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Embrace The Journey 



2022-2033 President

**Melanie Coble Paschal
#70372**

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

What an amazing first quarter of the year. The NC JCI Senate has definitely been busy traveling across the state “Embracing The Journey” and “Experiencing The Senate”.

October was busy with the Senate helping out with many Jaycee projects including Spencer, Raleigh, Jacksonville, Greenville and Cary. In November we were at Carter Finley Concessions at the NC State Game, Region IV Meeting at Embassy Suites in Greensboro and Cary Friendsgiving hosted by the Farmers.

December, January and February will be no different in regard to being busy. Starting with the Senate Christmas Party, Holiday Parades across the state, shopping/visiting the Girls Cottage at Lake Waccamaw, Christmas Cheer events with the Jaycees, Wreaths Across America, JCI Senate Winter Boards in New Orleans, several State and Regional meetings and our own Year End/Winter meeting with the NC Jaycees.

I would like to thank my board for all the hard work they are doing to coordinate activities and activate Senators to get involved. At each of our events so far this year I have seen Senators that I have not seen in a very long time and it has been wonderful to be a part of this. I look forward to the rest of the year and being able to be a part of the great things that are happening across the state with the Senate and Jaycees.

I encourage each of you to “Experience the Senate” and share what you are doing whether it is with other Senators or Jaycees. I want to hear from each and every one of your feedback and suggestions on how the Board and I can improve things so that you get the most out of your Senate Membership.

We all got our senatorships because we exemplified what it was and is to be an outstanding Jaycee and it is important that the Honor continues to be meaningful. Please feel free to reach out to me through phone (336 317-8013) email (angelsandbutterflies@hotmail.com) or mail (755 Williams Court Pleasant Garden NC 27313).



2022-2033 Vice President

Cheryl Carlson #70371

A WORD FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

2022-2023 year has been amazing journey and its hard to believe that almost half the year has already flown by already!!

The Sweepstakes and Silent Auction has been wrapped up and I'm thrilled to announce that we raised around \$4,000. This will allow the NC Senate to contribute nicely to the NC Jaycees Priority Projects, the NC Jaycees as well as contribute to this year's budget. This has only been possible through all the contributions of the Senators buying sweepstakes tickets and bidding on items in the silent auction.

A few weeks ago, at the beginning of November, over 15 Senators including a Friendship Award winner and an Illinois Senator, 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 (so no chance for hot chocolate!!) and we were busy selling the entire game. We are currently awaiting with bated breath, word from the Concessions and the Cary Jaycees as to the total money raised for the game. This also gave the Cary Jaycees the opportunity to attend the LOC training going on that day and a well-deserved break from the football games.

And last weekend, it was amazing to gather with all the Senators from Region IV at the Fall Meeting in Greensboro hosted by the NC Senate. Again, the NC Senators stepped up to the plate and knocked out another amazing meeting and showing our pride to the rest of the region and other Senators attending from around the country.

I can't wait for the rest of the year and to see the amazing things that the NC Senate will achieve as we head into the holiday season, followed by NC Jaycee Year End Convention, US JCI Senate Winter Boards, supporting the NC Jaycee chapters at various projects and finally gathering for the NC Senate May Meeting.



Diane Upshaw, Shannon Foster, Terry Kolaz, Suzanne Gill and Karol Pittman getting ready for the many customers they would help at the Wake Forest vs NC State game.



Melanie & Allan Paschal talk to Jennifer Smith and Candice Norris during a break in the action. Robert Swigget and Aimee Scotton rest up before it gets crazy once again.





2022-2033 West Regional Director

Nick Woods #62735

GOOD DAY SENATORS!

The [Gaston County Jaycees](#) will be having their Christmas Parade December 4, and it is going to be a night parade. Also, they are working on a partnership with the Rotary Club.

The [Spencer Jaycees](#) have the following events taking place:

November 24—Spencer Christmas Parade at 2PM. They are looking for volunteers beginning at 10AM through the parade ending time

Winterfest—The chapter will be serving drinks and snacks the first 2 weekends in December. Times TBA

The Spencer chapter is also working to sponsor a family at Christmas

At this time, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! Looking forward to seeing you at the Senate Christmas Party in Pinehurst on Saturday, December 10!



2022-2033 Triad Regional Director

Maria Hicks-Few #70376

GREETINGS FROM THE TRIAD REGION,

Fall is in the air. A time of hot chocolate mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and, best of all, leaping into leaves!

Below are our Regional shout outs:

[Greensboro Jaycees](#)

Harvest Fest is a fantastic Fall event held on November 5th. People of all ages that help plant and harvest! Activities are painting pumpkins, playing with clay, collecting free books, and eating some baked goods!

[Hight Point Jaycees](#)

First ever Downtown Dine November 19, 2022.. Stroll in downtown to stop into participating businesses and partake in samples of delightful drinks and savory foods.

[Winston Salem Jaycees](#)

The Winston-Salem Jaycees Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Always a great time! The Triad Region are the Trailblazers to the end.





2022-2033 Chaplain

Scott Alexander #67113

SENATORS IN THE WILD!

On Saturday, October 15th, a group of 18 NC JCI Senators and their guests descended on the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. Not only were there animals galore available to see, but some extra creatures were out and about, as the zoo was celebrating their annual “Boo at the Zoo” event. Kids both young and not-as-young were able to dress up and receive bags that could be filled with candy treats at different stations throughout Africa. Of course, none of this candy was consumed during the 6.7 mile trip through both the wilds of Africa and the plains of North America. In the end, almost all of us left tired but happy. Gene Shanks was not able to spot his elusive Sasquatch on this trip, but there is always another zoo to visit.

MALA KALIKIMAKA TO YOU...

If you are steeped in Hawaiian culture, routinely sing Christmas classics dating back to 1949 (thank you always R. Alex Anderson), or are a fan of the pool scene in the beloved classic film, *Christmas Vacation*, you have undoubtedly heard this phrase. As the song says, “Mala Kalikimaka is Hawaii’s way to say Merry Christmas to you!” We are going to take a trip to the “Big Island” on December 10th at the Christmas Party at the Comfort Inn in Pinehurst! The theme of the party will be a “Hawaiian Christmas”. And, because every good Jaycee event has a twist, we are paying homage to the extravaganza of last year’s party by making it a “Pajamas OPTIONAL” party! There will be festive decorations, amazing food, a gift exchange, fellowship, and, of course, fun! So come dressed to impress in your best Hawaiian attire (grass skirts are encouraged) or your most comfortable PJs. Till then, Aloha!

THE SHELTER REMAINS

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, please allow me to extend the most sincere wishes from our family to yours for a holiday of love, togetherness, and gratitude. As we celebrate the blessings that we have all been given (and they are many), we must also acknowledge that each of us faces struggles. Some face physical and/or emotional difficulties, others deal with family hardships or loss, still others have professional challenges. Truly every life has both hardships and joys.

In times that I feel hurt or struggling, it feels like the storm will never cease. The rain gets harder and the thunder louder. It is then that I remember a phrase I once saw posted on a church billboard. It said that the storm is needed to prove the shelter. We all have a shelter. For some it is family, while others turn to faith. Perhaps it is a quiet place or even a book. No matter the nature of the shelter, there is one for everybody. It is yours to define, maintain, and control.

So, as you make your way through any storm, always remember that no rain will ever penetrate your shelter, and no wind can blow it down. It is right beside you, and there is someone ready to loan you an umbrella until you find it. Storms will end, but blessings, friendship, and faith will endure. I hope that this finds you wrapped in the love of others as you embrace this journey we are on.



John Alexander with the Hardee Boys with one of John’s friends get ready to get treats from the Boo At The Zoo event.



Donnie met a new friend at the zoo. However, Melanie wouldn’t let him bring home with him.



2022-2033 Chairman of the Board

Angela Sweeney #69453

Hope you have all enjoyed the fall season. After a year of Senate travel last year, my fall has been filled with personal and family travel. As coincidence would have it, my family planned vacation at Virginia Beach as the [Virginia Beach Jaycees](#) surfing championship event was ending. While I was unloading my car when I arrived, I heard the VA JCI Senate announced & a familiar voice over the speakers.

Congratulations to President [Melanie Paschal](#) and team on so many successful events this fall - helping [Spencer Jaycees](#) park cars, family day at the zoo, and concessions at the football game. Most recently I attended the [Fall Region IV meeting](#) here in North Carolina, it was great to see so many North Carolina Senators come by to volunteer for a shift. I enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with everyone, if only briefly often, as we were going different directions working.

Hope to see you all in Pinehurst next month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 10TH

NC JCI Senate Christmas Party Comfort Inn, Pinehurst NC.

DECEMBER 17TH

Wreaths Across America – specific information about the specific cemeteries’ will be coming out – there will be one in each region.

JANUARY 19TH-22ND

US JCI Winter Boards - New Orleans LA.

FEBRUARY 3RD-5TH

NC Jaycee Year End Meeting (place to be determined).



WAYS TO HELP THE NC JAYCEES

DECEMBER 3RD

Greenville Christmas Parade and Winston Salem Christmas Parade.

DECEMBER 4TH

Gaston County Christmas Parade.

DECEMBER 5TH

Central Carolina Jaycees present the Sanford Parade.

DECEMBER 10TH

Christmas Cheer with Winston Salem Jaycees.

DECEMBER 10TH

Roxboro and Cary Christmas Parades.

DECEMBER 11TH

Goodfellows with Raleigh Jaycees

DECEMBER 17TH

Greensboro Jaycees Christmas Miracle.

Go to the NC Jaycee Website or refer to the NC Jaycee E-brief for more details of these events.



Calabash Beach Bash

March 23-26, 2023

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 03/01/2023	Postmark After 03/01/2023	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	\$55.00	\$55.00	
Children Under 12		FREE	\$15.00	\$20.00	
Children 12-16		\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	
Offsite Fee		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
GRAND TOTAL					

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

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

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

Mail Registration Forms and Payments to:

Jimmy Maness, 3510 Cherry Lane, Greensboro, NC 27405

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

Oceanfront Double or King Room \$129. Oceanfront Double or King Suite \$139.00 (plus taxes & fees).

One Night Deposit Due At Booking. CUT OFF DATE FOR ROOM BLOCK: MARCH 01, 2023. : Contact Jimmy Maness #38844

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



US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting
Iowa Nice with Cajun Spice
January 19 through January 22, 2023
Hosted by the Iowa JCI Senate in Kenner, LA



Name _____ JCI Senate # _____
 Spouse/Guest Name _____ JCI Senate/Friendship # _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
 Email Address _____ Fax _____
 Current Office Title _____ Rooming with: _____

Check here if this is your first JCI National Meeting. Check here if you're a military veteran.

What Region would you like to sit with at banquet? _____

Item	Qty	Postmarked by 12/17/2022	Postmarked After 12/17/2022	On-Site	TOTAL
Full Registration*		\$75.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	
Thursday Early Hospitality (6 pm to 1 am)		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Daily Off-Site Fee (if not staying within the event room block)		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
GRAND TOTAL					\$ 0

- Full Registration includes Hospitality Friday and Saturday, Lunch Banquet on Saturday.
- Make a Choice(s) for Saturday Luncheon Banquet (enter Quantity): ___ Fish ___ Chicken ___ Vegetarian
- Vegetarian or Religious/Dietary Restrictions _____

Make Checks payable to IA JCI Senate Events & Mail check and registration form to:

Lisa Badger, #67973
 617 S. 5th Ave. E.
 Newton, Iowa 50208

Must be Postmarked by December 17, 2022

Reservations: **Hilton New Orleans Airport**: 800-445-8667 Group Code: **JCI23** or [Online Reservations](#)
 Room Rate is \$126.00 plus taxes per night. (Rate is good 4 nights before and 4 nights after meeting dates, **Based on Availability**)
 Parking at the hotel is free.

Cut-off date for room block is December 29, 2022. The hotel address is 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, Louisiana 70062

Free Airport Shuttle runs every 30 minutes on the hour and half hour at **Gate B5**.

Contacts:

Dan Badger: 641-275-0997 or badgers@iowatelecom.net
 Newton Standridge: 515-229-5310 or newton@standridgegroup.com

2002 Zoo Retreat



2002 Region IV Meeting



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2022-2023 Newsletter Editor

Gene Shanks #68688

IT CAME...WE FOUND IT...WE KICKED IT'S ASS!!

Last issue I told everyone I'd been fighting cancer. Well, I'm glad to announce the my doctors were able to surgically remove the cancer from my kidneys, so I'm back to normal (well...normal for me).

'Tis the busy season at work right now, but it's always good to hear all the fun things that the Senate is up to through my fellow Senators. I hope to get the night off so I can attend the Christmas party next month.

I was briefly able to attend the Regional Meeting in Greensboro between shifts. It was great to see friends, but I wish I had had more time to meet new people outside my North Carolina Senate friends. Maybe next time.

Sorry about the shorter issue. We didn't have many submissions this time around. It's a busy time of year, and we're all busy. I gave out extensions to those that asked, but if you don't see your article, it's because I didn't get it in time for publication. With that said, the next deadline will be **FEBRUARY 1st, 2023**.



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