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#### Announcement

- US JCI Senate Fall Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma on September 19-22, 2024
- US JCI Senate Mentors Christmas Ads are due by September 25, 2024.
- FL JCI Senate Fall Bash in Daytona Beach, Florida on October 3-6, 2024
- US JCI Senate Region IV Meeting in Huntsville,
   Alabama on October 18-20, 2024
- Wreaths Across America will be December 14, 2024
- US JCI Senate Winter Meeting in Kenner, Louisiana on January 9-12, 2024



# Message from Region IV NVP

#### Hello, Region 4 JCI Senators!!

This year has started off to a great start. I have spoken with my presidents and we have set goals for the year. "When We Believe," we can achieve all our goals. I "Believe" with this group of Presidents we will go even farther. "When We Believe," we can meet the goals for our respective states which also commits the goals of President Gary and his team.

I had a fantastic time in South Carolina. I had the opportunity to meet and speak to the South Carolina Jaycees. I presented their officers with my pin. I took a tour of Clemson University (yes, I took pictures on the campus), and got to experience Clemson's Ice Cream. I had the opportunity to experience Jaycee Camp Hope Sunday with Jaycees and JCI Senate as well as the wonderful campers that showed me their cabins.

South Carolina's President Laura did a great job running her meeting (she's a pro). While doing the pin presentation, I was able to meet some Senators that work in the background. You might not see these Senators at a national meeting but they ensure the strength of the South Carolina Senate.

My next stop was the Georgia JCI Senate. President Alex "Hitman" Willis' first words were "Georgia is Back on Track". This year I have no doubt that his team will make sure that it stays there. Georgia had a fundraiser for Wheelchairs 4 Kids. I had an opportunity to visit with old friends that I had not seen in a while. We also took a tour of downtown and saw an old Jaycee building. If you haven't had any of Gail Little's desserts, you have missed a real treat. Several pins were presented to Georgia JCI Senators that work in the background.

Aruba was my next "Stop". This was the first ESSAC meeting. It's a beautiful island. The hospitality was fabulous. The tour of the island and the food was just what I needed. The meeting was the first and those in attendance were the first members for ESSAC.



The Alabama JCI Senate is looking forward to hosting the Region IV Meeting in Huntsville, Alabama on October 18th - 20th. The meeting will be at the Four Points by Sheraton Huntsville Airport on 1000 Glen Hearn Boulevard SW, Huntsville, Alabama. The group code is under Jaycee/Senate for the discount room rate. If you would like to come in on Thursday, October 17th and stay until 22nd the room rate will still be \$119. Please note that the registration is included in this newsletter. I'm making the tour plans to visit the Space and Rocket Center and getting a group rate. If you ever had the dream of becoming an astronaut but went on to a different career, now is the best time to revisit that dream.

My next "Pit Stop" will be in North Carolina and Florida and I am excited about having similar experiences in their states as well.

"When We Believe"

Carla Bailey, 62624

Region IV NVP





## Sweepstakes/Fundraising and Regions Party Chair Report

Region IV I am very excited to be the Region IV Sweepstakes/Fundraising Chair and Region IV Regions Party Chair. This year's Region IV Sweepstakes will have all the excitement of Sweepstakes in the past but taking it up a notch. It is important that the Region raises as much money as possible for NVP Carla therefore there will be multiple ways that we will raise money this year.

The main drawing will use the numbers of the NC Daily Lottery in February. There will be two winners each day – the buyer (75.00) and the seller (25.00) of the winning ticket. In addition, there will be a  $2^{nd}$  chance drawing at the Region IV Meeting at Calabash Beach Bash with all the tickets that did not win put into a drawing for prizes. There will be two other opportunities to support this fundraiser the Senate 500 Race at each Region Meeting.

There will be a Nascar type race where Drivers will build their car, get sponsors and race to see who the Top Driver on the circuit is. So, Region IV Drivers get your team and sponsors together and start your engines as the season gears up and we make this the best year for NVP Carla. This year awards (suitable for framing) will be given to the top individual seller and the top state at the Region Meeting at the Calabash Beach Bash.

The Race Season will continue as part of the Region IV Booth at Year End in Chicago. Stay tuned for more exciting news about the booth as things take shape. If you have any questions about either project feel free to reach out to me at angelsandbutterflies@hotmail.com or 336-317-8013.

Melanie Paschal #70372

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST Senators for Region IV



From GA JCI Senate

Brian Jett #83066

Stacy Smith #83067

#### A Note from the Chief of Staff

Hi! I'm Mattie Tooter Gray and I serve as Region IV NVP Carla's Chief of Staff. I am from Alabama and have also served as a NVP several years ago. My primary job is to schedule our NVP into your state for meetings and events. I am happy to help you in any way possible. Just reach out with questions or if you can't reach NVP Carla for an immediate need. As hopefully you know, Carla is not retired so she still works with a busy schedule but definitely has a strong desire for this year to be your best.

My contact information is as follows:

**Tooter Gray** 

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Trussville, AL 35173



# Chaplain Report

Hello my Region 4 family! I want to express to you what an honor and privilege it has been to serve as your Chaplain so far this year. I have been praying over your specific needs but also have been praying for your general safety, guidance and I have been praying that God continues to bless each of you as I am certain you are a blessing to myself and others.

I thought I would share my favorite line of the Jaycee Creed with you as we embark on this "When We Believe" journey with NVP Carla. "We Believe that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life." This probably comes as no surprise to many of you as being my favorite line of the creed. I was thinking about how many times I have probably said the creed when I began writing this article. I would guess it has to be at least hundreds. The Bible has a lot to say about faith so I thought it would be appropriate to kick off my newsletter articles with an overview of faith.

I am a Christian and faith resides at the core of Christianity and Christian life. Even outside of Christianity, faith is a challenging concept to define. A biblical definition of faith extends beyond mere belief, the simple acknowledgment that God exists, then into the realm of trust. Genuine faith involves abandoning all human reliance on self-efforts and placing total dependence upon God's character, His actions, and His promises, as revealed in His Word. Hebrews 11:1 says "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Rather than looking at life with our earthly eyes, faith sees through the lens of God's promises.

Faith begins with God. It is His gift, not the result of any human effort or achievement. If somebody wants to come to him they must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him as Hebrews continues to tell us in Chapter 11 verse 6 "And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." Faith in God not only gives meaning and purpose to human life but other blessings and benefits are the gifts of salvation, justification and peace with God. Our faith ensures we receive forgiveness of sin, adoption into God's family, God's protection and power, freedom to draw near to God with a clean conscience, reconciliation, sanctification, new life and all of this through faith. Faith ensures that we are granted victory over death and the reward of eternal life.

I will close out this message about faith with a popular Bible verse from Matthew 17:20 "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'MOVE!' and it WILL move and nothing will be impossible for you!"

Friends, I am just a phone call, text/social media message, or email away. Please let me know how I can be praying for you and definitely share with me any praises that you may have and I will pass them along.



Chaplain James #68600



## Florida JCI Senate



Welcome to the Florida JCI Senate. The theme for this year is "Engaging Senators... Assisting JCI Florida." This theme was selected because JCI Florida is teetering to collapsing if we do not help them. Only three chapters remain: Hollywood, Lake Placid and Panama City. We need to reach out to Senators who are not members of our organization so we can proper and grow. At the same time, we need to assist JCI Florida with recruiting new members and creating new chapters. If we don't, we will eventually end up on the list with the Barbary Lion, Tasmanian Tiger and the Wholly Mammoth. If it were not for the Jaycees, we would not be Senators.

Our first quarter Conference will in Altamonte Springs on August 23-25. The theme for the weekend is the 70's and people are asked to wear attires from the 70' for Friday night. The Florida JCI Senate was founded in May, 1970. Plans are still in the works for other activities for the weekend. Patrick Allison and his team are working hard to provide the best hospitality. At the dinner Saturday night, 15 medallions will be presented to those who had contributed to Florida JCI Senate history. A total of 55 medallions will be given out throughout the year as we celebrate our 55th anniversary.

The Florida Bash is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it will be at the El Caribe Resorts and Conference Center in Daytona Beach Shores on October 3-6. With Debra Jeanne in charge, you know that you will get the best service from her team. You all are invited to join us.

Finally, save the date: February 14-16, 2025. We will be celebrating our 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Holidays Inn in Kissimmee. Saturday night banquet is packed with lot of activities and Jaci Newmark #56368 is the chair of the banquet. Willy Orr will have an exhibit displaying our history. Our registration will be coming forthwith.

It is going to be a great year and I cannot wait to get going.



Michael





#### El Caribe Resorts and Conference Center

2125 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118 386-252-1558/800-445-9889

Oceanfront Select \$135.00 + per night tax

Two queen size beds, mini refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker & balcony

Oceanfront Queen Studio \$145.00 + per night tax

Two queen beds, kitchen, dining table and balcony

**GROUP NAME: JCI Florida Senate** 

Room cute off Date: Monday, September 9, 2024
Please reach out to the hotel if ADA compliant rooms are needed.

Registration Deadline: Must be received by September 9, 2024 - No Refunds

Full Registration: \$40.00	Late Registration (after 9/9/24); \$50	QTY	Total \$
Name:		Senate #	
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City, State, Zlp			
Email:		Contact #	

Please make checks payable to Florida JCI Senate with BASH & your Senate # on the memo line.

Registration using PayPal on our website: https://flicisenate.usicisenate.org/incex.php/renistration.or Zelle; flicisenate@omail.com

Mail registration form & payment to: **Don Duffy,** Jr #78415, c/o Irene Shanley 6032 Indrio Rd P3. Fort Pierce, FL 34951





# Georgia JCI Senate



Greetings my fellow Region 4 families,

On August 2nd through August 4, 2024, we held our annual meeting in Woodstock Georgia. We were honored to have our Regional Vice President Carla Bailey along with her staff Senator Tooter Gray and Georgia own JR Clark. Vice President Carla recognizes the following Georgia Senators for their efforts with the Georgia Senate. Clark Wilcox, Susie Adams and Friendship Gail Little wife of Senator Richard Little. Vice President Carla introduced the Region Shirts and also gave the dates for the Region IV Regional Meeting October 18th through October 20th in Huntsville Alabama at the Four Seasons. The Georgia Senate was pleased to have Senators Liz Martin Young Wreaths Across America Chairman who explained to the audience the significance of purchasing reefs to place them in various National Ceremonies throughout the United States. We the Georgia Senate will be going to Andersonville to the place our wreaths on December 14th. See Vice President Thomas for more information. Last but not least our United States Senate Business Manager Christianna Gilliam who spoke on Mentors Christmas' ads and sponsor sheets.

On August 10th in Macon Georgia, we met with The Georgia Jaycees and the Honor Corps where we discussed all three of us meeting together the last weekend in January of 2025 in Statesboro Georgia. Details are to follow. I had the honor to bring in Two new Senators Brian Jett and Tracy Bush the look on their faces were priceless. Our Representative Denise Bauer was at camp for Wheelchairs 4 Kids. We raised money at lunch for Wheelchairs 4 Kids. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Tulsa in September.

Sincerely,

President Alex "Hitman" Willis Georgia JCI Senate













# North Carolina JCI Senate



The Going Ons in North Carolina

Things are off to an excellent start in the North Carolina Senate. We have started out the year doing great things as an organization. The North Carolina JCI Senate and JCI North Carolina celebrated Mid-Year Accomplishments in Emerald Isle, NC. This is just the beginning of what is going to be a great year for the NC Senate starting with working concessions at Carter Finley Stadium supporting the Cary Jaycees. This will be followed by the Annual Holiday Social in December 14<sup>th</sup> which will include participation in Wreaths Across America. Our Fall/Winter events will conclude with the Senate hosting a joint meeting with JCI North Carolina February 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. At this meeting the NC JCI Senate will be honoring this years, Freshman Senators. The NC JCI Senate would love to see all of you at one or all these events to join us as we celebrate all the great things the NC JCI Senate will be doing during the 2024-25 year.

Chris Hardee #66036

















## South Carolina JCI Senate



We are very excited in South Carolina to be embarking on a new year. First, I want to introduce you to our 2024 - 2025 team that is already hard at work. The slate of officers this year consists of some familiar faces to you. Dale Henslee Smith is Chairman of the Board. Jimmy Law is Vice President. Elizabeth Saulter is remaining our Treasurer and Christianna Gilliam is Secretary. Sunny Riffle is our Chaplain. Becky Dukes is our Scholarship Chairman and Liz Young has switched gears with our new activation program.

This year South Carolina will be very focused on President Gary's two priority projects, Wreaths Across America and Wheelchairs for Kids and hope to have wonderful participation and interest.

We had a great turnout at our State Jaycees Priority Project, Camp Hope, and we were pleased to have many out-of-state guests join us. We had the privilege of having our National Regional IV Vice President Carla Bailey and members of her team from Alabama, the NC JCI Senate President, Chris Hardee, along with members of his team as well as members from the GA JCI Senate. We look forward to continuing to visit with them and hope we hope you will all come visit as well this year as we have many ideas for new and interesting projects.

We are currently working on details for our next meeting and will be sending that out soon, so keep an eye on your email!

Many Blessings to you and yours,

Laura McDivitt SC JCI President 2024 - 2025 Always South Carolina!







#### **Wreaths Across America**

December 14, 2024 is the National Wreaths Across America Day. Please check with your in-state coordinator to obtain the name and location of your national cemetery.

A Visit with a Veteran – is a telephone interview conducted by Senator and Past SC Jaycee President Jeff McMurdy with a veteran. These interviews will be posted on Facebook.

Are you a veteran or know of a veteran senator? We are creating a database of our veteran senators. The program is A Legacy of Heroes.

Did you know that on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at 8:14 am was when the first plane hit the World Trade Center in New York. Our Wreaths Across America program encourages everyone to observe our Tuesday mornings with your participation in Flag Tuesday. Please display your flag and patriotism.

R.E.D. (Remember Everyone Deployed) is observed on Fridays. For those who will be in attendance at Fall Board in Tulsa Ok, please wear red to the hospitality area on Friday evening.

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Please take the time to recognize these military and veteran important days.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. The VA estimates that 22 veterans commit suicide each day. This means approximately 8,030 veterans kills themselves every year, more than 5,540 of whom are 50 years of age or older.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Victory over Japan Day

September 11th – Patriot Day, which honors those who were injured or killed in the 2001 terrorist attacks.

September 15th – National POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 18th - US Air Force Birthday

September 25th - Gold Star Mother's and Family Day, which honors the families of the fallen service members.

#### **OCTOBER**

October 13th - Navy Birthday

October  $26^{th}$  – National Day of the Deployed. A day set aside to honor all the brave men and women who have been deployed and are sacrificing, or have sacrificed, their lives to fight for our country and acknowledges their families that they are separated from.

Respectfully submitted,

**Liz Young #47759** 

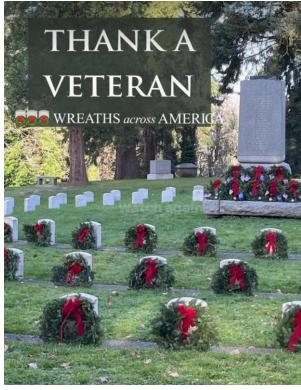
Wreaths Across America Program Manager













#### S.O.A.R Senate Outreach Activation Retention



Greetings Region IV –

#### S.O.A.R Senate Outreach Activation Retention

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who are participating in the Pitt Stop Paddle Pic Postings on the SOAR FB page. It is so great to see how something so simple has caused such enthusiasm within the Senate. I never thought that this would take off with such exuberance but am very thankful it has. If you would like your very on Pitt Stop Paddle, send me a message on FB Messenger, or text or email. (information below)

This year as your SOAR Program Manager, it is my responsibility to reach Out, help to Activate and garner Retention in this organization. I am here to help with all your needs with regards to your membership. I am willing to help with close outs, to make phone calls and/or send emails to help open lines of communication if necessary.

Also, under the SOAR program is First Timers. I encourage you all to get your new Senators to a National Meeting and participate in this program. Contact Cheryl Carson, First Timers, chair and submit your Freshman Senator's name.

Besides, the Pitt Stop Paddle, I am also asking Senators to submit a little write up about your Jaycee (JCI) experience. What was the reason you remained active in the Jaycees and eventually received your Senatorship. Was there one person, or thing that kept you coming back. I have supplied the worksheet here for you to submit your story SHARE YOUR WEALTH!

There is an incentive program as well this year. For every submission Pitt Stop pic, a share your story submission, points will be awarded and at every National Meeting there will be Tumblers, T-shirts, kozies and more given out!

Finally, if you would like to have a zoom meeting, for a more in depth explanation, feel free to contact me at <u>joantravisSOAR@yahoo.com</u>, or text 954-415-6303.

I am looking forward to a SOARing year, and helping you to foster your Senate Growth.

Yours in the Senate Spirit,

Joan Travis#76201









### S.O.A.R (SENATE OUTREACH, ACTIVATION, RETENTION)

# SHARE MY WEALTH

My Jaycee Story
Try if you can to share your Jaycee Story in 250 words or less. Your Wealth of Knowledge that only you may know. Some of the best projects brought to the Senate came from Jaycee years and passed along. Your story may inspire so many people and to think, it may reach every Senator and/or Jaycee out there! Be a part of the WE CAN S.O.A.R Movement

Senator Name	Senate Number	
Date Submitted	Jaycee Chapter	State
Submit to Joan Travis at Joan	ravisSoar@yahoo.com	









# Region IV Meeting Hosted by the Alabama JCI Senate October 18th-20th, 2024 Four Points by Sheraton Huntsville Airport 1000 Glen Hearn Blvd. SW Huntsville, AL 35824

Name			
Brigade #	JCI Senate #		
Address:			
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Item		Quantity	Total
Full Registration	\$85.00 Postmarked by 9/26/24 S95.00 Postmarked after 9/26/24	_	_
*Include Hospitality Friday and Saturday. *Saturday lunch	\$100.00 On Site		
Daily Hospitality Only	\$25 Friday \$25 Saturday		

\*Everyone (including guests) are required to register

\*\*Make checks payable to: Alabama JCI Senate

\*\*\*Refunds will not be made after 7 days before meeting

Hotel: Four Points by Sheraton Huntsville Airport 1000 Glen Hearn Blvd. SW Huntsville, AL 35824 Phone: 1 (256)772-9661

Room Rate: \$119.00 plus tax Cutoff Date: October 1, 2024 Room rates are for 2 days before and 2 days after

Golfers: If you are staying in the hotel – Green Fees are Included. Contact Mike Gray for more information.

ROOM RATES: \$119.00 per night (plus tax). Double rooms and King rooms available. Be sure to ask for Senate/Jaycee for room discount. Deadline for rooms is October 1, 2024.

Send all registrations to: Mike Gray 7848 Wind Song Drive Trussville, AL 35173 (205) 308-4432





#### **US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting**

Iowa Spice

#### January 9 through January 12, 2025

#### Hosted by the Iowa JCI Senate Events in Kenner, LA



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Saturday Lunch Banquet		\$75.00	<b>\$</b> 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	<b>\$</b> 25.00	\$25.00	
GRAND TOTAL					
* Full Registration includes Hospitality	Friday a	nd Saturday, Lunch	Banquet on Saturday.		
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Carol Standridge #8070	00		Mus	t be Postm	arked by
9315 Lakewood Pointe Drive . Norwalk, Iowa 50211 December 10, 2024					
All hotel reservations should be made of Registration Code: JC125 - Available Free airport shuttle service just call the Room Rate is \$139.00 plus Taxes per in Room rate is good for 4 nights before a Parking at the hotel is FREE Cut-off date for room block is December Chairs: Lisa Badger: 641-275-0988 or the Registration of	le after hotel at ight. and after er 29, 2	March 1, 2024 t 504-469-5000. the meeting dates. 024. The hotel addr	Based on availabilit	y. Kenner, Louisia 15-229-5310	







#### SHIRT ORDER FORM REGION IV 2024-2025

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Mail Check: Carla Bailey Cell: 205 310-3332

4913 Boh Avenue Venmo: Carla Bailey @Carla-Bailey-32

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Shipping Add \$10.00 1st item Add \$5.00 per additional item

Cutoff Date: October 31, 2024



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#### **Newsletter**

Christianna Gilliam #78844



## Editor's Page

Greetings Region IV Senators and friends. This is our first issue of Rolling Region IV Times. This is a digital newsletter only. Hope that everything is to your liking. If there is anything you are looking to include or add, the deadline dates are listed below.

Please send in your articles as noted by the deadline dates below,

Issue #02 – November 15th, Issue #03 – February 15th, and Issue #04 May 15th.

## My Quote of this Issue

"Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs. The ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what."

Maya Angelou

Spirit of the Senate,

Christianna Gilliam #78844

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