



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Raising the B.A.R. (Believe/Achieve/Receive)

A lot has happened since the last edition of The Senate Floor. 2018 came to a close on a high note. In November, North Carolina hosted a fantastic Region IV Fall Meeting in Hendersonville, North Carolina. As usual, our hospitality team outdid themselves with the food, and North Carolina even raised a little money. More important than that, though, was that we had a terrific weekend fellowship with Senators from across our region. Then, in December, we came together as a Senate family to celebrate Christmas at our annual Christmas party in Pinehurst. Some were unable to attend due to impending winter weather, but they were there in spirit and those of us who did attend were able to celebrate the giving season with friends who are more like family. Those were good times.



2019 has been a hard year so far. On January 22, just days before I was to head to New Orleans to represent North Carolina at the National Winter Board Meeting, my father passed away unexpectedly. I was very close to my father, so to say that this has hit me hard is a vast understatement. Needless to say, I was unable to go to New Orleans. I cannot thank enough those who stepped up to take on my responsibilities in New Orleans and the one who stayed behind to be with me that week. Furthermore, I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from my Senate family. Whether you called or sent a text, sent a card or provided a hug, you all reminded me of the light in the world in a time of darkness. That is an indescribably comfort. And just a week later, when we had our meeting and induction of new Senators at the Jaycees convention, you were all there helping me through the weekend. What a blessing!

Now, our organization faces the loss of one of our own, Peggy Lewis, Senator #58375. Peggy's health has caused her to miss a few functions in the last year or so, but I think we all thought that we'd see her again. Even in poor health, Peggy was a force to be reckoned with. It's hard to believe she is gone. She had a love for this organization that is unequalled and an engaging manner that defies definition. I think if she'd lived during the 1940's, they'd have called her a "brassy dame" (so maybe I spend a little too much time watching classic movies with my Daddy, but I think it's an apt description). Brassy is defined as "shamelessly bold" and a dame is defined as "a woman of rank, station, or authority." That's Peggy all over. As we move forward without Peggy, who has been such a loyal and active member of our organization, we will mourn her loss and celebrate her life together as family does. These are the bad times.

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I speak in terms of good times and bad times for a reason. We've all heard the phrase "fair weather friends"—those friends who are there for us as long as everything is going well but who disappear at the first signs of trouble. That's not what we are. We are a family, and family is there in good times and in bad. In fact, probably the only good thing about bad times is that you are reminded how many people you have in your life who love and support you in those difficult times. Peggy embodied that in her approach to all of us, and we have to embrace that with one another now.

As you know, my theme this year has been "Raise the B.A.R. (Believe/Achieve/Receive)." The North Carolina JCI Senate lives its belief. We believe the lines of the creed. We believe in the meaning of faith in God. And we believe in being there for one another. This is what enables us to Achieve the wonderful things we accomplish but also to achieve strength and support in difficult times. It also means that we Receive the gift of peace from God, the gift of pride in our accomplishments, and the gift of love and friendship from one another. This is a difficult time, but if life has taught us anything, it is that this too shall pass. There is sunshine after rain. We are so blessed to have each other holding our umbrellas until it peeks out from the clouds.

In Jaycee Spirit,

Aimee Scotton, #69448

2018-2019 NC JCI Senate President





Vice President's Comments

Fellow Senators,

A new year has begun and that means a new year of opportunities. I hope you take advantage of all the world has to offer and appreciate the blessings you receive.

We recently met at the NC Jaycees Year-End Convention and it was great connecting with old friends and forming new friendships. At our Senate meeting we began the process of filling the 2019-2020 Board of Directors. If you would like to be involved with the board in a leadership role, please let us know. There are two options for those who want to help guide the Senate in a positive direction: elected or appointed positions.

Elected positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Director. Nominations were made for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, West Regional Director and East Regional Director. However, nominations will remain open until the Senate Year-End meeting on June 1. Open Regional Director positions include the Triad, Triangle and Sandhills.

Appointed positions include the following: First Timers, Return the Favor, Kyle Byrd Memorial Scholarship, Legal Counsel, Chaplain, Newsletter Editor, Photographer, Life Members and Hospitality. These are appointed by the incoming president.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions please let someone on the current board of directors know. I received the honor of being nominated for President and, regardless of the outcome, look forward to continuing to support the NC JCI Senate and the NC Jaycees.

Even if you don't want to serve in a leadership role, it will be a great time to be involved. Our own NC JCI Senator Lawrence Pittman will be serving as National Senate President in 2019-2020! We'll also be helping with an inaugural Century Bike Ride (benefitting the NC Jaycee Burn Center) next year and will be hosting the national year-end convention in Greensboro! It is an exciting time to be involved with the NC JCI Senate.

Shannon Foster, #67038

Vice President



Treasurer's Comments

Hello Senators!

It's almost renewal time (for some of you)! If I have sent you a recent dues invoice, please take time to fill it out and send your \$25 check (or \$250 for life dues) ASAP because I have to have March renewals in to National by March 1. There are many people up for renewal in March.

Nick Woods #62735

2018 Treasurer



Return The Favor

The Return the Favor (RTF) Program was designed to encourage JCI Senators to help give back to the organization that helped them become the leaders they are today.

For non-active age Jaycees, we track time spent with our Jaycee chapters to encourage others to join in and support our future leaders.

Thank you to all those senators who made an impact by helping out or chapters:

- 1st semester: Aimee Scotten, Cheryl Carlson, Diane Upshaw, Dupre Jones, James Barton, Joanna Shore, Kevin Matthies, Marty Wase, Monica Morgan Means, Pam Padgett, Shannon Foster, Sharon Reiss, Suzanne Ferguson
- 2nd semester: Aimee Scotten, Cheryl Carlson, Ed Blackman, Jim Young, Karen Bograd, Kevin Matthies, Nick Woods, Sharon Reiss, Vann Sparrow.

Our impact for the 2nd semester was recognized on the national level! We received an award for "Return the Favor Top State" and Region IV was also awarded "Return the Favor Overall Region", so thank you for doing the paperwork to share all the great things we are doing out there!

Third Trimester RTF forms are due May 31, 2019 to cover the period of Dec 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019. **So, please submit your forms to me no later than Friday, May 24, 2019 (we can discuss if you have hours that last week to submit).** The form can be found here:

<http://www.ncjicisenate.org/Forms.aspx>

You can contact me at sreiss7676@gmail.com or call me at 336-403-7676 if you have questions. Thank you for your support!

Sharon Reiss #74082

RTF Chair



Chaplain's Prayer

Good Afternoon fellow Senators,

We have been very busy acknowledging illnesses , bereavement , surgeries , and many more life occurrences over the past few months. There have been 17 NCJCI Senate Updates sent within that period of time.

My goal is to ensure that we **recognize the following areas for our chapter:**

- Mourning the Loss (Senators/Friendship members)
- Condolences (Members of Senators/Friendship recipients families)
- Keeping in our Prayers (those members/family members that are ill)
- Congratulations and Good News (weddings, special anniversaries & milestone birthdays, birth announcements - major life accomplishments)*****This is the area I would love to have you send me news on.

Together

I support you one hundred percent,
One-hundred and ten, is what I actually meant.
I'm here for you, whenever you need,
Your expectations I hope to exceed.
Tomorrow is something, together we'll deal,
If pain follows us, together we'll heal.
The actual process may be quite slow,
Through this journey, together we'll grow.
In the end, the challenges we face,
We won't run away, instead we shall chase.
Whatever happens, I know you will win,
To the blue sky, point your proud chin.

-by AnitaPoems.com

Our Senate family is here to support you in good and in bad times. Continue to remember our theme for this year #thankfulgreatfulblessed

Your Senate Chaplin,
Maria Hicks-Few
Senator #70376



Freshman Senators Program

NC JCI Senate Welcomes Six New Senators!

At the North Carolina JCI year-end banquet at Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC on February 2, we welcomed six new senators. A freshman senator orientation was held to give the new senators an overview of how to become involved with the Senate.

Our new Senators are:

Jason Shoemaker #77660 has a long-standing presence in the Gaston County Jaycees joining the chapter in 2004 when he moved to Gaston County. At that time the Gaston County Jaycees were struggling with their identity membership numbers. He was instrumental in implementing the changes that we continue to benefit from today. When you look at Jason you can tell that he lives by the Jaycee Creed. Jason's chapter knows they can count on his knowledge to help lead and assist others in their leadership journey.

Lauren Shoemaker #77661 is also from the Gaston County Jaycees. Her hard work and guidance has been a valuable asset to the Jaycees on the local and state level. If anyone has a question about a project or creating a CPG they can count on Lauren to go out of her way to help a member and shares her knowledge with others. She has been excellent at passing down institutional knowledge to others helping to strengthen many Jaycees, both personally and professionally. Lauren has an innate ability to connect with young professionals and help to motivate and inspire them.

Christopher Dellinger #77662 gives unselfishly of his time for the Gaston County Jaycees and has used his energy and talents to improve their community through the chapter's service projects. Through his involvement in the chapter, he has led by example, helped others to find their potential, and made friends for life in the process. Chris truly believes that Service To Humanity is the best work of life. His outgoing personality helps new members feel welcome and gets them active to help with a project or just make sure people are having a good time. He was instrumental in helping to preserve Gaston County Jaycees history when they had to make tough decisions on a project's future.

Andrea Schrift #77663 exemplifies what it means to be a Jaycee. She has been the most active individual in the Gaston County Jaycees. If she isn't on a project committee, she is volunteering for that project. She has been a strong leader as a part of the chapter's board of directors since 2010. She has a strong work ethic and helps to make the chapter successful. Andrea served as Secretary on the 2014 NC Jaycees team and has been honored nationally by the US Jaycees for her outstanding work as the Gaston County Jaycees President in 2013.

Stephanie M. Grose #77664 has been a vital part of the Cary Jaycees since her first day. Her drive to see the organization thrive through member activation through new member events and networking events. Her inclusive personality is an asset to their board and chapter as the membership VP and her attention to detail has made her vital to the administrative side of our chapter. Stephanie is quick to share the benefits of the organization with new members encouraging them to participate and grow, both professionally and personally. She is always giving of her time, talents and energy to ensure that a project is successful and uses her previous experience from the Wilkes County Jaycees to generate new ideas or solve problems.

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Amy Zambor #77665 has and continues to make significant contributions to the Jaycee movement with the Winston-Salem Jaycees. She has served in leadership roles on the state and local level and supported State Priority Projects such as the NC Jaycee Burn Center and the JCI Nothing But Nets Initiative. Serving the community is a passion of Amy's leading projects supporting Winston-Salem Police Department and Forsyth County Health Department, she's mentored children through hundreds of hours of service to Sibshops & Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, she's participated in walks and fundraisers to support cancer research and helped at our local homeless shelter & Ronald McDonald House.

Please join me in welcoming the NCJCI Senate Class of 2019 to the JCI Senate Family!

Gerald Joyce #68687
Freshman Senators Program Manager



Save the Date

North Carolina Senators mark your calendars, 2020 National Convention is going to be in Greensboro June 21-26. We presented the bid in New Orleans and are now on our way. Anyone interested in serving on a committee please let us know. We will be at the Embassy Suites again, rooms won't be available till the end of June, and we will begin accepting registrations in June in Portland, Oregon. Much more to come. We will be meeting in August at the Senate/Jaycee meeting.

Thanks!

Crissie Lewis & Pam Padgett



Regional Directors

Mountains/Foothills

Joanna Shere, #72138

Piedmont Triad

Jimmy Maness, #38844

Triangle

Stacy Hanna, #74881

Sandhills

Angela Sweeney, #69453

Tar River/Down East

Peggy Lewis, #58375

Sandhills—Central Carolina

Central Carolina Jaycees:

The Sanford Christmas Parade was a great event!

Their membership meetings are on the third Monday of the month (6:30pm) usually at the Enrichment Center in Sanford.

The Central Carolina Jaycees can be found online at their website:

centralcarolinajcs.org or on Facebook at:

facebook.com/centralcarolinajaycees

Angela Sweeney, #69453



IN MEMORIAM

Peggy Lewis NC Senate #58375



Newsletter Articles

Suzanne Gill, #67891

Newsletter Editor

There will be one more Newsletter will be coming out this year. Please feel free to submit your article to me before the deadline: April 5, 2019

Please find our most up-to-date information on our webpage at:

www.ncjicisenate.org or on our Facebook group at:

[Facebook.com/NC JCI Senate](https://www.facebook.com/NCJCI_Senate)



Important Upcoming Dates

April 4-7

Carolina Calabash Bash

April 6

Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament

May 1

US JCI Senate Memorial Award Submissions Due





Carolina Calabash Bash

April 4-7 2019

Dayton House
2400 North Ocean Blvd
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(800)258-7963



Name _____ JCI Senate # _____

Spouse/Guest _____ JCI Senate # _____ Friendship _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Country _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Is this your first JCI Senate National Meeting? Yes No Spouse/Guest Yes No

Military Branch of Service _____ Rank _____

Are you sharing a room? Yes No If yes, with whom please? _____

Item	Qty	Postmarked by 3/24/2019	Postmarked after 3/25/2019	On Site	Total
Full Registration		\$70	\$75	\$80	
Early Hospitality		\$10	\$10	\$10	
Off Site Fee		\$25	\$25	\$25	
Allergies					
GRAND TOTAL					

Make Checks Payable to **"Carolina Calabash Bash"** *** DO NOT SEND CASH ***

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Mail Registration forms and payments to:
Jimmy Maness #38844

3510 Cherry Lane, Greensboro, NC 27405 (336)7069385

HOTEL INFORMATION: Make your hotel registrations directly with the hotel by calling

(800)258-7963, or online at www.daytonhouse.com- Request Room Block **Calabash Beach Bash**

Room Rate is OF Suite \$109.00, OF EFF \$99.00, Angle EFF \$81.00, West EFF \$76.00 per night plus sales tax and occupancy tax and includes free parking and free breakfast daily.

Room Rates are good Wednesday – Sunday **CUT OFF DATE FOR ROOM BLOCK IS February 25, 2019**

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