

Senate Floor Winter Edition February 2025

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2024-2025 NC JCI
Senate President



North Carolina Senators, can you believe we are more than halfway through our 50th Senate Year? It has been my privilege to serve as your President this year that we celebrate our heritage over the last 50 years and also Focus on the Future of the North Carolina JCI Senate. We have a strong team that not only has a few well tenured Senate leaders, but also a host of new faces on the Exec Team. It is only with their support and advice that we've been able to flourish as a Senate and help our Jaycees succeed in 2024.

This year has been both exciting and challenging for me as the 50th State President and first president in recent memory with elementary age children at home. The Hardee Boys have enjoyed traveling to Maryland's Bull and Oyster Roast, NC Jaycee Year End Convention (hosted by the NC Senate), US JCI Senate Convention in Florida, Virginia Senate Summer meeting and baseball game, and they kicked it off at our summer NC Senate meeting at the beach in Emerald Isle. Personally, the Region IV meeting in Huntsville Alabama was a lot of fun, especially "racing" against my fellow State Presidents to raise money for Hurricane relief and visiting the NASA Space Center. The Fall and Winter National Board meetings in Tulsa and New Orleans respectively were a great opportunity to connect with Senate friends from across the country and share with US JCI Senate.

None of us were quite prepared to lose President Gary Pittenger, especially so early into his year as our National President. His executive team has met to discuss how moving forward and continue the goals and direction that President Gary wanted. A-VP Bruce Sostak stepped up as President upon Gary's death and appointed Larry Norfleet as the new Administrative VP to complete this term. Gary's team is racing ahead and continuing to promote Destination Legacy. Let us lift up both Gary's family and the US Senate, but also the families of NC JCI Senators that have lost family members, are dealing with major health issues, recovering from storms, or other significant issues at home.

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At home, our Senate has had a successful year raising funds at the Sweepstakes and Silent Auction, Raleigh Turkey Shoot, and Carter Finely Concessions. Thank you Raleigh and Cary Jaycees in letting us help you with those projects and VP Gene Shanks for coordinating the efforts. December 14th was a busy day starting off with Wreaths Across America Project. PM Phillip Padgett led an effort where more than 20 Senators at 5 sites in state laid wreaths to remember those who died for our freedoms. We then hosted the girls from the B&G Home for a mini holiday party and presented gifts for them and the cottage. The night continued with our traditional Senate Holiday gathering with our fellow Senators and their families. Chaplain Monica Means, CoS Melanie Paschal and the hospitality dynamic duo of Aimee and Shannon served us well. We had 6 new Senators inducted at our Winter meeting and NC Jaycee Convention, which with your help we hosted, saving the NC Jaycees several thousand dollars that they don't have. By all accounts the Convention was a Wickedly Awesome achievement. Focusing on our Future events, I look forward to seeing you at the Calabash Beach Bash, one of our Regional Socials, and the Fabulous 50th Anniversary Celebration in May. Until then, don't be a stranger. Call or email me anytime.

In JCI Senate Spirit!

Chris Hardee, #66036 50th State President NC JCI Senate.



2024-2025 NC JCI Senate Vice President



Things have been busy under the Management Umbrella of this year's Senate. We have run several successful projects and had a lot of fun along the way.

We started with a successful silent auction and sweepstakes. We were able to raise \$3805 with the Sweepstakes and \$1560 with the Auction. Aime Scotton won the \$500 prize in the Sweepstakes, with the NC Jaycees Jelly, which was donated by Terry Bennett, sold for \$100.

The Raleigh Jaycees offered the NC JCI Senate an opportunity to help with one of their projects. The Senate provided several volunteers to Raleigh's Turkey Shoot, which raised \$387.50. On a personal note, this was the first time I did this project, and I had a lot more fun than I expected to.

Once again we supplied manpower to help the Cary Jaycees with their concessions stand at Carter-Finley Stadium. We had just enough senators volunteer to fill all the positions, allowing us to make \$2508.01. We need to do better next year, so let's rally together to help the Cary Jaycees.

All these projects allowed us to donate \$938.70 to our priority projects (Duke Cancer, NC Jaycees Burn Center and Boys & Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw) and well as Wheel Chairs for Kids. Awesome job, Senators!

But wait! There's more!

We had 2 winners of the Kylee Byrd Memorial Scholarship! Zoey Taylor and Linda Taylor. Both attend West Davidson High School in Lexington, NC and both will be attending Appalachian State University. By the way...they're twins!

We still have a project or two to achieve before the end of the year, so Let's Work Together and make them happen!

Gene Shanks

NC JCI Senate Management Vice President

2024-2025 NC JCI Senate VP of Membership



Greetings Senate Family,

I hope and pray All is well for you and your families If you missed our yearend meeting with the NC Jaycees in Cary February 7th weekend, you missed a Wonderful Time! We Celebrated “Wicked”, and a Magical time was had by all! We also held our annual meeting, elections of officers, board and other discussions, motions, etc. More details will follow within our newsletter herein, or our upcoming meeting at year end for our NC JCI Senate. Speaking of Jaycees, do you remember when you received your Senatorship? It was a Very Humbling Moment for Tracy and me as we received ours the same night back in January 2004 at the year end, Jaycee meeting in Asheville, NC. Many will remember the snow and ice we dealt with on our journeys home. I mention this in hopes you’ll remember when you received yours, the appreciation of such a High Honor, and that you’ll decide to renew your membership, if not already done, or if you’re not a Life Member, then come and join us at our meetings and projects that we work together and maybe you’ll change your mind.

We have some Great Programs going on, here in NC, Region IV, and around the country! Suzanne Gill, #67891, is the Program Manager for S.O.A.R (Senate Outreach Activation and Retention), Amy Moore, #78686, is our Freshman Senators & 1st Timers Chairperson, Aaron Gauldin, # 82644, is our RTF (Return the Favor) Program Manager, Phillip Padgett, #49363, is our Wreathes Across America Chairperson, and BJ Craft is our Wheelchair For Kids Chairperson for NC. Each area was represented Very Well, NC continues to prove itself in ways that are second to none. Please reach out to each person above and you’ll see the light in their eyes and the fire in their hearts for what they’re doing. I’m So Proud of All our NC JCI Senate Membership Area Team, above, and fellow NC JCI Senators.

Please remember, We need YOU to keep NC as one of
The Best Senate States in the USA!

Sincere regards, and God’s Blessings to you and yours,

Ray Culler #64452 2024/2025

NC JCI Senate VP of Membership

2024-2025 NC JCL Senate

West Region RD



West Region RD Report—February 2025

Good day Senators!

This past fall, some of the members of the West Region were impacted by Helene. Some of our Senators suffered loss of property as a result. Please continue to pray for this part of the state as that area continues to rebuild.

On to chapter activities, the Spencer Jaycees sold tickets and worked the admission gate at the Rowan County Fair back in September. On November 1-3, they worked the Balloon Festival at the fairgrounds. Speaking of Helene earlier, the chapter collected and donated supplies for Helene victims. In May, they will be working the Hippiefest festival at the Rowan County fairgrounds.

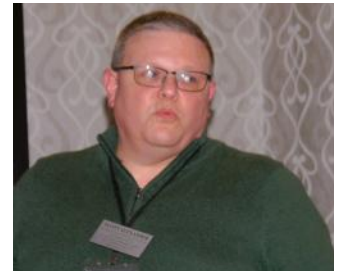
The Gaston County Jaycees held their 85th Anniversary celebration back on Friday, September 13. It was a wonderful event, and it was great to see some old photographs and hear stories from Jaycees from the old days. On Sunday, December 1, they held the Gastonia Christmas parade. The Gaston County Jaycees have been busy running projects this year, and they have a social at one of the two bimonthly meetings. The immediate past President, Kendrick McDowell, will be serving as the NC Jaycees RD for the West Region in 2025

That's about all for now! Hope to see you soon!

In the Jaycee Spirit,

Nick Woods #62735

2024-2025 NC JCI Senate Triad Regional Director



Greetings from the Triad Region! As we move towards the end of this Senate year, I am called upon to reflect on the status and achievements of the Triad Region. Greensboro has been a steady source of encouragement this past year. Their membership continues to be strong and they remain an active force in their community. They have maintained their monthly membership meetings, and have used these to offer members and guests alike not only a social outlet but also professional development skills, such as interviewing techniques. They also provided a tubing trip for members, completed a very successful Holiday Parade, and have continued to give back to their local community. On March 14th, they will be delivering pies to teachers at a local middle school as a sign of support and in April they will be participating in the Flight of Honor event at the Piedmont Triad International Airport.

The High Point Jaycees are in a more reflective period. Their membership remains between 10 and 20 and they have motivated members internally. The chapter has a strong community-oriented focus and participated in programs such as Relay for Life, shopped for 10 underprivileged children at Operation Elf, and helped the High Point Fire Department give 50 children from the Boy's and Girl's Club a Christmas experience to remember. Unfortunately, the chapter is in a leadership transition at present, but continues to benefit its community.

For all that we have done, we have another chance to make memories. On March 15th, there will be a Regional Social Event when we go to see the Carolina Cobras play their season-opener at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. The Cobras are an Arena League Football team and watching football on a 50-yard field is an experience. The environment is family-friendly, the games move quickly and are sometimes interactive, and the environment is a lot of fun. Tickets are only \$12.00 each if we can get a group of 10 or more to go so please contact me at salexander6204@gmail.com if you are interested. This is a great event for all ages!!

In closing, I want to thank President Chris for offering me the opportunity to serve as your Triad Regional Director this year. I am beyond grateful for the blessings and experiences this organization offers me. To be a member of such a transformative group goes beyond words, so I offer only these: Thank You!

In Jaycee Spirit,
Scott J Alexander
Senator #67113
2024-2025 Triad Regional Director

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"Be the change you wish to see in the world" - Gandhi

2024-2025 NC JCI Senate

Down East RD



Hello Fellow Senators! There is a lot going on in the Down East Region. Please come out and support their events.

The Greenville Jaycees Silver Bells Christmas Parade was held on December 7th and was a HUGE success with over 75 entries!

Melinda Sampson was inducted as the Greenville Jaycee President for another term.

On March 1 the 24th Annual Shuck and Pluck will be held at the American Legion in Greenville, NC from 5-9pm. Please contact Senator Jessica Jenkins #81505 with any questions at jessicajenkins70@gmail.com.

They will also be hosting an EPIC April Membership Drive. If you know anyone under 40 who lives in Greenville, you should tell them how cool they are and to show up on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5th Street Hardware Restaurant and Tap Room.

The Jacksonville Jaycees Breaking and Entering Christmas was extraordinarily successful, and no one was arrested in the process. They provided Christmas to two families complete with a Christmas tree, decorations, and presents for all.

The Jacksonville Jaycees raised \$1,320.00 for the Boys and Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw this past December with a match campaign sponsored by Guild Mortgage owned and operated by chapter members Christian and Megan Carter.

John Kay was inducted for his second term as Jacksonville Jaycee President.

A membership recruitment bar crawl was held on February 1.

The chapter is helping the PEERS Family Development Center program sell tickets to their 7th Annual Masquerade Ball at Sturgeon City on March 15th at 6pm. Tickets are \$75 per person or grab a table of 8 for \$600. Please find a Masquerade mask and call 910-333-9725 for tickets to support this AMAZING cause.

Thank you,
Vann Sparrow, #67885



Grace

Grace can be described as an act of kind assistance, dignified or restrained beauty of form, appearance, or style, or a quality that gives something special worth (Merriam-Webster Thesaurus online).

To me, grace can be like giving a free pass. We all need grace. Sometimes we are having a hard day, things aren't going as planned, we get frustrated, we didn't reply back to someone, we shut down, etc. That's when we need grace from others. We need someone to say, I don't know what you are going through, let me help, what can I do. Or we just need others not to jump to conclusions.

It may be a friend or it may be a stranger. Maybe you are in a good mood and the other person is grumpy. We may not always know what someone else is going through. We all have our own struggles. And we all deal with them differently. Some people share their struggles with everyone to help ease the pain or burden. Others keep their struggles hidden so they appear as if everything is ok, when maybe, it's not.

Everyone deserves grace. You never know what someone else may be going through.

Monica Means

NC JCD Senate Chaplain

*S.O.A.R. (Senate Outreach,
Activation, Retention)*



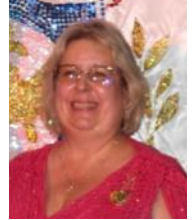
Hi Everyone,

There are many ways to be involved in the S.O.A.R. (Senate Outreach, Activation, and Retention) Program.

Feel free to join the S.O.A.R. US JCI Senate group on Facebook. On Mondays, please wear blue and take a selfie and post to the group in order to support our first responders. Then on Friday, please wear red and take a selfie and post to the group to support our deployed troops. You can also share your "My Jaycee Story" in 250 words or less to be part of the We Can S.O.A.R. Movement.

Many Thanks,
Suzanne Gill #67891

NC Senate – Chairman of the Board



Greetings to my NC Senate Family!!

Thank you all for making the 2023-24 year amazing!! It was great to lead such an awe-inspiring group and to show other states, the US and Internationally what an amazing family the NC Senate truly is. I was beyond proud to be able to represent you all in Tampa at the US JCI Senate Year End Convention and celebrate so many NC Senators being recognized for all their outstanding service... you all ROCK!! Personally, I was humbled beyond words receiving the Jerry Godwin Region IV State President Award, be recognized as one of the 8 Outstanding State Presidents within the US, and then at the banquet to be named the Thomas Humphrey Memorial Award winner. My goal for the year was not to win awards but to show others the greatness of the NC Senate. Last year wouldn't have been possible without all your support throughout the entire year along with the love and support of my mom Carolyn (1st Mom) and the support of my manager at Avient Protective Materials who let me flex my work with my Senate schedule to juggle both my career and Senate life.

I will always be honored to be your 49th President, but as the saying goes 'All good things must come to an end' and on July 1st, I passed the reigns over to the 50th President so we can continue to "Focus on the Future" while we continue to celebrate our past. I am tickled pink (ok, fuchsia) to be serving as the NC Senate Chairman of the Board and supporting President Chris, the NC Senate Executive Team and being able to continue to represent the NC Senate throughout the US Senate and beyond. We are just over halfway through the 2024-25 year where it has been fantastic to represent the NC Senate as one of several NC Senators becoming charter members of EESAC last August in Aruba as well as planning to attend the second annual reunion in Sint Maarten in May, attend the US JCI Senate Fall and Winter Boards in Tulsa and Kenner, respectively, and most recently announcing our 6 newest NC Senators at the NC JCI Year End Banquet in Raleigh.

I look forward to seeing everyone through the rest of the year, especially at the Region IV Spring Calabash Beach Bash in Myrtle Beach and the Annual Meeting on May 31st which will be held in conjunction with our 50th Anniversary Celebration in Cary to reminisce and remember our rich history and honored traditions. Then to be a part of the contingent that will cross the finish line in Northbrook, IL as we complete the Destination Legacy year at the US JCI Year End Convention.

In JCI Senate Spirit,

Cheryl Carlson #70371

NC Senate Chairman of the Board 2024-25

2024-25 NC JCI Freshman Senators



Melinda Sampson Senator 83687 presented by the Greenville Jaycees. Melinda has made a significant impact on the chapter since joining in early 2019. She came in and breathed new life into the chapter, bringing fresh ideas and a sense of positivity that had been waning in recent years. She came in and saw the historical projects the chapter had been doing and found ways to streamline them and make them even more exciting and fun for the community. With her help, the chapter has been able to reach even more people in the community to bring them in to the events that we put on, by creating media packages and sending them out to news organizations (radio, print, television). She taught other chapter members how to put together these media packages and has even given tips to chapter members who will be interviewed on camera on how to compose themselves with Date of Birth (e.g. 11/2/58): Month Day Year Occupation: Date applicant joined Junior Chamber: Date applicant ceased to be a member (if applicable): Activities in Junior Chamber JUNIOR CHAMBER HISTORY OF APPLICANT 03/03/1986 02/20/2019 Junior Chamber International (JCI), Inc. 15645 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017, U.S.A. Tel.: (1) (636) 449-3100 Fax: (1) (636) 449-3107 Homepage: www.jci.cc Email: senate@jci.cc the hot lights shining on them and having questions flung at them. Melinda has brought new ideas and new members into the chapter and has really helped with keeping the chapter going. As soon as she started, she was adamant that she wanted to be in leadership, and even before taking on an official board position, she was showing great leadership by spearheading projects and jumping into project committees. Once Melinda did take on a board position in the chapter, she was instrumental in bringing the board together and making meetings light, productive, and fun. She leads by educating and taking in everyone's ideas into account. She takes chapter survey's and then actively creates projects to support the survey results. This is how the chapter began a community garden and worked with a local business to put on a pet parade. Direct results of the survey that asked members what they were passionate about. Melinda knows that in order to make magic happen, you have to take everyone's feedback into consideration. And while you cannot make everyone happy all the time, she shows that she's listening and considering everyone, and that means so much to her members. She has made tough decisions, like letting a member go because of unfortunate circumstances, and that was hard for her and hard for the chapter, but with her leadership it was done quietly, by the books, and with a heavy heart. Melinda has a very full life, with work and her family, and friends. Life has thrown curveballs, and she has handled it all with grace and while still putting her heart and her time into her chapter. When you're as busy as she is, her taking her most precious commodity, time, and putting into something like the Jaycees, to make our community a little bit better with each event, that mean

Evette Nicole Spears Senator 83688 presented by the Cary Jaycees. Yvette became a Jaycee in 2013. As a part of her original chapter, The Winston-Salem Jaycees, she served 2 years as their Community Service Director, then as their Community Service VP. In 2020 she served as Chapter President. During Covid they prepared 50 go bags for domestic violence survivors and their families which was one of her favorite Jaycee memories. Her favorite, and 1st chaired project, was “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” which was a partnership with Family Services Inc to raise awareness against Domestic Violence. This project had men and women walking a mile in heels in downtown Winston-Salem. On the state level she served as a Priority Projects program manager for 2 years and also served 2 years as the Awards Vice President. In 2023 she also served as a committee member on JCI USA’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council. After her original chapter closed, she joined the Cary Jaycees and became ingrained in their Twinning adventure with JCI Ghana. She recently traveled to Ghana to strengthen the Twinning bond with JCI Dansoman. Yvette may be new to The Cary Jaycees membership, but she is not new to us as she has come to our events and volunteered at Carter Finley. She is more than deserving of this recognition

Shelby Palmer Senator 83689 presented by the Raleigh Jaycees. Shelby became a Jaycee in November of 2014. She found us after being a Toast Master for a number of years. She always says she wished she found the Jaycees before Toast Masters as she loves the mission of JCI. While her time as an active Jaycee, she held different board positions including Community Director, Community VP, Individual Development Director and Individual Development VP. She also became a Master Speak Up Winner for JCI USA. Shelby’s commitment to the Goodfellows Christmas project is ongoing from when she 1st joined in 2015 and every year since including the year she played a major role when Goodfellows was cancelled in person and clothes shopping for 60+ kids had to be done. While Shelby enjoys all Raleigh Jaycee projects her most favorite is the Raleigh Jaycees Turkey Shoot. During her time as an active Jaycee, she chaired the Turkey Shoot 2 years. What you may not realize is that the Turkey Shoot runs all 10 days the State Fair is happening, and it must be open from opening to close (12-14 hours) each and every day. What is most important about Shelby and the Turkey Shoot is that she ran it a 3rd time, the year she aged out. That same year, she also served as an advisor on the Raleigh Jaycee board of directors. Shelby continues to come to events, serve on project committees and truly just care about what is happening in the chapter. Her presence continues to be felt in Raleigh and other Chapters even after being aged out for 6 years

Gina Allums Senator 83690 presented by the Raleigh Jaycees. Gina became a Jaycee in 2015. While her time as an active Jaycee she serves as State Director twice and as Local Chapter President for the Raleigh Jaycees. She also became a Master Speak Up Winner for JCI USA. She has represented JCI USA by being a Champion for United to Beat Malaria (formally known as Nothing but Nets). Gina served consecutive years on the North Carolina Jaycees Foundation. After she aged out, she helped serve as a sounding board for Robert Cook when he was Raleigh Jaycees Chapter President and the North Carolina Jaycees State President. Gina has lived outside of North Carolina for a few years, but still serves on the Goodfellows Committee and continually flies to North Carolina to be a part of this beloved project. Gina helps the Arlington VA Jaycees and is a mentor for them.

James Andrew Lanier Senator 83691 presented by the Jacksonville Jaycees. James became a Jacksonville Jaycees in 2019. James has served in positions both at the local and state level including NCJC Legal Counsel, Jacksonville Vice President and President. He has recently been appointed as Legal Counsel for JCI USA. James started and ran the Glow ball Tournament for the past 3 years. He believes in the Jaycee mission and is always ready to help the community and works to bring the fun wherever he is. He champions fellow Jaycees and always bring his leadership and knowledge to the table every time.

Denise Gold Senator 83692 presented by the Greensboro Jaycees. Denise originally joined the Hickory Jaycees in 1990 prior to attending law school. Once she graduated from law school, she moved to the Winston Salem area and joined the Winston Salem Jaycees where she was an active member for several years becoming Chapter President in 2000. She ended her Jaycee career as part of the Greensboro Jaycees becoming active in Met Net Conference activities including Training Director and Legal Counsel. Denise also served at the State level as Northwest Regional Director. Denise has continued her support of the Jaycees serving as consultant on legal matters over the years. She has been deserving of this honor for several years but with two of her original chapter folding this was overlooked. The Greensboro Jaycees and others came together to make this deserving and overlooked Senatorship possible.



89th NC JCI President



Looking Back on 2024

As we close out 2024, there is so much to celebrate. North Carolina finished the year financially strong, revitalized our chapters and programs, and introduced new statewide initiatives. We also launched a national campaign for Hurricane Helene relief—an effort still ongoing to help families rebuild after devastation.

In December, I reviewed our membership numbers—something I hadn't anticipated after cleaning 10% of our roster in January. Yet, we achieved unprecedented growth, finishing the year **+37 members** and securing **North Carolina's place as the top growth state in the nation**.

This success was not mine alone. It was built alongside our local presidents, Chris Hardee and our Senate, the Cardinal Corps, Past State Presidents, my ExCom Team, JCI USA National Officers, and so many more dedicated individuals. The collaboration and alignment exceeded my expectations but were essential to our members' and state's development.

I am profoundly grateful for all I have received this past year and in the years before. When I drafted my state plan in December 2023, I quickly realized it mirrored Jocelyn Hardee's plan from a decade earlier. Following her presidency was an honor I did not take lightly, and I worked tirelessly to fulfill the vision we shared.

One of my proudest moments was recognizing an outstanding individual from every active chapter at the 2024 awards banquet—proof that each member stepped up to achieve this year's success.

To my fellow Senators: Many of you have been part of my journey for the last decade, often sharing spaces where I was the only non-Senator in the room. You have witnessed my transformation and that of this organization, offering unwavering support, mentorship, and guidance. My deepest thanks for hosting this year-end event, but more importantly, for all you have done to shape leaders like me. Without you, we could not have accomplished what we did in 2024.

Leadership can be lonely, but I found comfort in those who understood the weight of the responsibilities, the history I sought to honor, and the changes we worked to implement for the betterment of this organization.

Thank you all for your support. I have the highest expectations for the 2025 team and hope they shatter every record we set this year!

90th NC JCI President



What an incredible weekend at the NC Jaycees Convention! I cannot express enough gratitude to the NC JCI Senate for hosting us and making this event so special. Everything was absolutely wonderful—the beautiful setting, the amazing food, and, most importantly, the time we spent together.

One of the best parts of the weekend was getting to know more of our Senators. Whether reconnecting with familiar faces or meeting new ones, I truly enjoyed every moment. Your continued support and encouragement mean the world to me and to our organization. Because of each of you, the road has been paved for us to continue Jayceeing, and I hope to make you proud as we move forward.

As I step into this year as the 90th President of the NC Jaycees, I am filled with excitement for what's ahead. I am equally looking forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the NC JCI Senate with all of you in May. It will be an incredible milestone, and I can't wait to honor the legacy and leadership that have shaped this organization.

Thank you again for everything you do for us. Your support, guidance, and friendship mean more than words can express. Here's to an amazing year ahead!

In Jaycee Spirit,

Autumn Gentry

90th President, North Carolina Jaycees

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Autumn Gentry

90th State President



Wheelchairs 4 Kids



What a year thus far for the NC JCI Senate helping Wheelchairs 4 Kids!

We were presented with the challenge of raising funds for a specialized wheelchair for ANA, a child from Charlotte, NC. ANA was born with Spina Bifida and later diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and in her 12 years of life, had never had a mode of transportation other than her parents physically carrying her from place to place.

This was an unusual challenge for our organization, as we had not taken on a project such as this before. ANA needed her chair ASAP, but despite the delay in distributing information about this project, twenty-two wonderful individuals, businesses and the NC JCI Senate have donated. Thank you to all who have contributed!

It was my honor to present the funds raised thus far to Madeline Robinson, Executive Director of Wheelchairs 4 Kids when in Florida on February 15th. If you would like to contribute to complete our commitment, please make your check payable to Wheelchairs 4 Kids and send it to me so that you can receive credit.

Enjoy the picture of ANA being fitted for her chair! We are making her dream come true!

When I met with Madeline, she said that there are other opportunities to assist them. One of which is the camp for the Kids, which was held for the first time in 2024. The children and their families attend with all activities geared towards arts and crafts and outdoor fun for the kids. They just want to have fun! Let us continue to help!

BJ Craft #45900

Wheelchairs 4 Kids Chair



21st ANNUAL JIM OLLIS/BOBBY SAUNDERS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2025

Greetings fellow Senators! We are now a little over one month away from our 2025 Ollis/Saunders golf tournament on Saturday March 22 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Once again this membership and our many sponsors have come through in a powerful way. As of today February 12 we have received \$8,300.00 in sponsorship money! That is truly amazing! But our work is far from done. Remember that this is our largest fundraiser of the year and expenses have increased. I would like to challenge all Senators to sponsor our event at some level so that we may continue to give meaningful donations to the Kyle Byrd Memorial Scholarship, BGHNC Jaycee Cottage, N.C. Jaycee Burn Center, Duke Cancer, and Wheelchairs 4 Kids. We also need more golfers. Remember that you don't have to be a Senator or a Jaycee to play in our tournament. Our committee could also use some help for a few hours on Saturday morning registering golfers and selling muligans, throws, red tees, and club raffle tickets. Please let one of our committee know if you can help us out on March 22. Many thanks to all those who have already sponsored or registered to play golf. Many thanks to Crissie Lewis for donating 4 rolls of stamps for postage. And many thanks to those who have already volunteered to work on March 22: Terry Bennett, Liz Young, Cat Collins, Suzanne Gill and Mary Pruitt. Most of all many thanks to my dedicated golf committee members: Bill & B.J. Craft and Cheryl Jones. Look forward to seeing you at the Carolina Calabash Beach Bash in March!

Marty Wase #53142

Co-Chair, Ollis/Saunders Golf 2025



Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament

21st Annual four- man Captain's Choice tournament sponsored by the NC JCI Senate

Saturday, March 22, 2025
8:30 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, the Boys and Girls Homes of NC, and Wheelchairs 4 Kids

\$85 per person / \$340 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 21st 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 _____

21st Annual Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament

Sponsorship Request Form



The **NC JCI Senate** is having its 21st **Annual Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament** on Saturday March **22, 2025**, 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, the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, and Wheelchairs 4 Kids..

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.rr.com
Or call at (910) 281-4644 home; (910) 691-5659 cell

Tournament Committee: Marty Wase Bill & BJ Craft Cheryl Jones



Calabash Beach Bash

March 20-23, 2025

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 03/01/2025	Postmark After 03/01/2025	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: Calabash Beach Bash**
Oceanfront Double or King Room \$149. Oceanfront Double or King Suite \$159.00 plus taxes and \$15/per night resort fee.

Three Night Minimum to get Group Rate. Rate available 3 days before and after event dates.

One Night Deposit Due At Booking. **CUT OFF DATE FOR ROOM BLOCK RATE: February 15, 2025**

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

Reservation or other hotel issues: James Rupard #41615. Phone: 910-315-3310 or jci41615@yahoo.com

NCJCA Senate 50th Anniversary Chair



Fellow Senators,

Our 50th Anniversary is fast approaching! Have you sent in your registration, purchased an ad, purchased a shirt, made your room reservation, then please do so.

May 30-31 at the Embassy Suites, 201 Harrison Oaks Blvd, Cary, N Exit #287 of I-40

In this newsletter, you will find the registration form, ad form, shirt form and also a tentative agenda for the weekend.

Full registration is \$75.00 post marked before May 15; late registration \$90.00 after May 15. If mailing, please do so before May 20 so it will reach BJ Craft in Myrtle Beach before she leaves on May 29 for Cary. There will be NO REGISTRATION taken at the door. If you pay by VEMNO, please send your registration to BJ. The banquet will be a plated meal and the Entrees are listed on the registration form. There will be a cash bar, at the banquet, but with the new Hilton guidelines, they now call it a cashless bar, which means, credit cards only. Also, the banquet is Formal. During the banquet, will have a walk down memory lane with a slide show and program. Also, a memorial service to remember the ones we have had to say good bye to.

Hotel room rate is \$159.00 a night, plus tax and a \$5.00 a day parking fee. Room block is till April 30, so please get your room ASAP. The hotel reservation # is 800-362-2779 with group code #95Q. If you need to cancel your room, please contact me, instead of the hotel, so we can make sure the room stays in the room block.

We will have one more shirt order. The last day to get the order form to Tracy Culler will be March 28. The shirts are Navy blue with gold lettering. They are really smart looking.

We are also selling ads for a programming book. Everyone who attends, or purchases an ad, will receive a 50th Anniversary Program Book. So please purchase as AD. Buying ADs will help with the cost of publishing this book. This can be done as an individual or your business. Crissie Lewis and Gene Shanks are working on this book and they will be happy to help you design your ad.

There are so many things to see and do around the area. If you come in Friday and want to visit.. You will not be far from Downtown Raleigh, with all the State Capital Buildings, museums and NC State, the NC Museum of Art is not far from the hotel. If you wish to go to Durham, you can visit Duke University, see the Duke Chapel and also museums and parks. In Chapel Hill you can see University of North Carolina, the Dean Dome and other sites. The area also has a long history of agriculture. And of course, there is shopping galore, Crabtree Valley Mall, Streets of Southport, Brier Creek and many y great restaurants. The hotel is across the street from a Bass Pro Shop.

There has been a lot of work and planning going into this Anniversary celebration and we want to make it a night to remember. Special thanks to all on the committee for their hard work and dedication. We hope to see everyone there. With any questions, please contact me at senatorcj@aol.com or 919-412-3981

Carol "CJ" Jordan #45857
50th Anniversary Chair

North Carolina JCI Senate 50th Anniversary Celebration

May 30 – 31, 2025

Embassy Suites
201 Harrison Oaks Blvd.
Cary, NC 27513



Name _____ Senate # _____

If past NC JCI Senate President Year: _____

If past NC Jaycees President Year: _____

Partner / Guest _____ Senate # _____

If past NC JCI Senate President Year: _____

If past NC Jaycees President Year: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone # (____) _____ Email _____

Item	Pricing	Quantity	Total
Full Registration	___ \$75 postmarked by 5-15-25	___	___
Includes Hospitality, Banquet & Program	___ \$90 after May 15 th	___	___
	No Onsite Registration		
Banquet Meal (choose 1 for each person registering):			
___ Pan-Seared Chicken	___ Crispy Seared Salmon	___ Vegetable Ravioli	
	Grand Total		

Hotel: Embassy Suites
201 Harrison Oaks Blvd.
Cary, NC 27513
1-800-362-2779

Room Rate: \$159 / night + tax
Parking: \$5 / day
Reservation Deadline: April 30, 2025
Group Code: 95Q

Online Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ncjcisenate50anniversary/>

Make Checks Payable to: NC JCI Senate 50th Anniversary or Venmo: @NCSenateSpecial
Please note it's for: 50th Ann. Register

Mail Registrations to: BJ Craft #45900
7019 Rivers Bridge Court or Email Registrations: to BJ Craft #45900 at
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 BJCraft0920@msn.com

Registration Questions?

Contact Registration Chair BJ Craft at 803-463-1366 BJCraft0920@msn.com

50th Anniversary Questions?

Contact Celebration Chair Carol "CJ" Jordan 919-412-3981 SenatorCJ@aol.com

NC JCI Senate 50th Anniversary Shirt

**Port Authority Short Sleeve
Performance Staff Shirt**

Color: Navy Blue

Women's shirt runs small



Name _____

Senate # _____

Address: _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

SHIRT	QTY	EACH	TOTAL	SHIRT	QTY	EACH	TOTAL
Men's Small		\$35		Women's Sm		\$35	
Men's Medium		\$35		Women's Med		\$35	
Men's Large		\$35		Women's Lg		\$35	
Men's XL		\$35		Women's XL		\$35	
Men's XXL		\$36		Women's 2XL		\$36	
Men's 3XL		\$37		Women's 3XL		\$37	
Men's 4XL		\$38					
MENS TL				WOMENS TL			

SUBTOTAL \$ _____

***Optional: Name, Senate#**

Year as Pres. _____ Shirts @ \$3 each \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Checks may be made payable to: NC JCI Senate

Mail order form and payment to:

Tracy Culler #64534

42 Hunters Ridge

Cameron, NC 28326

Venmo:

NCSenateSpecial

Please note it's for

Anniversary Shirt



North Carolina JCI Senate 50th Anniversary Celebration

May 30 – 31, 2025

**Embassy Suites
201 Harrison Oaks Blvd.
Cary, NC 27513**

PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

Name Of Advertiser _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

ADVERTISING RATES:	Business Card	\$25
Circle One	1/4 Page	\$50
	1/2 Page	\$75
	Full Page	\$100

Please attach a copy of your business card or desired artwork to appear in the ad.

Return art work, along with your check made payable to the NC JCI Senate 50th Anniversary or Venmo - @NCSenateSpecial

**Crissie Lewis
752 Tuscan Way
Wilmington, NC 28411**

Questions : Call Crissie at 919-920-4595 or suzanneclewis@hotmail.com

Deadline: March 1, 2025

****** Deadline extended ****
March 15, 2025**



US JCI Senate Foundation



Greetings for the US Senate Foundation!!

The 2024-2025 year for the US Senate Foundation is in full swing. State scholarship judging is being wrapped up and submissions are being forward to the National Scholarship committee!! I am looking forward to seeing how many are awarded to our young high school seniors from North Carolina and also Region IV.

For those that may not be aware, the US Senate Foundation's purpose is to give scholarships to high school seniors. We raise the money from our members and friends and use the interest our accounts earn to fund the scholarships. In the spring of 2025, the US Senate Foundation plans to grant fifty (50) \$1,500 scholarships to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges and universities and ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships to continue their education at vocational schools.

The fundraising efforts have also been happening with a Bingo event at the US JCI Senate Winter Boards in Kenner, LA and our very own Region IV "Brown Bag/ Chinese" auction during the Fall meeting in Huntsville, Alabama where we collectively we raised \$560 for that Foundation!!

The next Region IV fundraiser will be at the Region IV Calabash Beach Bash in Myrtle Beach on Saturday March 22nd. It's our major event for the year and will include a Silent & Brown Bag Auction, a Dessert Contest and a special Blackberry Crown sampling experience. But this won't be a success without everyone's involvement ... ways you can participate:

- * Donating items for the Silent / Brown Bag Auction
- * Bringing a dessert for Saturday night contest
- * Be ready to bid, bid and bid some more at the Silent /Brown Bag Auction
(payment via cash and checks only)
- * Bring lots of \$\$ CASH \$\$ to vote for your favorite desert
- * Bring even more \$\$ CASH \$\$ to sample the Blackberry Crown experience

Please remember that your generous support of the US JCI Senate Foundation is always appreciated no matter the amount and donations greater than \$50 will be logged to your tier recognition account. The U.S. JCI Senate Foundation is a fully qualified, IRS approved 501(c)(3) non-profit and we recommend you work with your financial/tax advisor to ensure donations are deductible for federal income and estate tax purposes.

If you are wondering where your cumulative total stands at, drop me a message – I have access

to the report to find out and will be ready to cheer as you reach the next recognition level. So, who will be recognized in Northbrook at the US JCI Senate Year End Celebration?

In JCI Senate Spirit,

Cheryl Carlson #70371

US JCI Senate Foundation - Region IV Representative

texdoc@mindspring.com

919-218-1298

Region IV Calabash Beach Bash US Senate Foundation Fundraiser March 22nd, 2025

Featuring:



Silent &
Brown Bag
Auctions



Blackberry
Crown
Experience



Dessert
Contest

Please consider supporting by

- **Donating items for the Auctions**
- **Bringing a dessert for Saturday night contest**
- **Bid, bid and bid some more at the Auctions**
- **Bring lots of \$\$ CASH \$\$ to vote for your favorite dessert & partake in the Blackberry Crown experience**

Please remember that your generous support of the US JCI Senate Foundation is always appreciated no matter the amount and Monetary donations greater than \$50 will be logged to your Foundation account.

Contact US SENATE REGION IV Representative Cheryl Carlson #70371

At texdoc@mindspring.com or 919-218-1298

for questions or additional information

Only able to
accept
Cash & Checks
at this event



: ❤️ "Heat From The Heart" ❤️

Hi, Everyone...

The bitter cold and snow of the past few weeks across our State has been quite difficult, but especially so in our **"Mighty Midwest"** and **"Far, Far, Super Far West"** Regions where so many were already in the midst of trying to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Helene. Through all of this, we sympathize with Family, Friends, and Acquaintances in these areas. Seeing this very special need, many of our "Jaycee Cottage Friends" across the State have helped through local charities with Food, Water, and Clothes Drives, Mission Trips to these affected areas to help clean-up and re-build, as well as donating funds to help support those in need.....much like we did with our **"Great Spruce Pine Christmas for Five & Under Kids"** Project which raised **\$13,110.00**. Following this project, "Jaycee Cottage Friend" Tim Bryan of Winston-Salem organized several loads of Propane Tank deliveries for use in Spruce Pine and the surrounding area to help people as they began to prepare for the winter months ahead. **(THANKS, TIM!!)** Then, having witnessed the tremendous need in person while he was there, Tim is now working toward organizing another effort.....❤️ **"Heat From The Heart"**❤️.... and asking each of us to join together with him once again to help our Western Neighbors and Friends in Spruce Pine.

Unfortunately, while these folks in Spruce Pine continue to work diligently to put their lives back together from Helene, the recent snow and cold weather have brought new issues to the surface with temperatures ranging from the low single digits to low 20's. Our "Jaycee Cottage Friends" David & Diane Hughes from Spruce Pine, have been working tirelessly through Area Churches and the Fire & Rescue Squad and they have discovered that at least **"One-Third"** of the Seniors and Elderly in Spruce Pine and surrounding areas in Mitchell County are confined to their homes and struggling for enough funds to purchase Propane, Kerosene, and Heating Oil to keep warm. With requests for help and assistance from these folks continuing to pile up, David says, "we're just doing the best we can, day-to-day, to find a way to help keep these precious Senior individuals warm".

What Can We Do To Help? While this is not a BGHNC Project for "Our Jaycee Cottage" please keep in mind that David and all the Spruce Pine Jaycees led the way in fundraising for the purchase of new transport Vans for "Our Jaycee Cottage" in 1985, 2007, and 2020. We understand that each of you have probably already made donations in some form or another for "Helene Recovery" efforts in your local community. However, if you haven't had a chance to do so as of yet, or would like to help just one more time, **PLEASE** consider helping these Seniors and Elderly in Spruce Pine to stay warm with a minimum tax deductible ❤️ **"Heat From The Heart"**❤️ gift of **\$50.00** or more as follows:

(Thank-You, ❤️ Jaycee Cottage Friends for helping if you can!!)

*****Checks Payable To:** Parkway Fire & Rescue, Inc. **For:** "Heat From The Heart"

*****Mail To:** Parkway Fire & Rescue, Inc. **Attn:** Mr. David Hughes P.O. Box 188 Spruce Pine, N.C. 28777

Remember, **"We Can't Help Everyone, But Everyone Can Help Someone."** (President Ronald Reagan)

❤️ **Thanks for Caring, Thanks for Sharing, and Thanks for being "Jaycee Cottage Friends"!!**❤️ **(And Many, Many Thanks to Tim & David)**

All The Best,

Jerry, Tim, and David



The Yearbook Project



📌 The Yearbook Project – Help Us Give the Gift of Memories! 📖 🏡 ❤️

The **Spencer Jaycees** are launching **The Yearbook Project** to ensure that every **5th grader at North Rowan Elementary** gets a yearbook—because no child should miss out on the chance to take their memories home!

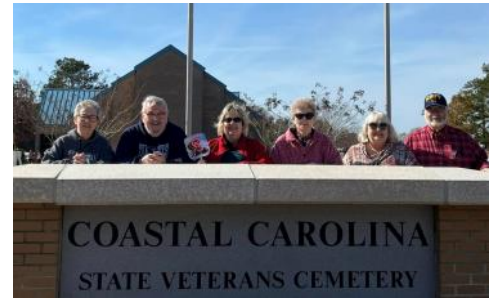
♥ How You Can Help:

- ✔ Sponsor a full yearbook for **\$30**
- ✔ Give a half-sponsorship for **\$15**
- ✔ Pick a yearbook and send your donation via **Venmo: @Heather-Resino**

With **70 students** in need, every contribution counts! Let's come together and make sure no memory is left behind.

📌 **Donate today & spread the word!** #TheYearbookProject ❤️ 📖

Senators at Work



Elections 2025—2026

NCJCI Senate

Articles in this section are submitted by any duly-filed candidates for office for the 2025-2026 Senate year. All candidates were given the timeframe to submit articles at the same time. The decision whether to submit an article is that of each candidate. No articles submitted by candidates in compliance with the established guidelines were withheld.

* Have the articles / submissions in order of the Office (if any were submitted)

President - Gene Shanks

VP - Suzanne Gill

Treasurer - BJ Craft & Mary Pruitt

Secretary - Sharon Reiss

RD - West (currently no one)

RD - Triad (currently no one)

RD - Triangle

RD - East



BETTY JO (BJ) CRAFT #45900
Candidate for NC JCI Senate Treasurer 2025-26

I would like to serve the NC JCI Senate as your Treasurer for 2025-26!

This has been the office I have wanted to hold since I became a Senator. I have the experience and desire to provide the financial stability that this organization needs. Current and concise financial reporting including Balance Sheet, a better breakdown of the Chart of Accounts, Profit & Loss statement and budget preparation are reports I have provided through working with QuickBooks software.

Membership is the lifeline and future of our organization! It is a crucial part of the Treasurer's job. Contacting and reactivating current and past Senate members is essential and that will be a major goal if elected. I have and will make "cold calls". I would also like for the NC JCI Senate to consider a "Lost Senator" program, for worthy past Jaycees who were not recognized with a Senatorship.

Garner Jaycettes – Joined 1975

Local & State Directors – 1977-79
"Unofficial" Treasurer for Garner Jaycees 1976-78

New Bern Jaycee-ettes – Joined 1979

Treasurer – 1980-81 & 1981-82

NC Jaycee Women – Congresswoman #82

State Treasurer – 1983-84 Outstanding State Officer – 1983-84
Southeast Regional Director – 1984-85

New Bern Jaycees – Joined April 1987

Individual Development VP – 1987-88
President – 1988-89 Outstanding Local President – 1988-89
Chair of Cystic Fibrosis Telethon – 1989

NC Jaycees

Outstanding First Year Jaycee (Brownfield) Award - 1988
Cystic Fibrosis Program Manager – 1989-90 & 1990-91 Bob Bain Award – 1990 & 1991

JCI Senatorship #45900 – Presented by New Bern Jaycees – May 1990

NC JCI Senate - Life Member #104

Chaplain – 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98
Family of the Year Chairman – 1998-99 & 1999-2000
Registration Chair for 2016 US JCI Senate National Convention
Wheelchairs 4 Kids Chair – 2023-24 & 2024-25

Florida JCI Senate – Joined May 2017

Administrative VP – 2017-18
Management VP – 2018-19 Larry Ackerman Memorial Award Winner
Secretary – 2019-20 Homer Sheppard Award Winner: US JCI Noland Terrill Award
Treasurer – 2020-21 US JCI Senate Outstanding State Treasurer (top 5) – 2020-21
52nd President – 2021-22 US JCI Senate Outstanding State President (top 5) – 2021-22
Chairperson of the Board – 2022-23

The Jaycee organization has been a huge part of my life for the past 50 years.

I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE THE NEXT TREASURER OF THE NC JCI SENATE! THANK YOU!



Mary Pruitt for Treasurer 2025-2026

A little about myself...I joined the Jaycees in Bennett, Colorado 1995. I enjoyed being a Jaycee and after being a member for a few years I moved through the leadership roles in my chapter to include Membership VP, Treasurer, and President of Bennett. After this I served as the Administrative VP for the State of Colorado. Once I aged out of the Jaycees, I continued to work on projects to mentor and assist where and when help was needed. In order to continue to support the Colorado Jaycees I secured my gaming license to work in the cashiers office for Bingo games raising funds for the organization.

I received my Senatorship March 4, 2019. I was active in the Colorado Senate becoming the Treasurer for the Colorado Senate for 21-22 and 22-23. I was awarded the Outstanding State Treasurer 2022-2023 by the US JCI Senate a position I continued to fulfill even after moving to North Carolina. I joined the North Carolina Senate shortly after moving from Colorado to be closer to my family. I became active in the North Carolina Senate attending several projects and served as Triad Regional Director in the 2023-24 Senate Year. I was elected as the Treasurer for the 2024-25 Senate year and am currently serving in this position.

My financial career spanned over 33 years starting with the Federal Government in 1989. I worked in the Legal office processing household good claims and simple Tort claims. After successfully doing this job I moved to the Defense Finance Accounting Office and worked ensuring that Military Pay for approximately seven thousand individuals with a monthly payroll of 28 million dollars was processed correctly. I moved to Virginia and worked in the department submitting documents for the accuracy of the payroll for the same seven thousand Military enlistees. I moved to the 83 Network Operations Squadron where I was the Resource Advisor for the Squadron of three flights with a budget of 5 million dollars. After performing this job successfully for several years, Headquarters moved me to San Antonio where I worked at the 67th Cyber Wing performing program analysis and budget management in support of 1 Group & 7 Squadrons as well as the 688 Cyber Wing supporting 1 Group & 3 Squadrons where I oversaw a 43 million dollar budget. I was also assigned extra duty for the 26th Cyber Operations Group during the interim of a hiring freeze as their Resource Advisor. My final position was with NORAD in Colorado where I served as the Budget Analyst for J7 USNORTHCOM and NORAD. The diversity of work I supported for the J7 consisted of an average \$345 million dollar budget. I held a Top Secret clearance so I could effectively perform the requirements of my position with Integrity, Service, and Excellence.

I feel that the variety of the positions I have fulfilled in my 33 year career in financial management has provided me with the knowledge, skills and ability to professionally and soundly perform all the duties expected of me as the NC JCI Senate Treasurer. I will continue to strive at being the best I can be for the NC JCI Senate. The continuity that I can provide by being reelected to this position will ensure the future financial stability of the NC JCI Senate as we look into the future planning and sustainability of the organization.

NCICL Senators Dressed in Their Finest Duds

