY-LAW COMMITTEE

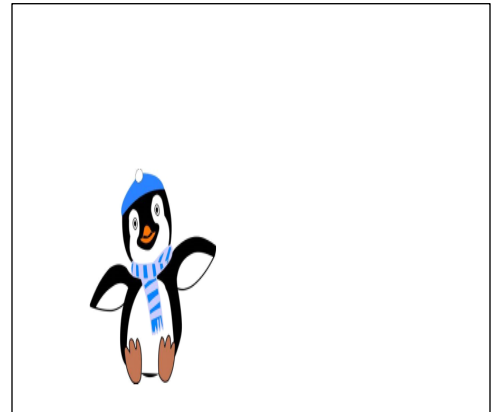
The By-Law Committee will be meeting between now and early January to compile the by-law changes that need to be discussed and voted on at our next general membership meeting in January. If you have any by-law proposals that you would like to have considered, please send them immediately to the by-law committee for review. Per our by-laws we will send out or publish the proposed by-law changes fifteen (15) days before our next meeting (date to be announced later). Or if you need a copy of the current by-laws, need any information about the by-laws or have questions – please let us know.
Thanks.

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Upcoming Events:

Oklahoma JCI Senate

February 8 – Scholarship Judging
February 15 – Murder Mystery Dinner

April 1 – Deadline for Nominations for Bob Henry Memorial Award

April 11-13 – Region VI meeting Branson, MO

April 25 – 27 Region VIII meeting in Richardson, TX

May 17 – Annual Membership Meeting in Atoka with Lunch
At Reba's Place

June 7 – Glenn Cole Memorial Shrimp Boil – Chandler Park,
Tulsa (to be confirmed)

US JCI Senate

June 15 – 19 – US JCI National Convention

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.