

THE SENATE FLOOR
NORTH CAROLINA JCI SENATE
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ChristmKwanzukkah Holidays!!



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Looking Back and Forward



Wow!! Oh Wow!! Can you believe that half of this Senate year is behind us already? It been an exciting time with lots of fellowship around

North Carolina and across the US with other Senators.

I 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 ...** continues to unfold!! I am humbled by all those that are helping behind the scenes and without the support of so many at my back, this year wouldn't be the success we are seeing.

The first quarter ended with the NC Senate at growth of +1 and several of us able to travel to Houston TX for the US Senate Fall Boards where lots of fun and fellowship with Senators across the country happened with several individuals being recognized including **Nick Woods #62734** & **Irene Shanley #65316** as President Hal's Keeping the Faith Award Winners and **James Rupard #41615** as a Fall Boards gift card incentive winner. And the NC Senate was recognized for the being 2nd in states for Sweepstakes Ticket Sales.

Since then, I've been thrilled to see and join so many Senators around the state at various Jaycee projects helping to provide support and manpower, including (but not limited to) Hippy Fest, Turkey Shoot at the State Fair, Shuck & Pluck, NC State Football Concession Stand A, W-S Reunion and Reminiscing, Glow Golf, Ms. Judy's Thanksgiving Dinner, GF Poker Tournament Fundraiser, Goodfellows and countless Christmas Parades.

On top of that, several NC Senators were able to travel and enjoy time with other Senators across the Region, Country and Internationally. A delegation was able to attend the Region IV meeting held during the Florida Senate Bash weekend in Vero Beach making lots of new memories, putting our toes in the sand and hilarious adventures in the pool. I had the opportunity to attend the Michigan Senate Jeans and Jewels Fundraiser for their scholarship program. All I can say is WOW, the Michigan Senate knows how to throw and fundraiser and show out in bling, bling and more bling. I was able to step it up so I'd fit in with my fuchsia tiara and later my blingy cowboy hat. This was just days before other NC Senators who were able to attend World Congress in Zurich Switzerland ... oh the experiences they were able to have, the Lindt chocolate they got to nibble and the memories to always remember.

Congrats also go out to a few of our NC Senators for accomplishments beyond their involvement in the NC Senate. **Dean Farmer #61742** becoming a full professor at Campbell University. **Bill Thompson #66382** being recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Columbus County NC Arts Council. **Terry #44085** being elected Mayor of Rural Hall, NC. **Rob Cook #80307** receiving the Dr. Nina Meyerhof Leadership Award presented by the Jacobs-Abbey Global Institute. **Dr. Scott Bryant #67910** for becoming the SC Veterinarian of 2023. And **Keith Bullard, Jr #80311** on receiving the Lifetime Impact Award presented by the Gaston Jaycees.

If that isn't enough, 2023 wrapped up with the NC Senate Holiday Social, Christmas for the Girls at the Jaycee Cottage at the Boys & Girls home of Lake Waccamaw and participating in Wreaths Across America. The Holiday Social was hosted by our Chaplain **Suzanne Gill #67891** in Asheboro NC. Not only was the location a new destination, but we also had several Senators come out we haven't seen in a while. And we somehow successfully held our very 1st Reindeer Games to raise money for Wheelchairs for Kids (if you weren't there – it was a crazy chaos with betting and keeping the “jockeys” in line). There was lots and lots of yummy food, some crazy Ugly Christmas Sweaters & outfits and very unique gifts given during the Dirty Santa Gift Exchange.

While putting together and hosting the Holiday Social, Suzanne also put out the call for donations and the NC Senate raised over \$2000 for gifts for the cottage and girls at the Jaycee Cottage at the Boys & Girls home of Lake Waccamaw.

And just last weekend, over 20 NC Senators participated in Wreaths Across America as volunteers to assist laying of wreaths at veterans' graves at more than 7 different cemeteries across NC as well as other states where they live or were visiting. It was humbling to be a part of this amazing program which *REMEMBER the Fallen*. . *HONOR those who Serve*. . . *TEACH our children the value of Freedom*.

In a few short weeks the NC JCI Senate will kick off the 2024 year at the US Senate Winter Boards in Greenville SC (yeah – the other Greenville) followed by lots of other gatherings, meetings and opportunities to support the NC Jaycee chapters across the state. Currently scheduled upcoming events are:

Jan 11-14, 2024	US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting	Greenville, SC
Feb 2- 4, 2024	NC Jaycees Year End Celebration & NC JCI Senate Meeting	Charlotte, NC
March 21 – 24, 2024	Calabash Beach Bash & Region IV Meeting	Myrtle Beach, SC
April 27, 2024	Manning the Beer “Tent” at the Raleigh Jaycee Hog Fest project	Durham, NC
May 25, 2024	Flags for the Fallen	Various, NC
June 1, 2024	NC Senate Annual Meeting	TBD, NC
June 18 – 23, 2024	US JCI Senate National Meeting & Year End Celebration	Tampa, FL

Planning for other gatherings and activities are still underway but not confirmed, including regional socials around NC, a visit /cookout at the Boys & Girls home of Lake Waccamaw, and another NC Senate digital drawing sweepstakes. In addition, participation at other state and Region meetings & socials will continue, I already have plans to be at several and would love others to join me in representing the NC Senate. More details will be sent out via our email Google Groups as they become available.

As 2023 wraps up, I wish everyone a peaceful and joyous holiday season and happy new year. Give yourself time to reflect on 2023 and celebrate the happy time as well as the challenges that have overcome. Take time to relax and recharge and spend time with family and friends before we continue the 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".
In JCI Senate Spirit!

Cheryl Carlson #70371
NC Senate President 2023-24

Together We Can ...



Convention Highlights

- ✓ Development Trainings
- ✓ Buisness Meetings
- ✓ Award Banquets
- ✓ Networking Social



North Carolina Jaycees

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Join us Feb. 2-4, 2024 at Sonesta Charlotte Executive Park for our Year-End Celebration!

We will have the room block posted and registration links will go out this week!



Hello Senate Family,



We have been having a wonderful holiday season! We held our annual Holiday Social in Asheboro, NC on Saturday, December 9th. Many Senators gathered to play reindeer games which raised money for wheelchairs 4 kids. Pam Padgett organized this and it was a huge success raising over \$400. Then, we had a wonderful potluck meal followed by the dirty Santa gift exchange. I would like to thank everyone who helped me prepare and execute our ugly sweater/holiday outfit social.

With the generous donations from our Senators, we raise \$2000 for the Jaycee Cottage. I was able to purchase many Christmas items for our girl's Jaycee Cottage. The items ranged from an air fryer, blender, pots & pans to sheets, comforter sets, shower curtains & mats, and gift cards for the house parents and gift cards for each girl to go shopping at Target. There are currently 7 girls in the cottage and this will increase to 8 girls by Christmas. This means that the Jaycee Cottage is at full capacity. The cottage was recently remodeled - I've included pictures to share.

Please continue to contact me at jcisenatechaplainnc@yahoo.com with any celebrations, prayer requests, or condolences so I can communicate the message to our Senate family. Also, let me know of any birthdays or anniversaries that need to be added to the monthly emails.

I hope everyone had a Happy Hanukkah or has a Merry Christmas or Happy Kwanzaa!

In Jaycee Spirit,

Suzanne Gill

NC JCI Senate Chaplain







Senate Sponsorship Program

Fellow Senators I. along with the 2023-24 Executive Board, am excited to give you an update about the NC JCI Senate Sponsorship Program

Sponsorships will be recognized yearly and will recognize donations made by NC JCI Senators/Businesses. 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. The Sponsorships are monetary and the sponsor can specify where the donation will go or it can be unrestricted and go into the general operating budget of the NC JCI Senate. The Sponsor can choose to be completely anonymous or decide how they 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 +

**Gold Level Recognition plus
Logo/Name on website**

Gold 250.00-499.00

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

Silver 100.00 -249.99

**Bronze Level Recognition plus
Logo/Name on sign in meetings**

Bronze 50.00 -99.00

Logo/Name on sign in hospitality

Hospitality

The fun will continue in the Hospitality Suite at the NC JCI Year End Convention in February 2- 4th in Charlotte to celebrate the accomplishments of the NC JCI and to induct the incoming Senators for the 2023-24 year. I and the other members of the Hospitality Team are excited to provide Fun, Fellowship, Food and Drinks to celebrate the everyone's hard work through out the year so far. 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



Triad News

Mzry Pruitt, Triad Regional Director

The last few months have been pretty quiet with the Triad Jaycees.

Greensboro Jaycees had the End of Year Celebration with presentation of the 2024 Board of Directors.

High Point Jaycees have been meeting the City Council and key people at their Meet & Greet membership meetings.

High Point Jaycees ran their Operation Elf project in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of High Point. Recap of project to follow after Christmas.



Good day Senators!

First off, the Gaston County Jaycees had their Christmas Parade back on December 3. It was a night parade, and I had the opportunity to go assist. It was a mild evening, and there were a lot of parade participants as well as spectators.

The Gaston County Jaycees held their Annual Holiday Party at The Lodge Tavern and Tap in Belmont on December 5. At the meeting, they inducted their 2024 Officers. Also at the meeting, Keith Bullard Jr. #80311 received a Lifetime Impact Award from the Gaston County Jaycees for all his effort & dedication over the years. Congratulations Keith!

The Spencer Jaycees served beer at Hippiefest Weekend back in October, and assisted with a Hot Air Balloon Festival in November. This month, the chapter has bought gifts for 2 needy families, and will be delivering those presents this week.

Lastly, I want to wish you all Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays, and a most prosperous New Year! I look forward to seeing you soon!

In the Jaycee Spirit,

Nick



Wreathes Across America – NC JCI Senate Style

Our NC JCI Senators had excellent representation in 2024 for Wreathes Across America. We had 19 confirmed Senators, multiple guests, and I am sure there were more that I just didn't receive details from. Thank you all For the strong showing. In addition, There were at least 24 wreathes reported to me that were purchased by our group.

My thanks to all of you that volunteered and/or donated to this worthy cause.

Elizabeth, #67191

Volunteers by Region:

- ♦ EAST: Pam and Phil Padgett, Vann Sparrow, Suzanne Gill
- ♦ Triangle: Diane Upshaw (and Oliver), Cheryl Carlson (and 1st Mom Carolyn), Elizabeth Pfrogner
- ♦ Triad: Melanie Coble Paschal, (and Donnie), Gene Shanks, Mary Pruitt, Scott Alexander (with John) and friend Kay Lackey
- ♦ West: Tim Greene, Keith Bullard, Anna Price and Nick Woods (not shown)
- ♦ Attending in Arizona: Hal Williams, Lawrence and Karol Pittman, Carolyn Smith
- ♦ Fayetteville: James Rupard



Wheel chairs 4 Kids



HAPPY NEW YEAR NC SENATORS,

Hope you all had a fantastic holiday season and Santa was especially generous with presents under your tree!

Speaking of generous, the Reindeer Races at our NC Holiday Party were a huge success and we raised \$420.00 for WHEELCHAIRS 4 KIDS! Thank you to all who participated in the races and placed wagers on the different reindeer/riders. From the gallery's viewpoint, everyone was having a fun time! Many thanks to the creativity and ingenuity of Senator Pam Padgett for coming up with the idea that even though reindeer are usually brown, have antlers, pulls the jolly ole man's sleigh each year, and do not necessarily live in NC, she created each one with a personality of their own. Santa would have been proud! It was a wonderful project and a child in need of a new wheelchair will benefit greatly from our generous gift! This is the first time I can remember the NC JCI Senate holding a fundraising project at our party and I'm so thrilled that it was 4 the Kids!

Remember that you can become a member of the Guardians of the Wheel Kids Club by contacting www.wheelchairs4kids.org to sign up to make \$10 monthly donations. This helps in funding ramps and other home & vehicle modifications and the specialized mobility needs of these children.

For additional information, please contact me at bjcraft0920@msn.com. See you soon.

BJ Craft #45900

NC JCI Senate Chairperson

Jim Ollis / Bobby Saunders
Memorial Golf Tournament



20th Annual Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament

We are now just over three months away from our 20th annual Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament. I want to thank our many wonderful golfers and sponsors over these many years that have made our tournament a great success! Our 2024 Ollis/Saunders will be held Saturday March 23, 2024 with a 9:08 A.M. shotgun start at the Whispering Pines Golf Course in Myrtle Beach, S.C. As always our event will be held during the Carolina Calabash Beach Bash. Golf registration forms and sponsorship forms are included in this edition of the E-News. If you have been a recent golfer or sponsor of our event you will be receiving a personal letter from me along with both the forms in early January. I would finally like to thank my outstanding Co-Chairs for all their hard work: Bill & B.J. Craft and Cheryl Jones. I look forward to seeing many of you on March 23, 2024. Thank you!

Marty Wase

Co-Chair, Ollis/Saunders Golf

20th Annual Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament

Sponsorship Request Form



The NC JCI Senate is having its 20th Annual Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday March 23, 2024, at the Whispering Pines Golf Course in Myrtle Beach, SC. A portion of the funds raised in this annual tournament support the Kyle Byrd Memorial Scholarship, Duke Cancer, the NC Jaycee Burn Center, and the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina.

We invite you to join us as a sponsor for this event. By being a sponsor in this event you will be promoting your company to a group of people who are very loyal to its sponsors.

We thank you in advance for your support for this cause that is so dear to our hearts!

Sponsor levels:

Sponsor Name: _____

	\$25 Cart Sponsor		\$300 Birdie Level Sponsor
	\$50 Bogey Level Sponsor		\$350 Eagle Sponsor Level
	\$100 Par Level Sponsor		\$500 Hole In One Sponsor Level
	\$250 Lunch Sponsor		

Please make checks payable to: NC JCI Senate

Please mail to Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Co-Chairman:

Marty Wase
P.O. Box 723
Pinebluff, NC 28373

If you have questions, contact Marty Wase: mwase@nc-jci.com
Or call at (910) 281-4644 home; (910) 691-5859 cell

Tournament Committee: Marty Wase Bill & BJ Craft Cheryl Jones



Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament

20th Annual four- man Captain's Choice tournament sponsored by the NC JCI Senate

Saturday, March 23, 2024
9:08 AM Shotgun start
Whispering Pines Golf Course
900 Harrelson Blvd/Myrtle Beach, SC

A portion of the proceeds benefit the Kyle Byrd Memorial Scholarship Fund, Duke Cancer, NC Jaycee Burn Center, and the Boys and Girls Homes of NC

\$80 per person / \$320 for 4-person team. Price includes green fees, golf cart, lunch plus a goody bag Prizes include: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin

Make checks payable to: **NC JCI Senate**
Mail checks & completed forms to:
Marty Wase
P. O. Box 723
Pinebluff, NC 28373

Entry Form 20th Annual Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (C) _____ (H or W) _____

Team Players

Player 1 Name _____ Address _____

Player 2 Name _____ Address _____

Player 3 Name _____ Address _____

Player 4 Name _____ Address _____



Calabash Beach Bash

March 21-24, 2024

Ocean Drive Beach & Golf Resort

98 North Ocean Blvd

North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

(800) 438-9590

Name _____ JCI Senate # _____ Or FR # _____

Senate Office _____

Spouse/Guest _____ JCI Senate # _____ Or FR # _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Country _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Email _____

Are You Sharing A Room? _____ If Yes, With Whom Please? _____

Allergies _____

Item	Qty	Postmark By 03/01/2024	Postmark After 03/01/2024	On Site	Total
Full Registration		\$85.00	\$95.00	\$95.00	
Friday Only Hospitality Dinner		\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Saturday Only Hospitality/Dinner		\$55.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	
Children Under 12		FREE	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Children 12-16		\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Offsite Fee		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
GRAND TOTAL					

Full Registration Includes Thursday Hospitality, Friday Hospitality & Dinner, Saturday Hospitality & Dinner

Make Checks Payable To: "Carolina Calabash Bash" ***PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH***

Payment Method: Check/Money Order # _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail Registration Forms and Payments to:

Jimmy Maness, 3510 Cherry Lane, Greensboro, NC 27405

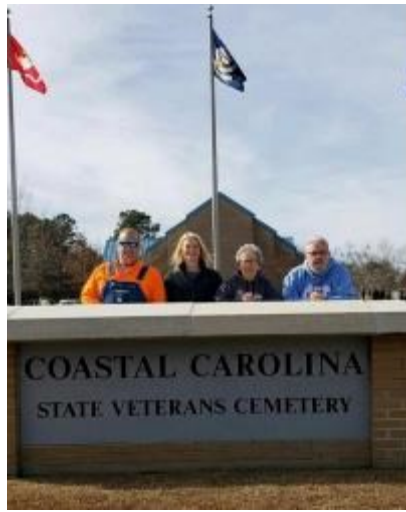
Make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel by calling (800) 438-9590. Room Block Code: **JCI Calabash Beach Bash**

Oceanfront Double or King Room \$149. Oceanfront Double or King Suite \$159.00 (plus taxes & fees).

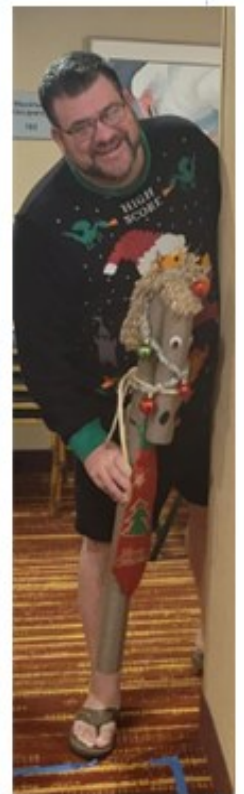
One Night Deposit Due At Booking. CUT OFF DATE FOR ROOM BLOCK: MARCH 01, 2024: Contact Jimmy Maness #38844

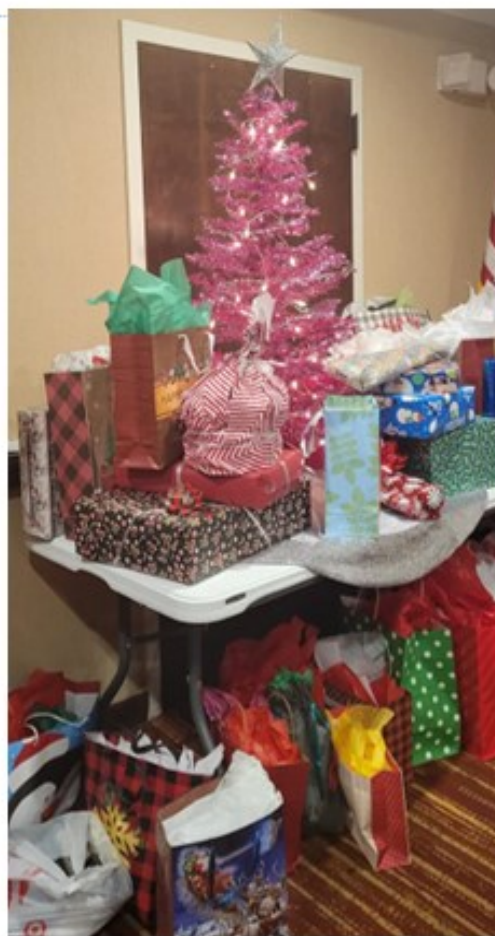
Questions: Jimmy Maness #38844. Phone: (336) 706-9385 or jcmanphoto@aol.com

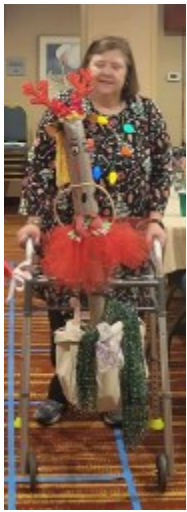












Editors Notes



Hi Guys! Happy Holidays! Well with the holidays, my new family member, health issues, and then my Mom's health scare this newsletter and well wishes come late.

GOOD NEWS IS Kenzi is settling in nicely, as it turns out she she actually was a rescue. She was not in a healthy environment, was not vaccinated as needed or on heartworm meds. nor chipped. Gonna get on my soapbox for a minute and say —pets are a big responsibility, they need more than love and food. They need annual vaccinations, heartworm meds, (have you ever seen a heartworm positive dog? It is heartbreaking!) Lastly a collar with a tag containing the pets name and your and contact info, current rabies and microchipped. Nuff said!

I am doing better and Mom has seen a surgeon, his thoughts PT, so she is going that route.

