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Embrace The Journey 



2022-2033 President

**Melanie Coble Paschal
#70372**

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

My theme this year is “Embrace the Journey” and it has been so exciting to me to see how many of the NC Senators are Embracing their journey and experiencing the Senate.

We have had a busy few months starting with North Carolina hosting a very successful Region IV Meeting in November in Greensboro NC, Kudos to **CJ Jordan** and her outstanding committee for an excellent job hosting Senators from across the Nation. Also, in November the North Carolina Senate was present in force at the NC State Concession Stand helping to raise a record amount for the NC JCI Senate. Our VP **Cheryl Carlson** recruited not only the normal crew to help but also recruited Senators to help that this was their first time but hopefully not their last time.

In November Senators attended Cary’s Thanksgiving Celebration hosted by the **Farmers**. Fun was had by all including hanging out with our NC Jaycee President and Nation Jaycee VP and enjoying delicious food. Following this in December many Senators helped at Jaycee Christmas Parades and Holiday Events including Greensboro, Spenser, Gaston County, Wilmington, Sanford, Winston Salem, High Point and Cary.

Next, we had an amazing Hawaiian Christmas Pajama Party. Everyone ate, socialized and played Christmas games. A huge Thank You to Chaplin **Scott Alexander** and Co-Chaplin **Jill Alexander** for hosting an excellent event as well as First Husband **Allan Paschal** assisted by First Prince **Donnie Antonson** for preparing the delicious party themed food.

On Sunday after the Christmas party, we visited with the girls at the Jaycee Cottage and gave them their Christmas presents including Bean Bag chairs for each of them which they absolutely loved.

In December we also participated in Wreaths Across America volunteering in 5 different Cemeteries across the state with 25 Senators, family members, Senate children and Jaycees participating in laying the wreaths.

In January several NC Senators attended the US JCI Senate Winter meeting in New Orleans, LA hosted by the Iowa Senate. Lots of fun was had and NC Senators were honored including **Ed Blackman** who received the Return The Favor Award nominated by the Raleigh Jaycees. Also in January NC JCI Senators visited with the Alabama Senate and Bama Brigade. It was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. The Alabama Senate and President **Larry Graham** along with the Bama Brigade

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2022-2033 Vice President

Cheryl Carlson #70371

A WORD FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Wow!! The two-thirds of the 2022-2023 year has been amazing, and the NC JCI Senate has Embraced the Journey and Experienced the Senate both at home in North Carolina, as well around the country and even internationally!!

I'm thrilled to report that The Sweepstakes and Silent Auction that was held during the NC Jaycee Mid-Year Convention netted just over \$4,000. And at the NC Senate meeting just held, approval was obtained to distribute the majority of this income to the three NC Jaycee Priority Projects (NC Jaycee Burn Center, Duke Comprehensive Cancer Outreach and the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw) as well as the NC Jaycee's with the balance contributing as income to this year's budget. A big thanks again to everyone for their contributions of items for the silent auction and door prizes, buying sweepstakes tickets and bidding on items during the silent auction.

Just a short two months later, 15 Senators came together to help support the Cary Jaycees by being the manpower for the Concession Stand during the NC State vs. Wake Forest football game. Beyond the amazing turn out of Senators, the weather was unseasonably warm for early November. I'm happy to advise that the NC JCI Senate made just over \$3,000 total from both the manpower we provided, and the tips given to the stand.

Going into the winter months, it has amazing to gather with both NC JCI, Region IV and US JCI Senators at the Region IV at the Fall Meeting in Greensboro in Nov, the NC JCI Senate Christmas Social in December, the US JCI Winter Boards in Jan. This was in addition to supporting the Jaycee chapters across the state at various General Membership Meetings and projects. And just recently, it was awesome to celebrate with the NC Jaycees at their Year End Convention where we also inducted and welcomed 4 new Senators to our ranks of the NC JCI Senate.

I can't wait to see how the NC JCI Senate continues to Embrace the Journey for the rest of the year and to see the amazing things that the NC Senate will achieve as we head into the final 4 months of the year. I'm looking forward to the Region IV Calabash Beach Bash in March and the NC JCI Senate Year End Meeting in Pinehurst!

Be on the lookout for sign-ups for manpower assistance during the Calabash Beach Bash as NC JCI Senate is taking the lead of organizing and running the event this year. I will be overseeing the manpower for the Bar during the entire event. With everyone chipping in a little time and support and coming together we will be able to knock this gathering out of the park for Region IV and for our very own Region IV NVP –[Pam Padgett!](#)

Looking forward to seeing everyone at an upcoming event.



First Timers Winner:
Darrel Dozier





2022-2033 Secretary

Chris Hardee #67891

THOUGHTS FROM THE SECRETARY

As your NC JCI Senate Secretary, most of you just see me sitting at the front of the room taking notes at meetings. Yes, that is a big part of my job, but what are minutes? Minutes are important because they're the only surviving record of what was said and done at a meeting. They can be dry and boring. In fact, it's probably a good sign if they are! Minutes are not a verbatim transcript of who said exactly what and when. Our minutes provide the record of the actions taken at the meeting, so they need to clearly memorialize the facts not the conversation. This is according to Robert (the guy who wrote Roberts Rules), my mom (a City Clerk for 25 years) and me (your Secretary).

In some groups a Secretary the maintains digital media or publishes a newsletter, fortunately in North Carolina, we have other volunteer leaders that do those jobs. Thanks to [Angela Sweeny](#) and [Gene Shanks](#). Finally, a traditional role of the Secretary is to be a custodian of any official records. We do that too.

The Secretary is generally an officer and board member. What does that mean? It means we have additional responsibilities of the group and weigh in with the President as they make decisions for the group. In the Senate here in North Carolina, the Secretary is great entry point for those who may aspire to future roles. It gives you a great viewpoint from the board. While the office is elected for a one-year term, it can be re-elected. If you are looking to get involved at the state level, I encourage you consider being our Secretary. If you want more information, please reach out to me. I would love to chat.



United States JCI Senate Foundation

Bill Craft #36216, Region IV Foundation Representative

Thanks to many of you, the fund-raising events for the Foundation netted over \$2,000 at the Fall Regional Meeting in Greensboro! You will have the opportunity again at the Calabash Bash to support the Foundation.

By popular demand, a dessert contest will be held on Friday night, March 24th. Bring a dessert, sample them all and vote for your favorite with your donation. On Saturday night a silent auction will be held and auction items are always welcomed.

Your winning bid on Saturday night can be the start of becoming a member of the Foundation or adding to your existing account. If you spend \$50.00 or more, this will start you on the way to becoming a member of the Foundation at the \$150.00 level or it will add that amount to your current Foundation account.

If you have any questions, please text me at 803-920-6386. I look forward to seeing you at the Bash!!





2022-2033 Chaplain

Scott Alexander #67113

INAUGURAL NC JCI SENATE FAMILY MINIATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT

“Three!” Yes, it is customary to yell “Four” when playing golf. However, when the golf gets smaller, so does the yell. There is truly nothing to remind you of being young than to putt a ball through a windmill (or to curse when you miss it), or to figure how many banks it must take to reach a golf hole.

Regardless of your skill and experience here is one thing that speaks to us all in a universal language: miniature golf! For a good bit of family fun, anyone not playing in the Charity Tournament at Calabash are invited to attend the Inaugural NC JCI Senate Family Miniature Golf Tournament! The tournament is expected to start at 10:00 AM at a local mini-golf course to be determined. The cost will be the fee charged by the establishment and prizes will be awarded for different age levels.

We hope to see you there. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact me at salexander6204@gmail.com or [Jill](mailto:jill@jalexander6204@gmail.com) at jill@jalexander6204@gmail.com.

PERSEVERANCE OVERCOMES ALL

In the past month, we celebrated the memory of [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) As we enter February, we begin the month that recognizes both the struggles and triumphs of African-Americans. Of course, the United States is not the only nation or people that has a history of racial disparity, most do. But, through the struggles over the centuries for human freedoms and advancement, there have been amazing strides made. Of course, no change comes easily. However, Galatians 6:9 says “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Our world is racked by strife on all sides. Political differences have become poisonous, economic concerns grow, and stresses never seem to ease. It is easy to lose hope of a change. However, we must have faith that the actions we do make a difference.

Over the years, I have learned that the difference may not be obvious or immediate, but it is impactful nonetheless. We have the ability to change lives and, by doing so, the world. So, when you find yourself weary, never forget the struggles of those before us. Whether in Biblical times or more recent history, people have overcome insurmountable obstacles by continuing to do good work. Like them, we will never give up or stop doing good because it is fundamental to who we are. And, when that good reaches its fruition, the reward will be amazing and the journey worth the struggle.



44th United States JCI Senate President (2015-2016)

Carol “CJ” Jordan #45857

The dessert contest was such a great hit at the Fall Regional Meeting, we are going to do it again at the Spring Regional Meeting in N Myrtle Beach in March. So bring your favorite dessert and let’s raise more money for the US JCI Senate Foundation.

We will have the contest on Friday night right after dinner. Please send me an email, senatorcj@aol.com or text to 910-412-3981 & let me know what you will be bringing

Thank you for your support of this and let’s make more money this time.

See you in N Myrtle Beach in March with your desserts and money to vote.



2022-2023 Chairman of the Board

Angela Sweeney #69453

Hello everyone, I hope you all enjoyed the holidays.

Congratulations to Chaplain [Scott Alexander](#) (and [Jill](#)) and President [Melanie Paschal](#) on a wonderful holiday party. It was so nice to see so many people there. It was a lot of fun and a great time.

One of the things I'm continuing to work on this year along with President Melanie and Treasurer [Tracy Culler](#) is to get our local North Carolina Membership Directory cleaned up and into a database. There will soon be a link on the website membership page where you can email us with any updates to your contact info, including cell phone numbers and email addresses that aren't stored in the national roster.

Speaking of the website, I've added a new experimental version of the calendar. It's a google calendar, so you can follow it in your own digital calendars or click on individual events to add them to your calendar. It's a trial idea and a work in progress, so let me know if you find it useful.

I just got home from the NC Jaycees Year End Convention & Senate Meeting. Saturday night I had the honor of announcing the new senators, absolutely one of the highlights of the Chairman of the Board year. Congratulations and welcome, freshman senators! I look forward to getting to know you all and seeing what you do in your Senate careers.

Looking forward to seeing everyone the Calabash Beach Bash in March!



2022-2023 Treasurer

Tracy Culler #64534

Hello Senators! As many of you know, the NC JCI Senate now has a Venmo account!!! Judging by the reactions, many of you are very happy about this addition! You can quickly pay your dues @NCJCI-Senate anytime.

Membership renewals are due to National quarterly—September 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1. I will be sending dues statements out well in advance, so you can have time to get your payment mailed to me, or you may pay using the PayPal link on the NC JCI Senate website, or via Venmo with the info above. You can, however, pay Life Member dues of \$250, and never have to worry about getting billed again! Speaking of life members, we now have 221!!

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





2022-2033 Sandhills Regional Director

Ray Culler #64452 “Here To Help”

GREETINGS FROM THE SANDHILLS REGION

Things have been quiet in the Sandhills since the Central Carolina Jaycees’ parade on December 7th in Sanford. They are planning a gathering, “Paint and Sip” on February 28th, 6:30pm. More details to follow.

Below is their Calendar of events for 2023:

January- February

- Meeting and shift of Board
- EOY Convention

March-April

- Rise Against Hunger
- March 24th- General Member Meeting
- April 21st- General Member Meeting

May- June

- Bread Basket
- Quarterly Membership Social- Dinner/Drinks/Meeting
- Social Event “Game Night”

July- August

- Elderly Community Event
- Beer/Wine/Food Trucks/Music Fest (Block Party)
- Membership Social- Rafting down the Deep River

September- October

- Movies in the Park (One a month)
- Quarterly Membership Social- Trip to the Beach

November- December

- Social event- learn something new
- Hand out wood for firewood for the needy
- Christmas Parade Annual Event
- Board Planning Session

More details to follow as they’re released. Thank you.





Stock The Bar At Region IV Fall Meeting

Marty Wase #53142

19TH ANNUAL JIM OLLIS/BOBBY SAUNDERS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are now just over two months away from our 19th annual Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament. Many, many thanks to all of our wonderful and generous sponsors that have already donated!! We are certainly in need of sponsorship in any amount from \$25 up to \$500 in order to have a successful event.

Remember that this is OUR golf tournament and that it is one of our two major Senate fundraisers for the year along with the Sweepstakes. Our great Vice-President [Cheryl Carlson](#) had a very successful Sweepstakes last August and now we need to follow suit. I'm asking each Senator to help OUR project be the success that we know it can be.

We are in need of many golfers. Remember that you don't have to be a Senator or a Jaycee to play in our event. We also will need help the day of the tournament. Please let either me or one of our other committee members know if you can help us on March 25. I know that the NC JCI Senate will come through as you always have to ensure that the Ollis/Saunders is a success!

Registration and sponsorship forms for the Ollis/Saunders are available on the US JCI Senate & NC JCI Senate websites and the National E-news or you can contact me and I'll send you the forms. The Ollis/Saunders will be held at Whispering Pines Golf Course in Myrtle Beach with an 8:30 A.M. shotgun start on Saturday March 25, 2023.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns: [Marty Wase](#); 910-281-4644 (H); 910-691-5659 (C); mwase@nc.rr.com. I would finally like to thank my outstanding Co-Chairs for all their hard work: [Bill & B.J. Craft](#) and [Cheryl Jones](#). I look forward to seeing many of you next month at the Carolina Calabash Beach Bash. Thank you!



2022-2033 Freshmen Senators Program Manager

Gerald Joyce #68687

At the NC JCI Year End convention, we were pleased to induct four new senators from around North Carolina. These senators were recognized for the impact that they have had in their home chapters but also for the impact that they have had across the state. After celebrating their senatorships Saturday night, we convened in the Senate Hospitality Suite for breakfast and recognized their accomplishments. We were fortunate to have our Region IV Vice President, [Pam Padgett](#) (51341) and National JCI Senate President, [Susan Hatcher](#) (58143) in attendance to welcome our new senators.

Here is our new Senators, [Lynne Purvis](#) (81538) recognized by the Spencer Jaycees, [Chris Ashley](#) (81506) recognized by the Gaston County Jaycees, [Cindy Cook](#) (81507) recognized by the Cary Jaycees, and [Jessica Jenkins](#) (81505) recognized by the Greenville Jaycees.

Welcome Senator class of 2023.



Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament

19th Annual four- man Captain’s Choice tournament sponsored by the NC JCI Senate

Saturday, March 25, 2023

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, and the Boys and Girls Homes of NC

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

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

Entry Form 19th Annual Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Team Players

Player 1 Name _____ Address _____

Player 2 Name _____ Address _____

Player 3 Name _____ Address _____

Player 4 Name _____ Address _____

19th Annual Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament

Sponsorship Request Form



The **NC JCI Senate** is having its **19th Annual Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament** on Saturday March **25, 2023**, at the **Whispering Pines Golf Course in Myrtle Beach, SC**. A portion of the funds raised in this annual tournament support the Kyle Byrd Memorial Scholarship, Duke Cancer, the NC Jaycee Burn Center, and the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina.

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

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

Sponsor levels: Sponsor Name: _____

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

Please make checks payable to: NC JCI Senate

Please mail to Jim Ollis/Bobby Saunders Memorial Golf Co-Chairman:
Marty Wase
P.O. Box 723
Pinebluff, NC 28373

If you have questions, contact Marty Wase: mwase@nc.rr.com

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

Tournament Committee: Marty Wase Bill & BJ Craft Cheryl Jones

Wreaths Across America

By Melanie Coble Paschal #70372

The NC JCI Senate was on of the many states to participate in this annual event on December 16 and 17th. North Carolina participated at 5 Cemeteries across the state including in Greensboro at Buffalo Presbyterian Church, in Jacksonville at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Historic Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh and Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Hickory.

There were 25 Senators, family members, friends, Senators in training and Jaycees who participated over two days placing wreaths on the graves of fallen soldiers. Everyone who participated were moved by the experience all commenting on how it was one of the best things they had ever done.

It was such a moving experience that it was decided that these and many more Senators were committed to doing it every year. Thanks goes out to the Florida Senate who helped motivate National US JCI President [Susan Hatcher](#) to make this a national project for the US JCI Senate. Here is to many more years supporting this excellent project.



Support the Senate...

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

I am excited to be able to offer to our Senators a new way to support our Senate Organization. We are looking to be able for Senators to have an impact on what we are doing and be able to get even more out of their Senate Membership. We are offering multiple levels of support and benefits within these sponsorship opportunities. These can be monetary or gifts in kind. The sponsorship also allows you to designate where the sponsorship monies are applied. Please contact President Melanie at either 336 317 8013 or butterfliesterfiles@hotmail.com for more information or to take advantage of these sponsorship opportunities.

Platinum \$500.00

- Logo/name on website
- Listed in Newsletter Issues
- Logo/name on sign in Hospitality
- Logo/name on sign at meetings
- Designate where money is dispersed.
- Admission to Hospitality Suite

Gold \$250.00

- Logo/Name in Newsletter issues
- Logo/name on sign in hospitality
- Logo/Name on sign in meetings
- Designate where money is dispersed.
- Admission to Hospitality Suite

Silver \$100.00

- Logo/name on sign in hospitality
- Logo/Name on sign in meetings
- Designate where money is dispersed.
- Admission to Hospitality Suite

Bronze \$50.00

- Logo/name on sign in Hospitality Suite
- Designate where money is dispersed.
- Admission to Hospitality Suite





NC Jaycees Cardinal Corps

Andrea Grenier, Cardinal Corps Commander

A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP FOR 2023



2022-2033 President

Greetings From The President

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and Commander **Mike Gray** were great hosts and made everyone feel welcome.

I was honored to be inducted into the Bama Brigade by Commander **Mike Gray** and participated in all the celebration that followed. National President **Susan Hatcher** and NVP **Pam Padgett** were also inducted so I was in great company.

In February we were at the NC Jaycee Year End Convention where we held our Winter Meeting. There were Senators honored including **Elizabeth Pfronger** and **Diane Upshaw** receiving the Helping Hands Award nominated by the Cary Jaycees. They have been instrumental in helping the Cary Jaycees with many of their projects this year.

Our First Timer **Darrell Dozier** was the most excited winner I have seen in a long time. His excitement was contagious, and many people commented that he renewed their excitement in the Jaycee movement and motivated them to be better Jaycees, Colonels and Senators.

The hospitality was great as we hosted both US JCI Senate President **Susan Hatcher**, National Region IV VP **Pam Padgett**, Florida Senate President **Cindy Brendel** and South Carolina Senate President **Dale Henslee Smith**. Thanks go out to **Gene Shanks**, **Vann Sparrow** and Donnie Antonson for an amazing Hospitality Suite and being the best hosts imaginable. I was humbled by the number of Senators that were present many of whom I have not seen at Senate functions in a long time and many of whom were making plans to attend the upcoming Senate events including Calabash Region IV meeting in North Myrtle Beach and Annual Meeting in May in Pinehurst.

It was awesome to have lunch, dinner and the Freshman Breakfast in the suite 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” and “Experience the Senate.”





2022-2023 Newsletter Editor

Gene Shanks #68688

WHAT A BUSY WEEKEND!

I had a great time at the recent NC Jaycees Year-End Convention. However, I was so busy I really didn't get to relaxing and enjoy myself. Between running the Hospitality Suite, being the Master of Ceremonies for the Awards Banquet and trying to coordinate items for this issue, I was more of a chicken with its head cut off. In spite of that, I had a great time.

This was my first year (and only) to run the Hospitality Suite. I didn't realize how worried I'd get that we had enough food, and a means of keeping it warm. Thank God it all worked out. I came into the hotel with 2 and a half trips with the cart and left the hotel with only 1 trip to the car. I guess that means everyone liked the food. Either that or you threw it out when my back was turned.

Speaking of throwing out, I couldn't help but poke fun at Vann for being late with the booze. I sent a text pleading for him to hurry up because you guys were hanging me off the balcony threatening to drop me if the booze arrived soon. I thought it was funny, because you guys wouldn't do that to me...wouldn't you? Wouldn't you?

Once again I had the honor to Emcee the Awards Banquet. To my knowledge I didn't butcher anyone's names. If I did, I apologize. Thanks [Rob Cook](#) for allowing to do that. I find it hard to believe I did it. When I first joined the Jaycees you couldn't pay me to get up in front of people and speak. Now people are asking to speak...and I'm actually excited to do it. Just goes to show you how great our Jaycee training is.

I was even able to reconnect with my home chapter of Greensboro. Since the pandemic I've had little to no contact with them. Hopefully they'll let do some mentoring again (which is actually one of my favorite things to do).

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for the use of your pictures for this issue. I grabbed pictures from [Jimmy Maness](#), [Melanie Paschal](#) and [Cheryl Carlson](#) (with permission) to use. I hope you enjoy it.

Until the next time, everyone take care and spread the word about the wonderful organization called The Jaycees!



