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Wow!! Oh Wow!!

Wow!! It feels like I was just sworn in as the 49th NC Senate President yesterday and I blinked, and we are 3 months into the year already with fun and fellowship to look back on already and even more still to come.

It has been a rollercoaster of ups and downs and lots of emotions through the years and especially during this past year to get to now. The love and support given to me and my new non-traditional family set up with my mom now living with me (Love you 1st Mom) and my non-social dog Lucky (the "1st Pup") has been inspirational. Checking in on us and keeping us in your thoughts and prayers as mom relocated from California to North Carolina (big thanks for the assist, [David Strickland #51452](#)) and as we navigated the new living arrangement over the past half year and welcoming 1st Mom with open arms at all the NC Senate gatherings without hesitation is why I love the NC Senate family so much. The love and support is overwhelming!

I also can't say enough for how great it feels to represent you all as the NC Senate President this year and how true my theme of *Together We Can* ... really is unfolding!! Lots goes on behind the scenes and without the support of so many at my back, this year wouldn't be the success it already is. For those that didn't hear, at the Yearly Meeting in May, I left my garment bag at home, and ended up pulling together outfits from others with "traveling" closets. This was followed by so many Senators stepping forward to help out, that all the appointments this year including three new positions were filled, with still more offering to help when needs arise. And if that wasn't amazing enough, those focused on communications have outdone themselves with relaunching our NC Senate Website (you rock [Angela Sweeney # 69453](#)) and growing our social media presence on Facebook and linking a new Instagram account which is helping keep everyone more connected. [Sharon Reiss #74082](#) has even miraculously been able to drag me into the 21st century with my own personal Instagram account.

A variety of different NC Senators have already been able to fellowship with the NC Jaycees at all four of their Regional Days across the state as well as attend various chapter events over the summer sharing lots of laughs, fun and food. It has been fantastic to see all the activity and support for the Jaycees around North Carolina and of course the pictures on Facebook.

I have also been fortunate to be able to travel and represent the NC Senate at the Ohio Pig Roast in mid-July... and yes, I did kiss the pig. I'm thankful the pig was much cuter than the first pig I kissed back in 2015. It was fantastic cool weather for the weekend (compared to NC in July), with lots of good food and fellowship.

And the NC Senate just finished our first meeting for the 2023-24 in conjunction with the NC Jaycees mid-year convention in Greensboro where the NC Senate sponsored the First Timers program (big thanks to [Amy Moore #78686](#) with her 1st Timers survival goodie bags), assisted with manpower as judges for the PMG, Write-up, Speak-up and Debate Competitions (thanks for stepping up [Kim Bode #62467](#), [Mary Pruitt #77821](#), [Tracy Culler #64534](#), [Leigh Atkins #67963](#), [Gene Shanks #68688](#), [Melanie Pascal #70372](#), [Joannie Cramer #65355](#), [James Rupard #41615](#), [Ellen Williamson #60880](#)) as well as just providing some behind the scenes support. During the weekend, we had an amazing turnout of well over 50 Senators who participated in our Sweepstakes and Silent Auction (shout out to [Chris Hardee # 66036](#) for spearheading this), partook of our hospitality suite and attended our Board Meeting where we were able to provide updates on all the programming and business going on, celebrate successes already achieved and provide updates on upcoming JC and Senate projects, meetings and gatherings. I was also humbled and would like to thank all those that traveled from other states to attend including Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida – especially our very own [NVP Mark Brandel #49789](#).

In just a few weeks, I will be attending the ASAC (Association of Senators of the Americas and Caribbean) Encounter XIII gathering in Cochabamba, Bolivia and be part of the USA delegation supporting our very own [NC Senator Lawrence Pittman #53932](#) who is in a contested election for Region Director North America and non-Spanish speaking Caribbean as well as our own [Region IV Senator from Florida John Robinson #55768](#) who is in a contested election for the ASAC President. It's going to be an amazing and exciting time! For those on Facebook – I'm sure there will be lots of pictures, so keep an eye out.

If that hasn't been enough excitement, the NC JCI Senate has a full schedule going into the fall and winter, in addition to supporting the various projects of the NC Jaycee chapters across the state. Also, spring and early summer dates are provided so you can go ahead and save them in your calendars now. Check in with your local Jaycee chapters as new projects and gatherings are being added. Currently known are the following:

Sept 7 – 9, 2023	NC JCs at the JCI USA Annual Meeting	Minneapolis, MN
Sept 21 – 24, 2023	US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting	Houston TX
Sept 23, 2023	Distinguished Young Women Banquet	Roxboro Jaycees
Sept 30, 2023	Shuck N' Pluck	Greenville Jaycees
Sept & Oct, 2023	Manpower at NCSU Concessions	Cary Jaycees
TBD	2nd Annual Drink & Dine	High Point Jaycees
Oct 5 – 8, 2023	Region IV Fall Meeting / Florida Bash	Vero Beach, FL
Oct 7, 2023	Light the Night	High Point Jaycees
Oct 12 – 22, 2023	Turkey Shoot	Raleigh Jaycees
Oct 15, 2023	Trunk or Treat	Cary Jaycees
Oct 28, 2023	Manpower @ Carter Finely Concessions	Raleigh, NC

Nov 3, 2023 Nov 2023 Nov 2023	Spooky Night Golf Tournament NCJC Fall Conference & LOC Miss Judy's Thanksgiving Social	Jacksonville Jaycees Ashboro, NC Cary Jaycees
Nov & Dec 2023 Dec 2, 2023 Dec 3, 2023 Dec 8, 2023 Dec 8, 2023 Dec 8, 2023 Dec 10, 2023 Dec 2023 Dec 16, 2023 Dec 31, 2023	Christmas Tree, Wreath and Garland Sales Christmas Parade Christmas Parade NC JCI Senate Holiday Social Christmas Parade Christmas Parade Goodfellows Operation Elf with Boys & Girls Club Wreaths Across America New Year's Bash	Jacksonville Jaycees Greenville Jaycees Gaston Co. Jaycees TBD, NC Roxboro Jaycees Cary Jaycees Raleigh Jaycees High Point Jaycees Various, NC Greensboro Jaycees
Jan 11-14, 2024 Feb 2- 4, 2024	US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting NC Jaycees Year End Celebration & NC JCI Senate Meeting	Greenville, SC TBD, NC
March 21 – 24, 2024 May 25, 2024 June 1, 2024 June 18 – 23, 2024	Calabash Beach Bash & Region IV Meeting Flags for the Fallen NC Senate Annual Meeting US JCI Senate National Meeting & Year End Celebration	Myrtle Beach, SC Various, NC TBD, NC Tampa, FL

I hope that many NC Senators will continue to have the opportunity to make it to these and other events to continue to fellowship and support the Jaycees both in person or by liking updates on Facebook and Instagram.

I am looking forward to continuing this excitement for the rest of the NC Senate "Together We Can..." year in conjunction with *Region IV NVP Mark Brandel #49789* as "Together As One" and *US JCI Senate President Hal Williams #43912* in "Keeping the Faith". Together with our State, Region, National and International Senate family – we are in for lots of fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, or would like more details on what's going on, please reach out to me for or find the NC Senate on our social media sites (Website, FB page and Instagram).

In JCI Senate Spirit!

Cheryl Carlson #70371
NC Senate President 2023-24



Together We Can ...



A word from the First Pup, "Lucky"
Ruff!



Chris Hardee, #66036 Vice President, NC JCI Senate

Let me begin with a HUGE word of **THANKS** to those who supported the silent auction at Convention. Without your contributions, we would not have been as successful or exceeded our monetary goals. For those of you who just joined us at the NC Jaycee Convention, I think you'll agree that it was one of the best. With the return of robust competitions, efficient meetings, and our ongoing hospitality, it was, in a word, outstanding. Also, I wanted to thank those of you who purchased sweepstakes tickets and offered Grace as we transitioned to a new printer and the headaches that came with it. While we might not have quite hit our goal, we were close (the final numbers are still out), and given the ticketing delays, I see that as a WIN. It just goes to show that our Senators are dedicated to supporting us, no matter what. Again, Thank You.

Speaking of FUNdraisers, our next big one is this Fall at the Carter-Finley Concessions (NCSU) on Saturday, October 28th. As we have done over the past several years, we are partnering with the Cary Jaycees to work concessions at the NCSU vs. Clemson game. This is Homecoming weekend and is expected to be a sell-out crowd. You can sign up online at this link, and we'll see you there.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4AADA82CA0FD0-carterfinley5>





Hello Senators! I look forward to serving as your Treasurer for the 2023-24 year. If you were not at our meeting in Greensboro a few weeks ago, you missed a great one. Our meeting space was jam packed with 50+ Senators in attendance!! It was great seeing so many of you that we may not have seen lately, and if you missed it I hope to see you at one of our upcoming functions very soon.

Membership dues are due to National quarterly—September 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1. I will be sending dues statements out well in advance, so you will have time to get your payment mailed to me, or you may pay using the PayPal link on the NC JCI Senate website or our Venmo account. You can, however, pay Life Member dues of \$250, and never have to worry about getting billed again!

If you wish to update a mailing address, please go the USJCI Senate website, at www.usjcisenate.org, click the Address link, and enter your updated information. I will get an updated roster the following quarter with the new information, from the Member Services National Program Manager. I look forward to seeing you sometime soon

In closing, I'm looking forward to a great year in the Senate, the possibilities are endless, as Together We Can!

Tracy Culler # 64534



Secretary Report: by Gene Shanks #68688

I am very proud to be serving as your 2023-2024 Secretary for the North Carolina JCI Senate this year. It's a challenging duty, but one that is of vital importance to the management of the organization.

As secretary, it's my job to record the minutes of the meeting. But what makes it easier is when people submit their reports before and after the meetings. I believe it was Elizabeth Phrogner who started asking people to submit the reports in writing. I now realize how wise that was. So thank you to everyone to submitted their reports both in advance and quickly after the meeting. It also helps that I can submit those same reports to Crissie Lewis for our newsletter.

I had a lot of people ask me at the convention, "What was that in front of you at the meeting?" Well...that was my Mac. Yes, a big old Mac that wasn't really designed to be lugged around like a laptop computer. It might be weird to some that I carry that thing around, but it made a huge difference between the last meeting where I subbed for Chris as Secretary and starting my term. It's just what I'm used to.

Lastly, I wanted to say thanks to Cheryl Carlson for being patient with me as I get used to this position.

Newsletter Notes

Deadlines: August 23, December 20, February 7, June 7

Send news, photos and other fun stuff to

suzanneclewis@hotmail.com

**** Can you find hidden Lucky, First dog??****



Hello Senate Family,

It was great seeing so many of you at our Senate meeting at the Jaycee mid-year convention in Greensboro. As always, it was a wonderful time for fellowship with our friends across the state. We also had good interactions with the Jaycees during the weekend. For those of you who couldn't attend, the Jaycees had a 100 day challenge and they exceeded it. The goal was to add 100 new members in 100 days and they actually added 108 new members.

We are continuing to work on building our database of birthdays and anniversaries for our membership. Please review the monthly emails and if you are not listed, please send that information to me. Thank you for the people that have contacted me so I could update our database. I want every member to know how special you are. Communication is key to maintaining and growing our membership.

Every 2 weeks I am sending out an inspirational saying/quote on our Facebook page. I encourage you to follow it if you are on Facebook @ NC JCI Senate. Also save the date: we will be having our NC Senate Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9th.

Please continue to contact me with any information that you would like to share with our Senate family. I would love to send out celebrations to group. We want to celebrate your accomplishments too. I will continue to send out information on well wishes and condolences. You can email me at jcisenatechaplainnc@yahoo.com or text/call me at (910) 297-4621.

Blessings of Grace, Peace, and Mercy to you and your family.

In Jaycee Spirit,

Suzanne Gill #67891
NC JCI Senate Chaplain



Chairman of the Board

I would like to Thank everyone for their support during the 2022-23 NC JCI Senate Year. I am honored to have been given the opportunity to serve the NC JCI Senate as their 48th President. It was an Experience that I will never forget. I am excited to be serving the Senate as President Cheryl's COB and will do what is needed of me to support the 2023-24 Executive Team. I wish President Cheryl much success and look forward to supporting her theme this year of "Together We Can". I can't wait to see everyone at the NC JCI Senate events this year.

HOSPITALITY

Melanie Paschal, Chair

Thank you to all of those who joined the NC JCI Senate at the NC JCI Mid-Year Convention at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro held August 18-20. A great time was had by all of those in attendance. Senators enjoyed Food and Drink in the Hospitality Suite Friday night, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Evening. The fun will continue in the Hospitality Suite at the NC JCI Year End Convention in February. I and the other members of the Hospitality Team are excited to provide Fun, Fellowship, Food and Drinks to celebrate the hard work of the NC JCI is doing through out the year. The Suite is for NC JCI Senators and their guests. Guests are considered Spouse/Significant Others, and Family Members of NC JCI Senators. Everyone who is taking part in Hospitality in the Suite are expected to pay for the privilege of being in the Suite. The menu and times for the Suite will be sent out the week before Convention so that plans can be made regarding meals. If you have any questions about Hospitality, please feel free to reach out to Melanie Coble Paschal #70372, Shannon Foster #67038 or Vann Sparrow #67885.

Hospitality Costs for the Weekend

Entire Weekend \$25.00

One Day \$25.00

Food Only \$10.00 for the Weekend

SURVEY OPPORTUNITY

Hello Fellow Senators,

I would like to get feedback from this group regarding what you would like to see in Hospitality this year. Please respond to the following questions in order for me to make the best decisions as Food Hospitality Chair this year. Please send responses to Melanie Coble Paschal #70372 angelsandbutterflies@hotmail.com or call/text 336 317 8013. Hope to see you all soon.

What time of day/night would you like Hospitality to be open during the weekend?

Friday Night

Saturday Lunchtime

Saturday Night

Other Times

Would you like Lunch on Saturday to be served?

Would you like full meals for Friday Dinner and Saturday Dinner?

Would you like heavy finger foods instead of full meals"

Would you like just snack food?

Would you like Hospitality to be open without food provided?

Are you planning to attend NC JCI Year End Convention in February?

Melanie Coble Paschal #70372

2023-24 Food Hospitality Chair



Senate Sponsorship Program



Fellow Senators I. along with the 2023-24 Executive Board, am excited to tell you about the NC JCI Senate Sponsorship Program. I am reaching out to each of you to request you consider being a Sponsor of the NC JCI Senate Projects and Programs. We are not asking you to do anything that you are not already doing for the Senate but to do it in a different way. We want to be able to give recognition to those that are Sponsoring the work of the NC JCI Senate. We do a lot of great things across the State and Nation and your Sponsorship will allow us to continue to do this and even more. For those of you who are already Sponsoring specific Projects, Programs and/or Priority Projects you don't have to do anything differently. Your Sponsorship will be rolled into this structure automatically. For those of you wanting to be a Sponsor and have not in the past will have the structure to do so.

Sponsorships will be recognized yearly and will recognize general donations and those made to specific Fundraising / Ways and Means Projects conducted by the NC JCI Senate. Sponsorships will be tracked in a way that will allow the Sponsor to move up in Sponsorship levels throughout the year. Sponsorships will offset the Operational, Fundraising, Ways and Means Projects and Meeting & Social events Costs of the NC JCI Senate. Sponsorships will also enable the NC JCI Senate to support the NC Jaycee Priority Projects and the NC Jaycees. The Sponsorships can be both Monetary and Gift in Kind Donations. Gift in Kind donations will be assessed at their Monetary value. The Sponsor can choose to be completely anonymous or decide how the Sponsor will be recognized on signage, website, newsletter and/or social Media for the appropriate sponsorship level. The NC JCI Senate is a 501c4 – Not For Profit Organization. A letter documenting the Sponsorship Level can be requested which will outline the amount of the Sponsorship on our letterhead. It will be up to the donor to determine if and how the amount of the Sponsorship can be used regarding tax purposes.

Platinum 500.00 +

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Gold 250.00 +

Gold Level Recognition plus
Logo/Name in Newsletter issues
Logo/Name posted on Facebook page

Silver 100.00 +

Silver Level Recognition
Logo/Name on sign in meetings

Bronze 50.00 +

Bronze Level Recognition
Logo/Name on sign in Hospitality



PAST & UPCOMING PROJECTS

WINSTON-SALEM JAYCEES

- The Winston-Salem Jaycees is the chapter that brought us all together.
- After 94 years (1929 - 2023) the chapter is no longer an active JCI chapter. Let us take this time to remember the chapter and share memories. We'll have pictures to share as well as awards/memorabilia (the president's bag will make an appearance!)
- There is not a specific fantastical theme but please dust off your Jaycees project shirts (or your favorite Jaycees shirt in general) and dig out your collection of name badges to wear them proudly.
- This will be a BYOB (beer, wine, etc) event. We ask you to bring a snack to share. Some snacks and non-alcoholic refreshments will be provided (more details to follow).



Date/Time: Sunday, October 8, 2023 from 2 - 4pm



Location: Juxtaposition Studios at [1151 Canal Dr. #104, Winston-Salem, NC 27111](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1151+Canal+Dr.+104,+Winston-Salem,+NC+27111)

(The studio is located on Canal Drive within the West End Mill Works complex - near Howlin at the Moon Bakery pet store & behind Porch Kitchen Cantina, Bar Nola and Hoots Beer)



If you have any questions please reach out to Sharon Reiss, 2023 Winston-Salem Jaycees Foundation President & JCI Senator #74082, at sreiss7676@gmail.com

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**GREENSBORO JAYCEES (Pres Grace Thompson)**

- General Membership Meeting Second Wednesday of the month 6:30pm - 8:00pm

**PAST PROJECTS & MEETINGS**

7/29 Social - Retro Video Game Night 18 attended for great community engagement

8/2 Social and school supply drive at On Tap 35 in attendance - networking and good branding for Jaycees

8/6 Major Project was the YP Social at the Wyndham - This was a celebration of the Jaycees legacy in Greensboro and a membership recruitment drive.

8/11 Junior Achievement (JA) Work Day 8am - 5pm. During this project they cleaned to beautify and transform the JA space at 3220 Northline Avenue, Greensboro. The JA of the Triad helps students understand the relevance of education through volunteer-delivered lessons in finance.

**UPCOMING PROJECTS & MEETINGS**

8/20 International Food Pot Luck & Pool Fun 11am - 3pm Celebrating GSO's International Heritage by bringing a dish of your cultural ethnicity \$5 entry fee. All Proceeds go to NC Jaycees Burn Center. RSVP at : <https://tinyurl.com/JCFoodFestiva>

The Greensboro Jaycees are collecting school supplies for the local youth and welcomes the NC JCI Senates assistance/involvement in collecting school supplies and support in delivering supplies to a local school.

**HIGHPOINT JAYCEES** (Pres Abigail Lind)

General Membership Meeting First Thursday of the Month; no meeting in July (summer break) at 6pm

**PAST PROJECTS & MEETINGS**

GMM 6/1

Regional day: 6/11 with the West Region at Dan Nicholas Park in Salisbury, it was not a recruiting effort, but to celebrate and get to know other regions, we had about 30 attendees including members, families, and senate members.

Rockers Game 6/21 – it was a collaboration event with the High Point Jaycees. They had almost 100 sign up for tickets, due to weather about 50 attended. No new members, however educated other young professionals about the Jaycees organization.

Bends and Bubbles (Yoga): 6/24 – had 9 attendees, no new recruits

Member meetup/GMM: 8/3 was at the Blooming Board for networking

Chipotle fundraiser 8/8 – raised \$70 (for these kinds of fundraisers, a state priority project is selected to be the beneficiary. The High Point Jaycees will donate \$100 to the burn center. Additional fundraiser will most likely be done in the future.

**UPCOMING PROJECTS & MEETINGS**

2nd Annual Drink & Dine (TBD)

10/7 Light the Night for Leukemia and Lymphoma additional information forthcoming

Operation Elf with Boys & Girls clubs in December (TBD)

High Point Jaycees will be doing some drives for school supplies for local schools



**NC Triangle Regional Director –Report**

Hello North Carolina Senators,

It's almost that time of year for The Cary Jaycees along with the help of other organizations to run Stand A at all NC State Wolfpack Home Football games!

They only have to staff 4 games this year due to the Senate game and a figure skating club fully staffing 3 games besides the Chairperson.

The sign up link below does not include the Senate game as there will be separate communication about that. It's not too early to sign up so please look at your schedules to see if you have any availability.

The game times for the 1st 2 games (9/9 and 9/16) are known so the times on the sign up are correct. The other game's kickoff times are usually known a week or 2 before each game.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4AADA82CA0FD0-carterfinley7>

Thank you all and I hope to see you this weekend.

Rob Cook

2023 NC Senate Triangle RD





## West Region RD Report—August newsletter 2023

Good day Senators!

The Spencer Jaycees will be working the Rowan County Fair September 18-23. Also, will need help setting up the weekend before. The Sign Up Genius link so sign up is as follows:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AFAA2FAAFDC43-fair>

The chapter will be selling beer at Hippiefest the weekend of October 14-15 at the Rowan County Fairgrounds. Lastly, the chapter has added 11 new members! Way to go!

The Gaston County Jaycees’ events consist of the following:

Partnering with the Dream Center in October to present our last Etiquette Series to the students there.

- Christmas Parade Dec 3 at 5:00 PM
- Halloween Party- October 28
- Regular GMM 4th Tuesday of the Month

The Queen City Jaycees are currently still in the development stage, we have formed some relationships with young professionals in Charlotte, and we are hoping to have this chapter chartered by the end of the year.

Other West region happenings: we successfully re-chartered the Faith Jaycees, they are doing well and are currently being overseen by a trustee. Also, NC Jaycees President Aaron stated at the Senate meeting this past Saturday, that the NC Jaycees had been contacted by a city leader in Lenoir, about wanting to get a new Jaycee chapter in there started. Stay tuned!

In the Jaycee Spirit,



## East Region RD Report Sonni Minton #80310

Greenville Jaycees have Regional Day August 26 with the Jacksonville Jaycees followed by their annual Shuck & Pluck (Sept 30, 5-9pm). Greenville Christmas Parade

Jacksonville Jaycees are parking cars at the county fair and also have a fun night of glow golf on November 3rd.

## US JCI SENATE FOUNDATION



I was so proud as a Past President of the North Carolina JCI Senate to witness the turnout for the Mid-Year Convention in Greensboro last weekend. Our NC Jaycees are growing and the NC Senate continues to support them.

I am serving again this year as the Region IV Representative for the US JCI Senate Foundation. Senators in North Carolina contribute to the Foundation and submit state high school seniors each year for national scholarships. Last year, Carly Phillips won a \$1,500 scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina. At the national level, forty five \$1,500 academic and five \$1,000 vocational scholarships are available. North Carolina may submit two academic and one vocational graduate to be considered for these scholarships.

Every dollar you as a Senator donates or spends at a Foundation event supports the scholarship program. You may join as a New Member with a donation of \$150 which can be paid in \$50 increments. If you have any questions about the Foundation, contact me at [billandbj1980@gmail.com](mailto:billandbj1980@gmail.com).

I will be conducting fundraising events in Florida at the Region IV Meeting and at Calabash next Spring.



Region IV Representative  
Bill Craft #36216

### Message from President Hal Williams #43912

#### Keeping the Faith Awards

**This year, starting at the Fall Board Meeting in Houston, I will be presenting the “Keeping the Faith Awards” to outstanding Senators who have been Keeping the Faith this year. Anyone can nominate a fellow Senator for the award. To nominate someone for this award submit to me in writing by email an explanation as to why you feel this Senator is deserving of the award. Do not just give generic phrases like “They are always there for us” or “They are a great Senator.” Give specific reasons and things they have done that make them worthy of the recognition. Tell how they have been Keeping the Faith. Senators present in Houston or Greenville will receive theirs there. Senators who do not normally attend national meetings will receive theirs when I visit your state and/or region. Thank you and I look forward to receiving your submissions.**



**Keeping the Faith,**

**Hal Williams #43912  
52nd President  
US JCI Senate, 2023-2024  
[52ndPresident@usjcisenate.org](mailto:52ndPresident@usjcisenate.org)**



Senators,

The NC Jaycees were so excited to share our first semester successes with the NC JCI Senate and US JCI Senate leadership. For those in attendance, we thank you for continuing to support the Jaycees and the organization you helped mold into what we are today. We would like to especially give thanks to Senate President Cheryl for her excellent communication and support, The Senate judges for competitions for dedicating their knowledge and time, Senator Scott Alexander for his continued participation and love, Senator Chris Hardee for his unwavering support and vast knowledge, Senator Jimmy Manness for his time and skills as photographer, and on a more personal level, we thank Senators Ray Culler and Daryl McNair for making our awards banquet special and helping us remember why we are all PROUD TO BE.

As President of the NC Jaycees, I have been overwhelmed with the love, support and dedication our NC JCI Senate has shown not only myself, but my members. I look forward to continuing the forward momentum of 2023, together, let's show them why 23' is the G.O.A.T and also I look forward to seeing all of your beautiful faces in February and many of you before then.

In Jaycee Spirit,

Aaron Gauldin  
88th State President  
NC Jaycees

I would love to share that we are having the East Regional Day, Saturday, August 26, 2023 hosted by the Jacksonville Jaycees; We will be hosting Fall Conference & LOC in Asheboro at State HQ, tentative date November 18th; I know the Spencer Jaycees has their annual fair in September, and they are always in need of volunteers; it is their biggest fundraiser of the year. I will be happy to send over some more dates for Chapter events soon.

Thanks for all you do,

Aaron





Last Year, Wreaths Across America was a presidential project for the US JCI Senate. Current President Hal and his team is continuing to support this project in 2023.

Wreaths Across America's simple mission is: Remember, Honor, Teach. Remember the fallen, Honor those who served, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. This organization was started in Worcester Main in 1992 and has grown each year with help of volunteers and sponsors like you.

For our JCI Senate involvement, the synopsis for the event:

Date: December 16, 2023

Location: There are over 100 sites, just within North Carolina

Time: Depends on your selected site.

Next steps to consider:

- Sponsor 1, 2, 3 or more wreaths

- Volunteer to attend and help with the wreath laying.

- Become a site organizer

Now the details for this event:

For the wreath sponsorship:

Because the US JCI Senate is a sponsorship organization, if you sponsor 2 wreaths, a 3<sup>rd</sup> wreath will be given in the name of the US JCI Senate. To sponsor wreaths, please scan the QR code at the bottom of this article or use the following link: [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/175453](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/175453). After you reach the website and click to Sponsor Wreaths, you are able to sponsor a wreath for Arlington National Cemetery, or click on the down arrow and scroll until you see the "choose another cemetery" option. At that point, you may type in a city name and a list of participating cemeteries will be displayed from which you may choose. (Hint: typing in a city is all you really need to add)

## Wreaths Across America cont.

### Attending the event:

If you would like to participate, please contact me at [eapfrogner@aol.com](mailto:eapfrogner@aol.com) and indicate the location where you would like to attend. I will then help to connect you with any other senators or Jaycees that would also like to help out at the same location. You can see all the locations, either while you are sponsoring a wreath or by going to the Wreaths Across America website (<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>) and clicking to register to volunteer (At this time please only look at the location information and then reach out to me so we can have the overall registration be submitted as a group for one location). I am hoping we can have NC JCI Senators participate in many locations throughout North Carolina and any other preferred location.

### Looking for Site Organizers:

I am looking for local site organizers to help with the preparation. There is very little required as it is mostly communication with your fellow area senators and with the local Jaycee chapters, as , and then filling out a form to indicate how many people you plan to attend with (don't worry the number doesn't have to be perfect!).

If you were not able to participate last year, I really encourage you to do so. Last year was my first year attending and I was deeply moved during the day. Talking with others who participated, they had the same impact.





Hello NC Senators.

Great opportunities do not come along very often, but at the US JCI Senate National Convention in June, newly elected US President Hal Williams #43912 introduced **WHEELCHAIRS 4 KIDS** Special Project!

President Hal has served as President of Wheelchairs 4 Kids for several years and has seen the positive impact it has had made on 1300 children with disabilities in 44 states, including 49 kids in North Carolina!

**WHEELCHAIRS 4 KIDS** is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with disabilities by providing wheelchairs, home and vehicle modifications and other assistive equipment at no charge to the families through their "Let's Roll Program." They also provide fun activities designed especially for these special children through the "Wheely Fun Days." Activities include water skiing, snow skiing & indoor sky diving (using special equipment), visiting the aquarium, ball games, WWE events, Wheely Fun Christmas with Santa and many more.

Founded in 2011 by Madeline Robinson and her husband, Lonnie, who are both JCI Senators, they realized there was a need for many children with physical disabilities who were in wheelchairs that needed repair (some held together by duct tape), were too small, unsafe, uncomfortable and if not replaced, could cause other health issues such as respiratory problems, scoliosis, and pressure sores. Not only are they providing mobility for these kids, but they are also helping them to gain the independence they need and deserve.

Thanks to US Senate President Hal, we can assist the Robinsons in helping these wonderful children live a much better life by joining the Guardians of the Wheel Kids Club. All it takes is to sign up to make a monthly donation that funds the "Let's Roll" equipment program and "Wheely Fun Days" inclusion program. As a "Guardian", you will receive a wall calendar showcasing the Wheel Kids and an enamel pin so that you can show everyone that you're a supporter of Wheelchairs 4 Kids. The attached flyer contains a QR code to the "Guardian" program.

It is my pleasure to serve as the NC chairperson for Wheelchairs 4 Kids this year! For the last six years Bill and I have had the opportunity to participate in many fundraising and special events for Wheelchairs 4 Kids. The feeling that we get when a child receives a new wheelchair or mobility device and the excitement of seeing their face as they water ski for the first time, literally takes our breath away! Please join us in making their dreams come true!

For more information contact me at [bjcraft0920@msn.com](mailto:bjcraft0920@msn.com) or go to [www.usjciSenate.org](http://www.usjciSenate.org) (Special Projects) and [www.wheelchairs4kids.org](http://www.wheelchairs4kids.org) site.

BJ Craft #45900  
NC JCI Senate Chairperson



# The Time To Join Is Now

Join our monthly donation Guardians of the Wheel Kids Club to help us improve the lives of wheelchair-using children!



starting at

**\$10**

a month

## US JCI SENATE BENEFITS:

- Logo & Link On Our Website
- Quarterly Gratitude Posts & Impact Reports
- Pin for State Senate President
- Video w/ Kids Helped & Flyers
- End of Year Guardian Reception at Convention



GUARDIANS RECEIVE EXCLUSIVE CALENDAR AND ENAMEL PIN.

Reach out to us today:

- [www.wheelchairs4kids.org](http://www.wheelchairs4kids.org)
- [Diane@wheelchairs4kids.org](mailto:Diane@wheelchairs4kids.org)
- (727) 946-0963



Help Us Create The Magic of Christmas!

# US JCI Senate Wheely Fun Christmas Toy Drive

FOR OUR WHEELY FUN DAY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Every year, Wheelchairs 4 Kids hosts about 90 families at our Christmas party. Each Wheel kid and their siblings receive hand picked presents from our very own Santa and Mrs. Claus, who you may even recognize!

Check Out Our  
Wishes On  
Amazon





## Senate Spotlight

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FLORIDA JCI SENATE



# Florida JCI Senate Annual Florida BASH & Region IV Meeting

Vero Beach

October 5-8, 2023



## Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton

611 20<sup>th</sup> Place, Vero Beach, FL 32960  
772-774-4010

**ALL ROOMS are \$155.00 + Tax**  
**Double/Double, King or King Suite**

Room Block Code: Florida JCI Senate  
Room cut-off date: **Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

Call hotel direct to make your reservations or book online at:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=VRBDNHX&groupCode=CHHJCI&arrivaldate=2023-10-05&departuredate=2023-10-08&cid=OM.WW.HILTONLINK.EN.DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

If you need an ADA Compliant room, there are three available on a first-come, first-served basis.  
Hotel questions or accommodations should be directed to Doyle Sewell #63344, 772-473-2594

**Registration Deadline: Must be received by September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – No Refunds**

Thursday Night TAP: 5:30 pm Dinner reservations/self-pay/open menu - # for TAP \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Registration, Friday/Saturday Hospitality, Friday Night Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Night

**Full registration - \$65.00**

**Late Registration (after 9/5/2023) - \$85.00**

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Seafood Boil \_\_\_\_\_ Meat & Pasta Option \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Senate # \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Senate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate office held: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to the **Florida JCI Senate with BASH and your Senate #** on the memo line.

You may pay the registration using PayPal on our website at:

<https://fljicisenate.usjicisenate.org/index.php/registration> or use Zelle: [fljicisenate@gmail.com](mailto:fljicisenate@gmail.com)

(Registration forms are still required).

Mail registration form & payment to:  
Michael Sawyer #36403,  
600 Jimmy Ann Drive #918, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

**NOTE: There is a \$25 per night fee for booking off-site or outside of the Room Block...Enforced!**



US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting  
Hosted by the South Carolina JCI Senate



*Southern Charm*

January 11 through January 14, 2024

## Show me your Greenville

Each state has a Greenville – but not spelled the same (Greeneville, TN). What makes your Greenville special? Each Greenville is special in it's own community. Does your Greenville have a college? Is something special produced in your Greenville? Is there significant history? Is someone famous from your Greenville?

This is a friendly competition which requires a picture and a write-up about your special Greenville. Greenville South Carolina will not be competing in this competition as we are the host for the Winter Board 2023 for the US JCI Senate. The winner receives a small trophy as well as a one-night stay in Greenville during the conference. Deadline is January 1, 2024. Nominations should be mailed to Liz Young, 11 Karen Drive, Greenville, South Carolina 29607.

### So, Show me your Greenville!





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Name \_\_\_\_\_ JCI Senate # \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ JCI Senate/Friendship # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Office Title \_\_\_\_\_ Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if this is your first JCI National Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you are a military veteran.

What Region would you like to sit with at banquet? \_\_\_\_\_

| Item                                                               | Qty | Postmarked by<br>12/10/2023 | Postmarked After<br>12/17/2023 | On-Site | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-------|
| FULL REGISTRATION*                                                 |     | \$75.00                     | \$85.00                        | \$95.00 |       |
| THURSDAY Early Hospitality (6 pm to 1 am)                          |     | \$20.00                     | \$20.00                        | \$20.00 |       |
| Daily Off-Site Fee<br>(If not staying within the event room block) |     | \$25.00                     | \$25.00                        | \$25.00 |       |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                                                 |     |                             |                                |         |       |

\*Full Registration includes Hospitality Friday and Saturday, lunch on Friday and Saturday evening banquet.

Vegetarian or Religious/Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to South Carolina JCI Senate.

OR

Pay Via PayPal to:

Mail check and registration form to:

SouthCarolinaJaycees07@yahoo.com

Scott Bryant, #67910  
415 Grazing Ridge Lane  
Moore, SC. 29369

(If using credit card, a \$4.00 service charge must be added.)

**Must be postmarked by December 10, 2023**

Reservations: **Embassy Suites Golf Resort**, Greenville SC, 670 Verdae Boulevard, Greenville SC 29607 (864) 676-9090

Online Reservations: Group Code: JCI or SOUTH CAROLINA JCI SENATE WINTER BOARD 2024 by phone

Room Rate is \$132.50 plus taxes per night. (Rate is good 3 nights before and 3 nights after meeting dates, based on availability)

Free Hotel Parking

Free Airport Shuttle

**Cut-off date for room block is December 18, 2023.**

**Contacts:** Liz Young: (864) 325-9813 or WinterBoardGreenville2024@gmail.com

Scott Bryant: (864) 621-2939 or scottvetboy@msn.com

Registration cancellation refunds must be submitted in writing and postmarked no later than December 26, 2023 to be considered.