

VIRGINIA JCI SENATE · NOVEMBER 2026 EDITION

Senate *Newsletter*

Reaching for the Stars, Together

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



A Wonderful Fall Weekend in Williamsburg

Jacque Camlet #67098 · *President 2026-2027*

Hello fellow Senators!

The Virginia JCI Senate and LMA came together October 23–25 in beautiful historic Williamsburg for our joint Fall Meeting. Although we had a smaller group this time, that certainly didn't stop us from having a wonderful weekend filled with fellowship, laughter, and opportunities to reconnect with friends.

With the fall leaves changing and crisp autumn weather all around us, Williamsburg provided the perfect backdrop for celebrating our Jaycee traditions and the friendships that keep our organization strong. Fun Coordinator Kay Faries put together a historical scavenger hunt that paired stops throughout Williamsburg with lines from the Jaycee Creed, giving everyone a unique way to explore the area while reflecting on the principles that unite us.

Welcome, Senator Laurie Skinner!

A special highlight of the weekend was welcoming Laurie Skinner, our newest Senator, #85355! The presentation of her senatorship was a meaningful moment and a wonderful reminder of the connections, service, and shared experiences that make our Jaycee family so special. Please join us in congratulating Laurie on this exciting milestone!

$390 for Scholarships

Our weekend also included a silent auction to support our scholarship program. Thanks to the generosity of our members and donors, we raised $390 toward scholarships! Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this fundraiser a success. Your generosity helps support our commitment to making a difference through education.

Giving Back in Williamsburg

We were also proud to support the Williamsburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority Kids Program by collecting candy, school supplies, and coats. The representative from the Authority was very appreciative of the support provided by our members. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who donated! Your kindness will make a difference for local children and families.

> *"Sometimes the best weekends are the ones spent with a small group of friends who share a common bond!"*

A big thank-you to Kathleen King for coordinating the weekend and to everyone who attended and helped make it such a memorable gathering.

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 5, 2026

Holiday Party

Fredericksburg, Virginia

The holiday season is just around the corner, and we're looking forward to another opportunity to gather with our Virginia JCI Senate family! Join us for our annual Holiday Party, hosted by Chuck and Valerie Nelson. Kathleen and Valerie have some fun things planned, so you won't want to miss it.

JANUARY 14–17, 2027

US JCI Senate Winter Meeting

Greensboro, North Carolina

One of our own will be announcing their candidacy for National President, and we would love to see a strong turnout from Virginia to show our support for our fellow Senator. Let's come together, represent Virginia, and show what it means to support one of our own!

Whether you've been involved for years or are newer, there's always a place in our Virginia JCI Senate family for fellowship, friendship, and fun. We look forward to seeing everyone in Fredericksburg!

Eternally grateful, ***Jacque Camlet #67098****, President 2026-2027*

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

John Mosesso #71551 · Vice President

Thank you for the donations toward the Williamsburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority. One of their Directors stopped by after the meeting to pick up all the donations, which included several bags of candy and other treats for their Trunk or Treat, plus quite a few school supplies and coats. It was wonderful that we could support them, and they were very appreciative of the amount of donations. Thank you, Senators, for continuing the Jaycees community service spirit.



Donations for the WRHA Kids Program

ROOMS, RESERVATIONS & OUTINGS

Kathleen King #68704 · RRO Director

How is it Fall already? Time flies when there is so much enthusiasm and excitement! Our Fall meeting was a small, intimate group, but still fun and action-packed, with perfect weather for Colonial Williamsburg and lots of great stories and laughs. Our Fun Director, Kay Faries, planned a clever scavenger hunt for Saturday afternoon that brought out the competitive spirit in those who participated. The results:

1st place	**Team Winners!** Lisa Agosto #83733, Sean Brady #85282. Two of our newest Senators, and the only team to answer every single question correctly!
2nd place	**Team CDJ** Christine Hopkins, Donna Yenney #69220, John Mosesso #71551
3rd place	**Team W&M** Sabitha Venkatesh #71858, Wendy Wilcox #72694, Jennifer Rebby #75071
4th place	**Team JJSPL** Jacque Camlet #67098, Jackie Julien, Sherry Dugan, Peggy McHugh, Laurie Skinner #85355

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

REGION III NVP

Jackie Julien #74251 · Region III National Vice President

Hello Homies, I have had a great time serving as NVP this year, and I'm always happiest when I'm home. Fun and laughs were had at the meeting over the weekend. I realized I'm as bad as I thought at scavenger hunts. My team came in fourth out of four teams, but it was a great day with great weather and Senate friends. Sherry Dugan from the WV Senate came down for the weekend. Bless her heart, she drove around Williamsburg for two hours before finding the hotel!

Region meetings and holiday events

- **MD Senate:** meeting Nov. 6–8 in Ocean City; holiday party Dec. 19
- **WV Senate:** Meet and Greet Holiday Social, Nov. 13–15
- **Wreaths Across America:** Dec. 19. It's not too late to find a cemetery or purchase a wreath. Sabitha Venkatesh can help.
- **US JCI Senate:** next meeting hosted by the NC Senate in Greensboro, Jan. 14–17, 2027, and MAI April 1–4, 2027

If you have not attended a national meeting, you don't know what you are missing. Come meet Senators from all over the country and make new friends. All of this year's meetings are in driving distance, which is rare, so plan to take advantage.

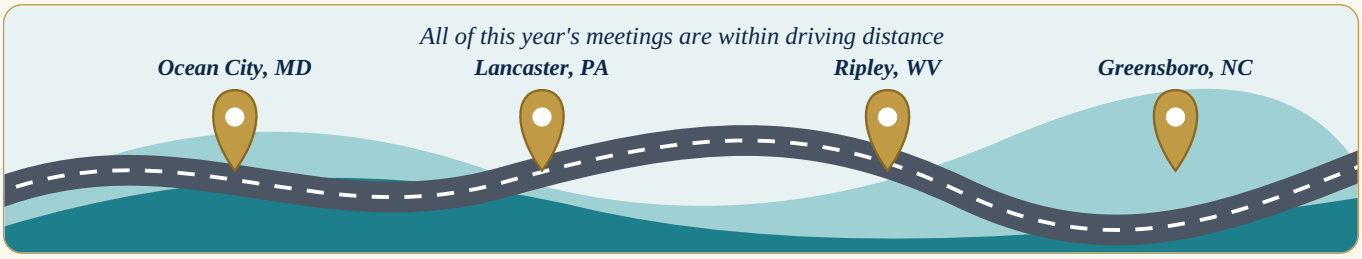
Rockstar nominations: President Gary's "Rockstar" recognition needs nominations from anyone, including you. To recognize someone, email President Gary or me with 100 words or less. Thank you to President Jacque for the opportunity to contribute to the newsletter. *Your Homie, NVP Jackie*



Region III Senators



Jackie Julien *#74251*



NEWS FROM THE BOARD, CONT.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Wendy Wilcox #72694 · Scholarship Chairperson

Thanks to the people who donated baskets for the auction at the fall meeting, and thanks to those who won. All proceeds are going to the scholarship fund. Look for another fundraiser coming in January, and if you have any ideas for a fundraiser, let me know.

Know a high school senior? Make sure they apply for our scholarship, whether they are headed to a 4-year college or a trade school. The application is on the JCI Senate Virginia website, and **applications are due January 12.**

TREASURER

Beth McOsker #57423 · Fall Is in the Air!

Congratulations, Team Reach for the Stars-Together! Our September renewals brought us a net gain of 3 members, with 2 new Senatorships awarded and 1 membership reinstatement. Keep reaching for those stars!

Membership dues reminder

Please submit your dues payment via Zelle or PayPal at vajcisenate@gmail.com, or mail your check directly to:

Tim Eckert #80709
619 Center Street, #203
Herndon, VA 20170

We appreciate everyone submitting their dues in a timely manner. Thank you for helping keep everything running smoothly!

Reimbursement receipts

A small favor: when submitting reimbursement receipts by email or text, please take pictures of your receipts against a white background. This will help reduce those dark backgrounds that use up so much printer ink! I know, it's a crazy request, but my printer and I would be very grateful. Thank you all for your cooperation and continued support. Let's keep reaching for the stars together!

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Tim Eckert #80709 · Assistant Treasurer

Thanks to all Senators up for membership renewal in December who have already renewed. If you haven't renewed yet, we will be contacting you soon as a reminder. If you have any questions, please contact me at (703) 282-4956 or treckert2@verizon.net.

Investing in the next generation of leaders



NEWS FROM THE BOARD, CONT.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Sabitha Venkatesh #71858 · Program Manager

Hello Senators! We will be volunteering for Wreaths Across America in the Norfolk, Pulaski, and Richmond areas. Thank you to Gerry Roth #55317 and Myron Nahra #62800 (Norfolk), Jeff Stout (Pulaski), and Chris Williamson (Richmond) for coordinating this opportunity in their respective areas. We will send out details soon so you can sign up.

The deadline to sponsor wreaths is December 1st. Please visit wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/175453/Overview for details, and make sure to include "(Virginia)" next to your name. Let me know if you have any questions.

Remember the Fallen. Honor Those Who Serve. Teach the Next Generation the Value of Freedom. Let's "Reach for the Stars Together!"

HOSPITALITY, SWEEPSTAKES & 50/50 RAFFLE

Cathy Jo Ralston #79504

Hello Everyone! **Hospitality:** A big thank-you to everyone who brought treats to share in the hospitality suite this past weekend in Williamsburg. Our "Village" is a group of Senators who volunteer to provide snacks for the hospitality suite at our regional meetings. If you would like to participate, email me at cduchess46@gmail.com and I will add you to the roster. Before each quarterly meeting, I will send a SignUpGenius invitation to everyone on the roster. I apologize to anyone who didn't receive the email for our last meeting. I am working out a few glitches and hope to have everything ready for the January meeting in Virginia Beach.

Presidential Sweepstakes: This national fundraiser offers raffle tickets for a drawing at the year-end convention in Lancaster, PA, in June 2027. The grand prize is $2,000. Tickets are $10 each or six for $50. We sold $120 worth of tickets at the summer outing and fall meeting. I will have tickets available at the January and May quarterly meetings, so don't forget your cash or checkbook! If you can't attend a meeting, contact me at cduchess46@gmail.com and I will make sure you receive them.

50/50 Raffle: We hold a 50/50 raffle at every meeting. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5, and the funds raised for the National Foundation are presented at the year-end convention. At our fall meeting in Williamsburg we collected a total of $95. John Mosesso #71551 won $47, with the remaining $48 going to the foundation. I will be the smiling person at the door selling raffle tickets in January, so don't forget your $5!



Remember the Fallen. Honor Those Who Serve.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD, CONT.

WHO WILL LEAD OUR NEXT ADVENTURE?

Karen "Daisy" Gage #78980 · Chairman of the Board / IPP

Can you believe the holiday season is already peeking around the corner? This year has flown by faster than a shooting star! Before we know it, we'll be ringing in 2027 and getting ready for another exciting year with the Virginia JCI Senate. It's almost time to start building our leadership team for the **2027–2028 Senate year**. Serving on the VA JCI Senate leadership team is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference, share your talents, and bring fresh ideas to the table.

How do we get this galaxy of leaders in place?

According to our bylaws, the Immediate Past President chairs the Nominations and Elections Committee. At our Annual Meeting, the Senate elects a **President and Vice President** (by a majority of members present and entitled to vote) and **five Directors** (by a plurality). Our bylaws require a quorum of 10 members at an association meeting, so your participation and your vote help keep our Senate moving forward!

Ready to reach for a leadership star?

If you've been thinking about stepping up, please reach out to me or John Mosesso #71551. You don't have to be a shooting star to make an impact. Sometimes the brightest light comes from simply saying, "I'm ready to help!" Keep Reaching for the Stars… TOGETHER! *With joy and cheer, Daisy*

DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Ron Sleeth #79099 · Director at Large

Hello Fellow Senators, I hope everyone is having a good fall. I am sorry I was not able to make the October meeting in Williamsburg, but I look forward to seeing everyone in the next few months. It has been a pleasure serving as your Director at Large, and I am here to assist with anything you need.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"I'd rather regret the things I've done, than the things I haven't done."

Shared by Vanessa Kinsley #70985



PHOTOS & FUN

Fall Meeting in Williamsburg

October 23–25, 2026 · Virginia JCI Senate and LMA

We had absolutely beautiful weather for our competitors to learn some little-known facts about Williamsburg history while touring Colonial Williamsburg. Many thanks to our Fun Director, Kay Faries, for coming up with the clues and putting together the event, and to everyone who played along. Here are the teams, and a few more moments from the weekend.



1st place, Team Winners: *Lisa Agosto and Sean Brady*



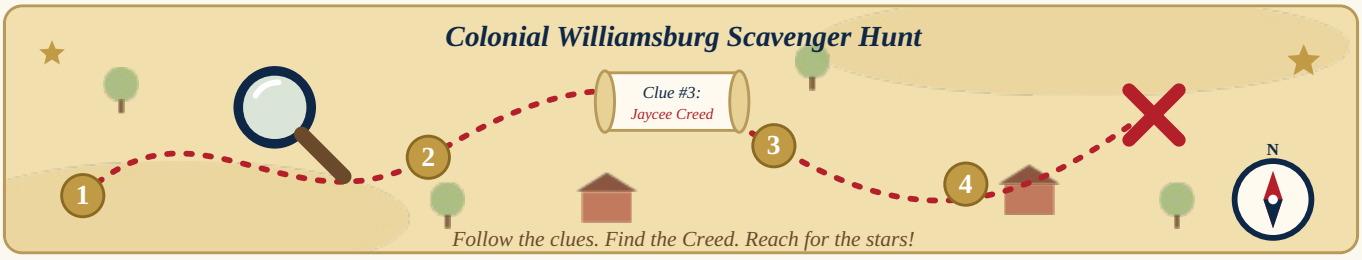
2nd place, *Team CDJ*



3rd place, *Team W&M*



4th (last) place, *Team JJSPL*



Welcome, New Senators!

★ OUR NEWEST SENATORS ★

Karen Sadler & Lindsey Peard

Senators #85212 and #85213

Sunday was a very special day at Coastal Edge ECSC as we celebrated two outstanding Virginia Beach Jaycees receiving one of the highest honors in the Jaycee movement: their JCI Senatorships! This well-deserved honor recognizes your dedication, leadership, hard work, and commitment to the Jaycee movement, and we can't wait to see how you continue to Reach for the Stars, Together.



Our new Senators on stage with their senatorships



Lindsey Peard *#85213*



Karen Sadler *#85212*

★ *Welcome to the Senate family, Senators Karen and Lindsey!* ★

★ OUR NEWEST SENATOR ★

Sean Brady

Senator #85282



Presented at Nationals

The Virginia JCI Senate is proud to congratulate Sean Brady, Senator #85282, on receiving the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Jaycee: a JCI Senatorship! Sean was officially presented with his Senatorship on Saturday during the JCI USA National Convention in Virginia Beach.

For nearly two decades, Sean has dedicated himself to the Jaycee movement through leadership, service, mentorship, and a commitment to helping others discover their own potential. Sean, this recognition is well deserved, and we are so excited to officially welcome you into the Virginia JCI Senate family. May this be the beginning of another wonderful chapter in your Jaycee journey.

★ *Welcome to the Senate family, Sean! Start with One. Grow as Many.* ★

★ WELCOME, NEW SENATORS, CONT.

★ OUR NEWEST SENATOR ★

Laurie Skinner Senator #85355



Senator Laurie Skinner with her senatorship

The Virginia JCI Senate had a special reason to celebrate on Saturday as we welcomed **Laurie Skinner as our newest Senator**, and celebrated her **55th birthday** on the very same day! What a memorable way to mark two special milestones!

Laurie's Jaycee journey began in 1992 when she joined the Real Smithfield Jaycees. Throughout nearly two decades of dedicated service, she remained actively involved with both the Real Smithfield and Peninsula Jaycees until aging out in 2011.

During her Jaycee years, Laurie demonstrated a strong commitment to leadership, service, and fellowship, contributing her time and talents to the organization and its mission. Her dedication to the Jaycee movement has earned her this special recognition and a place among the Virginia JCI Senate family.

Please join us in congratulating new Senator Laurie Skinner, #85355, on receiving her senatorship and wishing her a very happy 55th birthday! We look forward to sharing many more years of friendship, fellowship, and service together.

★ *Welcome to the Senate family, Laurie, and Happy 55th Birthday!* ★



SENATE FAMILY NEWS

Region II/III Annual Social, Reading, PA

Members from Region II/III gathered in Reading, PA, for the annual social! Five members of the Virginia JCI Senate joined in for a fun-filled day of food, fellowship, and laughs. Our wonderful NVPs helped make the day even more special with door prizes generously donated by members.



Region II/III Senators at the annual social

Congratulations, Kathleen King #68704!



Honor & Service Award. Congratulations to our very own Kathleen King on receiving the Honor & Service Award from President Gary. We are so proud of you! Thank you for representing the VA JCI Senate.

SENATE FAMILY NEWS, CONT.

JCI USA National Convention in Virginia Beach

The Virginia JCI Senate was proud to support the Virginia Jaycees as they hosted the JCI USA National Convention right here in Virginia Beach! The convention kicked off Wednesday and continued through Sunday, bringing Jaycees and Senators together from near and far for a weekend of fellowship, friendship, and fun.

One of the special moments was when a few of us gathered for a delicious Filipino meal with our friends from JCI Philippines-New York. We were delighted to have US JCI Senate First Lady Diane Duell, a dual Senator and one of Virginia's own, join us around the table. Sharing great food, stories, and laughter made it an evening to remember.



Dinner with JCI Philippines-New York and US JCI Senate First Lady Diane Duell



JCI family at the National Convention

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PHOTOS AND ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE: JTHOMPSON@JCI.CC

EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark Your Calendars

November 2026 through June 2027 · Virginia JCI Senate

2026

Nov 6–8	**MD Senate Meeting** *Ocean City, MD*
Nov 13–15	**WV Senate Meet and Greet Holiday Social** *Region III invitation*
Dec 1	**Deadline to sponsor Wreaths Across America wreaths** *Add "(Virginia)" next to your name at wreathsacrossamerica.org*
Dec 5, 4pm	**Virginia JCI Senate Holiday Party** *Home of Chuck and Valerie Nelson, Fredericksburg, VA. Watch for a SignUp Genius for side dishes and desserts (the Nelsons provide the main meat), and bring a unisex gift (minimum $15) for the white elephant exchange.*
Dec 19	**National Wreaths Across America Day** *Norfolk, Pulaski, and Richmond areas. The MD Senate holiday party is also Dec 19.*

2027

Jan 12	**Scholarship applications due** *For high school seniors headed to a 4-year college or trade school*
Jan 14–17	**US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting** *Greensboro, NC*
Jan 29–31	**Senate and LMA Winter Meeting, with the Virginia Jaycees year-end meeting** *Wyndham Va. Beach Oceanfront, including the annual Martini Mix-Off*
Apr 1–4	**MAI** *Ripley, WV, hosted by the WV JCI Senate*
May (TBA)	**Spring Meeting and Elections for the 2027–2028 Board** *Hosted by the LMA, date and location to be announced*
Jun 20–24	**US JCI Year End Convention** *Lancaster, PA*
Jun 30	**Last day of the "Reaching for the Stars, Together" year** *2026–2027 Senate year*

For registration and details on upcoming national meetings, visit **usjcisenate.org/registration-forms/national-meetings**