





2023 / 2024 Issue #1

From our Region IV National Vice President:

Greetings All!

As the dust settles on one year and we begin a new one, just a few things about myself so you can get to know me as well as some key dates to remember:

I am, as you know, a Florida Senator (#49789) as is my wife Cindy (#54928). What attracted both of us to the Jaycees (although in different towns) was community service and to this day it is what we gravitate towards whenever we find the opportunity. I find it keeps me grounded when helping those less fortunate and constantly thankful for the blessings we enjoy. As I discover more about those type things that go on in our Region, it makes me proud to be a part of what you all do, and I look forward to participating wherever I can this year.

Personally, I am a self-employed state certified General Contractor and have built everything from churches to office buildings and a lot of different style homes. Pastimes and hobbies include fishing (both salt and fresh), camping with friends and getting on the air with my ham radio equipment. I am proud to be a 32-degree Mason and am a member of our local lodge which is also committed to giving back to our community. We have two terrific adult children and one incredible granddaughter who loves her papa (yours truly of course).

You probably are aware by now, but our mid-year Region IV meeting will be in conjunction with Florida's bash, the first full weekend in October in Vero Beach, and hopefully many of you will be able to attend. The registration form and additional information is available on Florida's website.

Working "Together As One" I know this Region always helps each other whether it's the upcoming Winter BOD in Greenville or the year end celebration in Tampa and that's just part of what makes us who we are. As Jerry Godwin said "we may not be the best, but we're better than the rest" – and you all prove it every day.

Keeping the Faith,

Mark Brandel #49789



Words from our Region IV State Presidents Team:

Alabama JCI Senate President:

Larry Graham, #60619 "Faith & Service"



Hello From Alabama JCI Senate

First & foremost, I thank God for strength, health, & traveling Grace through the year. Thank you, Alabama JCI Senate, for giving me the opportunity to serve. It was truly an awesome year for the Alabama JCI Senate. As I continue to serve for another year as President of Alabama, I am thankful. Regional VP Mark Brandel we look forward to working with you this year. President Hal, we look forward to new adventures under your leadership. Alabama will be celebrating its 50th anniversary throughout the JCI Senate Year. Our first conference is at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Gulf Shores Alabama September 29,2023-October 1, 2023. Alabama's second conference is at the Courtyard by Marriot in Trussville Alabama. Please check out our Facebook page for additional information. Quote: "The simple path silence is Prayer. Prayer is Faith & Faith is Love. Love is Service. The Fruit of service is peace. Mother Teresa.



Faith & Service,

Larry J Graham # 60619 President Alabama JCI Senate 2023-2024

Florida JCI Senate President:

Jaci Newmark, #56368

"Celebrate Good Times!"



CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES with the Florida JCI Senate

Hi, my name is Jaci Newmark, Senator #56368 and I'm the current President of the Florida JCI Senate.

I was born in Miami, Fl and raised on Long Island. hold a B.S. in Computer Science from Tulane and am retired from Miami-Dade County after 35 years in their IT Department. I create beaded bracelets; collect coins and I am the 1st VP for the Lake Sumer Lions Club. My company, Dynamic Marketing LLC creates promotional materials for the Senate. My husband, Keith Adams FR #105, and I met in High School and got married in 2006, and we maintain two homes in Plantation (Ft. Lauderdale) and The Villages as he is still working for the County. I have two grown children and two grandchildren, Torin & Talon Edwin. My third grandchild (a girl) will be born on August 9th.

My theme for 2023-2024 is "Celebrate Good Times". Every time I think of my participation in the Jaycees and with the Senate, there are good times with great friends, projects and events that shaped our lives. My logo is a Fireworks explosion. There is no better way to represent "good times" than a burst around the Florida outline with eight stars. Each star represents one of the eight regions in Florida as we want all of Florida to shine brightly this year.

Our <u>first quarter Conference and Celebration</u> on August 18-20 is in Altamonte Springs. The theme for this weekend is "It Smells Like Team Spirit" and attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite team jersey. A football pool will be conducted on Friday night for our 1st Quarter First Man's Pet Project – Southeastern Guide Dogs. Saturday night, we are off to the races, to benefit the Foundation.

Our "World Famous" <u>Florida Bash and Region IV Meeting</u> will be held October 5-8 in Vero Beach chaired by past state president, Doyle Sewell #63344. This is an event that is not to be missed, especially the seafood planned for Saturday night. Come and party with your friends as NVP Mark Brandel #49789, invites Region IV to be "Together as One" in Florida.

You may see my hair dyed Green for Bash! I have an incentive for Florida. If we raise \$1,000 or more for Southeastern Guide Dogs at our 1st Conference, then I will dye my hair for the Bash.

It's going to be a fun year in Florida, and we can't wait for all the Fireworks!

In Senate Friendship,

Jaci

Georgia JCI Senate President:

Alex "Hitman" Willis, #34236 "Doing it the right way with unity during our 50th Anniversary Celebration."



Greetings everyone, Alex and his family suffered a terrible loss recently. Please keep him and his family in your Hearts, Thoughts, and Prayers, as they work through this difficult time,



*Cards of support and condolences can be sent to the Willis family, 5114 Great Meadows Rd, Lithonia, GA, 30038-2799

North Carolina JCI Senate President:

Cheryl Carlson, #70371

"Together We Can..."





Greetings from the great state of North Carolina to all our fellow Region IV Senate Family!

I am honored and humbled to be serving as the 49th President and am looking forward to representing the fabulous members of the NC Senate locally, regionally as well as nationally and internationally. I have chosen the theme of "Together We Can..." as we are always more successful together than alone and this is a perfect way to fulfill our mission of fostering fellowship amongst NC JCI Senators as well as supporting and assisting the North Carolina Jaycees in furthering the principles of the Jaycee Creed.

Congratulations to NC JCI Senators for being recognized for their service during the 2022-23 year: NVP Region IV Pam Padgett #51341 for the Donnie Alvis Memorial Award, Ray Culler #64452 for Outstanding Regional Chaplain, and Mary Pruitt #77821 for Outstanding State Treasurer for Oklahoma all while she relocated to North Carolina.

The NC JCI Senate is looking forward to working together with President Hal Williams #43912 in "Keeping the Faith" and Region IV NVP Mark Brandel #49789 as "Together As One". The NC JCI Senate wants all Senators to enjoy time together and one of our goals for this year is to provide multiple opportunities to fellowship with more focus on smaller gatherings to stay better connected (several are being worked on and will be announced as soon as possible). Currently planned upcoming events for the NC JCI Senators include:

Aug 18 – 20, 2023	NC JC Mid-Year Convention w/ Senate Meeting	Greensboro, NC
Sept 21 – 24, 2023	US JCI Senate Fall Board Meeting	Houston TX
Oct 5 – 8, 2023	Region IV Fall Meeting / Florida Bash	Vero Beach, FL
Oct 28, 2023	Manpower @ Carter Finely Concessions	Raleigh, NC
Dec 16, 2023	Wreaths Across America	TBD, NC
Dec 16, 2023	NC JCI Senate Holiday Social	TBD, NC
Jan 11-14, 2024	US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting	Greenville, SC

We hope that Senators from around the region will have the opportunity to join and fellowship and support the Jaycees with the NC JCI Senators. Feel free to reach out to me for more details and updated information or find us on our social media sites that we are currently updating and revamping to stay better connected.

In JCI Senate Spirit!

Cheryl Carlson #70371 "Together We Can..."

South Carolina JCI Senate President

Laura McDivitt, #65755





Region IV Senators,

I am so very proud to be the South Carolina State President for this year. I am surrounded by a committed team and a fantastic membership. We look forward to working hard to represent our State, to contribute to our Region and the National movement.

Our first meeting for Jaycee Camp Hope Weekend, which is July 21st to the 23rd. This weekend is a long-standing tradition that each of our member cherishes. It is held in conjunction with the SC Jaycees and is and has been our number one priority project. Camp Hope is held at the Clemson Outdoor Labs and is a camp for mentally challenged citizens who can enjoy their friends, activities, and the dedicated camp counselors. The campers are always super excited to show all of us the surroundings, where they live and what they participate in. The Jaycees and the honorary groups join the campers to enjoy lunch and the presentation the campers put on for us every year is extremely heart-touching.

On behalf of the South Carolina Senate, we would like to extend the invitation for you to visit us.

Always South Carolina,

Laura McDivitt #65755 55th SC JCI Senate President

Region IV's Chaplain's Corner 🗸



Region IV JCI Senate Chaplain Daryl McNair, #63633 "Be Blessed and Be Kind!"



Hey There Region IV Fam!

Just a quick note to say how exciting it is to serve as your Region IV Senate Chaplain this year. My hope is that as this year progresses, you are Blessed beyond measure. Should you have any specific Prayer Requests or Celebrations, please let us know. We want to be able to be there for you in Praise and in

In the future, more info will be shared within this document which will help you with, as President Hal puts it, "Keeping the Faith."

Feel free to know what we can do for you! How can you get in touch with me? Just shoot an email my way at... chaplain@regioniv.usjcisenate.org

Be Blessed and Be Kind!

Daryl McNair, #63633



Region IV – Upcoming Events and Information:

Alabama JCI Senate:

Come celebrate our 50th Anniversary AL JCI Senate and Bama Brigade! September 29th – October 1st



Alabama JCI Senate & Bama Brigade 50th Anniversary

September 29 - October 1 (Hosted by the Alabama JCI Senate & Bama Brigade)

Name			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Contact Phone # ()			
Email			

Qty	Postmarked By 09/15/2023	Postmarked After 09/16/2023	Total
	\$50.00	\$65.00	
	\$15.00	\$20.00	
	\$10.00	\$15.00	
	\$25.00	\$30.00	
	Qty	\$50.00 \$15.00 \$10.00	\$50.00 \$65.00 \$15.00 \$20.00 \$10.00 \$15.00

^{*}EVERYONE is required to register.

HOTEL: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Gulf Shores

160 West Commerce Avenue Gulf Shores, AL 36542

(251) 948-6191

ROOM RATES: \$99.00 per night (plus tax). Be sure to ask for Jaycee/Bama Brigade/Senate for room discount. Deadline to book room is September 15, 2023.

Send all registrations to: Mike Gray

7848 Wind Song Drive Trussville, AL 35173

^{**}Make checks payable to: Alabama JCI Senate

^{***}Refunds will not be made after 7 days before meeting

Alabama JCI Senate – continued;

Volunteer with us OR Sponsor a wreath...Either way, the Alabama JCI Senate wants you to SAVE THE DATE!! The DEC 16TH 2023 is the National Wreaths Across America Day.



🧚 Stay tuned for more details on wreath sponsorship for the Alabama JCI Senate.



Florida JCI Senate:

Florida's First Quarter Meeting, details below;

10 Reasons for Registration

Number 10...

Continue the Fun and Fellowship from the Jaycee Reunion with the 1st Quarter Senate Conference in Altamonte Springs, August 18-20th

registration form



Please raise cell phone, take picture of barcode above to be led to registrations form on line or click below,

(Florida Registration Form)



Florida JCI Senate Continued:



Florida JCI Senate Annual Florida BASH & Region IV Meeting

Vero Beach October 5-8, 2023



Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton

611 20th Place, Vero Beach, FL 32960 772-774-4010

ALL ROOMS are \$155.00 + Tax Double/Double, King or King Suite

Room Block Code: Florida JCI Senate Room cut-off date: <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 5</u>, 2023

Call hotel direct to make your reservations or book online at:

https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=VRBDNHX&groupCode=CHHJCl&arrivaldate=2023-10-05&departuredate=2023-10-08&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

If you need an ADA Compliant room, there are three available on a first-come, first-served basis. Hotel questions or accommodations should be directed to Doyle Sewell #63344, 772-473-2594

Registration Deadline: Must be received by September 5th, 2023 - No Refunds

Thursday Night TAP: 5:30 pm Dinner reservations/self-pay/open menu - # for TAP ______ Full Registration, Friday/Saturday Hospitality, Friday Night Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Night

Full registration - \$65.00	Late Registration (after 9/5/2023	6) - \$85.00
Qty Total \$	Seafood Boil	Meat & Pasta Option
Name:	Senate #	
Spouse/Guest:	Senate #:	
Senate office held:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Email:	Contact Number	:
Please make check payable to the	Florida JCI Senate with BASH and your Sen	ate # on the memo line.
You may pay the registration usin https://flicisenate.usicisenate.org/in (Registration forms are still required)	dex.php/registration or use Zelle: flicisenate@g	email.com

Mail registration form & payment to: Michael Sawyer #36403, 600 Jimmy Ann Drive #918, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

NOTE: There is a \$25 per night fee for booking off-site or outside of the Room Block...Enforced!

Florida JCI Senate Continued:



United States JCI Senate Annual Meeting Pirates Palm Trees Parties Tampa, Florida



June 18 – 23, 2024

JA12024	June	18 – 23, 2024		FLORIDA	SENATE
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Child (12 & under) – Saturday Banquet	Only	\$40.00 Postmark by 5/ \$45.00 Postmark after \$50.00 Onsite			\$ \$ \$
Tuesday Early Hospitality (June 18)		\$20.00 Postmark by 5/ \$25.00 Postmark after \$30.00 Onsite			\$ \$ \$
Daily Hospitality Only		□ \$25.00 □ Wed □ Th	urs 🗆 Fri 🗆 Sat		\$
Saturday Banquet Only		\$60.00 Postmark by 5/ \$65.00 Postmark after \$70.00 Onsite			\$ \$ \$
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Georgia JCI Senate:

The Georgia JCI Senate Summer Meeting will be in Warner Robins, GA on August 25th - 27th.



Georgia JCI Senate

Summer Meeting Hampton Inn 4000 Watson Blvd Warner Robins, GA August 25-27, 2023

Name		Se	nate #
Senate Office Held			
Spouse/Guest		Senate#	Friendship#
Senate Office Held			
Address			
City	State	Zip C	ode
Phone Home Email		Cell	
Item	Qty	Registration Fee	Total
Full Registration *		25.00	
Saturday Only	and Hospitality	15.00	

*Full Registration includes: Friday and Saturday Hospitality and Saturday Lunch.
For Hotel Reservations: Hampton Inn -Warner Robins, Group Code- GAJCI Senate,
[478] 953-9443 Room Rate: \$149+ tax - Kings and Doubles

Total Paid

Mail Registration forms with checks made out to Georgia JCI Senate to: Denise Bauer, 907 East Tulip Ave, Cordele, GA 31015



North Carolina JCI Senate:

The North Carolina JCI Senate/NC Jaycees Meeting will be in Greensboro, NC, details below.



Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro Airport 204 Centreport Drive Greensboro, NC 27409,

Friday, August 18th – Sunday, August 20th

Registration link below,

2023 Mid-Year Convention Tickets | Eventbrite





South Carolina JCI Senate

The SC JCI Senate/SC Jaycees Camp Hope Convention was held Fri July 21^{st} – Sun, July 23^{rd} .

Day	Start Time	End Time	Location	Session	Description
Sunday	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Best Western Plus Clemson	Breakfast served at the Hotel	Enjoy breakfast provided by the hotel to get the energy ready.
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	SC Jayoee Camp Hope	South Carolina Jayoee Foundation Meeting	Time set aside for the South Carolina Jayose Foundation to meet and discuss the impact they have on Camp Hope.
	11:30 AM	12:00 PM		Camp Hope Tours	Take a tour of Camp Hope and see how the support of the year round work of the Jayoees is impacted throughout the summer.
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM		Lunch With Camp Hope Camper	Take some time and sit down with campers and have a meal.
	1:00 PM	1:30 PM		South Carolina Jayoee Board of Directors Meeting	Join the South Carolina Jaycees in their Board of Directors Meeting including elections, program updates, and chapter news and announcements.
	1:30 PM	2:00 PM		Camp Hope Camper Programming	Camp Hope Campers love the Jayoses and they love to show it, join us for a special program of the campers.
	2:00 PM	2:45 PM		Awards, Announcements, Pictures and Programming	Time to soak up the last bit of Camp Hope magic and cap the weekend off with inspirational messages and awards!

Event Location	Address
Best Western	1310 Tiger Blvd,
Plus Clemson	Clemson, SC 29831
South Carolina Jaycee Camp Hope	415 Charlie White Trail, Pendleton, SC 29670









South Carolina JCI Senate Continued;

The US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting will be held at the *Embassy Suites*, Golf Resort in Greenville, SC, January 11th – Jan 14th, 2024, Details below:



US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting Hosted by the South Carolina JCI Senate



Southern Charm

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FULL REGISTRA	ATION*		\$75.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	
THURSDAY Ea	rly Hospitality (6 pm to 1 am)		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
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Region IV Senate Family and Friends in Action:

Region IV Pictures – Enjoy 😂



Greetings from St. Louis, MO Meeting!

Being told you're appreciated is one of the simplest, yet most incredible things you can ever hear.

You are VERY Special

Kissing the Pig in Kent, OH:





In SC – Jaycee Camp Hope:













Continued,











Also from our SC JCI Senate:

Please give a Warm Welcome to our Newest SC JCI Senator!!

Lauren Folk, #81953



Pictured with our SC JCI Senate President, Laura McDivitt, #65755

US JCI Senate President, Links and Information,

A few words from Our US JCI Senate President, Hal Williams, #43912

The theme of this Senate year is "Keeping the Faith". One of the things we do as Senators is keep the faith with those who have come before us. When we repeat the sixty-five words in the Jaycee Creed we are keeping the faith. When we mentor Jaycees we are keeping the faith. When we work service projects to better our community we are keeping the faith. We all have our Jaycee and Senate heroes, those who mentored us and those we looked up to for inspiration. Anytime we do anything in the Senate, even just meeting in hospitality for friendship, we are keeping the faith with those who came before us and built this organization. I challenge you to find ways to be keeping the faith with those who went before us in our organization throughout this year.

This year of "Keeping the Faith" will be a fun one with lots of interaction with JCI, socials, and community involvement. We will again encourage participation in "Wreaths Across America". We will also learn about how we can get involved with "Wheelchairs4Kids"; a nonprofit that was started by a Senator that is dedicated to improving the lives of children with disabilities.

The Fall Board Meeting this year will be in Houston, TX. The Winter Board Meeting will be in Greenville, SC. The yearend Annual Meeting will be in Tampa, FL. I encourage you to attend one or all of these meetings while you are Keeping the Faith!

Hal Williams #43912

52nd President, US JCI Senate





2023 / 2024 US JCI Senate Officers:

President - Hal Williams #43912

Administrative Vice President - Gary Pittenger #24804

Secretary - Gary Duell #48384

Treasurer – Bruce Sostak #52655

Chairman of the Board - Susan Hatcher #58143

Legal Counsel – John Badeen #73089

NVP Region I – Peter Jordan #54684

NVP Region II – <u>Joan Travis</u> #76301

NVP Region III – Randy Willhoite #47435

NVP Region IV – Mark Brandel #49789

NVP Region V – Jon Bruner #58932

NVP Region VI – <u>Dave Teachout</u> #68700

NVP Region VII – <u>Jeff Cardwell</u> #54265

NVP Region VIII – <u>DeLisa</u> <u>Anderson</u> #54310

NVP Region IX – Will Hansen #49086

NVP Region X – <u>Yvette Lee</u> #68707

Region IV Links:

(Click on the names of each site below)

Region IV Senate Facebook

AL JCI Senate Facebook

FL JCI Senate Facebook

<u>GA JCI Senate Facebook</u> NC JCI Senate Facebook

AL JCI Senate Website FL JCI Senate Website

NC JCI Senate Website

Region IV NVP, Mark Brandel, #49789



Mark Brandel #49789





Editor's page and Newsletter Deadlines,

Greetings fellow Region IV Family and friends. This is our first publication of The Southern Breeze. We hope you find this informational, enjoyable, and most importantly, easy to navigate. We need your help. To keep news/information current and as accurate as possible, we plan on Four More publications for 2023 – 2024. Please send in your articles as noted by the deadline dates below, Issue #2 - August 21st, Issue #3 - November 21st, Issue #4 February 21st and Issue #5, for 2023/2024, May 21st.

Your Region IV Exec Team:

NVP, Mark Brandel, #49789, Region IV Communications Director, Angela Sweeney, #69453, Chaplain, Daryl McNair, #63633, or Region IV Newsletter Editor, Ray Culler, #64452. If anyone has concerns, suggestions, or thoughts to share, please click on the name(s) highlighted above to start an email...

Closing thoughts for this edition, That Is Enough

- Author unknown

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room with his tail wagging and an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside... He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing. I know my Master is there and that is enough."

May you and your famílies have a Wonderful And Blessed day, today, tomorrow, and always,

"May your light so shine" ... Ray Culler, 64452

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