



# The Southern Breeze

2023 / 2024 Issue #3



**From our Region IV National Vice President, Mark Brandel, #49789:**

Greetings to all in Region IV and beyond!

This is my favorite time of the year. As I'm writing this, we are just days before Thanksgiving. I know that my family and I are blessed more than we deserve, and we give thanks every day. The Thanksgiving holiday is special in that we typically get together with family and friends and also remember fondly those no longer with us. We are truly blessed to live in a country where we can celebrate so many things, especially as we think about those around the world who would love to be able to do the same.

The stores haven't wasted any time letting us know that Christmas is just around the corner – I think some were putting decorations out before Halloween! And black Friday, pre-black Friday, post black Friday, cyber-Monday – I sure hope that we all remember the real reason(s) for these holidays.

Enough pontificating! We've had a terrific quarter – starting out in Houston with so many of our folks being recognized! Joining Alabama in Gulf Shores to celebrate the beginning of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – a great time and program by President Larry and his team!. We attended North Carolina's mid-year meeting along with their JCI. Again, a great program President Cheryl and your team. I got to meet several of our future Senators and was even inducted into their Cardinal Corp. Florida's quarterly meeting otherwise known as Grinchmas was this past weekend. A fun filled weekend including getting arrested and handcuffed by some of the Hollywood JCI girls (pictures elsewhere in this letter). Thank you President Jaci and your team, especially Don Duffy for the great food and well stocked bar!

Wheelchairs4Kids Trunk or Treat was great as always. Senator Madeline and her entire team are the best! All the costumes, actors and of course the kids were wonderful. I know all of us are participating in Wreaths Across America on December 16<sup>th</sup>. This is one near and dear to me and all veterans who are here to participate – thank you all for joining in on this. President Laura and her team will be busy in December – if you like Christmas parades, they have three that I'm aware of, as well as a shopping event with Newbery JCI. President Alex and the Georgia Seante will be hosting their Christmas Social December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all are invited - more information later in this newsletter from Chairman Brenda Swank.

Cindy and I are joining some friends Thanksgiving morning to deliver twenty smoked turkey dinners with all the fixins (I know, southern speak) to twenty needy families locally. We are also participating in a program called shop with a cop on December 9<sup>th</sup>. This is one where we help raise money all year long and along with the local police officers take underprivileged kids to Wal Mart to let them buy \$100.00

worth of toys or whatever they want for themselves. You all may do something similar in your towns, but talk about feel good projects and, again, reminding us to be thankful.

I can't wait to see all of you in Greenville! Chairman Liz Young promises a great time and I know that there are a LOT of cool places to see and visit. Make sure to get your rooms reserved and your registrations in as soon as possible to help them with their planning. More information on this later in this newsletter also.

In closing for now, I'm so thankful for you all letting me serve you this year. Every state makes me proud, and I know President Hal appreciates all of us "Keeping The Faith." I wish everyone a blessed Christmas and Hanukkah season, a happy and prosperous new year, and safe travels - see you soon!

In Senate Fellowship, Mark

[Mark Brandel](#) #49789



## Region IV States:

### FLORIDA JCI SENATE



# Words from our Region IV State Presidents:

Alabama JCI Senate President:

[Larry Graham](#), #60619

“Faith & Service”



Happy Holiday's from Alabama JCI Senate:

On behalf of the Alabama JCI Senate, we wish you a joyful, thankful, and continue blessing for Thanksgiving with family & friends. The Alabama JCI Senate celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Gulf Shores Alabama on September 29, 2023-October 1, 2023. We send a very thanks to our very special guests President Hal Williams & NVP Mark Brandel. Additionally, I want to personally thank my fellow Presidents Willis of Georgia, Newark of FL. Also, in attendant were three Past National Presidents, Steve Sutherland, John Robinson & Mike Andrews, and each of them assisted with President Hal in the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary. Thanks to all our other visitors from the various states of Georgia, Florida & Tennessee, individually and collectively, that shared this wonderful occasion with us. Thank you! Thank You.!

Our next event will be Wreath Across America December 16, 2023 @ Jefferson Memorial Gardens. Alabama second conference is at the Courtyard by Marriot in Trussville Alabama January 26-28, 2024. Currently we considering several sites for our year-end conference. Please check out our Facebook page for additional information. Also, we wish you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Alabama JCI Senate & families

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Alabama JCI Senate

Faith & Service,

Larry J Graham # 60619

President Alabama JCI Senate 2023-2024

## Florida JCI Senate President:

[Jaci Newmark](#), #56368  
“Celebrate Good Times!”



### Celebrating in Florida Every Day...

Hi All! Wow, so much has happened in the Florida JCI Senate since August.

I want to start by thanking my officers, appointees and everyone in our state that has helped to make this first 6 months a great experience and showing Good Times. Even with 120 members up for renewal for September, we grew by +7 and was the top growth for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. We are looking to be growth for the second quarter too.

We had a great time at the Florida Bash and Region IV Meeting. Thank you past president and Bash Chairman, Doyle Sewell #63344, and his team for going above and beyond with their Low Country Boil Saturday night. We had Horse Racing – thanks to Randy Windham #58263 as we raised funds for Wreaths Across America and had many laughs. I want to thank my fellow State Presidents, Laura McDivitt from South Carolina, Cheryl Carlson from North Carolina, and Alex “Hitman” Willis from Georgia for attending and sharing in your hospitality. We missed you Larry Graham, but enjoyed our time in Gulf Shores, Alabama the week before.

Our regional directors are working hard to activate their senators and have great socials. We are looking forward to getting together in December and sharing the holiday excitement with our Senate Family. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Return the Favor project with the Jacksonville Jaycees will be a Field Day at Rodeheavers Boys Ranch. That night will be Hollywood Jaycees Candy Cane Parade followed by “Breakfast with Santa” (aka Jay and Patsy Edmondson) the next morning. Wreaths Across America Day on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 cemeteries around the state and a Holiday Get-together that night.

This past weekend we had our “infamous” Grinchmas Meeting. Friday night we had an Ugly Sweater Contest and presented a Senatorship to Jeff Pumphrey #82273 (husband of our Management VP, Kathy Pumphrey). Saturday night was our Grinchmas event with a whole lot of Grinches in attendance and our fun (if not vengeful) gift exchange. Thank you to Mindy, Stacey, and Tammy from the Hollywood Jaycees for taking our Grinch on his Big adventure and sharing it with the Senate. It was a hoot! We welcomed the National Treasurer, Bruce Sostak #52655 and our NVP Mark Brandel #49789 and thank them for their words of encouragement for us. Congratulations to all those that received my “shining star” pin and to the Officer of the Quarter, Treasurer, Michael Sawyer #36403.

We are eagerly awaiting the second half of our Senate year and 2024. Florida will be in force in Greenville to share in some “Southern Charm” with our fellow U.S. and of course, Region IV friends.



Our third quarter meeting will be held on February 9-11, 2024 in Daytona Beach. The theme for this weekend is "Mardi Gras." Come party on the beach, get some beads, hurricanes, and Have Fun!

Our registration form will be on the Florida website on December 1<sup>st</sup> and on the Facebook page. Come join us.

As our holiday season begins this week with Thanksgiving, I wish for everyone a wonderful Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy 2024! May you all good health and Good Times now and always.

In Senate Friendship,

Jaci Newmark #56368

President, Florida JCI Senate



Nina Nadeau #49287, RD 6

At Hollarbach German Restaurant Social



Chairman of the board, Cindy Brandel #54928, Past President Irene Shanley #65316, and Admin VP Duffy #78415 at the Wheelchairs 4 Kids, Trunk or Treat

*Funny quotes to follow, here and beyond...enjoy 😊  
"I'm dreaming of a White Christmas! But if the white runs out,  
I'll drink the red."*



Past President and Regional Advisor, Jay "Santa" Edmonson #41977, presenting a new Senatorship to Jeff Pumphrey, #82273, pictured below, with his wife Kathy, #57287

**Please Welcome our New  
Florida JCI Senator,  
#57287, Jeff Pumphrey!**







2nd Quarter Meetings, November 17<sup>th</sup>, ugly sweater contest



National Treasurer, Bruce Sostak #52655 and  
Senator, Denice Bauer #61276



Horse Racing at the FL Bash,  
A Great Time Had By All!



Georgia JCI Senate President:

[Alex “Hitman” Willis](#), #34236

“Doing it the right way with unity during our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.”



Greetings to the Region 4 JCI Senators,

The Georgia JCI Senate held its annual Christmas Social in Macon Georgia on December 1<sup>st</sup> & second at the LaQuinta by Wyndham. Located at 3944 River Place Drive Macon. Georgia 31210. On Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>, those who come in early we will go to dinner at a place of our choosing. We did an Ornament gift 🎁 swap on Saturday after dinner in the hospitality room. We were able to see Christmas lights or drive through the Christmas village on both nights. This event a was BYOB we light snacks and mixers were served. This was a social and no charge to attend.

The Board of Directors will also set our January meeting date.

Happy Thanksgiving Day, see you at [Wreaths across America](#), Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

In Georgia we are doing it the right way.

In the spirit of the Senate,

Alex “Hitman” Willis, #34236

50th President of the Georgia JCI Senate





## North Carolina JCI Senate President:

[Cheryl Carlson](#), #70371

“Together We Can...”



Can you believe it ... the first 5 months of the 2023 – 2024 year are already behind us. And what a fantastic time they have been with lots of fun, travel, and fellowship with the NC Senate.

During the past few months, NC Senators have been on the move with several adventures around the Region, Country, and World! NC Senators attended the US JCI Senate Fall Boards in Houston Texas where fun times abounded with Pam Padgett #51341 getting a big surprise and hug from Buckee’s during the BOD meeting, shag dancing, card games, seeing the joy of Wheelchairs for Kids gifting a new special tricycle amongst lots of other fun and laughs. The North Carolina Senate received several recognitions including being the #2 State in Sweepstakes Sales for Q1 and being one of fifteen states at growth for Q1 as well as helping contribute to Region IV being the top region at growth at +11. In addition, NC Senators Nick Woods #62735, and Irene Shanley #65316, were honored by President Hal Williams #43912, as Keeping the Faith recipients.

Once back from Houston, there were only a few weeks before it was time for our first trip south to Florida this year, with us landing in Vero Beach for the Florida Senate Bash and Region IV meeting. Lots of lots of laughs, food, time at the pool and other fun – including horse races where just leaving the starting gate was a major accomplishment during the games. It was great to spend time with our Region IV Senate Family.

Just weeks ago, a few NC Senators were able to attend World Congress in Zurich Switzerland and visit surrounding areas and meeting fellow Senators from near and far. And I traveled to Michigan where I had the opportunity to attend the Michigan Senate Jeans and Jewels Gala which raises money for their scholarship program.

Even with so much going on around the Region, Country, and World, even more was happening in NC. NC Senators from around the state attended various JC projects as a show of support or as requested manpower. Events included steaming and shucking oysters at the Greenville (NC) JC Shuck ‘N Pluck, helping with parking at the Spencer JCs Hippie Fest, helping out as manpower at the Cary JCs Carter Finely Concessions during several different football games, barking at the Raleigh JC Turkey Shoot during the State Fair, attending the Reunion & Reminiscing event of the

Winston-Salem JCs, enjoying the scrumptious meal at the Cary JCs Ms. Judy's Famous Thanksgiving Dinner, and losing money for a good cause at the Raleigh JC Poker Tournament fundraiser for Goodfellows.

And a special shout out for the NC Senators that stepped up to the challenge to be part of NC Senate fundraiser by taking over all the manpower needs at the Cary JCs Carter Finely Concessions during the NC State vs Clemson football game. This not only helps fill a crucial need for the NC Senate Treasury, but more importantly it gives the Cary JC chapter a weekend off as they run the concession stand at every home game.

Heading into winter, things are not slowing down for several more weeks. NC Senators will be helping and attending many Christmas Parades and Christmas Projects across the state along with our NC Senate Holiday Social in Asheboro NC on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> and laying wreaths at different cemeteries across the state with Wreaths Across America on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.

It will then be time to spend the Holiday Season and New Year with family and friends before we gear up for Q3 where we will be traveling to South Carolina in January for the for the US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting. Then during the first weekend in February celebrating the 2023 Year with the NC Jaycees at their Year End Celebration and Convention where new NC Senatorships will be presented along with having our 2<sup>nd</sup> NC Senate meeting for the year. And then in March relaxing in the sun as we host the Calabash Beach Bash and Region IV Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The NC JCI Senate is looking forward to more exciting and fabulous moments in the months to come as we celebrate the "Together We Can..." year together with President Hal Williams #43912 in "Keeping the Faith" and Region IV NVP Mark Brandel #49789 as "Together As One". We hope that Senators from around the region will continue to 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 or find us on our social media sites (Website, FB page and Instagram).

In JCI Senate Spirit!

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



**It's all fun and games  
until Santa pulls out  
the Naughty List.**

*LifeTraveledInStilettos.com*

## NC JCI Senate Out and About...



Carter Finley Stadium, Cary Jaycees and NC Senators working at the NC State Wolfpack Game vs Clemson, October 28<sup>th</sup>, And Won, 24 to 17! Go Pack!







*Senators from All over the Great State of NC in attendance, can you see faces you remember and where they're from? I see some from Durham, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Raleigh, and Wilmington*

*More photos to follow later*

## South Carolina JCI Senate President

[Laura McDivitt](#), #65755



Greetings from the great State of South Carolina!

Members of the SC JCI Senate recently attended the SC JCI elections in Columbia. We are pleased to announce that Allie Sears of the Spartanburg Jaycees is the President Elect. We look forward to finishing out this year with President Joseph Berry and working with Ms. Sears in 2024.

The SC Jaycees and the SC Senate have some upcoming events throughout the state. They are listed below and open to all to attend and participate.

December 2: Newberry Jaycees Christmas Parade

December 3: Lexington Jaycees Christmas Parade

December 9: Newberry Jaycees Shopping for Christmas

December 12: Spartanburg Jaycees Christmas Parade

December 16: Wreaths Across America – Fort Jackson National Cemetery

January 11 – 14: US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting/SC JCI Year End convention – please see detailed information from our Chairperson Elizabeth Martin-Young contained within this newsletter. We look forward to seeing a great number of you there, enjoying the Senate hospitality and continuing our Senate-Jaycee partnership.

**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!

What an eventful month it's been so far. It's a month that we are supposed to demonstrate, Giving Thanks. Mind you, we should be doing this year-round, however November is the designated month to make the conscious effort.

However, it's hard sometimes to be thankful with all that's going on overseas, in our communities or in and around our Families and friends. November has presented itself with loss, hospital admissions, diagnoses, repeat hospital admissions, more loss, and more. Personally, I am in the process of recovering from yet another knee surgery. How can we find anything to be thankful for?

Well, it's a matter of perspective. For example, regarding my surgery, I am thankful that this surgery should be the last of them. Thankful that I had a qualified and well-respected surgeon to work on my knee and thankful for a caring and dedicated Physical Therapy Assistant to aid in getting me through rehab. I could "whoa is me" about the pain, or that this is my sixth time "going under" as a result of the knee or more importantly, I can rejoice in the progress, which has been made post-surgery. There is, indeed, a light at the end of the tunnel. I see it and it is Good.

In this thing we call Life, there are hardships. Can we, as my Dad would say, "choose to look for the Silver Lining"? It's there, depending on how we choose to look for it. To put **THAT** into perspective, here's a little story for you that NC Senator Mary Hamel, #63220, shared not too long ago...

A Pastor asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So, Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Be Thankful in the Good and the not so good. Remember, Let Him finish "mixing." It will be "even better than biscuits in the end!"

If you liked that message, go check out the "JCI Senate Friends Monday Morning Meditations" Page on Facebook. If you'd like not to miss one, DM, (that's Direct Message), me and I'll send you an invitation to join the Group.

Be Blessed!

Be Blessed and Be Kind!

Daryl McNair, #63633



# US JCI Senate Winter Board 2024

On behalf of the South Carolina JCI Senate, we proudly host the US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting in Greenville SC. This will be the first occasion for the US JCI Senate to have a meeting in Greenville. We are happy to share our beautiful city with each of you.

Gentle reminders:

Our host hotel is the Embassy Suites Golf Resort located at 670 Verde Blvd. Greenville 29607. Our room rate is \$132.50 plus tax per night. Unfortunately, we have had some confusion within the hotel reservation system. The hotel has to manually add ten rooms each time we hit our room block. While we are beyond excited that we have hit our target goal for rooms, we continue to be given additional rooms in increments of ten. My apologies to those of you who have called and been told that we were out of rooms. Our deadline for reservations is December 18, 2023. If you should experience any challenges in booking your room, please contact me on 864-325-9813. Our contract with the hotel affords our guests the same room rate as the convention for three days before and three days after our meeting. Once you arrive the hotel will manually change your room rate for the additional days. Please remember your credit card is not being charged in advance of your arrival.

Your convention registration is due and must be postmarked no later than December 10, 2023. If you are using PayPal there is an additional charge of \$4.95. Come join your friends and have a great time in Greenville.

If you are driving into Greenville SC, there are no parking fees at the hotel. If you are flying into Greenville, you should make your accommodations to arrive at the Greenville Spartanburg International Airport (GSP). Once you have booked your flight, please let us know so that we can have a hotel shuttle waiting for you. Again, there will be no cost for the shuttle service.

Our hotel is located at a golf resort. While there will not be a golf tournament, there will be a golf play available. Our typical temperatures in January are rarely below 50 degrees.

Tours:

We sought your opinions in our survey regarding your preference for extracurricular activities while you are visiting Greenville. If your preference did not make the top five, please know that most of the tours offered can also be self-guided.

1. Greenville Ghost Tours/Paranormal Tours/Spooky and Haunted Bar Crawl.
2. Wine/craft beer/bourbon tasting ranked high on your requested list.
3. The Dessert Tour and Better Than Sex Dessert Restaurant
4. the BMW Zentrum Museum
5. Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum
6. Ice hockey (ECHL Team)

Pricing for tours will be forthcoming within the next 10 days.

Do not forget to submit your entry into the SHOW ME YOUR GREENVILLE. Deadline is January 3, 2024. The winning state will receive a miniscule trophy and one free night.

Elizabeth Martin-Young #47759  
Winter Board Convention Chair



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



*Southern Charm*

January 11 through January 14, 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_ JCI Senate # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ JCI Senate/Friendship # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Office Title \_\_\_\_\_ Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if this is your first JCI National Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you are a military veteran.

What Region would you like to sit with at banquet? \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Qty	Postmarked by 12/10/2023	Postmarked After 12/11/2023	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	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					

\*Full Registration includes Hospitality Friday and Saturday, lunch on Friday and Saturday evening banquet.

Vegetarian or Religious/Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to South Carolina JCI Senate.

OR

Pay Via PayPal to:

Mail check and registration form to:

SouthCarolinaJaycees07@yahoo.com

Scott Bryant, #67910  
415 Grazing Ridge Lane  
Moore, SC. 29369

(If using credit card, a \$4.00 service charge must be added.)

**Must be postmarked by December 10, 2023**

Reservations: **Embassy Suites Golf Resort, Greenville SC**, 670 Verdae Boulevard, Greenville SC 29607 (864) 676-9090

Online Reservations: Group Code: JCI or SOUTH CAROLINA JCI SENATE WINTER BOARD 2024 by phone

Room Rate is \$132.50 plus taxes per night. (Rate is good 3 nights before and 3 nights after meeting dates, based on availability)

Free Hotel Parking Free Airport Shuttle

**Cut-off date for room block is December 18, 2023.**

**Contacts:** Liz Young: (864) 325-9813 or WinterBoardGreenville2024@gmail.com

Scott Bryant: (864) 621-2939 or scottvetboy@msn.com

Registration cancellation refunds must be submitted in writing and postmarked no later than December 26, 2023 to be considered.



# Region IV Senate Family and Friends in Action:

Region IV Pictures – Enjoy







# US JCI Senate Foundation:

As we enjoy the holiday season, all Senators should be proud of their support of the US JCI Senate Foundation to provide scholarships to high school seniors throughout the nation. The forty-five \$1,500 academic scholarships and five \$1,000 vocational scholarships awarded by the Foundation are very much appreciated by their recipients. Please submit two academic winners and one vocational winner from your state for consideration for the fifty scholarships to be awarded in 2024.

Thanks to all Senators who bid on auction items at the Region IV Fall Bash in Vero Beach, Florida in October, five Senators added at least \$50 to their Foundation accounts and two Senators started their personal account with the Foundation. The auction totaled \$488 for twenty-two items.

The upcoming Winter BOD Meeting in Greenville, SC, in January will feature a Foundation fundraising opportunity for those in attendance with a bag auction, silent auction and a live auction. Please donate items and bid often to support the Foundation.

At the Calabash Bash, all of you are encouraged to donate auction items and bring desserts to our very popular dessert contest. Due to your past support of these auctions, the Region IV Foundation account has a donated balance in excess of \$5,000.

If anyone has any questions regarding their personal Foundation account balance or giving level please contact me at [billandbj1980@gmail.com](mailto:billandbj1980@gmail.com). Enjoy the holidays and remember our Senate commitment to promote fellowship among Senators at all the Senate events in December.

Region IV Foundation Representative

Bill Craft #36216





# US JCI Senate Presidential Sweepstakes:

The Presidential Sweepstakes Program is the single largest fundraiser for the US JCI Senate outside of membership dues. It accounts for over one-third of the income for the budget of the organization.

By now everyone should have received his or her tickets in the mail. It is important for the budget and also to keep your dues at a low price to send your tickets back to Lillian Cheng. If you need any more tickets, contact your state President or NVP Mark.

Ticket prices are \$10 for one ticket or six for \$50. States and regions are encouraged to hold ticket sales at their meetings.

Last year I was NVP for Region II, my job this year is prize co-chair for Regions I, II, III, IV and V. It is not too early or too late to make a prize donation for the year-end prize drawing. I have sent a letter to all state presidents asking for the state to donate a prize, but we are also taking prizes from individual members. The goal is to have a \$100 prize donation, but we will accept any donation. This year we will give one free sweepstakes ticket to anyone that donates a prize up to \$50 and two free tickets to anyone donating over \$50.

My email is [rmcdona@aol.com](mailto:rmcdona@aol.com). If anyone is interested in donating a prize, email me and we can discuss how to get the prize to me.

Thank you Region IV.

Bob McDonald #58286  
Presidential Sweepstakes Prize Co Chair

152 Erford Rd #110  
Camp Hill, PA 17011



## 2023 / 2024 US JCI Senate Officers:

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NVP Region VI – [Dave Teachout](#) #68700

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(Click on the names of each site below)

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[Region IV NVP, Mark Brandel, #49789](#) [Mark Brandel](#) #49789



# Editor's page and Newsletter Updated Deadlines,

Greetings fellow Region IV Family and friends. This is our third publication of The Southern Breeze. We hope you find this informational, enjoyable, and most importantly, easy to navigate. To keep news/information current and as accurate as possible, we plan on two more publications for 2023 – 2024.

Please send in your articles as noted by the deadline dates below, Issue #4 February 21<sup>st</sup> and Issue #5, for 2023/2024, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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...

MERRY  
*Christmas*  
— and —  
HAPPY NEW YEAR





# Upcoming Events Registrations:



**United States JCI Senate Annual Meeting**  
**Pirates ● Palm Trees ● Parties**  
**Tampa, Florida**  
**June 18 – 23, 2024**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Senate/Friendship #: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Senate/Friendship #: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2023 – 2024 National Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

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

Registration	Fee	Quantity	Total Due
<b>Full Registration</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140.00 <i>Postmark by 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00 <i>Postmark after 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$185.00 <i>Onsite</i>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Child (12 &amp; under) – Full Registration</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 <i>Postmark by 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00 <i>Postmark after 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 <i>Onsite</i>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Child (12 &amp; under) – Saturday Banquet Only</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00 <i>Postmark by 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 <i>Postmark after 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 <i>Onsite</i>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Tuesday Early Hospitality (June 18)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 <i>Postmark by 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 <i>Postmark after 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 <i>Onsite</i>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Daily Hospitality Only</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Wed <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs <input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Banquet Only</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00 <i>Postmark by 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00 <i>Postmark after 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00 <i>Onsite</i>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Golf:</b> Please contact John Price, Golf Chairman @ <a href="mailto:jlp36383@aol.com">jlp36383@aol.com</a>		<b>Tours: TBA</b>	
<b>Offsite Fee:</b> applies if not registered at Senate Hotel - \$25.00/per person per day			\$ _____
Are you a veteran? Yes _____ No _____ Branch _____			<b>Total Due:</b> \$ _____
<b>What Region would you like to sit with at Saturday Banquet?</b> _____			
<b>List special dietary restrictions...</b> (i.e., Allergies, Vegetarian, Vegan, etc.) _____			

**Hotel Information: Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa USF Near Busch Gardens** – 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612  
 For reservations, call: (813) 977-7066 --- Ask for Group Code: JCI; online use Group Code: JCI or click the following link:  
[US JCI SENATE JUNE 2024](#)  
**Cut-off date for room block: May 29, 2024 Room rate: \$139.00 + tax/night King or Double Suites**

*If sharing a room, please indicate name(s) of registered (or to-be registered) attendees:*

**Payment Options:**

Make checks payable to: Florida JCI Senate, Tampa 2024  
 Zelle Payments: [jcisenatetampa2024@gmail.com](mailto:jcisenatetampa2024@gmail.com)  
 Mail checks & registration form to: Irene Shanley #65316, 6032 Indrio Rd., #P3, Ft. Pierce, FL 34951  
 For more info, please contact: Chairman, Cindy Brandel #54928 @ 863.634.7022 or  
 Co-Chairman, Caryn "CC" Ackerman #62039 @ 941.809.7476; or contact us at [jcisenatetampa2024@gmail.com](mailto:jcisenatetampa2024@gmail.com).

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# Alabama JCI Senate & Bama Brigade Winter Meeting



**January 24 to January 27, 2024**  
(Hosted by the Alabama JCI Senate & Bama Brigade)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Qty	Postmarked By 01/07/2024	Postmarked After 01/08/2024	Total
Full Registration		\$50.00	\$65.00	
Saturday Senate Meeting		\$15.00	\$20.00	
Bama Brigade Meeting		\$10.00	\$15.00	
Lunch		\$25.00	\$30.00	
TOTAL ENCLOSED				

- \*EVERYONE is required to register.
- \*\*Make checks payable to: Alabama JCI Senate
- \*\*\*Refunds will not be made after 7 days before meeting

**HOTEL:** Courtyard by Marriott Trussville  
3665 Roosevelt Blvd.  
Birmingham, AL 35235  
(205) 661-2280

**ROOM RATES:** \$129.00 per night (plus tax). Be sure to ask for Alabama JC's 2024 for room discount. Deadline to book room is December 24, 2023.

Send all registrations to: Mike Gray  
7848 Wind Song Drive  
Trussville, AL 35173



## Calabash Beach Bash

March 21-24, 2024

*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 03/01/2024	Postmark After 03/01/2024	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	\$60.00	\$60.00	
Children Under 12		FREE	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Children 12-16		\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Offsite Fee		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					

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 \$149. Oceanfront Double or King Suite \$159.00 (plus taxes & fees).**

One Night Deposit Due At Booking. CUT OFF DATE FOR ROOM BLOCK: MARCH 01, 2024: Contact Jimmy Maness #38844

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