



# The Southern Breeze

2023 / 2024 Issue #5



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

Greetings Region IV!

As I sit down to write this, my last rendition to you all, I am preparing for my last official state visit (to Alabama's yearend) prior to Tampa 2024. To say it has been an incredible year is an understatement. Being able to actually sit down and get to know so many of you has been the most rewarding part of this year for me.

This past quarter alone, I have been to and participated in a veteran's parade organized by Senators Lynn Whalen and Willie Orr, attended year end celebrations and elections in South Carolina, Georgia and as stated previously, Alabama. As most of you know, we have had several of our members pass away this quarter alone, and Cindy and I have attended celebrations of life for as many as possible. This is always a somber reminder to relish and enjoy our friends while we can and never take tomorrow for granted.

Every one of our states has shown me wonderful and generous hospitality when visiting. Each visit has had something unique for me to experience or learn. From eating Kangaroo, to almost getting carried away by the no-seeums on Jekyll Island's Driftwood Beach, to learning new words (many of which I still don't understand) while playing cards with the South Carolina ladies, finally getting to visit the Flora-Bama bar in Alabama or being back home with Florida for Mardi Gras. It has been an absolute pleasure the entire way. By the calculations on my travel log, I have travelled some 21,338 miles this year! It sure does not seem like it as it has been fun all the way.

Each and every one of you who has stepped up either in your states or as part of our Region IV "Together As One" team have made this year the success it has been. I cannot speak highly enough about the great state presidents we have had or the best communications team. I have said it before and I'll say it each time it comes up – when people try to congratulate ME for having a great year, I quickly inform them that it's not ME who has had a great year, it's the committed and dedicated people of this Region who have bought in to the goals and vision we had at the beginning of our year that who have had the great year – I'm just along for the ride, and I could not be more proud of each of you.

As I try to wrap my head around this coming year end in Tampa, I know this: first, it is my sincere hope that as many of you as possible are recognized for your accomplishments. Whether you are or not, I know the great things you have been a part of this year and the amount of time you have committed to making special things happen. Second, we will have over 100 Region IV members at the Tampa meeting, so it incumbent upon us with some 25% of those attending, we show the rest of the country how we celebrate and party! I am looking forward to the great time I know we will have.

Thank you once again for the honor and privilege of serving you this year.

In Senate Fellowship,

Mark #49789



## Region IV States:



FLORIDA JCI SENATE



CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES  
2023-2024



# Words from our Region IV State Presidents:

Alabama JCI Senate President:

[Larry Graham](#), #60619

“Faith & Service”



My fellow Senators.

Thanks for an amazing year with the Alabama JCI Senate & the entire Region 4 States. First & foremost, I want thank God for the Grace that he has allowed me to be president of the Alabama JCI. We traveled extensively the past year and enjoyed every minute even through the harsh weather in various locations. God saw fit for us to have traveling Grace throughout travels. President Hal & entire executive team thank you for your leadership this year in Keeping the Faith! My state theme Faith & Service covers the same aspect as your in Keeping the Faith how formidable is that. Region 4 NVP Mark Brandel it been a pleasure collaborating with you the past year. My fellow state presidents thank you for the fellowship & friendships we have made. The bonds we have are truly a blessing & our friendships be with me for a lifetime. To my Alabama JCI Senate executive team, the rest of Alabama Senate family I thank you individually & collectively could not have done any of this without you. Words can never express my love, faith & gratitude for each of you and this organization. To my wife Deidre thank you so very much for being with me on this journey, I could not have done it without your love & support. Also, an incredibly special thanks to all our guests that visited the Alabama JCI conferences this year. We will see you in Tampa Florida @national convention sponsored by the Florida JCI Senate. God bless the incoming national executive team & our state organizations.

“We are not human beings having spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having human experience.” Pierre Teilhard de Chardin!

Faith & Service,

Larry J Graham # 60619

President Alabama JCI Senate 2023-2024

**Photos to follow later...**

## Florida JCI Senate President:

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



### **WE CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES IN 2023-2024!**

The saying goes “Time flies when you’re having fun!” That is so true and especially during this Senate year in the Florida JCI Senate. We have had a ton of fun in the Sunshine State with our themed meetings (Mardi Gras, Grinchmas...) and this fun and enthusiasm that we experienced, rolled up into us being growth every quarter this year and a final count of +19 for the year.

First Man Keith and I have enjoyed traveling to other states and regions and seeing friends not just at National meetings but throughout the year. We thank you all for the hospitality and friendships that we have made and nurtured this year.

As I sit down to write this article it occurs to me that this is the last article I will be writing on behalf of Florida. While I am sad that my year is ending, I am overjoyed about how Florida shined all the days of this year.

Last weekend at our Year-End Convention in Tampa, we welcomed President Hal and our Charter President, Randy Avon to join in the festivities. We welcomed a new senator, David Knowles #82789 (Leesburg) into our organization. Over 80 Senators and friends attended the banquet in their Roaring 20’s outfits and memories were again made at this meeting.

Congratulations to the Fireworks Award winners: Patrick Allison #64624, Chaplain, Mindy Fels, Chambers Editor, #79578 and Nina Nadeau #49287, Region Director 6.

Scott Jacobs #58599, Communications Director and Melanie Fickas #77281, Presidential Assistant received the Outstanding Appointee Award and the late Lonnie Robinson #33437, Region 8 Director was the Outstanding Regional Director of the Year.

Michael Sawyer #36403 was the Homer Sheppard Memorial Award winner for Outstanding State Officer and Dawne Sutherland #68900 won the Larry Ackerman award for Outstanding Senator.

We have raised funds for our Pet project and state/national charities and amassed over \$6500 towards Wreaths Across America, Wheelchairs 4 Kids, Southeastern Guide Dogs, Honor Flight, and Rodeheaver Boys’ Ranch.

I want to thank my Officers: Michael Sawyer #36403, Amelia Harrison #62082, Kathy Pumphrey #57287, Don Duffy #78415 and Cindy Brandel #54928 for their hard work and dedication to making this a great year.

To my Regional Directors that had over 35 socials during the year. Nina Nadeau #49287, Scott Jacobs #58599, Scott Smet #77923, and the late Lonnie Robinson #33437 you made this year, and they were an integral part as why Florida was at growth.

To all my appointees, thank you, thank you, thank you. You did your positions with consistency and drive. The Florida JCI Senate is great because of you. And to all the Senators in Florida, thank you for making this a year that I will never forget.

Since the last Regional newsletter, Florida has lost 5 Senators that we will hold in our hearts forever. We remember and pray for comfort for their family and friends. Lonnie Robinson #33437, Cecil Deal (past State President) #36627, William Gunter #15338, Bob Kuntz #62949, and Tom Rolstad #64289

Thank you to President Hal and NVP Mark for their support and guidance. We are so proud to be their home state. Welcome home gentlemen.

Good luck to Michael Sawyer, who was sworn in during the Year-end banquet as the 55<sup>th</sup> President and his board. We are behind you as we continue our successes next year.

I am so proud to have led them and represented our great state. Thank you to my husband for traveling with me and his support and love. And, to all the senators in Florida for having my back and supporting me. As I finish this year, remember to live your life with purpose, treasure every day and "Celebrate Good Times."

In Senate Friendship,

Jaci Newmark #56368  
President, Florida JCI Senate



**More photos to follow later...**

## 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,

On the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Georgia JCI Senate held its annual meeting on Jekyll Island, Georgia. We were honored to have Region IV Vice President Mark Brandel, Cheryl Carlson, president of the North Carolina Senate, Christianna Gilliam, Business Manager for the Mentors and Cheryl's mom, Carolyn. We also had National Treasurer Bruce Sostak. The business meeting and election Secretary Brenda Swank. Treasurer, Denise Bauer, Administrative Vice President Thomas Michael. President Alex "Hitman" Willis. Vice President Mark recognized several Senators with his challenge coin. Senators Lisa Pickett Clark Wilcox Howard Moss and Friendship Gayle Little First Lady Latasha. The reverse raffle was a success, and the winner was I am not telling. Overall, we did a sit down with the Honor and agreed to work together on having joint meetings at the same time and location. We also spent time with the Jaycees.

In the Spirit of the Senate.  
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



More photos to follow later...

## North Carolina JCI Senate President:

[Cheryl Carlson](#), #70371

“Together We Can...”



Can you believe it?? In just a few weeks, the 2023-24 year will be wrapping up with the NC Senate Annual Meeting and then the US JCI Senate Year End Celebration in Tampa, Florida. It has been a fantastic adventure of fellowship and travel within the NC Senate and Region IV and around the country which will be treasured memories to look back on and reminisce.

Even though the year is coming to a close, lots have been happening in the last few months around the NC Senate. They demonstrated my theme of “Together We Can” to plan and put together another amazing Calabash Beach Bash in North Myrtle Beach and the Ollis/Saunders Memorial Golf Tournament which raises money for the Kyle Byrd Memorial Scholarship, the NC JC Priority Projects, and the NC JCI Senate. It was an honor for the NC Senate to host this event for **NVP Mark Brandel's #49789** Region IV meeting and help celebrate his fantastic year of “Together As One”. There has also been a lot of behind-the-scenes activity going on, with focus on preparing updates to our NC Senate By-laws and Policies to present to our membership, re-establishing the Lifetime Trustee Appointments as well as preparing for the upcoming NC Senate Annual Meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Asheboro.

During the Region IV meeting, President Hal awarded more Keeping the Faith Medallions to Region IV Senators including our very own **Angela Sweeney #69453, Jimmy Maness #38844, Bill Craft #36216, Jackie #38412 & Judy #66035 Farmer, Shannon Foster #67038, Ray Culler #64452, Lori Palo #66475** (dual member), **Marty Wase #53142, Mike Phillips #50069** (dual member), **Carol CJ Jordan #45857, and Pam Padgett #513141**. Also, several other NC Senators were recognized for their contributions to Region IV. **Bill Hossman #41293** (dual member) was confirmed as the incoming Region IV advisor starting in 2024-2025 as **Jay Edmondson #41977** (dual member) was stepping down after many distinguished years of service in this position. **Terry “TJ” Jones #52694** was recognized by the Florida Senate Foundation for achieving their Silver Award level. Then NVP Mark then thanked all those that assisted on his regional team throughout the year. I was so proud to hear all those from NC that had stepped up including **Jimmy Maness #38844, Bill Craft #36216, Carol CJ Jordan #45857, Mike Phillips #50069** (dual member), **Pam Padgett #513141, Irene Shanley #65316** (dual member), **Daryl McNair #63633,**

**Ray Culler #64452, Angela Sweeney #69453, Cheryl Carlson #70371, Crissie Lewis #72169 and Hal Williams #43912** (dual member).

Amongst the gatherings and meetings with the NC Senate and Region IV, I along with other NC Senators, have continued to travel to represent the NC Senate around the country and to fellowship with members of other States and Regions. This included visits to a rip-roaring (20's Speakeasy theme) Region VII Mini-National Meeting in TN and attending the Region V Spring Fling in Columbus Ohio where I was also able to attend the US Senate Finance Committee Meeting in person. I was beyond thrilled to check another state off my bucket list when I attended the Region X meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii in conjunction with JCI USA Spring Convention and support our very own Freshman Senators NC JCI President **Morgan Tedder #82640** and JCI USA Vice President **Aaron Gauldin #82644** as they continue to be role models in the JCI Movement. Then once I recovered from the jetlag, I continued my travels visiting the Region VI Spring Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, the Derby Extravaganza of the PA Senate May Meeting and the laid-back GA Senate Year-End Meeting in Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Concurrent with the expected distribution of this edition of the "Southern Breeze," the NC Senate will be gathering in Asheboro, NC on June 1<sup>st</sup> for our Annual Meeting, where we will wrap up my 2023-24 Year as well as elect and swear in the 2024-25 NC Senate BOD. The following weekend, the entire NC JCI Family (JCs, Corps and Senate) will be heading to Lake Waccamaw, NC to attend Jaycee Day at the Boys & Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw, a NC JCI Priority Project, which will be the first gathering allowed at their location since Covid (it will be so wonderful to fellowship and support them in person once again!!) Then it will be time for the grand finale, with over 20 NC Senate members and dual members heading south to be part of the US JCI Senate Year End Celebration in Tampa, Florida where we will celebrate our "Together We Can..." year as "Together As One" with **Region IV NVP Mark Brandel #49789** and "Keeping the Faith" with **President Hal Williams #43912**.

My sincere thanks to the NC Senate family and those beyond who has supported my year as NC Senate President. I am truly honored and humbled to have had this opportunity. I will always cherish the memories and remember the amazing times as I continue to be an active part of the NC and US JCI Senate and representing you through my actions in the years to come. Cheryl Carlson #70371

"Together We Can..."

**Photos to follow later...**



## South Carolina JCI Senate President

[Laura McDivitt](#), #65755



Greetings from the great State of South Carolina!

We have had a fantastic quarter with SC Jaycee Camp Hope Workday which occurred in April with our honor groups helping the SC Jaycees and Camp Hope employees ready the camp for the season, from raking leaves, weeding, hauling trees and heavy objects, clearing the fantastic garden that will be a welcomed activity for the campers to also being welcomed to shoot some archery that they will all enjoy as well. We are excited as always to embrace this heart-warming State project! You are all welcome to attend the weekend of July 19th to the 21st to enjoy time with us, our State Jaycees and the campers in Clemson, South Carolina - this project will change your heart forever, I promise!

We also had our Year-end meeting and Senate State elections in May. We had a wonderful time and were blessed with our outstanding NVP Mark Brandel and National Chaplain James Rupard in attendance. While it is the end of one year, it is also the beginning of a new one - new adventures, new opportunities, and new involvement from our membership. We have many new things planned for this upcoming year and look forward to seeing many of you!

Finally, I would like to thank all of our National Convention Committee members for the unbelievable job they did with the Winter Board meeting in January! Your planning, dedication and manpower hours are greatly appreciated - not only by our state by the national organization. I have to thank all of our 2023 - 2024 Board members for their service and the many hours they put in just trying to keep me straight - I certainly appreciate all of your hard work and support.

I want to especially thank each and every member of our state organization for being involved and dedicated to our future direction!

Stay tuned, there is so much more to come!

Laura McDivitt

#65755

55th SC JCI Senate President

**Photos to follow later...**

# Region IV's Chaplain's Corner

Region IV JCI Senate Chaplain

[Daryl McNair](#), #63633  
"Be Blessed and Be Kind!"



Senate Fam,

Throughout the majority of this year, whether through the [Monday](#) Morning Meditations, or various notes or memes, I have felt called to speak to you regarding taking the time to be kind to each other. We do not know what the person on either side of us is truly going through, nor do we know how they feel. It is for this reason we should follow the "Golden Rule." You know that little verse that states...

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

We never know how BRIGHT of a Light we can be in someone's day by taking the time to just be kind.

President Hal's Theme of "Keeping the Faith" is made much easier to accomplish as we experience someone truly being the "hands and feet" of God. It is through these actions that we light the path and show the way. Do not get me wrong, Will we still trip on the hidden roots and footfalls that are part of any trail? Yes, however without the Light, (the Light shared by YOUR Random Acts of Kindness), the darkness of that path would be far more disturbing.

After all, the following verses illustrate the importance of Service...

*What good is it, my brothers, and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no [good] deeds? Can such faith save them? ... I will show you my faith by my deeds. –*

James 2:14, James 2:18

And my personal favorite regarding this topic...

"...Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." James - 2:17

Remember, we still need to freely accept His Love and Gift for ourselves, however it is through our actions that Faith is displayed and strengthened.

My challenge to you [today](#) is.

Between now and President Hal's Year End Meeting in Tampa, let me know (via DM, text, call, etc...), how many Random Acts of Kindness were shown to you between your reading of this article [today](#) and the beginning of the Business Meeting at the Tampa Conference. NOW, the twist... I would also like to know how many Random Acts of Kindness did YOU show to others?

The Goal? YOUR Random Acts should exceed those which you received. If not, then my friend... we may have some work to do.

The person sharing the highest number of Random Acts will receive a gift from me at the meeting.

Before signing off for the year, I would like to personally thank the Region IV Senate Chaplains, for the dedication and hard work you put into this year. You have truly helped take the role of Chaplain up a notch this year.

President Hal, your choice of themes this year was so apropos. Thank you for sharing your Vision and time with us.


National Vice President Mark, National Chaplain James, thank you both for your Faith in me to perform the duties of this role and the guidance given as well.

To my Regional and the General Senate Fam, thank you and may God Bless you for your participation, notifications, and Inspiration this year. It has been each of you that made this year Special. I take with me a newfound sense of Peace and humbleness from Serving.

My Prayer is that my Service was to His Glory.

Be Blessed, Senate Friends! It has been a pleasure to serve!

Daryl McNair, #63633



"Blessed is the influence of one  
true, loving human soul on  
another."  
- George Eliot

# US JCI Senate Annual Meeting Information:

## Ahoy Mateys!

As of this writing we have 3 weeks and 1 day until the beginning of our Pirates\*Palm Trees\*Parties US JCI Senate Year-End Convention and Celebration!

Oh, what a party it is going to be! We anticipate over 100 Region IV Senators in attendance and look forward to partying with you!

Many of you have asked, "How can we help?" "What can we do?" here is your chance to answer those questions. Below is the link to Sign Up Genius with options to help make this the best party ever!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4FAAAD2CA3F49-43599585-jcisenate>

Also included in this newsletter is the shuttle service flyer for those that are flying and need shuttle service from the airport to the hotel (2 pages down from this one).

If you have not already, be sure to join the Tampa 2024 Facebook page for updates and on-going information about the convention.

We look forward to seeing you in Tampa!

Cindy Brandel #54928  
Convention Chair  
Cindy Brandel #54928  
Tampa, 2024 Chair





**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 Age 55 and younger?  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"/> \$60.00 <i>Postmark by 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00 <i>Postmark after 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00 <i>Onsite</i>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Child (12 &amp; under) – Saturday Banquet Only</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 <i>Postmark by 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 <i>Postmark after 5/29/24</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00 <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>	_____	\$ _____
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<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>	_____	\$ _____
<i>Golf: Please contact John Price, Golf Chairman @ <a href="mailto:jlp36383@aol.com">jlp36383@aol.com</a></i>	<b>Tours: TBA</b>		
Offsite Fee: applies if not registered at Senate Hotel - \$25.00/per person per day			\$ _____
Are you a veteran? Yes _____ No _____ Branch _____	<b>Total Due:</b>		\$ _____

What Region would you like to sit with at Saturday Banquet? \_\_\_\_\_  
 List special dietary restrictions... (i.e., Allergies, Vegetarian, Vegan, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Overflow Hotel Information: Home2Suites – 11606 North McKinley Dr., Tampa, FL 33612**  
**For reservations, call: (813) 750-8844 --- Ask for Group Code: FLJCI**  
**Cut-off date for room block: May 29, 2024 Room rate: \$139.00 + tax/night King 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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Website: [fnltransportation.com](http://fnltransportation.com)

**Instructions when you land Tampa airport:**

Once you land at Tampa airport, please *call/text dispatch 813-927-4967* for directions to ground transportation. Please see the map below for shuttle pick up areas at each end of the terminal of baggage claim.

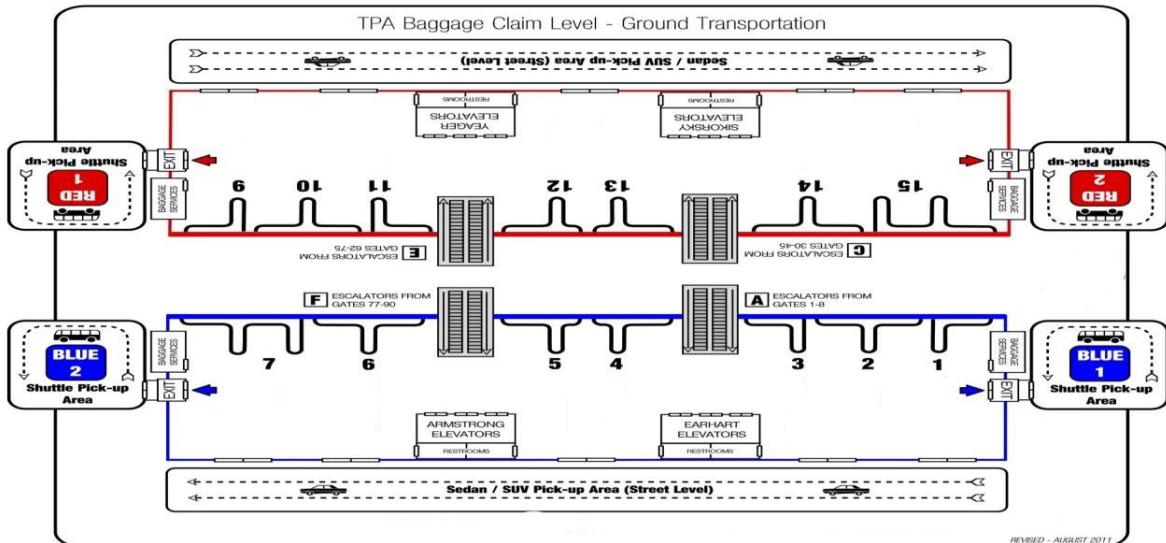
*Please do not use the EXPRESS EXIT*

**US JCI Senate National Convention, Tampa 2024**

**Rate: \$40 minimum each way (for up to 2 passengers) or \$20 per person 2+ passengers**

**GROUND TRANSPORTATION EXIT (BLUE 1, BLUE 2, RED 1, RED 2)**

Baggage claim map



Hours of Operation 7am - 10pm

# US JCI Senate Foundation:

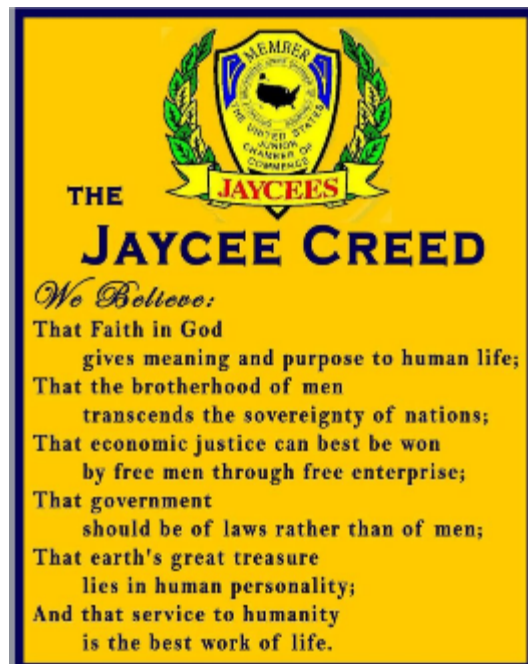
It has been my pleasure to serve as the appointed US JCI Senate Foundation Representative for Region IV during the last two years. Region IV has continued to support the scholarship efforts of the Foundation. Your contributions, winning bids on auction items and purchases of Club 500 tickets have enabled the Foundation to award over \$70,000 in scholarships this Senate year.

A total of \$2,227.00 was raised at the Calabash Bash. A special treat was the Blackberry Crown Shooters served by Senator Liz Young. April brought news that Region IV had seven national scholarship winners. Olivia Ryan of Alabama (Vanderbilt University) was the top honoree and Chase Hamilton of Florida (University of Virginia) was the second-place honoree. Abigail Blas of Georgia (Duke University), Justin Lee of North Carolina (Stanford University), Brittney Nguyen of South Carolina (Clemson University) and Theresa Aithanh Nguyen of Alabama (Auburn University) were all awarded \$1,500 scholarships. Kylie Anderson of Florida (University of South Florida) was awarded a \$1,000 vocational scholarship. Thank you, each state for submitting your winners to the Foundation.

As we approach our Year-End Convention in Tampa, let us not forget to bring items for the bag, silent and live auctions. Club 500 tickets are also available for the drawings starting in July.

See you Keeping the Faith in Tampa,

Bill Craft #36216 Region IV Foundation Rep



# 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





# Region IV Senate Family and Friends' Memories:







*Aloha Senators*







# FLORIDA JCI SENATE



# CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES 2023-2024









# Upcoming Events, Registrations, And Other Information:



Please save the date - **Saturday, June 8th.**

The NC Senate along with the NC Jaycees, and the NC Cardinal Corps will be participating in a Jaycee Day at the Girls Cottage at Lake Waccamaw!! Details will be shared as they are finalized.

Tom Lamont is back as Director of Community Engagement and is excited to have us back on campus!!

How many Jaycees will attend?? Let's blow them away and have a HUGE gathering!!

Also, I heard during the NC JC GMM this past **Saturday** that our very own Vann Sparrow, Terry Jones and Darryl McNair were "volunteered" to be the grillers supreme once again ... so you know it will be a blast and a day you won't want to miss!!

In JCI Senate Spirit,

Cheryl Carlson #70371  
NC JCI Senate President 2023-24



**Tom Lamont**



## 2023 / 2024 US JCI Senate Officers:

President - [Hal Williams](#) #43912

NVP Region III – [Randy Willhoite](#) #47435

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[Gary Pittenger](#) #24804

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[Susan Hatcher](#) #58143

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Greetings fellow Region IV Family and friends. This is our last publication of The Southern Breeze. We hope you have found this informational, enjoyable, and most importantly, easy to navigate. Thank you SO VERY MUCH to Everyone that has been a part of this journey. It has Truly Been an Honor and a Blessing to serve as your editor for 2023/2024.

*"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law."*

—Romans 13:8

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