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2022-2033 President

Melanie Coble Paschal #70372

Hello Fellow Senators

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who don't know me and say hello to those that do. I am excited to be your NC JCI Senate President for 2022-2023. I have already had 3 great months and look forward to the next 9 months as I enjoy the Senate with each and every one of you.

My theme this year is "Embrace the Journey" and I would like to challenge each one of you to do just that this year "Embrace the Journey" with me and "Enjoy the Senate" which is National President Susan Hatcher's theme. I have challenged my Exec Team to help me focus on Activation, Retention and Recruitment of our Senators by focusing on what our Senators need and helping each of you to get the best out of the Senate.

I look forward to seeing each one of you at our state meetings, regional events, visiting our priority projects, participating in Wreaths Across America and helping at the NC State Concessions stand. I want to make this one of our best years yet and see each and every one of you at at least one event this year. I look forward to talking to each one of you.

If there is anything that I can do to make your Senate experience better or you just want to chat don't hesitate to reach out to me. My number is 336 317 8013 and my email is angelsandbutterflies@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(This is just a partial list – there are more things to be scheduled)

September 29-October 2

US JCI Senate Fall meeting Denver, Colorado

October 15-20

JCI Ghana will be visiting NC Jaycees

November 5

NC State Concession Stand

November 10-13

Region IV Meeting Embassy Suites Greensboro, NC

December 10

Senate Christmas Party Comfort Inn Pinehurst, NC

January 19-22

US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting New Orleans, LA

February 3-5

NC JCI Year End Convention (site to be determined) Senatorships will be given out

March 23-26

Calabash Beach Bash – Region IV Meeting N. Myrtle Beach, SC

May 20

NC JCI Senate Annual Meeting, Comfort Inn Pinehurst, NC

June 26-30

US JCI Senate Year End Meeting St. Louis. MO

St. Louis, MO



2022-2033 Vice President

Cheryl Carlson #70317

Wow!! It's the start of the next Senate year!! I am filled with excitement and anticipation of new experiences, adventures, and friendships which are already in full swing.

I have been a Senator for 11 years and each year I have grown more to love my Senate family and experience new positions within NC as well as meet and become friends and family with other senators both in NC and throughout the world. I'm looking forward to Embracing the Journey this year under the presidency of Melanie. And as your Vice President spending time with fellow Jaycees and Senators both here in NC as well as around the world.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the NC Senate Sweepstakes and Silent Auction at NC Jaycee Convention. Everyone seemed to have a great time and it was a huge success! Huge shout out to Terry Bennett who was the lucky Grand Prize winner. The exact figures are still being tallied and will be announced along with how the majority of the profits will be distributed to the Priority Projects and the NC Jaycees at the Winter NC Senate meeting.

Don't be surprised when you see more communication in the coming months. Part of my journey will be coordinating the manpower for the NC Senate events including both the Cary Jaycees Carter Finley Concessions event on November 5th and the bar during the Calabash Beach Bash event in March.

Looking forward to seeing all my NC Senate family soon at the Region IV Fall Meeting Nov 10-13 in Greensboro and at the NC Senate Christmas Party Dec 10th in Pinehurst!

Saturday November 5th

Manpower fundraiser for the NC JCI Senate

Working the Cary Jaycees Carter Finely Concessions at the NC State Football Game



2022-2033 Chairman of the Board

Angela Sweeney #69453

Congratulations to President Melanie and the rest of the team on a great first meeting. Also congratulations to VP Cheryl Carlson on very successful fundraiser. It was great seeing everyone and catching up after the summer. Hope to see you all at the Regional meeting in November.



2022-2033 Secretary

Chris Hardee #67891



Hi, I'm Chris Hardee, Senator 66036. This year I am the 2022-23 Secretary for the NC JCI Senate. I'm not a new Senator, but I am new to being an officer. For those of you who don't know me; I was the 72nd NC Jaycee State President.

I was honored in to receive my Senatorship in 2004, the same year I was elected State VP of the NC Jaycees. I purposefully was not active as a Senator while I was still an active Jaycee. After Rooster-ing out in 2012; I twice served as a Senate Regional Director (in two different regions). I again stepped away from Senate leadership when my wife Jocelyn, Senator 72973, was elected as the 78th NC Jaycee State President and my attention shifted to the role of NC Jaycee First Dad.

Through most of that time, I have worked with the NC Jaycee Memorial Foundation to renovate our State Headquarters in Asheboro. As a long time active Jaycee, I look forward to my work in the Senate to Assist the Jaycees and enjoy the Fellowship of my fellow Senators.



US JCI SENATE FOUNDATION

Bill Craft #36216, Region IV Foundation Representative



This year I have the pleasure of serving as the Region IV Representative for the US JCI Senate Foundation. The Foundation is a 501c (3) scholarship organization awarding fifty \$1,000 scholarships, forty-five to college bound high school graduates and five for attending vocational training schools.

The North Carolina JCI Senate has been a constant supporter of the Foundation donating more than \$45,000 from twenty-three donors. There are numerous ways to support the US Foundation. Senators may become new members by donating \$150 to the Foundation. Additional levels of giving are recognized by the Foundation at the Bronze Level (\$500), Gold Level (\$2,500) and Platinum Level (\$5,000). Foundation members may also contribute to their levels thru the 400 Club, Foundation Golf Tournament, and various auctions at Regional and National Senate meetings.

If you wish to join the Foundation or check on your current giving level, please email me at billandbj1980@gmail.com and I will be glad to answer your questions. At the Region IV Fall Bash in Greensboro, November 11-13, 2022, I will be holding two fund raising events for the Foundation. Friday night will involve desserts and Saturday night will feature a silent auction. Please bring auction items such as gift cards, gift baskets featuring beverages and holiday items, Senate, or sports memorabilia. Any donated item with a \$50 value or a successful bid of \$50 or more will add to or begin your Foundation account. Come ready to bid!



Terry Bennett, David Strickland, Sonni Minton, Anna Price, Margo Dirkson.

> Daryl McNair, Vann Sparrow, Nick Woods, Suzanne Gill, Tracy Culler, Ray Culler, Marty Wase, Andy Childress.





2022-2033 West Regional Director

Nick Woods #62735

Good afternoon Senators!

The chapters in the West Region are Hickory, Gaston County, Charlotte, Faith, and Spencer.

First off the Gaston County Jaycees have been very busy! They just had their Back to School event, which involved taking 21 kids shopping to Target. They had over \$3,000 in donations! Their Christmas Party is December 4, and they are doing a night parade. Also, they are working on a partnership with Rotary.

The Spencer Jaycees have a lot going on as well. Here are their events:

August 2022. Spencer Street Sweep August 13 8am-12pm. Spencer Movie Night Saturday, August 13 7:30pm- until movie is over. September 2022 CBA Beer Sale Sept 10-11(might need some assistance), Spencer Movie Night 7:30- until movie is over, County Fair Sept 20th-24th possibly 25th weather pending (assistance will be needed to sale tickets). October 2022, Spencer Movie Night Oct 8th 7:30- until movie is over and Hippie Fest Oct 22-23 (will have to have 15 people total and will have to have help).

The Hickory Jaycees will be holding their annual event, Bases and Brews, at the Hickory Crawdads game, on Saturday, September 10. Craft brews from local breweries will be sold I have not heard back from Faith, and no one has a contact for Charlotte



2022-2033 Sandhills Regional Director

Ray Culler #64452 "Here To Help"

Greetings fellow senators,

I hope this message finds you doing well. As Sandhills Regional Director, I would like to invite you out to a couple of upcoming events with the Central Carolina Jaycees.

This month, 24th August, 07:00 pm, Downtown Sanford Inc. presents the movie Remember The Titans in Sanford.

Next month, 8th September, 06:30 pm, Downtown Alive! Fall Concert Series presents "Thru the Decades" with the Band of Oz in Sanford.

Please know that they're also interested in running a golf tournament and any assistance would be Greatly Appreciated!

I hope and pray that God Blesses each of you and your families and remember that, Service to Humanity, IS The Best Work Of Life!



Gene Shanks, Melanie Coble Paschal, Pam Padgett and Nick Woods.



Jenna Wagoner and Jeff Williams.



Jimmy Maness and NC Jaycees President, Rob Cook.



2022-2033 Triangle Regional Director

Cheryl Jones #56007

Good day to all! My name is Cheryl Jones, formally Cheryl Moody, and I am serving this year as your NC JCI Triangle Regional Director. The Triangle Region includes the Cary Jaycees, the Raleigh Jaycees and the Roxboro Jaycees.

Just to give a little background information about myself, I am the former Staff Advisor of the Crede et Vincent Jaycees, an institutional chapter, in Lillington. I joined the Greater Dunn Jaycees in 1992 and after a job promotion, I transferred to the Cary Jaycees. I am a previous Personal Skills Program Manager and served as State Membership VP from 1995 to 1996.

The Cary Jaycees upcoming projects include Adopt a Highway on Sunday August 28 from 10 to 12. This is a quarterly clean-up project of Old Apex Road. They are also gearing up for their Carter Finley (NC State Concessions) Project. Proceeds from the concessions support our NC Jaycee Priority Projects. Please visit their website at www.caryjaycees.org for details and to sign up! Other upcoming projects include Trunk or Treat and the 2022 Christmas Parade.

The Raleigh Jaycees upcoming projects include 2022 Packapalooza at NC State on August 27th, between 1 and 6:30pm. This is a large one-day takeover of Hillsborough Street in Raleigh with vendors, food, games, and music and dance performances to celebrate the beginning of a new year at NC State. Nonprofits also register to talk about their services or opportunities. This is a great recruitment opportunity! Other upcoming projects include the return of the annual Turkey Shoot at the NC State Fair! This project begins on October 13th. More information will be forthcoming.

The Roxboro Jaycees welcomed six new members for the month of July! In June, the chapter conducted their 14th Annual Jaycee Benefit Golf Classic with donations benefiting the NC Jaycee Burn Center. It was truly a community effort with a great turnout. On Saturday, August 13th, the 20th Annual Flem Whitt Beach Music Festival was presented by the Roxboro Jaycees, Total Tire and the Person County TDA. A fun time was had by all!

I am excited to work with this outstanding chapters in any capacity!



2022-2033 Triad Regional Director

Maria Hicks-Few #70376

Greetings from the Triad Region,

The Triad Presidents and I continue to utilize our GroupMe site for questions, updates, and concerns.

Here is a brief summary of Chapter activities:

Greensboro worked planning this past wonderful Convention. I also worked a bit with the Chapter to consult about the Convention activities at the Civil Rights Museum. Greensboro also is sponsoring a Retro Night August 26th. I plan to invite the City of Greensboro's Employee Resource Group Under 40 group to this meeting.

High Point has been very busy this summer. In May, they worked with Relay For Life which was a huge success. They also held the June meeting at the Strawberry Farm. The next project will be August 26th which is a silent auction Backpacks for Unsheltered.

Winston-Salem also was very busy working on the Christmas in July fundraiser on July 30th. They also went to Bank of America Stadium for the Charlotte Football Club. My goal is to attend the Monthly Meetup on August 15th.

The Triad Region are the Trailblazers to the end.



2022-2033 Chaplain

Scott Alexander #67113

Pay It Forward

What dates do you remember? I remember my birthday and the birthdays of those I love. I remember the date of our "Forever Family." I remember the date of my wedding. And, I remember January 27, 2007. That is the date I was awarded the highest honor that a Jaycee can receive, it is the day I became JCI Senator #67113. In the 15 years that have passed since that event, a lot has happened. However, no matter where I have gone or what life has provided, the memory and impact of that moment have stayed with me.

I remember watching 12 people receive Senatorships and reminding Ray and Tracy Culler when they got out of line before the last person was called that there was still one more person to go. I remember only hearing my first name called before the room erupted and I was escorted to the head of the line by Ray and Tracy. I remember finally realizing who had done this as I went through the gauntlet that never seemed to end and finally finding Barry Burleson. I remember seeing my mother crying on stage and trying to remember to breathe. Then, I remember feeling unbridled pride and gratitude that continues today.

Every moment before and during that event remains with me because I know what it means to be a Senator. It means that we are the living examples of every word written within that Creed. It means that we are given a recognition that roughly 1% of all past and present Jaycees have ever received. It means that we are part of a fraternity that has collectively changed the world. And, it means that we accepted an honor for years of service that merits a lifetime of dedication.

Over the years, I have had more conversations with Senators than I can count discussing the Jaycees and what can be done to help them. I know that times seem frustrating, numbers of both members and chapters are declining, and it is so simple to allow other areas of life to take over. I am an example of that. However, when you get frustrated, I ask you to consider the words of Harriet Beecher Stowe, who once said "Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."

When we were Jaycees, we never gave up. We assessed, improvised, adapted, and overcame. That is not a generational approach, it is a human approach. Today's Jaycees are strong, passionate, and capable. I know, beyond a doubt, that they will continue to change the world, just as we did.

If you remember the pride that you feel about being a Senator and want others to have the opportunity to experience the same one day, if you still feel that passion today, I encourage you to harness that energy. Whether that is reaching out to a chapter and attending an event, pouring sodas at a concession stand, or resuming an active role in the greatest Senate organization in the United States, your heart knows the way. Through your actions you are someone's world changer, the tide-turner, in short, you are the difference that can help ensure there will be a Jaycees for our children's generation to come. So go forward and do not just walk your journey, but embrace it.



Look! Vann Sparrow has an idea!



Tracy Culler hangs out with Amy & Kyle Moore at the Hospitality Suite at Convention.



2022-2033 Life Member Chairman

Jennifer E. Salmon #71393

Life Membership Report

252 Senators have joined the Life Membership since the program began.

We currently have 222 life members.

The following Senators joined this year: Lisa Jerdon #59380, Life Member #255 Laura Leatherwood #57591, Life Member #256 Victor Regan #61738, Life Member #257

We have lost the following Senators this year: Ron (Ronald H.) Davis #23099,Life Member #65 J. Michael (Shag) Morton #38090, Life Member #24

Thomas Allen Mills #41435 needs to be added back to the roster.



Stock The Bar At Region IV Fall Meeting

Marty Wase #53142

Stock the Bar at Region IV Fall Meeting November 10-13, 2022 at Embassy Suites in Greensboro

Fellow Senators we definitely need your help stocking our bar for the Region IV Fall Meeting in Greensboro November 10-13. I want to thank all the Senators that donated liquor or wine to our effort last weekend at the NC Jaycees Mid-Year Convention! I really appreciate you.

We are off to a good start. If you would like to donate a bottle or two to our effort please contact one of the Bar Committee members: Marty Wase, Terry Jones, or Nick Woods. If you can get your items to one of us prior to the Region IV Fall Meeting that would be fine or you can simply contact one of us and let us know what you will be bringing to the Fall Meeting (just remember to bring it with you; don't forget and leave it at home). Another option that would be of great help would be a monetary donation to assist us in purchasing alcohol for the bar.

If you wish to do this then please send a check made payable to the NC JCI Senate with Stock the Bar written in the memo line. These checks should be sent to Carol "CJ" Jordan #45857, P.O. Box 343, Burgaw, N.C. 28425. If you are already sending a registration check for the Fall Meeting to CJ, then she would prefer that you write a separate check for your Stock the Bar donation.

The Bar Committee will also need your help by volunteering to work a shift at the bar during the Fall Meeting. We will have a sign-up sheet available in the not too distant future. Thank you in advance so very much for your help! Please feel free to contact me with any questions about Stock the Bar at 910-691-5659 (C), 910-281-4644 (H), or mwase@nc.rr.com.

2002 Mid-Year Convention Round-Up

A follow article by Melanie C. Paschal #70372

The NC JCI Senate had a great meeting at the NC Jaycee Convention in Greensboro. There were Senators present that I have not seen in a long while and who have committed to becoming more active because they saw the excitement and fun we had this weekend. I thank all of you that were in attendance for this because everyone was "Embracing the Journey" and "Enjoying the Senate" this weekend. There were several Senators honored during the Banquet Saturday night.

Gene Shanks #68688 received his Ambassadorship at the awards banquet presented by US Jaycees President Margo Dirkson. Welcome him to the Triple Crown Club!!

Also Senator Chris Hardee #66036 received the Outstanding Senator Award at the US JCI Convention in Myrtle Beach. SC

Our First Timer Courtney Lancaster broke the 5 year curse of the Greenville Jaycees of coming in second place and winning the best First Timer. Courtney hung out with us in the Suite for the weekend and she is definitely a young Jaycee to watch as she climbs the ladder and I know she will ultimately become a Senator.

President Rob gave out Presidential Coins as his award and several Senators Received them including David Strickland, Gene Shanks, Carmen Miller, Andrea Grenier and Melanie Coble Paschal.

A Huge Shout Out to VP Cheryl Carlson for running an AMAZINGLY SUCCESSFUL Sweepstakes. Everyone had a great time bidding on the Silent Auction Items (there were a few bidding wars) and buying tickets. There will be more wrap-up information once all the final numbers are in. But just know you missed it if you weren't there.

Thanks to Gene Shanks, Vann Sparrow and Donnie Antonson for an amazing Hospitality Suite and being the best hosts imaginable. It was great to see a packed house on Friday night and to have the Suite be the last stop on the Jaycee Pub Crawl. It was great to see Jaycees and Senators hanging out together and these future Senators being welcomed and shown how great the NC JCI Senate is and how much we love our Jaycees. We have a unique relationship with our Jaycees that a lot of other Senates do not have. It was awesome to have lunch and dinner in the suite on Saturday and so many Senators choosing to stay in the suite and hang out.

I would also like to thank the Senators who brought guests into the Senate Suite and took care of them and introducing them to other Senators. This is the way to ensure that Jaycees will be future Senators because they have already made connections and see what an impact they can continue to make even after they age out of the Jaycees.

Keep "Embracing the Journey."



The Lunch Spread at the NC Jaycees Mid-Year Convention.



Elizabeth Pfrongner, Diane Upshaw and Cheryl Carlson.





NC Jaycees Cardinal Corps

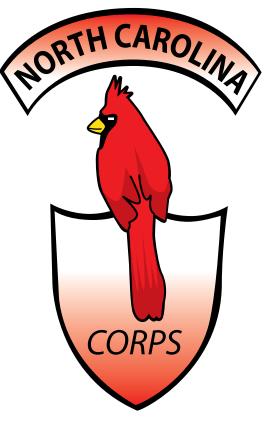
Sonni Minton, Cardinal Corps Commander



Past Commanders: A.J. Morton, Jeff Williams, Angela Sweeney, Andy Childress, Nick Woods, Marty Wase, Supreme Commander Jimmy Maness, Melanie Coble Paschal and Gene Shanks.



The Cardinal Corps welcomed new Colonel Liz Watson, being sworn in by Jimmy Maness.





REGION IV FALL MEETING NEWS

Carol "CJ" Jordan #45857

Region IV Fall Meeting Nov 10-13 Embassy Suites in Greensboro

Fellow Senators,

NC JCI SENATE is hosting the Region IV Fall Meeting, Nov 10-13 at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. NC hosts this meeting when the Region IV NVP is from NC, so we are doing this for our own Pam Padgett.

Thursday night, Nov 10, we plan to go out for dinner (on your own). Plans are as of right now, to go to Salvino Cuciina Italians, which is about 11 miles from the EmbassySuites. This restaurant is owned by NC JCI SENATOR, Mary S Speaker and her husband Tom. I will need a head count of who is going by Oct 17. When returning from dinner, we will have light hospitality & bar will be open from 9:00 PM to 11:45PM.

All our activities will be held in the Timberlake room, including meeting & dinner on Saturday night. Each night we have to close the room by 11:45.

On Friday, Nov 11, which is also Veterans Day, we are planning a trip to Mt Airy, home of the Andy Griffith show. Karen Haun has been working on this trip which will include the museum, lunch at Snappy Lunch, home of the Pork Chop sandwich & Guided Bus Tour when we reach Mt Airy. Transportation to Mt Airy is not included. This fun filled day will be \$45 per person. We will need to know how many will be going and money no later than Oct 17. Same day registration is due.

Full registration is \$85.00 due to Carol "CJ" Jordan by Oct 17. If you are planning to attend, please let me know ASAP. We really need everyone to attend. On Friday night we will be providing dinner & having a game night. Also we are having a desert contest, which will be voted on by how much money the desert brings in . All money raised goes to the US JCI Foundation for scholarships. More will come later on this, but bring your best desert to share. On Sat. we will have lunch in the hospitality room & Saturday dinner will be provided by the hotel.

Please make your room reservations directly with the hotel. 336-668-4535, block is NC JCI SENATE. Room rate is \$129 per night plus tax. Parking is free and you will have their breakfast each morning & the manager special, each afternoon.

We will be setting up a manpower site for you to sign up and help. This will include setting up, serving, bar, and clean up.

We have a wonderful committee working hard on making this meeting a big success.

Chair: Carl "CJ" Jordan
Region IV NVP: Pam Padgett
Registration form: Crissie Lewis

Registration & Name badges: Cheryl Carlson

Amy Moore & BJ Craft

Hospitality: Kim Bode & Tracy Culler

Bar Chair: Marty Wase
Mt Airy Tour: Karen Haun
Goodie Bags: James Rupard
Media: Angela Sweeney

REGION IV FALL MEETING NEWS (cont.)

NC JCI SENATE President: Melanie Paschal ABC Permit

We look forward to having our National President Susan Hatcher attend along with members of region IV as well as other out of state friends. This is our time to show off NC and our wonderful hospitality. JCI NC President Robert Cook will also be attending.

President Melanie is working on a t shirt that everyone can purchase and wear while working.

We are also asking for help with "Stock the Bar". Marty has an article here explaining how you can help. We had several people bring bottles to our last membership meeting.

Thank you all so much for supporting this meeting. We want to make NC proud and our NVP proud.

If you have any questions, want to know how to help, please contact me at senatorcj@aol.com or 919-412-3981.

WE'RE THE HEROES



David Strickland leading the NC Jaycees in his famous "Proud To Be A Jaycee" chant.



Ellen Williamson was elected to continue representing the Senate in the NC Jaycees Foundation.



Winner, and NEW Champion...JIMMY MANESS!!!



Who let this Goonba get behind the Mike again?



A scene from the Fireworks display coming from the Greensboro Grasshoppers Game downtown.



NC Jaycees President Rob Cook and NC JCI Senate President Malanie Coble Paschal.



First Timers winner Courtney Lancaster from the Greenville Jaycees.



We're The Heroes 2022 Fall Region IV Meeting

November 10-13, 2022

Embassy Suites in Greensboro 204 Centerport Drive, Greensboro, NC 27409



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Mail Registration forms and payments to: Carol CJ Jordan #45857 PO Box 343, Burgaw, NC 28425

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

(336) 668-4535, or online at BOOKING LINK: NC JCI SENATE Room Code is NC JCI Senate OR

https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=GSOGB&groupCode=ICI&arrivaldate=2022-11-

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Room Rate is \$129,00 per night plus sales tax and occupancy tax and includes free parking and free breakfast and manager social daily.

Room Rates are held 2 days before and after Convention CUT OFF DATE FOR ROOM BLOCK IS October 17, 2022.

Questions: Contact Carol CJ Jordan (919) 412-3981

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- 3. Allow six (6) to eight (8) weeks for processing and mailing.
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2022-2023 Newsletter Editor

Gene Shanks #68688

As many of you know, I have been fighting Cancer this year. We discovered it quite by accident. My doctors were looking for a blockage in my kidneys when they discovered a growth on both of my kidneys. I've already had one successful surgery to free my left kidney of the cancer, and by the time you read this, I will be recoverying from (I hope) a second successful surgery. I decided that I was going to face this head on, and keep a positive attitude about the whole thing. And to everyone's amazement, you couldn't tell I had Cancer by looking at me.

So, while most people would step back to recover...I doubled down and decided to take on, not one, but two chairmanships for this Senate year. So, I guess the question of whether I'm a little crazy has finally been answered.

The first is being the Hospitality Chairman. I've never done something like that before so it's been a fun challenge to step out of my comfort zone. My family would often entertain when I was growing up, so I just called upon the memories of my mother making several finger food recipes, and just went from there. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and I'm already working on the menu for the Year-End Convention and our Year-End Meeting. Some Senators have already offered to help make some dishes themselves. I WELCOME anyone to share a dish that the Senate can enjoy together.

The second chairmanship is one I'm a little more familiar with. When Melanie told me she didn't have a Newsletter Editor yet, I knew that was God telling me I needed to step up and help my "little sister" out. Always remember this is YOUR Newsletter so please submit anything you wish to share. Not just with your Senate duties, but maybe you want to share something exciting going on in your life.

Lastly, I want to thank the Greensboro Jaycees for honoring me with an Ambassadorship. It was an amazing surprise and a moment I will always cherish. After the presentation and while walking back to the Hospitality Suite, Melanie pointed out that I got my Senatorship while emceeing a meeting, now I received my Ambassadorship emceeing one too. I wonder what I get if I emcee another one?



Gene Shanks being pinned as Ambassador #4498 by US Jaycee President Margo Dirkson.



Gene Shanks posses with US Jaycee President Margo Dirkson.



